

CURRICULUM VITAE- Lior Rubinovich, PhD

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University Education and Additional Training

Dates	Description
2004 – 2006	B.Sc. in Plant Sciences (graduated with excellence) at The Robert H. Smith Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Environment, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
2007 – 2008	M.Sc. in Biotechnology at The Robert H. Smith Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Environment, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Title of thesis: (moved on to the direct track to Ph.D.) Supervision by: Prof David Weiss
2008– 2013	PhD in Plant Sciences (direct track) at The Robert H. Smith Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Environment, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Title of thesis: “The role of GASA proteins in gibberellin responses and redox regulation” Supervision by: Prof David Weiss
2013 – 2015	Postdoctoral position at Migal Research Institute at Prof Rachel Amir's lab. Research subject: Establishment of <i>Punica granatum L.</i> peel cell culture for the production of bioactive compounds

Positions Held

Dates	Description
2016 - 2019	Research Scientist (P.I.) at Migal-Northern Agriculture R&D
2019- 2024	Promoted to rank B (equivalent to "Senior Lecturer") at Migal-Northern Agriculture R&D
2018- 2022	Co-founder and acting director, AgroCulture LTD, Israel
2022- present	Scientific consultant and partner, BesTree LTD, Israel
2022- present	Member of the limited management at Migal-Northern Agriculture R&D
2024- present	Promoted to rank A (equivalent to "Associate Professor ") at Migal-Northern Agriculture R&D
2024- present	Promoted to Senior Lecturer at Tel-Hai College

Teaching Experience

Dates	Description
2008 - 2013	Teaching assistant, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem Title of the course: Plant Physiology

2014- 2016	Teaching assistant, Tel Hai College Title of the courses: Cell Biology, Plant Biotechnology, Plant Hormones
2019-Present	Lecturer, Tel Hai College Title of the courses: Crop Science and Physiology, Sub-tropical Fruit Trees, Botany

Articles in Reviewed Journals

1. **Rubinovich, L.** and Weiss, D. (2010). The Arabidopsis cysteine-rich protein GASA4 promotes GA responses and exhibits redox activity in bacteria and in planta. *Plant J.* **64**: 1018–27.
2. **Rubinovich, L.**, Ruthstein, S. and Weiss, D. (2014). The Arabidopsis cysteine-rich GASA5 is a redox-active metalloprotein that suppresses gibberellin responses. *Mol. Plant.* **7**: 244–7.
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4. **Rubinovich, L.**, Segev, B., Habashi, R., Con, P. and Amir, R. (2019). Establishment of *Punica granatum* L. peel cell culture to produce bioactive compounds. *Plant Cell Tissue Organ Cult.* **138**: 131-140.
5. Bar-Noy, Y., Sofer-Arad, C., Perel, M., Cohen, H., Senesh, N., Noy, M. and **Rubinovich, L.** (2019). Frost protection efficiency evaluation in avocado with a horizontal wind machine. *Fruits* **74**: 124-129.
6. Weil, A., Sofer-Arad, C., Bar-Noy, Y., Liran, O. and **Rubinovich, L.** (2019). Comparative study of leaf antioxidant activity as a possible mechanism for frost tolerance in ‘Hass’ and ‘Ettinger’ avocado cultivars. *J. Agric. Sci.* **157**: 342-349.
7. Asher, A., Galili, S., Whitney, T. and **Rubinovich, L.** (2020). The potential of quinoa (*Chenopodium quinoa*) cultivation in Israel as a dual-purpose crop for grain production and livestock feed. *Sci. Hortic. (Amsterdam)* **272**: 109534.
8. Shapira, O., Chernov, S., Neuberger, I., Levy, S. and **Rubinovich, L.** (2021) Physiological characterization of young ‘Hass’ avocado plant leaves following exposure to high temperatures and low light intensity. *Plants* **10(8)**: 1562.
9. Chernov, S., Neuberger, I., Levy, S., Senesh, N. and **Rubinovich, L.** (2022) Covering young ‘Reed’ avocado trees with shading nets during winter alleviates cold stress and promotes vegetative growth. *Eur. J. Hortic. Sci.* **87(1)**: 1-10.
10. Bellalou, A.; Daklo-Keren, M.; Abu Aklin, W.; Sokolskaya, R.; **Rubinovich, L.**; Asher, A. and Galili, S. (2022) Germination of *Chenopodium Quinoa* cv. ‘Mint Vanilla’ Seeds under Different Abiotic Stress Conditions. *Seed Science and Technology* **50(1)**: 41-45.
11. Weil, A., **Rubinovich, L.**, Tchernov, D. and Liran, O. (2022) Comparative study between the

