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Maofeng Chai earned his PhD from China Agricultural University in 2005. After working two years at the Institute of Botany, Chinese Academy of Sciences, he went to Ohio State University and did a postdoc there. He then joined the Noble Foundation in 2011 as a postdoc, and was recently promoted to Research Scientist. His research areas include abiotic stress tolerance and seed physical dormancy. His recent work established *Medicago truncatula* as a suitable model to study seed physical dormancy and made significant advancement in this field. His

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