

Title: CBP60g as a Salt Stress and Combined Stress Regulator

Plants constantly navigate multiple stressors that challenge both survival and immunity. My research demonstrates that the immune regulator *CBP60g* is not only involved in defense pathways but could also confer salt stress tolerance and increased disease resilience to *Pseudomonas syringae* DC3000 (*Pst* DC3000) under salt stress. Overexpression of *CBP60g* rescues the SA pathway inhibited under salt stress, suggesting a protective role of *CBP60g* under saline conditions.

Effector translocation assays reveal that *Pst* DC3000 virulence increases under salt stress in Col-0, but not in 35S::*CBP60g*, which could imply that *CBP60g* also limits bacterial invasion. Ion content analysis further shows that 35S::*CBP60g* plants maintain a lower Na⁺/K⁺ ratio than Col-0, which may contribute to salt tolerance. This indicates a more complex role of *CBP60g*, not only in response to pathogen infection but also salt stress alone, potentially by modifying the apoplastic environment or limiting ion intake as a whole.

Through transcriptomic, metabolomic, and microbiome analyses, I investigate how *CBP60g* influences host defense and apoplastic dynamics under salt stress. My findings reveal *CBP60g*'s key role in shaping plant immunity and salt stress adaptation.