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1 ABSTRACT

Karrikins are butenolide plant growth regulators in smoke from burning plant material that
have proven ability to promote germination and seedling photomorphogenesis. However, the
molecular mechanisms underlying these processes are unclear. Here we provide the first
proteome-wide analysis of early responses to karrikin in plants (*Arabidopsis* seedlings).

6 Image analysis of two-dimensionally separated proteins, Rubisco-depleted proteomes and 7 phosphoproteomes, together with LC-MS profiling, detected >1900 proteins, 113 of which 8 responded to karrikin treatment. All the differentially regulated proteins (except HSP70-3) are 9 novel karrikin-responders, and most are involved in photosynthesis, carbohydrate metabolism, 10 redox homeostasis, transcription control, proteosynthesis, protein transport and processing, or 11 protein degradation. Our data provide functionally complementary information to previous 12 identifications of karrikin-responsive genes and evidence for a novel karrikin signalling 13 pathway originating in chloroplasts. We present an updated model of karrikin signalling that 14 integrates proteomic data and is supported by growth response observations.

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16 Keywords

17 smoke, proteome, growth regulators, karrikin, butenolide

1 1. Introduction

2 Plant growth and development processes are controlled by numerous signalling molecules, 3 both endogenous and exogenous. Some, including auxins, cytokinins, abscisic acid, ethylene 4 and gibberellins, have been known for decades, while others have only been discovered 5 recently and both their functions and signalling mechanisms are poorly understood. The latter 6 include karrikins, butenolides identified in smoke from burning plant material [1, 2]. These 7 heterocyclic molecules, containing a five-membered butenolide ring fused to a six-membered 8 pyran ring, promote germination of fire-following plant species. To date, six compounds with 9 similar action have been identified in smoke, KAR₁ being the most effective [3-5]. Karrikins 10 also induce responses in the model plant Arabidopsis, notably stronger promotion of seed 11 germination than gibberelins, 1-aminocyclopropane-1-carboxylic acid and epi-brassinolide 12 [6], and seedling photomorphogenesis, including inhibition of hypocotyl elongation and 13 cotyledon expansion [7, 8]. Relatively little is known about karrikin signalling, but it has 14 apparent similarity to signalling mediated by the structurally related plant hormones 15 strigolactones. A proposed model summarized by Waters and co-workers [9] postulates that 16 karrikin binding may induce conformational changes in α/β -fold hydrolase KAI2 and its 17 association with MAX2, an F-box component of E3 ubiquitin-protein ligase, thereby targeting 18 signalling repressor(s) for degradation. SMAX1 and SMAX1-like proteins act downstream of 19 MAX2 and could be the hypothetical repressors. Further, karrikin signalling requires HY5 for 20 full photomorphological responses, induces auxin-response genes and recruits gibberellins by 21 increasing transcription of gibberellin oxidases (GA3ox1, 2). The involvement of proteasomemediated signalling and similarity to strigolactone signalling indicates that proteome 22 23 dynamics could mediate at least some karrikin responses. However, no proteome-wide 24 analysis of karrikin signalling has been previously reported. We recently showed that state-ofthe-art proteomic analyses can elucidate early links between plant hormone cytokinin 25

- 1 signalling and temperature perception [10-12]. We have now applied this approach to identify
- 2 early karrikin-response proteins and refine the emerging model of karrikin action in
- 3 Arabidopsis.

1 **2. Materials and methods**

2 2.1. Plant material, growth conditions and KAR₁ treatment for proteomic experiments

3 Unless specified otherwise, seeds of Arabidopsis thaliana ecotype Columbia (Col-0) were 4 surface-sterilized and sown on Uhelon 120T (Silk & Progress, Brněnec, Czech Republic). 5 Meshes were placed on Murashige and Skoog medium (pH 5.7) solidified with 1% (w/v) 6 agar, stratified at 4 °C for 48 h and cultivated at 21°C/19°C day/night temperatures, with a 16 h photoperiod (90 μ mol m⁻² s⁻¹ light intensity) for 7 d in an AR-36L growth chamber 7 8 (Percival, Perry, IA, USA). For proteome profiling, Uhelon mesh supporting 7-day-old 9 seedlings was transferred onto liquid MS medium supplemented with mock (ddH₂O) or 1 µM 10 KAR₁ (kindly provided by Dr. Martin Vlk, Czech Technical University, Prague, Czech 11 Republic) and incubated for 15 min. Seedlings were then rapidly harvested, dried, flash-12 frozen and ground in liquid nitrogen. For morphological and chlorophyll fluorescence 13 analysis, a Uhelon mesh supporting 6-day-old seedlings was transferred onto liquid MS 14 medium supplemented with mock (ddH₂O) or 1 µM KAR₁ and cultivation was continued for 15 an additional 24 h under the environmental conditions specified above. Seedlings were 16 divided into two sets for determining chlorophyll fluorescence parameters and morphological 17 variables, root length and cotyledon area (using ImageJ software; http://rsbweb.nih.gov/ij/). 18 The whole experiment was performed in three biological replicates.

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20 2.2. Protein extraction, 2-DE analysis and protein identification

Arabidopsis proteome and sub-proteomes were extracted, prepared and analysed essentially as previously described. Briefly, total protein was extracted by acetone/trichloroacetic acid extraction [10, 13, 14], a Rubisco-depleted proteome was prepared [11, 15], and phosphoroteins were enriched [10]. Portions of each extract, 500 or 150 µg, were loaded onto 18 or 7 cm IPG strips (Bio-Rad, http://www.bio-rad.com/), respectively, isoelectrically

