



# **The role of *p19* gene in the transformation efficiency of amorphadiene synthase in *Artemisia annua* for artemisinin production**

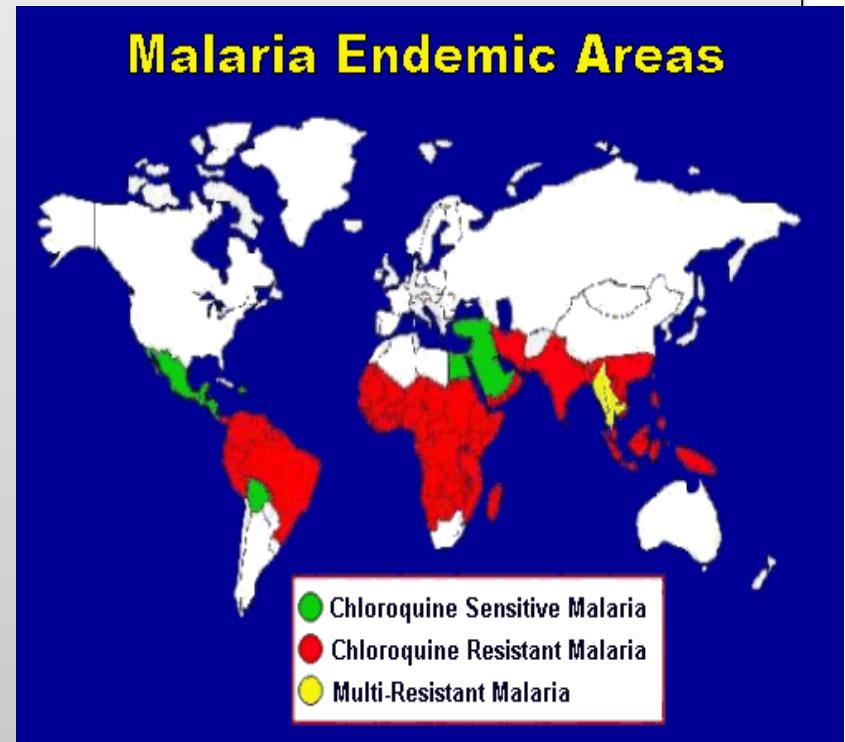
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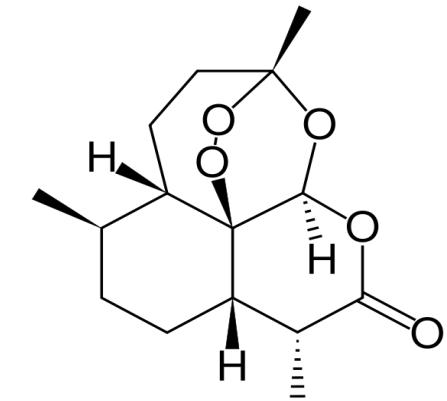
# INTRODUCTION

- Malaria: widely spread in the world → **TROPICAL AREA**
- WHO(2005) : 300-500 billion infected every year, more than 1 billion died
- *Plasmodium falciparum* → resistance for several antimalarial drugs
- WHO : Artemisinin Based Combination Therapies (ACT's)



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# INTRODUCTION



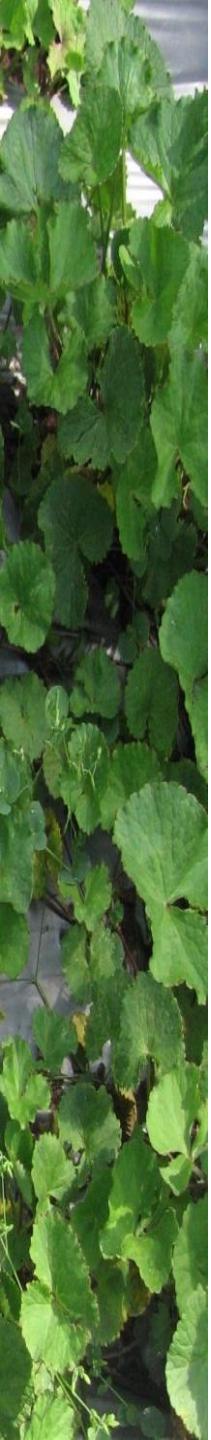
artemisinin from  
*Artemisia annua*





# Introduction

- Production of secondary metabolites from plants is usually poor
  - ex. Vincristine and vinblastine from *Catharanthus roseus*
  - Podophyllotoxin from *Podophyllum spp*, *Linum spp*
  - Artemisinin from Artemisia annua***
- Biotechnology is a method that can be used to improve the production of secondary metabolites from plants
  - ex. Production of podophyllotoxin from cell suspension of *Linum flavum L*, *Podophyllum hexandrum*
  - Production of indole alkaloids from transgenic plants



# Plant Biotechnology methods applied

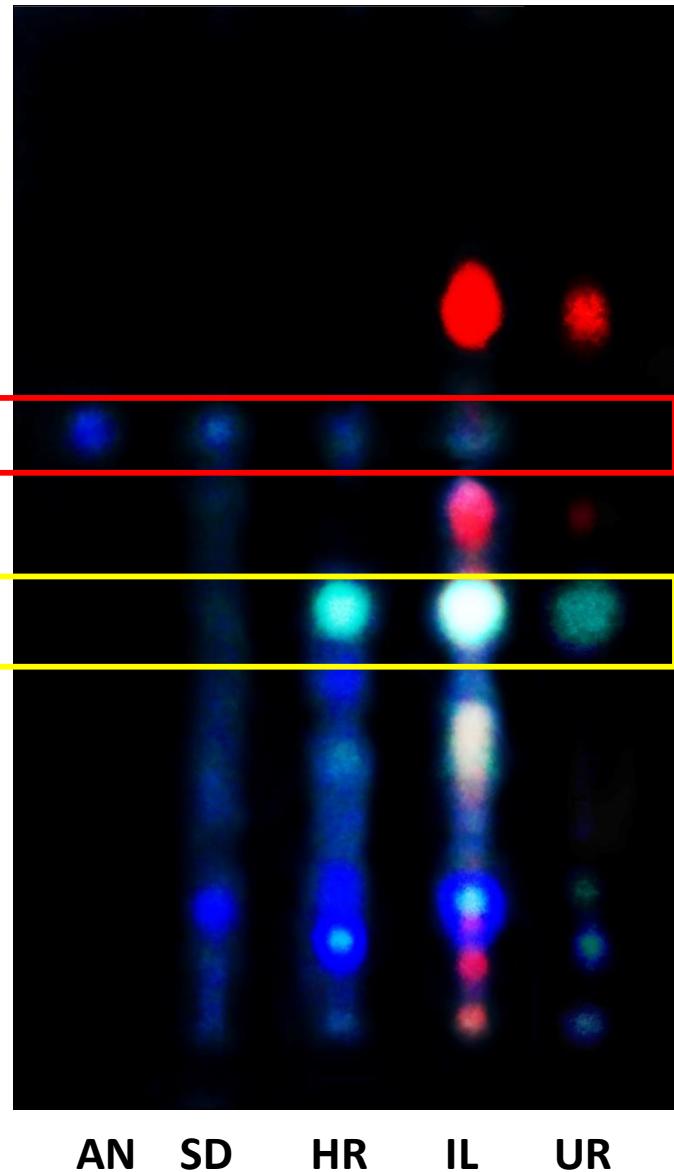
- *Regulation of secondary metabolites using plant cell culture*  
Feeding, Elicitation, biotransformation, etc
- *Agrobacterium-transformed mediated transformation*  
Agrobacterium rhizogenes (Hairy roots culture),  
Agrobacterium tumefaciens
- *Combinatorial Biosynthesis*

