## **Supplementary Information**

Jackson et al. Molecular basis for the production of cyclic peptides by plant asparaginyl endopeptidases



I Divergence of Malpighiales: II Most recent common ancestor between Rosales – (Cucurbitales + Fagales): III. Divergence of Saxifragales; IV. Most recent common ancestor between Gentianales - Solana



Supplementary Figure 1. Summary of cyclotide-encoding gene diversity. a, Attributes of cyclotide precursors and domains across five plant families. All cyclotide encoding genes discovered in the Violaceae, Cucurbitaceae, Rubiaceae, and Solanaceae exist as dedicated expression units, whereas in the Fabaceae, cyclotides are encoded within an albumin gene<sup>1,2</sup>. All precursors possess a signal peptide that directs biosynthesis of cyclotides into the plant cells endomembrane system. Cleavage at the amino terminus of the cyclotide domain must occur first in order to free up the N-terminus for an AEP mediated transpeptidation reaction with the C-terminus of the nascent cyclotide. With the exception of cyclotides in the Solanaceae and Fabaceae, cyclotides domains are often encoded as repeated units. Mature cyclotides are classified into either the Möbius, bracelet or trypsin inhibitor like sub families, where the Möbius and bracelets are characterised by the presence or absence of a twist in the backbone respectively', with the trypsin inhibitor class categorised by function. Estimates of evolutionary time between cyclotide producing clades as provided by <sup>4</sup>. For Malpighiales (contains Violaceae) and Saxifragales (contains Fabaceae), divergence time estimates are for that order. Most recent common ancestor estimates are for the last common ancestor of II Fabaceae and Curcubitaceae, and IV Rubiaceae and Solanaceae. b, N- and C-terminal precursor sequence diversity across cyclotide-producing plant families. N-terminal processing sites are diverse, with flanking residues suggesting cleavage by AEPs or enzymes with trypsin-like activity. In the Fabaceae, the Nterminus is cleaved by a signal peptidase during translation into the ER thus no N-terminal logo is given. At the C-terminus, an Asx residue is required for transpeptidation by AEP. Other residues appear conserved before the Asx residue (ex: Tyr, Arg, Lys), and after the Asx (ex. Gly).



Supplementary Figure 2. Petunia correctly processes *Oak1* into predominant cyclic kB1. a, MALDI-MS analysis of petunia and *N. benthamiana* produced peptides upon expression of *Oak1*. Predominant peptide mass signals for cyclic kB1 (2891.4 m/z) are evident in petunia leaf extracts whilst predominant linear kB1 related peptides (2910.4, 2966.4, 3079.5 m/z) are evident in *N. benthamiana* leaf extracts. The peptide mass of 3069.5 m/z in petunia leaf extracts represents the endogenous cyclotide PhybA<sup>5</sup>. **b**, Comparative NMR analysis of *oak1* transgene derived kB1 extracted from petunia with kB1 extracted from *O. affinis* plants. Purified kB1 from petunia leaf (in red) has an identical (b) 1D NMR spectra and (c)  $\alpha$ H chemical shifts to that of native kB1 from *O. affinis* (in blue).

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PxAEP3a	MI-NVAGILILV	GFSI-IAAGE	GRNV <b>LKLPS</b> EA	SRFFD	K-G-DDDSV-	GTRWAVLLAGSN	GYWNYRHQAI	VCHAY
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**Supplementary Figure 3. Alignment of petunia AEP isoforms.** Protein sequences were aligned using  $ClustalW^6$ . Identical residues are marked with a star and similar residues with a dot. Putative signal peptides predicted by SignalP 4.0<sup>7</sup> are italicized with putative propeptide cleavage sites indicated by arrows and proposed based on<sup>8</sup>. Boxed residues indicate putative N-terminal vacuole targeting signals as predicted by<sup>9</sup>. The catalytic histidine and cysteine residues are highlighted in yellow. The residue homologous to the Gatekeeper residue of  $OaAEP1_b^8$  is shown in green with the cysteine flanking poly-proline loop in blue. The marker of ligase activity (MLA) (this study) is shown in magenta. All polymorphic residues between PxAEP3a and PxAEP3b are underlined.

