

1           **HPCA1 is required for systemic ROS and calcium cell-to-cell**  
2                           **signaling and plant acclimation to stress**

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25 **ABSTRACT**

26 Reactive oxygen species (ROS), produced by respiratory burst oxidase homologs (RBOHs) at the  
27 apoplast, play a key role in local and systemic cell-to-cell signaling, required for plant acclimation  
28 to stress. Here we reveal that the leucine-rich-repeat receptor-like kinase HPCA1 (H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-induced  
29 Ca<sup>2+</sup> increases 1) acts as a central ROS receptor required for the propagation of cell-to-cell ROS  
30 signals, systemic signaling in response to different biotic and abiotic stresses, stress responses at  
31 the local tissue, and plant acclimation to stress, following a local treatment of high light stress. We  
32 further report that HPCA1 is required for systemic calcium signals, but not systemic membrane  
33 depolarization responses, and identify the calcium-permeable channel mechanosensitive ion  
34 channel like 3 (MSL3), calcineurin B-like calcium sensor (CBL4), CBL4-interacting protein  
35 kinase 26 (CIPK26), and sucrose-non-fermenting-1-related protein kinase 2.6 (Open stomata 1;  
36 OST1) as required for the propagation of cell-to-cell ROS signals. In addition, we identify serine  
37 residues S343 and S347 of RBOHD (the putative targets of OST1) as playing a key role in cell-to-  
38 cell ROS signaling in response to a local application of high light stress. Our findings reveal that  
39 HPCA1 plays a key role in mediating and coordinating systemic cell-to-cell ROS and calcium  
40 signals required for plant acclimation to stress.

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## 56 INTRODUCTION

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58 Reactive oxygen species (ROS; *i.e.*, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>, <sup>1</sup>O<sub>2</sub>, and HO<sup>·</sup>) are credited with playing a  
59 fundamental role in the evolution of life on Earth impacting processes such as the endosymbiotic  
60 event, emergence of multicellularity, and the development of reproduction through sex (Taverne  
61 et al., 2018; Hörandl and Speijer, 2018; Gutteridge and Halliwell, 2018; Jabłońska and Tawfik,  
62 2021). Although originally considered to be toxic byproducts of aerobic metabolism, in recent  
63 years numerous studies revealed that ROS, such as H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>, are essential for life, acting as  
64 key regulators of redox, stress responses, and cell-to-cell signaling (Schieber and Chandel, 2014;  
65 Mittler, 2017; Sies and Jones, 2020; Mittler et al., 2022). Examples for the role of ROS in cell-to-  
66 cell signaling include the recruitment of macrophages to wound sites and interactions between  
67 neurons in animals, communication between microorganisms within a microbiome, and  
68 transmission of long-distance cell-to-cell signals in plants (Aguirre and Lambeth, 2010; Razzell et  
69 al., 2013; Zheng et al., 2015; Zandalinas et al., 2020a; Zandalinas et al., 2020b; Fichman et al.,  
70 2021; Iwashita et al., 2021). In the flowering plant *Arabidopsis thaliana* (*Arabidopsis*), cell-to-cell  
71 ROS signaling plays a pivotal role in local and systemic responses, acclimation, and survival of  
72 plants during stress (Mittler et al., 2011; Zhu, 2016; Waszczak et al., 2018; Smirnoff and Arnaud,  
73 2019; Zandalinas et al., 2020a; Zandalinas et al., 2020b; Fichman et al., 2021; Mittler et al., 2022).  
74 During this process, ROS production is triggered in cells directly subjected to stress (termed ‘local  
75 tissue’), and a state of ‘activated ROS production’, driven by the function of respiratory burst  
76 oxidase homologs (RBOHs; the plant equivalents of mammalian NADPH oxidases; NOXs), is  
77 propagated from cell-to-cell over long distances, sometime spanning the entire length of the plant  
78 (Mittler et al., 2011; Zhu, 2016; Fichman et al., 2019; Zandalinas et al., 2020a; Fichman and  
79 Mittler, 2020b; Zandalinas et al., 2020b; Fichman et al., 2021; Mittler et al., 2022). Once the  
80 activated ROS production state reaches cells and tissues other than the ones initiating it (*i.e.*, tissues  
81 not directly subjected to stress; termed ‘systemic tissues’), it activates in them different acclimation  
82 mechanisms and enhances the overall resilience of the plant to stress (termed ‘systemic acquired  
83 acclimation’; SAA; Karpinski et al., 1999; Zandalinas et al., 2020a; Zandalinas et al., 2020b;  
84 Fichman et al., 2021). Although the process of cell-to-cell ROS signaling (termed the ‘ROS wave’)  
85 is essential for systemic signaling and SAA to occur, it does not convey specificity to the systemic  
86 response and is therefore linked with other, yet unknown, stress-specific systemic signals, as well

87 as with cell-to-cell calcium and membrane potential signaling processes (Suzuki et al., 2013;  
88 Fichman and Mittler, Fichman et al., 2020a, 2021a; Fichman et al., 2021). While RBOHs such as  
89 RBOHD and RBOHF were found to produce **apoplastic** ROS essential for this process (Miller et  
90 al., 2009; Fichman et al., 2019; Zandalinas et al., 2020a; Fichman and Mittler, 2020b; Zandalinas  
91 et al., 2020b; Fichman et al., 2021; Mittler et al., 2022), the identity of the ROS receptor(s)  
92 perceiving the **apoplastic** ROS signal and enabling the cell-to-cell **ROS** signaling process to occur  
93 is currently unknown.

94 We recently developed a new method for whole plant live ROS imaging to visualize cell-  
95 to-cell ROS signaling in mature plants growing in soil (Fichman et al., 2019; Fichman and Mittler,  
96 2020b). Using this method, we screened over 120 different mutants, potentially involved in ROS  
97 and calcium signaling, for the presence or absence of the ROS wave in response to a local treatment  
98 of high light (HL) stress (Supplemental Table 1). Among the different mutants we screened were  
99 several putative receptors, including different cysteine-rich receptor-like kinases (CRKs) and the  
100 leucine-rich-repeat receptor-like kinase (LRR-RLK) HPCA1 ('H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-induced Ca<sup>2+</sup> increases 1';  
101 At5g49760; also known as 'cannot respond to DMBQ 1'; CARD1). HPCA1 was recently  
102 identified as **a receptor for extracellular H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (Wu et al., 2020), as well as a sensor for the oxidizing**  
103 **molecule quinone** (Laohavisit et al., 2020). Here we reveal that HPCA1 acts as a key ROS receptor  
104 required for the **accumulation of ROS in stressed tissues**, propagation of cell-to-cell ROS signals,  
105 systemic signaling in response to different biotic and abiotic stresses, and plant acclimation to  
106 stress. We further show that HPCA1 is required for systemic calcium signals (also termed the  
107 'calcium wave'), but not systemic membrane depolarization responses (a type of 'electric wave'),  
108 and that systemic calcium signals mediated by HPCA1 require the function of the calcium-  
109 permeable channel mechanosensitive ion channel like 3 (MSL3). In addition, we reveal that key  
110 components of calcium-dependent signaling cascades, such as the calcineurin B-like calcium  
111 sensor (CBL4), the CBL4-interacting protein kinase 26 (CIPK26), and the sucrose-non-  
112 fermenting-1-related protein kinase 2.6 (SnRK2.6, also termed 'open stomata 1', OST1), are also  
113 involved in this process. **We further identify serine residues S343 and S347 of RBOHD (the**  
114 **putative targets of OST1) as playing a key role in cell-to-cell ROS signaling in response to a local**  
115 **application of HL stress.** Our findings reveal that HPCA1 plays a key role in the sensing of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>  
116 produced at the apoplast during cell-to-cell signaling, linking the accumulation of apoplastic H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>  
117 with calcium cascades and the activation of further ROS production by RBOHs; thereby mediating

118 and coordinating systemic cell-to-cell ROS and calcium signals that are required for plant  
119 resilience to stress.

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## 123 RESULTS

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### 126 HPCA1 is required for systemic cell-to-cell ROS and calcium signaling during plant 127 responses to HL stress

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129 To study the role of HPCA1 in systemic cell-to-cell ROS signaling, we subjected a single leaf of  
130 wild-type (WT) and two independent knockout alleles of HPCA1 (*hpcal-1*, *hpcal-2*) to a HL  
131 stress treatment of 1700  $\mu\text{mol photons s}^{-1}\text{m}^{-2}$  for 2 min and used our newly developed whole-plant  
132 live ROS imaging method with 2',7'-dichlorodihydrofluorescein diacetate (H<sub>2</sub>DCFDA) as a probe  
133 (Fichman et al., 2019) to measure the accumulation of ROS in local and systemic leaves over a  
134 period of 30 min. High light stress can occur in shaded plants or shaded canopy leaves as a result  
135 of sunflecks, or in field grown plants when the sun light is intermittently blocked by clouds  
136 (Karpinski et al., 1999; Kromdijk et al., 2016; Slattery et al., 2018). As shown in Figure 1A,  
137 mutants deficient in HPCA1 (*hpcal-1*, *hpcal-2*) did not accumulate ROS in their local or systemic  
138 leaves in response to a local application of HL stress (see also Supplemental Movie 1). Because  
139 H<sub>2</sub>DCFDA detects a broad range of different ROS, we also used Peroxy Orange 1 (PO1; Fichman  
140 et al., 2019) instead of H<sub>2</sub>DCFDA as a probe, to measure the levels of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> that accumulate in  
141 local and systemic leaves of WT, *hpcal-1*, and *hpcal-2* plants following a similar HL treatment.  
142 As shown in Figure 1B, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> accumulated in local and systemic leaves of WT, but not the *hpcal-1*  
143 and *hpcal-2* mutants in response to a local treatment of HL stress. Similar results were also  
144 observed in extracts obtained from treated and untreated local and systemic leaves of WT, *hpcal-1*,  
145 and *hpcal-2* plants when the levels of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> were quantified using the Amplex<sup>®</sup>-Red method  
146 (Figure 1C).

147 Upon sensing of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, HPCA1 was found to trigger the accumulation of calcium in the  
148 cytosol (Wu et al., 2020). This process could activate another type of cell-to-cell signaling pathway

149 termed the ‘calcium wave’ (dependent on the function of the calcium channels glutamate-like  
150 receptor 3.3 and 3.6; GLRs; Evans et al., 2016; Toyota et al., 2018; Shao et al., 2020; Fichman and  
151 Mittler, 2021a). To determine whether HPCA1 is also required for systemic cell-to-cell calcium  
152 signals, we subjected a single leaf of WT, *hpcal-1*, and *hpcal-2* plants to the same HL stress  
153 treatment described above and used Fluo-4-AM as a probe in our live imaging platform (Fichman  
154 and Mittler, 2021a) to measure changes in cytosolic calcium levels in local and systemic leaves  
155 over a period of 30 min. As shown in Figure 2A, mutants deficient in HPCA1 (*hpcal-1*, *hpcal-2*)  
156 did not display local or systemic changes in cytosolic calcium levels in response to a local  
157 application of HL stress (see also Supplemental Movie 1). Interestingly, the HL-induced local and  
158 systemic calcium signal observed in WT plants was not transient (Figure 2; Supplemental Movie  
159 1). This finding agrees with our previous findings (Fichman and Mittler 2021a) and the work of  
160 Toyota et al., (2018), and corresponds with the elevated levels of local and systemic ROS that  
161 persist for about 3-6 hours post a 2- or 10-min HL stress treatment of a local leaf (Devireddy et  
162 al., 2020; Fichman et al., 2019).

163 Systemic cell-to-cell ROS signals were previously found to be dependent on several  
164 different calcium-permeable channels including MSL3 (Supplemental Table 1; Fichman et al.,  
165 2021). We therefore used the method described above (Figure 2A) to test whether systemic cell-  
166 to-cell cytosolic calcium changes are dependent on MSL3. As shown in Figure 2B, in response to  
167 a local HL treatment, *msl3-1*, and *msl3-2* mutants did not display local or systemic changes in  
168 cytosolic calcium levels. Furthermore, in contrast to WT, the *msl3-1* mutant did not display local  
169 or systemic changes in cytosolic calcium levels in response to a local treatment of 1 mM H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>  
170 (Supplemental Figure 1). These finding suggest that MSL3 could function downstream to HPCA1.

171 Systemic cell-to-cell calcium and ROS signals were previously proposed to be linked with  
172 another type of cell-to-cell signaling, termed the ‘electric wave’ (a rapid depolarization of the  
173 plasma membrane, also dependent on the function of GLRs; Mousavi et al., 2013; Nguyen et al.,  
174 2018; Farmer et al., 2020; Fichman and Mittler, 2021a). To determine whether HPCA1 is also  
175 required for systemic cell-to-cell membrane depolarization signals, we subjected a single leaf of  
176 WT, *hpcal-1*, and *hpcal-2* plants to the same HL stress treatment described above and used  
177 DiBAC<sub>4</sub>(3) as a probe in our live imaging platform (Fichman and Mittler, 2021a) to measure these  
178 changes in local and systemic leaves over a period of 30 min. Interestingly, while the systemic  
179 cell-to-cell calcium and ROS signals were suppressed in the *hpcal* mutants (Figures 1, 2;

180 Supplemental Movie 1), the rapid local and systemic membrane depolarization signal was not  
181 (Figure 3; Supplemental Movie 1). In contrast to the *hpcal* mutants, and in agreement with our  
182 previous characterization of the *glr3.3glr3.6* double mutant (Fichman and Mittler, 2021a), cell-to-  
183 cell membrane depolarization signals were suppressed in the *glr3.3glr3.6* double mutant in  
184 response to a local application of HL stress (Figure 3).

185 The findings presented in Figures 1-3 suggest that HPCA1 is required for local  
186 accumulation of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> during light stress, as well as for the activation of the calcium and ROS (but  
187 not electric) waves in response to a local treatment of HL stress.

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### 190 **HPCA1 is required for local and systemic expression of different acclimation transcripts as** 191 **well as for local and systemic plant acclimation to HL stress**

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193 Suppression of systemic cell-to-cell ROS and/or calcium signals (Figures 1, 2) could prevent plants  
194 from acclimating to stress. To test whether HPCA1 mutants are deficient in plant acclimation, we  
195 measured the local and systemic expression of several transcripts associated with plant acclimation  
196 to excess light stress 30 min following the application of HL (1700  $\mu\text{mol photons s}^{-1}\text{m}^{-2}$ ) stress for  
197 2 min to a local leaf of WT and *hpcal-1* plants. As shown in Figure 4A, the expression of  
198 *MYELOBLASTOSIS DOMAIN PROTEIN 30 (MYB30)*, *ZINC FINGER OF ARABIDOPSIS*  
199 *THALIANA 10 and 12 (ZAT10 and ZAT12)*, *ASCORBATE PEROXIDASE 2 (APX2)*, and *ZINC*  
200 *FINGER HOMEODOMAIN 5 (ZHD5)*, was upregulated in local and systemic leaves of WT plants  
201 in response to the local HL stress treatment. In contrast, except for APX2 that was upregulated in  
202 local leaves of *hpcal-1* plants, the expression of all transcripts was suppressed in local and  
203 systemic leaves of *hpcal-1* plants in response the local HL stress treatment (Figure 4A).

204 The lack of systemic ROS and calcium cell-to-cell signals (Figures 1, 2), as well as  
205 systemic expression of *MYB30*, *ZAT10*, *ZAT12*, *APX2* and *ZHD5* (Figure 4A), could suggest that  
206 HPCA1 is required for systemic acclimation of plants to HL stress. To test this possibility, we  
207 measured the acclimation (*i.e.*, reduced tissue damage following exposure to light stress) of mature  
208 WT and *hpcal-1* plants to a prolonged HL stress treatment following a short pretreatment with HL  
209 stress and an incubation period. As shown in Figure 4B, pretreatment of WT plants with 10 min  
210 of HL stress, followed by an incubation of 50 min under controlled growth conditions, protected

211 local and systemic leaves of plants from a subsequent exposure to 45 min of HL stress (*i.e.*,  
212 prevented leaf injury as measured by electrolyte leakage, compared to plants that were subjected  
213 to the 45 min HL treatment without a 10 min pretreatment with excess white or red light). In  
214 contrast, pretreatment of *hpcal-1* plants with a short HL stress failed to induce local or systemic  
215 leaf acclimation to a subsequent prolonged HL stress that resulted in a significant increase in  
216 electrolyte leakage from cells (Figure 4B).

217 The findings presented in Figure 4 suggest that although the HL stress is sensed at the local  
218 leaves of the *hpcal* mutants (evident by increased expression of *APX2*), these mutants are deficient  
219 in many other aspects of local and systemic plant responses and acclimation to HL stress.

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## 222 **HPCA1 is required for the propagation of the HL-induced systemic ROS signal**

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224 Systemic cell-to-cell ROS signaling is driven by two different pathways, one that controls its  
225 initiation at the local tissue, and one that controls its propagation-, amplification-, and acclimation-  
226 promoting functions, in local and systemic tissues (Fichman et al., 2021; Mittler et al., 2022). In  
227 addition to these pathways, are other systemic signaling pathways such as the calcium, membrane  
228 potential (electric), and stress-specific signals (Suzuki et al., 2013; Fichman and Mittler, 2021a;  
229 Fichman et al., 2020a, 2021a; Fichman et al., 2021). The relationship between some of these  
230 systemic signals can be distinguished in plants by grafting experiments between WT plants and  
231 different mutants (Suzuki et al., 2013; Fichman et al., 2021). Using such grafting experiments, we  
232 found that HPCA1 is required for the propagation but not initiation of the HL-induced systemic  
233 ROS signal (Figure 5). Thus, while the *hpcal-1* mutant was deficient in ROS wave propagation  
234 through the scion (systemic tissue), following the activation of the ROS wave at the WT stock  
235 (that includes the local tissue), it could transmit other systemic signals that are not the ROS wave  
236 through the (local) stock tissue to a WT scion triggering in it the ROS wave (Figure 5A-5C). In  
237 contrast, the *rbohD* mutant was deficient in both systemic signal initiation and propagation (Figure  
238 5D; Supplemental Figure 2; Fichman et al., 2021), while the *rbohF* mutant was similar to *hpcal-1*  
239 mutant and was only deficient in systemic ROS wave propagation (Figure 5E; Supplemental  
240 Figure 2).



241 HPCA1 is therefore required for the propagation of the systemic cell-to-cell ROS signal  
242 (Figure 5A-5C), as well as for its transcript accumulation- and acclimation-driven functions in  
243 systemic tissues (Figure 4). HPCA1 is however not required for some of the other systemic signals  
244 that can propagate through a stock that lacks HPCA1 (*hpcal1*) into a WT scion and trigger in it the  
245 ROS wave. Because HPCA1 is not required for the membrane potential signal to propagate in  
246 response to a local HL stress treatment (Figure 3), but RBOHD is (Suzuki et al., 2013; Fichman  
247 and Mittler, 2021a), an electric wave produced by the local HL stress in the *hpcal1* stock could be  
248 one of the other systemic signals that propagates through this stock into the WT scion triggering  
249 in it the ROS wave.

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252 **HPCA1 is required for systemic cell-to-cell ROS signaling in response to a local bacterial**  
253 **infection or salt stress, but not wounding**

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255 The findings that HPCA1 is required for the propagation of the ROS wave (Figure 5A-5C), that  
256 plays a key role in plant responses to many different abiotic stresses (Zhu, 2016; Fichman et al.,  
257 2019; Zandalinas et al., 2020a; Fichman and Mittler, 2020b; Zandalinas et al., 2020b; Fichman et  
258 al., 2021; Mittler et al., 2022), could suggest that HPCA1 is involved in plant responses to a broad  
259 range of stresses. To test the involvement of HPCA1 in local and systemic ROS responses to other  
260 stresses, we treated a local leaf of WT or *hpcal1-1* plants with a bacterial pathogen (*P. syringae*  
261 DC 3000;  $10^6$  CFU/ml; Fichman et al., 2019), salt stress (100 mM NaCl), or wounding  
262 (Simultaneously piercing with 20 dresser pines; Fichman et al., 2019), and measured local and  
263 systemic accumulation of ROS (untreated, or mock buffer treatment in the absence of the pathogen  
264 or salt were used as controls). As shown in Figure 6, while all treatments caused the accumulation  
265 of ROS in local and systemic leaves of WT plants, *hpcal1-1* plants did not respond to the bacterial  
266 pathogen or salt stress treatments (Figure 6A, 6B). In response to a local treatment of wounding,  
267 *hpcal1-1* mutants did however display a local and systemic cell-to-cell ROS signaling response that  
268 was indistinguishable from that of WT (Figure 6C). These findings suggest that cell-to-cell ROS  
269 signals could be mediated in plants by more than one type of ROS receptor. Systemic cell-to-cell  
270 ROS signaling pathways, triggered by HL stress, bacterial infection, or salinity treatments (Figures  
271 1, 6A, 6B) and mediated by HPCA1, could therefore be distinguished from those activated by

272 wounding (Figure 6C) and potentially mediated by a yet unknown ROS receptor(s). In a previous  
273 study, treatment of *hpcal* seedlings with 100 mM NaCl triggered changes in calcium levels (Wu  
274 et al., 2020). In agreement with these studies, we also found that salt stress (100 mM NaCl) triggers  
275 a calcium wave in the *hpcal-1* mutant (Supplemental Figure 3); but not a ROS wave (Figure 6B).  
276 Salt stress (100 mM NaCl) was also found to triggers a calcium wave in *msl3-1* mutant  
277 (Supplemental Figure 3). Taken together, these findings suggest that the calcium wave could be  
278 mediated via different molecular mechanisms during HL and salt stresses [*i.e.*, MSL3 during HL  
279 stress, as opposed to two-pore channel 1 (TPC1) during salt stress; Figures 2, 6; Evans et al., 2016].  
280 Further studies are required to address the coupling of the ROS and calcium waves during salt,  
281 HL, and other biotic and abiotic stresses.

