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6 **1. Fungal and plant material**

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8 Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen, DSMZ, Braunschweig, Germany) cultures were propagated at 28°C in liquid
9 complete medium (CM) (1) with 2% glucose and 130 rpm shaking or on solid medium with 1.5% agar. Hygromycin
10 B (80 µg/ml) was supplemented for growth of *P. indica* transformants. For microarray experiments *P. indica* was
11 cultivated on 1/10 PNM plates (2) for 3 days. 1/10 PNM final concentrations: 0.5 mM KNO₃, 0.367 mM KH₂PO₄,
12 0.144 mM K₂HPO₄, 2 mM MgSO₄ x H₂O, 0.2 mM Ca(NO₃)₂, 0.25% (v/v) Fe-EDTA (0.56% w/v FeSO₄ x 7H₂O and
13 0.8% w/v Na₂EDTA x 2H₂O), 0.428 mM NaCl; pH-adjusted to 6.0 and buffered with 10 mM MES. For solid media,
14 0.4% (w/v) GELRITE (Duchefa) was added.

15 Barley seeds (*Hordeum vulgare* cv. Golden Promise, Ingrid or Ingrid *mlo-5* mutants I22, kindly provided by Gregor
16 Langen) were surface sterilized with 70% ethanol for 1 minute, 12% sodium hypochlorite for 1.5 hours and washed
17 with sterile distilled water for 3 hours. Sterilized seeds were kept in the dark for 3 days on sterile wet filter paper at
18 room temperature. For colonization studies, three-day-old barley seedlings were transferred into sterile jars
19 containing 1/10 PNM medium and inoculated with 3 ml chlamyospore suspension (5×10⁵ ml⁻¹ in 0.002%
20 TWEEN20). Incubation was performed in a Conviron phytochamber with a day/night cycle of 16/8 hours (light
21 intensity: 110 µmol m⁻² s⁻¹) at a temperature of 22/18°C. Tween water (0.002% TWEEN20) treated seedlings were
22 used as control if required. Root samples were collected at different time points as described in the figure legends
23 and carefully washed in distilled water. The first 4 cm of the roots, starting from the seed, were excised and
24 immediately frozen in liquid nitrogen or used for microscopy. All experiments were prepared in 3 to 4 independent
25 biological repetitions of four plants per jar.

26 *Arabidopsis thaliana* seeds (ecotype Columbia-0) were incubated for 5 min in 70% ethanol, surface sterilized for 5
27 min with 6% sodium hypochlorite and washed 6 times for 5 min in sterile water. After stratification for 3 days at
28 4°C in the dark on 1/10 PNM medium, Arabidopsis seedlings were grown for 14 days under sterile conditions in a
29 phytochamber (Vötsch, Balingen-Frommern, Germany) at long day conditions (day: 16 h, 23°C, 350 µmol m⁻² s⁻¹;
30 night: 8 h, 18°C; 60% humidity). For inoculation of Arabidopsis roots with *P. indica* chlamyospores, plants of
31 roughly the same size were first transferred to square petri dishes containing 1/10 PNM and then inoculated directly
32 with either 5 x 10⁵ *P. indica* spores per 20 seedlings or mock treated as described for barley. Root material was
33 harvested, washed carefully with distilled water and frozen liquid nitrogen after 3, 7 and 14 days. For each time
34 point roots from 80 to 100 plants were pooled and the experiments were performed in 3 to 4 independent biological
35 repetitions.

36 Chlamyospores were collected from 3 to 4 week-old CM plates using 0.002% TWEEN20 for all described
37 experiments.

38 **2. Growth promotion assays**

39 For co-culture of *A. thaliana* with *P. indica* or *P. williamsii* and tests for plant growth promotion, seeds were
40 sterilized by incubation for 5 min in 70% ethanol followed by 2 min in 100% ethanol, left to dry and stratified as

1 described before either on a modified Hoagland's medium with four times more phosphate: 5mM KNO₃; 5mM
2 Ca(NO₃)₂; 2mM MgSO₄; 4mM KH₂PO₄; 0.03g/L Sprint 138 iron chelate; 0,1% micronutrients solution containing
3 2.86g/L H₃BO₃; 1.81 g/L MnCl₂.4H₂O; 0.08g/L CuSO₄.5H₂O; 0.02 g/L 85% MoO₃.H₂O, based on (3) or on 1/10
4 PNM as described above. Media were solidified with 4g/L GELRITE (Carl Roth, Karlsruhe, Germany). For assays
5 on the modified Hoagland's medium, plants were grown for 7 to 10 days under long day conditions (16h light, at
6 23°C, 85 μmol m⁻² s⁻¹; 60% humidity), and on 1/10 PNM medium plants grew for 10 days (16h light, at 23°C, 350
7 μmol m⁻² s⁻¹; 60% humidity; night: 8h, 18°C) before mock-inoculation with tween water or inoculation with either
8 *P. indica* or *P. williamsii* (when indicated) chlamydospores (5 x 10⁵ ml⁻¹). The seeds that failed to germinate and the
9 seedlings that did not look healthy were removed from the plates preceding tween water or spore application. Plants
10 grown on modified Hoagland's were inspected for biomass 7 days post inoculation (dpi), and for seedlings grown on
11 1/10 PNM biomass was inspected 14 dpi. Statistical analyses of the results were performed in R 2.15.1 (4)
12 (<http://www.R-project.org/>). Pairwise comparisons of the different subsets of data were performed using ANOVA
13 followed by Tukey's HSD (honestly significant difference) on 95% family-wise confidence level. Homogeneous
14 subsets were identified using the package multcompView (5) (<http://CRAN.R-project.org/package=multcompView>).

15 Barley growth promotion experiments with *P. indica* WT, empty vector control and RNAi strains were carried out
16 as described in (6).

17 **3. DNA, RNA extraction and real time qPCR analyses**

18 DNA from 200 mg of ground fungal or plant material was isolated using the protocol of Doyle and Doyle (7). Total
19 RNA from 200 mg of ground material was extracted using TRIzol (Invitrogen, Karlsruhe, Germany) following the
20 manufacturer's instructions. The amount and quality of the extracted RNA were estimated by using an agarose gel
21 and the NanoDrop-1000 Spectrophotometer (Agilent) or a 2100 Bioanalyzer (Agilent, Santa Clara, USA) for the
22 microarray experiments. For real-time qPCR analyses, two μg of RNA were used for DNase I digestion (Fermentas)
23 followed by cDNA synthesis (First Strand cDNA Synthesis Kit, Fermentas). Real-time qPCR analyses were
24 performed from 10 ng DNA or cDNA mixed with the appropriate primers (Dataset S5) in 10 μl SYBRgreen
25 Supermix (BIORAD) using the following amplification protocol: initial denaturation for 5 min at 95°C, followed by
26 40 cycles with 30 s at 95°C, 30 s at 59°C, 30 s at 72°C and a melt curve analysis. Relative DNA amount or relative
27 expression and its fold change values were calculated using the 2^{-ΔΔC_i} method (8).

28 **4. Microarray experiments**

29 Microarray analyses were performed with 200 ng total RNA extracted from *P. indica* inoculated barley and
30 Arabidopsis roots at 14 dpi or from *P. indica* inoculated Arabidopsis roots at 3 dpi. As control total RNA from *P.*
31 *indica* grown on 1/10 PNM-agar was used. Here, 3 days old hyphae were thoroughly scratched from the agar surface
32 with a sterile scalpel and immediately frozen in liquid nitrogen. For the 3 dpi barley time point, data from Gene
33 Expression Omnibus (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/>), accession number GSE31266 was used (9). For each
34 treatment, samples from three independent biological replicates were labeled and hybridized according to Agilent's
35 One-Color Microarray-Based Gene Expression Analysis Low Input Quick Amp Labeling protocol (version 6.5).
36 Cy3-labeled probes were hybridized to 8x60k custom-designed Agilent microarray chips. The microarray design
37 was performed based on a previous 2x105k custom-designed Agilent microarray described in (9). For this, the best
38 performing probe (BP) per *P. indica* gene was selected from the existing probes based on the following criteria: 1)
39 Probes with a cross hybridization potential were discarded if an alternative probe for the gene could be used. If this
40 was not possible, three probes with different cross hybridization targets were chosen and used (XP1-XP3). 2) The
41 signal intensity of each probe was compared to its position in the gene. The probe was defined to be a BP if its
42 signal intensity was high and its position was close to the 3' prime end of the respective gene. Thus, the BP probe for
43 each *P. indica* gene was selected as such if it had either the strongest signal of all probes of the respective gene and
44 was located at most 300 bp apart from the 3' prime end or if it was the closest to the 3' prime end and had at least
45 90% signal intensity of the strongest probe. 3) Non-uniformity outliers were detected by comparing the signal

1 intensity between biological replicates. The signal intensity of the best probe defined in step 2 was compared against
2 those of its intra- and inter-array replicates. If the signal intensity ranged between +/- 1.42 of the interquartile range,
3 it was accepted as the best probe. Alternatively, step 3 was repeated with the second (third, etc.) best probe. 4) New
4 probes (NP) were calculated via the eArray program (earray.chem.agilent.com/earray/) for those genes that had no
5 suitable BP probe. Control probes were additionally loaded on the chip as described before (9). Microarray image
6 files were analyzed using Agilent's Feature Extraction software v. 10.5 which calculates for each spot a background
7 corrected signal intensity value (gProcessedSignal) that was used for further analysis. For statistical analysis of the
8 raw data, the R environment (www.r-project.org; version 2.15.1) including the Bioconductor package 'Limma' was
9 used. In summary, raw data were standardized by quantile normalization, intensity values from replicate probes
10 were averaged, log₂-ratios between experiments were calculated and Student's t-statistic applied to test for
11 significance. Quality and suitability of the applied statistics was estimated by generating density and MA plots. The
12 degree of variability between the experiments was shown by principle component analysis (Figure S15). Selection
13 of differentially expressed genes was based on a fold change of 2 and a false discovery rate-adjusted significance
14 level (adj. p-value) of less than 0.05. Expression data from all experiments are stored in the GEO database
15 (accession number GSE47775). Microarray data were verified by quantitative real-time PCR (qRT-PCR) as
16 described previously (9) from three biologically independent kinetics for each host (time points: 3, 7 and 14 dpi for
17 Arabidopsis; 3, 5, 10 and 14 dpi for barley).

18 **5. Enrichment analysis**

19 To identify significantly enriched gene ontology (GO) terms from the performed microarray experiments the Gene
20 Ontology Enrichment Analysis Software Toolkit (GOEAST) was used
21 (omicslab.genetics.ac.cn/GOEAST/index.php) with settings for customized microarray platform. GO's were
22 assigned to *P. indica* genes by using the Blast2GO suite (version 2.6.0) (10). Significantly higher expressed genes in
23 Arabidopsis roots colonized by *P. indica* at 14 dpi compared to barley roots colonized by *P. indica* at 14 dpi (and
24 *vice versa*) were analyzed using the recommended parameter settings. Datasets S4a and S4b, summarizing all
25 enriched GO terms (Arabidopsis: GO_AT14up, Barley: GO_HV14up), were prepared from the GOEAST outputs.

26 **6. Confocal laser microscopy**

27 *Cell viability*

28 Root colonization and Arabidopsis/barley epidermal and cortex cells viability were analyzed by confocal
29 microscopy. Colonized roots were stained for 10 min with 10 µg/ml WGA-AF488 (Molecular Probes, Karlsruhe,
30 Germany) to visualize fungal structures. Membranes were stained with 3 µM FM4-64 (Probes, Karlsruhe, Germany)
31 for 5 min. Root samples were imaged with a TCS-SP5 confocal microscope (Leica, Bensheim, Germany) using an
32 excitation at 488 nm for WGA-AF488 and detection at 500–540 nm. Excitation of FM4-64 was performed at 633
33 nm and detection at 650–690 nm.

34 *Maximum projection and serial slices of barley root material*

35 Root segments of *Hordeum vulgare* were fixed in FPA (formalin (37%): propionic acid (> 99%): ethanol (50%),
36 0.5:0.5:9) for three days and subsequently stored in 70% ethanol for further use. For microtomy the root segments
37 were dehydrated in an ascending ethanol series and embedded in Unicryl™ (British Biocell Int.). For serial slices,
38 sequential series of 4 µm longitudinal and transversal sections (Leica Supercut 2065) were stained with toluidine
39 blue O (1 g toluidine blue O + 1 g sodium tetraborate in 100 ml distilled H₂O) and mounted in Corbit balsam.
40 Pictures were taken with a Leica DMRB or TCS-SP5 microscope, equipped with a digital camera (Moticam 2300).
41 For maximum projections the root of barley was stained with acid fuchsin and depicted by confocal laser scanning
42 microscopy using an Argon blue light laser (488 nm) as described in (11). The z-stack was used to compute a
43 Maximum Projection (LCS Version 2).