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Supplementary Figure 4. Alignment of *O. affinis* AEP isoforms and engineered variants. Protein sequences were aligned using ClustalW<sup>6</sup>. Identical residues are marked with a star and similar residues with a dot. Putative signal peptides predicted by SignalP  $4.0^7$  are italicized with putative propeptide cleavage sites indicated by arrows and proposed based on <sup>8</sup>. Italicized and bolded residues indicate putative N-terminal vacuole targeting signals as predicted by bioinformatics analysis<sup>9</sup>. Boxed are residues that are polymorphic between AEP isoforms PxAEP3a and PxAEP3b. The catalytic histidine and cysteine residues are highlighted in yellow. The gatekeeper residue of  $OaAEP1_b^8$  is shown in green with the cysteine flanking poly-proline loop in blue. The marker of ligase activity (MLA) (this study) is shown in magenta. The residues in bold are at positions predicted to be important for AEP ligase function by the protein space modelling.

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Butelase-1 Butelase-1_MLA Butelase-2	62 HQADVCHAYQILKKGGLKDENIIVFMYDDIAYNESNPHPGVIINHPYGSDVYKGVPKDYVGEDINPPNFYAVLLANKSAL 14162 HQADVCHAYQILKKGGLKDENIIVFMYDDIAYNESNPHPGVIINHPYGSDVYKGVPKDYVGEDINPPNFYAVLLANKSAL 14178 HQADVCHAYQLLIKGGLKEENIVVFMYDDIAWHELNPRPGVIINNPRGEDVYAGVPKDYTGEDVTAENLFAVILGDRSKV 157*********** * ***** ********** * ******
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Butelase-1 Butelase-1_MLA Butelase-2	<pre>461 SAQACVSIPDNPWSSLHAGFSV* 483 461 SAQACVSIPDNPWSSLHAGFSV* 483 476 CMVACGGHDAGHLHPSKRGYIA* 498     **    *    *</pre>

Supplementary Figure 5. Alignment of *C. ternatea* AEP isoforms and engineered variants. Protein sequences were aligned using ClustalW<sup>6</sup>. Identical residues are marked with a star and similar residues with a dot. Putative signal peptides predicted by SignalP  $4.0^7$  are italicized with putative propeptide cleavage sites indicated by arrows and proposed based on<sup>8</sup>. Boxed residues indicate putative N-terminal vacuole targeting signals as predicted by<sup>9</sup>. The catalytic histidine and cysteine residues are highlighted in yellow. The residue homologous to the gatekeeper residue of  $OaAEP1_b^8$  is shown in green with the cysteine flanking polyproline loop in blue. The marker of ligase activity (MLA) (this study) is shown in magenta.



**Supplementary Figure 6.** AEP mediated SFTI-1 cyclisation in *N benthamiana* leaves. a, Schematic of the *Oak1* precursor gene modified to encode the SFTI peptide in replace of kB1. b, DNA and protein sequence of *Oak1-SFTI*. c, Representative MALDI-MS of peptides produced in *N. benthamiana* leaf upon co-expression of *Oak1-SFTI* with OaAEP1<sub>b</sub> and OaAEP1<sub>b</sub>\_MLA. Cyclic SFTI was readily detected in the case of OaAEP1<sub>b</sub> but not with OaAEP1<sub>b</sub>\_MLA. In either case no linear full length SFTI could be detected however masses for the C-terminal truncated peptides –PD (1291.6 m/z) and –FPD (1172.6 m/z) were observed.

