
1 **Damage signalling by extracellular nucleotides; a role for cyclic nucleotides in elevating**
2 **cytosolic free calcium?**

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16 **Abstract**

17 Extracellular ATP (eATP) is now held to be a constitutive Damage Associated Molecular
18 Pattern (DAMP) that is released by wounding, herbivory or pathogen attack. The concentration
19 of eATP must be tightly regulated as either depletion or overload leads to cell death. In
20 *Arabidopsis thaliana*, sensing of eATP is by two plasma membrane legume-like lectin serine-
21 threonine receptor kinases (P2K1 and P2K2), although other receptors are postulated. The
22 transcriptional response to eATP is dominated by wound- and defence-response genes.
23 Wounding and pathogen attack can involve the cyclic nucleotides cyclic AMP (cAMP) and
24 cyclic GMP (cGMP) which, in common with eATP, can increase cytosolic free Ca²⁺ as a second
25 messenger. This Perspective on DAMP signalling by eATP considers the possibility that the
26 eATP pathway involves production of cyclic nucleotides to promote opening of Cyclic
27 Nucleotide Gated Channels and so elevates cytosolic free Ca²⁺. *In silico* analysis of P2K1 and
28 P2K2 reveals putative adenylyl and guanylyl kinase sequences that are the hallmarks of
29 “moonlighting” receptors capable of cAMP and cGMP production. Further, an *Arabidopsis* loss
30 of function *cngc* mutant was found to have an impaired increase in cytosolic free Ca²⁺ in
31 response to eATP. A link between eATP, cyclic nucleotides and Ca²⁺ signalling therefore
32 appears credible.

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38 **Introduction**

39 Extracellular ATP (eATP) is now recognised as a plant cell regulator, with the ability to affect
40 growth, development and stress responses (reviewed by Matthus *et al.*, 2019a). With resting
41 levels thought to be in the nanomolar range, eATP concentration must be tightly regulated as
42 either depletion or overload leads to cell death (Chivasa *et al.*, 2005; Sun *et al.*, 2012; Deng *et al.*,
43 2015). This extracellular nucleotide is now thought to be involved in the response to
44 wounding and microbial attack, such that it is classified as a constitutive DAMP (Damage
45 Associated Molecular Pattern; Choi *et al.*, 2014a; Tanaka and Heil, 2021). It is readily
46 envisaged that a breach of the plasma membrane would allow release of cytosolic ATP to the
47 apoplast. Increased eATP concentration has indeed been measured from *Arabidopsis thaliana*
48 roots, plus *Arabidopsis* and kidney bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L) leaves in response to