photosynthetic parameters of two avocado (*Persea americana*) cultivars reveals natural variation in light reactions in response to frost stress. *Agronomy* **12(5)**: 1129.

12. Alon, E., Shapira, O., Azoulay-Shemer, T. and **Rubinovich, L.** (2022). Shading nets reduce canopy temperature and improve photosynthetic performance in 'Pinkerton' avocado trees during extreme heat events. *Agronomy*, **12(6)**: 1360.
13. Cohen, H., Bar-Noy, Y., Irihimovitch, V. and **Rubinovich, L.** (2022). Effects of seedling and clonal West Indian rootstocks irrigated with recycled water on 'Hass' avocado yield, fruit weight and alternate bearing. *New Zealand Journal of Crop and Horticultural Science*, **51(1)**: 39-51.
14. Asher, A., Dagan, R., Galili, S. and **Rubinovich, L.** (2022). Effect of row spacing on quinoa (*Chenopodium quinoa*) growth, yield and grain quality under Mediterranean climate. *Agriculture*, **12(9)**: 1298.
15. **Rubinovich, L.**, Sofer-Arad, C., Chernoiivanov, S. and Szenes, N. (2023). Effects of Covering Mature Avocado 'Pinkerton' Trees with High-Density Shading Nets during Cold Winters on Microclimate, Chlorophyll Fluorescence, Flowering and Yield. *HortScience*, **58(10)**: 1201-1204.
16. **Rubinovich, L.**, Dagan, R., Lugasi, Y., Galili, S. and Asher, A. (2023). The potential of young vegetative quinoa (*Chenopodium quinoa*) as a new winter protein-rich leafy crop under Mediterranean climate. *Plos One*, **18(12)**: e029000.
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19. **Rubinovich, L.**, Sofer-Arad, C., Chernoiivanov, S., Szenes, N. and Michael Noy (2024). Monitoring Multiyear Individual Tree Flowering and Yield Reveals High Variation among 'Pinkerton' Avocado Trees. *New Zealand Journal of Crop and Horticultural Science* **35(4)**: 1252-1260.
20. Vitrack-Tamam, S., Yasuor, H., Hamus-Cohen, D., Erel, R., **Rubinovich, L.** and Liran, O. (2025). Solar Induced Fluorescence Retrieved from Avocado (*Persea americana* Mill.) Canopies Along the Season Correlates with Sugar Levels in the Developing Fruit. *European Journal of Remote Sensing* **58(1)**.
21. Bellalou, A., **Rubinovich, L.**, Asher, A., Deutch-Traubman, T., Galili, L., Malede, I. and Galili, S. (2025). Influence of Row Spacing and Harvest Date on *Cephalaria Joppensis* Performance as a Forage Crop. *The Journal of Agricultural Science*, **163(2)**: 183-191.

