

1 **Circadian gating of dark-induced increases in chloroplast- and cytosolic-free calcium in**  
2 **Arabidopsis**

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32 **SUMMARY**

- 33 • Changes in the spatio-temporal concentration of free  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  ( $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]$ ) in different organelles  
34 of the cell contribute to responses of plants to physiological and environmental stimuli.  
35 One example are  $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]$  increases in the stroma of chloroplasts during light to dark  
36 transitions, however the function and mechanisms responsible are not known, in part  
37 because there is a disagreement in the literature concerning whether corresponding dark-  
38 induced changes in cytosolic  $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]$  ( $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_{\text{cyt}}$ ) can be detected.
- 39 • We have measured changes in  $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_{\text{cyt}}$  upon darkness in addition to the already known  
40 dark-induced increases in  $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_{\text{stroma}}$  in the aerial part of the *Arabidopsis thaliana* plant.
- 41 • These  $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_{\text{cyt}}$  transients depend on the photoperiod and time of the day, peaking at  
42 anticipated dusk and are superimposed on daily 24 h oscillations in  $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_{\text{cyt}}$ . We also find  
43 that the magnitude of the dark-induced increases in  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  in both the cytosol and  
44 chloroplasts are gated by the nuclear circadian oscillator.
- 45 • The modulation of the magnitude of dark-induced increases in  $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_{\text{stroma}}$  and  $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_{\text{cyt}}$  by  
46 transcriptional regulators in the nucleus that are part of the circadian oscillator demonstrate  
47 a new role for the circadian system in sub-cellular  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  signalling, additional to its role in  
48 driving circadian oscillations  $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]$  in the cytosol and chloroplasts.

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## 53 INTRODUCTION

54 A wide range of plant cell responses to environmental stimuli are associated with specific changes  
55 in the spatio-temporal concentration of free  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  ( $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]$ ), known as “ $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  signatures”, present in  
56 numerous cellular types and compartments (McAinsh et al., 1995; Kiegle et al., 2000; Marti et al.,  
57 2013; Sello et al., 2018). In the cytosol,  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  signatures arise from fluxes of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  into the cytosol  
58 across the plasma membrane or by release from internal stores. Downstream pathways decode the  
59  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  signatures to allow the cell to respond appropriately (Dodd et al., 2010).

60 The time scale over which the  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  signatures can occur varies greatly. Abiotic and biotic signals  
61 can cause rapid increases in  $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_{\text{cyt}}$  (Lynch et al., 1989; Price et al., 1994; Knight et al., 1997;  
62 Monshausen et al., 2009). On a slower scale, there are 24 h  $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_{\text{cyt}}$  daily rhythms, regulated by  
63 the circadian clock and light signalling (Dalchau et al., 2010). Diel oscillations of  $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_{\text{cyt}}$  in light  
64 and dark cycles, or constant light, rise to a peak of approximately 300 nM towards the middle and  
65 end of the photoperiod (Johnson et al. 1995, Love et al. 2004, Dalchau et al., 2010). Circadian  
66 oscillations of  $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_{\text{cyt}}$  occur predominantly in the spongy mesophyll cells (Marti et al., 2013), are  
67 driven by the rhythmic production of cyclic ADP ribose (Dodd et al., 2007) and are suppressed  
68 specifically by the circadian oscillator gene *CIRCADIAN CLOCK ASSOCIATED 1 (CCA1)* (Dodd  
69 et al., 2007). Daily and circadian oscillations of  $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_{\text{cyt}}$  form part of the circadian oscillator,  
70 regulating its function through sensing by CALMODULIN-LIKE 24, a  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  sensor protein, which  
71 genetically interacts with the circadian oscillator protein TIMING OF CAB 1 (TOC1) (Marti et  
72 al., 2018).

73 Similar to the cytosol, there are chloroplastic circadian  $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]$  oscillations, in addition to increases  
74 in chloroplast stromal  $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]$  ( $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_{\text{stroma}}$ ) in response to biotic and abiotic signals (Johnson et al.,  
75 1995; Nomura et al., 2012; Sello et al., 2016). Changes in  $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]$  in the chloroplasts regulate  
76 aspects of photosynthesis, organelle division and the import of nuclear-encoded proteins (Rocha  
77 and Vothknecht, 2012; Nomura and Shiina, 2014; Hochmal et al., 2015). Additionally, the  
78 environmental transition between light and darkness produces a prolonged and sustained increase  
79 in  $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_{\text{stroma}}$  (Sai & Johnson, 2002; Nomura et al., 2012; Sello et al., 2016; Loro et al., 2016) that  
80 depends on photoperiod. However, it was concluded that these dark induced increases in  
81  $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_{\text{stroma}}$  are not modulated (or “gated”) by the nuclear circadian oscillator (Sai & Johnson,  
82 2002).

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84 Many studies have tried to unravel the mechanisms and biological role that underlie the generation  
85 and dissipation of  $[Ca^{2+}]$  transients in the chloroplasts upon darkness (Sai & Johnson, 2002; Loro  
86 et al., 2016; Sello et al., 2018; Frank et al., 2019). Recently, new Arabidopsis lines expressing  
87 Aequorin in different chloroplastic compartments have been developed (Sello et al., 2018) and two  
88 Arabidopsis chloroplast-targeted  $Ca^{2+}$  transporters, BIVALENT CATION TRANSPORTER 1  
89 (BICAT1) and BICAT2, have been found to determine the amplitude of the dark-induced  
90  $[Ca^{2+}]_{stroma}$  increase (Frank et al., 2019). The later study suggested that the most straightforward  
91 explanation for the strong diminishment of the *bicat2* mutants  $[Ca^{2+}]_{stroma}$  transient, is a dark-  
92 triggered influx of  $Ca^{2+}$  from the cytosol. However, the authors reported that this idea is currently  
93 not favoured because  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  recordings failed to detect a consistent decrease of  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  upon  
94 the onset of darkness (Sai & Johnson, 2002; Nomura et al., 2012; Sello et al., 2016; Sello et al.,  
95 2018) and therefore, it has led to the hypothesis that the generation of the dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{stroma}$   
96 signal is a result of  $Ca^{2+}$  being released from a hypothetical chloroplastic store. This hypothesis is  
97 also supported because buffering cytosolic  $Ca^{2+}$  with the chelator EGTA combined with digitonin,  
98 was without effect on  $Ca^{2+}$  transients in the chloroplasts (Loro et al., 2016). However, short stromal  
99  $[Ca^{2+}]$  spikes were strongly reduced, suggesting that cytosolic  $Ca^{2+}$  and/or cellular integrity are the  
100 source, or at least necessary for the spikes (Loro et al., 2016). Therefore, more studies are necessary  
101 to understand how and why the chloroplastic  $[Ca^{2+}]$  transients upon darkness are generated.

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103 The nuclear circadian oscillator can regulate photosynthetic activity in the chloroplast, at least in  
104 part because in Arabidopsis, the nuclear-encoded SIGMA FACTOR5 (SIG5) controls circadian  
105 rhythms of transcription of several chloroplast genes (Noordally et al., 2016). Because the nuclear  
106 circadian oscillator can regulate events in the plastids, we decided to revisit whether the generation  
107 of the dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{stroma}$  signal was gated by the circadian clock, in order to understand how  
108 this signal is controlled. In parallel, we have investigated the regulation of  $Ca^{2+}$  signals in the  
109 cytosol by light to dark transitions to resolve a debate in the literature about the potential  
110 mechanisms for the regulation of plastid  $Ca^{2+}$  transients.

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112 Here, we demonstrate that similar to the chloroplasts, there are reproducible and consistent  
113 increases in  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  at the onset of darkness in the aerial part of the plant, which are superimposed  
114 on the daily 24 h oscillations in  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$ . We report that dark-induced transient in  $[Ca^{2+}]$  in both

115 the cytosol and stroma are gated by the circadian clock. This finding demonstrates an important  
116 new role for the circadian system in sub-cellular  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  signalling, and also establishes a new link  
117 between eukaryotic circadian clocks and organelles of endosymbiotic origin.

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119 **MATERIAL AND METHODS**

120 **Plant materials and growth conditions**

121 *Arabidopsis thaliana* ecotypes Columbia-0 (Col-0), Wassilewskija-2 (Ws-2), Landsberg erecta  
122 (Ler) and *cry1*, *cry2*, *phyA* and *phyB* mutants carrying *CaMV 35S:AEQUORIN (35S:AEQ)* were  
123 described previously in Xu et al., 2007 and Sai & Johnson, 2002. *prp7-11 prp5-10 prp9-11*  
124 (Nakamichi et al., 2005) plants carrying *35S:AEQ* targeted to the cytosol, were obtained as  
125 described in Xu et al., 2007.

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127 *Arabidopsis* seeds were surface sterilised with 10% (v/v) NaClO and 0.1% (v/v) Triton X-100 for  
128 3 min and rinsed 3 times with sterile dH<sub>2</sub>O. Surface-sterilized seeds were sown onto 0.8% (w/v)  
129 bactoagar plates containing 0.5 strength Murashige and Skoog (pH 5.7 with 0.5 M KOH) without  
130 sucrose and stratified in the dark for 48 h at 4 °C. Seeds were germinated and entrained in growth  
131 cabinets (Sanyo, UK) with constant temperature of 19 °C and 100 μmol m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> cool white light  
132 from fluorescent tubes under 12 h light/12 h dark cycles (LD 12:12), unless otherwise stated.

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134 **Aequorin imaging for dark-induced [Ca<sup>2+</sup>] transient using ICCD225 photon-counting**  
135 **camera system**

136 Photon counting was performed in a light-tight box using a Photech (Hastings, UK) ICCD225  
137 photon-counting camera system mounted above the seedlings. The camera chambers supplied  
138 equal amounts of red (630 nm)/blue (470 nm) LED light in a mixed array (100 μmol m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>) at  
139 the desired photoperiod and was cooled to 19-20 °C. When just red or blue light was used the  
140 intensity was (50 μmol m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>). Luminescence was recorded from clusters of 7 to 12 seedlings  
141 grown as described, and the data for one experiment was obtained as the sum of the signal of all  
142 the cluster together. Image analysis was done with Photech IFS32 software.

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144 For measurements lasting > 1 day or for one-time point measurements, photon-counting images  
145 were captured every 2 h for 1500 s following a wait of 200 s post-illumination to allow light from  
146 delayed fluorescence to scatter or at the end of the photoperiod for 7000 s or a different time point  
147 when stated, respectively. In both, seedlings were incubated with 50 μl of 20 μM coelenterazine  
148 (Nanolight, UK) for 20 min in the dark the night before going into the camera box when they were  
149 11 - 12 days old.

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### 151 **Estimation of daily and circadian oscillations of $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$**

152 Estimation of daily and circadian oscillations of  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  was performed as described by Love et  
153 al., 2004. Sixteen-bit images of the photon density generated from the 1500 s or the last 700 s of  
154 each integration were obtained and processed using the Photek IFS32 software. Circadian  
155 parameters were analysed using the BRASS plug-in for MS excel (<http://www.amillar.org>) to carry  
156 out Fast Fourier Transform Non-Linear Least Squares (FFT-NLLS) analysis (Plautz et al., 1997)  
157 with period limits between 18 and 35 hours at 95% confidence level. Rhythms were analysed for  
158 at least three cycles in constant conditions after the first 24 h. Traces with a relative amplitude  
159 error  $> 0.5$  were considered arrhythmic.

