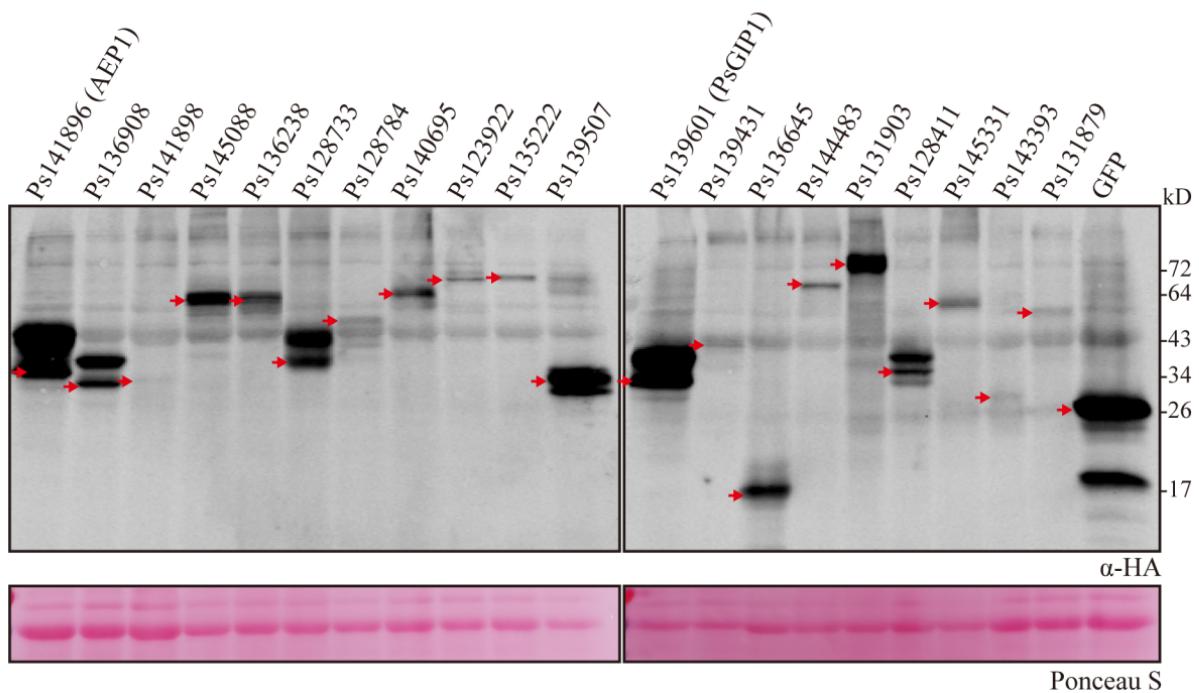


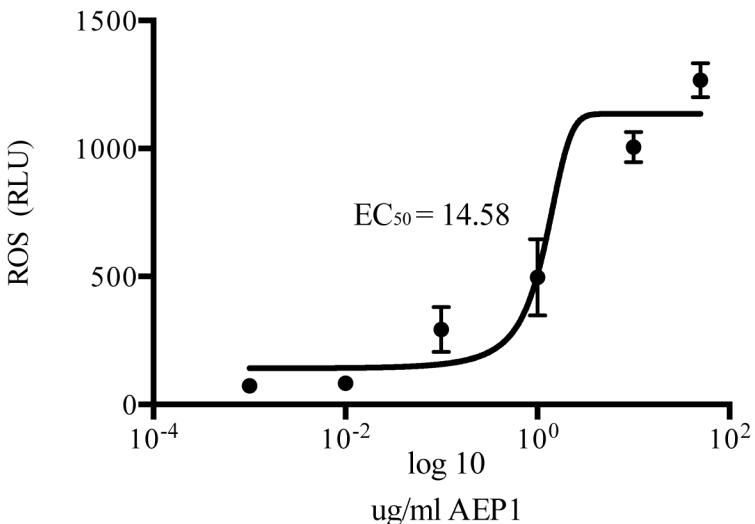
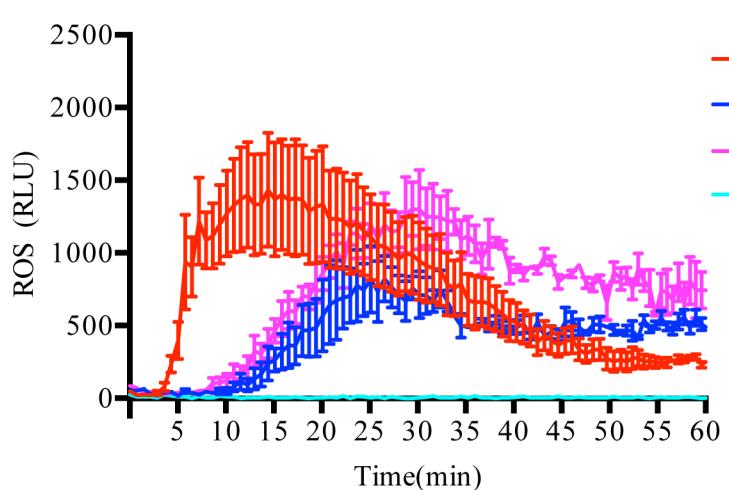
**Supplemental Figure S1.** Apoplastic fluid from *P. sojae* infected soybean leaves triggers cell death in *N. benthamiana*. A, Infected apoplastic fluid (I, II), protease K treated-infected apoplastic fluid (III), uninfected apoplastic fluid (IV). Cell death was photographed 4 days after infiltration. B, Uninfected (WT) or infected apoplastic fluid was run in SDS-PAGE and stained with Coomassie brilliant blue (CBB).



