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## Summary

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## Results and Discussion

## Cytokinin and auxin display distinct distribution profiles across the vascular cambium

The bulk of global lignocellulosic biomass is present in the form of wood, the secondary xylem of a plant stem. Secondary vascular tissues are produced through the activity of the vascular cambium, the cylindrical secondary meristem of a tree trunk. Detailed knowledge about the regulatory mechanisms controlling cambial development provides us powerful tools to boost the lignocellulosic biomass production in forest trees (1-2): the better we understand the molecular mechanisms controlling wood formation, the easier it is to implement this knowledge into forest biotechnology and tree breeding.

Cytokinins and auxin are two major plant hormone classes well-known to regulate a multitude of plant developmental processes. Differential cytokinin and auxin response domains have been shown to contribute to the patterning of both shoot (3-5) and root apical meristems (6-9). Whereas the distribution of auxin in various meristems is well established (10-12), the occurrence of cytokinin has been less studied. To address this question, we have now taken advantage of the high spatial resolution provided by the extensive developmental zonation of the vascular cambium. We report here direct measurements of distribution and signaling profiles of cytokinin and auxin hormones across the cambial zone of both Populus trichocarpa (Figures 1, S1) and Populus tremula $\times$ tremuloides stems (see below).

In P. trichocarpa, hormonal concentrations were studied in six stem cryofractions encompassing the developmental zonation of the cambial zone: old phloem, conducting phloem, developing phloem, cambium, developing xylem and xylem tissues. We observed that concentration of the major bioactive auxin (IAA) peaked in the middle of the cambial zone, in the domain of dividing cambial cells. This result confirms the pattern of cambial auxin gradient and response domain previously reported in tree species (13-16). The importance of auxin for cambial development has been verified through functional studies: fewer cell divisions took place in the vascular cambium of transgenic Populus trees with reduced auxin responsiveness, resulting in compromised radial stem growth (17). In contrast to auxin, the two major bioactive cytokinin species, isopentenyladenine (iP) and trans-zeatin (tZ), have their maximum levels coinciding with each other in the developing phloem cells (Figure 1B). Also iP riboside (iPR), a precursor of bioactive iP, has a similar distribution profile. A third plant hormone, bioactive gibberellin (GA4), peaked in the developing xylem tissue. Similar gibberellin distribution profile has been previously reported by Israelsson et al. (18): in their study bioactive GA4 and GA1 had their highest levels in the expanding xylem cells. The observed distribution coincides with activity of gibberellin signaling in the regulation of xylem development: the rate of secondary xylem production has been shown to be increased in transgenic plants with either enhanced gibberellin signaling (19) or biosynthesis levels (20-23). Taken together, our results show that the two major phytohormones, cytokinin and auxin, form distinct, yet partially overlapping, distribution domains across the vascular cambium.

To verify the observed cytokinin domain, we studied the expression of cytokinin signaling and homeostasis genes $(24,25)$ across the cambial zone of P. trichocarpa stem through RT-qPCR analyses (Figure S1). Expression of the signaling and biosynthesis genes coincided with the
phloem peaking hormonal distribution; the gene expression profiles were further defined through high resolution RNA-sequencing analyses in P. tremula $\times$ tremuloides trees (see below).

## Increased cytokinin biosynthesis stimulates cambial cell division rate and increases the production of trunk biomass in transgenic Populus trees

Previous work has highlighted the potential of cytokinin signaling as a major positive regulator of cambial activity in a tree trunk: we have shown that a reduced cytokinin concentration leads to compromised radial growth in transgenic Populus trees (26). Similarly, cambial activity was abolished in the root of quadruple Arabidopsis ipt1,3,5,7 mutant, which lacks the four major cytokinin biosynthesis enzymes (27).

Based on our cytokinin profiling data and previous results, we next studied the effect of elevated cambial cytokinin signaling on tree trunk growth. With the aim to stimulate cytokinin biosynthesis in transgenic P. tremula $\times$ tremuloides trees, we over-expressed the AtIPT7 gene from Arabidopsis. This gene encodes one of the key enzymes in the biosynthesis of major bioactive cytokinins (28-30). The AtIPT7 transgene was cloned under the PttLMX5 promoter (31), which drives a high expression in the cambial zone and developing xylem cells. We were able to obtain twelve transgenic lines, from which two, pLMX5:ATIPT7 1 and 3, both with a high transgene expression level and highly similar phenotypes (Figure 2), were selected for further analyses.

To evaluate the effect of AtIPT7 activity on tree development, we followed growth of the transgenic trees under greenhouse conditions (Figure 2). The apical growth rate of pLMX5:AtIPT7 lines was similar to WT plants; transgenic plants had the same height as the controls (Figure 2A). After ten weeks of growth the average height of four individual trees from WT, and lines 1 and 3 , was $152 \pm 4 \mathrm{~cm} \mathrm{SE}, 150 \pm 2 \mathrm{~cm}$ and $148 \pm 3 \mathrm{~cm}$, respectively. In contrast, stem diameter was increased in the transgenic trees as compared to the WT trees (Figure S2A); the stimulatory effect of cytokinin on the radial growth was therefore independent of the apical growth rate. Accordingly, the stem volume, which was counted as the additive volume of internodes, was larger in the pLMX5:AtIPT7 trees (Figure 2B). The stem biomass (trunk after the branches were removed) was measured at the age of 13 weeks: the average dry weight of three individual trees from WT, and lines 1 and 3 , was $18.5 \pm 0.3 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{SE}, 33.0 \pm 0.7 \mathrm{~g}$ and $34.4 \pm 0.8 \mathrm{~g}$, respectively ( $p$-values from Student's t -test: line 1 vs WT 6.56E-04***, 3 vs WT 9.19E-04***). The increase in biomass was up to $80 \%$ in dry weight.

To explore in detail the effect of enhanced cytokinin signaling on vascular architecture, we analyzed the anatomy of the transgenic trees. No differences were observed in the dimensions of xylem cells between the WT and pLMX5:AtIPT7 trees. In contrast, a difference was observed in the cambial anatomy. The vascular cambium of the pLMX5:AtIPT7 line 1 and line 3 trees contained more meristematic cells in the cambial cell files than the WT trees: respectively in average $23 \pm 0.4$ (SE), $24 \pm 1.2$ and $15 \pm 0.8$ (Figures $3 \mathrm{~A}, \mathrm{~S} 2 \mathrm{~B}$ ). The increased cell number indicates that the cambial cell files were undergoing additional cell divisions as compared to the WT. Our results confirm that cytokinins act as major positive regulators of cambial activity in trees.

## Genetic engineering of enhanced cytokinin biosynthesis leads to an increase in cambial cytokinin and auxin concentrations

Next, hormonal responsiveness of the two pLMX5:AtIPT7 lines was tested in an in vitro assay (Figure 2C), where a lower cytokinin to auxin ratio in the growth medium induces root regeneration and a higher cytokinin to auxin ratio promotes shoot regeneration (32). We observed enhanced cytokinin responsiveness in the transgenic trees: several internodes produced shoots, and unexpectedly also roots, already on the medium with no added cytokinin, whereas no WT internodes produced either. As high auxin concentration promotes root formation, these results indicate that the transgenic lines may have had higher concentrations of both cytokinin and auxin than the WT trees.

To validate our transgenic approach to stimulate cytokinin biosynthesis, we compared the hormonal profiles across the cambial zone of WT and pLMX5:AtIPT7 trees (Figure 3B). The hormonal distribution in WT P. tremula $\times$ tremuloides was similar in P. trichocarpa: cytokinins were highest in the developing phloem tissue, and auxin was peaking in the middle of the cambium. When the transgenic trees were compared to the WT, several differences in hormonal levels were observed: concentrations of bioactive iP and tZ were elevated and dramatic increases were seen in the concentrations of iP precursor iPR and IAA contents (Figure 3B). These results confirm an increase in cambial cytokinin content in the pLMX5:AtIPT7 trees; they further show that this increase also leads to an elevation in the auxin concentration. In Arabidopsis, homeostasis of these two hormones is known to be connected: cytokinin has been shown to contribute to the regulation of both auxin homeostasis (33) and transport (11, 34).

## Genome-wide gene expression profiling across the cambial zone confirms the distinct cytokinin and auxin signaling domains

To connect the hormonal distribution to the status of hormonal signaling and homeostasis, we conducted a high-resolution gene expression profiling across the cambial zone of WT and pLMX5:AtIPT7 P. tremula $\times$ tremuloides trees (Figures 4, S4). The data was collected in a genome-wide manner through RNA-sequencing; our focus in the profiling was on cytokinin and auxin signaling, homeostasis and transport genes.

Considering cytokinin signaling, we profiled the components of cytokinin signal transduction pathway: receptors, HPts, type-B RRs and type-A RRs. Cytokinin signaling pathway represents a multistep two-component phosphorelay system: upon binding hormone ligand, cytoplasmic CYTOKININ RESPONSE 1 (CRE1) -like receptors initiate the phosphorelay, and phosphorylate histidine phosphotransfer (HPt) proteins. The HPts cycle between the cytosol and nucleus; in the nucleus, they transfers the phosphoryl onto type-B phospho-accepting response regulators (RRs). The type-B RR are transcription factors that activate transcription of cytokinin primary response genes; among them are the type-A RRs, which provide a negative feedback mechanism on the phosphorelay by repressing the activity of type-B RRs. For cytokinin homeostasis we characterized expression patterns for the biosynthetic IPTs, together with the LONELY GUYS (LOGs), which convert inactive cytokinins to bioactive forms, and the catabolic CYTOKININ OXIDASES (CKXs). To profile cytokinin transporters, we analyzed the expression patterns of Populus orthologs of Arabidopsis AtENT6 (35) and AtABCG14 $(36,37)$. To define the status of auxin response, expression profiles of PttIAAs, representing the putative auxin response genes, were analyzed. For auxin homeostasis we characterized expression of the biosynthetic YUCCA genes and the auxin transporting PIN influx and $A U X / L A X$ efflux carriers.

