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Discovery and Exploration of Functional Genes in Oil Crops

Message from the Guest Editors

Oil crops provide not only vegetable oil but also valuable protein feed worldwide. Moreover, oil crops have become part of an important approach to increase the income of those in poverty living in rural regions of developing countries. With the release of more and more high-quality genome sequences and the application of comprehensive approaches for gene identification, significant progress in gene exploration has been achieved in recent years in oil crops and some favourable alleles of functional genes have been extensively utilized in breeding by design. This Special Issue will exhibit recent findings and call for reviews and research articles that include the identification and exploration of novel genes (quantitative trait loci) associated with major breeding objectives, including seed yield, seed quality, plant architecture, and resistance to biotic or abiotic stress in oil crops. Related fields are also welcome, such as the application of new techniques (genome editing) and molecular breeding by design of these functional genes in oil crops.

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