49 mechanical wounding (Song *et al.*, 2006; Weerasinghe *et al.*, 2009; Dark *et al.*, 2011; Wang *et al.*, 2019a). Wounding can also result in accumulation of extracellular glutamate, which in turn
50 can cause eATP accumulation (Dark *et al.*, 2011; Toyota *et al.*, 2018). Non-damaging
51 mechanical disturbance generated by touch can lead to increased eATP of roots (Weerasinghe
52 *et al.*, 2009), suggesting that microbial growth that does not breach the plasma membrane could
53 cause eATP increase by putting pressure on walls. If the plasma membrane were to remain
54 intact, studies suggest that ATP release mechanisms include exocytosis and a diversity of
55 transport proteins (Kim *et al.*, 2006; Choi *et al.*, 2014a; Matthus *et al.*, 2019a).
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58 Microbial presence has indeed been found to influence eATP levels, which in turn may affect
59 colonisation. The early phase of root colonisation of both *Arabidopsis* and barley (*Hordeum*
60 *vulgare*) by the endophytic fungus *Serendipita indica* is associated with significant eATP
61 increase (Nizam *et al.*, 2019). However, secretion of an eATP hydrolysing ecto-5'-nucleotidase
62 by the fungus lowers eATP and allows greater colonisation (Nizam *et al.*, 2019). *Arabidopsis*
63 roots expressing the *S. indica* nucleotidase became more susceptible to colonization by the
64 pathogenic fungus *Colletotrichum incanum*, suggestive of a role for eATP depletion (Nizam *et al.*,
65 2019). Presence of *Pseudomonas syringae* (and to a lesser extent flg22) results in increased
66 eATP levels in *Arabidopsis* leaf, particularly around guard cells. The high eATP causes stomatal
67 closure, limiting bacterial entry (Chen *et al.*, 2017). The mycotoxin beauvericin (BEA)
68 increases eATP of wheat (*Triticum aestivum*) coleoptiles and causes cell death (Šrobárova *et al.*,
69 2009). BEA is most notably produced by *Fusarium* species and acts in wheat head blight:
70 Šrobárova *et al.*, 2009). As a Ca²⁺ ionophore (Caloni *et al.*, 2020), BEA could act to increase
71 Ca²⁺ influx into cells. In *Arabidopsis* roots, promoting Ca²⁺ influx results in increased eATP
72 most likely by stimulating exocytotic ATP release (Kim *et al.*, 2006), which may help explain
73 BEA's ability to elevate wheat eATP. In contrast the mycotoxin Fumonisin B1 (FB1) causes
74 eATP depletion in *Arabidopsis* leading to cell death (Chivasa *et al.*, 2005). Delineating how
75 cells sense and respond to varying eATP levels is therefore critical to understanding the role of
76 eATP in regulating what may be a continuum between growth, immunity and death (Choi *et al.*,
77 2014a).
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80 The first angiosperm eATP receptor was identified through an *Arabidopsis* forward genetic
81 screen as a plasma membrane legume-like lectin serine-threonine receptor kinase, “DOes not
82 Respond to Nucleotides1” (DORN1), now also known as P2K1 (consistent with animal eATP
83 receptor terminology) and formerly known as LecRK1.9 (Gouget *et al.*, 2006; Bouwmeester *et al.*,
84 2011; Choi *et al.*, 2014b; Balagué *et al.*, 2016). It is thought to form part of the plasma
85 membrane-cell wall continuum (Bouwmeester *et al.*, 2011). Structurally, DORN1/P2K1 differs
86 markedly from the animal eATP receptors, which are eATP-binding Ca²⁺ channels or G-
87 protein-coupled receptors (Choi *et al.*, 2014a, b; Nguyen *et al.*, 2016; Verkhatsky, 2021).
88 DORN1/P2K1 is important for defence against *Botrytis cinerea* (necrotrophic fungus: Tripathi
89 *et al.*, 2018), *Phytophthora brassicae* and *P. infestans* (biotrophic oomycetes: Gouget *et al.*,
90 2006; Bouwmeester *et al.*, 2011, 2014), *Pseudomonas syringae* (hemibiotrophic bacterium:
91 Balagué *et al.*, 2016; Chen *et al.*, 2017), *Rhizoctonia solani* (necrotrophic fungus: Kumar *et al.*,
92 2020) and *S. indica* (Nizam *et al.*, 2019). A second *Arabidopsis* eATP receptor, P2K2, was
93 identified by complementation of a *p2k1* mutant. P2K2 is also a plasma membrane legume-like
94 lectin receptor kinase which is trans-phosphorylated by P2K1 and is involved in defence
95 against *P. syringae* (Pham *et al.*, 2020). There is now evidence that DORN1/P2K1 and P2K2
96 are unlikely to be the only *Arabidopsis* eATP receptors (Zhu *et al.*, 2017, 2020; Matthus *et al.*,
97 2019a; Smith *et al.*, 2021). Nevertheless, activation of DORN1/P2K1 by eATP leads to
98 phosphorylation of Mitogen-Activated Protein Kinase3 (MPK3: Choi *et al.*, 2014b. MPK3 can
phosphorylate Calmodulin-binding Transcription Activator3 (CAMTA3) in flg22 signalling,

99 which results in CAMTA3 breakdown and the release of its repression of defence gene
100 transcription (Jiang *et al.*, 2020). It is not clear whether this also occurs in eATP signalling but
101 an estimated 99.8% of seedling eATP-responsive transcriptome requires DORN1/P2K1 and
102 the CAM-box CAMTA3 binding target is highly enriched in promoters of eATP-regulated
103 genes (Jewell *et al.*, 2019). The eATP transcriptome is enriched in wound response and
104 defence-related genes, with some also requiring regulation by the ethylene, jasmonate and
105 salicylic acid pathways (Choi *et al.*, 2014b; Tripathi *et al.*, 2018; Jewell *et al.*, 2019).