1 7. Yeast complementation assay

2 The ammonium import function of PiAmt1 (PIIN_02036) was verified by yeast complementation analysis. For this,
3 full length cDNA of *PiAMT1* was cloned into the *NotI* site of the pDR195 vector (kindly provided by Dr. Mike
4 Guether, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, KIT) with primers PiAMT1_SC_notI_F and PiAMT1_SC_notI_R
5 (Dataset S5) and the resulting plasmid was then transformed by heat shock into the ura-AMT-defective yeast
6 (*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*) strain 31019b; $\Delta\Delta\Delta\text{mep1;2;3}$. Growth complementation assays were performed on solid
7 YNB medium (Yeast Nitrogen Base w/o N, Bacto) supplemented with 2% glucose and 1 mM or 5 mM $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$
8 as sole nitrogen source.

9 8. RNAi vector construction and *P. indica* transformation

10 To perform RNAi silencing experiments, a 570 bp fragment of the *PiAMT1* (PIIN_02036) cDNA was amplified by
11 PCR with primers PiAMT1_RNAi_ecoRV_F and PiAMT1_RNAi_ecoRV_R (Dataset S5) and then inserted in the
12 *EcoRV* site of the convergent dual promoter vector pPiRNAi (6). PCR reactions were performed using a proof
13 reading Pfu Polymerase (Promega). The vector pPiRNAi-AMT1 and empty vector control were sequenced and
14 subsequently transformed into *P. indica* by PEG-mediated transformation as described in (6). Putative transformants
15 generated from three independent transformations were transferred onto new CM plates with 80 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ hygromycin
16 B. Cloning was performed using T4 ligase (NEB), Antarctic phosphatase (NEB) and *E. coli* Top10 cells. Vector
17 sequencing was done by Eurofins MWG Operon. The success of transformation was confirmed by southern blot and
18 the efficiency of silencing was verified by qPCR experiments. All RNAi strains were analyzed for reduced growth
19 on minimal medium with ammonium as sole nitrogen source as described in the next chapter. Selected silenced
20 strains with a reduced growth phenotype on minimal medium supplemented with ammonium as sole nitrogen source
21 and with a normal growth phenotype on CM were chosen for *in planta* assays.

22 9. Ammonium feeding test of *P. indica* transformants

23 *P. indica* transformants harboring the RNAi construct were analyzed for ammonium uptake by using wild-type and
24 empty vector transformed strains as controls. Ten μl of chlamydo spores suspension with 10-fold serial dilutions
25 starting from $5 \times 10^5 \text{ ml}^{-1}$ were inoculated onto YNB medium (Yeast Nitrogen Base w/o N, Bacto) supplemented with
26 2 mM NH_4Cl (Roth) for 14 days. The experiments were carried out in three replicates.

27 10. Measurement of caspase activity in roots

28 Barley and Arabidopsis roots were inoculated with *P. indica* WT, RNAi strains, empty vector controls or mock
29 treated. The first 4 cm of the roots, starting from the seed, were excised and immediately frozen in liquid nitrogen
30 from plant samples harvested at 3, 5, 10 and 14 dpi. One hundred mg ground roots were extracted with a buffer
31 containing 100 mM sodium acetate (pH 5.5), 100 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, 2mM DTT and 1mM
32 phenylmethylsulfonyl fluoride. To measure caspase activities, 100 μM fluorogenic VPE substrate (Ac-ESEN-MCA,
33 Peptide Institute) was added to the root extracts. Fluorescence intensities were measured at 465 nm after excitation
34 at 360 nm using a fluorescence microplate reader (TECAN Safire). The enzyme activity was calculated as the
35 increasing unit of fluorescent intensity compared to the buffer+substrate control after 60 minutes incubation.

36 11. Preparation and assay of samples for amino acid concentration

37 Plant material was incubated for 60 minutes at 80°C in 80% ethanol and thereafter centrifuged for 10 minutes at
38 14000 rpm and 4°C. Supernatant were evaporated to dryness, re-suspended in purest water and used for HPLC
39 analysis. Prior to HPLC analysis samples were derivatized using a fluorescing reagent AQC (6-aminoquinolyl-N-
40 hydroxysuccinimidylcarbamate). 3 mg of self-made AQC (IPK, Germany) was dissolved in 1 ml acetonitrile and
41 incubated exactly for 10 minutes at 55°C. The prepared reagent was stored at 4°C and used up to four weeks. For
42 derivatization of the sample 0.01 ml of the prepared reagent solution was used for each sample which contained 0.8

1 ml of a buffer (0.2 M boric acid, pH 8.8) and 0.01 ml of the supernatant. Separation of soluble amino acids was performed on a newly developed UPLC-based method using Ultra pressure reversed phase chromatography (AcQuity H-Class, Waters GmbH, Germany). UPLC system consisted of a quaternary solvent manager, a sample manager-FTN, a column manager and a fluorescent detector (PDA eλ Detector). The separation was carried out on a C18 reversed phase column (ACCQ Tag Ultra C18, 1.7 μm, 2.1x100 mm) with a flow rate of 0.7 ml per min and duration of 10.2 min. The column was heated at 50°C during the whole run. The detection wavelengths were 266 nm for excitation and 473 nm as emission. The gradient was accomplished with four solutions prepared from two different buffers purchased from Waters GmbH (eluent A concentrate and eluent B for amino acid analysis, Germany). Eluent A was pure concentrate, eluent B was a mixture of 90% LCMS water (The Geyer GmbH, Germany) and 10 % eluent B concentrate, eluent C was pure concentrate (eluent B for amino acid analysis) and eluent D was LCMS water (The Geyer GmbH, Germany). The column was equilibrated with eluent A (10%) and eluent C (90%). The gradient was produced as indicated in the table below.

Retention time in min	Eluent A (%)	Eluent B (%)	Eluent C (%)	Eluent D (%)
0	10	0	90	0
0.29	9.9	0	90.1	0
5.49	9	80	11	0
7.10	8	15.6	57.9	18.5
7.30	8	15.6	57.9	18.5
7.69	7.8	0	70.9	21.3
7.99	4	0	36.3	59.7
8.59	4	0	36.3	59.7
8.68	10	0	90	0
10.2	10	0	90	0

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14 12. Phylogeny

15 Phylogenetic relations of ammonium transporters from *Piriformospora indica*, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* and
 16 *Hebeloma cylindrosporum* were calculated using seaview (version 4) (12). Protein alignment was generated by
 17 MUSCLE (v3.8.31) (13) and phylogenetic tree by PHYML (v3.0) (14) using standard settings. An approximate
 18 *likelihood-ratio* test (aLRT) was performed to calculate branch support.

19 Legends for the supplementary figures

20 **Figure S1.** Host-dependent expression profiles of *in planta*-induced *P. indica* genes encoding intracellular (A) and
 21 secreted (B) proteins at 3 and 14 days post inoculation (dpi) during Arabidopsis (PI_AT) and barley (PI_HV)
 22 colonization, calculated versus PNM-control.

23 **Figure S2.** Heatmaps showing normalized, background-corrected log₂ signal intensity values of 305 hydrolytic
 24 enzymes (left) and 252 transporters (right) as previously classified (9). Columns represent biological independent
 25 replicates of *P. indica* colonized barley roots 3 (PI_HV_3) and 14 dpi (PI_HV_14), *P. indica* colonized Arabidopsis
 26 roots 3 (PI_AT_3) and 14 dpi (PI_AT_14) and *P. indica* on 1/10 PNM-agar alone 3dpi (PI_PNM_3). Signal
 27 intensities (gProcessedSignal) from Agilent's feature extraction software (v10.5) were quantile normalized and intra-
 28 array replicates were averaged using R (www.r-project.org; version 2.15.1). Only those genes are shown for which a
 29 best performing probe could be designed (see microarrays section in material and methods for details). Data from
 30 the time point PI_HV_3 is from Gene Expression Omnibus (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/>), accession number
 31 GSE31266.

1 **Figure S3.** Barley root colonized by *P. indica* 30 dpi. A colonized epidermal cell with larger hyphae and thinner
2 hyphae in the cortex cells are visible. Hyphal contact with the endodermis layer results in autofluorescence which is
3 visible as a diffuse white signal on the host cell wall. For maximum projections the root of barley was stained with
4 acid fuchsin and depicted by confocal laser scanning microscopy using an Argon blue light laser (488 nm) as
5 described in (11).

6 **Figure S4.** Growth promotion effect on Arabidopsis plants ecotype Col-0 colonized by *P. indica* or by the closely
7 related sebacinoid fungus *P. williamsii* (2). (A-C) Box-plots of the fresh weight of *A. thaliana* plants grown in the
8 presence or absence of *P. indica* or *P. williamsii*. In all 3 experiments, treatment had a significant effect on the mean
9 fresh weight of the plants (plot A: ANOVA, $F_{2,74}=64.45$, $p<0.001$; plot B: ANOVA, $F_{2,28}=44.63$, $p<0.001$; plot C:
10 ANOVA, $F_{2,48}=14.07$, $p<0.001$). Treatment with *P. indica* chlamydo-spores resulted in a significant increase on the
11 mean fresh weight of the plants in all treatments (Tukey's HSD, $p<0.001$), but treatment with *P. williamsii*
12 chlamydo-spores had no significant effect (A, C) or a small but significant effect on the mean fresh weight in
13 comparison with the mock-treatment (B) (Tukey's HSD for plot A: $p=0.51$; for plot B: $p=0.012$; for plot C:
14 $p=0.985$). (D) Box-plot of the fresh weight of *A. thaliana* plants grown in the presence or absence of *P. indica* on
15 1/10 PNM. The mean fresh weight of *P. indica* treated plants was significantly increased compared to that of mock-
16 treated plants (two-sided t-test, unpaired, equal variance: $t = -3.04$, $df = 48$, $p\text{-value} < 0.01$). In all plots, boxes not
17 sharing a letter are significantly different (based on Tukey's HSD). Culture media (HO: modified Hoagland's; PNM:
18 1/10 PNM), plant age (dps = days post-sowing) and co-culture times on the respective plant media (dpi = days post
19 inoculation) are indicated in the upper left corner of each plot. (E) Representative plates containing sets of 14-day
20 old plants 7 days after mock-treatment with tween water (left) or inoculation with either *P. indica* (center) or *P.*
21 *williamsii* (right) chlamydo-spores.

22 **Figure S5.** *Piriformospora indica* biotrophic broad invasive hyphae (white asterisk) in Arabidopsis epidermal cell
23 (A) 10 and (B) 21 dpi. In contrast to extracellular hyphae, IH are not stainable with WGA-AF488 (green) due to the
24 presence of a plant-derived membrane. (C) After cooking with KOH for 5 minutes and infiltrating WGA for 10
25 minutes the hyphae of *P. indica* can be stained, indicating that chitin is still present in the cell wall of the fungus.

26 **Figure S6.** Gene Ontology Enrichment Analyses for the GO category biological process performed using GOEAST
27 (<http://omicslab.genetics.ac.cn/GOEAST/index.php>). Shown is the graphical output for the significantly enriched
28 GO terms, as well as their relationships in the whole GO hierarchy, among the *P. indica* genes induced during
29 colonization of Arabidopsis compared to barley at 14 dpi. Data displayed in this graphic show enrichment for genes
30 involved in tRNA aminoacylation for protein translation, amino acid biosynthesis, glycolysis, tetracycline transport
31 and mitochondrion organization.

32 **Figure S7.** Gene Ontology Enrichment Analyses for the GO category biological process performed using GOEAST
33 (<http://omicslab.genetics.ac.cn/GOEAST/index.php>). Shown is the graphical output for the significantly enriched
34 GO terms among the *P. indica* genes induced during colonization of barley compared to Arabidopsis at 14 dpi. Data
35 displayed in this graphic show enrichment for genes involved in chitin catabolic process, L-arabinose metabolic
36 process, xylan and cellulose catabolic processes and carbohydrate transport.

37 **Figure S8.** Analyses of *P. indica* ammonium transporter Amt1. (A) Expression of *PiAMT1* is ammonium depletion
38 responsive. *P. indica* was pre-grown on CM for one week (T_0) and then transferred to YNB medium supplemented
39 with different concentrations of ammonium: without nitrogen (w/o N); with 0.5 mM $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$; with 2 mM
40 $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$; with 10 mM $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$. Mycelium was collected after 12 and 24 hours and immediately frozen in
41 liquid nitrogen prior to RNA extraction and cDNA synthesis for real time qPCR analyses. (B) *PiAmt1* is related to
42 high affinity ammonium transporters. Phylogenetic relationships between the deduced amino acid sequence of *P.*
43 *indica* Amt1 and Amt2 and *Hebeloma cylindrosporium* and *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* ammonium
44 transporters/permeases. Sequences were obtained from the GenBank database. ScMEP2, HcAmt1, HcAmt2 are

1 functionally characterized as high affinity ammonium transporters, whereas ScMEP1, ScMEP3 and HcAmt3 are low
2 affinity ammonium transporters (15-16). (C) Yeast complementation assay for the high affinity ammonium
3 transporter PiAmt1. Growth of ammonium uptake-deficient yeast strain $\Delta\Delta\Delta\text{mep1;2;3}$ transformed with the empty
4 control plasmid pDR195 or with pDR195::PiAmt1 on YNB medium supplemented with 5 mM or 1 mM $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$
5 as the sole nitrogen source. Shown are serial dilutions of yeast cell suspensions ranging from 1 to 1×10^{-3} .
6 Experiments were performed in three independent biological repetitions. (D) Predicted topological structure of the
7 *P. indica* Amt1.