p15_0aAEP1b	1	MHHHHHHHHLVPRGSARDGDYLHLPSEVSRFFRPQETNDDHGEDSVGTRWAVLIAGSKGYANYRHQAGVCHAYQILKRGG	80
P15_0aAEP1b_MLA	1	MHHHHHHHHLVPRGSARDGDYLHLPSEVSRFFRPQETNDDHGEDSVGTRWAVLIAGSKGYANYRHQAGVCHAYQILKRGG	80
p15_OaAEP1b	81	LKDENIVVFMYDDIAYNESNPRPGVIINSPHGSDVYAGVPKDYTGEEVNAKNFLAAILGNKSAITGGSGKVVDSGPNDHI	160
P15_OaAEP1b_MLA	81	LKDENIVVFMYDDIAYNESNPRPGVIINSPHGSDVYAGVPKDYTGEEVNAKNFLAAILGNKSAITGGSGKVVDSGPNDHI	160
p15_0aAEP1b	161	FIYYTDHGAAGVIGMPSKPYLYADELNDALKKKHASGTYKSLVFYLEACESGSMFEGILPEDLNIYALTSTNTTESSWCY	240
P15_0aAEP1b_MLA	161	FIYYTDHGAAGVIGMPSKPYLYADELNDALKKKHASGTYKSLVFYLEACESGSMFEGILPEDLNIYALTSTNTTESSWCY	240
p15_OaAEP1b	241	YCPAQENPPPPEYNVCLGDLFSVAWLEDSDVQNSWYETLNQQYHHVDKRISHASHATQYGNLKLGEEGLFVYMGS	315
P15_OaAEP1b_MLA	241	YCPAQENPPPPEYNVCLGDLFSVAWLEDSDVQNSWYETLNQQYHLVKARTSNGNSAYASHATQYGNLKLGEEGLFVYMGS	320
p15_0aAEP1b	316	NPANDNYTSLDGNALTPSSIVVNQRDADLLHLWEKFRKAPEGSARKEVAQTQIFKAMSHRVHIDSSIKLIGKLLFGIEKC	395
P15_0aAEP1b_MLA	321	NPANDNYTSLDGNALTPSSIVVNQRDADLLHLWEKFRKAPEGSARKEEAQTQIFKAMSHRVHIDSSIKLIGKLLFGIEKC	400
p15_OaAEP1b	396	TEILNAVRPAGQPLVDDWACLRSLVGTFETHCGSLSEYGMRHTRTIANICNAGISEEQMAEAASQACASIP* 467	
P15_OaAEP1b_MLA	401	TEILNAVRPAGQPLVDDWACLRSLVGTFETHCGSLSEYGMRHTRTIANICNAGISEEQMAEAASQACASIP 471	



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Supplementary Figure 7. Recombinant production of  $OaAEP1_b$  and  $OaAEP1_b_MLA$ . a, The  $OaAEP1_b$  and  $OaAEP1_b_MLA$  fusion protein sequences. For each, the putative signal peptide regions were removed and replaced with eight Histidine's allowing the capture of inactivated enzyme. b, Imidiazole at 250mM was used to elute rOaAEP1b and rOaAEP1b\_MLA zymogens (lanes 1 and 4 respectively). AEP zymogens were self-activated at pH4.5 for 4 hours at 37°C followed by an overnight incubation at 4°C. Under these conditions activation appeared not complete (lanes 2 and 5) but was sufficient to enable purification of active enzyme by cation exchange chromatography (lanes 3 and 6).



Supplementary Figure 8. *In vitro* assessment of rOaAEP1b and rOaAEP1b\_MLA activity on the model peptide R1. a, Representative MALDI MS spectra of the R1<sub>AEP</sub> precursor peptide following incubation with recombinant OaAEP1<sub>b</sub> and OaAEP1<sub>b</sub>\_MLA (23.5  $\mu$ g mL<sup>-1</sup> total protein). For rOaAEP1b, all precursor peptide was converted to cyclic R1 (3074.6 m/z) within ten minutes, while substantial precursor peptide remained in the case of OaAEP1<sub>b</sub>\_MLA even after 60 minutes incubation. Observed monoiosotopic masses (Da; [M+H]<sup>+</sup>) are listed.



## Supplementary Figure 9. AEP transgene expression levels are consistent despite significant

**differences in Oak1 processing. a**, Plant AEP genes and *oak1* were engineered for *in planta* expression by insertion into the pEAQ-Dest1 vector <sup>10</sup> which contains the 35s promoter and Cowpea mosaic virus (CPMV) 5' and 3' UTR sequences. For the *N. benthamiana* leaf infiltrations, the density of Agrobacterium containing the pEAQ-Oak1 expression vector was kept constant irrespective of the co-expressed AEP. This allows an assessment of AEP transcript levels by normalizing to *Oak1* transcript. **b**, PCR analysis of *Oak1* transcript abundance (lower band) compared to AEP transcript (upper band) at PCR cycle 23 and 28 respectively. Primers M131 (5'-GACGAGGTATTGTTGCCTG-3') and M132 (5'-CCGCTCACCAAACATAG-3') were designed to bind within the 5' and 3' UTR respectively. **c**, Transcript densitometry analysis reveals a slight increase in transcript for OaAEP1<sub>b</sub>, but similar levels for OaAEP2 and OaAEP2 engineered variants (OaAEP2+ and OaAEP2select) n=3. **d**, Peptide analysis at 4 days post-infiltration (n=3).