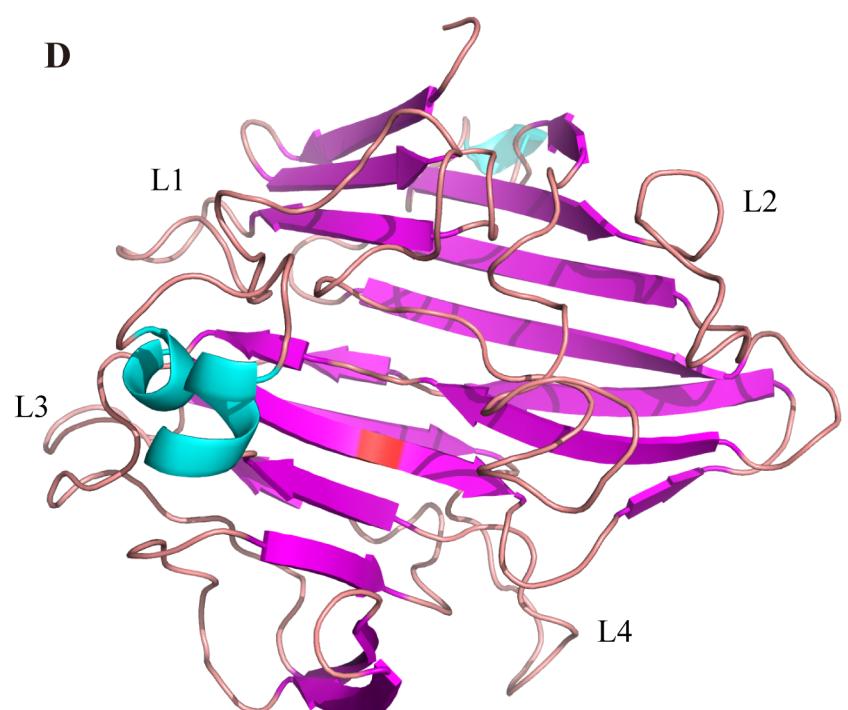
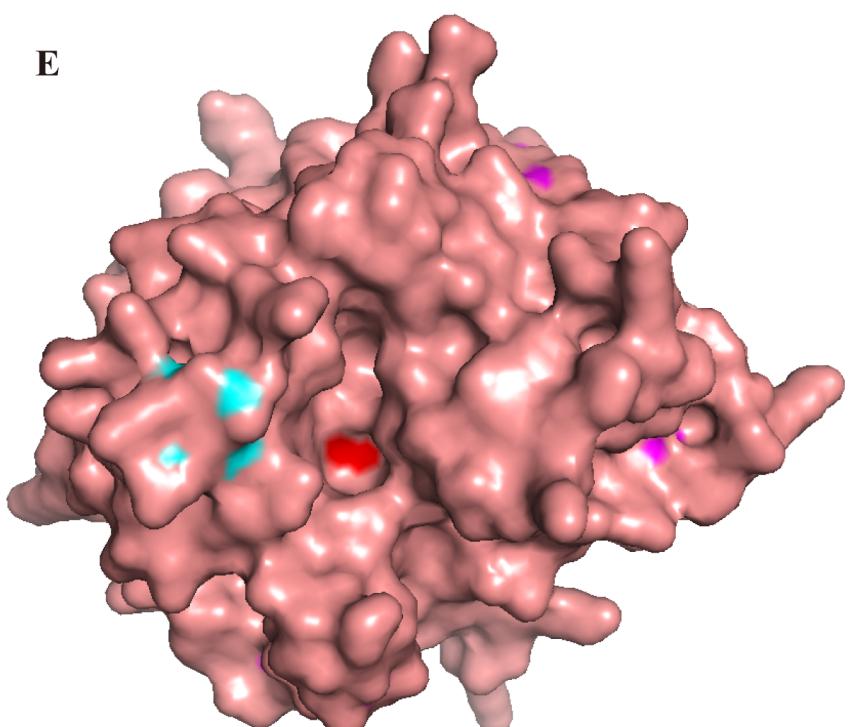
**Supplemental Figure S2.** Detection of transiently expressed proteins by western blot. Expected protein bands were indicated by red arrowheads. Ponceau staining was used to indicate equal loading in each sample.

