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Cytonuclear Interactions in Polyploid Species

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Dear Colleagues,

Polyploidy is widespread in plants and less frequent in animals but serves as an important speciation mechanism in both groups. Polyploidy is accompanied by drastic changes in genome organization including differential patterns of gene loss, gene silencing, genome-wide expression dominance, and epigenetic reprogramming. One underexplored dimension of polyploid evolution is cytonuclear interactions.

As polyploidy allows new interactions between highly divergent cytoplasmic and nuclear genomes, cytonuclear interactions may be more challenging in allopolyploids than in diploid hybrids.

This Special Issue aims to explore and contrast coordination and coevolution between cytoplasmic and nuclear genomes in both plant and animal polyploids.

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