***Arabidopsis* inositol polyphosphate kinases regulate COP9 signalosome functions in**

**phosphate-homeostasis**

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**Abstract**

**Targeted protein degradation is essential for physiological development and adaptation**

**to stress. Mammalian INOSITOL PENTAKISPHOSPHATE KINASE (IP5K) and**

**INOSITOL HEXAKISPHOSPHATE KINASE 1 (IP6K1) pair modulates functions of**

**Cullin RING Ubiquitin E3 ligases (CRLs) that execute targeted degradation of substrates.**

**Coordinated activities of these kinases protect CRLs on a COP9 signalosome (CSN)**

**platform and stimulates deneddylation-dependent disassembly to maintain continuity of**

**its functions. In plants, CRL regulations on CSN by inositol phosphate (InsP) kinases are**

**not known. Here, we show interactions of *Arabidopsis thaliana* INOSITOL**

**PENTAKISPHOSPHATE      2-KINASE   1   (IPK1)      and      INOSITOL      1,3,4-**

**TRISPHOSPHATE 5/6-KINASE 1 (ITPK1), counterparts of the above InsP-kinase pair,**

**with CSN subunits and its positive influences on the dynamics of cullin deneddylation.**

**We identify neddylation enhancements on CRLs as an early response to phosphate-**

**starvation and its orchestration by perturbed IPK1/ITPK1 activities. At a molecular**

**level, specific kinetics of CSN5 deneddylase is affected by the above InsP-kinases. Overall,**

**our data reveal conserved InsP-kinase involvements on CRL-CSN synergism in plants.**

## Introduction:

The versatile functions of inositol phosphates (InsPs) in multiple cellular processes of all eukaryotes is owed to its propensity for differential degree of phosphorylation catalyzed by relatively conserved set of InsP-kinases[1-4]. In plants, $InsP_6$ (myo-inositol-1,2,3,4,5,6-hexakisphosphate or phytic acid), produced by INOSITOL PENTAKISPHSPHATE 2-KINASE 1 (IPK1) is sequentially (pyro)-phosphorylated by INOSITOL 1,3,4-TRISPHOSPHATE 5/6-KINASES (ITPK1/2) and then by DIPHOSPHOINOSITOL PENTAKISPHOSPHATE KINASES (PPIP5K or VIH1/2) to generate energy-rich phosphoanhydride bond-containing inositol pyrophosophates (InsPP) $InsP_7$ and $InsP_8$, respectively[5-8]. While $InsP_6$ or more recently speculated $InsP_7$, promotes auxin-dependent degradation of AUX/IAA repressors, $InsP_8$ targets JASMONATE ZIM-DOMAIN (JAZ) repressors[7,9-11]. Reduced $InsP_8$ levels during phosphate (Pi)-deprivation liberates the transcription factor PHOSPHATE STARVATION RESPONSE 1 (PHR1)[12] to cause activation of phosphate-starvation inducible (PSI) genes, but also subsequently targets its captor SPX1 (SYG1/Pho81/XPR1-domain containing protein1) for 26S proteasome-mediated degradation[13-17]. Taken together, roles of InsP(P)s clearly include biochemical regulators of stimulus-dependent substrate stabilities.

In a typical eukaryotic cell, ~20% of targeted protein degradation are mediated by Cullin RING E3 ubiquitin ligases (CRLs)[18,19] that require covalent modification of a Nedd8 moiety on cullins (CULs) (a process termed as neddylation)[19]. In absence of cognate substrates self-ubiquitinylation-vulnerable CRLs are protected on Constitutive photomorphogenesis 9 signalosome (CSN), an evolutionarily conserved eight-subunit (CSN1-8) macromolecular complex[20,21]. The CSN5 subunit in this complex contains an MPN+/JAMM metalloprotease motif that catalytically removes Nedd8 (deneddylation) from CULs[22] causing CRL disassembly and promoting newer associations required for continuum of its functions.

Optimal CRL activity hence necessitates regulated neddylation/deneddylation cycles of CULs.

