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2 **incompatible pollen**

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20 ***Running title:* Mapping oxidative modifications in pollen triggered by SI**

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25 **Abbreviations:** LC-MS/MS: liquid chromatographic tandem mass spectrometry; PPi:
26 inorganic pyrophosphate; PCD: programmed cell death; sPPase: soluble pyrophosphatase

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29 Self-incompatibility (SI) is used by many angiosperms to prevent self-fertilization and
30 inbreeding. In *Papaver rhoeas* interaction of cognate pollen and pistil S-determinants
31 triggers programmed cell death (PCD) of incompatible pollen. We previously identified that
32 reactive oxygen species (ROS) signals to SI-PCD. ROS induced oxidative post-translational
33 modifications (oxPTMs) can regulate protein structure and function. Here we have identified
34 and mapped oxPTMs triggered by SI in incompatible pollen. Notably, SI-induced pollen had
35 numerous irreversible oxidative modifications; untreated pollen had virtually none. Our data
36 provide the first analysis of the protein targets of ROS in the context of SI-induction and
37 represent a milestone because currently there are few reports of irreversible oxPTMs in
38 plants. Strikingly, cytoskeletal proteins and enzymes involved in energy metabolism are a
39 prominent target. Oxidative modifications to a phosphomimic form of a pyrophosphatase
40 result in a reduction of its activity. Therefore, our results demonstrate irreversible oxidation of
41 pollen proteins during SI and show that this can affect protein function. We suggest that this
42 reduction in cellular activity could lead to PCD.

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44 Higher plants perform sexual reproduction using pollination, utilizing specific interactions
45 between pollen (male) and pistil (female) tissues. Many angiosperms use self-incompatibility
46 (SI) to prevent self-fertilization and inbreeding. These genetically controlled systems trigger
47 rejection of “self” (incompatible) pollen. *Papaver rhoeas* uses a SI system involving the
48 female S-determinant (PrsS) protein, a ligand secreted by the pistil (Foote et al., 1994) and
49 the male S-determinant protein, PrpS (Wheeler et al., 2009). SI also triggers PCD, involving
50 the activation of a DEVDase/caspase-3-like activity (Bosch and Franklin-Tong, 2007). A
51 MAP kinase, p56, is involved in signalling to SI-PCD (Rudd, 2003; Li et al., 2007; Chai et al.,
52 2017). The actin cytoskeleton is an early target of the SI signalling cascade in *Papaver*
53 pollen (Geitmann et al., 2000; Snowman, 2002) beginning with actin depolymerization and
54 formation of punctate F-actin foci (Geitmann et al., 2000; Snowman, 2002; Poulter et al.,
55 2010). SI also triggers transient increases in reactive oxygen species (ROS) and nitric oxide
56 (NO) (Wilkins et al., 2011). Live-cell imaging of ROS in growing *Papaver* pollen tubes, using
57 chloromethyl-2',7'-dichlorodihydrofluorescein oxidation, showed that SI induces relatively
58 rapid and transient increases in ROS, as early as 2 min after SI in some incompatible pollen
59 tubes. A link between SI-induced ROS and PCD was identified using ROS scavengers,
60 which revealed alleviation of SI-induced events, including formation of actin punctate foci
61 and the activation of a DEVDase/caspase-3-like activity (Wilkins et al., 2011). These data
62 provided evidence that ROS increases are upstream of these key SI markers and are

63 required for SI-PCD(Wilkins et al., 2011) and represented the first steps in understanding
64 ROS signalling in this system.

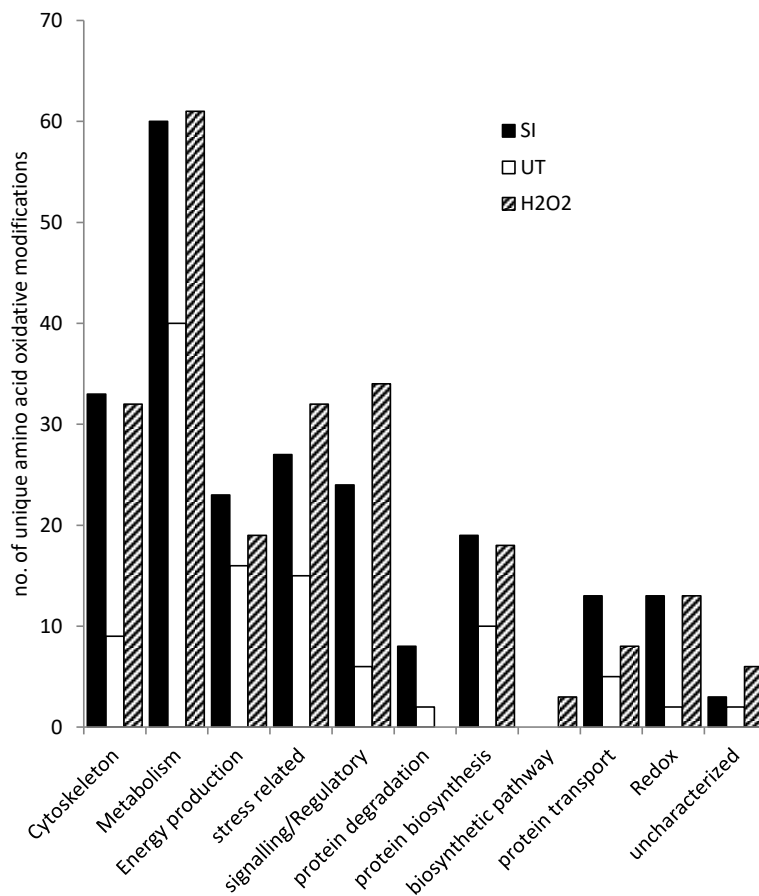
65 Exactly how ROS mediate SI-induced events is an important question that needs to be
66 addressed. One possibility is that oxidative post-translational modifications to proteins
67 (oxPTMs) are involved. These include reversible modifications to cysteine (e.g. sulfenylation,
68 disulphide bonds, S-glutathionylation) and methionine (methionine sulfoxide) as well as a
69 range of irreversible oxPTMs (Møller et al., 2007). In the case of cysteine, reversible
70 oxPTMs mediate signalling or changes in protein function(Waszczyk et al., 2014; Akter et
71 al., 2015a; Waszczyk et al., 2015). NO produced during SI (Wilkins et al., 2011) also
72 provides the possibility of a role for cysteine S-nitrosylation. Although we had previously
73 identified ROS as a signal to SI-PCD(Wilkins et al., 2011), earlier studies did not extend to
74 identifying the protein targets of oxidation. Here investigations were aimed at identifying and
75 mapping oxPTMs on pollen proteins triggered by SI and H₂O₂ using LC tandem mass
76 spectrometry (LC-MS/MS). This is the first study to analyse the protein targets of ROS in the
77 context of SI-induction and identification and mapping of specific modifications. Our data
78 reveal that irreversible oxidation is likely to be an important mechanism involved in SI events
79 in incompatible *Papaver* pollen and provide the first link between irreversible oxPTMs and a
80 ROS-mediated physiological process.

81 82 **RESULTS**

83 84 **SI causes oxidative modifications to proteins in incompatible pollen**

85 As we had previously shown that ROS and NO increased during the SI response and played
86 a role in mediating actin alterations and PCD (Wilkins et al., 2011), we wished to examine
87 whether pollen proteins were oxidatively modified after SI. We used LC-MS/MS to examine
88 the extent and type of oxPTMs to pollen proteins during early SI, taking samples 12 min after
89 SI induction. We compared the SI response with H₂O₂ treatment to determine which of these
90 modifications were also induced by artificially generated oxidative stress. A number of
91 oxidative modifications were detected following both treatments (**Tables S1-S3**). SI pollen
92 proteins had far more oxPTMs than untreated pollen. We identified 181 uniquely modified
93 oxPTM peptides containing 251 different oxidatively modified amino acids in SI-induced
94 pollen (**Table S1**), while untreated pollen analysed in an identical manner side by side had
95 104 uniquely modified peptides with 110 different oxidatively modified amino acids (**Table**
96 **S2**). 262 unique oxPTMs were identified in H₂O₂-treated pollen (**Table S3**). Notably, proteins

97 which in control conditions contained methionine sulfoxide modification often showed
 98 increased oxidation to the sulfone form following SI induction and H₂O₂ treatment (**Table S1-**
 99 **S3**).



