Proteomics of *P. patens* protonemata subjected to OPDA

Proteomics of *Physcomitrella patens* protonemata subjected to treatment with 12-oxo-phytodienoic acid

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Abbreviations

AOC, allene oxide cyclase; AOS, allene oxide synthase; JA, jasmonic acid; LC-MS/MS, liquid chromatography tandem mass spectroscopy; LOX, lipoxygenase; OPDA, 12-oxo-phytodienoic acid
acid; PEPC, phosphoenolpyruvate carboxykinase; PGM, phosphoglucomutase; RES, reactive electrophile species;
Abstract

12-Oxo-phytodienoic acid (OPDA) is induced by mechanical wounding and suppresses the growth of Physcomitrella patens; OPDA is considered a signal compound in this moss species. In this study, a proteomic analysis of P. patens protonemata treated with OPDA was performed. The abundance levels of 41 proteins were significantly altered by OPDA, with decreased levels for 40 proteins. The proteins for which abundance decreased in response to OPDA at the protonema developmental stage were mainly involved in the metabolism of proteins and carbohydrates. The effects of inhibition on protein abundance are likely a major physiological function of OPDA in P. patens. OPDA also suppressed the expression of histones at the protein level and gene transcription level. Suppression of histone expression might be an OPDA-specific function in P. patens protonemata. In P. patens, a subset of the physiological responses caused by OPDA is shown to differ between protonema and gametophore developmental stages.

Keywords

12-Oxo-phytodienoic acid, Physcomitrella patens, Proteomic analysis, Protonema, Histones.

Introduction

The jasmonates (i.e., jasmonic acid (JA)-related compounds) are synthesized from the fatty acid of the octadecanoid pathway. Jasmonates modulate the expression of numerous genes and
mediate responses to various forms of abiotic and biotic stresses.\textsuperscript{1-4} 12-Oxo-phytodienoic acid (OPDA) is a precursor of JA, a plant growth regulator, and plays pivotal roles in plants.\textsuperscript{5} All of the genes encoding JA biosynthesis enzymes have been cloned from several plant species. The corresponding enzymes, including different isoforms, have been characterized.\textsuperscript{6} Previous reports have described the cloning of genes encoding LOX, AOS and AOC in the octadecanoid pathway of \textit{P. patens}; the products of these genes have been shown to have enzymatic activities similar to those in flowering plants.\textsuperscript{7-10} In flowering plants, JA stimulates the expression of a wide variety of genes in response to stress.\textsuperscript{11} OPDA itself triggers the expression of a set of genes and plays roles in the response to wounding and the regulation of seed dormancy and germination in \textit{Arabidopsis}.\textsuperscript{12} Moreover, OPDA has been reported to play an important role in embryo development and seed germination.\textsuperscript{13,14} 

Bryophytes, which include liverworts, hornworts, and mosses, are considered to be some of first land plants. It is important to elucidate the physiology of bryophytes to understand plant evolutionary processes. Among the bryophytes, \textit{P. patens} is the model moss species. Protein and gene databases and facile gene transformation methods have already been established for \textit{P. patens}.\textsuperscript{15} The life cycle of \textit{P. patens} is characterized by the following two generations: a haploid gametophyte and diploid sporophyte. A spore develops into a filamentous structure known as protonema. Protonemata can differentiate into gametophores; gametophores are more complex, containing leaf-like structures, rhizoids and sexual organs. As protonemata are distinct from gametophores, gene expression is altered. Therefore, the protein abundance profile in the protonema stage is considered different from that in the gametophore stage.\textsuperscript{16}
Plant hormones regulate a wide variety of physiological events in plants. Studies have demonstrated that plant hormones, such as auxin, cytokinins, and abscisic acid, also control physiological responses in *P. patens*. In *P. patens*, the first half of the octadecanoid pathway exists; however, JA is not synthesized. OPDA inhibits the growth of *P. patens*. Moreover, OPDA was induced when wounding occurs in *P. patens*. Thus, OPDA may be an important oxylipin and act as a signaling molecule in *P. patens*.