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#### 284 **HPCA1-dependent cell-to-cell ROS signaling requires the central calcium signaling** 285 **regulators CBL4, CIPK26, and OST1**

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287 The increase in calcium levels resulting from HPCA1 activation during local and systemic  
288 responses to HL stress (Figure 2) could cause the activation of calcium-dependent protein kinase  
289 cascades and trigger ROS production by RBOHs (Luan and Wang, 2021; Mittler et al., 2022). Our  
290 mutant screen (Supplemental Table 1) identified three proteins potentially involved in such  
291 cascades (CBL4, CIPK26, and OST1). As shown in Figure 7A, similar to the *hpcal-1* mutant  
292 (Figure 1), *cbl4-1*, *cipk26-2*, and *ost1-2* mutants were deficient in mediating the systemic cell-to-  
293 cell ROS signal in response to a 2 min local treatment of HL stress. In addition, and also similar  
294 to the *hpcal-1* mutant (Figure 4B), *cbl4-1*, *cipk26-2*, and *ost1-2* mutants were unable to acclimate  
295 to HL stress following a pretreatment with a short period of HL stress (Figure 7B).

296 To test whether CBL4, CIPK26, and OST1 are required for the initiation or propagation of  
297 the systemic cell-to-cell ROS signal, we conducted grafting experiments between these mutants  
298 and WT plants (Figure 8; similar to the analysis described in Figure 5). These studies revealed that  
299 like HPCA1 (Figure 5), CBL4, CIPK26, and OST1 are all required for the propagation of the  
300 systemic cell-to-cell ROS signal. Thus, while the *cbl4-1*, *cipk26-2*, and *ost1-2* mutants were  
301 deficient in ROS wave propagation through the scion (systemic tissue), following the activation of  
302 the ROS wave at the WT stock (that includes the local tissue), they could transmit other HL-

303 induced systemic signals that are not the ROS wave through the (local) stock tissue to a WT scion  
304 and trigger in it the ROS wave (Figure 8). The findings that key components of a calcium-  
305 dependent signaling cascade (*i.e.*, CBL4, CIPK26, and OST1) are required for the propagation of  
306 the cell-to-cell ROS signal reveal that enhanced levels of calcium alone (Figure 2) are not sufficient  
307 to trigger the ROS wave by directly interacting with the calcium-binding domains of RBOHD  
308 (Ogasawara et al., 2008). Rather, an amplification cascade of the signal is needed. The results  
309 presented in Figures 3, 5, 7, and 8 also suggest that HPCA1, CBL4, CIPK26 and OST1 are not  
310 required for the propagation of other HL-induced systemic signals such as the electric wave that  
311 are initiated in the local tissue (stock; Figure 3).

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314 **The same amino acid residue required for RBOHD activation by OST1 is also required for**  
315 **RBOHD activation during systemic cell-to-cell ROS signaling**

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317 The sensing of high cytosolic calcium levels by CBL4 was shown to activate CIPK26, and CIPK26  
318 was shown to phosphorylate and activate RBOHF (Drerup et al., 2013). CIPK26 was also shown  
319 to interact with OST1 (Mogami et al., 2015). OST1, in turn, is thought to phosphorylate RBOHD  
320 on serine 347 and activate it (Wang et al., 2020). OST1 was also shown to phosphorylate and  
321 activate RBOHF (Sirichandra et al., 2009). Because RBOHD plays such a canonical role in the  
322 initiation and propagation of the systemic cell-to-cell ROS signal (Figure 5; Supplemental Figure  
323 2; Zandalinas et al., 2020a; Zandalinas et al., 2020b; Fichman et al., 2021), we tested whether  
324 deleting its N-terminal regulatory domain (RD; amino acids 1 to 347), or mutating serine 347 to  
325 alanine (the target of OST1 phosphorylation; Wang et al., 2020), will inhibit the systemic cell-to-  
326 cell ROS signal in response to HL stress. For this purpose, we expressed the WT *RbohD* gene  
327 (*RbohD* genomic; Figure 9), or the *RbohD* cDNA (*RbohD* cDNA; Figure 9), under the control of  
328 the *RbohD* promoter in *rbohD* mutants. In addition, we expressed the *RbohD* cDNA without the  
329 RD (*RbohD* w/o RD; Figure 9), or the *RbohD* gene with point mutations (Serine to Alanine) in  
330 positions 22 and 26 (*RbohD* S22-26A; Figure 9), or 22, 26, 343 and 347 (*RbohD* S22-26,343-  
331 347A; Figure 9) in the *rbohD* mutant (Nühse et al., 2007; Zandalinas et al., 2020b).  
332 Phosphorylation of RBOHD on S343/S347, as well as on S22/S26 was previously associated with  
333 the RBOHD- and ROS-dependent innate immune response of Arabidopsis (with S343/S347

334 playing a key role in this response; Nühse et al., 2007), and the WT *RbohD* gene expressed under  
335 the control of the *RbohD* promoter was shown to complement local and systemic ROS production  
336 in response to HL stress in the *rbohD* mutant (Zandalinas et al., 2020b). Once we confirmed that  
337 all transgenic complementation assays were homozygous and expressing a single copy of the  
338 transgene, we subjected a single leaf of WT, *rbohD*, *rbohDRbohD* genomic, *rbohDRbohD* cDNA,  
339 *rbohDRbohD* w/o RD, *rbohDRbohD* S22-26A, and *rbohDRbohD* S22-26,343-347A to a 2 min of  
340 HL stress treatment (as described for Figure 1) and measured ROS accumulation in local and  
341 systemic leaves. As shown in Figure 9A and 9B, complementation of the *rbohD* mutant with the  
342 WT *RbohD*, WT *RbohD* cDNA, or *RbohD* S22-26A restored the systemic cell-to-cell ROS  
343 response. In contrast, complementation of the *rbohD* mutant with the *RbohD* w/o RD, or the  
344 *RbohD* S22-26,343-347A failed to restore the systemic ROS signal.

345 To study the expression of the key HL acclimation response gene *Zat12* in *rbohD* mutants  
346 transformed with the different constructs, we conducted the same analysis described above,  
347 however instead of the *rbohD* mutant we used the double homozygous line expressing the  
348 *Zat12::luciferase* reporter in the *rbohD* background (developed as described in Miller et al., 2009;  
349 Zandalinas et al., 2020b) for the complementation study. As shown in Figure 9C, expression of  
350 the *Zat12* gene (measured by luciferase activity; Miller et al., 2009; Zandalinas et al., 2020b) was  
351 significantly elevated only in *rbohDZat12::luciferase* lines complemented with the WT *RbohD*,  
352 WT *RbohD* cDNA, or *RbohD* S22-26A (as well as in WT plants transformed with the  
353 *Zat12::luciferase* reporter). In contrast, *Zat12* expression was not complemented in  
354 *rbohDZat12::luciferase* lines by expression of the *RbohD* w/o RD or the *RbohD* S22-26,343-  
355 347A constructs. These findings agreed with the measurements of local and systemic ROS shown  
356 for the different complemented *rbohD* lines in panels A and B.

357 To study systemic acclimation to HL stress we also subjected the *rbohD* complemented  
358 lines (Figure 9A, 9B) to the same HL SAA assay shown in Figures 4B and 7B. As shown in Figure  
359 9D, complementation of the *rbohD* mutant with the WT *RbohD*, WT *RbohD* cDNA, or *RbohD*  
360 S22-26A restored systemic HL acclimation to the *rbohD* mutant, while complementation of the  
361 *rbohD* mutant with the *RbohD* w/o RD or the *RbohD* S22-26,343-347A construct did not.

362 Taken together, the analyses shown in Figure 9 suggest that complementation of *rbohD*  
363 with the wild type *RbohD* gene, cDNA, or *RbohD* gene with mutations in S22 and S26 (Nühse et  
364 al., 2007; Zandalinas et al., 2020b), restored HL-induced systemic cell-to-cell ROS signaling

365 (Figure 9A), systemic *Zat12* gene expression (Figure 9B), and systemic acclimation to HL stress  
366 (Figure 9C). By contrast, complementation of *rbohD* with the *RbohD* cDNA that lacks the RD, or  
367 the *RbohD* gene that contains point mutations in S22, S26, S343 and S347 (Nühse et al., 2007),  
368 did not restore the ROS wave, systemic *Zat12* expression, or systemic acclimation to HL (Figure  
369 9). These findings point to residues S343 and S347 (the target of OST1; Wang et al., 2020) as  
370 playing a key role in cell-to-cell ROS signaling.

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## 374 **DISCUSSION**

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376 The ability of plants to mobilize a signal from a small group of cells subjected to stress to the entire  
377 plant, *i.e.*, systemic signaling, plays a pivotal role in plant acclimation to, and/or defense against,  
378 many different abiotic and biotic stresses (Mittler et al., 2011; Zhu, 2016; Waszczak et al., 2018;  
379 Smirnoff and Arnaud, 2019; Farmer et al., 2020; Johns et al., 2021; Mittler et al., 2022). Among  
380 the different signal transduction mechanisms that mediate systemic responses in plants is a rapid  
381 cell-to-cell signaling process that involves membrane depolarization, cytosolic calcium alterations,  
382 and ROS accumulation (Figures 1-3, Supplemental Movie 1; Mittler et al., 2011; Farmer et al.,  
383 2020; Fichman and Mittler, 2020a; Shao et al., 2020; Johns et al., 2021; Mittler et al., 2022).  
384 Previous studies identified RBOHD, RBOHF, and GLR3.3GLR3.6 as key players in this cell-to-  
385 cell response (Miller et al., 2009; Mousavi et al., 2013; Toyota et al., 2018; Shao et al., 2020;  
386 Zandalinas et al., 2020b). While RBOHs were shown to mediate ROS production required for cell-  
387 to-cell signaling and plant acclimation (Miller et al., 2009; Fichman et al., 2019), GLRs were  
388 shown to mediate membrane depolarization and alterations in calcium levels (that could potentially  
389 drive ROS production; Mousavi et al., 2013; Evans et al., 2016; Toyota et al., 2018; Nguyen et al.,  
390 2018; Shao et al., 2020; Fichman and Mittler, 2021a). Prior studies have also suggested that the  
391 function of RBOHs and GLRs is interlinked (*e.g.*, Fichman and Mittler, 2020a; Fichman and  
392 Mittler, 2021a). Nevertheless, how changes in ROS levels at the apoplast (produced by RBOHs)  
393 are translated into changes in cytosolic calcium during cell-to-cell ROS signaling remains  
394 unknown. Here we show that HPCA1 plays a canonical role in systemic cell-to-cell signaling in  
395 plants, triggering cytosolic calcium accumulation upon sensing of apoplastic ROS/H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (Figures

396 1, 2A, Supplemental Movie 1). The altered calcium levels, potentially driven by MSL3 (Figure  
397 2B; Supplemental Figure 1), could then activate a downstream pathway that requires CBL4,  
398 CIPK26, and OST1 and trigger further ROS production (Figures 7-9). HPCA1 may therefore  
399 represent a highly important and missing puzzle piece that links changes in apoplastic ROS levels  
400 driven by RBOH function with changes in cytosolic calcium levels driven by different calcium-  
401 permeable channels such as MSL3 (Figure 10). The finding that HPCA1 is required for systemic  
402 ROS and calcium cell-to-cell signaling (Figures 1, 2A), the expression of many acclimation  
403 transcripts in local and systemic tissues (Figure 4A), as well as plant acclimation (Figure 4B),  
404 provides strong support to this proposed role of HPCA1. Because some of the interactions between  
405 CBL4, CIPK26, OST1, and RBOHD/F were identified *in vitro* (e.g., Wang et al., 2020), further  
406 studies would be needed to dissect the calcium signaling cascades that function downstream of  
407 HPCA1. Additional studies are also required to identify the mode of HPCA1 activation during this  
408 process (Wu et al., 2020).

409 Interestingly, in our hands, HPCA1 appears not to be needed for the mediation of systemic  
410 membrane potential changes (Figure 3; Supplemental Movie 1). In this respect it should also be  
411 noted that our grafting experiments (Figure 5) revealed that the mobilization of other HL-induced  
412 systemic signals, that are not the ROS wave, through a scion made from *hpcal-1* (without the  
413 accumulation of detectable ROS levels) could lead to the activation of the ROS cell-to-cell signal  
414 in the WT scion (Figure 5). Taken together, these findings suggest that a cell-to-cell membrane  
415 potential signal could mediate the HL-induced systemic signal in the *hpcal* mutant even in the  
416 absence of the ROS and/or calcium cell-to-cell signals (Figures 1-3, 5; Supplemental Movie).  
417 HPCA1 is however required in local and systemic plant tissues to enhance transcript expression  
418 and acquire a heightened state of acclimation; Figure 4). The notion that the electric wave could  
419 be playing a role in mediating systemic signaling to a local HL stress is also supported by the pace  
420 of the different systemic signals detected in our study (Figure 1-3; Supplemental Movie 1). The  
421 systemic change in membrane potential (a type of electric wave) is the fastest, followed by a  
422 change in cell-to-cell cytosolic calcium levels, that are followed by changes in cell-to-cell ROS  
423 levels (Figures 1-3; Supplemental Movie 1). These observations could suggest that an electric  
424 wave (that is GLR-dependent, at least for its initiation; Mousavi et al., 2013; Nguyen et al., 2018;  
425 Fichman and Mittler, 2021a) is the first to reach all cells. The changes in membrane potential it  
426 brings with it may prime, alter, or activate different channels and other signaling mechanisms.

427 These could then trigger a calcium wave [that could be dependent on GLRs, MSLs, TPC1, and/or  
428 cyclic nucleotide-gated ion channels (CNGCs); Evans et al., 2016; Toyota et al., 2018; Shao et  
429 al., 2020; Fichman et al., 2021; Dickinson et al., 2022)], that in turn activate ROS production via  
430 CBL4-, CIPK26- and/or OST1-mediated RBOH activation (Figures 7-10). Although calcium  
431 changes are imaged in our system before ROS changes (Figures 1-3; Supplemental Movie 1), the  
432 new player in this pathway, introduced by this work, *i.e.*, HPCA1, appears to be required for  
433 integrating the cell-to-cell calcium and ROS signals, providing a mechanistic understanding to  
434 how changes in apoplastic ROS levels are linked to changes in cytosolic calcium levels (Figure  
435 10; Supplemental Movie 1). The possible role of electric signals in activating cell-to-cell ROS  
436 signaling is also supported by a recent study showing that aboveground plant-to-plant transmission  
437 of electric signals (via two physically touching leaves) can trigger the cell-to-cell ROS signal in a  
438 receiving plant, and that this communication process is dependent on GLRs, RBOHs and MSLs  
439 (Szechynska-Hebda et al., 2022). In addition, as shown in Figure 5E and Supplemental Figure 2,  
440 as well as reported previously (Fichman et al., 2021), a HL-induced systemic signal cannot  
441 propagate through a stock made from the *rbohD* mutant and trigger the ROS wave in a WT scion.  
442 In this respect it should be noted that RBOHD is required for the propagation of the electric wave  
443 in response to a local application of HL stress (Suzuki et al., 2013; Fichman and Mittler, 2021a).  
444 The electric wave that propagates independently of HPCA1 (Figure 3) could therefore trigger the  
445 ROS and calcium waves that are dependent on each other, as well as on HPCA1 (Figures 1-3, 5,  
446 7; Supplemental Figure 2; Supplemental Movie 1), providing a possible hierarchy for systemic  
447 signaling in response to a local treatment of HL stress.

448 Interestingly, although HPCA1 was found to be required for systemic cell-to-cell ROS  
449 responses to local HL, salt, or pathogen treatments (Figures 1, 6), it was not required for cell-to-  
450 cell ROS signaling in response to wounding (Figure 6). This finding could suggest that different  
451 receptors for apoplastic ROS are involved in mediating systemic cell-to-cell signaling in response  
452 to different stresses. Alternatively, the sensing of changes in apoplastic ROS levels may not play  
453 a key role in systemic cell-to-cell signaling in response to wounding. In this respect it should be  
454 noted that in addition to being sensed at the plasma membrane by HPCA1, ROS (H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>) can also  
455 enter the cytosol from the apoplast through aquaporins (Rodrigues et al., 2017; Fichman et al.,  
456 2021; Figure 10). A recent study has shown for example that in the aquaporin mutant plasma  
457 membrane intrinsic protein 2;1 (*pip2;1*), the cell-to-cell ROS signal triggered by HL stress is



458 **abolished** (Fichman et al., 2021; Mittler et al., 2022). ROS could also move from cell-to-cell via  
459 plasmodesmata that open in an RBOHD-dependent manner during the progression of the cell-to-  
460 cell signal (Fichman et al., 2021). **We previously showed that systemic cell-to-cell ROS responses**  
461 **are only suppressed in the *glr3.3glr3.6* double mutant in response to HL stress but are completely**  
462 **abolished in response to wounding** (Fichman et al., 2021; Fichman and Mittler, 2021a). Systemic  
463 **responses to wounding may therefore be more dependent on GLRs and other apoplastic and/or**  
464 **cytosolic ROS sensors, compared to systemic responses to HL stress** (Mittler et al., 2022; Mousavi  
465 **et al., 2013; Toyota et al., 2018; Shao et al., 2020; Fichman and Mittler, 2021a). In addition, they**  
466 **could be mediated through different cell layers that use different mechanisms for systemic cell-to-**  
467 **cell ROS signaling (*i.e.*, mesophyll compared to vascular; Zandalinas et al., 2020b). Further studies**  
468 **are needed to address the relationships between different types of stress and** apoplastic sensing of  
469 ROS via HPCA1, cytosolic sensing of ROS following their entry into the cell via aquaporins, and  
470 the transfer of ROS from cell-to-cell via plasmodesmata (Figure 10; Fichman et al., 2021).

