



Phylogenetically conserved TIR-NLR proteins induce transcriptional reprogramming

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Toll/Interleukin-1 (TIR) Nucleotide-binding leucine-rich repeat (NLR) proteins are intracellular plant immune receptors which are widely distributed across dicot plants.

Nucleotide Binding Domain (NBD) acts as a on/off switch.

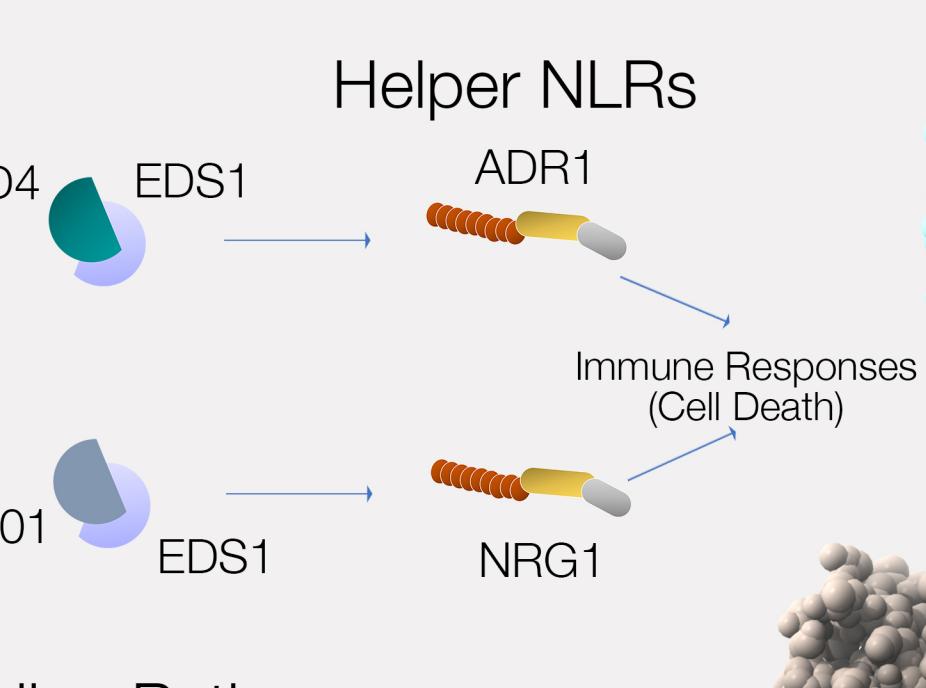
TIR domain has enzymatic activity, producing small molecules involved in downstream immune signaling.

