INTRODUCTION

Plant physiological processes take place in a complex cellular environment. Organs are complex structures made up of different tissues with distinct cell types. Traditional biochemistry involves the analysis of bulk samples containing a mixture of heterogeneous tissues, leading to a non-correction interpretation of the results. This averaging effect can only be overcome by increasing the spatial resolution of analysis to a tissue- or even cell-specific level, in other words, by using image techniques.

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