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Supplemental Information

Activation of a Plant NLR Complex

through Heteromeric Association

with an Automotive Pietre Variant of Another NLR

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Supplemental Figures

Figure S1. Recapitulation of hybrid necrosis in transgenic *A. thaliana*. Related to Figure 1

(A) Comparison of 30-day old F1 hybrid for *gDM1*-*HA* x *gDM2d*-*Myc* in Col-0 wild-type background (middle) and Uk-3 x Uk-1 hybrid (right) [S1] grown at 16°C. Scale bar equals 1 cm.

(B) 55-day old *gDM1*-*HA* x *gDM2d*-*Myc* F1 hybrids in Col-0 wild-type (left) and *rbohD* mutant (right) backgrounds grown at 16°C. The F_1 hybrid in Col-0 background eventually flowered and set seeds, but the one in *rbohD* background did not. Scale bar equals 1 cm.

(C) Representative effects of DM1/DM2d combinations (see Supplemental Experimental Procedures for construct information) in *N. benthamiana* at 4 dpi. Positional information is in Figure 2A-B. Scale bar equals 1 cm.

(D-E) Protein blots for experiments shown in (C), with samples taken at 2 dpi. Ponceau-S staining shown to indicate loading.

Figure S2. Y2H assay of DM1 and DM2d TIR-pNB fragments. Related to Figure 3

(A) Protein blot of samples shown in Figure 3A. TIR-pNB fragments of both DM1 and DM2d were well expressed, validating the usage of the fragments for further Y2H analyses. Neither LRR nor full-length proteins of DM1 and DM2d were detected. Despite non-detectable levels of TIR and full-length of DM1, Y2H interactions were positive.

AD: GAL4 activation domain, BD: GAL4 DNA-binding domain, EV: empty vector.

(B) Y2H analysis of DM1 and DM2d TIR-pNB fragments.

(C) Protein blot of samples shown in (B). DM2d TIR-pNB fused to BD was not detectable when DM1 TIR-pNB was not present.

Ponceau-S staining shown to indicate loading in (A) and (C).

Figure S3. Characterization of DM1 and DM2d SH-motif mutants. Related to Figure 4

(A, E, G) Protein blots for Y2H shown in Figures 4A, 4C and 4E, respectively. All the DM1 and DM2d variants were expressed in yeast cells. AD fused proteins visualized with anti-HA blots and BD fused proteins with anti-GAL4 (DBD) blots.

(B, F, H) Protein blots for experiments shown in Figures 4B, 4D and 4F, respectively. All the DM1 and DM2d variants were expressed in *N. benthamiana*. Samples were taken at 2 dpi.

(C) Semi-quantitative scoring for HR in *N. benthamiana*. The HR index represents a percentage of area exhibiting HR in the infiltrated area as shown in the examples on the right at 4 dpi: 1 (no HR in field of view), 2 (less than 20% HR), 3 (20 to 60% HR) and 4 (over 60% HR). Scale bar equals 1 cm.

(D) Y2H assays with DM1 TIR-pNB fragments having different G31 substitutions and protein blots from the yeast cells carrying indicated constructs.

Ponceau-S staining shown to indicate loading (A, B, D-H)

(A) Y2H assay using DM1 TIR-pNB and DM2g fragments; the interaction is similar to that between DM1 and DM2d (see Figure 3A). Protein blots show LRR (583-1190) and full-length of DM2g are not detectable.

(B) Phylogeny constructed from amino acid sequences of TIR domains of DM2/RPP1 and DM1 proteins, using the Neighbor-Joining method based on the Kimura 2-parameter model implemented in MEGA5.

(C-D) Domain swaps between DM2d and DM2g. Purple vertical lines indicate SNPs and orange bars indels. Green bars indicate DM2g fragments. The numbers refer to positions in DM2d. *N. benthamiana* leaves are shown on right (4 dpi).

(E-F) Protein blots for experiments shown in Figures S4C and S4D, with samples collected 2 dpi. Ponceau-S staining shown to indicate loading.

A

B RPP1WsA

Figure S5. Amino acid alignment of TIR domain and LRR domain from multiple alleles of DM2/RPP1. Related to Figure 5

(A) Amino acid alignment of the N-terminal region sequences of DM1 and DM2/RPP1 alleles. DM2h types, RPP1 WsB/WsC, and their homologs from Col-0 (At3g44630, At3g44480) have the extended N-terminus, which was referred to N-TIR by [S2].