# TLC & Artemisinin Content



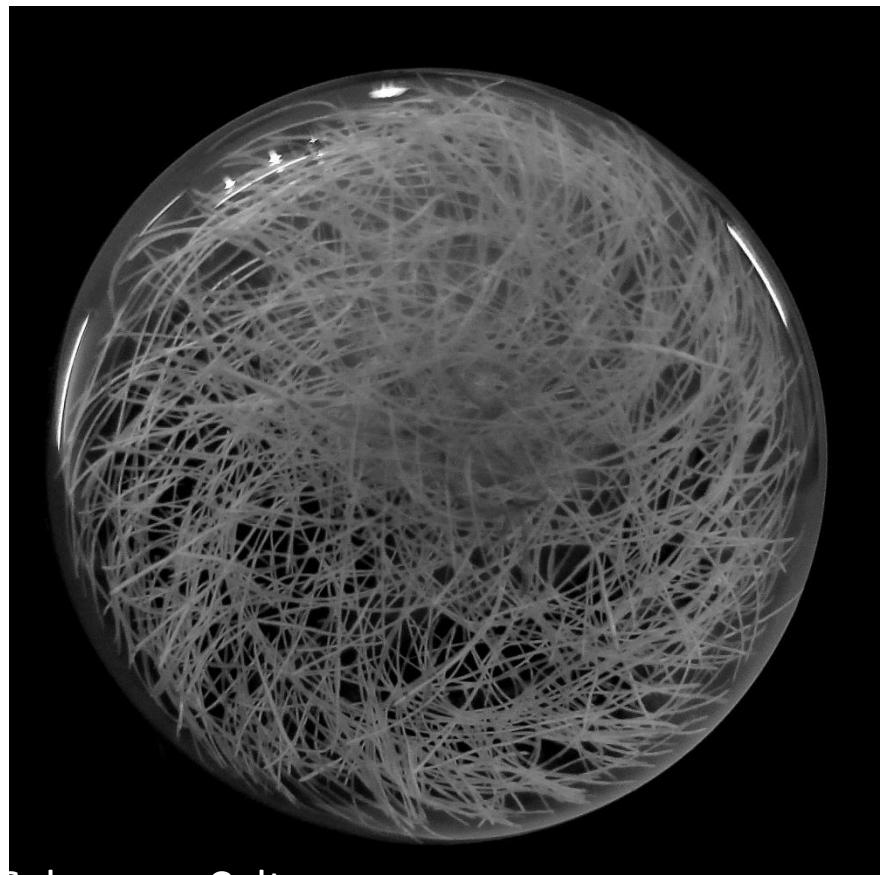
Artemisinin

Stigmasterol

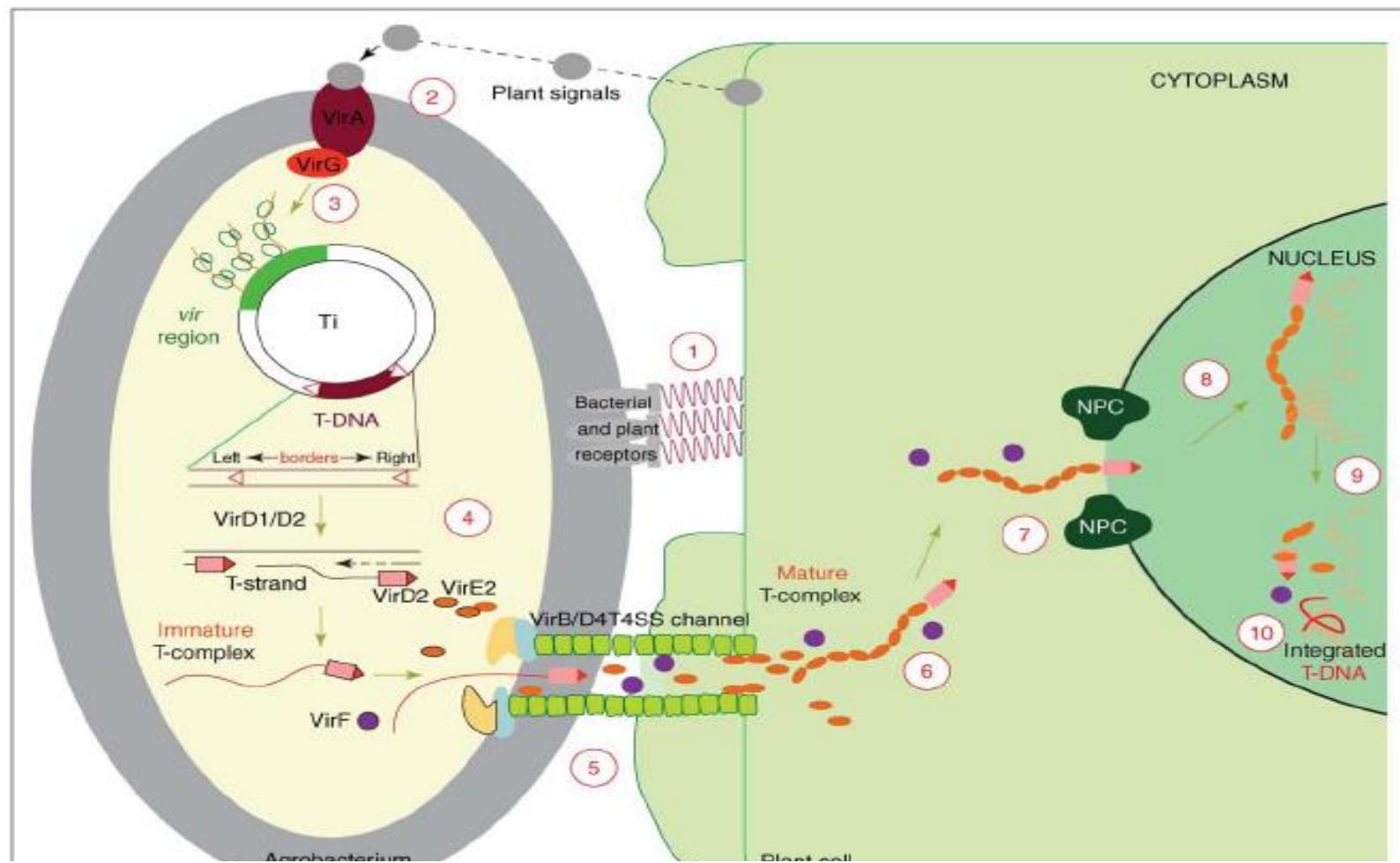


Spot	[Artemisinin], %
AN : Artemisinin	1,6 ug
SD : Wild leaf	0,36% ± 0,029
HR : Hairy root	0,29% ± 0,025
IL : in vitro leaf	0,16% ± 0,019
Untransformed root	0%

