# Plant Physiology

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The production of xanthan polymers by phytopathogenic bacteria has been implicated in several symptoms, including the wilting induced by vascular pathogens and the water soaking associated with foliar pathogens (penny, 1995). In addition, the virulence of numerous phytopathogenic bacteria, includ-

more amenab in planta studies. The involvement of xanthan and its structural features in the plant defense response were analyzed by comparing the population dynamics and symptom development of wild-type and xanthan-deficient strains. Our sults suggest that xanthan specifically suppresses local



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