

Supplementary Information

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

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Character	Violaceae	Fabaceae	Cucurbitaceae	Rubiaceae	Solanaceae
Gene origin	Specific	Albumin	Specific	Specific	Specific
N-term domains	Multi/Singletons	None	Multi	Multi/Singletons	Singleton
Cyclotide domains	Multi/Singletons	Singleton	Multi	Multi/Singletons	Singleton
Topologies present	Bracelet/Möbius/Hybrid	Bracelet/Möbius/Hybrid	Squash-TI	Bracelet/Möbius/Hybrid	Bracelet
	Violaceae ~109.7 my ^I	Fabaceae ~106.4 my ^{II}	Cucurbitaceae ~117.7 my ^{III}	Rubiaceae ~75.2 my ^{IV}	Solanaceae

Violaceae Signal peptide — N-term region Cyclotide C-term region Stop
 $n = \{1\dots4\}$

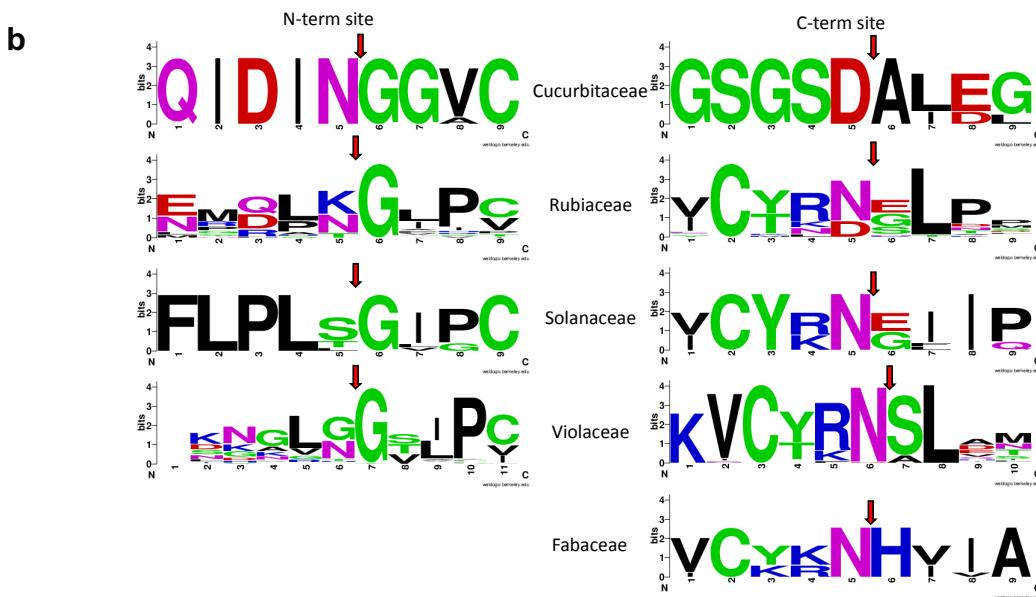
Fabaceae Signal peptide — Cyclotide Interdomain linker Albumin a-chain Stop