1 focused (linear pH gradient, 4-7), and subsequently resolved by SDS-PAGE. Gels were 2 stained with colloidal Bio-Safe Coomassie G-250 (Bio-Rad), digitally imaged and analysed 3 using Decodon Delta 2D software (http://www.decodon.com). Responses to KAR₁ treatment 4 of proteins corresponding to detected spots were deemed significant if there was an absolute 5 KAR₁/mock spot volume ratio ≥ 1.4 , with *t*-test p value<0.05, and similar profiles in two 6 biological replicates of the total protein extract and Rubisco-depleted proteome (three 7 technical replicates per sample), or three biological replicates for phosphoproteome 8 comparison (two technical replicates per sample). Selected protein spots were digested with 9 trypsin. The dried tryptic peptides were each dissolved in 10 µl of 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid and purified using ZipTip C18 tips and eluted directly on sample plate with 10 mg ml⁻¹ 10 11 CHCA in 50% v/v acetonitrile and 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid. Spectra were acquired using 12 4800 Plus MALDI TOF/TOF analyzer (AB Sciex) equipped with a Nd:YAG laser (355 nm) 13 with firing rate 200 Hz. All spots were measured in MS mode and then up to ten strongest precursors were selected for MS/MS which was performed with 1 kV collision energy and 14 operating pressure of collision cell set to 10^{-6} Torr. MS and MS/MS spectra were searched by 15 16 local Mascot v. 2.1 (Matrix Science) against TAIR10 database of Arabidopsis protein 17 sequences. Database search criteria were as follows: enzyme - trypsin; taxonomy -18 Arabidopsis thaliana; fixed modification - carbamidomethylation; variable modification -19 methionine oxidation; peptide tolerance - 80 ppm, allowed one missed cleavage; MS/MS 20 tolerance - 0.2 Da.

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22 **2.3. LC-MS proteome profiling**

Quantitative proteomic analyses were also performed using a gel-free shotgun protocol based
 on nano-HPLC and MS/MS. Briefly, two independently grown replicates, each consisting of
 approximately 300 *Arabidopsis* seedlings cultivated as described above, were extracted by

1 acetone/TCA and phenol extraction then digested in solution with immobilized trypsin beads 2 (Promega, http://www.promega.com/). The resulting peptides were desalted, dried and 3 dissolved in 0.5% (v/v) formic acid in 5% (v/v) acetonitrile, then analysed by nanoflow C18 4 reverse-phase liquid chromatography using a 15 cm Ascentis Express Column (0.1 mm inner 5 diameter; Sigma-Aldrich) and a Dionex Ultimate 3000 RSLC nano UPLC system (Thermo, 6 www.thermoscientific.com) directly coupled to a CaptiveSpray nanoESI source (Bruker) and 7 an UHR maXis impact q-TOF mass spectrometer (Bruker, www.bruker.com). Peptides were 8 eluted with up to a 180-min, 4% to 40% acetonitrile gradient. Raw files obtained from the MS 9 analysis were analysed by Profile Analysis 2.1 (Bruker) and MS precursors with significant 10 differences (absolute ratio ≥ 1.5 , with t-test p-values < 0.05) were targeted and identified in 11 consecutive MS/MS analyses. MS/MS spectra were acquired in an intensity dependent mode 12 at a rate of 2-20 Hz with a maximum of 20 precursor ions and a MS spectra rate of 2 Hz. Data 13 from MS/MS data-dependent measurements were processed by DataAnalysis 4.1 (Bruker) 14 and searched against the TAIR10 Arabidopsis database using the Mascot 2.4 (Database search 15 criteria: trypsin; variable modifications - methionine oxidation, NQ deamidation, ST 16 phosphorylation; peptide tolerance - 10 ppm; allowed one missed cleavage; MS/MS tolerance 17 - 0.06 Da) and Bruker's ProteinScape percolator algorithms (target FDR<1%) to identify 18 source proteins (using high-confidence peptides, p < 0.05 with at least one distinct proteotypic 19 peptide per protein). Quantitative differences were further manually validated by comparing corresponding peptide ion signal peak areas in Skyline 1.4 (MacCossLab Software; 20 21 https://skyline.gs.washington.edu).

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23 **2.4. Proteomic data analysis**

Information about functions of identified proteins was collected from available literature and
the UniProt, UniGene (http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/unigene), TAIR (http://www.

1 Arabidopsis.org), KEGG (http://www.genome.jp/kegg/pathway.html), conserved domains 2 (http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Structure/index.shtml), homology and 3 (http://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi) databases. Protein-protein interactions were evaluated 4 by String 9.1 (http://string-db.org/, [16]). Overrepresentation of Gene Ontology categories 5 was analysed by the BioMaps module of VirtualPlant 1.3 (http://virtualplant.bio.nyu.edu/cgibin/vpweb/, [17]), using the Arabidopsis thaliana TAIR 10 genome, TAIR/TIGR GO 6 7 biological process assignments, and p-values of over-representation ≤ 0.05 . OriginPro 9.0 was 8 then used for PCA analysis. In the presentation of results, numbers following named proteins 9 are spot numbers, while the alphanumerical designations L and P with numbers (e.g. L23 and 10 P58) are codes assigned to differentially expressed proteins detected in the LC-MS and 11 phosphoproteome analyses, respectively.

1 **3. Results**

2 **3.1.** Proteomic responses to KAR₁-treatment

3 To obtain insights into early proteomic responses to karrikin, 7-day-old Arabidopsis seedlings 4 were treated with 1 μ M KAR₁ for 15 minutes. The experimental design is outlined in Figure 5 1. First, whole proteome changes were monitored by 2-DE. To increase coverage of 6 seedlings' proteomes, we combined standard denaturative acetone/TCA whole protein 7 extraction with native extraction followed by immunodepletion of Rubisco or affinity-based 8 isolation of phosphoproteins. The isolated proteins were subjected to 2-DE (Fig. 2). Image 9 analysis of the resulting proteome maps yielded 114 spots with at least 1.4-fold absolute 10 variation between control and karrikin-treated samples in all biological replicates (P<0.05; 11 Fig. 2), which were subjected to protein identification. Altogether, 74 proteins were identified 12 in the 85 spots, including three protein mixtures, by MALDI TOF/TOF MS analysis followed 13 by Mascot database searches against the TAIR 10 database (Additional file 1: Table S1). Of 14 these proteins, 63 and 17 were detected in comparisons of the total protein extract with the 15 Rubisco depleted sub-proteome and phosphoproteome, respectively.