010G103000.1	1 MTTLVTGVFLLLLSVAGVVSAARYITGDVLRLPS-EASRFFRWRSDDDEVGGTRWAVLIAGSNGYWNYR 68
004G201300.1	1 MAKHDSVFIKSPSLFFLILLLFEANHIEGAGRLNQWESG-IRLPTDKDNEPEELDEQQVGTRWAVLVAGSSGYGNYR 76
008G236100.1	1 MAKOGYVFHNNPALLFLLLLFEAANGGRATRLNHWESGIIRLPSEKDDOOLGTRWAVLVAGSSGYGNYR 70
0016023700.1	1 MTSLVVGATLLLLSLTGIVSAGRDVTGDILRLPS-EANKFFHG-GDDDEVEGTRWAVLTAGSNGYWNYR 67
GraEP1 0096046800 1	1 MTTLVAGVILLLLSVTGIVTAORDATGDVLRIVSPEAYKFFHO-SDDGRVGGSRWAVLIAGSRGYENYR 68
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010G103000.1	69 HOADVCHAYOLLRNGGLKEENIIVFMYDDIAFNEENPRPGVIINNPHGDDVYKGVPKDYTGEDVNVHNFFAALLGNKSAI 148
004G201300.1	77 HOADVCHAYOLLRKGGLKEENIVVFMYDDIAMHELNPRPGVIINHPOGDDVYAGVPKDYTGEHVTAANLVAVLLGDKDAL 156
008G236100.1	71 HQADVCHAYQLLRKGGLKEENIIVFLYDDIAMNELNPRPGIIINHPQGDDVYAGVPKDYTGEHVTAANLYAVLLGNRSAL 150
001G023700.1	68 HOADVCHAYOLLRNGGLKEENIIVFMYDDIAYNEENPRPGIIINNPHGDDVYKGVPKDYTGENVTVNNFFAAILGNKSAL 147
GrAEP1 009G046800.1	69 HQADVCHAYQLLRKCGLKDENIVVFMYDDIAYNENNPRPGIIINSPNGSDVYHGVPKDYTGDDVTVNNFFNVILGNKAAI 148
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010G103000.1	149 TGGSGKVVDSGPDDHIFIYYTD <b>H</b> GGPGVLGMPTFPYLYADDLIDVLKKKHASGTYKSMVFYLEA <b>C</b> ESGSIFEGLL-PQGL 227
004G201300.1	157 SGGSGKVIDSKPNDRIFMYYSD <b>H</b> GGPGVLGMPNMPFLYAMDFLDVLKKKHAAGTYKEMVLYVEA <b>C</b> ESGSIFEGIM-PKYL 235
008G236100.1	151 SGGSGKVVDSKTNDRIFLYYSD <b>H</b> GGPGVLGMPNLPFLYAMDFLDVLKKKHAAGSYREMVIYVEA <b>C</b> ESGSIFEGIM-PEDL 229
001G023700.1	148 TGGSGKVVNSGPNDHIFIYYSD <b>H</b> GGPGVLGMPTLPYLYADDLIDVLKKKHASGTYKSLVFYLEA <b>C</b> ESGSIFEGLL-PEGL 226
GrAEP1 009G046800.1	149 TGGSGKVVNSGPNDHIFIFYSDHGASGVLGMPDDSYIYANDLNWVLRKKHASGTYKSLVFYIEACESGSIFDGLLDPKGL 228
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001002230100.1	230 NITVITASNAQESSNGTTCPC/DEPERPERTICLEDELSVAMMEDSSETINLERKEITEQUITVRKEISBURGISS 500
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GIAEPI 009G040800.1	229 NITRITASIALESSALTECHEGUPSAFFETDICEGUESSAVALEDS-EARDERIELEGUESON/KRE
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010G103000.1	305 VMOYGDVGLSKDSLFAYLGTNPANDNFTFVDENSLVPPTKAVNORDADLVHFWYKYRKAPEGSVRKTEAOKOFVEAMSHR 384
004G201300.1	315 VMEYGNTSTKPEKLYLYOGFDPATVNLP-PNELGPNTPTEAVNORDADILFLWHMYKNSEDG-LKKTEILKOITETKBHR 392