Cucurbitaceae Signal peptide — N-term region Cyclotide C-term region Acyclotide Stop
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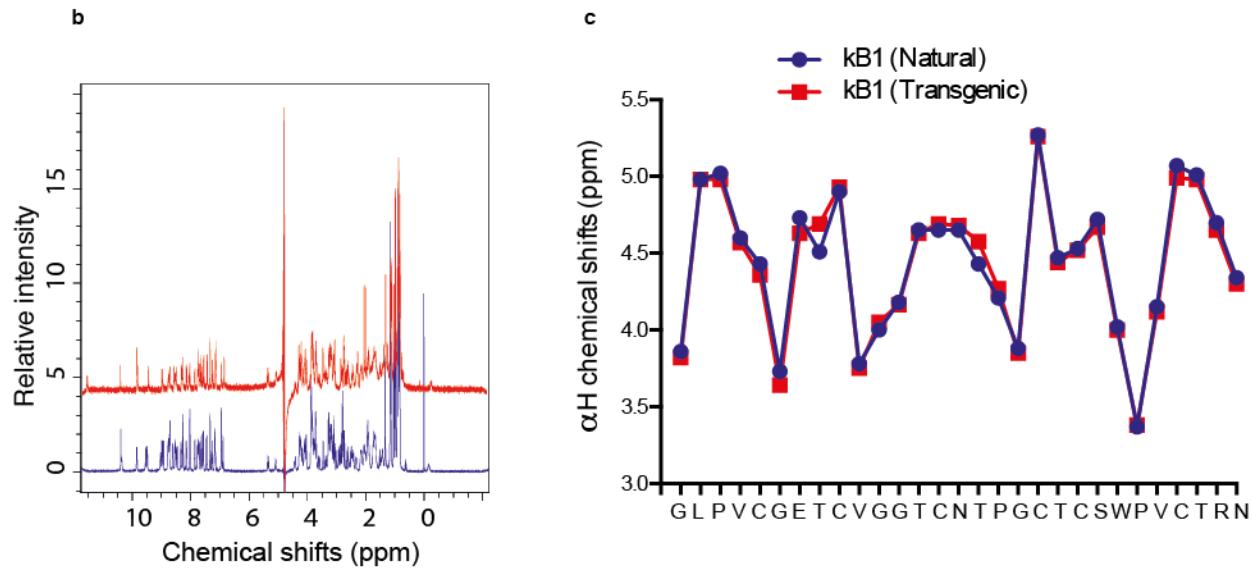
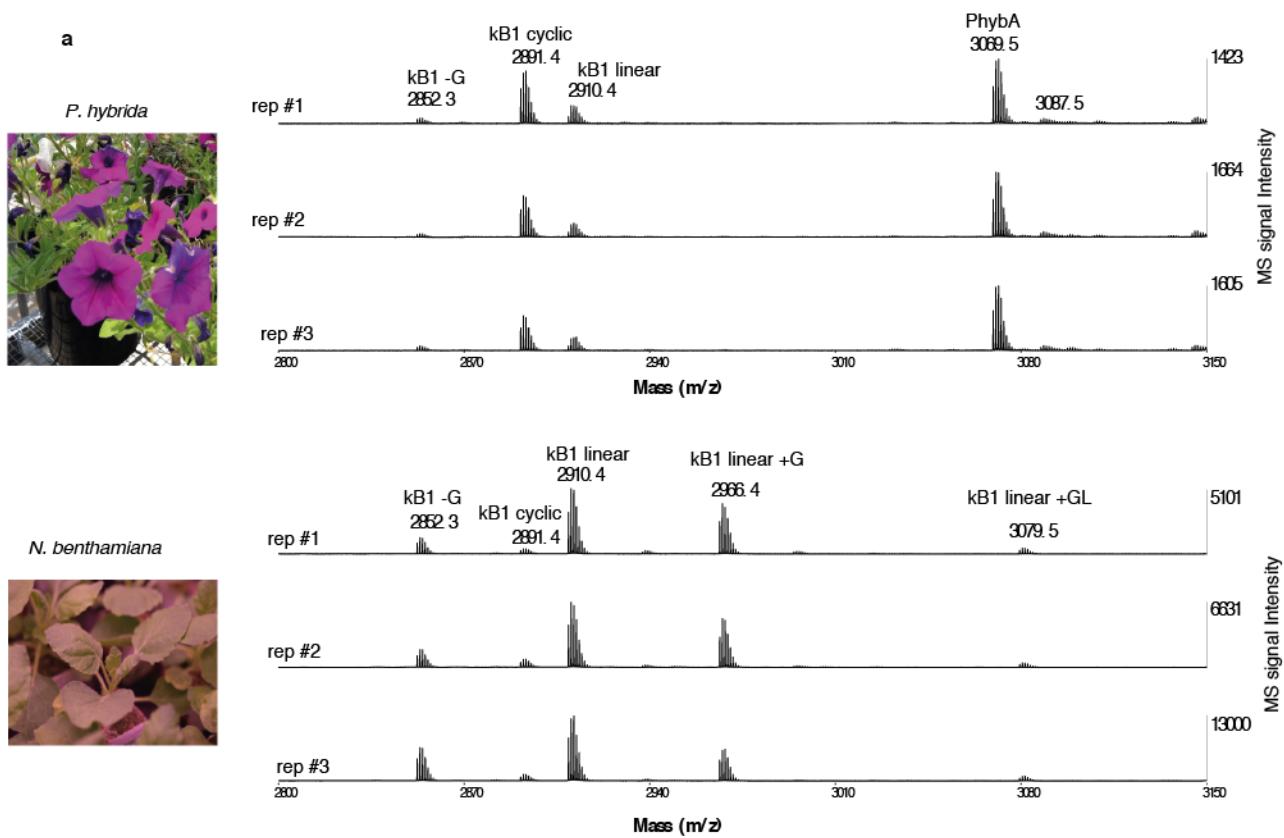
Rubiaceae Signal peptide — N-term region Cyclotide C-term region Stop
 $n = \{1\dots4\}$

