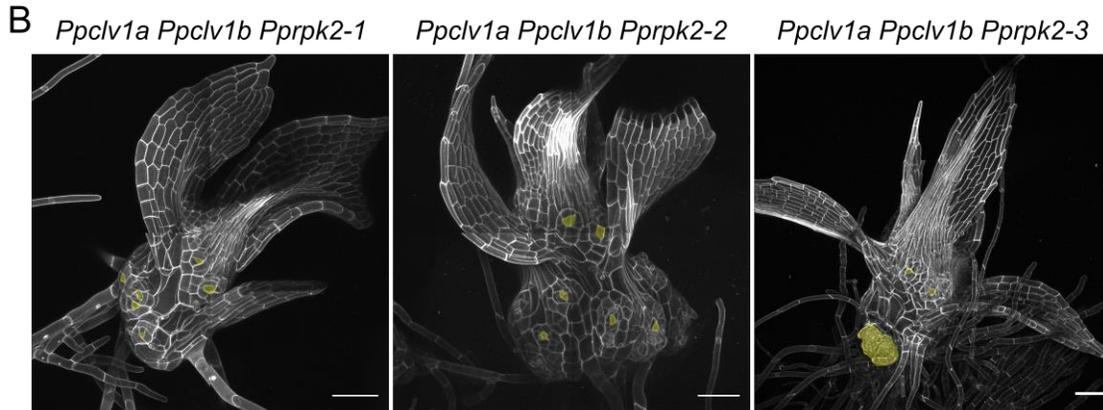


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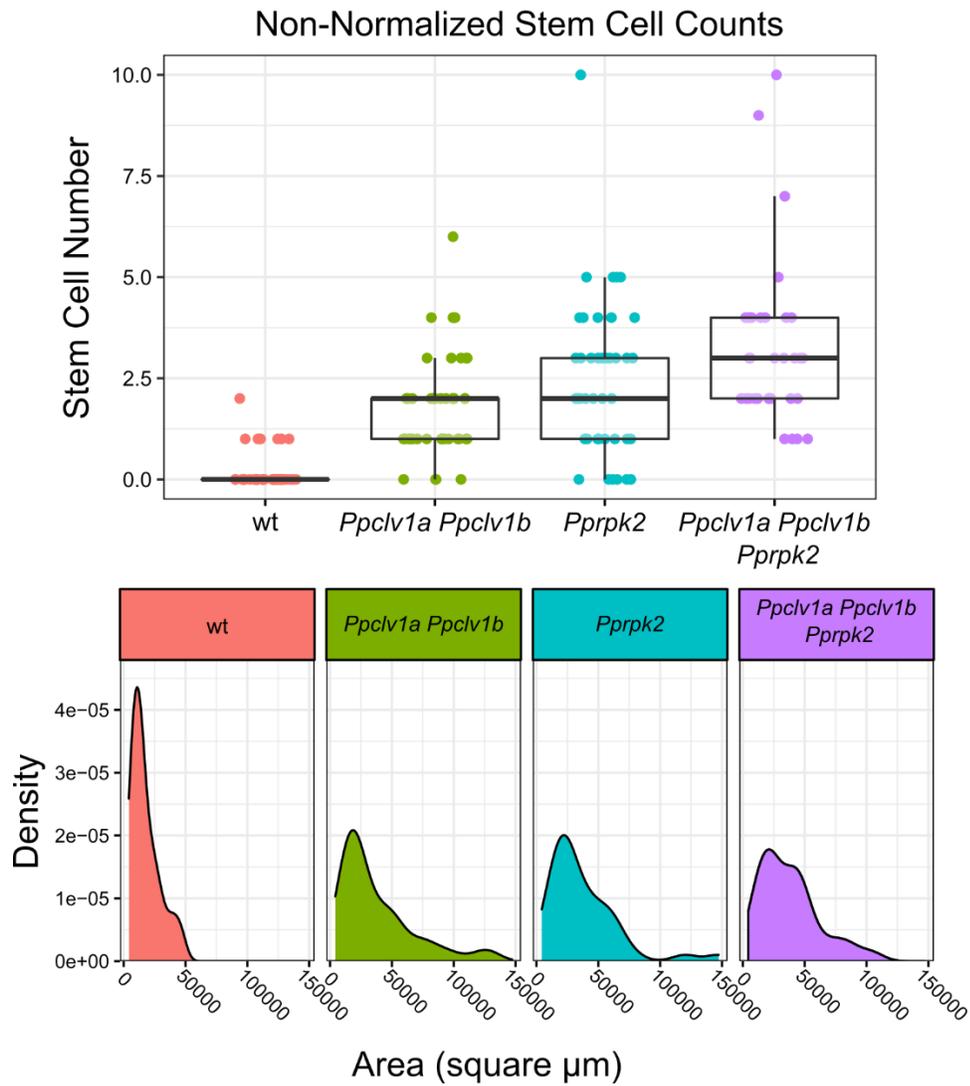
**A**

		gRNA		PAM
<i>PpRPK2</i>	GGCG	AGGGGGGTTT	GAGCGACGAT	GGCC
<i>Ppclv1a Ppclv1b Pprpk2-1</i>	GGCGAGGGGGGTTT	GAGCG	----	(11) ---ACGCTCCTTGCGGT
<i>Ppclv1a Ppclv1b Pprpk2-2</i>	GG	-----	(29)	-----CGCTCCTTGCGGT
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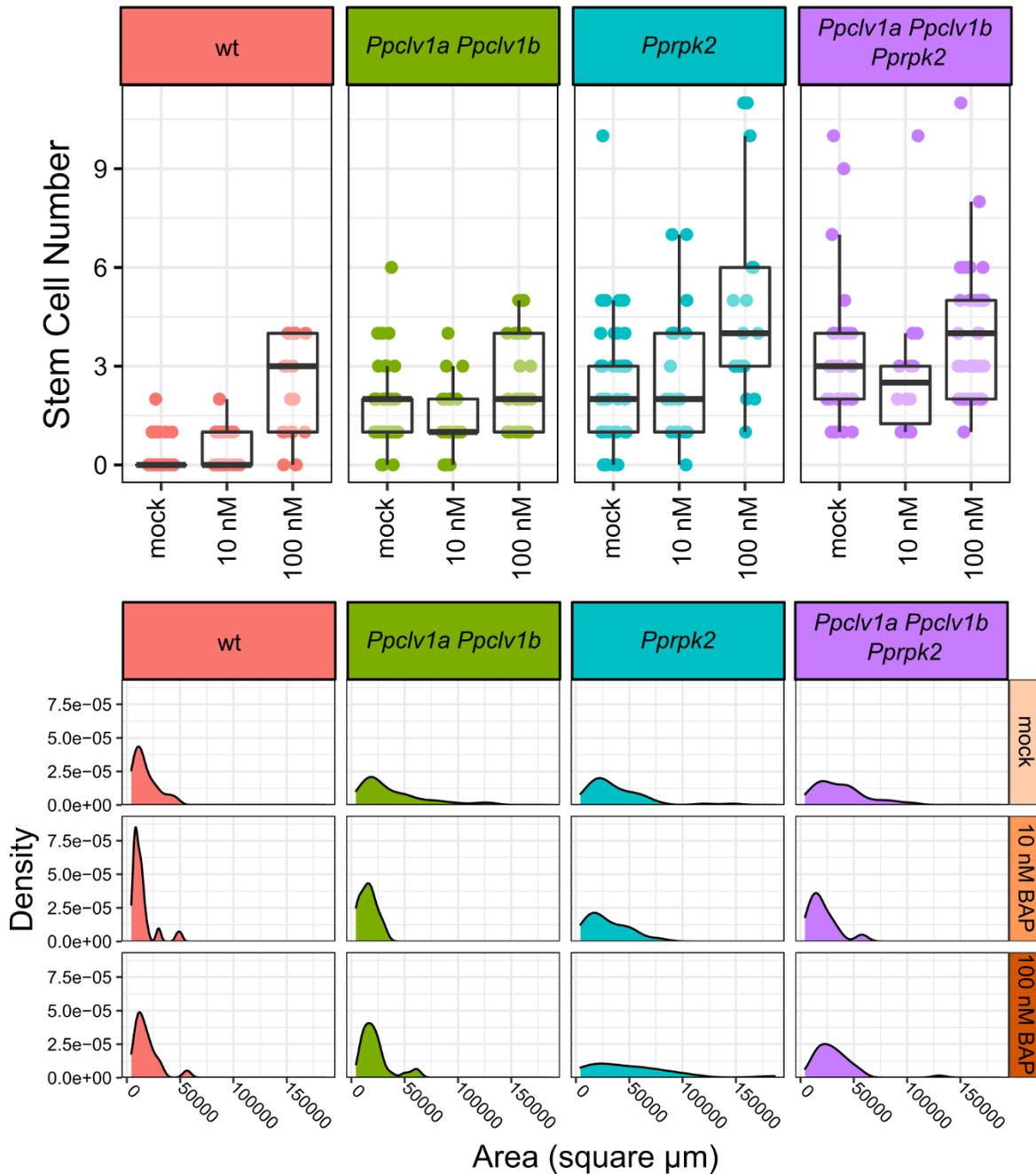
**Supplemental Figure 1: Characterization of three *Ppclv1a Ppclv1b Pprpk2* triple mutant lines.** We transformed *Ppclv1a Ppclv1b-8* double mutants (Whitewoods, Cammarata et al. 2018) with plasmids expressing a *PpRPK2*-targeting gRNA, Cas9, and a selectable marker. We generated independent lines with *Pprpk2*-like colony phenotypes and selected three for in-depth phenotyping of gametophore morphogenesis, shown here. **A)** Portion of *PpRPK2* exon 1 with gRNA target sequence and PAM (Protospacer Adjacent Motif) highlighted. Below, aligned sequences of the *Pprpk2* mutant loci from three *Ppclv1 Pprpk2* lines. **B)** All *Ppclv1 Pprpk2* mutants display the short stature, ectopic stem cell phenotypes, and ectopic midrib specification representative of a combination of *Ppclv1* and *Pprpk2* phenotypes.

