

Induction of somatic embryogenesis as an example of stress-related plant reactions

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In this review, we address the role of stress as one of the principal causes for a cell or tissue to change its preexisting somatic program, reprogramming itself to express the embryogenic pathway. The focus of this paper is the effect of different stress conditions on the induction phase of plant somatic embryogenesis, as well as the development of embryogenic competence as a result of the applied stresses. We also present a variety of data that link plant somatic embryogenesis, DNA methylation and oxidative stress response.

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