Prior to the profiling, to test cytokinin responsiveness of the selected genes, we conducted an RNA-sequencing analysis of cytokinin treated WT P. tremula $\times$ tremuloides stem discs (Figure S3). As expected, almost all type-A RRs were upregulated by the 1 h cytokinin treatment, whereas most other genes were unaffected. Since expression of some IAAs is known to be directly upregulated by the B-type RRs $(7,38)$, our focus was to identify the PttIAA genes that are not cytokinin induced. Expression of most IAAs was unaffected, indicating that they represent true auxin response marker genes, but two out of 33 were potentially upregulated (Figure S3), and respectively omitted from further profiling.

In the profiling data, we were able to define three distinct patterns for robustly expressed genes in the WT cambial zone; identity of the tissues was verified through marker gene analyses (Figure 4). Pattern 1 (P1) was defined by genes that peaked in the developing phloem tissues (Figures 4, S4A). The pattern was specified by the marker gene PttCLE41a, an ortholog of an early phloem abundant Arabidopsis peptide, and ligand of the PXY/WOX regulatory pathway of cambial activity $(39,40)$. Pattern 2 (P2) was defined by genes with expression peaking at the middle of cambial zone, in the zone of dividing cells, coinciding with the profile of the cambial PttWOX4a marker gene (Figures 4, S4). Pattern 3 (P3) was specified by genes with expression maxima in the developing xylem tissue. This pattern coincides with the profile of PttCOMT2, a marker gene expressed in differentiating xylem cells (Figures 4, S4).

Members from all analyzed cytokinin signaling and homeostasis gene families were present in the Populus cambium. Almost all cytokinin signaling pathway genes (receptors, HPts, type-B and type-A RRs) were defined by the phloem peaking Pattern 1 (Figures 4, S4), but one gene displayed middle peaking Pattern 2 (Figure S4). In contrast, profiles of the putative auxin primary response PttIAA genes were more diverse: most of them coincided with the auxin gradient, peaking in the middle of the cambium (Pattern 2) (Figures 4, S4), but several were defined by the two other patterns (Figure S4). Almost all of the YUCCAs and auxin transporters followed Pattern 2 (Figure S4), but a few were peaking in the phloem (Pattern 1) (Figure S4).

Considering cytokinin homeostasis, most biosynthetic IPT genes were defined by the Pattern 1 (Figures 4, S4), whereas both cytokinin activating LOGs and catabolic CKXs were peaking more in the middle (Figures 4, S4), implying that the homeostasis genes play a role in shaping of the cambial cytokinin gradient.

## Increased cytokinin biosynthesis enhances cytokinin and auxin responses in their distinct cambial domains

To further explore the hormonal status of the pLMX5:AtIPT7 trees, we compared their cytokinin and auxin response profiles to the WT. As expected, the AtIPT7 transgene had a robust expression level in the transgenic trees (Figure 4).

To define the status of cytokinin signaling, we analyzed the expression profiles of the type-A $R R s$ : three out of four were upregulated in the transgenic trees (Figures 4, S4). Their profiles were similar to the WT with the phloem abundant expression peaks (Pattern 1) confirming that cytokinin response was enhanced in its endogenous domain. Additionally, expression of PttAINT was elevated in the cambium of the transgenic trees (Figure 4). This gene is known to be upregulated by a prolonged cytokinin treatment and to act as a positive regulator of cambial activity (41), indicating that it may be involved in the stimulation of cell division rate in the pLMX5:AtIPT7 trees.

To define the status of auxin response, expression profiles of the non-cytokinin induced PttIAAs were analyzed. Among those whose expression was coinciding with the auxin gradient (Pattern 2), we were able to identify one gene, PttIAA7.1, which was upregulated in both transgenic tree lines (Figure 4).

Considering cytokinin homeostasis, we observed that the expression level of several IPTs and LOGs was downregulated in the transgenic trees (Figures 4, S4), indicating that a process of feedback is active in the regulation of cytokinin biosynthesis. In addition, we studied the effect of elevated cytokinin on the expression of auxin biosynthesis and transport genes. No systematic upregulation was observed in the expression level of cambial auxin biosynthesis or transport genes, therefore the manner by which elevated cytokinin increases the amplitude of auxin gradient in the cambial zone remains to be addressed by future studies.

## Conclusions

We report here that the two major plant hormones, cytokinin and auxin, have distinct, yet partially overlapping, distribution profiles across the vascular cambium meristem. In contrast to auxin, which peaks in the actively dividing cambial cells (as has been reported before, 13-15), we show for the first time that the cytokinins peak in the developing phloem tissue. Additionally, we confirm the previous report (18) that a third hormone, bioactive gibberellin, has its maximum in the developing xylem cells. Potentially the cambial hormone gradients determine different developmental responses from the respective tissue zones.

To connect the hormone distributions to the status of hormonal signaling and homeostasis, we performed a genome-wide gene expression profiling at a high resolution across the cambial zone. The identified cytokinin and auxin response domains coincided well with the hormonal gradients. Almost all cytokinin signaling and biosynthesis genes peaked in the developing phloem cells with the maximum cytokinin content. In contrast, most of the auxin response genes had maximal expression in the middle of the cambial zone, coinciding with the peak auxin content. The high expression of cytokinin catabolic genes at the same domain may help to define the shape of cambial cytokinin distribution.

We confirmed the importance of cytokinin signaling for cambial activity by showing that secondary development in a tree stem can be by dramatically increased through an elevated cytokinin biosynthesis. Our transgenic Populus trees displayed increased cytokinin concentration leading to an elevated level of cytokinin signaling. Furthermore, elevation of the cytokinin content led to an increase in cambial auxin concentration, highlighting the interconnected nature of these two hormonal gradients. Potentially the stimulation of cambial activity occurs through the elevation of both hormonal signaling responses. It remains to be determined by future studies what is the contribution of vertical and lateral transport, as compared to the biosynthesis, to the cambial hormone distributions.

By connecting the hormonal domains to the developmental zonation inside the vascular cambium and addressing the interconnected nature between the hormone distributions, our work complements the recent studies of cell specific auxin and cytokinin profiles in the Arabidopsis root apical meristem (7, 12, 42). Interestingly, observed cytokinin and auxin signaling profiles across the cambial zone differed from those identified during Arabidopsis primary root development: there auxin response status was high in the developing xylem cells, whereas cytokinin response was highest in the dividing procambial cells between the xylem and
phloem tissues ( 8,9 ). These differences reflect the adaptability of hormonal regulation during plant development: the outcome of hormonal signaling is highly dependent by its context; same hormones play versatile role during different developmental processes.

Our observation that lignocellulosic biomass production in woody plants can be boosted through enhanced cytokinin signaling confirms that advanced understanding of the regulatory mechanisms controlling tree development has immense applied value for the forest industry: identified molecular regulators represent optimal target genes for tree breeding and biotechnological implementation.

## Experimental Procedures

## Hormonal profiling in Populus trichocarpa

Samples for hormonal analysis were collected from two 8-month-old greenhouse grown Populus trichocarpa "Nisqually-1" trees. A tangential cryosectioning protocol (43) was used to divide the cambial zone of the stem into six cryo-fractions representing old phloem ( $125 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ ), active phloem ( $125 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ ), developing phloem ( $100 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ ), dividing cambial cells ( $100 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ ), developing xylem ( $125 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ ) and lignified xylem ( $300 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ ).

## Quantification of hormones

Extraction and determination of hormones in Populus tissues were performed as described previously using an ultra-performance liquid chromatography (UPLC)-tandem mass spectrometry (AQUITY UPLC ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ System/XEVO-TQS; Waters, Milford, MA, USA) with an ODS column (AQUITY UPLC BEH $\mathrm{C}_{18}, 1.7 \mu \mathrm{~m}, 2.1 \times 100 \mathrm{~mm}$, Waters)(44).

## RNA isolation and RT-qPCR gene expression analysis

Expression of cytokinin homeostasis and signaling genes was analyzed across the cambial zone of two eight-month-old greenhouse grown Populus trichocarpa "Nisqually-1" trees. Tangential cryosectioning protocol (43) was used to section the stem into eight $50 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ fractions. Total RNA was extracted from cryosections using the RNeasy plant mini kit (Qiagen) with "RLT" lysis buffer and an RNase-free DNase set (Qiagen) to remove any remaining genomic DNA. cDNA synthesis was performed using the Transcriptor First Strand cDNA Synthesis Kit (Roche) with random hexamer primers and 150 ng of total RNA. A 1:8 dilution of the cDNA was used as reaction template. All qPCR reactions were performed using a LightCycler 480 (Roche) with LightCycler 480 Sybrgreen I master mix (Roche) and the manufacturer's qPCR program. From each sample, four technical repeats were amplified by each primer pair. The analyzed genes and sequences for primers used in RT-qPCR are listed in Supplemental Information.

## Cytokinin induction

Two three-months-old Populus tremula $\times$ tremuloides clone T89 stems ( 30 cm from tip; diameter $4-5 \mathrm{~mm}$ ) were sectioned into $50-100 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ thick cross sections. Sections were incubated 1 h in 20 nM NaPi buffer with or without 100 nM 2 ip .

Transgenic Populus tremula $\times$ tremuloides trees
P. tremula $\times$ tremuloides clone T 89 was transformed with the pLMX5:AtIPT7 construct. ARABIDOPSIS THALIANA ISOPENTENYLTRANSFERASE 7 gene (At3g23630) (990 bp) was cloned
into a Gateway vector with 1807 bp LMX5 promoter from P. tremula $\times$ tremuloides (31). Primers used for the cloning of AtIPT7: Fwd ATGAAGTTCTCAATCTCA; Rev TCATATCATATTGTGGG. Agrobacterium-mediated transformation, shoot regeneration and in vitro culture of Populus lines were conducted as described in (45).