8 **Figure S9.** Analyses of selected *PiAMT1* RNAi strains and controls *in planta*. (A-B) Relative expression of the *P.*
9 *indica* high affinity ammonium transporter *AMT1* compared to *PiTEF* during colonization of barley and Arabidopsis
10 at 14 days post inoculation (dpi) in the wild type (WT), empty vector controls (EV) and RNAi strains (Amt9 and
11 Amt28). (C) Relative expression of the *P. indica* ammonium transporter *PiAMT2* compared to *PiTEF* during
12 colonization of barley at 14 days post inoculation (dpi) in the wild type (WT), empty vector controls (EV) and RNAi
13 strains (Amt9 and Amt28). Error bars represent SE of the mean from three independent biological repetitions. No
14 compensatory upregulation of *PiAMT2* was observed in the *PiAMT1* RNAi strains. (D-E) Relative abundance of
15 fungal *PiTEF* transcripts compared to plant *UBI* transcripts in barley and Arabidopsis roots colonized by *P. indica*
16 wild type (WT), empty vector controls (EV) and RNAi strains (Amt9 and Amt28) at 14 dpi. Silencing of *PiAMT1*
17 results in a significant increased colonization of barley roots compared to WT and EV controls (t-test $P < 0.05$). Error
18 bars represent SE of the mean from three independent biological repetitions. *P. indica* colonized Arabidopsis and
19 barley plants were grown on 1/10 PNM medium.

20 **Figure S10.** Host-dependent expression profiles of *in planta*-induced *P. indica* genes encoding ABC transporters
21 identified using the TCDB (<http://www.tcdb.org/>) and Blast2Go as described in (9).

22 **Figure S11.** Southern blot and colonies phenotype of the *P. indica* ammonium-uptake deficient RNAi strains. (A)
23 Southern blot analysis of *P. indica* WT and EV controls and RNAi strains. Genomic DNA from seven days old *P.*
24 *indica* cultures grown on CM was extracted and digested overnight with *SacI* (NEB). The digested DNA was
25 separated on 0.8% TAE agarose gel for 3 h at 80V. Blotting was performed using the DIG-labeling and detection kit
26 following the manufacturer's instructions (Roche Biochemicals). Hybridization was performed with a HYG probe.
27 (B) Colonies phenotype of *P. indica* WT and EV controls and RNAi strains on YNB medium supplemented with 10
28 mM NH_4Cl as sole nitrogen source. Plates were supplemented with 1% glucose and buffered with MES pH 5.6. Ten
29 microliters of chlamydo spores suspension with 10-fold serial dilutions starting from $5 \times 10^5 \text{ ml}^{-1}$ were used for the
30 growth assay. The experiments were carried out in three replicates. Representative photographs were taken at 7 days
31 after inoculation.

32 **Figure S12.** Barley growth promotion experiment with *P. indica* WT, empty vector control and RNAi strains. Plants
33 were grown as described in (6) and harvested at 30 days post inoculation. (A) Length of leaves in cm. (B) Leaves
34 dry weight in grams. (C) Root dry weight (in grams) in colonized or non-colonized barley plants. Error bars
35 represent standard errors of the mean (n=20). Asterisks represent significant differences (ANOVA, $P < 0.01$). (D)
36 Growth promotion in representative non-colonized (left) and colonized barley plants by *P. indica* WT (middle) and
37 RNAi strain Amt28 (right).

38 **Figure S13.** Concentrations of free amino acids in barley and Arabidopsis roots (4 cm below the seed). (A)
39 Concentrations of the most abundant free amino acids in the roots of barley non-colonized or colonized by *P. indica*
40 WT and RNAi strain Amt28 at 7 and (B) 14 dpi. Error bars represent SEM from three independent biological
41 repetitions with two to three technical repetitions. (C) Concentrations of the most abundant free amino acids in roots
42 of Arabidopsis non-colonized and colonized by *P. indica* WT and RNAi strain Amt28 at 7 and (D) 14 dpi. Error
43 bars represent SEM from four independent biological repetitions. *T-test $P < 0.05$, **T-test $P < 0.01$.

1 **Figure S14.** Morphology of *P. indica* hyphae stained with WGA-AF488 grown on minimal medium containing (A)
2 nitrate NaNO₃ 2mM, (B) asparagine Asn 1mM, or (C) glutamine Gln 1mM as sole nitrogen source. (D) Average of
3 hyphal size on different nitrogen sources. (E-F) Enlarged, multilobed hyphae from *P. indica* grown on asparagine.

4 **Figure S15.** Principle component analysis (PCA) performed using R (www.r-project.org; version 2.15.1) with
5 normalized, background-corrected log₂ signal intensity values. Shown are three main principle components (90.06%
6 of the total variability) in a x-y- (PC1 vs PC2) and z-y- (PC3 vs PC2) projection. The PCA shows that the whole
7 transcriptome of *P. indica* colonizing barley at 14 dpi (PI_HV_14) is most different from the other conditions
8 supporting the overall switch of the fungal transcriptome to a different feeding state. The second highest variation is
9 shown for *P. indica* colonizing Arabidopsis at 3 dpi (PI_AT_3).

10 **Dataset S1.** Significantly differentially regulated genes from microarray data. AT, *Arabidopsis thaliana*; PNM,
11 plant minimal medium; HV, *Hordeum vulgare*; dpi, days post inoculation.

12 **Dataset S2.** Expression data for the DELD protein family.

13 **Dataset S3.** Top20 induced *P. indica* SSPs during colonization of Arabidopsis and barley roots.

14 **Dataset S4.** Enrichment analysis performed using GOEAST for upregulated genes.

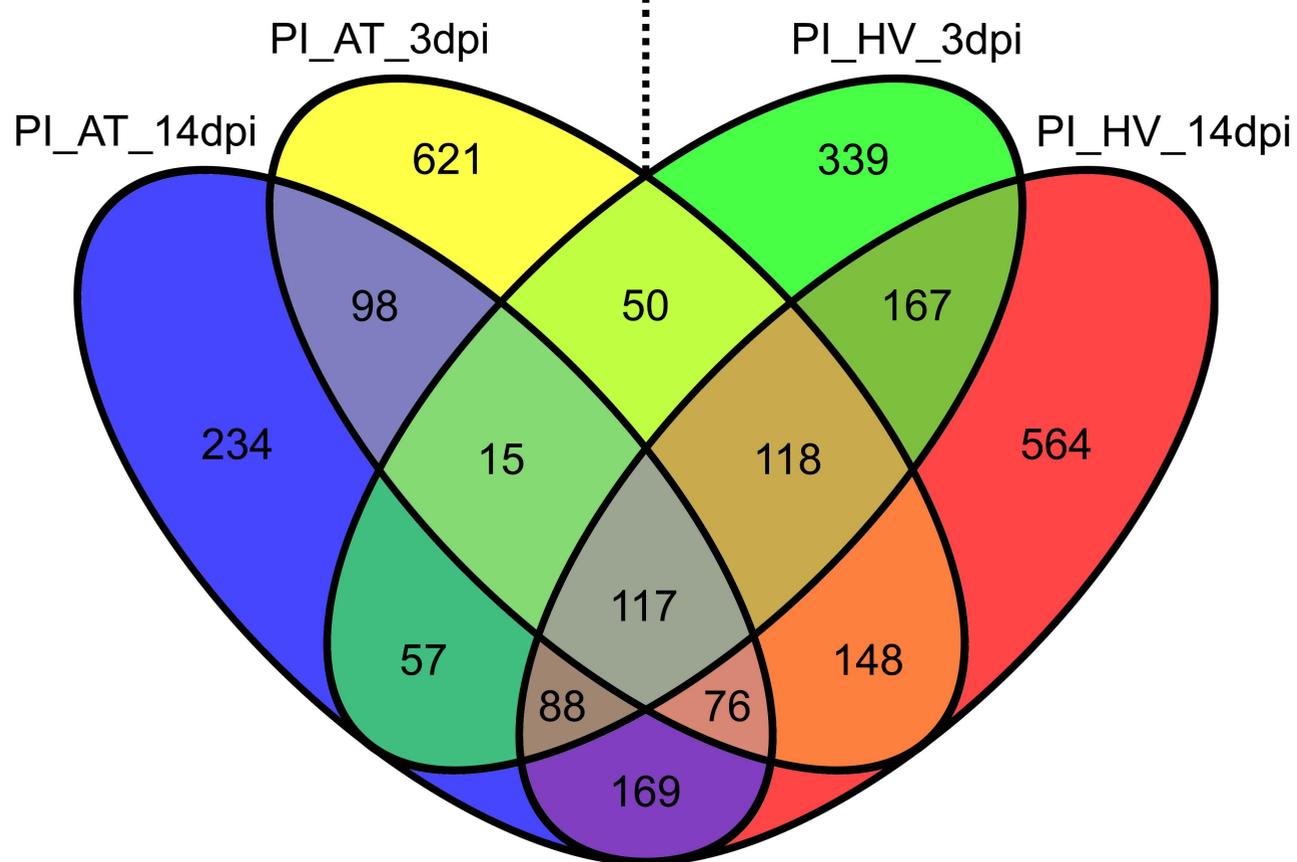
15 **Dataset S5.** List of primers used in this study.

