

CONCEPT: SIGNALING IN PLANTS

- Signaling evolved _____ in plants and animals
 - Plants have receptor kinases but their largest class are serine/threonine kinases
 - No plant homologs exist for important signaling molecules like JAK/STAT, Notch, Wnt, Hedgehog
- There are six classes of plant signaling molecules

Signaling Molecule	Function
Auxins	Stimulate plant growth
<i>Gibberelins</i>	Stimulate stem elongation
<i>Cytokinins</i>	Stimulates cell division
<i>Absciscic acid</i>	Stimulates cell dormancy
Ethylene	Stimulates fruit ripening
<i>Phytochromes</i>	Sense light and signal for some function

PRACTICE:

1. True or False: Plant and Animal signaling evolved differently.
 - a. True
 - b. False

2. Which signaling molecule stimulates fruit ripening?
- a. Auxins
 - b. Ethylene
 - c. Phytochromes
 - d. Gibberelins