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Plant-Microbe Interactions and Resistance against Herbivorous Pests

Message from the Guest Editors

Plants have associations with various beneficial soil microbes, which play important roles in plant growth promotion and resistance against abiotic and biotic stress, including herbivores. The use of these symbiotic microorganisms seems to be a promising alternative control of herbivorous pests in commercial crops. Beneficial soil microbes may enhance defensive mechanisms by which crops may deter herbivore feeding. These beneficial microbes may modulate phytohormone signaling, such as the jasmonic acid, ethylene and salicylic acid pathways, defensive gene expression, synthesis of toxic secondary metabolites, volatile organic compounds, and plant defensive proteins. The main goal of this Special Issue is to bring together current findings on the influence of microbes in crops' resistance to biotic stress, with a particular emphasis on how the soil microbiota can activate molecular, physiological, and chemical plant defenses against herbivorous pests.

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