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107 Whilst receptor characterization and analyses of receptor mutants has established eATP as a
108 DAMP, the signalling systems downstream of receptors remain less well understood. A
109 transient increase in cytosolic free Ca^{2+} ($[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_{\text{cyt}}$) as a second messenger is one of the earliest
110 detectable changes downstream of eATP (Demidchik *et al.*, 2003; Choi *et al.*, 2014b; Behera
111 *et al.*, 2018). Mechanical wounding and insect feeding also increase $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_{\text{cyt}}$ (Hander *et al.*,
112 2019; Malabarba *et al.*, 2021), suggesting the involvement of eATP. It can be noted in passing
113 that saliva from insect herbivores can contain eATP hydrolyzing enzymes such as ecto-apyrase,
114 suggesting that eATP is an important target to control (Su *et al.*, 2012; Wu *et al.*, 2012). Studies
115 on how eATP increases $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_{\text{cyt}}$ in *Arabidopsis* have focused on plasma membrane Ca^{2+} -
116 permeable channels. Pharmacological block of such channels prevents $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_{\text{cyt}}$ elevation
117 (Demidchik *et al.*, 2003; Behera *et al.*, 2018) and adversely affects transcription of jasmonate-
118 dependent genes involved in wounding and defence (Tripathi *et al.*, 2018). Patch clamp
119 electrophysiological analyses of root epidermis have revealed eATP- and DORN1/P2K1-
120 dependent Ca^{2+} influx channel conductances that would be competent to elevate $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_{\text{cyt}}$
121 (Demidchik *et al.*, 2009; Zhu *et al.*, 2017; Wang *et al.*, 2018, 2019b). eATP-activated Ca^{2+}
122 influx conductances have also been found in tobacco pollen tube and *Vicia faba* guard cell
123 plasma membranes (Wang *et al.*, 2014; Wu *et al.*, 2018). The identity of the underpinning Ca^{2+}
124 channels in all of these cell types remains under investigation. To date, the plasma membrane
125 NADPH oxidase RBOHC (Respiratory Burst Oxidase HomologueC; Demidchik *et al.*, 2009)
126 and the heterotrimeric G protein alpha subunit (GPA1; Zhu *et al.*, 2017) are implicated in
127 regulating *Arabidopsis* root eATP-activated channels. Annexin1 (which supports a hydroxyl
128 radical-activated Ca^{2+} channel activity; Laohavisit *et al.*, 2012) is implicated in eATP-induced
129 $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_{\text{cyt}}$ increase of *Arabidopsis* roots and transcriptional regulation of wound- and defence-
130 response genes but its mode of action has not been determined (Mohammad-Sidik *et al.*, 2021).
131 It also underpins wounding- and herbivory-induced $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_{\text{cyt}}$ increases (Malabarba *et al.*, 2021).
132 Annexin4 supports an eATP-induced $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_{\text{cyt}}$ increase when expressed in *Xenopus* oocytes but
133 its *in planta* activity has not yet been reported (Ma *et al.*, 2019). Recently, a patch clamp study
134 on *Arabidopsis* pollen grains identified two Cyclic Nucleotide Gated Channel (CNGC)
135 subunits (CNGC2 and CNGC4) as underpinning a plasma membrane eATP-activated Ca^{2+}
136 influx conductance that may be relevant to germination (Wu *et al.*, 2021). The conductance
137 was lost in the *dorn1* loss of function mutants suggesting the channels act downstream of this
138 receptor although it was not checked if *CNGC2* and *CNGC4* expression were downregulated
139 in *dorn1*. The CNGC2 and CNGC4 channel subunits form a heterotetrameric plasma
140 membrane Ca^{2+} influx channel in flg22 PAMP-triggered immunity (Pathogen Associated
141 Molecular Pattern; Tian *et al.*, 2019), indicating a possible common point in DAMP and PAMP
142 signalling. Furthermore, the results of Wu *et al.* (2021) imply that the cyclic nucleotides cAMP
143 (3', 5'-cyclic adenosine monophosphate) or cGMP (3', 5'-cyclic guanosine monophosphate)
144 act downstream of eATP and DORN/P2K1. Although eATP has long been known to increase
145 animal cell cAMP (Choi and Kim, 1997; Castro *et al.*, 1998) there appear to be no reports to
146 date of eATP's having an effect on cAMP or cGMP levels in plants, but these nucleotides can
147 increase $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_{\text{cyt}}$ through CNGC activation (reviewed by Jarratt-Barnham *et al.*, 2021). This

148 Perspective will consider the possibility that cyclic nucleotides and CNGCs act in eATP-DAMP
149 $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$ signalling.