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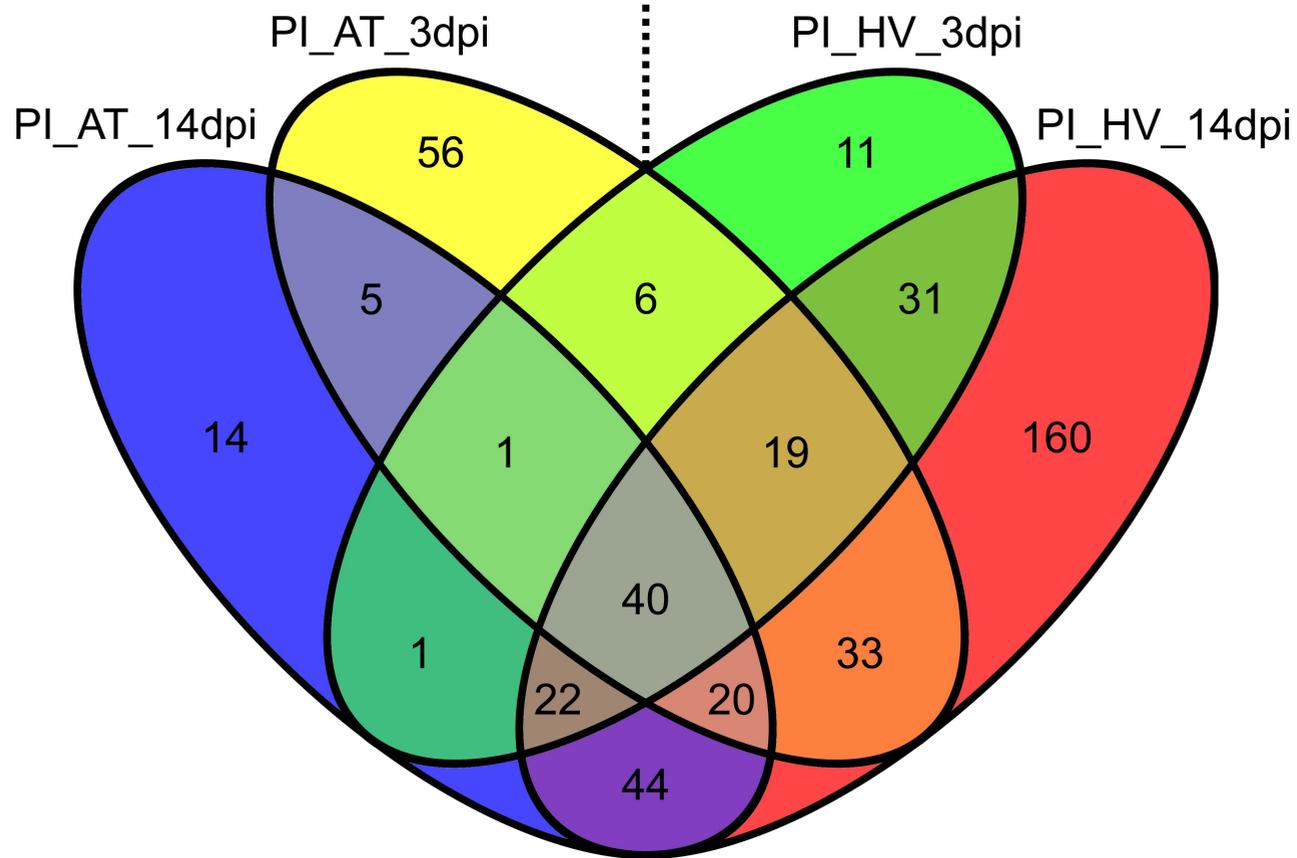
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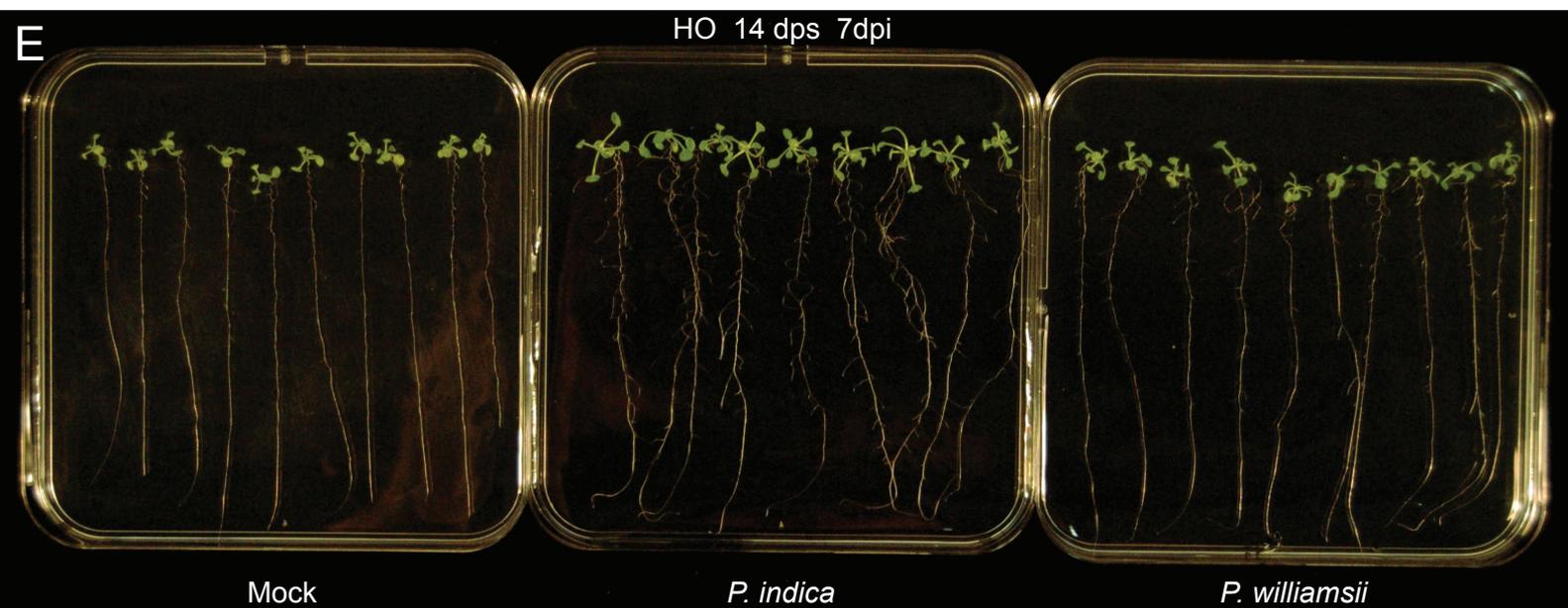
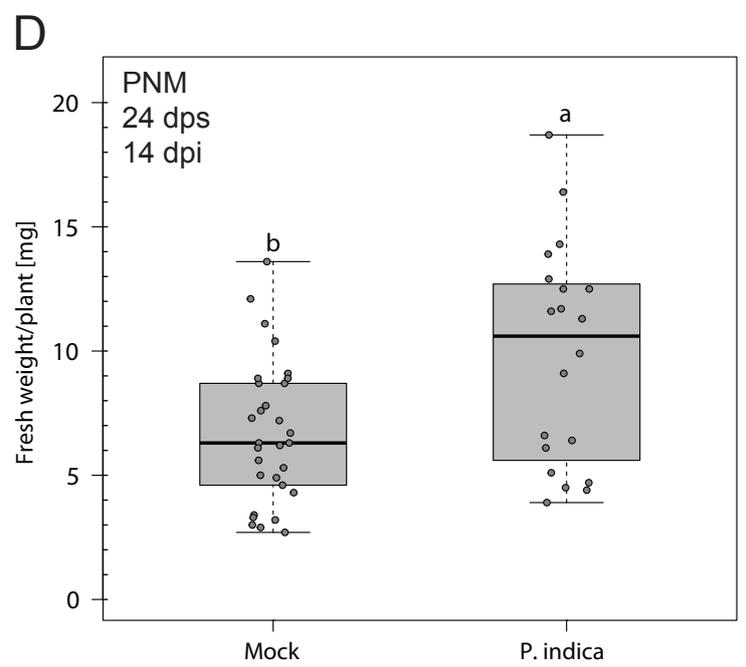
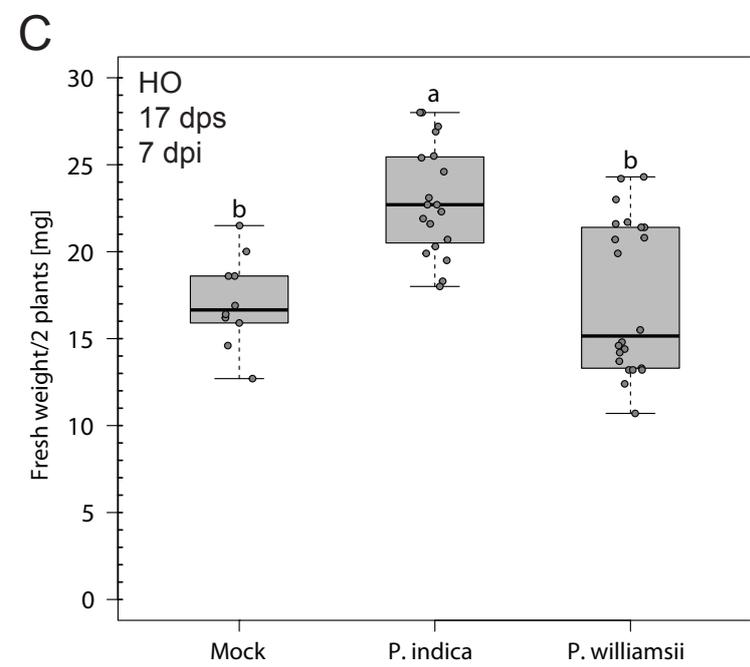
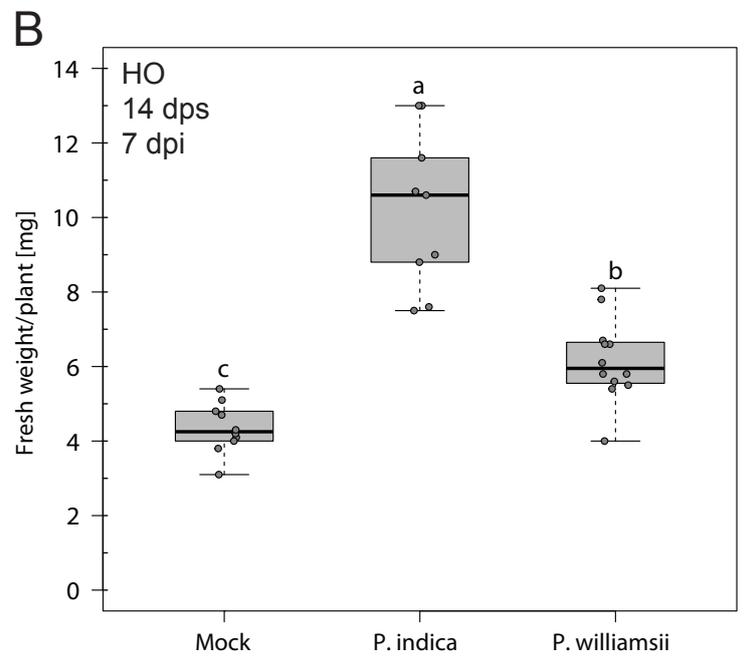
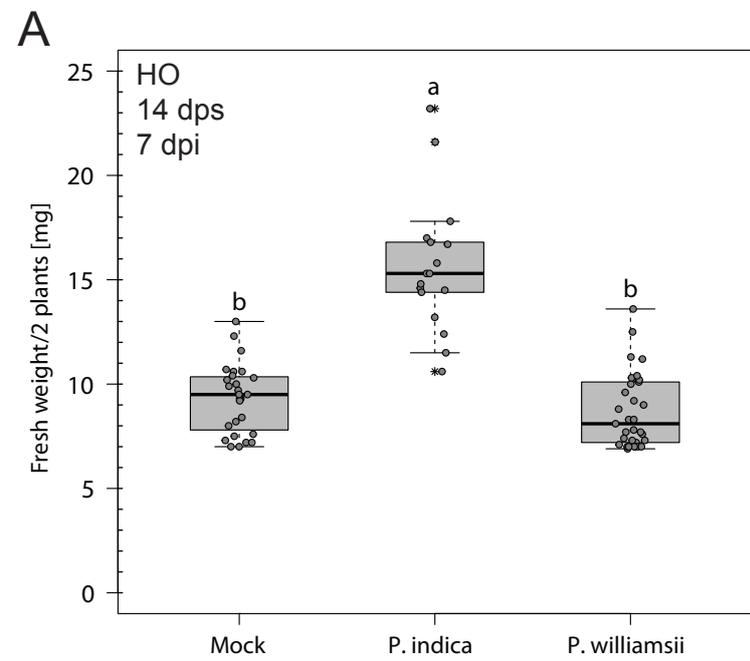


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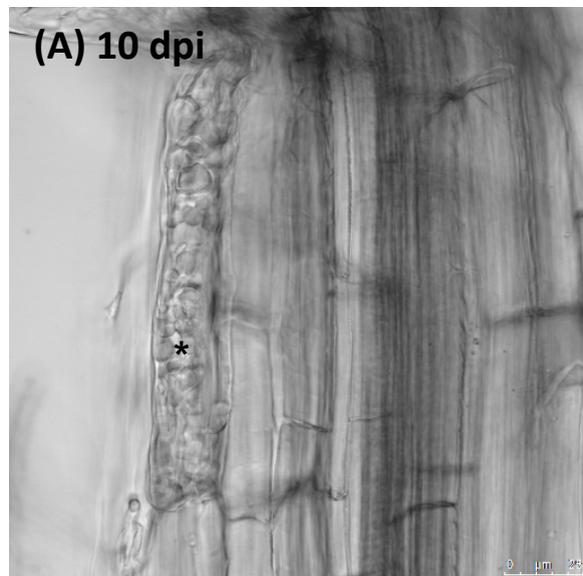


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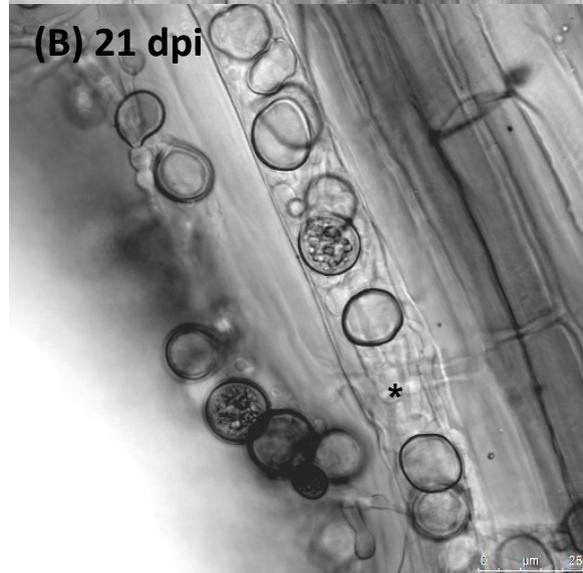




