COMMENTS

Comments on the special issue on tropical crops of FASE

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The issues of tropical crop domestication, genetic diversity of edible part (nutritive values) are of major concerns for topical crops, especially in order to high light the domestication syndrome processes of non-seeds crops as sources of food for humans. The title examples authors listed and the ones added here strengthen the utilization of modern genomics [Zhiqiang XIA et al. Comparative transcriptomics revealed enhanced light responses, energy transport and storage in domestication of cassava (*Manihot esculenta*). DOI: 10.15302/J-FASE-2016126; Yuhua FU et al. A bacterial artificial chromosome-based physical map of *Manihot esculenta* ssp. *Flabellifolia*. DOI: 10.15302/J-FASE-2016124], transcriptomic (Yang ZHANG et al. Annotation and validation of genes involved in photosynthesis and starch synthesis from a *Manihot* full-length cDNA library. DOI: 10.15302/J-FASE-2016113)^[1,2], proteomics^[3], new genetic resources^[4–6], and biotechnology (Maliwan NACONSIE and Peng ZHANG. Transgenic technologies in cassava for nutritional improvement and viral disease resistance: a key strategy for food security in Africa. DOI: 10.15302/J-FASE-2016119)^[7] toward cassava crop as a tropical plant model for storage root and tuber human edible part.

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