The Plasmodesmal Protein PDLP1 Localises to Haustoria-Associated Membranes during Downy Mildew Infection and Regulates Callose Deposition

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Abstract

The downy mildew pathogen *Hyaloperonospora arabidopsidis* (Hpa) is a filamentous oomycete that invades plant cells via sophisticated but poorly understood structures called haustoria. Haustoria are separated from the host cell cytoplasm and surrounded by an extrahaustorial membrane (EHM) of unknown origin. In some interactions, including Hpa-Arabidopsis, haustoria are progressively encased by host-derived, callose-rich materials but the molecular mechanisms by which callose accumulates around haustoria remain unclear. Here, we report that PLASMODESMATA-LOCATED PROTEIN 1 (PDLP1) is expressed at high levels in Hpa infected cells. Unlike other plasma membrane proteins, which are often excluded from the EHM, PDLP1 is located at the EHM in Hpa-infected cells prior to encasement. The transmembrane domain and cytoplasmic tail of PDLP1 are sufficient to convey this localization. PDLP1 also associates with the developing encasement but this association is lost when encasements are fully mature. We found that the pdlp1,2,3 triple mutant is more susceptible to Hpa while overexpression of PDLP1 enhances plant resistance, suggesting that PDLPs enhance basal immunity against Hpa. Haustorial encasements are depleted in callose in pdlp1,2,3 mutant plants whereas PDLP1 over-expression elevates callose deposition around haustoria and across the cell surface. These data indicate that PDLPs contribute to callose encasement of Hpa haustoria and suggests that the deposition of callose at haustoria may involve similar mechanisms to callose deposition at plasmodesmata.

Introduction

Eukaryotic filamentous pathogens such as rusts, powdery mildew fungi, and oomycetes including *Arabidopsis* downy mildew *Hyaloperonospora arabidopsidis* (Hpa) and *Phytophthora* spp., form specialized feeding structures in host cells called haustoria. Haustoria are unicellular protrusions from hyphae and function as the site of specialized feeding structures in host cells called haustoria. Haustoria are separated from the host cell cytoplasm by different layers: the extrahaustorial membrane (EHM) [5–7]. The EHM is continuous with the host plasma membrane (PM) but differs in protein composition [8–10] and appearance [6,11,12] suggesting functional specialisation of this membrane domain. During fungal infection, the EHM and PM at the site of invasion may be constricted by one or more neck bands [5,13,14] physically sealing the EHMx off from the host cell wall. Analogous but less densely stained structures have been observed in oomycete–plant interactions [15].

After successful entry in the host tissue, plant pathogens often encounter post-invasive defence barriers, such as depositions of host-derived material at haustoria. These materials include membranes, callose, cellulose, pectin, silicon, phenolic compounds, antimicrobial peptides, toxic secondary metabolites and reactive oxygen species [16–23], and following initial deposition at the neck of haustoria progressively encase the entire structure [2,24]. Callose deposition is considered as a hallmark of plant
defence responses [25] but the direct role of callose deposition in defence against an oomycete pathogen has not yet been determined.

Phospholipid membranes define cellular and subcellular structures. In eukaryotic cells, the PM is the outermost of the cellular membranes, encasing the cytoplasm and cellular organelles. The PM is not uniform in composition but contains specialised domains that may perform different functions. Indeed, it has recently been shown in plant cells that the protein composition of membrane domains changes following elicitation with pathogen-associated molecular patterns (PAMPs) [26], and that different receptor complexes form in different membrane domains [27] suggesting that protein activation can be confined to specific membrane domains. Plasmodesmata (PD) are PM lined channels that bridge plant cell walls, creating membrane and cytoplasmic continuity between adjacent cells. The PM that lines these pores is proposed to be a specialised PM domain [28] and this membrane has been found to contain functionally specialised receptors [27,29], Remorin [30] (specific to lipid rafts) and TETRASPA-NIN3 [31] (associated with tetraspanin enriched microdomains). The identity of proteins that are present and function at PD is poorly characterised [32] and while the functional significance of the proteinaceous composition of the membranes within PD is not fully understood, membrane specialisation is assumed to relate to the regulation of molecular flux between cells [32]. Recently, a number of membrane proteins have been identified as PD-located but it is unclear how these proteins are specifically recruited to this membrane domain.

The PD LOCATED PROTEIN (PDLP) family is composed of eight receptor-like proteins which contain a cytoplasmic domain, a single transmembrane domain and two extracellular Domains of Unknown Function 26 (DUF26) [33]. PDLPs are recruited to PD membranes via their transmembrane domain [33], where they are exploited as a scaffold or receptor for viral movement proteins for the assembly of viral tubules through PD [34]. It has been noted that PDLPs exhibit functional redundancy, as might be expected for members of a gene family with overlapping patterns of expression [35]. PDLP5 was recently identified as a mediator of salicylic acid (SA) induced PD closure, a process required for resistance against the bacterial pathogen Pseudomonas syringae pv. maculicola [36]. PDLP5 activity is correlated with callose deposition at PD [36], which induces PD closure [37]. PDLPs have also been associated with the transmission of herbivory responses [30]. However, despite these clues to their functional context, the molecular function of PDLPs has still not been identified.

In this study we found that in addition to its PD-associated function, PDLP1 mediates callose deposition around Hpa haustoria and that this activity is required for plant immunity. PDLP1 expression is specifically upregulated in mesophyll cells harbouring Hpa haustoria and PDLP1-GFP localises at the EHM of developing haustoria prior to encasement where, when overexpressed, it promotes EHM membrane proliferation. PDLPs are required for callose encasement of the haustoria and this is negatively correlated with infection success. These data suggest that PDLPs are involved in callose deposition at multiple cellular locations that include PD and haustoria.

