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Somatic embryogenesis of the selected intergeneric hybrid between *Phalaenopsis* 2166 and *Vanda* ‘Saint Valentine’: Application of NAA and TDZ

Abstract. An intergeneric hybridization between *Phalaenopsis* 2166 and *Vanda* ‘Saint Valentine’ has successfully produced a hybrid seedling with several characters of potentially developing into plant individuals with flowers of better performance. Therefore, callus of the selected hybrid should be developed into ~~ptbs~~-PLBs by means of ~~in-~~*in-vitro* culture technique employing somatic embryogenesis supported by the application of growth regulators. This study aims to unveil the effect of NAA and TDZ in stimulating the formation of embryogenic calli of the selected intergeneric hybrid between *Phalaenopsis* 2166 and *Vanda* ‘Saint Valentine’. The experiment was arranged in a factorial Randomized Complete Block Design (RCBD) involving two factors, i.e. types of growth regulators and the levels of concentrations of each substance. It was found that the combination of NAA and TDZ had significant effect on the growth of the embryogenic calli. The combination of NAA 0.5 mgL⁻¹ and TDZ 1.5 mgL⁻¹ resulted ~~in-the~~ calli that potentially differentiate into ~~ptbs~~PLBs. This finding indicates that NAA and TDZ should be applied appropriately to stimulate somatic embryogenesis in the intergeneric hybrid.

Key words: Intergeneric hybrid; NAA; *Phalaenopsis* 2166; TDZ; *Vanda* ‘Saint Valentine’

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INTRODUCTION

The members of Family Orchidaceae are mostly known as ornamental plant species due to their distinctive characteristics of flowers. However, overexploitation and alteration in land-use have caused some orchid species vulnerable to extinction. For instance, all of the 115 identified orchid species from Mount Ungaran, Central Java, Indonesia, are listed in Appendix II of the CITES and four of them are even listed in the IUCN Red List (Kurniawan et al., 2021). On the other hands, some wild orchid species can be potentially used as parental lineages to produce hybrid varieties of desirable better performances including flower colour, shape, and resistance (Li et al., 2021).

An intergeneric hybridization between *Phalaenopsis* 2166 and *Vanda* ‘Saint Valentine’ has resulted in several hybrid seedlings which have been characterized, both phenotypically and molecularly. Based on the leaf shape, edge, and colour, the intergeneric hybrids were likely to resemble *Phalaenopsis* 2166 as the female parent, although some variations of leaf shape and colour were also observed. In general, it could be said that maternal inheritance of the phenotypic characters in the intergeneric hybridization occurred. Hence, it is reasonable that the hybrid seedlings showed the best growth when grown in New Phalaenopsis (NP) medium (Dwiati et al., 2020a). Then, molecular characterization by the use of *ndhE* partial gene revealed that 11 of 14 hybrids obtained had the same sequences of *ndhE* partial gene as that of *Phalaenopsis* 2166. The sequences have now been registered in NCBI database with accession number MH646649. The other three hybrids, i.e. F1.9, F1.11, and F1.14, showed slightly different *ndhE* sequences from that of *Phalaenopsis* 2166, and they have also been registered in NCBI database as MH646651. One of the three hybrids, i.e. F1.14, has somewhat spotted reddish-purple leaf that is predictable to produce conspicuously attractive flowers thus potentially to be developed into a large number of plant individuals (Dwiati et al., 2020b; Dwiati & Susanto, 2021).

To develop the promising hybrid, an in vitro culture technique should be employed, by which the hybrid calli are grown using ½ MS media enriched with NAA and TDZ. In this case, NAA is used for stimulating callus formation, while TDZ is intended to promote the propagation of the embryogenic callus (Mayer et al., 2010; Gantait & Sinniah, 2012). Some other previous studies on the stimulation of somatic embryogenesis by the use of TDZ alone or in combination with NAA have been reported, such as those in *Phalaenopsis amabilis* (Mose et al., 2017), *Dendrobium aqueum* (Parthibhan et al., 2018), commercial *Phalaenopsis* hybrids (Zanello & Cardoso, 2019), and *Phaphiopedilum niveum* (Soonthornkalump et al., 2019). Therefore, the objective of this study is to demonstrate the effect of NAA and TDZ application on the

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49 stimulation of somatic embryogenesis of the selected intergeneric hybrid between *Phalaenopsis* 2166 and *Vanda* 'Saint
50 Valentine'. Once the somatic embryos of the hybrid are produced, they could be developed further into plbs.

