A bacterial kinase phosphorylates OSK1 to suppress stomatal immunity in rice

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Supplementary Information

Supplementary Figure 1. Sequence alignment of XopC2 and its homologs. XopC2 homologs were identified by PSI-BLAST searches against full-length protein sequence of XopC2. The protein sequences of XopC2 and its homologs from X. oryzae pv. oryzae (Xoo), X. campestris pv. vesicatoria (Xcv), Acidovorax citrulli (Ac), X. translucens (Xt), Ralstonia solanacearum (Rs) and Legionella shakespearei (Ls), a closely relative of the human pathogen L. pneumophila, were aligned with COBALT, and were then colored using

JalView. The putative catalytic domain and P-loop-like motif are highly conserved and labeled. * indicates three conserved residues of the putative catalytic triad. The predicted secondary structures including α-helices and β-sheets are also marked.

Supplementary Figure 2. Phylogenetic analysis of different families of bacterial effector kinase domains. Amino-acid sequences of different effector kinase domains were aligned with COBALT, and phylogenetic tree was constructed via MEGA 7 using the Maximum Likelihood method based on the JTT matrix-based model with 500 bootstraps.

Supplementary Figure 3. The growth phenotypes and agronomic traits of the transgenic rice lines expressing XopC2 and its variants. a, The expression of XopC2-FLAG under the 35S promoter in the OE-1 and OE-10 transgenic rice lines was detected by immunoblotting. b, DEX-induced expression of XopC2-FLAG, XopC2^{D391A}-FLAG and XopC2^{N396A}-FLAG was detected by immunoblotting in the IE-17, IE-37, IE-D391A-2 and IE-N396A-14 transgenic rice lines. The IE transgenic lines transformed with pTA7001-xopC2-FLAG, pTA7001-xopC2^{D391A}-FLAG and pTA7001-xopC2N396A-FLAG were treated with DEX (30 μM in 0.01% Silwet L77) or 0.01% Silwet L77 (Mock) before protein extraction. Upper panels, XopC2-FLAG and its variants were detected by western blotting with an anti-FLAG antibody in the indicated transgenic lines. Lower panels, the same blots were stained with Ponceau S to show protein loading. WT, the wild-type

plant; α-FLAG, anti-FLAG antibody; DEX, dexamethasone; -, without DEX treatment; $+$, with DEX treatment. **c-d**, The representative image (c) and the average height (d) of 4-week-old seedlings of the wild-type, IE-17, IE-37, OE-1 and OE-10 transgenic lines. e-f, The representative image (e) and the average height (f) of 4-month-old plants of the wild-type, IE-17, IE-37, OE-1 and OE-10 transgenic lines. g-h, The leaf width (g) and chlorophyll content (h) of 4-week-old seedlings of the wild-type, IE-17, IE-37, OE-1 and OE-10 transgenic lines. Leaf width was measured in the middle region of the $4th$ leaves for each plant. Chlorophyll was extracted from the 4th leaves with acetone. Total chlorophyll contents were measured by a spectrophotometer and calculated using the equation Chlorophyll = $20.2 \times OD_{645} + 8.02 \times OD_{663}$. i, The hundred-grain weight of the wild-type, IE-17, IE-37, OE-1 and OE-10 transgenic lines. Bars indicate means \pm SE in **d**, **f**, **g**, **h** and **i** (n = 8, 10, 8, 5) and 6 technical replicates, respectively). These experiments were all independently repeated for 3 times with similar results. Statistical analyses showed no significant difference in agronomic traits among the wild-type and different transgenic lines in **d, f-i** (One-way ANOVA, Tukey's honest significance test).

Supplementary Figure 4. Effects of XopC2 and its variants on disease symptoms and stomatal conductance in the transgenic plants after spray and pressure inoculation. a, The length of disease lesions on the pressure-inoculated wild-type (NIP) and IE-17 transgenic rice leaves after mock and DEX treatments. The wild-type and transgenic rice leaves were

