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Role of Autophagy in Plant Cells

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Stress causes organisms to modify their structure and their molecular equipment to adapt to the environment. Besides phenotypical changes, environmental stress can also increase the fitness of well-adapted individuals and consequently change the population's genetic pool. One of the main defenses used by organisms to resist several types of stress at the cellular level is autophagy, since this general process is necessary to recover damaged biomolecules and entire organelles. Environmental stress induces particularly evident autophagic effects in plants, but the focus of this Special Issue is other groups of eukaryotes.

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