471 **In addition to its role in propagating the ROS wave (Figure 5), HPCA1 is also playing a**  
472 **role in ROS and calcium accumulation at the local tissue that is directly exposed to the HL stress**  
473 **(Figures 1, 2). Moreover, HPCA1 is required for the expression of several stress-response**  
474 **transcripts at the local tissue (but not *APX2*) and for acclimation of the local tissue to HL stress**  
475 **(Figure 4). These findings suggest that HPCA1 plays a role in the sensing of the stress at the local**  
476 **tissue. We previously showed that the activation of RBOHD by HL stress at the local tissue**  
477 **requires Phytochrome B (phyB; Devireddy et al., 2020; Fichman et al., 2022; Figure 10). Light**  
478 **stress, that is sensed by phyB or chloroplasts could therefore trigger RBOHD at the local tissue,**  
479 **and the ROS produced by RBOHD could be sensed by HPCA1 leading to further activation of**  
480 **RBOHD in a positive feedback loop that is required for ROS accumulation, defense mechanism**  
481 **activation, and acclimation to HL stress at the local tissue (Figures 1, 4, 10; Mittler et al., 2022).**

482 An overall view of rapid cell-to-cell ROS and calcium signaling emerges from our study.  
483 In this view each cell in the cell-to-cell ROS signaling pathway senses the ROS generated by the  
484 cell preceding it via HPCA1, activates a calcium-dependent signal transduction pathway  
485 (involving CBL4, CIPK26 and OST1), and triggers ROS production by RBOHD and RBOHF  
486 (Figure 10). The activation of ROS production by that cell is then sensed by the cell following it  
487 in the chain, via its own HPCA1, and the process is repeated forming a positive amplification loop  
488 that drives the ROS signal from cell-to-cell until all cells in the plant turn their ROS production



489 state to ‘activated’. While the initiation of the cell-to-cell ROS signal is primarily dependent on  
490 RBOHD (Miller et al., 2009; Fichman et al., 2019), its propagation is dependent on HPCA1,  
491 RBOHD and RBOHF (Figure 5), that together could amplify the ROS signal (Figure 10). CIPK26  
492 can activate RBOHF and OST1 (Drerup et al., 2013; Mogami et al., 2015), while OST1 can  
493 activate RBOHD and RBOHF (Sirichandra et al., 2009; Wang et al., 2020; Figures 7-10).  
494 Activation of HPCA1 could also cause the opening of aquaporins such as PIP2;1 (Rodrigues et al.,  
495 2017; Smirnoff and Arnaud, 2019; Maurel et al., 2021; Mittler et al., 2022) and facilitate the  
496 transfer of RBOH-generated ROS into cells. The enhanced production of apoplastic ROS by each  
497 cell could therefore alter the ROS and redox state of the cytosol (Fichman and Mittler, 2021b), in  
498 an aquaporin- and plasmodesmata-dependent manner (Fichman et al., 2021), and activate multiple  
499 transcriptional regulators such as MYB30 and ZAT12 (Figure 4; Fichman et al., 2020c; Mittler et  
500 al., 2022), causing all cells ‘excited’ or ‘activated’ by the cell-to-cell ROS signal to acquire a  
501 heightened state of tolerance to the stress and become acclimated (Figures 4, 7, 9, 10; Zandalinas  
502 et al., 2020a; Zandalinas et al., 2020b; Fichman et al., 2021; Fichman and Mittler, 2021b; Mittler  
503 et al., 2022). Cell-to-cell ROS signaling therefore plays a key role in plant acclimation to stress,  
504 and HPCA1 is a key component of this pathway enabling ROS sensing and continued signal  
505 propagation (Figure 10).

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## 509 **METHODS**

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### 511 **Plant material, growth conditions and generation of transgenic plants**

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513 *Arabidopsis thaliana* Col-0 wild type plants, homozygous knockout lines (Alonso et al., 2003) of  
514 *hpcal* (AT5G49760; CS923304), *cbl4* (AT5G24270; CS859749; Yang et al., 2019), *cipk26*  
515 (AT5G21326; SALK\_074944C; Lyzenga et al., 2013), *ost1* (AT4G33950; SALK\_020604), *msl3*  
516 (AT1G58200; SALK\_201695C; CS69719), *rbohD* (AT5G47910; CS68747; Torres et al., 2002),  
517 and *rbohF* (AT1G64060; CS68748; Torres et al., 2002), as well as native promoter  
518 complementation lines of *rbohD* with full-length genomic sequence of *RBOHD*, *RBOHD* S22-

519 26A, *RBOHD* S22-26-343-347A; Nühse et al., 2007), cDNA sequence of *RBOHD* (Zandalinas et  
520 al., 2020b) and cDNA sequence of *RBOHD* without its regulatory domain ( $\Delta$ M1-S347; generated  
521 as described below) were used for the main figures (additional mutants are described in  
522 Supplemental Table 1). Plants were grown in peat pellets (Jiffy International, Kristiansand,  
523 Norway) under controlled conditions of 10hr/14hr light/dark regime, 50  $\mu$ mol photons  $s^{-1} m^{-2}$  and  
524 21°C for 4 weeks (Zandalinas et al., 2020a; Zandalinas et al., 2020b; Fichman et al., 2021). For  
525 constructing *RBOHD* without the regulatory domain ( $\Delta$ M1- S347), a DNA fragment lacking the  
526 *RbohD* regulatory domain (from amino acid 348 to 921) was amplified by PCR from cDNA  
527 template (using specific primers:  
528 5'-GAGACTCGAGATGCAGAAGCTTAGACCGGCAAA-3' and  
529 5'-TCTCGAGCTCCTAGAAGTTCTCTTTGTGGAAGT-3'), isolated and sequenced. The  
530 resulting *RbohD* sequence without its regulatory domain was cloned into pCAMBIA2301 vectors  
531 (Marker Gene Technologies, Eugene, OR, USA) downstream of the native *RbohD* promoter  
532 (Nühse et al., 2007; Zandalinas et al., 2020b) replacing the full-length cDNA sequence of *RbohD*  
533 (using *Xho*I and *Sac*I). *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* GV3101 (Koncz and Schell, 1986) was  
534 transformed with the binary plasmid and transgenic Arabidopsis plants were generated using floral  
535 dipping (Clough and Bent, 1998). Transformed seedlings were selected on 0.5X Murashige and  
536 Skoog media plates (Caisson Labs, Smithfield, UT, USA) supplemented with 50  $\mu$ g  $ml^{-1}$   
537 Kanamycin (Gold Bio, St. Louis, MO, USA) for three generations. Transgenic double homozygous  
538 pZat12::Luc *rbohD* plants (Miller et al., 2009; Zandalinas et al., 2020b) were also complemented  
539 with the different *RbohD* constructs (*i.e.*, full-length genomic sequence of *RbohD*, *RbohD* S22-  
540 26A, *RbohD* S22-26-343-347A, cDNA sequence of *RbohD*, and *RbohD*  $\Delta$ M1-S347) as described  
541 above.

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#### 544 **Grafting**

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546 Grafting was performed as previously described (Fichman et al., 2021). Briefly, Arabidopsis plants  
547 (wild-type and different mutants) were germinated on 0.5X Murashige and Skoog media plates  
548 (Caisson Labs, Smithfield, UT, USA). An incision was made in seven-day-old stock seedlings to  
549 insert a scion into the cut while keeping the rosette of the stock plant intact. Plants were grown for

550 five days in growth chamber at 20°C under constant light. Surviving grafted plants were  
551 transplanted to peat pellets and grown as described above for 5 days before light stress treatment  
552 (applied to a single leaf of the stock). For each knockout line, four combinations were constructed  
553 and tested: wild-type (WT) as the scion and the stock, the mutant line as the scion and the stock,  
554 mutant scion on WT stock, and WT scion on a mutant stock. Grafting was repeated 40 times for  
555 each combination of each line with approximately 40% success rate.

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### 558 **Stress application, imaging of ROS, calcium and membrane potential, and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>** 559 **quantification**

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561 As previously described (Fichman et al., 2019; Zandalinas et al., 2020b; Fichman and Mittler,  
562 2021a; Supplemental Figure 4), plants were fumigated for 30 min with 50 µM H<sub>2</sub>DCFDA  
563 (Millipore-Sigma, St. Louis, MO, USA) for ROS imaging (Fichman et al., 2019; Zandalinas et al.,  
564 2020b), 4.5 µM Fluo-4-AM (Becton, Dickinson and Company, Franklin Lakes, NJ, USA) for  
565 calcium imaging (Fichman and Mittler, 2021a), 20 µM DiBAC<sub>4</sub>(3) (Biotium, Ferment, CA, USA)  
566 for membrane potential imaging (Fichman and Mittler, 2021a), or 100 µM Peroxy Orange 1 (PO1;  
567 Millipore-Sigma, St. Louis, MO, USA) for H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> imaging (Fichman et al., 2019), using a nebulizer  
568 (Punasi Direct, Hong Kong, China) in a glass container. Following fumigation, different stresses  
569 were applied as described in (Fichman et al., 2019; Zandalinas et al., 2020b; Fichman and Mittler,  
570 2021a). Briefly, plants were subjected to HL stress by illuminating a single leaf with 1700 µmol  
571 photons s<sup>-1</sup>m<sup>-2</sup> using a ColdVision fiber optic LED light source (Schott, Southbridge, MA, USA;  
572 Fichman et al., 2019; Zandalinas et al., 2020b); pathogen infection was performed by dipping a  
573 single leaf in a solution containing DCF and 10<sup>6</sup> CFU of *P. syringae* DC 3000 or the same solution  
574 without the bacteria (mock; Fichman et al., 2019); for wounding, a single leaf was pierced  
575 simultaneously by 20 dresser pines (Fichman et al., 2019; Fichman and Mittler, 2021a); for salt  
576 stress, a single leaf was dipped in 100 mM NaCl, 50 mM phosphate buffer, pH 7.4, with 50 µM  
577 H<sub>2</sub>DCFDA for 30 seconds (the same solution without NaCl was used for mock control); for H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>  
578 treatment, a single leaf was dipped in 1 mM H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 50 mM phosphate buffer, pH 7.4, with 50 µM  
579 H<sub>2</sub>DCFDA for 30 seconds (the same solution without H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> was used for mock control).  
580 Fluorescence images were acquired using IVIS Lumina S5 (PerkinElmer, Waltham, MA, USA)

581 for 30 min. ROS, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, and calcium accumulation, as well as membrane depolarization were  
582 analyzed using Living Image 4.7.2 software (PerkinElmer, Waltham, MA, USA) using the math  
583 tools (Fichman et al., 2019; Zandalinas et al., 2020b; Fichman and Mittler, 2021a). Time course  
584 images were generated and radiant efficiency of regions of interest (ROI) were calculated. Each  
585 data set includes standard error of 8-12 technical repeats. Please note that due to the high sensitivity  
586 of this method, background ROS levels are occasionally detected in vascular and meristematic  
587 tissues of control untreated plants (Fichman et al., 2019).

588 Hydrogen peroxide quantification was performed with Amplex<sup>®</sup>-Red (10-Acetyl-3,7-  
589 dihydroxyphenoxazine; ADHP; Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA). Local and  
590 systemic leaves from the different treatments were flash frozen in liquid nitrogen, ground to fine  
591 powder, resuspended in 50 µl 0.1M trichloroacetic acid (TCA; Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham,  
592 MA, USA), and centrifuged for 15 min at 12,000 g, 4°C. The supernatant was buffered with 1 M  
593 phosphate buffer pH 7.4, and the pellet was dried and used for dry weight calculation. H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>  
594 quantification at the supernatant was performed according to the MyQubit-Amplex<sup>®</sup>-Red Peroxide  
595 Assay manual (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA), using a calibration curve of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>  
596 (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA). In short, 100 µl of the working solution (100 µM  
597 ADHP, 0.02 U horseradish peroxidase in reaction buffer) was mixed with 100 µl of the sample. After  
598 30 min of incubation in dark, 20 µl from the reaction was diluted in 180 µl of reaction buffer and  
599 fluorescence was measured with a Qubit 4 (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA), using  
600 the peroxide protocol. Concentration values were normalized to dry weight of each sample.

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### 603 **Systemic acquired acclimation and electrolyte leakage assays**

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605 Local and systemic acquired acclimation to HL stress were measured by subjecting a local leaf to  
606 light stress (1700 µmol photons s<sup>-1</sup>m<sup>-2</sup>) for 0 or 10 min, incubating the plant under controlled  
607 conditions for 50 min, and then exposing the same leaf (local) or a younger leaf (systemic) to HL  
608 stress (1700 µmol photons s<sup>-1</sup>m<sup>-2</sup>) for 45 min (Zandalinas et al., 2020b; Fichman et al., 2021).  
609 Electrolyte leakage was measured by immersing the sampled (treated, untreated, local, or  
610 systemic) leaf in distilled water for 1 hr and measuring the conductivity of the water using Oakton  
611 CON 700 conductivity meter (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Vernon Hills, IL, USA). Samples were

612 then boiled with the water, cooled down to room temperature and measured again for conductivity  
613 (total leakage). Electrolyte leakage was calculated as percentage of the conductivity before heating  
614 the samples over that of the boiled samples and compared between plants treated for 10 min on  
615 local leaf (pretreated) or treated for 0 min on their local leaf (non-pretreated). Experiments  
616 consisted of 5 repeats for each condition in each line. Standard error was calculated using  
617 Microsoft Excel; one-way ANOVA (confidence interval = 0.05) and Tukey honestly significant  
618 difference (HSD) were performed with IBM SPSS 25.

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### 621 **Transcript expression**

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623 Transcript expression in response to HL stress in local and systemic leaves was measured using 4-  
624 week-old wild type and *hpa1-1* plants following the application of HL to a single leaf for 2 min  
625 (Fichman and Mittler, 2021a; Fichman et al., 2021). Exposed leaf (local) and unexposed fully  
626 developed younger leaf (systemic) were collected for RNA extraction at 0- and 30-min. RNA was  
627 extracted using Plant RNeasy kit (Qiagen, Hilden, Germany) according to the manufacture  
628 instructions. Total RNA was used for cDNA synthesis (PrimeScript RT Reagent Kit; Takara Bio,  
629 Takara Bio, Kusatsu, Japan). Transcript expression was quantified by real-time qPCR using iQ  
630 SYBR Green supermix (Bio-Rad Laboratories, Hercules, CA, USA), as previously described  
631 (Fichman and Mittler, 2021a; Fichman et al., 2021), with the following primers:

632 *APX2* (AT3G09640) 5'-TCATCCTGGTAGACTGGACAAA-3' and 5'-  
633 CACATCTCTTAGATGATCCACACC-3';

634 *MYB30* (AT3G28910) 5'- CCACTTGGCGAAAAAGGCTC-3' and 5'-  
635 ACCCGCTAGCTGAGGAAGTA-3';

636 *ZAT10* (AT1G27730) 5'- ACTAGCCACGTTAGCAGTAGC-3' and 5'-  
637 GTTGAAGTTTGACCGGAAGTC-3';

638 *ZAT12* (AT5G59820) 5'- TGGGAAGAGAGTGGCTTGTTT-3' and 5'-  
639 TAAACTGTTCTTCCAAGCTCCA-3';

640 *ZHD5* (AT1G75240) 5' - CCACCAATCCAAGTCTCCCTC-3' and 5'-  
641 GCTCGCCGCATGATTCTTTAG-3' and

642 *Elongation factor 1 alpha* (5'-GAGCCCAAGTTTTTGAAGA-3' and 5'-  
643 TAAACTGTTCTTCCAAGCTCCA-3') was used for normalization of relative transcript levels.  
644 Results in the exponent of base 2 delta-delta terminal cycle were obtained by normalizing the  
645 relative transcript and comparing it to control WT from local leaf. Data represents 12 biological  
646 repeats and 3 technical repeats for each reaction. Standard error and Student t-test were calculated  
647 with Microsoft Excel.

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### 650 ***ZAT12* promoter activity**

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652 Expression of luciferase driven by the *ZAT12* promoter was detected by luminescence imaging  
653 (Miller et al., 2009; Zandalinas et al., 2020b). Plants were sprayed with 1 mM luciferin (Gold Bio,  
654 St. Louis, MO, USA), and a single leaf was exposed to HL stress for 2 min (1700  $\mu\text{mol photons s}^{-1}\text{m}^{-2}$ ;  
655 ColdVision fiber optic LED light source; Schott, Southbridge, MA, USA). Plants were then  
656 imaged with the IVIS Lumina S5 apparatus (PerkinElmer, Waltham, MA, USA), as described  
657 before (Zandalinas et al., 2020b). Results are presented as percent of control (0 min). Each data  
658 set includes standard error of 8-12 technical repeats.

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### 661 **Statistical analysis**

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663 All experiments were repeated at least three times with at least three biological repeats. Graphs  
664 were generated with Microsoft Excel and are box plots with x as mean  $\pm$  SE. P values (\*p < 0.05,  
665 \*\*P < 0.01, \*\*\*P < 0.001) were generated with two-tailed Student t-test paired samples. ANOVA  
666 followed by a Tukey's HSD post hoc test was used for hypothesis testing (different letters denote  
667 statistical significance at p < 0.05; Supplemental Table 2).

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673 **Accession Numbers**

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675 *HPCA1*- AT5G49760, *APX2* - AT3G09640, *CBL4* - AT5G24270, *CIPK26* - AT5G21326, *MYB30*  
676 - AT3G28910, *OST1* - AT4G33950, *MSL3* -AT1G58200, *RBOHD* - AT5G47910, *RBOHF* -  
677 AT1G64060, *ZAT10* - AT1G27730, *ZAT12* - AT5G59820, *ZHD5* - AT1G75240

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680 **SUPPLEMENTAL DATA**

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682 **Supplemental Table 1.** List of mutants that were screened for the presence or absence of the  
683 systemic ROS wave in response to a local highlight stress applied to a single leaf.

684 **Supplemental Figure 1.** MSL3 is required for systemic cell-to-cell calcium signaling in response  
685 to hydrogen peroxide. *Arabidopsis* plants were subjected to mock or 1 mM H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> treatment of a  
686 single local leaf for 2 min and cytosolic calcium accumulation was imaged using Fluo-4-AM in  
687 whole plants (local and systemic tissues). Representative time-lapse images of whole plant  
688 cytosolic calcium accumulation in WT and *msl3-1* plants are shown alongside bar graphs of  
689 combined data from all plants used for the analysis at the 0- and 30-min time points (local and  
690 systemic). All experiments were repeated at least 3 times with 10 plants of each genotype per  
691 experiment. Data is presented as box plot graphs; X is mean ± S.E., N=30, \*\*P < 0.01, \*\*\*P <  
692 0.001, Student t-test. Scale bar, 1 cm. In support of Figure 2. Abbreviations: MSL3,  
693 mechanosensitive ion channel like 3; WT, wild-type.

694 **Supplemental Figure 2.** RBOHD is required for systemic cell-to-cell ROS signal initiation and  
695 propagation, while RBOHF is required for systemic signal propagation. Representative time-lapse  
696 images of ROS accumulation in stock and scion parts of grafted plants, generated using WT,  
697 *rbohD*, or *rbohF* plants, in response to HL stress applied to a single leaf (indicated with a red  
698 circle) belonging to the stock part. Scions are indicated by solid white lines, and stocks are  
699 indicated by dashed white lines. ROS accumulation was imaged using H<sub>2</sub>DCFDA. Scale bar, 1  
700 cm. In support of Figure 5. Abbreviations: H<sub>2</sub>DCFDA, 2',7'-dichlorodihydrofluorescein diacetate;

701 RBOHD, respiratory burst oxidase homolog D; RBOHF, respiratory burst oxidase homolog F;  
702 ROS, reactive oxygen species; WT, wild-type.

703 **Supplemental Figure 3.** HPCA1 or MSL3 are not required for systemic cell-to-cell calcium  
704 responses to salt stress. *Arabidopsis* plants were subjected to mock or 100 mM NaCl treatment of  
705 a single local leaf (red circle) and cytosolic calcium accumulation was imaged using Fluo-4-AM  
706 in whole plants (local and systemic tissues). Representative time-lapse images of whole plant  
707 cytosolic calcium accumulation in WT and *msl3-1* plants are shown alongside bar graphs of  
708 combined data from all plants used for the analysis at the 0- and 30-min time points (local and  
709 systemic). All experiments were repeated at least 3 times with 10 plants of each genotype per  
710 experiment. Data is presented as box plot graphs; X is mean  $\pm$  S.E., N=30, \*P < 0.05, \*\*P < 0.01,  
711 Student t-test. Scale bar, 1 cm. In support of Figure 6. Abbreviations: HPCA1, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-induced Ca<sup>2+</sup>  
712 increases 1; MSL3, mechanosensitive ion channel like 3; WT, wild-type.

713 **Supplemental Figure 4.** Imaging of ROS, calcium, and membrane potential in wild-type plants  
714 subjected to a HL stress treatment applied to a single leaf. *Arabidopsis* plants were untreated or  
715 subjected to a high light (HL) stress treatment applied to a single leaf (Local; indicated with a red  
716 circle), and ROS (A), calcium (B), or membrane potential (C) were imaged, using H<sub>2</sub>DCFDA,  
717 Fluo-4-AM, or DiBAC<sub>4</sub>(3), respectively, in whole plants (local and systemic tissues) as described  
718 in Fichman and Mittler (2021a), and the Methods section. Scale bar, 1 cm. In support of Figures  
719 1-3. Abbreviations: DiBAC<sub>4</sub>(3), Bis-(1,3-Dibutylbarbituric Acid)Trimethine Oxonol; H<sub>2</sub>DCFDA,  
720 2',7'-dichlorodihydrofluorescein diacetate; HL, high light; ROS, reactive oxygen species; WT,  
721 wild-type.

722 **Supplemental Movie 1.** Live whole plant imaging of changes in cell-to-cell reactive oxygen  
723 species, calcium, and membrane potential signals in response to the application of high light stress  
724 to a single leaf (indicated by a white circle) of wild type and two independent mutants of HPCA1  
725 (*hpcal-1*, *hpcal-2*). Note that although the detection of changes in cytosolic calcium levels  
726 precedes that of reactive oxygen species, cell-to-cell changes in calcium levels are dependent on  
727 reactive oxygen species sensing by HPCA1. By contrast, cell-to-cell changes in membrane  
728 potential do not require HPCA1. In support of Figures 1-3.

