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# The Effects of Some Hormone Applications on *Lilium martagon* L. Germination and Morphological Characters

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## Abstract

*Lilium martagon* L. is a perennial geophyte species belonging to the large *Liliaceae* family. Its population is at the status of "VU" in the *Red Data Book of Turkish Plants*, and along with many European countries, it is included in Turkey's list of plants that are endemic and imperiled. This study analyzed the potential of producing *Lilium martagon* L. with teeth. Four different hormones (IAA: indole-3-acetic acid; IBA: indole-3-butyric acid; NAA: naphthylacetic acid; and GA3: gibberellic acid) were applied in three doses (1,000, 3,000, and 5,000 ppm) on apical, medium, and basal parts and after 120 days, six morphological characteristics were determined. According to the results, 1,000 ppm IBA implementation is seen as the most effective hormone dose implementation on morphological characters. According to the effect of fraction position, for all characters the individuals formed by the pieces taken from the bottom parts of teeth are included in the first homogeneous group. Also, it is revealed that each of the apical, medium, and basal parts were obtained by cutting nail-like scales on the corpus in three equal pieces and have the potential for meristematic reproduction ability.

**Keywords:** *Lilium martagon* L., hormone, onion scales, germination, morphological characters

## Introduction

*Lilium* belongs to the *Lilieae* tribe of *Liliaceae* and contains about 120 species [1]. Lily is one of the most important horticultural plants and many wild species and

cultivars have been cultivated for bulb and cut-flower production [2].

*Lilium martagon* L. is a perennial geophyte species belonging to the large *Liliaceae* family. Its population holds VU status in the *Red Data Book of Turkish Plants*, and along with many European countries, it is included in Turkey's list of the plants that are endemic and imperiled. *Lilium martagon* L., referred to as "Turks Cap" outside of Turkey, draws attention with its ostentatious flower

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situation and its tendency to be produced for cut flowers. *Lilium* onions consist of fat-grown scaly leaves attached to basal plaque.

The basic aim of this research is to determine the production potential in pieces belonging to subsoil organs of the *Lilium martagon* L. plant whose generation status is “under the risk of damage.”

### Material and Methods

The onions belonging to *Lilium martagon* L. used in research were gathered from Küre Mountains National Park Ilica site. The onions gathered 10-11 July were preserved by being moistened in germination peat. The implementations on the onions brought to laboratory were practiced on 13 July as such:

1. 2/3 of the 3x3-15 cm. polyethylene tubes in laboratory were prepared by being filled with germination peat of the brand Klassman.
2. The pleas constituting onions were separated by cutting basal parts with a sterile lancet. The nail-like pleas were divided into three parts, as each of their apical, medium, and basal parts are equal.
3. These three different parts obtained from nail-like pleas were put to three solutions in different doses (1,000, 3,000, and 5,000 ppm) and 13 implementation groups ( $3 \times 4 = 12 + 1$  (control) = 13) were constituted. The list of hormones and doses applied are given below:
  - a) 1,000 ppm indole-3-acetic acid
  - b) 1,000 ppm indole-3-butyric acid
  - c) 1,000 ppm gibberellic acid
  - d) 1,000 ppm naphthylacetic acid
  - e) 3,000 ppm indole-3-acetic acid
  - f) 3,000 ppm indole-3-butyric acid
  - g) 3,000 ppm gibberellic acid
  - h) 3,000 ppm naphthylacetic acid
  - i) 5,000 ppm indole-3-acetic acid
  - j) 5,000 ppm indole-3-butyric acid
  - k) 5,000 ppm gibberellic acid
  - l) 5,000 ppm naphthylacetic acid
  - m) Control

The implementations were carried out by sinking samples to the hormone for 3-5 seconds. This implementation was arranged as three repeats and 15 samples in each repeat (15 apical, 15 basal, 15 medium). The prepared tubes were placed with care not to let them contact each other, 15 pieces were placed in each tubes, their surface was covered with more or less 2 cm germination peat, and they were moistened immediately.

1. These tubes were placed in perforated boxes at 20-25°C room temperature and not exposed to sunlight, and they were watered every other day for 120 days. The peat reached the overload point while watering, puddles were not occurring in tubes since the tubes and the boxes they are placed in are perforated, and excess water was moved away by flowing.
2. Measurements were performed 10 November (day 120). During this, peat was poured on the bench,

roots were cleaned carefully, and root number was determined and then the average height of the roots was measured with a micro compass. After that, each sample was washed with water and child root number was determined, and child roots height and caliber were measured. All of the measurements were made with a digital micro compass with the sensitivity of 0.01 mm, and obtained results were presented on a prepared table. Thus six characteristics were determined at the end of the study, namely: germination percentage (GP), number of roots (RN), root height (RH), child corpus height (CCH), child corpus caliber (CCC), and child corpus number (CCN).

