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تضمن هذا البحث ثلاثة تجارب رئيسية. أجريت الأولى بهدف الوصول إلى تقنية زراعة الأنسجة المثلى لإكثار بعض أصول الفاكهة ذات النواة الحجرية وهى ميت غمر، أوكيناوا، نيماجارد، نيمارد (خوخ) و GF677 (هجين خوخ مع لوز) وتيترا (برقوق). والثانية لتقييم مدى تحمل تلك الأصول للملوحة والجفاف. والثالثة لتعريف تلك الأصول على المستوى الجزيئي، الكشف عن حدوث التباينات الجسدية وتحديد كاشفات جزيئية مرتبطة بمقاومة نيماتودا تعقد الجذور. وبصفة عامة فإن أصل التيترا هو الأسهل في الإكثار، التجذير والأقلمة كما أنه الأكثر تحملاً للملوحة بينما أصل -GF677 هو الأكثر تحملاً للجفاف. النباتات المنتجة معملياً طبقاً للبروتوكول المتبع تتمتع بثبات وراثي.

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(**Key Words :** Stone fruit, rootstocks, tissue culture, salinity, drought, DNA)

This research was conducted in three main experiments. The first aimed to optimize tissue culture techniques for propagation of some stone fruit rootstocks; Meet-Ghamr, Okinawa, Nemaguard, Nemared (peach), GF677 (peach X almond) and Tetra (plum). The second was evaluating their salinity and drought tolerance. The third was molecular identification, detection of somaclonal variations and detection of molecular markers related to root-knot nematode resistance. Generally, Tetra rootstock was the simplest rootstock to propagate, root and acclimatize and is more tolerant to salinity stress, while GF677 rootstock is more tolerant to drought stress. The studied regenerates according to the used protocol possess high genetic stability.

- 6 أهم النتائج التطبيقية التي تم التوصل إليها:
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- 1-6 أصل التيترا هو الأسهل في الإكثار، التجذير والأقلمة مقارنة بالأصول الأخرى محل الدراسة.
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 - 6 4 صلاحية تقنيات RAPD و ISSR لتحديد البصمة الوراثية والعلاقات بين أنواع الفاكهة ذات النواة الحجرية.

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ABSTRACT

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