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On the Cover: Green tissues strongly absorb red light more efficiently than far-red light. Therefore, neighboring vegetation lowers the red to far-red ratio (R:FR). This signal is perceived by phytochrome B, which mediates adaptive changes in plant body form and function. In this issue, Trupkin et al. (pp. 1698–1708) show that under high R:FR typical of open places, phytochrome B forms large nuclear bodies. The shift to low R:FR generates small phytochrome B nuclear bodies while causing some reduction in the diameter of large nuclear bodies. Trupkin et al. also show that reductions of red light irradiance without changes in R:FR cause similar changes in the size distribution of phytochrome B nuclear bodies and in plant growth. Therefore, phytochrome B not only perceives the changes in light quality (R:FR) but also the changes in light quantity (irradiance) caused by the shade of neighbors. The cover image shows the changes in phytochrome B nuclear bodies observed in response to increasing shade caused by higher plant densities. Cover image credits: Santiago Trupkin.

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^{[W][OPEN]}The Pentatricopeptide Repeat Proteins TANG2 and ORGANELLE TRANSCRIPT PROCESSING439 Are Involved in the Splicing of the Multipartite *nad5* Transcript Encoding a Subunit of Mitochondrial Complex I. *Catherine Colas des Francs-Small, Andéol Falcon de Longevialle, Yunhai Li, Elizabeth Lowe, Sandra K. Tanz, Caroline Smith, Michael W. Bevan, and Ian Small*

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^{[W][OPEN]}MYB5 and MYB14 Play Pivotal Roles in Seed Coat Polymer Biosynthesis in *Medicago truncatula*. *Chenggang Liu, Ji Hyung Jun, and Richard A. Dixon*

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[W]Determination of the Structure and Catalytic Mechanism of *Sorghum bicolor* Caffeic Acid O-Methyltransferase and the Structural Impact of Three *brown midrib12* Mutations. *Abigail R. Green, Kevin M. Lewis, John T. Barr, Jeffrey P. Jones, Fachuang Lu, John Ralph, Wilfred Vermerris, Scott E. Sattler, and ChulHee Kang*

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[W][OPEN]Impairment in Sulfite Reductase Leads to Early Leaf Senescence in Tomato Plants. *Dmitry Yarmolinsky, Galina Brychkova, Assylay Kurmanbayeva, Aizat Bekturova, Yvonne Ventura, Inna Khozin-Goldberg, Amir Eppel, Robert Fluhr, and Moshe Sagi*

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[W]The Cellulase KORRIGAN Is Part of the Cellulose Synthase Complex. *Thomas Vain, Elizabeth Faris Crowell, H el ene Timpano, Eric Biot, Thierry Desprez, Nasim Mansoori, Luisa M. Trindade, Silv ere Pagant, St ephanie Robert, Herman H ofte, Martine Gonneau, and Samantha Vernhettes*

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An Arabidopsis mannosyltransferase modulates micropylar guidance of pollen tube and early embryo development by processing and targeting of GPI-anchored proteins.

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[OPEN] Reversible Deformation of Transfusion Tracheids in *Taxus baccata* Is Associated with a Reversible Decrease in Leaf Hydraulic Conductance. *Yong-Jiang Zhang, Fulton E. Rockwell, James K. Wheeler, and N. Michele Holbrook*

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[OPEN] Xyloglucan Endotransglucosylase-Hydrolase17 Interacts with Xyloglucan Endotransglucosylase-Hydrolase31 to Confer Xyloglucan Endotransglucosylase Action and Affect Aluminum Sensitivity in Arabidopsis. *Xiao Fang Zhu, Jiang Xue Wan, Ying Sun, Yuan Zhi Shi, Janet Braam, Gui Xin Li, and Shao Jian Zheng*

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[C][W][OPEN] Phytochrome B Nuclear Bodies Respond to the Low Red to Far-Red Ratio and to the Reduced Irradiance of Canopy Shade in Arabidopsis. *Santiago Ariel Trupkin, Martina Legris, Ana Sabrina Buchovsky, María Belén Tolava Rivero, and Jorge José Casal*

Phytochrome B nuclear bodies perceive not only the low red to far-red ratio, but also the low irradiance of canopy shade.

