

Involvement of RNA metabolism in physiological processes: development and response to stress

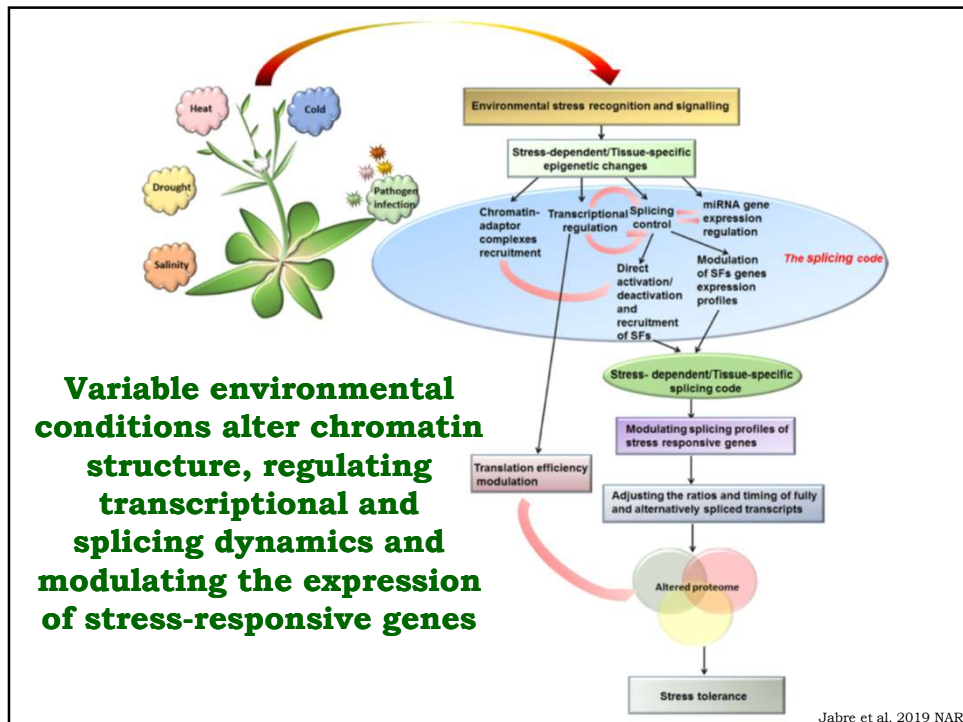
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Levels of regulation

- I. Chromatin and transcription
- II. RNA processing: pre-mRNA splicing
(alternative splicing - AS) and
3' formation
- III. RNA stability
- IV. Regulation via microRNA and lncRNA

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Regulation of plant metabolism

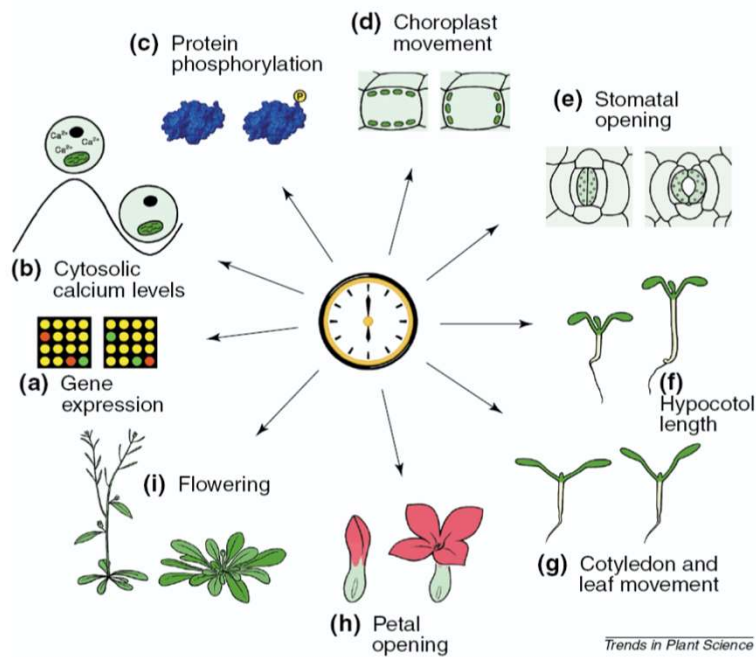
I. Chromatin and transcription

RNA metabolism regulates most of developmental and signaling processes in plants

- Germination
- Circadian clock
- Transition from vegetative to generative development
- Flowering
- Stress response

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Plant clocks control a plethora of biological processes



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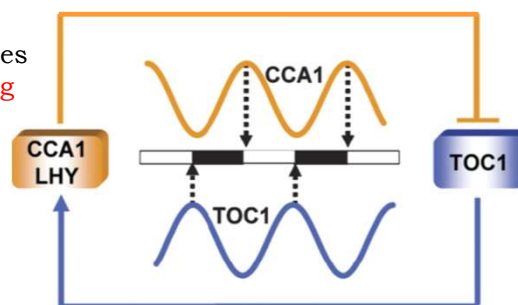
The central oscillator

1) CCA1 – CIRCADIAN CLOCK ASSOCIATED 1 LHY – LATE ELONGATED HYPOCOTYL

- ❖ MYB transcription factors
- ❖ reduction in mRNA levels: negative feedback loop
- ❖ mRNA level peaking at **dawn**

2) TOC1 – TIMING OF CAB EXPRESSION 1

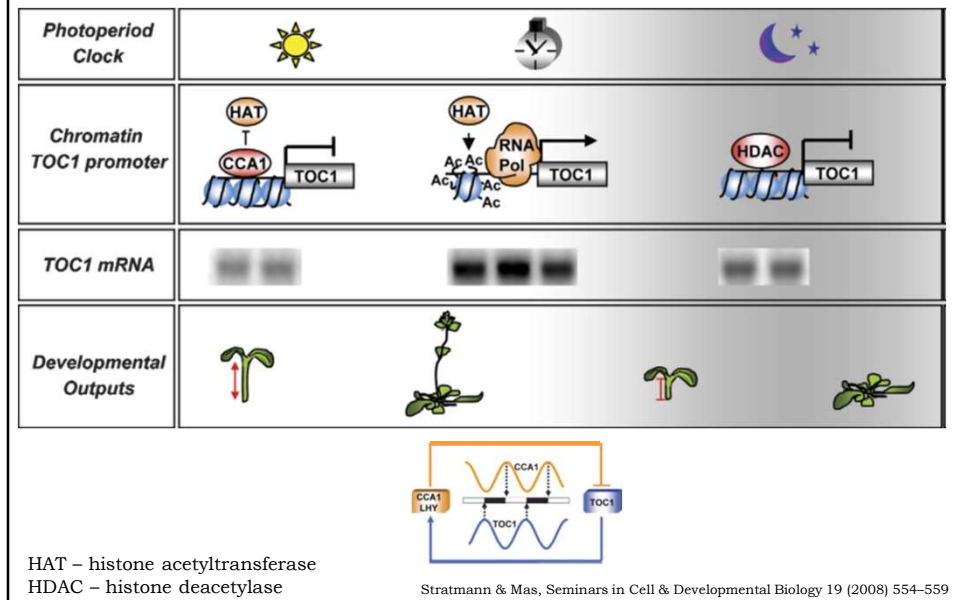
- ❖ TOC1 expression oscillates peaking during **early evening** (opposite to CCA1 and LHY)



Stratmann & Mas, Seminars in Cell & Developmental Biology (2008) 554–559

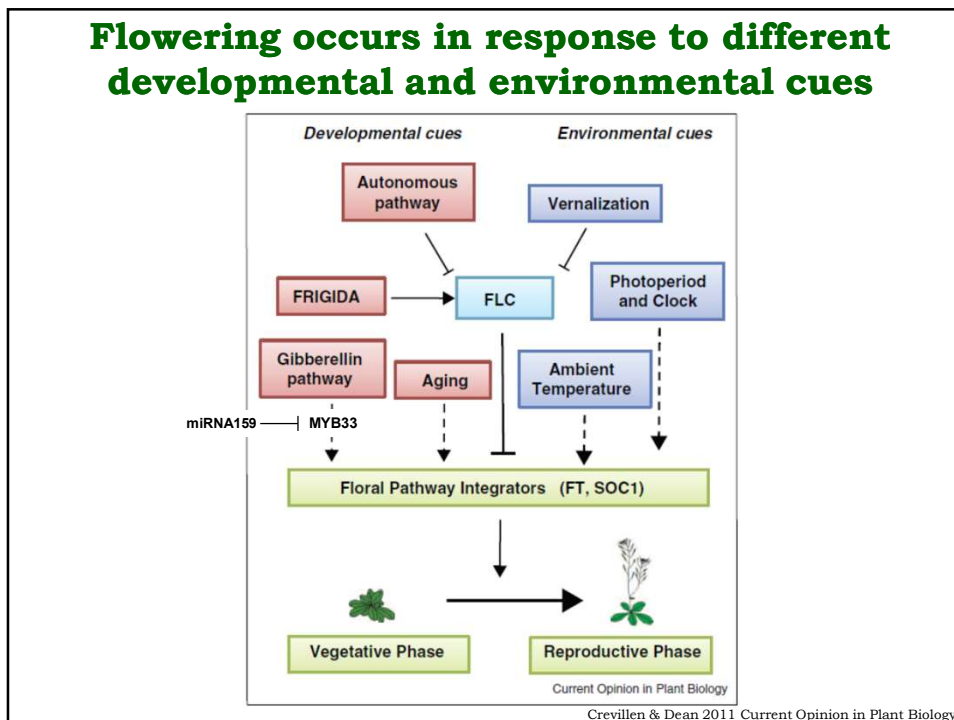
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Chromatin-dependent regulation of *TOC1*



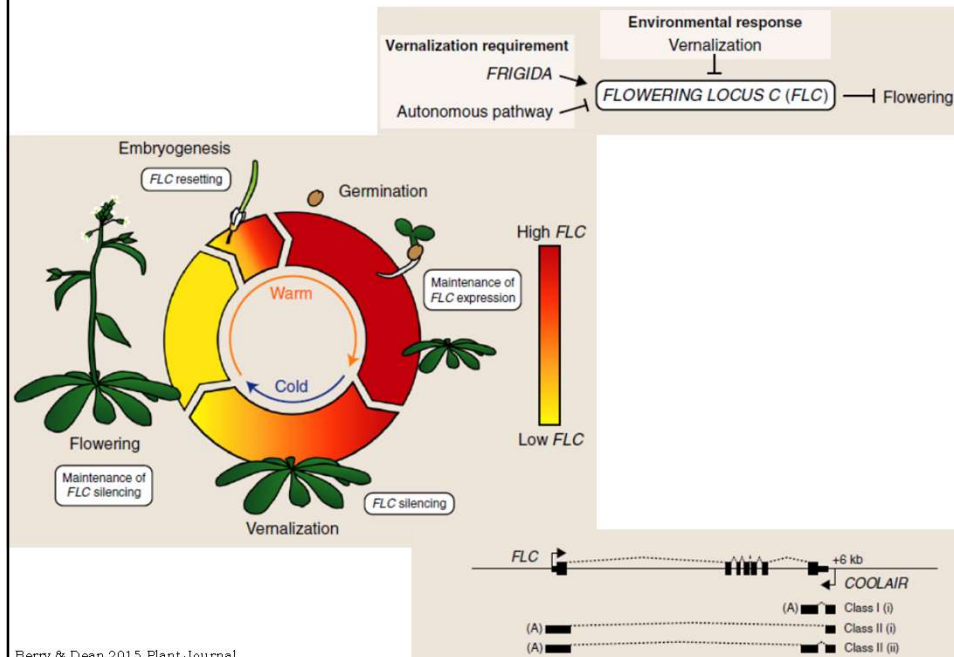
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Flowering occurs in response to different developmental and environmental cues



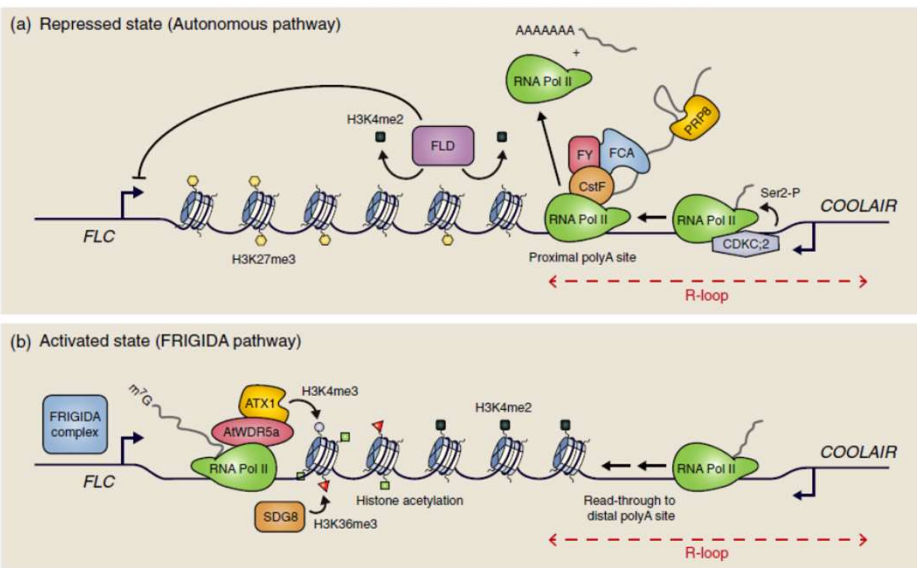
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FLC regulation through development