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101 **Figure 1. Distribution of the number of unique oxidative modifications to amino acids**
 102 **on pollen proteins according to function after different treatments.** Each unique
 103 oxidatively modified amino acid was counted and categorized according to its function for
 104 each pollen treatment: SI induction (SI), H₂O₂ or untreated (UT).
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106 Proteins with oxPTMs were categorised according to their general functions (**Figure 1**). For
 107 all of the functional groups, the SI samples had increased numbers of unique amino acids
 108 modified by oxidation compared to untreated pollen. The largest difference in numbers of
 109 oxidatively modified amino acids between SI-induced pollen and untreated pollen was found
 110 in the general functional grouping of cytoskeleton (33 vs 9), signalling/regulatory (24 vs 6),
 111 stress related (27 vs 15) and metabolism (60 vs 40), which together comprised 69% of the
 112 modified proteins in SI-induced pollen. However, even in functional groupings where fewer
 113 modifications were found in SI pollen proteins, proportionally the difference compared to

114 untreated pollen was large (e.g. for proteins involved in redox, SI had 13 differently modified
115 amino acids, compared to 2 in untreated). The oxidatively modified proteins identified from
116 the H₂O₂-treated pollen were also categorised based on their general functions. Like SI
117 treatment, proteins involved in metabolism, signalling/regulation, stress and cytoskeleton
118 comprised the majority (70%) of those with oxPTMs after H₂O₂ treatment (**Figure 1**).
119 Although the frequency of oxPTMs in the dataset will be influenced by protein abundance, it
120 is striking that cytoskeletal proteins and enzymes involved in energy metabolism represent a
121 prominent target during the SI response (**Table S1, S3**). In relation to energy metabolism, a
122 large proportion of enzymes associated with glycolysis (phosphoglucosmutase,
123 pyrophosphate-dependent phosphofructokinase, glyceraldehyde 3-P dehydrogenase,
124 enolase, pyruvate kinase, inorganic pyrophosphatase), organic acid metabolism (aconitase,
125 citrate synthase, citrate lyase, isocitrate dehydrogenase, malate dehydrogenase,
126 phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase) and ATP synthesis/use (ATP synthase, ATPases) have
127 oxPTMs.

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129 **Proteins with oxPTM common to SI and H₂O₂ treatments**

130 To gain a better idea of the overlap between SI and H₂O₂- treated samples, we identified
131 peptides with identical oxPTMs in the SI-induced and the H₂O₂- treated samples, but not in
132 untreated pollen (**Table 1, S1-S3**). 32 peptides shared 44 oxidatively modified amino acids,
133 with identical modifications found in both SI-induced and H₂O₂ treated samples. This overlap
134 gives confidence that the modifications triggered in incompatible pollen tubes are authentic
135 ROS-mediated events and that these proteins are rapidly oxidatively modified by ROS
136 formed during SI. There was no overlap between proteins/peptides with S-nitrosocysteine
137 modifications in SI and H₂O₂ treated samples, suggesting that those modified during SI
138 might be specific.

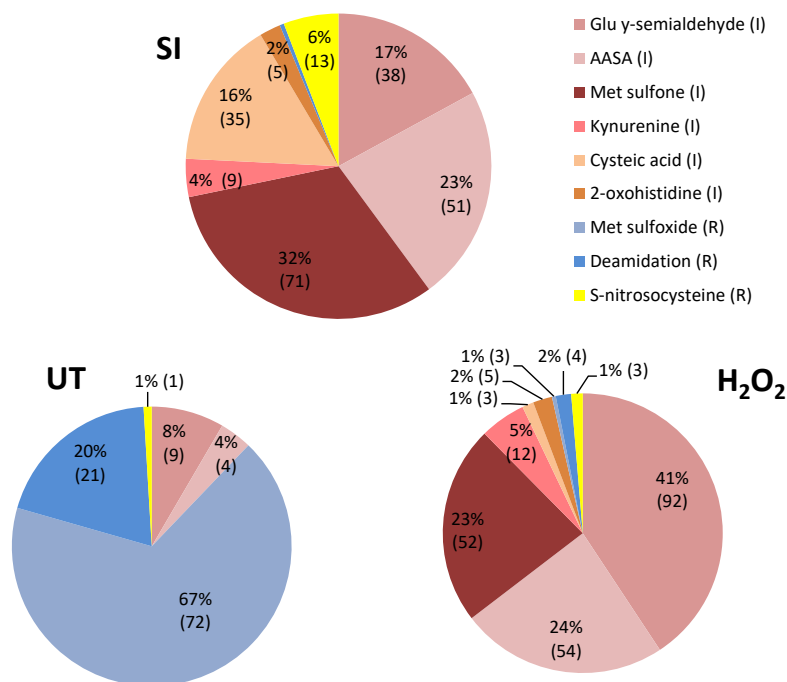
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140 The proteins identified with identical oxPTMs after SI and H₂O₂ (**Table, 1**), suggest that
141 some key common events are triggered. Actin and tubulin are shared targets, with 10
142 identical peptides containing 14 shared oxidatively modified amino acids. Other proteins
143 known to be involved in tip growth, e.g. soluble inorganic pyrophosphatases, Rab GTPases
144 and several elongation factor subunit peptides were also oxidatively modified in both SI and
145 H₂O₂ treated pollen. These modified targets could contribute to inhibition of pollen tube
146 growth. These data further suggest that protein synthesis and energy metabolism is altered
147 by ROS during SI.

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149 **Types of oxidative modifications induced by SI and H₂O₂**

150 Identifying the nature of the oxPTMs on individual proteins is an important step to
151 understanding how cells interpret oxidative signals and translate them into a response. The
152 types of oxidative modifications identified on peptides from SI-induced pollen proteins were



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154 **Figure 2. Distribution of types of oxidative modifications of pollen proteins after**
155 **different treatments.** Each unique oxidative modification identified on a unique peptide for
156 each type of pollen treatment: SI induction (SI), H₂O₂ or untreated (UT) was categorized
157 according to its type of modification and counted. These were represented proportionally in
158 pie charts and are shown as a percentage of total counts, with the actual number of
159 modifications identified in brackets.

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161 quite different from those identified on peptides from untreated pollen (**Figure 2**). Notably,
162 we found that the majority (94%) of the oxidatively modified amino acids in the SI sample
163 were irreversibly modified (209/223), compared to only 13/107 (12%) in the untreated pollen
164 sample. Irreversible modifications identified in SI-induced samples included 71 methionine to
165 Met sulfone, 51 amino adipic semialdehyde (AASA) on lysine, 38 proline to Glu γ-
166 semialdehyde, and 35 cysteine to cysteic acid; other modifications were kynurenine on
167 tryptophan (9) and 2-oxohistidine (5; **Figure 2**). Most of these modifications are to the
168 highest level of oxidation and irreversible. Few reports of such irreversible oxidative
169 modifications exist. Cysteines are generally irreversibly oxidized to cysteine sulfonic acid or
170 cysteic acid in response to severe oxidative stress, which generally leads to protein

171 inactivation and degradation (Møller et al., 2007). Modification of lysine to aminoadipic
172 semialdehyde (AASA) is a carbonylation modification which is the most common type of
173 irreversible oxidative modification to a protein which generally inhibits the function of
174 proteins. Together these data demonstrate that during early SI, many proteins are
175 permanently modified.

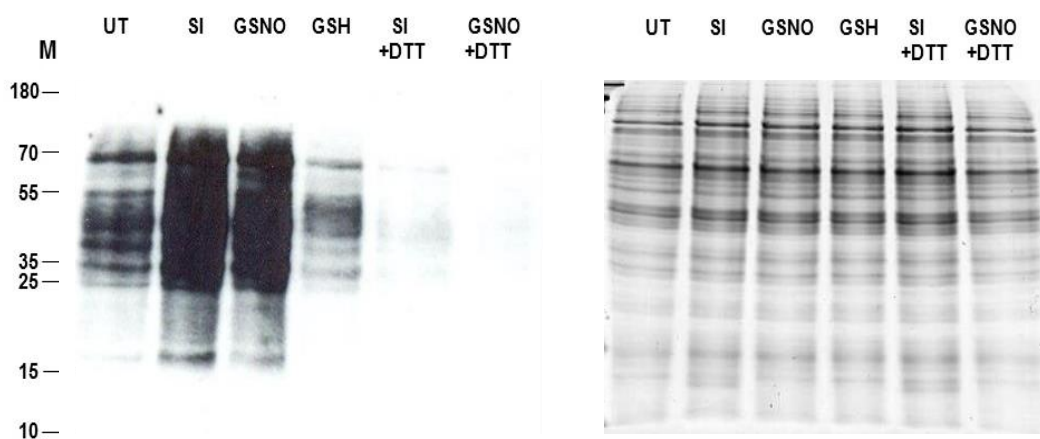
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177 In contrast, the majority of the oxPTMs on untreated pollen proteins were of a reversible
178 nature (94 out of 107 modifications identified; **Figure 2**). These mainly comprised 72
179 methionines modified to Met sulfoxide. Untreated samples also had 21 deamidated amino
180 acids. In contrast, the SI-induced pollen had no Met sulfoxide modifications; only one
181 deamidation was identified. H₂O₂-treatment of pollen also resulted in a majority of
182 irreversible oxidative modifications (**Figure 2**), with 218 irreversibly modified amino acids
183 over 155 different peptides; the remaining 8 oxPTMs were reversible. Irreversible
184 modifications identified in H₂O₂ treated samples included 92 proline to Glu γ -semialdehyde,
185 54 aminoadipic semialdehyde (AASA) on lysine and 52 methionine to Met sulfone.

