

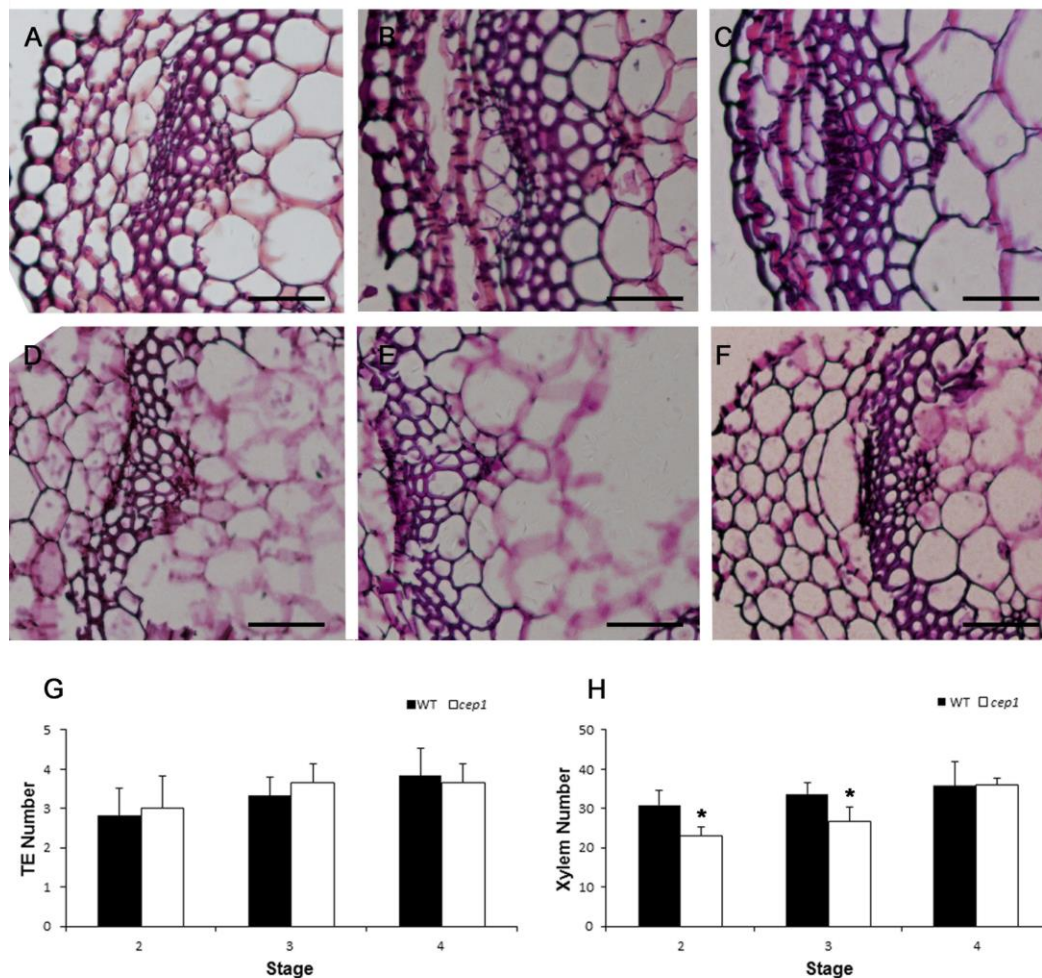
**The papain-like cysteine protease CEP1 is involved in programmed cell death
and secondary wall thickening during xylem development in *Arabidopsis***

Running title: The function of CEP1 in xylem development

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Supplemental Figure 1. Histological analysis of the basal nodes in *cep1-2* mutant

(SALK_137016) compare to wild-type plants was examined. **(A–C)** Cross-section of stem vascular bundles is shown in the wild type from the early to the late stage. Scale bars = 50 μm . **(B–F)** Cross-section of stem vascular bundles is shown in a *cep1-2* mutant plant at stage 2 **(A, D)**, stage 3 **(B, E)**, and stage 4 **(C, F)**. Scale bars = 50 μm . **(G)** The number of tracheary elements (TEs) in wild-type and *cep1-2* plants. **(H)** The number of total xylem cells in wild-type and *cep1-2* plants.