#### Mitogen-activated protein kinase 4-like carrying a MEY motif instead of a TXY motif is involved in ozone tolerance and regulation of stomatal closure

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**Supplementary Figure S1.** Comparison of the nucleotide sequences in open-reading frames among NtMPK4, NtMPK4L-1, and NtMPK4L-2. Bars indicate the regions used as IR constructs to generate NtMPK4L-silenced plants.

**Supplementary Figure S2.** Comparison of the amino acid sequences of NtMPK4L-1, NtMPK4L-2, and NtMPK4. A bar indicates the region used as an antigen in the production of the anti-NtMPK4L antibody. A square indicates the MEY and TXY motifs.

**Supplementary Figure S3.** Comparison of the amino acid sequences of SIMPK5 and SIMPK6. Bars indicate that sequence regions used as antigens against the anti-SIMPK5 and anti-SIMPK6 antibodies. A square indicates the MEY and TXY motifs.

**Supplementary Figure S4.** Quality test of the anti-NtMPK4L antibody. (A) SDS-PAGE analysis was performed using purified His-NtMPK4L-1 and His-NtMPK4 proteins. (B) Immunoblot analysis was performed using the anti-NtMPK4L antibody.

**Supplementary Figure S5.** Quality test of the anti-SIMPK5 and anti-SIMPK6 antibodies. (A) SDS-PAGE analysis was performed using purified His-SIMPK5 and His-SIMPK6 proteins. (B) Immunoblot analysis was performed using the anti-SIMPK5 or anti-SIMPK6 antibody.

**Supplementary Figure S6.** Subcellular localization of sGFP-fused NtMPK4 and NtMPK4L-1 in *N. tabacum*. Bar; 50 μm.

**Supplementary Figure S7.** Crude extracts prepared from wounded leaves were separated by SDS-PAGE and stained with CBB. Tobacco leaves were wounded using a cork borer. After 0

and 10 min (A) or 0, 5, 10, 30, 60 and 120 min (B), the leaf discs were used for the preparation of crude extracts. (C) The expression level of *NtMPK4L* transcript was measured at 0, 5, 10, 30, 60 and 120 min after wounding. (D) Tobacco leaves expressing HA-SIMPK6, or HA-SIMPK6<sup>Y203F</sup> or HA-sGFP by agroinfiltration were wounded using a cork borer. After 0, 10 and 30 min, the leaf discs were used for the preparation of crude extracts. CBB staining or an immunoblot analysis using an anti-HA antibody was performed.

**Supplementary Figure S8.** SIMPK6 activity was upregulated by wounding. Phosphorylation of MBP as a substrate was detected by autoradiography. (A) Tobacco leaves were wounded using a cork borer. After 0 and 10 min, the leaf discs were used for the measurement of SIMPK5 or SIMPK6 activity. (B) *In vitro* activation of His-SIMPK5 or His-SIMPK6 by GST-SIMKK1 or GST-SIMKK1<sup>EE</sup> was examined.

**Supplementary Figure S9.** The relative expression levels of *NtMPK4L* and *NtMPK4* transcripts were measured in first-generation NtMPK4L-silenced plants. Five NtMPK4L-IR lines were compared with vector control plants.

**Supplementary Figure S10.** Leaves from wild-type (WT), NtMPK4-IR6 (4-IR6), NtMPK4L-IR6 (4L-IR6), and NtMPK4L-IR8 (4L-IR8) plants were wounded using a cork borer. After 0 or 10 min, the leaf discs were used for the preparation of crude extracts. CBB staining was performed.

**Supplementary Figure S11.** Relative expression levels of *NtMPK4* and *NtMPK4L* transcripts were measured. Error bars indicate standard deviations determined from three independent biological replicates. Asterisks indicate significant differences from analyses using Student's t-test compared with the relevant vector control at p<0.05(\*).

**Supplementary Figure S12.** Wild-type tobacco leaves were exposed by ozone. (A) After 0 and 1 h, crude extracts were prepared. The crude extracts were separated by SDS-PAGE and stained

with CBB. (B) The expression levels of both *NtMPK4* and *NtMPK4L* transcripts were measured. **Supplementary Table S1.** Primers used in this study.