51 MATERIALS AND METHODS

52 Experimental design

53 The study was conducted as an experiment arranged in a factorial Randomized Complete Block Design (RCBD) using
54 two factors, i.e. types of growth regulators (NAA and TDZ) and their respective levels of concentrations. The NAA
55 concentrations consisted of 0 mgL⁻¹, 0.5 mgL⁻¹, 1.0 mgL⁻¹, while those of TDZ comprised 0 mgL⁻¹, 1.0 mgL⁻¹, 1.5 mgL⁻¹,
56 2.0 mg L⁻¹. Each of the 12 treatment combinations thus made was given three replications resulting in a total of 36
57 experimental units.

58 Procedures

59 Preparation of media

60 Aquadest of 1.500 mL was prepared in a beaker glass, after which 50 mL stock A₂ solution containing macro-elements
61 (½ MS)₂ was added. Then, 1 MS micro-elements and vitamins consisting of 1 mL stock B solution, 1 mL stock C solution,
62 0.5 mL stock D solution, and 1 mL stock E solution, were subsequently added and homogenized. This mixture was then
63 supplemented with 2gL⁻¹ peptone, 150 mL⁻¹ coconut water, 150 mL⁻¹ alkaline water, 75 mgL⁻¹ vitamin C, 0.50 mgL⁻¹
64 PVP, 0.25 mgL⁻¹ Na panthothenat, 0.25 mgL⁻¹ pyridoxine HCl, 2 gL⁻¹ active charcoal, and 20 gL⁻¹ sucrose. NAA and TDZ
65 solutions were applied to the media corresponding to the respective treatment. pH of individual treatment was adjusted to
66 5.2 by dripping NaOH or HCl as necessary. Each medium was added with 1.2 g agar and sterilized in an autoclave at
67 121°C; 0.15MPa for 20 minutes. The media were shaken gently for homogeneity and were cooled at room temperature
68 prior to pouring onto Petri dishes.

69 Planting of leaf explants

70 The leaves of the selected hybrid were washed under running water, air-dried, and put into sterile bottles. These were
71 then added with sterile-distilled water and Tween-20 of three drops, after which the leaves were rinsed using sterile
72 aquadest until the foams were totally removed. Then, the leaves were sterilized using 70% ethanol for 5 minutes, followed
73 by HgCl₂ for 5 minutes and rinsed three times with sterile-distilled water. The leaves were put into a sterile Petri dish lined
74 with filter paper, where they were cut into 0.5 x 0.5 cm pieces which served as explants. These were then planted onto
75 aseptic media in the previously prepared Petri dishes corresponding to the respective treatment. Each medium was filled
76 with two explants and put on the culture rack placed in the dark at temperature of 22°C and air humidity of 90%. The
77 callus growth was observed daily. Since 30th day after incubation, the explants were subjected to light exposure for 12
78 hours and dark exposure for 12 hours alternately until they were 108 days old when the scutelar phase started.

79 Parameters

80 The parameters that were examined comprised the date of callus formation, number of embryogenic calli formed (%),
81 thickness of calli formed (mm), callus diameter (mm), and callus colour and consistency. All parameters were examined
82 weekly since the date of explant incubation until the calli were 21 days old. Meanwhile, the development of calli was still
83 examined 108 days after explant incubation.

84 Data analysis

85 The quantitative data obtained were analyzed using ANOVA. When significant effect of treatments was observed,
86 further analysis was performed using Duncan Multiple Range Test (DMRT). Meanwhile, descriptive analysis was applied
87 to the qualitative data.

88 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

89 Callus formation

90 Callus formation had been observed since the third day of explant incubation, showing callus characteristics of
91 sufficiently friable, green, and compact. These would grow into maximum at approximately three to four weeks,
92 depending on the treatment applied. It can be seen in Table 1 that some treatment combinations of NAA and TDZ resulted
93 in 100% of callus formation.

