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New Insights into Plants' Defense Mechanisms against Abiotic Stresses

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Plants are continuously exposed to abiotic stresses such as drought, salinity, heavy metals, heat, waterlogging and cold, which negatively affect crop performance and yield. This has raised a major challenge for plant scientists to secure global food supplies and created an urgent need to continuously increase the yield of crops. Stress responses and defense mechanisms are especially complex because of crosstalk, spatio-temporal regulations, intricate metabolic networks, variations in specialized metabolites among plant species, and multiple defense responses against a single threat. Better analytic tools to explore metabolomes and proteomes, genome sequencing, and improved genetic tools are now available for unraveling the defense mechanisms against abiotic stresses. Exploiting new knowledge of plants' defense mechanisms will lead to the development of new varieties, with enhanced protection against abiotic stresses, and will ameliorate sustainable agriculture practices. This Special Issue of *Plants* welcomes articles that enhance our understanding of plants' defense mechanisms against abiotic stresses.



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