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187 **Pollen proteins are modified by S-nitrosylation after SI**

188 We previously showed that increases in NO were observed after SI-induction in incompatible
189 pollen (Wilkins et al., 2011). NO, *via* S-nitrosoglutathione (GSNO) production could induce
190 protein S-nitrosylation. Here we directly examined if SI stimulated S-nitrosylation by
191 analysing protein extracts from pollen after SI induction using LC-MS/MS. First, we
192 examined pollen protein extracts for S-nitrosylation using western blotting, treating
193 germinated pollen with GSNO as a comparison. Pollen extracts were selectively labelled for
194 proteins containing an S-nitrosylated cysteine using iodoTMTzero™, then visualised after
195 western blotting using an anti-TMT antibody. Both SI-induced and GSNO-treated pollen had
196 high levels of S-nitrosylation, whereas little staining of S-nitrosylated proteins was detectable
197 in the untreated pollen (**Figure 3**). Addition of the reducing agent DTT during protein
198 extraction resulted in the almost complete loss of staining, verifying that the staining was
199 detecting oxidised proteins. Thus, SI treated pollen has more S-nitrosylated proteins than
200 untreated pollen. LC-MS/MS identified 13 S-nitrosocysteine (CySNO) modifications in the SI-
201 induced pollen samples (**Table S1, Fig 1**). In comparison, only one and three CySNO
202 modified peptides were identified in untreated and H₂O₂ treated pollen, respectively. This
203 provides good evidence for authentic S-nitrosylation of proteins triggered in pollen by SI.



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205 **Figure 3. Detection of S-nitrosylated proteins from pollen tubes by Western blot**
 206 **analysis.** Western blot of S-nitrosylated proteins detected with Pierce™ S-nitrosylation
 207 western blot kit. UT=Untreated sample, SI=SI-induced sample, GSNO=NO donor S-
 208 nitrosoglutathione, GSH= Reducing agent glutathione, SI+DTT=SI induced S-nitrosylated
 209 proteins were reduced by addition of DDT, GSNO+DTT= NO donor treated S-nitrosylated
 210 proteins reduced by addition of DTT. M= Molecular marker (kDa). Right-hand panel:
 211 coomassie blue staining of these S-nitrosylated proteins on SDS-PAGE showing equal
 212 loading of proteins.

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214 **Soluble inorganic pyrophosphatases are targets of ROS-mediated irreversible**
 215 **modification during SI & H₂O₂ treatment**

216 Two proteins that were identified as having oxPTMs after SI-induction by LC-MS/MS were
 217 the soluble inorganic pyrophosphatases (sPPases) p26.1a/b (referred to here as
 218 p26a/p26b). These were previously identified as targets for SI-induced phosphorylation
 219 (Rudd et al., 1996; de Graaf et al., 2006; Eaves et al., 2017). Three oxidatively modified
 220 peptides from p26a, comprising 6 oxPTMs, and three from p26b, also comprising 6 oxPTMs,
 221 were identified in SI-induced pollen samples (**Table S1, Figure 4A**). Most of the
 222 modifications observed in the SI-induced pollen were irreversible; for p26a, Met129 was
 223 irreversibly modified to Met sulfone; Pro38 and Pro130 were both irreversibly modified to Glu
 224 γ-semialdehyde; Trp39 was modified to kynurenine, His40 to 2-oxohistidine, and Lys60 was
 225 modified to AASA. Five irreversible oxPTMs were identified on p26b (His37, 2-oxohistidine;
 226 Met150, met sulfone; Pro151, glu γ-semialdehyde; Lys202 and Lys217, AASA) and one
 227 reversible modification (Asp43, deamidation) (**Table S1, Figure 4A**). All the modifications
 228 identified in the SI-induced samples of p26a were identical to those identified in samples
 229 from H₂O₂-treated pollen, suggesting that they are authentic ROS-stimulated modifications.

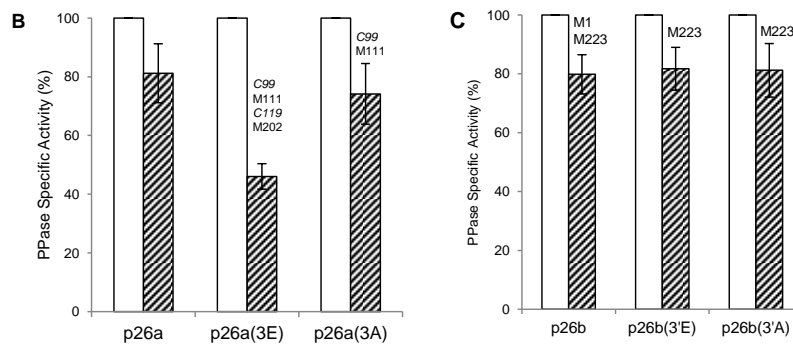
230 In untreated pollen, only reversible Met sulfoxide oxPTMs were identified. These data
 231 provide good evidence for these p26 sPPases (which play a critical role in modulation of
 232 pollen tube growth) as a target of largely irreversible oxidation after SI-induction.
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A p26a

MSEEAATETG SSSVKRTTPK LNERILSSLS **RRSVAAHpw** **DLEIGPGAPS** **VVNAVVEITk** 60
 GSKVKYELDK KTGMIKVDV LYSSVVYPHN YGFIPR**TLdE** **DNDPLDLVIL** **MQEPVLPgCF** 120
LRIRAIgImp **MIDQGEKDDK** IIAVCADDPE YRHYTDIKQL APHRLAEIRR FFEDYKKNEN 180
 KEVAVNDFLP SATAHEAIQY **SmDLyAEYIm** MSLRR

p26b

MDPPTTEIAND VAPAKNDVAP AKNK**TLNAIK** **AASySShARP** **SLnERILSSM** SRRVAHPW 60
 HDLEIGPGAP TIFNCVVEIP RGSVKYELD KKSGLIKVDR ILYSSVVYPH NYGFIPRTLC 120
 EDADPLDVL IIMQEPVLPGC **FLRAKAIGLm** **pMIDQGEKDD** **KIIAVCADDP** EYRHYTDIKE 180
 LPPHRLAEIR RFFEDYKKN **NkEVAVNDFL** **PAEDASKAIQ** HSMDLYADYI VEALRR 240



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 235 **Figure 4. Oxidative modifications identified on the sPPase, Prp26.1a/b and alterations**
 236 **to PPase activity in the p26(3E) mutant recombinant protein.** A. Sequence of the
 237 sPPase p26a and p26b from *Papaver rhoeas* showing the peptides identified from pollen
 238 after SI induction (red), with the oxidatively modified amino acids in bold (small letters);
 239 notably all 8 were also identified in H₂O₂-treated samples. Modifications indicated in blue
 240 were found in untreated samples. B. PPase activities in recombinant p26a/b and its
 241 phosphomimic/null (3E/A) mutant proteins after treatment with H₂O₂. Recombinant p26
 242 enzymes were assayed for PPase activity at pH7.2 (white bars) and supplemented with
 243 H₂O₂ (hatched bars). Values for PPase activity are mean \pm SE (n \geq 3). The oxidative
 244 modifications identified on each of these proteins are indicated above the bars.
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246 We examined the possible effects of ROS on p26a/b further, to see if PPase activity might
 247 be affected. We had previously made triple phosphomimic mutant recombinant proteins
 248 [p26a(3E) and p26b(3'E)], which mimic the three sites phosphorylated during SI and their
 249 corresponding phosphonull mutants [p26a(3A) and p26b(3'A)]. These phosphomimic mutant
 250 proteins exhibited significantly reduced PPase activity in the presence of Ca²⁺ and/or H₂O₂
 251 (Eaves et al., 2017). We treated recombinant p26a/b proteins and their mutant forms with
 252 H₂O₂ and then analysed them for both PPase activity and oxPTMs using LC-MS/MS. The
 253 phosphomimic recombinant p26a(3E) protein had reduced PPase activity and contained two