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99 **Table 1.** Calli formed in the dark condition at 14th day after explant incubation

| Treatment | | Callus colour | Callus consistency | Callus formation (%) | Embryogenic callus (%) | Callus thickness (mm) | Callus diameter (mm) |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| NAA (mgL ⁻¹) | TDZ (mgL ⁻¹) | | | | | | |
| 0.0 | 0.0 | light green | sticky | 50 | 50 | 0.565 ⁱ | 0.305 b |
| 0.0 | 1.0 | light green | sticky | 60 | 70 | 0.698 ^g | 0.279 b |
| 0.0 | 1.5 | light green | sticky | 65 | 70 | 0.669 f | 0.306 b |
| 0.0 | 2.0 | light green | sticky | 65 | 80 | 0.639 g | 0.317 ab |
| 0.5 | 0.0 | light green | less friable | 70 | 90 | 0.591 h | 0.320 ab |
| 0.5 | 1.0 | light green | friable | 100 | 90 | 0.763 b | 0.312 ab |
| 0.5 | 1.5 | light green | friable | 100 | 90 | 0.759 bc | 0.302 ab |
| 0.5 | 2.0 | fresh green | friable | 100 | 90 | 0.730 d | 0.303 b |
| 1.0 | 0.0 | fresh green | friable | 90 | 80 | 0.740 cd | 0.291 b |
| 1.0 | 1.0 | dark green | friable | 95 | 90 | 0.706 e | 0.323 ab |
| 1.0 | 1.5 | dark green | friable | 80 | 80 | 0.842 a | 0.289 b |
| 1.0 | 2.0 | dark green | friable | 75 | 85 | 0.663 f | 0.355 a |

101 Note: numbers followed by the same letter show non-significant difference after DMRT at 0.05

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103 It was found in this study that callus formation of 100 percent were obtained in the combination of NAA 0.5 mgL⁻¹ and
104 TDZ 1.0 mgL⁻¹; NAA 0.5 mgL⁻¹ and TDZ 1.5 mgL⁻¹; NAA 0.5 mgL⁻¹ and TDZ 2.0 mgL⁻¹. It seemed likely that NAA of
105 0.5 mgL⁻¹ was the optimum concentration for promoting callus formation. In addition, the embryonic callus thus produced
106 was 90 percent (Table 1). In addition, it was also shown from the table that a combination of NAA 0.5 mgL⁻¹ and TDZ 1.0
107 mgL⁻¹ at 14th day was the most optimum treatment in producing callus thickness and callus cell diameter, i.e. 0.763 mm
108 and 0.312 mm respectively. Light green and friable calli were obtained.



111 **Figure 1.** Development of embryogenic calli of the selected intergeneric hybrid between *Phalaenopsis* 2166 and *Vanda* 'Saint Valentine' (A) diameter of callus cells with NAA 0.5 mgL⁻¹ and TDZ 1.0 mgL⁻¹ at 16th day; (B) globular phase obtained at 21st day

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113 The development stage of the selected intergeneric hybrid callus began when the callus cells had reached their
114 maximum size. At the 16th day the sufficiently friable calli started to enlarge, gradually reaching their maximum size
115 (Figure 1A). Then, the callus cells would enlarge, followed by initial globular phase, which was indicated by the division
116 of callus cells. The next stage, i.e. last globular phase, was characterized by the formation of several new cells inside the
117 previous big callus cell as shown in Figure 1B. This was found at 21st day.

118 Callus development

119 It was shown in Table 2 and Figure 2A that the combination of NAA 0.5 mgL⁻¹ and TDZ 1.0 mgL⁻¹ resulted in light
120 green and friable calli forming dome-like protuberances of 50 percent at 21st day. Here the explants had started to be
121 subjected to light for an hour, and at 25th day the light condition was prolonged for six hours. Then, at 28th day callus cells
122 under the treatment began to differentiate into coleoptelar (Figure 2B).