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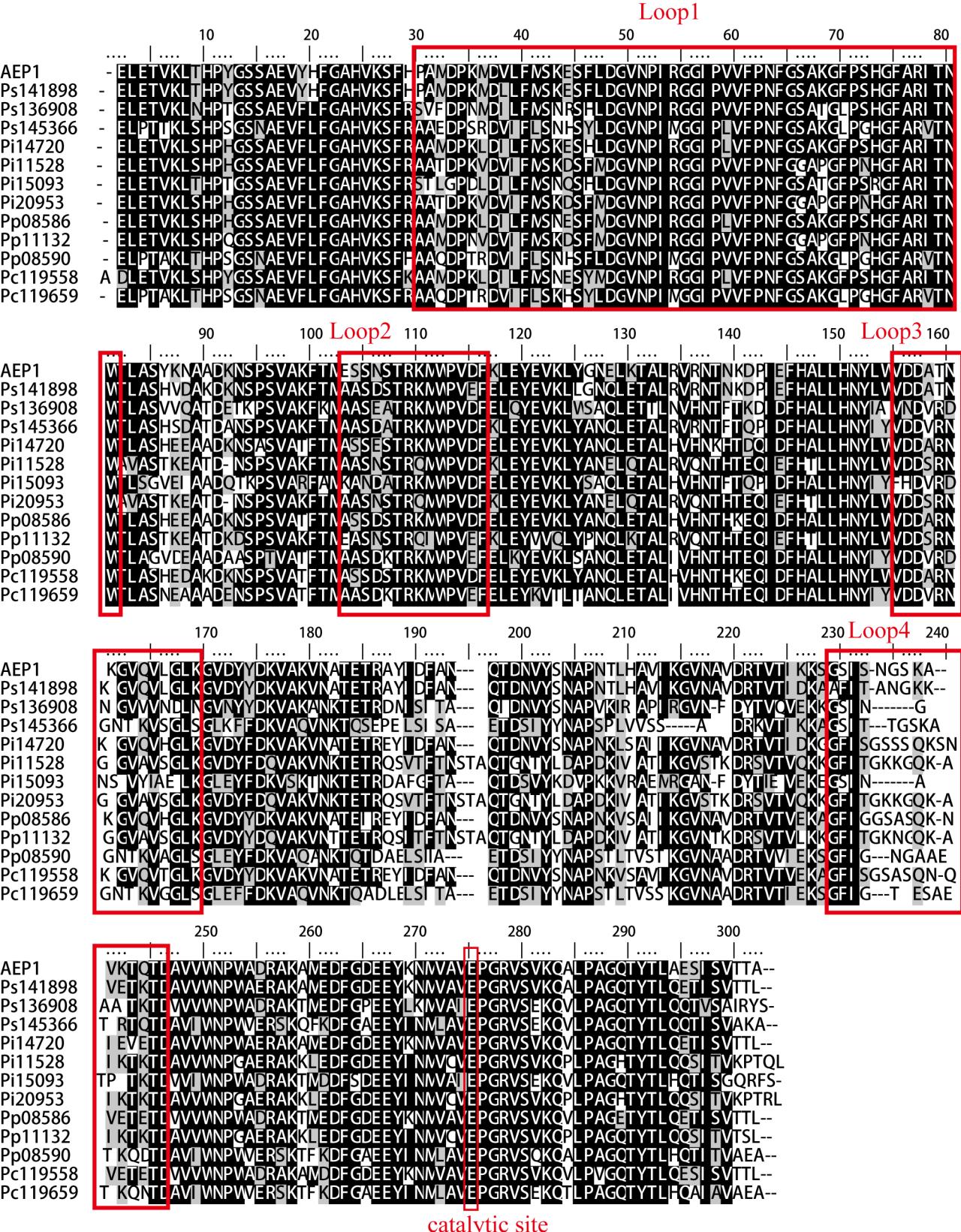
**Supplemental Figure S3.** Unique peptides matching AEP1 identified in the apoplast fluid.

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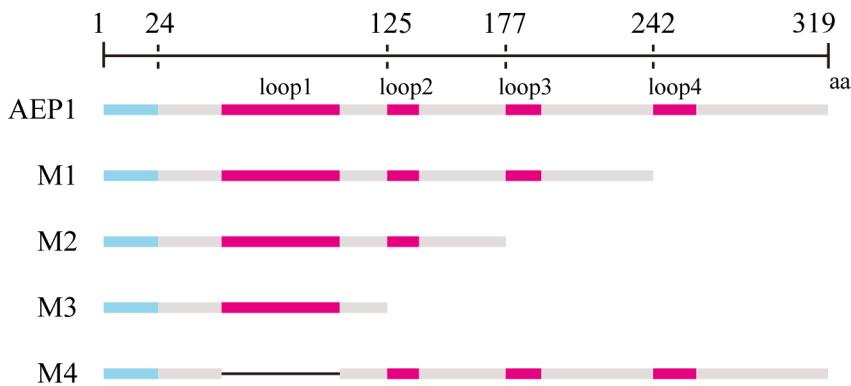
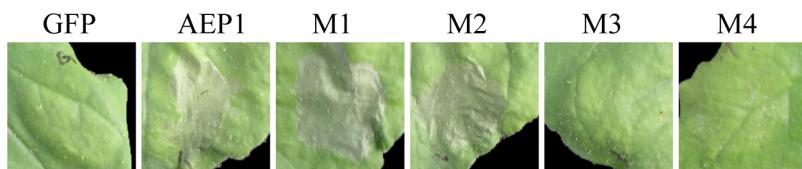
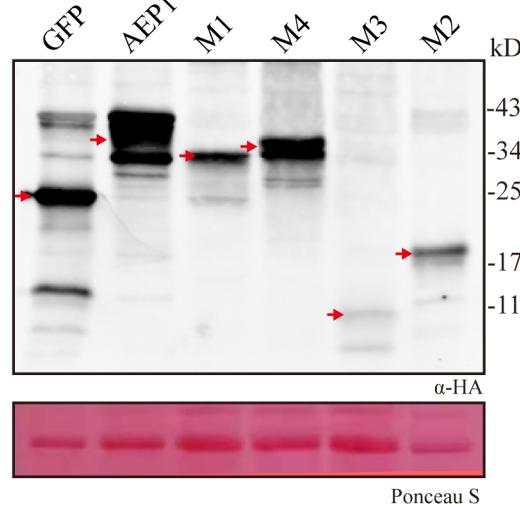
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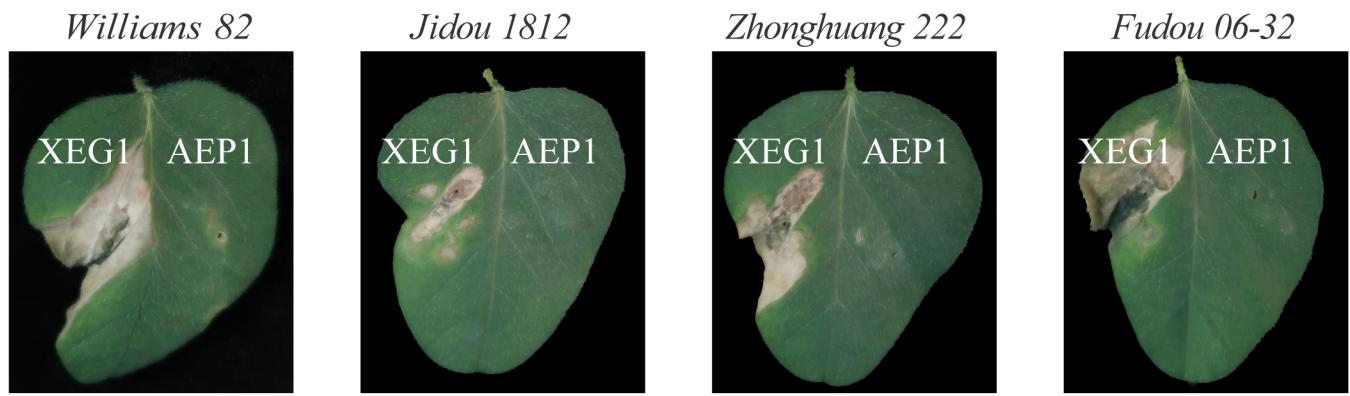
**Supplemental Figure S4.** Physico-chemical properties of AEP1 protein. A, Production of reactive oxygen species (ROS) in *N. benthamiana* leaves treated by 1  $\mu$ M AEP1, heat-treated 1  $\mu$ M AEP1 or SDS treated 1  $\mu$ M AEP1. EV was used as a negative control. Mean values $\pm$ SE of three replicates are shown. B, Dose-response relationship for AEP1-induced ROS in *N. benthamiana* leaves. A concentration gradient of AEP1 protein (0.001 $\mu$ g/ml, 0.01 $\mu$ g/ml, 0.1 $\mu$ g/ml, 1 $\mu$ g/ml, 10 $\mu$ g/ml and 50 $\mu$ g/ml) was tested. The maximums of ROS burst in 1 hour were calculated. Mean values $\pm$ SE of three replicates is shown. C, The predicted secondary structure of AEP1. Helix, sheet and loop are marked as cyan, magenta and lightpink. D, AEP1 protein structural model is built. 2ciq (a hexose-6phosphate mutarotase, yeast ymr099c) was designed as template (32.15% identity with AEP1). Loops containing more than 10 amino acids are signed as loop1, loop2, loop3 and loop4. E, The surface of AEP1 protein structure. The catalytic amino acid E292 is marked as red.