Results

PDLP1 is upregulated in haustoria-containing cells

PDLP5 transcriptionally responds to SA and has a role in defence against hemibiotrophic bacteria [36]. To assess if other members of the PDLP family are expressed in response to pathogen inoculation, we first checked the expression pattern of the eight PDLP genes during a time course of Hpa Waco9 infection in Arabidopsis Col-0. Using recently available transcriptional data [39], we observed that both PDLP1 and PDLP5 expression was increased 5 days post inoculation (DPI) compared to 3 DPI (Figure 1). To determine if PDLP1 plays a role in defence we examined expression of both PDLP1 and PDLP5 at the cellular level during Hpa infection. Plants stably expressing promoter::GUS fusions were generated for PDLP1 and PDLP5 and examined for GUS expression 5 DPI. As negative controls, we compared PDLP1 and PDLP5 expression to PDLP2 and PDLP3 using plants expressing PDLP2pro::GUS and PDLP3pro::GUS [35]. While some low level expression was evident for PDLP2 and PDLP5, neither the PDLP2, 3 nor 5 promoters showed GUS expression that was associated specifically with Hpa infection (Figure 1). By contrast, GUS staining for PDLP1pro::GUS was visible in cells harbouring haustoria along Hpa hyphae (Figure 1). This result indicates that in contrast to PDLP5, the PDLP1 promoter is upregulated specifically at the site of Hpa cellular invasion.

PDLP1 locates at the EHM during early time points of Hpa infection

Given that PDLP1 is specifically expressed in haustoria-containing cells we examined the subcellular location of PDLP1-GFP after Hpa infection to determine if this increase in expression is likely to affect PD function. Plants that constitutively express PDLP1-GFP under the 35S promoter (PDLP1 OE, [33]) were imaged at 3–6 DPI to observe haustoria at various stages of encasement (Figure 2). In uninfected leaves, PDLP1-GFP localises to PD (white arrows, Figure 3A, [33]). Following inoculation with Hpa PDLP1-GFP was visible in the PD and surrounding unencased haustoria (Figure 2A, 3A). Infiltration of infected tissue with aniline blue stained any developing, callose-filled encasements. Haustoria with developing encasements showed aniline blue staining at the neck of the haustorium while PDLP1-GFP completely surrounded the structure (Figure 2A), illustrating that PDLP1-GFP associates with haustoria prior to development of the
encasement. PDLP1-GFP remained associated with the haustorium as the encasement developed (Figure 2B) but was not associated with fully encased haustoria at a late stage of development (Figure 2C). During the encasement process, small PDLP1-GFP containing bodies could be seen peripheral to the haustorium (Figure 2E). These bodies are possibly secretory vesicles depositing encasement material at the developing structure. The localisation of the PDLP1-GFP fusion during infection was also imaged when expressed from its native promoter. In plants stably expressing PDLP1pro::PDLP1-GFP [33], PDLP1-GFP was observed surrounding haustoria (Figure S2A). Like in PDLP1 OE plants, PDLP1-GFP was also observed in the developing encasement, but sometimes this association with the encasement could be resolved into two layers that suggest PDLP1-GFP is concentrated in membranes surrounding the encasement (Figure S2B). Many PM proteins are not present in the EHM but are associated with the haustorial encasement, i.e. they are observed at the neck of haustoria early in encasement development and completely surrounding the haustorium when the encasement is fully developed [3]. Localisation of PDLP1 at haustorial membranes prior to encasement suggests it is differentially incorporated into the EHM relative to other PM proteins.

Significantly, this localisation also indicates that PDLP1 has a non-PD associated function.

In order to establish whether or not PDLP localisation at haustoria is characteristic of PD proteins, we next examined the localisation of fusions to the PD-associated membrane proteins MOVEMENT PROTEIN-17 (MP17, Figure S3, [40]), TETRASPANIN3 (TET3; Figure S3 [31]) and the PD CALLOSE BINDING PROTEIN 1 (PDCB1, Figure S3, [41]) in unencased haustoria (Figure 3B). Each fusion was expressed from the 35S promoter. As observed for other PM-localised proteins, PDCB1-mCit and TET3-YFP were both visible in the developing encasement (Figure 3B) while MP17-GFP showed no association with haustoria (Figure 3B). Since PD-associated proteins did not localise at the EHM during Hpa infection, we concluded that the haustorial association is specific to PDLPs. Indeed, similar to PDLP1-GFP, PDLP2-GFP and PDLP3-GFP, from 35S promoter expression, were also observed surrounding unencased haustoria (Figure 3C, S3). Qualitative assessment of these images indicates that fluorescence associated with haustoria is fainter for these marker proteins, and when combined with the observation that PDLP3-GFP was not always visible at the haustorial periphery, raises the possibility these PDLPs have a weaker association with

Figure 1. PDLP1 is specifically expressed in Hpa infected mesophyll cells. GUS staining of PDLP1pro:GUS (A), PDLP2pro:GUS (B), PDLP3pro:GUS (C), PDLP5pro:GUS (D) in Arabidopsis leaves 6 days post inoculation with Hpa Waco9 shows that GUS staining correlates with Hpa growth in PDLP1pro:GUS expressing plants. At higher magnification, GUS staining is restricted to cells harbouring haustoria (yellow stars) while no GUS staining was detected in non-infected mesophyll cells. Haustoria are indicated by asterisks. Scale bars are 200 μm unless otherwise indicated. doi:10.1371/journal.ppat.1004496.g001
haustorial membranes. Irrespective, this observation indicates that, while not expressed at high levels in haustoria-containing cells, other PDLP family members carry targeting information for haustorial structures.