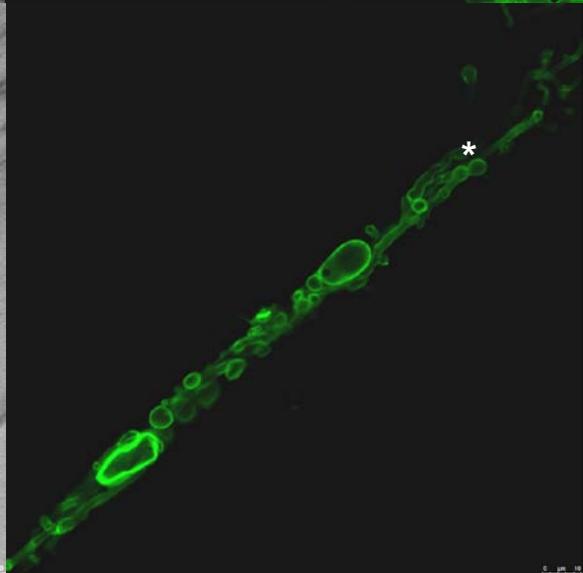
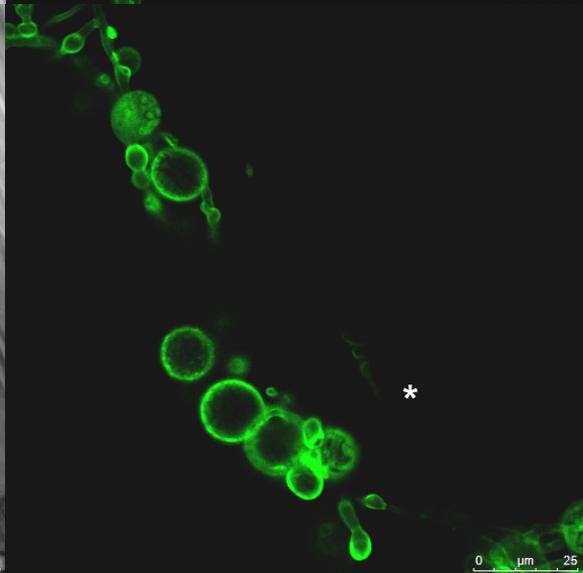
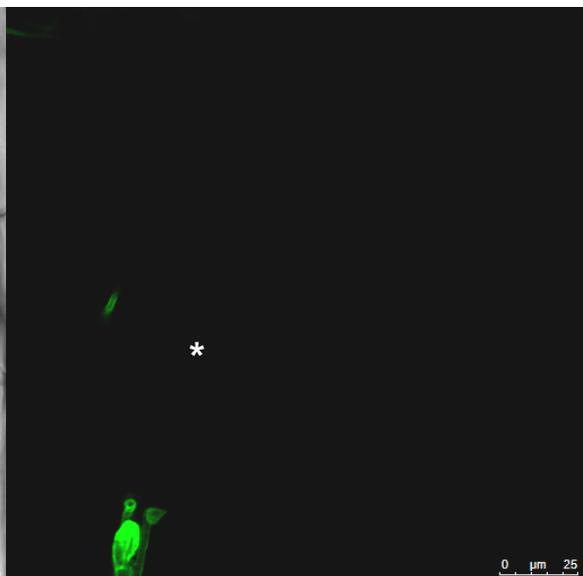
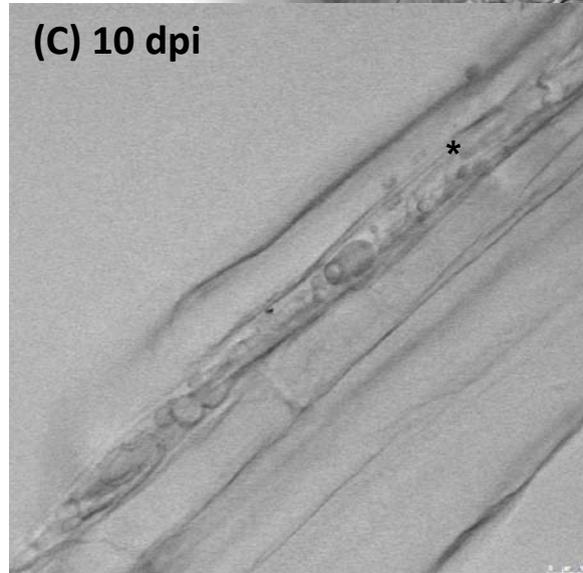
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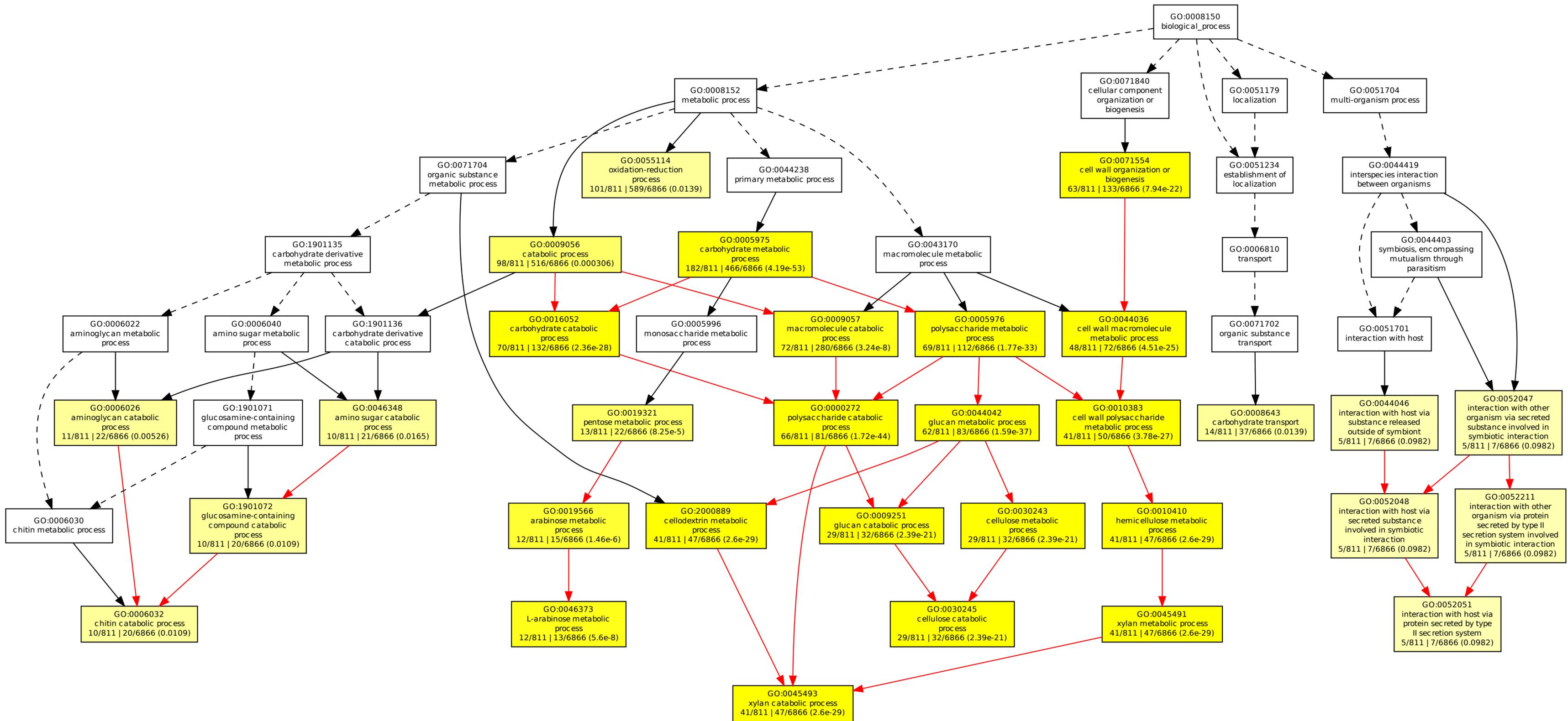


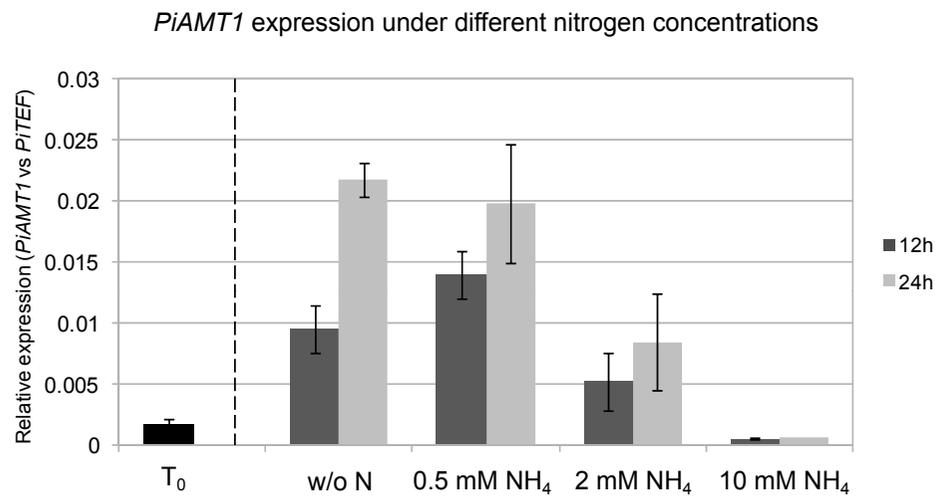
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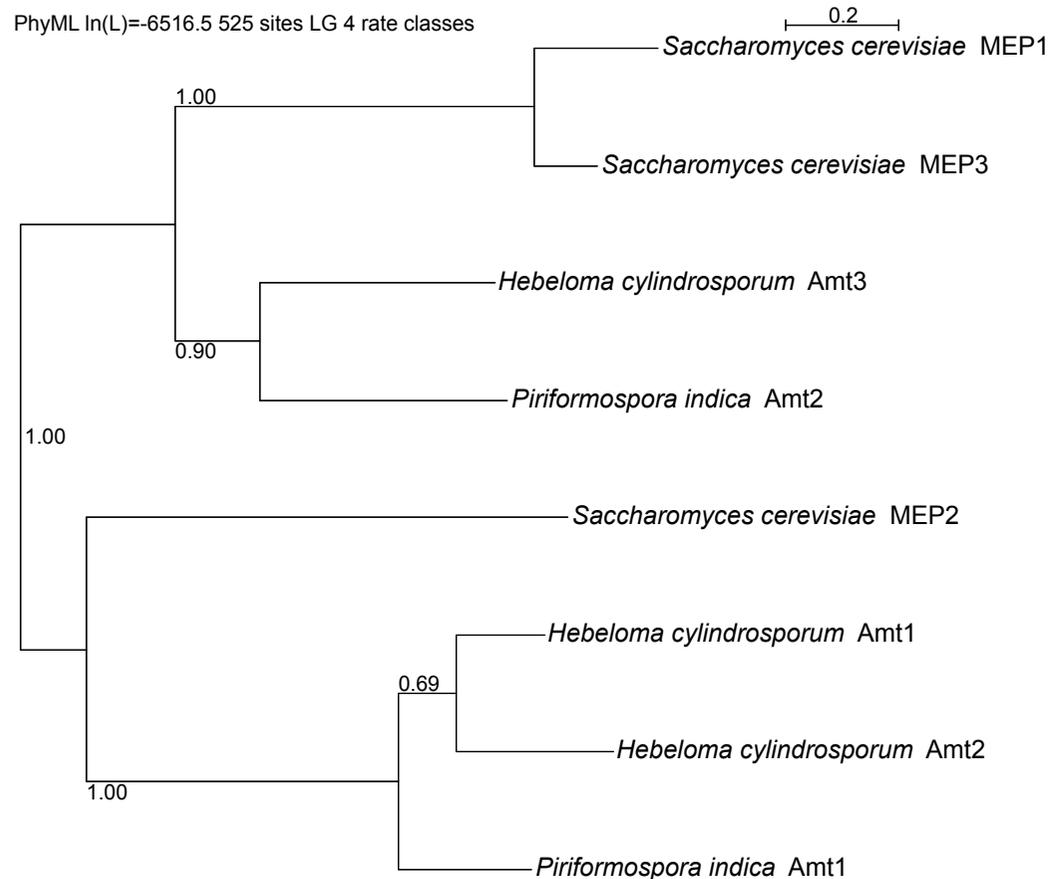
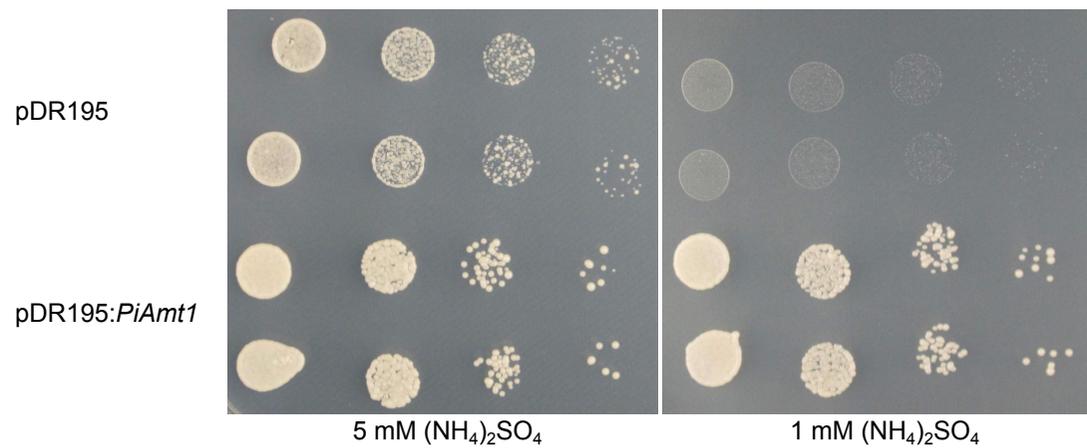
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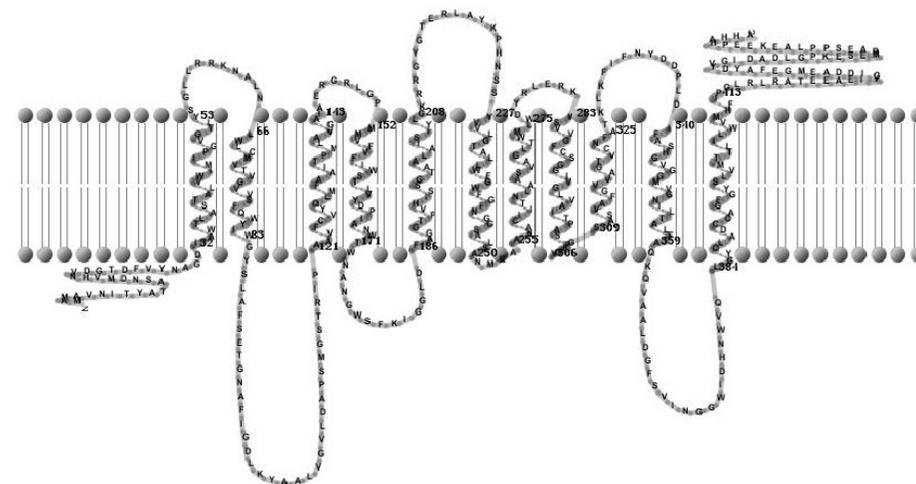


