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Software and code

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Data collection

RNA-seq data were collected using NextSeq System Suite v2.2.0.
Confocal microscopy images were taken using Leica Application Suite Advance Fluorescence v2.7.3.9723.
Electron microscopy images were taken using TIA FEI Imaging Software v4.14.
Metabolomics data were obtained with the commercial software of Thermo Scientific for UPLC systems.
HPLC-ESI-MS/MS data corresponding to the identification of proteins in gel cut bands was acquired using ProteinScape 3 software from Bruker coupled to Mascot v3.1 (Matrix Science).

Data analysis

For statistics and representation of all experimental data, analysis were done using GraphPad Prism v.6.01.

Raw reads were preprocessed by NextSeq System Suite v2.2.0. using specific NGS technology configuration parameters. Clean reads of the BAM files were aligned and annotated using the Cucumis melo genome (v4.0) as the reference by Bowtie2; these data were then sorted and indexed using SAMtools v1.48411074. Uniquely localized reads were used to calculate the read number values for each gene by Sam2counts (<https://github.com/vsbuffalo/sam2counts>). Differentially expressed genes (DEGs) in the treatment samples were analyzed by DEgenes Hunter, which provides a combined p value calculated based on the Fisher method using nominal p values provided by edgeR and DEseq2. This combined p value was adjusted by the Benjamini-Hochberg (BH) procedure (false discovery rate approach) and used to rank all obtained differentially expressed genes.

A heatmap and DEG clustering were generated using ComplexHeatmap in R Studio and Kobas 2.0.
DEGs annotated using the Cucumis melo genome were processed to identify the Gene Ontology functional categories using sma3s and TopGo software.
KEGG pathways and enrichment were estimated using Bioconductor packages (Bioconductor.org) Ggplot2, ClusterProfiler, DOSE, and EnrichPlot in R Studio.

For LC-MS/MS data analysis, raw spectra were converted to .mzXML files using MSconvert (ProteoWizard). MS1 and MS/MS feature extraction was performed with Mzmine2.30. For molecular networking and spectrum library matching the .mgf file was uploaded to GNPS

(gnps.ucsd.edu). Molecular networks were visualized with Cytoscape v. 3.4.

For CLSM data analysis, image processing was performed using Leica LAS AF (LCS Lite, Leica Microsystems) and ImageJ 1.51s.

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Data

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The RNA-seq data were deposited in the GEO database under the reference GSE175611.

Metabolomics data are deposited at <https://massive.ucsd.edu/> with the identifiers MSV000084674 (data from radicles from seeds bacterized with *Bacillus subtilis* subsp *subtilis* NCBI 3610 and mutant strains; <https://massive.ucsd.edu/ProteoSAFe/dataset.jsp?task=b2e3636335d24c2da72634b7c6c8b63f>), MSV000084278 (data from radicles from the seeds treated with fengycin and TasA; <https://massive.ucsd.edu/ProteoSAFe/dataset.jsp?task=fc05e1b986cb4073b56d9f9a044f0a2f>), MSV000086360 (data from adult plants grown from control seeds or seeds bacterized with *Bacillus subtilis* subsp *subtilis* NCBI 3610; <https://massive.ucsd.edu/ProteoSAFe/dataset.jsp?task=1090c82889a04e4ba9be1058a8a5d6db>) and MSV000088139 (data from seeds and seedlings treated with fengycin, TasA or bacteria; <https://massive.ucsd.edu/ProteoSAFe/dataset.jsp?task=72bb762b7b8d45da8d3c5c9005a425d8>).

Cucurbit genome databases used for mass spectrometry analysis of protein bands were UniProtKB/TrEMBL TrEMBL Cucumis melo, v 2017.10.25.

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Sample size	Sample-size calculation was not initially performed but a sufficient number of replicates were taken, prior experience with these types of data, and analysis of the current data, which indicates the reproducibility of the data. The number of replicates is sufficient in order to get statistically confident results, as demonstrated in the manuscript. In all the experiments performed, standard deviation and standard error were calculated and the corresponding statistical tests were performed when needed.
Data exclusions	No data were excluded from the study.
Replication	At least three replicates were taken in all the experiments performed. In all the cases the experiments were successfully replicated
Randomization	Randomization is not relevant in this case as our study is mainly focused in a plant-bacteria interaction.
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Antibodies

Antibodies used

The anti-TasA antibody used for immunodetection studies in this work was kindly provided by professor Adam Driks (Stover and Driks, 1999) and it consists in a polyclonal antiserum obtained from blood 23 days after injecting the protein into rabbit. The secondary antibody used in western blot was commercially available at Bio-Rad (Goat Anti-Rabbit IgG (H + L)-HRP Conjugate cat. no. 1706515). The immunogold-conjugated secondary antibody used was commercially available at BBI solutions (EM Grade 20nm Goat anti-Rabbit Conjugate cat. no. EM.GAR20/1).

Validation

The anti-TasA primary antibody was validated elsewhere in the literature (Stover and Driks, 1999). The Goat Anti-Rabbit IgG (H + L)-HRP Conjugate (cat. no. 1706515) secondary antibody from BioRad was validated by the supplier as follows: "Specific for rabbit IgG, heavy and light chain. The cross-reactivities of anti-rabbit IgG antibody are tested in an ELISA. Minimum cross-reactivity to human IgG. 1:2,000-1:5,000 dilution can be used (Coligan, J., 1997)".