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## The Acclimatization Stage Growth Of Black Orchid (Coelogyne Pandurata Lindl.) Plantlet By Biostimune Extract Gotu Kola (Centella Asiatica L.) Treatment

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### **ABSTRACT**

Black orchid plantlets have a relatively slow growth at the acclimatization stage. The growth of black orchid plantlets can be increased by giving biostimulants. Biostimulants are bioactive compounds, and when they are applied, they can increase plant growth. This study aims to determine the effect of biostimulant Gotu kola extract (Centella Asiatica L.) on the growth of black orchid plantlets (Coelogyne Pandurata Lindl.) at the acclimatization stage. The research was conducted at the Biology Department's greenhouse from September until December 2020. The study used a completely randomized design with a factorial pattern. The first factor is the concentration of biostimulants consisting of 5 levels, e.g. 0 mg/L; 25 mg/L; 50 mg/L; 75 mg/L; 100 mg/L. The second factor is the application time which consists of 2 levels: once a week and once every two weeks. The results showed that the application of biostimulant Gotu kola extract had no significant effect on plantlet height, leaf length, leaf width, number of leaves, number of tillers, and number of plantlet roots of black orchid in the acclimatization stage.

**Keywords:** acclimatization, biostimulant, black orchid, Gotu kola

### 1. INTRODUCTION

orchid (Coelogyne The black Pandurata Lindl.) is one of the orchid species protected by the Indonesian government, based on Government Regulation No. 7/1999. This orchid type can be found in the Kalimantan forest. Black orchids have high economic value because of the beauty of their flowers which have a characteristic green color with a black labellum that hangs in the middle of the flower. The existence of black orchids is currently threatened and rarely found even in their natural habitat (Hartati et al., 2017). Forest fires, logging, and land conversion are severe threats to the black orchid population and impact the shrinking of Kalimantan's forests and the original habitat of black orchids (Kustini, 2011). In Indonesia, around 57% of the deforestation is caused mainly by converting land to oil palm plantations, and another 20% comes from pulp and paper (Wahyuni & Suranto, 2021). Another factor that causes the lack of orchid population is that orchid seeds are tiny and do not have food reserves (endosperm), so they are difficult to germinate and must be in symbiosis with mycorrhizae as a provider of nutrients for orchid growth (Handini, 2019).

One of the efforts that can be made to prevent the extinction of black orchids is by using in vitro propagation (tissue culture) techniques. Orchid propagation through in vitro culture has several stages. One final and critical stage of in vitro propagation is the acclimatization stage. Orchid plants from in vitro culture (plantlets) are very vulnerable to the external environment because in vitro culture conditions are plantlets require controlled. SO acclimatization stage before planted in the field (Hardjo, 2018). Acclimatization is the plants' adaptation stage from tissue culture from in vitro to ex vitro conditions (Prasetyorini, 2019). The acclimatization stage is primarily influenced by several factors, including humidity, light intensity, temperature. media type, acclimatization method, and nutrition (Izudin, 2013). The acclimatization that has been carried out has given good results on the survival percentage of black orchid plantlets derived from explants with the addition of sweet potato extract, which is 100% (Untari et al., 2007). Adi et al. also obtained the highest (2014)percentage of live black orchid plantlets on a combination of wood charcoal and coconut fiber media, 57.14%. Given the previous research, Nugroho & Raden (2021), the percentage value of live black orchid plantlets obtained the highest yield of 72.22%, which was acclimatized to cocopeat+charcoal media.

The vegetative growth of orchid plants at the acclimatization stage is relatively slow, so special treatment is needed to stimulate its growth. One alternative that can be done to overcome this is the addition of biostimulants. Biostimulants are materials and microorganisms applied that are to increase the efficiency of absorption, tolerance of abiotic stress, and improve crop quality (Du Jardin, 2015). Biostimulants can be obtained from bacteria, veast, seaweed, and higher plants. Compounds acting as biostimulants include amino acids, humic acids, fulvic acid, chitosan, protein hydrolysates, and secondary metabolic products (hormones, alkaloids, phenols, flavonoids, terpenoids, steroids, and saponins) (Bulgari et al., 2019; Rafiee et al., 2016).

Biostimulants derived from extracts have been used to promote plant growth. One of the plant extracts that can be used as a biostimulant is the Gotu kola plant extract. Giving Gotu kola extract can increase plant height, leaf area, wet weight, dry weight, root length, chlorophyll content, and carotenoid levels in tomato plants (Lycopersicum Esculentum) (Sri, 2010). Based on research conducted by (Zakiah et al., 2017), biostimulant treatment from the crude extract of Gotu kola (Centella Asiatica L.) has been shown to increase the height and leaf area of soybean plants (Glycine max Merr.).

