



The Remaining Threat of *Magnaporthe oryzae*

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Message from the Guest Editor

The hemibiotrophic filamentous rice blast fungus, *Magnaporthe oryzae*, remains the biggest threat to global rice production being worldwide the most devastating disease of cultivated rice. Recent studies emphasizes on understanding infection-related development, host invasion, and fungal growth in rice cells to help us to understand the rice blast fungus biology and the molecular underpinnings of host infection. Such findings may aid the search for durable disease mitigation strategies. For this Special Issue, we seek original research or review articles or any other types of papers that focus on the molecular mechanisms and signaling pathways in both *M. oryzae* and rice during *M. oryzae*-rice interaction.





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