Activation of TIR-NLR

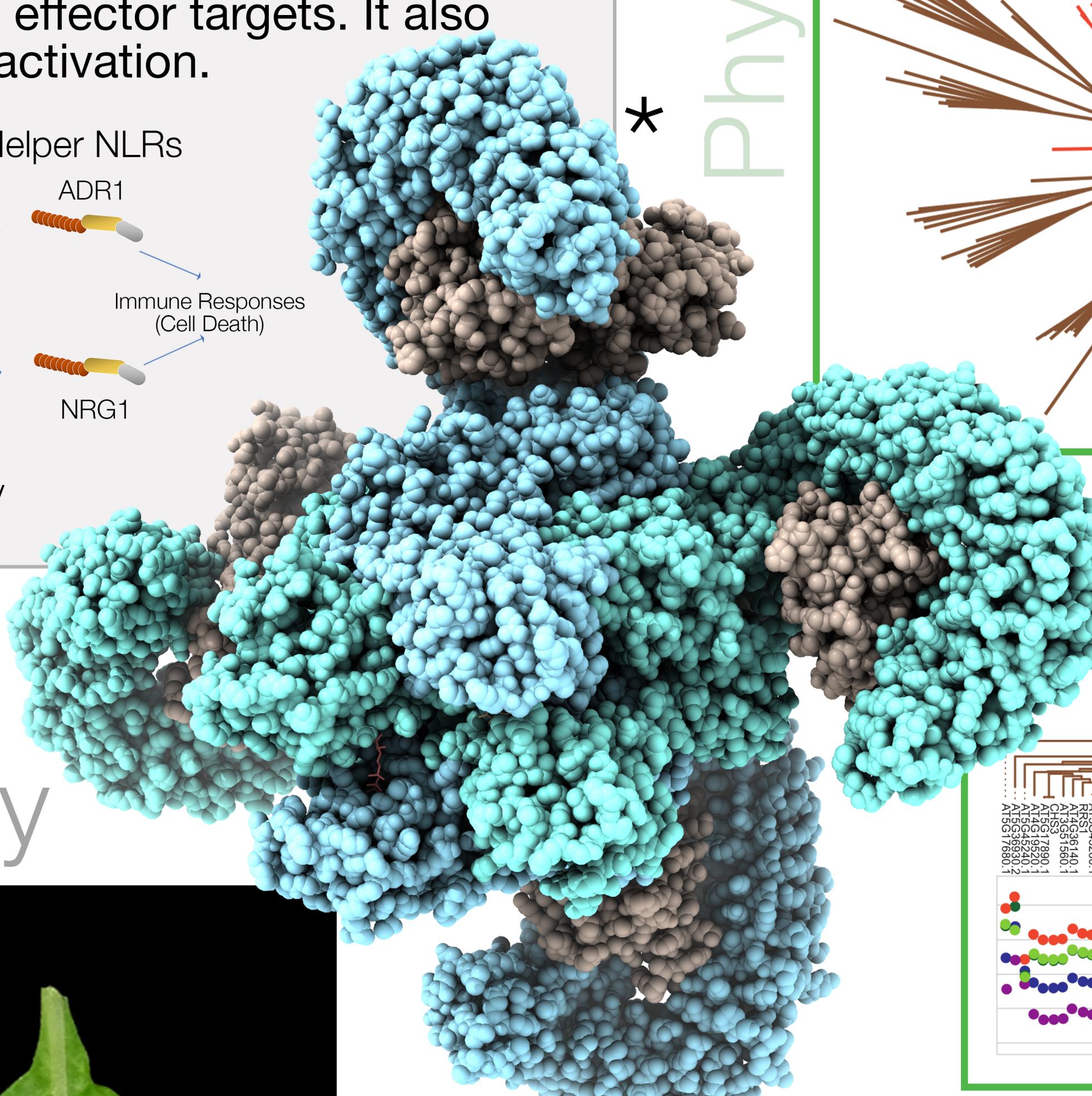
Oligomerisation

TIR-NLR resistosome

Leucine-Rich Repeat (LRR) domain interacts with the pathogen effectors and effector targets. It also inhibits NLR activation.



TIR-NLR Signaling Pathway



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Activated con-TNLs induce a hypersensitive cell death response when transiently expressed in *Nicotiana tabacum*

