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## **Abstract**

Plants interact with various microorganisms at certain stages of their life. In <u>symbiotic</u> <u>relationship</u>, plants provide photosynthetically fixed carbon to microbes. The <u>microbial</u> community, in return, provides a defense against pathogens, increase yield, nutrient acquisition, and stress tolerance. It also produces antibiotics, extracellular polysaccharides (EPS), glycoconjugates, and proteins that influence growth and photosynthesis. Microbes also have several enzymes with lytic functions, thus breaking down insoluble organic polymers and generating nutrients that plants can use. The plant-microbe interaction stimulates hormone production such as auxins, cytokinins, and N-acyl-L-homoserine. They enhance cell-cell communication and modulate the architecture of the plant root system with changes in gene expression metabolism and growth. Plant growth-promoting soil bacteria augment the photosynthetic capacity by modulating endogenous sugar, abscisic acid signaling, and increasing chlorophyll content.

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