A proteomic analysis of *P. patens* gametophores treated with OPDA was conducted to investigate the function of OPDA. A previous report revealed that OPDA treatment of gametophores resulted in the differential accumulation of several proteins, most of which decreased. As the expression of genes and proteins is altered when differentiation from protonema to gametophore occurs, we are interested in whether the effects of OPDA on protein abundance are different at these two stages of development.

In this study, a proteomic analysis of *P. patens* protonemata treated with OPDA was conducted. These data were compared with proteomic data from *P. patens* gametophores. Our findings suggest that OPDA mainly inhibits protein metabolism, which might retard the growth of *P. patens*.

**Materials and Methods**

*Plant growth conditions and treatment*
The wild-type strain of *P. patens* subsp. *patens* was used in this study.\(^20\) *P. patens* was grown on 20 mL of BCDATG agar medium in a 9-cm petri dish under continuous white fluorescent light at 25 °C.\(^19\) For the microscopic analysis of protonema growth, protonemata grown on the agar plate for 4 days were cut into small pieces using a homogenizer (Polytron PT-10, Kinematica AG, Luzern, Switzerland). After being transferred onto agar supplemented with 5 µM OPDA, 10 µM OPDA or 50 µM OPDA, protonemata were incubated for 4 days, after which the phenotypes were observed with a microscope (BZ-9000 fluorescence microscope, Keyence, Osaka, Japan). (+)-*cis*-OPDA synthesis was conducted according to the method described by Kajiwara et al.\(^21\)

**Analysis of OPDA concentration**

*P. patens* was grown on BCDATG agar medium for 5 days, and the concentration of endogenous OPDA was analyzed. Protonemata (approximately 200 mg) were frozen in liquid nitrogen and extracted with 10 mL of ethanol. The OPDA analysis was performed as described by Yamamoto et al.\(^22\) For mechanical stress, the protonemata (approximately 200 mg) were soaked in 2 mL of water and subsequently treated with ultrasonication (Sonifier250, Branson, USA). The samples were directly extracted with 10 mL of ethanol.

**Protein extraction**
P. patens protonemata were grown on BCDATG agar plates for 5 days and then treated with 10 µM OPDA (1 ml of an OPDA solution was sprayed directly onto P. patens tissues). P. patens protonemata were grown under continuous white fluorescent light at 25°C for 24 h. A portion (approximately 2.5 g) of samples (wet P. patens tissue) was ground into powder in liquid nitrogen using a mortar and pestle. The powder was transferred into a solution of 10% trichloroacetic acid and 0.07% 2-mercaptoethanol in acetone and mixed. The suspension was sonicated for 5 min and then incubated for 45 min at -20 °C. After this incubation, the suspension was centrifuged at 9,000 g for 20 min at 4 °C. The resulting supernatant was discarded, and the pellet was washed three times with 3 mL of acetone containing 0.07% 2-mercaptoethanol. The final pellet was dried using a vacuum pump. The pellet was resuspended by vortexing for 1 h at 25°C in 10 mL of lysis buffer consisting of 100 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.5), 2% SDS, and 50 mM dithiothreitol (DTT). The suspension was then centrifuged at 20,000 g for 20 min at 25°C. The resulting supernatant was collected as the total protein solution. The concentration of the protein solution was measured using the Lorry method.23)

Digestion of proteins

For the in-solution digestion, 100 µg of protein was subjected to chloroform/methanol extraction.24) The resulting pellet was resuspended with 50 mM NH₄HCO₃. The solution was reduced with 50 mM DTT and then alkylated with 50 mM iodoacetamide. Proteins were digested using trypsin and lysyl endopeptidase at a 1:100 enzyme/protein ratio at 37°C for 16 h.
Nanoliquid chromatography-tandem MS analysis