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### 161 **Aequorin imaging for dark-induced $[Ca^{2+}]$ transient using a luminometer**

162 Measurement of bioluminescence from the  $Ca^{2+}$  reporter aequorin and calibration to estimate  
163  $[Ca^{2+}]$  were determined as follows. Arabidopsis seedlings were grown as described for the camera  
164 system. When plants were 11 - 13 days old, 3 plants were placed within a luminometer tube (51  
165 mm long  $\times$  12 mm diameter, Sarstedt, Leicester, UK) containing 1 ml of 0.8% (w/v) bactoagar  
166 media containing 0.5 strength Murashige and Skoog and incubated with 100  $\mu$ l of 20  $\mu$ M  
167 coelenterazine (Nanolight, UK) for 20 min in the dark. At the end of the photoperiod,  
168 bioluminescence was measured using a photon-counting luminometer (photomultiplier tube  
169 9899A) cooled to  $-20^{\circ}C$  with a FACT50 housing (Electron Tubes, UK) (Marti et al., 2013).  
170 Aequorin bioluminescence was captured every second for at least 2 h and finally discharged by 1  
171 ml of discharge solution (2 M  $CaCl_2$  dissolved in 20% (v/v) ethanol). Measurements were made  
172 until the detected luminescence reached 10% of the first peak after discharge injection.  $[Ca^{2+}]$   
173 levels were determined according to Fricker et al. (1999).

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### 175 **Statistical analysis**

176 F-Test Two-Sample for Variances followed by Two-tailed Student's t test, were performed to  
177 compare the changes in area under the aequorin luminescence curves from plants transfer from  
178 light to darkness or plants that were in the dark during 6 h.

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## 180 RESULTS

### 181 Changes in cytosolic free calcium in Arabidopsis upon darkness

182 Using an ICCD 225 photon-counting camera to detect luminescence of AEQUORIN in the  
183 cytoplasm we detected a very prolonged increase in luminescence 3.5 min after the plants were  
184 transferred from white light to darkness at the end of the photoperiod (12 h after the onset of light)  
185 (Fig. 1a, Supporting Information Fig. S1). The dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  transient at dusk could be  
186 divided in two phases. Firstly, we observed a “spike” that peaks around 10 min after the onset of  
187 darkness and secondly, a sustained increase that peaks around 30 min after the start of darkness  
188 and decays over the next 2 h. During the first 3.5 min aequorin luminescence is contaminated by  
189 photons originating from delayed chlorophyll fluorescence and as a consequence, aequorin  
190 luminescence and therefore changes in  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  immediately following the light to dark transition  
191 could not be detected. Plants that were recorded 6 h into the dark period did not have any change  
192 in luminescence (Fig. 1a, Supporting Information Fig. S2). Statistical analysis of the area under  
193 the curve for the luminescence traces in plants that were transferred from light to darkness and  
194 plants that were already in the dark during 6 h, resulted in significant differences between the two  
195 conditions studied (L to D  $10453 \pm 1359$ , D to D  $7321 \pm 203$ ; Student t-test for equal variances,  
196  $P=0.04$ ,  $df=8$ ,  $t=2.26$ ) suggesting it is the transfer from light to dark that results in the change of  
197 aequorin luminescence. No signal was detected from non-transgenic Col-0 plants (Fig. 1b,  
198 Supporting Information Fig. S2) grown and assayed using the same method as the transgenic plants  
199 (Fig. 1a), including treatment with coelenterazine, allowing us to conclude that the increase in  
200 luminescence that occurs from 3.5 min after darkness is due to changes in aequorin luminescence  
201 and therefore  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$ .

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203 The dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  signal measured using the cytosolic aequorin in plants that were grown  
204 in 12h : 12h light : dark cycles, differs to that from a dark-induced signal from aequorin targeted  
205 to the stroma (Sai & Johnson, 2002). Comparison of the cytosolic and stromal  $[Ca^{2+}]$  signals in  
206 Fig. 1c shows that the prolonged  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  signature does not mimic the  $[Ca^{2+}]_{stroma}$  signature,  
207 mostly in the sustained increase of the cytosolic signal that peaks around 30 min after the start of  
208 darkness and that decays over the next 2 h, whereas the stromal  $[Ca^{2+}]$  signal consists of two peaks  
209 at approximately 8 and 25 min lasting 40 min, followed by a prolonged increase that last about 2  
210 h after dark (Fig.1c, Supporting Information Fig. S3). The difference in dynamics between the



211 luminescence reported by the stromal- and cytosolic-targeted aequorin suggests that the two  
212 signals are distinct, emanating from different compartments and that there are specific dark-  
213 induced increases in  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$ . Interestingly, the dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{stroma}$  spike measured by the  
214 photon-counting camera was slightly different to those previously measured by others (Sai and  
215 Johnson 2002; Nomura et al., 2012; Sello et al., 2016; Sello et al., 2018) and ourselves (Supporting  
216 Information Fig. S3) in a luminometer, consisting of a rapid increase in  $[Ca^{2+}]_{stroma}$  that reaches a  
217 peak between 25 min after dusk and decays close to basal levels within the next 2 h. Thus, we  
218 conclude there is an increase in  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  in response to darkness, not detected previously in some  
219 of the previous studies (Nomura et al., 2012; Sello et al., 2016; Sello et al., 2018).

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221 We were unable to calibrate the magnitude of the increase in  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  measured using intensified  
222 CCD arrays because the discharge of available aequorin with excess  $Ca^{2+}$  to perform a  
223 normalization saturated pixels on the CCD detector. To obtain an estimate of the magnitude of the  
224 dark-induced increase in  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  that occur after 3.5 min after darkness, when chlorophyll  
225 fluorescence has dissipated, we revisited the use of luminometry in the same camera experiment  
226 conditions, with three plants per sample to avoid the leaves covering each other (Supporting  
227 Information Fig. S4). In 12 out of 14 experiments we detected changes in  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  after the  
228 transition into darkness. These changes peaked around 10 min after darkness and lasted 10 min  
229 with a variable estimated amplitude of 5 nM to 65 nM  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$ . This might be an underestimate  
230 because the normalization assumes all cells contribute equally to the response. The signature  
231 detected with the luminometer in the cytosol (Supporting Information Fig. S4) was broadly like  
232 the one detected in the camera but contained less detail (Fig. 1a, Supporting Information Fig. S1).  
233 For the cytosolic signal, the sustained increase peaking around 30 min and decayed over the next  
234 2 h in darkness was not detected using luminometry.

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### 236 **The dark-induced cytosolic free calcium transient emanates from green tissue**

237 To determine from where in the plant the dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  transient arises, we performed a  
238 luminometry experiment using excised green tissue or roots, to separate the signal coming from  
239 the two tissues during the data acquisition. When the luminescence from the two different tissues  
240 was analyzed separately, the dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  increase was detected in the green tissue and  
241 no increase was observed in the roots (Fig. 2, Supporting Information Fig. S5).

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243 **Identification of the signaling pathways leading to dark-induced cytosolic-free calcium**  
244 **increases**

245 Since the dark-induced increase in  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  was dependent on prior illumination (Fig. 1a) we tested  
246 whether a particular photoreceptor system is involved in the perception of light prior to darkness.  
247 Growth of plants in either monochromatic red or blue light alone allowed the  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  changes  
248 upon darkness, suggesting that the  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  change that occurs when plants are transferred from  
249 light into darkness involves both red and blue photoreceptors systems (Fig. 3a). Monochromatic  
250 light resulted in a larger spike at 10 min than seen when plants were grown in white light, though  
251 we are uncertain why this might be.

252 To test further the involvement of the red and blue photoreceptors, we performed a light to dark  
253 transition using *cry1*, *cry2*, *phyA* and *phyB* Arabidopsis mutants. Statistical analysis of the changes  
254 in the area under the curve for the luminescence comparing *cry* mutants with wild type plants (Fig.  
255 3b), resulted in no significant differences (Ler  $8135 \pm 906$ , *cry1*  $6677 \pm 60$ ; Student t-test for  
256 unequal variances,  $P=0.32$ ,  $df=2$ ,  $t=4.3$ ; Ler  $8135 \pm 906$ , *cry2*  $4676 \pm 132$ ; Student t-test for  
257 unequal variances,  $P=0.09$ ,  $df=2$ ,  $t=4.3$ ). These analyses indicated that the dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$   
258 changes were still present in these mutant lines, suggesting that the remaining photoreceptor  
259 system in the mutants were able to respond to the transition into darkness. In Fig. 3c we tested the  
260 effect of the red photoreceptors mutants *phyA* and *phyB* on the dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  changes. The  
261 absence of *PHYB* did not affect the response (Ler  $8135 \pm 906$ , *phyB*  $14117 \pm 1639$ ; Student t-test  
262 for equal variances,  $P=0.06$ ,  $df=4$ ,  $t=2.77$ ). However, we found that in the *phyA* mutant, the dark-  
263 induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  was absent (Ler  $8135 \pm 906$ , *phyA*  $3837 \pm 332$ ; Student t-test for equal variances,  
264  $P=0.02$ ,  $df=4$ ,  $t=2.77$ ), suggesting that at least, *PHYA* is directly involved in the light signaling  
265 pathway that leads to the dark-induced cytosolic-free calcium increases.

266 Additionally, we performed a set of experiments to investigate whether the alteration of  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$   
267 after darkness was derived from internal stores or from the extracellular space. Firstly, we decided  
268 to evaluate whether  $Ca^{2+}$  influx to the cytosol might be across the plasma membrane using two  
269 inhibitors of plasma membrane-mediated influx of  $Ca^{2+}$ , 1 mM  $GdCl_3$  and 10 mM  $LaCl_3$  (Véry &  
270 Davies, 2000) that were added 30 min before the measurement of  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  at the end of the  
271 photoperiod. The dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  transient was insensitive to  $Gd^{3+}$  and  $La^{3+}$  when the area  
272 changes under the traces were determined (Control  $12844 \pm 642$ ,  $Ga^{3+}$   $12406 \pm 1657$ , Student t-

273 test for equal variances  $P=0.79$ ,  $df=3$ ,  $t=3.18$ ; Control  $12844 \pm 642$ ,  $La^{3+}$   $16816 \pm 7296$ , Student t-  
274 test for unequal variances,  $P=0.68$ ,  $df=2$ ,  $t=12.71$ ) (Fig. 3d), suggesting that the primary pathway  
275 by which dark increases  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  in Arabidopsis might be from an intracellular compartment.  
276 Cyclic ADP ribose (cADPR) is a  $Ca^{2+}$  signalling molecule synthesized by ADP-ribosyl cyclase  
277 (ADPRc) that can release  $Ca^{2+}$  into the cytosol from the ER and vacuole (Leckie et al., 1998;  
278 Navazio et al., 2000; Sánchez et al., 2004). ADPRc activity and cADPR can be detected, and the  
279 enzymatic protein been recently identified (Dodd et al., 2007; Awal et al., 2016; Wan et al., 2019).  
280 cADPR is thought to regulate circadian oscillations of  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  (Dodd et al., 2007). We tested for  
281 a potential involvement of cADPR using nicotinamide, an ADPRc activity inhibitor, and cPTIO,  
282 a nitric oxide (NO) scavenger, because NO increases ADPRc activity (Awal et al., 2016). When  
283 plants were incubated with 20 mM nicotinamide since plants were seven days old or 0.3 mM  
284 cPTIO which was added 30 min before the measurement, the dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  transient was  
285 abolished or decreased (Control  $12844 \pm 642$ , nicotinamide  $9583 \pm 451$ , Student t-test for equal  
286 variances  $P=0.04$ ,  $df=3$ ,  $t=3.18$ ; Control  $12844 \pm 642$ , cPTIO  $5953 \pm 49$ , Student t-test for unequal  
287 variances,  $P=0.009$ ,  $df=2$ ,  $t=4.30$ ) (Fig. 3d), suggesting that ADPRc activity might be necessary  
288 for the dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  signal. Additionally, we added 20  $\mu$ M DCMU, an inhibitor of the  
289 photosynthetic electron transport chain, 24 h before measurement, to test whether photosynthesis  
290 was involved in the generation of the  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  signal upon darkness. The addition of DCMU  
291 negatively affected the dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  increase (Control  $12844 \pm 642$ , DCMU  $8991 \pm 885$ ,  
292 Student t-test for equal variances  $P=0.02$ ,  $df=4$ ,  $t=2.77$ ), suggesting that photosynthesis may affect  
293 the  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  signal upon darkness (Fig. 3d).

