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Genomic Dissection in Soybean

Message from the Guest Editors

Soybean (Glycine max (L.) Merr.) is a widely cultivated crop of global economic and ecological significance due to its high dietary oil and protein content as well as its ability to fix atmospheric nitrogen into biologically available forms. With these characteristics, sovbean plays important roles in sustainable agriculture and plant-based diets. Soybean has been domesticated for thousands of years to satisfy our demand. However, further improvement of soybean production is stymied by the lack of thorough understanding of the soybean genome. With the advance in high-throughput sequencing technologies, dozens of soybean reference genomes and tons of soybean sequence data have been released. Diving into these data creates new knowledge, potentially beneficial to soybean breeding and improvement. Furthermore, genome information is also laying a foundation for precision genome editing, bringing a new era of soybean molecular breeding. This Special Issue of Plants will highlight genomic research of soybean, the dissection of the genomic basis of important soybean traits, and gene-gene and geneenvironment interactions of soybean.

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