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151 **Cyclic nucleotide production by moonlighting proteins in response to pathogens and** 152 **wounding**

153 cAMP and cGMP are involved in growth and development, abiotic stress responses, stomatal
154 kinetics, control of photorespiration and photosynthesis and immunity (reviewed by Jarratt-
155 Barnham *et al.*, 2021). Production of cAMP and cGMP is now held to be by adenylyl cyclase
156 (AC) and guanylyl cyclase (GC) centres embedded in a diverse range of soluble and
157 membrane-integral proteins (Ludidi and Gehring, 2003; Ruzvidzo *et al.*, 2019; Al-Younis *et*
158 *al.*, 2021; Turek and Irving, 2021). There is clear evidence supporting cytosolic cyclic
159 nucleotide production by a “moonlighting” function of members of the Receptor-Like Kinase
160 (RLK) superfamily, relevant to response to pathogens, where the catalytic centre is present in
161 the cytosolic kinase domain (Qi *et al.*, 2010; Kwezi *et al.*, 2011; Turek and Irving, 2021). For
162 example in *Arabidopsis*, LLRAC1 (Leucine-Rich Repeat Adenylyl Cyclase1) is implicated in
163 defence against *P. syringe* and the biotrophic fungus *Golovinomyces orontii* (Bianchet *et al.*,
164 2019). Wall-Associated Kinase-LIKE (WAKL) proteins in *Arabidopsis*, wheat and *Brassica*
165 *napus* are implicated in cGMP production and pathogen defence (reviewed by Turek and
166 Irving, 2021). Most recently, expression of rice WAKL21.2 (which has GC activity) in
167 *Arabidopsis* resulted in transcription of SA-related defence genes and conferred resistance to
168 *P. syringae* (Mulkani *et al.*, 2020).

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170 In terms of DAMP signalling, wounding was found to result in a rapid, five-fold increase in
171 *Arabidopsis* leaf cAMP and cGMP by van Damme *et al.* (2014). In this instance, the 2',5'
172 isomers were detected but the mode of production and downstream consequences remain
173 unknown. Larval oral secretions from the moth *Spodoptera littoralis* can increase cAMP
174 content of *Arabidopsis* leaves within 3 minutes, which may relate to herbivory damage (Kumar
175 *et al.*, 2019). An initial decreased transcription followed by longer-term increased transcription
176 of *Hippeastrum hybridum* *Guanylyl Cyclase1* (*HpGC1*, most likely encoding a soluble
177 enzyme) was found in wounded and infected scales (fungal infection by *Peyronella curtisii*).
178 Although a causal relationship was not demonstrated, *HpGC1* activity may relate to
179 downstream production of cGMP in the challenged scales (Świeżawska *et al.*, 2015). Since
180 then, Triphosphate Tunnel Metalloenzyme 3 (TTM3) from *Brachypodium distachyon* has been
181 found to have both ATP hydrolyzing and AC activities, with upregulation of transcription by
182 wounding (Świeżawska *et al.*, 2019). There remains a significant knowledge gap when it comes
183 to whether eATP as a DAMP (or in its role as growth regulator) has an effect on cAMP or
184 cGMP levels. However, increasing cAMP through expression of an AC increases transcription
185 of wound-related genes (Xu *et al.*, 2021) which could place eATP (as a DAMP governing
186 wound-related transcription) upstream of cAMP production. A key question is whether the
187 eATP receptors could themselves generate cAMP or cGMP.

