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Commentary

Role of signals and regulators in plant cell physiology

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ABOUT THE STUDY

A branch of botany called plant physiology studies how plants function physiologically. Plant morphology (the study of plant structure), plant ecology (the study of how plants interact with their environment), phytochemistry (the study of the biochemistry of plants), cell biology, genetics, biophysics, and molecular biology are all closely connected disciplines. Plant physiologists conduct research on fundamental processes like photosynthesis, respiration, plant nutrition, hormone functions, tropisms, nastic movements, photoperiodism, photomorphogenesis, circadian rhythms, seed germination, dormancy and stomata function and transpiration, both components of plant water relations.

Signals and regulators

Plants produce hormones and other growth regulators that act as messengers for tissues to respond physiologically. Additionally, they create substances like phytochrome, which are light-sensitive and function to stimulate growth or development in response to environmental cues.

Plant hormones: Plant hormones, also referred to as phytohormones or Plant Growth Regulators (PGRs), are substances that control a plant's growth. A typical animal definition describes hormones as signal molecules that are created at particular sites, exist in incredibly low concentrations, and lead to altered processes in target cells at different sites. Plants lack specialised tissues or organs that produce hormones, in contrast to animals. The production of plant hormones is not confined to any one place and is frequently not transferred to other areas of the plant. Plant hormones are substances that, in tiny doses, encourage and have an impact on the division, growth, and differentiation of cells and tissues. Hormones play a critical role in plant development, influencing everything from flowering to seed development, dormancy, and germination. They control the direction of tissue growth, the growth of the stem and leaves, the development and ripening of fruits, the abscission of leaves, and even the mortality of plants. Among the many molecules that control plant physiology, Abscissic Acid (ABA), auxins, ethylene, gibberellins, and cytokinins are the most significant plant hormones.

Photomorphogenesis: Most people are aware that light is necessary for photosynthesis in plants, but few are aware that plants' sensitivity to light influences how their structural development develops. Photomorphogenesis, the use of light to regulate morphological development, requires the presence of specialised photoreceptors, which are chemical pigments capable of absorbing particular light wavelengths. Plants utilise four different types of photoreceptors: protochlorophyllide a, phytochrome, cryptochrome, and a UV-B photoreceptor. Phytochrome and cryptochrome, the first two of them, are photoreceptor proteins complex molecular structures created by fusing a protein with a pigment that reacts to light. Since cryptochrome absorbs ultraviolet light in the long wave "A" region, it is often referred to as the UV-A photoreceptor. The exact composition of the UV-B receptor is unknown, but some evidence points to carotene or riboflavin as potential options. As its name suggests protochlorophyllide and chemical precursor to chlorophyll. Phytochrome is the plant photoreceptor that has received the most research. It responds to light in the visible spectrum's far-red and red regions. It is used by many blooming plants to control circadian rhythms and the timing of flowering based on the duration of the day and night. Additionally, it controls the production of chlorophyll, the lengthening of seedlings, the size, shape, and quantity of leaves, as well as the straightening of the epicotyl or hypocotyl hook in dicot seedlings.

Photoperiodism: The pigment phytochrome is used by many flowering plants to detect seasonal changes in day length, which they interpret as cues to flower. Photoperiodism is the name given to this sensitivity to day length. Depending on how they react to variations in day length, blooming plants can be broadly categorised as long day plants, short day plants, or day neutral plants. Long day plants flower in the spring or summer because they need a specific amount of daylight to begin

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flowering. On the other hand, when the amount of daylight falls below a specific threshold, short day plants begin to bloom. Day neutral plants may alternatively begin to bloom based on temperature sensitivity rather than photoperiodism.Even though the long summer days prevent a short day plant from flowering, flowering is not actually constrained by the amount of light exposure. Instead, before flower development can start, a short day plant needs a minimum amount of uninterrupted darkness during each 24-hour period. Experimental research has shown that if a phytochrome activating light flash is used on a short day plant during the night, the plant will not blossom.

The phytochrome system is used by plants to detect the length of the day or the photoperiod. Florists and greenhouse gardeners use this fact to manage and even encourage the flowering of out-of-season plants like *Euphorbia pulcherrima*.