

Review

Function of β -Carotene and Tocopherol in Photosystem II

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New and known structural and functional insights in the role of β -carotene and of α -tocopherol in photosystem II are reviewed. A concept is presented connecting the failure of P680 triplet quenching by β -carotene with the formation of singlet oxygen and its scavenging in the turnover of the D1 protein and by tocopherol in the maintenance of PS II structure and function.

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