

#### Supplemental Figure 1. Phylogenetic tree of *PI3K* class III proteins.

A phylogenetic tree of PI3Ks was generated from a ClustalW alignment (available as Supplemental Data Set 1) using MEGA7.0. *Phaseolus vulgaris* is in bold. Kindoms are indicated on the right. Numbers represent bootstrap values obtained from 1000 trials (iterations). The scale on the x-axis represents the estimated branch lengths and the numbers indicate bootstrap values. Accession numbers are indicated in the Methods section.



# Supplemental Figure 2. Pv-*Pl3K* transcript levels during nodule development and tissue-specific activity of the Pv-*Pl3K* promoter in mature and senescent nodules.

(A) Pv-*Pl3K* transcript levels increase as the wild-type *P*. *vulgaris* nodule reaches maturity, and then decrease as the nodule undergoes senescence. RNA was extracted from nodules harvested from roots at 10, 16, 22, 26, or 30 dai with *R. tropici* CIAT899. Transcript levels were quantified by reverse transcription and real-time PCR (RT-qPCR). Pv-*Pl3K* transcript levels were calculated as described in Methods. Normalization calculated using levels of *Elongation Factor* 1 $\alpha$  as reference gene. Bars indicate mean ±SD of two independent biological replicates (*n* = 2 from pool of 10 roots). Statistical significance was confirmed by unpaired two-tailed Student's *t*-test and is indicated as \*, *P* < 0.05; \*\*, *P* < 0.01; or \*\*\*, *P* < 0.001.

**(B)** and **(C)**  $PvPI3K_{pro}$ : *GFP-GUS* activity was detected in the central tissue of a 22 dai mature nodule **(B)**. In the senescent nodule, Pv-PI3K promoter activity seems to be restricted to the nodule vascular tissue **(C)**. Promoter activity was revealed by GUS staining of transgenic roots.

(D) to (K) No GUS activity was detected in nodules (D) and (E) and in transgenic roots bearing a promoter-less GFP-GUS construct as a control (F) to (K). (D), mature nodule (22 dai); (E), senescent nodule (30 dai). Uninoculated transgenic roots: (F), root tip; (G) and (H), lateral root primordia. Rhizobia-inoculated roots: (I), root tip; (J) early nodule primordium; (K) a higher magnification of the nodule primordium shown in (J). Scale bars = 300  $\mu$ m in (D) to (J), and 50  $\mu$ m in (K).



### Supplemental Figure 3. Quantification of Pv-*PI3K* transcript levels in individual *PvPI3K*-RNAi transgenic roots.

(A) An approximately 60% decrease in Pv-*PI3K* transcript levels was reproducibly detected in individual *PvPI3K*-RNAi transgenic roots compared to control (TdT-*Sac*-RNAi) roots. Transcript levels were quantified by RT-qPCR and normalized values were calculated based on levels of *Elongation Factor*  $1\alpha$  as reference gene. Pv-*PI3K* transcript levels were calculated as described in Methods. Each sample was assessed in triplicate and the mean was plotted as an independent bar. Error bars indicate standard deviation (± SD).

**(B)** Serial images showing the procedure used to mount sections (3 cm) of young transgenic roots on glass microscope slides for microscopy analysis of the root hair phenotype.



# Supplemental Figure 4. Loss-of-function of Pv-*Pl3K* led to a reduction in *P. vulgaris* nodule number and impaired root nodule development.

(A) Images of whole nodulated roots (22 dai) showing a decrease in the number of nodules in *PvPl3K*-RNAi transgenic roots in (B) with respect to control (TdT-*Sac*-RNAi) transgenic roots (A). Arrows indicate representative nodules.

**(C)** Individual *PvPl3K*-RNAi transgenic roots had fewer nodules per plant (24.50 $\pm$  14.39) than did control transgenic roots (172.40  $\pm$  68.50) at 22 dai. *n* = 10 roots from composite plants.

(D), (E), and (F) Representative *in vivo* images of nodules harvested at 17 dai from TdT-*Sac*-RNAi control (D) and *PvPI3K*-RNAi transgenic roots (E) and (F), taken by laser scanning confocal microscopy. Nodules were harvested from transgenic roots infected with *R. tropici* CIAT899 expressing GFP and hand-sectioned to determine whether the central tissue of the nodule had infected cells (green fluorescence). (D) Nodule from TdT-*Sac*-RNAi control transgenic root containing infected cells. (E) Small nodule, representative of those observed in *PvPI3K*-RNAi transgenic roots. No infected cells were detected in the central tissue. (F) Higher magnification (63x) of an abortive IT in the periphery of the nodule shown in (E).

