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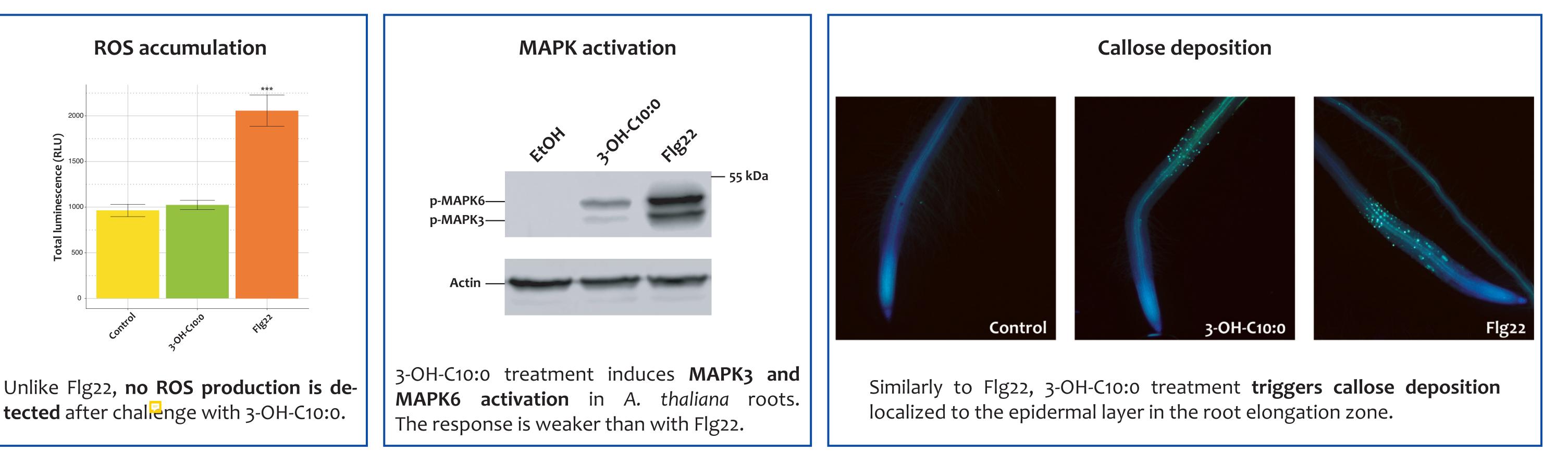
INTRODUCTION

In their environment, plants are frequently challenged by pathogenic microorganisms. To deal with these pathogens, plants possess an arsenal of defence mechanisms, quickly activated after perception of the microorganism. This perception involves Microbe-Associated Molecular Patterns (MAMPs) that are recognized by plant cells through Pattern Recognition Receptors (PRRs) resulting in plant innate immunity (MTI, MAMP-Triggered Immunity). Rhamnolipids (RLs), produced by *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, are highly effective to induce foliar local resistance against phytopathogenic microorganisms on several plants^{1,2,3}. Recently, medium-chain 3-hydroxy fatty acids (mc-3OH-FAs), building blocks of *P. aeruginosa* RLs, are inducing plant immunity on *A. thaliana* leaves through the bulb-type lectin receptor kinase LORE⁴. Among these mc-3OH-FAs, bearing 8 to 12 carbons, the 3-hydroxydecanoic acid (3-OH-C10:0) represent the strongest immune elicitor⁴. The immune response activated upon 3-OH-C10:0 sensing was characterized in leaves, but currently there is no information on the perception in roots.

The aim of this study is to investigate whether 3-OH-C10:0 is perceived by A. thaliana roots and if this perception triggers a systemic resistance against the necrotrophic