16 To complement results from the protein-based 2-DE analysis (which provides 17 excellent qualitative data) we applied a more sensitive peptide-based quantitative approach: 18 LC-MS shotgun proteomic analysis of total soluble proteins. In total, we quantified relative 19 peptide abundances in 1890 proteins, detected in at least nine repeated LC-MS experiments, 20 represented by more than 5600 peptides with 3.3 peptides per protein on average and average sequence coverage of 12.3%. Comparisons after Skyline validation of MS spectra and 21 elimination of low-confidence peptides (e.g. peptides susceptible to non-enzymatic 22 23 modifications [18]) revealed 49 differentially regulated proteins quantified by 109 unique 24 peptides (for details, see Additional files 2, 3).

1 Combining the 2-DE and LC-MS datasets revealed limited overlaps of the 2 differentially regulated proteins/proteoforms in the sub-proteomes. In total, we detected 113 3 karrikin-responsive proteins, 15 present in several proteoforms. Only 11 of these differentially 4 regulated proteins were detected in multiple subproteome fractions, most of which probably 5 represent different proteoforms of the same protein (Additional file 4: Table S4). Analysis of 6 the Rubisco-depleted proteome further validated results from total protein extract 2-DE and 7 detected 9 additional karrikin-responsive proteins (Supplementary Fig. S1).

8 Determination of subcellular locations of the identified differentially regulated 9 proteins, using the SUBA database (http://suba.plantenergy.uwa.edu.au/; [19]), indicated that 10 62 (50%) and 32 (26%) are chloroplastic and cytosolic, respectively. Corresponding 11 proportions for all proteins identified by LC-MS were both ca. 30% (Table S3). Thus, 12 chloroplastic proteins are significantly overrepresented in the karrikin-responsive proteome.

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14 **3.2.** Novel links in karrikin responses

15 Our proteomic analyses detected only one Arabidopsis gene identified as being karrikin-16 responsive in previous transcriptomic analyses (Heat shock 70kDa protein 3; L23, decreased 17 after KAR₁-treatment). This protein is induced during germination [20] and is involved in 18 protein-protein interactions with several partners, including the deubiquitinating enzyme 19 AMSH3, which is involved in intracellular trafficking [21], and a ubiquitination target [22]. 20 Further, its close human homolog HSPA8 (>75% identity) participates in transcription control 21 [23]. The remaining 112 differentially regulated proteins we detected are novel KAR₁-22 responsive factors. However, our protein-protein interaction network and functional 23 enrichment of metabolic pathways analyses showed that significant proportions of these 24 proteins have functional matches or complement previously identified karrikin-responsive 25 genes. These are proteins involved in carbon fixation and photosynthesis, RNA metabolism,

lipid metabolism and glutathione metabolism. Categories 'Citric acid cycle', 'Protein transport', proteasome mediated processes, and ribosome components were highlighted only in karrikin-response proteome (Fig. 3). All identified karrikin-responsive proteins were divided according to their predominant function into the following categories: Photosynthesis and carbohydrate metabolism; Redox homeostasis; Transcription; Proteosynthesis, protein transport and processing; and Protein degradation (Tables 1-5, respectively). The remaining categories (each represented by less than five proteins) are grouped in Table 6.

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9 3.3. Proteins involved in photosynthesis and carbohydrate metabolism are rapidly 10 regulated in karrikin responses

11 The most significant overlap between known karrikin-responsive genes and the karrikin-12 responsive proteins we identified was among those involved in carbohydrate metabolism (7 13 genes and 17 proteins; Fig. 3). The significantly regulated proteins included 23 enzymes and 14 seven structural components of the photosynthetic apparatus, some present in multiple 15 proteoforms (Table 1). KAR₁-treatment increased levels of enzymes involved in chlorophyll 16 biosynthesis (protoporphyrinogen oxidase 1; porphobilinogen deaminase). However, it 17 appeared to have generally negative effects on photoassimilatory proteins, including: Calvin 18 cycle enzymes (Rubisco - 18|L44|P18|P21|P31; chaperonin 60, required for Rubisco folding – 19 46; Rubisco activase - P22|P30; glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase - L6|P25|P26; 20 fructose-bisphosphate aldolase - L13|L34; transketolase - 72; phosphorybulokinase - P20) 21 and enzymes involved in both downstream and upstream metabolic pathways of carbon 22 fixation (carbonic anhydrase) and carbohydrate metabolism (aldolase 1-epimerase, 23 fructokinase, and nucleotide-sugar biosynthesis enzymes). Similarly, it reduced levels of 24 constituents of PSI (light harvesting complex - 36; chlorophyll binding protein - 33; PSI reaction centre - L11|L33), PSII (Oxygen-evolving enhancer proteins - L26|P14|L29) and
 ATP synthase (L43).

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4 **3.4.** Proteasome-mediated signalling components in the KAR₁ responsive proteome

5 KAI2, MAX2 and ubiquitin-proteasome signalling is the only reported molecular mechanism 6 of karrikin perception. Thus, proteins involved in ubiquitin-dependent processes in the 7 karrikin-responsive proteome should be particularly interesting. We were not able to detect 8 KAI2 (At4g37470), nor MAX2 on protein level. However, KAR₁ treatment increased levels 9 of a proteasome subunit (76) and two deubiquitinating enzymes (9, 82) (Table 2). One, 10 ubiquitin carboxyl-terminal hydrolase 14, is important for development and its mutation 11 results in enlarged endosperm nuclei and defective embryos [24]. The treatment also 12 upregulated the ubiquitin receptor protein RAD23, which reportedly interacts with a 13 proteasome docking subunit and participates in recognition of ubiquitinated substrates [25]. 14 Products of proteasome activity are predominantly peptides up to 12 amino acids long that are 15 subsequently processed by peptidases. Accordingly, we detected significant changes in 16 abundance of two dipeptidases (L38, L49) and one tripeptidase (L30). Our data also indicate 17 more potential links with the ubiquitin-dependent pathway, e.g. the changes in levels of Heat 18 shock 70kDa (ubiquitinated, interacts with deubiquitinating enzyme) described above, but the 19 evidence is less conclusive. An alpha/beta domain-containing hydrolase with an uncertain 20 function and expected mitochondrial location (L31) was also upregulated. However, sequence 21 comparison does not indicate that the hydrolase is a mitochondrial counterpart of KAI2 22 (identity <12%).