(B) Amino acid alignment of the C-terminal region sequences of DM2d/g and RPP1WsA, including LRR domains. Differences between DM2d and DM2g in the functionally critical region defined by domain swaps (underlined with gray bars) are mostly located close to indels: six polymorphisms in the duplicated LRR7 region in DM2d (853, 855, 860, 862, 866, 869), four (905, 906, 908, 910) C-terminal to the LRR7 duplication, two (1095, 1099) after the large indel (1045-1091), and small indels (1176-1177 and 1189-1190, 1192) at the extended C-terminus.

Figure S6. Additional characterization of DM1 and DM2d MHD-like motifs. Related to Figure 6

 (A, B) DM1^{H491D}, DM1^{H491T}, DM2d^{T541H} and DM2d^{T541D} mutants were transiently co-expressed in *N. benthamiana* with the indicated partners. DM1^{H491D} and DM1^{H491T} functioned similar to the wild-type version, but $DM2d^{T541D}$ and $DM2d^{T541H}$ did not. HR phenotypes were scored at 4 dpi.

(C-D) Protein blots for experiments shown in (A, B), with samples taken 2 dpi. Ponceau-S staining shown to indicate loading.

(E-F) Homology modeling of NB-ARC domains of DM1 (E) and DM2d (F) based on that of mNLRC4 [S3] using the PHYRE2 web application [S4]. The P-loop and MHD-like motifs are highlighted in pink and blue.

(G-J) Superimposed models of MHD-like motifs in wild type and mutants. For wild-type proteins, P-loop motifs highlighted in pink and MHD-like motifs in blue. For mutated proteins, P-loops highlighted in green and MHD-like motifs in yellow.

Figure S7. Additional characterization of DM1 and DM2 variants used in competition assays. Related to Figure 7

(A) Ion leakage as an indication of HR with wild-type or P-loop mutant DM1 competitor. Values are means \pm SEM (n=6). hpi, hours post-infiltration

(B) HR at 4 dpi triggered by coexpression of DM1, but not DM1^{Col-0|495-988} with DM2d in N. *benthamiana*. Scale bar equals 1 cm.

(C) Protein blots for experiment in (B), with samples taken at 2 dpi. Ponceau-S staining shown to indicate loading.

(D) Y2H analysis of TIR-pNB fragments of DM1 and DM2d carrying P-loop mutations. Both mutants behave like their wild-type counterparts.

(E) Protein blots for Y2H shown in (D). All the P-loop mutants were expressed comparable to their wild-type counterparts. Ponceau-S staining shown to indicate loading.

Supplemental Table

Table S1. Mutants used. Related to Figure 1

Supplemental Experimental Procedures

Plant Transformation

A. thaliana seeds were surface sterilized with 70% ethanol solution with 0.5% (v/v) Triton X-100 before sowing. Plants were grown in a walk-in growth chamber with 125 to 175 μ mol m⁻² s-1 light intensity, 16 hour light/ 8 hour dark, 65% humidity. *A. thaliana* plants were transformed using the floral dip method [S9]. Transgenic lines carrying one copy of either *gDM1-2xHA* (pEC209), *gDM2d-4xMyc* (pMD325)*,* or *indDM1-HA* (pDT010) in Col-0 wildtype or mutant backgrounds were identified on soil treated with 0.183 g/l Basta (glufosinate) and further bred to homozygosity in T_3 . The F_1 hybrids used in this study were generated by crossing $T₃$ homozygous lines carrying each construct. Multiple independent lines were crossed to ensure robustness of results.

The F1 hybrids of *indDM1-HA* and *gDM2d-4xMyc* were grown at 23°C on Basta treated soil. Expression of *DM1-HA* was induced in 15-days-old seedlings by irrigation with 1% ethanol. Ethanol treatment was performed by one-time irrigation and plants were covered by a plastic dome for 72 h. When domes were removed, remaining liquid in the tray was discarded. Necrosis was scored 3 days after ethanol treatment. Leaf sampling for coimmunoprecipitation was done 18 days after ethanol treatment.

Molecular Cloning

Site-directed mutagenesis was carried out by introducing corresponding changes in the primers and overlapping PCR. Genomic constructs of *DM1*, *DM2d* and *DM2g* and of their mutant derivatives were cloned to binary vectors by using conventional restriction enzymes or Gateway LR Cloning Technology (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA, USA). Primary sequences of the genic regions in all binary clones were confirmed with Sanger sequencing. Overlapping PCR method was used to generate all chimeric constructs, except for the NB-ARC domain swap constructs of DM2d/g. Six codon changes between DM2d and DM2g were introduced by site-directed mutagenesis in these chimeras. All the constructs with information on binary vector origins and primers used for overlapping PCR are listed at the end of this section.