PDLPs have two extracellular DUF26 domains, a transmembrane (TM) domain and a short cytoplasmic tail (CT) (Figure 3D, [33]). A construct that fuses the fluorescent protein mCitrine (mCit) between the signal peptide and C-terminus (including the transmembrane domain and cytoplasmic tail) of PDLP1 (mCit-TMCT, Figure 3E) targets mCitrine to PD [33]. To determine if haustorial targeting information is also contained within the C-terminal domains of the protein, we examined the localization of mCit-TMCT during Hpa infection. As found for PDLP1-GFP, mCit-TMCT is located surrounding unencased haustoria (Figure 3F). Thus, PDLP targeting to haustoria is conferred by the PDLP1 C-terminal tail and/or the transmembrane domain.

**PDLPs are required for resistance against Hpa**

To test whether PDLPs play a role in defence against Hpa, we assessed Hpa susceptibility in transgenic and mutant lines. Expression of 35S::PDLP1-GFP (PDLP1 OE) significantly impairs molecular flux between leaf epidermal cells but a pdlp1 knockout mutant showed no alterations in molecular flux compared with Col-0 [33]. However, double knockout mutants for pdlp1,2 and pdlp1,3 showed increased molecular flux suggesting functional redundancy within the protein family [33]. For this reason, the triple knockout mutant pdlp1,2,3 [38] was used in all mutant assays. Following spray inoculation with the compatible isolate Hpa Waco9, Hpa sporulation 6 DPI was reduced in PDLP1 OE relative to wild-type Col-0 plants while Hpa sporulation was increased in pdlp1,2,3 mutant plants (Figure 4). These results indicate that PDLP1 is a positive regulator of plant immunity against Hpa.

While Arabidopsis Col-0 ecotype exhibits a compatible interaction with Hpa Noco2, Hpa isolate Emoy2 is recognised by the Resistance (R)-protein RPP4 in Col-0 [42]. To determine whether PDLPs play a role in RPP4-mediated resistance, we assayed the pdlp1,2,3 mutant for changes in susceptibility toward Hpa Emoy2. A small but significant increase in the number of conidiophores on pdlp1,2,3 mutants relative to Col-0 was observed suggesting that PDLPs also positively regulate immunity in response to Emoy2 (Figure S4).

**PDLP1 co-immunoprecipitates with the SNARE VAMP721**

To identify other resident proteins of PDLP1-containing membranes, we immuno-purified (IP) PDLP1-GFP from both infected and uninfected tissues. Proteins that co-immunoprecipitate with PDLP1 (Table 1) were classified as proteins identified in PDLP1 OE samples only, i.e. absent from control samples, or those for which the ratio of spectrum counts for PDLP1 OE (infected or non-infected) to control was greater than or equal to 4. Further, candidates were restricted to those that are located in cellular membranes (based on GO Cellular Component terms; PM, endosomes, vesicles, tonoplast), or are associated with compartments known to be subcellular locations of PDLP1 (ER, Golgi, PD [33]). Tandem mass spectrometry identified an almost
identical subset of proteins in both infected and uninfected tissue samples (Table 1, Table S1). Several candidates have been implicated in plant defence, notably PEN3 [44], PEN1 [45], WAK2 [46], AHA1 [47] and VAMP721 [48,49]. VAMP721 is implicated in delivery of the resistance protein RPW8 to the EHM during *Golovinomyces orontii* infection of Arabidopsis [48]. Others have functions associated with lipid modification, such as the phosphatidylinositol interactor PCAP1 [50], the phosphatidate phosphatase PAP1 [51], and the SEC14 domain protein PATL1 [52]. PATL1 [52] and VAMP721 [53,54] are found at the cell plate which, like PD and haustoria, is another location at which callose is deposited.

**PDLP1 regulates callose deposition in the developing encasement**

Given that PDLP1-GFP is located at haustoria and PD, and that these membrane domains are both sites of callose deposition, we investigated whether PDLP1 plays a role in callose encasement of *Hpa* haustoria. Aniline blue staining of callose in infected leaves was used to assess callose deposition in encasements [21]. Staining of wild-type, PDLP1 OE and *pdlp1,2,3* leaves 4–5 DPI revealed differences in the frequency of haustorial encasements (Figure 5A). 4–5 DPI *Col-0* and PDLP1 OE plants exhibited many haustoria fully encased in a callose-rich material (Figure 5A). By contrast, *Hpa* infected leaves of *pdlp1,2,3* plants showed few aniline-blue stained haustoria, similar to the callose synthase mutant *pmr4* (Figure 5A) [55]. We used automated callose detection [56] to quantify the number of aniline blue stained encasements in infected leaves. PDLP1 OE plants produced significantly more callose encasements per image area whereas *pdlp1,2,3* mutants produced fewer callose-encased haustoria compared with wild type (Figure 5B). To determine if this difference was due to a reduced number of haustoria produced by *Hpa* on *pdlp1,2,3* mutants we co-stained infected tissue with trypan blue and aniline blue. Counts of aniline blue stained haustoria and trypan blue stained haustoria in a single image indicate that relative to *Col-0*, *pdlp1,2,3* mutants have a reduced proportion of encased haustoria (Figure S5). We also performed haustorial counts on the *pdlp1* mutant and double mutants *pdlp1,2*, *pdlp2,3* and *pdlp3,1*. None of these lines showed a significant difference in the proportion of encased haustoria relative to *Col-0* (Figure S5), indicating that no single mutation present in these lines is responsible for the phenotype observed in the *pdlp1,2,3* mutants.