Arabidopsis thaliana (At) con-TNL

Nicotiana benthamiana (Nb) con-TNL

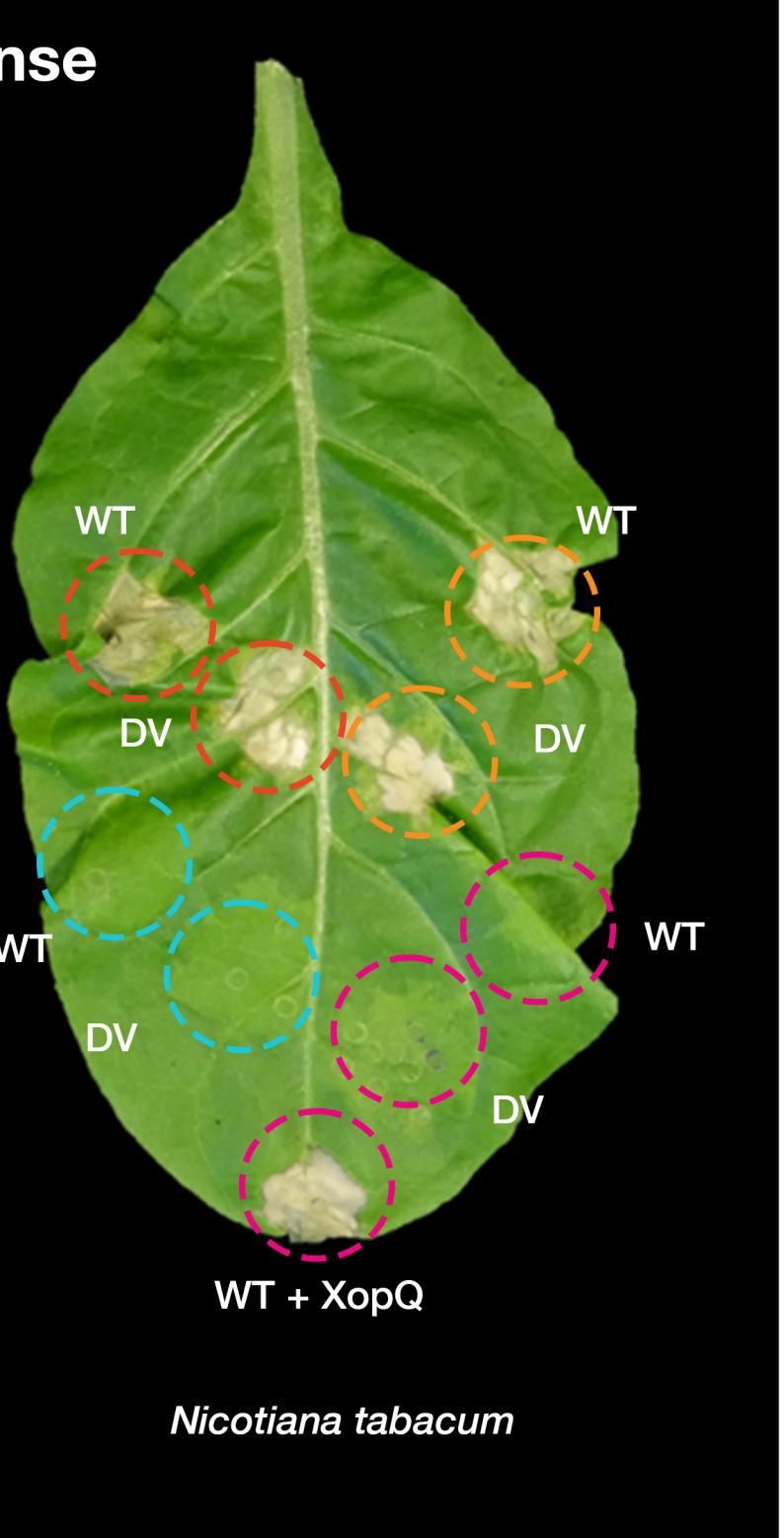
Spinacia oleracea (Sp) con-TNL

ROQ1: An *N. benthamiana* TIR-NLR

WT: Wild-type

DV: Autoactive mutant

XopQ: The pathogen effector that activates ROQ1



Nicotiana tabacum

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* A TIR-NLR (RPP1) resistosome structure. (Ma et al., Science, 2021). Also, the resistosome may appear slightly larger than the actual size.