#### 294 **Dark-induced transients in cytosolic free calcium might encode information about** 295 **photoperiod and time of the day**

296 Transition to darkness is the laboratory mimic of end of day at the onset of night. Therefore, we  
297 tested the hypothesis that changes in  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  upon darkness might encode information about day  
298 length. We grew plants under different photoperiods such as long day cycles (16 h:8 h) (LD 16:8)  
299 and short day cycles (8 h:16 h) (SD 8:16). The  $[Ca^{2+}]$  response in the cytosol was affected by the  
300 length of day (Fig. 4). The dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  changes were very similar in plants grown in SD  
301 8:16 and 12 h:12 h light : dark cycles (Fig. 4, a and b). However, when plants were grown in LD  
302 16:8, the  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  signature was different showing a larger peak at 7 min that lasted for 5 min  
303 before returning to the basal level (Fig. 4c). We also examined whether the dark-induced

304  $[Ca^{2+}]_{stroma}$  signal was sensitive to day-length. It has been reported that in LD 16:8, the  $[Ca^{2+}]_{stromal}$   
305 peaks lasted for 1 h and then returned to the basal level and that in SD 8:16, the profile of  $Ca^{2+}$   
306  $[Ca^{2+}]_{stromal}$  included a smaller peak later in the night that was not observed in the long-day  
307 photoperiod (Sai & Johnson, 2002). We observed similar results under long photoperiod (Fig. 4c)  
308 where a  $[Ca^{2+}]_{stroma}$  increase was present about 25 min after darkness. However, in SD 8:16 we  
309 observed a later large and prolonged peak that is not present plants grown under long day  
310 conditions (Fig. 4a). Finally, when we compared the differences and similarities in the dynamics  
311 between the cytosolic and stromal signals, we found that the differences between the two signals  
312 are more apparent at SD 8:16 and LD 16:8 than 12 h:12 h light : dark cycles (Fig. 4). The different  
313 responses of the cytosolic and stromal signals to the change in photoperiod might suggest a  
314 different mechanistic basis.

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316 As there was an effect of length of photoperiod on the dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  signal we tested if  
317 the magnitude of the  $Ca^{2+}$  increase was dependent on the time of transfer to darkness. We compared  
318 the photon-counting data captured at different times of the day from plants that were growing in  
319 mixed red and blue light-dark cycles (LD 12:12; 12 h light/12 h dark). Data were recorded every  
320 2 h during one day in LD 12:12 conditions as shown in Fig. 5a. If plants were in the photoperiod  
321 phase, every 2 h plants were transferred to darkness and data were recorded for 1500 s following  
322 a wait of 200 s post-illumination to allow light from delayed fluorescence to scatter. After each  
323 measurement, lights were turned on and remained on until the next measurement. When plants  
324 were in the dark period of the 24 h LD 12:12 cycles, data were recorded every 2 h during 1500 s.  
325 The changes in  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  upon darkness were modulated by the time of the day, being higher at the  
326 end of the photoperiod and absent during the night when there was no transition from light to  
327 darkness (Fig. 5b, Fig. 6 a and b). A similar behavior was measured for the  $[Ca^{2+}]_{stroma}$  (Fig. 5c,  
328 Supporting Information Fig. S6). The absence of signal in non-transgenic plants treated with  
329 coelenterazine, demonstrated that the time-of-day change in luminescence was due to changes in  
330  $[Ca^{2+}]$  (Supporting Information Fig. S7).

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332 The pattern of the  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  signature was different if plants were transferred to darkness every 2 h  
333 (Fig. 5b) or only at the end of the photoperiod (Fig. 1a). At dusk, the sustained increase observed  
334 in the camera after the first transient spike (Fig. 1a) was absent if plants were assayed every 2 h

335 (Fig. 5b). The difference between these signals suggests there is some effect of integrated amount  
336 of light on the pattern of the signal, in addition to that of time-of-day.

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### 338 **The dark-induced cytosolic and stroma free calcium transients are modulated by the** 339 **circadian clock**

340 The time-of-day dependent gating of the dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  increase suggests that the circadian  
341 timekeeper could be involved. To test this hypothesis, we measured dark-induced  $Ca^{2+}$  increases  
342 in plants maintained without a prolonged dark of night (constant light (LL) with dark interruptions,  
343 a protocol standard for circadian luminescence such as promoter::luciferase fusions measurements,  
344 because the short dark breaks do not interfere with functioning of the circadian oscillator (Millar  
345 et al., 1995)). Similar to LD cycles, from the second day in LL during the subjective mornings the  
346 dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  increase was detected, being higher at later phases of the circadian  
347 subjective days, demonstrating that  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  can respond to darkness in the absent of the dark of  
348 night (Fig. 6 a and b (Col-0)). Additionally, this time of day dependent modulation of the  
349 magnitude of the dark-induced increases in  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  in LL, demonstrates that the signal observed  
350 is due to gating by the circadian oscillator rather than as a consequence of a compounding effect  
351 of the signal due to multiple stimulation or initiated in the light itself. Thus, at 2 h after the onset  
352 of dark (14 h) in the LD cycle, there was no increase in  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  (Fig. 5b), whereas at 14 h in the  
353 1<sup>st</sup> LL cycle a dark induced-increase of  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  was measured lower than the one detected at 12 h  
354 in the same condition (Fig. 6 a and b (Col-0)), demonstrating that the changes in  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  are  
355 specific for the transition from light to darkness. To further investigate the circadian regulation of  
356  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  upon darkness, we measured  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  in the circadian arrhythmic triple mutant *prr7-11*  
357 *prr5-11 prr9-10* (Nakamichi et al., 2005). In the LD cycle and the first day in LL there are no  
358 differences between the mutant and the WT in terms of gating, however in free running conditions  
359 in which the mutant is arrhythmic, the mutant failed to gate the dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  response  
360 (Fig. 6b, Supporting Information Fig. S8). These data demonstrate that modulation of dark-induced  
361 increases of  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  is an output of the nuclear circadian oscillator.

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363 A previous report concluded that dark-induced regulation of  $[Ca^{2+}]_{stroma}$  is not regulated by the  
364 nuclear circadian oscillator (Sai & Johnson, 2002). In that study, plants were transferred to dark at  
365 different times after five days in constant light (Sai and Johnson, 2002). Because the circadian

366 regulation of  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  damps over time we decided to examine again whether  $[Ca^{2+}]_{stroma}$  is under  
367 circadian control. We found that circadian-gating persisted for at least two cycles in LL suggesting  
368 that the dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{stroma}$  increase is modulated by the circadian oscillator in the nucleus  
369 and the previous conclusion of no role for the circadian oscillator might be incorrect (Fig. 7,  
370 Supporting Information Fig. S9).

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### 372 **The dark-induced transient of $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$ is superimposed on daily and circadian $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$** 373 **oscillations**

374 Aequorin-based luminescence measurements must be performed in the dark because the intensity  
375 of photons released by aequorin is many orders of magnitude lower than the light required in the  
376 standard growth conditions for plants. The method used here to determine the daily and circadian  
377 control of the dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  signal is the same one used to determine the daily and  
378 circadian  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  oscillations (Love et al., 2004), which is based on standard protocols for  
379 measurement of circadian regulation of luminescent reporters such as promoter::luciferase fusions  
380 (Millar et al, 1995). Taking this into account and the finding of that the circadian timekeeper gated  
381 the dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  increase, we decided to investigate whether the measured daily and  
382 circadian oscillations of basal  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  are a consequence of the measurement protocol or occur in  
383 addition to the dark induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  increases.

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385 We used three different approaches to investigate the circadian control of basal  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$ . Firstly,  
386 we measured the 24 h oscillations of  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  using the same method that we used to measure the  
387 daily and circadian control of the dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  signal (Fig. 5 and 6). We first attempted  
388 to separate the measurement of basal circadian  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  oscillations from the dark-induced increase  
389 in  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  by investigating the signal generated by a dark break every 2 h in the photoperiod,  
390 because this protocol induces a dark  $Ca^{2+}$  signal that is not sustained. We compared the integrated  
391 photon counts obtained from 0 to 1500 s (including the dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  signal) and the last  
392 800 s of each integration (not including the dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  signal) to determine if we could  
393 detect basal circadian  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  oscillations in addition to the dark-induced signal. In both, the first  
394 1500 s (representing dark-induced and basal signals) and the last 800 s (representing only basal  
395 signals)  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  increased during the day, peaked several hours after dawn and then decreased  
396 reaching the minimum value during the night (Fig. 8a, Supporting Information Fig. S10). When

397 the circadian parameters were determined similar values were found for both signals (0 - 1500 s,  
398 period = 23.6 h, R.A.E = 0.18; 800 - 1500 s, period = 23.6 h, R.A.E = 0.23).

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400 We next investigated the circadian regulation of  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  in constant darkness (DD), a condition  
401 that does not have a light to dark transition during measurement but is complicated by the  
402 dampening of circadian rhythms of  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  in prolonged DD in Arabidopsis (Johnson et al., 1995;  
403 Xu et al., 2007). This dampening occurs after ~16 h in DD because the machinery that returns  
404  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  to resting values does not operate in extended dark (Xu et al., 2007 and Fig. 8b). The  
405 persistence of rhythmic  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  in the subjective morning of the first DD cycle suggests the  
406 presence of basal  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  oscillations that are not dependent on dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  signals  
407 (Fig. 8, b and c, Supporting Information Fig. S10). Finally, we investigated the control of  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$   
408 in DD in the presence of sucrose because sucrose sustains circadian rhythms in DD (Dalchau et  
409 al., 2011). When sucrose was included in the media, we detected sustained circadian low amplitude  
410 oscillations of  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  in DD (period = 27.4 h, R.A.E = 0.59) (Fig. 8d, Supporting Information  
411 Fig. S10), in which there are no light to dark transitions. These oscillations of basal  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  in DD  
412 occurred in the absence of dark-induced of  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  transients (Fig. 8d, Supporting Information  
413 Fig. S10) demonstrating that a light to dark transition is not the cause of basal oscillations of  
414  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$ . It also shows that sucrose can have different effects on  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  in the light and dark. In  
415 LL sucrose abolishes circadian oscillations of  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  (Johnson et al.,1995), whereas in DD  
416 rhythms are sustained. All these results suggest that circadian signaling is involved in both the  
417 regulation of daily and circadian oscillations of  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  and the  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  changes that occur upon  
418 a light to dark transition.

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## 421 **DISCUSSION**

422 In several previous studies  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  changes upon transition to darkness have not been detected  
423 using either the luminescent reporter protein aequorin (Nomura et al., 2012; Sello et al., 2016;  
424 Frank et al., 2019) or the ratiometric reporter protein Yellow Cameleon YC 3.6 (Loro et al., 2016),  
425 despite the fact that they were previously reported by Sai and Johnson, 2002. Therefore, it has been  
426 a matter of conjecture whether they occur or whether they cannot be resolved. Here we demonstrate  
427 that light to dark transitions generate a consistent and reproducible transient in  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$ . We have  
428 used an ICCD 225 photon-counting camera that optimized the detection of aequorin luminescence  
429 from specifically the leaves and because when compared to luminometer experiments, using a  
430 camera the signal to noise ratio can be increased by focusing the light from a number of plants to  
431 small area on the array and using time series integration. Thus, even though luminometers are more  
432 sensitive photon counting devices, using a camera permitted us to detect at the end of the  
433 photoperiod a prolonged increase in  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$ . To ensure that the signal we were measuring did not  
434 originate from the stroma we compared to measurements of changes in  $[Ca^{2+}]_{stroma}$  after transition  
435 into darkness (Sai and Johnson, 2002; Nomura et al., 2012; Sello et al., 2016). The  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$   
436 transient consists of a peak at around 10 min after the onset of darkness and a sustained increase  
437 peaking 30 min after the onset of darkness which decays over the next 2 h, whereas the  $[Ca^{2+}]_{stroma}$   
438 consists of two peaks at approximately 8 and 25 min lasting 40 min and a prolonged increase that  
439 last about 2 h after dark (Fig. 1c). The  $[Ca^{2+}]_{stroma}$  signature upon darkness obtained in the photon-  
440 counting camera was slightly different to the one previously reported in other studies (Sai and  
441 Johnson 2002; Nomura et al., 2012; Sello et al., 2016; Sello et al., 2018) and also here using a  
442 luminometer (Supporting Information Fig. S3). Using a intensified photon counting camera as the  
443 detector allowed higher resolution in the  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  and  $[Ca^{2+}]_{stroma}$  response to this stimulus than a  
444 luminometer, describing more complex  $[Ca^{2+}]$  dynamics in both compartments. These results  
445 highlight the importance of the detection methods when aequorin is the reporter, and reveal that  
446 even though the dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  signal was detected in the luminometer, we were close to  
447 the detection limit (Supporting Information Fig. S4).

