

## **SCIENCE SETU WEBINARS by NIPGR**

### **NITRIC OXIDE: MULTIFACETED AND FACINATING SIGNALLING**

#### **MOLECULE IN PLANTS**

##### **Press Note**

**Date: 12th NOVEMBER, 2021, Friday**

**Resource person: Dr. Jagadis Gupta Kapuganti, Scientist V, NIPGR**

The Department of Biotechnology, Government of India, had planned “Science Setu Webinar” as a virtual platform to connect the Research Institutes with postgraduate and graduate students. Under this, our college has been assigned to National Institute of Plant Genome Research (NIPGR), New Delhi. NIPGR is an autonomous institution aided by the Department of Biotechnology. Research at NIPGR focusing on functional, structural, evolutionary and applied genomics of plants, including crop plants. Through this fourth webinar program, our students and faculty members virtually gained an amazing opportunity to connect with NIPGR, New Delhi and anticipated the effects of combined stresses of environmental factors on plant life. It was a spectacular opportunity for students at undergraduate and postgraduate level of science background on exposure to plant-based research on much higher level.

**Dr. Amarjeet Singh**, Scientist, NIPGR gracefully introduced the resource person with his warm words. The resource person, **Dr. Jagadis Gupta Kapuganti**, Scientist V, NIPGR, opened his lecture with the introduction of nitric oxide (NO). In plants, NO reflects the net effect of NO generation. To identify the amount of NO in plant analysis is done by various spectrophotometress. He also explained steps involved in DNA-MT method. He explained the effects of single stress, sequential stress, multiple single stress and combined stress on plants. He gave method of indirect detection of NO. He emphasized in the hypoxic stress due to the nitriaacid and their use in hypoxic signaling and protection of plants. He discuss the various consequences of physiological significance of anaerobic nitric dependent NO emission. He explained the reason behind slower germination of Desi and Kabuli chick pea. Activation of polyamine pathway under nitric nutrition leads to resistance. At the end of his lecture, he acknowledged his team and their publications in relation to the dry root rot disease. In total 53 participants, including faculty of science and students attended the event. Dr. Pinky Agarwal, Scientist, NIPGR attended the questions of the participants and gave vote of thanks. It was a quite exciting and brainstorming experience for everyone.

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Activation of various pathways

Detection of NO



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DAF-FM method

Oxygen is vital for respiration to make energy because it acts a terminal electron acceptor in respiratory chain

photosynthesis:  $6CO_2 + 6H_2O \xrightarrow{\text{energy}} C_6H_{12}O_6 + 6O_2$

aerobic respiration:  $C_6H_{12}O_6 + 6O_2 \rightarrow 6CO_2 + 6H_2O + \text{energy}$



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**Nitrite production in roots under hypoxia**

In contrast to WT, NR-free nia roots do not produce NO from nitrite.

There is an unknown enzyme in roots which reduces nitrite to NO.

NR-free nia roots generate NO from nitrite.

**NO emission from niononia**

Mitox purified from nia roots

Purified mitox indeed reduce nitrite to NO!

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**Role of hypoxia induced NO in hypoxic signalling and protection of plants**

**Hypoxic stress can cause damage to crops**

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**What is the physiological significance of anaerobic nitrite dependent NO emission?**

**Operation of Phytyoglobin-NO cycle to enhance energy**

No production by AOX has a discrete role by feeding into the hemoglobin-NO cycle to drive energy efficiency under low O<sub>2</sub> conditions of the root rhizosphere.

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**Does decline in oxygen has impact on ROS production in Kabuli chickpea?**

**What is the reason behind slower germination of Kabuli chickpea?**

- Increased metabolic activity accompanied by increased respiratory rate occurs during germination
- Increased energy production is essential for defending against seed coat

A difference in respiratory metabolism could be one of the reasons for observed difference in germination in both varieties?

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### Germination of Desi and Kabuli chickpea

Day	Desi (%)	Kabuli (%)
0	0	0
2	~80	~40
4	~100	~60
6	~100	~80
8	~100	~90
10	~100	~100

Desi chickpea germinates faster than kabuli chickpea

### Effect of NO donor SNAP treatment on respiration, internal oxygen and ROS production

Group	Internal Oxygen (µM)
Control Group	~100
Control SNAP	~120

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### Does increased respiration has an impact on internal oxygen levels?

Day	Desi (µM)	Kabuli (µM)
Day 1	~100	~100
Day 2	~100	~100

Kabuli chickpea has reduced internal oxygen. Increased respiration can decline internal oxygen.

Negative correlation between respiration and internal oxygen

### Does increased internal oxygen in desi is due to higher NO?

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**Conclusions**

Basal levels of NO

Decreased levels of NO

Our findings highlight the importance of NO in the regulation of respiration, internal oxygen and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> homeostasis, which can become crucial factors in seed germination. Breeding programmes focused on identifying high NO producing lines in various crops can help increase germination capacity and hence improve crop productivity.

Nitric oxide accelerates germination via the regulation of respiration in chickpea

Activation of polyamines pathway under nitrate nutrition leads to resistance

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Kabuli has lower NO hence treatment of kabuli with NO can boost germination?

Nitric oxide treatment can facilitate germination

Tobacco antisense line of nitrite reductase displayed higher resistance

(A) Electronic images

(B) Fruit population counts

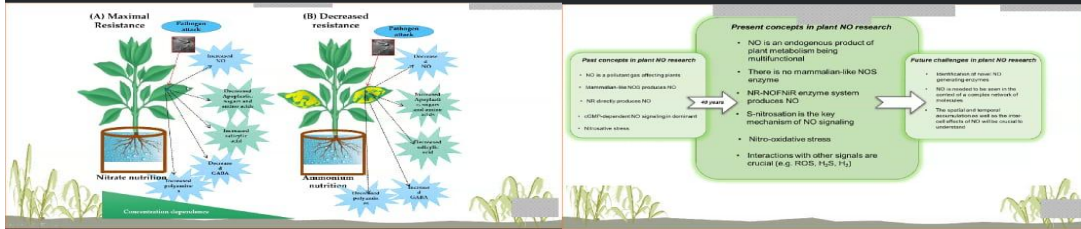
(C) RT-PCR analysis of expression of NIT reductase

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