Solanaceae Signal peptide — N-term region Cyclotide C-term region Stop

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



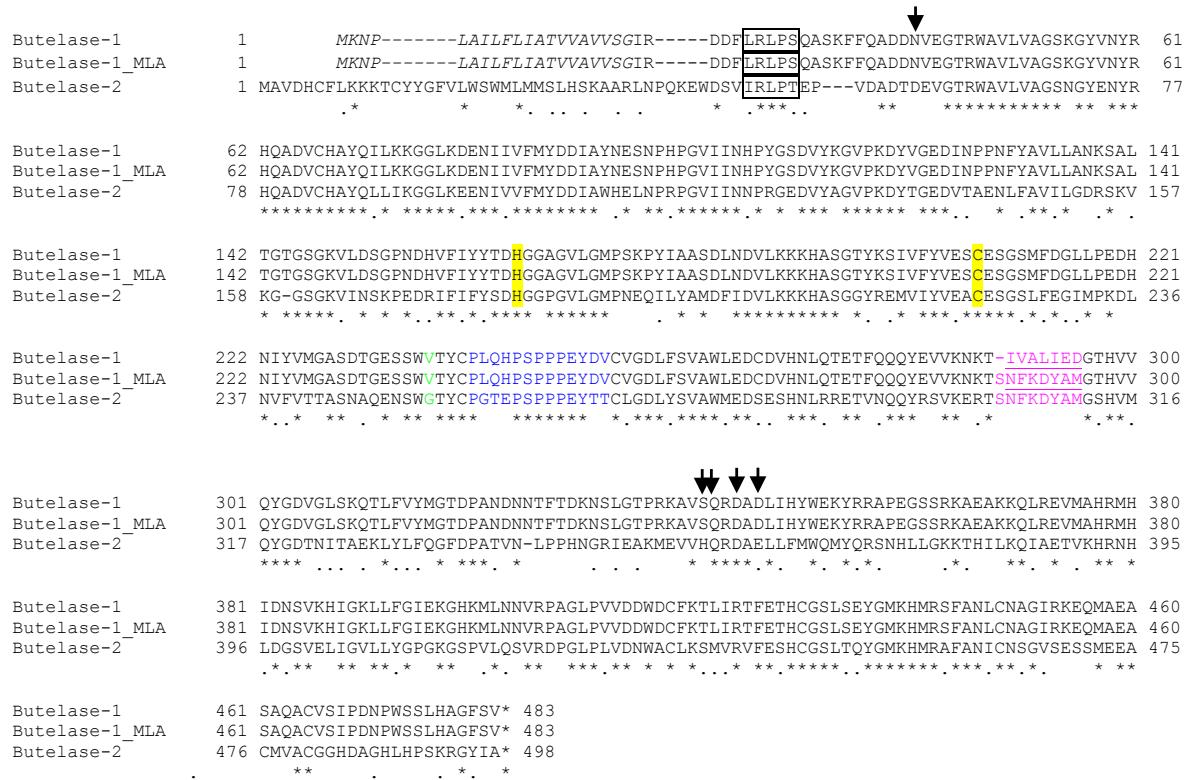
Supplementary Figure 1. Summary of cyclotide-encoding gene diversity. **a**, Attributes of cyclotide precursors and domains across five plant families. All cyclotide encoding genes discovered in the Violaceae, Cucurbitaceae, Rubiaceae, and Solanaceae exist as dedicated expression units, whereas in the Fabaceae, cyclotides are encoded within an albumin gene^{1,2}. 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 respectively³, with the trypsin inhibitor class categorised by function. Estimates of evolutionary time between cyclotide producing clades as provided by⁴. 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 N-terminus 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).



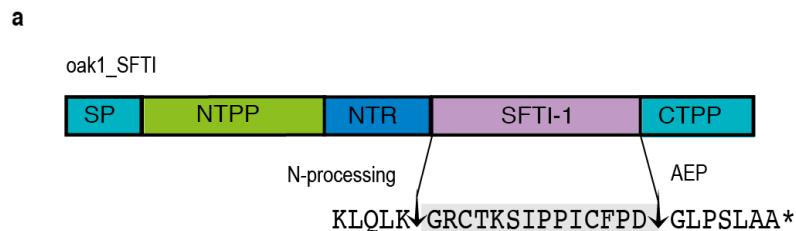
Supplementary Figure 2. Petunia correctly processes *Oak1* into predominant cyclic kB1. **a**, MALDI-MS analysis of petunia and *N. benthamiana* produced peptides upon expression of *Oak1*. Predominant peptide mass signals for cyclic kB1 (2891.4 m/z) are evident in petunia leaf extracts whilst predominant 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 PhybA⁵. **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) α H chemical shifts to that of native kB1 from *O. affinis* (in blue).