30H-C10:0 TRIGGERS IMMUNITY MARKERS IN ROOTS

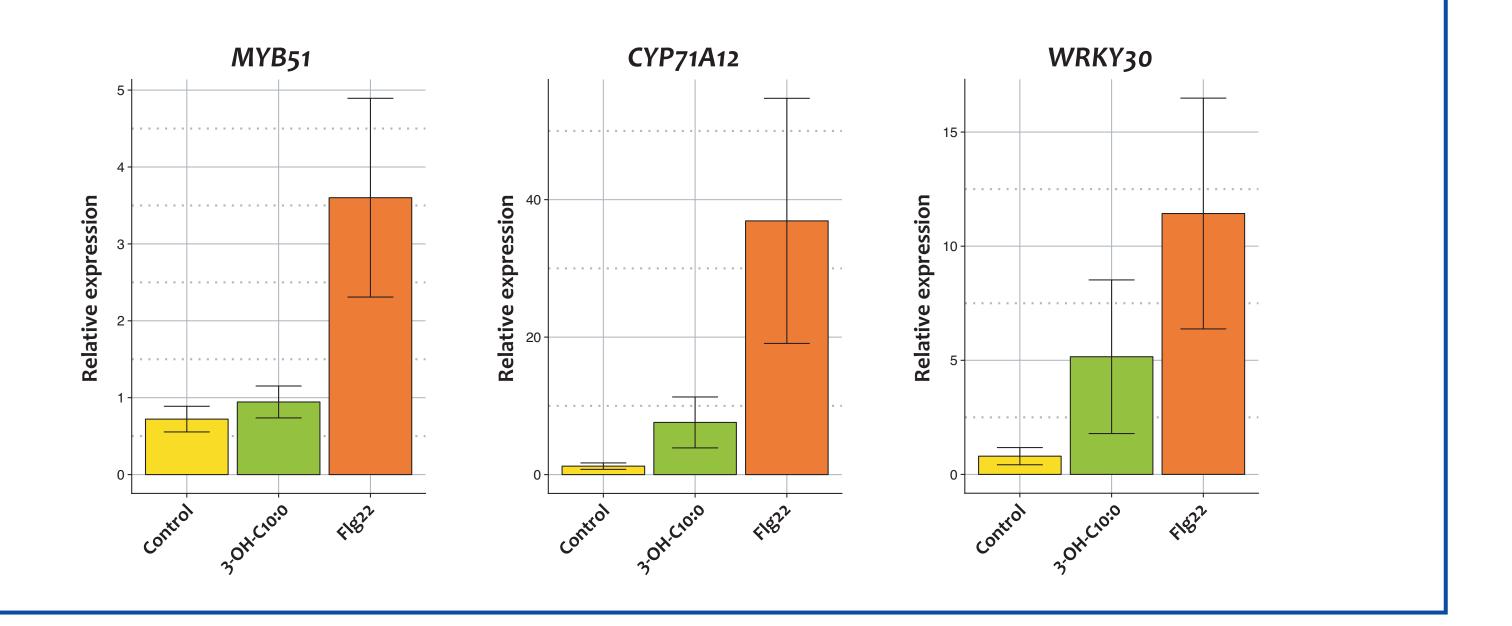
In the following experiments, 3-OH-C10:0 was used at 10 μ M. The flagellin-derived Flg22 peptide was used as positive control at 1 μ M.



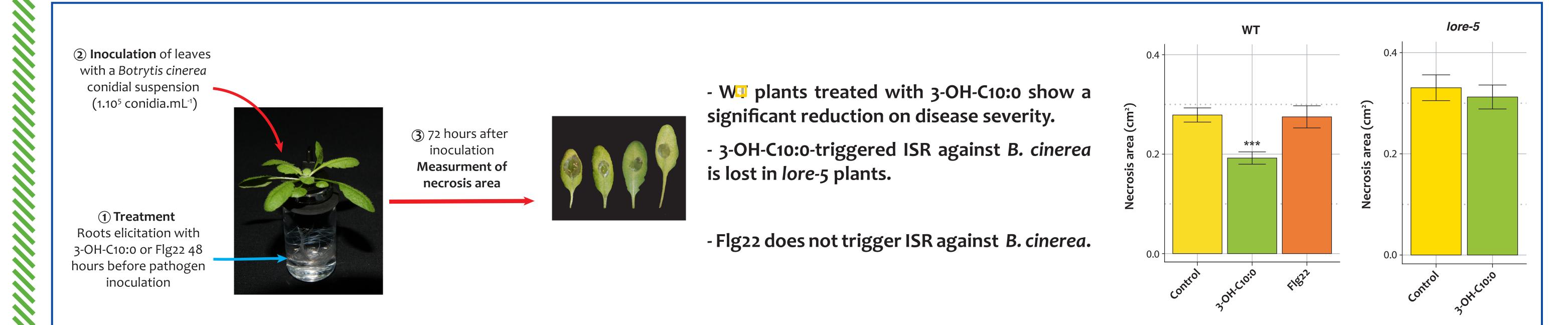
3-OH-C10:0 TRIGGERS TRANSCRIPTIONAL CHANGES IN ROOTS

Expression pattern of the root MTI marker genes, MYB51⁵, CYP71A12⁵ and WRKY30⁶ was followed by qRT-PCR in roots 3h after treatment.

- MYB51 gene expression is significantly induced after Flg22 treatment but not with 3-OH-C10:0.
- CYP71A12 and WRKY30 genes are up-regulated by both 3-OH-C10:0 and Flg22.



3-OH-C10:0 INDUCES SYSTEMIC RESISTANCE AGAINST B. CINEREA



CONCLUSION

Our results show that the 3-OH-C10:0 building block of RLs is perceived by A. thaliana roots and triggers a LORE-dependent systemic resistance against B. cinerea in A. thaliana leaves.

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