IMMUNOCYTOCHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF SPECIFIC MOLECULAR COMPONENTS ORGANISATION OF EXTRACELLULAR SYMBIOTIC COMPARTMENTS PROVIDED INTERACTION BETWEEN SYMBIOTIC PARTNERS DURING DEVELOPMENT OF ROOT NODULES OF PEA (*PISUM SATIVUM* L.)

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Pea root nodule morphology







I – meristem II – infection zone III – nitrogen-

fixing zone

nucleus
- infection
threads

Topology of Infection Threads and Symbiosomes



Brewin N.J. Plant cell wall remodelling in the *Rhizobium*-legume symbiosis Critical Reviews in Plant Sciences 23: 293-316 (2004)

Immunolocalisation of rhizobial lipopolysaccharide (MAC57) and arabinogalactan protein-extensin (MAC265) in single and double pea mutants and *wt* line SGE



SGEFix-1 (sym40) SGEFix-2 (sym33)

RBT3 (*sym33*, *sym40*)

Immunogold localisation of arabinogalactan proteinextensins (MAC265) in a single pea mutant SGEFix⁻-2 (*sym33*) (cw – cell wall, b – bacteria, ecm – extracellular matrix)



Immunogold localisation of arabinogalactan proteinextensin (MAC265) within intercellular spaces in a single pea mutant SGEFix-1 (*sym40*) (cw – cell wall, is – intercellular space, v - vacuole)



Targetted secretion of the matrix glycoprotein (MAC265) into infection threads of double pea mutant RBT3 (*sym33, sym40*) (cw – cell wall, cv – cytoplasmic vesicles, b – bacteria, ecm – extracellular matrix, v - vacuole)



Dynamic model for infection thread growth



Brewin N.J. Pods and Nods: a new look at symbiotic nitrogen fixing Biologist 49 (3): 1-5 (2002)

Absence of arabinogalactan protein-extensin (MAC265) label in some infection threads of single and double pea mutants (cw – cell wall, ecm – extracellular matrix, b – bacteria)



RBT3 (*sym33, sym40*)

RisFixV (sym42)

Immunolocalisation of de-esterified pectin (JIM5) in cell wall of single and double pea mutants (cw – cell wall, b – bacteria, ecm – extracellular matrix)



RBT4 (*sym33, sym42*)

RisFixV (sym42)

Secretion of pectin (JIM5) around degrading bacteroids in senescent infected cells in single pea mutant RisFixV (*sym 42*) (B – bacteroids, cyt – cytoplasm)



Conclusions

The increase of AGP-extensin synthesis in intercellular spaces in mutant genotypes of pea was revealed as well as the intensification of defense reactions in the form of peroxide-driven cross-linking of AGP-extensin.

In single mutant RisFixV (sym42) it was recognized the intensification of defense reaction in the form of callose synthesis around cell wall of both infection threads and plant infected cell as well as synthesis of pectic components around degrading bacteroids in senescent infected cells.

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