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189 **Could eATP receptors generate cAMP or cGMP?**

190 To date neither DORN1/P2K1 nor P2K2 have been identified as harbouring AC/GC domains.
191 However the ACPred AC prediction tool sequence [KSR]X[DE]X{10}[KR]X{0,3}[DE] (Xu
192 *et al.*, 2018a; <http://gcpred/acpred/>; Figure 1A) does reveal possible sequences. Two
193 overlapping sequences are present in DORN1/P2K1 (Figure 1B) that harbour an aspartic acid
194 residue ([D]) at position 3 that should confer ATP binding specificity but the sequences are
195 *extracellular*, lying close to the transmembrane domain and beyond the residues already
196 implicated in eATP binding in the lectin domain (Nguyen *et al.*, 2016; Cho *et al.*, 2017) (Figure.
197 1C). The first sequence starting at S259 has an aspartic acid residue predicted for cation binding

198 that should follow the 14 amino acid catalytic centre motif (Al-Younis *et al.*, 2021) but after an
199 interval of 2 amino acids. The second sequence (starting at R267) lacks a cation binding residue
200 but overlaps at position 4 with the AC catalytic centre motif used recently by Al-Younis *et al.*
201 (2021) ([KSR][YFW][DE][VIL]X₄[Y]X₄[KR]X_{0,3}[DE]; Figure 1A). Curiously, this
202 second sequence contains the PHPR found previously to be an RGD binding sequence, relevant
203 to the RGD-containing IPI-O protein secreted by *Phytophthora infestans* (Gouget *et al.*, 2006).
204 Potentially, therefore, DORN1/P2K1 has more than one way to bind eATP. P2K2 harbours a
205 putative AC sequence in its cytosolic serine/threonine kinase domain and this sequence
206 conserves an aspartic acid residue for cation binding following the catalytic centre motif
207 (Figure 1D). The GCPred GC prediction tool sequence
208 [KS]X[SCG]X₁₀[KR]X_{0,3}[DHSE] (Xu *et al.*, 2018b; <http://gcpred>; Figure 1A) revealed
209 two intracellular sequences in DORN1/P2K1, with one harboured in its serine/threonine kinase
210 domain (Figure 1C). For P2K2, two sequences were found in the extracellular lectin domain
211 and one in the intracellular serine/threonine kinase domain (Figure 1D). All of these have the
212 conserved [KS]X[SCG]X₁₀[KR] sequence that confers GC function (Wong and Gehring,
213 2013) and is present in the *Pharbitis nil* GC1 enzyme which has been shown to catalyse cGMP
214 production *in vitro* (Szmidt-Jaworska *et al.*, 2009). The [DHSE] sequence was absent or present
215 after a 2 amino acid gap. The intracellular sequence and proximal extracellular sequence also
216 had limited conservation with the more detailed GC motif
217 [RKS][YFW][CTGH][VIL][FV]G[DNA]X[VIL]X₄[KR] used to identify AtGC1 (Ludidi
218 and Gehring, 2003; Wong *et al.*, 2018). Both eATP receptors therefore appear to have the
219 requisite sequences to generate cyclic nucleotides and this now requires experimental
220 validation.

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222 **CNGC2 is implicated in cotyledon eATP-induced [Ca²⁺]_{cyt} increase**

223 While there remains a question mark between eATP and cyclic nucleotides, critically there is a
224 precedent of a DAMP-cytosolic cGMP-CNGC2 pathway. Wounding of *Arabidopsis* increases
225 [Ca²⁺]_{cyt} resulting in activation of metacaspase 4. The latter then catalyses production of Plant
226 elicitor peptide1 (Pep1) from its inactive precursor PROPEP1 (Hander *et al.*, 2019). Pep1 can
227 be perceived as a DAMP in a neighbouring cell by its cognate plasma membrane receptors
228 PEPR1 and PEPR2. Both of these LRR RLKs are predicted to have cytosolic GC activity, with
229 PEPR1 confirmed experimentally. The cytosolic cGMP activates CNGC2 to effect a [Ca²⁺]_{cyt}
230 increase and downstream defence transcriptional response (Qi *et al.*, 2010). eATP is now
231 reported to act upstream of CNGC2. Wu *et al.* (2021) reported that eATP (0.1 mM) failed to
232 elicit a plasma membrane Ca²⁺-permeable influx conductance in *Arabidopsis* pollen grain
233 protoplasts of a *cngc2* mutant. This concentration of eATP stimulated pollen germination in the
234 wild type but not *cngc2* (Wu *et al.*, 2021) but it remains unknown if activation of CNGC2 by
235 eATP would increase [Ca²⁺]_{cyt}. Here, the *cngc2* loss of function mutant *dnd1* (defence not
236 death1; which constitutively expresses cytosolic (apo)aequorin as a luminescent [Ca²⁺]_{cyt}
237 reporter, Qi *et al.*, 2010) was tested for impaired eATP-induced [Ca²⁺]_{cyt} increase. The *dnd1*
238 mutant of *CNGC2* has a single point mutation causing a stop codon in the third exon that would
239 result in a truncated protein lacking the pore region for ion conduction. *dnd1* has a dwarf rosette
240 phenotype that was also observed here (Supplemental Figure 1). Addition of control solution
241 alone to single, excised cotyledons of Col-0 and *dnd1* only induced the transient “touch
242 response” caused by mechanical disturbance, which did not differ between genotypes (Figure
243 2A, B). In contrast, addition of 0.1 mM eATP caused a monophasic increase in [Ca²⁺]_{cyt} after
244 the touch response (Figure 2C). A similar pattern was observed in a previous study by
245 Mohammad-Sidik *et al.* (2021). The response of *dnd1* to 0.1 mM eATP was significantly lower
246 than the Col-0 wild type, both for the maximum [Ca²⁺]_{cyt} increase and estimated total [Ca²⁺]_{cyt}
247 mobilized (estimated as Area Under the Curve; AUC, Figure 2D). Increasing eATP to 1 mM