The binary constructs were transformed into *A. tumefaciens* strain ASE by electroporation and transformants were selected on 25 µg/mL kanamycin, 25 µg/mL chloramphenicol, 100 ug/mL spectinomycin (for pGWB or pZZ006 constructs), or with the three antibiotics plus 25 µg/mL tetracycline (for pGREEN-IIS with pSOUP helper plasmid) [S10-S12]. Presence of plasmids was confirmed by colony PCR.

Expression Analyses

Total RNA from leaves of 20 day-old plants was extracted using acidified phenol [S13]. 1 µg of total RNA was used for cDNA synthesis using RevertAid RT Kit (Thermo Scientific, Vilnius, Lithuania) according to the manufacturer's protocol. cDNA was synthesized from 1 µg of total RNA using the RevertAid RT Kit (Thermo Scientific, Vilnius, Lithuania). The experiment was conducted with three independent F_1 lines and their parents and three technical replicates for each line.

Oligonucleotide primers for quantitative real-time PCR of *PR1*, *NPR1*, *WRKY46*, and *TUB2* control are listed at the end of this section. A PCR reaction mix, consisting of 2 µL of 1:5 diluted cDNA template, 0.25 µL of each primer at 100 pM, and 5 µL of Maxima SYBR Green Mix (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA, USA) in a total volume of 10 µL was prepared in three technical replicates. Relative expression of each target gene was measured by normalizing CT value of the target gene to that of *TUB2* (ΔCT). To quantify the relative expression of the target gene in F₁ generation of *gDM1-2xHA* x *gDM2d-4xMyc* in wild type, and mutants (*eds1-1*, *rar1-21*, *sgt1b* and *rbohD*), ΔCT, value of the target gene in F1 was calibrated to that of one of the parents carrying only *gDM1-2xHA* (ΔΔCT). The experiment was carried out with three independent lines of F_1 and parents. Each dot in Figure 1B represents $-(\Delta \Delta CT)$ value from a technical replicate, and data points from a biological replicate are marked with same color.

Transient Expression and Conductivity Assay

N. benthamiana plants were grown at 23°C and four to five week-old plants were used for *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*-mediated transient expression. *A. tumefaciens* (strain ASE) carrying a binary construct was grown overnight at 28°C in an orbital shaker at 200 rpm/min in 50 mL of LB medium containing appropriate antibiotics to OD_{600} of 1.2 to 1.8. Bacterial cells were harvested and resuspended in the induction medium containing 10 mM MES pH 5.6, 10 mM MgCl₂ and 150 µM acetosyringone with adjusted OD₆₀₀ of 0.35. For *indDM1-HA* (pDT010), OD₆₀₀ of 0.13 was used. After two hours of incubation in induction media at 28[°]C with 200 rpm/min, two bacterial inocula were mixed at 1:1 volume ratio with the addition of 1/10 volume of *Agrobacteria* carrying P19 to suppress transgene silencing. Bacterial mixtures were manually infiltrated using a 1-mL needleless syringe.

Expression of *indDM1-HA* was induced at 18 hpi by irrigating plants with 1% ethanol. Treated plants were kept under a plastic dome for additional 18 hours. At 36 hpi, five leaf discs (each with a diameter of 8 mm) from each plant were collected and floated in 15 mL water for 30 min. The leaf discs were transferred into a 6 ml tube with fresh water. Conductivity of samples in each tube was measured (μ S/cm) using an Orion StarTM Conductivity Meter (Thermo Scientific, Beverly, MA, USA), from 36.75 to 60.75 hpi for seven to nine time points. The assay was carried out in eight biological replicates (5 discs x 8 plants) per indicated combination, and was repeated twice. One representative dataset is presented in Figure 2. Statistical analysis was carried out using GraphPad Prism v6.0c.

For competition assays, increasing amounts of the competitor inoculum (*A. tumefaciens* transformed with DT100, DT182, MD365 or MD366) were co-infiltrated with a premixed aliquot of DM1- and DM2d-expression constructs (EC209 and MD325). Before mixing, $OD₆₀₀$ of each competitor was 0.525, 1.05 and 2.1, and of DM1 and DM2d were 0.525. Conductivity was measured from 43 hpi onward at five time points.