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Table 2. Calli formed in the dark condition at 21st day after explant incubation

| Treatment | | Callus colour | Callus consistency | Further developing phase | Callus undergoing further developing phase (%) |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--|
| NAA (mgL ⁻¹) | TDZ (mgL ⁻¹) | | | | |
| 0.0 | 0.0 | whitish green | sticky | callus not develop | 0 |
| 0.0 | 1.0 | light green | compact | initial globular | 30 |
| 0.0 | 1.5 | light green | compact | tree-like | 20 |
| 0.0 | 2.0 | light green | compact | initial globular | 40 |
| 0.5 | 0.0 | light green | friable | dome-like | 40 |
| 0.5 | 1.0 | light green | friable | dome-like | 50 |
| 0.5 | 1.5 | light green | friable | dome-like | 30 |
| 0.5 | 2.0 | fresh green | friable | tree-like | 30 |
| 1.0 | 0.0 | fresh green | friable | globular | 35 |
| 1.0 | 1.0 | dark green | friable | dome-like | 40 |
| 1.0 | 1.5 | dark green | friable | last globular | 50 |
| 1.0 | 2.0 | dark green | friable | globular | 35 |

Globular phase was observed to occur in all treatments, except in control (NAA 0 mgL⁻¹ and TDZ 0 mgL⁻¹). On the other hands, some treatments, i.e. the combination of NAA 0.5 mgL⁻¹ and TDZ 0 mgL⁻¹; NAA 0.5 mgL⁻¹ and TDZ 1.0 mgL⁻¹; 0.5 mgL⁻¹ and TDZ 1.5 mgL⁻¹; NAA 1.0 mgL⁻¹ and TDZ 1.0 mg L⁻¹ had even begun to form dome-like calli (Figure 2A).

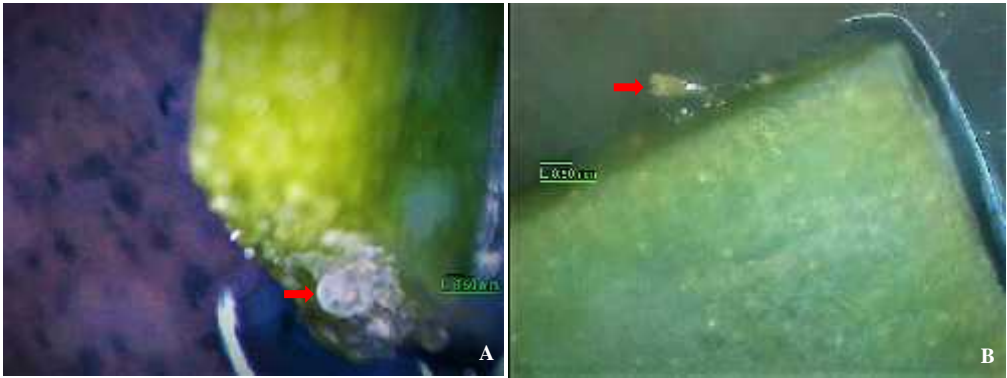


Figure 2. Further development of embryogenic calli of the selected intergeneric hybrid between *Phalaenopsis* 2166 and *Vanda* 'Saint Valentine'. (A) callus form dome-like protuberance with NAA 0.5 mgL⁻¹ and TDZ 1.0 mgL⁻¹ at 28th day; (B) initial coleoptelar phase with NAA 0.5 mgL⁻¹ and TDZ 1.5 mgL⁻¹ at 49th day

At 49th day the callus got into the development stage forming initial coleoptelars which were characterized by the occurrence of protuberances in some parts of cell side (Figure 2B). These would then develop into scutelar phase (Figure 3 B).



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164 **Figure 3.** The next development of embryogenic calli of the selected intergeneric hybrid between *Phalaenopsis* 2166 and *Vanda* ‘Saint
165 Valentine’ (A) last coleoptelar phase with NAA 0.5 mgL⁻¹ and TDZ 1.5 mgL⁻¹ under light condition for an hour at 70th day; (B) initial
166 scutelar phase with NAA 0.5 mgL⁻¹ and TDZ 1.5 mgL⁻¹ under 12 hour-light and 12 hour-dark condition at 108th day

167 **Discussion**

168 Similar to callus formation observed in our study, calli of intergeneric hybrids between *Aranda* Wan Chark Kuan
169 ‘Blue’ and *Vanda coerulea* appeared from the incision scar relatively fast since the third day of explant incubation (Gantait
170 & Sinniah, 2012). In addition, 100% of callus formation from leaf explants of *Phalaenopsis amabilis* (L.) Blume using
171 New Phalaenopsis (NP) enriched with TDZ of 3 mgL⁻¹ was observed (Mose et al., 2017). TDZ can be used in replace of
172 cytokinin, so that it can be applied as growth regulator along with auxin in an *in-vitro* culture media (Kou et al., 2016).
173 Basically, variation in the application of growth regulators, especially auxin and cytokinin, in an *in-vitro in-vitro* culture
174 media could affect somatic embryogenesis (Guo et al., 2011; Moradi et al., 2017).