## Non-normalized data for untreated wt and mutant shoots

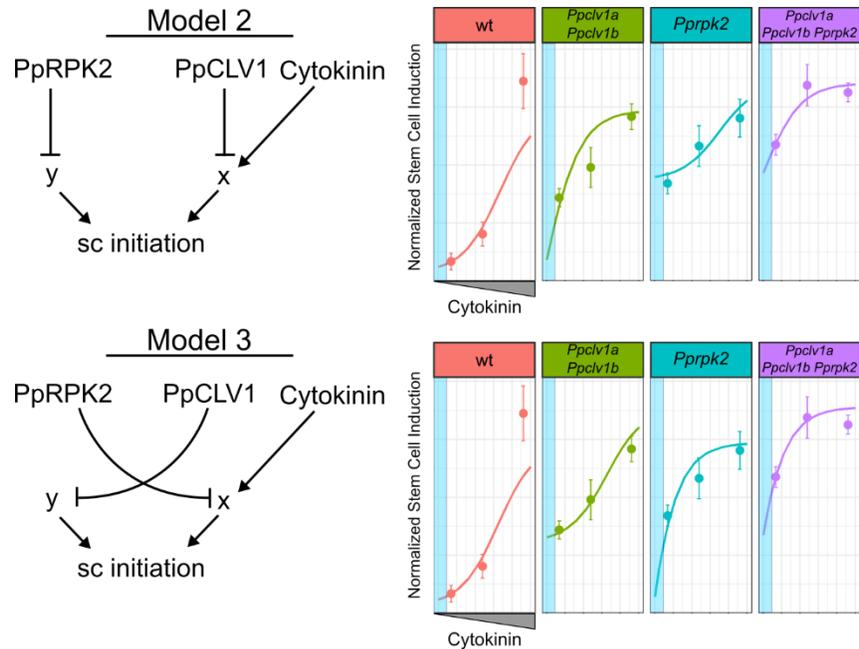


**Supplemental Figure 2: Non-normalized data set of wt, Ppclv1a Ppclv1b, Pprpk2, and Ppclv1a Ppclv1b Pprpk2 gametophores.** Top panel: boxplot representing raw number of stem cells observed on gametophores at each condition. Lower panel: density plot showing distribution of stem areas from which stem cell measurements were taken.

## Non-Normalized Stem Cell Counts



**Supplemental Figure 3: Non-normalized data set of mock and cytokinin-treated *wt*, *Ppclv1a Ppclv1b*, *Pprpk2*, and *Ppclv1a Ppclv1b Pprpk2* gametophores.** Top panel: boxplot representing raw number of stem cells observed on gametophores at each condition. The normalized data is presented in Figure 3M. Lower panel: density plot showing distribution of stem areas from which stem cell measurements were taken. Includes data from Supplemental Figure 2 to parallel main text. See results section for statistics from Poisson regression.

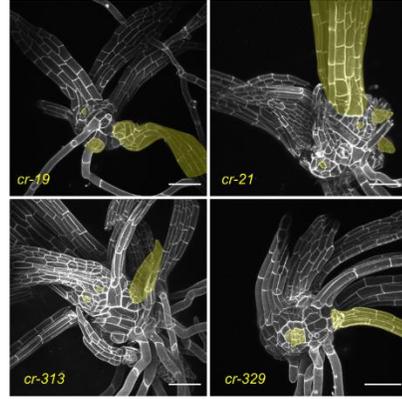


**Supplemental Figure 4: Predictions of stem cell initiation at zero cytokinin.** The best performing models of stem cell initiation in wild type *Ppclv1a Ppclv1b*, *Pprpk2*, and *Ppclv1a Ppclv1b Pprpk2* triple mutants with and without exogenous cytokinin were used to predict stem cell initiation levels if cytokinin signaling were abolished (highlighted blue). Each model predicted a reduction in stem cell initiation. More informatively, mutants of whichever gene that acts upstream of x would see their stem cell initiation phenotypes fully suppressed upon reduced cytokinin (*PpRPK2* above, *PpCLV1* below). Data points and error bars represent empirical stem cell per area values normalized to wild type grown on mock-treated media. From left to right: mock, 10 nM BAP, 100 nM BAP. Solid lines represent model simulations after optimization of parameters to the data.

A

*Ppclv1a Ppclv1b Ppchk1 Ppchk2 Ppchk3* quintuple

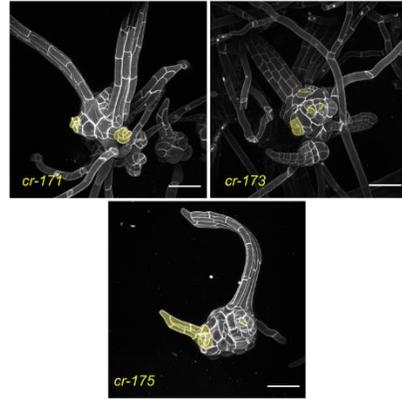
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GAGACTTTGACAGTGCCCG	-----	(20) -----AG
PAM	gRNA	
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GACCCCTTCCGGAAG	-----	(7) -----GCTCTGGGATCGACCCAG
GACCCCTTCCG	-----	(11) -----ACGCTCCTTGC
GACCCCTTCCGGA	-----	(58) -----GGT



B

*Pprpk2 Ppchk1 Ppchk2 Ppchk3* quadruple

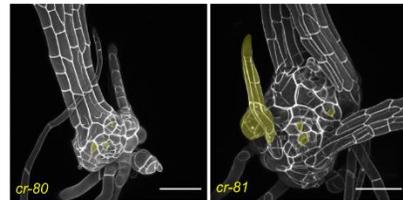
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GCGGAGGGTTGAGCG	-----	(58) -----GGT



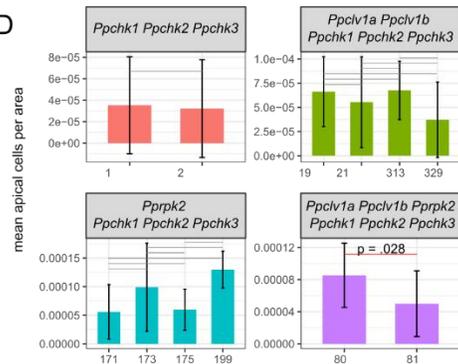
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*Ppclv1a Ppclv1b Pprpk2 Ppchk1 Ppchk2 Ppchk3* sextuple