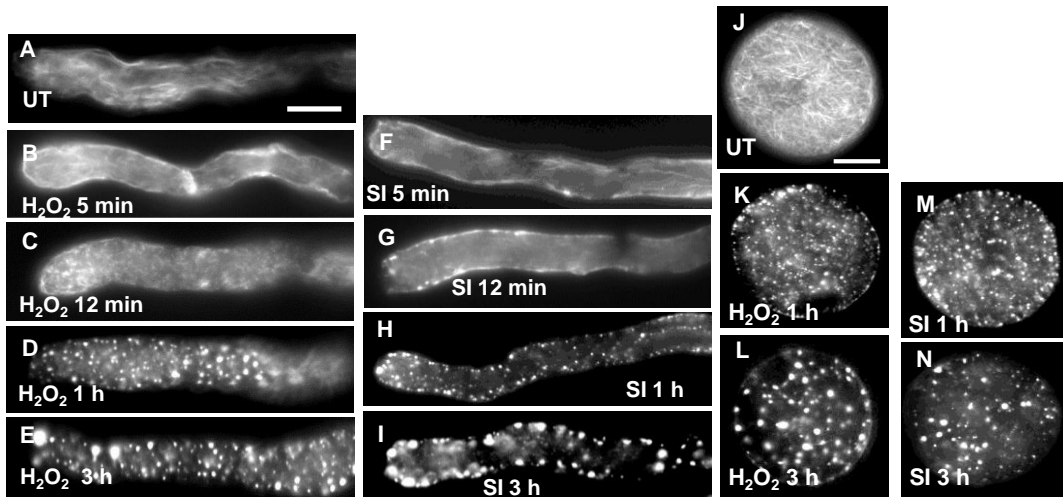
254 unique irreversible oxidative modifications on Cys119 (cysteic acid) and Met202 (met
255 sulfone) that were not found in p26a or the phosphonull p26a(3A) treated with H₂O₂ (**Table 2**,
256 **Figure 4B**). Two further irreversible oxPTMs were identified (cysteic acid on Cys99 and S-
257 nitrosocysteine on Met111) which were also present on the phosphonull mutant p26a(3A)
258 protein and did not have significantly different PPase activity from the phosphomimic (3E).
259 However, it is plausible that these, when modified in combination with the other oxidised
260 amino acids, Cys119 and Met202, may alter function, as Cys99 and Cys119 are adjacent to
261 the active site (Cooperman et al., 1992). Moreover, Cys119 is also additionally modified by
262 nitrosylation. The phosphomimic protein p26a(3E) was much more sensitive to H₂O₂ than
263 the wild-type enzyme, displaying significantly lower PPase activity ($P = 0.0064$; **Figure 4B**).
264 In contrast, the phosphonull recombinant p26a(3A) protein did not have significantly different
265 PPase activity from p26a ($P = 0.650$; **Figure 4B**). Irreversible oxidative modifications were
266 also found on the p26b recombinant protein (Met1 and Met223, met sulfone), but no
267 significant alteration in PPase activity was detected in the phosphomimic mutant p26b(3'E)
268 compared to that exhibited by p26b and p26b(3'A) after treatment with H₂O₂ (NS, $P = 0.852$
269 and 0.966 respectively; (**Figure 4B**)), so these also are unlikely to be involved in modulating
270 PPase activity. These data suggest that the oxidative modifications on the phosphomimic
271 p26a(3E) protein contribute to the reduction in PPase activity.

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273 **Cytoskeletal proteins are oxidatively modified after SI-induction**

274 We identified thirty unique oxidatively modified cytoskeletal protein peptides with 36 different
275 oxidative modifications after SI-induction compared to eight peptides with 9 different oxPTMs
276 identified in untreated pollen. Notably, these peptides from the SI-induced pollen contained
277 many more irreversible modifications (31/39, **Table S1**) than untreated pollen (1/8, **Table**
278 **S2**). It is of interest that the H₂O₂-treated pollen contained 13 identically modified amino
279 acids on actin and tubulin as the SI-induced pollen (**Table 1**). These data confirm that SI
280 induces a similar ROS response as H₂O₂ treatment, suggesting these are authentic ROS-
281 mediated events. In addition, three actin binding proteins (ABPs; one profilin and two
282 fimbrins), identified by 6 different modified peptides containing 8 irreversibly modified
283 oxPTMs, were found in the SI induced sample (**Table S1**). Modification of profilin might alter
284 its affinity for binding to actin filaments or could affect its actin sequestering property.
285 Similarly, modifications to fimbrin could potentially affect its binding to actin and
286 consequently affect actin filament bundling. Thus, oxPTMs to these proteins could potentially
287 impact on the organization of the actin cytoskeleton in incompatible pollen. Although

288 previous studies showed that the actin cytoskeleton is a target for ROS signals(Wilkins et al.,
 289 2011), these studies were indirect, using ROS scavengers, and we had not previously
 290 shown a direct link between increases in H₂O₂ and formation of actin punctate foci. Having
 291 identified many oxPTMs on actin in the current study, we examined whether addition of H₂O₂
 292 might trigger alterations to pollen tube F-actin configuration.



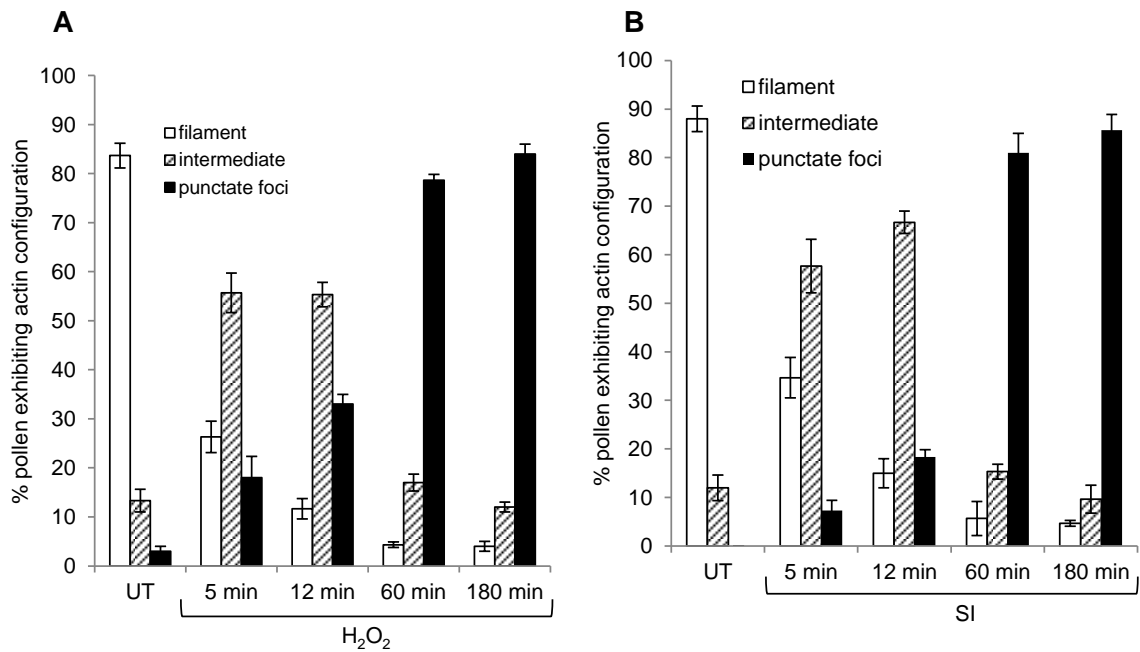
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294 **Figure 5. F-actin alterations in pollen induced by H₂O₂ in *Papaver* pollen tubes.**
 295 F-actin was visualized with rhodamine-phalloidin using fluorescence microscopy. (A) F-actin
 296 organization in a representative untreated pollen tube, (B-C) H₂O₂ treated pollen tubes after
 297 5 min, 12 min, 1 h and 3 h of treatment. Alterations were observed as early as 5 min after
 298 treatment. At 1 and 3h large punctate foci of actin were formed. (F-I) Pollen tubes at 5 min,
 299 12 min, 1 h and 3 h after SI-induction showed similar alterations to F-actin. (J-N) Pollen
 300 grains showed similar alterations. (J) Untreated pollen grain with F-actin filament bundles
 301 (K-L) H₂O₂ treated pollen grains and (M-N) Scale bar = 10 μm.

