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In Vitro Mass Propagation of *Cucumis sativus* L. from Nodal Segments

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Abstract: An efficient reproducible protocol for the in vitro multiplication of cucumber (*Cucumis sativus* L.), an important vegetable crop, was developed from nodal explants. Addition of casein hydrolysate to the shoot induction medium (MS + BA) significantly enhanced the number of multiple shoots or growth of the regenerants. Optimum shoot regeneration was observed on Murashige and Skoog (MS) medium containing 1.0 μ M 6-benzyladenine (BA) and (200 mg/l) casein hydrolysate. Rooting of isolated in vitro raised microshoots was readily achieved with (1.0 μ M) α -naphthalene-acetic acid (NAA) in 1/2 MS. The plantlets thus obtained were successfully established in a greenhouse.

Key Words: *Cucumis sativus*, plant growth regulators, nodal segments, multiple shoot, vegetable crop, casein hydrolysate. Abbreviations: BA, 6-benzyladenine; CH, casein hydrolysate; KIN, 6-furfurylaminopurine; NAA, α -naphthalene acetic acid; MS, Murashige and Skoog

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