



The Role of Plant Organellar Genomes in Plant Development and Responses to Environmental Stimuli

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Mitochondria and chloroplast are cellular organelles that have been regarded to have originated by endosymbiosis. In plants, mitochondria and chloroplast are not only dedicated to their well-known roles (respiration and photosynthesis), but also take part in other important processes in plant development and responses. In comparison to interactions between phenotypes and nuclear genomes, phenotypes caused by organellar genomes or interaction with nuclear genome have not been analyzed in plants. Extremely limited segregation of polymorphic sequences by crosses and lack of efficient mutagenesis or transformation technologies have been obstacles of organellar functional genomics study. However, recent improvements in sequencing technologies, targeted mutagenesis and phenotype analysis systems are providing new opportunities to get answers to problems that have not been solved in this field.

In this Issue, we focus on the role of organellar genomes in plant development and responses to environmental stimuli. We also welcome research on methodologies to enhance the efficiency of functional genomics studies for plant organelles, and interactions between nuclear and organellar genomes.





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