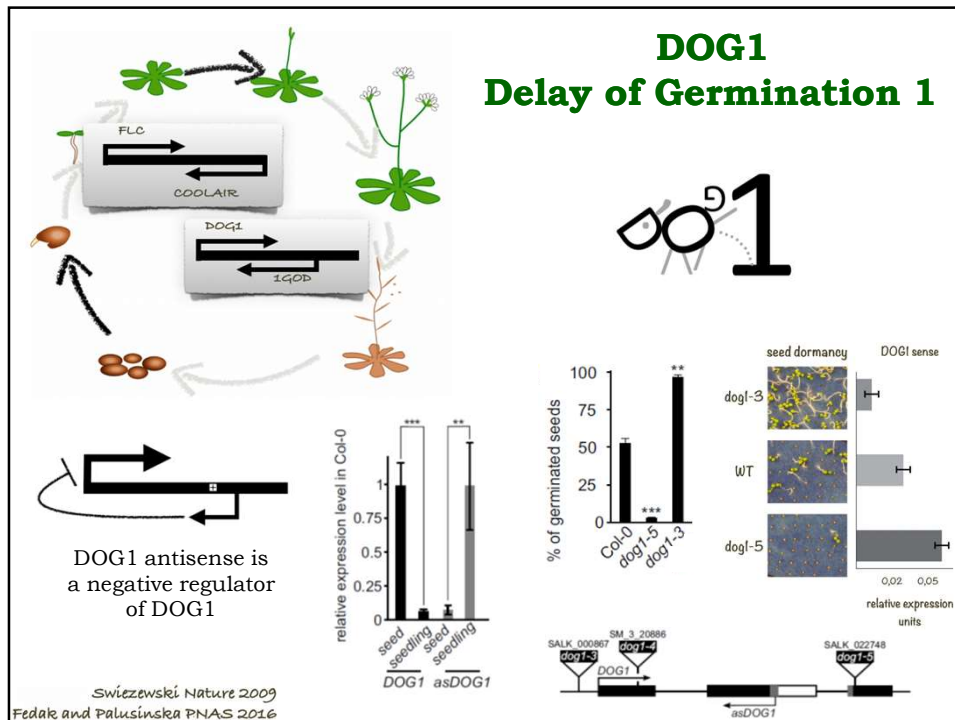
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Autonomous pathway/FRIGIDA 'tug of war' to set and maintain FLC expression

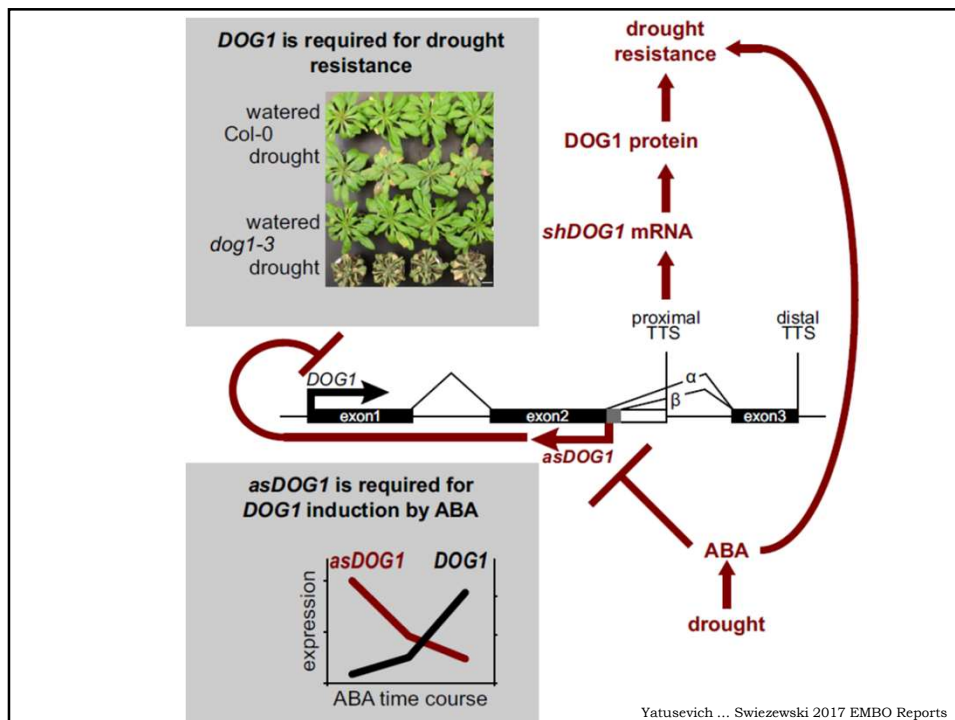


Berry & Dean 2015 Plant Journal

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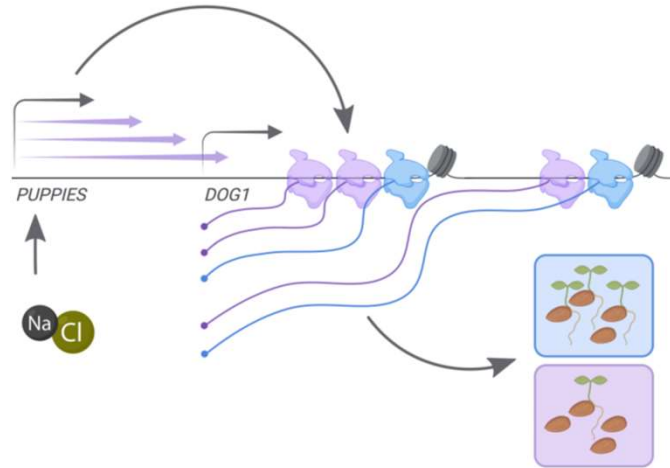


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Molecular regulation of DOG1 gene expression mediated by PUPPIES in seeds under salt stress

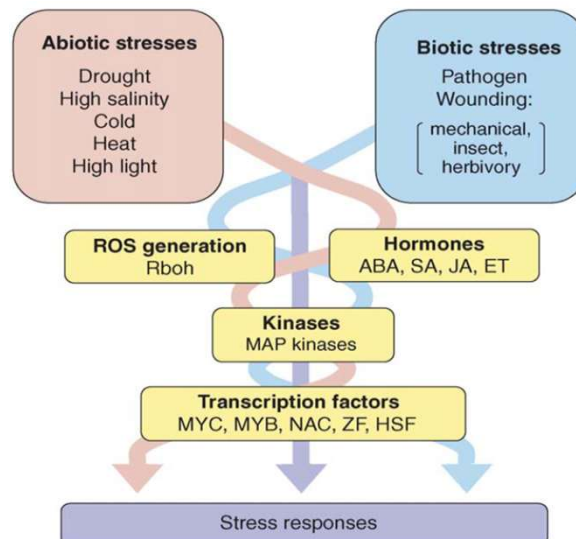


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Stress response

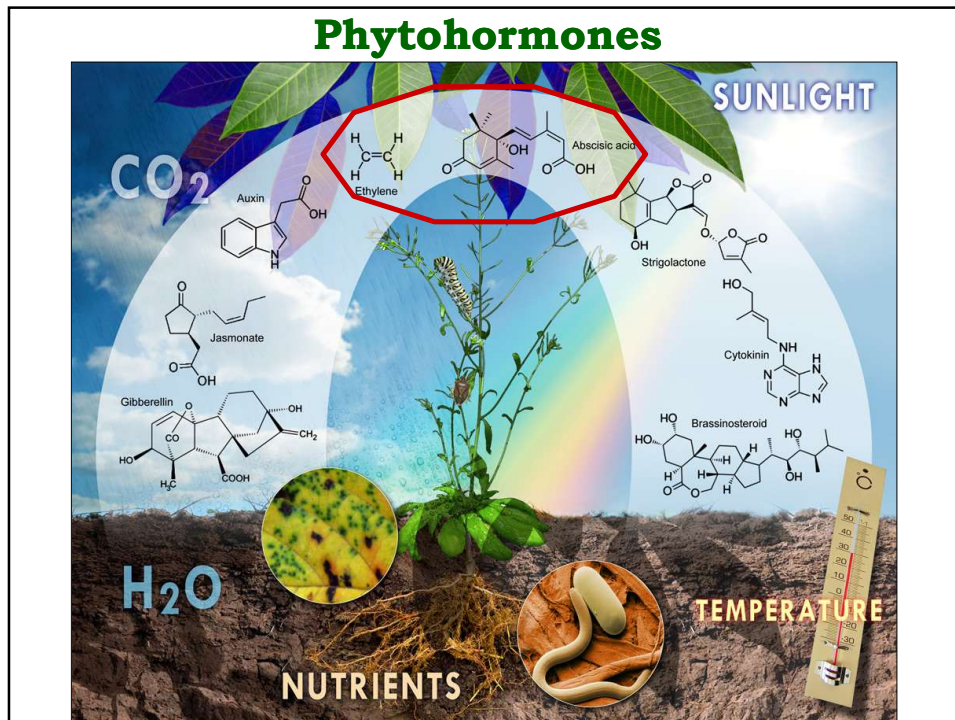
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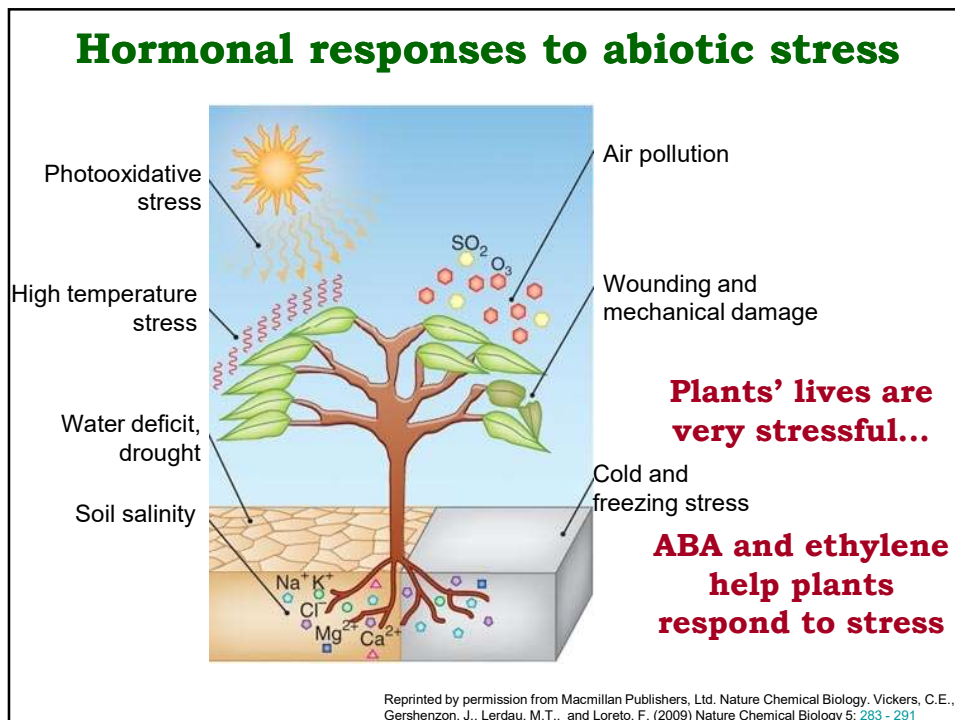