# *Agrobacterium* *rhizogenes*-mediated transformation

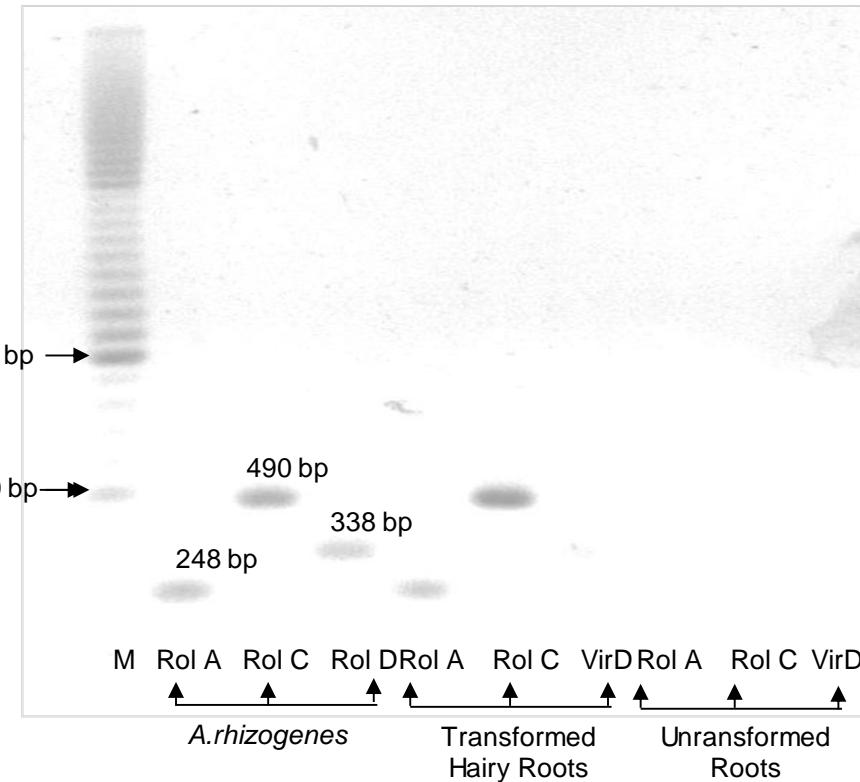


## - *Induction the hairy root culture using Agrobacterium rhizogenes*



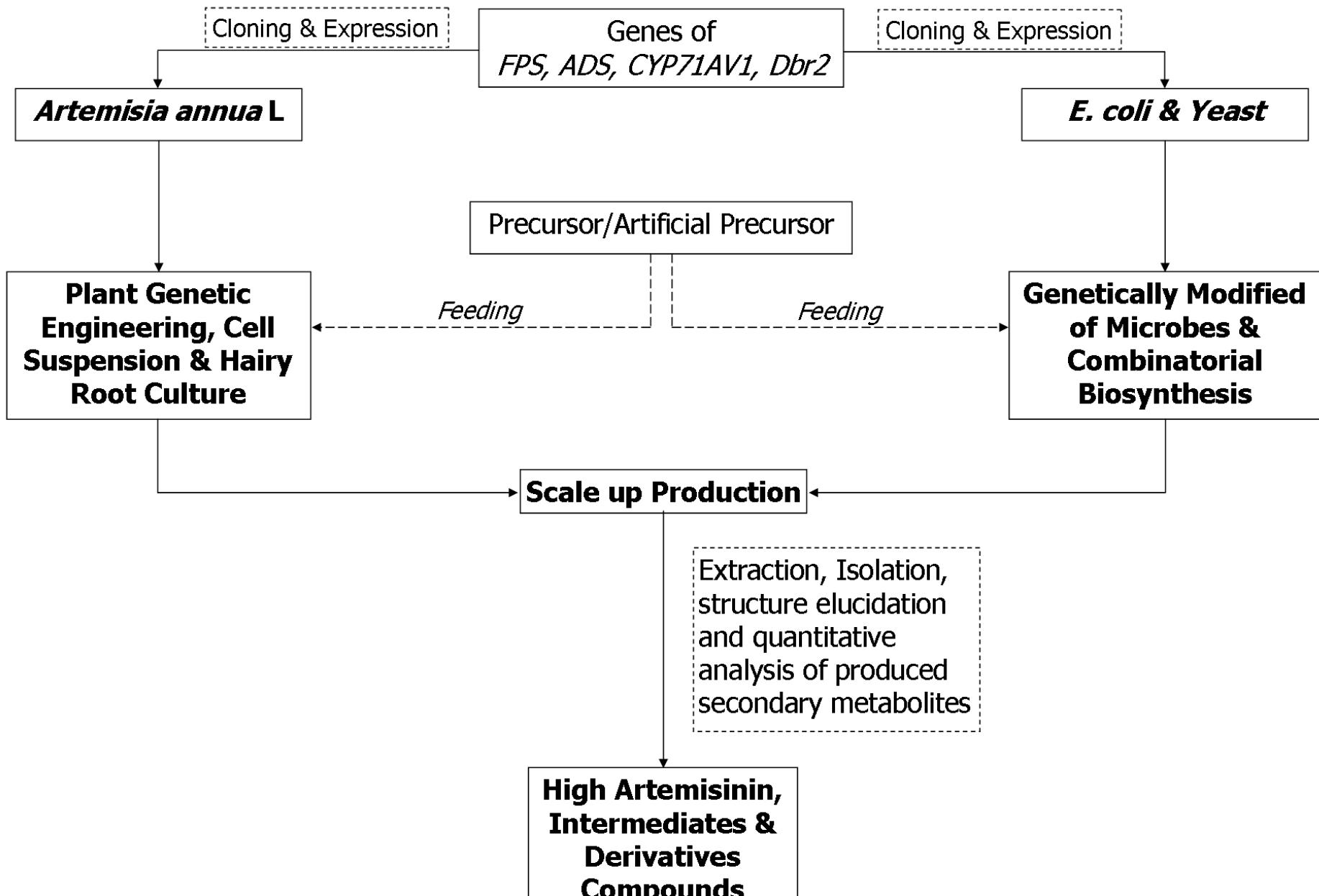
A model for the *Agrobacterium*-mediated genetic transformation. The transformation process comprises 10 major steps and begins with recognition and attachment of the *Agrobacterium* to the host cells (1) and the sensing of specific plant signals by the *Agrobacterium* VirA/VirG two-component signal-transduction system (2). Following activation of the vir gene region (3), a mobile copy of the T-DNA is generated by the VirD1/D2 protein complex (4) and delivered as a VirD2–DNA complex (immature T-complex), together with several other Vir proteins, into the host-cell cytoplasm (5). Following the association of VirE2 with the T-strand, the mature T-complex forms, travels through the host-cell cytoplasm (6) and is actively imported into the host-cell nucleus (7). Once inside the nucleus, the T-DNA is recruited to the point of integration (8), stripped of its escorting proteins (9) and integrated into the host genome (10). A detailed model of the host cellular mechanisms and the role of plant-specific factors in the transformation process are given in Figure 2. (This illustration was reproduced, with modifications, from [28\*] with permission.)

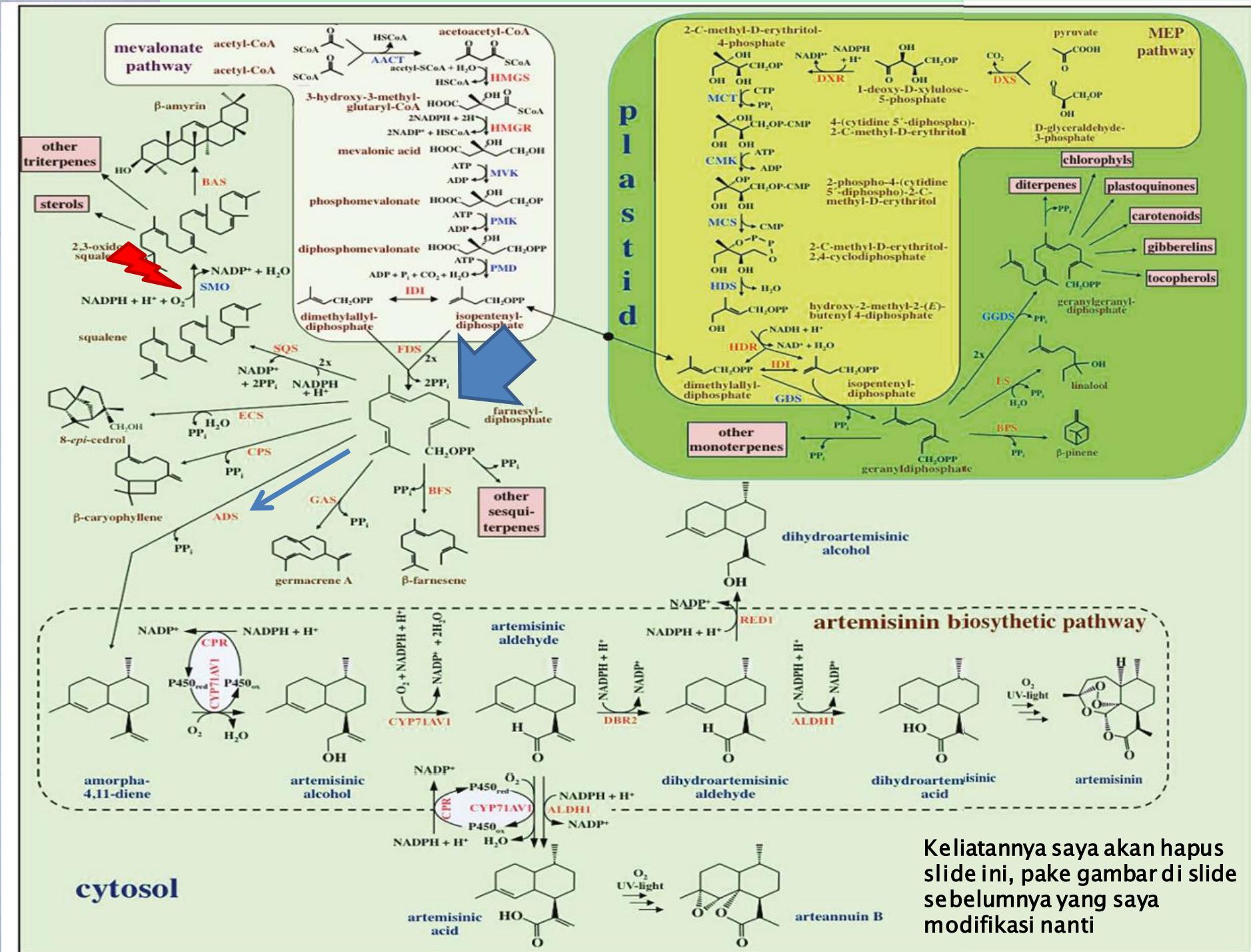
## - *Control of genetic transformation*