At higher magnification, the aniline blue stained encasement layer that surrounded haustoria in PDLP1 OE leaves appears thinner than that observed around haustoria in wild-type leaves

Figure 3. PDLPs, but not other PD proteins, are located at the EHM. (A) PDLP1-GFP is located at PD (arrows) in both uninfected and infected tissue. During infection, PDLP1-GFP is also located at haustoria (right). (B) EHM association is specific to PDLPs as the PD markers PCBD1-mCit, TET3-YFP and MP17-GFP do not locate to the EHM. PDCB1-mCit and TET3-YFP locate to the developing encasement (n = 13/13 and n = 12/12 respectively) and MP17-GFP shows no association with haustoria (n = 5/5). Images are fluorescent data (left) and fluorescence/transmitted light overlays (right). (C) PDLP2-GFP and PDLP3-GFP are located at the haustoria periphery (n = 10/10 and n = 5/7 respectively). (D) and (E) Diagrammatic representation of the topology of the PDLP1 and synthetic mCit-TMCT proteins following cleavage of the signal peptide. PDLP1 has 2 extracellular DUF26 domains, the transmembrane (TM) domain and cytoplasmic tail (CT), which projects into the cell cytoplasm (cyt). In the mCit-TMCT variant, the TM and CT is fused to mCitrine. (F) mCitrin-TMCT localises to the EHM similar to PDLP1-GFP (n = 10/10). Asterisks, haustoria; yellow arrows, developing encasement; white arrows, PD. Scale bars are 10 μm. doi:10.1371/journal.ppat.1004496.g003
regions, or alternately poor membrane preservation. In the may be due to the increased membrane convolution in these not see clear evidence of an additional membrane layer but this each time the haustorium was encased (Figure 6C, F, G) we did additional membrane layer would be present here. In our images, the model for haustorium formation would suggest that an Figure 6C–G). When the haustorium is fully or partially encased, the presence of membrane invaginations at the boundary between the increased staining density in the EHMx correlates with the presence of callose deposition by aniline blue staining but this callose appeared to be located in discrete membrane domains, likely PD – callose is deposited across the cell (Figure S7). mCherry-TMCT plants exhibited increased callose deposition by aniline blue staining but this callose appeared to be mediated by the C-terminal domains of the protein. PDLP1 OE line, membrane invaginations are uniform in diameter (approximately 25 nm) and in an oblique section could be measured to be greater than 450 nm long (Figure 6G). Invaginations, or convolution of the EHM, were also observed in wild-type cells but when compared with haustoria in PDLP1 OE plants were less frequent and shorter in length (Figure 6C–E, Table S2).

Callose deposition is not always observed during infection of haustorium-forming pathogens. We tested whether PDLP1 plays a role during infection of *Albugo laibachii*, an Arabidopsis oomycete pathogen which forms haustoria in Arabidopsis mesophyll cells, but does not trigger callose deposition [57]. No PDLP1 signal at the EHM of *A. laibachii* haustoria could be observed (Figure S6) suggesting that PDLP1 localisation is specific to an *Hpa* response and/or callose deposition.

It has been established that during plant development, callose is deposited at PD where it regulates cell-to-cell communication [58,59]. PDLP1 OE plants show reduced molecular flux via PD [33] and PDLP5 overexpression increases callose deposition at PD [36], so we asked whether PDLP1 also promotes callose deposition at PD. Qualitative assessment of aniline blue staining of PDLP1 OE plants showed that callose deposition was increased relative to wild-type plants but that this increase is not limited to PD – callose is deposited across the cell (Figure S7). mCherry-TMCT plants exhibited increased callose deposition by aniline blue staining but this callose appeared to be located in discrete membrane domains, likely PD (Figure S7). Thus, it is likely that PDLP1 acts on the PD flux via callose deposition and that for PDLP1 this is mediated by the C-terminal domains of the protein.

### Discussion

Haustoria are the primary interface for molecular exchange between pathogen and host, for pathogen nutrient uptake [60–64], effector delivery [65–68] and targeted defence responses from the host [9,69]. The encasement of haustoria by host cells has been observed in both compatible and incompatible interactions and can allow the host to suppress the growth of the pathogen [9,70,71]. A variety of materials are deposited in haustorial encasements, including polysaccharides, proteins and membraneous material, forming a barrier that is presumed to inhibit the loss of nutrients from the host and effector delivery from the pathogen. The beta-1,3-glucan callose is an abundant component of haustorial encasements but is not essential for their formation [72]. In this study we show that in the *Hpa*-Arabidopsis interaction, the pdlp1,2,3 mutant has reduced callose content in encasements and increased susceptibility to *Hpa*. This is in contrast to the *pmr4* mutants, which similarly have reduced callose encasement of haustoria (Figure 5) but increased resistance to *Hpa* [55]. *pmr4* mutants exhibit enhanced SA-dependent defence responses [73] which offers an explanation for enhanced resistance in the absence of callose. The opposite effect on susceptibility evident in two mutants depleted in callose suggests that callose regulation of SA-triggered responses is dependent upon callose synthase, or non-haustorial callose. Further, the pdlp1,2,3 mutant demonstrates that a callose-depleted encasement is less effective at impeding the pathogen and that callose is a critical component of targeted defence at haustoria in the *Hpa*-Arabidopsis interaction.

PDLPs were originally identified as a family of proteins that localise specifically at PD. They are a protein family of unknown function but have been associated with the regulation of molecular flux between cells via PD [33], virus tubule assembly at PD [34] and responses to both herbivores [38] and bacterial pathogens.

**Figure 4. PDLPs are required for plant immunity against *Hpa*.** *Hpa* Waco9 sporulation 5 DPI is reduced in PDLP1 OE plants but increased in pdlp1,2,3 mutant plants when compared to wild type Col-0. Error bars represent the standard error of the mean. a and b denote statistical significance (p-value < 0.05) when the data is analysed by one-way ANOVA and a Tukey-Kramer test.

