



# **IN-Vitro mutation breeding and selection for resistance to fusarium wilt in Banana**

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# PROBLEM

- Banana is important tropical and subtropical fruits around the world.
- Global banana production is now increasingly threatened by number of pests and diseases
- Fusarium wilt has become the major Limitation in Banana cultivation and Production.
- *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *cubense* (Foc), is recognized as one of the most destructive diseases of banana worldwide.
- Race 4 not only attacks Cavendish cultivars but also cultivars susceptible to race 1 and 2.
- At present, there are no economically viable biological, chemical or cultural measures of controlling Fusarium wilt in an infected field (Ploetz 2006; Buddenhagen 2009).
- **Generally, developing the new cultivars that have resistance to fusarium wilt, is the best way of overcoming this problem**



- Field screening for resistance to Fusarium wilt depends on the presence of environmental conditions conducive to disease development, and is time-consuming and expensive (Vakili 1965).
- In order to accelerate progress in banana breeding programs for resistance to Fusarium wilt, it is important to develop bioassays that can differentiate between resistant and susceptible cultivars efficiently and accurately.
- So far, the most commonly used early bioassay is a pot system (Matsumoto et al. 1995; Subramaniam et al. 2006; Weber et al. 2007; Smith et al. 2008),
- 8 week-old plants (10 to 15 cm tall) were more favorable for consistent infection than the plants less than 10 cm in the pot
- 7-8 week need to evaluation in pot system (Matsumoto et al. 1995; Smith et al. 2008).
- **In the present study, We use In-vitro selection method, as fast and early selection method for selecting resistance mutant to fusariom wilt.**

# Main Provinces Producer of Banana in Iran

Geographical distribution of date palm & Tropical Fruits research in Iran

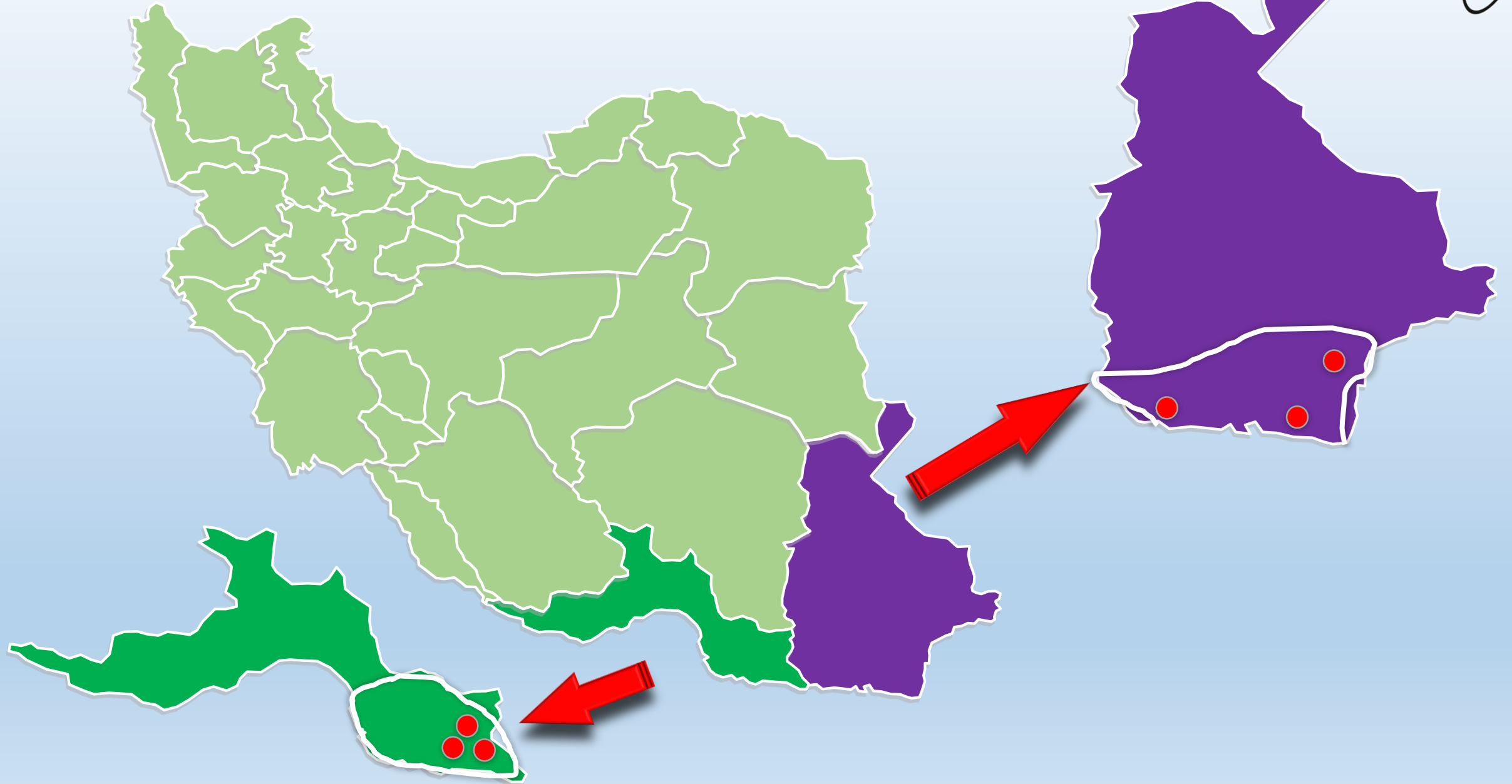


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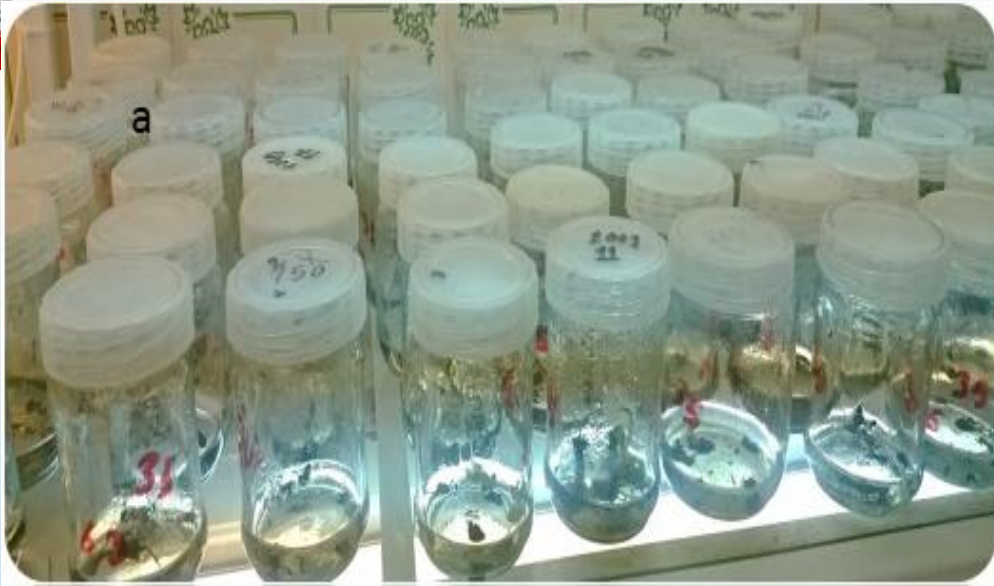




