

Special Issue

Influence of Nanoparticles on Plants: The Pros and Cons

Message from the Guest Editor

Currently, the major problems in crop plant growing are the extreme changes of the weather, nutrient deficiency of soil, and wasteful use of insecticide and herbicide against pests. These problems can be solved using nanotechnology (nanoparticle) approaches. However, there is still very little information about their “fate” and influence on plant organisms. Therefore, further basic research on the phytotoxicity of nanomaterials is extremely important, as well as research on how we could use NPs in agriculture. The main aim of this Special Issue is to paint an overall picture of the influence of different nanoparticles (NPs) on the development, growth, biosynthesis of secondary metabolites, production of reactive oxygen species, and their impact on the expression of genes and epigenetic level, including (methyations to sRNAs) on plants. Generally, the toxicity of nanoparticles is attributable to two different steps: i) chemical toxicity based on chemical composition, for example, the release of (toxic) ions, and ii) stress stimuli caused by surface, size, or shape of the particles.

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