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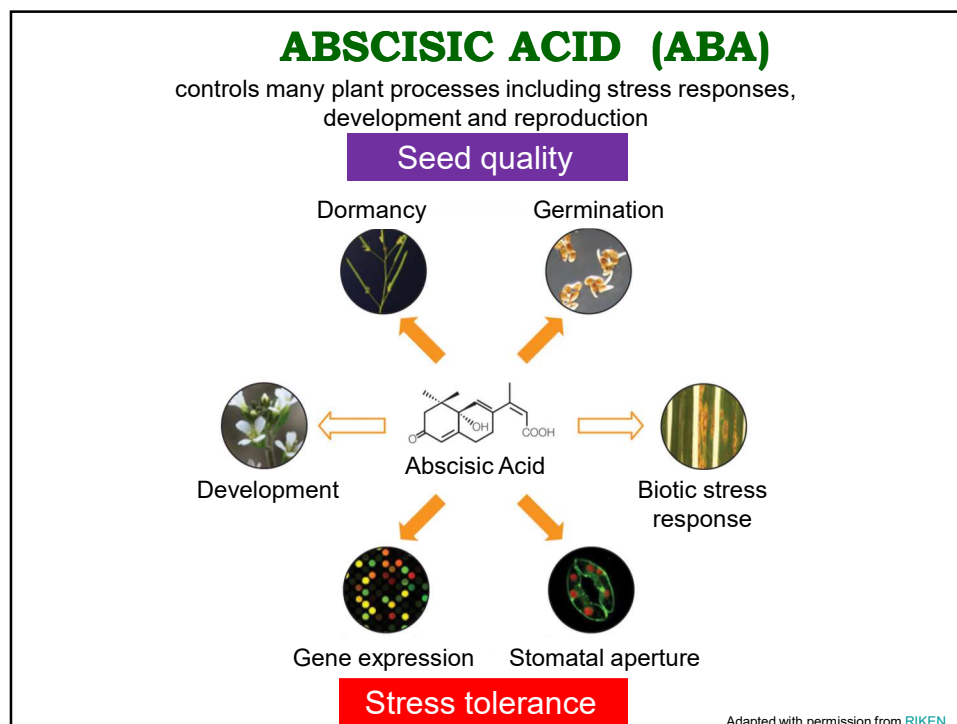
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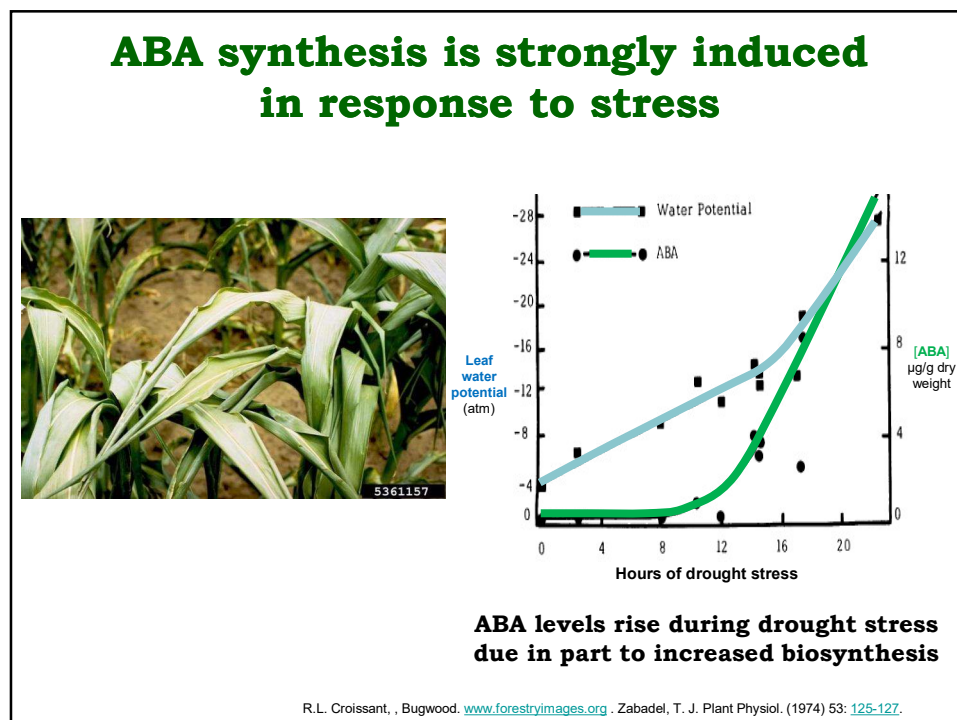
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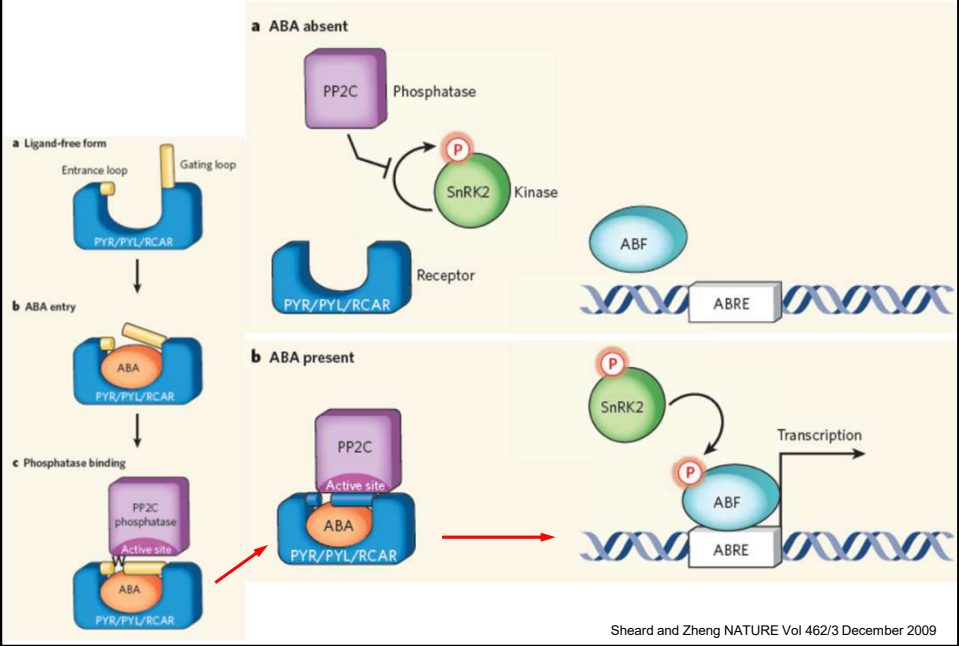


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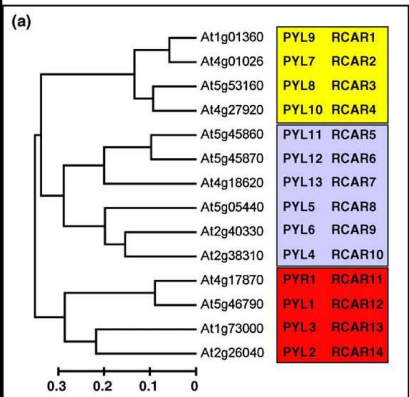
Abscisic acid (ABA) signaling pathway



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There are many genes encoding PYR/PYL/RCARs

The 14 PYR/PYL/RCARs in Arabidopsis

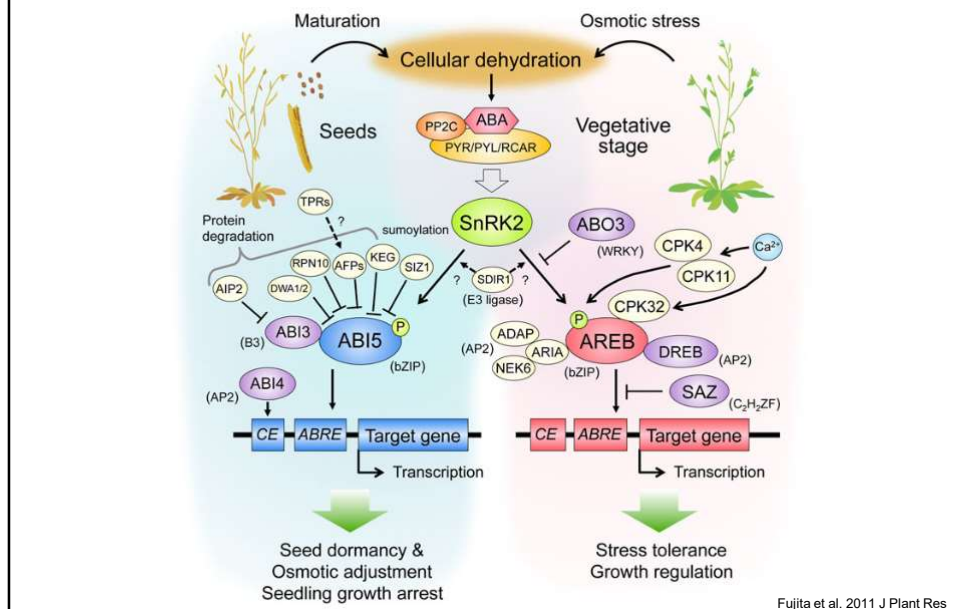


Common Name	Species	Number of genes
Soybean	<i>Glycine max</i>	23
Corn	<i>Zea mays</i>	20
Western poplar	<i>Populus trichocarpa</i>	14
Arabidopsis	<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>	14
Rice	<i>Oryza sativa</i>	11
Grape	<i>Vitis vinifera</i>	8
Sorghum	<i>Sorghum bicolor</i>	8
Barrel medic (a model legume)	<i>Medicago truncatula</i>	6

Klingler, J.P., Batelli, G., and Zhu, J.-K. J. Exp. Bot. 61: 3199-3210
Raghavendra, A.S., Gonugunta, V.K., Christmann, A., and Grill, E. (2010) Trends Plant Sci. 15: 395-401.

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Transcriptional regulation of ABA signaling by AREB/ABF and ABI5 family TFs



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ABA response in RNA metabolic mutants

sad1 – supersensitive to ABA and drought
LSM complex (Sm-like) snRNP proteins
mRNA splicing and degradation



ahg2 – ABA hypersensitive germination
 poly(A)-specific ribonuclease **AtPARN**
deadenylation, mRNA degradation



abh1 – hypersensitive response to ABA in germination inhibition
 nuclear cap-binding protein **CBP80**
mRNA splicing and stability



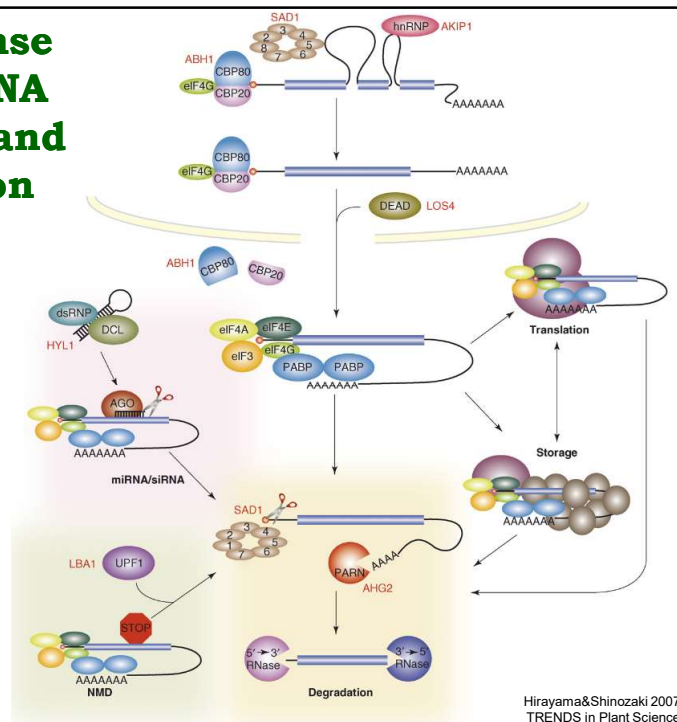
los4 – sensitive to ABA and cold
 putative DEAD box RNA helicase **LOS4**
mRNA export

lba1 – ABA-hypersensitive seed germination
 RNA helicase **UPF1** Nonsense-Mediated decay (NMD)
Nonsense-Mediated mRNA decay

hyl1 – hypersensitive to salt and ABA
 RNA binding protein **HYL1**
miRNA processing and accumulation

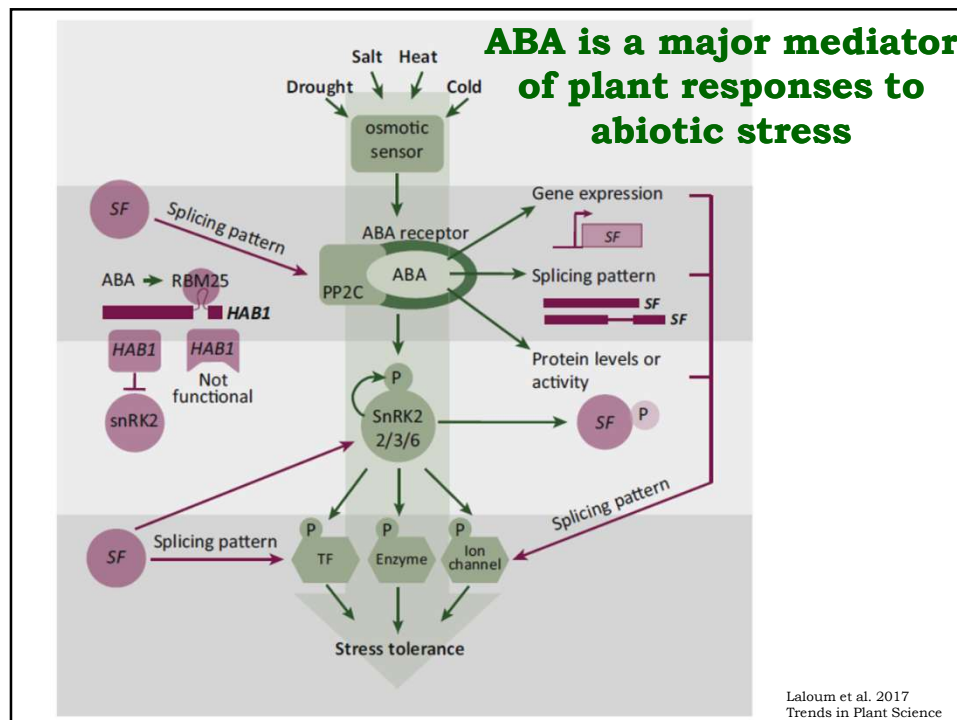
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ABA response involves RNA processing and degradation systems



