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Cytokinins initiate secondary

growth in the Arabidopsis root

through a set of LBD genes

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Figure S1 Identification of cambium transcription factors that are targets of type-B *ARRs***. Related to Figure 1 and Figure 4.**

(A) Venn diagram comparing ARR10 Chromatin Immunoprecipitation-sequencing (ChIP-seq) candidates^{S1}, targets of ARR1, ARR10 or ARR12 ChIPseq^{S2}, the golden list of cytokinins-regulated genes^{S3} and cambium candidate transcription factors^{S4}. Three genes overlapping in the four datasets are *SHORT HYPOCOTYL 2*, *LBD3* and *LBD4*. (**B**) Phylogeny of the LBD transcription factor gene family in *Arabidopsis thaliana*. Full-length protein sequences were aligned with Clustal X 2.1^{S5}. A maximum-likelihood (ML) tree was generated using MEGA7^{S6}. The JTT model was used as amino acid substitution model. Nearest neighbor interchange (NNI) was used as the ML heuristic method. Numbers next to nodes indicates the bootstrap value (1000 replicates). (**C**) qRT-PCR analysis of gene transcript levels in WT and mutants after 12 h mock or BAP treatment. Five-day-old roots (root tips discarded) were used for qRT-PCR. Data are presented as mean ± SE from three biological replicates. For each gene, expression over all mutants and treatments was normalized to WT_mock. Two-tailed t-test. ∗, *p* < 0.05; ∗∗, *p* < 0.01. (**D**) Induction of *CKX7* led to downregulation of *TCSn, LBD3* and *LBD4*. Confocal microscopy of fluorescent markers after 2-day *CKX7* induction in 6-day-old plants. Dashed lines represent root boundaries. (**E,F**) Stereo microscopy of *LBD1*(E) and *LBD11* (F) fluorescent markers in 4-day-old roots (left panel) and following a time-course of BAP treatment in 6-dayold roots (right panels). Numbers represent the frequency of the observed expression in independent roots. Yellow arrows indicate the root-hypocotyl junction. White arrowheads mark root tips. White boxes approximately represent the corresponding region visualized in the right-hand panels. (**G**) Confocal microscopy of LBD markers in root cross-sections. *LBD1pro:erYFP* and *LBD11pro:erYFP* are expressed in the secondary tissue but more weakly comparing to *LBD3pro:erYFP* and *LBD4pro:erYFP*. To better visualize the florescence signal of *LBD11pro:erYFP*, laser power was adjusted to be stronger. Sections were collected from 5 mm below the root-hypocotyl junction of 9-day-old roots. P, periderm; SP, secondary phloem; VC, vascular cambium; SX, secondary xylem. Scale bars, 100 μm (D), 1 mm (E,F), 20 μm (G).

Figure S2 Characterization of LBD knock-out mutants generated by *CRISPR/Cas9* **method. Related to Figure 1 and STAR Methods.**

(**A**) Serial cross-sections of wild-type (WT) and *lbd* mutants along 7-day-old roots. Cells and area inside of dotted line were used in cell file (Figure 1C) and total radial area (Figure 1D) quantification, respectively. X-axis indicate the distance of cross-sections from root tips. Arrowheads indicate cell divisions in xylem-procambial cells. (**B**) A schema of the LBD mutant alleles created with the *CRISPR/Cas9* system. Chromatograms show the sequencing results from both WT and homozygote mutant alleles. Red letters represent frameshift and premature terminations during translation. (**C**) Functional complementation of *lbd* alleles by introducing genomic LBD (*gLBD*) constructs translationally fused with *YFP*. Crosssections were collected in 9-day-old roots. (**D**) Quantification of diameter (yellow line) in the experiment presented in (C). Red dots indicate diameters in individual roots. n= number of independent roots analyzed. (E) Functional complementation of *lbd* alleles by introducing genomic *LBD11* (*gLBD11*) constructs translationally fused with *YFP*. Cross-sections were collected in 14-day-old roots. (**F**) Quantification of diameter (yellow line) in the experiment presented in (E). Red dots indicate diameters in individual roots. n= number of independent roots analyzed. Scale bars, 20 μm.