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GENES, DEVELOPMENT, AND EVOLUTION

[C][W] Polyamine Oxidase5 Regulates Arabidopsis Growth through Thermospermine Oxidase Activity. *Dong Wook Kim, Kanako Watanabe, Chihiro Murayama, Sho Izawa, Masaru Niitsu, Anthony J. Michael, Thomas Berberich, and Tomonobu Kusano*

An Arabidopsis mutant with defective polyamine oxidase5 exhibits delayed transition from vegetative to reproductive growth caused by lack of thermospermine oxidation.

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[W][OPEN] The MADS-Domain Factors AGAMOUS-LIKE15 and AGAMOUS-LIKE18, along with SHORT VEGETATIVE PHASE and AGAMOUS-LIKE24, Are Necessary to Block Floral Gene Expression during the Vegetative Phase. *Donna E. Fernandez, Chieh-Ting Wang, Yumei Zheng, Benjamin J. Adamczyk, Rajneesh Singhal, Pamela K. Hall, and Sharyn E. Perry*

Elimination of four MADS-box genes leads to premature expression of floral genes in leaves.

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[C][W] Functional and Evolutionary Analysis of the CASPARIAN STRIP MEMBRANE DOMAIN PROTEIN Family. *Daniele Roppolo, Brigitte Boeckmann, Alexandre Pfister, Emmanuel Boutet, Maria C. Rubio, Valérie Dénervaud-Tendon, Joop E.M. Vermeer, Jacqueline Gheyselinck, Ioannis Xenarios, and Niko Geldner*

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Cyclic electron flow is essential for survival under high light and anoxic conditions. 1604

[W]Phycobilisome Mobility and Its Role in the Regulation of Light Harvesting in Red Algae. *Radek Kaňa, Eva Kotabová, Martin Lukeš, Štěpán Papáček, Ctirad Matonoha, Lu-Ning Liu, Ondřej Prášil, and Conrad W. Mullineaux*

Phycobilisomes are mobile in mesophilic and immobile in extremophilic red algae, affecting photoprotection and either state transitions or nonphotochemical quenching. 1618

[W][OPEN]Inducible Repression of Nuclear-Encoded Subunits of the Cytochrome b_6/f Complex in Tobacco Reveals an Extraordinarily Long Lifetime of the Complex. *Marta Hojka, Wolfram Thiele, Szilvia Z. Tóth, Wolfgang Lein, Ralph Bock, and Mark Aurel Schöttler*

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Autophagy plays an important role during lateral root development under phosphate starvation. 1647

[W][OPEN]BOTRYTIS-INDUCED KINASE1 Modulates Arabidopsis Resistance to Green Peach Aphids via PHYTOALEXIN DEFICIENT4. *Jiaxin Lei, Scott A. Finlayson, Ron A. Salzman, Libo Shan, and Keyan Zhu-Salzman*

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[C][W]TGA Transcription Factors Activate the Salicylic Acid-Suppressible Branch of the Ethylene-Induced Defense Program by Regulating *ORA59* Expression. *Mark Zander, Corinna Thurow, and Christiane Gatz*

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[C][W][OPEN]Water Balance, Hormone Homeostasis, and Sugar Signaling Are All Involved in Tomato Resistance to Tomato Yellow Leaf Curl Virus. *Dagan Sade, Nir Sade, Oz Shriki, Stephen Lerner, Alem Gebremedhin, Asaf Karavani, Yario Brotman, Sonia Osorio, Alisdair R. Fernie, Lothar Willmitzer, Henryk Czosnek, and Menachem Moshelion*

Tonoplast water channels contribute to Tomato yellow leaf curl virus resistance through hormone homeostasis and sugar signaling. 1684

[C][W][OPEN]Conditional Auxin Response and Differential Cytokinin Profiles in Shoot Branching Mutants. *Naomi F. Young, Brett J. Ferguson, Ioanna Antoniadis, Mark H. Bennett, Christine A. Beveridge, and Colin G.N. Turnbull*

Transcript and hormone profiles suggest that differential cytokinin supply may explain the conditional bud growth response to applied auxin in strigolactone-deficient branching mutants. 1723

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^{[C][W]} Scaffold Function of Ca²⁺-Dependent Protein Kinase: Tobacco Ca²⁺-DEPENDENT PROTEIN KINASE1 Transfers 14-3-3 to the Substrate REPRESSION OF SHOOT GROWTH after Phosphorylation. Takeshi Ito, Masaru Nakata, Jutarou Fukazawa, Sarahmi Ishida, and Yohsuke Takahashi

A Ca²⁺-dependent protein kinase not only phosphorylates a substrate but also acts as a scaffold that promotes the interaction between a phosphorylation product and its binding protein.

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