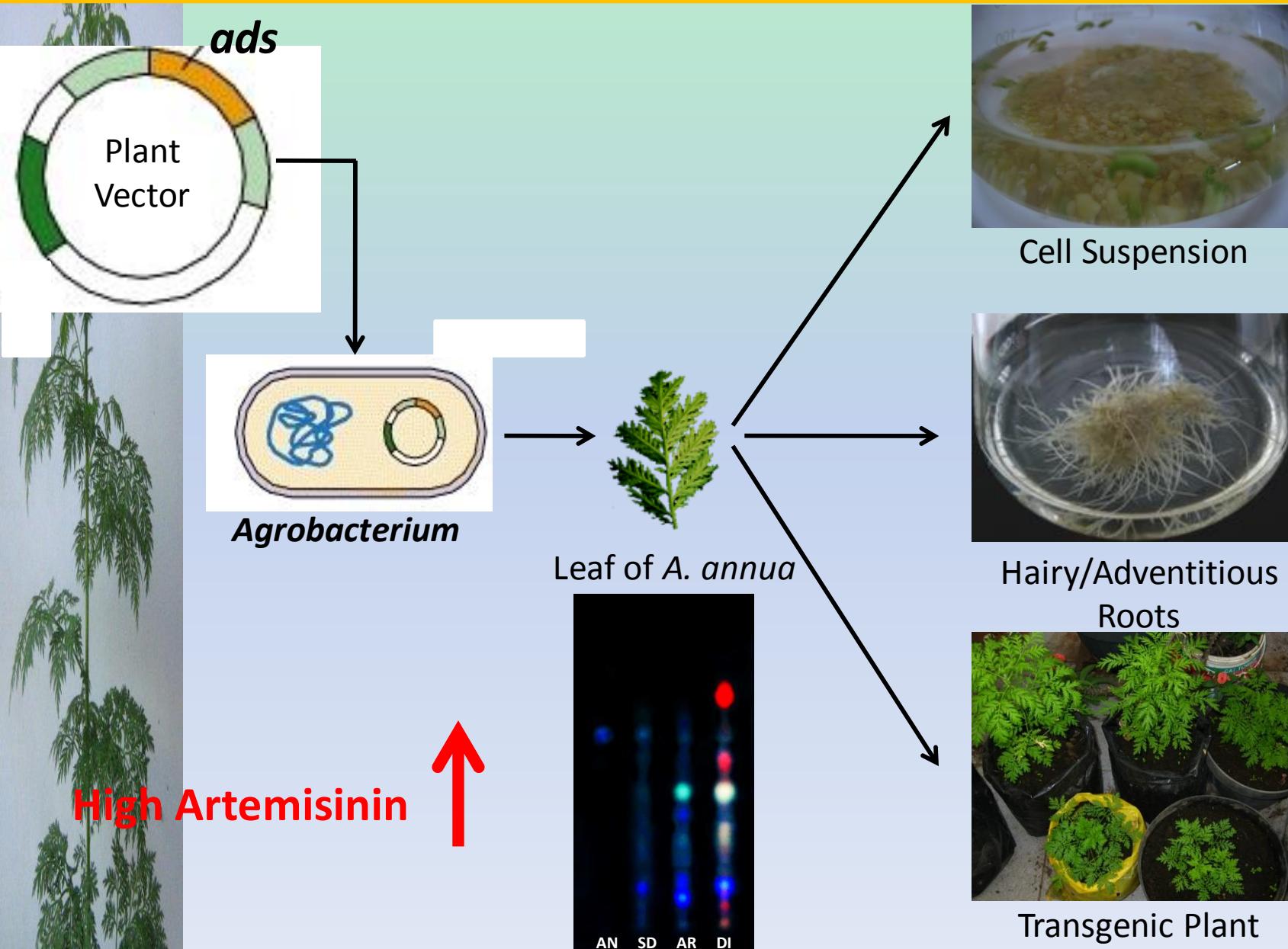
Gel electroferesis of PCR product from *Agrobacterium rhizogenes*, transformed hairy root and untransformed root of *Centella asiatica*

# Roadmap of our genetic engineering research on artemisinin production in *Artemisia annua*

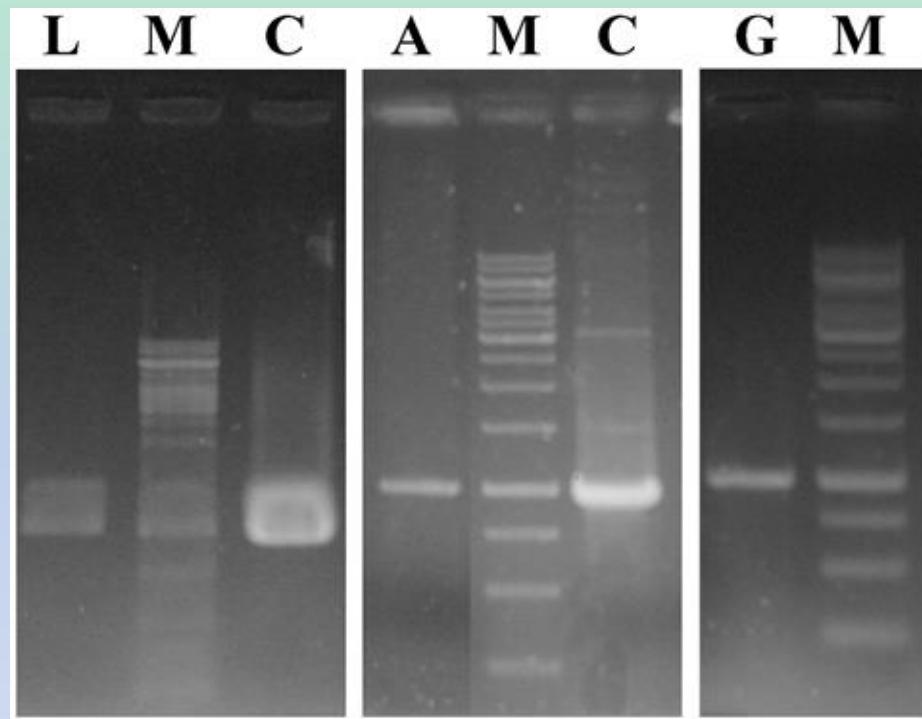




# Strategy for Enhancement of Artemisinin via Overexpression of *ADS*



# Transformation efficiency of *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* into *Artemisia annua* L. via



PCR analysis of pCAMBIA 1303 from transformant of *A. tumefaciens* strains: LBA4404 (L), AGI1 (A), GV3101 (G), Marker 1 kb (M) and pCAMBIA 1303 as a *gus*-positive control (C)