Peptide separation and detection were performed using nanoliquid chromatography tandem mass spectrometry (nanoLC-MS/MS), which is an Ultimate 3000 nanoLC (Thermo Fisher Scientific, San Jose, CA, USA) and an LTQ Orbitrap mass spectrometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific). The system was operated in data-dependent acquisition mode with the installed XCalibur software (ver. 2.0.7, Thermo Fisher Scientific). The peptides were loaded onto a C18 PepMap trap column (300 µm ID × 5 mm, Thermo Fisher Scientific). The peptides were eluted from the trap column, and separation and spraying were performed using 0.1% formic acid in acetonitrile at a flow rate of 200 nL/min on a C18 Tip column (75 µm ID × 120 mm, Nikkyo Technos, Tokyo, Japan) with a spray voltage of 1.5 kV. Elution was performed with a linear acetonitrile gradient (5-25% in 120 min) in 0.1% formic acid. Full-scan mass spectra were acquired in the Orbitrap over 400-1,500 m/z with a resolution of 30,000. A lock mass function was used to obtain high mass accuracy.25) The top ten most intense precursor ions were selected for collision-induced fragmentation in the linear ion trap at a normalized collision energy of 35%. Dynamic exclusion was employed within 90 s to prevent repetitive peptide selection.26)

Protein identification using MASCOT

Acquired MS/MS spectra were subjected to protein identification using MASCOT software (ver. 2.4.1, Matrix Science, London, UK) and the P. patens database (38,480 protein sequences)
via Proteome Discoverer (ver. 1.4.0.288, Thermo Fisher Scientific). The P. patens database was obtained from Phytozome Database (ver. 9.1, http://www.phytozome.net/). The parameters used in the Mascot searches were as follows: the carbamidomethylation of cysteine was set as a fixed modification; the oxidation of methionine was set as a variable modification; trypsin was specified as the proteolytic enzyme; and one missed cleavage was allowed. The peptide mass tolerance was set at 10 ppm. The fragment mass tolerance was set at 0.8 Da, and the peptide charge was set at +2, +3, and +4. An automatic decoy database search was performed within the search. Mascot results were filtered using the percolator function in Proteome Discoverer to improve the accuracy and sensitivity of peptide identification.27)

Analysis of differential protein abundance using the acquired MS data

For differential analyses, the commercial label-free quantification package SIEVE (ver. 2.1, Thermo Fisher Scientific) was used to compare the relative abundance of peptides and proteins between the control and experimental groups. The chromatographic peaks detected by MS were aligned, and the peptide peaks were detected as frame using the following settings: the frame time width was 5.0 min; the frame m/z width was 10 ppm; and frames were produced on all parent ions subjected to MS/MS scanning. The frames with MS/MS scans were matched to the imported MASCOT results. The MASCOT results were imported with following settings: a minimum peptide ion score of 13 and a maximum percolator q-value of 0.01. The total ion current was used as a normalization factor for the differential analysis.
mRNA expression analysis

Total RNA was extracted from protonemata with the inunuPREP Plant RNA Kit (Analytik Jena Life Science, Jena, Germany). Two microliters of RNA was used for first-strand cDNA synthesis with M-MLV reverse transcriptase (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, California, USA) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Gene-specific primers were designed according to expressed sequence tag data available for *P. patens*. The sequences of the primers are listed in Supplemental Table 1. Quantitative reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (qRT-PCR) analysis was performed following the manufacturer’s protocols (SYBR Premix Ex Taq II, Takara Bio Inc., Shiga, Japan). All RT-PCR reactions were run with three biological replicates on a Thermal Cycler Dice TP800 real-time PCR system (software ver. 3.00D, Takara, Japan). To normalize gene expression, actin 5 was used as an internal standard set to 1.0.28)

Results

Protein identification and functional categories of differentially expressed proteins

OPDA was shown to suppress the colony growth and rhizoid length of *P. patens* under a concentration of 10 µM,17) and mechanical stress transiently stimulates OPDA accumulation.19) The morphology of *P. patens* varies over the course of the life cycle. The protonema and gametophore developmental stages are quite different.29) We examined the effects of OPDA on the growth of *P. patens* protonemata. *P. patens* protonemata were incubated in a medium supplemented with OPDA and were then viewed under a microscope (Fig. 1). OPDA retarded the
growth of protonemata of *P. patens* in a concentration-dependent manner. When OPDA concentration was more than 10 uM, the protonema growth was clearly inhibited by OPDA. In contrast to OPDA, JA did not show significant growth inhibitory effect for *P. patens* protonemata. Analytical data of endogenous OPDA concentration showed that mechanical wounding transiently elevated OPDA concentration in *P. patens* protonema in a similar way with higher plants (Fig. 2). These results strongly suggest OPDA signaling system functions in protonema and gametophore stages in *P. patens*.