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915 **FIGURE LEGENDS**

916 **Figure 1.** HPCA1 is required for systemic cell-to-cell ROS signaling in response to light stress.  
917 **(A)** *Arabidopsis* plants were subjected to a high light (HL) stress treatment applied to a single leaf  
918 (Local; indicated with a red circle), and ROS accumulation was imaged, using H<sub>2</sub>DCFDA, in  
919 whole plants (local and systemic tissues). Representative time-lapse images of whole plant ROS  
920 accumulation in WT, *hpcal-1* and *hpcal-2* plants are shown alongside bar graphs of combined  
921 data from all plants used for the analysis at the 0- and 30-min time points (local and systemic). **(B)**  
922 Same as in (A), but for whole plant H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> accumulation that was imaged using Peroxy Orange 1  
923 (PO1). **(C)** *Arabidopsis* plants were subjected to a HL stress treatment applied to a single leaf  
924 (Local) and the levels of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> were measured in extracts from local and systemic leaves using  
925 Amplex®-Red. All experiments were repeated at least 3 times with 10 plants of each genotype per  
926 experiment. Data is presented as box plot graphs; X is mean ± S.E., N=30, \*P < 0.05, \*\*P < 0.01,  
927 \*\*\*P < 0.001, Student t-test. Scale bar, 1 cm. See movie S1 for live imaging. Abbreviations:  
928 H<sub>2</sub>DCFDA, 2',7'-dichlorodihydrofluorescein diacetate; HPCA1, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-induced Ca<sup>2+</sup> increases 1;  
929 PO1, Peroxy Orange 1; ROS, reactive oxygen species; WT, wild-type.

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931 **Figure 2.** HPCA1 and MSL3 are required for systemic cell-to-cell calcium signaling in response  
932 to light stress. **(A)** *Arabidopsis* plants were subjected to a high light (HL) stress treatment applied  
933 to a single leaf (Local; indicated with a red circle), and cytosolic calcium accumulation was imaged  
934 using Fluo-4-AM in whole plants (local and systemic tissues). Representative time-lapse images  
935 of whole plant cytosolic calcium accumulation in WT, *hpcal-1* and *hpcal-2* plants are shown  
936 alongside bar graphs of combined data from all plants used for the analysis at the 0- and 30-min  
937 time points (local and systemic). **(B)** Same as in (A), but for WT, *msl3-1* and *msl3-2* plants.  
938 Compared to WT, the *msl3-1* mutant is also deficient in cell-to-cell calcium signaling in response  
939 to a local application of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (Supplementary Figure 1). All experiments were repeated at least 3  
940 times with 10 plants of each genotype per experiment. Data is presented as box plot graphs; X is  
941 mean ± S.E., N=30, \*P < 0.05, \*\*P < 0.01, Student t-test. Scale bar, 1 cm. See movie S1 for live  
942 imaging. Abbreviations: HPCA1, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-induced Ca<sup>2+</sup> increases 1; MSL3, mechanosensitive ion  
943 channel like 3; WT, wild-type.

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945 **Figure 3.** HPCA1 is not required for systemic cell-to-cell changes in membrane potential in  
946 response to light stress. *Arabidopsis* plants were subjected to a high light (HL) stress treatment  
947 applied to a single leaf (Local; indicated with a red circle), and changes in membrane potential  
948 were imaged using DiBAC<sub>4</sub>(3) in whole plants (local and systemic tissues). Representative time-  
949 lapse images of whole plant changes in membrane potential in WT, *hpcal-1* and *hpcal-2* plants  
950 are shown alongside bar graphs of combined data from all plants used for the analysis at the 0- and  
951 30-min time points (local and systemic). The double mutant *glr3.3 glr3.6*, that lacks a cell-to-cell  
952 membrane potential signal in response to HL stress (Fichman and Mittler 2021a), was used as a  
953 negative control. All experiments were repeated at least 3 times with 10 plants of each genotype  
954 per experiment. Data is presented as box plot graphs; X is mean ± S.E., N=30, \*\*P < 0.01, Student  
955 t-test. Scale bar, 1 cm. See movie S1 for live imaging. Abbreviations: DiBAC<sub>4</sub>(3), Bis-(1,3-  
956 Dibutylbarbituric Acid) Trimethine Oxonol; GLR, glutamate receptor-like; HPCA1, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-induced  
957 Ca<sup>2+</sup> increases 1; WT, wild-type.

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959 **Figure 4.** HPCA1 is required for local and systemic expression of stress-acclimation transcripts,  
960 as well as acclimation of plants to light stress. (A) Real-time quantitative PCR analysis of *APX2*,  
961 *MYB30*, *ZAT10*, *ZAT12*, and *ZHD5* expression in local and systemic leaves of wild-type and  
962 *hpcal-1* plants subjected to a local HL treatment. Transcripts tested were previously found to  
963 respond to HL stress in wild-type plants. Results are presented as relative quantity (RQ) compared  
964 to control WT from local leaf. (B) Averaged measurements of leaf injury (increase in ion leakage)  
965 of WT and *hpcal-1* plants. Measurements are shown for unstressed plants (control), local leaves  
966 subjected to a pretreatment of HL stress before a long HL stress period (local acclimation),  
967 systemic leaves of plants subjected to a local HL stress pretreatment before a long period of local  
968 HL stress was applied to a systemic leaf (systemic acclimation), and systemic leaves of plants  
969 subjected to a long HL stress period without pretreatment (HL without pretreatment). Results are  
970 presented as percent of control (leaves not exposed to HL stress). All experiments were repeated  
971 at least 3 times with 10 plants of each genotype per experiment. Data is presented in (A) as box  
972 plot graphs; X is mean ± S.E., N=30, \*P < 0.05, \*\*P < 0.01, \*\*\*P < 0.001, Student t-test. Data is  
973 presented in (B) as box plot graphs where X is mean ± S.E, N=30, one-way ANOVA followed by  
974 a Tukey test; lowercase letters donate significance (p < 0.05). Abbreviations: *APX2*, *ASCORBATE*



975 *PEROXIDASE 2*; HL, high light; HPCA1, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-induced Ca<sup>2+</sup> increases 1; *MYB30*,  
976 *MYELOBLASTOSIS DOMAIN PROTEIN 30*; PCR, polymerase chain reaction; WT, wild-type;  
977 *ZAT10*, *ZINC FINGER OF ARABIDOPSIS THALIANA 10*; *ZAT12*; *ZINC FINGER OF*  
978 *ARABIDOPSIS THALIANA 12*; *ZHD5*, *ZINC FINGER HOMEODOMAIN 5*.

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980 **Figure 5.** HPCA1 is required for systemic cell-to-cell ROS signal propagation, but not initiation,  
981 in response to light stress. **(A)** Representative time-lapse images of ROS accumulation in stock  
982 and scion parts of grafted plants, generated using WT and *hpcal-1* plants, in response to HL stress  
983 applied to a single leaf (indicated with a red circle) belonging to the stock part. Scions are indicated  
984 by solid white lines, and stocks are indicated by dashed white lines. **(B)** Bar graphs showing the  
985 combined data from the stock and scion of grafted WT plants subjected to HL stress on a single  
986 leaf of the stock scion. **(C)** Same as (B), but for different grafting combinations between WT and  
987 *hpcal-1* plants. **(D)** Same as (B), but for different grafting combinations between WT and *rbohF*  
988 plants. **(E)** Same as (B), but for different grafting combinations between WT and *rbohD* plants.

989 Representative time-lapse images of ROS accumulation in stock and scion parts of grafted WT  
990 and *rbohD*, or *rbohF*, plants are shown in Supplementary Figure 2. All experiments were repeated  
991 at least 3 times with 10 plants of each genotype per experiment. ROS accumulation was imaged  
992 using H<sub>2</sub>DCFDA. Data is presented as box plot graphs; X is mean ± S.E., N=30, \*p < 0.05, \*\*P <  
993 0.01, \*\*\*P < 0.001, Student t-test. Scale bar, 1 cm. Abbreviations: H<sub>2</sub>DCFDA, 2',7'-  
994 dichlorodihydrofluorescein diacetate; HL, high light; HPCA1, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-induced Ca<sup>2+</sup> increases 1;  
995 *rbohD*, respiratory burst oxidase homolog D; *rbohF*, respiratory burst oxidase homolog F; ROS,  
996 reactive oxygen species; WT, wild-type.

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998 **Figure 6.** HPCA1 is required for systemic cell-to-cell ROS responses to bacterial infection and  
999 salt stress, but not wounding. **(A)** Representative time-lapse images of whole plant ROS  
1000 accumulation in WT and *hpcal-1* plants subjected to mock or bacterial (*Pseudomonas syringae*  
1001 DC3000) infection on a single local leaf are shown alongside bar graphs of combined data from  
1002 all plants used for the analysis at the 0- and 30-min time points (local and systemic). **(B)** Same as  
1003 in (A), but for mock and salt stress (100 mM NaCl) applied to a single local leaf. **(C)** Same as in

1004 (A), but for wounding applied to a single local leaf (control plants were untreated). Although the  
1005 *hpcal-1* mutant is deficient in cell-to-cell ROS signaling in response to salinity stress (B), it  
1006 displays cell-to-cell calcium signaling in response to this stress (Supplementary Figure 3). All  
1007 experiments were repeated at least 3 times with 10 plants of each genotype per experiment. ROS  
1008 accumulation was imaged using H<sub>2</sub>DCFDA. Data is presented as box plot graphs; X is mean ±  
1009 S.E., N=30, \*\*P < 0.01, Student t-test. Scale bar, 1 cm. Abbreviations: H<sub>2</sub>DCFDA, 2',7'-  
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1011 oxygen species; WT, wild-type.

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1013 **Figure 7.** CBL4, CIPK26, and OST1 are required for systemic cell-to-cell ROS signaling and  
1014 acclimation to light stress. (A) Representative time-lapse images of whole plant ROS accumulation  
1015 in wild-type (WT) and *cbl4-1* plants subjected to a local HL stress treatment (applied to a single  
1016 local leaf; indicated with a red circle) are shown alongside bar graphs of combined data from all  
1017 plants used for the analysis at the 0- and 30-min time points (local and systemic). (B) Same as (A),  
1018 but for WT and *cipk26-2* plants. (C) Same as (A), but for WT and *ost1-2* plants. (D) Averaged  
1019 measurements of leaf injury (increase in ion leakage) in WT, *cbl4*, *cipk26*, and *ost1* plants.  
1020 Measurements are shown for unstressed plants (control), local leaves subjected to a pretreatment  
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1022 to a local HL stress pretreatment before a long period of local HL stress was applied to a systemic  
1023 leaf (systemic acclimation), and systemic leaves of plants subjected to a long HL stress period  
1024 without pretreatment (HL without pretreatment). All experiments were repeated at least 3 times  
1025 with 10 plants of each genotype per experiment. ROS accumulation was imaged using H<sub>2</sub>DCFDA.  
1026 Data is presented in (A) to (C) as box plot graphs; X is mean ± S.E., N=30, \*\*P < 0.01, Student t-  
1027 test. Data is presented in (D) as box plot graphs; X is mean ± S.E., N=30, one-way ANOVA  
1028 followed by a Tukey test; lowercase letters denote significance (p < 0.05). Scale bar, 1 cm.  
1029 Abbreviations: CBL4, calcineurin B-like calcium sensor 4; CIPK26, CBL4-interacting protein  
1030 kinase 26; H<sub>2</sub>DCFDA, 2',7'-dichlorodihydrofluorescein diacetate; HL, high light; OST1, open  
1031 stomata 1; ROS, reactive oxygen species; WT, wild-type.

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1033 **Figure 8.** CBL4, CIPK26, and OST1 are required for systemic ROS signal propagation, but not  
1034 initiation, in response to light stress. **(A)** Representative time-lapse images of ROS accumulation  
1035 in stock and scion parts of grafted plants, generated using WT and *cb14-1* plants, in response to a  
1036 local HL stress treatment applied to a single leaf (indicated with a red circle) belonging to the stock  
1037 part. Scions are indicated by solid white lines, and stocks are indicated by dashed white lines. **(B)**  
1038 Bar graphs showing the combined data from the stock and scion of grafted WT plants subjected to  
1039 HL stress on a single leaf of the stock scion. **(C)** Same as (B), but for different grafting  
1040 combinations between WT and *cb14-1* plants. **(D)** Same as (B), but for different grafting  
1041 combinations between WT and *cipk26-2* plants. **(E)** Same as (B), but for different grafting  
1042 combinations between WT and *ost1-2* plants. All experiments were repeated at least 3 times with  
1043 10 plants of each genotype per experiment. ROS accumulation was imaged using H<sub>2</sub>DCFDA. Data  
1044 is presented as box plot graphs; X is mean ± S.E., N=30, \*\*P < 0.01, \*\*\*P < 0.001, Student t-test.  
1045 Scale bar, 1 cm. Abbreviations: CBL4, calcineurin B-like calcium sensor 4; CIPK26, CBL4-  
1046 interacting protein kinase 26; H<sub>2</sub>DCFDA, 2',7'-dichlorodihydrofluorescein diacetate; HL, high  
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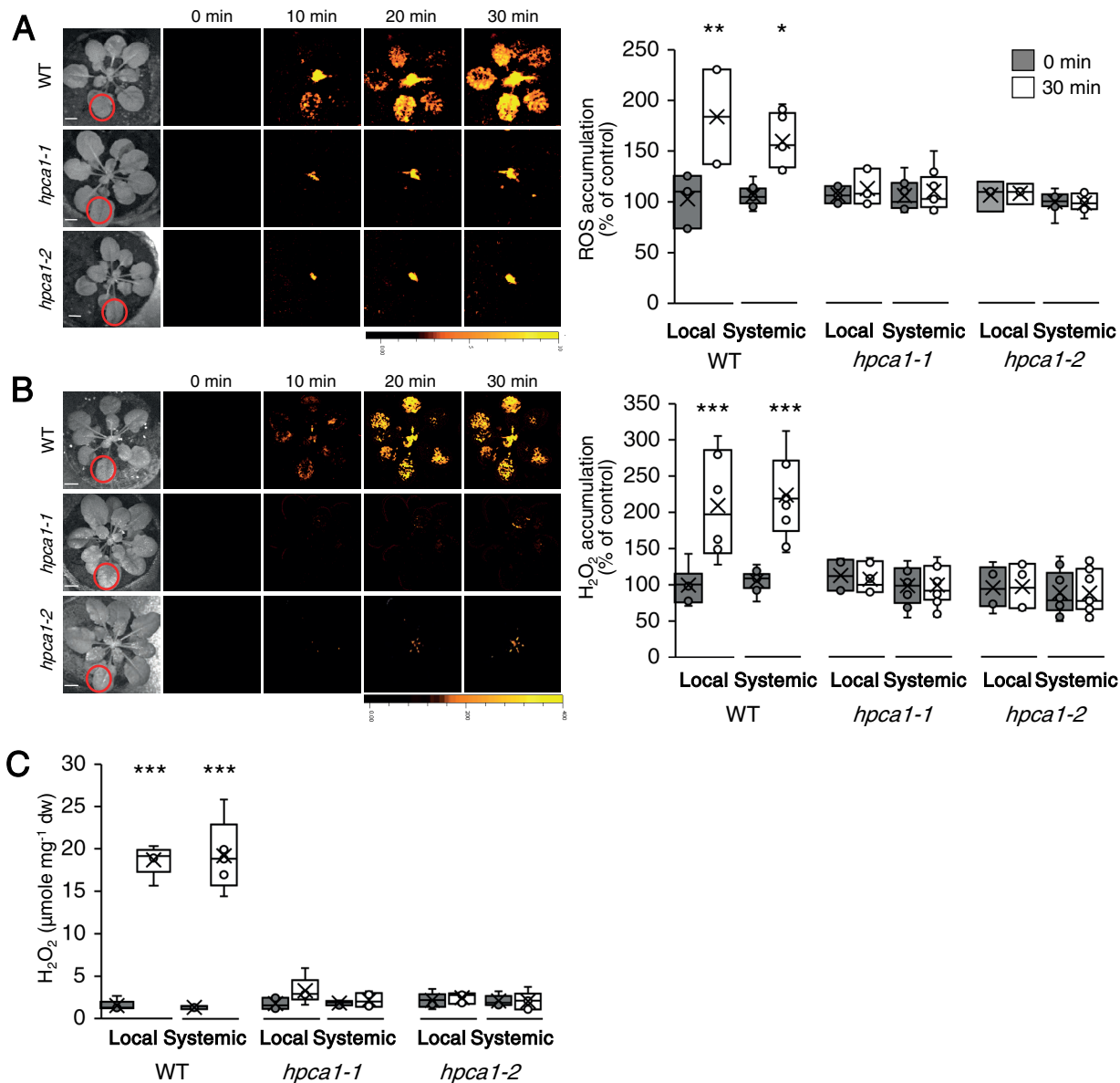
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1050 response to high light stress. **(A)** Representative time-lapse images of whole plant ROS  
1051 accumulation in WT, *rbohD*, *rbohD* complemented with the wild type *RbohD* gene  
1052 [*rbohD*/pRbohD::RbohD (genomic)], *rbohD* complemented with the *RbohD* cDNA expressed  
1053 under the control of the *RbohD* promoter [*rbohD*/pRbohD::RbohD (cDNA)], *rbohD*  
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1056 complemented with the *RbohD* gene with S22A and S26A mutations [*rbohD*/pRbohD::RbohD  
1057 S22-26A], or *rbohD* complemented with the *RbohD* gene with S22A, S26A, S343A and S347A  
1058 mutations [*rbohD*/pRbohD::RbohD S22-26-343-347A], following treatment of a single local leaf  
1059 with HL stress (indicated with a red circle). **(B)** Bar graphs of combined data from all plants used  
1060 for the analysis shown in (A) at the 0- and 30-min time points (systemic). **(C)** Bar graphs of  
1061 combined *Zat12* promoter activity (luciferase imaging) in systemic leaves of  
1062 *rbohD*/*Zat12*::*luciferase* double homozygous plants transformed with all vectors shown in (A),

