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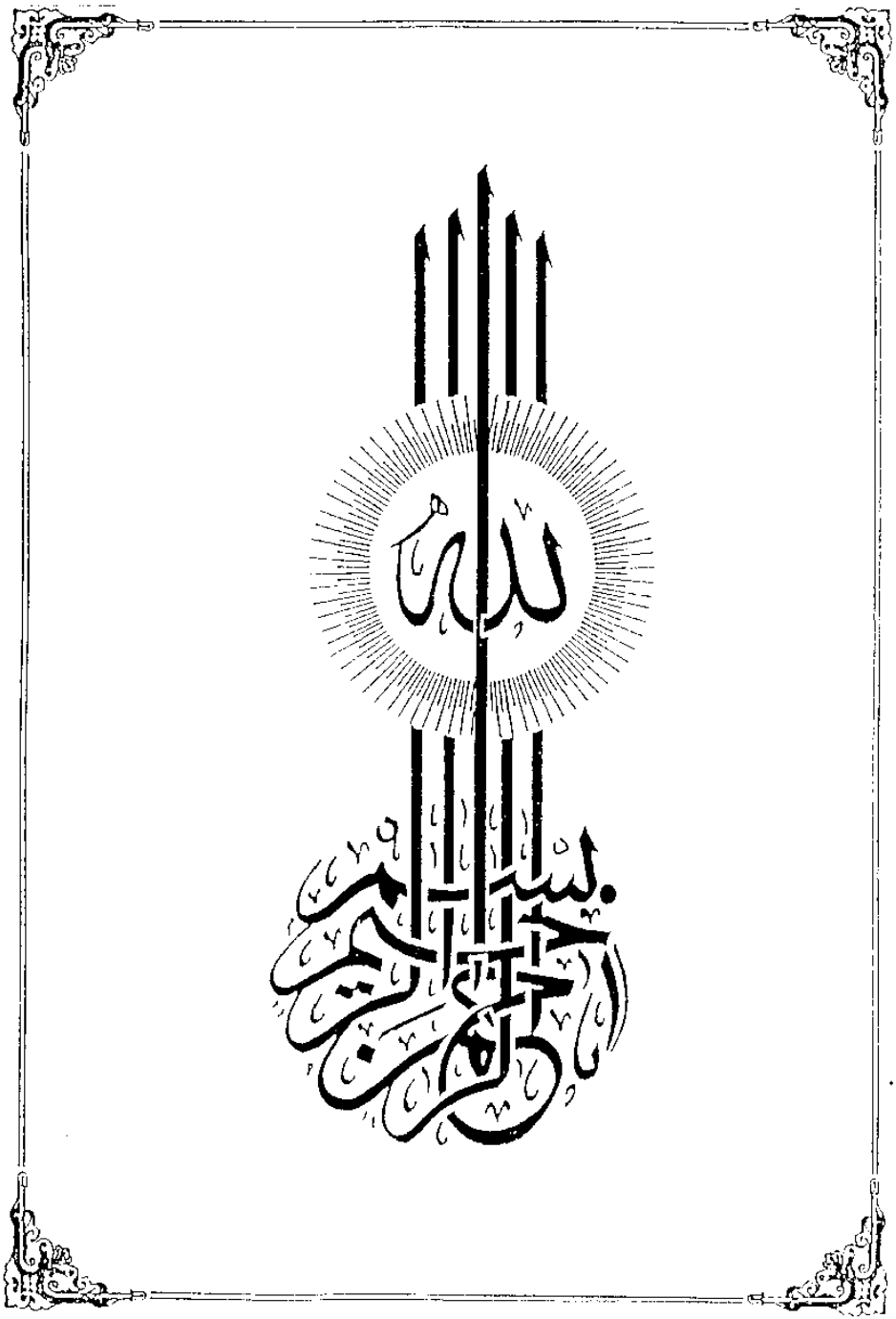

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ABSTRACT

Leafy soft-wood cuttings of Montakhab El-Sabahia and Banaty guava cvs. could initiate roots and survive successfully when collected from June to August and treated with 2500 p.p.m. IBA and grown under mist system or polyethelene cover in a greenhouse for eight weeks.

Nodal segments were the best explants for guava micropropagation. Maximum proliferation was achieved on MS medium supplemented with 1 mg/L^{-1} BAP. About 80% of shoots rooted well on a medium supplemented with 0.5 mg/L^{-1} IBA, 7 g/L^{-1} agar and 1 g/L^{-1} activated charcoal. Plantlets were successfully established in soil.

Key words: Psidium jujava, vegetative propagation, cuttings, in vitro, micropropagation.

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