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449 Sunset and shading are two environmental stimuli that are represented by the transition to darkness.  
450 We have observed that similar to the dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{stroma}$  changes (Sai & Johnson, 2002),  
451  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  signatures upon darkness are affected by the duration of the photoperiod (Fig.4),



452 suggesting that these  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  changes could be a mechanism by which plants can distinguish  
453 between long and short days and thereby induce photoperiodic responses. The gating of the signal  
454 by the time of day (Fig. 5) and circadian oscillator (Fig. 6) might suggest that the  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  changes  
455 after transition to darkness also encode information about time of day. Additionally, we found that  
456 the  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  changes after transition to darkness are specific for photosynthetic organs, which are  
457 normally in the light (Fig. 2) and that  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  changes upon darkness involve at least the *PHYA*  
458 photoreceptors (Fig. 3c). The finding about the involvement of *PHYA* in the dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$   
459 signal is supported by our previous studies of circadian regulation of  $Ca^{2+}$  (Dalchau et al., 2010)  
460 and by the maximum expression of the *PHYA* gene close to the end of the light interval which is  
461 characteristic of light signals that regulate important physiological responses (e.g. end-of-the-day  
462 far-red response) (Toth et al., 2001).

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464 Additionally, the comparison of the  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  traces recorded when  $Ga^{3+}$  or  $La^{3+}$  were added before  
465 the transition into darkness (Fig. 3), suggests that the dark-induced cytosolic  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  increase may  
466 derived from internal stores rather than extracellular space. Furthermore, the  
467 diminution/abolishment of the  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  upon darkness in the presence of cPTIO and nicotinamide,  
468 which inhibit ADPRc activity (Fig. 3), might involve the vacuole and the ER in the  
469 generation/intensity of the  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  signal, similarly to  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  circadian oscillations (Dodd et al.,  
470 2007). The source of the dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{stroma}$  spike has been a matter of conjecture. It has  
471 been suggested that it is not dependent on photosynthetic electron transport because DCMU had  
472 little or no effect on the magnitude of the dark-stimulated  $Ca^{2+}$ -flux (Sai & Johnson, 2002).  
473 Additionally, the knockout mutation of BICAT2 which mediates  $Ca^{2+}$  uptake across the chloroplast  
474 envelope, strongly dampens the dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{stroma}$  signal, suggesting a dark-triggered  
475 influx of  $Ca^{2+}$  from the cytosol, mediated by this transporter (Frank et al., 2019). In our  
476 experiments, inhibition of photosynthetic electron transport by DCMU (Fig. 3) had a negative  
477 effect on the dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  signal, suggesting that photosynthesis might be necessary for  
478 the plants to respond. We hypothesis that the mechanism by which photosynthesis dampens dark-  
479 induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  signal could be associated with the effect of photosynthetic sugars on the  
480 abundance of oscillator components (Haydon et al., 2013; Haydon et al., 2017) which also regulate  
481 the dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  increase (Fig. 6). The decreased of the light off signal in the  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  by  
482 DCMU and the lack of effect on the  $[Ca^{2+}]_{stroma}$ , indicates that upon darkness, the regulatory

483 mechanisms of cytosolic and stromal  $[Ca^{2+}]$  signatures might be distinct as previously suggested  
484 by Sai & Johnson, 2002; Sello et al., 2018. This conclusion is also supported by the fact that the  
485  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  signal is larger when plants were grown in LD compared to plants grown in SD and  
486 interestingly, the dark-induced stromal  $[Ca^{2+}]$  increase has a larger peak in SD compared to LD  
487 (Fig. 4).

488 A striking result of our study is that not only  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  but also  $[Ca^{2+}]_{stroma}$  signatures upon darkness  
489 are under the control of the circadian clock (Fig. 7) because it was previously concluded that daily  
490 dark-stimulated  $[Ca^{2+}]_{stroma}$  spikes are not gated by the circadian clock (Sai & Johnson, 2002). The  
491 failure to detect gating of  $[Ca^{2+}]_{stroma}$  signatures in the previous study might be because the dark-  
492 induced signal was measured only after five days in LL when the circadian system might have  
493 become damped. It has been suggested dampening might be due to the clock damping in all cells  
494 or cell desynchronization in term of phase or period, or desynchronization due to stochasticity in  
495 clock activity (Komin et al., 2011; Guerriero et al., 2012).

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497 Circadian  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  oscillations in Arabidopsis are robust in LL but are absent in DD when sucrose  
498 is not included in the media (Johnson et al., 1995; Love et al., 2004), therefore they are usually  
499 determined by performing measurement breaks of darkness every 2 h in otherwise LL. Our  
500 discovery of the dependence on the time of the day of the dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  changes due to  
501 circadian-gating, forced us to consider whether circadian and daily oscillations of basal  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$   
502 might arise as a consequence of repeated dark-induced increases in  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$ , which might not  
503 occur in the absence of the measuring protocol. We conclude that there are two modes of circadian  
504 regulation of  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$ , the circadian-gating of dark-induced increases in  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  and 24 h  
505 oscillations in basal  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  that are not a consequence of transfer to darkness, commonly called  
506 circadian oscillations of  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  (Johnson et al., 1995; Love et al., 2004; Xu et al., 2007). We  
507 reached that conclusion by calculating the total photon counts including and excluding the dark-  
508 induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  signal in LL and by the measurement of  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  in DD in the presence and  
509 absence of sucrose (Fig. 8). The detection of circadian oscillations of  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  in DD in the  
510 presence of sucrose demonstrates unequivocally that basal  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  can free run with a circadian  
511 period.

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513 Since their first discovery by Johnson et al (1995) the purpose of basal circadian oscillations of  
514  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  have been a mystery because  $Ca^{2+}$  signalling is usually considered to work on timescales  
515 much shorter than circadian timescales. Our finding of similarities between circadian and dark-  
516 induced increases in  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  suggests that they might have a common basis and function. Basal  
517 circadian oscillations of  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  and circadian-gated dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  signals have their  
518 greatest magnitude near dusk, suggesting that their purpose could be associated with dusk sensing  
519 and/or day length sensing. This dusk-associated timing is consistent with the sensing of circadian  
520  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  signals by Calmodulin-like 24  $Ca^{2+}$  sensors that genetically interact with TOC1 to form  
521 part of the circadian oscillator because TOC1 is expressed maximally near dusk (Marti et al.,  
522 2018). One possibility is that the oscillation of basal  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  is indicative of the relaxing of the  
523 “gate” by which the circadian oscillator times dark-induced increases in  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  to the end of the  
524 photoperiod. The existence of the dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  signal reported here and the methodology  
525 described to characterize it, together with the novel aequorin reporters for chloroplast  
526 subcompartments (Sello et al., 2018) and the discovery of the two chloroplast-targeted  $Ca^{2+}$   
527 transporters in *Arabidopsis thaliana*, BIVALENT CATION TRANSPORTER 1 (BICAT1) and  
528 BICAT2 (Frank et al., 2019), which determine the amplitude of the prolonged and sustained dark-  
529 induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{stroma}$ , will pave the way to understand the function and unravel the mechanisms  
530 responsible for  $[Ca^{2+}]$  fluxes during light-dark transitions. Here, our data also demonstrate that the  
531 circadian oscillator in the nucleus, which is of Eukaryotic origin, can regulate the timing of  
532 stimulus-induced increases of  $[Ca^{2+}]_{stroma}$  in the chloroplast, which is of bacterial origin, suggesting  
533 that a mechanism has evolved that allows temporal information to be communicated between these  
534 two organelles, resulting in time of day dependent  $Ca^{2+}$  signals adding a new sub-cellular spatial  
535 dimension to the circadian network of plants.

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## 699 **FIGURE LEGENDS**

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728 seedlings. Error bars are indicated every 10 min for clarity.

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730 **Figure 4: Dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{\text{cyt}}$  signature is affected by photoperiod length.**

731 Luminescence from reconstituted aequorin in Col-0 (black) or Ws-2 (green) Arabidopsis seedlings  
732 expressing aequorin targeted to the cytosol (black) or the stroma (green). Plants were grown in  
733 white light-dark cycles (8h:16h, 12h:12h and 16h:8h, (a), (b) and (c) respectively) ( $100 \mu\text{mol m}^{-2}$   
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735 the end of the photoperiod (8h (a), 12 h (b) and 16 h (c) after the lights went on). The data represent  
736 the mean luminescence  $\pm$  SEM from three experiments consisting of 24 clusters of seedlings, each  
737 cluster contained 7 - 10 seedlings. Error bars are indicated every 10 min for clarity.

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739 **Figure 5: The dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{\text{cyt}}$  transient depends on the time of the day.**

740 Arabidopsis transgenic seedlings expressing aequorin targeted to the cytosol (Col-0) or the  
741 stroma (Ws-2) were grown in white light-dark cycles (12h:12h) ( $100 \mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ ). On the night  
742 of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of growth, seedlings were incubated with coelenterazine and aequorin  
743 luminescence was recorded from reconstituted aequorin since they were 12 days old as shown in  
744 (a). (b) and (c) show data of changes in  $[Ca^{2+}]_{\text{cyt}}$  and  $[Ca^{2+}]_{\text{stroma}}$ , respectively, every 2 h during 1  
745 LD cycle. The data represent one experiment consisting of 80 clusters of seedlings and each  
746 cluster contained 7-10 seedlings. Experiments were repeated at least six times (b) and twice (c).

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748 **Figure 6: The dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{\text{cyt}}$  transient is gated by the circadian clock.**

749 Col-0 and *prp7-11 prp5-10 prp9-11* triple mutant Arabidopsis transgenic seedlings expressing  
750 aequorin targeted to the cytosol were grown in white light-dark cycles (12h:12h) ( $100 \mu\text{mol m}^{-2}$   
751  $\text{s}^{-1}$ ). On the night of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of growth, seedlings were incubated with coelenterazine and  
752 aequorin luminescence was recorded from reconstituted aequorin since they were 12 days old.  
753 (a) shows data of changes in  $[Ca^{2+}]_{\text{cyt}}$  every 2 h during LL cycles in Col-0 plants. (b and c) show  
754 data of changes in  $[Ca^{2+}]_{\text{cyt}}$ , every 2 h during 1 LD and 4 LL cycles in Col-0 and *prp7-11 prp5-10*  
755 *prp9-11* triple mutant plants, respectively. The data represent one experiment consisting of 80 (a)

756 and 8 (b and c) clusters of seedlings, each cluster contained 7 - 10 seedlings. Experiments were  
757 repeated at least seven times (a) and twice (b).

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759 **Figure 7: The dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{stroma}$  transient is gated by the circadian clock.**

760 Ws-2 Arabidopsis transgenic seedlings expressing aequorin targeted to the stroma were grown in  
761 white light-dark cycles (12h:12h) ( $100 \mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ ). On the night of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of growth,  
762 seedlings were incubated with coelenterazine and aequorin luminescence was recorded from  
763 reconstituted aequorin since they were 12 days old. On the 13<sup>th</sup> day, plants were transferred to  
764 LL. The data show changes in  $[Ca^{2+}]_{stroma}$  every 2 h during 2 LL cycles. The data represent one  
765 experiment consisting of 80 clusters of seedlings, each cluster contained 7 - 10 seedlings.