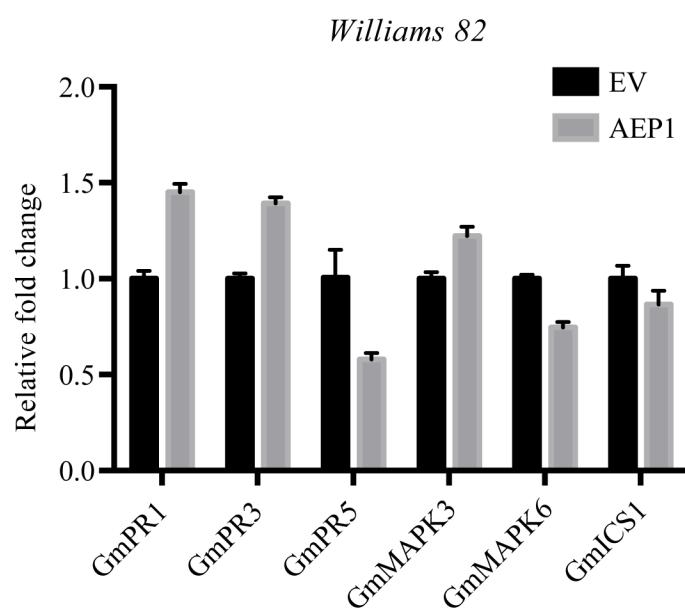
**Supplemental Figure S5.** Sequence (without signal peptide) alignment of secreted aldose 1-epimerase in different *Phytophthora* spp. 4 loops and catalytic amino acid is framed by red boxes.

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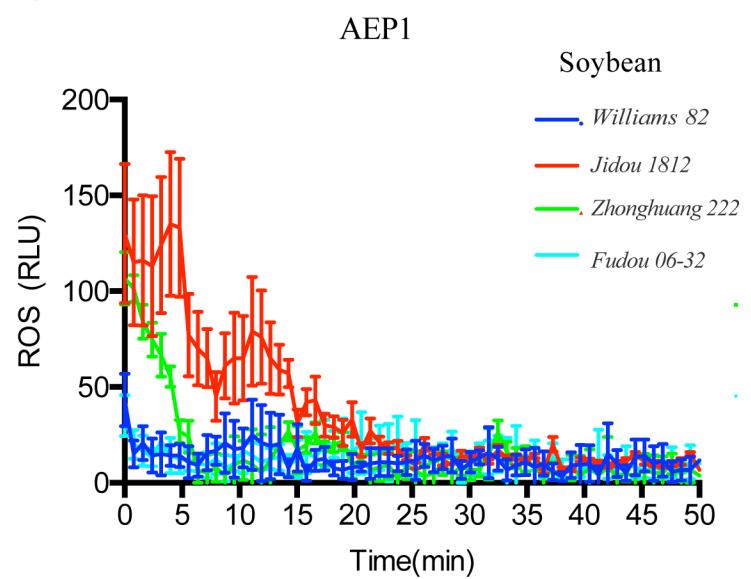
Supplemental Figure S6. The N-terminal region is required for AEP1 triggered cell death. A, The schematic of AEP1 and deletion mutants. B, Cell death triggered by AEP1 or deletion mutants. AEP1 and mutants were transiently expressed in *N. benthamiana* leaves. Cell death was photographed at 4 dpi. The background of photo was deducted for a better display. GFP was used as a negative control. C, Expression of AEP1 and mutants detected by western blot using anti-HA. Ponceau staining was used to indicate the amount of loading in each sample.