A previous report demonstrated that OPDA alters the abundance of proteins involved in light-dependent reactions, the octadecanoid pathway, carbon fixation, glycolysis and protein synthetic processes in gametophores. To examine the effects of OPDA on protein abundance for *P. patens* protonemata, a proteomic analysis of *P. patens* protonemata treated with 10 µM OPDA for 24 h was performed. The extracted proteins were digested with trypsin and lysyl endopeptidase, and the resulting peptides were analyzed using nanoLC-MS/MS. The protein levels were compared based on the area under the curve of each matched peptide using SIEVE software; the number of proteins that were matched with more than two peptides was 2662. A subsequent comparative analysis of OPDA-treated protonemata and untreated protonemata revealed that 41 proteins were differentially changed with fold changes of at least 1.5 ($p < 0.05$) (Table 1). The abundance of 40 proteins decreased; only one protein increased in abundance due to OPDA treatment in protonemata.

Based on their biological properties, these differentially changed proteins were grouped into the following six categories: defense, energy and carbohydrate metabolism, photosynthesis,
protein metabolism (proteins synthesis, folding and degradation), others and unknown (Fig. 2). Twenty-one differentially changed proteins are involved in protein synthesis. One protein is involved in defense, and five proteins are involved in carbohydrate and energy metabolism.

Proteomic comparison of gametophores and protonemata

We compared the proteome data of gametophores and protonemata to analyze the function of OPDA in *P. patens*. As shown in Fig. 2, 82 proteins were differentially expressed in response to OPDA treatment in gametophores (threshold level: 2.5-fold change). The amounts of 41 proteins were differentially altered in protonemata (threshold level: 1.5-fold change). The abundance of most proteins decreased following OPDA treatment in both developmental stages.

The proteins that decreased in abundance in protonemata and gametophores accounted for majority of the proteins that were differently accumulated proteins due to OPDA treatment. Proteins involved in protein metabolism, energy and carbohydrate metabolism accounted for approximately 65 % and 73 % of the proteins that decreased in abundance due to OPDA treatment in protonemata and gametophores, respectively. These results suggest that the primary mode of action of OPDA is the repression of protein metabolism and energy consumption processes at both developmental stages. Proteins involved in photosynthesis accounted for 100 % and 83 % of the proteins that increased abundance due to OPDA treatment in protonemata (one protein) and gametophores, respectively. These results suggest that OPDA would act on
photosynthesis in both gametophores and protonemata. The abundance suppression of several histones was notable in the protonema of *P. patens* protonemata treated with OPDA.

Proteins with increased abundance due to OPDA treatment of protonemata

The abundance of only one protein, oxygen-evolving enhancer protein 2 (OEE2), was increased by OPDA in protonemata. This protein is encoded by the nuclear genome. OEE2 is required for high levels of O$_2$ evolution. Oxygen-evolving enhancer protein (Pp1s61_321V6.1) belongs to the PsbP family, which is required for increased PSII affinity for the water oxidation site of Cl$^-$ and provides the conditions required for high affinity binding to Ca$^{2+}$. Both PsbP and PsbQ are necessary regulators of the biogenesis of optically active PSII. The oxygen-evolving complex (OEC) is responsible for catalyzing the splitting of water to O$_2$ and H$^+$. In flowering plants, such as *Arabidopsis*, OPDA plays an important role in response to biotic and abiotic stresses. OPDA is accumulated in *P. patens* gametophores due to wounding. OPDA accumulation results in the increased protein abundance in the gametophore stage, including PsbC, psbD, and psbE and allene oxide cyclase (AOC). Accordingly OPDA is likely synthesized to stimulate light-dependent reactions in response to mechanical stress.