Biostimulants are widely used to growth, plant but increase the application of biostimulants the at acclimatization stage is rarely carried out. The biostimulant Gotu kola extract treatment, especially on black orchid plantlets, has never been done, so this research needs to be done to prove the effectiveness of the application of Gotu kola extract (Centella Asiatica L.) on the plantlets growth of black orchid (Coelogyne Pandurata Lindl.) at the acclimatization stage.

### 2. MATERIAL AND METHOD

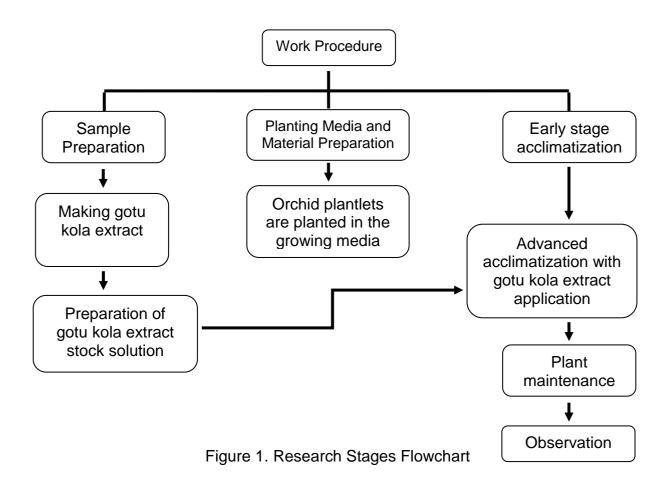
The study was carried out in September-December 2020. Acclimatization was carried out at the Kasa House, Department of Biology, Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences. Tanjungpura University. Pontianak. The evaporation of Gotu kola extract was carried out at the Chemical-Biochemical Laboratory, Department of Agricultural Technology, Faculty of Agriculture, Pontianak State Polytechnic. The tools used in this study consisted of an autoclave, plastic cup, measuring cup, hand sprayer, lux meter, plastic pot, and thermohygrometer. The materials used were aquadest, Gotu extract, black orchid plantlets obtained from in vitro propagation at the UPTD Orchid Center Agribusiness Pontianak and aged 9-12 months, Gandasil-D fertilizer, and sawdust.



Figure 2. Black Orchid Plantlet

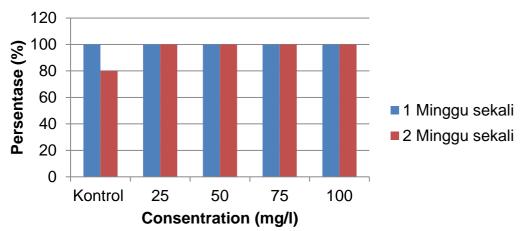
The study was conducted using a completely randomized design of 2 factors. The first factor was the concentration of Gotu kola extract with 5 levels of treatment: without being given а biostimulant (control); 25 mg/l; 50 mg/l; 75 mg/l; 100 mg/l. The second factor is the time of application of Gotu kola extract with two levels of treatment: once a week and once every two weeks (Aulya et al., 2018; Ummah et al., 2017; Zakiah et al., 2017). Environmental factors are measured weekly, including temperature, humidity, and light intensity. Temperature and were humidity measured thermohygrometer, while light intensity was measured using a lux meter. Observation parameters consisted of plantlet survival percentage (%), plantlet height (cm), leaf length (cm), leaf width (cm), number of leaves (strands), number of tillers (fruit), and number of roots (fruit).

Quantitative data from measurements of plant height, leaf number, leaf length and width, number of tillers, and number of roots at the end of the observation were statistically analyzed by analysis of variance (ANOVA). If there was a significant effect, then continued with the DMRT test at a significance level of 5% (Hidayat et al., 2018).



# 3. RESULT AND DISCUSSION treatment, was 100%, but in one control The percentage of plantlet treatment, the percentage of life was lower survival, when acclimatized until the than in the other treatment, namely 80%, end of the observation for each because the plantlets died (Table 1).

