# Plant tissue culture Dr. Ghada Ali

Plant Tissue Culture and their techniques



## What is plant tissue culture?

**Plant tissue culture** is a technique of growing plant cells, tissues, organs, seeds or other plant parts in a sterile environment on a nutrient medium



# Fundamental principles:

#### PTC depends upon

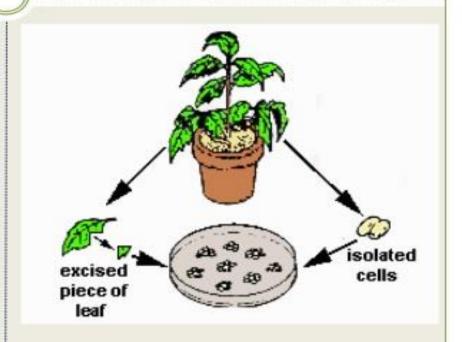
- Totipotency: It is the ability of plant cells to regenerate into a whole plant
- Plasticity:- It is the ability of plants to alter their metabolism, growth and development to best suit their environment

### Explant

Plant tissue cultures are generally initiated from multicellular tissue fragments, called explants, obtained from living plants. Explants may originate from a wide range of plant tissues, such as... leaf, stem, root, petiole, hypocotyl, cotyledon, embryo, or meristem

#### Selection of explant

- The explant is selected it is either haploid or diploid explant
- The plant growth can be achieved in two ways:
  1.shoots directly by appropriate media
  - By somatic embryogenesis



Somatic embryogenesis is an artificial process in which a plant or embryo is derived from a single somatic cell. Somatic embryos are formed from plant cells

**Zygotic embryogenesis** is the process of formation of an embryo as a result of double fertilization of the ovule. It is an artificial, in-vitro process.

## Sterilization

terilization Methods Used in Tissue ultureLaboratory - All the materials, e.g., vessels, struments, medium, plantmaterial, etc., used in ulture work must be free from microbes

#### STERILIZATION TECHNIQUES

- sterilization is achieved by one of the following approaches:
- (i) dry heat treatment
- (ii) flame sterilization
- (iii) autoclaving
- (iv) filter sterilization
- (v) wiping with 70% ethanol
- (vi) surface sterilization.

#### Culture media

- Explants are then usually placed on the surface of a solid culture medium, but are sometimes placed directly into a liquid medium, when cell suspension cultures are desired.
- Culture media are generally composed of inorganic salts plus a few organic nutrients, vitamins and plant hormones.

 As cultures grow, pieces are typically sliced off and transferred to new media (subcultured) to allow for growth or to alter the morphology of the culture.



#### MAJOR TYPES OF MEDIA

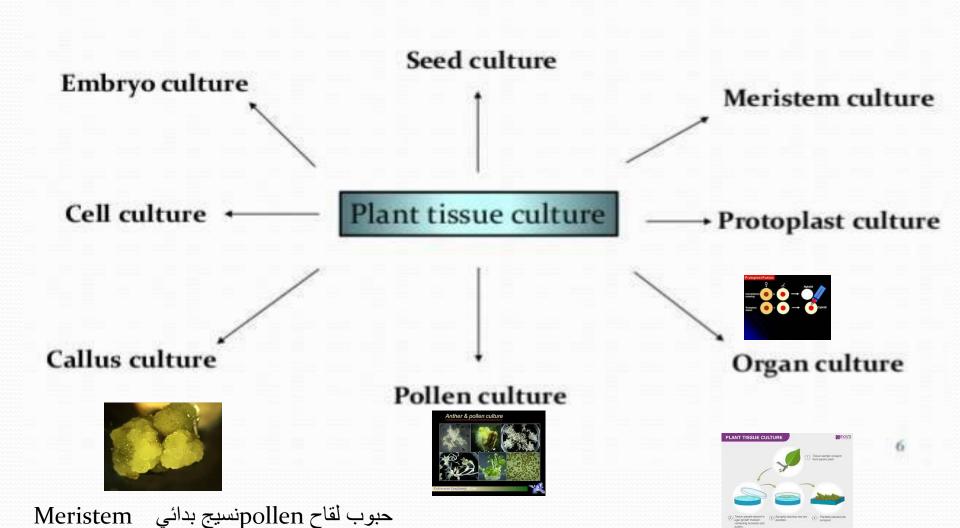
- White's medium is one of the earliest plant tissue culture media
  - MS medium formulated by Murashige and Skoog (MS) is most widely used for many types of culture systems
  - B5 medium developed by Gamborg for cell suspension and callus cultures and at present it's modified form used for protoplast culture
  - N6 medium formulated by Chu and used for cereal anther culture
  - -Nitsch's medium developed by Nitsch and Nitsch and used for anther culture

### Steps in plant tissue culture technique

- Selection of plant
- Isolation of explant
- Sterilization of explant
- Inoculation of explant

- Incubation
- Initiation of callus
- Sub culturing
- Regenaration
- Hardening
- Transfer of plantlets to Green house or open field

### **TYPES OF PTC**



## Factors Affecting Tissue Culture Efficiency

Plant regeneration from tissue culture varies with the following parameters:

- plant species,
- genotype within the species,
- source of the cultured tissue,
- age and health of the donor plant,
- nutrient medium, other factor

#### Plant Tissue Culture Applications

- The commercial production of plants used as potting, landscape, and florist subjects
- To conserve rare or endangered plant species.
- To screen cells rather than plants for advantageous characters, e.g. herbicide resistance/tolerance.
- Large-scale growth of plant cells in liquid culture in bioreactors for production of valuable compounds, like plant-derived secondary metabolites and recombinant proteins used as biopharmaceuticals.

#### Plant Tissue Culture Applications

- To cross distantly related species by protoplast fusion and regeneration of the novel hybrid.
- To produce clean plant material from stock infected by viruses or other pathogens.
- Production of identical sterile hybrid species can be obtained

#### Difference in PTC& Animal culture

- It grow on at specific temperature i.e. normal temperature for human is 37°c.
- Carbon dioxide is also require.
- It needed proper change in media otherwise cells will not grow properly.
- Animal cells needed protein and hormones for proper development