# Plant materials

- C.V : Cavendish
- Micropropagation :
  - Shoot-tip were isolated from suckers







# Establishment of the Radio Sensitivity Curve and Determination of LD50 Dose



- Gamma ray doses : 0,10,15,20,25,35,45 and 60 Gy
- After 30 days %Survived Plantlet , leaves proliferation , plantlet height and fresh weight
- Fitting the generalized linear model
- Estimate the 50% lethal dose





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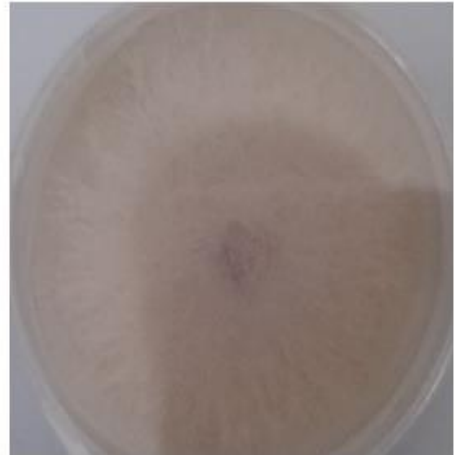
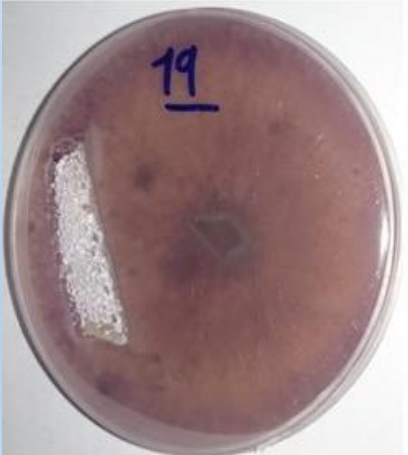
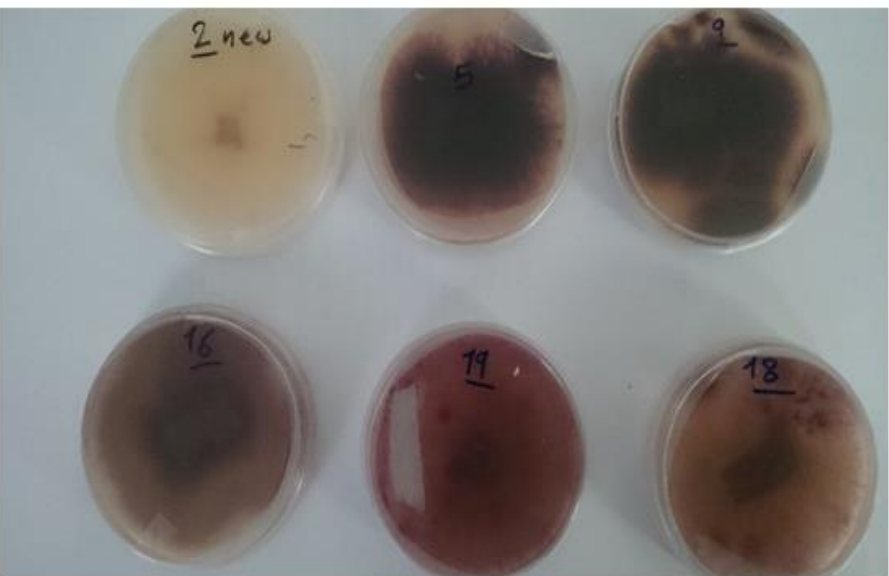
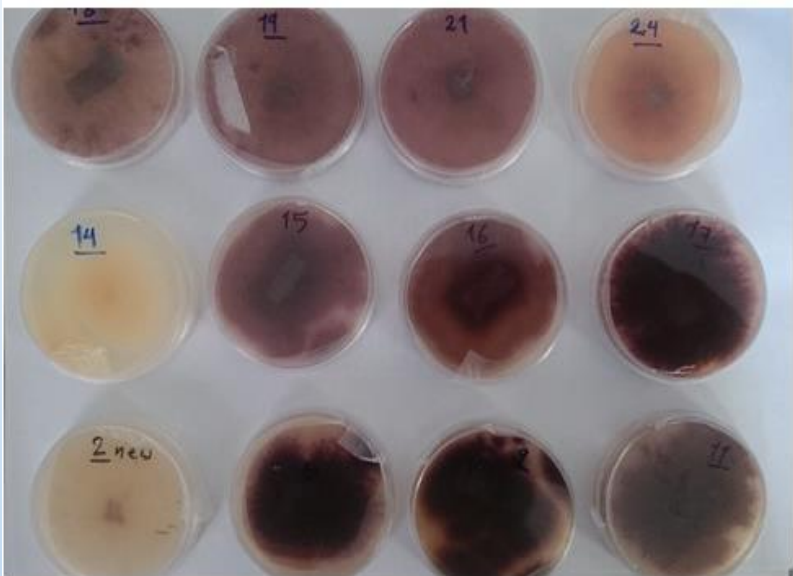