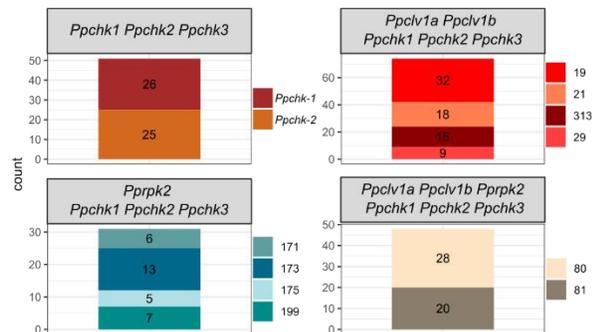
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PAM	gRNA	
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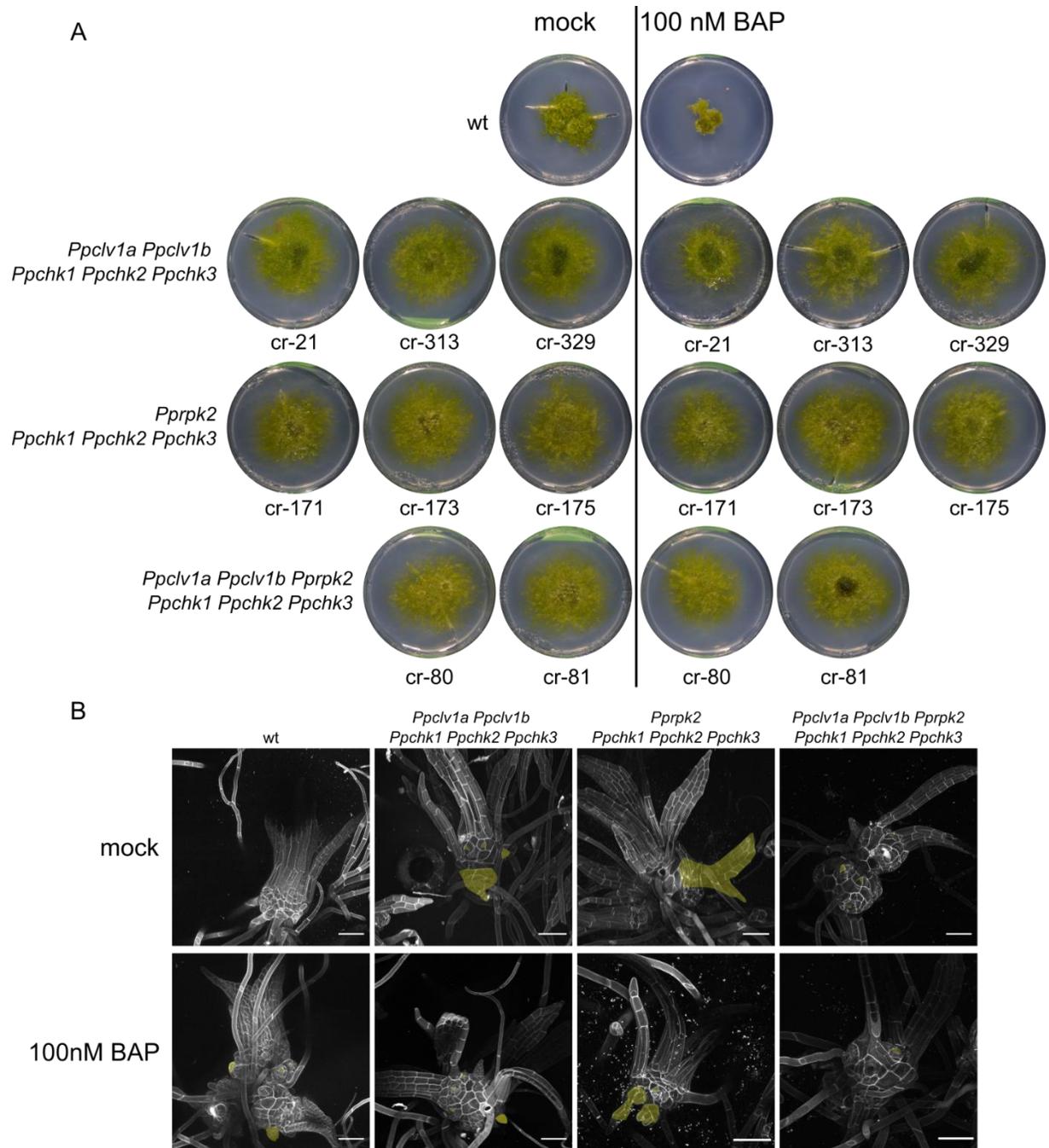


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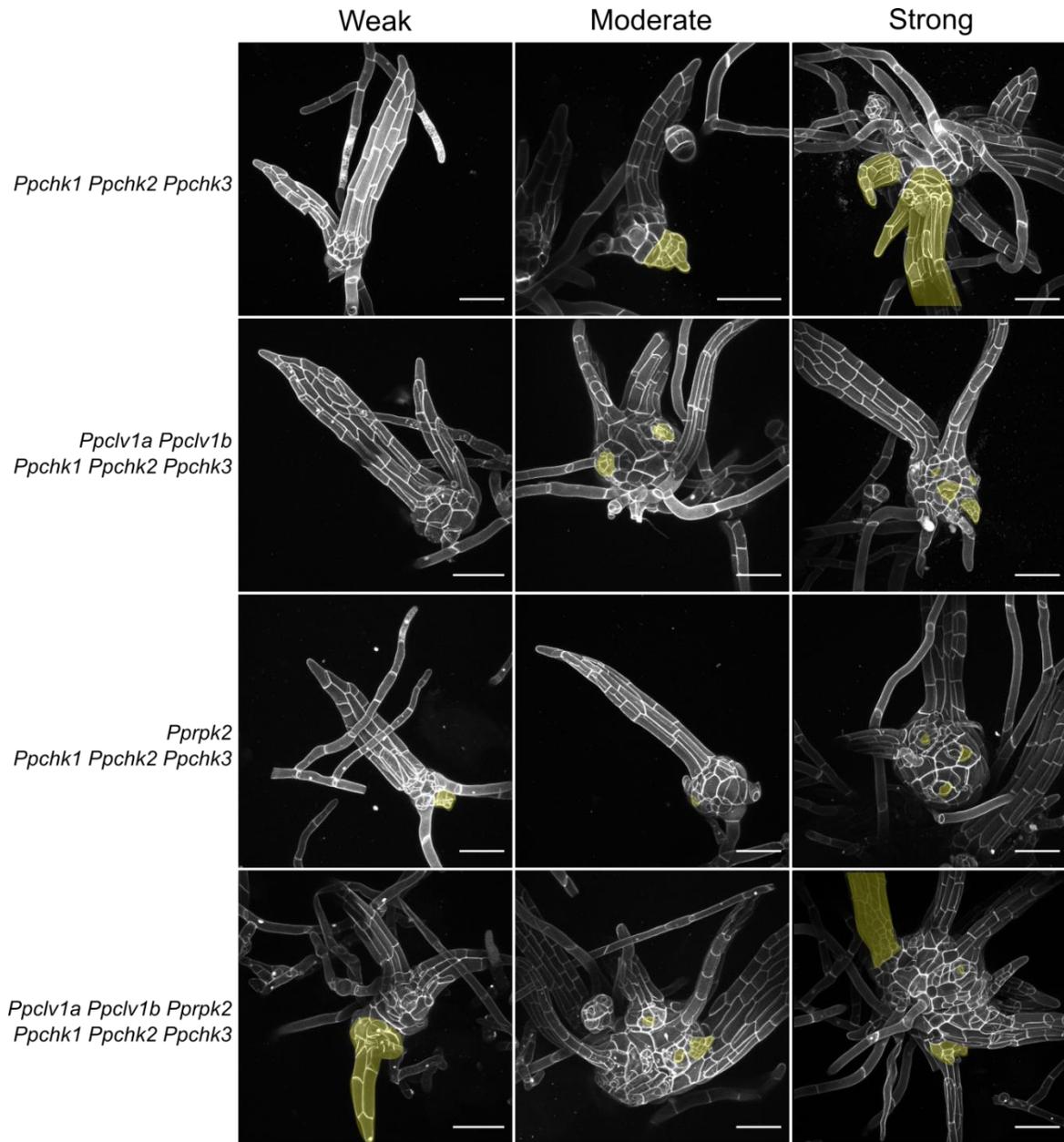


**Supplemental Figure 5: genotyping higher order *Ppclv1 Pprpk2 Ppchk* mutants.** *Ppchk1 Ppchk2 Ppchk3-1* plants were transformed with gRNAs targeting *PpCLV1a* and *PpCLV1b*, *PpRPK2*, or all three. Three independent lines for *Ppclv1a Ppclv1b Ppchk1 Ppchk2 Ppchk3* quintuple mutants (A) and *Pprpk2 Ppchk1 Ppchk2 Ppchk3* quadruple mutants were obtained (B). A *Ppclv1b Pprpk2 Ppchk1 Ppchk2*

*Ppchk3* quintuple mutant line was recovered and re-transformed with a *PpCLV1a*-targeting gRNA to generate two sextuple mutant lines (C). CRISPR mutant lines are indicated with *cr*-. On the right, examples of gametophore phenotypes for each of these lines show a combination of *Ppclv1*, *Pprpk2*, and *Ppchk* phenotypes. Comparison of stem cell phenotype across mutant lines, with pairwise tests showing that no lines are significantly different from any other of the same genotype except for *cr-80* and *cr-81* (D). Non-significant results (Bonferroni correction-adjusted  $p > 0.05$ ) are represented by gray lines; significant results in red. Distribution of lines used to generate the data for each genotype (E).

