Using genetics to bust herbicide resistance in weeds

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Herbicide resistance in weed species is one of the roadblocks to increased cereal yields and farming productivity but a team of researchers from the University of Western Australia's Australian Herbicide Resistance Initiative (AHRI) and Bayer CropScience has made a major breakthrough.

Using new technology, the team has for the first time identified six different genes that are expressed at a high level in ryegrass populations resistant to Group A and some Group B herbicides.

Weeds resistant to these two herbicide groups account for the majority of the global in-crop weed control challenge.

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