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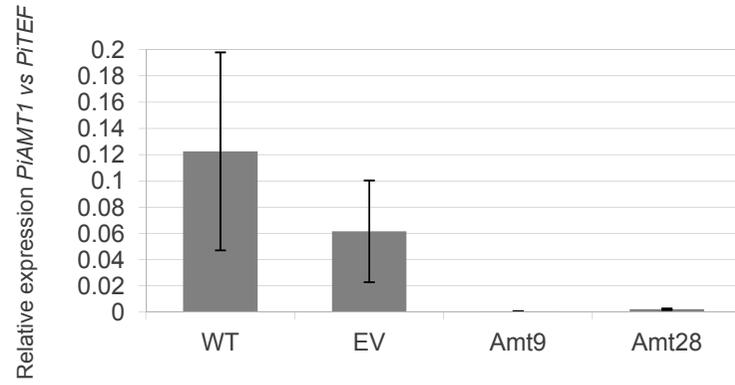
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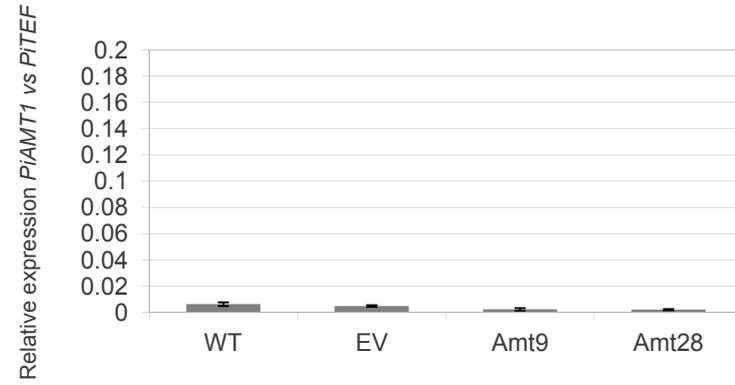


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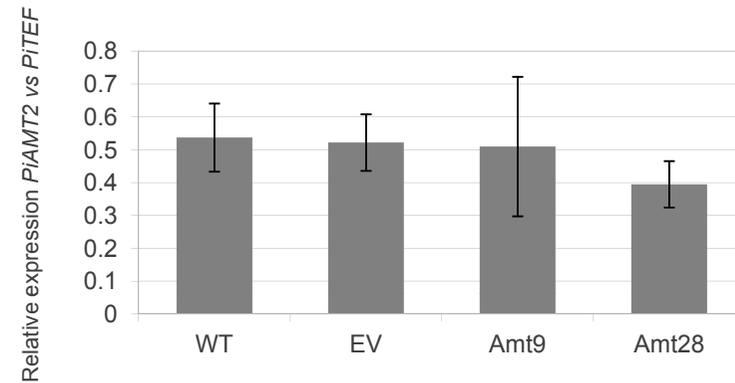
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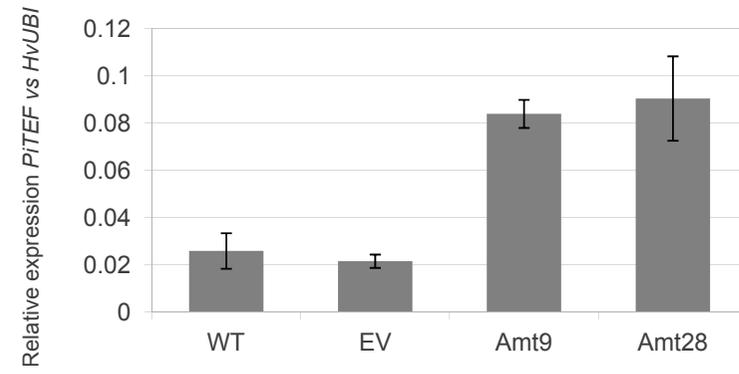
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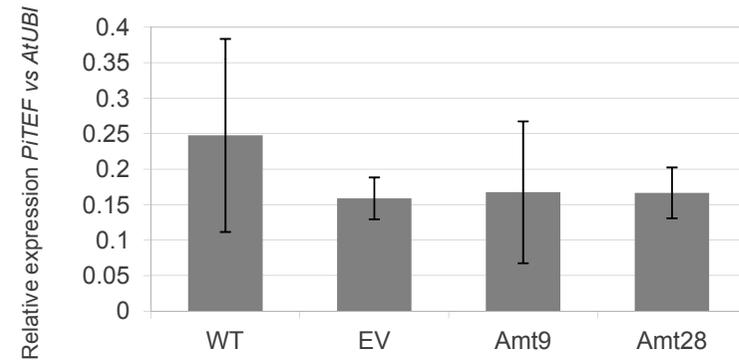
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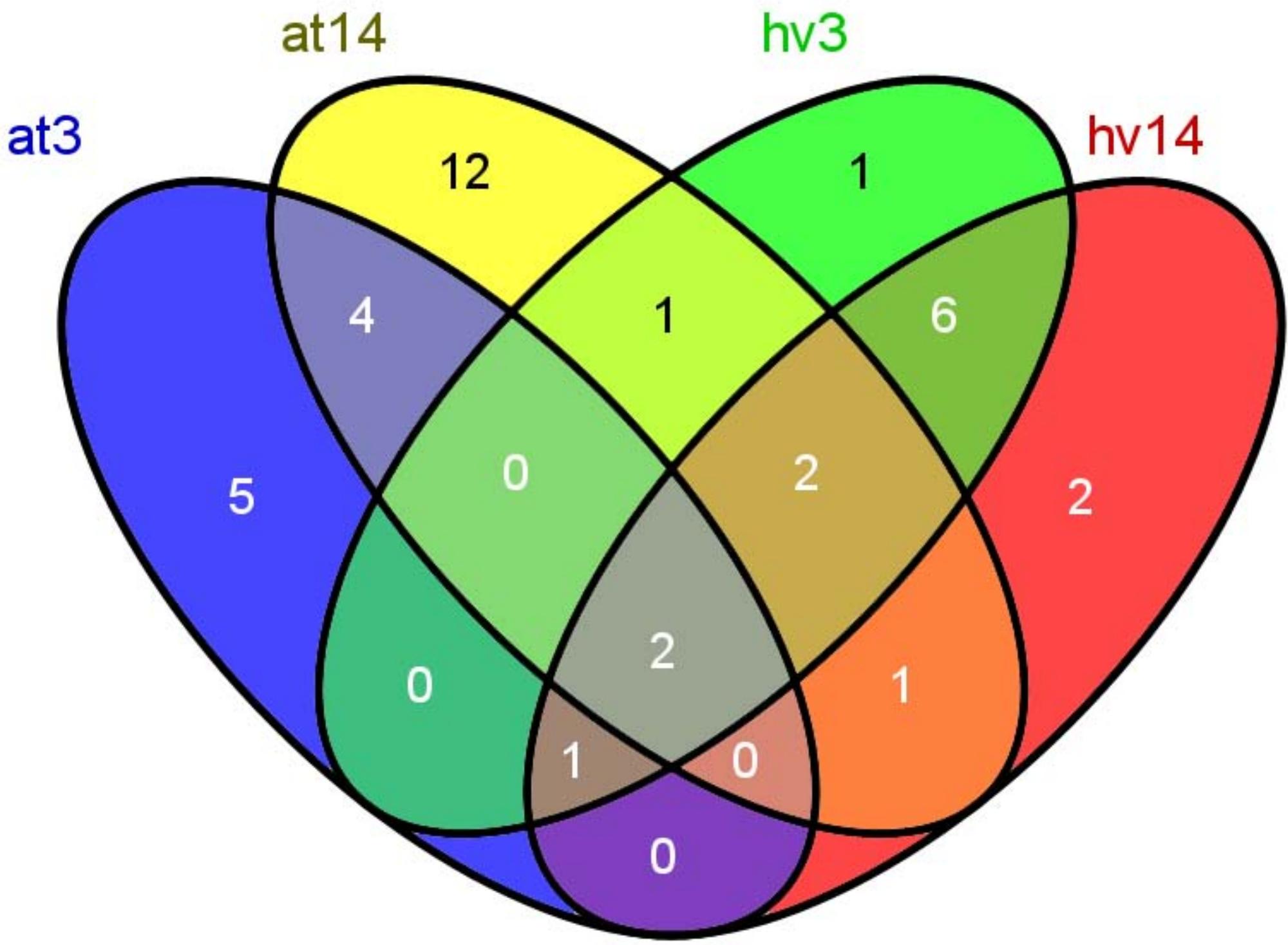