008G236100.1	309 VMEYGSTSIKAEKLYLYOGFDPASVNFP-PNELSHDTOMEAINORDADILFLWHMYKNSEDG-SKKKEILKOISETMRHR 386
001G023700.1	305 VMOFGDIGISMDNLFTYLGTNPANDNFKFIDENSLLPPTKAVNORDADLVHFWDKYRKAPDGSVRKVEAOKOVMEAMSHR 384
GrAEP1 009G046800.1	300 VMQYGDIVLSLDHLSVYFGENTAKYNLOPPTTAINORDADLVHFWEKYRKAPEGSAKKAEAOKOLVEIMSHR 371
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010G103000.1	385 MHIDHSVKLIGKLLFGIERGLEVLNTVRPAGQPLVDDWKCLKKMVRTFETHCGSLAQYGMKHMRSLANICNAGIQTEQMA 464
004G201300.1	393 IHLDGSIDLIGTLLYGPAKGSAILKSVRETGLPLVDDWQCLKSVVRLFETHCGSLTQYGMKHMRAFANICNSGVSQALME 472
008G236100.1	387 IHLDGSIDLIGTVLYGPAKGSVILNTIREPGLPLVDDWQCLKSMVRLFETHCGSLTQYGMKHMRAFANICNSDVSQSAME 466
001G023700.1	385 MHVDNSIQLIGKLLFGVERGPEVLNTVRPTGQPLVDDWKCLKKMVRTFETHCGSLAQYGMKHMRSLANICNAGIETEKMG 464
GrAEP1 009G046800.1	372 MHIDTSVKLIGNLLFGTEIGPDVLNVVRPAGQPLVDDWKCLKEMVKTFETHCGKLAQYGMKYIRSFANICNAGIQIEHMA 451
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010G103000.1	465 EASAOACVS-VPTGRWSSLOKGESA* 489
004G201300.1	473 EACTAACNG-HGPIOWYPSNOGYSA* 497
0086236100.1	467 EACVAACSSSHDPTOWHPSNNGYSA* 492
001G023700.1	465 EASAOACVN-IPSGHWGSVEKGFSA* 489
GrAEP1 009G046800 1	452 EASAOACVG-THADH* 466
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**Supplementary Figure 10. Alignment of** *Gossypium raimondii* **AEP sequences.** Protein sequences were aligned using ClustalW<sup>6</sup>. Identical residues are marked with a star and similar residues with a dot. Putative signal peptides predicted by SignalP 4.0<sup>7</sup> are italicized with putative propeptide cleavage sites indicated by arrows and proposed based on<sup>8</sup>. Boxed residues indicate putative N-terminal vacuole targeting signals as predicted by<sup>9</sup>. The catalytic histidine and cysteine residues are bolded. The residue homologous to the gatekeeper residue of OaAEP1<sub>b</sub><sup>8</sup> is shown in green with the cysteine flanking poly-proline loop in blue. The marker of ligase activity (MLA) (this study) is shown in magenta. Underlined are residues in homologous positions to those predicted by the protein space modelling as important for ligase function (Fig. 4c).