Supplementary Figure 3. Alignment of petunia AEP isoforms. Protein sequences were aligned using ClustalW⁶. Identical residues are marked with a star and similar residues with a dot. Putative signal peptides predicted by SignalP 4.0⁷ are italicized with putative propeptide cleavage sites indicated by arrows and proposed based on⁸. Boxed residues indicate putative N-terminal vacuole targeting signals as predicted by⁹. The catalytic histidine and cysteine residues are highlighted in yellow. The residue homologous to the Gatekeeper residue of OaAEP1_b⁸ 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.

Supplementary Figure 4. Alignment of *O. affinis* AEP isoforms and engineered variants. Protein sequences were aligned using ClustalW⁶. Identical residues are marked with a star and similar residues with a dot. Putative signal peptides predicted by SignalP 4.0⁷ are italicized with putative propeptide cleavage sites indicated by arrows and proposed based on⁸. Italicized and bolded residues indicate putative N-terminal vacuole targeting signals as predicted by bioinformatics analysis⁹. 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_b⁸ 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.



Supplementary Figure 5. Alignment of *C. ternatae* AEP isoforms and engineered variants. Protein sequences were aligned using ClustalW⁶. Identical residues are marked with a star and similar residues with a dot. Putative signal peptides predicted by SignalP 4.0⁷ are italicized with putative propeptide cleavage sites indicated by arrows and proposed based on⁸. Boxed residues indicate putative N-terminal vacuole targeting signals as predicted by⁹. The catalytic histidine and cysteine residues are highlighted in yellow. The residue homologous to the gatekeeper residue of OaAEP1_b⁸ 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.



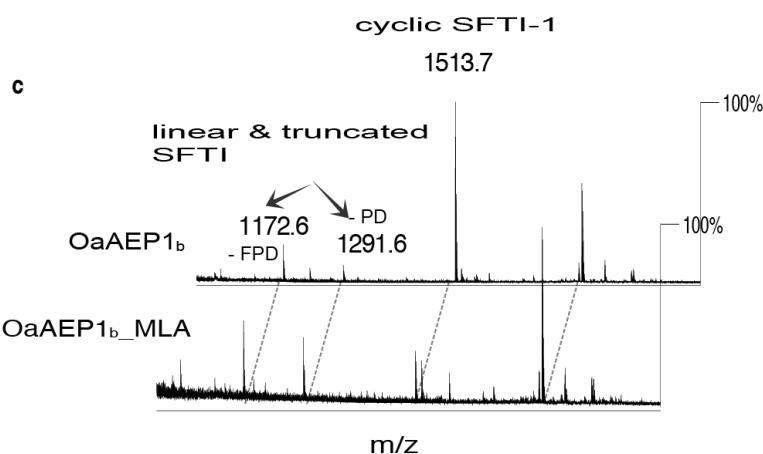
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Supplementary Figure 6. AEP mediated SFTI-1 cyclisation in *N benthamiana* leaves. **a**, Schematic of the *Oak1* precursor gene modified to encode the SFTI peptide in replace of kB1. **b**, DNA and protein sequence of *Oak1-SFTI*. **c**, Representative MALDI-MS of peptides produced in *N. benthamiana* leaf upon co-expression of *Oak1-SFTI* with OaAEP1_b and OaAEP1_b_MLA. Cyclic SFTI was readily detected in the case of OaAEP1_b but not with OaAEP1_b_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.

