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1. Ferredoxin:NADP(H) Oxidoreductase Abundance and Location Influences Redox Poise and Stress Tolerance

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ABSTRACT:

In linear photosynthetic electron transport, ferredoxin:NADP(H) oxidoreductase (FNR) transfers electrons from ferredoxin (Fd) to NADP⁺. Both NADPH and reduced Fd (Fd_{red}) are required for reductive assimilation and light/dark activation/deactivation of enzymes. FNR is therefore a hub, connecting photosynthetic electron transport to chloroplast redox metabolism. A correlation between FNR content and tolerance to oxidative stress is well established, although the precise mechanism remains unclear. We investigated the impact of altered FNR content and localization on electron transport and superoxide radical evolution in isolated thylakoids, and probed resulting changes in redox homeostasis, expression of oxidative stress markers, and tolerance to high light in planta. Our data indicate that the ratio of Fd_{red} to FNR is critical, with either too much or too little FNR potentially leading to increased superoxide production, and perception of oxidative stress at the level of gene transcription. In FNR overexpressing plants, which show more NADP(H) and glutathione pools, improved tolerance to high-light stress indicates that disturbance of chloroplast redox poise and increased free radical generation may help “prime” the plant and induce protective mechanisms. In *fnr1* knock-outs, the NADP(H) and glutathione pools are more oxidized relative to the wild type, and the photoprotective effect is absent despite perception of oxidative stress at the level of gene transcription.

2. NAD Acts as an Integral Regulator of Multiple Defense Layers

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ABSTRACT:

Pyridine nucleotides, such as NAD, are crucial redox carriers and have emerged as important signaling molecules in stress responses. Previously, we have demonstrated in *Arabidopsis* (*Arabidopsis thaliana*) that the inducible NAD-overproducing *nadC* lines are more resistant to an avirulent strain of *Pseudomonas syringae* pv tomato (*Pst-AvrRpm1*), which was associated with salicylic acid-dependent defense. Here, we have further characterized the NAD-dependent immune response in *Arabidopsis*. Quinolinolate-induced stimulation of intracellular NAD in transgenic *nadC* plants enhanced resistance against a diverse range of (a)virulent pathogens, including *Pst-AvrRpt2*, *Dickeya dadantii*, and *Botrytis cinerea*. Characterization of the redox status demonstrated that elevated NAD levels induce reactive oxygen species (ROS) production and the expression of redox marker genes of the cytosol and mitochondrion. Using pharmacological and reverse genetics approaches, we show that NAD-induced ROS production functions independently of NADPH oxidase activity and light metabolism but depends on mitochondrial respiration, which was increased at higher NAD. We further demonstrate that NAD primes pathogen-induced callose deposition and cell death. Mass spectrometry analysis reveals that NAD simultaneously induces different defense hormones and that the NAD-induced metabolic profiles are similar to those of defense-expressing plants after treatment with pathogen-associated molecular patterns. We thus conclude that NAD triggers metabolic profiles rather similar to that of pathogen-associated molecular patterns and discuss how signaling cross talk between defense hormones, ROS, and NAD explains the observed resistance to pathogens.

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Alternative modes of client binding enable functional plasticity of Hsp70.

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Dynamic Interactions of *Arabidopsis* TEN1: Stabilizing Telomeres in Response to Heat Stress

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Telomeres are the essential nucleoprotein structures that provide a physical cap for the ends of linear chromosomes. The highly conserved CST (CTC1/STN1/TEN1) protein complex facilitates telomeric DNA replication and promotes telomere stability. Here we report three unexpected properties of *Arabidopsis thaliana* TEN1 that indicate it possesses functions distinct from other previously characterized telomere proteins. First, we show that telomeres in *ten1* mutants are highly sensitive to thermal stress. Heat shock causes abrupt and dramatic loss of telomeric DNA in *ten1* plants, likely via deletional recombination. Second, we show that AtTEN1 has the properties of a heat-shock induced molecular chaperone. At elevated temperature, AtTEN1 rapidly assembles into high molecular weight homo-oligomeric complexes that efficiently suppress heat-induced aggregation of model protein substrates *in vitro*. Finally, we report that AtTEN1 specifically protects CTC1 from heat-induced aggregation *in vitro*, and from heat-induced protein degradation and loss of telomere association *in vivo*. Collectively, these observations define *Arabidopsis* TEN1 as a highly dynamic protein that works in concert with CTC1 to preserve telomere integrity in response to environmental stress.