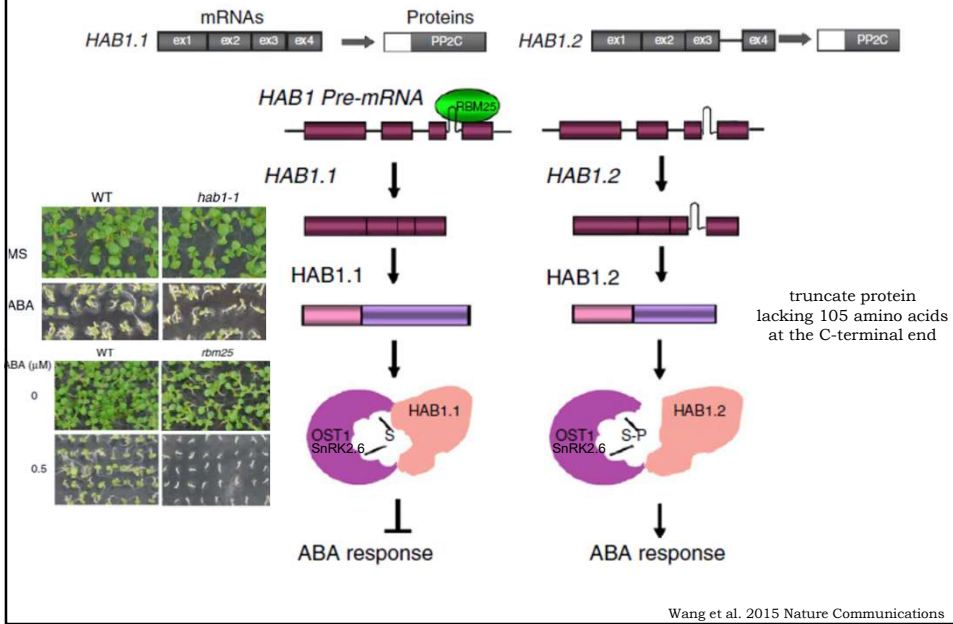
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ABA is a major mediator of plant responses to abiotic stress



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HAB1 splice variants control ABA signalling



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Splicing factors involved in plant abiotic stress responses

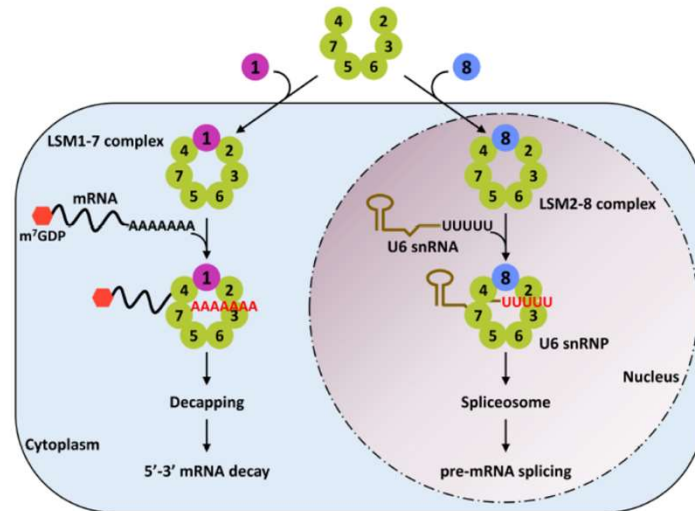
Splicing factor		Abiotic stress under which an <i>in vivo</i> role was reported ^a					
		ABA	Drought	Salt	Cold	Heat	Cadmium
SR proteins	SR45	✓	X	X	X	X	X
	SR34b	X	X	X	X	X	✓
	RS40	✓	X	✓	X	X	X
	RS41	✓	X	✓	X	X	X
GRPs	GRP2	X	✓	X	X	X	X
	GRP7	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X
	RZ-1a	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X
CBPs	CBP20	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X
	CBP80/ABH1	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X
Spliceosome components	SKIP	X	✓	✓	X	X	X
	SAD1	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X
	LSm4	✓	X	✓	X	X	X
	RDM16	✓	X	✓	X	X	X
	STA1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
	RBM25	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X
SMD3		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

^aSymbols: ✓, *in vivo* stress response role reported; X, no *in vivo* stress response role reported.

Laloum et al.
2017 Trends in
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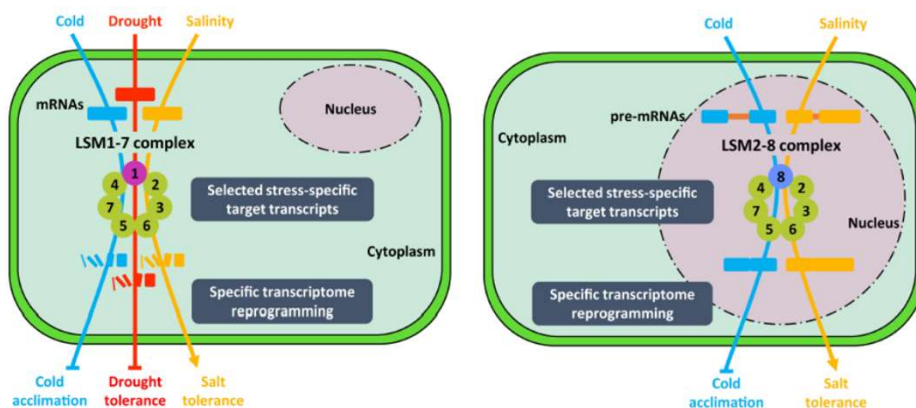
Subcellular localization and function of the eukaryotic LSM complexes



Catala et al. 2019 Frontiers in Plant Science

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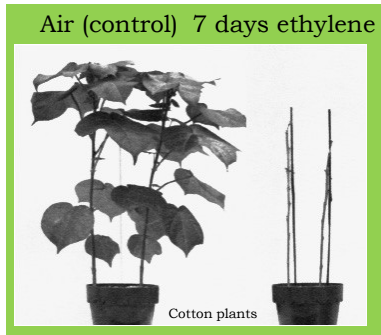
Function of LSM complex in plant response to abiotic stresses



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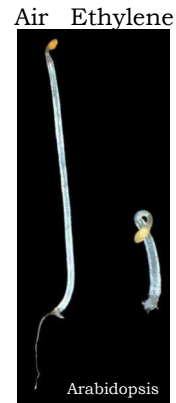
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Ethylene (C_2H_4) is a gaseous hormone with diverse actions



Ethylene regulates:

- ❖ fruit ripening
- ❖ organ expansion
- ❖ senescence
- ❖ gene expression
- ❖ stress responses



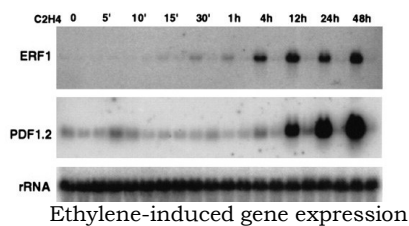
Beyer, Jr., E.M. (1976) Plant Physiol. 58: [268-271](#).

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Ethylene responses in *Arabidopsis*



Inhibition of leaf cell expansion



Acceleration of leaf senescence

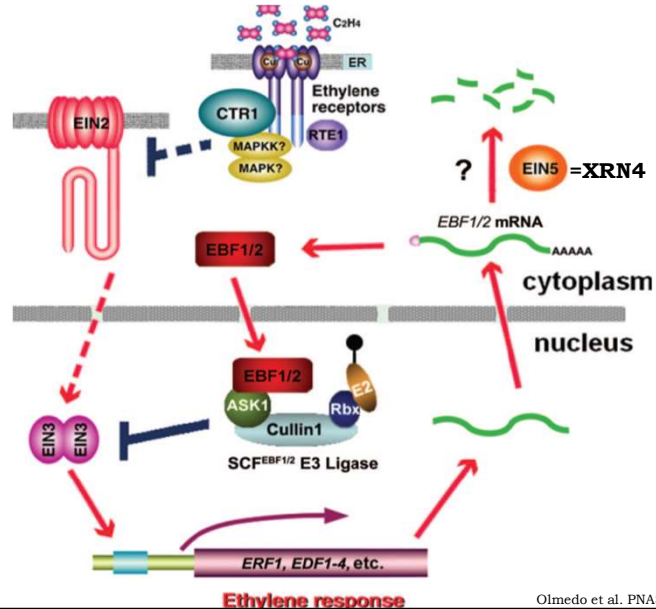


Inhibition of root elongation

Lorenzo, O., Piqueras, R., Sanchez-Serrano, J.J., and Solano, R. (2003). Plant Cell 15: [165-178](#);
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Ethylene signal transduction pathway: XRN4 - 5'-3' cytoplasmic exoribonuclease



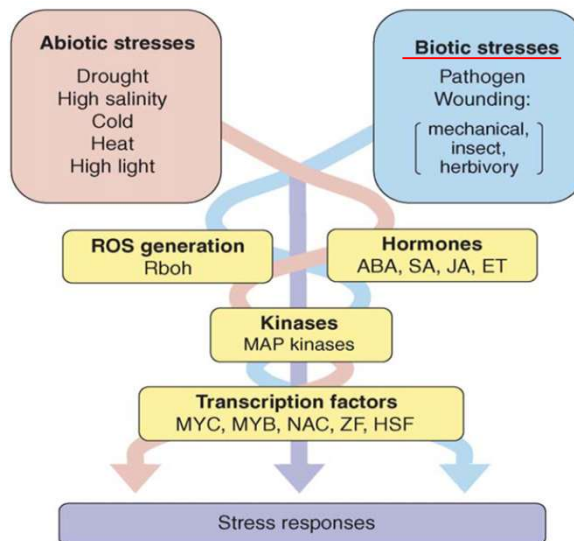
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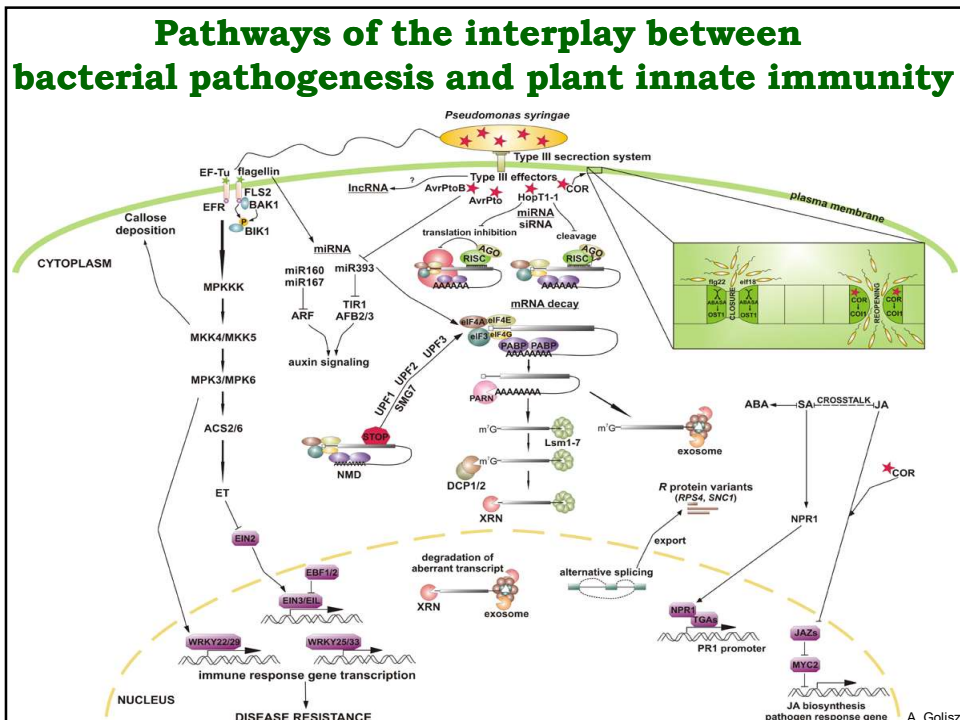
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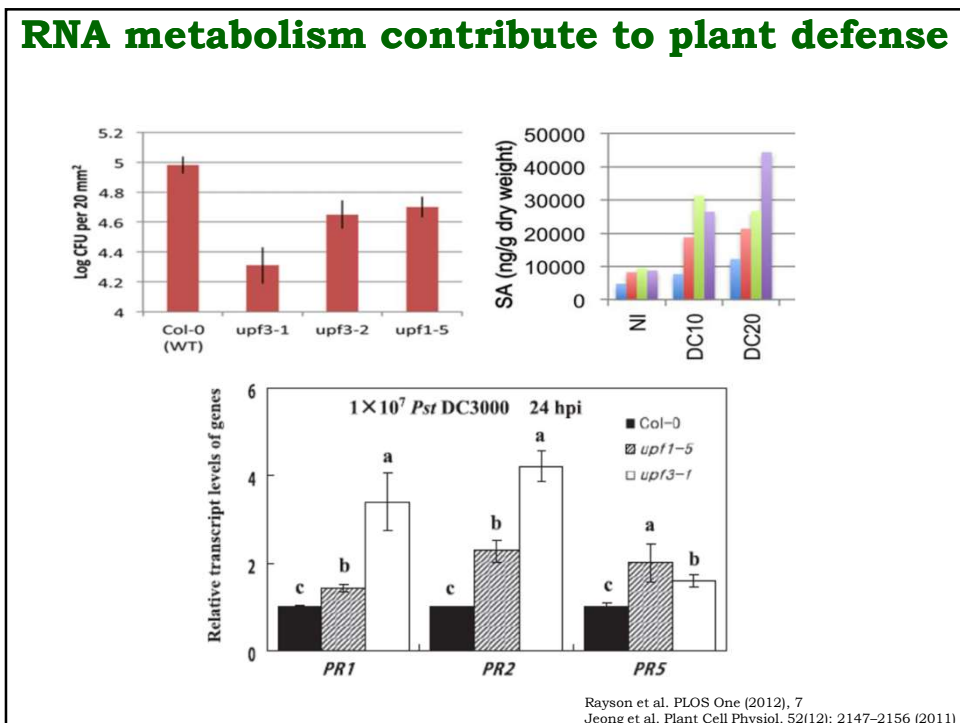


