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Molecular Marker Technology for Crop Breeding Improvement

Message from the Guest Editors

We welcome original research articles, reviews, and methodological studies that focus on molecular tools and genetic approaches designed to improve crop performance, resilience, and productivity. This Special Issue aims to:

- Explore advancements in marker-assisted selection and genomic selection;
- Investigate the genetic basis of agronomically important traits through QTL mapping and genome-wide association studies (GWAS);
- Highlight the importance of germplasm characterization in plant breeding;
- Discuss innovations in genetic mapping and molecular characterization of plant species;
- Address emerging challenges and future directions in plant molecular breeding.

Potential topics for this Special Issue include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Marker-assisted selection (MAS) in breeding programs;
- Germplasm characterization and utilization for genetic conservation;
- The genetic mapping and identification of key genomic regions controlling desirable traits;
- QTL mapping and its role in deciphering complex traits;
- The application of GWAS in identifying functional markers;
- Gene editing technologies (CRISPR, TALEN, etc.) in molecular breeding.

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