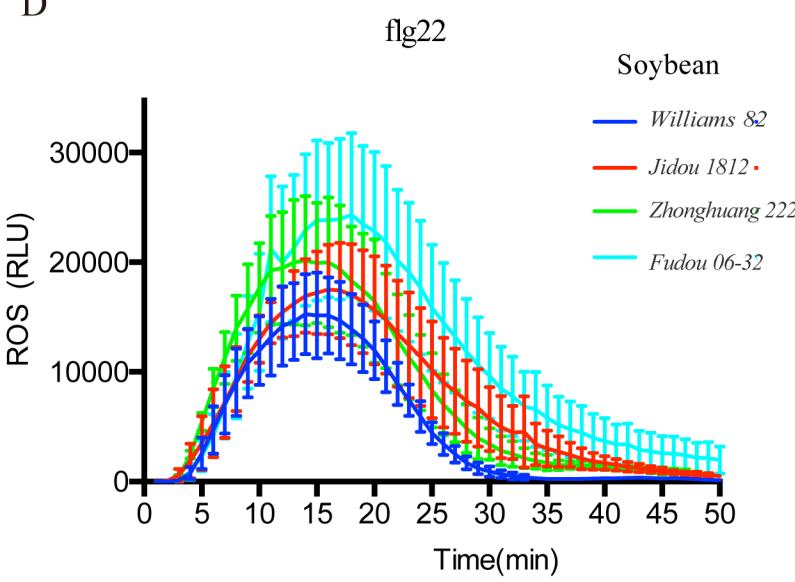
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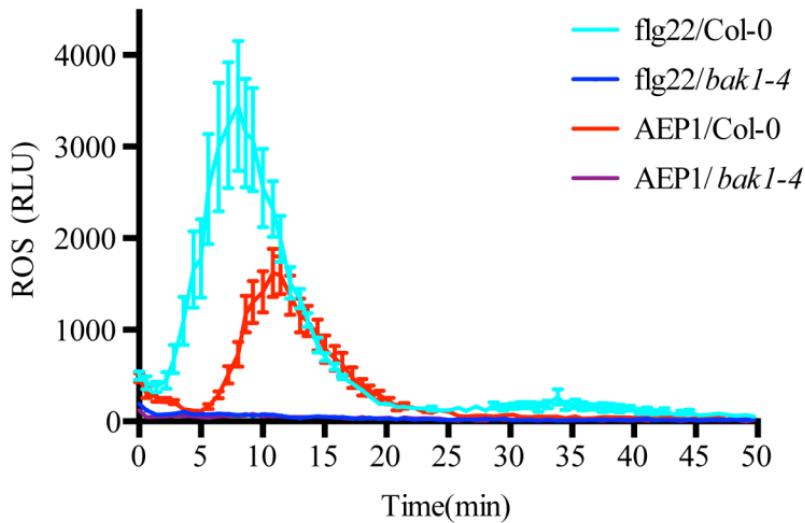
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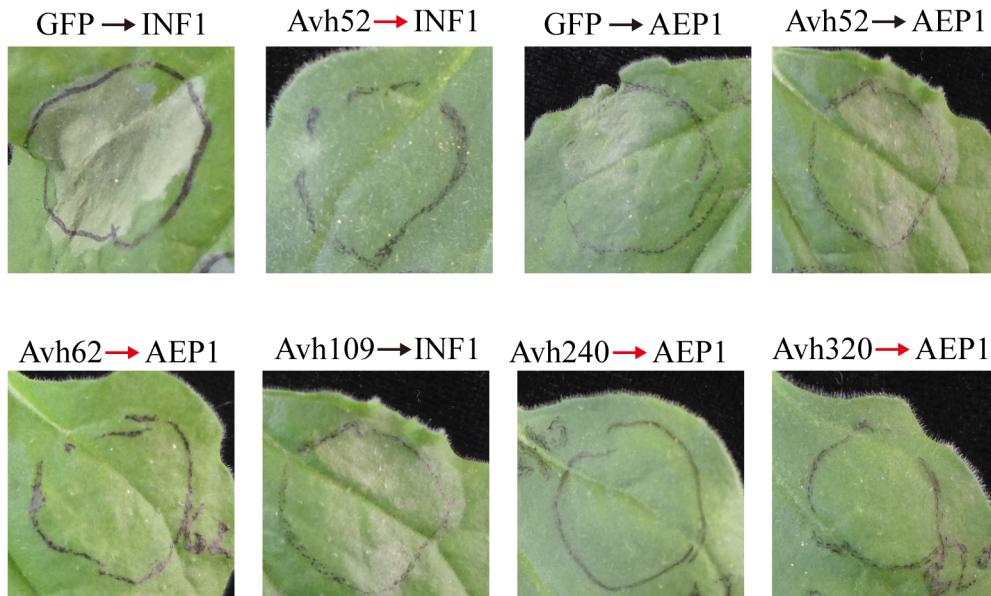
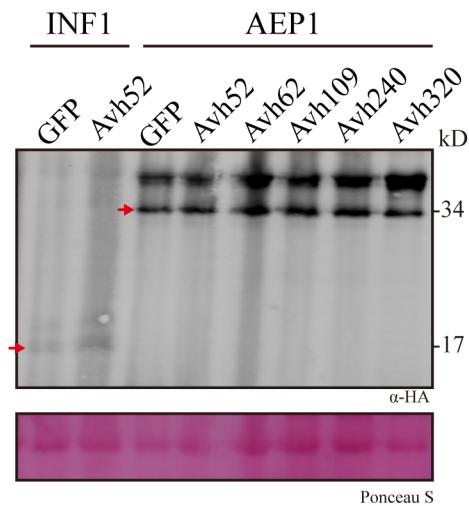
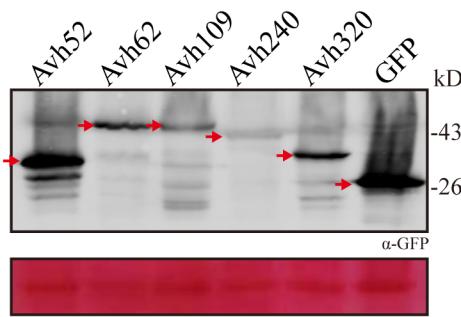
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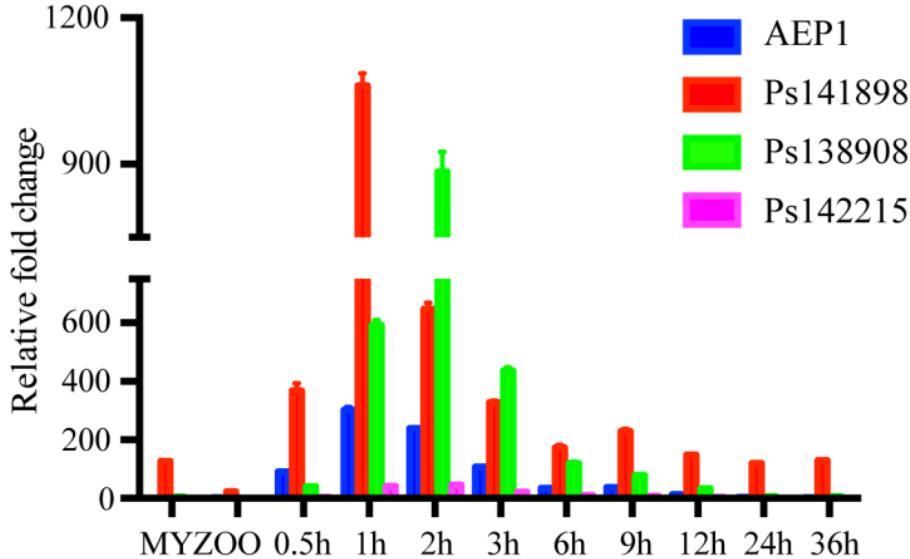
**Supplemental Figure S7.** AEP1 could not trigger cell death or immune responses in soybean. A, Cell death triggered by the purified AEP1 and XEG1 protein. Purified AEP1 protein was infiltrated into soybean leaves ( $20 \mu\text{M}$ ). XEG1 was used as a positive control. Cell death was photographed 7 days after infiltration of indicated proteins. The background of photo was deducted for a better display. Experiment was repeated with similar result. B, Relative expression of defense-related marker genes in soybean roots triggered by AEP1 ( $1 \mu\text{M}$ ). Transcript levels were normalized to soybean *GmCYP2*. Bars represent the mean fold changes of AEP1-treated soybean roots relative to EV-treated soybean roots. The value of EV treated roots was set as 1. All the experiments repeated three times with similar results. C, D, Production of reactive oxygen species (ROS) in soybean leaves treated by  $1 \mu\text{M}$  AEP1 or flg22 ( $200 \text{nM}$ ). flg22 was used as a positive control. Mean values  $\pm$  SE of three replicates are shown.

