

## Supplementary materials

**Table S1.** Variations of basal DCR [13], MS [14] and QL [15] media tested at different stages of *Cryptomeria japonica* micropropagation process, Experiment 1.

Stage	Basal medium	PGRs ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	Sucrose (w/v)	AC ( $\text{g L}^{-1}$ )	Agar ( $\text{g L}^{-1}$ )
Induction	DCR	BA (8.8)	3%	-	Difco Agar <sup>®</sup> granulated (8)
Induction	MS	BA (8.8)	3%	-	Difco Agar <sup>®</sup> granulated (8)
Induction	QL	BA (8.8)	3%	-	Difco Agar <sup>®</sup> granulated (8)
Elongation	DCR	-	3%	(2)	Difco Agar <sup>®</sup> granulated (8.5)
Elongation	MS	-	3%	(2)	Difco Agar <sup>®</sup> granulated (8.5)
Elongation	QL	-	3%	(2)	Difco Agar <sup>®</sup> granulated (8.5)
Rooting	Half strength macronutrients QL	NAA (50)	3%	-	Difco Agar <sup>®</sup> granulated (8)
Rooting	Half strength macronutrients QL	NAA (50)	1.5%	-	Difco Agar <sup>®</sup> granulated (8)
Root expression	Half strength macronutrients QL	-	3%	(2)	Difco Agar <sup>®</sup> granulated (8.5)
Root expression	Half strength macronutrients QL	-	1.5%	(2)	Difco Agar <sup>®</sup> granulated (8.5)

PGRs, plant growth regulators; BA, 6-benzyladenine; NAA, 1-naphthalenacetic acid; AC, activated charcoal.

**Table S2.** Variations of basal QL [15] medium tested at different stages of *Cryptomeria japonica* micropropagation process, Experiment 2.

Stage	Basal medium	PGRs ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	Sucrose (w/v)	AC ( $\text{g L}^{-1}$ )	Agar ( $\text{g L}^{-1}$ )
Induction	QL	BA (8.8)	3%	-	Difco Agar® granulated (8)
Induction	QL	m-T (8.8)	3%	-	Difco Agar® granulated (8)
Induction	QL	TDZ (8.8)	3%	-	Difco Agar® granulated (8)
Elongation	QL	-	3%	(2)	Difco Agar® granulated (8.5)
Rooting	Half strength macronutrients QL	NAA (50)	1.5%	-	Difco Agar® granulated (8)
Root expression	Half strength macronutrients QL	-	1.5%	(2)	Difco Agar® granulated (8.5)

PGRs, plant growth regulators; BA, 6-benzyladenine; m-T, meta-topolin; thidiazuron, TDZ; NAA, 1-naphthalenacetic acid; AC, activated charcoal.

**Table S3.** Statistical analysis for the survival (%) showed in *Cryptomeria japonica* per explant type (apical explants of >1.5 cm in length, apical explants of <1.0 cm length, basal explants of >1.5 cm length, and basal explants of <1.0 cm in length) and basal media (DCR [Gupta and Durzan, 1985], MS [Murashige and Skoog, 1962] and QL [Quoirin and Lepoivre, 1977]).

Source	df	Survival (%)	
		X <sup>2</sup> Test	p-Value
Explant type (E)	3	492.11	<0.05*
Basal media (B)	2	490.60	≥0.05 <sup>n.s</sup>
B x C	6	490.60	≥0.05 <sup>n.s</sup>

\*Significantly different at  $p < 0.05$ , <sup>n.s</sup> Non-significant at  $p < 0.05$ , df Degrees of freedom.

**Table S4.** Statistical analysis for shoot induction (%) and number of shoots per explant showed in *Cryptomeria japonica* per explant type (apical explants of >1.5 cm in length, apical explants of <1.0 cm length, basal explants of >1.5 cm length, and basal explants of <1.0 cm in length) and basal media (DCR [Gupta and Durzan, 1985], MS [Murashige and Skoog, 1962] and QL [Quoirin and Lepoivre, 1977]).

Source	df	Shoot induction (%)		N° shoots /explant	
		X <sup>2</sup> Test	p-Value	F Test	p-Value
Explant type (E)	3	266.95	<0.05*	4.31	<0.05*
Basal media (B)	2	266.00	≥0.05 n.s	9.09	<0.05*
E x B	6	256.35	≥0.05 n.s	2.59	<0.05*

\*Significantly different at  $p < 0.05$ , n.s Non-significant at  $p < 0.05$ , df Degrees of freedom.

