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## Somatic Embryogenesis and Plant Regeneration from Seeds of *Dicentra spectabilis* (L.) LEM

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### Objectives

*Dicentra spectabilis* L. (LEM), one of the famous wild plants in Korea, of which the flower is very beautiful, sometimes used as a blooming plant, in garden, in park, and in terrace all over the country. However, there are some characteristic problems, to develop blooming plants, such as a dull color, short blooming time, and long length of the plants, and so on.

For transformation of *D. spectabilis*, we carried out regeneration via somatic embryogenesis from seeds of wild *Dicentra spectabilis* L. (LEM). To progress callus induction, mature seeds were cultured by cold treatment.

### Materials and Methods

1. Materials: Seed and the callus from *Dicentra spectabilis* (L.) LEM.
2. Methods: Somatic embryogenesis, Plant regeneration

### Results and Discussion

After culture for 90d, the initial callus were induced from

seeds. The medium containing 1.0 mg/l 2,4-D was the most efficiency (90.84%) for inducing embryogenic calli.

To shorten of callus induction periods, we carried out low temperature treatment. The fastest initial callus induction was observed in use of low temperature treatment in 4°C for 30 d after culture during 13 d. The highest callus induction rate also were observed in use of low temperature treatment in 4°C for 30 d. In the presence of 1.0 mg/l KIN or 2.0 mg/l BAP produced the highest frequency of globular embryos producing topedo- and cotyledon somatic embryos.

Cotyledon somatic embryos at the cotyledonary stage were collected from the previous experiments and cultured on the same medium for 4 more weeks.

In the presence of 1.0 mg/l KIN or 2.0 mg/l BAP were also the highest efficiency for germination. But, on the media containing 1.0 mg/l of KIN, somatic embryos were developed into normal plantlets, whereas, on the media containing 2.0 mg/l of BAP, somatic embryos were developed into abnormal plantlets.

The germinated plantlets were subcultured on 1/2-strength MS basal medium supplemented with 15 g/l sucrose, phytigel (2, 4 or 6 g/l). The best condition of root development were observed on 1/2-strength MS basal medium supplement 15 g/l sucrose, 2 g/l phytigel. In the presence of 2 g/l phytigel, roots formation rate was appeared 64.2% of plantlets. So we deduced that the initial roots were induced in medium containing low-strength phytigel (2 g/l).

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