HeAEP1	1	MDVPNNSIFFFLHVIFLSVLLSSLGGQATRSSRFDPGILMPTEKQPEAADDDEIGTRWAVLVAGSNG	67
HeAEP2	1	MTRLATGVFLLSLLAVAGISAGGRDIVDDV $LLLPS$ DVSNFFHNNNKQTNNDDNNKDDDSTGTRWAVLIAGSNG	73
HeAEP3	1	MKLLVPGVLLLFLLALSGIAAGRPDDFLRLPSEAAKSFLHNDDDSVGTRWAVLIAGSKG	59
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HeAEP1	68	YGNYRHQADVCHAYQLLRKGGLKEENIVVFMYDDIAKNELNPRPGVIINHPQGEDVYHGVPKDYTGQHVTAHNLYAVLLG	147
HeAEP2	74	YWNYRHQADVCHAYQLLKKGGLKDENIIVFMYDDIAHNFENPRPGIIINNPKGEDVYKGVPKDYTGEDVNAGNFYAVILG	153
HeAEP3	60	WQNYRHQADVCHAYQILKKGGLKDENIIVFMYDDIAYNESNPRPGIVINKPKGEDVYKGVPKDYTGENVNAVNFLAVLLA	139
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HeAEP1	148	${\tt NKTAVKGGSGKVVD} SKPNDRIFLYYSD \\ {\tt H} GGPGVLGMPN \\ {\tt MPYLYAMDFLEVLKKKHASKSYREMVIYVEA} \\ {\tt CESGSIFEGIM} \\ {\tt CESGS$	227
HeAEP2	154	NKTALTGGSGKVVN NSGPNDHIFIYYTD H GGPGILGMPT SPYIYAD KLVDVLKQKHASGTYKSLVFYLEA C C C SGSIFEGLL	233
HeAEP3	140	NRSALTGGSGKVLDSGPNDRIFIYYTD <b>H</b> GAPVTIGMPSKPYLVAKDLVDTLKKKHAAGTYKSMVFYIES <b>C</b> ESGSMFDGLL	219
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HeAEP1	228	PEDLSIYVTTASNAQENSWGTYC <b>PGEDPGAPPEFTT</b> CLGDLYSVAWMEDSETHNLKKETIKDQYKTVK <b>ARALRANTYH</b>	305
HeAEP2	234	PEGLNIYATTASNAIESSWGTYCPGDHISPPPEYETCLGDLYSVAWMEDSDVHNLRTETLHQQYELVKQRTAHSNGY-	310
HeAEP3	220	PEDANIYGMTATNSTEGSWYTYC <b>PGQTDDYPEDDEYDV</b> CFGDLWSVAWLEDCDAHNLRTETLDQQYEVVRKKIEY-	294
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HeAEP1	306	EGSHVMEYGNRSIKGERLYLYGGFDPATVNLP-PNNGLIDKPMEVVNQRDAELIFLWQMYKRSEDKSEKKTEILNQIKET	384
HeAEP2	311	-GSHVMQYGDVPLSKENLFLYMGTNPANENFTFVDDNSLSLPSKAVNQHDADLLHFWHKYHRAREGSSRKLEAQKEFVEM	389
HeAEP3	295	-AHIPAQYGNVSLAKDSLFVYMGTDPANDNKTFVEENTLRRPLKAVHSRDADLLHFWHKYHKAPEGTSRKIDAQKQLVEV	373
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HEALPI	385	MRHRNHLDGSMELIGTLLFGPRRGSSILHSVREPGLPLVDDWRCLASWRLFETHCGSLTQIGMHMRAFANICNIGISE	464
HEALP2	390	MSHRMHLDHSVNFIGRLLFGMDEASEVLNAVRPAGNPLTDDWDCLRTLVRTFETHCGSLSQIGMAHMRSFANLCNAGISK	469
HEALPS	5/4	LSRRINVDNSIRLVGELLFGVGRASEVLNIIRFRAGQPLVDDWDCLRINVRIFEIRCGSLSEIGMRAMKSFANMCNAGVQR	400
HONED1	465	ISMFFISSIICSCHDVCOWHRSVOCVSI 492	
HeAEP?	470	FOMBERSCOLOSEPSNPWSLERGESA 497	
Heatp3	454	EQMANAAGOACUTEPSNPWSSLDEGESV 481	
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**Supplementary Figure 11. Alignment of** *Hybanthus enneaspermus* **AEP sequences.** Protein sequences were aligned using ClustalW<sup>6</sup>. Identical residues are marked with a star and similar residues with a dot. Putative signal peptides predicted by SignalP  $4.0^7$  are italicized with putative propeptide cleavage sites indicated by arrows and proposed based on <sup>8</sup>. Boxed residues indicate putative N-terminal vacuole targeting signals as predicted by<sup>9</sup>. The catalytic histidine and cysteine residues are bolded. The residue homologous to the gatekeeper residue of OaAEP1<sub>b</sub><sup>8</sup> is shown in green with the cysteine flanking poly-proline loop in blue. The marker of ligase activity (MLA) (this study) is shown in magenta. Underlined are residues in homologous positions to those predicted by the protein space modelling as important for ligase function (Fig. 4c).



