Supplementary Information

Identification and functional analysis of endogenous nitric oxide in a filamentous fungus

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Methods

Analysis for responses of knockout mutants to exogeneous nitric oxide (NO)

Knockout mutants of transcription factors and serine/threonine protein kinases that are defective in vegetative hyphal growth and conidiation 1,2 (see supplementary table S1) were examined for responses to exogenous NO. Fungal spores were harvested from 2 weeks old culture tubes. Sterile water (5-6 ml) was added in culture tubes and tubes were vigorously shaken. The fungal suspension was filtered through 2 layers of miracloth and filtrated suspension was centrifuged at 5,000 rpm for 5 min. Spore pellet was resuspended in new sterile water. For examining vegetative hyphal growth, spore suspension (1 μ l; 10⁴ spores) was inoculated on the center of VM agar plate on which 100 µl of 0.2 mM SNP (sublethal dose to wild type) was spread. Then, plates were incubated at 30 °C in the dark for 24 h and diameter of radial hyphal growth was measured. For examining conidiation, spore suspension (1 μ l; 10⁴ spores) was spread on the surface of VM liquid (2 ml) in tube and the tubes were incubated at 25 °C in the light. After 1 and 3 days, height of aerial hypha was measured. After 5 days, conidia were collected in 10 ml water and number was counted using hemacytometer. All measurements were performed in 3 replicates and significance of data difference between wild type and mutants was examined by Student's t test. Screening was repeated 4 times, and mutants showing recovery were selected in every screening.



Supplementary Figure S1. Real-time NO release profiles (A) and total NO release amount (B) for 40 mol% *N*-diazeniumdiolated AEMP3 silica nanoparticles in deoxygenated PBS (0.1 M, pH 7.4) at 37°C. Inset plot represents the expansion of graph (A) at 100 ppb·mg⁻¹ NO release.



Supplementary Figure S2. Vegetative growth and asexual development of *Neurospora* mutants. (A) Wild type (ORS-SL6a) and knockout mutants grown in VM agar flask for 5 days (pictures), and basal hyphal extension on VM agar plate incubated for 24 h (graph). (B) Aerial hyphal growth of wild type and knockout mutants on the surface of VM liquid. Pictures were taken after incubation for 3 days. (C) Total number of conidia harvested after 5 days. Inoculation, harvest, and measurement were carried out following procedures described in Methods. All measurements were performed in 3 replicates.



Supplementary Figure S3. Germination and hyphal development of wild type and knockout mutants in VM liquid.

(A)



Scale bar = 20 µm

Supplementary Figure S4. (A) Intracellular NO detected in *Fusarium oxysporum f.sp. lycopersici* using DAF-FM diacetate during microconidia formation in VM liquid, (B) Intracellular NO detected in 24 h liquid culture with or without 50 mM cPTIO. Top and bottom of each picture indicate images captured in optical and fluorescent (465-495 nm excitation filter) mode, respectively. NO detection and treatment with cPTIO in *F. oxysporum* were performed as described in methods.



Scale bar = 20µm

Supplementary Figure S5. Intracellular NO detected using DAF-FM diacetate in *N. crassa* wild type and knockout mutant of a putative xanthine oxidase gene (NCU03350) during vegetative growth in submerged VM culture. NO was detected after 8 and 16 h. Top and bottom of each picture indicate images captured in optical and fluorescent (465-495 nm excitation filter) mode, respectively.

FGSC #	Genotype	FGSC #	Genotype		
TF^1	NCU00289::hyg+	Kinase ²	NCU00188::hyg+		
TF	NCU00329::hyg+	Kinase	NCU00406::hyg+		
TF	NCU00499::hyg+	Kinase	NCU00587::hyg+, microconidia		
TF	NCU00902::hyg+	Kinase	NCU00914::hyg+		
TF	NCU00945::hyg+	Kinase	NCU01187::hyg+, heterokaryon		
TF	NCU02017::hyg+	Kinase	NCU01498::hyg+		
TF	NCU02094::hyg+	Kinase	NCU01797::hyg+		
TF	NCU02214::hyg+	Kinase	NCU01940::hyg+		
TF	NCU02896::hyg+	Kinase	NCU02234::hyg+		
TF	NCU03320::hyg+	Kinase	NCU02393::hyg+		
TF	NCU03489::hyg+	Kinase	NCU03071::hyg+		
TF	NCU03593::hyg+	Kinase	NCU03124::hyg+		
TF	NCU03686::hyg+	Kinase	NCU03200::hyg+		
TF	NCU03931::hyg+	Kinase	NCU03523::hyg+		
TF	NCU04179::hyg+	Kinase	NCU03571::hyg+		
TF	NCU04390::hyg+	Kinase	NCU03894::hyg+		
TF	NCU04731::hyg+	Kinase	NCU04096::hyg+		
TF	NCU04866::hyg+	Kinase	NCU04426::hyg+		
TF	NCU05051::hyg+	Kinase	NCU04612::hyg+		
TF	NCU05383::hyg+	Kinase	NCU04747::hyg+		
TF	NCU06068::hyg+	Kinase	NCU04990::hyg+		
TF	NCU06407::hyg+	Kinase	NCU05655::hyg+		
TF	NCU06411::hyg+	Kinase	NCU05658::hyg+		
TF	NCU06656::hyg+	Kinase	NCU06182::hyg+		
TF	NCU06799::hyg+	Kinase	NCU06202::hyg+		
TF	NCU07139::hyg+	Kinase	NCU06240::hyg+		
TF	NCU07392::hyg+	Kinase	NCU06638::hyg+		
TF	NCU07535::hyg+	Kinase	NCU06685::hyg+		
TF	NCU07788::hyg+	Kinase	NCU07024::hyg+		
TF	NCU07945::hyg+	Kinase	NCU07296::hyg+		
TF	NCU08294::hyg+	Kinase	NCU07378::hyg+		
TF	NCU08651::hyg+	Kinase	NCU07399::hyg+		
TF	NCU08726::hyg+	Kinase	NCU07872::hyg+		
TF	NCU09205::hyg+	Kinase	NCU09071::hyg+		
TF	NCU09739::hyg+	Kinase	NCU09123::hyg+		

Supplementary Table S1. List of *N. crassa* knockout mutants used in the study

1, Transcription Factor

2, Serine/Threonine Protein Kinase

Supplementary Table S2. Conidiation of knockout mutant $\triangle NCU05658$ after treatment with SNP

Height of aerial hypha (cm)									
		Wild type	<u>,</u>		ANCU05658				
	without SNP	with SNP	% SNP *	without SNP	with SNP	% SNP			
1 day	1.3 ± 0.3	1.0 ± 0.1	80.0 ± 17.6	0.6 ± 0.1	0.7 ± 0.0	118.9 ± 20.1			
3 days	1.8 ± 0.3	1.9 ± 0.0	109.1 ± 16.1	0.9 ± 0.1	1.0 ± 0.2	114.5 ± 4.8			
Number of spores (x 10^6 / ml)									
	Wild type			<i>∆NCU05658</i>					
	without SNP	with SNP	% SNP	without SNP	with SNP	% SNP			
5 days	104.3 ± 19.7	98.0 ± 16.0	94.4 ± 8.6	37.3 ± 14.4	44.3 ± 8.5	129.6 ± 45.3			

* % SNP = (value of with SNP / value of without SNP) x 100

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