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Spell Checking Nature: Versatility of CRISPR/Cas9 for Developing Treatments for Inherited Disorders

Clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeat (CRISPR) has arisen as a frontrunner for efficient genome engineering. However, the potentially broad therapeutic implications are largely unexplored. Here, to investigate the therapeutic potential of CRISPR/Cas9 in a diverse set of genetic disorders, we establish a pipeline that uses readily obtainable cells from affected individuals. We show that an adapted version of CRISPR/Cas9 increases the amount of utrophin, a known disease modifier in Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD). Furthermore, we demonstrate preferential elimination of the dominant-negative FGFR3 c.1138G>A allele in fibroblasts of an individual affected by achondroplasia. Using a previously undescribed approach involving single guide RNA, we successfully removed large genome rearrangement in primary cells of an individual with an X chromosome duplication including MECP2. Moreover, removal of a duplication of DMD exons 18–30 in myotubes of an individual affected by DMD produced full-length dystrophin. Our findings establish the far-reaching therapeutic utility of CRISPR/Cas9, which can be tailored to target numerous inherited disorders.

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The Function of Ile-X-Ile Motif in the Oligomerization and Chaperone-Like Activity of Small Heat Shock Protein AgsA at Room Temperature

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Small heat shock proteins assemble as large oligomers in vitro and exhibit ATP-independent chaperone activities. Ile-X-Ile motif is essential in both the function and oligomer formation. AgsA of *Salmonella enterica* serovar Typhimurium has been demonstrated to adopt large oligomeric structure and possess strong chaperone activity. Size exclusion chromatography, non-denaturing pore gradient PAGE, and negatively stain electron microscopic analysis of the various C-terminal truncated mutants were performed to investigate the role of Ile-X-Ile motif in the oligomer assembly of AgsA. By measuring the ability to prevent insulin from aggregating induced by TCEP, the chaperone-like activity of AgsA and the C-terminal truncated mutants at room temperature were determined. We found that the truncated mutants with Ile-X-Ile motif partially or fully deleted lost the ability to form large oligomers. Contrast to wild type AgsA which displayed weak chaperone-like activity, those mutants shown significantly enhanced activities at room temperature. In summary, biochemical experiment, activity assay and electron microscopic analysis suggested that Ile-X-Ile motif is essential in oligomer assembly of AgsA and might take the role of an inhibitor for its chaperone-like activity at room temperature.

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The reverse-transcriptase/RNA-maturase protein MatR is required for the splicing of various group II introns in Brassicaceae mitochondria

Laure D Sultan, Daria Milesina, Felix Grewe, Katarzyna Rolle, Sivan Abudraham, Paweł Głodowicz, Adnan Khan Niazi, Ido Keren, Sofia Shevtsov, Liron Klipcan, Jan Barciszewski, Jeffrey P Mower, Andre Dietrich, and Oren Ostersehter

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In Planta Single-Molecule Pull-Down Reveals Tetrameric Stoichiometry of HD-ZIPIII:LITTLE ZIPPER Complexes

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Establishment of single-molecule pull-down in plants allows rapid, sensitive, and quantitative interrogation of protein interactions and reveals tetrameric HD-ZIPIII:ZPR complexes.

The LSM1-7 Complex Differentially Regulates Arabidopsis Tolerance to Abiotic Stress Conditions by Promoting Selective mRNA Decapping

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Discovery of a Unique Clp Component, ClpF, in Chloroplasts: A Proposed Binary ClpF-ClpS1 Adaptor Complex Functions in Substrate Recognition and Delivery

Kenji Nishimura, Janina Apitz, Giulia Friso, Jitae Kim, Lalit Ponnala, Bernhard Grimm, and Klaas J. van Wijk

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Discovery of a multimeric adaptor system for the chloroplast Clp protease machinery suggests a complex mechanism regulates substrate recognition and delivery in chloroplasts.

Arabidopsis CBP1 Is a Novel Regulator of Transcription Initiation in Central Cell-Mediated Pollen Tube Guidance

Hong-Ju Li, Shan-Shan Zhu, Meng-Xia Zhang, Tong Wang, Liang Liang, Yong Xue, Dong-Qiao Shi, Jie Liu, and Wei-Cai Yang

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A novel regulator of transcription initiation in the central cell mediates pollen tube attraction in a non-cell-autonomous manner.

The RECG1 DNA Translocase Is a Key Factor in Recombination Surveillance, Repair, and Segregation of the Mitochondrial DNA in Arabidopsis

Clémentine Wallet, Monique Le Ret, Marc Bergdoll, Marc Bichara, André Dietrich, and José M. Gualberto

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Arabidopsis RECG1 acts in mtDNA repair in the suppression of ectopic recombination and in the segregation of alternative mitotypes.

Genome-Wide Prediction and Validation of Intergenic Enhancers in Arabidopsis Using Open Chromatin Signatures

Bo Zhu, Wenli Zhang, Tao Zhang, Bao Liu, and Jiming Jiang

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More than 10,000 enhancers located in intergenic regions in Arabidopsis, which regulate gene expression, were predicted using genomic data based on hypersensitivity to DNase I digestion.

The Circadian Clock Modulates Global Daily Cycles of mRNA Ribosome Loading

Anamika Missra, Ben Ernest, Tim Lohoff, Qidong Jia, James Satterlee, Kenneth Ke, and Albrecht G. von Arnim

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Measurements of mRNA ribosome loading in wild-type and clock-deficient plants show that the circadian clock regulates the translation of Arabidopsis mRNAs in concert with diurnal light-dark changes.