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24 **3.5.** Transcription regulators involved in KAR₁ responses

1 Previous transcriptomic analyses have detected five KAR-responsive Arabidopsis genes involved in transcription control, but the proportion of genes covered by the analyses (and 2 3 proteins covered by our analyses) is too low to pinpoint any significant over-representation in 4 this category. However, our supervised analyses detected upregulation of several relevant 5 proteins (Table 3), including two (DNA topoisomerase-like protein, 48, and Nucleosome 6 assembly protein, 10) indicating that KAR-treatment induces DNA uncoiling. Another three 7 proteins are classified as mediators (19, 53) or a probable mediator (L35) of RNA polymerase 8 II, which directly participates in transcription regulation. Further, all these mediators share 9 sequence similarity with Heat shock 70kDa protein 3 (> 60% for the first two and >92% for 10 L35) which is also apparently a transcription mediator (Supplementary Fig. S2). Furthermore, 11 KAR₁-treatment affected RNA processing, or at least expression of two RNA helicases — 14 12 (expected to be involved in nonsense-mediated mRNA decay and ribosome biogenesis) and 13 56 (pre-mRNA splicing, mRNA export from nucleus) — and ribonucleoprotein At2g37220. 14 At2g37220 was significantly affected by KAR₁-treatment in all analysed proteome fractions 15 (38|L17|P19), contains an RRM domain and plays an expected role in chloroplastic RNA 16 processing. We also detected posttranslational modification(s) in Cold shock protein 2 (59 -17 increased, 77 - decreased), an RNA chaperone that is regulated by cold and developmental 18 signals [26].

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20 **3.6.** The early karrikin-response proteome regulates proteosynthesis

Translation regulates all physiological processes, directly or indirectly. Accordingly, we detected 28 karrikin-responsive proteins (35% of all differentially expressed proteins) involved in ribosome assembly (26|L4|L14|L15|L18|L22|L24|L27), translation initiation (75|L39|P1|P12), aminoacyl t-RNA synthesis (54), elongation (5|13|67|P8|P28), and protein processing and transport (7|8|12|46|57|L25|L32|L41|L45|L46). Overall, KAR₁-treatment

1 seemed to inhibit proteosynthesis (at least cytosolic proteosynthesis) and related processes 2 (Table 4). However, the responses are probably complex. For example, changes in ribosome 3 composition may have severe effects on plant growth and development [27]. Mutant 4 phenotypes are known for two KAR-responsive ribosomal proteins identified here: 50S 5 ribosomal protein L11 (slow growth, pale green; [28]) and 60S ribosomal protein L23 6 (embryo defective; [29]). Since ribosomal proteins have been implicated in auxin and 7 cytokinin signalling [11, 30, 31], some KAR-effects are probably results of stimulation or 8 interference with ribosome-mediated signalling of endogenous hormones.

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10 **3.7. Similarities in response to plant hormones and KAR treatment**

11 Karrikin is not recognized as a plant hormone because it may not be endogenously 12 synthesised, but since it has similar effects to known plant hormones we compared GO-13 category KAR₁ responses with those elicited by abscisic acid, auxin (IAA), brassinosteroids 14 (BR), cytokinin (CK), ethylene, jasmonic acid (JA), gibberellins (GA) and salicylic acid (SA) 15 (Fig. 4). Our analysis covered 128 karrikin-responsive genes and 113 proteins, and 3453, 16 1245, 861, 672, 973, 348, 778 and 541 TAIR-annotated genes linked to the respective 17 hormones [32, 33]. Altogether, over 900 GO categories are significantly overrepresented in 18 sets of genes or proteins responding to at least one of the listed substances. The diversity of 19 processes apparently up- or down-regulated by them (number of overrepresented GO 20 categories) decreased in the order JA>SA≥IAA>ethylene>ABA>GA>KAR>CK>BL. The 21 GO category 'Response to karrikin' (which does not yet include proteins identified here) is 22 not significantly enriched in sets that reportedly respond to plant hormones, unsurprisingly as 23 no responses to any of the listed phytohormones have been detected for >50% of karrikin-24 responsive genes. Similarly, only 28 of the proteins identified here reportedly respond to phytohormones: 15, 10, 9, 2 and 1 to ABA, JA, SA, IAA and BR, respectively. Nevertheless, 25

our PCA indicates that the differences between hormonal and KAR₁ responses is not
 dramatic. The first dimension, covering nearly 67% of total variability, clusters KAR- and
 BR-responsive proteins in the same group. Unfortunately, we could not include strigolactone
 in the analysis, as there are too few annotated strigolactone-responsive genes.

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6 3.8. Fluorescence measurements suggest photosynthesis is modulated in karrikin 7 responses

8 To obtain further insights into karrikin effects on photosynthetic processes we measured 9 chlorophyll fluorescence parameters of Arabidopsis seedlings cultivated on medium 10 supplemented with 1 µM KAR₁ for the last 24 h of a 7d cultivation period (Supplementary 11 Fig. S3, S4). Then we measured the seedling's cotyledon surface area, root length and 12 maximum PSII quantum yield in a dark-adapted state (F_v/F_m) to acquire information about 13 photosynthetic processes following light adaptation (Supplementary Fig. S4). Calculated 14 F_v/F_m ratios did not differ between karrikin- and mock-treated seedlings, indicating that 15 properties of PSII and associated processes were not significantly affected. However, as 16 already described, the proteomic analyses indicate that KAR₁ treatment reduced levels of PSI 17 constituents and enzymes involved in carbon photoassimilation. This is likely to repress 18 processes required for efficient light adaptation and hence the quantum efficiency of PSII 19 (Φ PSII). Accordingly, 24 hours after transfer to KAR₁-supplemented medium we detected a 20 slight decrease in this parameter. We also observed an increase in NPQ (non-photochemical 21 quenching), which corresponds to thermal energy dissipation and may correlate with a 22 decrease in energy transfer to PSI. However, the changes in the photosynthetic parameters 23 were not statistically significant at P<0.05.