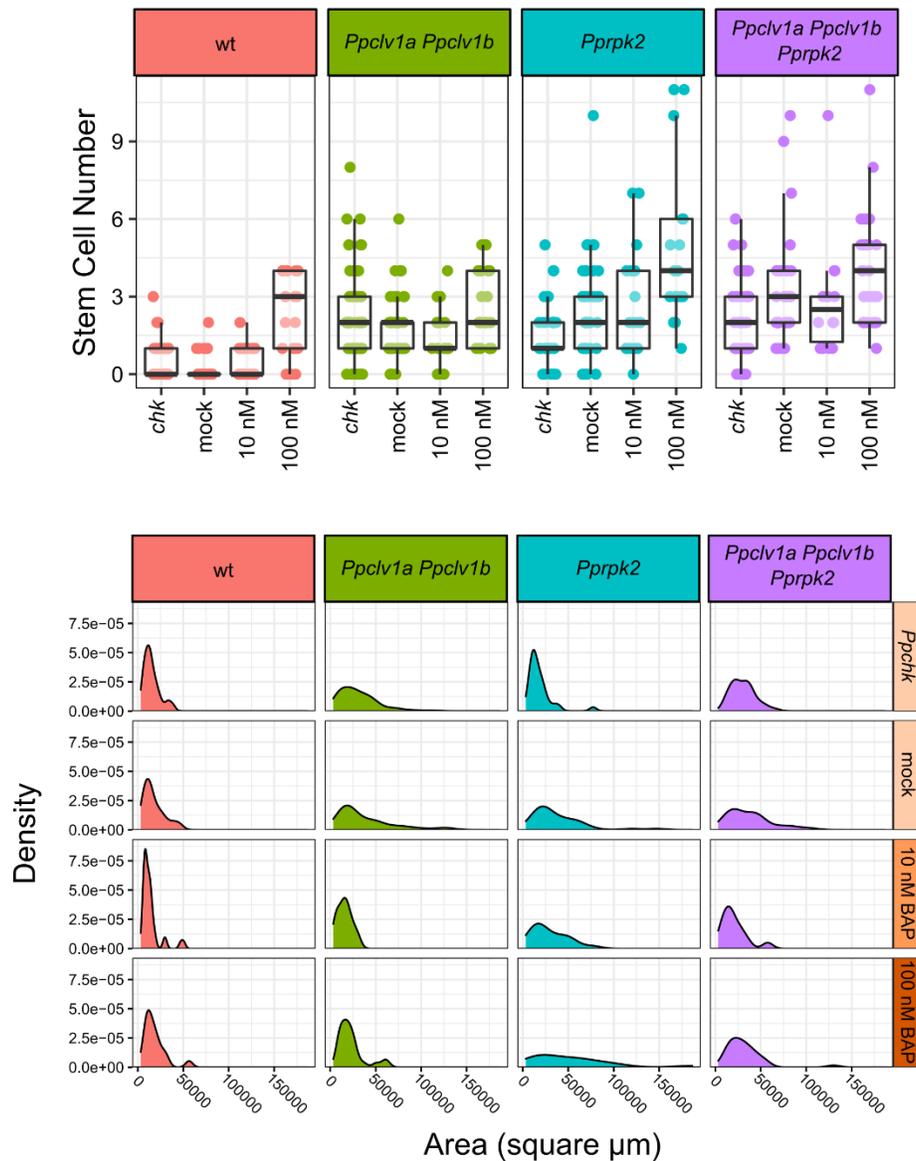


**Supplemental Figure 6: *Ppchk* mutants are insensitive to cytokinin.** A) Five week-old *P. patens* tufts grown on mock (left) or 100 nM BAP (right). From top to bottom, wild type, *Ppclv1a Ppclv1b Ppch1 Ppch2 Ppch3*, *Pprpk2 Ppch1 Ppch2 Ppch3*, and *Ppclv1a Ppclv1b Pprpk2 Ppch1 Ppch2 Ppch3* mutants with independent mutant lines tested. B) Confocal images of gametophores from colonies in panel A. Wild type *P. patens* responds to 100 nM BAP whereas *Ppch1 Ppch2 Ppch3* mutant lines do not.

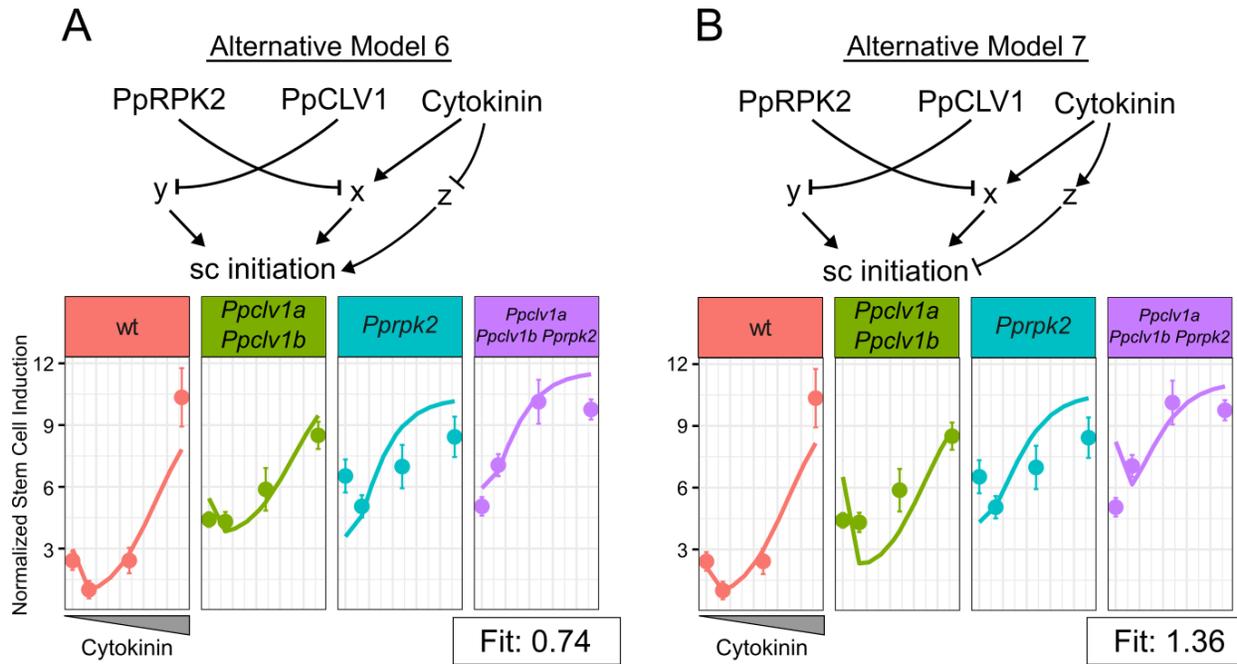


**Supplemental Figure 7: Higher order *Ppclv1*, *Pprpk2*, and *Ppchk* mutant phenotypes are variable.** Examples of weak, moderate, and strong phenotypes observed for *Ppchk* mutant gametophores and each higher order *Ppclv1 Ppchk*, *Pprpk2 Ppchk*, and *Ppclv1 Pprpk2 Ppchk* mutants. *Pprpk2 Ppchk1 Ppchk2 Ppchk3* quadruple mutant phenotypes were particularly variable. However, when quantified these lines still presented an increased initiation of stem cells per area (Figure 5 E).