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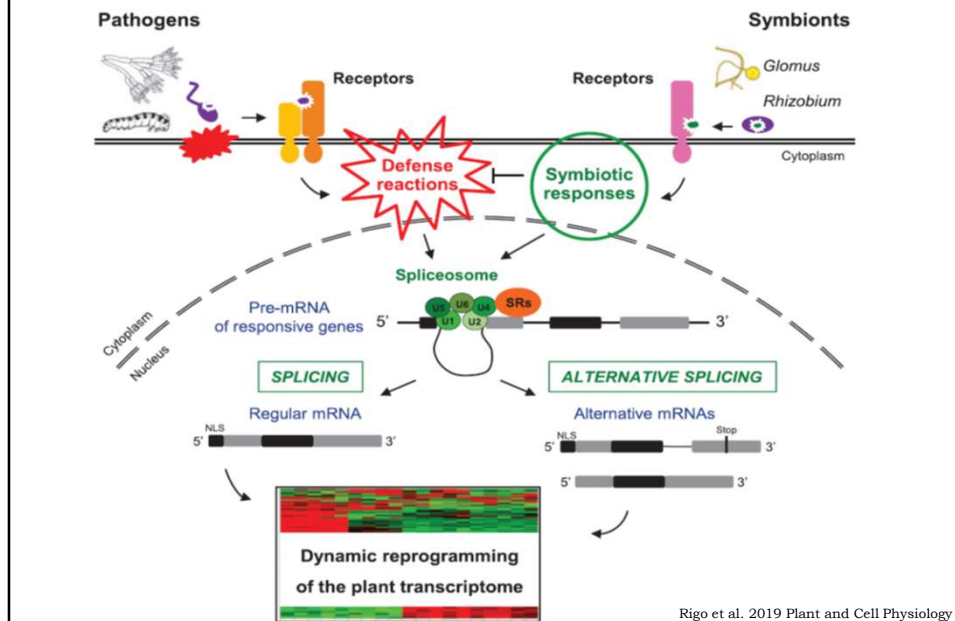


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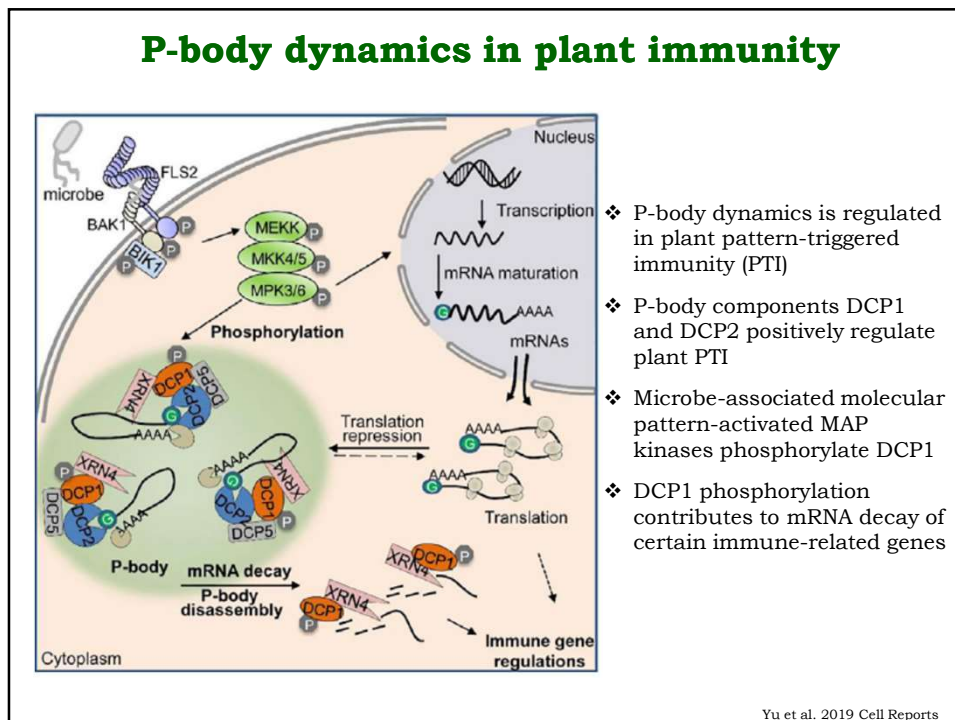
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Dynamic reprogramming of the plant transcriptome in response to biotic interactions



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P-body dynamics in plant immunity



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Anterograde and retrograde signaling in plant cells

The diagram illustrates the communication pathways between the nucleus and the chloroplast in a plant cell. The cell is represented as a large green oval containing a blue nucleus at the top and a chloroplast at the bottom. The chloroplast is shown in cross-section, revealing internal green thylakoids. Two red lightning bolts, labeled 'Environmental stimulus', point towards the nucleus and the chloroplast. A red curved arrow labeled 'Anterograde signaling' points from the nucleus to the chloroplast. A blue curved arrow labeled 'Retrograde signaling' points from the chloroplast back to the nucleus. The central area of the cell is labeled 'Cytoplasm'.

Environmental stimulus

Nucleus

Cytoplasm

Anterograde signaling

Retrograde signaling

Chloroplast

Environmental stimulus

Singh et al. 2015 Journal of Plant Physiology

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Metabolite-mediated retrograde signaling pathways triggered by abiotic stress

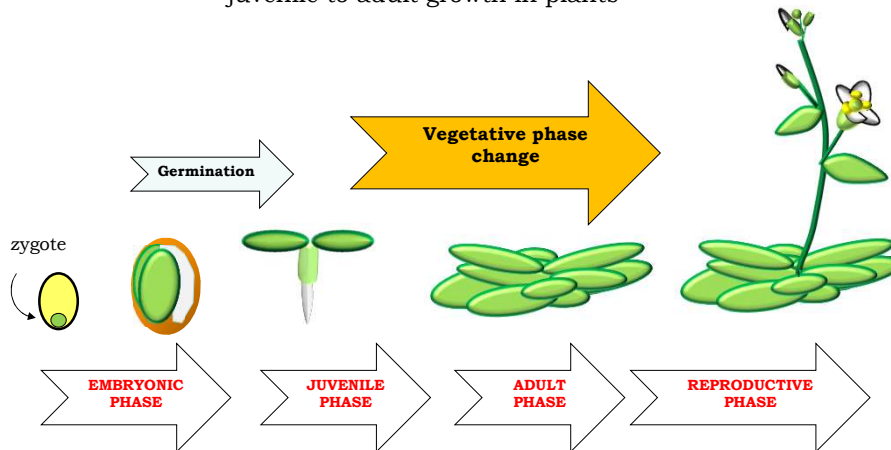
PAP: 3'-phosphoadenosine 5'-phosphate AMP - adenosine monophosphate
MEcPP: 2-C-methyl-D-erythritol 2,4-cyclodiphosphate

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IV. Regulation via miRNA and lncRNA

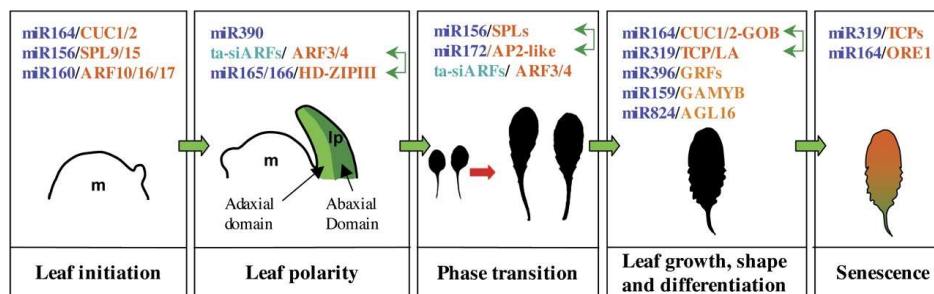
miRNAs and vegetative phase change

Vegetative phase change is the transition from juvenile to adult growth in plants



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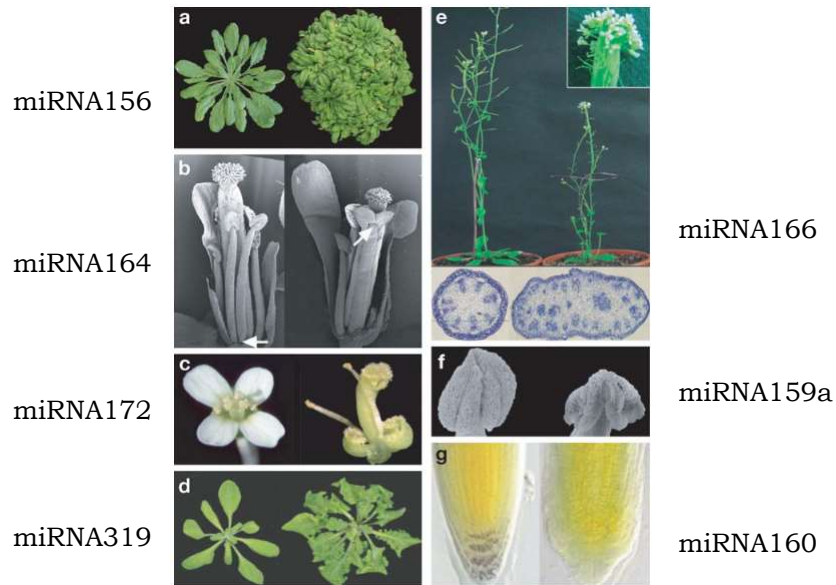
Leaves are modulated by miRNA activity throughout development



Pulido, A., and Laufs, P. (2010). J.Exp.Bot. 61: [1277-1291](#)

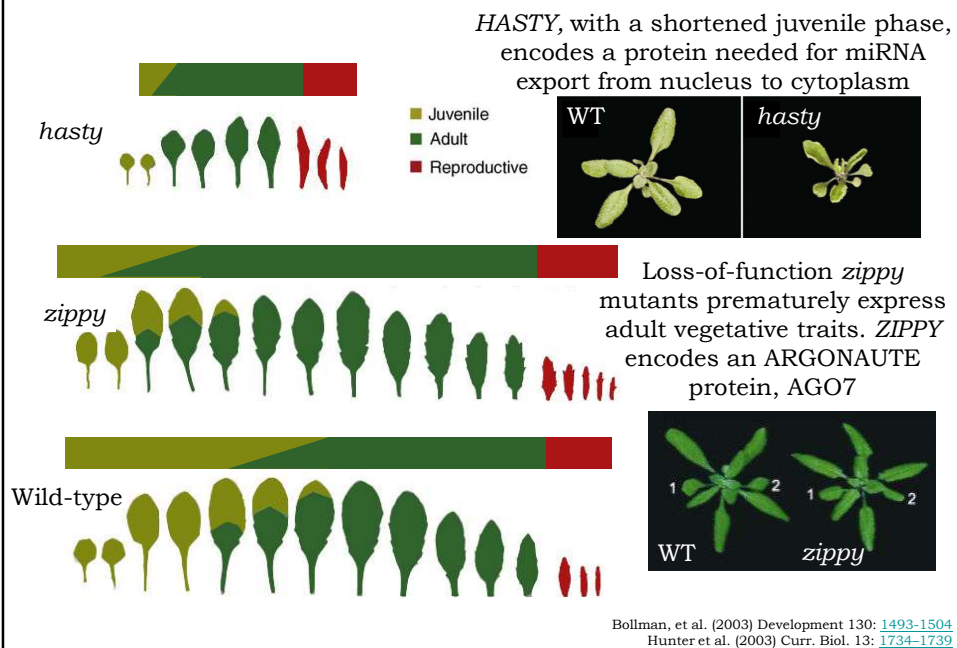
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Phenotypes resulting from microRNA overexpression in Arabidopsis



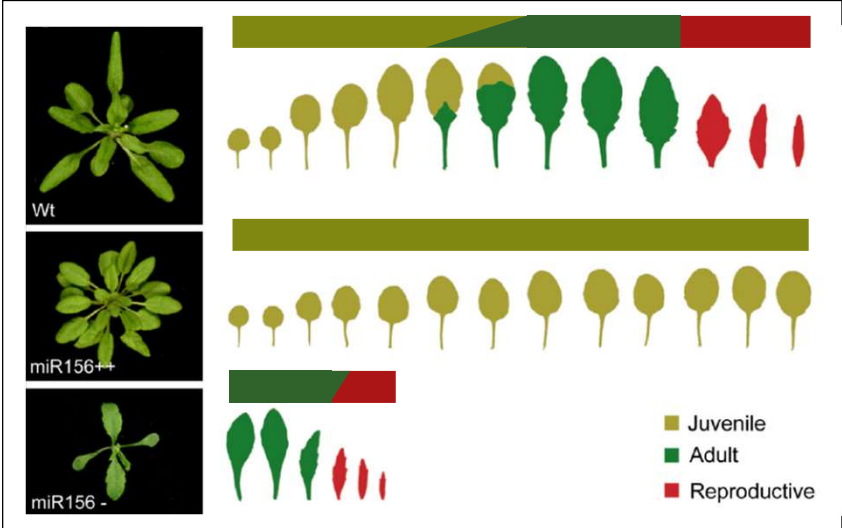
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Phase change is specified by miRNAs



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miR156 overexpression prolongs juvenile phase in *Arabidopsis*



Poethig, R.S. (2009) Curr. Opin. Genet. Devel.