## Phenotypic analyses of transgenic tree lines

Growth dynamics of transgenic trees were studied under greenhouse conditions. Height and diameter of trees was measured once per week at the age of 6-11 weeks (Supplemental Information). Cytokinin response assay and maceration study of stem segments were conducted as described in (26). Plastic embedding and sectioning of the $20^{\text {th }}$ internode was done according to (26). The number of meristematic, dividing cambial cells was calculated from 30 cell files of WT (T89) and pLMX5:AtIPT7 trees. The meristematic cells were defined in cross-sections as flat, thin-walled cells localized in the cambial cell files between differentiating xylem and phloem cells.

## Hormonal and gene expression profiling in Populus tremula $\times$ tremuloides

Four (A-D) $100 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ cryo-fractions were collected across the cambial zone for hormonal analysis from three three-month old WT (clone T89) and pLMX5:AtIPT7 line 1 and 3 trees. Gene expression profiles were analyzed in twelve $35 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ cryosections collected across the cambial zone of three WT and three pLMX5:AtIPT7 line 1 and 3 trees.

## RNA sequencing

For gene expression profiling of cryosections, an Ovation Universal RNA-Seq System kit was used for Illumina library preparations (NuGEN Technologies Inc., CA, USA). Purified total RNA (10-50 ng) was used and primers for ribosomal removal were designed and used as outlined in the kit manual. Libraries were purified with AMPure XP beads (Beckman Coulter Inc., MA, USA), quantified and run on a NextSeq 500 sequencer using 75 b single read kits (Illumina, CA, USA). For cytokinin induction, samples were sent for sequencing to SciLife Lab, Sweden. Adapter sequences and low quality reads were removed from the data using cutadapt (46). The data was mapped to the $P$. trichocarpa genome v3.0 using STAR (47). Count data was processed using custom scripts (Supplemental Information), GenomicFeatures (48), GenomicAlignments (48) and DESeq2 (49) in R. The data is publicly available through ArrayExpress (http://www.ebi.ac.uk/arrayexpress/experiments/E-MTAB-4631 and E-MTAB-4635).

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## Figure legends

Figure 1 A) Hormonal profiles of Populus trichocarpa cambial zone were analyzed in six (A-F) stem cryo-fractions representing old phloem ( $125 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ ) (A), active phloem ( $125 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ ) (B), developing phloem ( $100 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ ) (C), dividing cambial cells ( $100 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ ) (D), developing xylem (125 $\mu \mathrm{m}$ ) (E) and lignified xylem ( $300 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ ) (F); see also Figure S1. Scale bar $200 \mu \mathrm{~m}$. B) Bioactive auxin (IAA) concentration peaks in the dividing cambial cells (D-fraction). In contrast, bioactive cytokinins (tZ and iP), together with the iP precursor iRP, have their maximum in the developing phloem tissue (C-fraction). Bioactive gibberellin (GA4) peaks in the developing xylem tissue (E-fraction). Values are averages ( $\pm$ SE) from two individual trees. Auxin concentration is given on the right side $y$-axis.

Figure 2 A) WT and pLMX5:AtIPT7 line 1 and 3 Populus tremula $\times$ tremuloides trees at the age of ten weeks, with similar height. Scale bar 20 cm . B) Total stem volumes of transgenic pLMX5:AtIPT7 Populus lines 1 and 3 were increased as compared to the WT; see also Figure S2. Values are averages ( $\pm$ SE) from five individual trees per each line. $p$-values from Student's $t$-test are given in the tables ( ${ }^{*} p \leq 0.05,{ }^{* *} p \leq 0.01,{ }^{* * *} p \leq 0,001$ ). C) Cytokinin responsiveness assay of WT and pLMX5:AtIPT7 lines 1 and 3 . Stem segments were grown on medium supplemented with $0.5 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ auxin (IAA) and $0,0.5$ or $1.5 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ cytokinin t -zeatin (tZ). At the age of four weeks, transgenic lines regenerated roots and shoots on a medium with $0 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{LtZ}$, and shoots already in low cytokinin concentrations ( $0.5 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ ), whereas WT required a higher ( $1.5 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ ) tZ concentration for shoot regeneration. Scale bar 1 cm .

Figure 3 A) In $p L M X 5: A t I P T 7$ line 1 and 3 trees the vascular cambium contains more dividing, meristematic cells (marked by asterisks), than in WT trees; see also Figure S2. Four $100 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ cryo-fractions (A-D, representing tissues from developing phloem to the developing xylem) were collected across the cambial zone for hormonal analysis. Scale bar $100 \mu \mathrm{~m}$. B) Hormonal profiles of auxin (IAA) and bioactive cytokinins (iP and tZ) together with an iP precursor form (iPR) across the cambial zone of WT and transgenic Populus pLMX5:AtIPT7 line 1 and 3 stem. Values are averages ( $\pm$ SE) from three individual trees. $p$-values from Student's $t$-test are given in the tables ( ${ }^{*} p \leq 0.05,{ }^{* *} p \leq 0.01,{ }^{* * *} p \leq 0,001$ ).

Figure 4 Expression profiles for selected cytokinin and auxin signaling and homeostasis and genes across the cambial zone of P. tremula $\times$ tremuloides WT and pLMX5:AtIPT7 line 1 and 3 trees; see also Figures S3 and S4. Gene expression patterns were analyzed in twelve $35 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ cryofractions collected across the cambial zone (from developing phloem to the developing xylem). Scale bar $100 \mu \mathrm{~m}$. Gene expression level is given as normalized RNA-sequencing reads per million reads per kb (rpkm).

Three distinct gene expression patterns were identified: developing phloem peaking Pattern 1 (specified by phloem marker gene PttCLE41a), middle cambium peaking Pattern 2 (cambium marker gene PttWOX4a) and developing xylem peaking Pattern 3 (xylem marker gene PttCOMT2). AtIPT7 was expressed in the cambial zone of the transgenic trees. Cytokinin signaling pathway genes (type-B and type-A RRs) were defined by the phloem peaking Pattern 1, whereas the auxin response gene PttIAA7.1 was peaking in the middle of the cambium (Pattern 2); a similar pattern was observed for the cambial regulator PttAINT. Cytokinin biosynthetic PttIPT5a gene was defined by the Pattern 1, whereas the catabolic PttCKX5a was
peaking more in the middle (Pattern 2). $p$-values from Student's t-test are given in the inserted tables and in Table S1 ( ${ }^{*} p \leq 0.05,{ }^{* *} p \leq 0.01,{ }^{* * *} p \leq 0,001$ ).





Table S1 Excel file with $p$-values from Student's t-test for the expression profiles in Figure S4 (* $p \leq 0$.

| PtCLE41a |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Potri.002G241300 |  |  |
| 1 vs WT | 3 vs WT |  |
| -140 | 0.836 | 0.053 |
| -105 | 0.404 | 0.367 |
| -70 | 0.140 | 0.113 |
| -35 | 0.105 | 0.269 |
| 0 | 0.257 | 0.185 |
| 35 | 0.903 | 0.817 |
| 70 | 0.286 | 0.242 |
| 105 | 0.145 | 0.836 |
| 140 | 0.826 | 0.502 |
| 175 | 0.238 | 0.494 |
| 210 | 0.321 | 0.835 |
| 245 | 0.569 | 0.405 |


| PtRR21 |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Potri.010G053100 |  |  |
| 1 vs WT | 3 vs WT |  |
| -140 | 0.703 | 0.607 |
| -105 | 0.278 | 0.372 |
| -70 | 0.263 | 0.937 |
| -35 | 0.173 | 0.599 |
| 0 | 0.051 | 0.920 |
| 35 | 0.635 | 0.447 |
| 70 | 0.584 | 0.314 |
| 105 | 0.722 | 0.318 |
| 140 | 0.152 | 0.108 |
| 175 | 0.507 | 0.475 |
| 210 | 0.910 | 0.495 |
| 245 | 0.608 | 0.425 |


| PtRR10 |  |  |
| ---: | :---: | :---: |
| Potri.015G070000 |  |  |
| 1 vs WT | 3 vs WT |  |
| -140 | 0.235 | $0.008^{* *}$ |
| -105 | 0.197 | $0.008^{* *}$ |
| -70 | 0.176 | $0.001^{* * *}$ |
| -35 | 0.208 | $0.002^{* *}$ |
| 0 | 0.190 | $0.010^{*}$ |
| 35 | 0.688 | 0.280 |
| 70 | 0.302 | $0.045^{*}$ |
| 105 | 0.982 | 0.148 |
| 140 | 0.524 | 0.285 |
| 175 | 0.178 | 0.897 |
| 210 | 0.286 | 0.327 |
| 245 | 0.428 | 0.240 |


| PtIPT2 |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Potri.009G147600 |  |  |
| 1 vs WT |  | 3 vs WT |
| -140 | 0.592 | 0.128 |
| -105 | 0.370 | 0.719 |
| -70 | 0.346 | 0.693 |
| -35 | 0.739 | 0.049 |
| 0 | 0.383 | 0.031 |
| 35 | 0.621 | 0.865 |
| 70 | 0.142 | 0.375 |
| 105 | 0.061 | 0.775 |
| 140 | 0.623 | 0.758 |
| 175 | 0.094 | 0.219 |
| 210 | 0.459 | 0.817 |
| 245 | 0.211 | 0.187 |


| PtIAA27.1 |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Potri.006G161400 |  |  |
| 1 vs WT |  | 3 vs WT |
| -140 | 0.843 | 0.317 |
| -105 | 0.739 | 0.263 |
| -70 | 0.612 | 0.321 |
| -35 | 0.584 | 0.588 |
| 0 | 0.981 | 0.871 |
| 35 | 0.819 | 0.556 |
| 70 | 0.932 | 0.292 |
| 105 | 0.939 | 0.755 |
| 140 | 0.968 | 0.751 |
| 175 | 0.280 | 0.233 |
| 210 | 0.987 | 0.450 |
| 245 | 0.921 | 0.313 |


| PtTDR-1a |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Potri.003G107600 |  |  |
| 1 vs WT | 3 vs WT |  |
| -140 | 0.307 | 0.478 |
| -105 | 0.964 | 0.586 |
| -70 | 0.105 | 0.163 |
| -35 | 0.482 | 0.439 |
| 0 | 0.482 | 0.354 |
| 35 | 0.568 | 0.356 |
| 70 | 0.970 | 0.386 |
| 105 | 0.401 | 0.687 |
| 140 | 0.714 | 0.424 |
| 175 | 0.771 | 0.442 |
| 210 | 0.667 | 0.922 |
| 245 | 0.206 | 0.124 |