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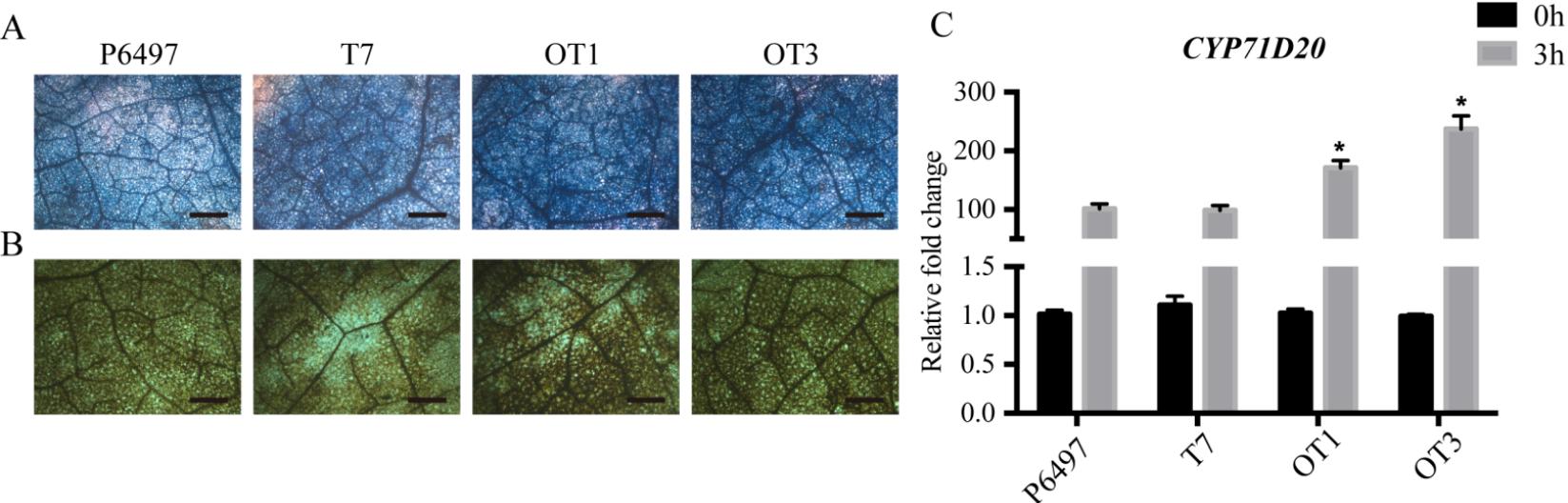
**Supplemental Figure S8.** AEP1 could trigger ROS burst in *Arabidopsis*. Production of reactive oxygen species (ROS) in *Arabidopsis* Col-0 and *bak1-4* leaves treated by 1  $\mu$ M AEP1 or flg22 (200 nM). flg22 was used as a positive control. Mean values $\pm$ SE of three replicates are shown.