1 **4. Discussion**

2 **4.1. Profiling early proteomic responses to karrikin in Arabidopsis**

3 Karrikin responses have been previously examined in bioassays, selected mutants and 4 transcriptomic analyses [3, 6-8, 34-39], but not (to our knowledge) in proteome-wide 5 analyses. However, protein abundance is not dependent only on transcription, and 6 posttranslational modifications can rapidly activate or inactivate enzymes without degradation 7 or *de novo* synthesis (e.g. [40, 41]). Thus, proteome analysis can complement transcriptomic 8 analysis and extend insights into molecular processes. Karrikins were discovered as 9 germination-promoting substances, but their effect is not limited to this developmental stage. 10 They also promote cotyledon expansion and inhibit hypocotyl elongation of Arabidopsis 11 seedlings [8], eliciting responses at nanomolar to micromolar concentrations [4], like plant 12 hormones. This prompted us to employ the approach we established for identifying cytokinin-13 responsive proteins [10, 12], combining affinity depletion of Rubisco and phosphoproteome 14 isolation with 2-DE – MALDI TOF/TOF and LC-MS identification of differentially regulated 15 proteins. Preliminary experiments confirmed that micromolar KAR₁ elicits reported growth 16 responses [8] under experimental conditions similar to those applied in our proteomic 17 experiments, promoting both root and cotyledon growth when applied for the last 24 h of a 7-18 day cultivation period (Fig. 5).

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20 **4.2. Down-regulation prevails in proteomic responses to karrikin**

Karrikin treatment reportedly up-regulates transcription of most (>80%) differentially expressed genes [8], but most (69%) early karrikin-response proteins we detected were downregulated: 97% in the phosphoprotein-enriched fraction and ~62% in sets detected in both the LC-MS and total protein 2-DE (including Rubisco-depleted fraction) analyses. Interestingly, we observed similar proportions in analyses of early cytokinin (~67%) and temperature-shock (~62%) response proteins [10, 12]. We hypothesise that processes that reduce protein/proteoform abundance may be preferentially employed in rapid responses to stimuli
 because they are faster than protein synthesis.

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4 **4.3.** Plastids – the site of missing links in karrikin signalling?

5 Early karrikin-response proteins we detected in seedlings are localized mainly to the 6 chloroplast (50% of the set). The plastidic genome of vascular plants has lost most of its 7 original content and encodes fewer than 100 open reading frames [42, 43]. Thus, plastid 8 development and function are highly dependent on the nucleus and largely under its control. 9 However, plastids also generate signals that modulate nuclear gene expression via several 10 pathways, including redox signalling [42]. Accordingly, we identified 11 differentially 11 expressed proteins involved in redox homeostasis (Table 2). Of these, six have a chloroplast 12 location, including monothiol glutaredoxin-S12 (L12), thioredoxin-like protein CDSP32 (25) 13 and thioredoxin M1 (L1). Thioredoxins (Trx) participate in day/night metabolism switches, 14 including light-dependent regulation of the Calvin-Benson cycle, but they also apparently 15 participate in protein targeting, cell-to-cell trafficking and gene regulation [44] and CK 16 responses [11, 45]. The m-type of Trx is also essential for chloroplast development [46]. 17 Thus, Trx could be the missing link between light signalling and transcription factor HY5.

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19 4.4. Posttranslational control in KAR₁ responses

Our 2-DE data provide several indications that targeted proteasome-mediated protein degradation is not the only posttranslational mechanism involved in karrikin signalling. First, differences between theoretical and observed pI/MW values indicate that >50% of significantly regulated proteins detected in our 2-DE analysis are probably posttranslationally modified proteoforms (Additional file 1: Table S1). Identification and characterization of these modifications detected in the total protein extract/Rubisco depleted proteome

1 comparison is beyond the scope of this work. However, our targeted phosphoproteome 2 analysis indicates that changes in phosphorylation status are involved, at least indirectly. We 3 have previously demonstrated that the phosphoprotein enrichment protocol we employed is 4 fairly specific by validation with phospho-specific staining and MS/MS sequencing [10, 12]. 5 Here, we supplemented our previous validation by Western blot analysis (Supplementary Fig. 6 S5). We were able to follow dynamics in phosphoproteome, but the biological relevance of 7 detected phosphorylations mostly remains to be elucidated. For some of them, even the 8 function of a protein itself is not clear. Phosphorylation could be involved in a direct karrikin 9 signalling mechanism, but with the combined sensitivity of 2-DE analysis and MALDI-MS 10 we detected regulatory phosphorylation for only 17 proteins, all of which seem to be 11 influenced indirectly. Literature and a homology search indicate that one detected 12 dephosphorylation (of Rubisco; P18, P21, P31) would be inhibitory [47] while another (of the 13 cytosolic enzyme triosephosphate isomerase; P29) would be activating [48], which correlates 14 with observed regulations in our dataset. Rubisco activase (P22, P30) has multiple 15 phosphorylation sites, some also with a potential on/off function [49]. Elongation factor Tu 16 (P8) is one of four detected phosphoproteins involved in proteosynthesis. Phosphorylation of 17 this chloroplastic protein prevents ternary complex formation [50] and its regulation in 18 response to karrikin likely represents an increased proteosynthesis in chloroplasts. The last 19 phosphorylation which should be discussed is that of chloroplastic protein glyceraldehyde-3-20 phosphate dehydrogenase (GAPDH; P25, P26). Although the prominent role of GAPDH is 21 commonly known to be in carbohydrate metabolism, its homolog also participates in 22 intracellular trafficking. Tisdale (2002) reported that phosphorylation of GAPDH influences 23 microtubule dynamics in the early secretory pathway [51]. In this respect, we can note that chloroplastic proteins like Trigger factor-like protein TIG (L41, protein exporter) or 24

Chaperone protein ClpC1 (57) indicate that there are changes in chloroplast protein
 trafficking after karrikin treatment.

