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***Taraxacum officinale* ToF callus culture**

Components

- A 9-cm plastic Petri dish, containing cells placed on semi-solid medium

Notice

- Subculture the cells to fresh medium immediately after arrival [[Notes I](#)].
- Do not store the cell culture in a refrigerator and a freezer.
- Maintain aseptic conditions of the cell culture, and work in a laminar flow cabinet.

Method

- Culture medium: MS medium, 1 mg/L 2,4-D, 0.1 mg/L kinetin, 0.9% (w/v) agar, pH 5.8 (medium no. 52) [[Materials III](#)]
- Culture conditions: 25°C, continuous light [[Methods II](#)]
- Subculture: 28-day intervals [[Methods I](#)]

Citation of cell line

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Introduction

Dandelion ToF cell line was established from a hypocotyl of *Taraxacum officinale* (L.) Weber ex F.H.Wigg. (Furuno *et al.* 1993). The ToF callus cells are dark purple and accumulate anthocyanin (Akashi *et al.* 1997). The ToF cells are grown on a Murashige and Skoog (MS) medium supplemented with 1 mg/L 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4-D) and 0.1 mg/L kinetin, and solidified with 0.9% (w/v) agar, pH 5.8. Our ToF cell culture has been maintained under the 12 h light/12 h dark at 25°C and subcultured at 28-day intervals.

Materials

Chemicals and stock solutions

(All stock solutions are stored at 4°C)

A) MS salt mix

Murashige and Skoog Plant Salt Mixture, FUJIFILM Wako Pure Chemical Corporation (#392-00591)

B) Sucrose

C) MS_VT

Nicotinic acid	0.5 mg/mL
Pyridoxine·HCl	0.5 mg/mL
Thiamine·HCl	0.1 mg/mL
Glycine	2 mg/mL

D) MS_inositol

<i>myo</i> -Inositol	40 mg/mL
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E) 2,4-D (0.2 mg/mL)

2,4-D sodium monohydrate	0.236 mg/mL
(2,4-Dichlorophenoxy)acetic acid sodium salt monohydrate, Sigma-Aldrich (D6679)	

F) Kinetin (0.2 mg/mL)

Kinetin	0.2 mg/mL
Dissolve kinetin in small volume of KOH (1 N), and fill up with distilled water	

G) Agar, powder

H) KOH (1 N)

Glassware and equipment

- A) Erlenmeyer flask (100 mL), capped with two layers of aluminum foil
- B) Forceps, sterilized before use

Preparation of MS medium (medium no. 52)

1. Dissolve the following chemicals in approximately 800 mL of distilled water.

MS salt mix	1 bag (1 L)
Sucrose	30 g

2. Add following stock solutions, and fill up to approximately 950 mL with distilled water.

MS_VT	1 mL
MS_inositol	2.5 mL
2,4-D (0.2 mg/mL)	5 mL
Kinetin (0.2 mg/mL)	0.5 mL

3. Adjust the pH of the solution to 5.8 with KOH (1 N), and fill up to 1 L with distilled water.
4. Pour 40 mL of the medium into a 100-mL flask containing 0.36 g of agar.
5. Autoclave the flask at 121°C for 20 min.

Methods

1. Pick up an appropriate amount of callus cells from a 28-day-old culture with a forceps and place the cells onto fresh MS medium.
2. Incubate cell cultures under the 12 h light (photosynthetic photon flux density 37.5 $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$)/12 h dark condition at 25°C.

Notes

- We send ToF cells on semi-solid MS medium in a 9-cm disposable Petri dish. The cells should be subcultured to fresh MS medium immediately after arrival.
- In order to maintain ToF callus culture stably, it is essential to observe the growth of cells carefully. Because proliferation of ToF cells is affected by culture conditions, such as a room temperature, aeration conditions of the culture and so on, an amount of cells transferred to fresh medium and the subculture intervals may vary from one lab to another. We usually inoculate four to five pieces of ToF callus (about 5–6-mm

in diameter) on 40 mL of MS medium in a 100-mL flask, and culture them for 28 days.

- The hard part of ToF callus is not suitable for subculture.

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Appendix A: Formulation of culture medium

Table A1. Murashige and Skoog medium
(medium no. 52)

Chemical	Concentration (mg/L)
KNO ₃	1900
NH ₄ NO ₃	1650
CaCl ₂ ·2H ₂ O	440
MgSO ₄ ·7H ₂ O	370
KH ₂ PO ₄	170
H ₃ BO ₃	6.2
MnSO ₄ ·4H ₂ O	22.3
ZnSO ₄ ·7H ₂ O	8.6
KI	0.83
Na ₂ MoO ₄ ·2H ₂ O	0.25
CuSO ₄ ·5H ₂ O	0.025
CoCl ₂ ·6H ₂ O	0.025
FeSO ₄ ·7H ₂ O	27.8
Na ₂ -EDTA	37.3
Nicotinic acid	0.5
Pyridoxine·HCl	0.5
Thiamine·HCl	0.1
Glycine	2
<i>myo</i> -Inositol	100
Sucrose	30000
2,4-D sodium monohydrate	1.18
Kinetin	0.1
Agar	9000