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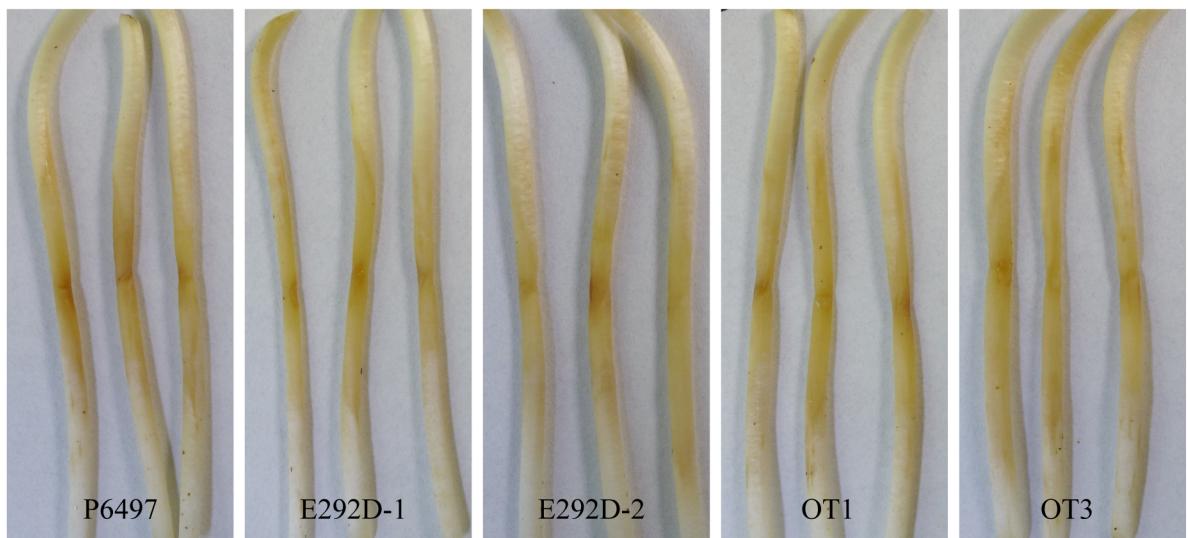
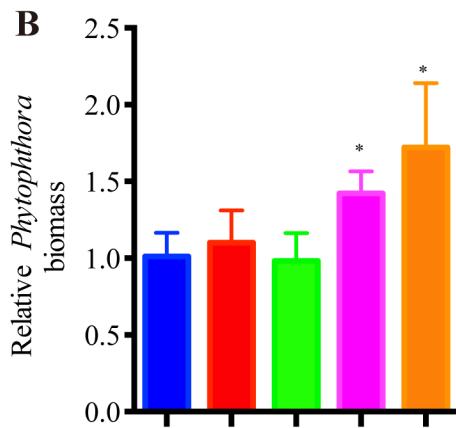
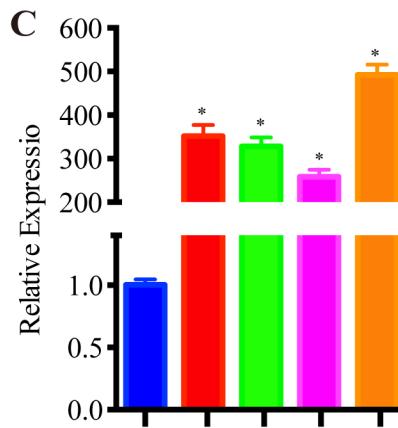
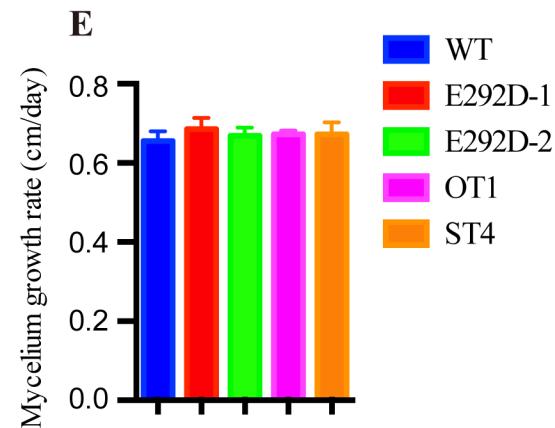
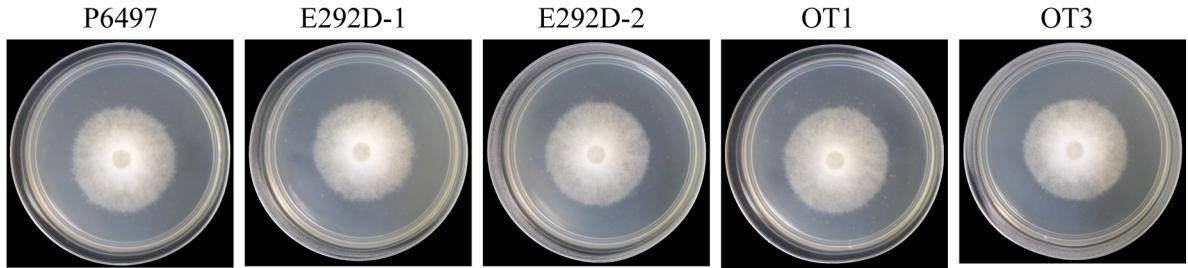
**Supplemental Figure S9.** *Phytophthora sojae* effectors could suppress AEP1 triggered cell death. A, AEP1 or INF1 was agro-infiltrated in *N. benthamiana* 12 h post agro-infiltrated with *P. sojae* RxLR effectors. GFP was used as a negative control. The arrowhead is red when cell death is suppressed. Cell death was photographed 3 days after infiltration with AEP1 and INF1. This experiment was repeated 3 times with similar results. B, Western-blot of INF1 or AEP1 when co-expressed with effectors. C, Western-blot of expressed effectors. Ponceau staining was used to indicate the amount of loading in each sample in each sample.