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During *Hpa* infection, *PDLP1* expression is increased in infected cells, but expression of *PDLP2*, *PDLP3* or *PDLP5* is not. *PDLP5* expression is upregulated by SA [36]. It was recently demonstrated that *Hpa* effectors suppress the induction of a number of defence-responsive genes, including the SA responsive gene *PATHOGENESIS-RELATED GENE 1* [74,75]. It is possible that effectors delivered from haustoria also block SA induction of *PDLP5* in infected cells.

We observed that while PDLP1-GFP is located at PD under normal conditions, upon infection with *Hpa* PDLP1-GFP is located at the EHM (Figure 2, 3 and S2). This association with the EHM was observed early in the infection, prior to haustorial encasement. PDLP1-GFP fluorescence was also associated with the encasement as it developed, and protein produced from native promoter expression could be resolved in two layers at the boundary of the encasement. No PDLP1-GFP could be seen at the haustorium in mature encasements (Figure 2). The EHM and PD are both specialised membrane domains that are continuous with the PM. Our data shows that while both membrane domains contain PDLPs, other proteins located in the plasmodesmal PM are not located in the EHM, indicating they differ in protein content. While no immediate similarity in the function of these membranes is apparent, this raises the possibility that PDLPs perform similar functions at PD and haustorial membranes.

### Table 1. Proteins present in PDLP1-GFP containing membranes identified by MS/MS.

| Database Match | Protein name or description | Subcellular location | Spectrum Counts |
|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| AT1G04750      | VESICLE-ASSOCIATED MEMBRANE PROTEIN 721 (VAMP721) | CP, E, PM, PD | 1, 7, 3 |
| AT1G76840      | WHITE-BROWN COMPLEX HOMOLOG PROTEIN 11 (WBC11) | PM | 0, 2, 2 |
| AT1G20200      | EMBRYO DECEPTIVE 2719 (EMB2719), HAPLESS 15 (HAP15) | PM, PD | 0, 2, 4 |
| AT1G21270      | WALL-ASSOCIATED KINASE 2 (WAK2) | PM | 0, 1, 2 |
| AT1G47128      | RESPONSIVE TO DEHYDRATION 21 (RD21) | CW, PD | 1, 6, 2 |
| AT1G5500       | WHITE-BROWN COMPLEX HOMOLOG PROTEIN 12 (WBC12) | PM | 0, 1, 4 |
| AT1G77720      | translation elongation factor EF1B | CW, PM, PD | 1, 5, 1 |
| AT1G9870       | PENETRATION 3 (PEN3), PLEIOTROPIC DRUG RESISTANCE (PDR8) | PM | 0, 2, 4 |
| AT1G72150      | PATELLIN 1 (PAT1) | CP | 0, 4, 3 |
| AT1G23370      | 40S RIBOSOMAL PROTEIN SA (P40) | PM, PD | 1, 4, 1 |
| AT2G01180      | LIPID PHOSPHATE PHOSPHATASE 1 (ATPA1) | PM | 0, 4, 5 |
| AT2G18020      | EMBRYO DECEPTIVE 2296 (EMB2296), ribosomal protein L4 | PM, TP | 0, 4, 2 |
| AT2G18960      | H(+)-ATPase 1 (AHA1) | PM | 0, 20, 15 |
| AT2G21390      | Coatomer, alpha subunit | Ves, PD | 0, 7, 2 |
| AT2G45960      | PLASMA MEMBRANE INTRINSIC PROTEIN 18 (PIP1;2) | PM | 0, 5, 1 |
| AT2G47610      | Ribosomal protein L7Ae/L30e/12e/Gadd45 family protein | PD, TP | 0, 3, 1 |
| AT3G02650      | UDP-GLUCOSE PYROPHOSPHORYLASE 1 (UGP) | PM | 0, 2, 1 |
| AT3G06930      | Ribosomal protein L4/L1 | CW, PD, PM | 0, 3, 3 |
| AT3G11130      | CLATHRIN HEAVY CHAIN 1 (CHC1) | Ves, PM, PD | 0, 5, 0 |
| AT3G11620      | SYNTAXIN OF PLANTS 121 (SYT121), PENETRATION 1 (PEN1) | PM | 0, 1, 2 |
| AT3G14990      | ATDJ1A, DJ-1 homolog. | PD, PM, TP | 0, 4, 2 |
| AT3G23400      | FIBRILLIN 4 (FIB4) | PM | 1, 6, 3 |
| AT3G52880      | MONODEHYDROASCORBATE REDUCTASE 1 (MDAR1) | CW, PM | 0, 4, 1 |
| AT4G1150       | VACUOLAR ATP SYNTHASE SUBUNIT E1 (VHA-E1) | TP | 0, 3, 0 |
| AT4G28780      | GDSL-like Lipase/Acylhydrolase superfamily protein | CW | 0, 1, 2 |
| AT5G12250      | BETA-TUBULIN 6 (TUB6) | PM | 1, 2, 5 |
| AT5G14040      | PHOSPHATE TRANSPORTER 3;1 (PHT3;1) | CW, M, TP | 0, 2, 2 |
| AT5G23860      | BETA-TUBULIN 8 (TUB8) | M | 1, 7, 5 |
| AT5G26000      | BETA GLUCOSIDASE 3B (BGLU38) | CW | 1, 1, 5 |
| AT5G28540      | BIP (BIP1) | CW, ER, G, PD | 2, 14, 12 |
| AT5G43980      | PDP1 | CW, PD | 7, 92, 79 |
| AT5G47210      | mRNA binding family, AtVPS2.2-GFP Interacting Protein | PM | 0, 5, 4 |
| AT5G49360      | BETA-XYLOSIDASE 1 (BXL1) | M, CW | 0, 4, 1 |
| AT5G61790      | CALNEXIN 1 (CNX1) | ER, PD | 0, 1, 5 |

Total spectrum counts for each protein are presented, these are summed unique spectrum counts from at least three replicate IPs. Full details of the proteins identified are presented in Table S1. Subcellular location based on GO cellular component terms (http://arabidopsis.org): cell plate (CP), endoplasmic reticulum (ER), endosomes (E), Golgi (G), plasma membrane (PM), plasmodesma (PD), tonoplast (TP), vesicles (Ves).