248 (Figure 2E,F) also revealed a significant impairment in the response of *dnd1* (Figure 2G)
249 although clearly at both eATP concentrations loss of CNGC2 function allows the majority of
250 the $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$ increase to occur. Overall these results show that CNGC2 could be involved in an
251 eATP-induced $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$ increase in leaf tissue.

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253 Discussion

254 At present, it can only be inferred from existing studies that eATP could increase cAMP or
255 cGMP synthesis to act as second messengers in $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$ -based DAMP signalling. However, it
256 is now timely to assess experimentally whether eATP does elicit an increase in cyclic
257 nucleotides and whether this is driven by known eATP receptors. Verification of the putative
258 AC/GC sequences in DORN1/P2K1 and P2K2 would mean that phosphorylation of cytosolic
259 targets is not the only way these receptors can relay the eATP signal. Increasing $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$
260 inhibits the kinase activity of the *Arabidopsis* plasma membrane phytosulphokine receptor 1
261 (PSKR1) and promotes its GC activity (Muleva *et al.*, 2014). It is therefore feasible that the
262 receptors' initial function is to relay by phosphorylation (which could activate plasma
263 membrane Ca^{2+} channels to increase $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$) but increasing $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$ switches the receptors'
264 mode to cyclic nucleotide production. A further layer of regulation could be effected by levels
265 of H_2O_2 , given the findings of Kuzakova *et al.* (2020) of dose-dependent stimulation or
266 inhibition of pea (*Pisum sativum*) AC activity. The finding here of putative extracellular AC
267 sequences in DORN1/P2K1 begs several questions. How does the affinity of eATP binding
268 compare to that of the legume lectin domain (K_d 46 nM; Choi *et al.*, 2014b)? Under what
269 circumstances would extracellular cAMP be synthesized and to what purpose? Here it should
270 be noted that plant plasma membrane moonlighting ACs and GCs have low productivity and
271 are held to be within distinct membrane domains containing their target in order to be efficient
272 (Wong *et al.*, 2018; Turek and Irving, 2021). Could the plant plasma membrane harbour a
273 receptor for extracellular cAMP in close proximity to those for eATP? Two decades ago, there
274 were no signs of a receptor for eATP in the *Arabidopsis* genome but if a measurable output for
275 sensing extracellular cyclic nucleotides could be established then there is a way forward
276 through forward genetic screens. Similar questions and future directions can also be posed for
277 the extracellular putative cGMP synthesis sites of P2K2.