pressure infiltrated with the Xoc RS105 and xopC2-knockout (ΔxopC2) strains at 24 hours after spraying with DEX and mock buffer. The lesion length was measured for leaves at 14 days post inoculation (dpi) (n = 15 for RS105-inoculated wild-type plant leaves, 14 for ΔxopC2-inoculated wild-type plant leaves, 12 for RS105-inoculated and ΔxopC2-inoculated mock-treated IE-17 leaves, 11 for RS105-inoculated and ΔxopC2-inoculated DEX-treated IE-17 leaves, respectively). Statistical analyses showed no significant difference in the length of disease lesions on the wild-type and transgenic plant leaves after pressure inoculation. b, Disease lesions on the ΔxopC2-inoculated wild-type and IE-17 transgenic plant leaves after spray inoculation. Three-week-old seedlings were sprayed with 30 μ M DEX in 0.01% Silwet L77 or 0.01% Silwet L77 (Mock) followed by spray inoculation of ΔxopC2 suspension after 24 hours. Photographs were taken at 4 dpi. c, Bacterial population sizes in the ΔxopC2-inoculated leaves of the wild-type and IE-17 transgenic plants. The 3-week-old seedlings were treated with DEX and mock buffer for 24 hours followed by spraying with ΔxopC2. Bacterial population was determined at 4 dpi. d, Stomatal conductance (Gs) of rice leaves in the wild-type, IE-17 and IE-37 transgenic lines with or without ΔxopC2 inoculation. The DEX- and mock-treated 3-week-old seedlings were spray-inoculated with ΔxopC2 and mock buffer. Gs was measured at 2 dpi. e, Time course assay on Gs of the wild-type rice leaves after challenging with RS105, ΔxopC2, C-ΔxopC2 and C-ΔxopC2^{D391A}. Gs was measured at 0, 6, 12, 24, 48 and 72 hpi. f, Gs in the wild-type and XopC2-overexpressing transgenic plant leaves after spray inoculation with the wild-type and ΔxopC2 strains. Three-week-old seedlings were sprayed with RS105 and ΔxopC2 suspensions. Gs was measured at 2 dpi. Data are shown as means \pm SE (n = 3 technical replicates in c and $n = 8$ technical replicates in d , e , f). These experiments were all independently repeated for 3 times with similar results. Different letters (a-c) indicate statistically significant differences in c , d , e and f , as revealed by one-way ANOVA, Tukey's honest significance test.

Supplementary Figure 5. Leaf senescence, jasmonic acid and salicyclic acid contents, and expression of the marker genes in jasmonate, strigolactone and auxin signaling in XopC2-expressing transgenic rice seedlings. a-b, MeJA-induced expression of the JA-responsive genes OsLOX2 (a) and OsJAZ8 (b) was enhanced in XopC2-expressing rice seedlings. The six-day-old seedlings were treated with DEX or mock buffer for 24 h followed by MeJA application (50 μM). Gene expression was detected by qRT-PCR using OsActin as an internal reference gene. Data are presented as means \pm SE (n = 3 technical replicates). $*$ indicates a significant difference in relative gene expression levels between mock and DEX treatments (two-sided *t*-test; **, $P < 0.01$; ***, $P < 0.001$). **c**, MeJA-induced leaf senescence in the wild-type and XopC2-expressing transgenic lines. Leaf pieces were collected from the $5th$ leaves of DEX- and mock-treated rice plants (6-week-old) and were then incubated in 0, 50, 100 μM of MeJA for 4 days in the dark. d-e, The endogenous contents of SA (d) and JA (e) in the wild-type and IE-17 transgenic lines. SA and JA were extracted with acetone from the DEX- and mock-treated rice seedlings (4-week-old) at 2 days after treatment, and were quantified using ELISA. The JA and SA contents were determined by comparing the absorbance of samples to standard curve. Data are presented as means \pm SE (n = 4 technical replicates). No significant difference in relative SA and JA contents was detected in the IE-17 transgenic lines after mock and DEX treatments by one-way ANOVA, Tukey's honest significance test. f-g, The expression of SA-biosynthesis genes OsICS1 (f) and OsPAL1 (g) in the wild-type and IE-17 transgenic seedlings at 24 hours after treatments. **h-i**, rac-GR24-induced expression of the strigolactone-responsive gene D10 (h) or NAA-induced expression of the auxin-responsive gene OsIAA9 (i) was not altered by DEX treatment in IE-17 and IE-37 transgenic rice seedlings. These seedlings (six-day-old) were treated with DEX or mock solution for 24 hours, followed by the application of 30 μM rac-GR24 or 10 μM NAA for 6 hours. Gene expression was detected as described in a-b. In f-i, Data are presented as means \pm SE (n = 3 technical replicates). No significant difference in relative gene expression levels was detected in the IE transgenic lines after mock and DEX treatments by one-way ANOVA, Tukey's honest significance test. These experiments were all independently repeated for 3 times with similar results.