3. SPSS 17.0 package program's variance analysis was implemented on this data, Duncan test was made for characters that have statistically at least 95% differences in trust level, and homogeneous groups were obtained and interpreted.

### Results and Discussion

In consequence of the research, rooting percentage of hormone implementations, nascent child corpus number, root number, root height, child corpus height, child corpus caliber, and their effect on root height were analyzed with the help of SPSS package program, and average value of determined characters, variance analysis, and results of the Duncan test are presented in Table 1.

When table values are analyzed, it is observable that its effect on rooting percentage of hormone implementations and root numbers is at 95%, and on child corpus number it is at 99.9% trust level. With the aim of determining the effects of x dose contamination on rooting percentage and morphological features of nascent individuals, each hormone dose implementation is accepted as a separate implementation and the obtained data was analyzed. As a result of the statistical evaluation, the effect of hormone x dose contamination on rooting percentage and child corpus height is found to be meaningless statistically, while it is found that its effect is meaningful on root height and root number at 99%, and on child corpus number and child corpus caliber at 99.9% trust level. The obtained results, variance analysis implemented on this data, and results of Duncan test are presented in Table 2.

When table values are analyzed, it is observable that the control group is included in the first homogeneous group in terms of all characters. This situation shows that while hormone implementations do not affect rooting percentage, it considerably affects nascent individuals' morphological characters. 1,000 ppm IBA implementation is seen as the most effective hormone dose implementation on morphological characters, and in terms of root number and child corpus caliber, the highest values are obtained as a result of this implementation. The values obtained from child individuals formed as a result of 1,000 ppm IBA implementation are included in the last homogeneous groups in terms of other characters according to Duncan test results, and these results show that 1,000 ppm IBA

Table 1. Germination percentage of hormone implementations and its effect on morphologic characters.

Hormone	GP		RN		CCN		CCH	CCC	RH
IAA	62.39	b	1.68	b	1.34	a	10	2.68	90.42
IBA	36.92	ab	2.11	b	2.04	b	6.6	2.49	53.37
GA3	29.23	a	1.62	b	1.24	a	6.1	2.79	79.08
NAA	49.57	ab	2.03	b	1.5	a	5.74	2.43	50.26
Cont.	23.08	a	0.78	a	1.11	a	5.41	1.49	48.49
F Value	2.760*		3.048*		8.791***		2.046 ns	2.074 ns	1.388 ns

\*significant at 0.05 level, \*\*\*significant at 0.001 level, ns: not significant

GP: Germination percentage; RN: Number of roots; CCN: Child corpus number; CCH: Child corpus height; CCC: Child corpus caliber; RH: Root height

IAA: Indole-3-acetic acid; IBA: Indole-3-butyric acid; GA3: Gibberellic acid; NAA: Naphthylacetic acid

implementation affects morphological characters of child corpuses positively. Child corpuses formed as a result of this implementation are developed 80% numerically, 60% in terms of height, 120% in diameter more than control group, the roots of these corpuses are 60% longer, and 250% more in terms of number than the control group. The most efficient implementation on child corpus number is 5,000 ppm NAA implementation. As a result of this implementation, an average of 2.17 child corpuses are formed in individuals while it is 1.11 in control group. However, when average values are analyzed, it is observed that IBA hormone implementation has the highest average. Child corpus number is above 2 in individuals who pass

through this implementation is made. The individuals who pass through the 3,000 ppm IAA implementation has the highest root development as a result of the study, and the roots of the individuals who pass through this implementation are more than three times higher than the control group individuals who did not pass through any implementation. With the aim of presenting meristematic ability of different parts of metamorphic subsoil corpus pieces, new individual forming rates of the parts that are obtained by cutting apical, medium, and basal parts of the nail-like scales in three equal pieces and morphological characters of the formed individuals are determined. The average values of obtained data, F-value obtained as a

Table 2. The effect of hormone x dose contamination on morphological characters.

