



Applications of Plant Biotechnology and Molecular Biology in Fruit Crops

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Message from the Guest Editors

Fruit plants have multiple features, such as asexual reproduction, a long juvenile phase, and the requirements of controlled conditions, grafting, and post-harvest treatment. The genomes of horticultural plants are highly diverse and complex. Recent technologies, such as quantitative trait loci (QTL) mapping, whole-genome resequencing, genotyping and genome editing allow plant breeders to develop/transfer important genomic regions to elite cultivars with great precision. It is also important to look for natural antagonists in various plant pathogens. Stress responses are associated with an accumulation of plant secondary metabolites. The manipulation of the underlying regulatory mechanisms during fruit ripening suggests ways to enhance the desired pigments in fruits by biotechnological interventions.

This Special Issue entitled "Applications of Plant Biotechnology and Molecular Biology in Fruit Crops" aims to present the results of recent research studies, methods, technologies, and innovative practices in fruit crops. We look forward to receiving your manuscripts and sharing the achievements of this rapidly evolving field.





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