# Genetic transformation of *Artemisia annua* L. using *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*

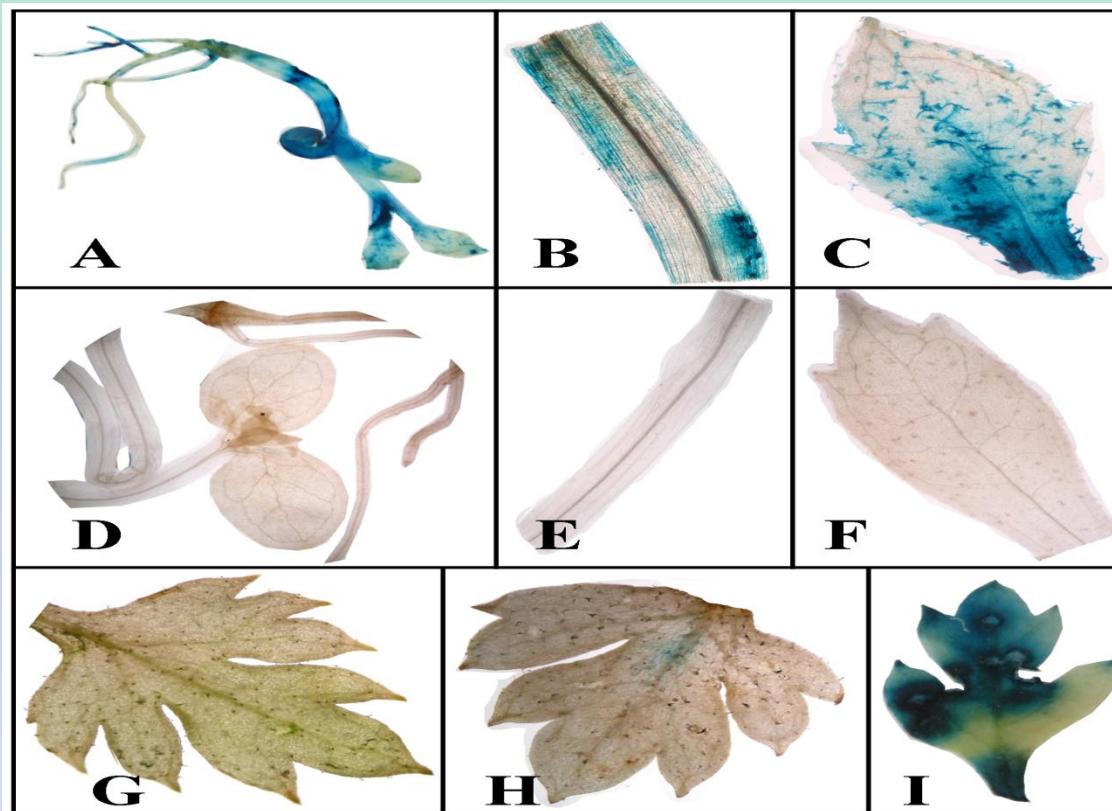
Strain	Area mean of GUS expression (%) <sup>a</sup>	Infection frequency (%) <sup>b</sup>
LBA4404	57% ±0,3 (n=20)	45,45% (n=44)
GV3101		49,25% (n=67)
AGI1		70,91% (n=55)

Infection frequency and area of GUS spots of *A.annua* after co-cultivation with three *A. tumefaciens* strains harboring the binary vector pCAMBIA 1303

a : n is total of GUS positif-leaves

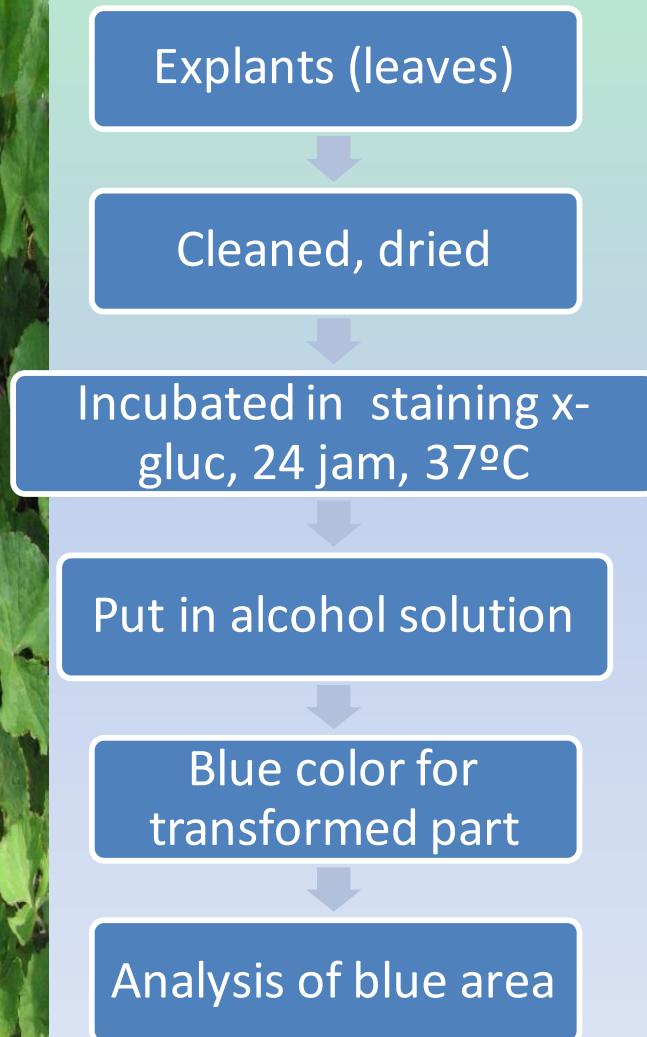
b : n is total of leaves explant

# Genetic transformation of *Artemisia annua* L. using *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*



Histochemical GUS assays of the transformed leaf of *A.annua*: Explant from 2-weeks-old seedling (A-F) and from 2-month-old-seedling (G-I). Transformed explant (A-C), whole explant (A), hypocotyl (B), and leaf (C). Untransformed explants (D-G). Leaf without wounds (H) and wounded leaf (I)

# GUS analysis of ads transformed *Artemisia annua* using *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*



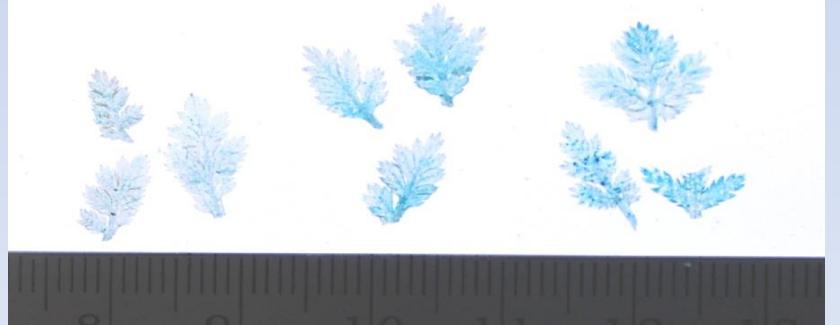
## ▶ Treatment 1

$OD_{600} \approx 0,5$        $OD_{600} \approx 0,8$        $OD_{600} \approx 1,0$