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303 H₂O₂ stimulates the formation of actin foci in pollen tubes

304 We treated pollen tubes with either H₂O₂ or recombinant PrsS to induce SI and used
 305 rhodamine phalloidin staining to observe the alterations in F-actin configuration. In the
 306 untreated pollen tubes (**Figure 5A**), F-actin filament bundles were visible. Pollen tubes
 307 treated with H₂O₂ displayed alterations to the F-actin organization as early as 5 min (**Figure**
 308 **5B, C**); the typical F-actin filament bundles were significantly reduced, even at 5 and 12 min

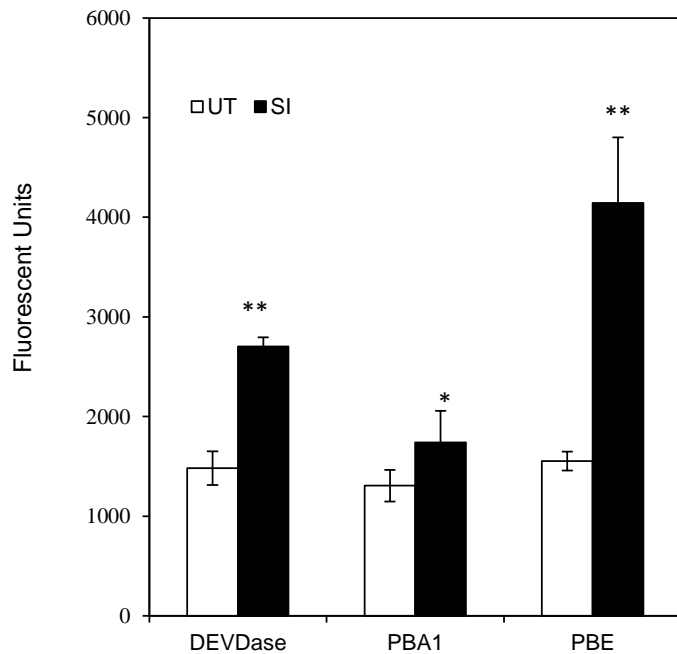


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310 **Figure 6. Quantitation of actin alterations stimulated by ROS and H₂O₂ in *Papaver***
 311 **pollen.** Pollen tubes were treated with SI induction or H₂O₂ and samples were fixed at
 312 different time points after treatment. F-actin was stained with rhodamine-phalloidin and
 313 examined using fluorescence microscopy. The actin configuration was evaluated by placing
 314 each pollen tubes into one of the three categories: according to Snowman et al (2002): Actin
 315 filaments only (Black bars), foci only (grey bars) or intermediate (i.e. filaments and foci; open
 316 bars). Three independent experiments scoring 100 pollen tubes for each treatment
 317 expressed as percentage of total. Data are mean ± SEM (n=100).

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319 treatments (p=0.010*, (**Figure 6A**). After 1h small F-actin foci were present (**Figure 5D**) and
 320 large punctate foci were observed after 3h of treatment (**Figure 5E**); after 1-3h of treatment
 321 ~80% of pollen tubes contained punctate actin foci (**Figure 6A**). These alterations triggered
 322 by H₂O₂ appear very similar to those in SI induced pollen previously observed (Geitmann et
 323 al., 2000; Snowman, 2002; Poulter et al., 2010) (**Figure 5F-I, 6B**). Non-germinated pollen
 324 grains showed a similar response as the pollen tubes (**Fig. 5J-N**), showing that these can
 325 also respond to ROS. Our data show that ROS can stimulate major changes in actin
 326 configuration in pollen that are strikingly similar to those observed during SI. Together with
 327 the identification of oxPTMs to actin and associated proteins, this provides further evidence
 328 for the involvement of ROS in the formation of SI-stimulated F-actin punctate foci.



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330 **Figure 7. Measurement of various protease activities after SI in *Papaver* pollen**
 331 **extracts** The 20S proteasomal activities in poppy SI response were measured using
 332 fluorogenic peptide substrates in pollen extracts 5h after SI induction (SI) or in untreated
 333 (UT) controls. DEVDase activity was measured as control. Significant increases of
 334 DEVDase, PBA1 and PBE activities were observed in the SI extracts. The actual values of
 335 DEVDase, PBA1 and PBE activities are not comparable, because different probes were
 336 used. Mean \pm SD, n=4. *, p<0.05; **, p<0.01.

337 **Increased 20S proteasomal activity is observed after SI**

338 Irreversible oxidation damages proteins. As the 20S proteasome is implicated in removing
 339 oxidatively damaged proteins during apoptosis/PCD(Aiken et al., 2011), we investigated
 340 whether increased proteasomal activity might be triggered by SI. We characterized the
 341 activities of 20S proteasome β subunits $\beta 5$ (PBE) and PBA1, during the SI-PCD response,
 342 using fluorogenic probes Z-GGL-amc and Ac-nLPnLD-amc as substrates. In the early phase
 343 (1h) of the SI response, there were no statistically significant changes in PBA1 and PBE
 344 activities (data not shown). However, later (5 h after SI), significant increases in both PBA1
 345 and PBE activities were detected (**Figure 7**). This provides evidence that the 20S
 346 proteasome is activated by SI and could be involved in removal of irreversibly oxidised
 347 proteins in incompatible pollen.

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351 **DISCUSSION**

352 Previously, we showed that SI-induced ROS and NO production are required for pollen tube
353 PCD (Wilkins et al., 2011) but the mechanism was not determined. Both ROS and NO can
354 modify proteins and we now show that the SI response involves rapid formation of many
355 irreversible oxPTMs and provide evidence that this is linked to altered protein function.
356 Critically, the pattern of oxPTM formation induced by SI overlaps with those induced by
357 exogenous H₂O₂ and happens sufficiently rapidly (within 12 minutes) to strongly suggest it is
358 not a consequence of PCD. Irreversible modifications found were Glu γ -semialdehyde (from
359 proline and arginine), amino adipic acid (AASA from lysine), Met sulfone, Kynurenine (from
360 tryptophan), Cysteic acid and 2-oxohistidine. Few reports of rapid irreversible oxidative
361 modifications exist in plants. Moreover, little is known about the functional consequences of
362 these irreversible oxPTMs (Møller et al., 2007; Rinalducci et al., 2008; Jacques et al., 2013;
363 Jacques et al., 2015). The reversible modifications methionine sulfoxide (Jacques et al.,
364 2013) and S-nitrosocysteine (Astier et al., 2011) were also detected but not sulfenylated
365 cysteines, possibly because our method did not protect these reactive groups during
366 extraction. Protein sulfenylation has been detected in plants following H₂O₂ treatment by
367 trapping these groups (Waszczak et al., 2014; Akter et al., 2015b; Waszczak et al., 2015).
368 While cysteine sulfenylation and S-nitrosocysteine formation have been implicated as
369 mediators of H₂O₂ (Smirnoff and Arnaud, 2018) and NO (Astier et al., 2011) signalling, the
370 extent to which irreversible oxPTMs represent damage or have a functional significance is
371 less well understood. Our results provide the first evidence that rapid production of
372 irreversible oxPTMs is involved in a physiological response in plants, rather than
373 representing longer-term oxidative damage.

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375 Irreversible modification of proteins is likely to inhibit function and they can be marked for
376 proteolysis by the proteasome (Grune et al., 1996; Berlett and Stadtman, 1997). Irreversible
377 protein oxidation is particularly detrimental in the cell, as this can render damaged proteins
378 inactive or lead to functional abnormalities. Studies have implicated the 20S proteasome as
379 important for the removal of damaged proteins, as (at least in animal cells) it is more
380 resistant to oxidative stress than the 26S proteasome, maintaining activity even after
381 treatment with moderate to high concentrations of H₂O₂ (Reinheckel et al., 1998; Aiken et al.,
382 2011; Pajares et al., 2015). Moreover, 20S proteasomes can degrade oxidized proteins *in*
383 *vitro*, independent of ubiquitin/ATP (Aiken et al., 2011). We measured a significant increase
384 in 20S proteasomal activity in SI-induced poppy pollen. This is not inconsistent with the idea

385 that protein damage is triggered by SI and that the 20S proteasome may be recruited to
386 degrade oxidatively damaged proteins during the SI response.

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388 It is striking that cytoskeletal proteins and enzymes involved in energy metabolism respond
389 prominently during the SI response. In relation to energy metabolism, a large proportion of
390 enzymes associated with glycolysis, organic acid metabolism and ATP synthesis/use have
391 oxPTMs. In animal cells one of the principle targets of protein oxidation is metabolism;
392 evidence suggests that oxidation of a few metabolic enzymes, especially those involved in
393 glycolysis, can dramatically affect the cellular energy status, thereby rapidly inducing cellular
394 dysfunction with a limited number of protein oxidation events. GAPDH is one of the best
395 examples of oxidation of a metabolic enzyme having direct control over apoptosis in animal
396 cells(Cecarini et al., 2007; Sirover, 2012; Villa and Ricci, 2016). In yeast, oxidative stress
397 inactivates GAPDH, enolase and aconitase(Cabiscol et al., 2000). Modulation of metabolism
398 resulting in inhibition of glycolysis leads to cell death *via* ROS-mediated cell death in
399 plants(Kunz et al., 2014). Thus, it is well established that inhibition of glycolysis leads to cell
400 death. It is noteworthy that cytosolic GAPDH from Arabidopsis was identified as a major
401 H₂O₂-oxidised protein; reversible cysteine oxidation resulted in inhibition of its activity
402 (Hancock et al., 2005; Yang and Zhai, 2017). In plants, there is increasing evidence
403 supporting the idea that plant cytoplasmic GAPDH has alternative, non-metabolic
404 “moonlighting” functions triggered by oxPTMs of the protein under stress conditions
405 (Zaffagnini et al., 2013). A study using Arabidopsis GAPDH knockout lines displayed
406 accelerated PCD in response to effector-triggered immunity(Henry et al., 2015). Our data
407 provide a mechanistic link between SI, which triggers PCD, and possible protein targets of
408 irreversible oxidation that could result in destruction of metabolism. In animal cells there is
409 good evidence that during apoptosis the loss of energy production contributes to the
410 dismantling of the cell. A decrease in ATP content during apoptosis has been shown to be
411 dependent on inhibition of glycolysis, leading to the impairment in the activity of two
412 glycolysis-limiting enzymes, phosphofructokinase and pyruvate kinase, (Pradelli et al.,
413 2014). While there is currently limited evidence that the oxPTMs modifications observed
414 here specifically cause SI-mediated PCD, the literature suggests that this may be the case
415 and this possibility should be investigated in future studies.