1063 measured at 0- and 30-min time following application of HL stress to a single local leaf. **(D)**  
1064 Averaged measurements of leaf injury (increase in ion leakage) in systemic tissues of all lines  
1065 shown in (A). Measurements are shown for unstressed systemic leaves (systemic control) and  
1066 systemic leaves of plants subjected to a local HL stress pretreatment before a long period of local  
1067 HL stress was applied to a systemic leaf (systemic acclimation). All experiments were repeated at  
1068 least 3 times with 10 plants of each genotype per experiment. Two independent transgenic lines  
1069 for each construct were averaged. ROS accumulation was imaged using H<sub>2</sub>DCFDA. Data  
1070 presented in (B) and (C) is mean ± S.E., N=30, \*P < 0.05, Student t-test. Data presented in (D) is  
1071 mean ± S.E., N=30, one-way ANOVA followed by a Tukey test; lowercase letters denote  
1072 significance (p < 0.05). Scale bar, 1 cm. Abbreviations: cDNA, complementary DNA; H<sub>2</sub>DCFDA,  
1073 2',7'-dichlorodihydrofluorescein diacetate; HL, high light; *RbohD*, respiratory burst oxidase  
1074 homolog D; RD, regulatory domain; ROS, reactive oxygen species; WT, wild-type; *Zat12*, Zinc  
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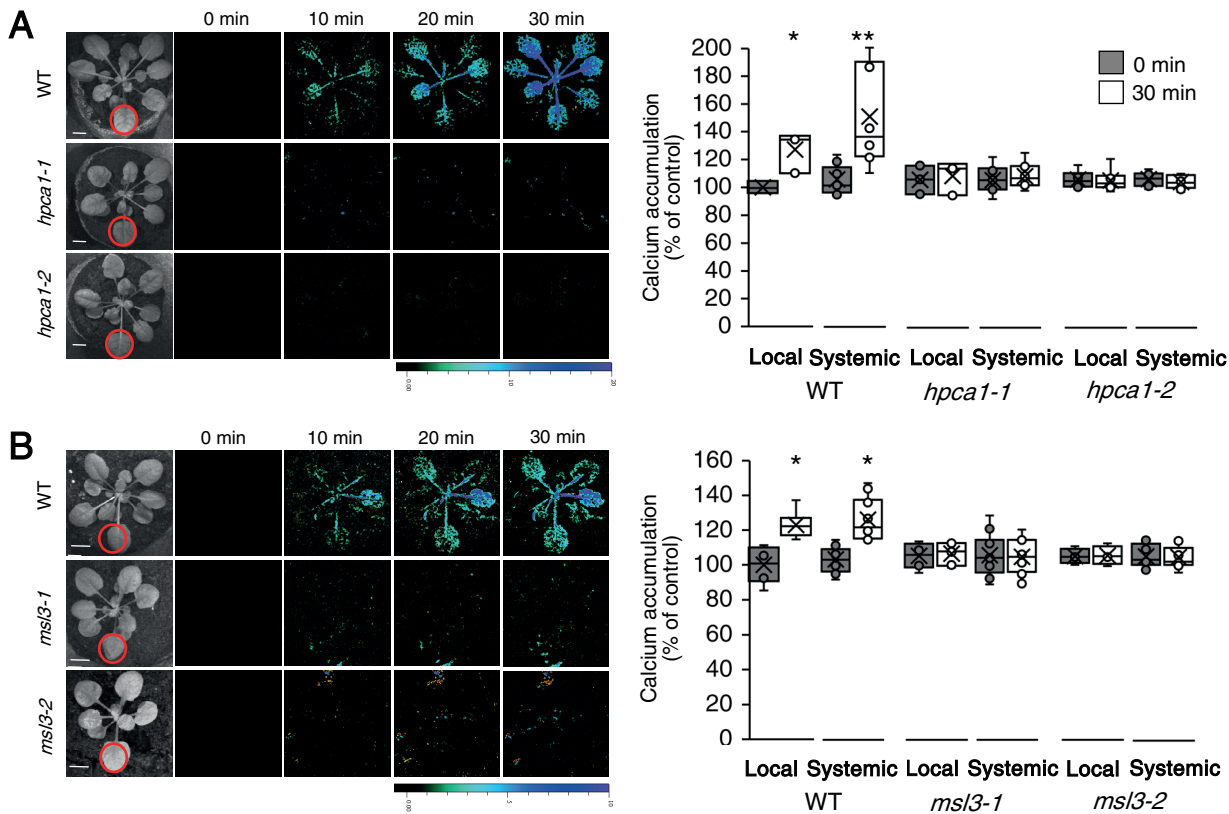
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1077 **Figure 10.** A model depicting the role of HPCA1 in the amplification and propagation of cell-to-  
1078 cell ROS signaling in plants. HPCA1 is proposed to sense ROS at the apoplast and trigger an  
1079 increase in cytosolic calcium levels via MSL3. The increase in calcium is proposed to activate a  
1080 kinase cascade involving CBL4, CIPK26 and OST1 that activates RBOHD and RBOHF enhancing  
1081 ROS production at the apoplast. The enhanced apoplastic ROS levels are sensed by the HPCA1 of  
1082 the next cell in the cell-to-cell chain causing the enhanced apoplastic production of ROS by this  
1083 cell, and a cell-to-cell ROS signaling process (the ROS wave) is formed. The enhanced apoplastic  
1084 levels of ROS sensed by HPCA1 in each cell are also causing a positive amplification loop that  
1085 further enhances ROS production in each cell of the cell-to-cell chain, including the initiating cell.  
1086 ROS that accumulate in the apoplast (mainly H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>) are shown to enter the cell via aquaporins and  
1087 alter the redox state of different transcriptional regulators. The function of the pathway activated  
1088 by HPCA1 is shown to be required for the enhanced transcript expression, acclimation, and  
1089 resilience of plants to stress (please see text for more details). Dotted (for protein-protein  
1090 interactions) and dashed (for regulatory effect) arrows are hypothetical. Abbreviations: APX2,  
1091 Ascorbate peroxidase 2; HPCA1, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-induced Ca<sup>2+</sup> increases 1; CBL4, calcineurin B-like  
1092 calcium sensor 4; CIPK26, CBL4-interacting protein kinase 26; MYB30, Myeloblastosis domain

1093 protein 30; OST1, open stomata 1; PD, plasmodesmata; PDLP, plasmodesmata localized protein;  
1094 phyB, phytochrome B; RBOHD, respiratory burst oxidase homolog D, RBOHF, respiratory burst  
1095 oxidase homolog F; ROS, reactive oxygen species; ZAT12, Zinc finger of *Arabidopsis thaliana*  
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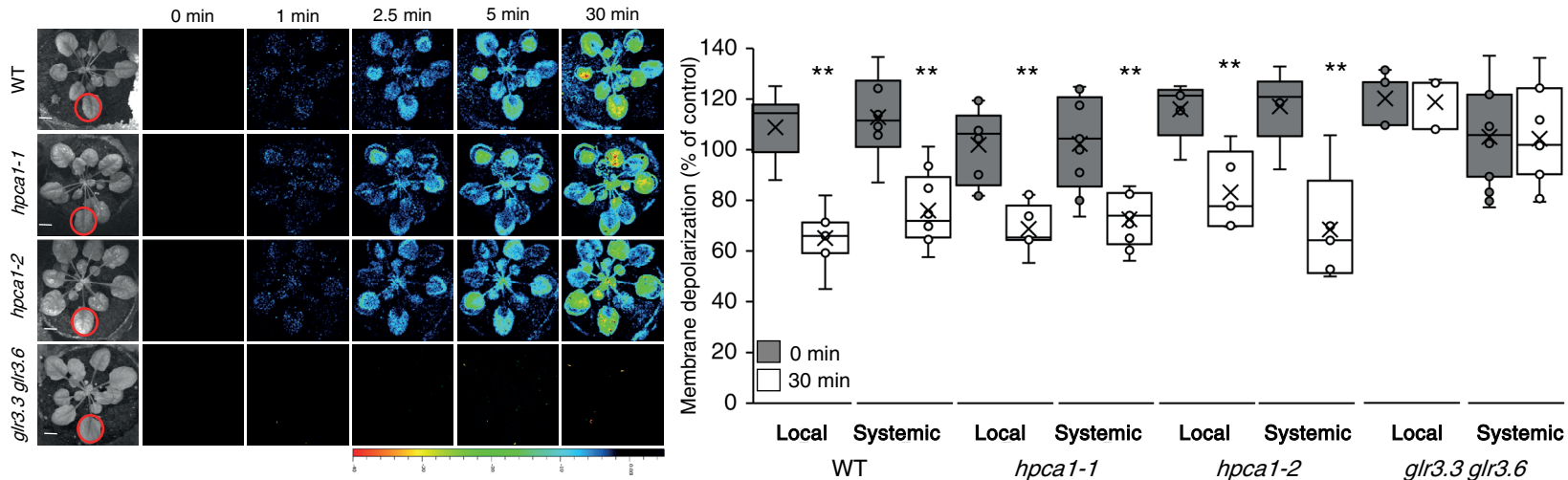


**Figure 1.** HPCA1 is required for systemic cell-to-cell ROS signaling in response to light stress. **(A)** *Arabidopsis* plants were subjected to a high light (HL) stress treatment applied to a single leaf (Local; indicated with a red circle), and ROS accumulation was imaged, using H<sub>2</sub>DCFDA, in whole plants (local and systemic tissues). Representative time-lapse images of whole plant ROS accumulation in WT, *hpca1-1* and *hpca1-2* plants are shown alongside bar graphs of combined data from all plants used for the analysis at the 0- and 30-min time points (local and systemic). **(B)** Same as in (A), but for whole plant H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> accumulation that was imaged using Peroxy Orange 1 (PO1). **(C)** *Arabidopsis* plants were subjected to a HL stress treatment applied to a single leaf (Local) and the levels of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> were measured in extracts from local and systemic leaves using Amplex®-Red. All experiments were repeated at least 3 times with 10 plants of each genotype per experiment. Data is presented as box plot graphs; X is mean ± S.E., N=30, \*P < 0.05, \*\*P < 0.01, \*\*\*P < 0.001, Student t-test. Scale bar, 1 cm. See movie S1 for live imaging. Abbreviations: H<sub>2</sub>DCFDA, 2',7'-dichlorodihydrofluorescein diacetate; HPCA1, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-induced Ca<sup>2+</sup> increases 1; PO1, Peroxy Orange 1; ROS, reactive oxygen species; WT, wild-type.



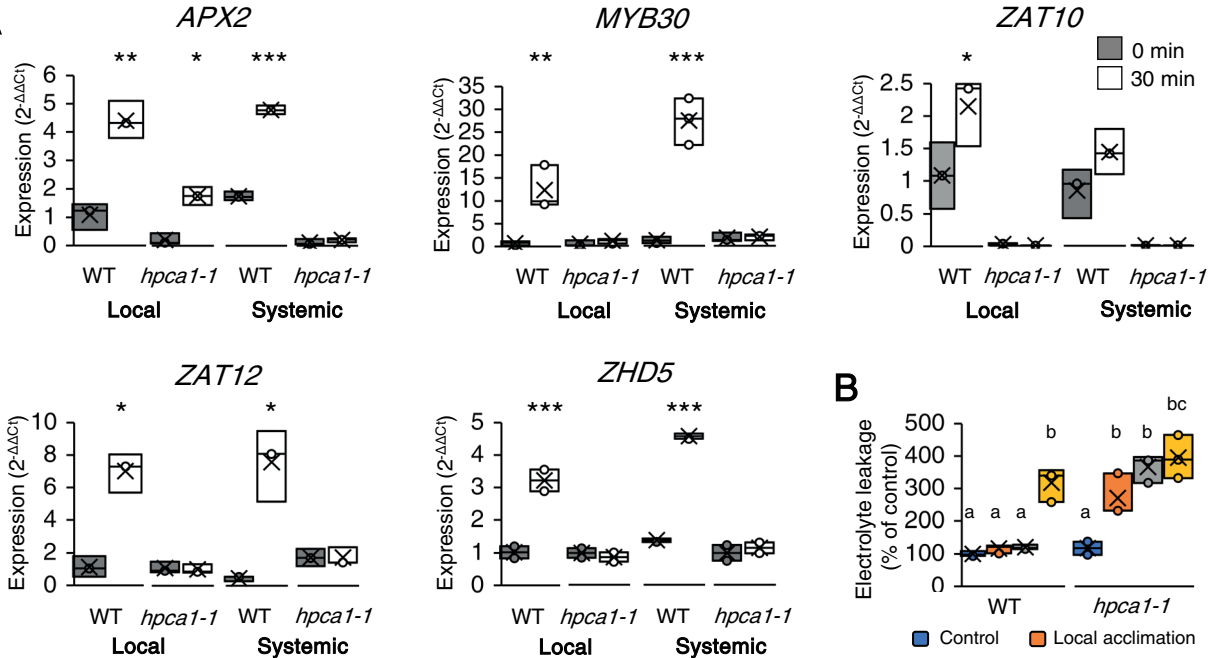
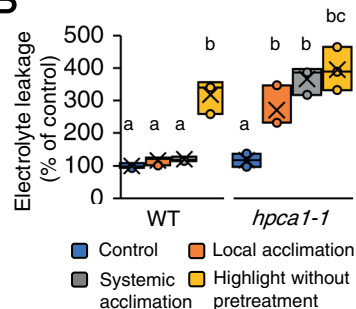
**Figure 2.** HPCA1 and MSL3 are required for systemic cell-to-cell calcium signaling in response to light stress. **(A)** *Arabidopsis* plants were subjected to a high light (HL) stress treatment applied to a single leaf (Local; indicated with a red circle), and cytosolic calcium accumulation was imaged using Fluo-4-AM in whole plants (local and systemic tissues). Representative time-lapse images of whole plant cytosolic calcium accumulation in WT, *hpca1-1* and *hpca1-2* plants are shown alongside bar graphs of combined data from all plants used for the analysis at the 0- and 30-min time points (local and systemic). **(B)** Same as in (A), but for WT, *msl3-1* and *msl3-2* plants. Compared to WT, the *msl3-1* mutant is also deficient in cell-to-cell calcium signaling in response to a local application of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (Supplementary Figure 1). All experiments were repeated at least 3 times with 10 plants of each genotype per experiment. Data is presented as box plot graphs; X is mean  $\pm$  S.E., N=30, \*P < 0.05, \*\*P < 0.01, Student t-test. Scale bar, 1 cm. See movie S1 for live imaging. Abbreviations: HPCA1, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-induced Ca<sup>2+</sup> increases 1; MSL3, mechanosensitive ion channel like 3; WT, wild-type.



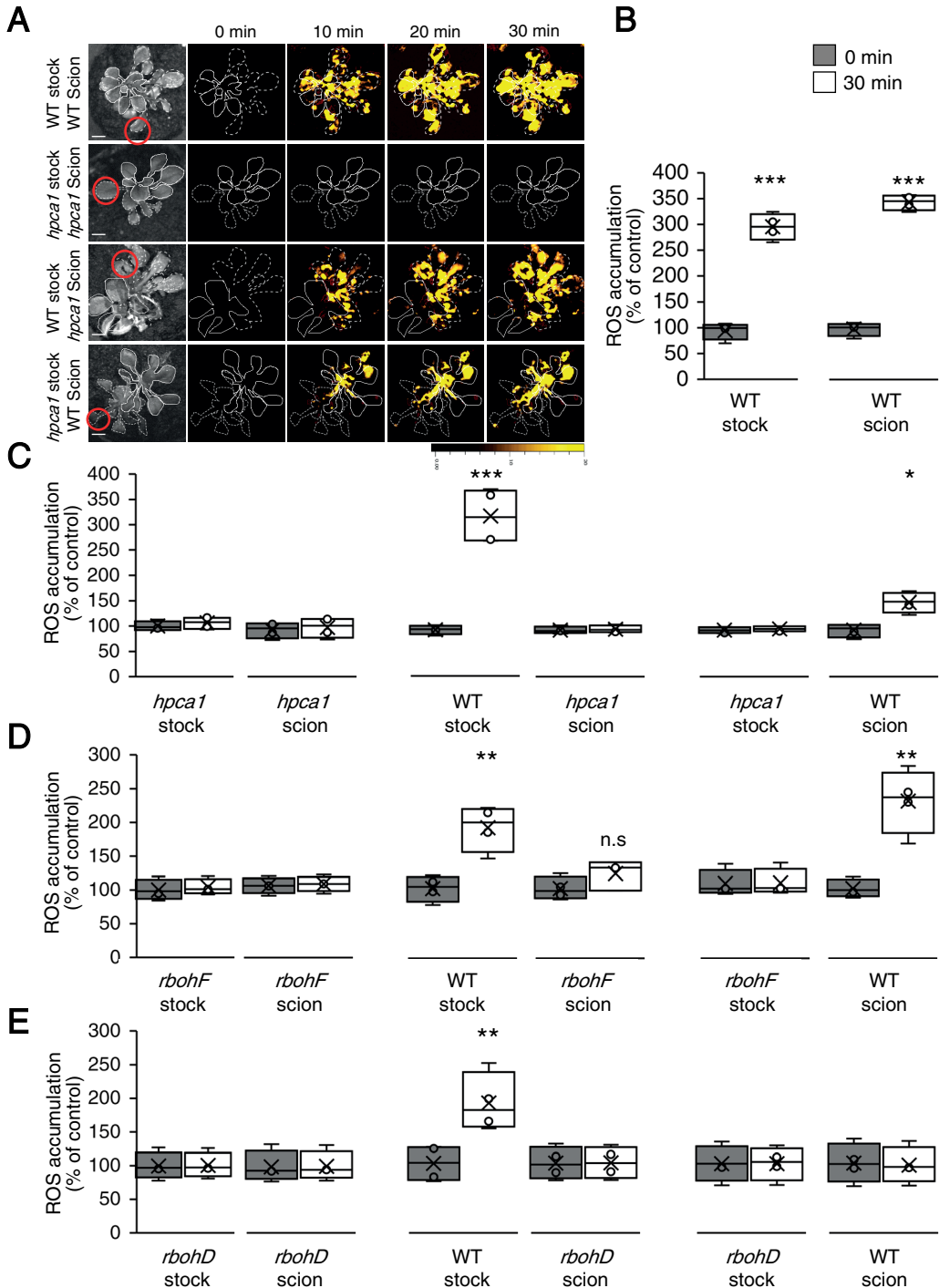


**Figure 3.** HPCA1 is not required for systemic cell-to-cell changes in membrane potential in response to light stress. *Arabidopsis* plants were subjected to a high light (HL) stress treatment applied to a single leaf (Local; indicated with a red circle), and changes in membrane potential were imaged using DiBAC<sub>4</sub>(3) in whole plants (local and systemic tissues). Representative time-lapse images of whole plant changes in membrane potential in WT, *hpca1-1* and *hpca1-2* plants are shown alongside bar graphs of combined data from all plants used for the analysis at the 0- and 30-min time points (local and systemic). The double mutant *glr3.3 glr3.6*, that lacks a cell-to-cell membrane potential signal in response to HL stress (Fichman and Mittler 2021a), was used as a negative control. All experiments were repeated at least 3 times with 10 plants of each genotype per experiment. Data is presented as box plot graphs; X is mean  $\pm$  S.E., N=30, \*\*P < 0.01, Student t-test. Scale bar, 1 cm. See movie S1 for live imaging. Abbreviations: DiBAC<sub>4</sub>(3), Bis-(1,3-Dibutylbarbituric Acid) Trimethine Oxonol; GLR, glutamate receptor-like; HPCA1, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-induced Ca<sup>2+</sup> increases 1; WT, wild-type.