Decreased proteins involved in carbohydrate metabolism and energy production

OPDA treatment resulted in the decreased abundance of enzymes involved in carbohydrate metabolism, such as phosphoenolpyruvate carboxykinase, phosphoglucomutase,
phosphoglycerate kinase and pyruvate kinase. Phosphoenolpyruvate carboxykinase (PEPC) is the bottleneck enzyme for gluconeogenesis, which catalyzes the addition of bicarbonate to phosphoenolpyruvate to form oxaloacetate and inorganic phosphate. PEPC plays a crucial role in modulating the balance of carbon metabolism in Arabidopsis.³¹) Phosphoglucomutase (PGM) catalyzes the interconversion of glucose 1-phosphate and glucose 6-phosphate; the enzyme exists in both plastidial and cytosolic isoforms. The plastidial isoform is essential for transitory starch synthesis in the chloroplasts of leaves, whereas the cytosolic counterpart is essential for glucose phosphate partitioning and the synthesis of sucrose and cell wall components. A lack of PGM (both plastidial and cytosolic isoforms) activities in Arabidopsis resulted in dwarfed growth, premature death, and an inability to develop a functional inflorescence.³²) The synthesis of the enzymes phosphoglycerate kinase and pyruvate kinase was suppressed by OPDA; these enzymes are involved in carbon fixation (Calvin cycle) and energy production. Phosphoglycerate kinase is an essential enzyme in the Calvin cycle; it catalyzes the phosphorylation of 3-phosphoglycerate with ATP, which is produced in the light-dependent stage.³³) Pyruvate kinase catalyzes the transfer of a phosphate group from phosphoenolpyruvate (PEP) to ADP to yield pyruvate and ATP.³⁴)

Proteins with decreased abundance involved in protein metabolism

OPDA suppressed the abundance of ribosomal proteins, transcriptional initiator and translational inhibitor proteins; these proteins are associated with RNA. Of the 40 proteins with suppressed abundance, over half were involved in protein metabolism (Table 1, Fig. 2C). OPDA
was shown to down-regulate protein synthesis by suppressing transcription and translation
activity. Among the OPDA-repressed proteins involved in protein metabolism, ribosomal proteins
were mainly identified in protonemata. The repression of ribosomal protein biosynthesis
significantly affects various physiological phenomena in cells. Translational inhibitor proteins
(endoribonuclease L-PSP) are active on single-stranded mRNA and inhibit protein synthesis by
cleaving mRNA.\textsuperscript{35, 36} When protein synthesis is suppressed in cells, translational inhibitor
proteins might be unnecessary. The repression of protein synthesis likely leads to a decreased
abundance of translational inhibitor proteins.

\textbf{Six histones were suppressed by OPDA}

The abundance of six histones was decreased in \textit{P. patens} protonemata treated with OPDA.
To our knowledge, this is the first report that OPDA inhibits histone abundance. These histones
all belong to the histone H2A group. Histones are the chief components of chromatin and play an
important role in the regulation of gene expression. Histone H2A is important for the packaging
of DNA into chromatin; this packaging process is believed to affect gene expression.\textsuperscript{37} Our
results revealed that the abundance of these six histones decreased due to OPDA treatment.
Considering the function of histones in gene expression, this finding was worthy of further
exploration. We analyzed the expression of these six histone genes at the transcription level by
qRT-PCR. As a result, 10 \textmu M OPDA was shown to down-regulate the mRNA expression of these
histone genes (Fig. 3). These results supported the proteomic data in this study. The qRT-PCR
data indicate that OPDA regulates the expression of these histone genes at the transcriptional level. It is likely that OPDA affects cell cycle progression at the protonema stage of *P. patens*.