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417 The soluble inorganic pyrophosphatase (sPPase, p26a/b) provides an example of an
418 enzyme involved in the SI response(de Graaf et al., 2006; Eaves et al., 2017) that is a target

419 of SI-ROS oxidation, displaying several oxPTMs within a few minutes of SI induction.
420 Previously, we showed that p26a/b were phosphorylated following SI and this reduces
421 PPase enzyme activity(de Graaf et al., 2006); phosphorylation together with Ca^{2+} , ROS and
422 low pH further inhibited PPase activity(Eaves et al., 2017). Here we show that H_2O_2
423 treatment of the mutant recombinant enzyme p26a(3E) resulted in a reduction in PPase
424 activity. Thus, the phosphomimic amino acid substitutions on this enzyme contribute to an
425 increased susceptibility to oxidative modification, resulting in a reduction in PPase activity *in*
426 *vitro*. Some of the oxidized residues (Met111 and Asp138) are located in regions of the
427 protein that could potentially interfere with the enzyme's catalytic properties, based on 3D
428 structures of *E. coli* sPPase(Cooperman et al., 1992). The irreversible modification of
429 cysteine residues (Cys99 and Cys119) either side of conserved active site residues could
430 affect function. sPPases are enzymes that hydrolyse inorganic pyrophosphate (PPi) to
431 provide the driving force for many metabolic reactions. PPi is generated during biopolymer
432 synthesis and hydrolysed to inorganic phosphate (2Pi); this reaction provides a
433 thermodynamic pull favouring biosynthesis(Kornberg, 1962). In a biological context,
434 phosphorylation of p26a during SI *in vivo* is rapidly followed by an increase in ROS; this
435 oxidative modification could further reduce PPase activity, which will result in lowering of
436 ATP levels and further impact on cellular energetics. Thus, our data provide insights into a
437 novel mechanism whereby PPase activity can be inhibited. Here we not only show that ROS
438 can contribute to SI by inhibiting a crucial enzyme for biosynthesis, but this provides a
439 significant advance by providing an example of ROS modifying an enzyme to affect its
440 activity. This finding could have implications for many biological systems that involve
441 biosynthesis.

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443 We show that cytoskeletal proteins (both actin and tubulin) and the ABPs fimbrin and profilin,
444 are targets of extensive irreversible oxidative modifications. Methionine residues in actin are
445 commonly oxidised to the irreversible sulfone form, while oxidation of actin methionines has
446 been reported previously(Dalle-Donne et al., 2001). Moreover, oxidation of key cysteine
447 residues of actin results in cell death in yeast(Farah et al., 2007). The actin cytoskeleton
448 plays an essential role in pollen tube growth(Gibbon et al., 1999; Vidali et al., 2001), and is
449 implicated in mediating apoptosis in yeast. In yeast, during acute oxidative stress, F-actin
450 forms oxidized actin bodies (OABs) that sequester actin into immobile, non-dynamic
451 structures that regulate the oxidative stress response, playing a pivotal protective role in the
452 decision whether to enter apoptosis(Farah et al., 2011). These OABs appear similar to the

453 highly stable F-actin foci that we observed in SI(Geitmann et al., 2000; Snowman, 2002;
454 Poulter et al., 2010) and H₂O₂-treated pollen (Wilkins et al., 2011). We previously
455 demonstrated that SI-induced ROS and NO production was required for the formation of
456 these distinctive actin structures, which were concomitant with initiation of PCD (Wilkins et
457 al., 2011). Here we show that H₂O₂ induces the formation of actin foci. In yeast, it is well
458 established that a decrease in actin dynamics and accumulation of aggregates of stabilized F-
459 actin can induce 'actin mediated apoptosis' (ActMAp) involving ROS-mediated apoptosis(Gourlay
460 et al., 2004). The apparent underlying similarities in actin involvement in plant PCD have been
461 commented upon (Franklin-Tong and Gourlay, 2008) and the current study reinforces this idea.
462 Together, these data suggest that the oxidation of cytoskeletal proteins observed here may
463 play a key role in SI-PCD in pollen. The role of oxidation in cytoskeletal function in plant cells
464 requires further investigation. Clearly the cytoskeleton and its associated proteins are an
465 important target during SI and we have shown for the first time that several are oxidatively
466 modified. These modifications may affect cytoskeletal dynamics, as several irreversible
467 modifications occur in the binding domain of actin which would restrict actin or ABPs to bind
468 with actin and thus might alter actin dynamics.

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470 We identified several S-nitrosylated proteins in the SI-induced pollen samples. The majority
471 of NO affected proteins appear to be modified by S-nitrosylation of the thiol group of a single
472 cysteine residue. To date, around 20 different S-nitrosylated proteins have been
473 characterized in detail in plants and most of them have been reviewed recently with regard
474 to their functional significance in NO signaling(Astier et al., 2011; Lamotte et al., 2015). The
475 identified proteins from plant proteome-wide studies have been shown to take part in major
476 cellular activities, notably primary and secondary metabolism, photosynthesis, protein
477 folding, cellular architecture, and stress responses (Astier et al., 2011). It is thought that NO
478 signalling in plants uses S-nitrosylation of cysteine residues of redox-sensitive proteins
479 (Wang et al., 2006; Moreau et al., 2010), which can affect protein activity, and so has the
480 potential to be important in regulating cellular events (Lindermayr et al., 2005; Couturier et
481 al., 2013). The phosphomimic mutant recombinant protein p26a(3E) sPPase was not only
482 irreversibly oxidised on Cys119 to cysteic acid but was also nitrosylated on this site. As this
483 modified protein had significantly reduced PPase activity, it suggests oxidation may play a
484 role.

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486 In conclusion, we have shown that oxidation is an important mechanism triggered by the SI

487 response in *Papaver* pollen. Here we have shown that the SI response results in rapid and
488 extensive oxidation of pollen proteins. Strikingly, many of these oxPTMs are irreversible. We
489 provide evidence for increased proteasomal activation, which is consistent with the idea that
490 following inactivation, oxidised proteins may be removed by the 20S proteasome. The
491 observed oxidative modifications particularly impact enzymes associated with energy
492 production and the cytoskeleton. In some cases (GAPDH and sPPase here) there is
493 evidence that such irreversible modifications inhibit critical core metabolic enzyme activity.
494 These modifications could therefore contribute to the very rapid growth inhibition and PCD
495 following induction of SI. We also show that actin is a target for extensive irreversible
496 oxidation and that oxidation stimulates the formation of stable actin foci in pollen. Actin
497 dynamics have previously been implicated in the decision whether to enter PCD and this
498 study further suggests that this is the case. Together, our data demonstrate irreversible
499 oxidation of key pollen proteins and suggest that this triggers a catastrophic reduction in
500 cellular activity that could lead to PCD.

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503 **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

504 **Pollen tube growth, SI-induction and other treatments**

505 *Papaver rhoeas* pollen was hydrated then grown *in vitro* in liquid germination medium (GM)
506 [0.01% H₃BO₃, 0.01% KNO₃, 0.01% Mg(NO₃)₂·6H₂O, 0.036% CaCl₂·2H₂O, and 13.5%
507 Sucrose] at 25°C for 1 h (Snowman, 2002). SI was induced by adding incompatible
508 recombinant S proteins (final concentration 10 µg mL⁻¹) as described previously (Snowman,
509 2002). Samples were taken at 12 min after SI-induction. For each SI-induced sample, a non-
510 induced control was prepared by adding only GM to the pollen. For H₂O₂ treatments,
511 germinated pollen tubes were treated with H₂O₂ (2.5 mM) for 12 min, as this was when ROS
512 increases were detected in incompatible pollen tubes (Wilkins et al., 2011). Pollen was
513 harvested by centrifuging, resuspended in HEN buffer (250 mM HEPES/pH7.7, 1 mM EDTA,
514 0.1mM neocuproine), homogenised on ice and clarified by centrifugation. The protein
515 content of the supernatant was determined using by Bradford assay (Bradford, 1976), which
516 was stored at -20°C until required.