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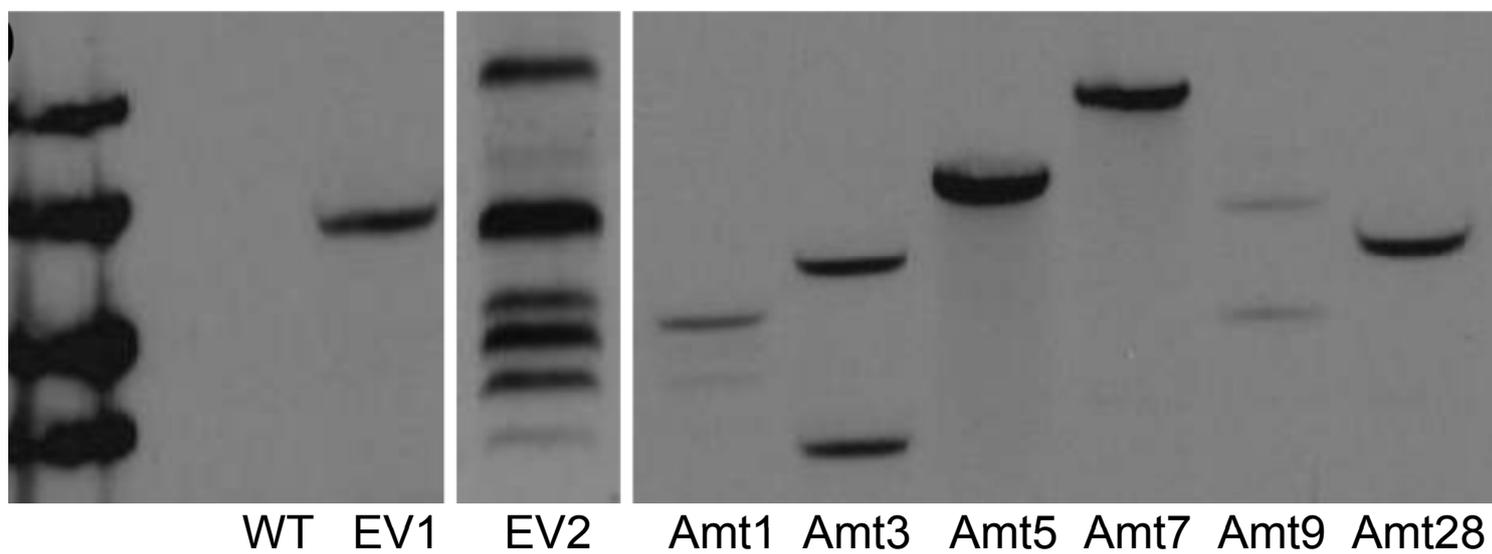
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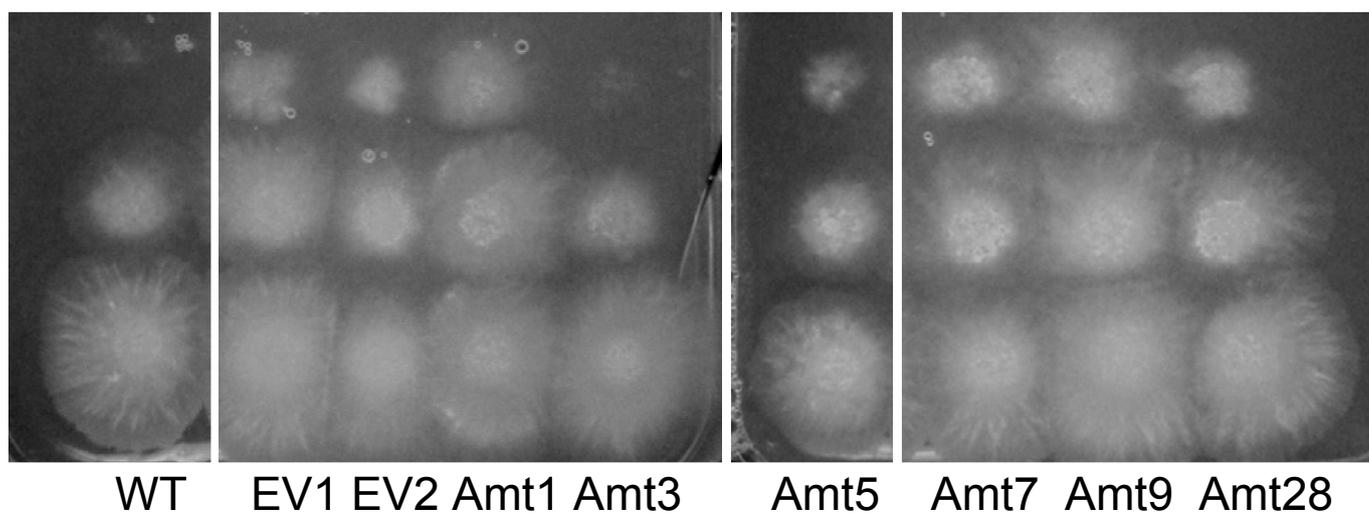
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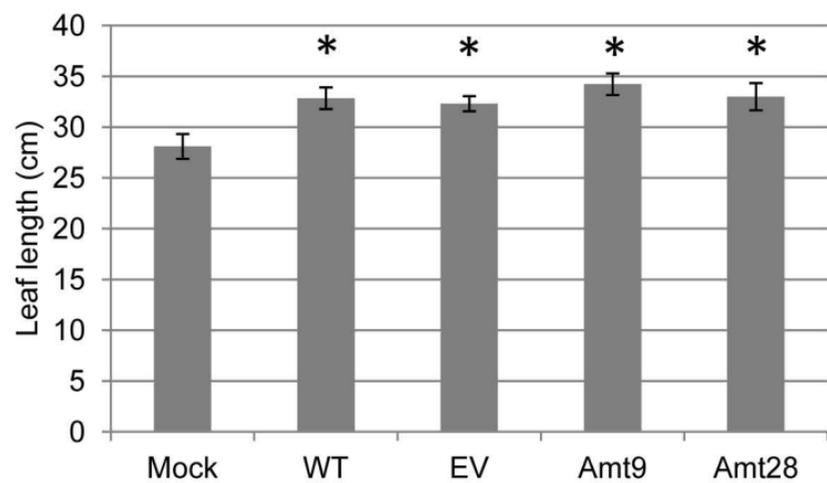
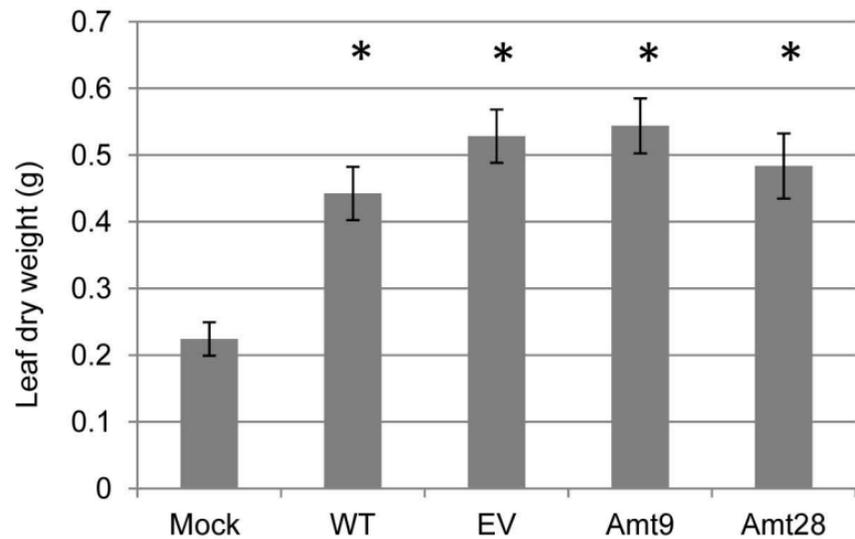
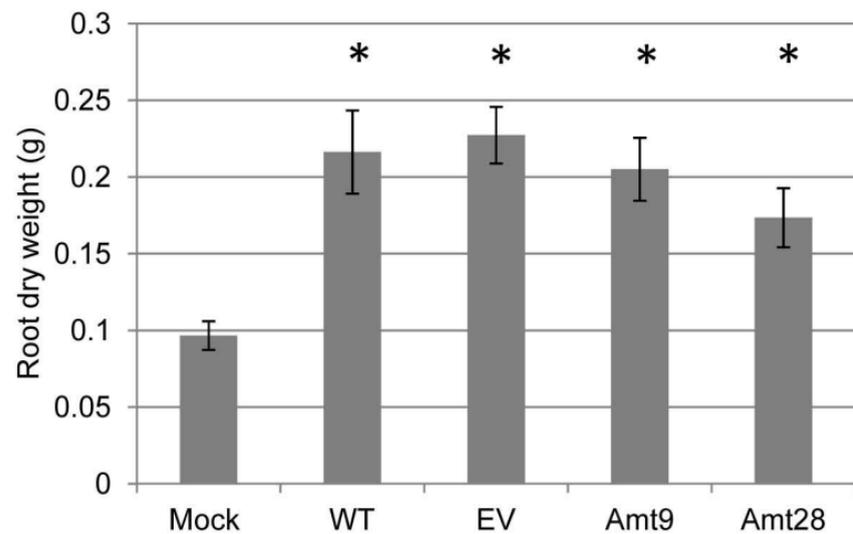
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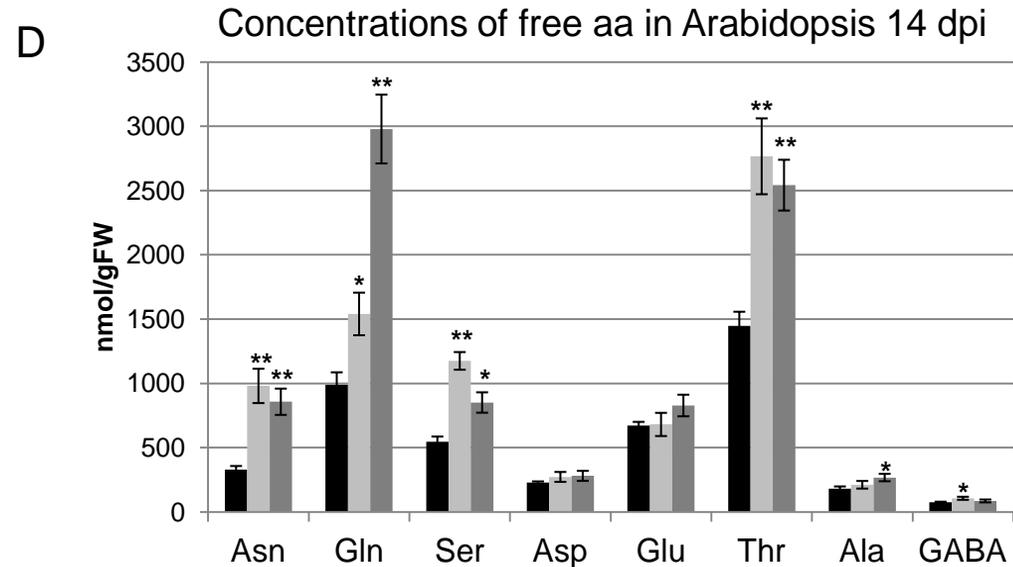
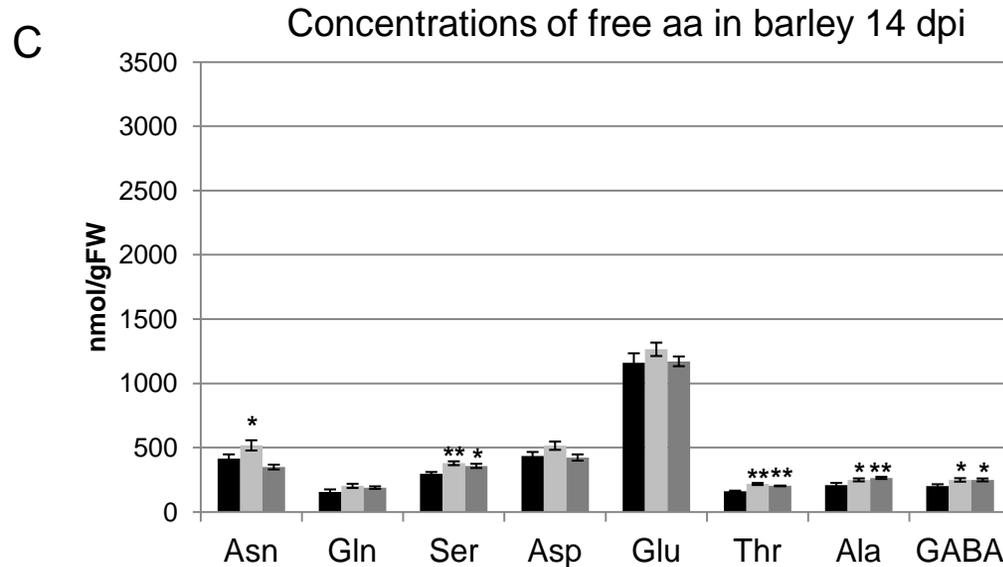
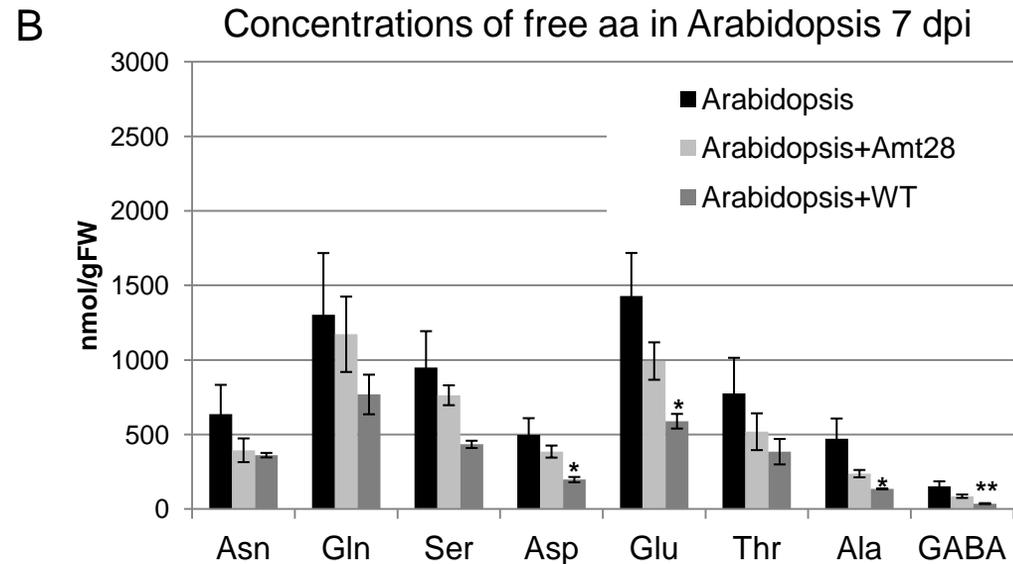
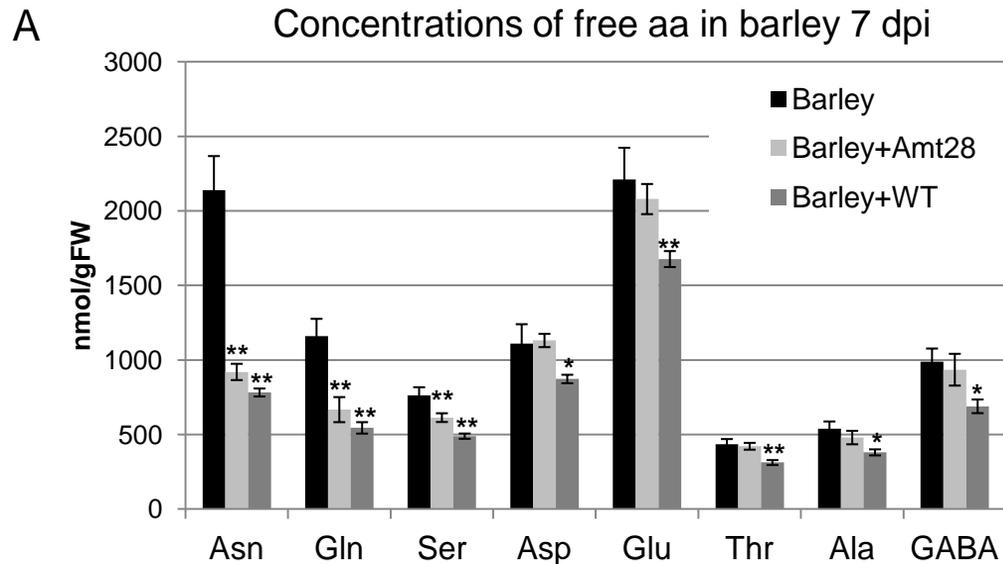