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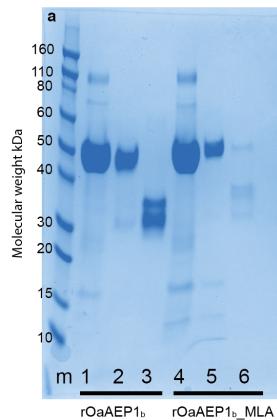
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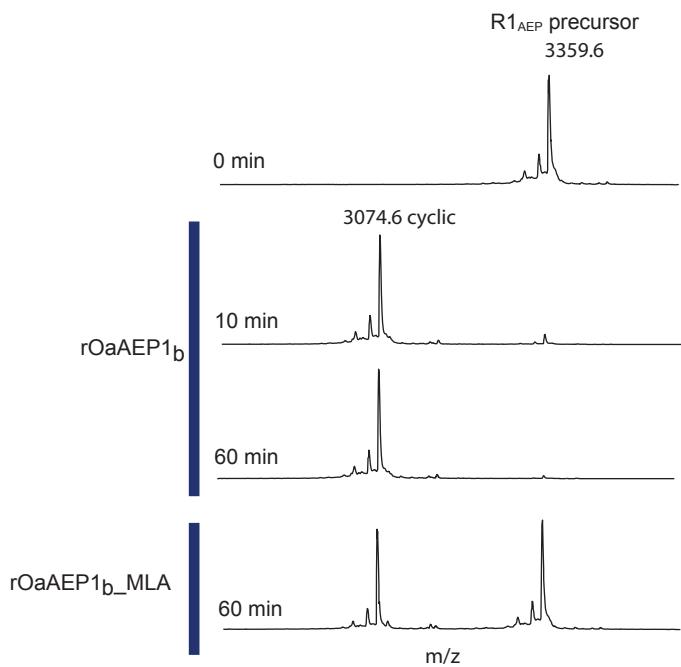
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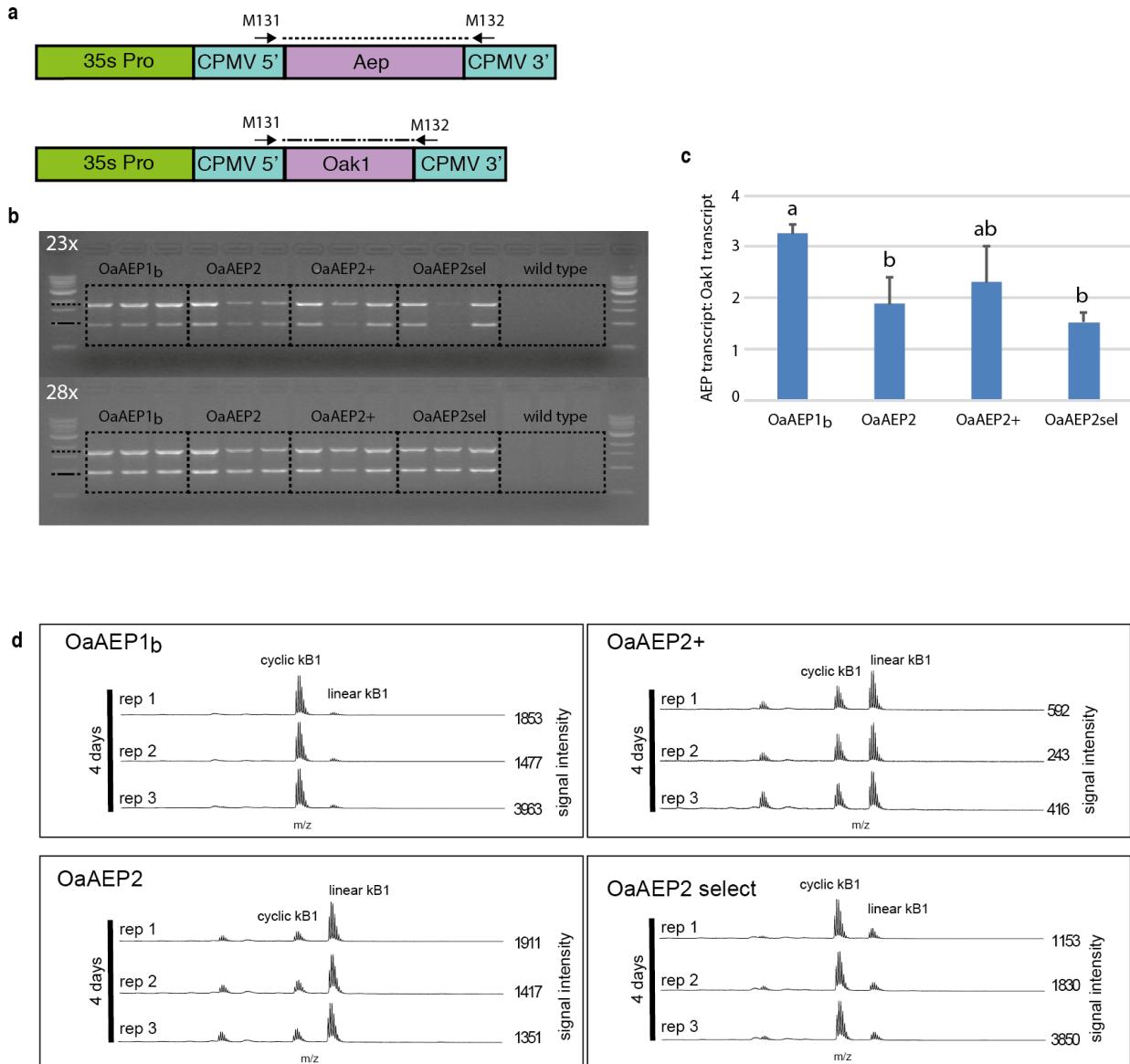
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Supplementary Figure 7. Recombinant production of OaAEP1_b and OaAEP1_b_MLA. **a**, The OaAEP1_b and OaAEP1_b_MLA fusion protein sequences. For each, the putative signal peptide regions were removed and replaced with eight Histidine's allowing the capture of inactivated enzyme. **b**, Imidazole 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_{AEP} precursor peptide following incubation with recombinant OaAEP1_b and OaAEP1_b_MLA (23.5 μ g mL⁻¹ 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_b_MLA even after 60 minutes incubation. Observed monoiosotopic masses (Da; [M+H]⁺) are listed.