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4 **4.5. Karrikin signalling – an updated model**

5 Considerable time may be required for manifestation of transcriptional control at the protein 6 level. For example, heat stress induces significant increases in Hsp70 transcript levels, 7 peaking within minutes, but significant changes (gradual rises) in HSP70 protein levels only 8 occur after an hour [52]. Thus, we believe that the protein dynamics revealed by our data 9 cannot correlate with transcript levels and originate in posttranscriptional and/or 10 posttranslational control. This is consistent with recent indications that posttranscriptional, 11 translational, posttranslational and degradation govern protein concentrations at least as 12 strongly as transcription (see e.g. [53]). Proteasome-dependent degradation could explain 13 some observed karrikin responses, and even increases in protein abundance could result from 14 degradation of repressors. However, the sheer number of differentially expressed 15 chloroplastic proteins we detected indicates involvement of an alternative proteasome-16 independent and chloroplast-based signalling pathway. We did not pinpoint a novel karrikin 17 receptor *per se*, but our data provide evidence for several novel signal transduction pathways. We have already discussed karrikin-responsive proteins involved in ribosome biogenesis 18 19 (posttranscriptional control) and redox signalling that could participate in retrograde 20 chloroplast-to-nucleus signalling, and the whole concept is illustrated in Fig. 6. Further, we 21 observed a decrease in levels of phospholipase D (42), representing a link to calcium 22 signalling and crosstalk with endogenous hormones like ABA or CK [54, 55].

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24 **4.6.** Could inhibition of photosynthesis stimulate growth?

1 Karrikin treatment for 24 h increased root length and cotyledon area in Arabidopsis seedlings 2 (Fig. 5), in accordance with reported effects, but seemingly conflicting with indications from 3 our proteome analysis that it reduces photoassimilation. Furthermore, our fluorescence 4 measurements suggest that karrikin reduces photoassimilatory energy transfer and increases 5 thermal energy dissipation (although it does not affect PSII properties), which should reduce 6 photosynthetic efficiency. We hypothesize that for a limited period compensatory 7 mechanisms may be induced by such changes, including cotyledon expansion, which 8 increases plants' photosynthetic area. As karrikin signalling reportedly requires HY5 for full 9 photomorphological responses [8], we examined the abovementioned responses in a hy510 mutant, which responded largely as wild-type Col-0. Thus, HY5 function is likely not critical 11 for these responses (Supplementary Fig. S3).

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13 **5.** Conclusions

We have pioneered a proteomic analysis of karrikin responses in the model plant *Arabidopsis thaliana*. Combination of a traditional 2-DE approach with robust LC-MS analysis resulted in identification of numerous novel karrikin-response proteins that provide novel targets for detailed mechanistic studies using, e.g., mutants and transgenic plants. The data obtained fundamentally deepen our understanding of karrikin roles in chloroplast functions. Further, the comparative analysis provided novel indications of a chloroplast-based signalling pathway that operates in parallel to KAI2-mediated karrikin signalling.

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6 The authors declare that they have no competing interests.

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1 Figure Legends

2 **Fig. 1 -** Experimental design.

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4 **Fig. 2** - Effects of KAR₁ on the proteome and phosphoproteome of *Arabidopsis* seedlings.

5 Average two-dimensional gel electrophoresis maps of total protein extracts and RuBisCO-6 depleted proteomes (A) and phosphoproteomes (B) of 7-day-old Arabidopsis seedlings treated 7 with karrikin/mock buffer for 15 min. Differentially regulated protein spots are indicated. See 8 Tables 1-6 and Additional files for detailed information on the corresponding identified 9 proteins. Proteins were separated in the first and second dimensions by IPG - 7 cm or 18 cm 10 strips, pH 4-7 - followed by 8-20% (7 cm) or 11% (18 cm) SDS-PAGE then visualized by 11 Bio-Safe Coomassie G250 staining. Isoelectric points (pI) and migrating positions of 12 molecular mass (kDa) markers are marked. For details see Materials and methods. Decodon 13 Delta 2D was used to compensate for the PAGE background and thus optimize the visibility 14 of all differentially regulated protein spots.

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Fig. 3 - Protein–protein interaction network constructed using STRING (http://string-db.org; [16]). Karrikin-responsive genes (TAIR, Nelson and co-workers [8]; blue) and proteins identified here (brown) were analysed for protein-protein interaction networks. String analysis indicates that two sets overlap in several categories (purple). Categories 'Flavonoid biosynthesis' and 'Light induced processes' are extensively regulated according to the transcriptomic data, while significant effects of karrikin on the TCA cycle, protein transport and proteasome-mediated processes are apparent only in our proteomics data.

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Fig. 4 - Functional classification of genes and proteins responsive to phytohormones and karrikin. PCA analysis indicates that karrikin has distinct effects, with some similarities to

1 those of recognised plant hormones (ABA, abscisic acid; BR, brassinosteroids; CK, cytokinin; ethylene; IAA, auxin; JA, jasmonic acid; GA, gibberellins; SA, salicylic acid). Although the 2 3 overlap between previously found karrikin-responsive genes (K_{TAIR}) and novel karrikin-4 responsive proteins (K_{Prot}) identified here is minimal (protein L23, Heat shock 70kDa protein 5 3), the similarity in over-represented GO categories cluster them in the same group. Data for 6 principal component analysis were mined from the TAIR database (9/2014) and large-scale 7 hormonal transcriptomic datasets [32, 33], followed by functional classification using 8 BioMaps [17]. GO categories of interest are marked. For details, see Materials and Methods.

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10 **Fig. 5** - Effects of prolonged KAR₁ treatment on *Arabidopsis* seedlings.

Selected morphological parameters of 7-day-old Col-0 seedlings exposed for the last 24 h to 1 μ M KAR₁. Photographs of representative seedlings for each treatment are shown. Data shown are means of two biological replicates, each with >40 seedlings per replicate, and standard errors (SE; error bars). Asterisks indicate statistically significant (Student's *t*-test p<0.05) differences.

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18 **Fig. 6** - Integration of karrikin-response proteins into a karrikin signalling model.

Proteasome-dependent signalling: Karrikin binding to KAI2 initiates a proteasome-dependent cascade and regulates proteins involved in ubiquitination and a di/tripeptide cleavage (Table 5), accounting for observed reductions in abundance of proteins involved in transcription control (Table 3). Rapid changes in the chloroplastic proteome indicate the presence of an alternative signalling pathway originating in chloroplasts. Karrikin negatively affects proteins involved in photosynthesis and subsequent carbon assimilation (Table 1). Consequently, reductions in ATP fluxes from photosynthesis would likely be compensated (at least temporarily) by increases in pyruvate dehydrogenase activity, TCA cycle fluxes and respiration rates, accompanied by reductions in lipid biosynthesis (Table 6). Alterations in photoassimilation modulate redox homeostasis (Table 2) and through retrograde signalling may influence gene expression. Signalling from both pathways thus converges on proteosynthesis and protein transport (Table 4).

