ACCLIMATIZATION OF POTATO (Solanum tuberosum L.) WITH VARIOUS DOSES AND CONCENTRATIONS OF Trichoderma spp.

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ABSTRACT

The low availability of quality seeds is a major challenge in potato cultivation. One potential solution for procuring quality seeds is the application of Trichoderma spp. during the acclimatization stage in tissue culture propagation. The aim of this study was to examine the interaction between the dose and concentration of Trichoderma spp. during potato acclimatization and to determine the optimal dose and concentration of this microorganism for the process. The research used a two-factor Completely Randomized Design (CRD). The first factor was the dose of Trichoderma spp. (10, 15, and 20 g/ 10^{-1} m), and the second factor was the concentration of Trichoderma spp. (5, 10, and 15 g/L). Data were analyzed using ANOVA at the 5% significance level and further tested with the Duncan Multiple Range Test (DMRT) at the 5% level. The results of the study showed an interaction between the treatment dose and the concentration of Trichoderma spp. in the parameters of plant height at 4 weeks after planting (WAP), number of leaves at 2 WAP and 8 WAP, and leaf length at 6 WAP. A dose of 15 g/10⁻¹ m of Trichoderma spp. showed the best results in the parameters of plant height at planting, 2, 6, and 8 WAP, leaf length at 4 WAP, and fresh weight at 8 WAP. The concentration treatment of Trichoderma spp. showed similar results for all parameters, except for the parameters where there was an interaction between treatment dose and concentration of Trichoderma spp.

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