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Pepper Genetic Breeding and Germplasm Innovation

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Message from the Guest Editors

Pepper (*Capsicum* spp.) was domesticated in the Americas around 6,000 years ago and has since spread worldwide. In recent years, the traditional breeding methods of pepper have struggled to achieve the complex breeding goals of multi-objective and mostly quantitative traits. With the rapid development of sequencing technology, molecular biology and bioinformatics, and pepper genomics research, molecular breeding technology and a series of molecular markers have been developed. At present, the transcriptome and pan-genome database of *Capsicum* has been constructed, and the breeding efficiency of pepper has been improved mainly through the construction of molecular genetic maps, molecular markers for quality traits, QTL analysis for quantitative traits, molecular marker-assisted selection and whole genomic selection.

This Special Issue, titled “Pepper Genetic Breeding and Germplasm Innovation”, invites all aspects of pepper genetic breeding and germplasm innovation, such as mapping/cloning of important genes, marker-assisted breeding, application of biotechnology tools in pepper, genetic resources of pepper, germplasm innovation of pepper and so on.

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