Apparent contradiction between genetic requirements of the CSN-protection versus its

deneddylation activity on CRLs forms the basis of the 'CSN paradox'[23]. In mammals, locale-

specific coordinated activities of IP5K with IP6K1, functional homologs of Arabidopsis IPK1

and ITPK1, respectively provide $InsP_6$ to strengthen or $InsP_7$ to loosen CRL-CSN

associations[24-26]. Interaction changes affect cellular ratio of neddylated CUL: unneddylated

CUL ($CUL^{Nedd8}$:CUL)[26]. Here we show that Arabidopsis IPK1-ITPK1 pair retains conserved

CSN interactions and modulate CSN5 deneddylase dynamics. Pi-deprivation is perceived early

at CSN, and causes a shift in equilibrium of CRL deneddylation cycle via a response that

precedes PHR1-mediated transcriptional changes. Inhibitions of IPK1, ITPK1 or CSN5

activities result in constitutive phosphate-starvation response (PSR) even under sufficient Pi

availability. However, when actually Pi-starved, PSR responses are suppressed in these plants.

Our investigations reveal linked activities of IPK1-ITPK1 pair on CRL-CSN regulations of Pi-

homeostasis in plants.

**Results**

**Arabidopsis IPK1 and ITPK1 interact with CSN holo-complex.** Mammalian IP5K co-

precipitates with CSN2/5 whereas IP6K1 interacts with CSN1/2[25,26]. Arabidopsis ITPK1 has

been previously reported to associate with CSN1[27]. Interactions of Arabidopsis IPK1 with CSN

subunits have not been investigated earlier. We immuno-enriched Myc-IPK1 or ITPK1-GFP

from *ipk1-1:Myc-IPK1* and *itpk1-2:ITPK1-GFP* transgenic lines, respectively and probed for

the presence of selective CSN subunits, CUL1 or the substrate adaptor ASK1. These transgenic

lines restore high endogenous Pi and elevated PSI-gene *SPX1* expressions to wild-type (Col-0)

levels implicating the functionality of the corresponding fusion proteins[9] (Extended Data Fig.

1). In immunoprecipitation assays, CSN1/2/4/5, CUL1 and ASK1 co-purified with IPK1,

whereas ITPK1 enrichments detected CUL1, ASK1, and CSN1/2 but not CSN4/5 subunits

(Fig. 1a-b). This matches mammalian ITPK1 interactions with CSN1 but not CSN5[28]. Through

Biomolecular Fluorescence Complementation (BiFC) assays IPK1 or ITPK1 association with

CSN1 and CSN2 are detected as nucleocytoplasmic complexes similar to localization of the

individual proteins[6] (Fig. 1c-d; Extended Data Fig. 2). A negative control β-Glucuronidase

(GUS) protein does not interact with IPK1, ITPK1 or CSN1/2 (Extended Data Fig. 2). These

data suggest that likewise to animals, CSN associations of IPK1 and ITPK1 are conserved in

Arabidopsis. Although biochemically coupled through substrate-product relationship,

interaction between IPK1 and ITPK1 has not been demonstrated *in planta*. To this end, we

performed co-immunoprecipitation assays via transient co-expression of Myc-IPK1 and GFP-

ITPK1. Enrichment of GFP-ITPK1 with anti-GFP affinity beads co-elutes Myc-IPK1

indicating their associations *in vivo* (Fig. 1e). As earlier, via BiFC IPK1-ITPK1 complexes are

detected at nucleocytoplasmic locales (Extended Data Fig. 2). Interaction assays *in vitro* with

recombinant His-IPK1 and GST-ITPK1 further confirm direct association between these

proteins (Fig. 1f). Overall, our results recapitulate IPK1 and ITPK1 interactions with CSN and

with each other.

To determine the cellular proportions of IPK1 or ITPK1 that associate with or are independent

of the CSN holo-complex, we subjected Col-0, *ipk1-1:Myc-IPK1* and *itpk1-2:ITPK1-GFP*

extracts to size-exclusion chromatography followed by immunoblots for detecting

representative CSN subunits, Myc-IPK1 or ITPK1-GFP. The elution patterns of molecular

weight standards and selective CSN subunits with demarcation of CSN holo-complex fractions,

as noted in several earlier reports are shown[29,30] (Fig. 2a). CSN1, exclusively associates with

the CSN holo-complex and elutes accordingly in higher molecular weight pools (400-600 kDa).