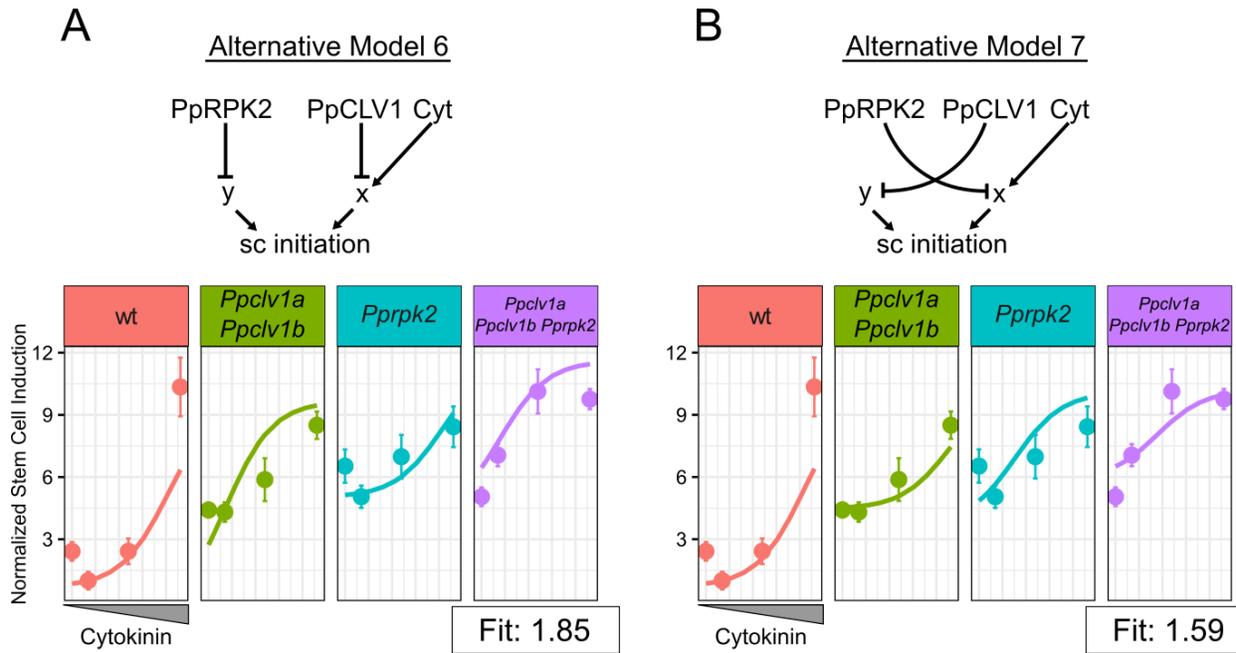
## Non-Normalized Stem Cell Counts



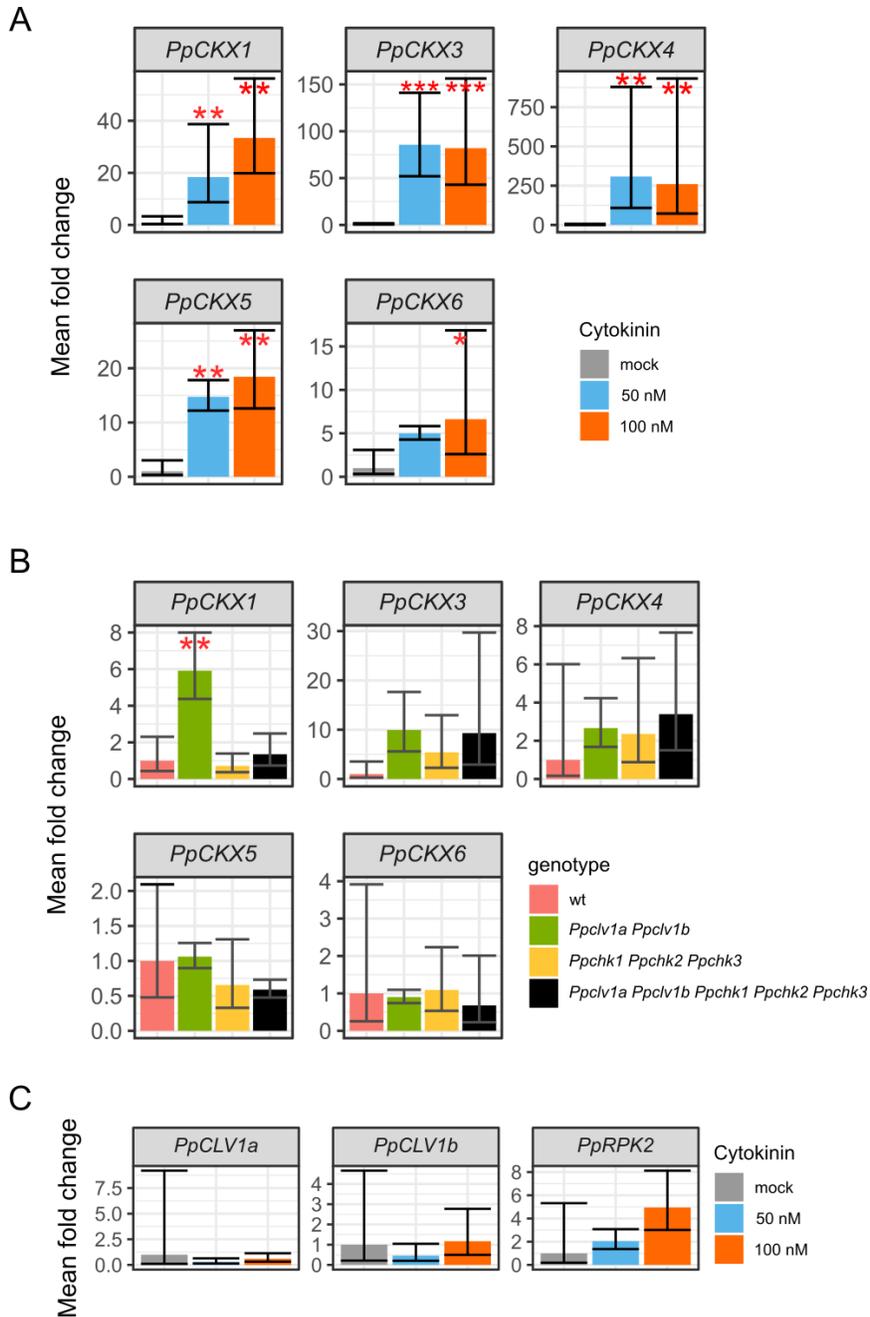
**Supplemental Figure 8: Full non-normalized data set.** Top panel: boxplot representing raw number of stem cells observed on gametophores at each condition. The normalized data is presented in Figure 5E. Lower panel: density plot showing distribution of stem areas from which stem cell measurements were taken. Here are the data for all gametophores measured across genotypes and treatment conditions. Includes data from supplemental figure 3 to parallel main text. See results section for statistics from Poisson regression.



**Supplemental Figure 9: Models fit poorly with *PpRPK2* upstream of cytokinin response.** Alternative versions of models 6 and 7 (Figure 5), with *PpRPK2* upstream of cytokinin-mediated stem cell induction (x). To Solid lines represent simulated data while dots represent mean stem cells per area from the empirical data. Error bars show the standard error. The x axis shows a log transformation of the cytokinin value input to the model.



**Supplemental Figure 10: Models lacking incoherent feed-forward control cannot recapitulate *Ppchk* and higher order *Ppclv Pprpk2 Ppchk* phenotypes.** The models that best fit the stem cell phenotypes of wt, *Ppclv1a Ppclv1b*, *Pprpk2*, and *Ppclv1a Ppclv1b Pprpk2* gametophores on mock and cytokinin treatments were fit to the full dataset including the *Ppchk1 Ppchk2 Ppchk3* and higher order *Ppclv1*, *Pprpk2*, *Ppchk* mutants (leftmost datapoint on each plot). Dots represent empirical data; lines represent simulated data.



**Supplemental Figure 11: Gene expression analysis testing cytokinin, *PpCLV1*, and *PpRPK2* interactions.** A) qPCR-data testing the change in expression of five *PpCKX* genes in response to growth on cytokinin. All *PpCKX* genes tested were upregulated, although *PpCKX6* weakly so. B) *PpCKX* gene expression was used as an indicator of cytokinin transcriptional response. *PpCKX1* expression was increased in *Ppclv1a Ppclv1b*, but unchanged in *Ppclv1a Ppclv1b Ppchk1 Ppchk2 Ppchk3*, supporting a role for *PpCLV1* in inhibiting cytokinin response. However, other *PpCKX* genes tested did not display this same trend. C) Expression levels of *PpCLV1a*, *PpCLV1b*, and *PpRPK2* were unchanged due to growth on cytokinin.

Supplemental Table 1 primers

oJcM278	GAGTTAGGGGAGATGACGCG	<i>PpRPK2</i> gRNA target locus genotyping
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oJcM379	cacctaaacggctcaattcc	<i>PpCLV1a</i> exon 4 genotyping
oJcM380	tgatgatctccgatggatgg	<i>PpCLV1a</i> exon 4 genotyping
oJcM181	tgagagagacgaacttccat	<i>PpCLV1b</i> exon 1 sample – sgRNAs 1 and 2
oJcM182	ttaagagcggcccaaatcagc	<i>PpCLV1b</i> exon1 sample – sgRNAs 1 and 2
oJcM175	gcttcGAGCTCGAATTCAGA	PpU3 promoter forward for Sanger sequencing of gRNA plasmids
oJcM176	ggtcGACGAGCTCAAAAAAAG	sgRNA_scaffold_reverse for Sanger sequencing of gRNA plasmids
oJcM208	GAGCTCGAATTCGTCATTGA	PpU6 promoter forward for Sanger sequencing of gRNA plasmids
oJcM375	ACGGACATTGCATTTAAGACCT	qRT Primer REF gene F: 60s
oJcM376	GTCGATTACCTGTGGAGAAGAC	qRT Primer REF gene R: 60s
oJcM360	ATTTGTGGATGCTGCTGGTG	<i>PpCKX5</i> qRT-PCR primer F
oJcM361	ACGTTGCTAATTCAGGTCCG	<i>PpCKX5</i> qRT-PCR primer R
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oJcM364	AATTCACGAGCTGGGTTCAC	<i>PpCKX4</i> qRT-PCR primer F
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oJcM368	CTGGTCTAGAGCCCTTCACC	<i>PpCKX3</i> qRT-PCR primer F
oJcM369	CCAGCTTTGTCCAGATTCCG	<i>PpCKX3</i> qRT-PCR primer R
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oJcM392	TACAGCAACCACCAATCC	<i>PpRPK2</i> qRT-PCR primer R

Supplemental Table 2 gRNA oligonucleotides

sgRNA Oligo for synthesis	Sequence	Target	Inserted into Vector
sgJTC5	GGCagacagtgccccgaggctctct	<i>PpCLV1a</i> exon4 cds	U3_BSAI-sgRNA
sgJTC6	AAACagagagcctcgggcactgtc	<i>PpCLV1a</i> exon4 cds*	U3_BSAI-sgRNA

sgJTC9	GGCagaagtgcgagaccctcttc	<i>PpCLV1b</i> exon1 cds sgRNA1	U3_BSAI-sgRNA
sgJTC10	AAACgaagaggggtctcgcacttc	<i>PpCLV1b</i> exon1 cds sgRNA1*	U3_BSAI-sgRNA
sgJTC105	catGGGTTTGAGCGACGATGGCC	<i>PpRPK2</i> cds	U6_sgRNA
sgJTC106	aaacGGCCATCGTCGCTCAAACCC	<i>PpRPK2</i> cds	U6_sgRNA