**Supplementary Figure 12. Phylogentic tree of plant AEPs which differ in functional preference.** AEPs are grouped into two broad groups the Asterids (red text) vs Rosids (blue text). Ligase-type and protease type AEPs are intermixed in the respective clades, especially in the Asterids (includes the Rubiaceae and Solanaceae). Ligase-type AEPs are not more closely related to one another but share greatest homology with intra-specific AEPs. The tree is rooted with human AEP (HsAEP1) and is a consensus neighbor-joining tree of 1000 bootstrapped trees.

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Supplementary Figure 13. DNA and protein sequence of *Oak1-kB6trunc*.

<b>RNA-seq Summary Statistics</b>							
	Hybanthus enneaspermus	<i>Petunia</i> x <i>hybrida</i> 'Mitchell'					
SRA accession codes	SRP127205	SRP127205					
Pre-QC							
Number of sequences	217735426	87112662					
Sequence length	100	150					
Mean PHRED score	Q36	Q37					
Post-QC							
Number of sequences	217335174	87112662					
Sequence length	90	131					
Mean PHRED score	Q37	Q37					
Percent of bases passing QC	89.8%	87.3%					
Assembly Statistics							
Assembly name	HennT2.1	Px_ReTri2					
Total number of bases assembled	124228394	80647009					
Total number of transcripts	113823	163860					
Total number of putative genes	85016	129686					
Mean transcript length	1091.42	713.26					

Supplementary Table 2. Functionally verified ligase and protease-type AEPs used for the protein space modelling.

		Reference
	Oldenlandia affinis OaAEP1 (KR259377)	11 12
	Oldenlandia affinis OaAEP1 <sub>b</sub> (KR259377 with 9A-G and 1112A-T)	12, current study
Ligases	Oldenlandia affinis OaAEP3 (KR259378)	12, current study
Liguses	Oldenlandia affinis OaAEP4173926.	
	Clitoria ternatea Butelase-1 (KF918345)	12, current study
	Petunia hybrida PxAEP3b (MG720076)	current study
	Oldenlandia affinis OaAEP2 (KR259378)	12, current study
	Clitoria ternatea CtAEP2 (butelase-2) (KR912009)	12, current study
	Clitoria ternatea CtAEP6 (KY640209)	12
	Petunia hybrida PxAEP1 (MG720071)	current study
	Petunia hybrida PxAEP2 (MG720075)	current study
Durida a succession	Petunia hybrida PxAEP3a (MG720072)	current study
Proteases	Arabidopsis thaliana delta (AEE76347.1)	13
	Arabidopsis thaliana gamma (BAA18924.1)	13
	Arabidopsis thaliana alpha (AEC07775.1)	13
	Arabidopsis thaliana beta (BAA09615.1)	13
	Nicotiana benthamiana AEP1a (BAD51740.1)	13
	Nicotiana benthamiana AEP1b (BAD51741.1)	13

**Supplementary Table 3. Predictive residues for AEP ligase activity.** Resn<sub>(MSA)</sub> = residue column number in alignment, Resn<sub>(ppOaAEP1)</sub> = residue number in ppOaAEP1, DISORD = disorder propensity, CHRG = net static charge, RMW = molecular weight of R group, HPATH = hydropathy index.

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Resn <sub>(MSA)</sub>	Resn <sub>(ppOaAEP1)</sub>	Property	Load	РС	Ligase	Protease
180	139	CHRG	-0.18	6	K	D
180	139	CHRG	0.22	7	Κ	D
219	161	CHRG	-0.07	5	D	Ν
274	186	CHRG	0.18	7	Κ	G
280	192	CHRG	-0.18	5	D	Ν
280	192	CHRG	-0.16	7	D	Ν
352	247	RMW	0.07	7	С	G
353	248	RMW	0.10	7	Y	Т
359	253	CHRG	0.10	5	Q	Е
359	253	CHRG	0.08	7	Q	E
361	255	DISORD	-0.13	5	А	Р
379	263	HPATH	0.08	5	V	Т
379	263	HPATH	0.07	7	V	Т
506	293	HPATH	0.21	6	Н	L
506	293	RMW	-0.10	6	Н	L
506	293	CHRG	-0.10	6	Н	L
506	293	DISORD	-0.08	6	Н	L
506	293	CHRG	-0.12	7	Н	L
506	293	HPATH	0.08	7	Н	L
519	n/a	NOTGAP	0.13	6	-	Ν
519	n/a	NOTGAP	-0.08	7	-	Ν
520	n/a	CHRG	0.07	5	-	G
520	n/a	NOTGAP	0.13	6	-	G
520	n/a	NOTGAP	-0.08	7	-	G
521	n/a	HPATH	0.08	5	-	Ν
521	n/a	NOTGAP	0.10	6	-	Ν
521	n/a	NOTGAP	-0.10	7	-	Ν
521	n/a	RMW	0.09	7	-	Ν
526	n/a	NOTGAP	0.13	6	-	S
542	314	CHRG	-0.19	5	Е	Κ
542	314	HPATH	0.07	5	Е	Κ
542	314	DISORD	-0.07	5	Е	Κ
544	316	RMW	-0.13	5	G	Κ
544	316	DISORD	0.09	5	G	Κ
544	316	CHRG	-0.07	7	G	K

**Supplementary Table 4.** AEP sequences retrieved from public sequence databases that contain either a minimal MLA region or hydrophobic patch (GRAVY score > 0). Underlined are potential N-glycosylation sites and in brackets are GRAVY scores). In bold is the Gatekeeper residue homologous to Cys247 in  $OaAEP1_b$ .