Hor.	Dose	RN		CCN		CCH	CCC		RH	
IAA	5000	1.8	abcde	1.56	abcd	7.41	1.74	ab	53.17	a
IBA	5000	1.23	ab	2.08	cd	5.41	1.92	abc	30.22	a
GA3	5000	1.55	abcd	1.5	abc	6.39	3.14	d	95.4	ab
NAA	5000	2.33	cde	<b>2.17</b>	d	4.8	2.31	abcd	100.83	ab
IAA	3000	1.84	bcde	1.28	ab	15.22	3.33	d	<b>157.65</b>	b
IBA	3000	2.21	bcde	2.05	cd	5.81	2.25	abcd	45.23	a
GA3	3000	1.5	abcd	0.93	a	5.03	2.36	abcd	72.34	ab
NAA	3000	2.43	de	1.07	ab	5.87	2.21	abcd	43.79	a
IAA	1000	1.39	abcd	1.17	ab	7.13	3	cd	59.08	a
IBA	1000	<b>2.73</b>	e	2	cd	8.63	<b>3.29</b>	d	75.95	ab
GA3	1000	1.77	abcde	1.18	ab	6.48	2.72	bcd	69.6	ab
NAA	1000	1.3	abc	1.7	bcd	6.12	2.8	bcd	25.25	a
Cont.	0	0.78	a	1.11	ab	5.41	1.49	a	48.49	a
F Val.		2.730**		4.638***		1.794ns	3.749***		2.326**	

\*significant at 0.05 level, \*\*\*significant at 0.001 level, ns: not significant

GP: Germination percentage; RN: Number of roots; CCN: Child corpus number; CCH: Child corpus height; CCC: Child corpus caliber; RH: Root height

IAA: Indole-3-acetic acid; IBA: Indole-3-butyric acid; GA3: Gibberellic acid; NAA: Naphthylacetic acid

Table 3. Effect of fraction position.

Position	GP		RN		CCN		CCH		CCC		RH	
Basal	65.74	a	2.27	a	1.44	a	9.92	a	3.3	a	104.67	a
Medium	45.39	b	1.78	b	1.73	b	5.84	b	2.24	b	46.69	b
Apical	28.85	b	0.84	c	1.29	a	4.5	b	1.7	c	33.19	b
F Value	8.194**		25.444***		4.223*		6.366**		32.290***		10.237***	

\*significant at 0.05 level, \*\*\*significant at 0.001 level, ns: not significant

GP: Germination percentage; RN: Number of roots; CCN: Child corpus number; CCH: Child corpus height; CCC: Child corpus caliber; RH: Root height

result of variance analysis, and groupings formed as a result of Duncan test are presented in Table 3.

When the table is examined it is seen that apical, medium, and basal parts are effective on all characters of nascent individuals along with rooting percentage, and this effect is statistically meaningful in trust level at 95% in child corpus number; at 99% in rooting percentage and child corpus height; and at 99% in rooting number, child corpus caliber, and rooting height. In terms of rooting percentage (child corpus height and root height), two homogeneous groups are formed as a result of Duncan test, and three homogeneous groups are formed in terms of other characters. In terms of all characters, the individuals formed by the pieces taken from the bottom parts of teeth are included in the first homogeneous group. This situation shows that rooting percentage is considerably higher in basal parts taken from nail, and the individuals formed in these parts are more developed than the individuals formed in other parts in terms of morphological characters. In this research, it is revealed that each of the apical, medium, and basal parts obtained by cutting nail-like scales on the corpus in three equal pieces have potential meristematic reproduction ability. Starting off from this result, it is determined that potential reproduction ability of each *Lilium* onion is at least three times higher than the number of nail-like scales in the onion. When table values are examined, it is observed that in terms of child corpus number, the highest values are obtained from the pieces taken from the middle parts of the nails. While the pieces taken from the basal parts have the highest values in all characters except for the child corpus number, the pieces taken from the apical part have the lowest values. This shows that meristematic reproduction ability decreases from basal area to apical area. The fact that the basal part is less in number than the middle part in terms of child corpus number results from apical and basal pieces having one cross-section while the middle part has two cross-sections, and the meristematic activity occurred in the middle part's edges that are adjacent to both apical and basal surfaces.

There are many studies with regards to the production of *Lilium* species. Hormone applications were practiced in a certain number of these in-vitro production studies. Bacchetta et al. [3] analyzed the effects of IBA and NAA on *Lilium longiflorum*; Chen et al. [4] analyzed the effects of NAA, IBA, and NAA on *Lilium orientalis* and *Lilium*

*longiflorum*; LingFei et al. [5] analyzed the effects of NAA and IBA on *Lilium davidii* var. *unicolor*; Han et al. [6] analyzed the effect of BA and IAA on *Lilium longiflorum*; Yan et al. [7] analysed the effect of IAA, IBA, and NAA on *Lilium orientalis*; Yamagishi [8] analyzed the effect of BA and GA3 on *Lilium japonicum*; and Jing [9] analyzed the effect of IAA, IBA, and NAA on *Lilium davidii* var. *unicolor*.