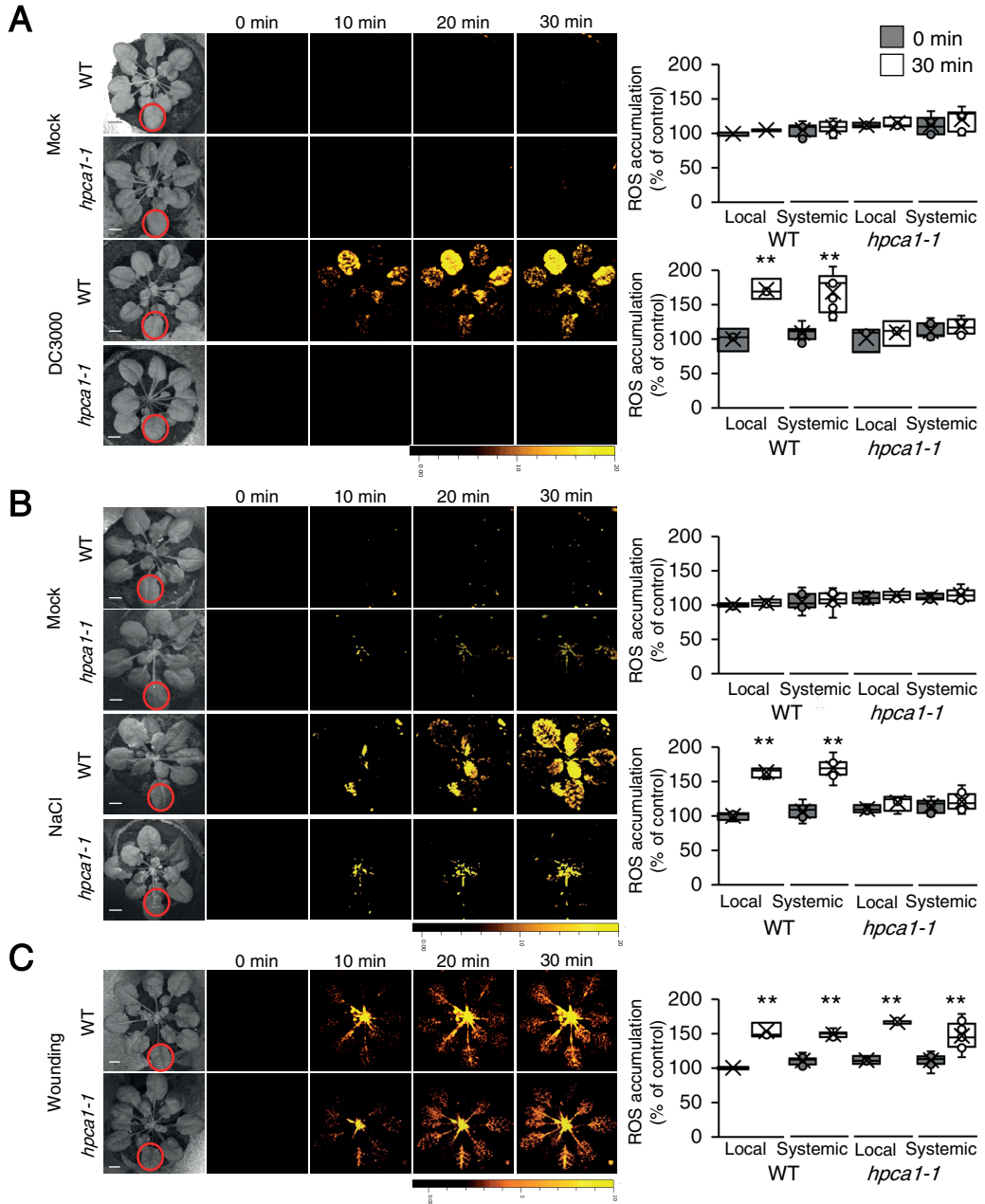


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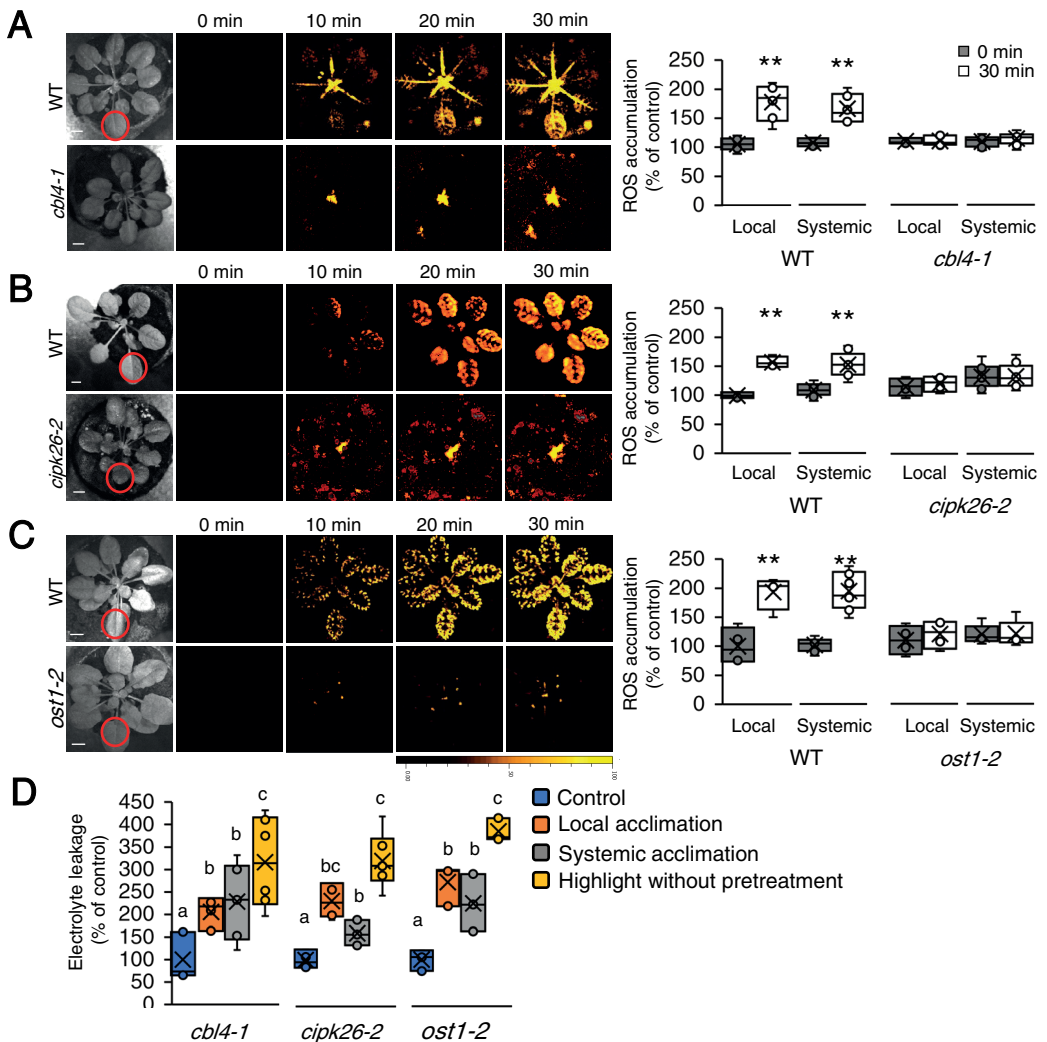
**Figure 4.** HPCA1 is required for local and systemic expression of stress-acclimation transcripts, as well as acclimation of plants to light stress. **(A)** Real-time quantitative PCR analysis of *APX2*, *MYB30*, *ZAT10*, *ZAT12*, and *ZHD5* expression in local and systemic leaves of wild-type and *hpca1-1* plants subjected to a local HL treatment. Transcripts tested were previously found to respond to HL stress in wild-type plants. Results are presented as relative quantity (RQ) compared to control WT from local leaf. **(B)** Averaged measurements of leaf injury (increase in ion leakage) of WT and *hpca1-1* plants. Measurements are shown for unstressed plants (control), local leaves subjected to a pretreatment of HL stress before a long HL stress period (local acclimation), systemic leaves of plants subjected to a local HL stress pretreatment before a long period of local HL stress was applied to a systemic leaf (systemic acclimation), and systemic leaves of plants subjected to a long HL stress period without pretreatment (HL without pretreatment). Results are presented as percent of control (leaves not exposed to HL stress). All experiments were repeated at least 3 times with 10 plants of each genotype per experiment. Data is presented in (A) as box plot graphs; X is mean  $\pm$  S.E., N=30, \*P < 0.05, \*\*P < 0.01, \*\*\*P < 0.001, Student t-test. Data is presented in (B) as box plot graphs where X is mean  $\pm$  S.E., N=30, one-way ANOVA followed by a Tukey test; lowercase letters donate significance ( $p < 0.05$ ). Abbreviations: *APX2*, ASCORBATE PEROXIDASE 2; HL, high light; HPCA1, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-induced Ca<sup>2+</sup> increases 1; *MYB30*, MYELOBLASTOSIS DOMAIN PROTEIN 30; PCR, polymerase chain reaction; WT, wild-type; *ZAT10*, ZINC FINGER OF ARABIDOPSIS THALIANA 10; *ZAT12*; ZINC FINGER OF ARABIDOPSIS THALIANA 12; *ZHD5*, ZINC FINGER HOMEODOMAIN 5.



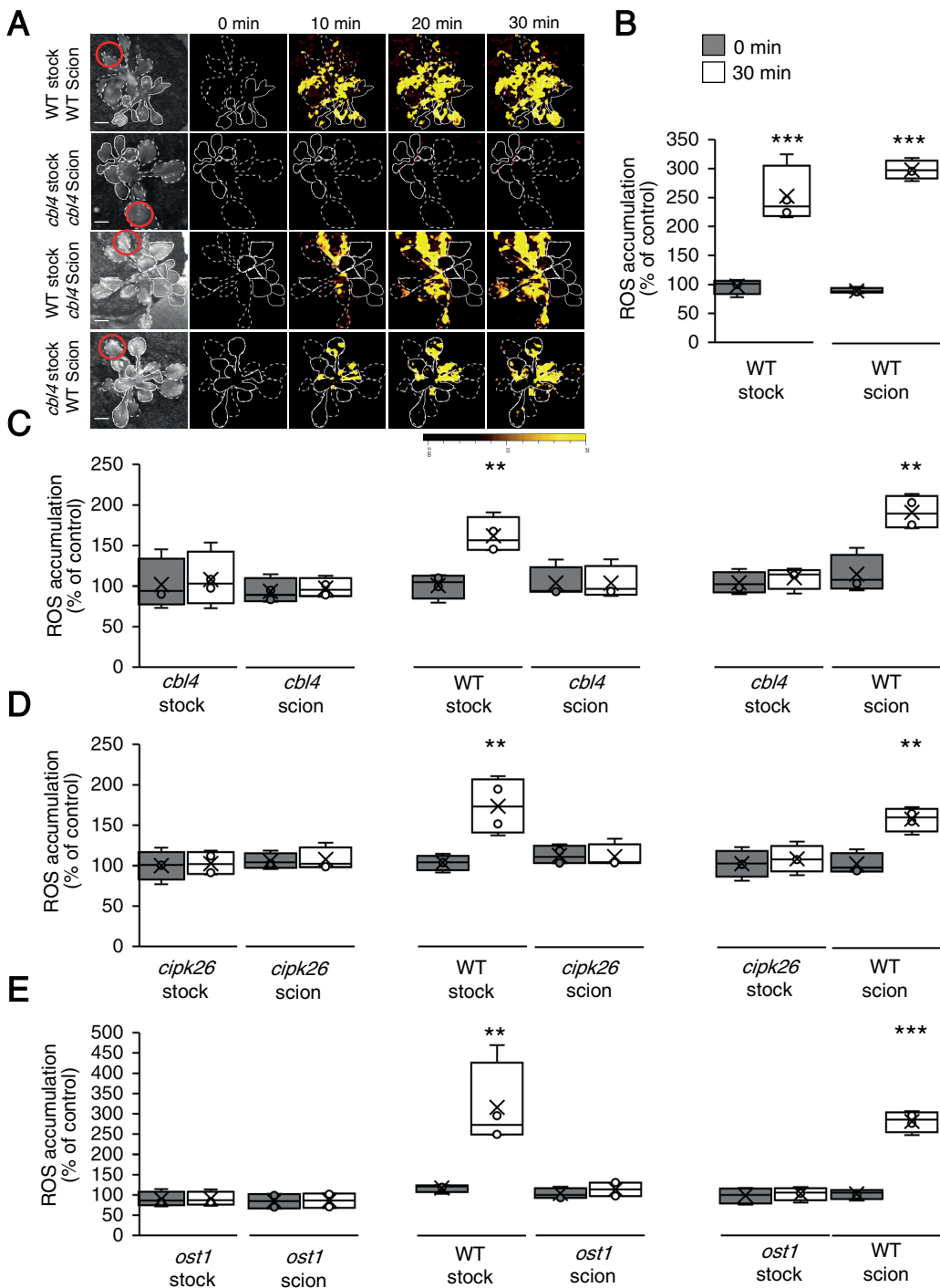
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**Figure 6.** HPCA1 is required for systemic cell-to-cell ROS responses to bacterial infection and salt stress, but not wounding. **(A)** Representative time-lapse images of whole plant ROS accumulation in WT and *hpca1-1* plants subjected to mock or bacterial (*Pseudomonas syringae* DC3000) infection on a single local leaf are shown alongside bar graphs of combined data from all plants used for the analysis at the 0- and 30-min time points (local and systemic). **(B)** Same as in (A), but for mock and salt stress (100 mM NaCl) applied to a single local leaf (control plants were untreated). **(C)** Same as in (A), but for wounding applied to a single local leaf (control plants were untreated). Although the *hpca1-1* mutant is deficient in cell-to-cell ROS signaling in response to salinity stress (B), it displays cell-to-cell calcium signaling in response to this stress (Supplementary Figure 3). All experiments were repeated at least 3 times with 10 plants of each genotype per experiment. ROS accumulation was imaged using H<sub>2</sub>DCFDA. Data is presented as box plot graphs; X is mean  $\pm$  S.E., N=30, \*\*P < 0.01, Student t-test. Scale bar, 1 cm. Abbreviations: HPCA1, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-induced Ca<sup>2+</sup> increases 1; ROS, reactive oxygen species; WT, wild-type.

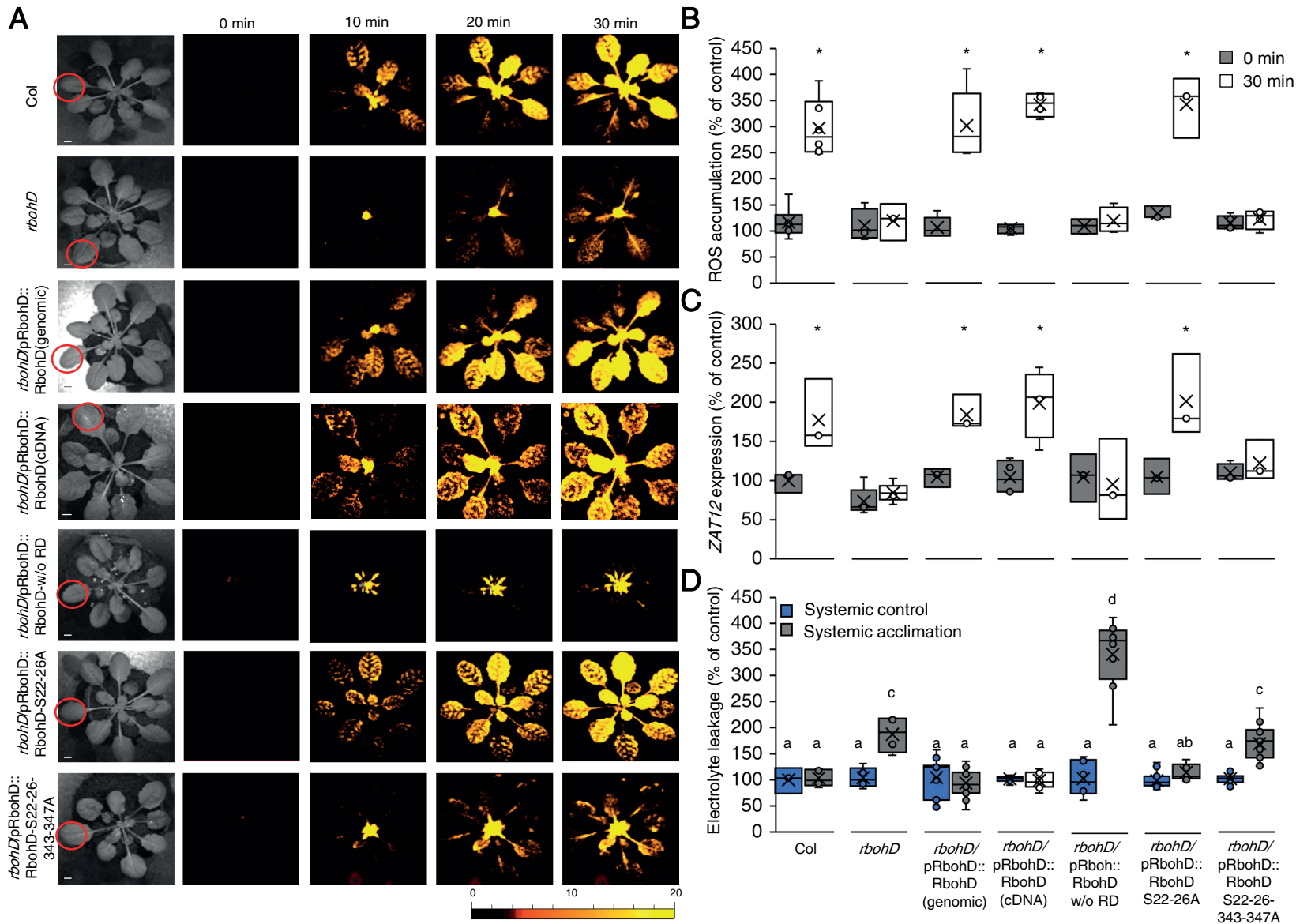


**Figure 7.** CBL4, CIPK26, and OST1 are required for systemic cell-to-cell ROS signaling and acclimation to light stress. **(A)** Representative time-lapse images of whole plant ROS accumulation in wild-type (WT) and *cbl4-1* plants subjected to a local HL stress treatment (applied to a single local leaf; indicated with a red circle) are shown alongside bar graphs of combined data from all plants used for the analysis at the 0- and 30-min time points (local and systemic). **(B)** Same as (A), but for WT and *cipk26-2* plants. **(C)** Same as (A), but for WT and *ost1-2* plants. **(D)** Averaged measurements of leaf injury (increase in ion leakage) in WT, *cbl4*, *cipk26*, and *ost1* plants. Measurements are shown for unstressed plants (control), local leaves subjected to a pretreatment of HL stress before a long HL stress period (local acclimation), systemic leaves of plants subjected to a local HL stress pretreatment before a long period of local HL stress was applied to a systemic leaf (systemic acclimation), and systemic leaves of plants subjected to a long HL stress period without pretreatment (HL without pretreatment). All experiments were repeated at least 3 times with 10 plants of each genotype per experiment. ROS accumulation was imaged using H<sub>2</sub>DCFDA. Data is presented in (A) to (C) as box plot graphs; X is mean ± S.E., N=30, \*\*P < 0.01, Student t-test. Data is presented in (D) as box plot graphs; X is mean ± S.E., N=30, one-way ANOVA followed by a Tukey test; lowercase letters denote significance (p < 0.05). Scale bar, 1 cm. Abbreviations: CBL4, calcineurin B-like calcium sensor 4; CIPK26, CBL4-interacting protein kinase 26; H<sub>2</sub>DCFDA, 2',7'-dichlorodihydrofluorescein diacetate; HL, high light; OST1, open stomata 1; ROS, reactive oxygen species; WT, wild-type.

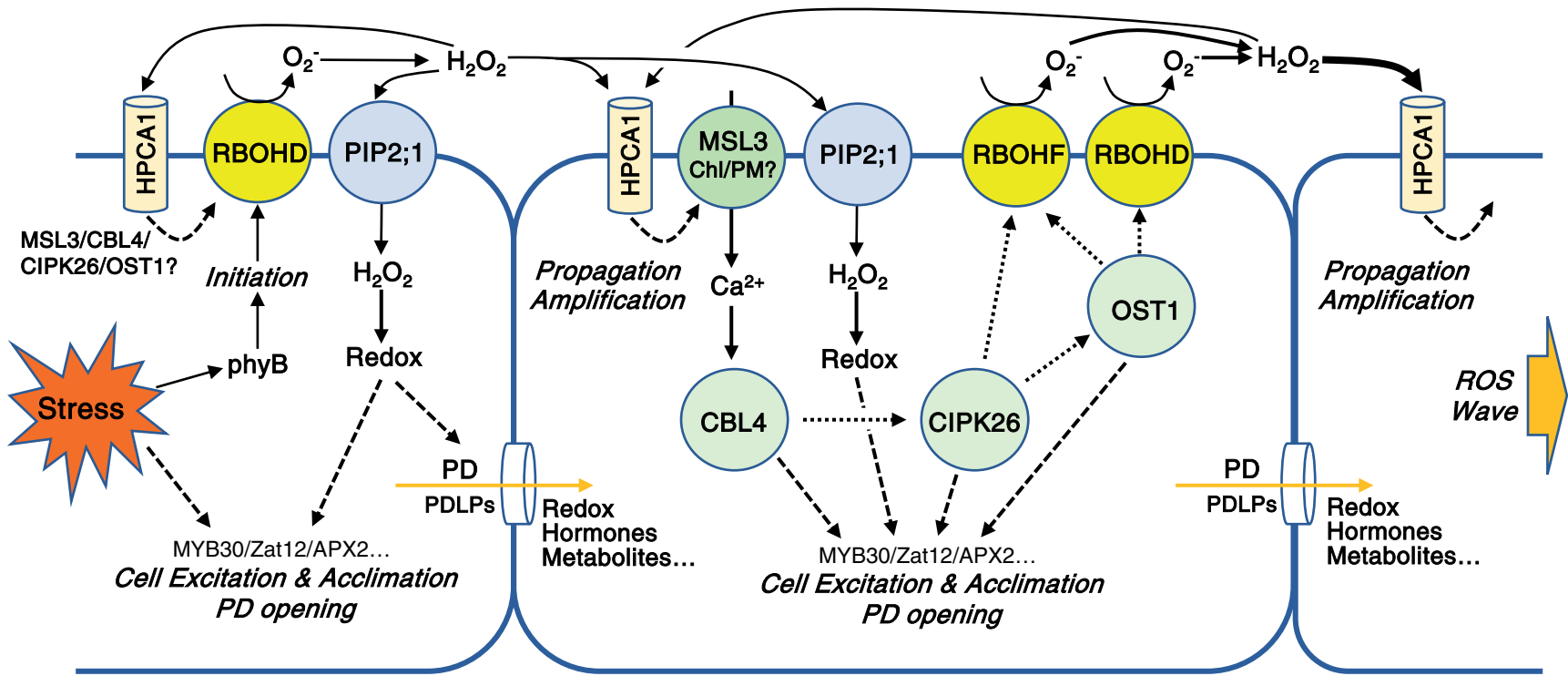


**Figure 8.** CBL4, CIPK26, and OST1 are required for systemic ROS signal propagation, but not initiation, in response to light stress. **(A)** Representative time-lapse images of ROS accumulation in stock and scion parts of grafted plants, generated using WT and *cbl4-1* plants, in response to a local HL stress treatment applied to a single leaf (indicated with a red circle) belonging to the stock part. Scions are indicated by solid white lines, and stocks are indicated by dashed white lines. **(B)** Bar graphs showing the combined data from the stock and scion of grafted WT plants subjected to HL stress on a single leaf of the stock scion. **(C)** Same as (B), but for different grafting combinations between WT and *cbl4-1* plants. **(D)** Same as (B), but for different grafting combinations between WT and *cipk26-2* plants. **(E)** Same as (B), but for different grafting combinations between WT and *ost1-2* plants. All experiments were repeated at least 3 times with 10 plants of each genotype per experiment. ROS accumulation was imaged using  $H_2DCFDA$ . Data is presented as box plot graphs; X is mean  $\pm$  S.E.,  $N=30$ ,  $**P < 0.01$ ,  $***P < 0.001$ , Student t-test. Scale bar, 1 cm. Abbreviations: CBL4, calcineurin B-like calcium sensor 4; CIPK26, CBL4-interacting protein kinase 26;  $H_2DCFDA$ , 2',7'-dichlorodihydrofluorescein diacetate; HL, high light; OST1, open stomata 1; ROS, reactive oxygen species; WT, wild-type.