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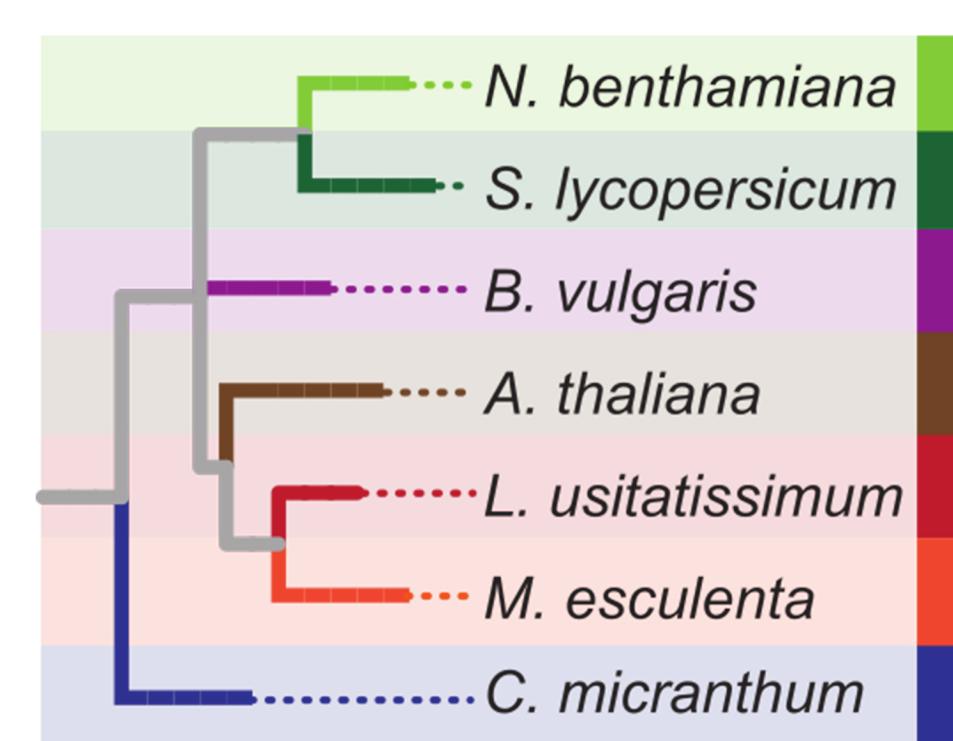
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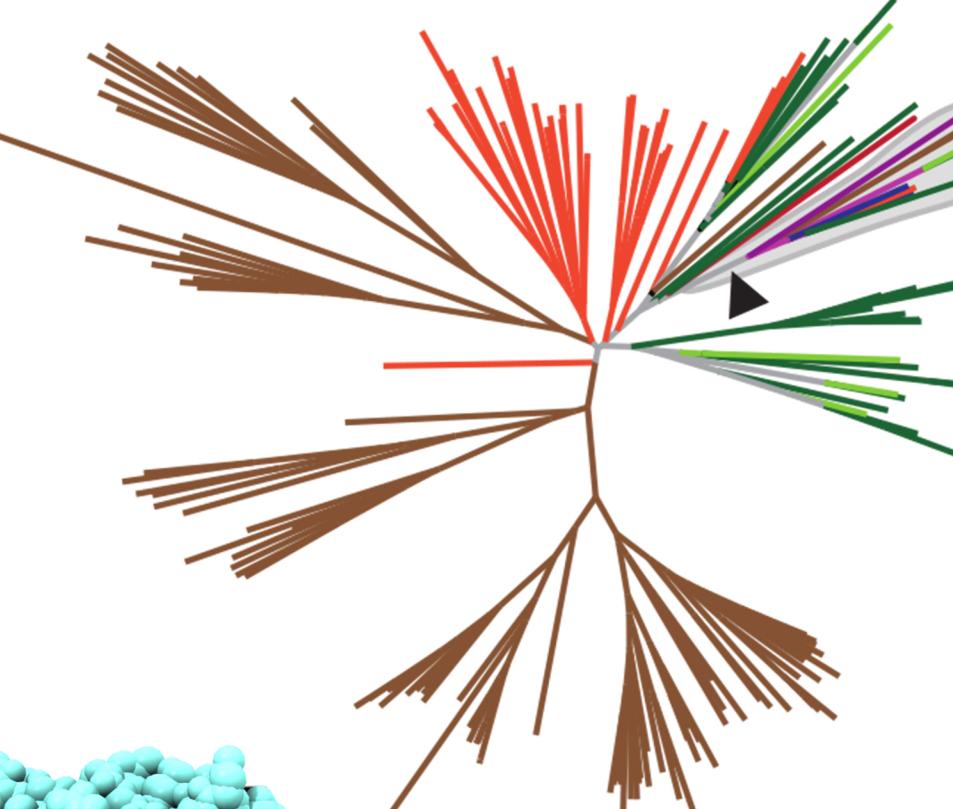
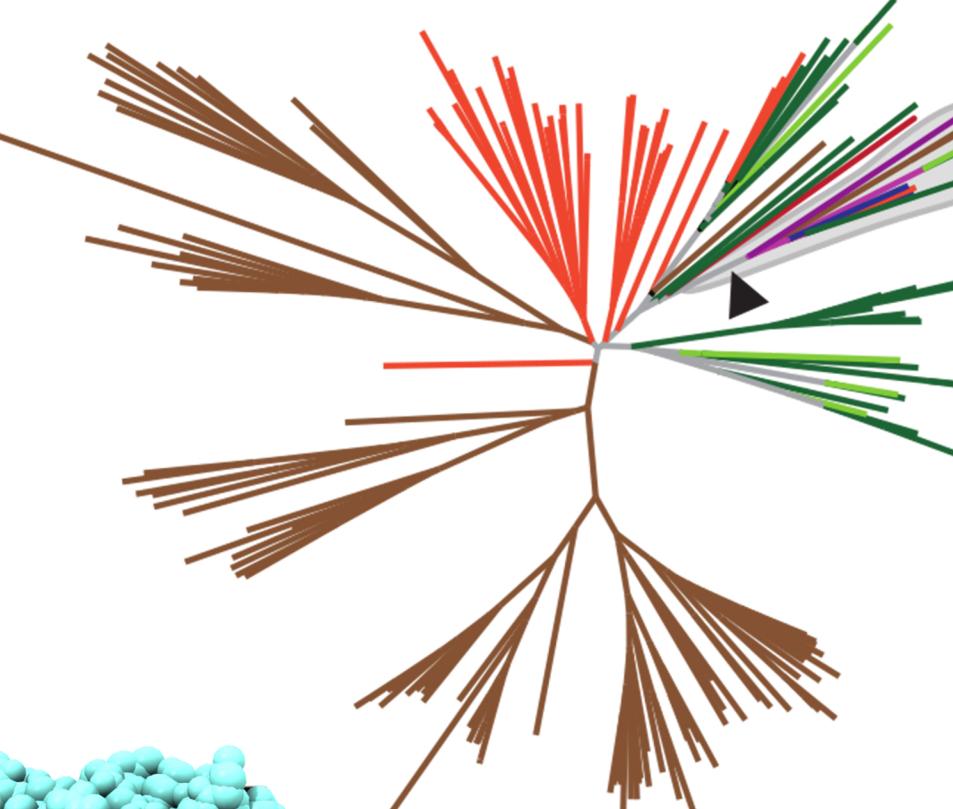
1 A clade of TIR-NLRs is highly conserved across multiple plant species