CSN5 fractionates both as a part of CSN holo-complex as well as in lower molecular weight

pools (monomers, 100-50 kDa). Partitioning profiles of CSN5 and CSN4 are comparable

between Col-0, *ipk1-1*:*Myc-IPK1* and *itpk1-2*:*ITPK1-GFP* (Fig. 2c; Extended Data 3).

Remarkably, neither Myc-IPK1 nor ITPK1-GFP proteins are detected in fractions

corresponding to the CSN holo-complex implying that these associations are either transient

or represent only a marginal proportion of these proteins (Fig. 2a). Co-elution of Myc-IPK1

and ITPK1-GFP in overlapping fractions is likely indicative of their *in vivo* associations we

noted earlier.

**CSN5 deneddylase deficiencies of CSN cause enhanced CUL1 neddylation in *ipk1* or *itpk1***

**mutant.** Depletion of IP5K or IP6K1 reduces CRL-CSN associations in mammalian

systems[24,25]. To examine whether in *ipk1-1* or *itpk1-2* lower CUL1 pools co-fractionate with

the CSN holo-complex, extracts from these plants and Col-0 were fractionated as earlier and

compared for elution profiles of CSN subunits and CUL1. Although CSN1/4 or CUL1 profiles

are comparable (Fig. 2a-b; Extended Data 3), increased CSN5 presence in fractions

corresponding to CSN holo-complex with a concomitant decrease in the monomeric elutions

is apparent for *ipk1-1* or *itpk1-2* when compared to Col-0 (Fig. 2c). Total levels of CSN5

however are unaffected in these mutants. Taking into account that overall CUL1 profiles are

comparable, CRL assemblies or CRL-CSN associations are likely not perturbed in the *ipk1-1*

or *itpk1-2* plants. Immuno-enrichments of CUL1 although is slightly lower from *ipk1-1* or

*itpk1-2* than Col-0, nonetheless proportionately similar amounts of CSN1/2 as in Col-0 are

bound to it further supporting the above conclusion (Extended Data Fig. 4).

Resident CSN5 performs the deneddylase role in a CSN holo-complex[22]. This raised the

intriguing possibility whether changed partitioning of CSN5 in *ipk1-1* or *itpk1-2* impact CSN-

mediated deneddylation efficiencies on CRLs. Indeed, as a consequence of depleting IP5K or

IP6K1 in mammalian system steady-state ratio of $CUL1^{Nedd8}$:CUL1 are perturbed to cause

strong increments in $CUL^{Nedd8}$ levels[25,26]. Remarkably, in *ipk1-1* or *itpk1-2* lysates, enhanced

CUL1$^{\text{Nedd8}}$ levels relative to Col-0 are strikingly prominent (Fig. 2d). Extracts from *ipk2β-1*

with low InsP$_6$ levels as *ipk1-1*[2], or *vih2-4* plants with elevated InsP$_7$ [7] does not show elevated

CUL1$^{\text{Nedd8}}$ pools as in *ipk1-1* or *itpk1-2* (Extended Data Fig. 5). A modest decrease in

CUL1$^{\text{Nedd8}}$:CUL1 ratio is however consistently noted in *ipk2β-1*. In the respective

complemented lines of *ipk1-1* or *itpk1-2*, CUL$^{\text{Nedd8}}$:CUL ratios are restored comparable to Col-

0 (Fig. 2d).

Global ubiquitinylation is enhanced due to loss of mammalian IP6K1[25]. As a possible

consequence to increased CUL$^{\text{Nedd8}}$ levels, we tested relative levels of ubiquitinylation in Col-

0, *ipk1-1*, or *itpk1-2* extracts. Clear increase in global ubiquitin-conjugates in appearance of a

smear when probed with anti-ubiquitin antibodies is detected in the mutant plants than Col-0

(Fig. 2e). In complemented lines, wild-type ubiquitinylation levels are noted. Further, in-lysate

deneddylation assay to determine deneddylase defects[24] reveal decreased efficiencies of CUL1-

deneddylation by endogenous CSN5 simultaneous with increased CUL1 turnover rates in *ipk1-*

*1* or *itpk1-2* extracts (Fig. 2f). This decrease in stability likely accounts for the reduced

immuno-enrichments from the mutants observed earlier. Taken together, our results parallel

animal studies and point to impaired CSN-deneddylation activity in *ipk1-1* or *itpk1-2*, that lead

to augmented CUL1$^{\text{Nedd8}}$:CUL1 ratios with increased CUL1 turnover due to self-

ubiquitinylation.