PtLOG5a
Potri.002G012500

PtABCG14
Potri.004G236500

| Potri.004G236500 |  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 vs WT | 3 vs WT |  |  |
| -140 | 0.164 | 0.174 | -140 |
| -105 | 0.523 | 0.086 | -105 |
| -70 | 0.095 | 0.146 | -70 |
| -35 | 0.220 | 0.114 | -35 |
| 0 | 0.437 | 0.199 | 0 |
| 35 | 0.942 | 0.703 | 35 |
| 70 | 0.900 | 0.976 | 70 |
| 105 | 0.756 | 0.277 | 105 |
| 140 | 0.069 | 0.426 | 140 |
| 175 | 0.488 | 0.620 | 175 |
| 210 | 0.612 | 0.541 | 210 |
| 245 | 0.424 | 0.695 | 245 |

PtIAA28.1
Potri.018G057000

| 1 vs WT |  |  | 3 vs WT |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| -140 | 0.134 | 0.230 | -140 |
| -105 | 0.551 | 0.265 | -105 |
| -70 | 0.779 | 0.233 | -70 |
| -35 | 0.376 | 0.075 | -35 |
| 0 | 0.411 | 0.330 | 0 |
| 35 | 0.907 | 0.393 | 35 |
| 70 | 0.294 | 0.288 | 70 |
| 105 | 0.693 | 0.186 | 105 |
| 140 | 0.075 | 0.068 | 140 |
| 175 | 0.421 | 0.473 | 175 |
| 210 | 0.383 | 0.707 | 210 |
| 245 | 0.223 | 0.682 | 245 |

## PtWOX4a

Potri.014G025300
1 vs WT 3 vs WT

| -140 | 0.762 | 0.495 | -140 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| -105 | 0.745 | 0.843 | -105 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| -70 | 0.791 | 0.437 | -70 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

$\begin{array}{llll}-35 & 0.702 & 0.457 & -35\end{array}$

| 0 | 0.909 | 0.102 | 0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| 35 | 0.826 | 0.100 | 35 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| 70 | 0.368 | 0.848 | 70 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| 105 | 0.673 | 0.656 | 105 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| 140 | 0.924 | 0.786 | 140 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| 175 | 0.904 | 0.643 | 175 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| 210 | 0.823 | 0.508 | 210 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| 245 | 0.543 | 0.266 | 245 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

PtCKX5a
Potri.002G030500

| 1 vs WT |  | 3 vs WT |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| -140 | 0.495 | 0.495 |
| -105 | 0.484 | 0.972 |
| -70 | 0.457 | 0.461 |
| -35 | 0.442 | 0.452 |
| 0 | 0.395 | 0.426 |
| 35 | 0.385 | 0.487 |
| 70 | 0.372 | 0.242 |
| 105 | 0.449 | 0.426 |
| 140 | 0.431 | 0.462 |
| 175 | 0.448 | 0.568 |
| 210 | 0.300 | 0.323 |
| 245 | 0.472 | 0.363 |


| PtIAA12.2 |  |  |
| ---: | :---: | ---: |
| Potri.008G172400 |  |  |
| 1 vs WT | 3 vs WT |  |
| -140 | 0.276 | 0.149 |
| -105 | 0.537 | 0.646 |
| -70 | 0.395 | 0.058 |
| -35 | 0.564 | 0.731 |
| 0 | 0.766 | 0.806 |
| 35 | 0.516 | 0.987 |
| 70 | 0.931 | 0.757 |
| 105 | 0.865 | 0.668 |
| 140 | 0.443 | 0.933 |
| 175 | 0.987 | 0.567 |
| 210 | 0.506 | 0.957 |
| 245 | 0.113 | 0.165 |


| PtPIN6a |  |  |
| ---: | :---: | ---: |
| Potri.005G187500 |  |  |
| 1 vs WT | 3 vs WT |  |
| -140 | 0.203 | 0.226 |
| -105 | 0.116 | 0.518 |
| -70 | 0.921 | 0.394 |
| -35 | 0.426 | 0.772 |
| 0 | 0.762 | 0.456 |
| 35 | 0.058 | 0.820 |
| 70 | 0.869 | 0.862 |
| 105 | 0.820 | 0.121 |
| 140 | 0.482 | 0.555 |
| 175 | 0.669 | 0.250 |
| 210 | 0.385 | 0.505 |
| 245 | 0.418 | 0.844 |

## PtAUX5LAX7 <br> Potri.004G172800 <br> 1 vs WT $\quad 3$ vs WT <br> $\begin{array}{lll}-140 & 0.088 & 0.511\end{array}$

| 1 vs WT |  |  | 3 vs WT |
| ---: | ---: | :--- | ---: |
| -140 | 0.264 | 0.845 | -140 |
| -105 | 0.272 | $0.010 *$ | -105 |
| -70 | 0.965 | 0.414 | -70 |
| -35 | 0.705 | 0.267 | -35 |
| 0 | 0.624 | 0.052 | 0 |
| 35 | 0.545 | $0.013 *$ | 35 |
| 70 | 0.259 | 0.072 | 70 |
| 105 | 0.826 | 0.166 | 105 |
| 140 | 0.427 | 0.219 | 140 |
| 175 | 0.644 | 0.438 | 175 |
| 210 | 0.495 | 0.495 | 210 |
| 245 | 0.750 | 0.638 | 245 |

PtIAA12.1
Potri.010G065200
1 vs WT 3 vs WT

| -140 | 0.634 | 0.939 | -140 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| -105 | 0.754 | 0.413 | -105 |


| -70 | 0.314 | 0.003 | -70 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| -35 | 0.453 | 0.559 | -35 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| 0 | 0.614 | 0.671 | 0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| 35 | 0.664 | 0.030 | 35 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| 70 | 0.735 | 0.210 | 70 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| 105 | 0.962 | 0.821 | 105 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| 140 | 0.500 | 0.431 | 140 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| 175 | 0.828 | 0.413 | 175 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| 210 | 0.577 | 0.807 | 210 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

$\begin{array}{llll}245 & 0.394 & 0.549 & 245\end{array}$

PtPIN1a
Potri.012G047200

| 1 vs WT |  |  | 3 vs WT |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| -140 | 0.595 | 0.989 | -140 |
| -105 | 0.366 | 0.282 | -105 |
| -70 | 0.202 | 0.515 | -70 |
| -35 | 0.799 | 0.946 | -35 |
| 0 | 0.904 | 0.911 | 0 |
| 35 | 0.885 | 0.516 | 35 |
| 70 | 0.465 | 0.627 | 70 |
| 105 | 0.324 | 0.690 | 105 |
| 140 | 0.962 | 0.635 | 140 |
| 175 | 0.322 | 0.725 | 175 |
| 210 | 0.660 | 0.477 | 210 |
| 245 | 0.282 | 0.193 | 245 |

PtAUX8LAX4
Potri.002G087000
1 vs WT 3 vs WT
$\begin{array}{lll}-140 & 0.732 & 0.724\end{array}$

| -105 | 0.888 | 0.665 | -105 | 0.434 | 0.388 | -105 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| -70 | 0.126 | 0.059 | -70 | 0.875 | 0.226 | -70 |
| -35 | 0.376 | 0.630 | -35 | 0.432 | 0.354 | -35 |
| 0 | 0.917 | 0.965 | 0 | 0.537 | 0.412 | 0 |
| 35 | 0.363 | 0.666 | 35 | 0.326 | 0.303 | 35 |
| 70 | 0.750 | 0.930 | 70 | 0.142 | 0.161 | 70 |
| 105 | 0.265 | 0.448 | 105 | 0.614 | 0.406 | 105 |
| 140 | 0.707 | 0.581 | 140 | 0.844 | 0.955 | 140 |
| 175 | 0.338 | 0.491 | 175 | 0.815 | 0.481 | 175 |
| 210 | 0.321 | 0.897 | 210 | 0.526 | 0.495 | 210 |
| 245 | 0.168 | 0.101 | 245 | 0.944 | 0.470 | 245 |

$05 ;{ }^{* *} p \leq 0.01 ;{ }^{* * *} p \leq 0.001$ ).

| PtHK3a |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Potri.001G057400 |  |
| 1 vs WT | 3 vs WT |
| 0.415 | 0.061 |
| 0.517 | 0.404 |
| 0.758 | 0.143 |
| 0.917 | 0.026 * |
| 0.143 | 0.818 |
| 0.334 | 0.585 |
| 0.467 | 0.746 |
| 0.538 | 0.885 |
| 0.591 | 0.522 |
| 0.758 | 0.654 |
| 0.396 | 0.883 |
| 0.658 | 0.929 |


| PtRR15 <br> Potri.008G135500 <br> 1 vs WT | 3 vs WT |
| :--- | ---: |
| 0.900 | 0.186 |
| 0.803 | 0.270 |
| 0.236 | 0.208 |
| 0.193 | 0.387 |
| 0.285 | 0.907 |
| 0.953 | 0.183 |
| 0.144 | 0.131 |
| 0.464 | 0.081 |
| 0.851 | 0.756 |
| 0.260 | 0.912 |
| 0.563 | 0.502 |
| 0.823 | 0.397 |

