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Molecular and cytological studies on pollen development in autotetraploid rice

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A utotetraploid rice has a great genetic potential to increase the rice production but lower pollen fertility is a major barrier in its utilization. Intersubspeci c autotetraploid rice hybrids showed greater genetic variation compared to their diploid counterparts. Here, we observed the pollen development and its relation with seed set in autotetraploid rice. Microgametogenesis in autotetraploic rice was similar to diploid rice but di erent kinds of abnormalities, including microspores degeneration, cytoplasm shrinkage and abnormal cell walls were found in autotetraploid rice. Many di erent kinds of chromosome lagging, chromosome straggling, pre-separation of tw chromosome set, randomly arranged chromosome on the equator, abnormal spindle and incomplete/no separation of cytokinesis.

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