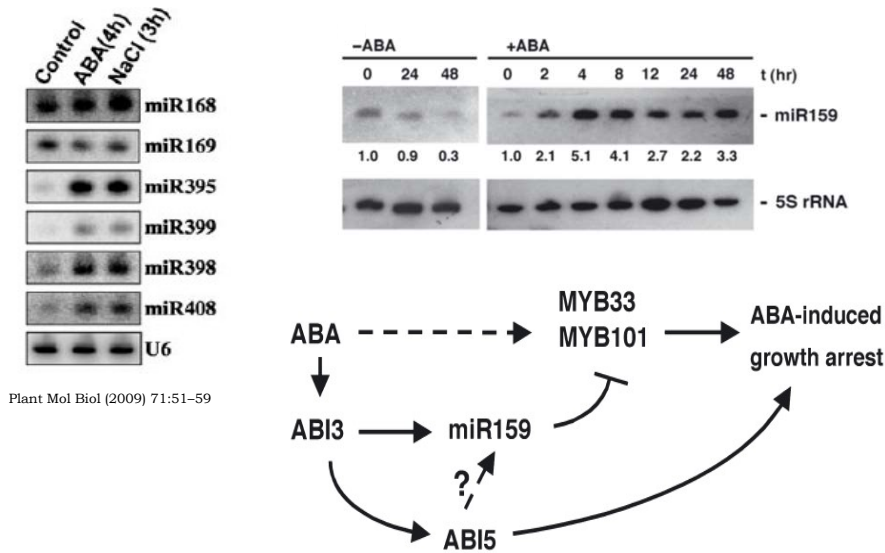
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Role of conserved plant miRNAs

Role	miRNA family	Target families/genes	Reference(s)				
Auxin signaling	miR160	ARF10	[122,123]				
	miR164	NAC1	[130]				
	miR167	ARF8	[122]				
	miR390	ARF	[114]				
	miR393	TIR1/F-box AFB	[15,124]				
Leaf development	miR159	MYB	[48,127,128]	Role	miRNA family	Target families/genes	Reference(s)
	miR164	NAC1	[132]				
	miR166	HD-ZIPIII	[131]				
	miR172	AP2	[127]				
	miR319	TCP	[128]				
Leaf polarity	miR166	HD-ZIPIII	[121,131]	Adaptive responses to stress	miR156	SBP	[37,43,44,103]
	miR168	AGO1	[120]		miR159	MYB	[16,37,43,48,49]
	miR390	ARF	[114]		miR160	ARF10	[37,50,100]
	miR160	ARF10	[122,123,1]		miR167	ARF8	[37,42,43]
	miR164	NAC1	[132,133]		miR168	AGO1	[37]
Floral organ identity	miR172	AP2	[134]	miR169	NPY/MTHAP2-1	[37,43,52,110,136]	
	miR319	TCP	[127,128]	miR171	SCL	[37,43]	
	miR156	SBP	[125-127]	miR319	TCP	[16,37,43]	
	miR159	MYB	[48]	miR393	TIR1/F-box AFB	[15,16,37,42,43]	
	miR172	AP2	[127,135]	miR395	APS/AST	[15,16,37]	
Flowering time	miR319	TCP	[127]	miR396	GRF	[16,37]	
				miR397	Laccases, Beta-6-tubulin	[15,16,37]	
				miR398	CSD	[15,19,37,43,53,72]	
				miR399	UBC24/PHO2	[36,37,75,76]	
				miR408	Plastocyanin	[16,37,44]	
				Regulation of miRNA	miR162	DCL1	[137]
					miR168	AGO1	[120]
					miR403	AGO2	[114]
					miR158	At1g64100	
					miR161	PPR	
				Others	miR163	At1g66700, At1g66690	
					miR173	At3g28460	
					miR174	At1g17050	
					miR175	At5g18040, At3g43200, At1g51670	
					miR394	F-box	
Khraiwesh et al. 2011 Biochimica et Biophysica Acta							

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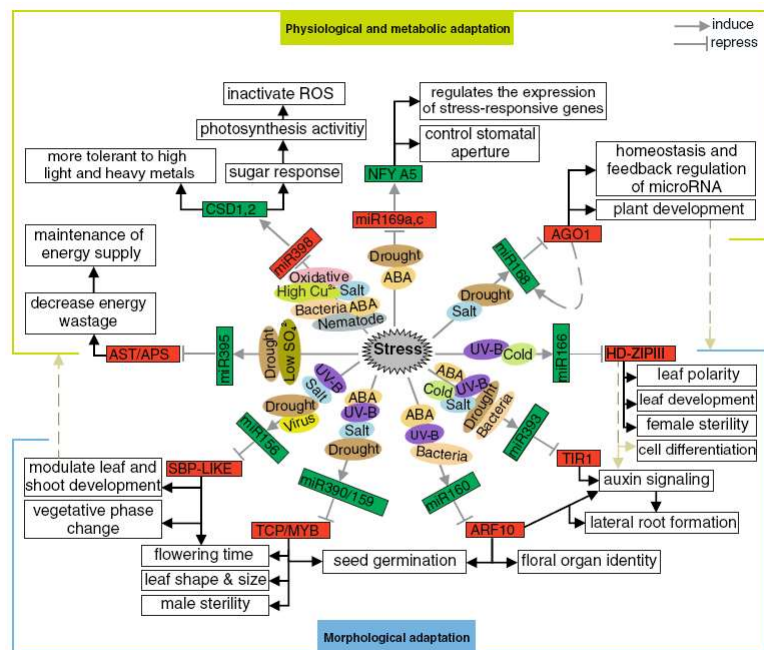
Regulation of miRNA and their target genes by ABA and salt stress in *Arabidopsis*



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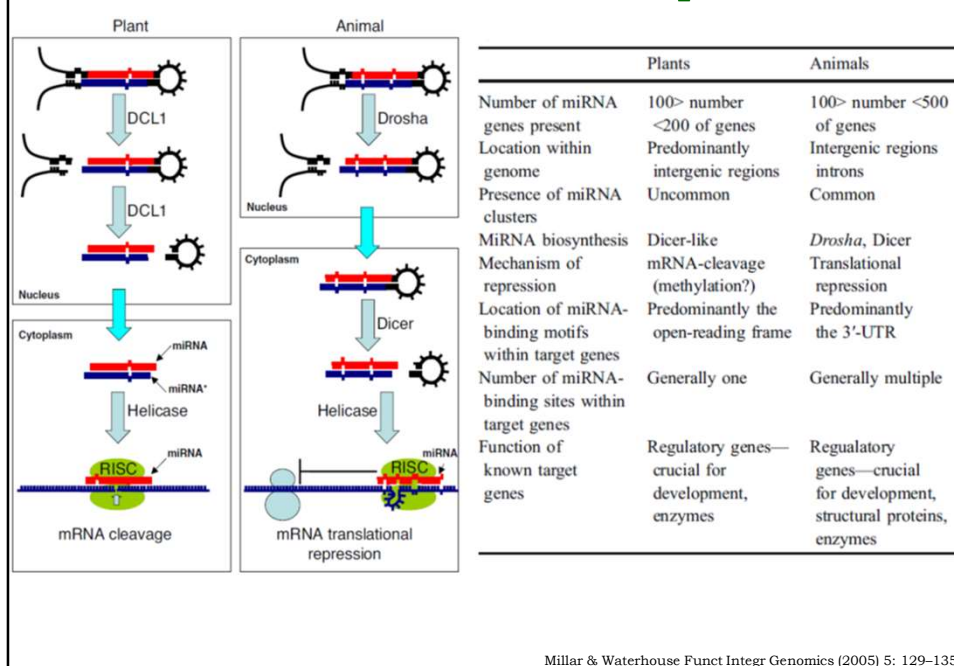
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Regulatory network of stress-responsive miRNAs in *Arabidopsis*



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Distinctions between animal and plant miRNAs

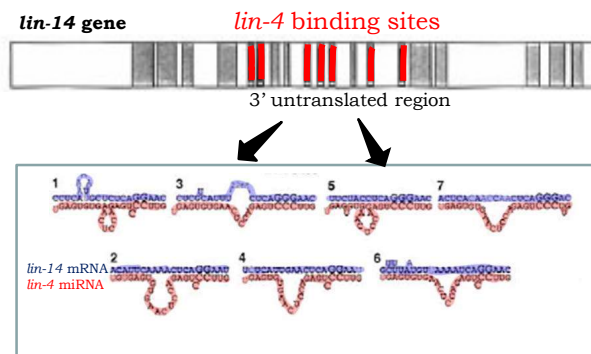
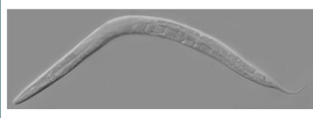


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miRNAs regulate developmental timing

miRNAs were discovered in studies of developmental progressions in the nematode *C. elegans*

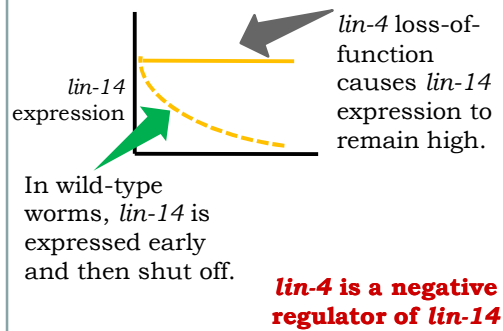
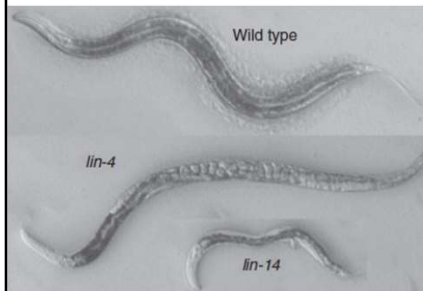
miRNA encoded by *lin-4* is required for proper larval development



Lee, R.C., Feinbaum, R.L., and Ambrose, V. (1993). *Cell* 75: 843–845.
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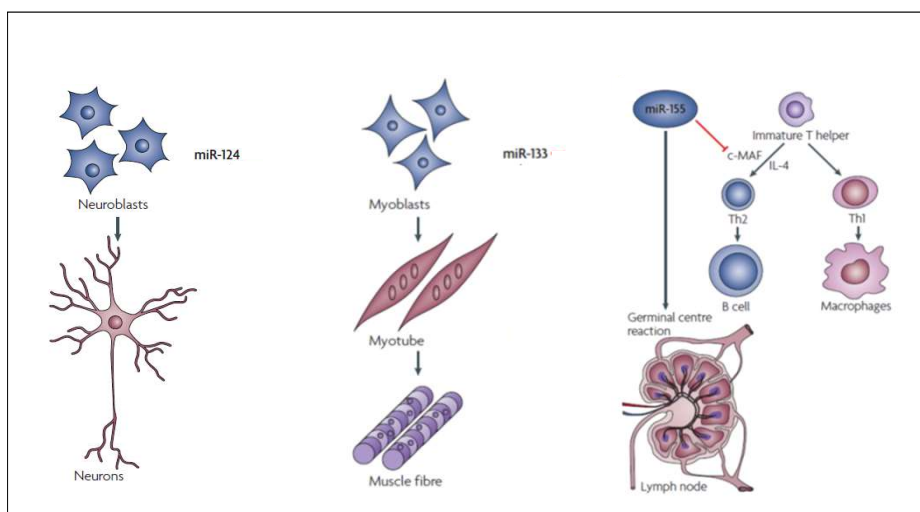
Downregulation of *lin-14* by *lin-4* is necessary for normal development



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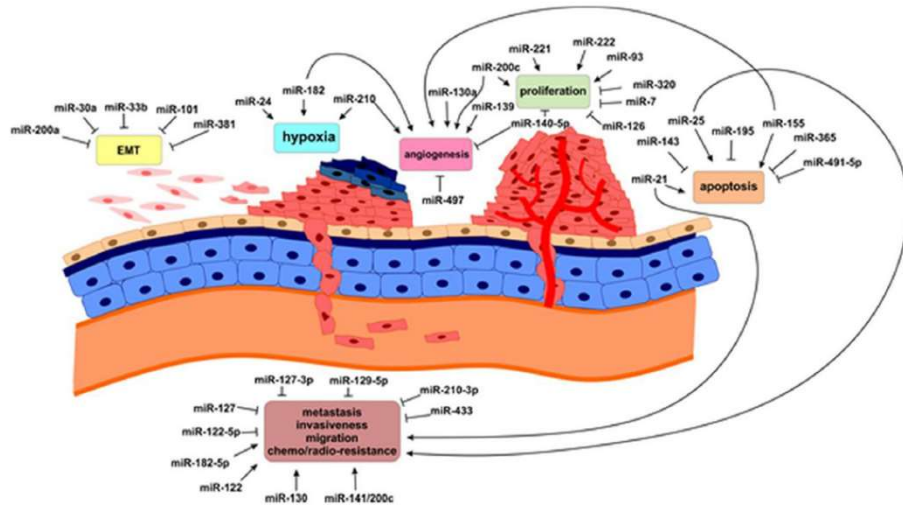
miRNA in animal development