Figure 2. Percentage of plantlet survival (%) of black orchid after Gotu kola extract treatment



Internal and external factors was thought to be due to internal factors influence the success of acclimatization. such as plantlet genetic conditions. The The low percentage of plantlet survival plantlets used are plantlets obtained from

that plantlets obtained through axillary the highest percentage of black orchid budding or somatic embryogenesis were plantlet life of 57.14% with the addition of considered the most genetically uniform. orchid fertilizer plus. (Hazarika, 2006), Referring to acclimatization process depends several important factors. response of explants to different culture research survival in ex vitro conditions.

Plantlets that died acclimatization indicated that function perfectly for This condition resulted in plantlets' death, Epiphytic low. This study's percentage of plantlet life

propagation through seeds. Bhattacharyya has given better results than Adi et al. et al. (2017) & Konar et al. (2018) stated (2014) research results, which obtained

The success of acclimatization is on influenced by several external factors, one including of which is environmental conditions. The genotype, which affects not only the environmental conditions at the time of the have supported the media but also organogenesis and plant acclimatization process of black orchids, with temperatures between 28°C-31°C, during humidity 72%-88%, and light intensity these 2970-4720 lux (Table 2). Based on plantlets were still not fully adapted to the research by Managanta & Pangli (2014), ex vitro environment. Plantlets from tissue Coelogyne Pandurata (black orchid) grows culture are still susceptible to changes in climatic conditions with a temperature of from the in vitro environment to the ex 19-32°C. Ramadanil (2010) also reported vitro. According to Irsyadi (2021), the that the orchid coelogyne Celebensis grew stomata on plantlets from in vitro culture in an environment with an average relative the humidity of 85.17%. Coelogyne orchids photosynthesis process and have not grow epiphytes by attaching to tree been able to absorb nutrients optimally. branches. Referring to Nawawi (2014), orchids generally so the percentage of plantlet survival was sunlight intensity of around 2500-5000 lux.

Table 1. Results of Environmental Parameter Measurement

Weeks	Temperature (°C)	Moisture (%)	Light Intensity (lux)
1	30	86	3140
2	31	77	3340
3	29	87	3290
4	28	79	2930
5	30	85	3220
6	31	78	3400
7	30	86	3350
8	31	72	3150
9	29	88	3950
10	31	80	4720
11	28	77	2970
12	28	81	3240

success of acclimatization is the planting the highest percentage of survival, namely medium. The planting medium used must 100%, compared to other media used, be able to support the growth of black including rice husks, cocopeat, coconut orchid plantlets. This study uses a planting fiber, and bagasse. According to Lakitan medium derived from sawdust wood. (1995), Agustin et al. (2014), and Sandra Based on the preliminary tests that have (2005), sawdust has an excellent water-

Another factor that also affects the been carried out, sawdust media produced

fat, and resin, so it is not easy to clear plastic (mask). This system gives decompose. Waluya (2009) also added better results in a more stable temperature that a smooth and soft planting medium is and humidity. needed for the acclimatization process so and disease.

essential role in the success of an has acclimatization process. This study uses system. Through this system, the hood is opened gradually so that the plants can growth conditions. Izudin (2013) explained that extract biostimulants (Table 2). one technique to obtain the appropriate

binding capacity and contains lignin, oil, humidity is using a closed system with

Statistical analysis showed that the that the roots can grow optimally. The Gotu kola extract treatment had no media used must be smooth enough, can significant effect on plantlet height, leaf bind water well, and be free from fungus length, leaf width, Leaf Quantity, tillers Quantity, and plantlet total roots of black The acclimatization method plays an orchid. Although the survival percentage а value of 100%, physiologically, the plantlets are still slow the method of acclimatization with a hood in responding to the application of biostimulants. This is evidenced by all not parameters significantly slowly accept the external environmental affected by the application of Gotu kola

Table 2. ANOVA analysis results of black orchid plantlet growth after Gotu kola extract treatment

No	Parameter	F-hit	KK (%)
1	Plantlet Height (cm)	0.681 <sup>ns</sup>	7.98
2	Leaf Length (cm)	0.822 <sup>ns</sup>	8.56
3	Leaf Width (cm)	0.579 <sup>ns</sup>	8.42
4	Leaf Quantity (ea)	1.319 <sup>ns</sup>	16.36
5	Tillers Quantity (ea)	0.806 <sup>ns</sup>	14.34
6	Total Roots (ea)	0.307 <sup>ns</sup>	20.53