22. **Rubinovich, L.**, Dagan, R., Galili, S. and Asher, A. (2025). Optimizing Protein-Rich Young Vegetative Quinoa (*Chenopodium quinoa*) Growth: Effects of Inter-Row Spacing and Genotype in Mediterranean Summer Cultivation. *Agronomy* **15(5)**: 1102.
23. Khatib, H., Pintel, N., Khatib, S., **Rubinovich, L.** and Avni, D. (2025). Young Green Quinoa: A Novel Sustainable Functional Crop Addressing Climate Change, Food Security, and Health Needs. *Scientific reports* (**15**): 20308.
24. Lahack, M., Noy, M., Szenes, N. and **Rubinovich, L.** (2025). Vegetative Growth, Flowering, and Physiological Parameters of Young Avocado 'Hass' and 'Hass'-Like Cultivars under Extreme Weather Conditions. *International Journal of Fruit Science*. **25(1)**: 378-392.
25. Lahack, M., Szenes, N. and **Rubinovich, L.** (2025). Effects of Uniconazole Treatment on 'Hass' Avocado Productivity and Gas-Exchange Parameters under Mediterranean Climate. *Frontiers in Plant Science* **16**: 1-13.
26. Kaadan, S., Bellalou, A., Asher, A., **Rubinovich, L.** and Galili, S. (2025). Effect of *Cephalaria joppensis* hay on dairy goat milk production and milk components. *Israel Journal of Plant Sciences* 1-3.
27. Fishbein, T., Matityahu, I., Bertero, D. and **Rubinovich, L.** (2026). Physiological responses of young vegetative quinoa (*Chenopodium quinoa* Willd.) leaves to high temperatures under controlled conditions. *Frontiers in Plant Science* **16**: 1737240.

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2. Asher, A., Sadan, A., Galili, S. and **Rubinovich, L.** (2017). Potential evaluation of quinoa (*Chenopodium quinoa*) as a new winter crop. *Nir Va Telem*, **75**: 22-28.
3. Sidan, G., Daklo-Keren, M., Abu-Aklin, W., Sokolskia, R., **Rubinovich, L.**, Asher, A., Ballelo, A., Londner, A., Amir-Segev, O. and Galili, S. (2019). Characterization of different factors affecting quinoa germination under controlled conditions. *Nir Va Telem*, October 1-9.
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9. Ballelo, A., **Rubinovich, L.**, Asher, A., Traubman-Doitch, T., Liel, G., Ishashim, M. and Galili, S. (2024). The effect of morphological variation at the time of flowering on growth and yield indices of *Cephalaria joppensis*. Nir Va Telem, March 1-15.

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1. **Rubinovich L.**, Lurie G., Ziv O. Weiss D. (2009)
Eucomis autumnalis: propagation, storage and post-harvest.
Olam Haperach. February 48-50.
2. **Rubinovich L.**, Ziv O. Weiss D. (2009)
Tagetes lemmonii a new fragrant cut green.
Olam Haperach. October-November 52-53.
3. **Rubinovich L.**, Ziv O. Weiss D. (2010)
Lepidium virginicum: Flowering and post-harvest.
Olam Haperach. January-February 52-53.
4. **Rubinovich L.**, Ziv O. Weiss D. (2011)
MOP MERKAZ: Introduction of new cut flowers and cut green.
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5. **Rubinovich L.**, Lurie G., Ziv O. Weiss D. (2012)
Flowering control of “Pineapple Flower”- *Eucomis autumnalis*.
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Flowering control of “Pineapple Flower” for flowering pot plants- *Eucomis alba*.
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7. Cohen, H., Levine, A. and **Rubinovich, L.** (2016).
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12. Asher, A., Dagan, R., Lugasi, Y., Galili, S. and **Rubinovich, L.** (2023). The potential of young vegetative quinoa (*Chenopodium quinoa*) as a new winter protein-rich leafy crop under Mediterranean climate.
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14. Lahack, M., Noy, M., Szenes, N. and **Rubinovich, L.** (2025). Vegetative Growth, Flowering, and Physiological Parameters of Young Avocado ‘Hass’ and ‘Hass’-Like Cultivars under Extreme Weather Conditions. *Alon Hanotea* **11**: 18-22.

Allowed Patents and Registered Cultivars

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