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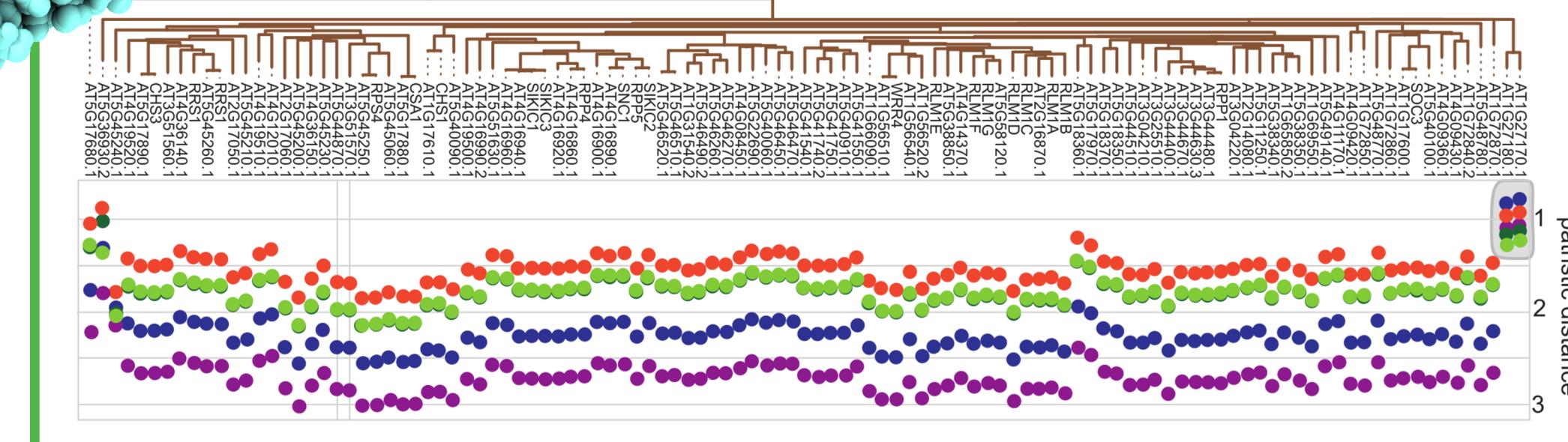
A. Phylogenetic relation of the species analysed in this study.