**Down-regulation of CSN deneddylase activity resulting in increased CUL1 neddylation**

**occur during PSR.** Common consequences in *ipk1-1* and *itpk1-2* are auxin-insensitivity and

constitutive expression of PSI-genes[9,31-33]. Reduced InsP$_8$, common to *ipk1-1* or *itpk1-2*, likely

disrupt SPX1-PHR1 interactions leading to activation of PSI-genes[34]. MLN4924, a small

molecule pharmacological inhibitor of CUL neddylation[18] is functional in Arabidopsis, inhibits

degradation of CRL substrates and confers auxin insensitivity[35]. To test whether increased PSI-

gene expressions in *ipk1-1* or *itpk1-2* are consequences of enhanced CUL1-neddylation, we

treated these plants with MLN4924. Remarkably, elevated expression of PSI-genes such as

*PHT1;3, SPX1,* or *IPS1* as well as high endogenous Pi levels in *ipk1-1* or *itpk1-2* are reduced

upon MLN4924-treatment (Fig. 3a-b). In Col-0 grown under Pi-sufficient conditions,

MLN4924 treatments did not cause detectable change in endogenous Pi-levels or *IPS1*

expression (Fig. 3b; Extended Data Fig. 11). Most surprisingly, MLN4924 treatments

suppressed the induction of *PHT1;3* or *IPS1* in Col-0 when subjected to Pi-starvation (Fig. 3c).

To test whether neddylation efficiencies of cullins are affected upon Pi-deprivation, extracts

from Col-0 grown under Pi-replete or exposed to Pi-deplete conditions were immunoblotted

with anti-CUL1 antibodies. Prominent increase in $CUL1^{Nedd8}$ levels, sensitive to MLN4924

inhibition, was noted in Col-0 when shifted from Pi-replete to Pi-deplete conditions (Fig. 3d).

Basally enhanced levels of $CUL1^{Nedd8}$ in *ipk1-1* or *itpk1-2* remain unchanged under Pi-deplete

conditions (Extended Data Fig. 6). Surprisingly, enhancements of $CUL^{Nedd8}$ levels under Pi-

deplete conditions also occur in the PSR-defective *phr1phl1* plants implicating that neddylation

readjustments are upstream of PHR1/PHL1 (PHR1-LIKE 1) role in inducing PSI-gene

expressions (Fig. 3d). Our assays hence identify CUL1 hyperneddylation as an early response

to Pi-starvation essential to transduce downstream signaling.

Interestingly, in-lysate denddylation assay on Pi-starved Col-0 although shows diminished

CSN5 deneddylase activity, nevertheless unlike noted for *ipk1-1* or *itpk1-2*, CUL1 instabilities

are not accentuated (Extended Data Fig. 7). Also, CSN5 elution profiles under Pi-deplete

conditions are peculiarly similar to patterns in *ipk1-1* or *itpk1-2* with more engagements in the

CSN holo-complex fractions but no change in its total protein levels (Fig. 3e). Curiously, unlike

*ipk1-1* or *itpk1-2*, global ubiquitinylation are not enhanced upon Pi-starvation (Fig. 3f).

Together, these results indicate highly coordinated CRL-activities on substrates to maintain

specificity in responding to reduced Pi-availability. Combined, our data also suggest that Col-

0 plants tone-down CSN-deneddylase activity during Pi-deprivation to induce PSI-gene

expressions, a phenomenon that is constitutive in *ipk1-1* or *itpk1-2*. Overall fractionation

profiles of CSN1, or CUL1 remain unaltered by the Pi-changes (Extended Data Fig. 8a). We

also detect marked and modest increase in ITPK1-GFP and Myc-IPK1 protein levels,

respectively in Pi-starved extracts although their transcription efficiencies remain largely

unchanged[33] (Extended Data Fig. 8b). This is suggestive of possible modulations of their kinase

activities brought about by the increased accumulation and needs to be investigated further.