175 Promoting the growth of embryogenic callus is important in that the calli can undergo the next stages of development.
176 Embryonic calli are those developed by means of somatic embryogenesis. Another two types of calli are known, i.e.
177 proliferative and senescence calli. Both can not develop further through somatic embryogenesis, while even the latter will
178 die (Shen et al., 2018). A combination of NAA 0.046 mgL⁻¹ and TDZ 3.0 mgL⁻¹ was needed to promote embryogenic
179 callus of *Dimorphorchis lowii*, a combination of NAA 0.046 mgL⁻¹ and TDZ 3.0 mgL⁻¹ was needed. When NAA was
180 applied in excess, it would just inhibit callus growth, because NAA was stable and could not be translocated easily in
181 comparison to the other auxins, such as IAA and IBA. To reduce the high level of NAA in callus, it is conjugated with
182 other substances available in the explant (Jainol & Gansau, 2017). The excessive NAA can be inactivated enzymatically in
183 a conjugation with glucose to form glucosyl ester (Soonthornkalump et al., 2019). In general, plant growth regulators are
184 very important to induce callus formation and it was found that coconut water merely had no effect on the callus induction
185 from leaf explants in *Coelogyne cristata* (Naing et al., 2011). Half-strength Murashige and Skoog (½ MS) medium
186 enriched with NAA 0.01 mgL⁻¹ and BAP 0.05 mgL⁻¹ was reported as the best one to induce somatic embryogenesis from
187 embryonic calli of *Vanda tricolor* Lindl var. Pallida (Hardjo et al., 2021).

188 Since 30th day after incubation, the explants of the selected intergeneric hybrid of *Phalaenopsis* 2166 x *Vanda* ‘Saint
189 Valentine’ were subjected 12 hour-exposure to light and another 12 hours in the dark. As a comparison, the explants of
190 *Phalaenopsis* Classic spotted pink started to form last globular structure at 23rd day and the embryos began to form
191 coleoptelar (Pereira et al., 2019). Induction of callus cells in orchids, which belong to monocotyledon, will go through
192 somatic embryogenesis processes involving pre-embryo, globular, coleoptelar, and scutelar phases. Meanwhile, the
193 somatic embryogenesis in dicotyledons consists of pre-embryo, globular, heart-shaped, torpedo-shaped, cotyledonary-
194 shaped phases (Parthibhan et al., 2018; Zhao et al., 2017; Méndez-Hernández et al., 2019).

195 Somatic embryogenesis in *Phalaenopsis amabilis* was reported to begin at 8th week when grown in NP media
196 supplemented with TDZ. The most rapid somatic embryogenesis was obtained with TDZ 3.0 mgL⁻¹ at 11th day using leaf
197 explants, while the slowest one was found with TDZ 3.0 mgL⁻¹ using stem explants (Mose et al., 2017). In this study we
198 found that somatic embryogenesis of the intergeneric hybrid between *Phalaenopsis* 2166 and *Vanda* ‘Saint Valentine’
199 began at 21st day in the modified ½ MS medium. Meanwhile, *Vanda tricolor* shoots produced from somatic embryogenesis
200 showed the best development when subcultured in the New Dogashima (ND) medium without application of any plant
201 growth regulator (Ashihah et al., 2022).

202 The fastest plbs induction in the intergeneric hybrids between *Aranda* Wan Chark Kuan ‘Blue’ and *Vanda coerulea*
203 using leaf explants was observed in the treatment of TDZ 1.5 mgL⁻¹ (Gantait & Sinniah, 2012). Some other studies showed
204 that TDZ was proved very effective in inducing somatic embryogenesis in several orchid species, such as *Renanthera* Tom
205 Thumb ‘Qilin’ (Wu et al., 2012), *Phalaenopsis amabilis* (Mose et al., 2017), and *Paphiopedilum niveum*
206 (Soonthornkalump et al., 2019).