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Plant species	Accession	MLA (GRAVY)	Gate Keeper	Putative ligase
Punica Granatum	OWM76945.1	RT <u>NAS</u> H	NSW <b>G</b> CY	no
Helianthus	OTG32548.1	RIAIDKVTGFGSH (0.3)	NSWATY	yes
annuus	OTG32550.1	RIAIDKVTGFGSH (0.3)	NSWATY	yes
Spinacia oleracea	KNA12580.1	RTSRMSH	SSYATY	yes
Poto Wildonia	XP_010669190.1	RTSKLSH	SSYATY	yes
beta vulgalis	KMT17971.1	RTSKLSH	SSYATY	yes
	XP_017221562.1	RTS <u>NDS</u> H	DSWATY	no
	KZM84774.1	RTS <u>NDS</u> H	DSWATY	no
Daugua garata	KZM84775.1	RAS <u>NYS</u> H	NSWATY	no
Daucus calota	XP_017221563.1	RAS <u>NYS</u> H	NSWATY	no
	KZM84773.1	RTS <u>NYS</u> H	DSWATY	no
	XP_017221560.1	RTS <u>NYS</u> H	DSWATY	no
Eucalyptus grandis	XP_010034096.1	RTNMSH	SSYGYY	no
Theobroma cacao	EOY26259.1	RTAVDNLVVSSH (0.4)	NSW <b>G</b> TY	no
Gossypium raimondii	Gorai.009G046800.1	RATTSH	SSWATY	yes
Malus domestica	MDP0000937205	RT <u>NKS</u> H	SSY <b>G</b> TY	no

**Supplementary Table 5. Predictive power of the 16 most ligase-predictive residues.** Known ligases are in red, and known proteases are in blue. A score of 100% would indicate that all 16 predictive residues are an identical match in the AEP sequence.

Oldenlandia affinis OaAEP1 (KR259377)	94%
Oldenlandia affinis OaAEP1 <sub>b</sub> (KR259377 with 9A-G and 1112A-T)	94%
Oldenlandia affinis OaAEP3 (KR259378)	88%
Oldenlandia affinis OaAEP_4173926.	88%
Clitoria ternatea Butelase-1 (KF918345)	25%
Hybanthus enneaspermus HeAEP-3 (MG720074)	44%
Petunia hybrida PxAEP3b (MG720076)	38%
Oldenlandia affinis OaAEP2 (KR259378)	13%
Clitoria ternatea Butelase-2) (KR912009)	0%
Clitoria ternatea CtAEP6 (KY640209)	38%
Petunia hybrida PxAEP1 (MG720071)	0%
Petunia hybrida PxAEP2 (MG720075)	6%
Petunia hybrida PxAEP3a (MG720072)	6%
Hybanthus enneaspermus HeAEP-1 (MG720073)	6%
Hybanthus enneaspermus HeAEP-2 (MG720070)	13%
Arabidopsis thaliana _delta (AEE76347.1)	0%
Arabidopsis thaliana _gamma (BAA18924.1)	6%
Arabidopsis thaliana _alpha (AEC07775.1)	6%
Arabidopsis thaliana _beta (BAA09615.1)	0%
Nicotiana benthamiana_AEP1a (BAD51740.1)	6%
Nicotiana benthamiana_AEP1b (BAD51741.1)	0%

**Supplementary Table 6.** Preferred ligase residue identities for all functionally assigned AEPs with ligase prediction scores of 25% or above. Known ligases are in red, and known proteases are in blue. Predictive residues listed on the right (red if ligase predictive residue present, otherwise white). The numbering is given relative to the OaAEP1<sub>b</sub> with the Gatekeeper residue shown in green, polyproline loop residues in blue and MLA residues in magenta.

	Resn <sub>(ppOaAEP1)</sub>	139	161	186	192	247	248	253	255	263	293	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	314	316
OaAEP1 (KR259377)	94%	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
OaAEP1b*	94%	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
OaAEP3 (KR259378)	88%	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1
OaAEP4	88%	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1
Butelase-1 (KF918345)	25%	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HeAEP-3 (MG720074)	44%	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0
PxAEP3b (MG720076)	38%	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
CtAEP6 (KY640209)	38%	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0

\*KR259377 with substitutions 9A-G and 1112A-T to produce  $OaAEP1_b$ 

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