**Fig. S1a:** Overall effect of three types of culture vessel on nodal explant response for shoot growth. Data represents mean ± standard error from about thirty nodes per treatment and three replications. Means with the same letter in the graphs are not significantly different at $\alpha = 0.05$. 
Fig. S1b: Effect of different node position on mother’s plant and three types of culture vessels on nodal explant response for shoot growth. Non-significant difference observed for node position in test tubes and Petri dishes. Data represents mean ± standard error from about 3 nodes of each position per replication and total three replications. Means with the same letter in the graphs are not significantly different at $\alpha = 0.05$. 