207 Regeneration of somatic embryogenesis in orchids began at 15th to 30th day in the concentration of TDZ ranging
208 between 0.001 and 5 mgL⁻¹ (Shen et al., 2018). Reduced auxin in the last development stage of somatic embryogenesis
209 was needed, especially for stimulating plb proliferation and differentiation (Yang & Zhang, 2010). TDZ concentration and
210 its interaction with light spectra were found highly determining direct somatic embryogenesis in *Phalaenopsis* orchids.
211 The concentration of 3mgL⁻¹ in interaction with red and far red light spectra was the efficient treatment to induce direct
212 somatic embryogenesis in the orchids without somaclonal variation (Boldaji et al., 2021).

213 Pre-embryo is a further development of callus, which is characterized by two bipolar centres of meristems. These
214 structures will develop into root and stem meristem respectively (Seth et al., 2017; Shen et al., 2018). Histological
215 examination shows that callus resulting from somatic embryogenesis will develop sequentially into plbs, which consist of
216 some meristematic tissues undergoing further development to form roots, stem, and leaves (Sherif et al., 2018).

217 Some factors have direct effects on the somatic embryogenesis of orchids. They are genotypes, growth regulators, and
218 media (Campos et al., 2017; Zanello & Cardoso, 2019). TDZ as growth regulator should be applied not exceed 3 mgL⁻¹.
219 The high level of TDZ (3 to 5 mgL⁻¹) will inhibit cytokinin oxidase. This enzyme stimulates accumulation of endogenous
220 purine-based cytokinin (Soonthornkalump et al., 2019). Meanwhile, ½ MS is the most common media used, in which N is
221 in form of nitrate (NH₄NO₃) in a sufficiently high concentration, i.e. 1.7 mgL⁻¹. In addition, KNO₃ of 1.9 mgL⁻¹ is also
222 contained in ½MS media. Most plants absorb N in form of nitrate. Both NH₄NO₃ and KNO₃ can be used to stimulate
223 somatic embryogenesis (Zanello & Cardoso, 2019). NP was reported as the media with N in form of nitrate suitable for

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224 *Phalaenopsis amabilis*. This media contained NH_4NO_3 of 82 mgL^{-1} , KNO_3 of 424 mgL^{-1} , $\text{Ca}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ of 443.04 mgL^{-1} , and $\text{Mg}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ of 256.4 mgL^{-1} (Mose et al., 2017). Nitrogen, in form of either potassium nitrate or calcium nitrate, is very good to stimulate somatic embryogenesis, while that in form of ammonium nitrate less stimulate somatic embryogenesis. Nevertheless, explants in the absence of ammonium nitrate in the growth media will fail to undergo somatic embryogenesis (Méndez-Hernández et al., 2019).

229 The presence of TDZ in the culture media of *Oncidium flexuosum* without light would stimulate regeneration of plbs. Pre-embryos having no chlorophyll were formed in the dark condition, so that somatic embryogenesis occurred in the absence of chlorophyll. After treatment with no growth regulator and incubation in the light condition, embryos would be green initiating to form plbs (Zanello & Cardoso, 2019). It was proved that in the early stages of plb formation, characteristics of somatic embryonic callus similar to zygotic embryo development were observed, indicating that plbs were truly somatic embryos of orchids (Lee et al., 2013).

235 Somatic embryogenesis could result from proliferation of young plbs that were cultured in the MVW media containing NAA 0.1 mgL^{-1} . The increasing accumulation of endogenous auxin through the application of exogenous auxin in the early stages of somatic embryogenesis was needed. In the next stages of development reduced level of auxin enabled rapid proliferation and differentiation of meristems, which in turn would stimulate the emergence of shoots. Then, the plantlets thus produced were moved into MVW media without growth regulator (Soonthornkalump et al., 2019).

240 In conclusion, our present study found that $\frac{1}{2}$ MS medium supplemented with the combination of NAA 0.5 mgL^{-1} and TDZ 1.5 mgL^{-1} produced calli of the intergeneric hybrid between *Phalaenopsis* 2166 and *Vanda* ‘Saint Valentine’ that showed high potential of differentiating into plbs. This indicates that somatic embryogenesis in the selected hybrid could be stimulated by proper application of both NAA and TDZ.

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