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279 The finding here that a small but significant component of the eATP-induced $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$ elevation
280 requires CNGC2 (at eATP levels consistent with wounding) helps fill a gap in our knowledge
281 on how $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$ elevation is achieved and helps indirectly make the case for a role for cAMP
282 or cGMP in DAMP signalling by eATP (summarised in Supplemental Figure 2). However, it
283 remains feasible that CNGC2 could be phosphorylated by DORN1/P2K1 or P2K2 (if
284 downstream of these) to promote Ca^{2+} influx. CNGC2 is already known to act downstream of
285 PEPR1 and PEPR2 in DAMP signalling (Qi *et al.*, 2010) and downstream of flg22 in PAMP
286 signalling (Tian *et al.*, 2019). CNGC2 therefore could be a critical component in co-ordinating
287 the response to pathogens, which requires both damage and PAMPs to elicit the strongest
288 immunogenic transcriptional outcome (Zhou *et al.*, 2020). CNGC2 has recently been reported
289 to be involved auxin signalling (Chakraborty *et al.*, 2021) so it could possibly play a part in the
290 restorative growth response of cells surrounding damage sites as these sustain an increase in
291 auxin as a longer-term response (Hoermayer *et al.*, 2020). Much will depend on which cells
292 harbour CNGC2, what its possible sub-unit partners in heterotetrameric channels are to help
293 generate specific $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$ signals and their position in the membrane relative to receptors.
294 There are another nineteen CNGCs in *Arabidopsis* that now warrant consideration as
295 components of eATP DAMP signalling, although CNGC14 appears not to be involved in the
296 root's $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$ elevation by eATP (Shih *et al.*, 2015).

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313 Figure legends

314 **Figure 1. Putative AC and GC sequences in the eATP receptors DORN1/P2K1 and P2K2.**
315 A. Top: The ACPred AC prediction tool sequence (Xu *et al.*, 2018a). “X” denotes any amino
316 acid, “{}” denotes the number of undetermined amino acids. Centre: The AC catalytic centre
317 sequence used by Al-Younis *et al.* (2021). Bottom: The GCPred GC prediction tool sequence
318 (Xu *et al.*, 2018b). B. The two extracellular, overlapping putative AC sequences from
319 DORN1/P2K1 shown separately for clarity. C. Putative AC and GC sequences of
320 DORN1/P2K1. Overlapping AC sequences are highlighted in light grey. The extracellular
321 lectin domain is underlined with a wave, the intracellular serine/threonine kinase domain is
322 denoted with a straight underline. The transmembrane domain is annotated in ochre. Amino
323 acids found to be important for kinase activity are bold in yellow on a grey background (Choi
324 *et al.*, 2014a; Nguyen *et al.*, 2016; Cho *et al.*, 2017). D. Putative AC and GC sequences of
325 P2K2. The AC sequence is highlighted in light gray. Domains are identified as for (B). Amino
326 acids found to be important for kinase activity are bold in yellow on a grey background (Pham
327 *et al.* 2020).

328 **Figure 2. The *dnd1* mutant has an impaired $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$ response to eATP.** Cotyledons were
329 excised from 14 day old Col-0 and *dnd1*; cytosolic aequorin was reconstituted with
330 coelenterazine (in 10 mM CaCl₂, 0.1 mM KCl, 2 mM Tris/MES, pH 5.8) as described by
331 Mohammad-Sidik *et al.* (2021). Luminescence was recorded from individual samples bathed
332 in 10 mM CaCl₂, 0.1 mM KCl, 2 mM Tris/MES, pH 5.8 as described by Mohammad-Sidik *et al.*
333 *et al.* (2021). As with *flg22*, ATP causes pronounced acidification of solutions and so in this study,
334 pH of eATP test solutions was maintained by buffers to avoid acidic pH artefactual responses
335 which can impair interpretation (Westphal *et al.*, 2019). $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$ values were calculated as
336 described by Matthus *et al.*, (2019b). A. Mean \pm SEM time course of $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$ response of Col-
337 0 and *dnd1* to control solution (10 mM CaCl₂, 0.1 mM KCl, 2 mM Tris/MES, pH 5.8) added at
338 35 s (inverted triangle). B. Touch-induced $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$ increase from pre-stimulus baseline and
339 estimated total $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$ mobilized (AUC; Area Under the Curve, after baseline subtraction).
340 C. Mean \pm SEM time course of $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$ response of Col-0 and *dnd1* to 0.1 mM eATP added at
341 35 s (inverted triangle). D. Touch-induced $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$ increase from pre-stimulus baseline, peak
342 eATP-induced $[Ca^{2+}]_{cyt}$ increase from baseline and estimated AUC). E. As (C) but with 1 mM
343 eATP. F. Mean \pm SEM time course of the eATP response shown in (E). G. As (D) but for 1
344 mM eATP. Results are from 3 independent trials with 9 samples in total per genotype in control

345 trials and 19-21 samples in total per genotype in eATP trials. Each dot in box plots represents
346 an individual recording. The middle line and the triangle in the box plot are the median and
347 mean, respectively. Student's *t*-test was used for analysing statistical difference (***, $p < 0.001$;
348 *, $p < 0.05$; n.s, not significant).

