The roles of auxin in symbiotic nodule development are not clearly understood. In this issue, Turner et al. (pp. 2042–2055) show that there is very low auxin activity during nodule formation in soybean (Glycine max) and that it changes in a spatiotemporal manner during subsequent nodule development. By manipulating auxin sensitivity using microRNAs, they demonstrate that hyper-sensitivity to auxin inhibits nodule development likely via modulation of cytokinin sensitivity. Their results suggest a feedback loop involving auxin, cytokinin, and miR160, that governs nodule development. The cover image is a laser confocal optical section of a developing soybean nodule expressing the auxin-responsive marker gene construct, DR5:tdT. Cotransformation of a constitutively expressed sUbi:GFP construct helped distinguish autofluorescence on the root surface (appearing bright red) from marker gene expression (appearing yellowish-red). Photo credit: Narasimha Rao Nizampatnam.

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Improving Photosynthesis. John R. Evans

Photosynthesis is the basis of plant growth, and it is argued that improving photosynthesis can contribute toward greater food security in the coming decades as world population increases.

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RootNav is a novel image analysis tool that facilitates the accurate recovery of root system architectures from images.

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A simple and high-sensitivity quantitation strategy based on simplified extraction, purification, and derivatization processes enables quantification of brassinosteroids in small amounts of plant tissue.
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**Export of Salicylic Acid from the Chloroplast Requires the Multidrug and Toxin Extrusion-Like Transporter EDS5.** Mario Serrano, Banjung Wang, Bibek Aryal, Christophe Garcion, Eliane Abou-Mansour, Silvia Heck, Markus Geisler, Felix Mauch, Christiane Nawrath, and Jean-Pierre Métraux

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Pollen metabolism shows a dynamic transition from pollen grain germination to pollen tube growth and can quickly compensate inhibition of the oxidative phosphorylation.

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**A Rice Virescent-Yellow Leaf Mutant Reveals New Insights into the Role and Assembly of Plastid Caseinolytic Protease in Higher Plants.** Hui Dong, Gui-Lin Fei, Chuan-Yin Wu, Fu-Qing Wu, Yu-Ying Sun, Ming-Jiang Chen, Yu-Long Ren, Kun-Neng Zhou, Zhi-Jun Cheng, Jiu-Lin Wang, Ling Jiang, Xin Zhang, Xi-Ping Guo, Cai-Lin Lei, Ning Su, Huiyang Wang, and Jian-Min Wan

Disruption of the OsClpP6 gene causes a virescent-yellow leaf phenotype, demonstrating an important role of caseinolytic proteases in regulating chloroplast biogenesis and leaf development in rice.

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**Pepper Arginine Decarboxylase Is Required for Polyamine and \( \gamma \)-Aminobutyric Acid Signaling in Cell Death and Defense Response.** Nak Hyun Kim, Beom Seok Kim, and Byung Kook Hwang

Pepper arginine decarboxylase, CaADC1, which interacts with Xanthomonas effector AvrBsT, induces increased polyamine and \( \gamma \)-aminobutyric acid levels, and triggers nitric oxide and reactive oxygen species bursts, ultimately leading to plant cell death and defense responses.

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**Following Vegetative to Embryonic Cellular Changes in Leaves of Arabidopsis Overexpressing LEAFY COTYLEDON2.** Mistianne Feeney, Lorenzo Frigerio, Yuhai Cui, and Rima Menassa

A transcription factor triggers embryonic characteristics in Arabidopsis vegetative organs.

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HAPLESS13 is the Arabidopsis μ1 adaptin protein and affects multiple developmental and cellular processes by sorting membrane proteins, including auxin and brassinosteroid signaling elements, at the trans-Golgi network/early endosome.

Initiation of brassinosteroid signal transduction involves a small number of preassembled BRII-BAK1(SERK3) heterooligomers.

A new class of lipid droplet-associated proteins in nonseed tissues is identified by integrated omics approaches.

Diverse land plant species possess similar proteins that function in transcriptional regulation of aluminum tolerance.

Plants must coordinate exclusion and internal detoxification to reduce aluminum toxicity effectively.