## PtRR3 Potri.002G082200

| 1 vs WT | 3 vs WT |
| ---: | ---: |
| 0.613 | 0.452 |
| 0.236 | 0.900 |
| 0.182 | 0.103 |
| 0.072 | 0.529 |
| 0.395 | 0.537 |
| 0.884 | 0.889 |
| 0.353 | 0.978 |
| 0.139 | 0.308 |
| 0.253 | 0.678 |
| 0.213 | 0.484 |
| 0.113 | 0.620 |
| 0.242 | 0.462 |


| PtHK3b |  |  |
| ---: | :---: | :---: |
| Potri.003G171000 |  |  |
| 1 vs WT | 3 vs WT |  |
| -140 | 0.386 | $0.021 *$ |
| -105 | 1.000 | 0.712 |
| -70 | 0.252 | 0.252 |
| -35 | 0.173 | 0.147 |
| 0 | 0.135 | 0.026 |
| 35 | 0.876 | 0.522 |
| 70 | 0.084 | 0.147 |
| 105 | 0.945 | 0.808 |
| 140 | 0.492 | 0.879 |
| 175 | 0.495 | 0.492 |
| 210 | 0.365 | 0.595 |
| 245 | 0.144 | 0.435 |


| PtRR13 |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Potri.010G001000 |  |  |
| 1 vs WT | 3 vs WT |  |
| -140 | 0.662 | 0.656 |
| -105 | 0.285 | 0.274 |
| -70 | 0.825 | 0.072 |
| -35 | 0.252 | 0.603 |
| 0 | 0.930 | 0.075 |
| 35 | 0.328 | 0.108 |
| 70 | 0.130 | 0.139 |
| 105 | 0.413 | 0.603 |
| 140 | 0.222 | 0.094 |
| 175 | 0.194 | 0.865 |
| 210 | 0.379 | 0.628 |
| 245 | 0.485 | 0.653 |

PtIPT5a
Potri.008G202200

|  | 1 vs WT | 3 vs WT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| -140 | 0.191 | 0.431 |
| -105 | 0.033 | 0.043 |
| -70 | 0.008 | 0.234 |
| -35 | 0.931 | 0.091 |
| 0 | 0.465 | 0.319 |
| 35 | 0.997 | 0.490 |
| 70 | 0.735 | 0.835 |
| 105 | 0.294 | 0.288 |
| 140 | 0.778 | 0.383 |
| 175 | 0.508 | 0.385 |
| 210 | NA | 0.272 |
| 245 | 0.267 | 0.495 |


| PtHP8a |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Potri.013G028300 |  |  |
| 1 vs WT | 3 vs WT |  |
| -140 | 0.431 | 0.683 |
| -105 | 0.754 | 0.334 |
| -70 | 0.889 | 0.441 |
| -35 | 0.897 | 0.437 |
| 0 | $0.036 *$ | 0.103 |
| 35 | 0.405 | 0.116 |
| 70 | 0.357 | 0.544 |
| 105 | 0.209 | 0.376 |
| 140 | 0.971 | 0.329 |
| 175 | 0.190 | 0.429 |
| 210 | 0.317 | 0.981 |
| 245 | 0.299 | 0.694 |

PtRR23
Potri.006G188000

| Potri.006G188000 |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 vs WT | 3 vs WT |  |
| -140 | 0.396 | 0.486 |
| -105 | 0.070 | 0.541 |
| -70 | 0.097 | 0.607 |
| -35 | 0.120 | 0.125 |
| 0 | 0.745 | 0.783 |
| 35 | 0.587 | 0.341 |
| 70 | 0.288 | 0.569 |
| 105 | 0.776 | 0.351 |
| 140 | 0.774 | 0.429 |
| 175 | 0.184 | 0.250 |
| 210 | 0.572 | 0.957 |
| 245 | 0.498 | 0.310 |


| PtIPT5b |  |  |
| ---: | :---: | ---: |
| Potri.010G030500 |  |  |
| 1 vs WT | 3 vs WT |  |
| -140 | 0.178 | 0.343 |
| -105 | 0.281 | 0.283 |
| -70 | 0.754 | 0.285 |
| -35 | 0.212 | 0.062 |
| 0 | 0.755 | 0.403 |
| 35 | 0.495 | 0.495 |
| 70 | 0.829 | 0.495 |
| 105 | NA | NA |
| 140 | NA | 0.272 |
| 175 | 0.302 | 0.343 |
| 210 | 0.495 | 0.495 |
| 245 | 0.266 | 0.357 |


| PtENT6 |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Potri.004G032300 |  |
| 1 vs WT | 3 vs WT |
| 0.058 | 0.061 |
| 0.297 | 0.676 |
| 0.806 | 0.324 |
| 0.337 | 0.328 |
| 0.561 | 0.052 |
| 0.267 | 0.429 |
| 0.728 | 0.173 |
| 0.394 | 0.495 |
| 0.348 | 0.318 |
| 0.758 | 0.543 |
| NA | 0.272 |
| 0.903 | 0.362 |


| PtIAA28.2 |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Potri.006G236200 |  |
| 1 vs WT | 3 vs WT |
| 0.653 | 0.026 |
| 0.755 | 0.490 |
| 0.451 | 0.013 |
| 0.484 | 0.255 |
| 0.233 | 0.189 |
| 0.778 | 0.448 |
| 0.663 | 0.314 |
| 0.985 | 0.227 |
| 0.380 | 0.356 |
| 0.495 | 0.281 |
| 0.925 | 0.495 |
| 0.410 | 0.245 |


| PtANT <br> Potri.002G114800 <br> 1 vs WT | 3 vs WT |
| :--- | ---: |
| 0.084 | 0.307 |
| 0.008 | $* *$ |
| 0.880 | 0.137 |
| 0.551 | 0.160 |
| 0.444 | 0.351 |
| 0.553 | 0.324 |
| 0.691 | 0.826 |
| 0.371 | 0.536 |
| 0.729 | 0.233 |
| 0.346 | 0.319 |
| 0.243 | 0.278 |
| 0.292 | 0.350 |
|  |  |

## PtCKX7

Potri.006G221000

PtIAA26.2
Potri.001G190300

| 1 vs WT |  | 3 vs WT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| -140 | 0.293 | 0.162 |
| -105 | 0.306 | 0.045 |
| -70 | 0.269 | 0.007 |
| -35 | 0.256 | 0.019 |
| 0 | 0.277 | 0.000 |
| 35 | 0.339 | 0.075 |
| 70 | 0.364 | 0.122 |
| 105 | 0.275 | 0.259 |
| 140 | 0.316 | 0.141 |
| 175 | 0.597 | 0.610 |
| 210 | 0.472 | 0.450 |
| 245 | 0.411 | 0.527 |

## PtYUCCA3

Potri.002G207400

| 1 vs WT |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| -140 | 0.659 | 0.377 |
| -105 | 0.554 | 0.308 |
| -70 | 0.085 | 0.255 |
| -35 | 0.328 | 0.367 |
| 0 | 0.291 | 0.308 |
| 35 | 0.291 | 0.283 |
| 70 | 0.471 | 0.762 |
| 105 | 0.395 | 0.259 |
| 140 | 0.502 | 0.324 |
| 175 | 0.668 | 0.338 |
| 210 | 0.495 | 0.982 |
| 245 | 0.289 | 0.327 |

## PtCRE1a

Potri.008G137900
1 vs WT 3 vs WT

| -140 | 0.250 | 0.828 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| -105 | 0.519 | 0.291 |
| -70 | 0.195 | 0.386 |
| -35 | 0.063 | 0.927 |
| 0 | 0.410 | 0.280 |
| 35 | 0.674 | 0.962 |
| 70 | 0.496 | 0.412 |
| 105 | 0.337 | 0.937 |
| 140 | 0.666 | 0.886 |
| 175 | 0.747 | 0.169 |
| 210 | 0.306 | 0.245 |
| 245 | 0.582 | 0.111 |

PtIAA16.2
Potri.013G041400

PtIAA27.3
Potri.001G186100

| 1 vs WT |  | 3 vs WT |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| -140 | 0.694 | 0.458 |
| -105 | 0.423 | 0.774 |
| -70 | 0.962 | 0.091 |
| -35 | 0.683 | 0.497 |
| 0 | 0.709 | 0.589 |
| 35 | 0.864 | 0.636 |
| 70 | 0.780 | 0.311 |
| 105 | 0.521 | 0.702 |
| 140 | 0.773 | 0.636 |
| 175 | 0.568 | 0.578 |
| 210 | 0.423 | 0.860 |
| 245 | 0.834 | 0.243 |

PtPIN5b
Potri.013G087000
1 vs WT 3 vs WT

| -140 | 0.240 | 0.227 |
| ---: | :--- | :--- |
| -105 | 0.224 | 0.197 |
| -70 | 0.297 | 0.151 |
| -35 | 0.389 | 0.342 |
| 0 | 0.495 | 0.620 |
| 35 | 0.248 | 0.248 |
| 70 | 0.226 | 0.226 |
| 105 | 0.325 | 0.325 |
| 140 | 0.771 | 0.258 |
| 175 | 0.495 | 0.495 |
| 210 | 0.460 | 0.495 |
| 245 | 0.634 | 0.633 |

## PtRR5

Potri.001G027000
1 vs WT 3 vs WT

| -140 | 0.766 | 0.168 |
| ---: | :--- | :--- |
| -105 | 0.623 | 0.140 |
| -70 | 0.972 | 0.266 |
| -35 | 0.617 | 0.263 |
| 0 | 0.572 | 0.733 |
| 35 | 0.584 | 0.339 |
| 70 | 0.667 | 0.313 |
| 105 | 0.561 | 0.312 |
| 140 | 0.295 | 0.671 |
| 175 | 0.295 | 0.295 |
| 210 | 0.902 | 0.668 |
| 245 | 0.776 | 0.597 |