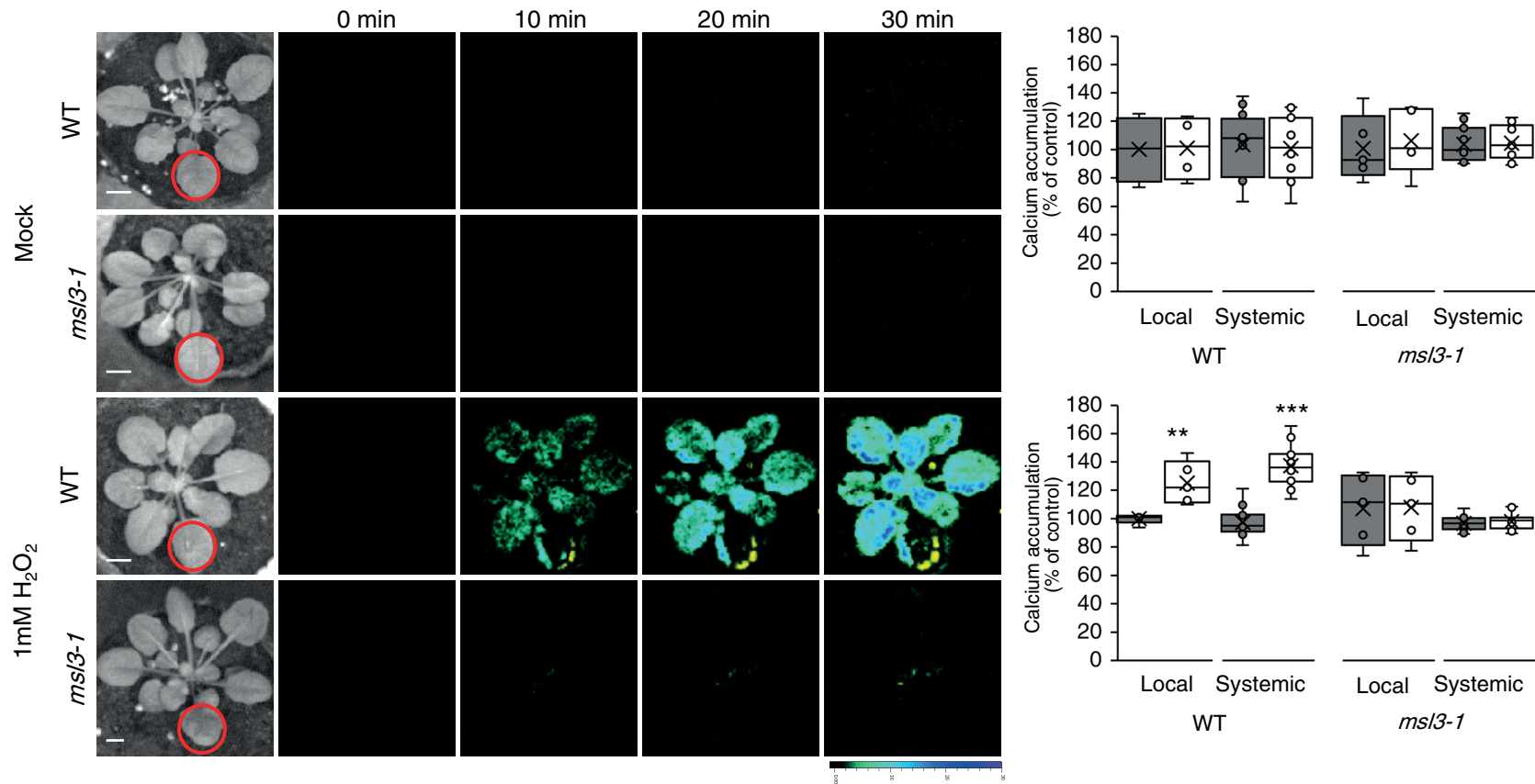




**Figure 9.** Mutating specific amino acids in RBOHD suppresses systemic ROS accumulation in response to high light stress. **(A)** Representative time-lapse images of whole plant ROS accumulation in WT, *rbohD*, *rbohD* complemented with the wild type *RbohD* gene [*rbohD*pRbohD::RbohD (genomic)], *rbohD* complemented with the *RbohD* cDNA expressed under the control of the *RbohD* promoter [*rbohD*pRbohD::RbohD (cDNA)], *rbohD* complemented with the *RbohD* cDNA without the N-terminal regulatory domain (RD, 1-347) expressed under the control of the *RbohD* promoter [*rbohD*pRbohD::RbohD w/o RD], *rbohD* complemented with the *RbohD* gene with S22A and S26A mutations [*rbohD*pRbohD::RbohD S22-26A], or *rbohD* complemented with all vectors shown in (A), measured at 0- and 30-min time points following application of HL stress to a single local leaf. **(B)** Bar graphs of combined data from all plants used for the analysis shown in (A) at the 0- and 30-min time points (systemic). **(C)** Bar graphs of combined *Zat12* promoter activity (luciferase imaging) in systemic leaves of *rbohD*/*Zat12*::*luciferase* double homozygous plants transformed with all vectors shown in (A), measured at 0- and 30-min time points following application of HL stress to a single local leaf. **(D)** Averaged measurements of leaf injury (increase in ion leakage) in systemic tissues of all lines shown in (A). Measurements are shown for unstressed systemic leaves (systemic control) and systemic leaves of plants subjected to a local HL stress pretreatment before a long period of local HL stress was applied to a systemic leaf (systemic acclimation). All experiments were repeated at least 3 times with 10 plants of each genotype per experiment. Two independent transgenic lines for each construct were averaged. ROS accumulation was imaged using H<sub>2</sub>DCFDA. Data presented in (B) and (C) is mean ± S.E., N=30. \*P < 0.05, Student t-test. Data presented in (D) is mean ± S.E., N=30, one-way ANOVA followed by a Tukey test; lowercase letters denote significance (p < 0.05). Scale bar, 1 cm. Abbreviations: cDNA, complementary DNA; H<sub>2</sub>DCFDA, 2',7'-dichlorodihydrofluorescein diacetate; HL, high light; *RbohD*, respiratory burst oxidase homolog D; RD, regulatory domain; ROS, reactive oxygen species; WT, wild-type; *Zat12*, Zinc finger of *Arabidopsis thaliana* 12.

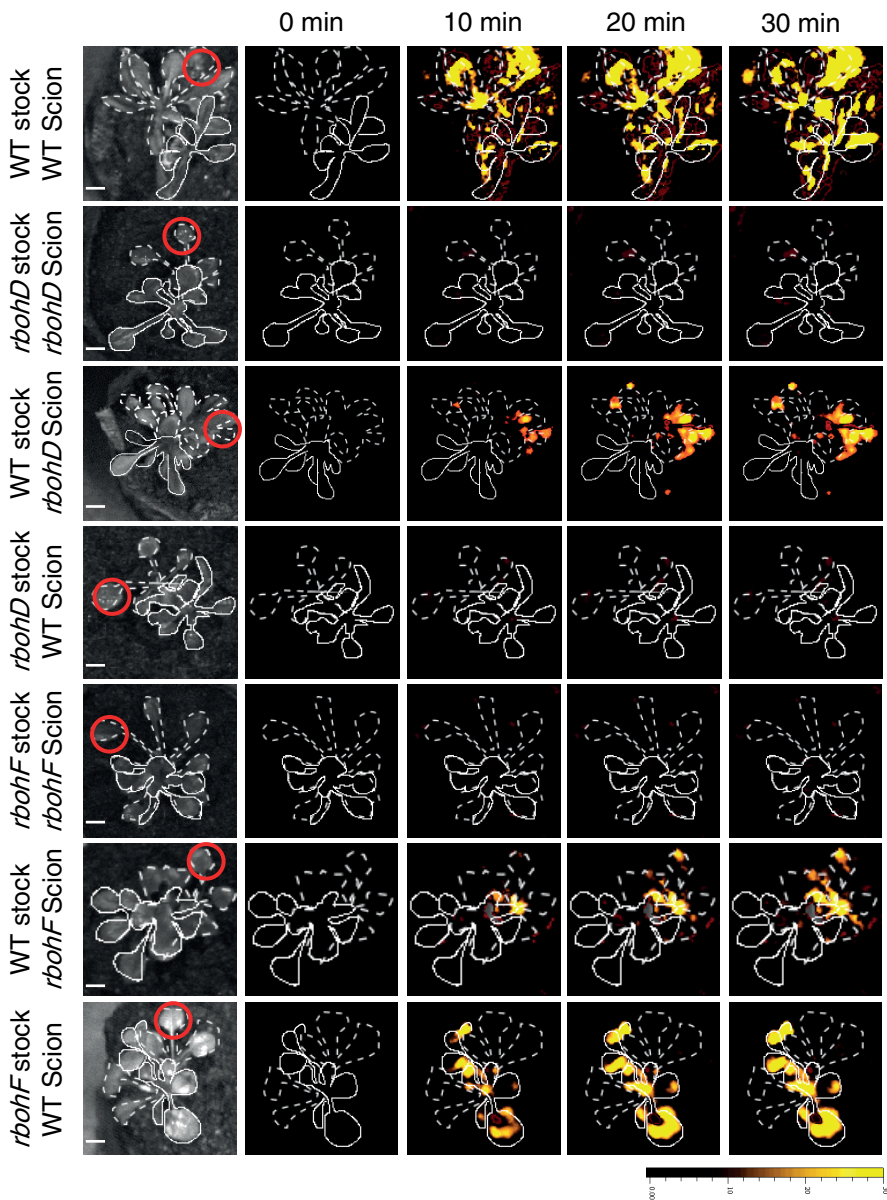


**Figure 10.** A model depicting the role of HPCA1 in the amplification and propagation of cell-to-cell ROS signaling in plants. HPCA1 is proposed to sense ROS at the apoplast and trigger an increase in cytosolic calcium levels via MSL3. The increase in calcium is proposed to activate a kinase cascade involving CBL4, CIPK26 and OST1 that activates RBOHD and RBOHF enhancing ROS production at the apoplast. The enhanced apoplastic ROS levels are sensed by the HPCA1 of the next cell in the cell-to-cell chain causing the enhanced apoplastic production of ROS by this cell, and a cell-to-cell ROS signaling process (the ROS wave) is formed. The enhanced apoplastic levels of ROS sensed by HPCA1 in each cell are also causing a positive amplification loop that further enhances ROS production in each cell of the cell-to-cell chain, including the initiating cell. ROS that accumulate in the apoplast (mainly  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ ) are shown to enter the cell via aquaporins and alter the redox state of different transcriptional regulators. The function of the pathway activated by HPCA1 is shown to be required for the enhanced transcript expression, acclimation, and resilience of plants to stress (please see text for more details). Dotted (for protein-protein interactions) and dashed (for regulatory effect) arrows are hypothetical. Abbreviations: APX2, Ascorbate peroxidase 2; HPCA1,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ -induced  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  increases 1; CBL4, calcineurin B-like calcium sensor 4; CIPK26, CBL4-interacting protein kinase 26; MYB30, Myeloblastosis domain protein 30; OST1, open stomata 1; PD, plasmodesmata; PDLP, plasmodesmata localized protein; phyB, phytochrome B; RBOHD, respiratory burst oxidase homolog D, RBOHF, respiratory burst oxidase homolog F; ROS, reactive oxygen species; ZAT12, Zinc finger of *Arabidopsis thaliana* 12.

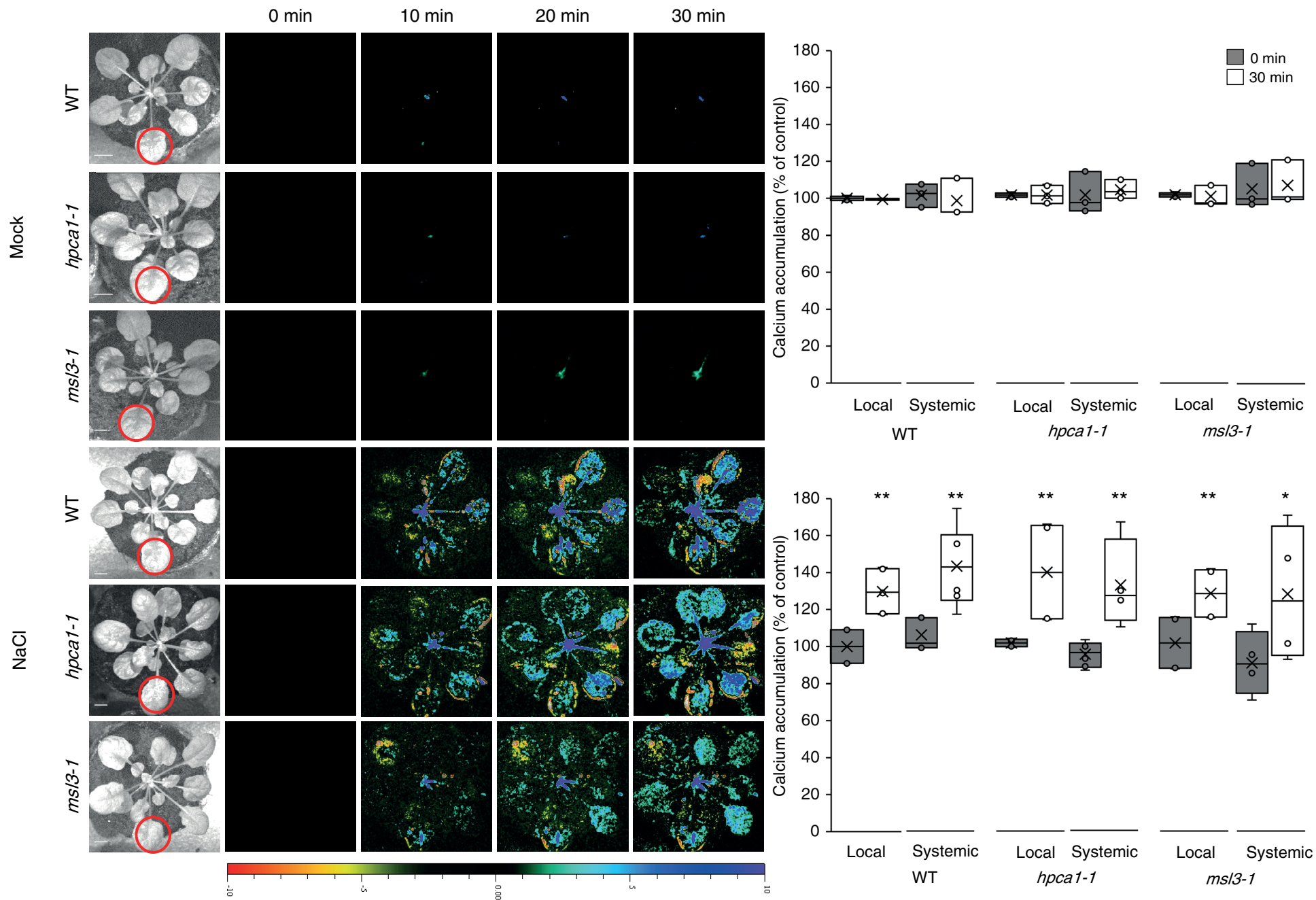


**Supplemental Figure 1.** MSL3 is required for systemic cell-to-cell calcium signaling in response to hydrogen peroxide. *Arabidopsis* plants were subjected to mock or 1 mM H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> treatment of a single local leaf for 2 min and cytosolic calcium accumulation was imaged using Fluo-4-AM in whole plants (local and systemic tissues). Representative time-lapse images of whole plant cytosolic calcium accumulation in WT and *msl3-1* plants are shown alongside bar graphs of combined data from all plants used for the analysis at the 0- and 30-min time points (local and systemic). All experiments were repeated at least 3 times with 10 plants of each genotype per experiment. Data is presented as box plot graphs; X is mean ± S.E., N=30, \*\*P < 0.01, \*\*\*P < 0.001, Student t-test. Scale bar, 1 cm. In support of Figure 2. Abbreviations: MSL3, mechanosensitive ion channel like 3; WT, wild-type.

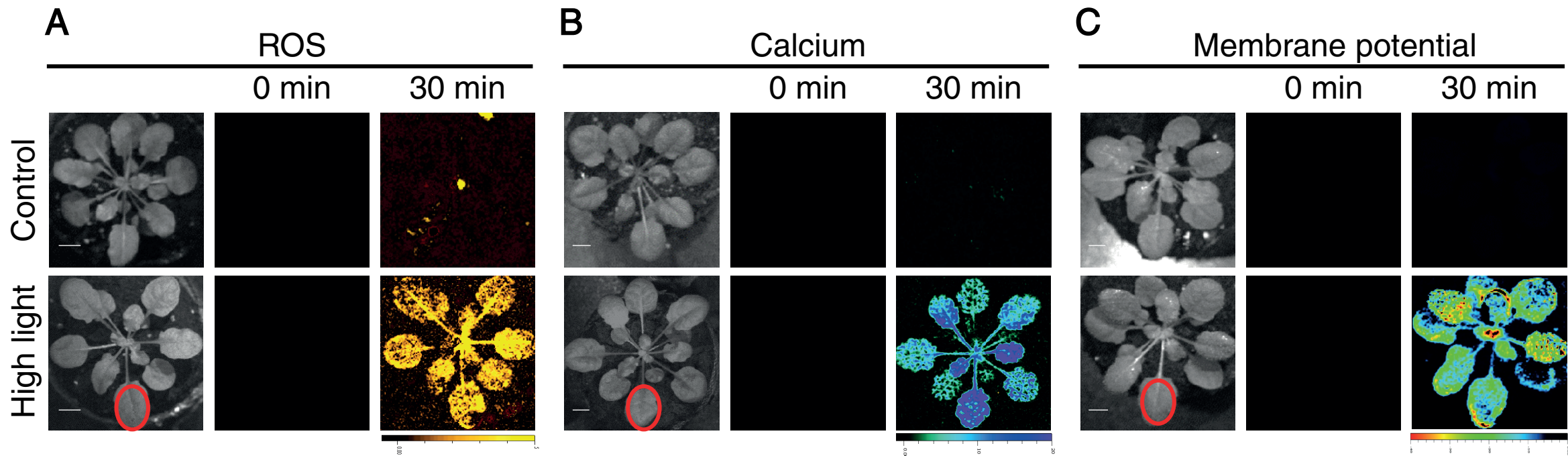




**Supplemental Figure 2.** RBOHD is required for systemic cell-to-cell ROS signal initiation and propagation, while RBOHF is required for systemic signal propagation. Representative time-lapse images of ROS accumulation in stock and scion parts of grafted plants, generated using WT, *rbahD*, or *rbahF* plants, in response to HL stress applied to a single leaf (indicated with a red circle) belonging to the stock part. Scions are indicated by dashed white lines, and stocks are indicated by solid white lines. ROS accumulation was imaged using H<sub>2</sub>DCFDA. Scale bar, 1 cm. In support of Figure 5. Abbreviations: H<sub>2</sub>DCFDA, 2',7'-dichlorodihydrofluorescein diacetate; RBOHD, respiratory burst oxidase homolog D; RBOHF, respiratory burst oxidase homolog F; ROS, reactive oxygen species; WT, wild-type.



**Supplemental Figure 3.** HPCA1 or MSL3 are not required for systemic cell-to-cell calcium responses to salt stress. *Arabidopsis* plants were subjected to mock or 100 mM NaCl treatment of a single local leaf (red circle) and cytosolic calcium accumulation was imaged using Fluo-4-AM in whole plants (local and systemic tissues). Representative time-lapse images of whole plant cytosolic calcium accumulation in WT and *msl3-1* plants are shown alongside bar graphs of combined data from all plants used for the analysis at the 0- and 30-min time points (local and systemic). All experiments were repeated at least 3 times with 10 plants of each genotype per experiment. Data is presented as box plot graphs; X is mean  $\pm$  S.E., N=30, \*P < 0.05, \*\*P < 0.01, Student t-test. Scale bar, 1 cm. In support of Figure 6. Abbreviations: HPCA1, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-induced Ca<sup>2+</sup> increases 1; MSL3, mechanosensitive ion channel like 3; WT, wild-type.