Supplementary Figure 6. XopC2 promotes OsJAZ protein degradation in rice protoplasts. a, The accumulation of OsJAZ12/13-HA was greatly reduced in XopC2-FLAG-expressing transgenic rice protoplasts. Individual OsJAZ-HA proteins were transiently expressed in rice protoplasts isolated from IE-17 transgenic seedlings under mock and DEX treatments for 12 hours. Immunoblotting analyses were performed to detect OsJAZs-HA, XopC2-FLAG and β-OsActin (as a protein loading control). MG132, a proteasome inhibitor, was added to inhibit 26S proteasome-mediated protein degradation. **b**, Reduced OsJAZ9-HA accumulation in rice protoplasts was caused by XopC2-FLAG expression, not by DEX treatment. Rice protoplasts prepared from the wild-type (WT) and IE-17 transgenic seedlings were transfected with pUC19-35S::OsJAZ9-3HA and were treated with DEX or mock solution for 12 hours. OsJAZ9-HA, XopC2-FLAG and β-OsActin were detected by immunoblotting. β-OsActin indicates total protein loading. The experiments were independently repeated for 3 times with similar results in a and **b**.

Supplementary Figure 7. XopC2-induced degradation of OsJAZ9 in the OsJAZ9-HA-expressing transgenic rice plants. a, Expression of OsJAZ9-HA driven by the native and 35S promoters in the OsJAZ9-HA-NE-2 and OsJAZ9-HA-OE-11 transgenic rice lines, respectively, were detected by immunoblotting with an anti-HA antibody (α-HA). Lower panel, the same blots were stained with Ponceau S to show protein loading. WT, the wild-type Nipponbare plant. b, OsJAZ9-HA was rapidly degraded during Xoc infection, but remained relatively stable after ΔxopC2 infection. Three-week-old transgenic seedlings constitutively expressing OsJAZ9-HA were sprayed with the strains RS105, ΔxopC2, C-ΔxopC2 complemented with a wild-type copy of xopC2 or C-ΔxopC2D391A complemented with a kinase-defective copy of xopC2. OsJAZ9-HA was detected by immunoblotting at the indicated time-points post inoculation. The experiments were independently repeated for 3 times with similar results in a and b.

Supplementary Figure 8. The mutations at Thr³², Ser⁵³, Ser⁹² and Thr¹⁴⁹ residues attenuate XopC2-catalyzed OSK1 phosphorylation. a, In vitro kinase assays showed that His6-SUMO-OsUBA1 (E1), UBCH 5α (E2) or HA-ubiquitin were not phosphorylated by XopC2. Left panel, protein phosphorylation was detected by autoradiography. Right panel, protein loading was indicated by CBB staining. **b**, OSK1 was phosphorylated at the Thr³², Ser⁵³ and Ser⁹² residues as revealed by LC-MS/MS analysis. After in vitro phosphorylation reaction, His6-XopC2 and His6-OSK1 were digested with trypsin, and were then subject to LC-MS/MS analysis. Thr 32 , Ser 53 and Ser 92 phosphorylation was identified by MS/MS spectra of three OSK1 peptides including

SSDGEEFEVEEAVAMESQ(phosphorylated)TIRHMIEDDCADNGIPLPNVN (upper panel), HMIEDDCADNGIPLPNVN(phosphorylated)SKILSK (middle panel) and AADDAASAAAAVPPP(phosphorylated)SGEDLKNWDADFVK (lower panel). c, Structure modeling of OSK1. The 3-D structure of OSK1 was predicted via homology modeling with SWISS-MODEL. The image was generated with Accelrys Discovery Studio 2.5. The labeled Ser and Thr residues exposed on the surface of 3-D structure are predicted to be phosphosites. d, XopC2-mediated phosphorylation of OSK1^{T32A}, OSK1^{S53A}, OSK1^{S92A} and OSK1^{T149A} was greatly attenuated compared with OSK1 phosphorylation. In in vitro phosphorylation assays, His6-XopC2 was incubated with OSK1 and alanine-replaced mutants at candidate phosphosites (Ser¹⁵, Thr³², Ser⁵³, Tyr⁶², Ser⁸³, Ser⁹², Thr¹³³, Thr¹⁴², Thr¹⁴⁹ and Thr¹⁵⁷) individually. Upper panel, protein phosphorylation was detected by autoradiography; lower panel, protein loading was indicated by CBB staining. The experiments were independently repeated for 3 times with similar results in a and d.

