



Pseudomonas syringae Species Complex

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Message from the Guest Editor

Members of the *Pseudomonas syringae* species complex include pathogens responsible for diseases on a wide range of plant species and have also been isolated from non-agricultural habitats. They commonly live on the phyllosphere as epiphytes and under ideal environmental conditions can enter the plant through wounds and natural openings to cause disease. Once within the apoplast, they rely on two virulence strategies, viz. host immunity suppression and the creation of an aqueous apoplast. They may also use other virulence factors. Members of the complex are strongly influenced by external environmental conditions. Little is known on the plant–pathogen–environment–microbiota interactions in this system. For this Special Issue of *Pathogens*, we invite you to submit research articles, review articles, short notes, as well as communications related to the virulence mechanisms used by different members of the *Ps. syringae* species complex, how abiotic and biotic factors influence infection, and factors influencing host adaptation by this economically important plant pathogen. We look forward to your contribution.





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