**Discussion**

A comparison of the proteome data from *P. patens* protonemata treated with OPDA with that from *P. patens* gametophores treated with OPDA revealed that greater number of proteins were affected in gametophores than in protonemata. Additionally, the magnitude of the changes in protein abundance evoked by OPDA in gametophores was greater that in protonemata. As protonemata differentiate into gametophores, physiological events become more complex; this may explain why OPDA on protein abundance appear to be more significant in gametophores. Whereas OPDA elevates the abundance of a set of proteins in *Arabidopsis*, the abundance of most proteins altered by OPDA decreased in *P. patens*. Contrary to the changes in protein accumulation due to OPDA observed in *Arabidopsis*, changes in protein accumulation were restrained in *P. patens*.

Changes in the abundance of proteins involved light-dependent reactions were elicited by OPDA in protonemata and gametophores. Accordingly, it was hypothesized that OPDA enhances light-dependent reactions in *P. patens*. Light-dependent reactions provide oxygen, which is connected to the production of reactive electrophile species (RES). RES and lipid peroxidation appear to be advantageous in plant cells when plants are subjected to stress. RES is presumed to induce the expression of genes related to cell survival. As light-dependent reactions are induced
by OPDA, redox changes that stimulate signaling cascades to induce the nuclear transcription of mediators may occur.\textsuperscript{39) OPDA-induced proteins in light-dependent reactions seem to play roles in the stress response at both the protonema and gametophore stages of \textit{P. patens}. In \textit{Arabidopsis}, OPDA elevates the accumulation of some proteins involved in photosynthesis; however, the abundance of Rubisco was decreased due to the toxicity of 100 \textmu M OPDA.\textsuperscript{39) While a high OPDA concentration might give a harmful effect to plants, OPDA treatment resulted in an induction of the synthesis of photosynthesis-related proteins. Taken together, it is likely that the increased abundance of photosynthesis-related proteins due to OPDA treatment is conserved in land plants.

A previous proteomic analysis of \textit{P. patens} gametophores demonstrated that OPDA treatment induced the abundance of proteins encoded by genes in the chloroplast genome; these proteins were involved in light-dependent reactions.\textsuperscript{19} In protonemata, no proteins encoded in the chloroplast genome were altered by OPDA treatment. The OPDA-induced accumulation of proteins encoded in the chloroplast genome, which are involved in light-dependent reactions, may be a physiological response of \textit{P. patens} that is specific to gametophores. The abundance of AOC proteins was induced by OPDA in \textit{P. patens} gametophores, indicating the presence of positive feedback regulation on OPDA biosynthesis in \textit{P. patens} gametophores. In contrast, AOC abundance was not increased in \textit{P. patens} protonemata. Protonema stage is an active growing stage in the life cycle of \textit{P. patens}, therefore protonemata grow more rapidly than gametophores. Given that OPDA retards growth in \textit{P. patens}, the positive feedback regulation on OPDA biosynthesis might be suppressed during the protonema stage.
OPDA also reduced the abundance of proteins involved in protein synthesis and carbohydrate metabolism. More than 50% of the affected proteins were involved in protein metabolism (Table 1, Fig. 2C). OPDA treatment mainly reduced the abundance of ribosomal proteins in protonemata. Ribosomes are the primary apparatus for biological protein synthesis. The functional repression of ribosomes disrupts the generation of new proteins, thereby arresting the cell growth. As the protonema stage is a period of active growth, more so than the gametophore stage, the growth inhibition observed due to OPDA treatment might be the result of decreased ribosomal protein abundance in *P. patens* protonemata. Whereas OPDA decreased the abundance of proteins involved in protein metabolism in both protonemata and gametophores, the abundance of additional proteins involved in protein metabolism and amino acid synthesis was reduced in gametophores. OPDA likely repressed protein synthesis multilaterally in gametophores.

The abundance of proteins related to carbohydrate metabolism was also suppressed by OPDA treatment in *P. patens* protonemata; these proteins were not identified in a previous study of gametophores. Given that OPDA synthesis is triggered by wounding, the inhibitory effects of OPDA on the abundance of proteins involved in carbohydrate metabolism have likely been adapted to adverse environmental conditions.

