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Effect of Sucrose on Microtuber Induction and Inulin Accumulation in Jerusalem Artichoke (*Helianthus tuberosus* L.)

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Abstract The effect of sucrose concentrations and photoperiod applying on microtuber induction and inulin accumulation of Jerusalem artichoke (*Helianthus tuberosus* L.) have conducted under *in vitro* condition. Numbers, lengths and weights of microtubers induced from the single node explants with 0.50 cm above stem node- and stem node- cutting was not significant difference. Concentration of sucrose (51.70, 60, 80, 100 and 108.20 g/l) containing in microtuber induction medium (MST) and photoperiod applying (10.30/13.70, 12/12, 16/8, 20/4 and 21.60/2.40 h light/dark) significant effected to numbers of microtubers ($P \leq 0.05$). The optimized sucrose concentration and photoperiod applying for highest numbers of microtubers was 100 g/l and 20/4 h light/dark, respectively. The significant difference of inulin content ($P \leq 0.05$) in microtuber induced from various conditions was determined. The microtubers induced on MST medium supplemented with 80 g/l sucrose under 16/8 h light/dark accumulated highest inulin content (324.84 ± 40.78 mg/ g dry weight) when compared with others. Data suggested that sucrose and light duration played role in microtuber induction and inulin accumulation of Jerusalem artichoke.

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