PtIAA9
Potri.002G108000

| 1 vs WT | 3 vs WT |
| :---: | :---: |
| 0.213 | 0.016 |
| 0.276 | 0.133 |
| 0.317 | 0.167 |
| 0.645 | 0.956 |
| 0.483 | 0.440 |
| 0.476 | 0.108 |
| 0.840 | 0.824 |
| 0.102 | 0.646 |
| 0.787 | 0.392 |
| 0.635 | 0.522 |
| 0.679 | 0.667 |
| 0.590 | 0.450 |


| 1 vs WT |  | 3 vs WT |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| -140 | 0.884 | 0.626 |
| -105 | 0.144 | 0.184 |
| -70 | 0.031 | 0.996 |
| -35 | 0.074 | 0.130 |
| 0 | 0.459 | 0.811 |
| 35 | 0.892 | 0.101 |
| 70 | 0.417 | 0.149 |
| 105 | 0.178 | 0.470 |
| 140 | 0.221 | 0.584 |
| 175 | 0.138 | 0.387 |
| 210 | 0.046 | 0.280 |
| 245 | 0.243 | 0.381 |


| 1 vs WT |  | 3 vs WT |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| -140 | 0.259 | 0.619 |
| -105 | 0.014 | 0.063 |
| -70 | 0.496 | 0.303 |
| -35 | 0.487 | 0.839 |
| 0 | 0.481 | 0.713 |
| 35 | 0.814 | 0.485 |
| 70 | 0.971 | 0.614 |
| 105 | 0.615 | 0.181 |
| 140 | 0.346 | 0.682 |
| 175 | 0.167 | 0.761 |
| 210 | 0.261 | 0.885 |
| 245 | 0.475 | 0.731 |


| PtIAA19.1 |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Potri.001G177500 <br> 1 vs WT | 3 vs WT |
| 0.879 | 0.547 |
| 0.815 | 0.849 |
| 0.596 | 0.068 |
| 0.848 | 0.851 |
| 0.564 | 0.092 |
| 0.794 | 0.118 |
| 0.980 | 0.577 |
| 0.846 | 0.336 |
| 0.772 | 0.301 |
| 0.630 | 0.657 |
| 0.751 | 0.691 |
| 0.245 | 0.299 |

## PtPIN6b <br> Potri.002G072200

| 1 vs WT | 3 vs WT |
| ---: | ---: |
| 0.515 | 0.183 |
| 0.956 | 0.710 |
| 0.752 | 0.265 |
| 0.042 | 0.196 |
| 0.674 | 0.908 |
| 0.388 | 0.751 |
| 0.421 | 0.759 |
| 0.322 | 0.879 |
| 0.710 | 0.456 |
| 0.944 | 0.270 |
| 0.368 | 0.311 |
| 0.395 | 0.364 |

## PtAUX3LAX2 <br> Potri.010G191000

| 1 vs WT | 3 vs WT |
| ---: | ---: |
| 0.342 | 0.394 |


| PtIAA7.1 |  |  |
| ---: | :---: | ---: |
| Potri.010G078300 |  |  |
| 1 vs WT | 3 vs WT |  |
| -140 | 0.417 | 0.601 |
| -105 | 0.536 | 0.910 |
| -70 | 0.763 | 0.275 |
| -35 | 0.445 | 0.282 |
| 0 | 0.498 | 0.048 |
| 35 | 0.137 | 0.087 |
| 70 | 0.377 | 0.336 |
| 105 | 0.073 | 0.936 |
| 140 | 0.259 | 0.845 |
| 175 | 0.183 | 0.294 |
| 210 | 0.490 | 0.465 |
| 245 | 0.518 | 0.468 |


| PtYucca2 |  |  |
| ---: | :---: | ---: |
| Potri.006G243400 |  |  |
| 1 vs WT | 3 vs WT |  |
| -140 | 0.132 | 0.661 |
| -105 | 0.528 | 0.777 |
| -70 | 0.978 | 0.500 |
| -35 | 0.604 | 0.221 |
| 0 | 0.824 | 0.210 |
| 35 | 0.422 | 0.147 |
| 70 | 0.597 | 0.490 |
| 105 | 0.317 | 0.708 |
| 140 | 0.514 | 0.233 |
| 175 | 0.616 | 0.369 |
| 210 | 0.495 | 0.907 |
| 245 | 0.016 | 0.015 |

PtPIN1d
Potri.016G035300
Potri.016G035300
1 vs WT 3 vs WT

| -140 | 0.462 | 0.929 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |

$\begin{array}{lll}-105 & 0.741 & 0.597\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lll}-70 & 0.685 & 0.435\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lll}-35 & 0.726 & 0.664\end{array}$
0.255
0.570
0.516
0.133
0.774
0.932
0.828
0.180

PtAUX1LAX5
Potri.006G098300
1 vs WT 3 vs WT -140 0.013 * 0.551

PtPIN3a
Potri.010G112800

| 1 vs WT |  | 3 vs WT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| -140 | 0.057 | 0.047 |
| -105 | 0.956 | 0.810 |
| -70 | 0.385 | 0.764 |
| -35 | 0.257 | 0.382 |
| 0 | 0.410 | 0.418 |
| 35 | 0.314 | 0.326 |
| 70 | 0.513 | 0.358 |
| 105 | 0.685 | 0.397 |
| 140 | 0.664 | 0.597 |
| 175 | 0.208 | 0.731 |
| 210 | 0.301 | 0.421 |
| 245 | 0.053 | 0.398 |

PtAUX4LAX6
Potri.008G066400
1 vs WT 3 vs WT $\begin{array}{lll}-140 & 0.263 & 0.666\end{array}$

| 0.968 | 0.547 | -105 | 0.769 | 0.660 | -105 | 0.609 | 0.936 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- |
| 0.224 | 0.184 | -70 | 0.418 | 0.368 | -70 | 0.355 | 0.085 |
| 0.819 | 0.057 | -35 | 0.439 | 0.955 | -35 | 0.334 | 0.288 |
| 0.515 | 0.381 | 0 | 0.385 | 0.297 | 0 | 0.346 | 0.771 |
| 0.657 | 0.190 | 35 | 0.357 | 0.929 | 35 | 0.649 | 0.142 |
| 0.674 | 0.336 | 70 | 0.344 | 0.830 | 70 | 0.227 | 0.046 |
| 0.018 | 0.686 | 105 | 0.356 | 0.831 | 105 | 0.093 | 0.157 |
| 0.197 | 0.767 | 140 | 0.559 | 0.967 | 140 | 0.219 | 0.867 |
| 0.911 | 0.530 | 175 | 0.062 | 0.592 | 175 | 0.544 | 0.814 |
| 0.624 | 0.497 | 210 | 0.442 | 0.438 | 210 | 0.486 | 0.952 |
| 0.552 | 0.440 | 245 | 0.798 | 0.313 | 245 | 0.957 | 0.529 |


| PtHP1b |  |  |
| ---: | :---: | ---: |
| Potri.010G027100 |  |  |
| 1 vs WT | 3 vs WT |  |
| -140 | 0.412 | 0.980 |
| -105 | 0.576 | 0.840 |
| -70 | 0.701 | 0.302 |
| -35 | 0.251 | 0.693 |
| 0 | 0.803 | 0.282 |
| 35 | 0.396 | 0.837 |
| 70 | 0.489 | 0.249 |
| 105 | 0.698 | 0.707 |
| 140 | 0.304 | 0.090 |
| 175 | 0.776 | 0.888 |
| 210 | 0.784 | 0.713 |
| 245 | 0.761 | 0.023 |
|  |  |  |
| PtRR7 |  |  |
| Potri.016G038000 |  |  |
| 1 | vs WT | 3 vs WT |
| -140 | 0.095 | 0.002 |
| -105 | 0.176 | 0.011 |
| -70 | 0.686 | 0.018 |
| -35 | 0.178 | 0.136 |
| 0 | 0.074 | 0.012 |
| 35 | 0.565 | 0.077 |
| 70 | 0.295 | 0.045 |
| 105 | 0.310 | 0.200 |
| 140 | 0.496 | 0.478 |
| 175 | 0.316 | 0.263 |
| 210 | 0.474 | 0.281 |
| 245 | 0.837 | 0.273 |
|  |  |  |

PtIPT9
Potri.001G376600
1 vs WT 3 vs WT

| -140 | 0.784 | 0.140 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| -105 | 0.351 | 0.057 |
| -70 | 0.433 | 0.590 |
| -35 | 0.879 | 0.138 |
| 0 | 0.920 | 0.700 |
| 35 | 0.757 | 0.882 |
| 70 | 0.579 | 0.383 |
| 105 | 0.340 | 0.488 |
| 140 | 0.734 | 0.770 |
| 175 | 0.274 | 0.469 |
| 210 | 0.357 | 0.870 |
| 245 | 0.715 | 0.091 |


|  | PtIAA27.2 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Potri.003G051300 |  |
|  | 1 vs WT | 3 vs WT |
| -140 | 0.276 | 0.915 |
| -105 | 0.328 | 0.329 |
| -70 | 0.542 | 0.987 |
| -35 | 0.630 | 0.361 |
| 0 | 0.349 | 0.358 |
| 35 | 0.482 | 0.327 |
| 70 | 0.690 | 0.203 |
| 105 | 0.204 | 0.796 |
| 140 | 0.922 | 0.745 |
| 175 | 0.896 | 0.090 |
| 210 | 0.351 | 0.574 |
| 245 | 0.228 | 0.231 |
|  | PtPIN8b |  |
|  | Potri.004G124200 |  |
|  | 1 vs WT | 3 vs WT |
| -140 | 0.657 | 0.542 |
| -105 | 0.360 | 0.528 |
| -70 | 0.266 | 0.563 |
| -35 | 0.445 | 0.886 |
| 0 | 0.890 | 0.823 |
| 35 | 0.754 | 0.495 |
| 70 | 0.401 | 0.401 |
| 105 | 0.266 | 0.266 |
| 140 | 0.495 | 0.495 |
| 175 | NA | NA |
| 210 | NA | 0.272 |
| 245 | 0.382 | 0.495 |
|  | PtLOG1 |  |
|  | Potri.009G010800 |  |
|  | 1 vs WT | 3 vs WT |
| -140 | 0.449 | 0.323 |
| -105 | 0.365 | 0.189 |
| -70 | 0.179 | 0.137 |
| -35 | 0.297 | 0.316 |
| 0 | 0.093 | 0.072 |
| 35 | 0.194 | 0.859 |
| 70 | 0.129 | 0.655 |
| 105 | 0.787 | 0.858 |
| 140 | 0.286 | 0.227 |
| 175 | 0.417 | 0.290 |
| 210 | 0.495 | 0.277 |
| 245 | 0.465 | 0.354 |