Guney et al. [10] performed 3 to 4 different doses of hormones in *Lilium martagon* L. seed, and the results were compared with the control group. In conclusion, IAA 5,000 ppm, 3,000 ppm IAA, and 1,000 ppm NAA application could increase the germination percentage of the approximately three-fold, and they found the effective application of the hormone on root characters.

Guney et al. [11] reported that similar results were also obtained in *Lilium artvinense* possible seed. It has been effective on all types of hormones, especially in terms of germination. The results showed that the percentage of 40% germination in the control group raised up to 60.66%, 75.34%, 82.66%, and 84% in the seeds consulted with NAA, IAA, IBA, and GA3, in sequence.

Sevik and Turhan [12] studied the effects of the hormone *Lilium martagon* L. onion mixture and it stated that the study results in the highest percentage of rooting reached 3,000 ppm IBA + 100 ppm IAA. Sevik and Cetin [13] *Lilium artvinense* also stated that if the onion in 3,000 ppm IAA with 28.57% rise in the percentage of rooting had 80.22%.

Study results are the number of roots (RN), root height (RH), child corpus height (CCH), child corpus caliber (CCC), and child corpus number (CCN) shows the effect that the positive direction in the entire hormone application.

Most of the studies have researched the effect of auxin hormones on rooting and morphological characteristics studied in many species such as *Melissa officinalis* [14], *Robinia pseudoacacia* [15], *Pseudotsuga menziesii* [16], *Oryza sativa* [17], and *Pisum sativum* [18].

The findings of the research are done in conformity with the other works in the study area. One set of researchers, Sevik and Turhan 2015 [12], studied that all hormone treatments and raised the number of roots in *Lilium martagon* L. with 3,000 ppm IBA + 1,000 ppm NAA treatment. Besides, they emphasized that the average root number in of *Lilium artvinense* was raised to 2.50

with 1,000 ppm IBA treatment [13]. Other researchers, like Guney et al. [10], stressed that the root number of *Lilium martagon* L. seeds were raised up to 2.0 with 3,000 ppm GA3 treatment.

The studies carried out on other plant species also demonstrate that root number can be raised with hormone treatments. Besides, Yıldız [19] informs us that the root number of plum was raised to the average number of 2.3 in the seeds treated with IBA, while Ayanoglu and Özkan [20] indicated that the root number of *Salvia officinalis* L. was raised to 22.35 with 100 ppm IBA treatment. Identically, there are researchers conceiving that IBA treatment can raise the number of roots 4 to 5 times in peach, plum, and cherry cuttings [21]. In research by Demiral and Ulger [22], the root number of 4.40 in the control group of cherry cuttings was raised to 16.29 with 6 mg/l NAA treatment, while conducting in the research by Şevik et al. [23], the average root number of 5.82 in the control group of *Schefflera arboricola* L. was raised with 1,000 ppm NAA and GA3 treatments, in order.

The highest root lengths were acquired with 3,000 ppm IBA treatment in the study by Turhan [24] on *Lilium martagon*; in the research by Guney et al. [10] on *Lilium martagon* L. seeds and in the study by Topacoglu et al. [25] on *Ficus benjamina* cuttings. The research indicated that the root length can be raised:

- 2.75 times in *Lilium artvinense* with 3,000 ppm GA3 treatment [13].
- 16.17 times in plum cuttings with 2,000 ppm IBA treatment [26].
- 2.34 times in cherry cuttings with 4,000 ppm IBA treatment [16].
- 1.63 times in *Schefflera arboricola* with 1000 ppm IBA treatment [27].
- 2.26 times in sage with 100 ppm IBA [18], as compared to the control group.

There are many studies on PM sources, PM compounds, PM content, etc. [28-32]. Many studies conducted around the world have revealed that PM2.5 and PM10 concentrations reach critical levels in areas where traffic density is high; however, the studies are limited in many aspects [33-37].

## Conclusions

The results of the study demonstrate that 1,000 ppm IBA implementation is seen as the most effective hormone dose implementation on morphological characters. According to the effect of fraction position, for all characters the individuals formed by the pieces taken from the bottom parts of teeth are included in the first homogeneous group.

According to the results of this study, it is revealed that each of the apical, medium, and basal parts obtained by cutting nail-like scales on the corpus in three equal pieces have potential meristematic reproduction ability. Starting off from this result, it is determined that potential reproduction ability of each *Lilium* onion is at least three

times higher than the number of nail-like scales in an onion.

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