## ▶ Treatment 2

$OD_{600} \approx 0,5$        $OD_{600} \approx 0,8$        $OD_{600} \approx 1,0$



## Expression analysis of GUS transient

A

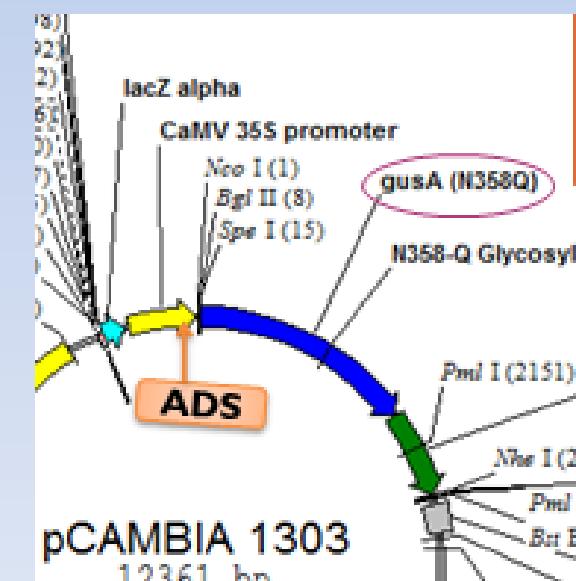
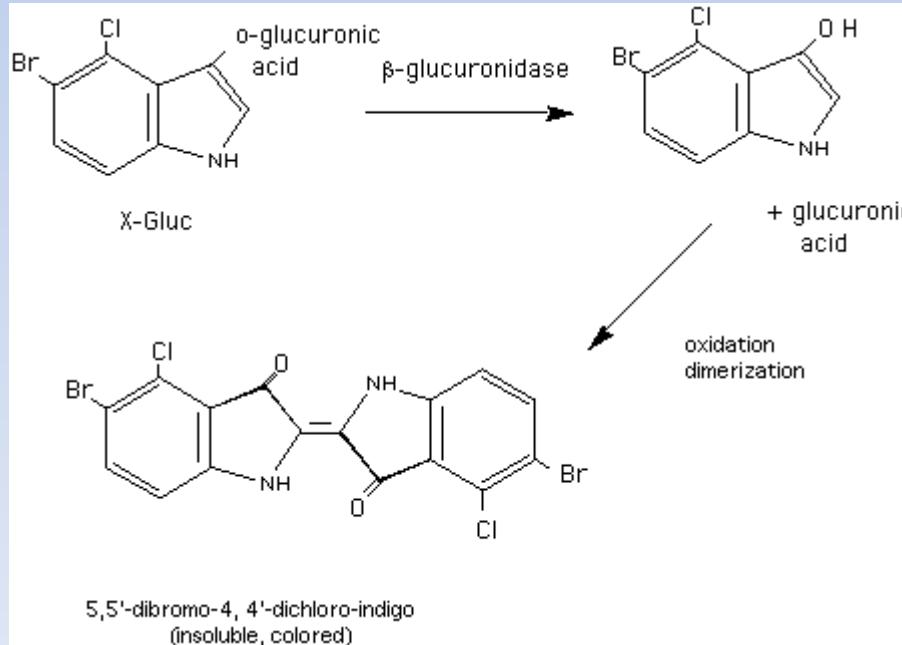
GUS gene that has been expressed will change substrate X-Gluc into product with blue color

B

C

D 3

E



- Expression level of ads in the transformed *A. annua*

OD <sub>600</sub>	Expression level of ads in transformed <i>A. annua</i>
0,5	1,64
0,8	2,67
1,0	3,25
C-	1

# Insertion of P19 gene

A

*Post Transcriptional Gene Silencing (PTGS) or RNA silencing atau RNAi (RNA interference)*

B



C

protective response of antivirus in eucaryotik

→ Inhibit virus replication in plants

→ Inhibit efficiency of transient expression in *Agrobacterium based transformation*