PtIAA3.1
Potri.005G053800


## Cryosectioning



## Pattern 2






Figure S1

Figure S1 Expression of cytokinin signaling and homeostasis genes across the cambial zone of Populus trichocarpa stem; related to Figure 1. Expression of $I P T \mathrm{~s}, L O G \mathrm{~s}, C K X \mathrm{~s}$, , HPts, type-A and type-B response regulators was studied by RT-qPCR in eight $50 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ cryosections representing tissues from developing phloem (section 1) to the developing xylem (section 8). Scale bar $200 \mu \mathrm{~m}$. The level of auxin signaling was studied through an auxin primary response gene PtIAA3. Tissue identity of cryosections was verified through marker gene analysis. Two trees were analyzed; expression is given relative to the expression level of one gene family member in the developing phloem (cryosection 1). Error bars SE.

Based on the profiling data, three distinct gene expression patterns were identified. All cytokinin signaling and biosynthetic genes with a robust and reproducible expression profile were most abundant in the phloem side of cambial meristem (Pattern 1, verified by the phloem marker gene PtSUC). This was in contrast to the putative auxin primary response gene PtIAA3, which had its highest expression in the middle of cambium zone. This Pattern 2 was coinciding with the domain where cell divisions take place, and the cambial marker gene PtANT was peaking. A similar expression profile was observed for the cytokinin catabolic $C K X$ s. None of the cytokinin genes resembled the xylem peaking Pattern 3 specified by the developing xylem marker gene PtCOMT2.


Figure S2 Anatomy of the 20th internode of three-month old WT and pLMX5:AtIPT7 line 1 and 3 trees; related to Figures 2 and 3. A) Stem diameter was increased in the transgenic trees as compared to the WT trees. Scale bar $200 \mu \mathrm{~m}$. B) Number of meristematic cells (marked by red asterisks) was increased in the transgenic trees. Scale bar $100 \mu \mathrm{~m}$.


Figure S3 Induction of cytokinin and auxin signaling, homeostasis and transport gene expression in $P$. tremula $\times$ tremuloides stem discs treated $\mathbf{1} \mathbf{h}$ with $\mathbf{1 0 0} \mathbf{n M}$ cytokinin; related to Figure 4. Fold change was calculated between the RNA-sequencing data (rpkm) from the cytokinin treated and control samples; fold change value 1 denotes no difference in expression level between the samples.


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Figure S4 Expression profiles of the cytokinin and auxin signaling, homeostasis and transport genes across the cambial zone of P. tremula $\times$ tremuloides WT and $p L M X 5$ :AtIPT7 line 1 and 3 trees; related to Figure 4. $p$-values from Student's t-test are given in Table S1 (* $p \leq 0.05$; ${ }^{* *} p \leq 0.01 ; * * * p \leq 0.001$ ). Cytokinin signaling: receptors, HPts, type-B RRs and type-A RRs; biosynthesis: IPTs and LOGs; catabolism: CKXs, transport: PttABCG14, PttENT6; auxin response: IAAs; biosynthesis: YUCCAs; auxin transport: PINs and AUX/LAX genes. Pattern 1 (P1): Expression profiles of the developing phloem peaking genes (verified by phloem marker gene PttWOX4a); most cytokinin signaling genes belong to this category. Pattern 2 (P2): Profiles of the genes with expression maxima in the middle of the cambial zone (verified by cambium marker genes PttTDR-1a and PttWOX4a); most auxin response genes are defined by this profile. Pattern 3 (P3): Expression profiles of the developing xylem peaking genes (verified by xylem marker gene PttCOMT2); only a few cytokinin or auxin signaling genes follow this profile.

Table S1 Excel file with $p$-values from Student's $\mathbf{t}$-test for the expression profiles in Figure $\mathbf{S 4}$ (*ps0.05; **ps 0.01 ; *** $p \leq 0.001$ ).

## Supplemental Experimental Procedures

RT-qPCR gene expression analysis
Primers used in qRT-PCR studies.

| Gene | Locus | FWD Primer | REW Primer |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| PtIPT2 | Potri.009G147600 | TCACTGCTAAGGACTTTCGGG | TCCCAATGCTGAGAACAGGAA |
| PtIPT3 | Potri.014G139300 | ACAAGTCGGATGCTTGATATCCCT | GGCTTCTGGGACTTAGCATGT |
| PtIPT5a | Potri.008G202200 | GATGTGTCACTACCTCTACTCCAC | CCTCATCAATCAAGCCTGCTCTT |
| PtIPT5b | Potri.010G030500 | TGGACGTGTCACTCCCAA | CTCATCAATCAAGCCTGCTTCC |
| PtIPT6a | Potri.008G121500 | TTAGGGAGGTGATGACGGTG | CATGCTTGGCTCCATCACATC |
| PtIPT6b | Potri.010G123900 | CACGTGTCAGCTGGCAAAG | TCCGTAGCATCCACTCTTTGC |
| PtIPT7a | Potri.004G150900 | GGTTTACAAGGGCCTTGACATG | CACACCTCGGCGTTCAAT |
| PtIPT7b | Potri.008G033300 | CACTAACTTTCTCCAGGAAGATGGG | AGGCAAACCACTAGCATCCA |
| PtIPT9 | Potri.001G376600 | GCAGGGAGCAATGGGATTTT | ACCCTCATCAAGAAGCCATTTG |
| PtLOG1 | Potri.009G010800 | AGAAATGGCCCGCAATTCT | CCATAGCCACCTGGTAACGC |
| PtLOG5a | Potri.002G012500 | GAGATGGCCCGTCATTCTGA | TCCATACCCACCTGGTAAGGC |
| PtLOG5b | Potri.004G181800 | ACTGCTACAGGGATGCTGCC | TTTTCGCCACCAGCTCTTG |
| PtLOG5c | Potri.005G248900 | ACCAGGTGGGTATGGAACCTT | GCCCAAGTGATGACCTCCAA |
| PtLOG5d | Potri.009G141500 | ATGGCTAGACATTCCGATGCC | GGTCCCATAGCCACCAGGTAA |
| PtLOG6 | Potri.016G090500 | TGGTGGTCGTCATGTTATTGGA | TCTCGAGGCATGAGCGTCTT |
| PtLOG7a | Potri.005G248900 | TGGAGGTCATTACATGGGCC | AACCCACAGGCTTGTCGTG |
| PtLOG7b | Potri.006G204800 | AAGCCAGCTACCAGGAAGCTG | TCTCAACCAGTTCCTTGGCC |
| PtLOG8a | Potri.001G265300 | GCAGAAATGGCAAAACATGCT | ATAACCACCAGGAAGGGCAAT |
| PtLOG8b | Potri.001G005400 | AAGGCAGAGATGGCTCGGA | CCCTCCAGGAAGAGCAATGA |
| PtLOG8c | Potri.003G219300 | AAAAGATATTCAGTGATGCAGCCC | TTTCAACCAGCTCCCTTCCA |
| PtLOG8d | Potri.006G127400 | AGTCTTCAGCGATGCCGC | TTCCGCTTCACCAGTTCATCT |
| PtLOG8e | Potri.009G060300 | GAAATGGCAAAACATGCCG | TCCATAACCGCCAGGAAGG |
| PtCKX1a | Potri.006G047900 | TGGGCCACAAATTAACAACATTT | TCCCTTGCCTGTGACAACCT |
| PtCKX1b | Potri.016G044100 | GGTCCCATCCTCATCTATCCG | TGTTCGGTTATCCCACTTGGA |
| PtCKX3a | Potri.006G152500 | CGGCCCTTCAGATTAGCAATG | CCTTTCCCGGTAACAACATCC |
| PtCKX3b | Potri.007G066100 | AAGGATTGCTTTAAGGTCGGC | AATGCTCGAGACCACCTAACTTTT |
| PtCKX5a | Potri.002G030500 | CATCACAAGGGCTAGAATTGCA | CACCTCACCCTTTGAGGAGCT |
| PtCKX6 | Potri.003G203600 | TTGGCATCATAACTCGGGC | CCATATCAGGTGCTGGTTCCA |
| PtHP1a | Potri.008G197600 | AGCAGCTCCAGCATAGGTGC | AAAGGCGATGCAGTCGTTTT |
| PtHP1b | Potri.010G027100 | GGCTTCTGAGTGATCTCACCTTT | GCGGAAAGCGATGCAATCA |
| PtHP4a | Potri.001G189900 | TAGGCAGGTTGCTCTCACA | CTGAATCCCTGTAGTGCAATGAGA |
| PtHP4b | Potri.001G465000 | CCCTGATGATTTTACCTTCGTCC | AATCCCCTTCATGGCAAAATCC |
| PtHP4d | Potri.009G146300 | CCCAAAGTTATCGACCGAGCT | AGCATATCGGAGCTCACGACTA |
| PtHP6a | Potri.001G191900 | GCGAGCTTTGGAGTTGCTG | ATGCAGTGGGTACCTGACA |
| PtHP6b | Potri.003G032400 | CTTGAGAGCTTTGGAGCTGCTA | TTTCAATGCTGCGGTGCG |
| PtHP7a | Potri.006G098200 | GACAGTATACCGATTTCACTACCC | GAAGAGAGACACAACCTCCAC |
| PtHP7b | Potri.014G136200 | CCTGGTTTTGTGGTGGAAGTG | TGCTGCACCAATGCTAGAACTA |
| PtHP7c | Potri.016G113500 | GATTTCCTAGCTCCTCTCTACCG | CCACCTGTTTGAAGTCCACAAC |
| PtHP8a | Potri.013G028300 | ACAGGAAAATTGATGCCCATG | TGCTGGAGCTGCTACCCTTC |
| PtHP8b | Potri.005G040400 | ACCCAGATTTCGTAGTTGAACTG | CTTTGGCTAGCTCATTGATAAGCT |
| PtRR1 | Potri.008G193000 | TGTCATCAGAGAACGTGGTGG | CTCCTTCCTCCAAACATCGG |
| PtRR2 | Potri.008G193000 | TCTTGTAAAGTGACAGCGGTGG | AAGCAGTTTTAGAGCTCCCCATC |
| PtRR3 | Potri.002G082200 | TCTTCGTCGTCCCAATCACC | GATCAAATTTACTTTCATCCCCTCTT |
| PtRR4 | Potri.003G197500 | CAGGTCACAGCAGTGGATTCA | CAAACCCAAAAACTCCAAGGC |
| PtRR5 | Potri.001G027000 | TCAAGTCACGGCAGTGGATTC | AAGCCCAAAAACTCCAAGGC |
| PtRR6 | Potri.006G041100 | ATCGGGAAGTGGAAGTGAATCTT | TGCCGGGCATACAGTAATCTG |
| PtRR7 | Potri.016G038000 | ACCAGATGTTTGGAGGAGGGA | TCTTACTGGCTTCAAGAAAAATTCC |
| PtRR8 | Potri.019G058900 | AAACTGGTGGAAAGACTGCTCAA | CGCAGTAGTCACCTTGCAGG |
| PtRR9 | Potri.019G133600 | CAATCACGGTGACTTGAAGGTG | CGCATGCAATAGTCTGTGATGA |
| PtRR10 | Potri.015G070000 | CATCTGAGAACATCTTGGCTCG | CTGCCCCTTCTTCTAAACACCTAT |
| PtRR11 | Potri.019G058900 | ATCAGTGCATGGAGGGAGGA | GCTGAAGAGGCTTCAGCAAGAA |
| PtRR13 | Potri.010G001000 | GAAGCAGCTAGCCGACTTGC | TCATTTAGTATCTGGCCCTGAGC |
| PtRR14 | Potri.008G181000 | AAGGTGACCACATGCGGTTT | CTCACGAAGCAGGTTCAAAGC |
| PtRR15 | Potri.008G135500 | TTGGGTTGGAAATGGACCTC | TTCTCCCATCAGCAGACATCATA |
| PtRR16 | Potri.010G105600 | GTTGGGTTGGAAATGGACCTT | TCTCCCATCAGCAGACATCATAA |
| PtRR17 | Potri.012G133800 | AGGGCTAGACAAGGCTGTTCC | ACCGGTTTTTGGCTGGCCT |
| PtRR18 | Potri.006G262100 | ATCAGAAGTTTGTCGCCGCT | GAACAGCCTTGTCAAGACCCAT |
| PtRR19 | Potri.018G111300 | GGCAAGCCATTTGCAGAAA | CCCACAACTTAGTCTTTTGAGGTAAA |
| PtRR20 | Potri.015G136000 | ATACAGGAACAAACCCTCCGG | GTGAGGCCATTAGGGACACTT |
| PtRR21 | Potri.010G053100 | TGATGAATGTGCCGCGTTT | TCTGCAAATGGCTAGCGACA |
| PtRR22 | Potri.018G021300 | GATGAGGACGAGGACGAG | TGTCAACGCCCAATTGATTAAC |
| PtRR23 | Potri.006G188000 | CATGTTGTCAGCGAACGGTG | TGAGTGATCCCCTTCATCACAAG |