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2 Suppementary data

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- 4 Table S1 Differentially regulated proteins detected by 2-DE-based analysis.
- 5 Table S2 Differentially regulated proteins detected by LC-MS-based analysis.
- 6 Table S3 Proteins identified in LC-MS based analysis.
- 7 Table S4 Overlaps of differentially regulated proteins in sets analysed by 2-DE and LC-MS.
- 8 Figure S1. Differentially regulated protein spots revealed after Rubisco depletion.
- 9 Figure S2. Sequence analysis of HSP70 proteins.
- 10 Figure S3. Effects of prolonged KAR₁ treatment on *Arabidopsis* seedlings.
- 11 Figure S5. Western blot detection of phosphorylated proteins.

Tables

Spot/protein	AGI	Name	Abundance
no.			KAR ₁ :mock
51	AT5G66530	Aldose 1-epimerase family protein	Ļ
L43	ATCG00120	ATP synthase subunit alpha, chloroplastic	$\downarrow\downarrow$
22 P5	AT3G01500	Carbonic anhydrase 1	↓I↓↓
33	AT1G29910	Chlorophyll a-b binding protein 2	\downarrow
23	AT5G61410	D-ribulose-5-phosphate-3-epimerase	ſ
16	AT1G20020	Ferredoxin-NADP reductase	ſ
30 L9	AT1G66430	Fructokinase	↓↓I↓↓
L6	AT1G42970	Glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase	\downarrow
P25	AT1G42970	Glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase	\downarrow
P26	AT1G42970	Glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase	\downarrow
L26	AT5G66570	Oxygen-evolving enhancer protein 1-1	\downarrow
	AT3G50820	Oxygen-evolving enhancer protein 1-2	
P14	AT5G66570	Oxygen-evolving enhancer protein 1-1	$\downarrow\downarrow$
44	AT1G06680	Oxygen-evolving enhancer protein 2-1	$\uparrow \uparrow$
L29	AT4G05180	Oxygen-evolving enhancer protein 3-2	$\downarrow\downarrow$
L7	AT1G56190	Phosphoglycerate kinase 2	$\downarrow\downarrow$
35	AT2G45790	Phosphomannomutase	↑
P20	AT1G32060	Phosphoribulokinase	\downarrow
36	AT3G61470	Photosystem I light harvesting complex protein	\downarrow
L33	AT4G28750	Photosystem I reaction center subunit IV A	$\downarrow\downarrow$
L11	AT2G20260	Photosystem I reaction center subunit IV B	\downarrow
L36	AT5G08280	Porphobilinogen deaminase	$\uparrow \uparrow$
L13	AT2G21330	Probable fructose-bisphosphate aldolase 1	$\downarrow\downarrow$

Table 1- Proteins involved in photosynthesis and carbohydrate metabolism

28 L34	AT4G38970	Probable fructose-bisphosphate aldolase 2	↑I↓↓
L28	AT4G01690	Protoporphyrinogen oxidase 1	1
L3	AT1G23740	Quinone oxidoreductase-like protein	$\uparrow \uparrow$
18 L44	ATCG00490	Ribulose bisphosphate carboxylase large chain	\downarrow
P18	ATCG00490	Ribulose bisphosphate carboxylase large chain	\downarrow
P21	ATCG00490	Ribulose bisphosphate carboxylase large chain	$\downarrow\downarrow$
P31	ATCG00490	Ribulose bisphosphate carboxylase large chain	$\downarrow\downarrow$
P22 P30	AT2G39730	Rubisco activase	$\downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow$
72	AT3G60750	Transketolase-1, chloroplastic	\downarrow
L20	AT2G45290	Transketolase-2, chloroplastic	$\uparrow \uparrow$
P29	AT3G55440	Triosephosphate isomerase, cytosolic	\downarrow
P27	AT3G29360	UDP-glucose 6-dehydrogenase 2	\downarrow

Spot/protein	AGI	Name	Abundance
no.			KAR ₁ :mock
21	AT1G07890	L-ascorbate peroxidase	$\downarrow\downarrow$
64	AT4G08390	L-ascorbate peroxidase	\downarrow
L2	AT1G11840	Lactoylglutathione lyase-like protein	$\downarrow\downarrow$
L8	AT1G63940	Monodehydroascorbate reductase	$\uparrow \uparrow$
L12	AT2G20270	Monothiol glutaredoxin-S12	1
49	AT1G65980	Peroxiredoxin-2B	1
32	AT1G67280	Probable lactoylglutathione lyase/glyoxalase	1
24	AT3G10920	Superoxide dismutase [Mn]	1
25	AT1G76080	Thioredoxin-like protein CDSP32	$\uparrow \uparrow$
L1	AT1G03680	Thioredoxin M1	$\downarrow\downarrow$
43	AT2G17420	Thioredoxin reductase 2	\downarrow



Spot/protein	AGI	Name	Abundance
no.			KAR ₁ :mock
59 77	AT4G38680	Cold shock protein 2	↑↑ ↓↓
L21	AT3G01540	DEAD-box ATP-dependent RNA helicase 14	$\uparrow \uparrow$
P9	AT5G11200	DEAD-box ATP-dependent RNA helicase 56	$\downarrow\downarrow$
48	AT3G15950	DNA topoisomerase-like protein	↑
L23	AT3G09440	Heat shock 70 kDa protein 3	\downarrow
53	AT5G28540	Mediator of RNA polymerase II transcription subunit 37a	$\downarrow\downarrow$
19	AT5G42020	Mediator of RNA polymerase II transcription subunit 37f	$\uparrow \uparrow$
P2 P3	AT1G73230	Nascent polypeptide-associated complex NAC	↓↓ ↓
10	AT4G26110	Nucleosome assembly protein 1-like 1	$\uparrow \uparrow$
L35	AT5G02500	Probable mediator of RNA polymerase II transcription	$\downarrow\downarrow$
		subunit 37e	
38 L17 P19	AT2G37220	Ribonucleoprotein At2g37220	↑I↓I↓