Supplemental Table 3: Genes referenced in this study

Full Gene Name	Alias	Version 1.6	Version 3
<i>PpCLAVATA1a</i>	<i>PpCLV1a</i>	Pp1s14_447V6	Pp3c6_21940
<i>PpCLAVATA1b</i>	<i>PpCLV1B</i>	Pp1s5_68V6	Pp3c13_13360
<i>PpRECEPTOR-LIKE PROTEIN KINASE 2</i>	<i>PpRPK2</i>	Pp1s311_57V6	Pp3c7_5570
<i>PpCYTOKININ HISTIDINE KINASE 1</i>	<i>PpCHK1</i>	Pp1s50_141V6	Pp3c25_8540
<i>PpCYTOKININ HISTIDINE KINASE 2</i>	<i>PpCHK2</i>	Pp1s194_72V6	Pp3c16_7610
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<i>PpCYTOKININ OXIDASES 6</i>	<i>PpCKX6</i>	Pp1s595_6V6	Pp3c8_18580V3
<i>60S RIBOSOMAL PROTEIN</i>	60s	Pp1s79_255V6	Pp3c14_7550V3

Supplemental Table 4: Media and Solutions

Media		
Stock Solutions for BCD and BCDAT moss growth media		
Stock solution B (100x)	MgSO <sub>4</sub> ·7H <sub>2</sub> O or MgSO <sub>4</sub> (anhydrous)	2.5 g 1.2 g
	dH <sub>2</sub> O	Fill to 100 ml
Stock solution C (100x)	KH <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	2.5 g
	dH <sub>2</sub> O	Fill to 50 ml
	Adjust pH with 4 M KOH	
Stock Solution D (100x)	dH <sub>2</sub> O	Fill to 100 ml
	KNO <sub>3</sub>	10.1 g
	FeSO <sub>4</sub> ·7H <sub>2</sub> O	0.125 g
	dH <sub>2</sub> O	Fill to 100 ml

Ammonium tartrate (100x)	di-ammonium (+) tartrate	9.2 g
	dH <sub>2</sub> O	Fill to 100ml
Trace element solution (20,000x)	H <sub>3</sub> BO <sub>3</sub>	614 mg
	AlK(SO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ·12 H <sub>2</sub> O	55 mg
	CuSO <sub>4</sub> ·5 H <sub>2</sub> O	55 mg
	KBr	28 mg
	LiCl	28 mg
	MnCl <sub>2</sub> ·4 H <sub>2</sub> O	389 mg
	CoCl <sub>2</sub> ·6 H <sub>2</sub> O	55 mg
	ZnSO <sub>4</sub> ·7 H <sub>2</sub> O	55 mg
	KI	28 mg
	SnCl <sub>2</sub> ·2 H <sub>2</sub> O	28 mg
	dH <sub>2</sub> O	Fill to 50 ml
	CaCl <sub>2</sub> (500x) Add after autoclaving	CaCl <sub>2</sub>
dH <sub>2</sub> O		Fill to 50 ml
<b>Solutions for transformation</b>		
8.5% Mannitol	Mannitol	85 g
	dH <sub>2</sub> O	1 L
Driselase	Driselase	4 g
	8.5% Mannitol	200 ml
	Gently stir for 30 minutes at room temperature. Keep at 4°C for 30 minutes. Stir 5 minutes at room temperature. Spin at 2,500g for 10 minutes in 50 ml Falcon Tubes. Filter sterilize with 0.22 µm filter. Aliquot 10 ml into 15 ml Falcon Tubes.	
3M Solution	Mannitol	4.5g
	1M MgCl <sub>2</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O	750 µl
	1% MES pH 5.6	5 ml
	H <sub>2</sub> O	to 50 ml
PEG Solution for Transformation	8.5% Mannitol	9 ml
	1M Ca(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ·4H <sub>2</sub> O	1 ml
	1M Tris pH 8.0	100 µl
	PEG 8000	4 g, melted slowly in microwave
PRMB	BCDAT	
	Mannitol	6% (w/v)
	Agar	0.55% (w/v)
	500 mM CaCl <sub>2</sub> (add after autoclaving)	1 ml per 50 ml media
PRMT	BCDAT	
	Mannitol	6% (w/v)
	Agar	0.3% (w/v)

	500 mM CaCl <sub>2</sub> (add after melting)	1 ml per 50 ml media
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## Dynamical Model Methods

Systems of ordinary differential equations can be used to simulate how values of interacting variables change over time. In the case of a genetic or developmental network these variables can represent gene expression levels or the strength of signaling pathway outputs. We used such dynamical models to assess how well competing hypothetical stem cell regulatory network topologies could reconstitute the data. Each of the models described here simulated the accumulation of gene products through time, simultaneously modeling transcription and translation. The equations are modified from Gordon et al. 2009, where the authors use similar systems of differential equations to test predictions about CLV3, CLV1, WUS, and cytokinin interactions in Arabidopsis (Gordon et al., 2009).

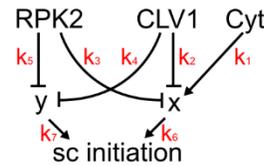
### Model 1-5

Models 1-5 consist of the following equations. Edges in the network (such as RPK2 inhibition of y) were changed by setting corresponding  $k$  values (in the case of RPK2 and y,  $k[5]$  to 0).

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{p_1 + cyt * k_1}{1 + p_1 + cyt * k_1 + k_2 * clv + k_3 * rpk2} - d_1 * x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{p_2}{1 + p_2 + k_4 * clv + k_5 * rpk2} - y * d_2$$

$$\frac{dinit}{dt} = \frac{p_3 + x * k_6 + y * k_7}{1 + p_3 + x * k_6 + y * k_7} - init * d_3$$



### Model 6 and 7

Models 6 and 7 are similar in topology with the inclusion of the variable  $z$  downstream of cytokinin. In Model 6,  $z$  is inhibited by cytokinin, and induces *init*. In model 7,  $z$  is induced by cytokinin, and inhibits *init*. Two versions of each model were run: one with CLV1 inhibiting  $x$  and RPK2 inhibiting  $y$ , and one RPK2 inhibits  $x$  and CLV1 inhibits  $y$ .

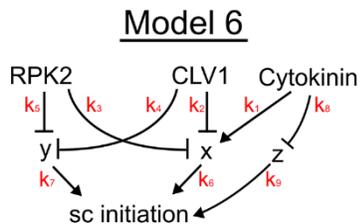
### Model 6

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{p_1 + cyt * k_1}{1 + p_1 + cyt * k_1 + clv * k_2 + rpk2 * k_3 + z * k_9} - x * d_1$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{p_2}{1 + p_2 + clv * k_4 + rpk2 * k_5} - y * d_2$$

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{p_4}{1 + p_4 + cyt * k_8} - z * d_4$$

$$\frac{dinit}{dt} = \frac{p_3 + x * k_6 + y * k_7 + z * k_9}{1 + p_3 + x * k_6 + y * k_7 + z * k_9} - init * d_3$$



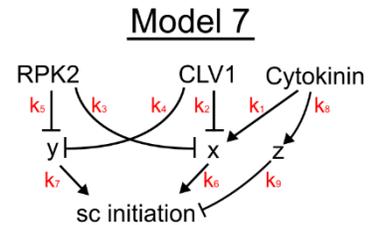
### Model 7

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{p_1 + cyt * k_1}{1 + p_1 + cyt * k_1 + clv * k_2 + rpk2 * k_3 + z * k_9} - x * d_1$$

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{p_4 + cyt * k_8 * cyt}{1 + p_4 + cyt * k_8} - z * d_4$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{p_2}{1 + p_2 + clv * k_4 + rpk2 * k_5} - y * d_2$$

$$\frac{dinit}{dt} = \frac{p_3 + x * k_6 + y * k_7}{1 + p_3 + x * k_6 + y * k_7 + z * k_9} - init * d_3$$



## Model Variables

The variables used in this work are summarized here:

Variable	Describes
x	Cytokinin-response pathway that induces stem cell formation
y	Cytokinin-independent pathway inducing stem cell formation
z	Cytokinin feedforward control of stem cell formation
init	Level of stem cell initiation
clv	Strength of CLV1 signaling. This is a static, non-dynamical parameter
rpk2	Strength of RPK2 signaling. This is a static, non-dynamical parameter
cyt	Strength of cytokinin signaling. Set to 0 for <i>chk</i> , 1 for mock-treated wt, and to 10 and 100 for cytokinin treatments

It is important to note that these variables are not meant to exactly reflect the level of a protein, but more the presence/absence and strength of the signaling pathway.