Images were acquired *in vivo* using a Zeiss LSM 510 Meta Confocal Microscope; 18 optical sections each of 18.0  $\mu$ m were acquired for the control (magnification 10x) in (**D**), whereas 12 optical sections each of 10  $\mu$ m (magnification 20x) (**E**) and 29 optical sections each of 1.0  $\mu$ m (magnification 63x) (**F**) were acquired for *PvPl3K*-RNAi transgenic roots. Scale bar = 100  $\mu$ m in (**D**) and (**E**) and 20  $\mu$ m in (**F**).



# Supplemental Figure 5. Extraradical hyphae growth and finger-like swellings are increased after *R. irregularis* inoculation in *PvPI3K* loss-of-function of *P. vulgaris* roots.

(A) Image of *PvPI3K*-RNAi transgenic root infected with *R. irregularis* and stained with trypan blue, showing hyphae that failed to penetrate the root epidermis. Finger-like swellings or outgrowths are highlighted by arrows.

**(B)** Finger-like swellings are numerous in *R. irregularis*-inoculated *PvPl3K*-RNAi roots compared with control transgenic roots expressing TdT-*Sac*-RNAi. Quantitative analysis of finger-like swellings in individual transgenic roots (n = 10), based on three independent experiments.

#### Supplemental Table 1. Oligonucleotides used in this study

Oligonucleotide sequence (5` 3`)						
For quantitative PCR (qPCR)						
GGC AGC TGG TGT GAA TGG AGA G						
CAA CTG AGC TGT CAA TTC AGT CTG G						
GCA AGC AAG AGA ATA CTG CCA AGA G						
GCT ATG CCT CTT CTC TAG CAT CAG G						
CTG CCG CAA TCC TCT CTG CAT C						
CAC ACT GCT GGC ACC ATG AAC G						
TCC CTG CTG ACC TGA CTA TTG G						
TGT AGG AGG AAG GAC GTT GTC C						
GGT CAT TGG TCA TGT CGA CTC TGG						
GCA CCC AGG CAT ACT TGA ATG ACC						
AGT TTT GTT GGC AAG CAT CC						
TAA GCA CAA GCA AAC TGT TG						
GCG GTG ACT AAC ATG TTA GGG						
CCT GTG CCC TAG TAT TGT TGG						
GAA AGA GCT GAT GAT GAA GA						
GCA CAG CTT TTT ATA AAT GT						
CAC CAT GTA TGA TAG ATA TGT TAT TGG						
GAT CAG ATC TTT GGA ACT ACT TCT TTG TAC TG						
CAC CAG AGC ATC GTA GCA TCAT AAG C						
CCA TCT GAG GGA ATA ATG CAC TC						
CAC CAT GCA AGG GTC GTC CGT TCA TG						
CAA CCT CTT TAT CAA GTT TAT CTG AC						
CTT CTC CAA CCA CAG GAA TTC ATC						
GCA GAG GAG GAG AAG CTT CTA G						

#### Supplemental Table 2. Quantification of root hairs and curling in loss-of-function of *PvPl3K* and control *P. vulgaris* roots.

	Un-inoculated		Root-hairs (%)			
	hairy-roots	analyzed fields	length > 130 μm	length < 130 μm	bulges	
Control <i>PvPl3K</i> -RNAi	16 15	234 293	33.12 ± 4.36 14.36 ± 2.60	.12 ± 4.36 51.56 ± 3.20   .36 ± 2.60 56.93 ± 4.31	15.37 ± 2.31 28.86 ± 4.69	
	Inoculated			Root-hairs (%)		
	hairy-roots	analyzed fields	Non-curled	Cu	rled	
Control <i>PvPl3K</i> -RNAi	16 15	191 293	68.70 ± 3.90 96.60 ± 8.00	0 31.30 0 3.39	31.30 ± 4.20 3.39 ± 1.70	

Distribution of root hair lengths analyzed using a Zeiss Axiovert 200M microscope (Normarski optics) and counted (%) in the visual field / mm (analyzed fields) along the hairy roots. For *PvPl3K*-RNAi un-inoculated roots; root hairs > 130  $\mu$ m, (P<0.001); root hairs < 130  $\mu$ m, (ns, non significant) and bulges (P<0.009; n=15). For *PvPl3K*-RNAi inoculated roots; curled root hair (P<0.05; n=15). Values are mean (%) ±SEM and statistical significance differences were determined using an unpaired two-tailed Student's *t*-test with Welch's correction.