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518 To generate S-nitrosylated proteins for western blots, germinated pollen was treated with
519 500 µM NO donor S-nitrosoglutathione (GSNO) for ~30 min. Proteins (60 µg) were extracted
520 as described above except Trypsin digests were performed without DTT. Peptides were

521 adjusted to 3 $\mu\text{g}\cdot\mu\text{L}^{-1}$ in HEN buffer. Thiols were blocked using 0.2 % S-methyl methane
522 thiosulfonate (MMTS) and 2.5% SDS and proteins peptides incubated for 20 min at 50°C
523 then removed using Spin 6 columns (BioRad) and equilibrated in HEN buffer according to
524 manufacturer's instructions.

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526 **Detection of S-nitrosylation of proteins by western blot**

527 Protein extracts were prepared as described above and separated by SDS PAGE. Proteins
528 containing S-nitrosylated cysteine were selectively labelled using iodoTMTzero™. S-
529 nitrosylated proteins were visualised by western blotting using anti-TMT antibody using a
530 Pierce™ S-nitrosylation Western Blot Kit according to the manufacturer's instructions. 50
531 mM DTT (dithiothreitol) was added to controls during protein extraction.

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533 **Trypsin digestion**

534 Sample pollen proteins (60 μg) were run into SDS-PAGE and gel plugs containing the
535 proteins were digested using Trypsin Gold (Promega) according to manufacturer's
536 instructions. 10 mM DTT in 100 mM ammonium bicarbonate (pH 8) was added to the protein
537 and incubated for 30 min at 56°C. Samples were cooled to room temperature and alkylated
538 with 50 mM iodoacetamide in the dark for 30 min. Tryptic peptides were analysed for
539 oxidative modifications by mass spectrometry.

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541 **Sample desalting for mass spectrometry**

542 Samples were desalted using ZipTip_{C18} (Merck Millipore, Germany). Tips were pre-wet in
543 100% acetonitrile and rinsed in 2x10 μL 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid. Samples were loaded
544 according to manufacturer's instructions. ZipTip were washed with 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid
545 (3x10 μL) to remove excess salts. Peptides were eluted with 10 μL of 50% acetonitrile/0.1%
546 trifluoroacetic acid. Samples were dried down to remove the acetonitrile, and re-suspended
547 in 0.1% formic acid solution. Chemicals were from Sigma (Gillingham, Dorset, UK), Fisher
548 Scientific (Loughborough, Leicestershire, UK) and J.T. Baker (Philipsburg, NJ).

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550 **LC-MS/MS peptide analysis**

551 UltiMate® 3000 nano HPLC series (Dionex, Sunnyvale, CA USA) was used for peptide
552 concentration and separation. Samples were trapped on μ Precolumn Cartridge, Acclaim
553 PepMap 100 C18, 5 μm , 100Å 300 μm i.d. x 5mm (Dionex, Sunnyvale, CA USA) and
554 separated in Nano Series™ Standard Columns 75 μm i.d. x 15 cm, packed with C18

555 PepMap100, 3 μm , 100 \AA (Dionex, Sunnyvale, CA USA). Using a 3.2% to 44% solvent B
556 (0.1% formic acid in acetonitrile) gradient for 30 min. Peptides were eluted directly (~ 350 nL
557 min^{-1}) via a TriVersa $\text{\textcircled{R}}$ NanoMate nanospray source (Advion Biosciences, NY) into the LTQ
558 Velos with Orbitrap TM ETD mass spectrometer (ThermoFisher Scientific, Germany). The
559 data-dependent scanning acquisition was controlled by Xcalibur TM 2.1 software (Thermo
560 Fisher Scientific Inc. USA). The mass spectrometer alternated between a full FT-MS scan
561 (m/z 380 – 1600) and subsequent collision-induced dissociation (CID) MS/MS scans of the
562 20 most abundant ions. Survey scans were acquired in the Orbitrap TM with a resolution of 30
563 000 at m/z 400 and automatic gain control (AGC) 1×10^6 . Precursor ions were isolated and
564 subjected to CID in the linear ion trap with AGC 1×10^5 . Collision activation for the experiment
565 was performed in the linear trap using helium gas at normalized collision energy to precursor
566 m/z of 35% and activation Q 0.25. The width of the precursor isolation window was 2 m/z
567 and only multiply-charged precursor ions were selected for MS/MS.

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569 **Identification of modified peptides and criteria for identifying modified proteins**

570 Oxidation modifications of tryptic peptides from CID MS/MS mass spectra were analysed
571 against the NCBI nr Green Plant database using the SEQUEST algorithm (Thermo
572 Scientific). As a complete and annotated genome sequence for *Papaver rhoeas* is not
573 currently available, identifications were limited to peptides identical to those found in this
574 database or the few sequences of *P. rhoeas* submitted to EMBL (European Molecular
575 Biology laboratory). Two missed cleavages were allowed and were accepted as real hit
576 proteins with at least two high confidence peptides. The precursor mass tolerance 5 ppm,
577 MS/MS mass tolerance 0.8 Da and FDR 1% were used. The criteria for 'real hit proteins'
578 were accepted as those containing at least two high confidence peptides. Peptides were
579 analysed to identify irreversible and reversible oxidative modifications to amino acids.

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581 For the counts we disregarded the carbamidomethyl modifications as these are an artefact
582 of iodoacetamide treatment. [However they are shown in the Supplemental Tables for
583 clarity]. We also counted the number of unique amino acid modifications to oxidatively
584 modified peptides and grouped these according to protein function using the PANTHER
585 classification system; <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27899595> (Mi et al., 2017).
586 Where a particular ID (GI number) was not in the PANTHER database, we based the protein
587 identify and protein class according to its classification in NCBI, either directly (the same ID)
588 or through the identification of similar proteins by BLAST searches and/or the PANTHER

589 protein class for a very similar protein. The remaining proteins were labelled “unclassified”,
590 but were placed in a functional class if this was obvious from the protein identified.

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592 **p26 analysis and PPase assays**

593 Recombinant His-tagged p26 sPPase proteins (p26.1a and p26.1b) and their triple
594 substitution phospho-mutant versions: phosphomimic with a glutamic acid [E] substitution
595 (p26a/b(3E) and the corresponding phosphonull with an alanine [A] substitution (p26a/b(3A)
596 were for p26a [S13E, T18E and S27E, named p26a(3E)] and p26b [T25E, S41E and S51E,
597 named p26b(3'E)]. They were prepared as described previously (Eaves et al., 2017). The
598 p26 protein was diluted to 10 μ M in 50 mM Hepes-KOH, pH 8.0, 50 μ M EGTA, 2 mM $MgCl_2$.
599 250 ng aliquots were assayed for free phosphate production using a discontinuous PPase
600 assay and 2 mM sodium pyrophosphate as substrate (Fiske, 1925); n>3 for each assay. The
601 assay buffer was supplemented with 10 mM H_2O_2 as appropriate. Duplicate assay samples
602 were sent for LC-MS/MS analysis.

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604 **Poppy pollen protein extractions for proteasome and caspase assays**

605 *Papaver* pollen was collected and snap-frozen in liquid nitrogen. Proteins extracts were
606 prepared by grinding pollen using a glass homogenizer in proteasome assay buffer [50 mM
607 Tris-HCl, pH=7.5; 5 mM $MgCl_2$; 250 mM sucrose; 1 mM DTT; 0.05 mg mL^{-1} bovine serum
608 albumin (BSA)]. ATP was freshly added to the buffer to a final concentration of 5 mM before
609 use(Kisselev and Goldberg, 2005). Lysates were sonicated at 10 000 amp for 2x5 s,
610 incubated on ice for 20 min and centrifuged at 13,200 rpm at 4°C for 20 min. The
611 supernatant was collected and protein concentration was determined by the Bradford assay.
612 Protein extracts were aliquoted and stored at -20 °C for use in the proteasome activity
613 assays. Protein samples for caspase activity assay were extracted using caspase extraction
614 buffer (50 mM Na-Acetate; 10 mM L-Cysteine; 10% (v/v) Glycerol; 0.1% (w/v) CHAPS;
615 pH=6.0)(Bosch and Franklin-Tong, 2007).

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617 **Proteasome and caspase activity assays using fluorogenic peptide substrates**

618 Each activity assay (100 μ L) contained 10 μ g protein lysates and 100 μ M of either Z-GGL-
619 amc or Ac-nLPnLD-amc as fluorogenic probes for PBE and PBA1 (both 20S proteasome
620 subunits) activity measurements respectively. Fluorescence was monitored with the
621 excitation at 380 nm and emission at 460 nm every 10 mins over a period of 4 h using a
622 time-resolved fluorescence plate reader (FLUOstar OPTIMA; BMG LABTECH).