Ocean acidification alters the photosynthetic responses of a Coccolithophorid to fluctuating ultraviolet and visible radiation.

Nitrogen stress has strong effects on the size and turnover of nitrogen pools supplying leaf growth of a grass but does not alter the relative contributions of currently assimilated and remobilized nitrogen for leaf growth.

Disrupting fumarylacetoacetate hydrolase leads to cell death in Arabidopsis, indicating that the Tyr degradation pathway is essential for plant survival under short-day conditions.

Brassinosteroid regulates Arabidopsis seed size and shape by transcriptionally modulating specific seed developmental pathways.
ERECTA Family Genes Regulate Auxin Transport in the Shoot Apical Meristem and Forming Leaf Primordia. Ming-Kun Chen, Rebecca L. Wilson, Klaus Palme, Franck Anicet Dilengou, and Elena D. Shpak

ERECTA family receptors are involved in the regulation of phyllotaxy and leaf initiation.

SIGNaling and RESPONSE

Cross-Repressive Interactions between SOC1 and the GATAs GNC and GNL/CGA1 in the Control of Greening, Cold Tolerance, and Flowering Time in Arabidopsis. René Richter, Emmanuel Bastakis, and Claus Schwechheimer

The transcription factor SOC1 is regulated by two GATA transcription factors for the control of flowering while the GATAs are controlled by SOC1 to control greening and cold tolerance.

The Alteration of Plant Morphology by Small Peptides Released from the Proteolytic Processing of the Bacterial Peptide TENGU. Kyoko Sugawara, Youhei Honma, Ken Komatsu, Misako Himeno, Kenro Oshima, and Shigetou Namba

A bacterial peptide effector undergoes proteolytic processing in plants and releases small peptides that alter plant morphology.

Transcriptional Regulation of the CYS-C1 Gene and Cyanide Accumulation upon Pathogen Infection in the Plant Immune Response. Irene García, Tábata Rosas, Eduardo R. Bejarano, Cecilia Gotor, and Luis C. Romero

The analysis of a mutant in the main enzyme responsible for cyanide detoxification, the mitochondrial β-cyanoalanine synthase, uncovers a new signaling role for cyanide in the plant response to pathogens.

Identification of Genes Involved in the Response of Arabidopsis to Simultaneous Biotic and Abiotic Stresses. Nicky J. Atkinson, Catherine J. Lilley, and Peter E. Urwin

Arabidopsis responds to simultaneous water stress and nematode infection by activating a unique program of gene expression that is distinct from the response to individual stresses.

Ectopic Expression of miR160 Results in Auxin Hypersensitivity, Cytokinin Hyposensitivity, and Inhibition of Symbiotic Nodule Development in Soybean. Marie Turner, Narasimha Rao Nizampatnam, Mathieu Baron, Stéphanie Coppin, Suresh Damodaran, Saig Adhikari, Shivaram Poigai Arunachalam, Oliver Yu, and Senthil Subramanian

Analysis of symbiotic nodulation indicates low auxin activity and auxin hypersensitivity during nodule initiation, and regulatory feedback with auxin and cytokinin during nodule development.

The HERBIVORE ELICITOR-REGULATED1 Gene Enhances Abscisic Acid Levels and Defenses against Herbivores in Nicotiana attenuata Plants. Son Truong Dinh, Ian T. Baldwin, and Ivan Galis

By enhancing abscisic acid levels, a novel herbivore elicitor-regulated protein plays an essential role in efficient defense of metabolite accumulation against herbivores in plants.


GA signaling controls seed germination in the sly1 mutant background, in which DELLA repressors cannot be destroyed by the ubiquitin-proteasome pathway.
Elucidating Rice Cell Metabolism under Flooding and Drought Stresses Using Flux-Based Modeling and Analysis. Meiappan Lakshmanan, Zhaoyang Zhang, Bijayalaxmi Mohanty, Jun-Young Kwon, Hong-Yeol Choi, Hyung-Jin Nam, Dong-Il Kim, and Dong-Yup Lee

A metabolic/regulatory network of rice incorporates two important tissue types, germinating seeds and photorespiring leaves, is validated through experiments with rice suspension cultures, and applied to analyze metabolic capability under flooding and drought conditions.

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