NtMPK4	1	CTTCACATCTTTTTCTTGAAAGGCTACCGACACTAACAGGCCCATTAAAAACTGTCTTTG	60	
NtMPK4L-1	0		0	
NtMPK4L-2	0		0	
NtMPK4	61	ААСТӨӨӨТТ <mark>ПГӨСССААВАТТТСААПГГТГСӨААВААААААААААААА</mark> А <mark>АР</mark> -ГТТТСТВААТ	119	
NtMPK4L-1	1	СТӨАААТ <u>GTССАААВGCTCTTCTTTTTTTGGT</u> СТААА <mark>Г</mark> АГТТСТ <mark>GTTA</mark>	50	
NtMPK4L-2	1	<mark>СТӨАААТGTССАААGGCT</mark> CTTCTTCTTTTTTGGTCTААААА <mark>Г</mark> ТТТСТGTTA	52	
NtMPK4	120	ТГТТИСТИЧЕСТИЗАТ <u>ПОСТАТСВААСТАЛТИСАВ</u> ТВАТСААСБИВИАСААВСТВАТ	179	
NtMPK4L-1	51	АТТТ-СТИСАЗТИПТАСАТАТСТСТИТСАТССВАТСАССАТСАТАСТАСТААСТААС	107	
NtMPK4L-2	53	8 <u>STT</u> <mark>ПТАСАРАТСТСТИТСАТССАССТСАТСАТАСТАСТАСТАСТАСТАСТАСТАСТ</mark>	101	
NtMPK4	180	TIRABAGGAGTTCCAACACATGGGGGTCGTATGCGCAGTATAATGTGTATGGTAAFTCTC	239	
NtMPK4L-1	108	ATAAGAGGAGTADCCAACACATGGGGGGTCGATATGTGCAGTATAATGTGCATGGTAGTAGT	167	
NtMPK4L-2	102	ATAAGAGGAGTTCCAACG <mark>CATGGGGGGTCGATATGTGCAGTATAATGTGCATGGTAGT</mark> AGTCTT	161	
NtMPK4	240	ТТГGААGTTTCLAAGAAAAFATGTTCCL-ГСL-ГТАGSCCGGTGGTCGTGGAGCTLATGGC 2		
NtMPK4L-1	168	ITTGAAGTTTCAAGAAAATATGTTCCTCCTATTAGACCTATTGGTCGTGGTGCTAATGGC 2		
NtMPK4L-2	162	ITTGAAGTTTCAAGAAAATATGTTCCTCCTATTAGACCTATTGGTCGTGGTGCTAATGGC 2		
NtMPK4 NtMPK4L-1 NtMPK4L-2	297 228 222	АТСБТТТЕГЕССАТЕЛАЛСТСЕБАНАСАССТЕЛЕВАТАССЕВАТАЛЕВАТЕС АГЕСТТЕГЕСТЕСТАТЕЛАЛСТСЕБАНАСАССТЕЛЕВАСЕЛЕСТАТТАЛЕВАСЕЛЕВ АГЕСТТЕГЕСТАТЕЛАЛСТСЕВАСАССТЕЛЕВАСЕЛЕВАТАССАЛТТАЛЕВАСЕЛЕ АГЕСТТЕГЕСТАТЕЛАЛСТСЕВАСАСАССТЕЛЕВАСТАССАЛТТАЛЕВАСЕЛЕ	356 287 281	
NtMPK4	357	АЛТ <mark>ССАТТТСАТААТ<mark>А</mark>С<mark>АТГСАТССВ</mark>АААА<mark>ССА, ГАС</mark>БАСААТАААССТТСТС</mark>	416	
NtMPK4L-1	288	АЛТССАТТТСАТААТСТААТАСАЛССАААААССАТТААСАСАТАААССТССТБС	347	
NtMPK4L-2	282	АЛТ <mark>ССАТТТСАТААТСТААТАСААССАААААССАТТААСАСАСАТАААССТССТ</mark>	341	
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NtMPK4L-1	408	aatticaatgatgitgitacattgittatgaactgatggacactgatcitcatcagattatt	467	
NtMPK4L-2	402	batticaatga <mark>BetgiacattgittatgaB</mark> etgatggacactgatcitcatcagattatt	461	
NtMPK4 NtMPK4L-1 NtMPK4L-2	537 468 462	СЕПТССААССААСАВТТБАСТБАТБАҢСАСТЕҢСӨВТАТТТССТАҢААССААВНАТТАСБА САТТССААССААСАВТТБАСТБАТБААСАСТЕССБАСАТТТТСТБТАССААБТАТТБСБА САТТССААССААСАВТТБАСТБАТБААСАСТЕССБАСАТТТТСТБТАССААБТАТТБСС САТТССААССААСАВСТБАСТБАТБААСАСТЕССБАСАТТТТСТБТАССААБТАТТБСС	596 527 521	