623 Caspase activity was assayed in caspase activity assay buffer (50 mM Na-Acetate; 10 mM
624 L-Cysteine; 10% (v/v) Glycerol; 0.1% (w/v) CHAPS; pH=5.0). Each activity assay (100 µL)
625 contained 10 µg protein lysates and 100 µM fluorogenic probes Ac-DEVD-amc. Caspase
626 activity was monitored in the plate reader as described (Bosch and Franklin-Tong, 2007).

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Tables

Table 1. Overlap between oxidatively modified peptides in SI-induced and H₂O₂ treated pollen. Peptides containing the same oxidatively modified amino acids in both SI and H₂O₂ treated pollen are listed in column 3. Peptides identified in the H₂O₂ treated pollen are listed in column 4; those highlighted in grey have additional oxidative modifications. Modified amino acids are indicated by small bold letters, with the type of oxidative modification indicated by superscript numbers as follows: ¹Glu γ-semialdehyde (I), ²AASA (I), ³Met sulfone (I), ⁴Kynurenine (I), ⁵Cysteic acid (I), ⁶2-oxohistidine (I), ⁷Met sulfoxide (R), ⁸Carbamidomethyl (R) produced by reaction with iodoacetamide during sample preparation, ⁹Deamidation (R), ¹⁰S-nitrosocysteine (R). Most proteins were identified using PANTHER, except a few that were “unclassified” in PANTHER (indicated by *) and identified using a BLAST search.

Protein	protein class	Modified peptide in SI pollen	Modified peptide in H ₂ O ₂ pollen	
Actin	cytoskeleton	DLYGNIVLSGGSTM Fp ¹ GIADR	DLYGNIVLSGGSTM Fp ¹ GIADR	
Actin		EITALAPSS m ³ K	EITALAPSS m ³ K	
Actin		YPIEHGIVSNWDD m ³ EK	YPIEHGIVSNWDD m ³ EK	
Actin		YPIEHGIVTN w ⁴ DDMEK	YPIEHGIVTN w ⁴ DD m ³ EK	
Actin		DLYGNIVLSGGTT m ³ FPGIADR	DLYGNIVLSGGTT m ³ FPGIADR	
Alpha-tubulin		k ² LADN c ⁸ TGLQGFLVFN v AVGGGTG S GLG S LLER	k ² LADN c ⁸ TGLQGFLVFN v AVGGGTG S GLG S LLER	
Alpha-tubulin		TIQFVD w ⁴ PTG Fk ²	TIQFVD w ⁴ PTG Fk ²	
Beta tubulin		GHYTEGAELIDSVLDV Vrk ²	GHYTEGAELIDSVLDV Vrk ²	
Beta tubulin		NSSYF Vew ⁴ lp ¹ NN vk ²	NSSYF Vew ⁴ lp ¹ NN vk ²	
Beta tubulin		m ³ MLTFSVFPSPK	m ³ MLTFSVFPSPK	
GAPDH		metabolism	VALQRDDVELVAVNDPFITTDYMT Ymfk ²	VALQRDDVELVAVNDPFITTDYMT Ymfk ²
GAPDH			DA p ¹ MFVVG VNEk	DA p ¹ MFVVG VNEk
sPPase	AI GLm ³ p ¹ MIDQGE KDDk		AI GLm ³ p ¹ MIDQGE KDDk	
sPPase	RSVA Ahp ¹ w ⁴ h ⁶ DLEIGPGAPSVV NAVVEITk ²		RSVA Ahp ¹ w ⁴ h ⁶ DLEIGPGAPSVV NAVVEITk ²	
Enolase	KYGQDATNVGDEGGFAP NIQENk ² E GLELLk		KYGQDATNVGDEGGFAP NIQENk ² E GLELLk	
Enolase	SFVSDYPIV SIEDPFQDDw ⁴ Eh ⁶ Ysk ²		SFVSDYPIV SIEDPFQDDw ⁴ Eh ⁶ Ysk ²	
HSP70	stress	NQVAM Np ¹ INTV FDk	NQVAM Np ¹ INTV FDk	
Elongation Factor 2*	Signalling/regulatory	GVQYLNEIKDSVVAG FQWask ²	GVQYLNEIKDSVVAG FQWask ²	
Elongation Factor 2*		GVQYLNEIKDSVVAG FQw ⁴ Ask ²	GVQYLNEIKDSVVAG FQw ⁴ Ask ²	
Predicted EF2-like		Nc ⁸ DPDG Lm ³ LYV SK	Nc ⁸ DPDG Lm ³ LYV SK	
Predicted EF2-like		LYMEAR p ¹ LEDGLAE AIDGGR	LYMEAR p ¹ LEDGLAE AIDGGR	
Eukaryotic initiation factor 4		VQVGVFSAT mp ¹ PEALE ITR	VQVGVFSAT mp ¹ PEALE ITR	
RAB GTPase		LLLIGDSGV Gk ²	LLLIGDSGV Gk ²	
RAB GTPase		FADDSY LESYISTIGVDFk ²	FADDSY LESYISTIGVDFk ²	
RAB GDP dissociation inhibitor		NDYYGGESTSL NLIQLWk ²	NDYYGGESTSL NLIQLWk ²	
14-3-3-like protein		QAFDEAISELDTL GEESYk ² D STLm ³ QLLR	QAFDEAISELDTL GEESYk ² D STLm ³ QLLR	
Methionine synthase		k ² L NLPILPTTTIGSFPQTIELR	k ² L NLPILPTTTIGSFPQTIELR	
Methionine synthase	G MLTGp ¹ V ITLNWSFVR	G MLTGp ¹ V ITLNWSFVR		
Serine hydroxyl methyl-transferase*	GI ELIASENFTSF AVIEALGSALT nk ²	GI ELIASENFTSF AVIEALGSALT nk ²		
Serine hydroxyl methyl-transferase*	IMGLD Lp ¹ SG HLTHGYTSGGk ²	IMGLD Lp ¹ SG HLTHGYTSGGk ²		
SKS (SKU5 similar)	Redox	YALNGV SHTDp ¹ ET PLK	YALNGV SHTDp ¹ ET PLKSGKGDGSDAp ¹ L FTLk ¹ GK	
2-oxoacid dehydrogenase acyltransferase		RTPVSG PKGk ² P QALQV ²	RTPVSG PKGk ² P QALQV ²	

Table 2. Oxidative modifications identified by LC/LC MS on the recombinant sPPase proteins p26a and p26b after H₂O₂ treatment. Oxidative modifications identified on the recombinant proteins p26.1 a/b and their phosphomimic mutants p26a(3E) and p26b(3E) and their phosphonull mutants p26a(3A) and p26b(3A) without and after H₂O₂ treatment. Irreversible (I), or reversible (R).

p26a	untreated		H₂O₂ treated	
Residue	p26a	p26a	p26a(3E)	p26a(3A)
C99	-	-	Cysteic acid (I)	Cysteic acid (I)
M111	-	-	Met sulfone (I)	Met sufoxide (R) Met sulfone (I)
C119	-	-	Cysteic acid (I) Nitrosyl (R)	-
M129	Met sufoxide (R)	Met sufoxide (R)	Met sufoxide (R)	Met sufoxide (R)
M131	-	-	Met sufoxide (R)	Met sufoxide (R)
C145	-	-	-	Sulfinic acid
M202	-	-	Met sufoxide (R) Met sulfone (I)	Met sufoxide (R)
M210	Met sufoxide (R)	-	Met sufoxide (R)	Met sufoxide (R)
M211	Met sufoxide (R)	-	Met sufoxide (R)	Met sufoxide (R)

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p26b	untreated		H₂O₂ treated	
Residue	p26b	p26b	p26b(3'E)	p26b(3'A)
M1	Met sufoxide (R)	Met sufoxide (R)	Met sufoxide (R) Met sulfone (I)	Met sufoxide (R)
M150	-	Met sufoxide (R)	Met sufoxide (R)	Met sufoxide (R)
M152	-	-	Met sufoxide (R)	-
M223	Met sufoxide (R) -	Met sufoxide (R) Met sulfone (I)	Met sufoxide (R) Met sulfone (I)	Met sufoxide (R) Met sulfone (I)

Supplemental data

Table S1. Oxidative modifications of pollen proteins after SI induction

Table S2. Oxidative modifications found in proteins from untreated pollen

Table S3. Oxidative modifications of pollen proteins after treatment with H₂O₂

Additional supplementary data (raw data) supporting this research is openly available from the University of Birmingham data archive at <http://findit.bham.ac.uk/>