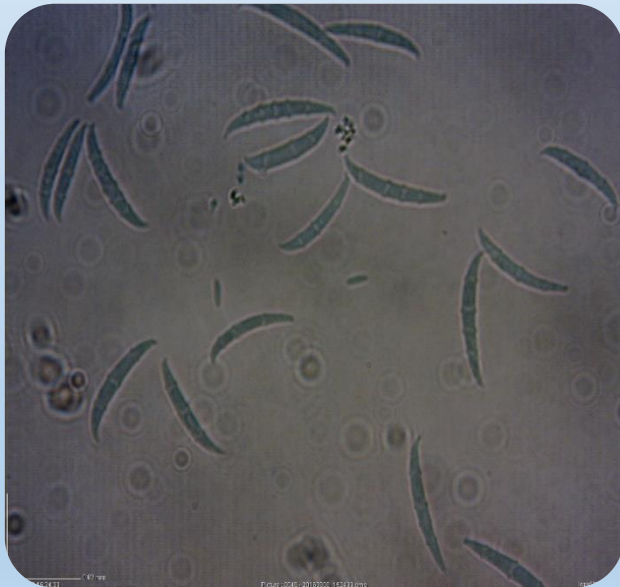
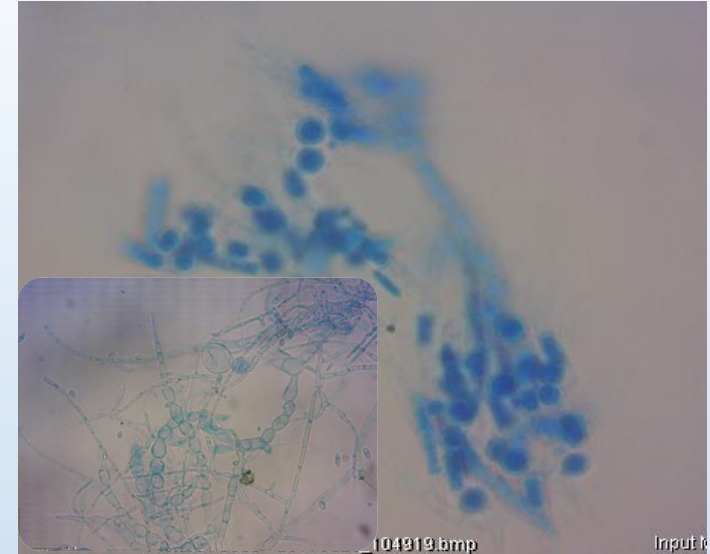
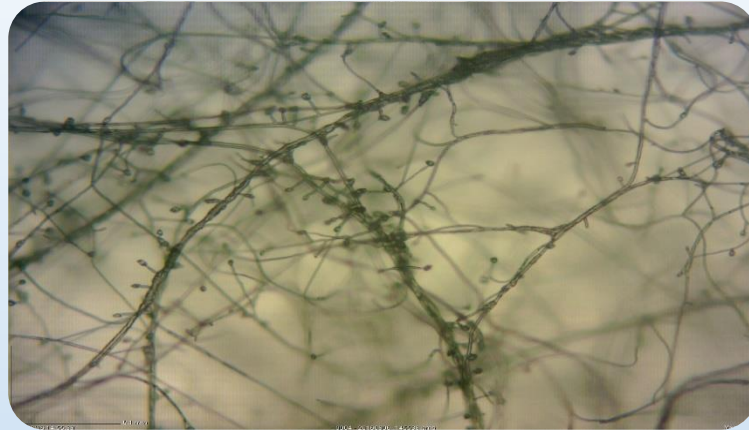
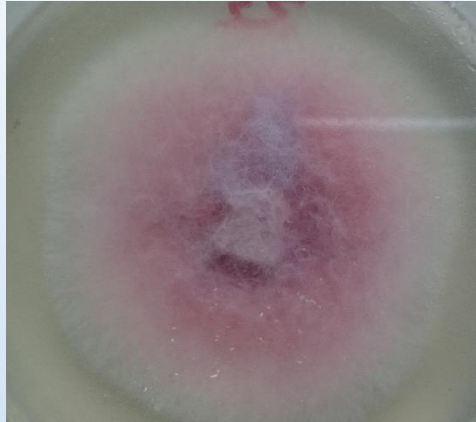


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# Morphological identification





# Molecular identification of *Fusarium oxysporum*

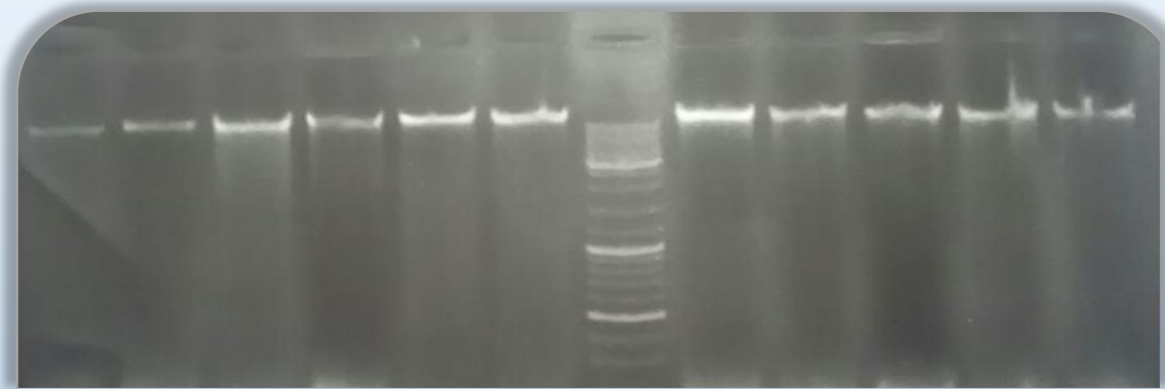
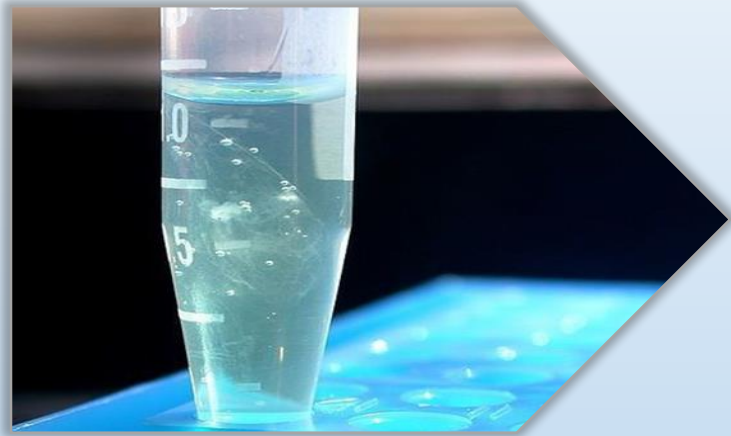


Fig 4: Quality and quantity of DNA extracted from fungi isolated from diseased banana plants in 1% agarose gel.

## *Fusarium oxysporum* strains

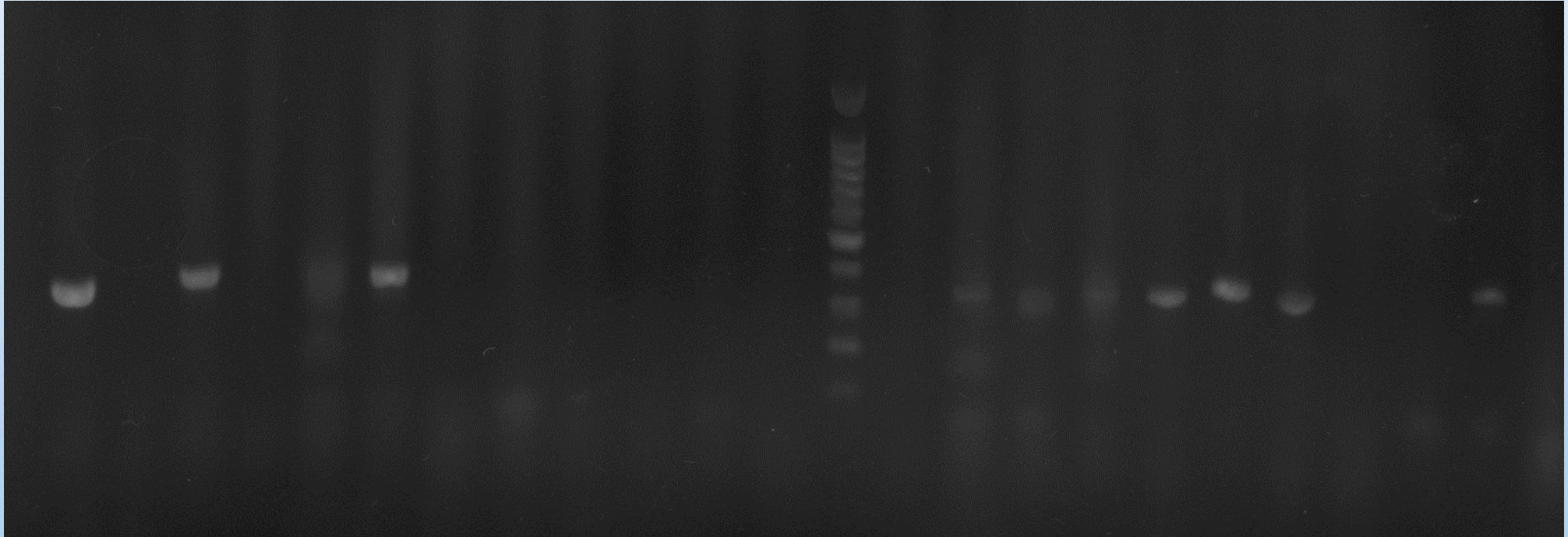
(FOF1 5'-ACA TAC CAC TTG TTG CCT CG-3', FOR1 5'-CGC CAA TCA ATT TGA GGA ACG-3')