HIGH CHLOROPHYLL FLUORESCENCE145 Binds to and Stabilizes the *psaA* 5' UTR via a Newly Defined Repeat Motif in Embryophyta

Nikolay Manavski, Salar Torabi, Lina Lezhneva, Muhammad Asif Arif, Wolfgang Frank, and Jörg Meurer

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*The plastid HCF145 protein, composed of two ligand binding domains followed by a newly defined transcript binding motif repeat (TMR) domain, is essential for plant growth, binds to the 5' UTR of the plastid tricistronic *psaA-psaB-rps14* mRNA, and protects it from degradation.*

Streamlined Construction of the Cyanobacterial CO₂-Fixing Organelle via Protein Domain Fusions for Use in Plant Synthetic Biology

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A strategy for the design of novel enzymatic cores for bacterial microcompartments was devised and tested in cyanobacteria, which have potential uses as metabolic modules in plants.

Not Throwing Baby Out with the Bathwater

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Inference of Longevity-Related Genes from a Robust Coexpression Network of Seed Maturation Identifies Regulators Linking Seed Storability to Biotic Defense-Related Pathways

Karima Righetti, Joseph Ly Vu, Sandra Pelletier, Benoit Ly Vu, Enrico Glaab, David Lalanne, Asher Pasha, Rohan V. Patel, Nicholas J. Provart, Jerome Verdier, Olivier Leprince, and Julia Buitink

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*The identification of a gene regulatory network related to seed longevity in both *Medicago truncatula* and *Arabidopsis* reveals a role for biotic defense-related genes in acquisition of longevity.*

A Time-Calibrated Road Map of Brassicaceae Species Radiation and Evolutionary History

Nora Hohmann, Eva M. Wolf, Martin A. Lysak, and Marcus A. Koch

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The time-calibrated evolutionary history of Brassicaceae is characterized by polyploidization and rapid genomic stabilization indicating polyploidization as driver for future diversification.

Reassess the *t* Test: Interact with All Your Data via ANOVA

Siobhan M. Brady, Meike Burow, Wolfgang Busch, Örjan Carlborg, Katherine J. Denby, Jane Glazebrook, Eric S. Hamilton, Stacey L. Harmer, Elizabeth S. Haswell, Julin N. Maloof, Nathan M. Springer, and Daniel J. Kliebenstein

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*A perspective on how moving away from pairwise *t* tests towards general linear modelling such as ANOVA will help the plant biology community.*

The Plant Peptidome: An Expanding Repertoire of Structural Features and Biological Functions

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A unifying peptide classification system is proposed, reflecting the huge diversity of plant peptides.

Characteristics of Plant Essential Genes Allow for within- and between-Species Prediction of Lethal Mutant Phenotypes

John P. Lloyd, Alexander E. Seddon, Gaurav D. Moghe, Matthew C. Simenc, and Shin-Han Shiu

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Essential genes in Arabidopsis thaliana display distinct characteristics that are used to build machine learning models capable of predicting lethal-phenotype genes within and between species.

SCF^{TIR1/AFB}-Based Auxin Perception: Mechanism and Role in Plant Growth and Development

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PIN-Dependent Auxin Transport: Action, Regulation, and Evolution

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The PB1 Domain in Auxin Response Factor and Aux/IAA Proteins: A Versatile Protein Interaction Module in the Auxin Response

Tom J. Guilfoyle

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The Yin-Yang of Hormones: Cytokinin and Auxin Interactions in Plant Development

G. Eric Schaller, Anthony Bishopp, and Joseph J. Kieber

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The Roles of ROS and ABA in Systemic Acquired Acclimation

Ron Mittler and Eduardo Blumwald

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Understanding the Biochemical Basis of Temperature-Induced Lipid Pathway Adjustments in Plants

Qiang Li, Qian Zheng, Wenyun Shen, Dustin Cram, D. Brian Fowler, Yangdou Wei, and Jitao Zou

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Analysis of three plant species with distinct patterns of lipid profiles addresses how glycerolipid pathways in the ER and chloroplast are coordinated under temperature stress at the metabolite and transcript levels.

A Maize Glutaredoxin Gene, *Abphyl2*, Regulates Shoot Meristem Size and Phyllotaxy

Fang Yang, Huyen Thanh Bui, Michael Pautler, Victor Llaca, Robyn Johnston, Byeong-ha Lee, Allison Kolbe, Hajime Sakai, and David Jackson

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A novel pathway, composed of a glutaredoxin and a TGA transcription factor, regulates shoot apical meristem size independently of CLV-WUS signaling.

MET1 Is a Thylakoid-Associated TPR Protein Involved in Photosystem II Supercomplex Formation and Repair in *Arabidopsis*

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Amyloid precursor protein maintains constitutive and adaptive plasticity of dendritic spines in adult brain by regulating D-serine homeostasis

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