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Article of Significant Interest Selected from This Issue by the Editors

Dissecting Velvet Signaling Pathways

Fungal development and secondary metabolism are coupled through the Velvet complex, a light-regulated transcriptional activator conserved in filamentous ascomycetes. Loss of two key components of the Velvet complex, LaeA and VeA, impair both sexual development and natural product formation in fungi. Shaaban et al. (p. 1816–1824) provide insight into Velvet complex regulatory pathways in discovering a bZIP protein, RsmA, that can remediate secondary metabolism but not sexual development in LaeA and VeA deletants.