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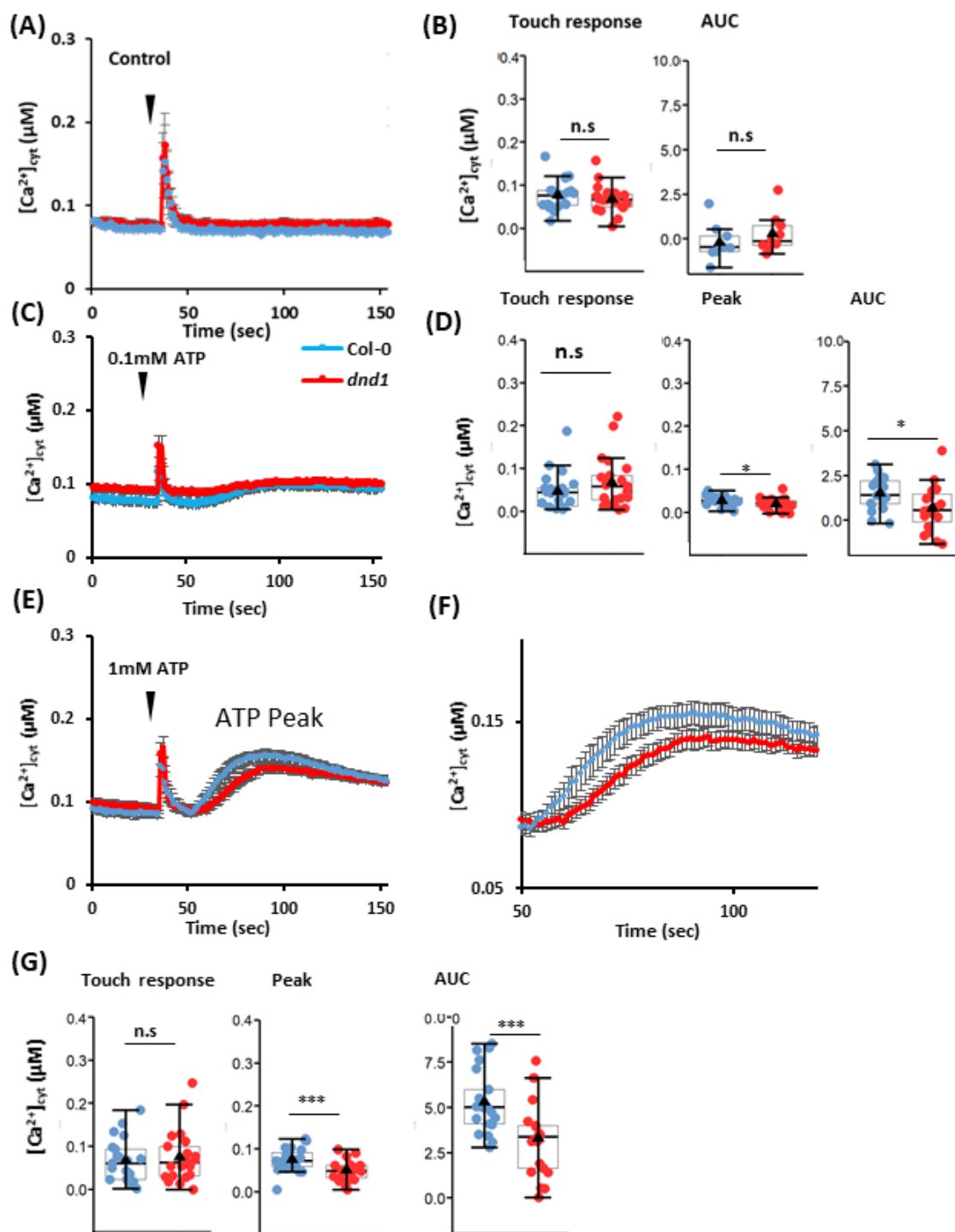
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