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With the advent of the next-generation sequencing technology and high-performance bio-computing, tremendous quantities of genomics data, the so-called 'Big data' from crops and model plants have accumulated. Genomic resources, analysis tools, and databases play the pivotal role in hosting, processing, annotating /curating and analyzing the 'Big data' and making it accessible, reusable and interoperable across various platforms in order to advance knowledge of plants at the systems level. While some of the processes and protocols for handling 'Big Data' are well established, others are emerging, and are being conceptualized as we progress. In this special issue of Current Plant Biology, we have compiled a set of articles focused on generation, processing, curation, and analysis of high-throughput genomic and transcriptome data.

Odell et al. pp 2–11 describe the principles and workflow applied to the curation of genomic data including genome sequences, genes, quantitative trait loci, genetic markers and associated scientific literature by curators of the GrainGenes database (https://wheat.pw.usda.gov), a data repository for wheat, barley, rye, oat, and other small grains funded by the USDA Agricultural Research Service. The article also highlights a necessity to establish formal guidelines based on the consensus of the community for indexing, formatting, accessibility, and interoperability of genomic data and a recent initiative in such direction using AgBioData (https://www.agbiodata.org) platform.

George et al. pp 12–22 discuss salinity- and drought-induced transcriptome data from a perennial C4 grass *Chrysopogon zizanioides* and how this analysis can bring forth the insights needed for making crop plants more resilient to abiotic stresses.

Goswami et al. pp 23–32 present physiological characterization and genotyping of 27 rice genotypes and one wild rice relative in the context of submergence tolerance traits and *Sub1* loci.

Basantani et al. pp 33-40 review various genomic methods used for sequencing, genome and transcriptome assemblers and various tools available for genomic data analysis.

Geniza and Jaiswal pp 41–45 provide a focused review on the de novo transcriptome assembly and need to deposit generated and analyzed data to public repositories to make it accessible.

He et al. pp 46–51 present a novel approach for transcriptomic data analysis for a set of genes that share homology (gene family members) or genes that participate in the similar biological process.

We hope that the collection of research and review articles compiled in this issue will generate fruitful conversations and insights among plant genomic community.

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