NtMPK4	597	БСАСТТААСТАСАТТСАСТСТССССААСЕГССГССАТССАТСАТАЛАССГАССААТТТС	656	
NtMPK4L-1	528	ВСАСТТААСТАСАТТСАСТСТССССААСАТСТТССАТССТСАТТААЛАСССАССААТТТС	587	
NtMPK4L-2	522	БСАСТТААСТАЙНТСАСТСТСССААСАТСТТССАТССТСАТТТААЛАСССАССААТТТС	581	
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NtMPK4	717	BAGACAGATTTCATGA <mark>CGGAGTATCTCSTAACGCGG</mark> TGGTATCG <mark>GSCACCG</mark> BAGTTGCTC	776	
NtMPK4L-1	648	BAGACAGATTTCATGATGGAATATTGTGTTACACGCTGGTATCGTGCACCAGAGTTGCTA	707	
NtMPK4L-2	642	GAGACAGATTTCATGATGGAATATTGTGT <mark>BACACGCTG</mark> GTATCGTGCACCAGAGTTGCTA	701	
NtMPK4	777	CTAAATTGTTCAGAAFTATACAGCASCAATTGATAFICFGGTCAGTAGGFFGCATACTSGGT	836	
NtMPK4L-1	708	CTAAATTGTTCAGAGTATACATCGGCAATTGATGTTTGGTCAGTAGGCTGCATACTTGGT	767	
NtMPK4L-2	702	CTAAATTGTTCAGAGTATACATCGGCAATTGATGTTTGGTCAGTAGGCTGCATACTTGGT	761	
NtMPK4	837	BAGATEARGACAAGACAACCTCTTTTCCC-BGCAAGGACTATGTCACCAGTTGAAACT 895		
NtMPK4L-1	768	SAAATATTGACAAGACAACCCCT-TTTCCCCGGCAGAGATTATGTACACCAGTTGAGACT 826		
NtMPK4L-2	762	BAAATATTGACAAGACAACCCCT-TTTCCCCGGCAGAGATTATGTACACCAGTTGAGACT 820		
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NtMPK4	956	ГССССАВАБАТАЦБТТАСНСАСТССССАВТАЦССНАСНАСААТТТВСТССЦАВАТ	1015	
NtMPK4L-1	887	ГССССВАВСАТАССТТАВССАССТСССААВСТАСССВАВСААСААТТТСТСССАВАТ	946	
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NtMPK4	1016	СССРАТТСАТСССТВВАЕСТЯТТВАТТВСТТВАЛАЛАЛТВСТВЕГСТТТВАТССАЛЯ	1075	
NtMPK4L-1	947	СССТААТІСАТСССТСВАЕСТЯТВАТТТВСТТВАЛАЛАЛТВСТСАТСТТВАТССАЛЯ	1006	
NtMPK4L-2	941	СССТААТТСАТСССГВАЕСТЯТВАТТТВСТТВАЛАЛАЛТВСТСАТСТТВАТССЯ	1000	
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NtMPK4L-2	1001	CAGGCGTATTACTGTTGATGAAGCTCTCTCCCATCCGTACTTGGCGCCACTTCATGATAT	1060	
NtMPK4	1136	CAALGAAGGAGCCLAFTIGICCTAALACCITICAGITILGACITIGAGCAGCCAICITILAC	1195	
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NtMPK4L-2	1061	CAACGAGGAGCCIGITIGICCIAGGCCITICAGITIGGAALTIGAGCAGCCAICITICAC	1120	
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NtMPK4L-2	1239	гсталтатастети <mark>и газа</mark> стистала <u>теттссстветелизателе</u> стелаталалататеет	1298	
NtMPK4	1375	GGFGAGTTC	1383	
NtMPK4L-1	1305	GGAGCIGTIGAGTIC	1319	
NtMPK4L-2	1299	GGAGCIGTIGAGTIC	1313	