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While several contexts have been identified for PDLP function, we do not know the mode of activity for this family of proteins. Immunoprecipitation of PDLP1-GFP in infected and non-infected tissue did not identify any proteins that associate with PDLP1 specifically in infected tissue. This may be because cells harbouring haustoria are rare in comparison with the surrounding non-infected cells which might dilute the signal, or alternatively indicate that PDLP1 targeting in infected cells is a result of redirection of an endogenous pathway. VAMP721 was identified in PDLP1 containing membranes (Table 1) and has recently been found to be required for RPW8 targeting to the EHM of *G. orontii* haustoria. This allows the possibility that PDLP1 and RPW8 exploit the same trafficking pathway for delivery to the EHM, and that this pathway is required for defence during different host-pathogen interactions. VAMP721 is also required for cell plate formation, and in both samples PDLP1 immuno-purified with the cell-plate marker PATELLIN1. The related protein PATELLIN2 was also identified in the PD proteome [31], allowing the hypothesis that there is functional similarity between the membrane domains of haustoria, PD and the cell plate.

Callose deposition occurs at haustoria and PD, both membrane domains at which PDLP1 is observed. Here we have shown that PDLPs contribute to callose deposition in the encasement of *Hpa* haustoria. When we examined the callose content in haustorial encasements in the *pdlp1,2,3* mutant, we observed that they were thinner and contained less callose compared with wild-type plants (Figure 5), further confirming the correlation between PDLP activity and callose deposition. The specific role of PDLPs as relates to callose deposition is unclear. PDLP1 localisation at the EHM precedes callose deposition and then follows the encasement as it develops. The localisation of PDLP1-GFP at the EHM raises questions relating to the spatio-temporal role of PDLP1. It is clear that PDLP1 present in membranes of the developing encasement could directly regulate callose filling of the encasement. However,
we saw no evidence of callose deposition at the EHM prior to encasement development and so the significance of this localisation remains undefined.

PDLP2 and PDLP3 (the genes for which are not significantly expressed in haustoria-containing cells), as well as the synthetic protein mCit-TMCT, also localise to the EHM suggesting that, as for PD targeting, haustorial targeting information is located within the transmembrane region and/or cytoplasmic tail of PDLPs. The observation that overexpression of the TMCT also increases PD associated callose and reduces intercellular flux indicates that the C-terminal domains of PDLPs are also sufficient to promote callose deposition.

Transmission electron microscopy of haustoria that form in PDLP1 overexpressors showed a proliferation of membrane as tubules or invaginations at the host interface. A convoluted or invaginated EHM has previously been observed in the Hpa-Arabidopsis interaction [15] as well as in the Peronospora sp-cabbage interaction [11], the Albugo candida-Arabis alpina interaction [57], the G. orontii-Arabidopsis interaction [24] and the Puccinia coronata-Avena sativa interaction [76] but to our knowledge, no molecular players involved in the genesis of these convolutions have been described so far. Our data suggest that overexpression of PDLP1 promotes the formation, stability and/or modification of the EHM such that a much greater surface area of

Figure 6. PDLP1 promotes membrane tubule formation at the extra-haustorial interface. Transmission electron micrographs of Hpa Waco9 haustoria observed in Col-0 (A) and PDLP1 OE (B) plants harvested 6 DPI. Boxes represent regions from which high magnification images (C, D, E, F) were taken. High magnification images of the host-pathogen interface in Col-0 (C–E) and PDLP1 OE (F) show that the EHMx and EHM forms an electron dense structure that has membrane invaginations (arrows) at the host surface. In regions in which the haustorium is encased the EHM is not continuously defined and may comprise the EHM and inner membrane of the encasement, thus this membrane is differentially denoted EHMx to allow for the possibility of multiple membrane layers. (F) Membrane invaginations are longer and more abundant in PDLP1 OE plants. (G) An oblique section of the surface of an haustorium in a PDLP1 OE cell illustrates the density and length of these protrusions. Ha, haustorium; En, encasement; EHMx, extrahaustorial matrix translucent; EHMx, extrahaustorial matrix dense. Scale bars are 2 μm (A and B), 100 nm (C–F) and 500 nm (E). doi:10.1371/journal.ppat.1004496.g006
host membrane is present around the haustoria. How this relates to callose filling of the encasement remains to be determined. This study has identified that PDLP1 contributes to callose deposition at Hpa haustorial encasements and PDLPs are required for full defence against this pathogen. We have demonstrated that in the Arabidopsis-Hpa interaction callose deposition in the haustorial encasement is a key defence response and that PDLP function extends beyond the regulation of intercellular flux. It is not clear how PDLP activity regulates callose deposition but this study has identified the possibility that this process is common to different subcellular locations and stimuli.

Materials and Methods

DNA constructs and transgenic plants

PDLP1 and PDLP5 regulatory sequences were amplified from 1.5 kb upstream of the ATG and cloned via Gateway Technology (Invitrogen) into the plant expression vector pKGWFS7 [77]. These constructs were used to generate stably expressing Arabidopsis by floral dipping [78]. The synthetic construct SP-mCherry-TMCT, which produces the protein mCherry-TMCT (mCh-TMCT) was made as described [33].