**Table S5.** Statistical analysis for root induction (%), number roots per explant and length of longest of *Cryptomeria japonica* shoots cultured in QL medium [Quoirin and Lepoivre, 1977]), supplemented with 3% (w/v) sucrose or 1.5% (w/v) sucrose, according to light treatment.

Source	df	Root induction (%)		N° roots /explant		Length of longest root	
		X <sup>2</sup> Test	p-Value	F Test	p-Value	F Test	p-Value
Sucrose concentration (S)	1	152.78	≥0.05 n.s	1.38	<0.05 n.s	4.13	<0.05*
Light treatment (L)	1	149.44	≥0.05 n.s	22.70	<0.05*	4.8	<0.05*
S x L	1	149.44	≥0.05 n.s	0.01	≥0.05 n.s	0.30	≥0.05 n.s

\*Significantly different at  $p < 0.05$ , n.s Non-significant at  $p < 0.05$ , df Degrees of freedom.

**Table S6.** Statistical analysis for the survival (%) of rooted shoots propagated *in vitro* coming from *Cryptomeria japonica* adult trees, after four weeks under *ex vitro* conditions.

Source	df	Survival (%)	
		X <sup>2</sup> Test	p-Value
Sucrose concentration (S)	1	67.94	≥0.05 <sup>n.s</sup>
Light treatment (L)	1	67.07	≥0.05 <sup>n.s</sup>
S x L	1	60.17	<0.05*

\*Significantly different at  $p<0.05$ , <sup>n.s</sup> Non-significant at  $p<0.05$ , df Degrees of freedom.

**Table S7.** Statistical analysis for the survival (%) showed in *Cryptomeria japonica* explants (basal explants of >1.5 cm length) cultured in QL medium [Quoirin and Lepoivre, 1977]), supplemented with 6-benzyladenine (BA), *meta*-Topolin (*m*-T) and thidiazuron (TDZ) (8.8 µM).

Source	df	Survival (%)	
		X <sup>2</sup> Test	p-Value
Cytokinin type	2	703.95	≥0.05 <sup>n.s</sup>

<sup>n.s</sup> Non-significant at  $p<0.05$ , df Degrees of freedom.

**Table S8.** Statistical analysis for shoot induction (%) and number of shoots per explant showed in *Cryptomeria japonica* explants (basal explants of >1.5 cm length) cultured in QL medium [Quoirin and Lepoivre, 1977]), supplemented with 6-benzyladenine (BA), *meta*-Topolin (*m*-T) and thidiazuron (TDZ) (8.8 µM).

Source	df	Shoot induction (%)		N° shoots /explant	
		X <sup>2</sup> Test	p-Value	F Test	p-Value
Cytokinin type (E)	1	405.51	<0.05*	0.19	≥0.05 <sup>n.s</sup>

\*Significantly different at  $p<0.05$ , <sup>n.s</sup> Non-significant at  $p<0.05$ , df Degrees of freedom.

**Table S9.** Statistical analysis for root induction (%), number root per explant and length of longest root showed in *Cryptomeria japonica* explants (basal explants of >1.5 cm length) cultured in QL medium [Quoirin and Lepoivre, 1977]), supplemented with 50  $\mu$ M 1-naphthaleneacetic acid (NAA), according to cytokinin type (6-benzyladenine (BA), *meta*-Topolin (*m*-T) and Thidiazuron (TDZ)) (8.8  $\mu$ M).

Source	df	Root induction		N <sup>o</sup> root /explant		Length of longest root	
		X <sup>2</sup> Test	<i>p</i> -Value	<i>F</i> Test	<i>p</i> -Value	<i>F</i> Test	<i>p</i> -Value
Cytokinin type	1	118.52	<0.05*	0.70	$\geq 0.05$ <sup>n.s</sup>	0.49	$\geq 0.05$ <sup>n.s</sup>

\*Significantly different at  $p < 0.05$ , <sup>n.s</sup> Non-significant at  $p < 0.05$ , df Degrees of freedom.

**Table S10.** Statistical analysis for the survival (%) showed in *Cryptomeria japonica* explants (basal explants of >1.5 cm length) cultured in QL medium [Quoirin and Lepoivre, 1977]), supplemented with 50  $\mu$ M 1-naphthaleneacetic acid (NAA), according to cytokinin type (6-benzyladenine (BA) and *meta*-Topolin (*m*-T) (8.8  $\mu$ M)).

Source	df	Survival (%)	
		X <sup>2</sup> Test	<i>p</i> -Value
Cytokinin type	1	14.53	$\geq 0.05$ <sup>n.s</sup>

<sup>s</sup> Non-significant at  $p < 0.05$ , df Degrees of freedom.