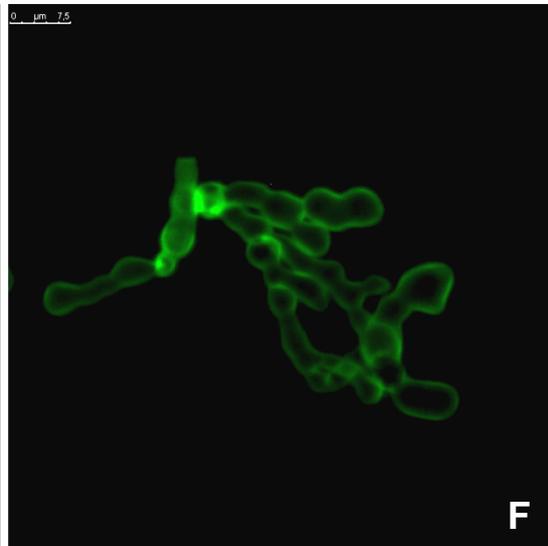
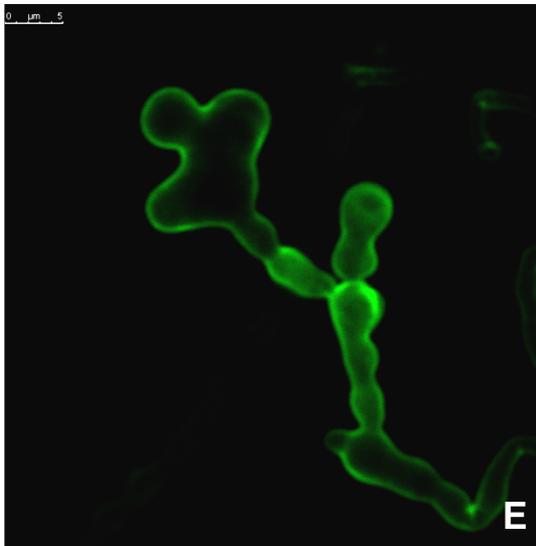
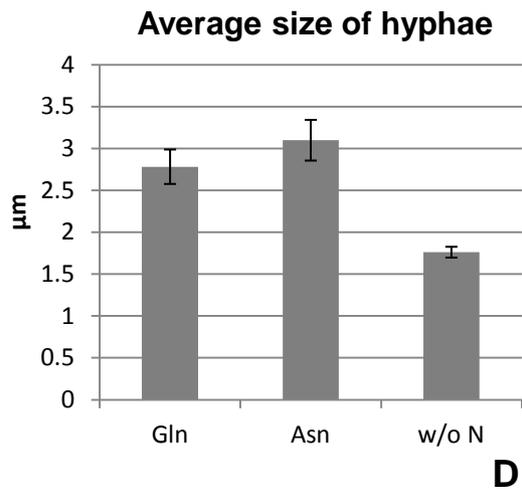
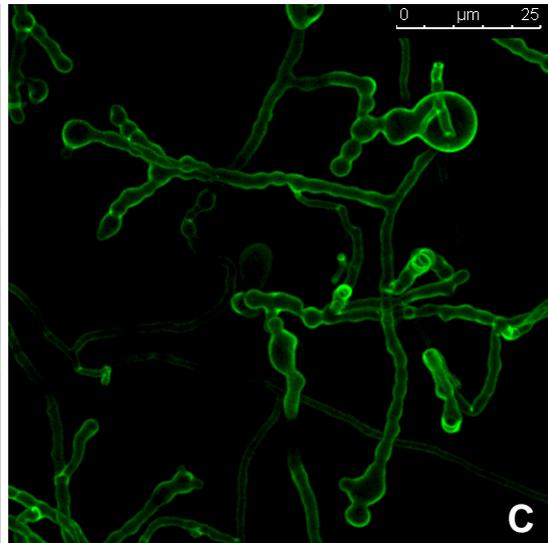
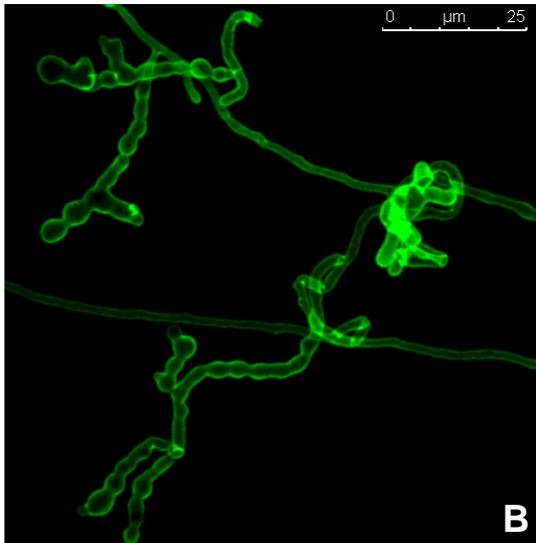
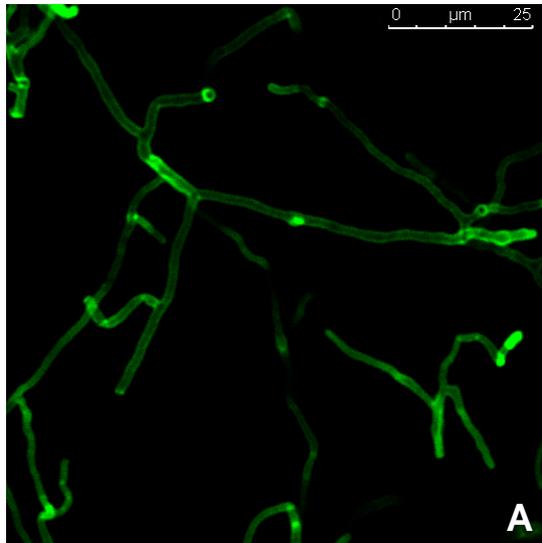
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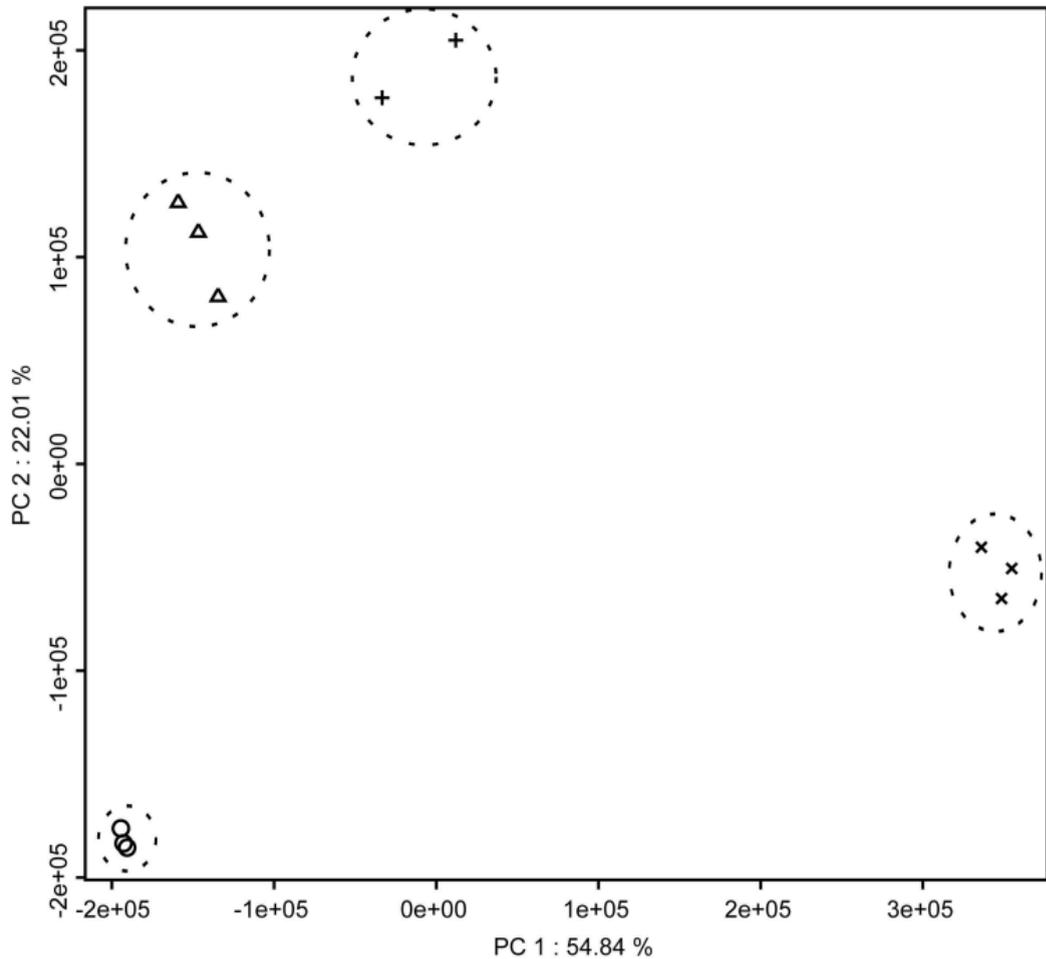


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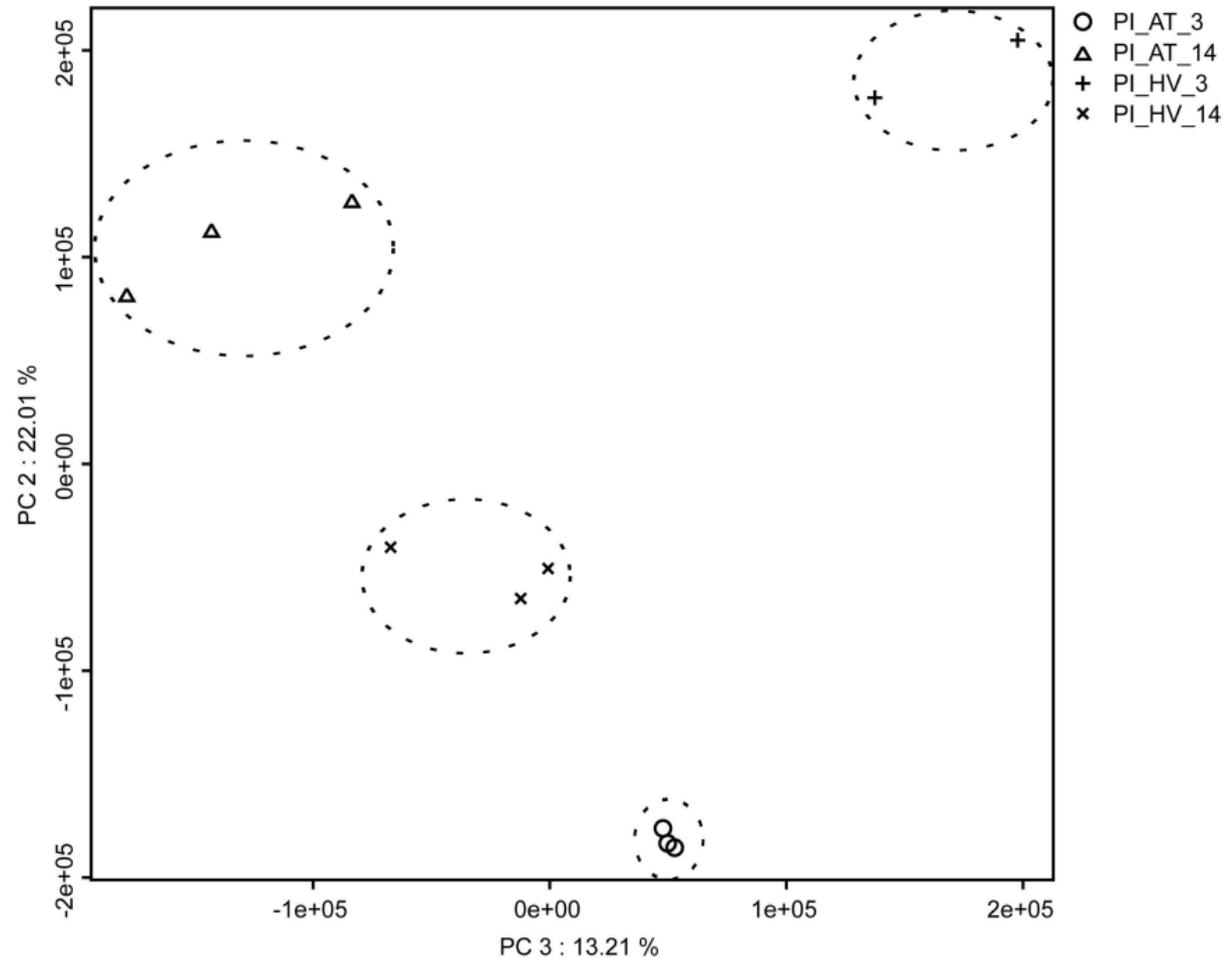




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