

# Instructions for Authors IVP

*In Vitro Cellular & Developmental Biology – Plant (IVP)* publishes peer-reviewed original research and reviews concerned with the latest developments and state-of-the-art research in plant cell and tissue culture and biotechnology from around the globe.

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