Together, with these observations, it is evident that CSN5 dynamics of the CSN is altered under

Pi-starvation.

**CSN5 loss or inhibition phenocopies *ipk1* or *itpk1* mutant responses.** To determine whether

PSI-gene expressions are globally affected by CSN functions, we mined the available

microarray data of differentially expressed transcripts in *csn* null mutants (*csn3*, *csn4* and

*csn5ab*)[36]. Strong upregulation in expressions compared to wild-type plants are especially

noted in genes responsible for Pi-remobilization (*PAP1, PAP10, PAP23, DFR, F3H*) and a few

Pi-transporters (*PHT3;2, PHT3;3, OCT1*), categorized earlier[31] (Extended Data Fig. 9).

Expressions of *PHR1* or *PHL1* remain unaffected as in *ipk1-1* or *itpk1-2* [31,32]. Neither *IPK1* nor

*ITPK1* transcriptions are changed in the *csn* mutants. Thus, CSN holo-complex defects overall

affect several PSI-gene expressions likely because of its deneddylation-deficiencies. To

explore CSN roles further, we utilized the *csn5a-2* plants (SALK_027705) harboring a T-DNA

insertion in the last exon of the *CSN5A* isoform (*At1g22920*). Similar to *ipk1-1* or *itpk1-2*,

*csn5a-2* extracts accumulate higher CUL1$^{Nedd8}$ levels and display auxin-insensitivity [9,29,30,36].

Under Pi-replete conditions, mild increase in basal Pi-levels accompanied by up-regulated

expressions of *PHT1;3* or *IPS1* is detected in the *csn5a-2* plants (Fig. 4a-b). These parallel

phenomena in *ipk1-1* or *itpk1-2*. Upon exposure to Pi-deplete conditions, and in contrast to

Col-0, *csn5a-2* plants are completely impaired in inducing *PHT1;3* or *IPS1* (Fig. 4b).

Strikingly, these results also resemble deficiencies in *itpk1-2* when subjected to Pi-starvation[33]

suggesting that CSN5 processes are linked to maintenance of Pi-homeostasis and successful

transduction of PSR.

To further substantiate CSN5 involvement, we tested the effects of recently reported CSN5

inhibitors Azaindole#6 and CSN5i-3 on Arabidopsis PSR[37,38]. In animal cell lines, these

inhibitors interfere with CSN5 deneddylase activity and trap CRLs in their neddylated states.

Because they remain untested in any plant systems, we first determined their efficacy on

Arabidopsis seedlings. Parallel MLN4924 treatments were used as neddylation-inhibition

controls. Dose-dependent increments in $CUL1^{Nedd8}$ levels with collateral decrease in

unneddylated-CUL1 are detected at 24hr post-treatment with CSN5i-3 (Fig. 4c). Even at 48-

hrs post-treatment, CSN5i-3 inhibitions are maintained (Extended Data Fig. 10). At all doses

tested, Azaindole#6 remained ineffective in changing $CUL1^{Nedd8}$: CUL1 ratios. As expected,

MLN4924 treatments in a dose-dependent manner reduce $CUL1^{Nedd8}$ levels. For subsequent

experiments, we continued with 10μM dose of CSN5i-3 and the same for MLN4924, as used

in earlier assays. On Col-0, CSN5i-3 caused a modest increase in basal Pi levels and

upregulation in expression of *PHT1;3*, but not significantly for *SPX1* or *IPS1*(Fig. 4d-e;

Extended Data Fig. 11a). Under Pi-deplete exposure, CSN5i-3 dramatically suppressed the

induction of *PHT1;3, SPX1* or *IPS1* in Col-0 and mirrored MLN4924 effects (Fig. 4e; Extended

Data Fi. 11a-b). CSN5i-3-treated Col-0 extracts when fractionated, CSN5 was clearly more

enriched in the CSN holo-complex pools resembling *ipk1-1*, *itpk1-2,* or Pi-starved profiles (Fig.