766 Experiments were repeated at least twice.

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768 **Figure 8: Dark-induced transients in  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  are superimposed on daily and  
769 circadian  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  oscillations.**

770 (a) Daily and circadian  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  oscillations measured in LL using different time integration  
771 intervals. Col-0 Arabidopsis transgenic seedlings expressing aequorin targeted to the  
772 cytosol were grown in LD 12h:12h cycles and then transferred to LL. The data represent  
773 one experiment consisting of 80 clusters of seedlings and each cluster contained 7 - 10  
774 seedlings. (b) Daily and circadian  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  oscillations measured in DD without (b) 3%  
775 (w/v) sucrose using different time integration intervals. (c) Changes in  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  recorded  
776 every 2 h and used in (b). (d) Daily and circadian  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  oscillations measured in  
777 DD with 3% (w/v) sucrose. Black are the raw time series data, showing no dark to light  
778 transitions. In red is the integrated photon counts obtained during the 1500 s of recording.

779 (b-d) Col-0 Arabidopsis transgenic seedlings expressing aequorin targeted to the cytosol  
780 were grown in LD 12h:12h cycles and then transferred to DD. (b-d) the data represent one  
781 experiment consisting of 8 clusters of seedlings and each cluster contained 7 - 10  
782 seedlings. Experiments were repeated at least six times (a) and (b-d) twice.

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784 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

785 The following supplemental material are available.

786 **Supplemental Figure 1:** Dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  changes upon darkness using a photon counting  
787 camera.

788 Luminescence from reconstituted aequorin in Col-0 Arabidopsis seedlings expressing aequorin  
789 targeted to the cytosol. Data were recorded immediately after plants were transferred to darkness  
790 at the end of the photoperiod (12 h after the lights went on) as shown in the bar above figure. Each  
791 experiment represents the luminescence from 24 clusters of seedlings, each cluster contained 7 -  
792 10 seedlings.

793 **Supplemental Figure 2:** Dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  transient does not occur 6 after light off or in  
794 non-transgenic plants in 12h-12h light-dark cycles.

795 Luminescence from reconstituted aequorin in Arabidopsis seedlings expressing aequorin targeted  
796 to the cytosol (black) (a) and from non-transgenic seedlings (blue) (b). The ecotype used was Col-  
797 0. Data were recorded immediately after plants were transferred to darkness at the end of the  
798 photoperiod (12 h after the lights went on) (b) or after being 6 h in the dark (a) as shown in the  
799 bars above the figures. Data represent the luminescence from one experiment consisting of 24  
800 clusters of seedlings, each cluster contained 7 - 10 seedlings. These experiments are a repeat of the  
801 one showed in Fig. 1.

802 **Supplemental Figure 3:** The signature of the dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{stroma}$  changes upon darkness  
803 depends on the detection method.

804 Luminescence or  $[Ca^{2+}]$  from reconstituted aequorin in Ws-2 Arabidopsis seedlings expressing  
805 aequorin targeted to the stroma. Data were recorded immediately after plants were transferred to  
806 darkness at the end of the photoperiod (12 h after the lights went on) as shown in the bars above  
807 the figures. Camera data represent the luminescence from 24 clusters of seedlings, each cluster  
808 contained 7 - 10 seedlings. Luminometer data represent the luminescence from three plants.

809 Experiments were repeated at least twice and three are represented in the figure.

810 **Supplemental Figure 4:** Calibration of the dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  changes upon darkness using a  
811 luminometer.

812  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  from reconstituted aequorin in Col-0 Arabidopsis seedlings expressing aequorin targeted  
813 to the cytosol. Data were recorded immediately after plants were transferred to darkness at the end  
814 of the photoperiod (12 h after the lights went on) as shown in the bars above the figures. Each  
815 graph represents the luminescence from three plants. Experiments were repeated 14 times with  
816 each trace presented in the figure.

817 **Supplemental Figure 5:** The dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  transient occurs in green tissues.  
818 Three Col-0 Arabidopsis transgenic seedlings expressing aequorin targeted to the cytosol were  
819 grown in white light-dark cycles. On the night of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of growth, the root and leaves were  
820 separated and incubated with coelenterazine. Aequorin luminescence was recorded in a  
821 luminometer from reconstituted aequorin when tissues were 12 days old. Traces represent the data  
822 obtained from one experiment. This is a repeat of figure 2 experiment.

823 **Supplemental Figure 6:** The dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  transient depends on the time of the day.  
824 Arabidopsis transgenic seedlings expressing aequorin targeted to the stroma (Ws-2) were grown in  
825 white light-dark cycles (12h:12h) ( $100 \mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ ). On the night of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of growth,  
826 seedlings were incubated with coelenterazine and aequorin luminescence was recorded from  
827 reconstituted aequorin since they were 12 days old. (A) shows data of changes in  $[Ca^{2+}]_{stroma}$ ,  
828 every 2 h during 1 LD cycle. The data represent one experiment consisting of 80 clusters of  
829 seedlings and each cluster contained 7 - 10 seedlings. Experiments were repeated at least twice.  
830 This experiment is a repeat of the one in Figure 5b.

831 **Supplemental Figure 7:** Dark-induced increases of luminescence were not detected from plants  
832 not carrying the Aequorin transgene.  
833 Non-transgenic Col-0 Arabidopsis seedlings were grown in white light-dark cycles (12h:12h) ( $100$   
834  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ ). On the night of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of growth, seedlings were incubated with coelenterazine  
835 and luminescence was recorded when they were 12 days old. Graphs shows data during 1 LD  
836 12h:12h cycle taken every 2 h during 1500 s. There were 80 clusters of seedlings per plate and  
837 each cluster contained 7 - 10 seedlings.

838 **Supplemental Figure 8:** The dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  transient is gated by the circadian clock.  
839 Col-0 and *prp7-11 prp5-10 prp9-11* triple mutant Arabidopsis transgenic seedlings expressing  
840 aequorin targeted to the cytosol were grown in white light-dark cycles (12h:12h) ( $100 \mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ ).  
841 On the night of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of growth, seedlings were incubated with coelenterazine and  
842 aequorin luminescence was recorded from reconstituted aequorin since they were 12 days old.  
843 Figures show data of changes in  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  every 2 h during LL cycles in Col-0 and *prp7-11 prp5-10*  
844 *prp9-11* triple mutant plants, respectively. The data represent one experiment consisting of 8  
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846 twice. This is a repeat of the experiment in Figure 6.

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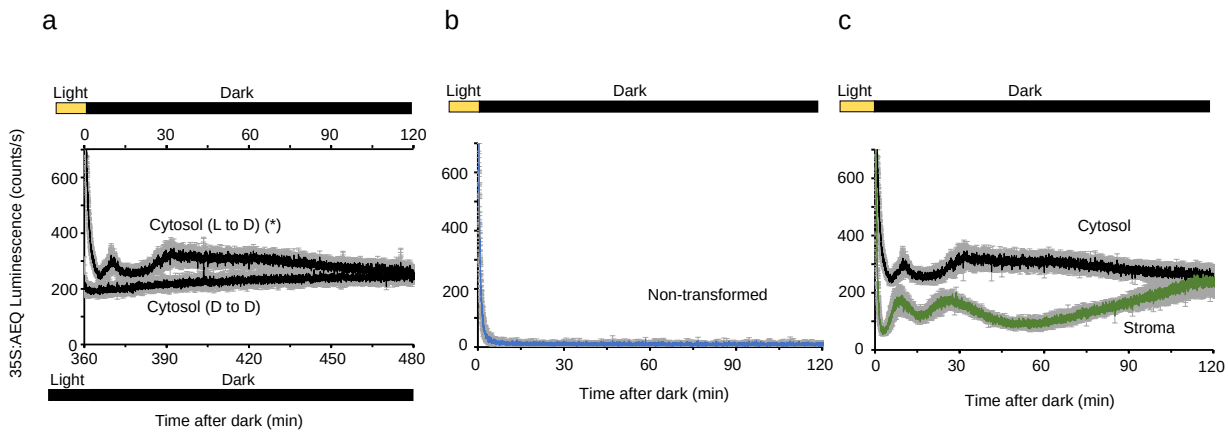
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851 reconstituted aequorin since they were 12 days old. The data show changes in  $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_{\text{stroma}}$  every 2  
852 h during 2 LL cycles. The data represent one experiment consisting of 80 clusters of seedlings,  
853 each cluster contained 7 - 10 seedlings. This experiment is a repeat of the one in Figure 7.

854 **Supplemental Figure 10:** Dark-induced transients in  $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_{\text{cyt}}$  are superimposed on daily and  
855 circadian  $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_{\text{cyt}}$  oscillations.