## Phenotypic analyses of transgenic tree lines

Stem diameter (together with total height) of 6-11 week old trees was measured once per week at three points ( 10 cm above soil level, at the middle and 2 cm below apex). Stem volume was calculated by the formula of frustum (sum of basal to middle and middle to apex) $\mathrm{V}=\frac{\pi h}{3}\left(r^{2}+r R+R^{2}\right)$.

## Data analysis using custom $R$ scripts

Count data processing has been done as shown in the example R script presented here.
\#An example script for processing the count data. In this script the three wildtype samples are processed. \#The pLMX5:AtIPT7 samples were processed identically using corresponding sample tables included in this supplement.
\#Make a workdir and subdirs for each sample. Place the annotation gff (Ptrichocarpa_210_v3.0.gene_exons_IPT.gff3) \#into your workdir e.g./home/username/EMTAB4631 and /home/username/EMTAB4631/4A etc.
source("http://bioconductor.org/biocLite.R")
library(Rsamtools)
library(GenomicFeatures)
library(GenomicAlignments)
library(BiocParallel)
wrkdir <- "YOURWORKDIRFOR4A" \# location of sample 4A bam-files
setwd(wrkdir)
dir <- getwd()
gfffile <- file.path(dir, "../Ptrichocarpa_210_v3.0.gene_exons_IPT.gff3") \#gff-file located at previous directory
$($ txdb <- makeTxDbFromGFF(gfffile, format $=$ "gff3", circ_seqs $=$ character()))
(ebg <- exonsBy(txdb, by="gene"))
csvfile <- file.path(dir, "4A_sample_table.csv")
(sampleTable <- read.csv(csvfile,row.names =1))
filenames <- file.path(dir, paste0(sampleTable\$Run, ".bam"))
file.exists(filenames)
bamfiles <- BamFileList(filenames, yieldSize $=2000000$ )
seqinfo(bamfiles[1])
register(SerialParam())
se <- summarizeOverlaps(features=ebg, reads=bamfiles, mode="Union",ignore.strand=TRUE)
(colData(se) <- DataFrame(sampleTable))
colSums(assay(se))
permil_counts_4A <- assay(se)*1000000/colSums(assay(se))[col(assay(se))]
wrkdir <- "YOURWORDIRFOR4B" \# location of sample 4B bam-files
setwd(wrkdir)
dir <- getwd()
csvfile <- file.path(dir, "4B_sample_table.csv")
(sampleTable <- read.csv(csvfile,row.names = 1))
filenames <- file.path(dir, paste0(sampleTable\$Run, ".bam"))
file.exists(filenames)
bamfiles <- BamFileList(filenames, yieldSize $=2000000$ )
seqinfo(bamfiles[1])
register(SerialParam())
se <- summarizeOverlaps(features=ebg, reads=bamfiles, mode="Union",ignore.strand=TRUE)
(colData(se) <- DataFrame(sampleTable))
colSums(assay(se))
permil_counts_4B <- assay(se)*1000000/colSums(assay(se))[col(assay(se))]
wrkdir <- "YOURWORDIRFOR6B" \# location of sample 6B bam-files
setwd(wrkdir)
dir <- getwd()
csvfile <- file.path(dir, "6B_sample_table.csv")
(sampleTable <- read.csv(csvfile,row.names = 1) )
filenames <- file.path(dir, paste0(sampleTable\$Run, ".bam"))
file.exists(filenames)
bamfiles <- BamFileList(filenames, yieldSize $=2000000$ )
seqinfo(bamfiles[1])
register(SerialParam())
se <- summarizeOverlaps(features=ebg, reads=bamfiles, mode="Union",ignore.strand=TRUE)
(colData(se) <- DataFrame(sampleTable))
colSums(assay(se))
permil_counts_6B <- assay(se)*1000000/colSums(assay(se))[col(assay(se))]
wrkdir <- "YOURWORKDIR" \#Your workdir containing annotation and sample subdirs setwd(wrkdir)
Gene_lengths <- sum(width(ebg))
rpkm_4A <- permil_counts_4A*1000/Gene_lengths
rpkm_4B <- permil_counts_4B*1000/Gene_lengths rpkm_6B <- permil_counts_6B*1000/Gene_lengths data_array_WT <- array(c(rpkm_4A,rpkm_4B,rpkm_6B), dim = c(dim(rpkm_4A),3)) mean_rpkm_WT <- apply(data_array_WT,c(1,2),mean)
SD_rpkm_WT <- apply(data_array_WT, c(1,2),sd)
SE_mean_rpkm_WT <- SD_rpkm_WT/sqrt(3)

## Sample tables required for count data processing

The following sample table files are required when count data is processed as presented in the R script example.

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1_2A_sample_table.csv
"","SampleName","tree","frac","Run","avgLength","Experiment","Sample","Biosample"
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"1-2A-F5","1-2A-F5","1-2A","5","1-2A-F5","78.17","1-2A-F5","1-2A-F5","1-2A-F5"
"1-2A-F6","1-2A-F6","1-2A","6","1-2A-F6","78.68","1-2A-F6","1-2A-F6","1-2A-F6"
"1-2A-F7","1-2A-F7","1-2A","7","1-2A-F7","78.87","1-2A-F7","1-2A-F7","1-2A-F7"
"1-2A-F8","1-2A-F8","1-2A","8","1-2A-F8","78.18","1-2A-F8","1-2A-F8","1-2A-F8"
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"1-2A-F11","1-2A-F11","1-2A","11","1-2A-F11","76.11","1-2A-F11","1-2A-F11","1-2A-F11"
"1-2A-F12","1-2A-F12","1-2A","12","1-2A-F12","78.63","1-2A-F12","1-2A-F12","1-2A-F12"
"1-2A-F13","1-2A-F13","1-2A","13","1-2A-F13","77.98","1-2A-F13","1-2A-F13","1-2A-F13"
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12_4_sample_table.csv
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