## Model parameters

Each equation in the model describes how one of the above variables changes over time. The change over time is proportional to the current value of the parameters and other variables in the model. Each of the other variables in an equation is associated with a proportionality constant that describes how that variable affects the accumulation rate described by that equation. Additionally, a differential equation might include a term to describe accumulation independent of the other variables as well as degradation rates. These constants were assigned to the following categories:

- p = production; describes basal accumulation rates
- d = degradation; describes degradation rates
- k = interaction coefficient/proportionality constant

Each model also used a set of initial conditions (a vector called *base*) and a time vector that ran the model over 2000 or 3000 time intervals.

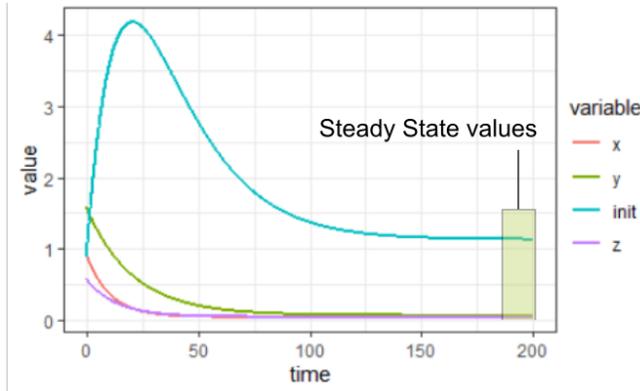
## Summary of workflow

- 1) Run the model and confirm that it converges to a steady-state value within the allotted steps.
- 2) Simulate each mutant genotype at each cytokinin level of interest with the initial parameters to generate a starting fit score.
- 3) Optimize parameters and determine fit to empirical data

### 1) Running a model

Each model was solved using the LSODA solver for Ordinary Differential Equations (ODEs) and the R statistical programming language Version 4.0.2 (Soetaert et al., 2010; Team, 2016). Models were

confirmed to converge to steady state values before and after each run of the optimizer, as determined by each variable reaching a plateau by the end of the modeled time period. All plotting used the ggplot2 package (Hadley et al., 2016). Models were run for 2000 or 3000 time points (steps) distributed over 200 or 300 ‘seconds’, as depicted by the sample model run below. Dynamical variables change through time and converge at steady state values. The final values at time 200 or 300 (more steps were given to models that took longer to converge) were taken and stored as the output of the model.



## 2) Simulate mutant genotypes and different levels of cytokinin

To simulate mutant genotypes in models 1-7, we set CLV1 or RPK2 to 0 and their synthesis parameters to 0. Cytokinin was coded as a static parameter and altered in the following ways to simulate different conditions from our experimental datasets:

Cytokinin value	Simulates the condition
0	<i>chk</i> triple mutant
1*	growth on minimal media (BCD) with wild type <i>CHK</i> genes
10	10 nM BAP
100	100 nM BAP

\* As ‘1’ here is somewhat arbitrary, we also tried values of 0.5 and 0.75 in its stead, which did not significantly change the model outputs (not shown).

## 3) Optimization of the fit to the empirical data

We used an optimizer to identify the parameter values of  $k$ ,  $p$ ,  $d$ , and  $base$  for which the model output best fit the empirical data. Each model was initially run with semi-arbitrary parameters that allowed the model to converge within the given time frame. We started each model from a similar starting parameter set before optimization.

To optimize the model parameters, we first needed to be able to compare the model output with the empirical data. Comparing the simulated data to the empirical data required that the two datasets be normalized to a unified scale. To achieve this, the empirical data set was normalized to the ectopic stem cell per area value of wild type moss grown on minimal media. For the model, ‘area’ was not considered, and the modeled stem cell initiation values (termed *init*) were also normalized to the modeled stem cell values of wild type on minimal media (cytokinin = 1). This allowed us to compare the trends in the data, for instance if *clv1* mutants on minimal media made four times as many stem cells per area as wild type on minimal media, we assigned a value of four to this condition in the dataset. The model optimizer would then attempt to converge on parameters that yielded stem cell initiation values for *clv1* mutants

at the minimal media cytokinin input parameter that was four times higher than wild type at the same cytokinin level. After normalization, each simulated value was compared to its corresponding empirical data value to generate a fit score ( $F$ ). These scores were used to penalize a model with a given set of parameters; higher scores were worse than lower scores. The score was intended to accomplish the following:

- 1) Equally penalize simulated values that overshoot or undershot the data
- 2) Weigh all datapoints equally, regardless of magnitude. To do this, the score had to **minimize fold changes between the simulated and empirical data**. Otherwise, a change from 1->2 would be penalized less than a change from 10 to 14, despite the former constituting a much larger relative change.
- 3) Penalize larger deviations from the data more severely than smaller ones. Otherwise, a model might be 'optimized' to have good fits to some data points but terrible fits to others. Since the intention of the model is to capture the trends in the data across all conditions, such a scenario was unacceptable.

We used the log of the fold change between the simulated ( $m_i$ ) and empirical data ( $d_i$ ) to accomplish the above aims one and two, and then squared to accomplish aim 3. The sum of these penalty scores at each data point ( $P_i$ ) then yielded the total fit score  $F$ :

$$P_i = \ln\left(\frac{m_i}{d_i}\right)$$

$$F = \sum P_i^2$$

After each run, new model parameters  $k$ ,  $p$ ,  $d$ , and  $base$  were randomly selected from a normal distribution based around the previous parameter value and the model was run again. The standard deviation of the distribution was 0.1. The Fit Score  $F$  for the new model was compared with the previous  $F$ . If the new  $F$  proved lower than the previous, then the new model parameters were saved and mutated (used as the mean of the normal distribution from which the next parameter value was selected) again for the next run. If instead the new  $F$  was not lower than the previous, the original parameter set was randomly mutated again. The optimizer was run for 200-300 iterations, after which the fit scores no longer meaningfully changed. We then compared the best fit scores generated by each model after optimization to determine which network architecture(s) were most likely given their ability to reproduce the data.

### On Poisson coefficients

Poisson coefficients are akin to Beta values reported by linear regressions, in that they are proportional to the expected change in the dependent variable given the change in independent variable associated with the coefficient. In the case of a Poisson coefficient, the exponentiation of the coefficient tells you the predicted effect due to the change in factor level. For instance, with a Poisson coefficient of 0.64, the estimated change in apical cell number due to the *clv1* mutation is  $\sim 1.9$  ( $= e^{0.64}$ ). It is important to note that our models make use of both categorical and continuous variables, which makes the coefficients appear deceptively different in magnitude. For example, the coefficient associated with exogenous cytokinin is small because cytokinin is coded as a continuous variable. The coefficient is 0.013 and its exponent is 1.013, which appears much lower than the expected change due to *clv1* of 1.9. However, the cytokinin coefficient of 1.013 shows the predicted change per unit cytokinin. The predicted change for 10nM BAP is the exponentiation of  $10 \times$  the coefficient, so  $e^{(10 \times 0.013)} = 1.14$ .

Going on to predict the change for 100nM bab is  $e^{(1.3)} = 3.67$ . Finally, these numbers represent the fold change from the 'intercept' value also reported by the model.

List of parameters, starting values, and finishing values for a sample run

Model 1 (Figure 4 A)

Parameter	Description	Starting Value	Finishing Value
$k_1$	cytokinin $\uparrow$ x	1	1.500644
$k_2$	clv $\downarrow$ x	1	0.525365
$k_3$	rpk2 $\downarrow$ x	1	20.8025
$k_4$	clv $\downarrow$ y	1	4.652118
$k_5$	rpk2 $\downarrow$ y	1	0.190285
$k_6$	x $\uparrow$ init	0.1	0.019766
$k_7$	y $\uparrow$ init	0.1	0.319337
$p_1$	basal x synthesis	.01	0.00365
$p_2$	basal y synthesis	0.01	0.02994
$p_3$	basal init synthesis	0.01	0.008979
$d_1$	x degradation	0.05	0.035265
$d_2$	y degradation	0.05	0.035136
$d_3$	init degradation	0.05	0.02294
$base_1$	initial x	1	1.165125
$base_2$	initial y	1	0.84229
$base_3$	initial init	1	0.402657

Model 2 (Figure 4 B)

Parameter	Description	Starting Value	Finishing Value
$k_1$	cytokinin $\uparrow$ x	1	0.304867
$k_2$	clv $\downarrow$ x	1	5.506337
$k_3$	rpk2 $\downarrow$ x	0	0
$k_4$	clv $\downarrow$ y	0	0
$k_5$	rpk2 $\downarrow$ y	1	3.955426
$k_6$	x $\uparrow$ init	0.1	0.048441
$k_7$	y $\uparrow$ init	0.1	0.209578
$p_1$	basal x synthesis	0.1	0.025085
$p_2$	basal y synthesis	0.1	0.0416
$p_3$	basal init synthesis	.01	0.003168
$d_1$	x degradation	0.01	0.047735
$d_2$	y degradation	0.01	0.017703
$d_3$	init degradation	0.05	0.041424
$base_1$	initial x	0.05	0.452641
$base_2$	initial y	0.05	0.333642
$base_3$	initial init	1	0.351427

Model 3 (Figure 4 C)