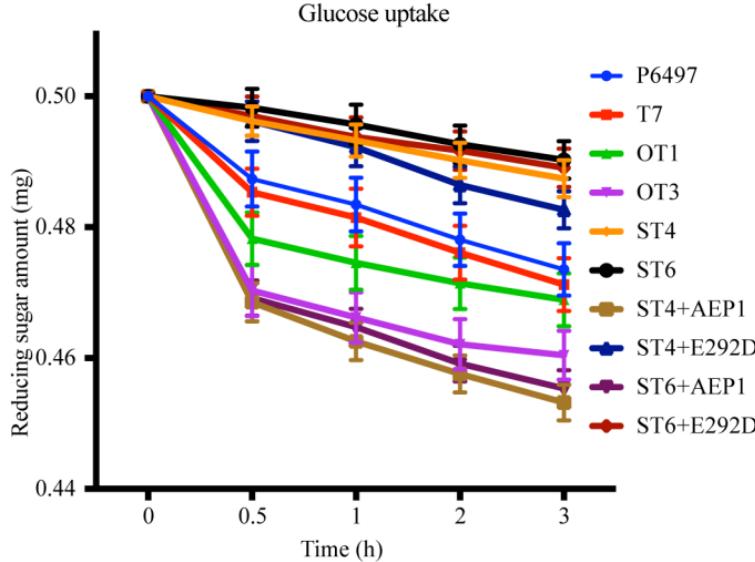
**Supplemental Figure S10.** Aldose 1-epimerases are highly expressed during infection. Relative expression of *P. sojae* aldose 1-epimerases at MY-mycelium, ZOO-zoospores and infection stages. Transcript levels were normalized to *P. sojae* actin. AEP1 expression fold in the mycelium stage was set as 1.



**Supplemental Figure S11.** *Phytophthora sojae* AEP1-overexpression lines triggered stronger immune responses on *N. benthamiana*. A-B, Cell death or H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> accumulation induced by infection of *P. sojae* in leaves of *N. benthamiana*. *N. benthamiana* leaves were inoculated by *P. sojae* zoospores and were collected 2 days post inoculation. Cell death was photographed under a microscope after trypan blue or DAB staining. Bars=500  $\mu$ m. C, Relative expression of *CYP71D20* in *N. benthamiana* leaves triggered by zoospores of *P. sojae*. Samples were collected 0 and 3 hours after soak-inoculated with zoospores (100/10  $\mu$ l). Leaf samples were assayed by RT-qPCR. Transcript levels were normalized to *EF-1 $\alpha$* . Bars represent the mean fold changes of the 3 hours inoculation samples relative to 0 hours inoculation samples, which was set as 1. Error bars represent the standard deviation of three biological repeats. \*, significant differences ( $P < 0.05$ , t-test).

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**Supplemental Figure S12.** AEP1 contributes to *P. sojae* virulence by its enzyme activity. **A**, Disease symptoms of the etiolated soybean seedlings inoculated with *P. sojae* strains. Disease symptoms were photographed 2 days post inoculation (dpi). *Phytophthora* infection assay was repeated three times with similar results. **B**, Relative biomass of *P. sojae* strains detected in the inoculated etiolated soybean seedlings. Inoculated samples were collected 2 dpi and were used to isolate gDNA for quantitative PCR. The values were calculated by normalizing *P. sojae* actin to soybean *GmCYP2* and the value detected in P6497-inoculated sample was set as 1. Error bars represent the standard deviation of three biological repeats. \*, significant differences ( $P < 0.05$ , t-test). **C**, Transcript levels of *AEP1* in mycelium of *P. sojae* transformants assayed by RT-qPCR. *P. sojae* actin was used as an internal reference. *AEP1* expression levels were normalized to that detected in P6497. \*, significant differences ( $P < 0.05$ , t-test). **D, E**, *P. sojae* strains were cultured on V8 medium. Colonies were photographed and their growth was measured. Error bars represent the standard deviation of three biological repeats.



**Supplemental Figure S13.** Time points of the amount of extracellular D-glucose uptaken by *Phytophthora* strains. Error bars represent the standard deviation of three biological repeats.

Supplementary table 1

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Supplemental Table S2

AEP1 sgRNAs

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