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861 integration intervals. (c) Changes in  $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_{\text{cyt}}$  recorded every 2 h and used in (B). (d) Daily and  
862 circadian  $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_{\text{cyt}}$  oscillations measured in DD with 3% (w/v) sucrose. Black are the raw time  
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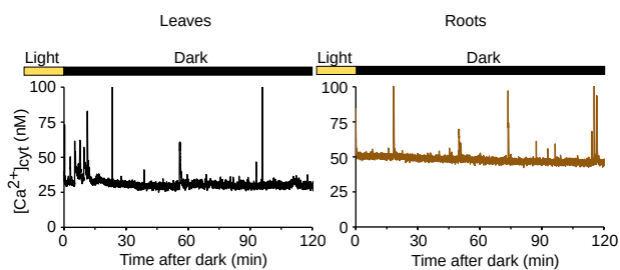
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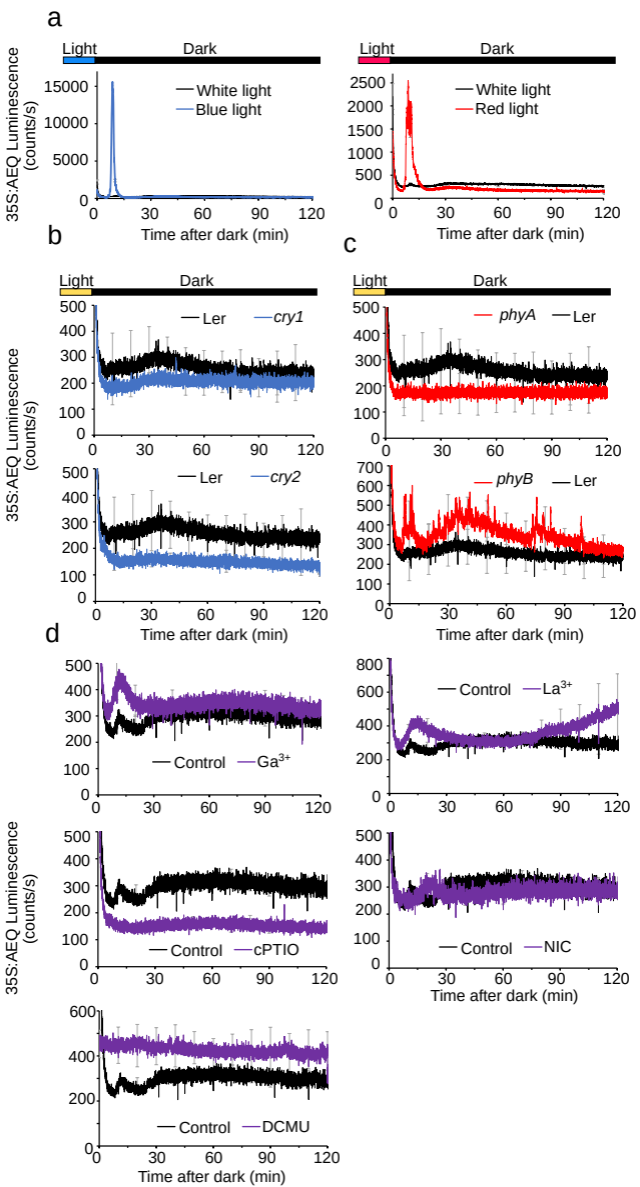
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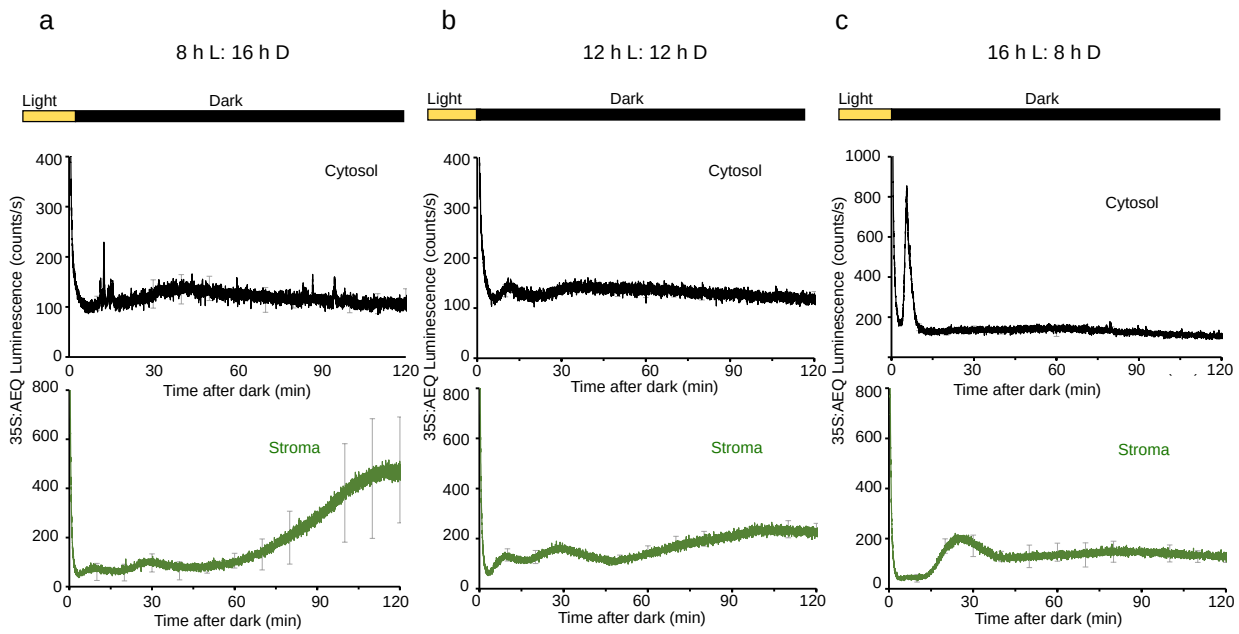
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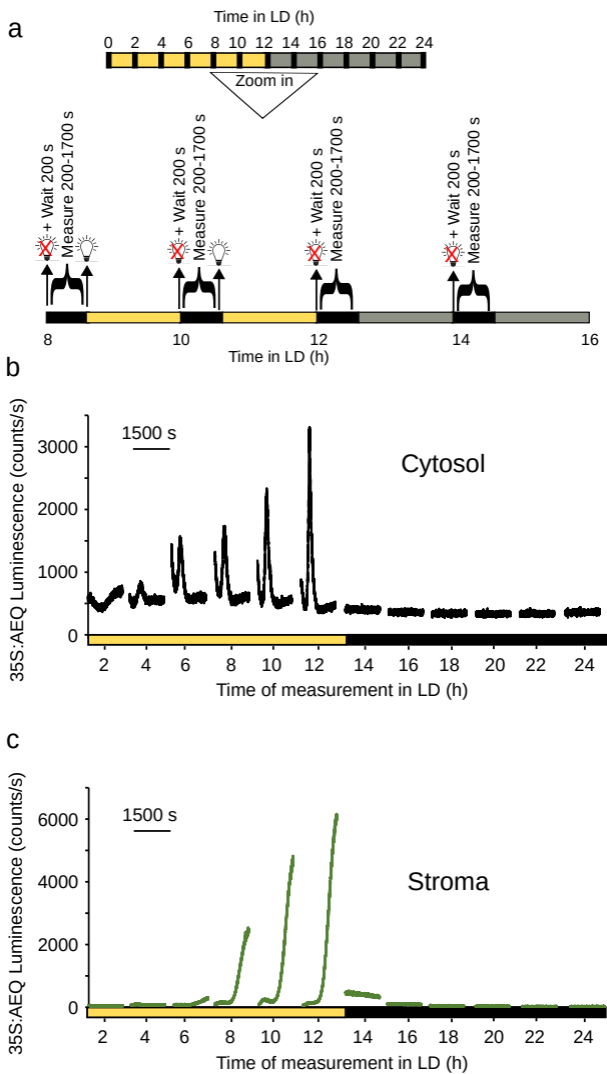
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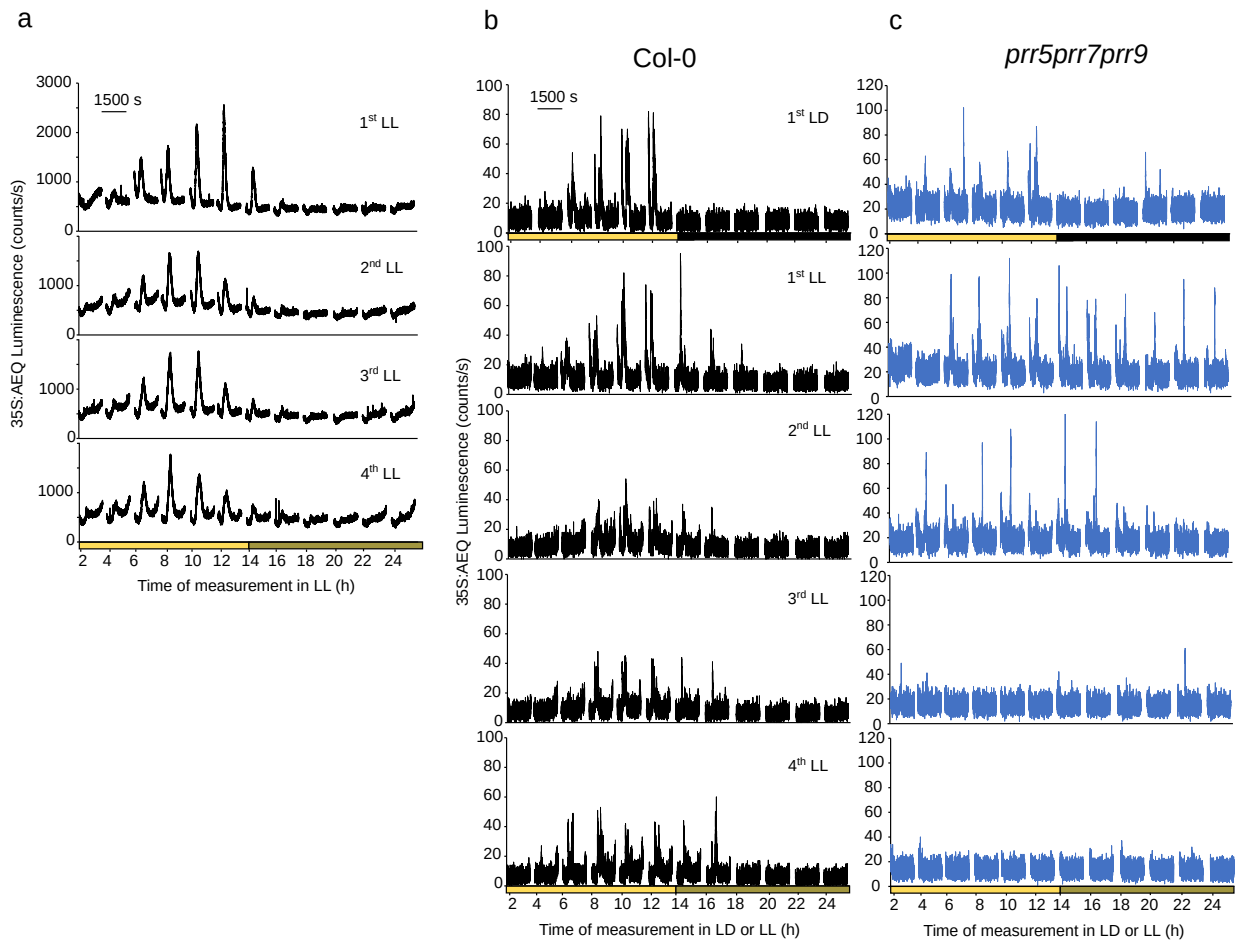
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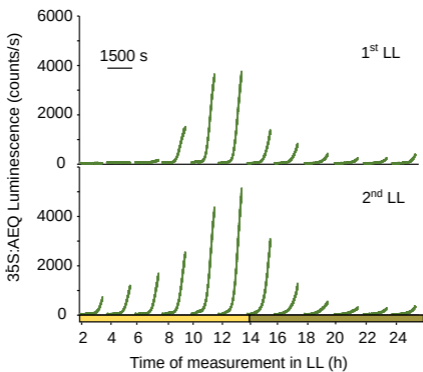
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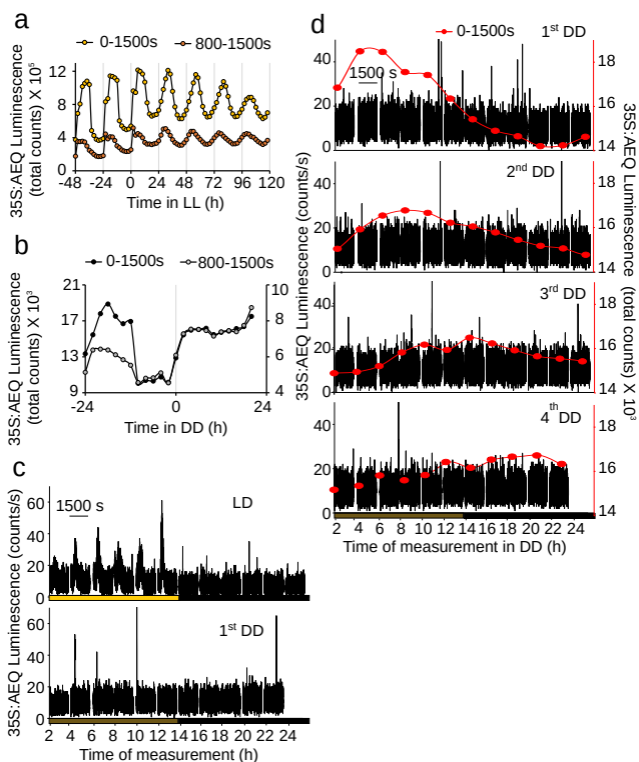
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Ws-2 Arabidopsis transgenic seedlings expressing aequorin targeted to the stroma were grown in white light-dark cycles (12h:12h) ( $100 \mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ ). On the night of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of growth, seedlings were incubated with coelenterazine and aequorin luminescence was recorded from reconstituted aequorin since they were 12 days old. On the 13<sup>th</sup> day, plants were transferred to LL. The data show changes in  $[Ca^{2+}]_{stroma}$  every 2 h during 2 LL cycles. The data represent one experiment consisting of 80 clusters of seedlings, each cluster contained 7 - 10 seedlings. Experiments were repeated at least twice.



**Figure 8: Dark-induced transients in  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  are superimposed on daily and circadian  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  oscillations.**

(a) Daily and circadian  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  oscillations measured in LL using different time integration intervals. Col-0 Arabidopsis transgenic seedlings expressing aequorin targeted to the cytosol were grown in LD 12h:12h cycles and then transferred to LL. The data represent one experiment consisting of 80 clusters of seedlings and each cluster contained 7 - 10 seedlings. (b) Daily and circadian  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  oscillations measured in DD without (B) 3% (w/v) sucrose using different time integration intervals. (c) Changes in  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  recorded every 2 h and used in (b). (d) Daily and circadian  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  oscillations measured in DD with 3% (w/v) sucrose. Black are the raw time series data, showing no dark to light transitions. In red is the integrated photon counts obtained during the 1500 s of recording. (b-d) Col-0 Arabidopsis transgenic seedlings expressing aequorin targeted to the cytosol were grown in LD 12h:12h cycles and then transferred to DD. (b-d) the data represent one experiment consisting of 8 clusters of seedlings and each cluster contained 7 - 10 seedlings. Experiments were repeated at least six times (a) and (b-d) twice.

