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Getting the message out: grow, use, feed and eat legumes

Dehydration affected the expression of miR398 and miR408 in pea (Pisum sativum L.)

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MicroRNAs (miRNAs), recently recognized as important regulator of gene expression at posttranscriptional level, have been found to be involved in plant stress responses. The observation that some miRNAs are up- or down regulated by stress implies that that could play vital roles in plant resistance to abiotic and biotic stress. We investigated the effect of water stress treatment during 10 days on expression of conserved miRNAs-miR398a/b and miR408 in pea plants. This time frame could reflect the changes as closely as possible those during water stress cause visible effects under field condition. It was observed that dehydration strongly down regulates the expression of both miR398a/b and miR408 in pea roots and shoots. The downregulation of miR398a/b and the up-regulation of potential target genes copper superoxide dismutase, CSD1, highlight the involvement of this miRNA in pea stress response. On the contrary, the mRNA level of cytochrome ε oxidase subunit 5 (COX5b) was not changed in roots and shoots of water-stressed plants, compared to control-well hydrated plants. This suggests that COX5b is not target of miR398, or that its expression is regulated by some other mechanism. P_{IB} ATPase expression increased during water deficit only in shoots of pea; in the roots there was no changes in expression. Our results might help to understand the possible role of investigated miRNAs and their contribution to pea capacity to cope with water deficit.

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The Legume Society was initiated in 2011 with two primary missions. One of them was to treasure the rich legume research tradition of the European Association for Grain Legume Research (AEP), with emphasis on carrying out its the triennial legume-devoted conferences. Another one is to fulfill a long-term strategy of linking together the research on all legumes worldwide, from grain and forage legumes pharmaceutical and ornamental ones and from the Old World to the Americas.

We do anticipate that the First Legume Society
Conference will be a unique and genuine contribution to our
common goals: to promote the legume research and all its
benefits into all spheres of the society, linking science with
stakeholders and decision-makers, and to demonstrate how
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researchers of the world is possible and sustainable.

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