Pathogen assays

Hpa isolates Noco2, Waco9 and Emoy2 were used in this study. For infection, 10 day old plants were spray-inoculated to saturation with a spore suspension of 5×10^5 spores/mL. Plants were kept in a growth cabinet at 16°C for 3 to 6 days with a 10 h photoperiod. To evaluate conidiospore production, 10 pools of 2 plants were harvested in 1 mL of water for each line. After vortexing, the amount of liberated spores was determined with a haemocytometer as described by [79]. Statistical analyses have been performed in three independent experiments, using ANOVA. To evaluate conidiophore development, Hpa infection structures were stained by boiling for 2 min in lactophenol trypan blue (10% phenol, 10% glycerol, 0.01% trypan blue and 10% potassium ferricyanide, 0.5 mM potassium ferrocyanide, 10 mM EDTA, 100 mM sodium phosphate pH 7, 0.5 mM potassium benzoate methyl ether and polymerization was in place of 2 mL buffer/1 g leaf tissue. The homogenized extract was centrifuged at 4°C/20000 × g/20 min and the supernatant was passed through a double layer of Miracloth. GFP-tagged proteins were immunoprecipitated by adding 25 μL of GFP-Trap beads (Chromotek) followed by incubation on a rocking wheel at 4°C for 2 h. The beads were collected by centrifugation at 4°C/1000 × g/2 min, resuspended in 1 mL extraction buffer and transferred to 1.5 mL tubes. The beads were washed by 3 further rounds of centrifugation (4°C/1000 × g/1 min) followed by resuspension in 1 mL extraction buffer. To extract proteins, the beads were boiled for 5 min in 45 μL of 1× SDS sample buffer.

Histochemical localisation of GUS activity

GUS activity was assayed histochemically with 5-bromo-4-chloro-3-indolyl-β-D-glucuronic acid (1 mg/ml) in a buffer containing 100 mM sodium phosphate pH 7, 0.5 mM potassium ferrocyanide, 0.5 mM potassium ferricyanide, 10 mM EDTA, 0.1% Triton. Arabidopsis leaves were vacuum-infiltrated with staining solution and then incubated overnight at 37°C in the dark. Destaining was performed in 100% ethanol followed by incubation in chloral hydrate solution. Sections were observed with a Zeiss Axiosoplan 2 microscope (Jena, Germany).

Callose staining and confocal microscopy

For callose staining of live infected tissue, 0.1% aniline blue [80] was pressure infiltrated into aerial tissues. For haustorial encasement quantification, infected leaves were stained with aniline blue as described [21] and stained encasements were quantified using CalloseMeasurer [56]. For in vivo localisation of fluorescent-tagged proteins in Arabidopsis, 10 day old infected seedlings were mounted in water and analysed on a Leica DM6000B/TCS SP5 (Leica Microsystems) or Zeiss LSM780 (Zeiss) confocal microscope. GFP was excited at 408 nm and collected at 515–525 nm; mCitrine and YFP were excited at 514 nm and collected at 525–540 nm; the aniline blue fluorochrome was excited with a 405 nm laser and collected at 440–490 nm.

Transmission electron microscopy

Infected leaf samples were cut into 1 mm^3 pieces and immediately placed in 2.5% (v/v) glutaraldehyde in 0.05 M sodium cacodylate, pH 7.3, with vacuum infiltration and then left overnight at room temperature to fix the tissue. Samples were rinsed in buffer, placed in 30% (v/v) ethanol on ice then transferred into flow-through capsules for further processing in a Leica AFS2 (Leica Microsystems) following a PLT protocol (progressive lowering of temperature) based on that described by [81]. This procedure was followed except for the following modifications; after dehydration through an ethanol series, infiltration steps were performed at −20°C with LR White resin plus 0.5% (w/v) benzoin methyl ether and polymerization was in place of 2 mL buffer/1 g leaf tissue. The homogenized extract was centrifuged at 4°C/20000 × g/20 min and the supernatant was passed through a double layer of Miracloth. GFP-tagged proteins were immunoprecipitated by adding 25 μL of GFP-Trap beads (Chromotek) followed by incubation on a rocking wheel at 4°C for 2 h. The beads were collected by centrifugation at 4°C/1000 × g/2 min, resuspended in 1 mL extraction buffer and transferred to 1.5 mL tubes. The beads were washed by 3 further rounds of centrifugation (4°C/1000 × g/1 min) followed by resuspension in 1 mL extraction buffer. To extract proteins, the beads were boiled for 5 min in 45 μL of 1× SDS sample buffer.
LC-MS/MS analysis was performed using a hybrid mass spectrometer LTQ-Orbitrap XL (ThermoFisher Scientific) and a nanoflow UHPLC system (nanoAcquity, Waters Corp.). The peptides were applied to a reverse phase trap column (Symmetry C18, 5 μm, 180 μm × 20 mm, Waters Corp.) connected to an analytical column (BEH 130 C18, 1.7 μm, 75 μm × 250 mm, Waters Corp.) in vented configuration using nano-T coupling union. Peptides were eluted in a gradient of 3–40% acetonitrile in 0.1% formic (solvent B) acid over 50 min followed by a gradient of 40–60% B over 3 min at a flow rate of 250 nL min⁻¹ at 40°C. The mass spectrometer was operated in positive ion mode with nano-electrospray ion source with ID 20 μm fused silica emitter (New Objective). Voltage +2 kV was applied via platinum wire held in PEEK T-shaped coupling union. Transfer capillary temperature was set to 200°C, no sheath gas, and the focusing voltages in factory default setting were used. In the Orbitrap, MS scan resolution of 60,000 at 400 m/z, range m/z 300 to 2000, automatic gain control (AGC) target 100000 counts, and maximum inject time to 1000 ms were set. In the linear ion trap (LTQ) the normal scan rate and normal range, AGC accumulation target 30,000 counts, and maximum inject time to 150 ms were used. A data dependent algorithm was used to trigger and measure up to 5 tandem MS spectra in the master scan in the Orbitrap. Following function and detailed settings were used: Orbitrap pre-scan function, isolation width 2 m/z and collision energy set to 35%, and precursor ion collision threshold 1000 counts. The selected ions were fragmented in the ion trap using collision induced dissociation (CID). Dynamic exclusion was enabled allowing for 1 ms exclusion time, with a 60 sec exclusion time, and maximal size of dynamic exclusion list 500 items. Chromatography function to trigger MS/ MS event close to the peak summit was used with correlation set to 0.9, and expected peak width 7 s. Charge state screening enabled allowed only higher than 2+ charge states to be selected for MS/ MS fragmentation.