Supplementary Figure 9. XopC2 phosphorylates OSK1 at Ser⁵³ and enhances JA signaling. a, Expression of OSK1-FLAG driven by a maize ubiquitin promoter in the transgenic rice lines was detected using an anti-FLAG antibody (α-FLAG). Protein loading is indicated by Ponceau S staining. NIP, Nipponbare. **b**, XopC2 preferentially phosphorylated OSK1 at Ser⁵³ when co-expressed in rice protoplasts. OSK1T32A/S92A/T149A-FLAG and OSK1T32A/S53A/S92A/T149A-FLAG were expressed alone, with XopC2-HA or XopC2D391A-HA in rice protoplasts. OSK1-FLAG variants were immunoprecipitated from protein extracts of transfected protoplasts with

anti-FLAG M2 affinity beads. Phosphorylated and total OSK1-FLAG was quantified after immunoblotting as described in Fig. 4b. Data are presented as means \pm SE (n = 3 independent experiments). The letters (a, b) indicate a statistically significant difference in signal intensity (one-way ANOVA, Tukey's honest significance test). c, Time course assay on OSK1 phosphorylation at Ser⁵³ after infection of different *Xoc* strains. The OsJAZ9-HA-NE-2 transgenic seedlings were inoculated as described in Fig. 3d. OSK1 phosphorylation at Ser53 was detected by immunoblotting with an anti-pSer53 polyclonal antibody. d, Expression of OSK1^{S53D}-FLAG driven by native promoter (left) and a maize ubiquitin promoter (right) in the transgenic rice lines was detected by western blotting with an anti-FLAG antibody (α-FLAG). Protein loading is indicated by Ponceau S staining. NIP, Nipponbare. e, Bacterial population sizes in the ΔxopC2-inoculated wild-type and OSK1 transgenic seedlings. The transgenic rice lines OSK1-OE-2/8 and OSK1S53D-OE-13/22 were spray-inoculated as described in Fig. 2a. Data are shown as means \pm SE (n = 3 technical replicates). The letters (a, b) indicate a statistically significant difference in bacterial population sizes (one-way ANOVA, Tukey's honest significance test). f, Stomatal conductance of the wild-type and OSK1 transgenic plant leaves after ΔxopC2 inoculation. Data are shown as means ± SE (n = 8 technical replicates). The letters (a, b) indicate a statistically significant difference in Gs of the wild-type and different transgenic lines (one-way ANOVA, Tukey's honest significance test). g-h, MeJA-induced expression of the JA-responsive genes OsLOX2 (g) and OsJAZ8 (h) in the wild-type, OSK1- and OSK1^{S53D}-overexpressing transgenic plants. Data are shown as means \pm SE (n = 3 technical replicates). The letters (a, b) indicate a statistically significant difference in relative gene expression levels (one-way ANOVA, Duncan's multiple range test). These experiments were all independently repeated for 3 times with similar results.

Supplementary Figure 10. The S53D mutation enhances OSK1 binding to OsCOI1b but not to OsCullin1a. a, Co-IP assays to detect the interactions of OsCullin1a-FLAG with OSK1-HA and with OSK1^{S53D}-HA in rice protoplasts. OsCullin1a-FLAG was transiently expressed alone or together with OSK1-HA and OSK1^{S53D}-HA individually in rice protoplasts. The input proteins and immunocomplex were detected by immunoblotting using anti-HA and anti-FLAG antibodies. IP, immunoprecipitation; α-HA, anti-HA antibody; α-FLAG, anti-FLAG antibody. The experiments were independently repeated for 3 times with similar results. **b**, The 3-D structure of OsCOI1b-OSK1-Cullin1-RBX1 constructed via homology modeling with the ASK1-COI1-JAZ (PDB: 3OGM) and Cul1-Rbx1-Skp1-F box^{Skp2} (PDB: 1LDK) complexes as templates. The conserved regions I (cyan) and II (green) of OSK1 interact with OsCOI1b and Cullin1, respectively. The Ser⁵³ residue was colored with magenta. The N-terminal flexible tail of OsCOI1b missing from the structure was arbitrarily labelled with a dotted red line. c, The 3-D structures of OSK1-OsCOI1b, OSK1-D3 and OSK1-OsTIR1 complexes constructed by

homology modelling using ASK1-COI1-JAZ (PDB: 3OGM), AtD14-D3-ASK1 (PDB: 5HZG) and TIR1-ASK1(PDB: 2P1M) crystal structures as templates, respectively. OsCOI1b and COI1 contain a special extended N-terminal tail that was missing from the predicted structure and was arbitrarily drawn, while D3 and OsTIR1 do not. The structures were generated with PyMOL.

Supplementary Table 1, Primers, bacteria strains, plants and reagent in this study.