Remark ns = not significant

KK = Coefficient of Diversity

Table 3. Growth of black orchid plantlets after Gotu kola extract treatment

Concentration         Once a Week         Every two weeks           Plantlet Height (cm)           0 mg/l         3.28°s         3.52°s           25 mg/l         3.64°s         3.48°s           50 mg/l         3.60°s         3.66°s           75 mg/l         3.16°s         3.06°s           100 mg/l         3.22°s         3.96°s           Average         3.38°s         3.39°s           Leaf Length (cm)         0 mg/l         2.78°s         3.00°s           25 mg/l         3.08°s         2.80°s           50 mg/l         3.16°s         3.04°s           50 mg/l         3.16°s         3.04°s           75 mg/l         2.66°s         2.85°s           Leaf Width (cm)         0 mg/l         2.66°s         3.38°s           Average         2.86°s         2.85°s           Leaf Width (cm)         0 .56°s         0.56°s           25 mg/l         0.67°s         0.60°s           75 mg/l         0.56°s         0.52°s           100 mg/l         0.64°s         0.60°s           Average         0.59°s         0.56°s           25 mg/l         5.40°s         6.00°s           5 mg/l         6.20°s<	Extract Application Time			Average	
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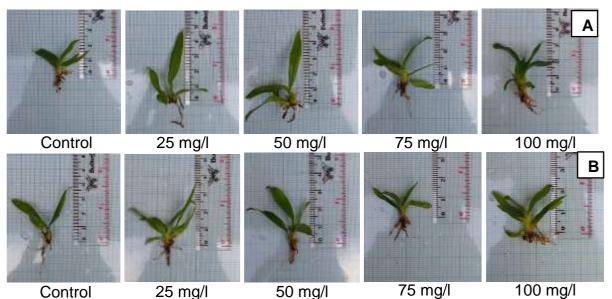


Figure 3. Comparison of observations on the growth of black orchid plantlets between treatments

### Remarks:

A = Biostimulant application once a week

B = Biostimulant application every two weeks

Some of the morpho-physiological abnormalities often shown by in vitro cultured plantlets include a thin cuticle layer, vascular tissue that is not fully developed, stomata are not functioning optimally, and photosynthetic activity is still low (Hardjo, 2018). This will affect the plant's metabolic processes, one of which is inhibiting the photosynthesis process in the leaves. Photosynthate will be used for the plantlet growth process. Paradikovic et al. (2018) explained that biostimulants also help increase nutrient absorption, root svstem development. photosynthetic activity and stimulate arowth.

The plantlets will absorb the applied biostimulant through the roots and Van Oosten leaves. et al. (2017)that applying foliar explained biostimulants will lead to two targets, i.e., roots and shoots. Biostimulants absorbed through the leaves regulate stomata opening and closing and aid the fluid flow through xylem. **Biostimulants** the absorbed through the roots will increase the activity of the hormones ethylene and auxin in the roots to stimulate root growth and absorb more water and nutrients. Silva et al. (2013) explained that biostimulants applied to plants would facilitate the uptake of nutrients from the substrate by stimulating root growth, thereby increasing water absorption capacity.

The activity of opening and closing stomata is related to the entry of fluids into the leaves, such as water, nutrients, and biostimulants. The plantlets absorb the nutrients and water to increase growth and development, while the biostimulant will regulate the opening and closing stomata. Drew et al. (1992) in Silva et al. (2017) stated that in vitro cultured plantlets showed characteristics such as the inability of stomata to close and open more, and the cuticle layer was not fully formed. This condition causes excessive evapotranspiration, so the plantlets will wither and even die.

Black orchid plantlets are thought to have not been optimal in transporting water and nutrients absorbed by roots and leaves. This is due to the vascular network between the roots and shoots of that have not developed properly. This condition causes plants to lack the nutrients needed for growth. Ziv & Chen (2008) in Silva et al. (2017) explained that in vitro cultured plantlet epidermal roots had limited peridermal layers, immature bundles of vessels, limited cambium activity, and underdeveloped xylem, and phloem vessels, and few root hairs.

Lindsey et al.'s (1998) research showed that the application of Ecklonia maxima extract did not give a significant difference in the fresh weight and dry weight of Scilla Krauss and Kniphofia Pauciflora plantlets at the acclimatization stage.

### 4. CONCLUSION

The Gotu kola extract biostimulant treatment did not affect all growth parameters of black orchid plantlets at the acclimatization stage. Plantlet morpho-physiological conditions that are not perfect, such as low photosynthetic efficiency, lack of stomata function, and a thin cuticle layer, cause the applied biostimulants not to be used optimally by black orchid plantlets.

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