B. Phylogenetic tree of all TIR-NLRs from the studied species.

C. A clade of TIR-NLRs from different species group together.

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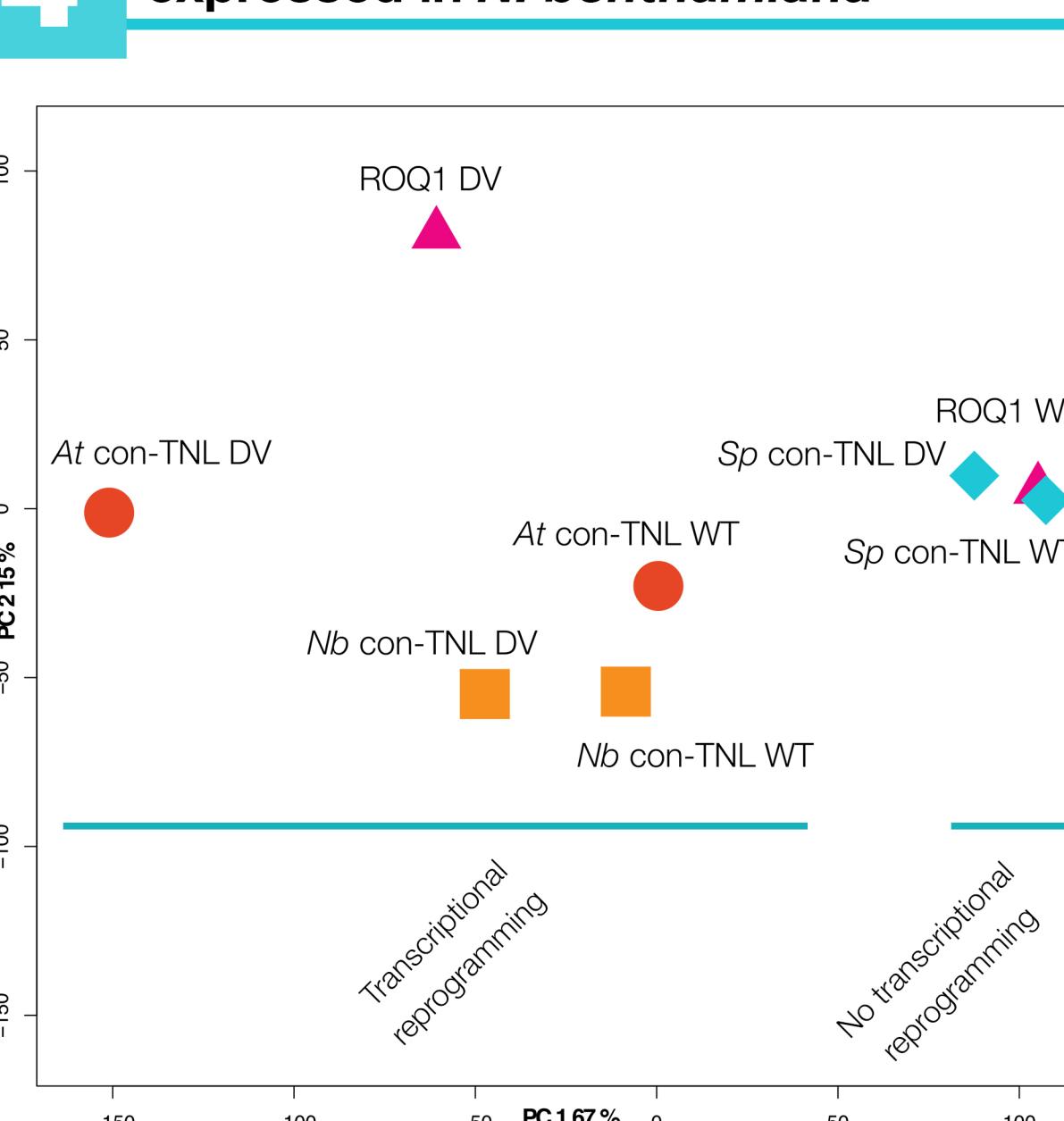
Conserved TIR-NLRs (con-TNLs) show closer patrinsic distance than other TIR-NLRs