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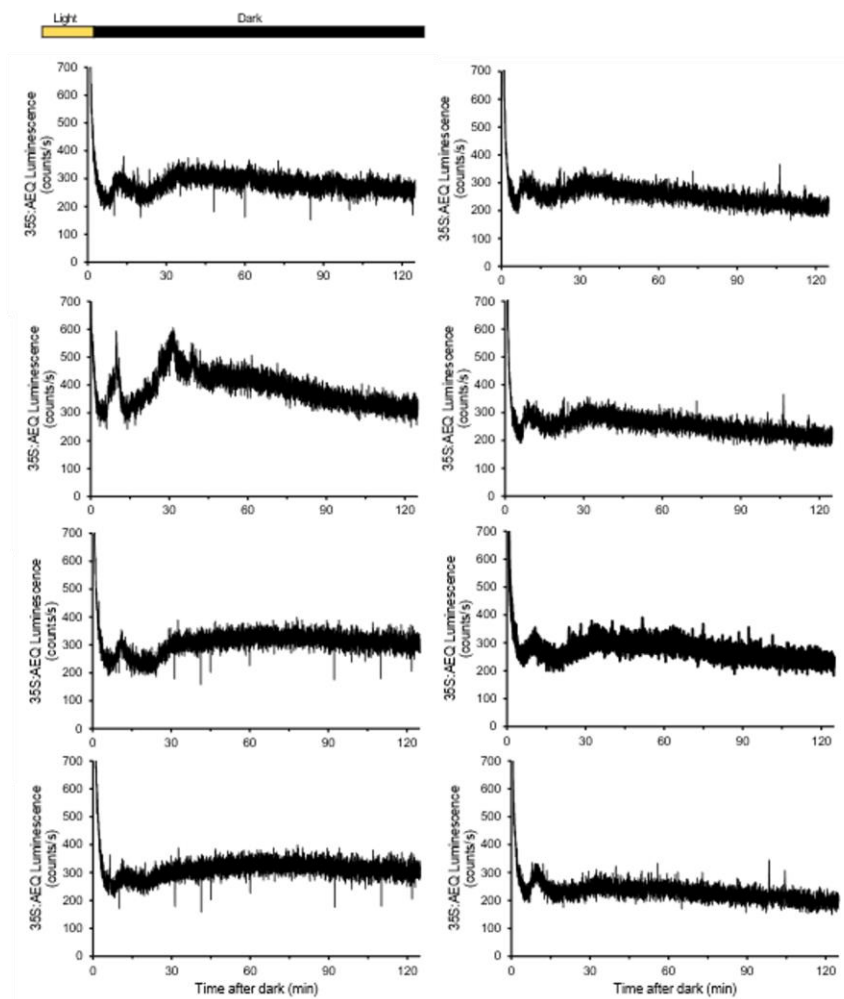
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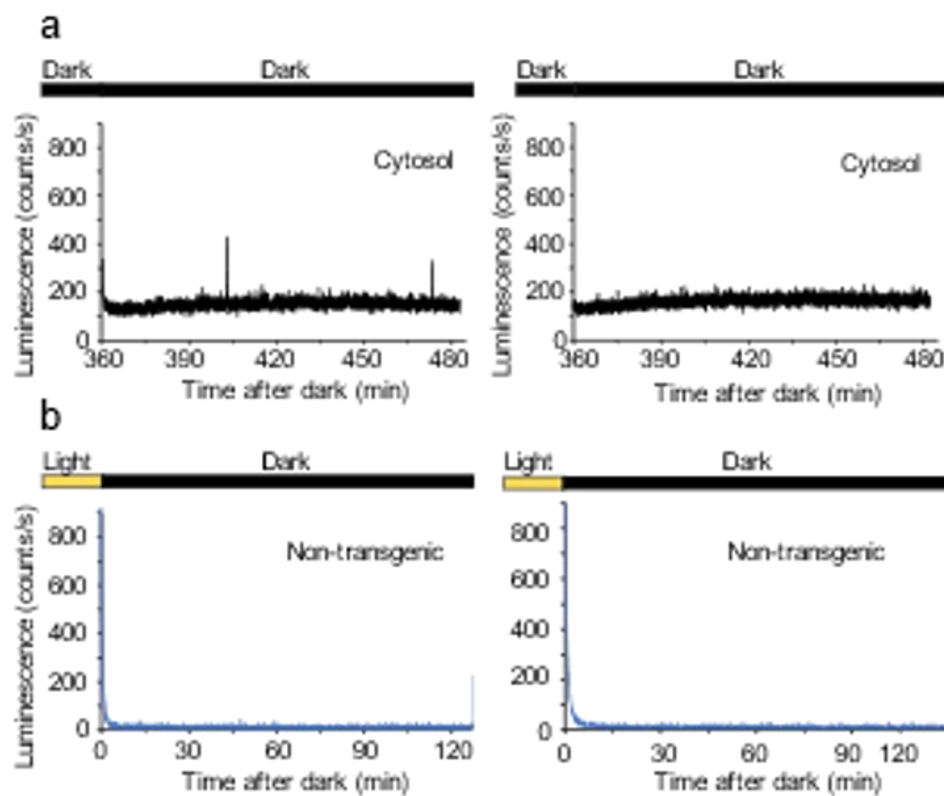
Luminescence from reconstituted aequorin in Col-0 Arabidopsis seedlings expressing aequorin targeted to the cytosol. Data were recorded immediately after plants were transferred to darkness at the end of the photoperiod (12 h after the lights went on) as shown in the bar above figure.

Each experiment represents the luminescence from 24 clusters of seedlings, each cluster contained 7 - 10 seedlings.

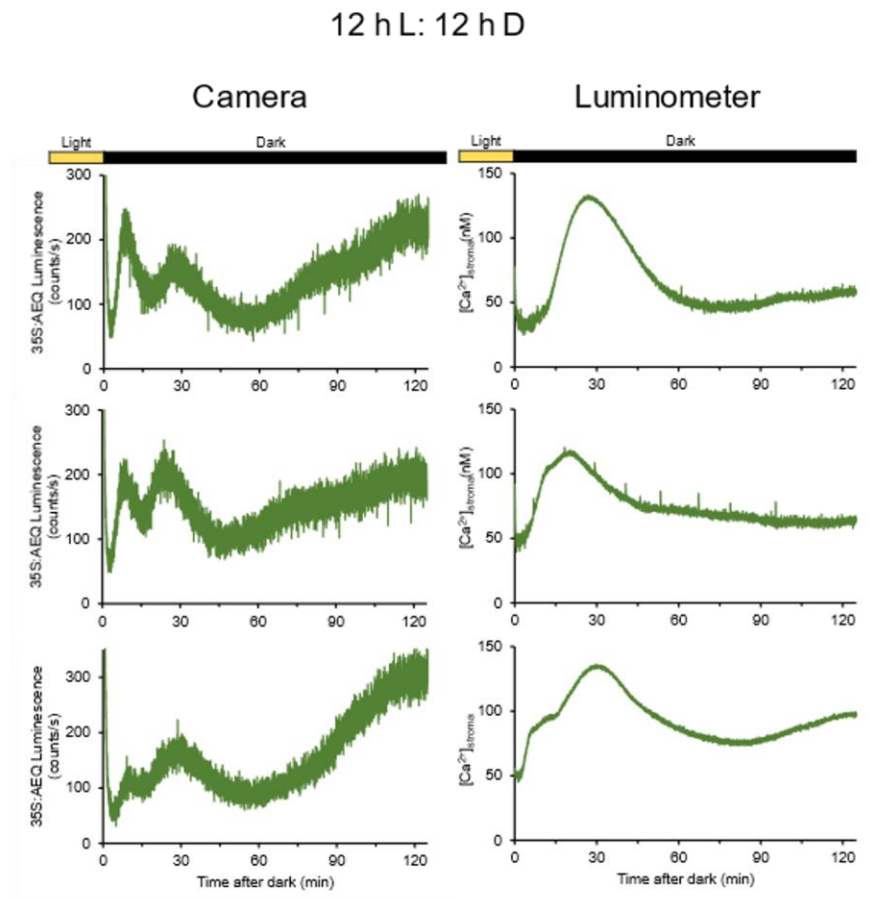




**Fig. S2** Dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  transient does not occur 6 after light off or in non-transgenic plants in 12h-12h light-dark cycles. Luminescence from reconstituted aequorin in Arabidopsis seedlings expressing aequorin targeted to the cytosol (black) (a) and from non-transgenic seedlings (blue) (b). The ecotype used was Col-0. Data were recorded immediately after plants were transferred to darkness at the end of the photoperiod (12 h after the lights went on) (b) or after being 6 h in the dark (a) as shown in the bars above the figures. Data represent the luminescence from one experiment consisting of 24 clusters of seedlings, each cluster contained 7 - 10 seedlings. These experiments are a repeat of the one showed in Fig. 1.

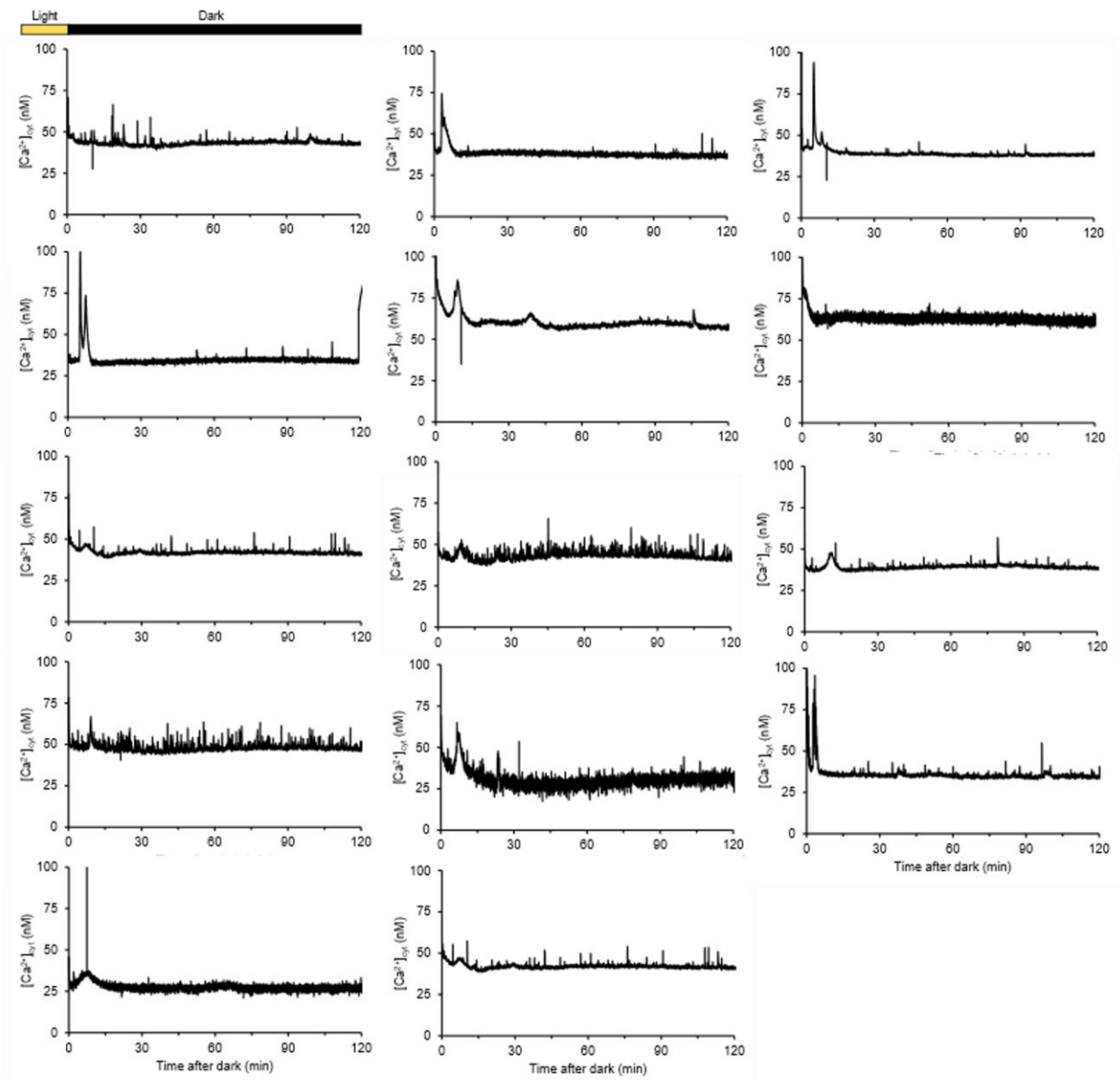


**Fig. S3** The signature of the dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{stroma}$  changes upon darkness depends on the detection method. Luminescence or  $[Ca^{2+}]$  from reconstituted aequorin in Ws-2 Arabidopsis seedlings expressing aequorin targeted to the stroma. Data were recorded immediately after plants were transferred to darkness at the end of the photoperiod (12 h after the lights went on) as shown in the bars above the figures. Camera data represent the luminescence from 24 clusters of seedlings, each cluster contained 7 - 10 seedlings. Luminometer data represent the luminescence from three plants. Experiments were repeated at least twice and three are represented in the figure.