## *F.oxysporum* f.sp.cubense

(FocTR4-F 5'-CACGTTTAAGGTGCCATGAGAG-3', FocTR4-R 5'-GCCAGGACTGCCTCGTGA-3')

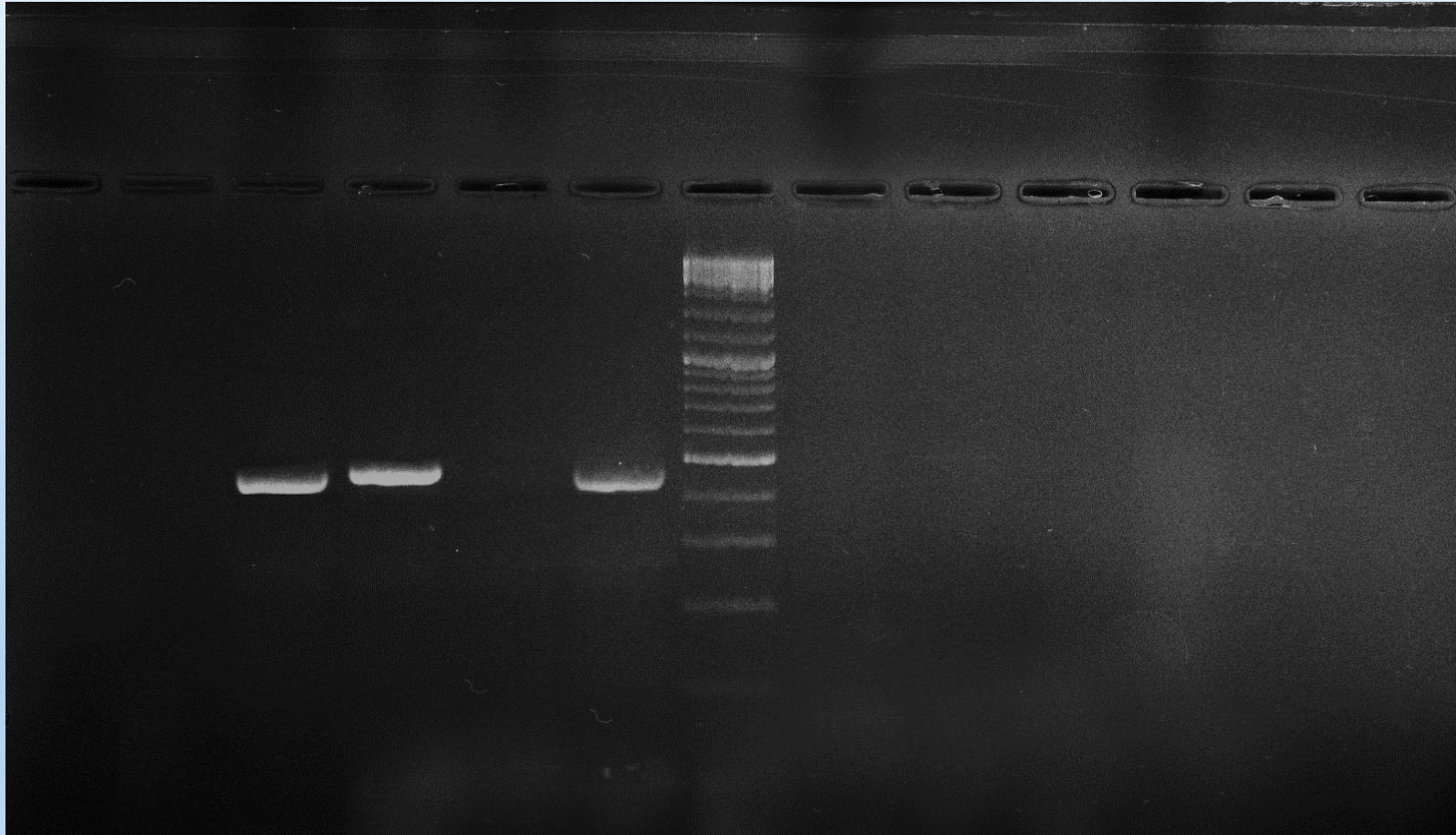


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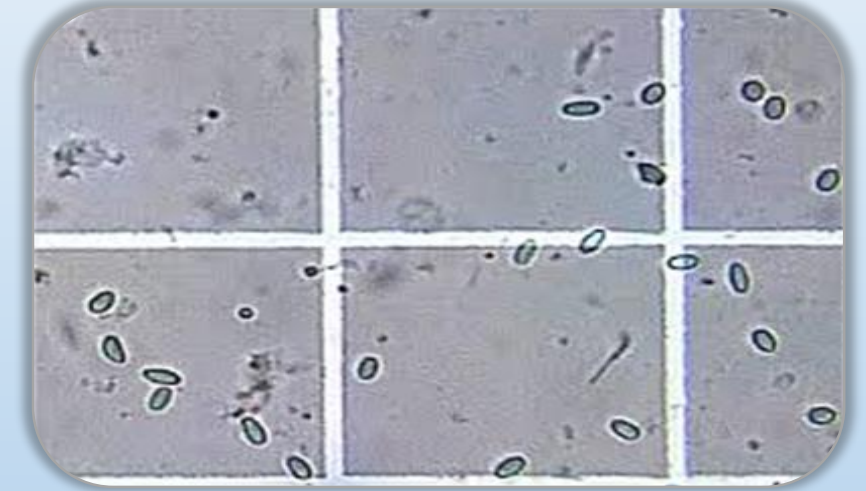
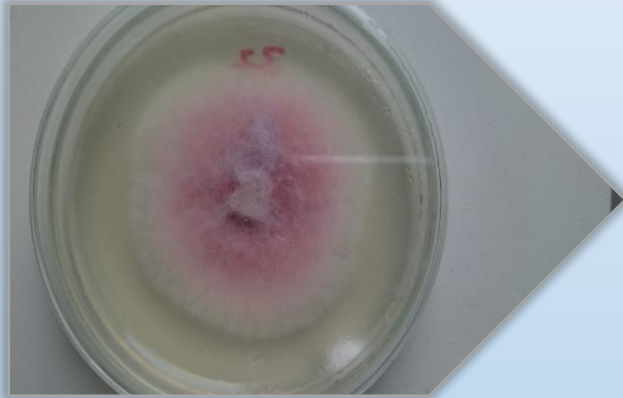
# *F.oxysporum* f.sp.cubense