Figure S3 Phenotypic characterization of *lbd* **mutants. Related to Figure 2, 3 and Data S2.**

(**A**) Quantification of the cell file number in 3-day-old roots. One-way ANOVA with Tamhane's post-test at significance level alpha=0.05. All ANOVA results can be found in Data S2J. Red dots indicate cell file number in individual roots. n= number of independent roots analyzed. (**B, C**) Cross-sections of 5-day-old WT, *lbd3*, *lbd4* and *lbd3;4* roots. Three-day-old roots were treated for 2 days with mock (B) or 1 μM BAP (C). Cells inside of dotted line were used in cell file quantification (D). Scale bars, 20 μm. (**D, E**) Quantification of cell file number (D) and total radial area (E) in the experiment presented in (B) and (C). A separate ANOVA test was performed for mock and BAP treatment. Different letters indicate significant difference at level alpha=0.05, as determined by one-way ANOVA with Tamhane's post-test or Tukey post-hoc test. All ANOVA results can be found in Data S2K,L. Red dots indicate cell file number in individual roots. n= number of independent roots analyzed. (G) Root length quantifications of 7-day-old WT, *lbd1;11* and *lbd3;4* plants. Bars show mean ± SD. n= number of independent roots analyzed. (H) Rosettes and main roots of 14-day-old WT, *lbd1;11*, *lbd3;4* and *lbd1;3;4;11* plants. Arrows indicate the root-hypocotyl junction.

Figure S4 Analysis of RNA-seq datasets and phenotypic characterization of LBD inducible overexpression lines. Related to Figure 4, Data S1, S3 and STAR Methods.

(**A**) Induction of LBD3 led to downregulation of *TCSn* equally rapidly with induction of CKX7. Confocal microscopy of *TCSnpro:nYFP* after 8 h CKX7 induction or LBD3 induction in 6-day-old plants. Dashed lines represent root boundaries. Expression intensity within the vascular area marked with brackets was quantified and is shown in (B). (**B**) Quantification of average fluorescent signal intensity in (A). Red dots indicate average fluorescent signal intensity in individual roots. n= number of independent roots analyzed. (**C**) Venn diagram comparing DEGs in the *LBD3* inducible overexpression line and the *LBD11* inducible overexpression line. DEGs for all samples can be found in Data S1. (D) A bar plot showing the percentage of cambium enriched genes^{S4} overlapped with DEGs in LBD inducible overexpression lines. The lists of overlapped genes can be found in Data S1. (**E**, **F**) Gene ontology (GO) enrichment analysis of differentially upregulated genes in the *LBD3* line (E) and the *LBD11* line (F) with 8 h induction. The top twenty enriched biological process GO terms are presented. The full list of GO terms is listed in Data S3. (**G**-**I**) Quantification of cell file number (G), total radial area (H) and average cell area (I) in the experiment presented in Figure 4H. Three-day-old roots were treated for 2 days with mock or 5 μM 17-β, except in the case of *LBD3* which was treated with 0.5 μM 17-β. WT was used as control. Red dots indicate individual roots. n= number of independent roots analyzed. (**J**-**L**) Quantification of cell file number (J), total radial area (K) and average cell area (L) in the experiment presented in Figure 4I. Eight-day-old roots were treated for 6 days with mock or 5 μM 17-β, except 0.5 μM 17-β was used for the *LBD3* hemizygous (Hem) line. Two-tailed ttest. ∗, *p* < 0.05; ∗∗, *p* < 0.01. Red dots indicate individual roots. n= number of independent roots analyzed. (**M**) LBD3 functions in a dose-dependent manner. The severity of the *LBD3* overexpression phenotype depends on the copy number of the construct (Hem or Hom) and the concentration of the inducer (17-β). Eight-day-old roots were treat with mock or 17-β induction for 6 days. The numbers in the bottom right corner represent the frequency of the observed phenotype. Hem, hemizygous. Hom, Homozygous. Half of the cross section area (marked in green) was used for quantification in (J-L). Scale bars, 100 μm (A), 50 μm (M).

 Table S1 Primers used in this study. Related to STAR Methods.

Table S2 Hormone-related genes differentially expressed in *LBD3* **or** *LBD11* **inducible overexpression RNA-seq data. Related to Figure 4 and STAR Methods.**

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