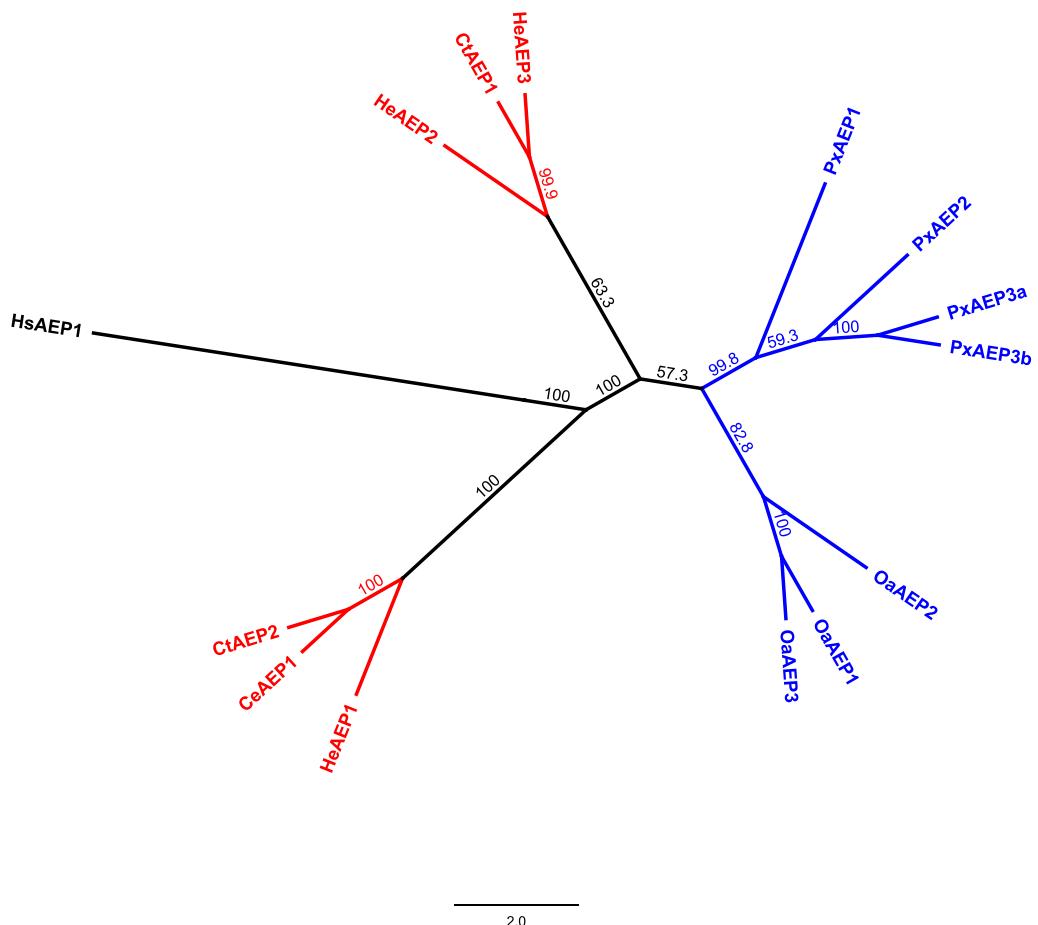


Supplementary Figure 9. AEP transgene expression levels are consistent despite significant differences in Oak1 processing. **a**, Plant AEP genes and *oak1* were engineered for *in planta* expression by insertion into the pEAQ-Dest1 vector¹⁰ which contains the 35s promoter and Cowpea mosaic virus (CPMV) 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 OaAEP1b, but similar levels for OaAEP2 and OaAEP2 engineered variants (OaAEP2+ and OaAEP2select) n=3. **d**, Peptide analysis at 4 days post-infiltration (n=3).

