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1 Gamble RL, Qu X and Schaller GE. Mutational analysis of the ethylene receptor ETR1. Role of the histidine kinase domain in dominant ethylene insensitivity. *Plant Physiology* 2002: 128:1428–1438.

*The role of histidine kinase activity in the dominant ethylene-insensitivity mutant *etr1-1* was investigated. These findings led the authors to speculate that the amino-terminal half of *etr1-1* is able to impose an ethylene-insensitive state upon other wildtype receptors through heterodimerization.

2 Alonso JM, Stepanova AN, Leisse TJ, Kim CJ, Chen H, Shinn P, Stevenson DK, Zimmerman J, Barajas B and Cheuk R. Genome-wide insertional mutagenesis of *Arabidopsis thaliana*. *Science* 2003: 301:653–657.

**The authors of this paper reported the creation of genome-wide *Arabidopsis* T-DNA insertion lines whose precise locations have been determined. In addition, a whole-genome gene expression study using an Affymetrix microarray identified 628 ethylene-regulated genes. The authors also isolated several insertion mutations in four related ethylene-inducible

ERF genes, called EDF genes. This is the first genetic evidence based on the study of LOF ERF mutants to demonstrate that the ERF family of transcription factors function in ethylene responses with a high degree of functional redundancy.

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3 Jones B, Charles K. Title of the book section. In: Book name. Edition number. Edited by Editor A, Editor B, Editor C (editors). Location of Publisher: Publisher; Year Published pp. 25–27.

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