Software processing and peptide identification

Peak lists in format of Mascot generic files (.mgf files) were prepared from raw data using Proteome Discoverer v1.2 (ThermoFisher Scientific) and concatenated using in house developed Perl script. Peak picking settings were as follows: range m/z 300–5000, minimum number of peaks in a spectrum was set to 1, S/N threshold for Orbitrap spectra set to 1.5, and automatic treatment of unrecognized charge states was used. Peak lists were searched on Mascot server v2.4.1 (Matrix Science) against TAIR (version 10) database with added constructs that were used throughout the experiments. Tryptic peptides only, up to 2 possible miscleavages and charge states +2, +3, +4 were allowed in the search. The following modifications were included in the search: oxidized methionine (variable), carbamidomethylated cysteine (static). Data were searched with a monoisotopic precursor and fragment ions mass tolerance 10 ppm and 0.8 Da respectively. Mascot results were combined in Scaffold v. 4 (Proteome Software, [82]) and exported in Excel (Microsoft Office). Peptide identifications were accepted if they could be established at greater than 95.0% probability by the Peptide Prophet algorithm [83] with Scaffold delta-mass correction. Protein identifications were accepted if they could be established at greater than 99.0% probability and contained at least 2 identified unique peptides. Protein probabilities were assigned by the Protein Prophet algorithm [84]. Proteins that contained similar peptides and could not be differentiated based on MS/MS analysis alone were grouped to satisfy the principles of parsimony.

Supporting Information

Figure S1 Changes in gene expression of PDLP genes 3 and 5 days post inoculation (DPI) with Hpa Waco9.

Transcript levels (log2 value) [39] are represented by a heat map where transcript levels relative to mock treated samples are represented in red to indicate increased expression and green to indicate decreased expression.

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Figure S2 Haustorial association of PDLP1-GFP when expressed under the native promoter. (A) PDLP1-GFP (green) is present surrounding the haustorium before and during encasement. Haustoria (indicated as I, II and III in the brightfield image in the top panel) in varying stages of encasement each (aniline blue, blue) show PDLP1-GFP fluorescence surrounding the haustorium. Haustoria I-III show increasing levels of encasement. The bottom panel shows the overlay of PDLP1-GFP and aniline blue, red is chlorophyll autofluorescence. (B) In developing encasements PDLP1-GFP fluorescence can be resolved into two layers which are presumably membrane layers surrounding the encasement. Scale bars are 10 μm.

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Figure S3 Subcellular localisation of the markers used in this study in non-infected cells. PDLP2-GFP, PDLP3-GFP, mCitr-TMCT, PDCB1-mCit and MP17-GFP are all located at PD. TET3-YFP is visible in the PM and PD. PD are indicated by arrows, scale bars are 10 μm.

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Figure S4 PDLP1s positively regulate immunity to Hpa Emoy2. Conidiophore counting on cotyledons 6 DPI with Hpa Emoy2 on Col-0 and pdlp1,2,3 mutant plants. Error bars are the standard error of the mean, * indicates p-value <0.05 by non-parametric Mann-Whitney analysis.

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Figure S5 Reduced callose encasement in pdlp1,2,3 mutants is not due to reduced number of haustoria. (A) Number of haustoria (Hpa Noco) stained with aniline blue (encased haustoria) relative to the number of haustoria stained with trypan blue (total haustoria) for Col-0, the single knockout mutant pdlp1, the double knockout mutants pdlp2,3, pdlp3,1 and the triple knockout mutant pdlp1,2,3. Only the triple knockout pdlp1,2,3 shows a reduced proportion of encased haustoria. (B) The total number of haustoria per image for each genotype. pdlp1,2,3 mutant plants showed a greater number of haustoria per image, * indicates p-value <0.05 and *** indicates p-value <0.001 by Student’s t-test.

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Figure S6 PDLP1-GFP does not localise to the EHM of Albugo laibachii haustoria. Some PDLP1-GFP fluorescence (left) is located at the neck of the haustorium but no label is seen around the periphery of the haustorium. The transmitted light image overlaid with the fluorescence image (right) identifies the position of the haustorium (asterisk). Scale bar is 5 μm.

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Figure S7 Overexpression of the PDLP1 TM and CT increases callose deposition at PD and reduces cell-to-cell flux. (A) Aniline blue staining of leaves of Col-0, PDLP1 OE and mCherry (mCh)−TMCT identifies that callose deposition is increased in both PDLP1 OE and mCh-TMCT plants relative to Col-0. In PDLP1 OE this staining is evident around the whole cell while in the mCh-TMCT leaves staining is discretely located at PD. Scale bars are 20 μm. (B) Microprojectile bombardment
assays indicate that GFP diffusion from a bombardment site is reduced in mCh-TMCT leaves relative to Col-0. (THF)

Table S1 Peptides identified by MS/MS. Total spectrum counts and mascot ion score for each peptide detected in control and experimental samples. (XLSX)

Table S2 Frequency and length of membrane invaginations observed by transmission electron microscopy. The total number of haustoria imaged by transmission electron microscopy for Col-0 and PDLPOE plants, and the frequency of membrane invaginations less than 100 nm and greater than 100 nm observed in these samples. (DOCX)

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