Stefani G., Slack F. J., (2008) Mol Cell Biol

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MicroRNAs regulate proliferation, apoptosis, EMT, invasiveness, migration, metastases, angiogenesis, and adaptation to hypoxia of cancer cells



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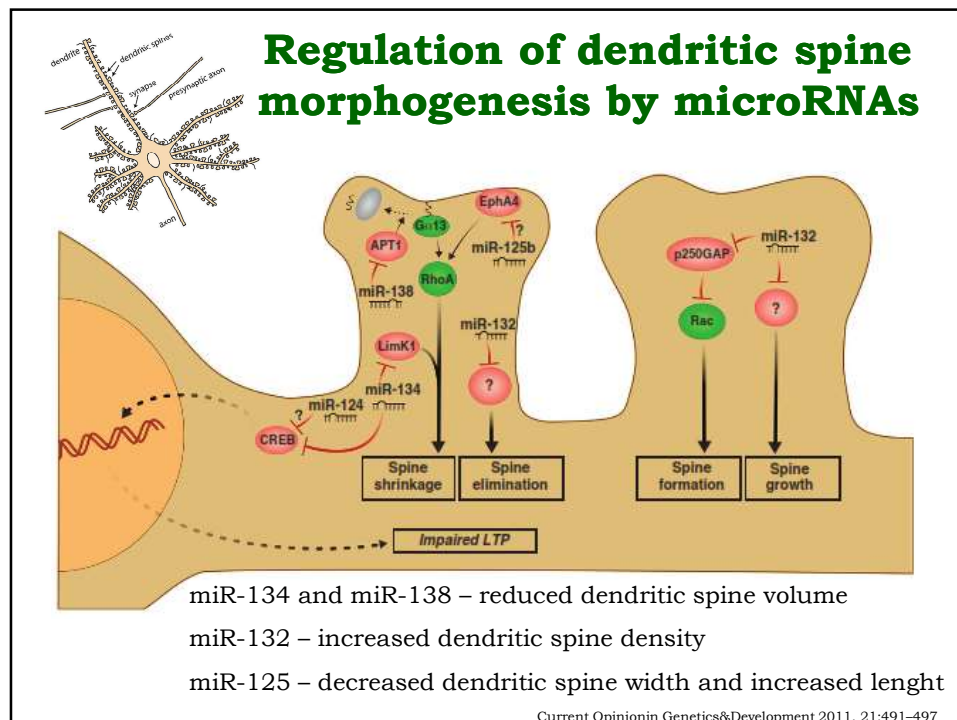
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Mechanism of miRNAs regulation of cancer	MicroRNAs	Target pathway/gene product	References
↑ Proliferation	↑ miR-93; ↑ miR-200c; ↑ miR-221; ↑ miR-222; ↓ miR-7; ↓ miR-126; ↓ miR-140-5p; ↓ miR-320	TIMP2, p27 ^{Kip1} , SOX4, EGFR, ADAM9, PDGFRA	Bai et al. (2017), Guan et al. (2017), Lan et al. (2015), le Sage et al. (2007), Wang et al. (2015, 2016), Webster et al. (2009)
↓ Apoptosis	↑ miR-10b; ↑ miR-21; ↑ miR-25; ↑ miR-155; ↑ miR-222; ↓ miR-143; ↓ miR-195; ↓ miR-365; ↓ miR-491-5p	Bcl-2, Bcl-xL, PUMA, PTEN, DR4, TP53, SOCS1, SOCS6, AKT, Ras/MEK/ERK	Bahena-Ocampo et al. (2016), Gu et al. (2018), Guo et al. (2012), Hatley et al. (2010), Jiang et al. (2014), Li et al. (2017c), Liu et al. (2012), Razumilava et al. (2012), Song et al. (2017), Wu et al. (2017), Xue et al. (2016), Zhu et al. (2015)
↑ EMT	↓ miR-30a; ↓ miR-33b; ↓ miR-101; ↓ miR-381; ↓ miR-200 family (miR-200a)	ZEB1/ZEB2, vimentin, Wnt/β-catenin/ZEB1, SOX4, Snail	Cheng et al. (2012), Cong et al. (2013), Guo et al. (2014), Korpai et al. (2008), Kumarswamy et al. (2012), Liu et al. (2014), Pang et al. (2017), Qu et al. (2015)
↑ Invasiveness	↑ miR-21; ↑ miR-25; ↑ miR-122; ↑ miR-130; ↑ miR-141/200c;	TIMP3, PTEN, FBXW7, KRAS, MAPK, ITGA6, TGFβR2, VEGF-A, DUSP4, FGFR1, RAB27A, FND3B, Dicer, TNS1	Choi et al. (2016), Duan et al. (2016), Fan et al. (2018), Gong et al. (2015), Guo et al. (2013), Li et al. (2017a), Liu et al. (2013), Martin del Campo et al. (2015), Wang et al. (2018a), Xu et al. (2017, 2018), Yang et al. (2017), Zhan et al. (2016)
↑ Migration	↑ miR-182-5p; ↓ miR-548j;		
↑ Metastases	↑ miR-122-5p; ↓ miR-127; ↓ miR-127-3p; ↓ miR-129-5p; ↓ miR-210-3p; ↓ miR-433		
↑ Chemo/radio-resistance			
↑ Adaptation to hypoxia	↑ miR-24; ↑ miR-182; ↑ miR-210	FIH1, HIF-1α, PHD2, PTPN1	Li et al. (2014b, 2015c), Roscigno et al. (2017)
↑ Angiogenesis	↑ miR-130a; ↑ miR-139; ↑ miR-155; ↑ miR-182; ↑ miR-200c; ↑ miR-449a; ↓ miR-210; ↓ miR-449a; ↓ miR-497	VEGF-A, VEGFR2, RASA1, c-MYB, VHL, FGFR1, CRIP2, HIF-1α	Du et al. (2015), Kong et al. (2014), Li et al. (2015a), Lu et al. (2017), Shi et al. (2016), Wang et al. (2014a), Yang et al. (2016, 2018)

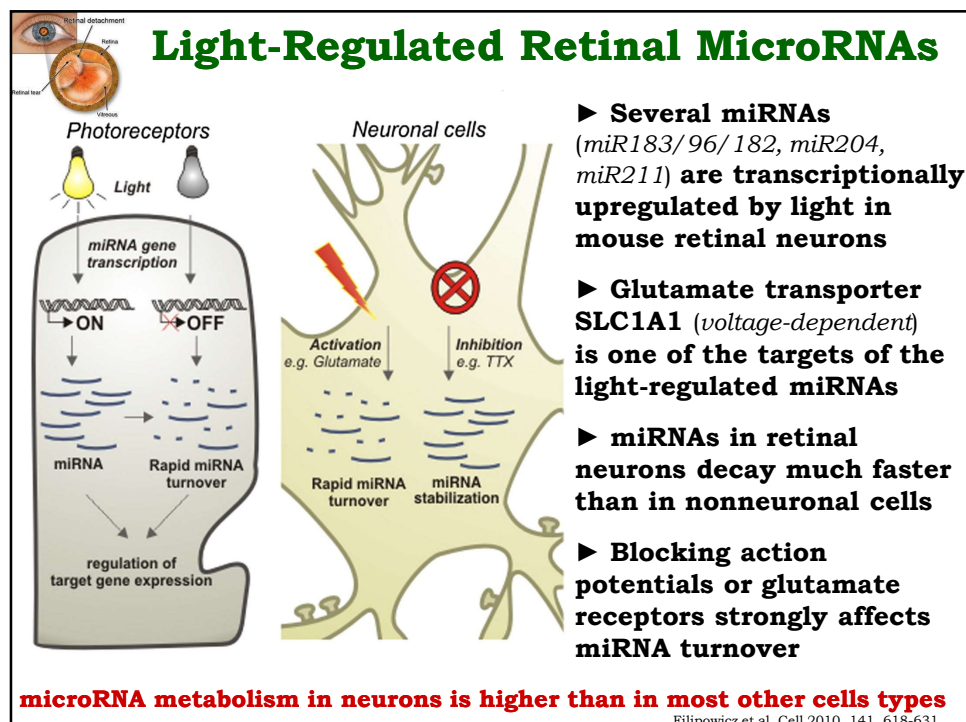
Explanatory notes: ↑ increase, ↓ decrease
ADAM9 A disintegrin and metalloprotease 9, AKT protein kinase B, Bcl-xL B-cell lymphoma-extra large, Bcl-2 B-cell lymphoma, CRIP2 cysteine-rich protein 2, DR4 Death Receptor-4, DUSP4 Dual Specificity Phosphatase 4, FBXW7 F-box and WD-40 domain protein 7, FGFR1 fibroblast growth factor receptor-like 1, FIH1 factor-inhibiting HIF hydroxylase 1, FND3B Fibronectin Type III Domain Containing 3B, HIF1α hypoxia-inducible factor 1α, ITGA6 integrin subunit-α 6, KRAS K-ras2 Kirsten rat sarcoma viral oncogene homolog, MAPK mitogen-activated protein kinase 4, PDGFRA platelet-derived growth factor receptor A, PHD2 hypoxia-inducible factor prolyl hydroxylase 2, PTEN phosphatase and tensin homolog, PTPN1 tyrosine-protein phosphatase non-receptor type 1, PUMA the p53 upregulated modulator of apoptosis, p27^{Kip1} cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitor 1B, RAB27A Ras-related protein Rab-27A, RASA1 RAS p21 protein activator 1, SNAI1 snail family zinc finger 1, SOCS1 suppressor of cytokine signaling 1, SOCS6 suppressor of cytokine signaling 6, SOX4 the SRY-box 4, TGFβR2 the transforming growth factor beta receptor-2, TIMP2 tissue inhibitor of metalloproteinase 2, TIMP3 tissue inhibitor of metalloproteinases 3, TNS1 Tensin 1, TP53 tumor protein p53, VEGF vascular endothelial growth factor, VHL von Hippel-Lindau tumor suppressor, ZEB1 Zinc finger E-box-binding homeobox 1, ZEB2 Zinc finger E-box-binding homeobox 2

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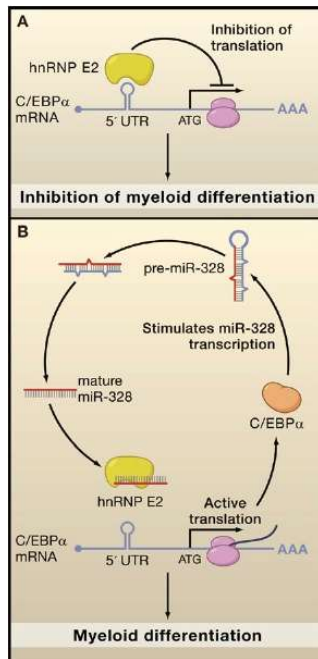


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miRNA as a DECOY in myeloid cell differentiation



► **RNA binding protein hnRNP E2** (activated by BCR/ABL kinase in chronic myeloid leukemia patients-CML) **inhibits translation of C/EBP mRNA by binding to its 5' UTR. This stops MD**

► **miR-328 directly binds hnRNP E2 due to sequence similarity to the E2 binding site on C/EBP mRNA**

► **translation of C/EBP is activated leading to MD**

► **C/EBP stimulates miR-328 transcription** (positive feedback loop for MD fine-tuning)

Beitzinger and Meister, Cell, 2010

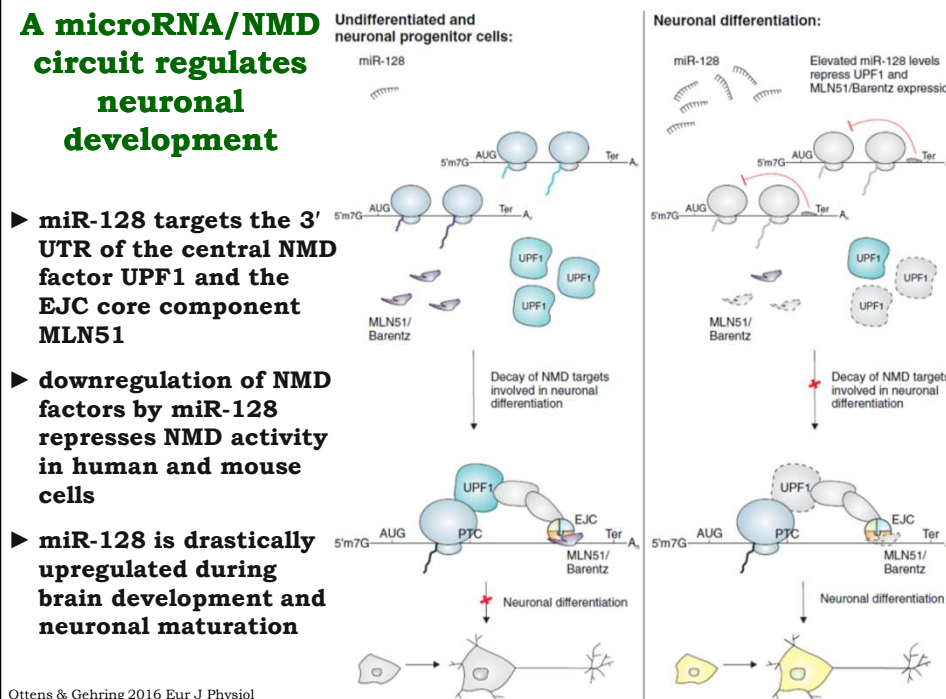
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A microRNA/NMD circuit regulates neuronal development