Parameter	Description	Starting Value	Finishing Value
k <sub>1</sub>	cytokinin ↑ x	1	0.655062
k <sub>2</sub>	clv ↓ x	0	0
k <sub>3</sub>	rpk2 ↓ x	1	7.480788
k <sub>4</sub>	clv ↓ y	1	2.17663
k <sub>5</sub>	rpk2 ↓ y	0	0
k <sub>6</sub>	x ↑ init	0.1	0.055229
k <sub>7</sub>	y ↑ init	0.1	0.27232
p <sub>1</sub>	basal x synthesis	0.1	0.014258
p <sub>2</sub>	basal y synthesis	0.1	0.015025
p <sub>3</sub>	basal init synthesis	.01	0.002324
d <sub>1</sub>	x degradation	0.01	0.159216
d <sub>2</sub>	y degradation	0.01	0.03027
d <sub>3</sub>	init degradation	0.05	0.04435
base <sub>1</sub>	initial x	0.05	1.239331
base <sub>2</sub>	initial y	0.05	0.899113
base <sub>3</sub>	initial init	1	0.540307

Model 4 (Figure 4 D)

Parameter	Description	Starting Value	Finishing Value
k <sub>1</sub>	cytokinin ↑ x	1	0.841983
k <sub>2</sub>	clv ↓ x	1	2.50779
k <sub>3</sub>	rpk2 ↓ x	1	9.162987
k <sub>4</sub>	clv ↓ y	0	0
k <sub>5</sub>	rpk2 ↓ y	0	0
k <sub>6</sub>	x ↑ init	0.1	0.218686
k <sub>7</sub>	y ↑ init	0.1	0.070918
p <sub>1</sub>	basal x synthesis	0.1	0.009767
p <sub>2</sub>	basal y synthesis	0.1	0.004626
p <sub>3</sub>	basal init synthesis	.01	0.003158
d <sub>1</sub>	x degradation	0.01	0.057663
d <sub>2</sub>	y degradation	0.01	0.106677
d <sub>3</sub>	init degradation	0.05	0.019892
base <sub>1</sub>	initial x	0.05	0.072355
base <sub>2</sub>	initial y	0.05	0.866898
base <sub>3</sub>	initial init	1	0.740589

Model 5 (Figure 4 E)

Parameter	Description	Starting Value	Finishing Value
k <sub>1</sub>	cytokinin ↑ x	1	0.035789
k <sub>2</sub>	clv ↓ x	0	0
k <sub>3</sub>	rpk2 ↓ x	0	0
k <sub>4</sub>	clv ↓ y	1	0.296071

k <sub>5</sub>	rpk2 ↓ y	1	6.576975
k <sub>6</sub>	x ↑ init	0.1	0.027982
k <sub>7</sub>	y ↑ init	0.1	0.359106
p <sub>1</sub>	basal x synthesis	0.1	0.004176
p <sub>2</sub>	basal y synthesis	0.1	0.03289
p <sub>3</sub>	basal init synthesis	.01	0.000394
d <sub>1</sub>	x degradation	0.01	0.045523
d <sub>2</sub>	y degradation	0.01	0.030657
d <sub>3</sub>	init degradation	0.05	0.045014
base <sub>1</sub>	initial x	0.05	0.551109
base <sub>2</sub>	initial y	0.05	0.300094
base <sub>3</sub>	initial init	1	0.702136

## Models 6 and 7

### Model 6 (CLV inhibits x, Figure 5)

Parameter	Description	Starting Value	Finishing Value
k <sub>1</sub>	cytokinin ↑ x	1	0.435963
k <sub>2</sub>	clv ↓ x	1	5.048187
k <sub>3</sub>	rpk2 ↓ x	0	0
k <sub>4</sub>	clv ↓ y	0	0
k <sub>5</sub>	rpk2 ↓ y	1	8.082593
k <sub>6</sub>	x ↑ init	0.1	0.017249
k <sub>7</sub>	y ↑ init	0.1	0.169828
k <sub>8</sub>	cytokinin ↓ z	0.5	8.181178
k <sub>9</sub>	z ↑ init	0.5	0.768938
p <sub>1</sub>	basal x synthesis	0.01	0.004266
p <sub>2</sub>	basal y synthesis	0.03	0.023539
p <sub>3</sub>	basal init synthesis	.01	0.004809
p <sub>4</sub>	basal z synthesis	0.01	0.008215
d <sub>1</sub>	x degradation	0.05	0.04629
d <sub>2</sub>	y degradation	0.05	0.027294
d <sub>3</sub>	init degradation	0.05	0.032801
d <sub>4</sub>	z degradation	0.05	0.063203
base <sub>1</sub>	initial x	1	1.927968
base <sub>2</sub>	initial y	1	0.232216
base <sub>3</sub>	initial init	1	0.379397
base <sub>4</sub>	initial z	1	0.656615

### Model 6 (RPK2 inhibits X)

Parameter	Description	Starting Value	Finishing Value
k <sub>1</sub>	cytokinin ↑ x	1	0.380677
k <sub>2</sub>	clv ↓ x	0	0
k <sub>3</sub>	rpk2 ↓ x	1	6.363934
k <sub>4</sub>	clv ↓ y	1	2.772667

k <sub>5</sub>	rpk2 ↓ y	0	0
k <sub>6</sub>	x ↑ init	0.1	0.053368
k <sub>7</sub>	y ↑ init	0.1	0.205299
k <sub>8</sub>	cytokinin ↓ z	0.5	12.45164
k <sub>9</sub>	z ↑ init	0.5	0.854566
p <sub>1</sub>	basal x synthesis	0.01	0.059793
p <sub>2</sub>	basal y synthesis	0.03	0.032342
p <sub>3</sub>	basal init synthesis	.01	0.002267
p <sub>4</sub>	basal z synthesis	0.01	0.008643
d <sub>1</sub>	x degradation	0.05	0.097205
d <sub>2</sub>	y degradation	0.05	0.048109
d <sub>3</sub>	init degradation	0.05	0.052553
d <sub>4</sub>	z degradation	0.05	0.074966
base <sub>1</sub>	initial x	1	0.933395
base <sub>2</sub>	initial y	1	1.584061
base <sub>3</sub>	initial init	1	0.876901
base <sub>4</sub>	initial z	1	0.579399

Model 7 (CLV inhibits X, Figure 5)

Parameter	Description	Starting Value	Finishing Value
k <sub>1</sub>	cytokinin ↑ x	1	0.863826
k <sub>2</sub>	clv ↓ x	1	19.77114
k <sub>3</sub>	rpk2 ↓ x	0	0
k <sub>4</sub>	clv ↓ y	0	0
k <sub>5</sub>	rpk2 ↓ y	1	1.999533
k <sub>6</sub>	x ↑ init	0.1	0.040456
k <sub>7</sub>	y ↑ init	0.1	0.173769
k <sub>8</sub>	cytokinin ↑ z	0.5	1.685863
k <sub>9</sub>	z ↓ init	0.5	0.311607
p <sub>1</sub>	basal x synthesis	0.01	0.028438
p <sub>2</sub>	basal y synthesis	0.03	0.056778
p <sub>3</sub>	basal init synthesis	.01	0.004693
p <sub>4</sub>	basal z synthesis	0.01	0.005662
d <sub>1</sub>	x degradation	0.05	0.014775
d <sub>2</sub>	y degradation	0.05	0.018722
d <sub>3</sub>	init degradation	0.05	0.038537
d <sub>4</sub>	z degradation	0.05	0.118948
base <sub>1</sub>	initial x	1	0.654166
base <sub>2</sub>	initial y	1	0.251628
base <sub>3</sub>	initial init	1	2.202736
base <sub>4</sub>	initial z	1	0.992124

Model 7 (RPK2 inhibits X)

Parameter	Description	Starting Value	Finishing Value
k <sub>1</sub>	cytokinin ↑ x	1	1.463869

k <sub>2</sub>	clv ↓ x	0	0
k <sub>3</sub>	rpk2 ↓ x	1	19.17415
k <sub>4</sub>	clv ↓ y	1	1.013134
k <sub>5</sub>	rpk2 ↓ y	0	0
k <sub>6</sub>	x ↑ init	0.1	0.027886
k <sub>7</sub>	y ↑ init	0.1	0.087528
k <sub>8</sub>	cytokinin ↑ z	0.5	2.157959
k <sub>9</sub>	z ↓ init	0.5	0.190479
p <sub>1</sub>	basal x synthesis	0.01	0.039586
p <sub>2</sub>	basal y synthesis	0.03	0.061077
p <sub>3</sub>	basal init synthesis	.01	0.00435
p <sub>4</sub>	basal z synthesis	0.01	0.012878
d <sub>1</sub>	x degradation	0.05	0.012762
d <sub>2</sub>	y degradation	0.05	0.024692
d <sub>3</sub>	init degradation	0.05	0.055329
d <sub>4</sub>	z degradation	0.05	0.042331
base <sub>1</sub>	initial x	1	0.432841
base <sub>2</sub>	initial y	1	1.570673
base <sub>3</sub>	initial init	1	0.574236
base <sub>4</sub>	initial z	1	0.270798

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