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Colchicine concentration (mM)	Exposition time (h)	Survival rate (%)			
		16U490	16U520	16U793	16U802
Control (DMSO)	2	92	83	100	92
	4	92	83	92	83
	6	83	83	83	83
5	2	83	83	100	67
	4	67	75	92	50
	6	58	75	75	42
10	2	67	58	50	50
	4	50	42	42	50
	6	50	42	42	42
15	2	67	58	50	50
	4	50	50	50	42
	6	50	42	42	33

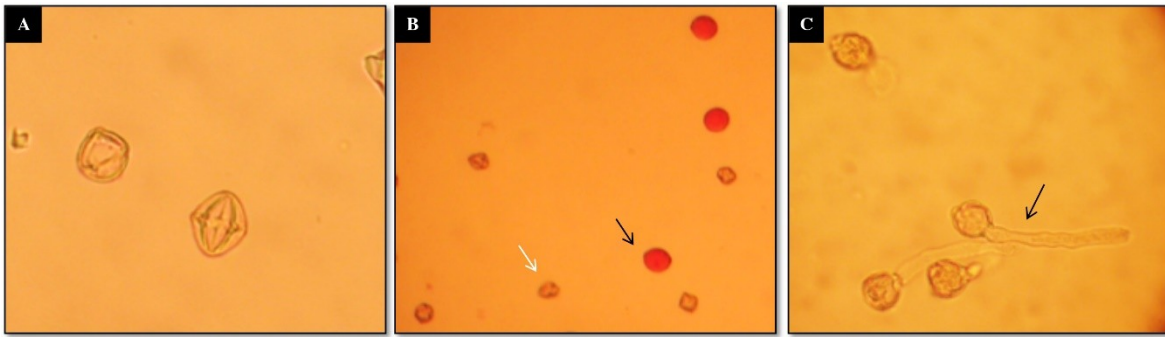


FIGURE 3. Pollen grain fertility of haploid and mixoploid cape gooseberry. A) Non-viable pollen grains of haploid genotypes, B) Viable and non-viable pollen grains of mixoploid plants, C) In vitro pollen germination of mixoploid plants (40x magnification).

(Examples from García-Arias, F., Sánchez-Betancourt, E., & Núñez, V. (2018). Fertility recovery of anther-derived haploid plants in Cape gooseberry (*Physalis peruviana* L.). *Agronomía Colombiana*, 36(3), 201—209. <https://doi.org/10.15446/agron.colomb.v36n3.73108>)

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