- **Inoculum**



- **Adjust concentration using**
  - deionized water



## Inoculation

- In-vitro



**Modified MS(  $\frac{1}{2}$  MS salt + 1% sucrose + 0.7% agar)**  
Phytigel are better because of clear media



**In-vitro**










# Inoculation procedures

Pathogen  
Non pathogen



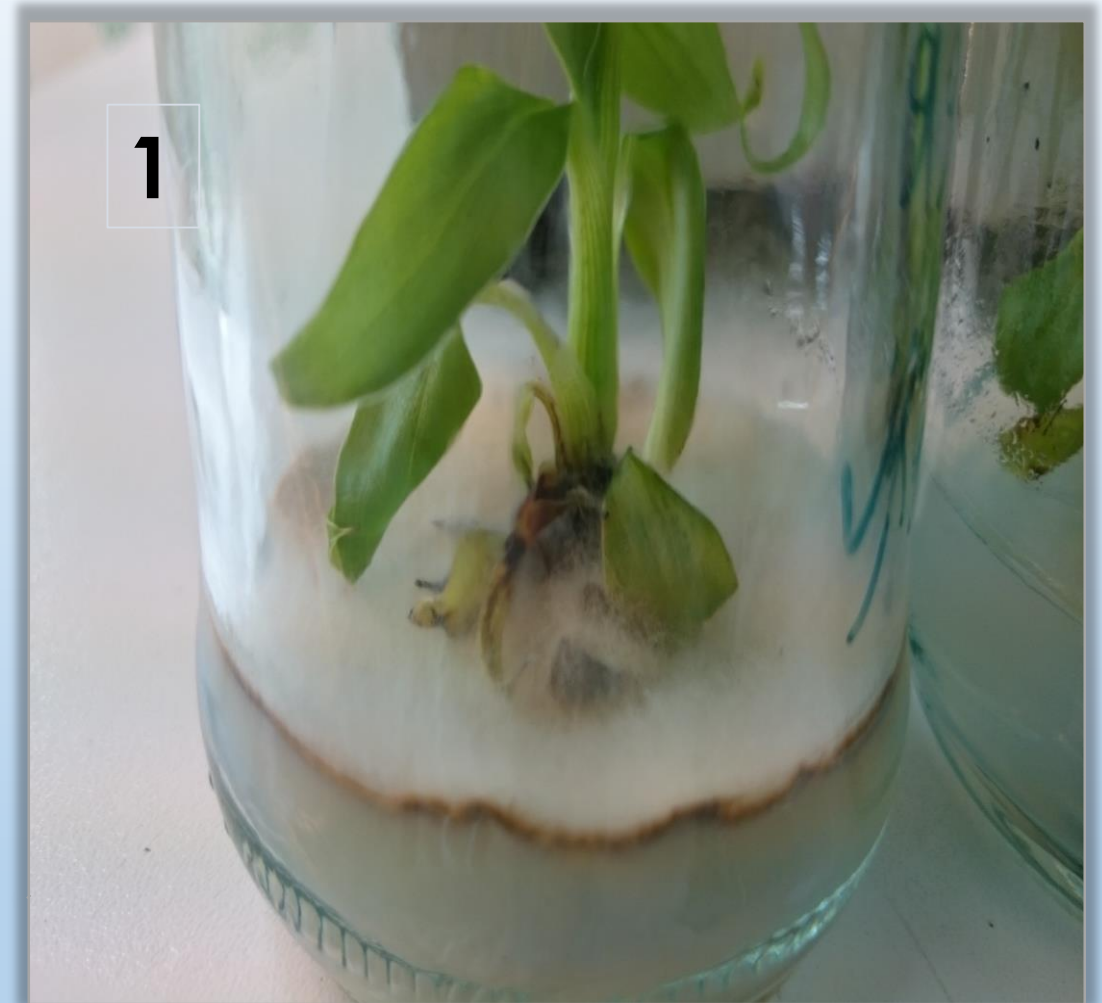
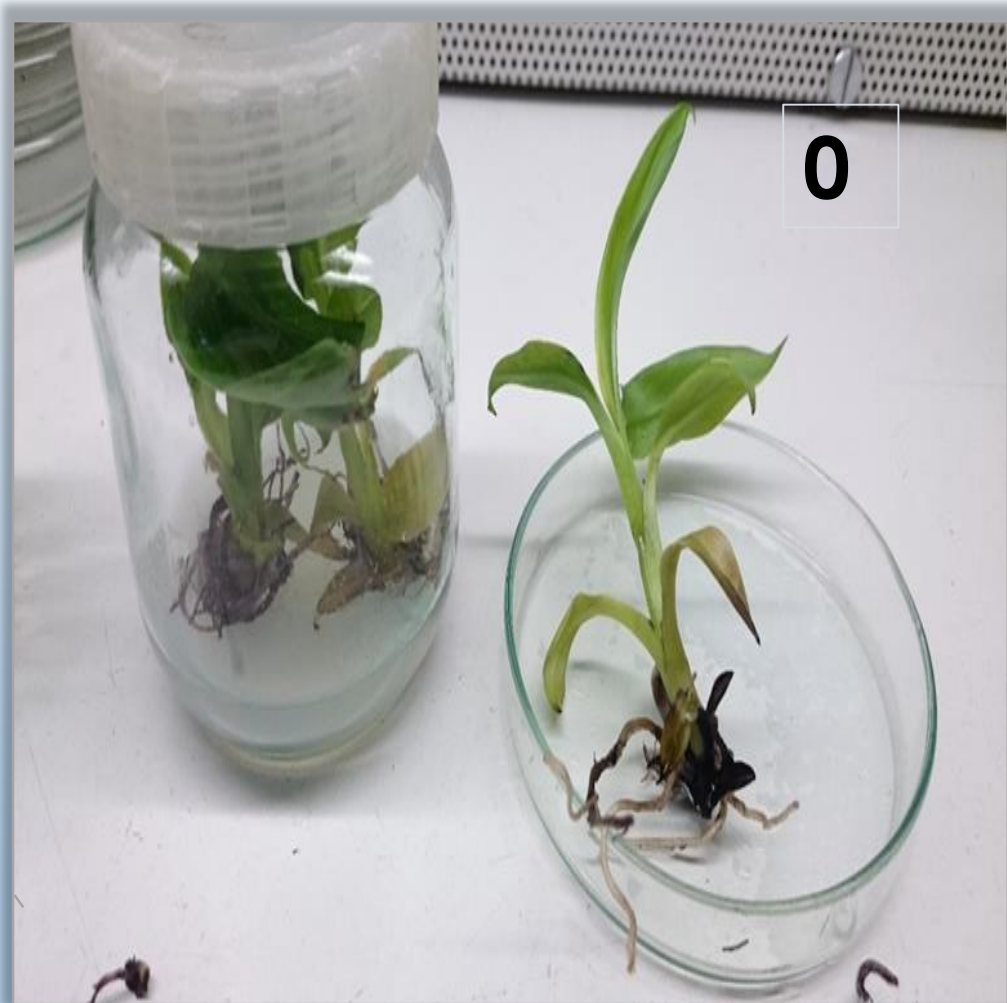


