Abstract

Curcuma parviflora hybrid is an ornamental plant within a potential for the flowering pot plant. One of the most important factors for ameliorating industrial production is high quality of rhizome. The in vitro technique is the crucial step for disease-free mother stock and further multiplication system. The objectives of this research are to study in vitro culture of shoot multiplication and tuberous roots (t-roots) formation; and then to transplant plantlets with t-roots for rhizome production. The results herein showed that TDZ was more effective in shoot multiplication than BA, Kinetin and 2iP, respectively. Curcuma shoot on MS supplemented with 13.62 μ M TDZ and then transferred to MS with 8.89 μ M BA, yielded the greatest multiple shoots at 50 shoots/plantlet. However, its fresh weight, 0.05 g/shoot, and dry weight, 0.006 g/shoot, was very low due to short and small shoot. T-roots formation was induced on media supplemented with various plant growth regulators and carbon sources. The high yield and quality of t-roots came from MS with 18.59 μ M Kinetin and 233.78 mM sucrose. The optimal temperature and light intensity for T-roots formation was at 25° C and 60 μ mol/ms⁻¹, respectively. The plantlet with t-roots from MS with 18.59 μ M Kinetin and 233.78 mM sucrose, showed 100% survival rate, early flowering within 60 days and 9 flowers in a pot. Finally, after 180 days of transplant this treatment led to high yield and quality of rhizome.