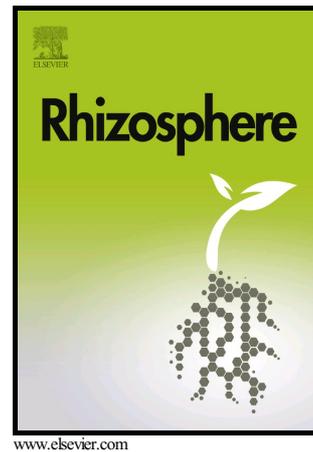


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Abstract

The ability of roots to extract water and nutrients from soil depends on the biophysical properties of the rhizosphere, which are strongly influenced by mucilage secretion. The aim of this study was to introduce the concept of rhizoligands to engineer the biophysical properties of the rhizosphere. A rhizoligand is defined as an additive that increases the wettability of the rhizosphere and links the mucilage network to main intimate contact with the root surface. We

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