**Supplemental Figure 4.** Imaging of ROS, calcium, and membrane potential in wild-type plants subjected to a HL stress treatment applied to a single leaf. *Arabidopsis* plants were untreated or subjected to a high light (HL) stress treatment applied to a single leaf (Local; indicated with a red circle), and ROS (**A**), calcium (**B**), or membrane potential (**C**) were imaged, using H<sub>2</sub>DCFDA, Fluo-4-AM, or DiBAC<sub>4</sub>(3), respectively, in whole plants (local and systemic tissues) as described in Fichman and Mittler (2021a), and the Methods section. Scale bar, 1 cm. In support of Figures 1-3. Abbreviations: DiBAC<sub>4</sub>(3), Bis-(1,3-Dibutylbarbituric Acid)Trimethine Oxonol; H<sub>2</sub>DCFDA, 2',7'-dichlorodihydrofluorescein diacetate; HL, high light; ROS, reactive oxygen species; WT, wild-type.

**Supplemental Table 1.**

List of mutants that were screened for the presence or absence of the systemic ROS wave in response to a local highlight stress applied to a single leaf.

		<b>Accession</b>	<b>Full Name</b>	<b>AGI</b>	<b>ROS wave</b>
	Wild type		<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i> Col-0		+
<b>Receptors</b>					
1.	<i>crk22-1</i>	SALK_019124C	cysteine-rich RLK (RECEPTOR-like protein kinase) 22	AT4G23300	+
2.	<i>crk22-2</i>	SAIL_765_A07	cysteine-rich RLK (RECEPTOR-like protein kinase) 22	AT4G23300	+
3.	<i>crk45-1</i>	SALK_037588C	cysteine-rich RLK (RECEPTOR-like protein kinase) 45	AT4G11890	-
4.	<i>crk45-2</i>	SALK_008573	cysteine-rich RLK (RECEPTOR-like protein kinase) 45	AT4G11890	-
5.	<i>hpcal-1</i>	DsLoxHs109_07B.0	Hydrogen-peroxide-induced calcium increases 1	AT5G49760	-
6.	<i>hpcal-2</i>	SALK_118908C	Hydrogen-peroxide-induced calcium increases 1	AT5G49760	-
7.	<i>crk2-1</i>	SK_18638	cysteine-rich RLK (RECEPTOR-like protein kinase) 2	AT1G70520	+
8.	<i>crk2-2</i>	SALK_012659C	cysteine-rich RLK (RECEPTOR-like protein kinase) 2	AT1G70520	+
9.	<i>crk36-1</i>	SALK_035659C	cysteine-rich RLK (RECEPTOR-like protein kinase) 36	AT4G04490	+
10.	<i>crk36-2</i>	SALK_100834C	cysteine-rich RLK (RECEPTOR-like protein kinase) 36	AT4G04490	+
11.	<i>crk39-1</i>	SALK_036225C	cysteine-rich RLK (RECEPTOR-like protein kinase) 39	AT4G04540	+
12.	<i>crk39-2</i>	SALK_098187C	cysteine-rich RLK (RECEPTOR-like protein kinase) 39	AT4G04540	+

13.	<i>bak1-1</i>	SAIL_738_A02	BRI1-associated receptor kinase	AT4G33430	+
14.	<i>bak1-2</i>	SALK_034523C	BRI1-associated receptor kinase	AT4G33430	+
15.	<i>ghr1-1</i>	SALK_031493C	guard cell hydrogen peroxide resistant 1	AT4G20940	+
16.	<i>ghr1-2</i>	SALK_033702C	guard cell hydrogen peroxide resistant 1	AT4G20940	+
17.	<i>dorn1-1</i> ( <i>p2k1-1</i> )	EMS mutant	Does not respond to nucleotides 1	AT5G60300	+
18.	<i>dorn1-3</i> ( <i>p2k1-3</i> )	SALK_042209	Does not respond to nucleotides 1	AT5G60300	+

<b>Aquaporins</b>					
19.	<i>pip1;2-1</i>	SALK_019794C	Plasma membrane intrinsic protein 1-2	AT2G45960	+ (Fichman et al., 2021a)
20.	<i>pip1;2-2</i>	SALK_0145347	Plasma membrane intrinsic protein 1-2	AT2G45960	+ (Fichman et al., 2021a)
21.	<i>pip1;4-1</i>	SAIL_75_F07	Plasma membrane intrinsic protein 1-4	AT4G00430	+ (Fichman et al., 2021a)
22.	<i>pip1;4-2</i>	SAIL_1166_B06	Plasma membrane intrinsic protein 1-4	AT4G00430	+ (Fichman et al., 2021a)
23.	<i>pip2;1-1</i>	<i>pip2;1-1</i> (AMAZE collection)	Plasma membrane intrinsic protein 2-1	AT3G53420	- (Fichman et al., 2021a)
24.	<i>pip2;1-2</i>	SM_3_35928	Plasma membrane intrinsic protein 2-1	AT3G53420	- (Fichman et al., 2021a)
25.	<i>pip2;3-1</i>	SALK_117876	Plasma membrane intrinsic protein 2-3	AT2G37180	+

Kinases					
26.	<i>cbl4-1</i>	SALK_113101_16 (CS859749)	Calcineurin b-like protein 4	AT5G24270	-
27.	<i>cbl4-2</i>	CS3864	Calcineurin b-like protein 4	AT5G24270	-
28.	<i>cipk26-2</i>	SALK_074944C	Calcineurin B-like protein (cbl)-interacting protein kinase 26	AT5G21326	-
29.	<i>ost1-2</i>	SALK_020604	Open stomata 1	AT4G33950	-
30.	<i>ost1-3</i>	SALK_008068C	Open stomata 1	AT4G33950	-
31.	<i>ost1-1</i>	CS161518	Open stomata 1	AT4G33950	-
32.	<i>kin7-1</i>	SALK_019840C	Kinase 7	AT3G02880	+ (Fichman et al., 2021a)
33.	<i>kin7-2</i>	GT_5_108995	Kinase 7	AT3G02880	+ (Fichman et al., 2021a)
34.	<i>cbl-pm5</i>	SALK_110426 X SALK_113101 X SALK_001557 X <i>cbl8</i> <sup>EMS</sup> X SALK_142774	Calcineurin b-like protein 1 Calcineurin b-like protein 4 Calcineurin b-like protein 5 Calcineurin b-like protein 8 Calcineurin b-like protein 9	AT4G17615 AT5G24270 AT4G01420 AT1G64480 AT5G47100	+
35.	<i>cbl1/9</i>	SALK_110426 X SALK_142774	Calcineurin b-like protein 1 Calcineurin b-like protein 9	AT4G17615 AT5G47100	-
36.	<i>cbl1/4/9</i>	SALK_110426 X SALK_113101 X SALK_142774	Calcineurin b-like protein 1 Calcineurin b-like protein 4 Calcineurin b-like protein 9	AT4G17615 AT5G24270 AT5G47100	-
37.	<i>cbl1/8/9</i>	SALK_110426 X <i>cbl8</i> <sup>EMS</sup> X SALK_142774	Calcineurin b-like protein 1 Calcineurin b-like protein 8 Calcineurin b-like protein 9	AT4G17615 AT1G64480 AT5G47100	+



38.	<i>cbl4/8</i>	SALK_113101 X <i>cbl8</i> <sup>EMS</sup>	Calcineurin b-like protein 4 Calcineurin b-like protein 8	AT5G24270 AT1G64480	+
39.	<i>cipk9/23/26</i>	SALK_058629 X SALK_036154 X GK-703D04	Calcineurin B-like protein (cbl)-interacting protein kinase 9 Calcineurin B-like protein (cbl)-interacting protein kinase 23 Calcineurin B-like protein (cbl)-interacting protein kinase 26	AT1G01140 AT1G30270 AT5G21326	-
40.	<i>mpk4mpk5</i>	SALK_056245 X WisDsLox430A12	Mitogen-activated protein kinase 4 Mitogen-activated protein kinase 5	AT4G01370 AT4G11330	+
41.	<i>mpk3-1</i>	SALK_151594	Mitogen-activated protein kinase 3	AT3G45640	+
42.	<i>mpk4mpk6</i>	CS69442	Mitogen-activated protein kinase 4 Mitogen-activated protein kinase 6	AT4G01370 AT2G43790	+
43.	<i>mpk3mpk4</i>	CS69432	Mitogen-activated protein kinase 3 Mitogen-activated protein kinase 4	AT3G45640 AT4G01370	+
44.	<i>cpk5-1</i>	SALK_138808C	calmodulin-domain protein kinase 5	AT4G35310	+
45.	<i>cpk5-2</i>	CS65904	calmodulin-domain protein kinase 5	AT4G35310	+
46.	<i>cpk5-3</i>	SALK_138912	calmodulin-domain protein kinase 5	AT4G35310	+
47.	<i>bik1-1</i>	SALK_005291C	botrytis-induced kinase1	AT2G39660	+
48.	<i>bik1-2</i>	SALK_032008	botrytis-induced kinase1	AT2G39660	+
49.	<i>mcp1-1</i>	<i>mcp1-1</i>	MAP Kinase Phosphatase 1	AT3G55270	-
50.	<i>mcp1-2</i>	<i>mcp1-2</i>	MAP Kinase Phosphatase 1	AT3G55270	-

Reactive oxygen species					
51.	<i>rbohD</i>	CS68747	Respiratory burst oxidase homologue D	AT5G47910	- (Zandalinas et al., 2020b)
52.	<i>rbohF</i>	CS68748	Respiratory burst oxidase homologue F	AT1G64060	- (Zandalinas et al., 2020b)
53.	<i>rbohD/rbohF</i>	CS68522	Respiratory burst oxidase homologue D Respiratory burst oxidase homologue F	AT5G47910 AT1G64060	- (Zandalinas et al., 2020b)
54.	<i>gat1</i>	SALK_078093	GFP arrested trafficking 1	AT2G15570	+ (Fichman et al., 2021a)
55.	<i>gat1</i>	SAIL_793_B04.1	GFP arrested trafficking 1	AT2G15570	+ (Fichman et al., 2021a)
56.	<i>fmo1-1</i>	SALK_026163	Flavin-dependent monooxygenase 1	AT1G19250	- (Czarnocka et al., 2020)
57.	<i>lsd1-1</i>	<i>lsd1-1</i>	Lesion simulating disease 1	AT4G20380	+ (Czarnocka et al., 2020)
58.	<i>lsd1/fmo1</i>	<i>lsd1-1</i> X SALK_026163	Lesion simulating disease 1 Flavin-dependent monooxygenase 1	AT1G19250	+ (Czarnocka et al., 2020)
59.	<i>apx1</i>	SALK_000249	Ascorbate peroxidase 1	AT1G07890	+
60.	<i>apx2</i>	SALK_091880	Ascorbate peroxidase 2	AT3G09640	+
61.	<i>apx1/apx2</i>	SALK_000249 X SALK_091880	Ascorbate peroxidase 1 Ascorbate peroxidase 2	AT1G07890 AT3G09640	+



Calcium					
62.	<i>glr3.3glr3.6</i>	SALK_099757 X SALK_091801	Glutamate receptor 3.3 Glutamate receptor 3.6	AT1G42540 AT3G51480	+ (Fichman et al., 2021a)
63.	<i>glr3.2glr3.6</i>	SALK_150710 X SALK_091801	Glutamate receptor 3.2 Glutamate receptor 3.6	AT4G35290 AT3G51480	+
64.	<i>glr3.1glr3.3</i>	SALK_063873 X SALK_099757	Glutamate receptor 3.1 Glutamate receptor 3.3	AT2G17260 AT1G42540	+
65.	<i>glr3.1glr3.2</i>	SALK_063873 X SALK_150710	Glutamate receptor 3.1 Glutamate receptor 3.2	AT2G17260 AT4G35290	+
66.	<i>glr3.2glr3.3</i>	SALK_150710 X SALK_099757	Glutamate receptor 3.2 Glutamate receptor 3.3	AT4G35290 AT1G42540	+
67.	<i>glr3.1glr3.6</i>	SALK_063873 X SALK_091801	Glutamate receptor 3.1 Glutamate receptor 3.6	AT2G17260 AT3G51480	+
68.	<i>glr3.3</i>	SALK_099757	Glutamate receptor 3.3	AT1G42540	+ (Fichman et al., 2021a)
69.	<i>glr3.6</i>	SALK_091801	Glutamate receptor 3.6	AT3G51480	+ (Fichman et al., 2021a)
70.	<i>cngc2-1</i>	SALK_019922C	Cyclic nucleotide gated channel 2	AT5G15410	- (Fichman et al., 2021a)
71.	<i>cngc2-2</i>	SALK_066908C	Cyclic nucleotide gated channel 2	AT5G15410	- (Fichman et al., 2021a)
72.	<i>mssl2-1</i>	CS69609	Mechanosensitive channels of small conductance-like 2	AT5G10490	- (Fichman et al., 2021a)
73.	<i>mssl2-3</i>	CS69611	Mechanosensitive channels of small conductance-like 2	AT5G10490	- (Fichman et al., 2021a)
74.	<i>mssl3-1</i>	CS69719	Mechanosensitive channels of small conductance-like 3	AT1G58200	- (Fichman et al., 2021a)
75.	<i>mssl3-2</i>	SALK_201695C	Mechanosensitive channels of small conductance-like 3	AT1G58200	- (Fichman et al., 2021a)

76.	<i>msl10-1</i>	SALK_076254	Mechanosensitive channels of small conductance-like 10	AT5G12080	+ (Fichman et al., 2021a)
77.	<i>msl10-2</i>	SAIL_292_A11	Mechanosensitive channels of small conductance-like 10	AT5G12080	+ (Fichman et al., 2021a)
78.	<i>msl2/msl3</i>	CS_69612	Mechanosensitive channels of small conductance-like 2 Mechanosensitive channels of small conductance-like 3	AT5G10490 AT1G58200	-
79.	<i>msl4/5/6/9/10</i>	CS_69760	Mechanosensitive channels of small conductance-like 4 Mechanosensitive channels of small conductance-like 5 Mechanosensitive channels of small conductance-like 6 Mechanosensitive channels of small conductance-like 9 Mechanosensitive channels of small conductance-like 10	AT1G53470 AT3G14810 AT1G78610 AT5G19520 AT5G12080	+
80.	<i>mca1-1</i>	SALK_046108	MID1-complementing activity 1	AT4G35920	+
81.	<i>mca2-1</i>	SALK_129208C	MID1-complementing activity 2	AT2G17780	+
82.	<i>oscal-1</i>	SALK_038633C	Reduced hyperosmolality-induced Ca <sup>2+</sup> increase 1	AT4G04340	+ (Fichman et al., 2021a)
83.	<i>oscal-2</i>	SAIL_523_G10	Reduced hyperosmolality-induced Ca <sup>2+</sup> increase 1	AT4G04340	+ (Fichman et al., 2021a)
84.	<i>tpc1-1</i>	SALK_074094	Two-pore channel 1	AT4G03560	+ (Fichman et al., 2021a)
85.	<i>tpc1-2</i>	SALK_125650	Two-pore channel 1	AT4G03560	+ (Fichman et al., 2021a)

86.	<i>ann1-1</i>	SALK_015426C	Annexin 1	AT1G35720	+
					(Fichman et al., 2021a)
87.	<i>ann1-2</i>	GABI_327B12	Annexin 1	AT1G35720	+
					(Fichman et al., 2021a)
88.	<i>cnx1-1</i>	SAIL_211_D10	calnexin 1	AT5G61790	+
89.	<i>cnx1-2</i>	SALK_083600C	calnexin 1	AT5G61790	+
90.	<i>crt1-1</i>	SALK_142821C	calreticulin 1	AT1G56340	+
91.	<i>crt1-2</i>	SALK_137641C	calreticulin 1	AT1G56340	+
92.	<i>aca4-1</i>	SALK_029620	autoinhibited Ca(2+)-ATPase, isoform 4	AT2G41560	+
93.	<i>aca8-1</i>	SALK_057877	autoinhibited Ca2+ -ATPase, isoform 8	AT5G57110	+
94.	<i>aca8-2</i>	SALK_108260	autoinhibited Ca2+ -ATPase, isoform 8	AT5G57110	+
95.	<i>aca11-1</i>	SAIL_269_C07	autoinhibited Ca2+-ATPase 11	AT3G57330	+

<b>Plasmodesmata-trafficking</b>					
96.	<i>pdlp1-1</i>	SAIL_515_B10	plasmodesmata-located protein 1	AT5G43980	-
					(Fichman et al., 2021a)
97.	<i>pdlp1-2</i>	SM_3_36596	plasmodesmata-located protein 1	AT5G43980	-
					(Fichman et al., 2021a)
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					(Fichman et al., 2021a)
99.	<i>pdlp5-2</i>	SAIL_46_E06	plasmodesmata-located protein 5	AT1G70690	-
					(Fichman et al., 2021a)
100.	<i>cher1-1</i>	SALK_065853	choline transporter-like 1	AT3G15380	+
101.	<i>cher1-2</i>	SALK_056391	choline transporter-like 1	AT3G15380	+

<b>G-proteins</b>					
102.	<i>agb1-2</i>	CS6536	GTP binding protein beta 1	AT4G34460	+
103.	<i>αβagg123</i>	gpa1-1 X agb1-1 X CS16551 X CS807967	G protein alpha subunit 1 GTP binding protein beta 1 Arabidopsis G protein gamma subunit 1 Arabidopsis G protein gamma subunit 2 Arabidopsis G protein gamma subunit 3	AT2G26300 AT4G34460 AT3G63420 AT3G22942 AT5G20635	+
104.	<i>agg3</i>	CS807967	Arabidopsis G protein gamma subunit 3	AT5G20635	+
105.	<i>agg123</i>	CS16551 X CS807967	Arabidopsis G protein gamma subunit 1 Arabidopsis G protein gamma subunit 2 Arabidopsis G protein gamma subunit 3	AT3G63420 AT3G22942 AT5G20635	+
106.	<i>αβxlg123</i>	gpa1-1 X agb1-1 X CS873748 X SALK_062645 X CS806006	G protein alpha subunit 1 GTP binding protein beta 1 Extra-large G protein 1 Extra-large G protein 2 Extra-large G protein 3	AT2G26300 AT4G34460 AT2G23460 AT4G34390 AT1G31930	+
107.	<i>xlg123</i>	CS873748 X SALK_062645 X CS806006	Extra-large G protein 1 Extra-large G protein 2 Extra-large G protein 3	AT2G23460 AT4G34390 AT1G31930	+

<b>Transcription factors</b>					
108.	<i>myb30-1</i>	SALK_122884	MYB domain protein 30	AT3G28910	+ (Fichman et al., 2020)
109.	<i>myb30-2</i>	SALK_027644	MYB domain protein 30	AT3G28910	+ (Fichman et al., 2020)
110.	<i>wrky48-1</i>	SALK_066438C	WRKY DNA-binding protein 48	AT5G49520	+
111.	<i>wrky48-2</i>	SALK_144719C	WRKY DNA-binding protein 48	AT5G49520	+
112.	<i>gata8-1</i>	SALK_091040C	GATA transcription factor 8	AT3G54810	+ (Fichman et al., 2020)
113.	<i>gata8-2</i>	SALK_148073C	GATA transcription factor 8	AT3G54810	+ (Fichman et al., 2020)

<b>Others</b>					
114.	<i>aos-1</i>	SALK_017756C	Allene oxide synthase	AT5G42650	+ (Zandalinas et al., 2020a)
115.	<i>gdsl-1</i>	SALK_005724C	GDSL esterase/Lipase	AT1G29670	+ (Fichman et al., 2020)
116.	<i>gdsl-2</i>	SALK_025240C	GDSL esterase/Lipase	AT1G29670	+ (Fichman et al., 2020)
117.	<i>opr1-1</i>	SALK_145353	12-oxophytodienoate reductase 1	AT1G76680	+
118.	<i>opr1-2</i>	SALK_021313C	12-oxophytodienoate reductase 1	AT1G76680	+
119.	<i>gun1-102</i>	SAIL_290_D09	Genomes uncoupled 1	AT2G31400	+
120.	<i>gun5-1</i>	EMS	Genomes uncoupled 5	AT5G13630	+

<b>Photoreceptors</b>					
121.	<i>phyA</i>	phyA-211	Phytochrome A	AT1G09570	+ (Devireddy et al., 2020)
122.	<i>phyB</i>	SALK_069700C	Phytochrome B	AT2G18790	- (Devireddy et al., 2020)
123.	<i>phyB-9</i>	phyB-9	Phytochrome B	AT2G18790	- (Fichman et al., 2021b)
124.	<i>phyA/phyB</i>	phyA-201 X phyB-8-36	Phytochrome A Phytochrome B	AT1G09570 AT2G18790	- (Devireddy et al., 2020)

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