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NtMPK4L-1	60	NSETREEVAIKKIGNAFDNVIDAKRTLREIKLLSHMDHENVIAIKDVIRPPQKKNFNDVY	119
NtMPK4L-2	60	NSETREKVAIKKIGNAFDNVIDAKRTLREIKLLSHMDHENVIAIKDVIRPPOKKNFNDVY	119
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NtMPK4L-1	120	IVYELMDTDLHQIIHSNQQLTDEHCRHFLYQVLRGLKYIHSANILHRDLKPSNLLVNAKC	179
NtMPK4L-2	120	IVYELMDTDLHQIIHSNQQLTDEHCRHFLYQVLRGLKYIHSANILHRDLKPSNLLVNAKC	179
NtMPK4	119	IVYELMDTDLHQIIRSNQQLTDDHCRYFLYQILRGLKYIHSANVLHRDLKPSNLFLNANC	178
NtMPK4L-1	180	DLKIGDFGLARTTTETDFMMEYCVTRWYRAPELLLNCSEYTSAIDVWSVGCILGEILTRQ	239
NtMPK4L-2	180	DLKIGDFGLARTTTETDFMMEYCVTRWYRAPELLLNCSEYTSAIDVWSVGCILGEILTRQ	239
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NtMPK4L-1	240	PLFPGRDYVHQLRLITELIGSPDDASLGFLRSNNARRYVRQLPRYPRQQFSARFPNSSPR	299
NtMPK4L-2	240	PLFPGRDYVHQLRLITELIGSPDDASLGFLRSNNARRYVRQLPRYPRQQFSARFPNSSPR	299
NtMPK4	239	PLFPGKDYVHQLKLITELIGSPDDASLGFLRSDNARRYVRQLPQYPRQQFAARFPNSSPG	298
NtMPK4L-1	300	AVDLLEKMLIFDPSRRITVDEALSHPYLAPLHDINEEPVCPRPFSLDFEQPSFTEDNIKE	359
NtMPK4L-2	300	AVDLLEKMLIFDPSRRITVDEALSHPYLAPLHDINEEPVCPRPFSLDFEQPSFTEDNIKE	359
NtMPK4	299	AVDLLEKMLØFDPSRRØTVDQALCHPYLAPLHDINEEPTCPKPFSFDFEQPSFTEENIKE	358
NtMPK4L-1	360	LIWREAVKFNPDPTH	374
NtMPK4L-2	360	LIWREAVKFNPDPTQ	374
NtMPK4	359	LIWRESVKFNPDPTH	373





