► **miR-128 targets the 3' UTR of the central NMD factor UPF1 and the EJC core component MLN51**

► **downregulation of NMD factors by miR-128 represses NMD activity in human and mouse cells**

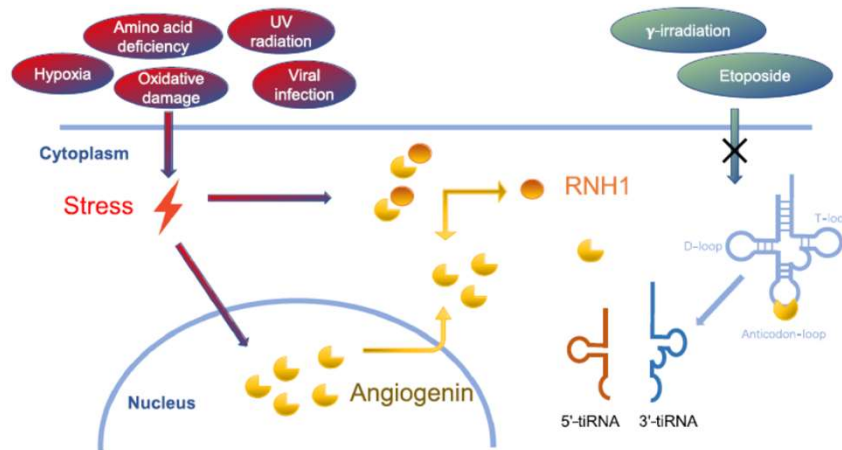
► **miR-128 is drastically upregulated during brain development and neuronal maturation**



Ottens & Gehring 2016 Eur J Physiol

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Biogenesis of tiRNAs

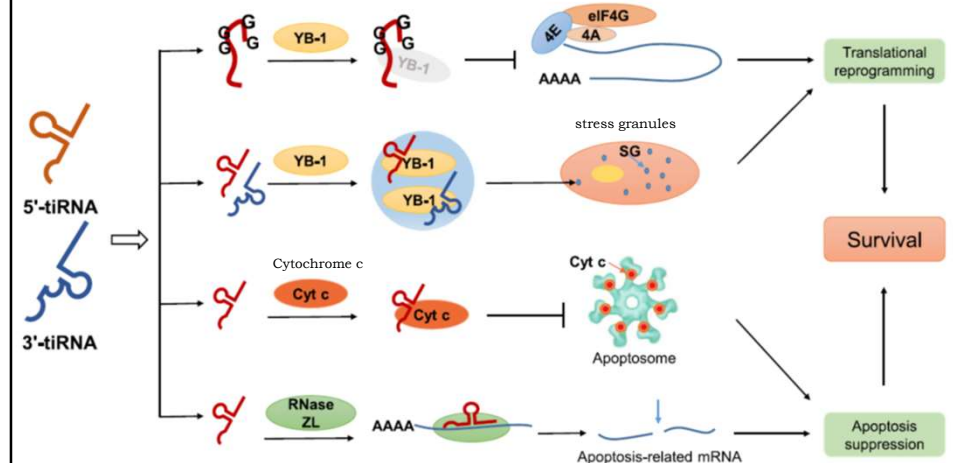


Angiogenin – member of the RNase superfamily
RNH1 – ribonuclease/angiogenin inhibitor 1

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Mechanisms of tiRNAs in response to stress



- ❖ 5'-tiRNAs form G-quadruplex structures and disturb translational initiation via sequestering the eIF4F complex from mRNA
- ❖ 5'-tiRNAs and 3'-tiRNAs cooperate with Y-box protein 1 (YB-1) to prevent the eukaryotic initiation factor 4F (eIF4F) complex from initiating translation and induce the assembly of stress granules
- ❖ under hyperosmotic stresses, tiRNAs directly bind to Cyt c and form a ribonucleoprotein complex, which can inhibit apoptosis by decreasing apoptosome formation or reducing activity
- ❖ tiRNAs inhibit apoptosis by reducing mRNAs via a process dependent on the cleavage by tRNase ZL

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Role of tRNA-derived stress-induced RNAs (tiRNAs) in cancer

Cancer type	tiRNA	Sample type	Function	Reference
Breast cancer	5' tiRNA-Arg/Asn/Cys/Gln/Gly/Leu/Ser/Trp/Val/Asp/Lys	Serum	Associated with clinicopathological characteristics	Dhahbi et al. (2014)
	5' tiRNA-Val	Cell, tissue, serum	Suppress cell proliferation, migration and invasion	Mo et al. (2019)
Prostate cancer	5'-tiRNA derived from the pseudogene tRNA-Und-NNN-4-1	Seminal fluid	Noninvasive biomarker for cancer screening	Dhahbi et al. (2018)
	5'-tiRNA-Asp-GUC, 5'-tiRNA-Glu-CUC	Serum, tissue	Prognostic parameter	Zhao et al. (2018)
	5'-SHOT-RNA ^{AspGUC} , 5'-SHOT-RNA ^{HisGUG} , 5'-SHOT-RNA ^{LysCUU}	Cell	Enhance cell proliferation	Honda and Kirino (2016), Honda et al. (2015)
	5'-tiRNA-Leu-CAG	Cell, tissue, serum	Promote cell proliferation and cell cycle	Shao et al. (2017)
Gastric cancer	tiRNA-5034-GluTTC-2	Cell, tissue, plasma	Biomarker for diagnosis	Zhu et al. (2019)
Colorectal cancer	5'-tiRNA-Val	Cell, tissue, serum	Promote cell migration, invasion and metastasis	Li et al. (2019)

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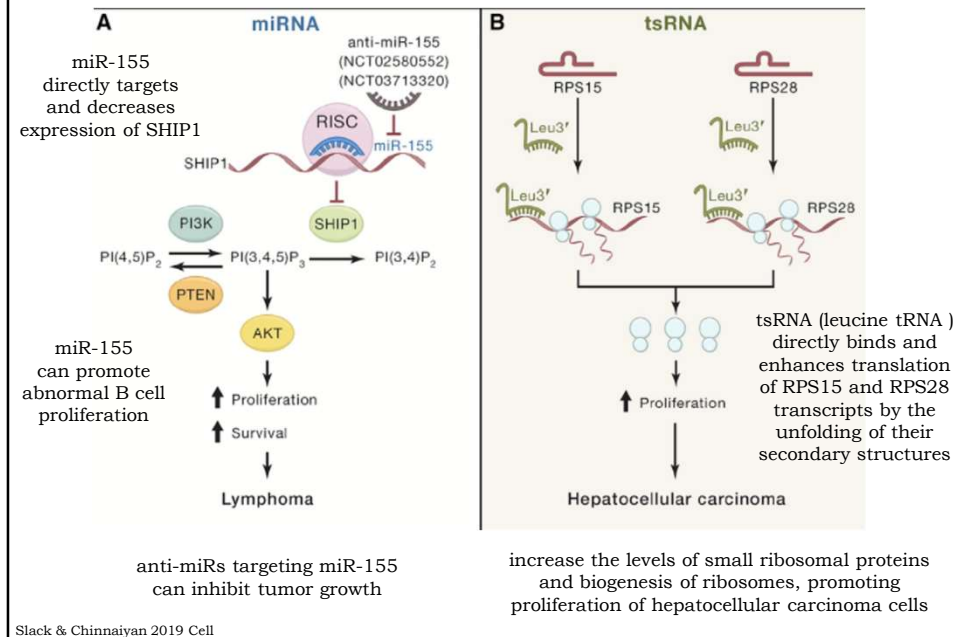
Oncogenic or tumor-suppressive non-coding RNAs with in vivo experimental evidence

Name	ncRNA Class	Cancer Types Examined	In Vivo Experimental Techniques Used	Cancer-Related Mechanisms and/or Functions of ncRNA	References
Oncogenic ncRNAs					
miR-155	miRNA	lymphoma	transgenic overexpression mouse model, treatment with anti-miRs	targets SHIP1 transcript, a negative regulator of AKT, to increase proliferation and survival	O'Connell et al., 2009; Babar et al., 2012; Cheng et al., 2015
HOTAIR	lncRNA	breast	siRNA knockdown, overexpression in mouse xenografts	recruits PRC2, LSD1/CoREST/REST chromatin modifying complexes, scaffolds transcription factors at target promoters of genes involved in invasion, metastasis, and proliferation	Gupta et al., 2010; Li et al., 2016b
THOR	lncRNA	lung, melanoma	CRISPR-Cas9 knockdown, overexpression in mouse xenografts; transgenic knockout, overexpression in zebrafish	binds IGF2BP1 to stabilize interactions with oncogenic target mRNAs, in turn stabilizing those transcripts and promoting proliferation	Hosono et al., 2017
BRAFP1	pseudogene	B cell lymphoma	transgenic overexpression mouse model	acts as a ceRNA for miRNAs that target the BRAF transcript, leading to increased BRAF expression, MAPK signaling, and proliferation	Kareth et al., 2015
circCCDC66	circRNA	colorectal	siRNA knockdown in mouse xenografts	sponges several miRNAs that target oncogenic transcripts (e.g., MYC), promoting proliferation, migration, and invasion	Hsiao et al., 2017

Slack & Chinnaiyan 2019 Cell

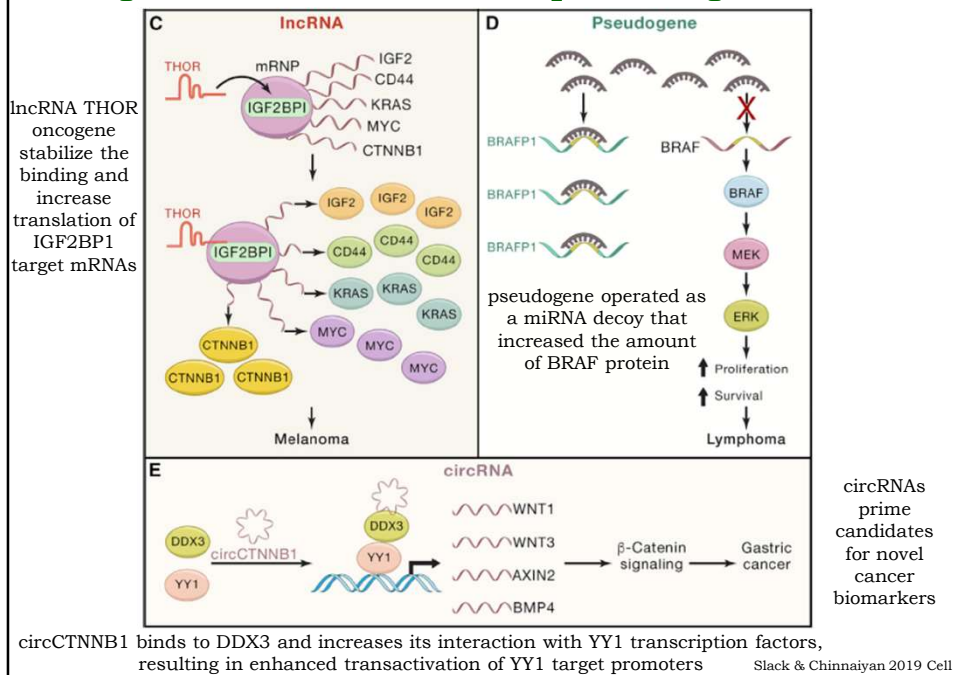
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Oncogenic ncRNAs and cancer-promoting mechanisms



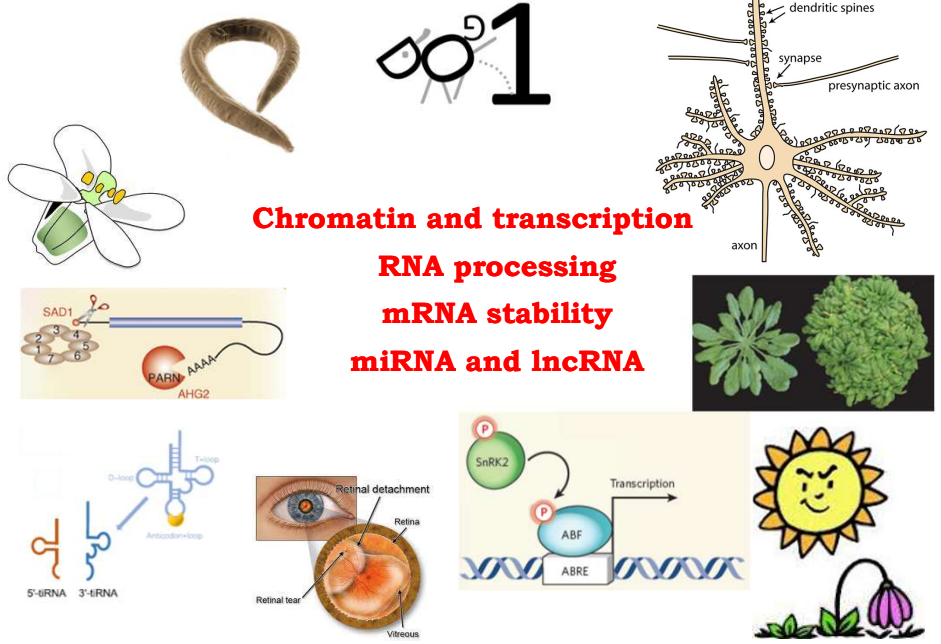
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Summary



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