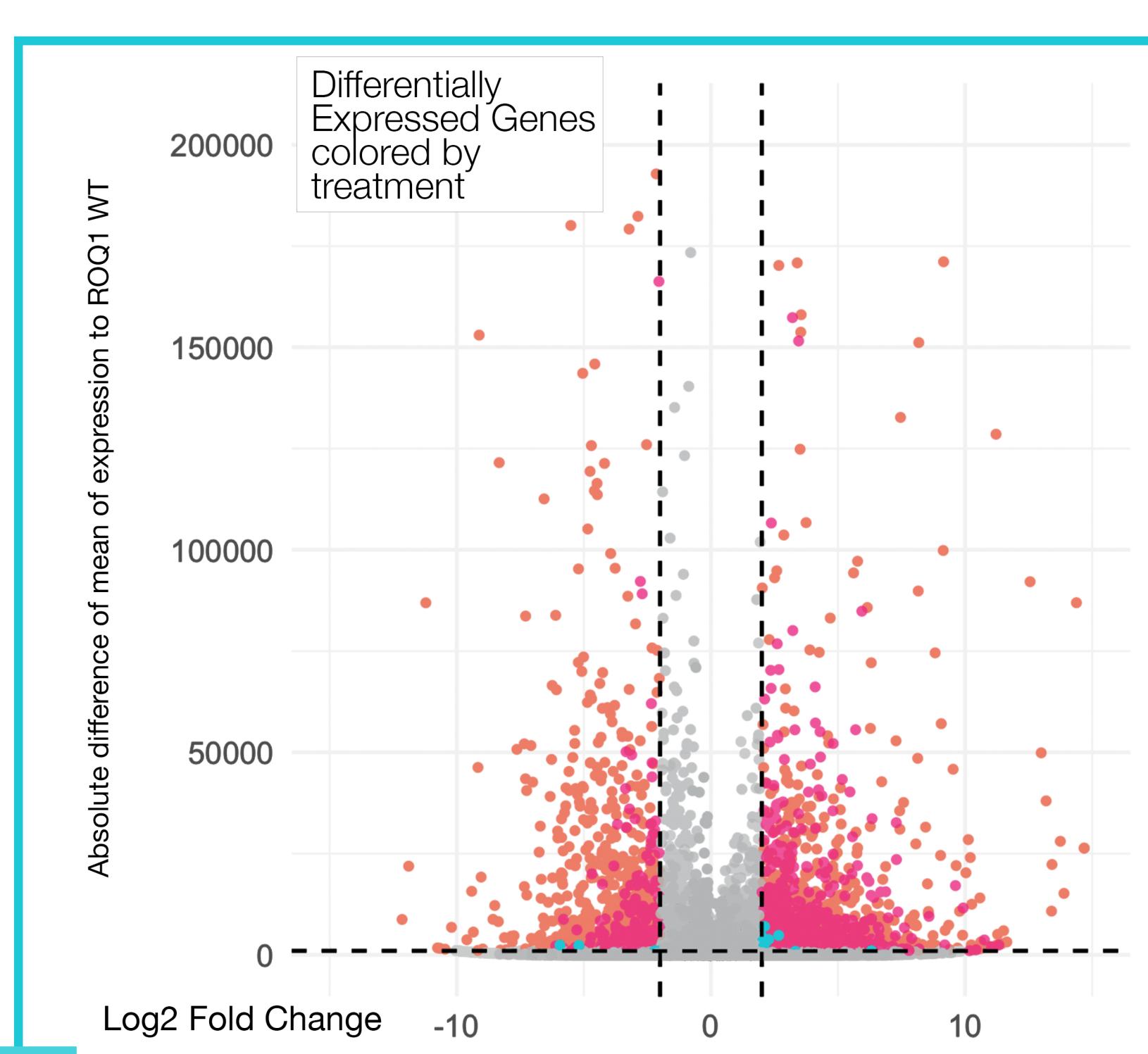
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Only the spinach con-TNL induces no transcriptional reprogramming when expressed in *N. benthamiana*

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What's next?

- What is the role of conserved TIR-NLRs?
- What downstream signaling pathway do conserved TIR-NLRs rely on?
- Why the spinach conserved TIR-NLR does not induce an immune response?