Role of membrane lipids in powdery mildew infection of cucumber

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Abstract

Since altered partitioning of photosynthate into lipids of cucumber leaf tissue, particularly increased synthesis of PI, during infection by Sphaerotheca fuliginea and the reversal of such changes in the presence of lithium chloride, pointed to the possible stimulation of the inositol phosphatide cycle in the host-pathogen interaction, further evidence was sought in this limited study of myo-[2-³H]inositol incorporation by healthy and infected leaves. Compared with healthy tissue, infected leaf tissue showed increased labelling of inositol phosphatides IP₁₋₃, during a 36h chase period