Yeast Two-Hybrid Assay

The Matchmaker GAL4 Two-Hybrid Systems (Clontech, Mountain View, CA, USA) was used with *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* strain AH109. Growth assays on minimal yeast media used 1:10 serial dilutions starting with $OD₆₀₀$ of 0.5. At least four individual clones were used per assay and two independent assays were performed.

Yeast cells, grown from a colony in YPD medium at 30°C overnight, were harvested by centrifugation and lysed by a repetitive freezing and thawing for two minutes each. The crude protein extract was resuspended in 50 µL of 3X urea Laemmli buffer (240 mM Tris-HCl pH 6.8, 6% SDS, 30% glycerol, 16% β-mercaptoethanol, 0.006% bromophenol blue, 10 M Urea), denatured by boiling for 15 minutes, separated on 10% SDS-PAGE gel and immunoblotted on PVDF membrane (Bio-Rad, Foster City, CA, USA). AD- or BD-binding proteins were detected by anti-HA-peroxidase (Roche, Mannheim, Germany) (1:5,000 dilution), anti-c-Myc-horseradish peroxidase (HRP) (Sigma-Aldrich, Saint Louis, MO, USA) (1:15,000 dilution) or anti-GAL4 (DBD) (Santa Cruz Biotechnology, Dallas, TX, USA) (1:1,000 dilution). Information on the control Y2H interaction (AD:RGL3 and BD:AP1) can be found [S14]**.**

Protein Expression in Plants

Microsomal fractions of the samples were prepared according to the reported method [S15] with the following modification. 100 mg leaf tissue was ground into fine powder in liquid nitrogen and homogenized in 210 µL of lysis buffer (0.33 M sucrose, 20 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5, 1 mM EDTA, 10 mM DTT and 1 x cOmplete ULTRA Tablets, Mini, EDTA-free protease inhibitor cocktail (Roche). The lysate was cleared by a table-top centrifugation at 5,000 x g for 10 min at 4°C, and microsomal pellet fractions were collected by centrifugation at 20,000 g for 1 h at 4°C. Extracted proteins were resuspended in 2 x Laemmli sample buffer, boiled for 10 min at 95°C, separated on 7% SDS-PAGE gel and immunoblotted on PVDF membrane. The membrane was incubated with anti-c-Myc-HRP (Sigma-Aldrich) (1:15,000 dilution), or anti-HA-peroxidase (Roche) (1:5,000 dilution).

For co-immunoprecipitation assays, 500 mg of *N. benthamiana* or 1 g of *A. thaliana* leaf tissue was ground into fine powder in liquid nitrogen, and homogenized in 1 mL of extraction buffer (50 mM HEPES-KOH pH 7.5, 50 mM NaCl, 10 mM EDTA pH 8.0, 10 mM MgCl₂, 0.5% Tween-20, 5 mM DTT, 1x cOmplete ULTRA Tablets, Mini, EDTA-free protease inhibitor cocktail). The lysates were cleared by centrifugation at 10,000 g for 10 min at 4°C. 25 µL of Pierce™ anti-c-Myc magnetic beads or Pierce™ anti-HA magnetic beads (Thermo Scientific, Rockford, IL, USA) after equilibrating in the extraction buffer were mixed with the supernatants. After incubation for 4 hours at 4°C, the magnetic beads were collected and washed 3 times with washing buffer (same to the extraction buffer but containing 0.2% Tween-20). Bound proteins were collected by adding 50 µL of pre-heated elution buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl pH 6.8, 50 mM DTT, 1% SDS, 1 mM EDTA pH 8.0, 0.005% bromophenol blue, 10% glycerol). The immunoprecipitated proteins from anti-c-Myc were loaded on a 7% SDS-PAGE gel and detected after blotting with anti-c-Myc HRP (Sigma-Aldrich) (1:15,000 dilution) and anti-HA-peroxidase (Roche) (1:5,000 dilution).

BN-PAGE that we used to monitor DM1 and/or DM2d/g-containing protein complexes in *A. thaliana* essentially followed the protocol described in [S16]. The relative molecular weights of protein complexes were determined by loading 5 µl of NativeMark unstained protein ladder (ThermoFischer, Madison, WI. USA).

Binary T-DNA Constructs

*pZZ006 incorporates ethanol-inducible AlcR transcription factor-*alcA* promoter system from *Aspergillus nidulans* [S17] into pMLBart binary backbone [S12].

**pGWB vectors are from [S10]

Oligonucleotide Primers for DM2d/DM2g Chimeras and Site-directed Mutagenesis

Oligonucleotide Primers for qRT-PCR

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