E

# Mechanism RNAi

A

B

B

C

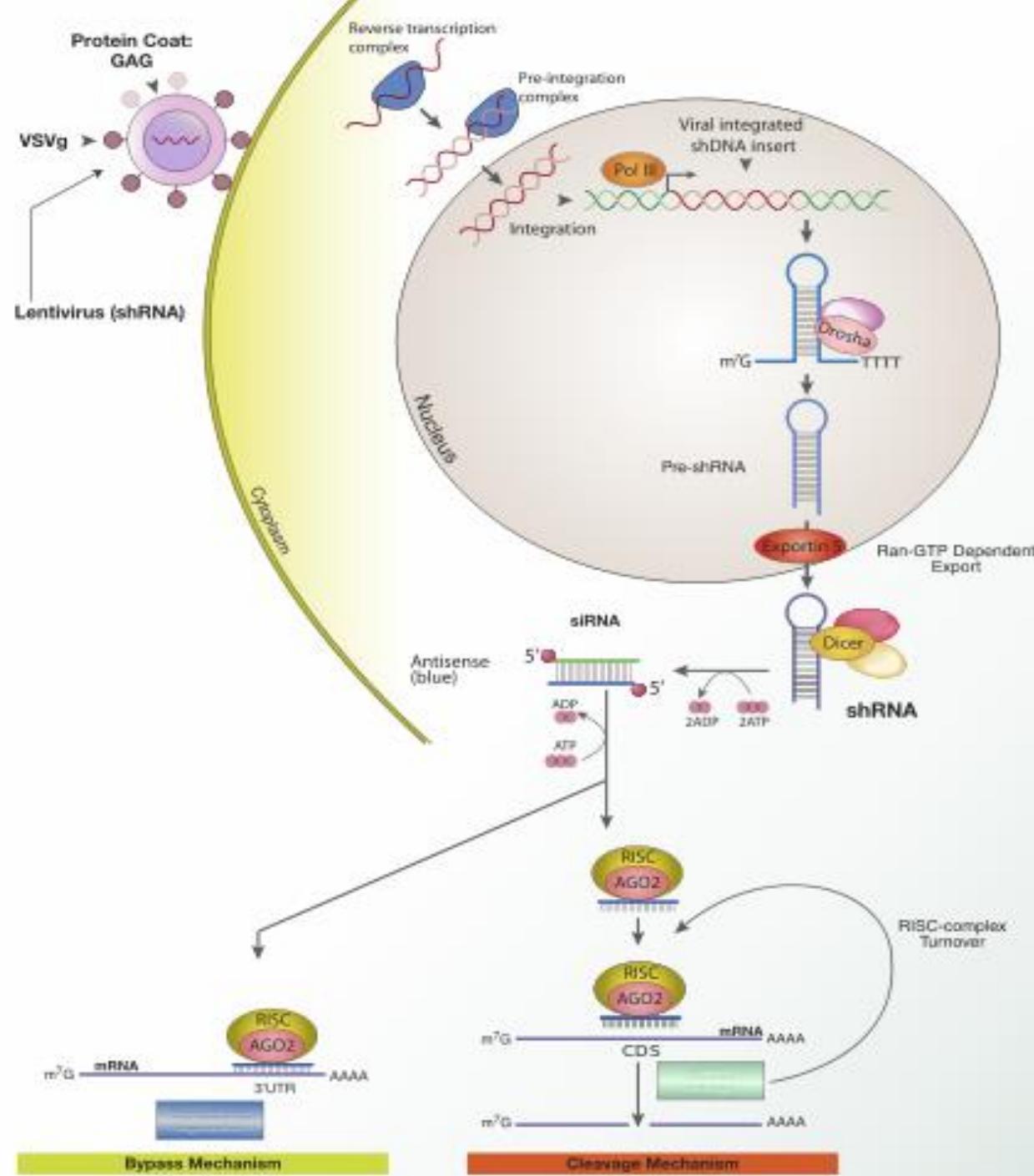
C

D

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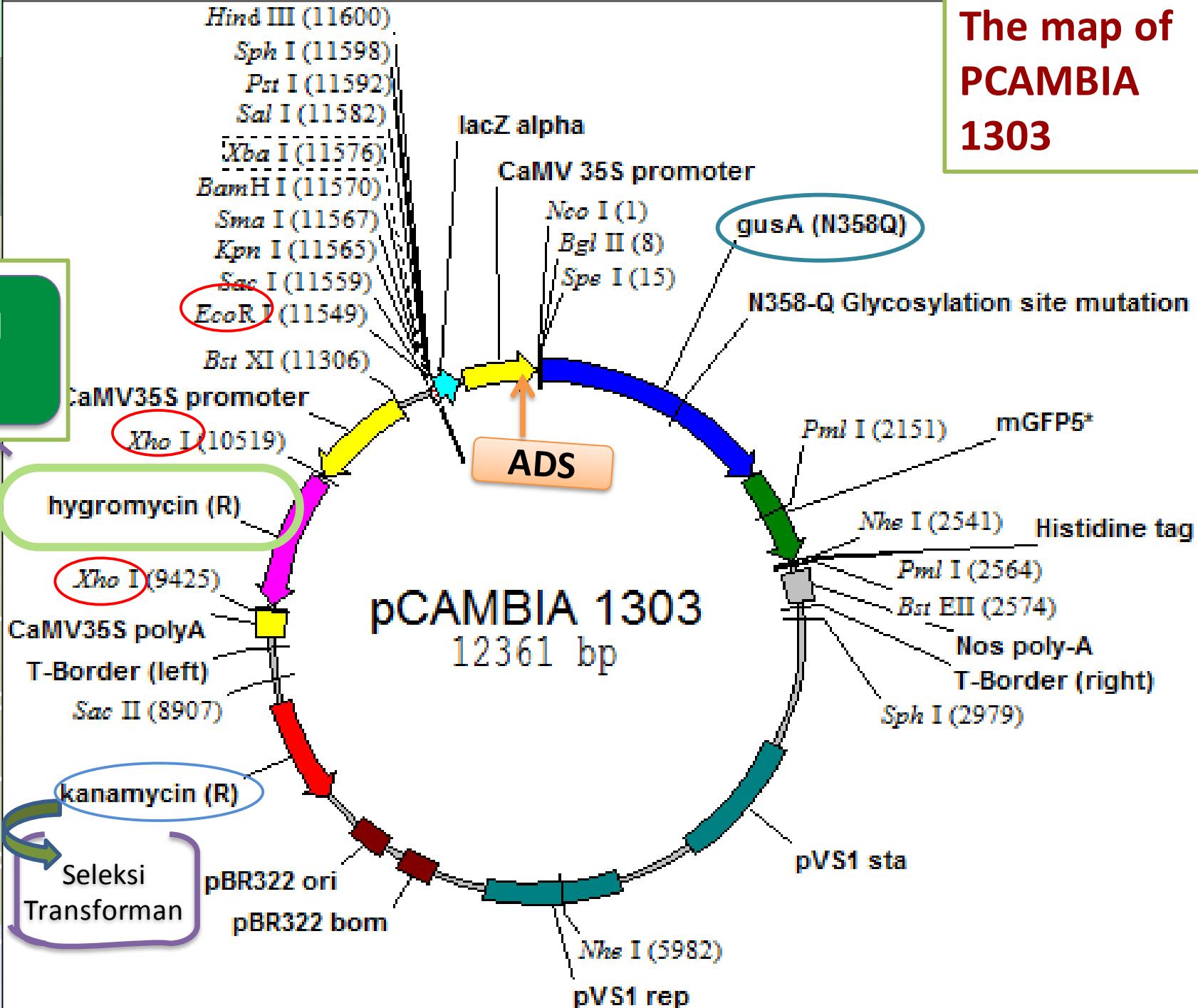
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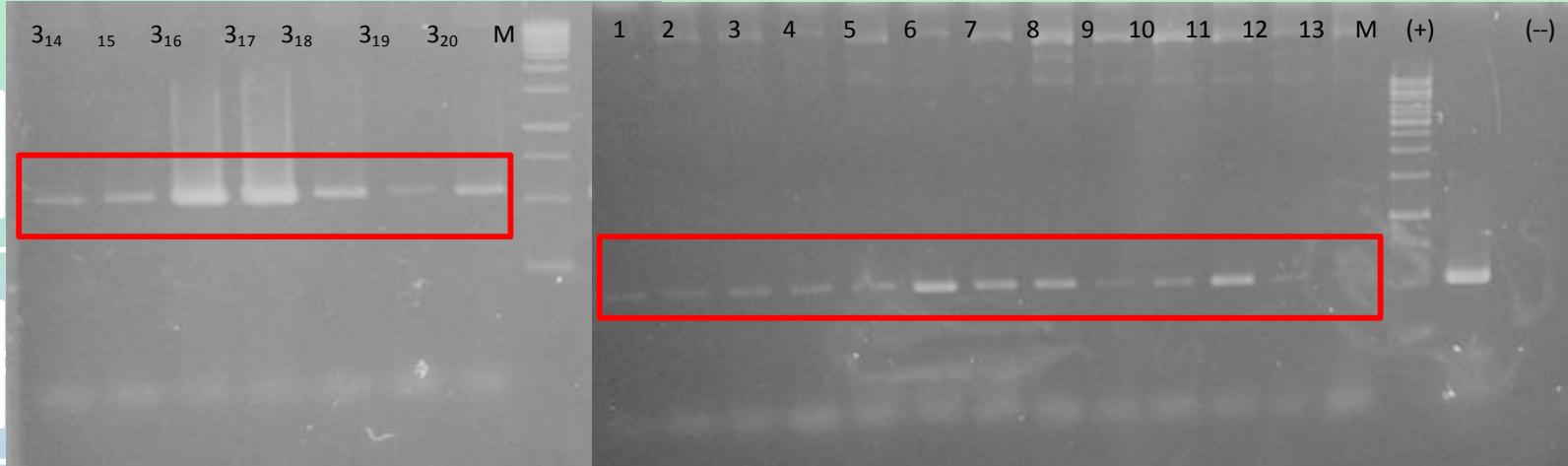


# The map of PCAMBIA 1303

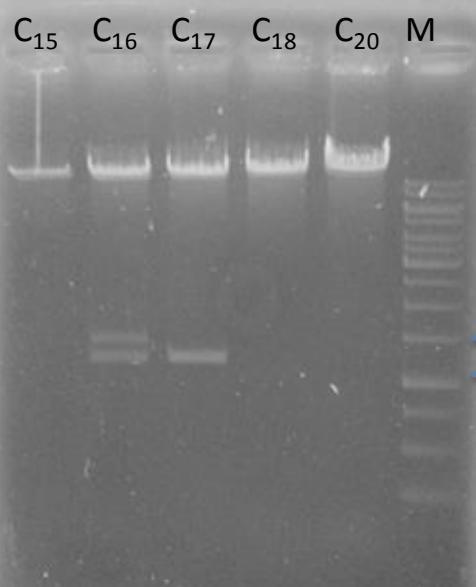
GEN  
P19



## Gel electrogram of pCAMBIA\_ads\_p19



### Restriction analysis



### Sequencing

Sequence is identic with p19 gene from gene bank NCBI

1500 pb  
1000 pb

## TRANSFORMATION OF PLASMID INTO ARTEMISIA ANNUA Via A. TUMEFACIENS

- Transformed plasmids
  1. Empty pCAMBIA 1303 -(negative control)
  2. pCAMBIA 1303-ads
  3. pCAMBIA 1303-p19
  4. pCAMBIA 1303-ads-p19
  5. pCAMBIA 1303-ads cotransformation with pCAMBIA 1303-p19