Supplementary Table S1	Primers used in this study	
Primer	Sequence (5' - 3')	Application
NtMMPK4L Dege 5'	GGIGTICCIACICAYGGIGG	Cloning
NtMMPK4L Dege 3'	TGIGTIGGRTCIGGRTTRAAYTTIACIGC	Cloning
NtMPK4L 5'	CTGAAATGTCCAAAGGCTCTTC	Cloning
NtMPK4L 3'	GAACTCAACAGCTCCACCATA	Cloning
5'+3'UTR BamHI 5'	TTAGGATCCCTGAAACCAAAGGCTC	Silencing vector
5'UTR+3'UTR TR Rv	CAGGATTAAATTTTACAGCCCCATGTGTTGGTACTCCTC	Silencing vector
3'UTR Fw	GCTGTAAAATTTAATCCTGATCC	Silencing vector
5'+3'UTR XhoI 3'	TTACTCGAGGAACTCAACAGCTCCACC	Silencing vector
5'+3'UTR SacI 5'	TTAGAGCTCCTGAAATGTCCAAAGGCTC	Silencing vector
5'+3'UTR KpnI 3'	TTAGGTACCGAACTCAACAGCTCCACC	Silencing vector
NtActin RT 51	GGGTTTGCTGGAGATGATGCT	qPCR
NtActin RT 31	GCTTCGTCACCAACATATGCAT	qPCR
NtMPK4L-Fw-2	TCAGAGTATACATCGGCAATTGATG	qPCR
NtMPK4L-Rv-2	ATAAGTCTCAACTGGTGTACATAATCTC	qPCR
NtMPK4-5'-1	GTTGGGTTGATTTCCTATGGAAG	qPCR
NtMPK4-rv-1	CATAAACAATGTAGACATCATTGAAATTCTC	qPCR
NtMPK4 NdeI 5'	TTCCATATGATGGAAGCAATTTCAGGTGATC	Recombinant protein
NtMPK4 BamHI 3'	TTCGGATCCTCAGTGAGTTGGATCTGG	Recombinant protein
NtMPK4L NdeI 5'	TTCCATATGATGTCTGTTGATTCGAGTTC	Recombinant protein
NtMPK4L BamHI 3'	TTCGGATCCTCAATGAGTTGGATCAGG	Recombinant protein
5'NdeI-SIMPK5	CTACATATGGATCATGACAATGTGATT	Recombinant protein
3'BamHI-SIMPK5	ATCGGATCCTCAGTGAGTTGAATCTGGA	Recombinant protein
5'NdeI-SIMPK6	CATATGTCTCTTGATTCAAGTTCAGCT	Recombinant protein
3'BamHI-SIMPK6	GGATCCTCAATGAGTTGGATCA	Recombinant protein
5' EcoRI-SIMKK1	GAATTCATGAAGAAAGGATCTTTTGCA	Recombinant protein
3' SalI–SIMKK1	GTCGACTTATAGCTCAGTAAGTGT	Recombinant protein
SIMKK1 <sup>EE</sup> Fw	GCAAGCGAATCTGGACTGGCCAATGAATTTGTC	Recombinant protein
SIMKK1 <sup>EE</sup> Rv	GACAAATTCATTGGCCAGTCCAGATTCGCTTGC	Recombinant protein
SIMPK6YF Fw	TTCATGATGGAATTTTGTGTGACACGCTGGTACCGT	Immuno complex kinase assay
SIMPK6YF Rv	ACGGTACCAGCGTGTCACACAAAATTCCATCATGAA	Immuno complex kinase assay
SIMPK6-BamHI Fw	CTAGGATCCATGTCTCTTGATTCAAGTTCA	Immuno complex kinase assay
SIMPK6-XhoI Rv	ATTCTCGAGTCAATGAGTTGGATCAGGATT	Immuno complex kinase assay
EcoRI-sGFP	TACGAATTCATGGTGAGCAAGGGCGAGG	Immuno complex kinase assay
sGFP-XhoI	AGTCTCGAGTTACTTGTACAGCTCGTCCATGC	Immuno complex kinase assay
SpeI-sGPF-F	TACTAGTATGGTGAGCAAGGGCGAGGAG	Subcellular localization
SacI-sGFP-R	TGAGCTCTTACTTGTACAGCTCGTCCATG	Subcellular localization
XbaI-NtMPK4-F	TATCTAGAATGGAAGCAATTTCAGGTGATCAAG	Subcellular localization
EcoRI-NtMPK4-R	AGAATTCGTGAGTTGGATCTGGATTAAATTTCAC	Subcellular localization
XbaI-NtMPK4L-1-F	TATCTAGAATGTCTGTTGATTCGAGTTCAGG	Subcellular localization
EcoRI-NtMPK4L-1-R	AGAATTCATGAGTTGGATCAGGATTAAATTTTACAGC	Subcellular localization