Supplementary Figure 10. Alignment of *Gossypium raimondii* AEP sequences. Protein sequences were aligned using ClustalW⁶. Identical residues are marked with a star and similar residues with a dot. Putative signal peptides predicted by SignalP 4.0⁷ are italicized with putative propeptide cleavage sites indicated by arrows and proposed based on⁸. Boxed residues indicate putative N-terminal vacuole targeting signals as predicted by⁹. The catalytic histidine and cysteine residues are bolded. The residue homologous to the gatekeeper residue of OaAEP1_b⁸ 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	<i>MDVPNNSIFFFFLHVIFLSVLLSSLGGQATRSSRFDPG</i>	ILMPT	EKQPE--AA-----DDDEIGTRWAVLVAGSNG	67
HeAEP2	1	<i>MTRLATGVFLLSLLAVAGISAGGRDIVDDV</i>	LLLPS	DVSNFFHNNNKQTNNNDNNKDDDSTGTRAWLIAGSNG	73
HeAEP3	1	<i>MKLLVPGVLLFLALSGIAAGRP</i> --DDF LRLPS	EAAKSFLHN-----	DDDSVGTRAWLIAGSKG	59
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HeAEP1	68	YGNYRHQADVCHAYQLLRKGGIKEENIVVFMYDDIAKNELNPRPGVIINHPQGEDVYHGVPKDYTQQHVTAHNLAYAVLLG	147		
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HeAEP3	140	NRSALTGGSGKVL <u>D</u> SGPNDRIFIYYTD <u>D</u> GAPVTIGMPSKPYLVAKDLDVTLKKKHAAGTYKSMVFYIESCESGSMFDGLL	219		
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HeAEP1	228	PEDLSIYVTTASNAQENS <u>W</u> GTYC <u>P</u> GED <u>P</u> GAPP-- <u>E</u> F <u>T</u> <u>T</u> C <u>I</u> LG <u>D</u> LYSVAWMEDSETHNLKKETIKD <u>Q</u> <u>Y</u> KTVK <u>A</u> R <u>A</u> L <u>R</u> ANT <u>Y</u> H	305		
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HeAEP3	220	PEDAN <u>I</u> YGM <u>T</u> ATNSTEGSW <u>V</u> TYC <u>P</u> Q <u>T</u> <u>D</u> D <u>P</u> E <u>D</u> EY <u>D</u> V <u>C</u> FG <u>D</u> ILWSVALE <u>E</u> CDAHNL <u>R</u> TEL <u>D</u> QQ <u>Y</u> <u>E</u> V <u>V</u> K <u>K</u> I--- <u>E</u> Y-	294		
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HeAEP1	465	ASMEEEASSAACSGHDVGQWHPSVQGSA	492		
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HeAEP3	454	EQMAVAAGQACVTFPSNPWSSLDEGFSV	481		
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Supplementary Figure 11. Alignment of *Hybanthus enneaspermus* AEP sequences. Protein sequences were aligned using ClustalW⁶. Identical residues are marked with a star and similar residues with a dot. Putative signal peptides predicted by SignalP 4.0⁷ are italicized with putative propeptide cleavage sites indicated by arrows and proposed based on⁸. Boxed residues indicate putative N-terminal vacuole targeting signals as predicted by⁹. The catalytic histidine and cysteine residues are bolded. The residue homologous to the gatekeeper residue of OaAEP1_b⁸ 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. Phylogenetic 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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TRANSLATION OF OAK KB6 [A] >

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Supplementary Table 1. RNA-seq summary statistics

RNA-seq Summary Statistics		
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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.

	<i>Reference</i>
<i>Oldenlandia affinis</i> OaAEP1 (KR259377)	11
<i>Oldenlandia affinis</i> OaAEP1 _b (KR259377 with 9A-G and 1112A-T)	12, current study
<i>Oldenlandia affinis</i> OaAEP3 (KR259378)	12, current study
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<i>Clitoria ternatea</i> Butelase-1 (KF918345)	current study
<i>Petunia hybrida</i> PxAEP3b (MG720076)	12, current study
<i>Oldenlandia affinis</i> OaAEP2 (KR259378)	12, current study
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Supplementary Table 3. Predictive residues for AEP ligase activity. Resn_(MSA) = residue column number in alignment, Resn_(ppOaAEP1) = residue number in ppOaAEP1, DISORD = disorder propensity, CHRG = net static charge, RMW = molecular weight of R group, HPATH = hydropathy index.

139	161	186	192	247	248	253	255	263	293					314
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Resn _(MSA)	Resn _(ppOaAEP1)	Property	Load	PC	Ligase	Protease
180	139	CHRG	-0.18	6	K	D
180	139	CHRG	0.22	7	K	D
219	161	CHRG	-0.07	5	D	N
274	186	CHRG	0.18	7	K	G
280	192	CHRG	-0.18	5	D	N
280	192	CHRG	-0.16	7	D	N
352	247	RMW	0.07	7	C	G
353	248	RMW	0.10	7	Y	T
359	253	CHRG	0.10	5	Q	E
359	253	CHRG	0.08	7	Q	E
361	255	DISORD	-0.13	5	A	P
379	263	HPATH	0.08	5	V	T
379	263	HPATH	0.07	7	V	T
506	293	HPATH	0.21	6	H	L
506	293	RMW	-0.10	6	H	L
506	293	CHRG	-0.10	6	H	L
506	293	DISORD	-0.08	6	H	L
506	293	CHRG	-0.12	7	H	L
506	293	HPATH	0.08	7	H	L
519	n/a	NOTGAP	0.13	6	-	N
519	n/a	NOTGAP	-0.08	7	-	N
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	-	N
521	n/a	NOTGAP	0.10	6	-	N
521	n/a	NOTGAP	-0.10	7	-	N
521	n/a	RMW	0.09	7	-	N
526	n/a	NOTGAP	0.13	6	-	S
542	314	CHRG	-0.19	5	E	K
542	314	HPATH	0.07	5	E	K
542	314	DISORD	-0.07	5	E	K
544	316	RMW	-0.13	5	G	K
544	316	DISORD	0.09	5	G	K
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.