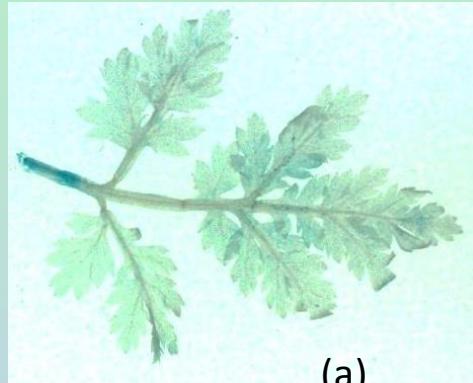


# Transformation procedure

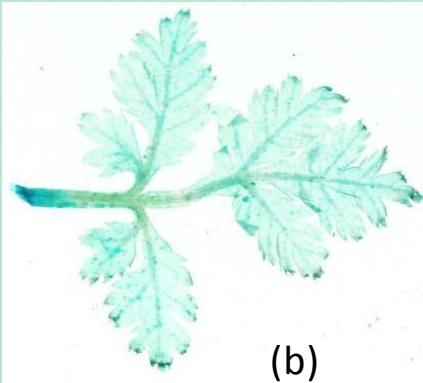
Suspension of *A. tumefaciens* containing each plasmid + Acetosyringone + Siluet S 408

Incubate the leaves of *Artemisia annua* for 20 minutes with vacuum infiltration methods in dark

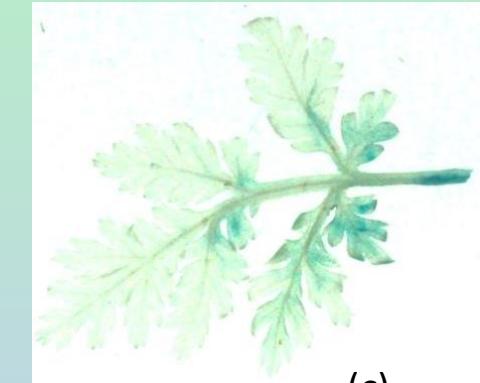
A



(a)



(b)



(c)

B

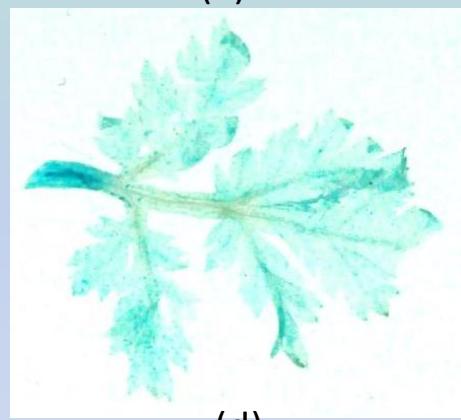
B

c

C

C

D<sub>3</sub>



(d)



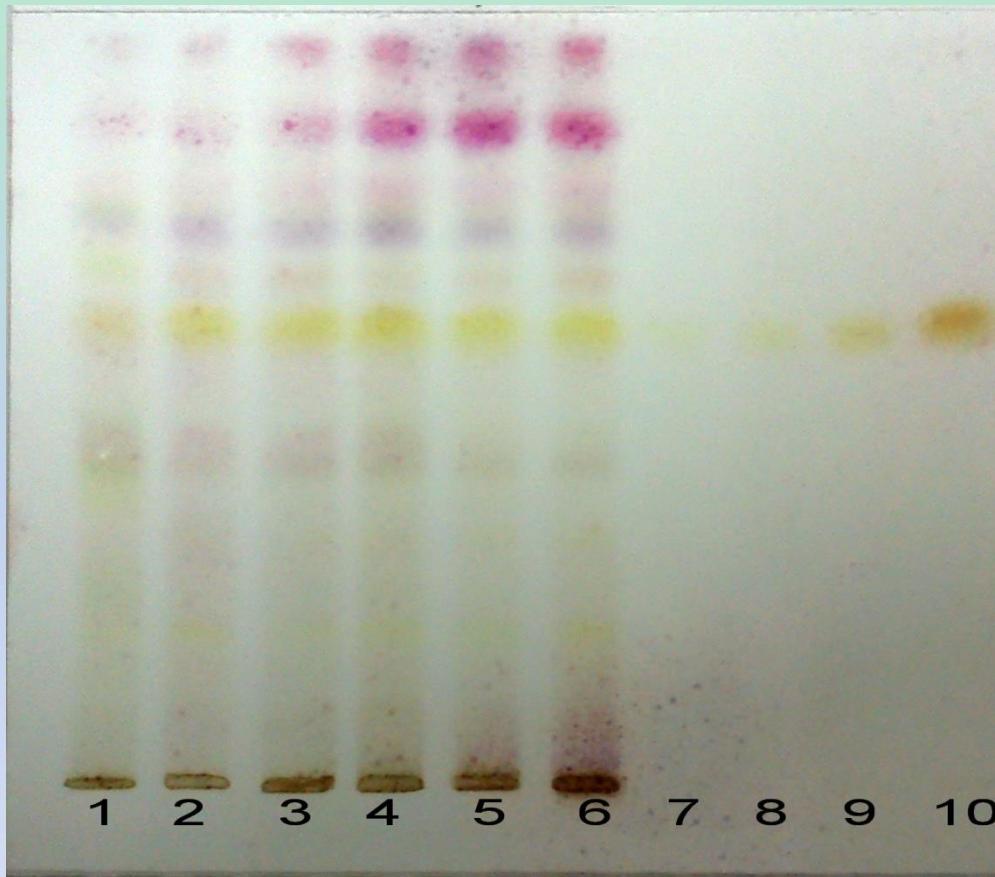
(e)

- (a) plasmid pCAMBIA 1303 (*wild type*)
- (b) plasmid recombinant pCAMBIA 1303-*ads*
- (c) plasmid recombinant pCAMBIA 1303-*p19*
- (d) plasmid recombinant pCAMBIA 1303-*ads-p19*
- (e) Co-transformation plasmid recombinant pCAMBIA 1303-*ads* and pCAMBIA 1303-*p19*

No	Samples (transformed leaves)	Total Area	Blue Area	Percentage of blue area (%)	Rata-rata (%)
a	PCAMBIA 1	1547503	80990	5,23	
	pCAMBIA 2	1509154	285278	18,90	13,70 ± 7,39
	pCAMBIA 3	680527	115378	16,95	
b	pCAMBIA-ads 1	976061	879248	90,08	
	pCAMBIA-ads 2	842861	360786	42,80	48,59 ± 38,90
B	pCAMBIA-ads 3	904368	116577	12,89	
c	pCAMBIA-p19 1	74398	33657	45,24	
	pCAMBIA-p19 2	70712	11942	16,89	24,99 ± 17,65
	pCAMBIA-p19 3	31112	3994	12,84	
d	pCAMBIA-ads- p19 1	47797	21140	44,23	
	pCAMBIA-ads-p19 2	39358	35095	89,17	70,89 ± 23,61
	pCAMBIA-ads-p19 3	46189	36616	79,27	
e	co-transformation1	56196	54135	96,33	
	co-transformation 2	475974	250039	52,53	72,49 ± 22,16
	co-transformation 3	63854	43807	68,60	



# Analysis of artemisinin from transformed *A. annua* Leaves



Note: 1) AGL only 2) empty pCAMBIA (negative control), 3) pCAMBIA\_ads, 4) pCAMBIA\_p19, 5) pCAMBIA\_ads+p19, 6) cotransformation pCAMBIA ads and pCAMBIA\_p19, 7-10) artemisinin standard 30, 50, 100 and 300 ppm respectively

# Analysis of artemisinin from transformed *A. annua* hairy root



Note: 1-5) artemisinin standard 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 ppm respectively, 6) AGL only 7) empty pCAMBIA (negative control), 8) pCAMBIA\_ads, 9) PCAMBIA\_p19, 10) pCAMBIA\_ads+p19, 11) cotransformation pCAMBIA ads and pCAMBIA\_p19,



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