**In-vitro**

Disease severity	Disease symptoms
0	Corm completely clean, no vascular discoloration 
1	the smaller leaves at the base of pseudo stem wilted, there was no discoloration the pseudo stem 
2	$\leq 1/2$ the height of the pseudostem was Discolored 
3	$> 1/2$ the height of the pseudostem was discolored and (or) there was discoloration of the leaf stalk 
4	$\leq 50\%$ of the leaves wilted or yellowed 
5	$> 50\%$ of the leaves wilted or yellowed 
6	whole plantlet was wilted 



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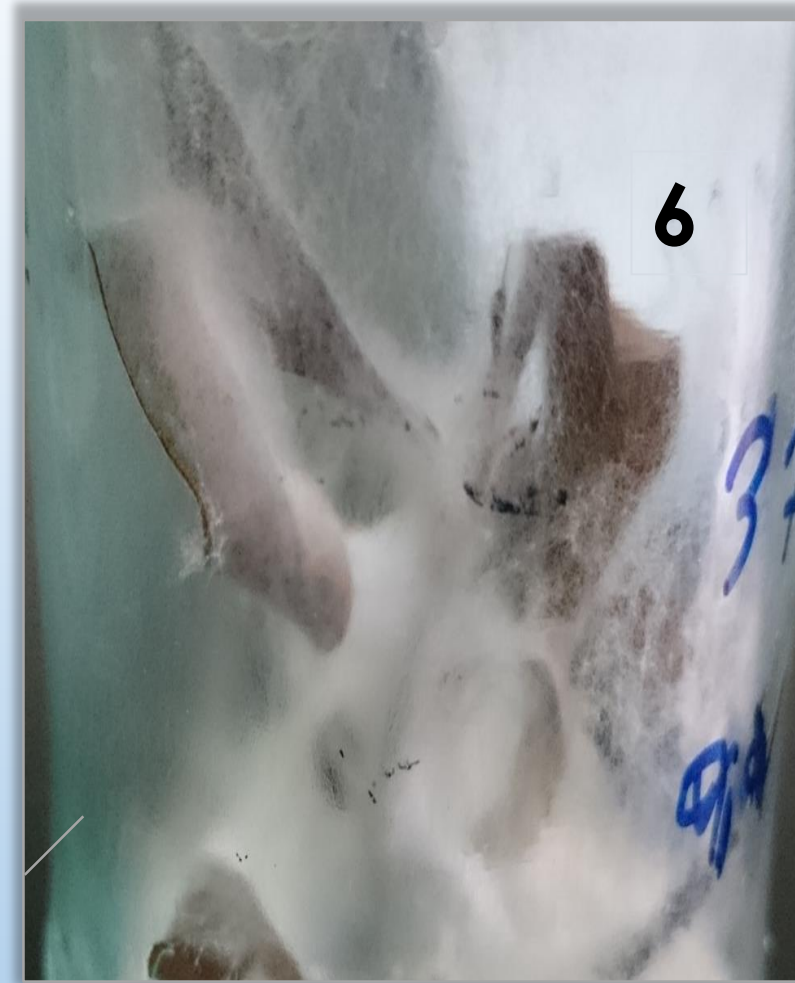
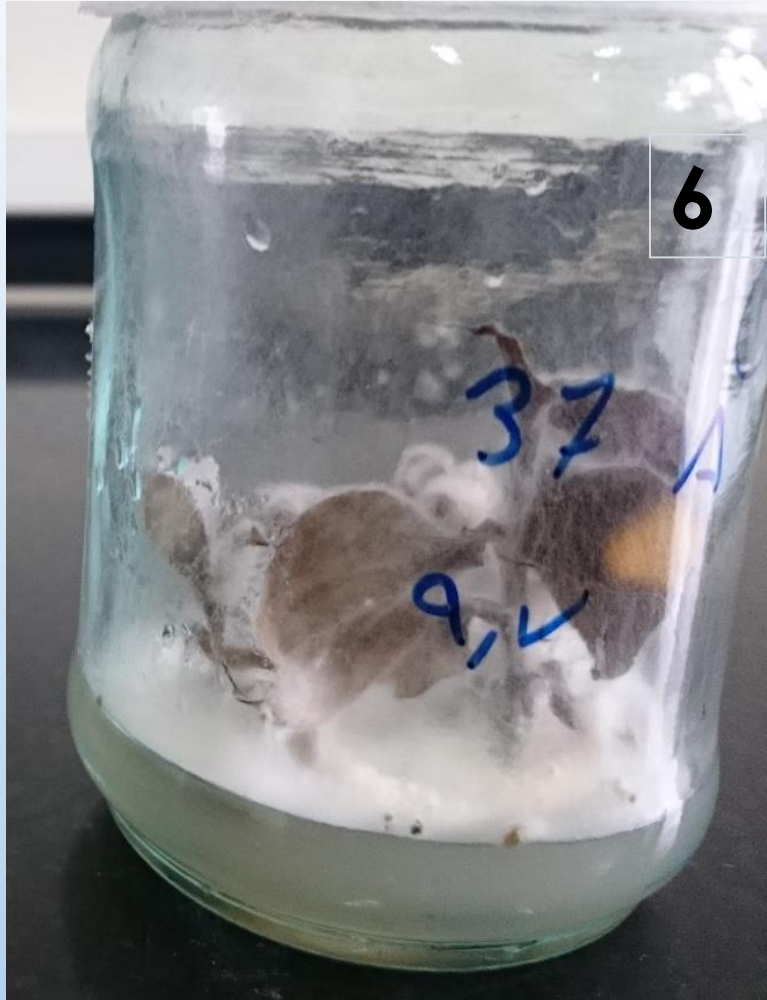


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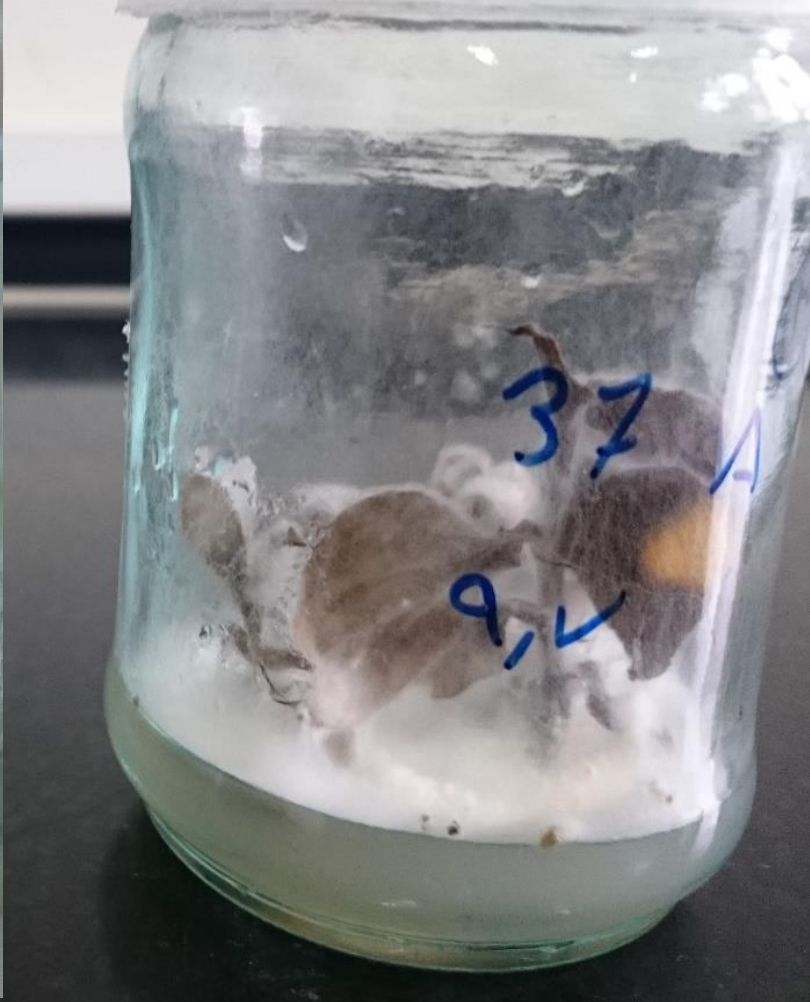
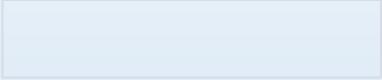


