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Role of Abscisic Acid in Plant Stress Response

Message from the Guest Editor

The phytohormone abscisic acid (ABA) is a major player in fine-tuning plants' responses to adverse environmental conditions, including water deficiency, extreme temperatures, salinity, heavy metals, flooding, or pathogen attack. Tight control of ABA levels, which are constantly modulated by synthesis, degradation, (de)conjugation, and transport, is therefore crucial for a plant to adapt to its environment. The plant's response to ABA stimuli is determined by its perception and transmission of downstream signals that trigger a cascade of relevant molecular, biochemical, physiological, and morphological responses, enabling the plant to cope with stress. Despite extensive research leading to significant progress being made in understanding the mechanisms of ABA-mediated response and adaptation to stress, our knowledge of many crucial pieces of this multifaceted puzzle is still lacking. This Special Issue aims to collate recent advances addressing the role of ABA in plant responses to stress, which have emerged from the implementation of a wide range of approaches, from molecular/genetic approaches to whole plant physiology studies.

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