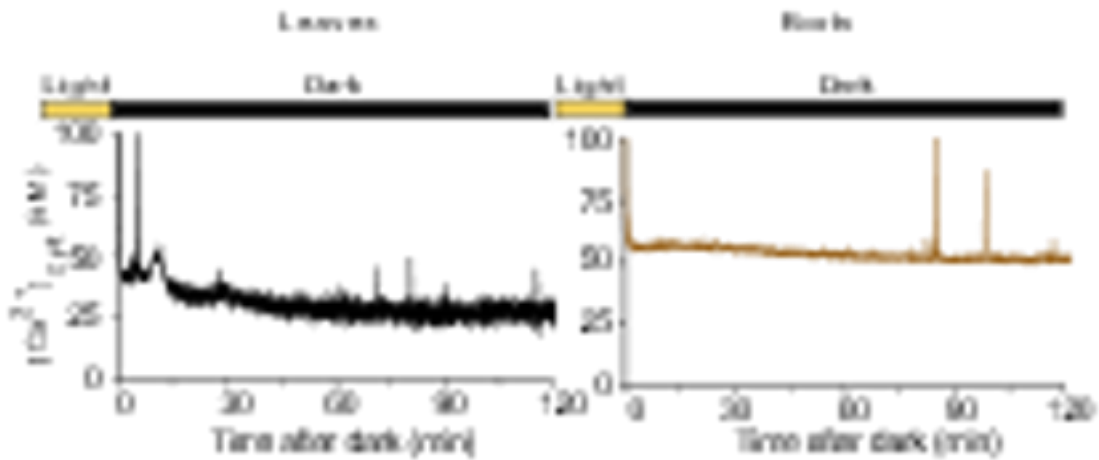


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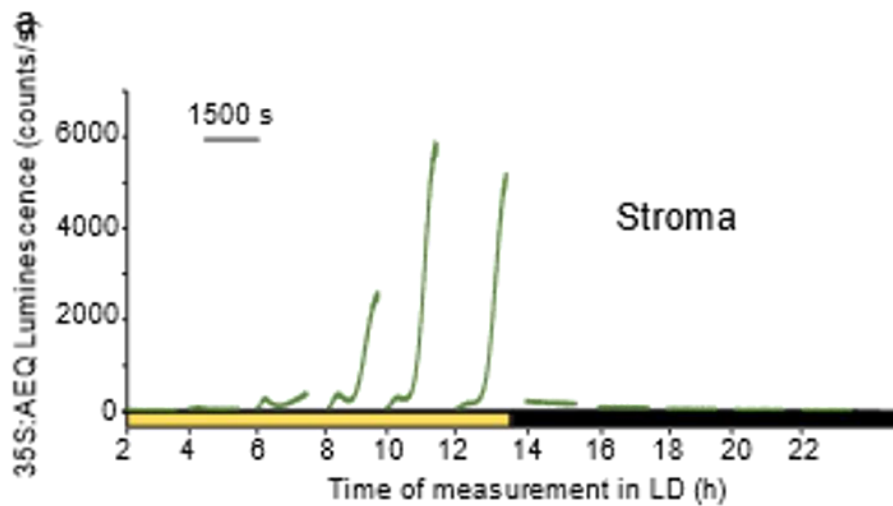
$[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  from reconstituted aequorin in Col-0 Arabidopsis seedlings expressing aequorin targeted to the cytosol. Data were recorded immediately after plants were transferred to darkness at the end of the photoperiod (12 h after the lights went on) as shown in the bars above the figures. Each graph represents the luminescence from three plants. Experiments were repeated 14 times with each trace presented in the figure.



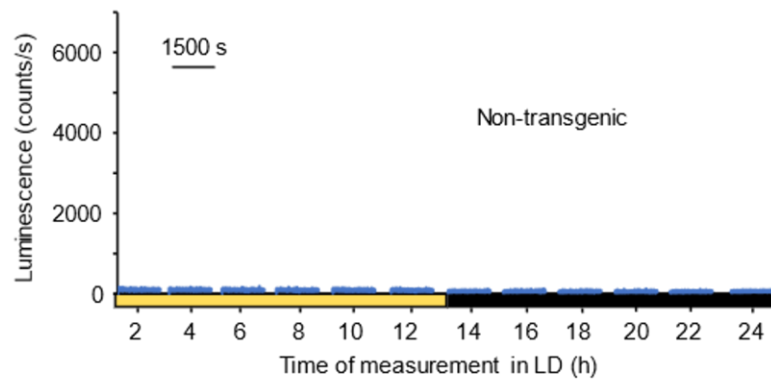
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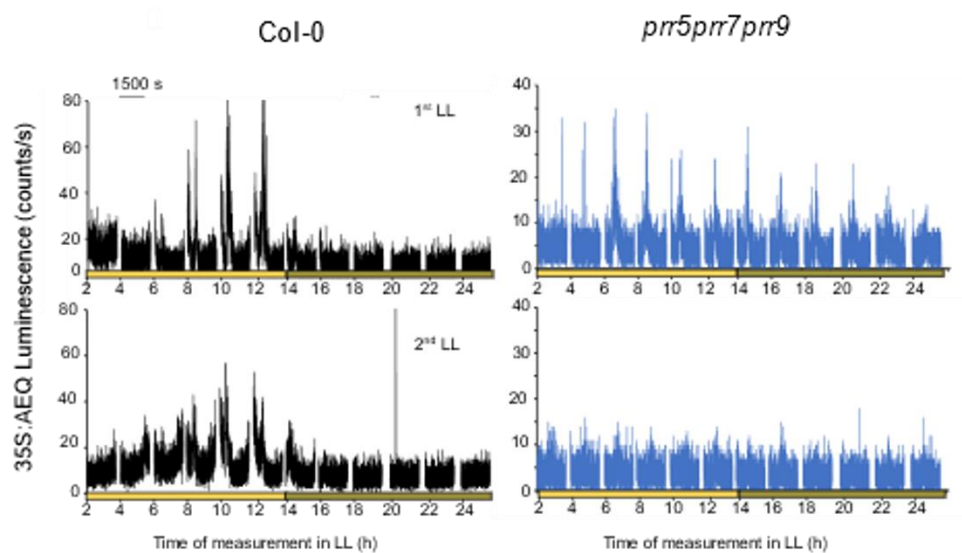
**Fig. S6** The dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  transient depends on the time of the day. Arabidopsis transgenic seedlings expressing aequorin targeted to the stroma (Ws-2) were grown in white light-dark cycles (12h:12h) ( $100 \mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ ). On the night of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of growth, seedlings were incubated with coelenterazine and aequorin luminescence was recorded from reconstituted aequorin since they were 12 days old. (A) shows data of changes in  $[Ca^{2+}]_{stroma}$ , every 2 h during 1 LD cycle. The data represent one experiment consisting of 80 clusters of seedlings and each cluster contained 7 - 10 seedlings. Experiments were repeated at least twice. This experiment is a repeat of the one in Figure 5b.



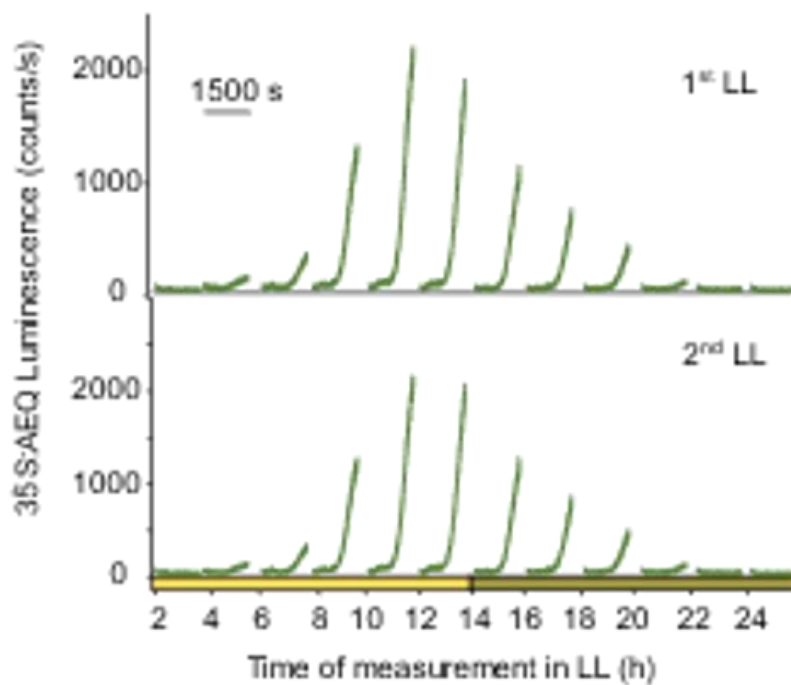
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**Fig. S8** The dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  transient is gated by the circadian clock. Col-0 and *prp7-11 prp5-10 prp9-11* triple mutant Arabidopsis transgenic seedlings expressing aequorin targeted to the cytosol were grown in white light-dark cycles (12h:12h) ( $100 \mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ ). On the night of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of growth, seedlings were incubated with coelenterazine and aequorin luminescence was recorded from reconstituted aequorin since they were 12 days old. Figures show data of changes in  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  every 2 h during LL cycles in Col-0 and *prp7-11 prp5-10 prp9-11* triple mutant plants, respectively. The data represent one experiment consisting of 8 clusters of seedlings, each cluster contained 7 - 10 seedlings. Experiments were repeated at least twice. This is a repeat of the experiment in Figure 6.



**Fig. S9** The dark-induced  $[Ca^{2+}]_{stroma}$  transient is gated by the circadian clock. Ws-2 Arabidopsis transgenic seedlings expressing aequorin targeted to the stroma were grown in white light-dark cycles (12h:12h) ( $100 \mu mol m^{-2} s^{-1}$ ). On the night of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of growth, seedlings were incubated with coelenterazine and aequorin luminescence was recorded from reconstituted aequorin since they were 12 days old. The data show changes in  $[Ca^{2+}]_{stroma}$  every 2 h during 2 LL cycles. The data represent one experiment consisting of 80 clusters of seedlings, each cluster contained 7 - 10 seedlings. This experiment is a repeat of the one in Figure 7.





**Fig. S10** Dark-induced transients in  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  are superimposed on daily and circadian  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  oscillations. (a) Daily and circadian  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  oscillations measured in LL using different time integration intervals. Col-0 Arabidopsis transgenic seedlings expressing aequorin targeted to the cytosol were grown in LD 12h:12h cycles and then transferred to LL. The data represent one experiment consisting of 80 clusters of seedlings and each cluster contained 7 - 10 seedlings. (b) Daily and circadian  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  oscillations measured in DD without (b) 3% (w/v) sucrose using different time integration intervals. (c) Changes in  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  recorded every 2 h and used in (B). (d) Daily and circadian  $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$  oscillations measured in DD with 3% (w/v) sucrose. Black are the raw time series data, showing no dark to light transitions. In red is the integrated photon counts obtained during the 1500 s of recording. (b-d) Col-0 Arabidopsis transgenic seedlings expressing aequorin targeted to the cytosol were grown in LD 12h:12h cycles and then transferred to DD. (b-d) the data represent one experiment consisting of 8 clusters of seedlings and each cluster contained 7 - 10 seedlings. These experiments are a repeat of the ones in Figure 8.