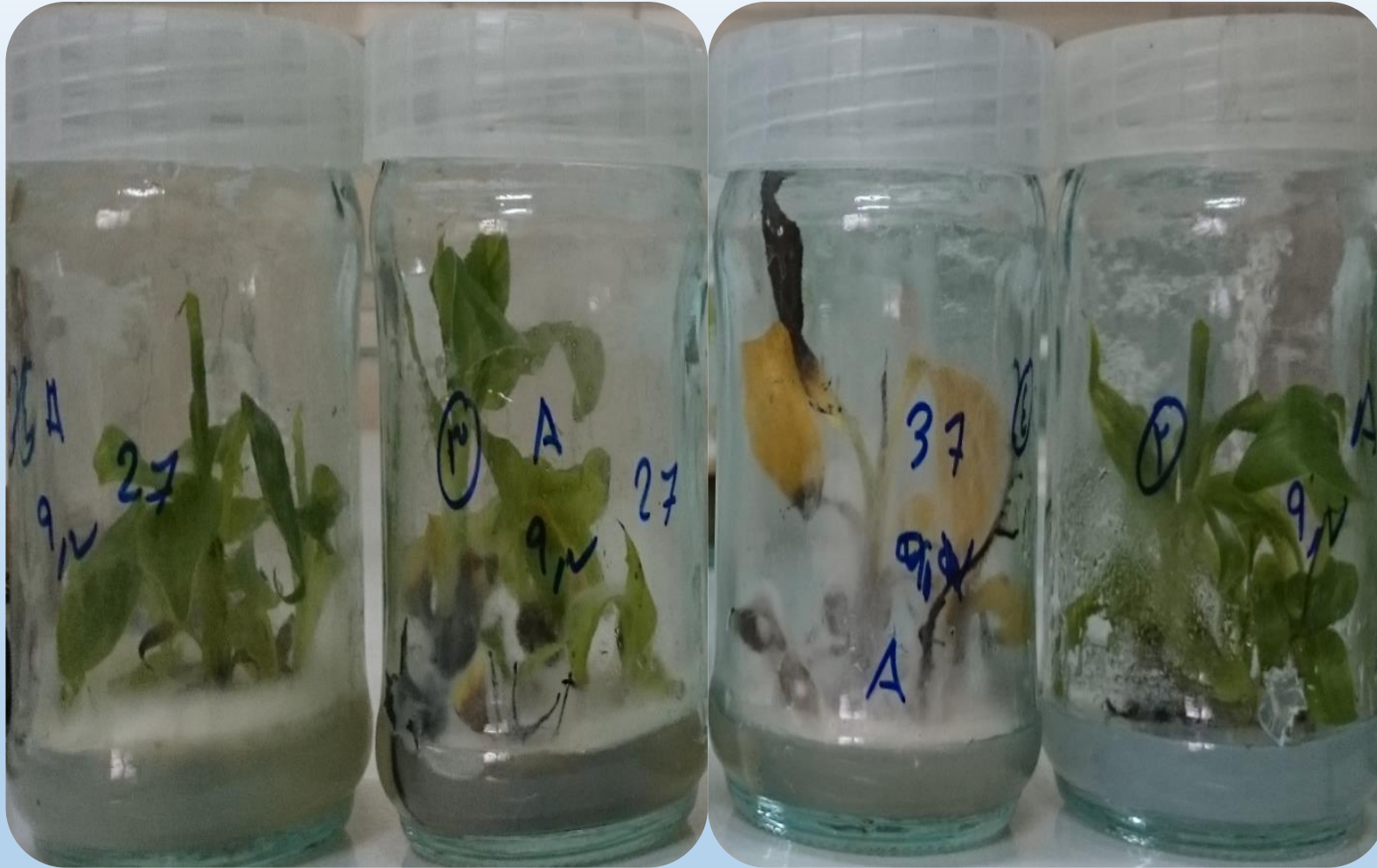


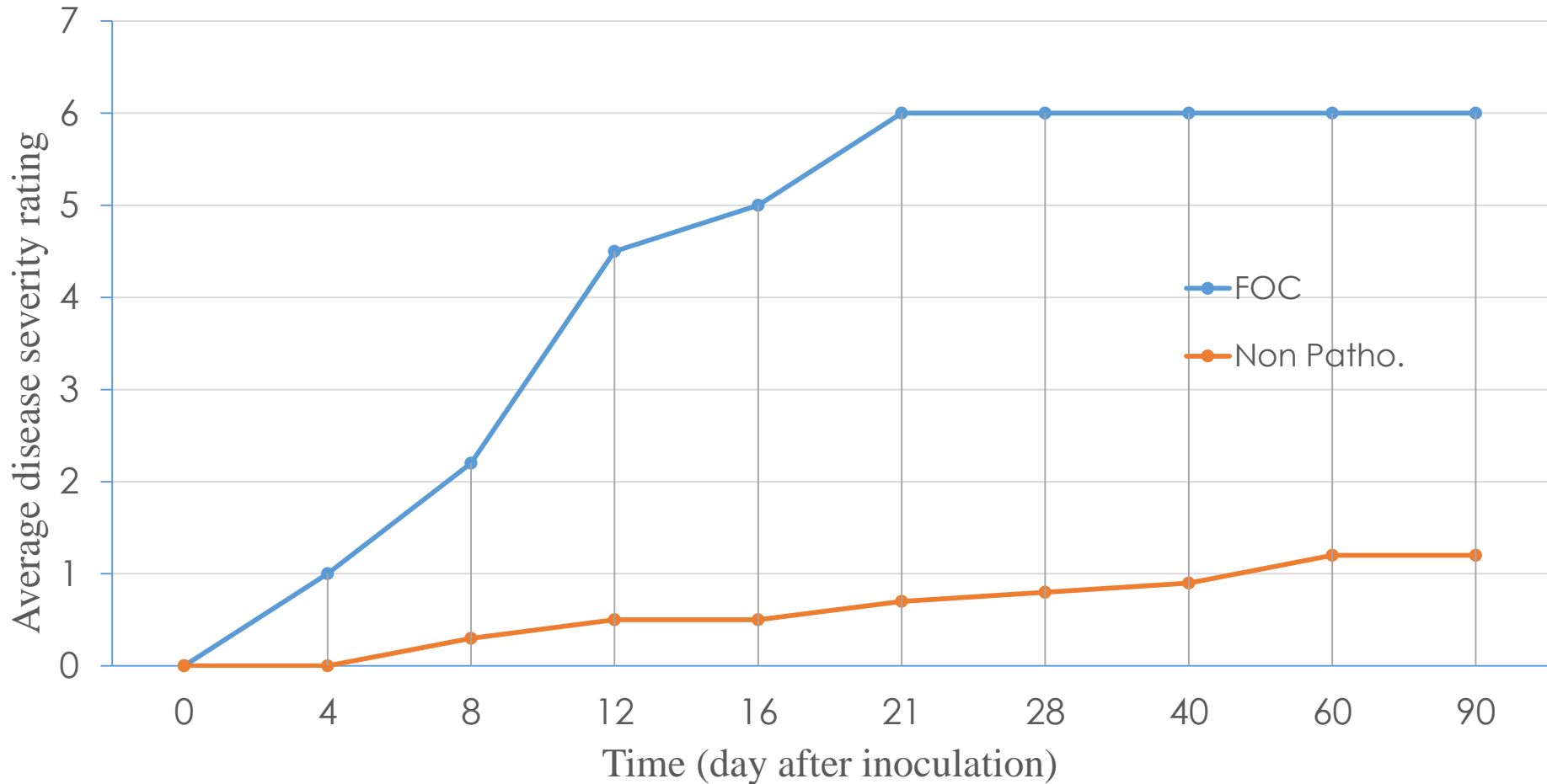
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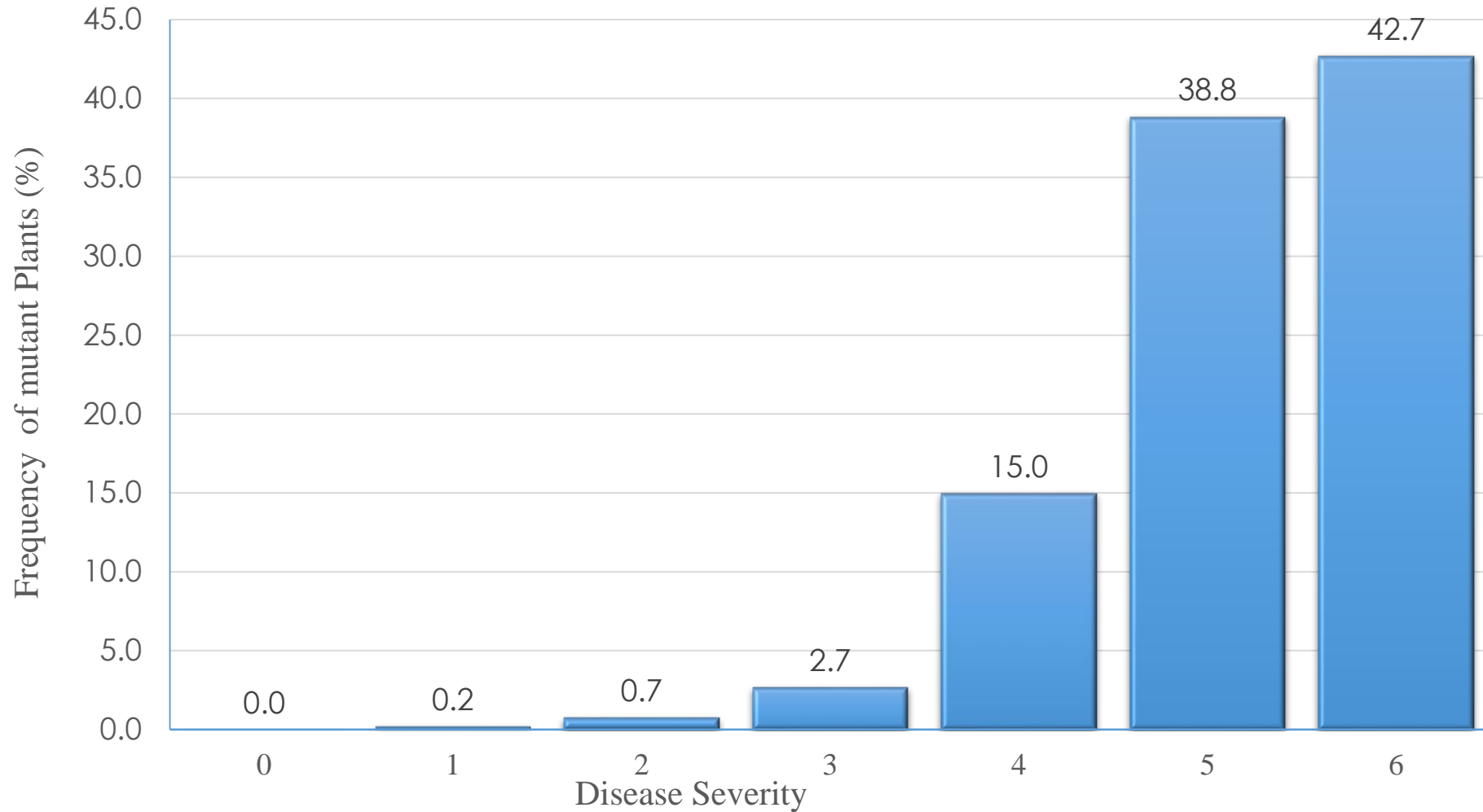
**Development of Fusarium wilt on (Musa AAA Cavendish subgroup), for each cultivar, each data point represents the mean observed disease severity value, a: plantlets inoculated with Fusarium oxysporum. b: plantlets inoculated with non pathogenies Fusarium.**



# Symptoms caused by *Fusarium oxysporum* f.sp. *cubense* in banana plants







**Frequencies of mutant Banana according to recording disease severity rating caused by *Fusarium oxysporum* f.sp. in Banana plants**



## In-vitro selection

- After 3 week all survived plants evaluated and plantlet that rated 1-2 were selected
- Selected plants transferred to pot



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# Conclusion



- These research showed that the in-vitro inoculation method effectively and efficiently can be used to evaluate disease resistance.
- Additionally, the procedure described in this research allows a fast resistance diagnosis of 3 to 4 weeks after inoculation with Foc tropical race 4.
- This bioassay system completely closed, So exist possibility of controlling environmental conditions, while not worrying about unwanted spread
- Since temperature is important in progress of Foc invasion and symptom development in banana, the in vitro bioassay is favorable for consistent infection by Foc.
- Since there is no acclimatization stage for plantlets used in the In-vitro selection methods, it helps to improve banana breeding efficiency.

An aerial photograph of a vast, dense banana plantation. The rows of banana plants stretch across the landscape, creating a textured green pattern. The text "Thank you for your time and attention" is superimposed in the center of the image in a bold, orange-outlined font.

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