OPDA treatment decreased the accumulation of histones in *P. patens* protonemata. The decline in histone accumulation might affect DNA replication, as histones are important components of nucleosomes. Protonemata grow by apical cell division under the influence of cytokinin; buds are derived from three-faced apical cells that differentiate into gametophores, which contain stem- and leaf-like structures. Moreover, cell differentiation is relatively slow in
the gametophore stage of *P. patens*. Protonemata grow more rapidly compared with gametophores. Therefore, suppression of histone expression due to OPDA treatment may retard growth more severely in protonemata than in gametophores.

Genomic analysis revealed that the COI-JAZ system is also present in *P. patens*. However JA does not show any significant effect in *P. patens*. The inability of JA to bind COI likely causes little physiological response in *P. patens*. It is likely that OPDA and/or an identified OPDA-related compound binds COI for activation of OPDA signaling in *P. patens*. Alternatively *P. patens* might have a unique OPDA signaling system. In either case, considering that OPDA yields physiological effects in land plants, an OPDA signaling system might have been conserved since the emergence of land plants.

In conclusion, OPDA results in the decreased abundance of proteins involved in the metabolism of proteins and carbohydrates at the protonema and gametophore developmental stages. The inhibition of protein synthesis is likely one of main physiological functions of OPDA in *P. patens*. This study demonstrated that OPDA suppressed histones expression at both protein level and gene transcription level at the protonema stage. The elucidation of detailed OPDA signaling mechanisms shed light on *P. patens* physiology and plant evolution. Our study advances the knowledge of how OPDA regulates physiology in *P. patens* and increases our understanding of the function of OPDA as a signaling compound in plants.

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Figure legends

Fig. 1. Effects of OPDA on protonema prolongation in P. patens.

Protonemata were grown on BCDATG agar plates with OPDA or JA for 4 days. The control showed protonemata on the agar plate without OPDA and JA. Scale bar shows 200 μm.

Fig. 2. Accumulation of OPDA in P. patens protonemata after mechanical stress.

P. patens protonemata were grown on BCDATG agar medium for 4 days, and the concentration of endogenous OPDA was analyzed. After P. patens protonemata were subjected to mechanical stress for the indicated times, the protonemata were harvested and the OPDA concentration was analyzed using UPLC-MS/MS. The values are the means ± SD (n = 4). Student’s t test, *p < 0.05, **p < 0.01, ***p < 0.001.

Fig. 3. Comparison of proteins changed in gametophore and protonema.

A: comparison of the global protein response to OPDA; B: comparison of proteins increased by OPDA; C: comparison of proteins decreased by OPDA. PH: photosynthesis; PR: protein
metabolism (protein synthesis, folding and degradation); EM: energy and carbohydrate metabolism; DE: defense; UK: unknown. Gametophore data are derived from a paper by Toshima et al.¹⁹

Fig. 4. Relative expression of histone genes by qRT-PCR.

Five-day-old *P. patens* protonemata were treated with 10 µM OPDA or water for 24 h. The expression level of the internal standard gene *actin 5* is set to 1.0. The data represent means ± SD (n=3). Asterisks represent significant differences between OPDA-treated plants and control plants (Student’s t test, *p* < 0.05). Histone A: Pp1s117_154V6.1; Histone B: Pp1s219_44V6.1; Histone C: Pp1s376_22V6.1; Histone D: Pp1s46_245V6.1; Histone E: Pp1s72_85V6.1; Histone F: Pp1s72_86V6.1.
Table 1. Proteins identified as responsive to OPDA in *P. patens* protonemata.

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1Protein IDs are from Phytozome ver. 9.1 (http://www.phytozome.net/).

2Category: DE, defense; EM, energy and carbohydrate metabolism; PH, photosynthesis; PR, protein metabolism (protein synthesis, folding and degradation); UK, unknown. 3MP indicates the number of matched peptides. 4FC indicates the fold change between control and 10 µM OPDA treatment.
Fig. 1. (Luo et al.)

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The figure shows a bar graph comparing the relative expression of various histones under control conditions and after treatment with 10 µM OPDA. The y-axis represents relative expression, while the x-axis lists histones A through F. Significant differences are indicated by asterisks. The legend indicates that black bars represent control conditions, and gray bars represent 10 µM OPDA treatment.
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