Plant species	Accession	MLA (GRAVY)	Gate Keeper	Putative ligase
<i>Punica Granatum</i>	OWM76945.1	RT <u>NASH</u>	NSWG CY	no
<i>Helianthus annuus</i>	OTG32548.1	RIAIDKVT <u>GFGSH</u> (0.3)	NSW <u>ATY</u>	yes
	OTG32550.1	RIAIDKVT <u>GFGSH</u> (0.3)	NSW <u>ATY</u>	yes
<i>Spinacia oleracea</i>	KNA12580.1	RTSR <u>MSH</u>	SSY <u>ATY</u>	yes
<i>Beta Vulgaris</i>	XP_010669190.1	RTSK <u>LSH</u>	SSY <u>ATY</u>	yes
	KMT17971.1	RTSK <u>LSH</u>	SSY <u>ATY</u>	yes
<i>Daucus carota</i>	XP_017221562.1	RTS <u>NDSH</u>	DSW <u>ATY</u>	no
	KZM84774.1	RTS <u>NDSH</u>	DSW <u>ATY</u>	no
	KZM84775.1	RAS <u>NYSH</u>	NSW <u>ATY</u>	no
	XP_017221563.1	RAS <u>NYSH</u>	NSW <u>ATY</u>	no
	KZM84773.1	RTS <u>NYSH</u>	DSW <u>ATY</u>	no
	XP_017221560.1	RTS <u>NYSH</u>	DSW <u>ATY</u>	no
<i>Eucalyptus grandis</i>	XP_010034096.1	RT <u>NMSH</u>	SSY <u>GYY</u>	no
<i>Theobroma cacao</i>	EOY26259.1	RTAVDNLVV <u>SSH</u> (0.4)	NSWG TY	no
<i>Gossypium raimondii</i>	Gorai.009G046800.1	RATT <u>SH</u>	SSW <u>ATY</u>	yes
<i>Malus domestica</i>	MDP0000937205	RT <u>NKSH</u>	SSY <u>GTY</u>	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.

<i>Oldenlandia affinis</i> OaAEP1 (KR259377)	94%
<i>Oldenlandia affinis</i> OaAEP1 _b (KR259377 with 9A-G and 1112A-T)	94%
<i>Oldenlandia affinis</i> OaAEP3 (KR259378)	88%
<i>Oldenlandia affinis</i> OaAEP_4_.173926.	88%
<i>Clitoria ternatea</i> Butelase-1 (KF918345)	25%
<i>Hybanthus enneaspermus</i> HeAEP-3 (MG720074)	44%
<i>Petunia hybrida</i> PxAEP3b (MG720076)	38%
<i>Oldenlandia affinis</i> OaAEP2 (KR259378)	13%
<i>Clitoria ternatea</i> Butelase-2) (KR912009)	0%
<i>Clitoria ternatea</i> CtAEP6 (KY640209)	38%
<i>Petunia hybrida</i> PxAEP1 (MG720071)	0%
<i>Petunia hybrida</i> PxAEP2 (MG720075)	6%
<i>Petunia hybrida</i> PxAEP3a (MG720072)	6%
<i>Hybanthus enneaspermus</i> HeAEP-1 (MG720073)	6%
<i>Hybanthus enneaspermus</i> HeAEP-2 (MG720070)	13%
<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i> _delta (AEE76347.1)	0%
<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i> _gamma (BAA18924.1)	6%
<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i> _alpha (AEC07775.1)	6%
<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i> _beta (BAA09615.1)	0%
<i>Nicotiana benthamiana</i> _AEP1a (BAD51740.1)	6%
<i>Nicotiana benthamiana</i> _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_b with the Gatekeeper residue shown in green, polyproline loop residues in blue and MLA residues in magenta.

Resn _(ppOaAEP1)	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	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
OaAEP1b*	94%	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	0	1	1	1	1	0	1
OaAEP4	88%	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
HeAEP-3 (MG720074)	44%	0	1	1	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
CtAEP6 (KY640209)	38%	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0

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

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