Table 3 - Proteins involved in transcription

Spot/protein	AGI	Name	Abundance
no.			KAR ₁ :mock
57	AT5G50920	Chaperone protein ClpC1	
46	AT1G55490	Chaperonin 60 subunit beta 1	\downarrow
L27	AT3G63140	Chloroplast stem-loop binding protein of 41 kDa a	$\downarrow\downarrow$
5	AT5G13650	Elongation factor family protein	$\downarrow\downarrow$
67	AT4G29060	Elongation factor Ts	\downarrow
13 P8	AT4G20360	Elongation factor Tu	↓I↓↓
P12	AT1G10840	Eukaryotic translation initiation factor 3 subunit H	$\downarrow\downarrow$
P1	AT1G26630	Eukaryotic translation initiation factor 5A-2	\downarrow
L32	AT4G24280	Heat shock 70 kDa protein 6	$\downarrow\downarrow$
L45	AT5G49910	Heat shock 70 kDa protein 7	$\downarrow\downarrow$
L46	AT4G37910	Heat shock 70 kDa protein 9	\downarrow
8	AT1G79920	Heat shock 70 kDa protein 15	\downarrow
L25	AT3G15520	Peptidyl-prolyl cis-trans isomerase CYP37	$\downarrow\downarrow$
7	AT3G25230	Rotamase FKBP 1	$\downarrow\downarrow$
P28	AT1G57720	Probable elongation factor 1-gamma 2	\downarrow
54	AT5G52520	prolyl-tRNA synthetase	\downarrow
12	AT2G47470	Protein disulfide-isomerase like 2-1	\downarrow
26	AT5G24490	Putative 30S ribosomal protein	\downarrow
P15 P16	AT1G07140	Ran-binding protein 1 homolog a	↓↓┃↓↓
L39	AT5G38640	Translation initiation factor eIF-2B delta subunit-like	$\uparrow \uparrow$
		protein	
75	AT3G13920	Translational initiation factor 4A-1	1
L41	AT5G55220	Trigger factor-like protein TIG	↑ ↑

Table 4 - Proteins involved in proteosynthesis, protein transport and processing

L18	AT2G37270	40S ribosomal protein S5-1	$\downarrow\downarrow$
L24	AT3G11510	40S ribosomal protein S14-2	$\downarrow\downarrow$
L14	AT2G21580	40S ribosomal protein S25-2	$\uparrow \uparrow$
L4	AT1G32990	50S ribosomal protein L11	$\uparrow \uparrow$
L15	AT2G27720	60S acidic ribosomal protein P2-1	$\downarrow\downarrow$
L22	AT3G04400	60S ribosomal protein L23	\downarrow

Spot/protein	AGI	Name	Abundance
no.			KAR ₁ :mock
L49	AT4G30920	Leucyl aminopeptidase 3	↑
11	AT4G38220	Peptidase M20/M25/M40 family protein	↑
39	AT5G38470	Ubiquitin receptor RAD23d	$\downarrow\downarrow$
L38	AT5G36210	Putative S9 Tyrosyl aminopeptidase	$\downarrow\downarrow$
76	AT5G35590	Proteasome subunit alpha type-6-A	↑
L30	AT4G20850	Tripeptidyl peptidase 2	$\downarrow\downarrow$
82	AT1G51710	Ubiquitin carboxyl-terminal hydrolase 6	↑
9	AT3G20630	Ubiquitin carboxyl-terminal hydrolase 14	\downarrow

Table 5 - Proteins involved in protein degradation

Spot/protein	AGI	Name	Abundance
no.			KAR ₁ :mock
71	AT2G38040	Acetyl-coenzyme A carboxylase carboxyl transferase	$\downarrow\downarrow$
		subunit alpha	
55	AT5G59880	Actin depolymerizing factor 3	\downarrow
50	AT3G23810	Adenosylhomocysteinase 2	\downarrow
L5	AT1G34430	At1g34430/F7P12_2	ſ
L10	AT2G07698	ATP synthase subunit alpha, mitochondrial	\uparrow
2	AT1G48030	Dihydrolipoyl dehydrogenase 1	\downarrow
3	AT3G48990	4-coumarateCoA ligase-like 10	\downarrow
L47	AT5G14910		$\downarrow\downarrow$
		Heavy metal transport/detoxification superfamily protein	
L42	AT5G63890	Histidinol dehydrogenase	ſ
15	AT1G53240	Malate dehydrogenase 1, mitochondrial	↑
L40	AT5G41970	Metal-dependent protein hydrolase	↑ ↑
L37	AT5G26000	Myrosinase 1	$\downarrow\downarrow$
4	AT5G11670	NADP-dependent malic enzyme 2	$\downarrow\downarrow$
62	AT1G79690	Nudix hydrolase 3	\downarrow
L16	AT2G28900	Outer envelope pore protein 16-1, chloroplastic	$\downarrow\downarrow$
42	AT3G15730	Phospholipase D alpha 1	$\downarrow\downarrow$
56	AT2G35040	Phosphoribosylaminoimidazolecarboxamide	\downarrow
		formyltransferase	
L19	AT2G38410	VHS and GAT domain-containing protein	$\uparrow \uparrow$
L31	AT4G24160	Hydrolase, alpha/beta fold family protein	$\uparrow \uparrow$
P24	AT2G38230	Pyridoxal biosynthesis protein PDX1.1	$\downarrow\downarrow$

Table 6 - Proteins involved in diverse cellular processes

65	AT5G09650	Soluble inorganic pyrophosphatase 1	\downarrow
47	AT3G14540	Terpenoid synthase 19	\downarrow
68	AT1G13930	Uncharacterized protein	↑
70	AT2G37660	NAD(P)-binding Rossmann-fold-containing protein	\downarrow
L48	AT3G61260	Remorin-like protein	↑
66	AT1G20260	V-type proton ATPase subunit B3	\downarrow











