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## XVI CONGRESO FITOHORMONAS METABOLISMO Y MODO DE ACCIÓN

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## **Os damos la bienvenida al XVI Simposio de *Fitohormonas: Metabolismo y modo de acción*, de la Sociedad Española de Biología de Plantas**

Después de un parón por la pandemia del Covid19, el Grupo de Fitohormonas de la SEBP celebrará este año, 2023, su reunión en el Convento de Mínimos de Segovia de los días 19 al 21 de abril.

En esta edición contaremos con la conferencia invitada impartida por el Dr Alain Goossens, quien nos dará una visión de cómo las plantas han desarrollado diferentes rutas para controlar el metabolismo en respuesta a cambios durante el desarrollo y en respuesta a diferentes estímulos ambientales. De forma particular, su seminario se centrará en el papel del ácido jasmónico para controlar finamente el balance entre crecimiento y respuesta de defensa frente a patógenos.

En este simposio se han seleccionado dos conferencias plenarias y 28 conferencias orales, donde se dará la posibilidad de exponer y discutir el papel de las fitohormonas durante el desarrollo de las plantas y en respuesta a factores abióticos y bióticos de la mayoría de los laboratorios participantes. Sin duda, en este congreso tendremos la oportunidad de asistir a los últimos avances científicos y tecnológicos de los diferentes grupos que trabajan en el campo de las hormonas vegetales de forma directa o, de manera indirecta, por la vinculación de las mismas en el proceso fisiológico de estudio.

En esta edición, cabe resaltar la gran participación de investigadores jóvenes y el haber incluido por primera vez la posibilidad de presentar pósters en formato digital con el fin de organizar un congreso más sostenible y dinámico. Agradecemos al Comité científico su trabajo a la hora de seleccionar las exposiciones orales teniendo en cuenta su calidad y para que estuviesen representadas las diferentes temáticas de estudio relacionadas con las fitohormonas. El Comité científico también seleccionará las presentaciones orales y los pósteres más destacados, que serán premiados al final del simposio.

Esperamos que este simposio sea del agrado de todos los asistentes y que tenga una repercusión positiva en vuestras investigaciones.

Un fuerte abrazo del comité de organización

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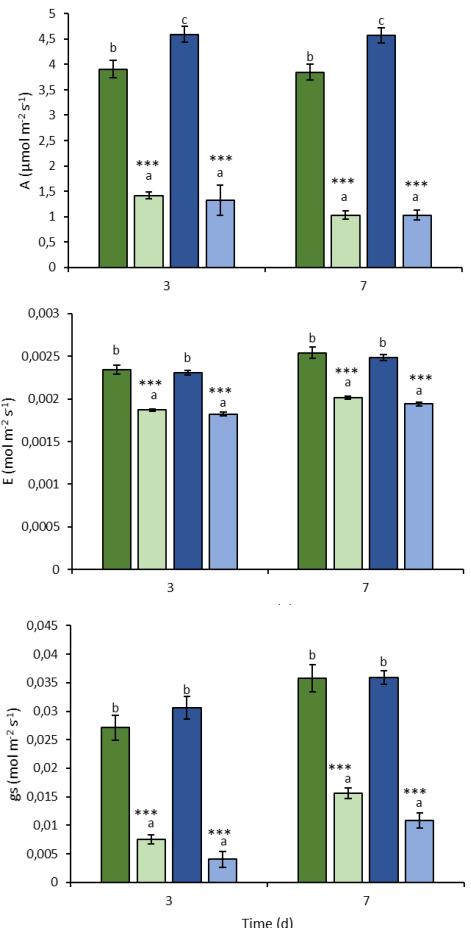
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## Introduction

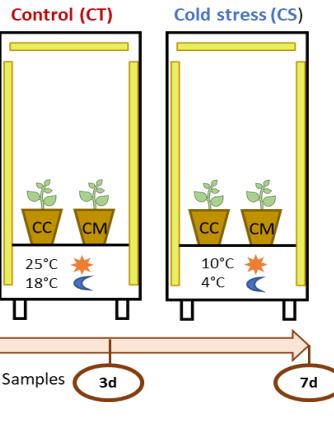
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## Results

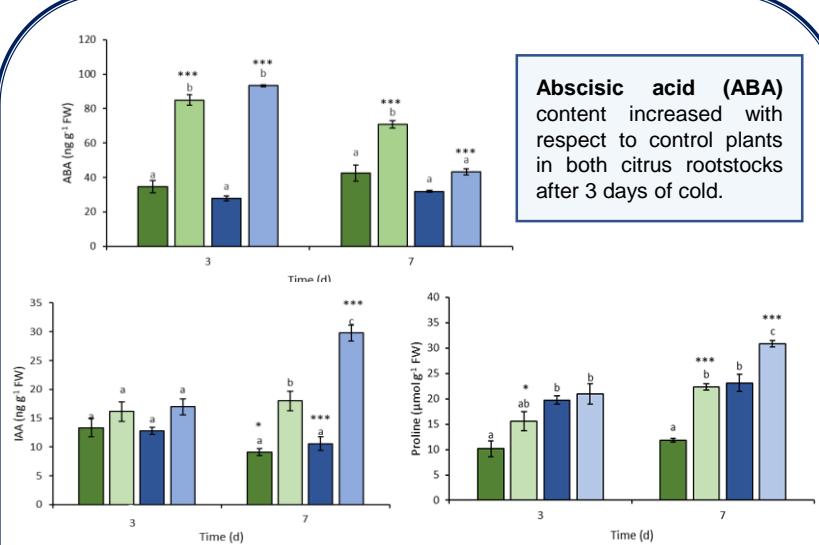


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## Experimental design



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## Conclusion

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COLD

ABA

IAA and Proline

Adaptive response

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