4f). With these results, we once again envision strong connection between CSN5 deneddylation

deficiencies in *ipk1-1* or *itpk1-2* plants to defects in CSN5 dynamics on CSN. Most

interestingly, *ipk1-1* or *itpk1-2* seedlings grown under sufficient Pi when treated with CSN5i-

3 have reduced *IPS1* expressions than untreated plants indicating that skewed kinetics of CSN5

rather complete deficiency in its functions is attributed to these mutants (Extended Data Fig.

11b). MLN4924-treatments on *ipk1-1* or *itpk1-2* in Pi-deplete growth medium offer relief by

elevating *IPS1* expressions further supporting our hypothesis that inadequacies in these

mutants to support PSR is related to dynamics of CSN5-regulated neddylation/deneddylation

cycles (Extended Data Fig. 11). From these results, it is imperative that IPK1/ITPK1 functions

influence CSN5 dynamics thus affecting the deneddylase activity of CSN holo-complex and

its role in executing PSR.

**ITPK1 activity primarily regulates CSN5 deneddylase functions of CSN.** $InsP_6$ rather than

$InsP_7$ is implicated as the physiological glue in potentiating CSN2-CRL associations[26]. That a

kinase-dead IP5K interacts weakly with CSN2/5 further implies that $InsP_6$ augmenting these

interactions is produced locally. Supplementing $InsP_6$ to IP5K-depleted cell lysates strengthens

CRL-CSN2 associations, and increases deneddylation rates of recombinant CSN on purified

neddylated cullins[26]. Apparently, the externally added metabolite gains access to its designated

binding pocket at the CRL-CSN2 interface. Even though CRL-CSN associations are not

affected in *ipk1-1* or *itpk1-2*, we investigated whether adding $InsP_6$ to lysates recover

deneddylation deficiencies in the mutants, or cause its augmentation in Col-0. Our results

clearly show that externally added $InsP_6$ does not alter deneddylation defects or CUL1

instability in *ipk1-1* or *itpk1-2* (Extended Data Fig. 12a). In Col-0 extracts, $InsP_6$

supplementation does not change deneddylation rates or stability of CUL1 indicating that

unlike mammalian systems, CSN functions in plants are not influenced by $InsP_6$.

Unlike $InsP_6$, the CRL-CSN release factor $InsP_7$ when supplemented to mammalian cell

extracts does not lead to complex disassembly[25]. This means that IP6K1 activity is very tightly

regulated spatiotemporally. With observed ITPK1-CSN2 interactions, this instigated us to

investigate whether CSN5 deneddylation deficiency in *ipk1-1* or *itpk1-2* is directly associated

with impaired ITPK1 activity. The cell-permeable compound TNP inhibits animal IP6K1

functions and reduce $InsP_7$ levels[39]. In 10µM TNP-treated Col-0 extracts, distinct increase in

CUL1$^{NEDD8}$ levels are observed although less potent to a similar dose of CSN5i-3 (Fig. 5a). We

used 25μM TNP doses for subsequent assays. In Col-0 grown in Pi-sufficient media, TNP

presence replicated CSN5i-3 results in augmenting basal Pi levels, upregulation of *IPS1* or

*SPX1* expressions, and more retention of CSN5 in the CSN holo-complex pools (Fig. 5b; Fig.

4f). TNP also suppressed endogenous deneddylation rates with increased CUL1 instability

(Fig. 5c). And likewise to CSN5i-3, TNP also suppressed PSI-gene inductions in Col-0 under

Pi-deplete circumstances (Fig. 5b). With these results, we provide convincing evidence of

ITPK1 activity-regulated CSN(5) implications in maintenance of Pi-homeostasis and PSR.

Overall, with our data we present localized coordinated activities of IPK1-ITPK1 pair in

modulating CSN dynamics, defining molecular concept of the CSN paradox, and underlining

CSN role in phosphate stress responses of plants.

**Discussion**

In animal systems, CRL-CSN tether is augmented by InsP$_6$ and released via stimulus-driven

InsP$_7$ synthesis. Here, we show that although Arabidopsis IPK1 and ITPK1 retain conserved

CSN interactions, InsP$_6$/InsP$_7$ changes in the corresponding mutants do not overall affect

CRL1-CSN associations. Thus, either the residual levels of these InsPs suffice at the CRL-CSN

junctures or the association/dissociation cycles involve an altogether different InsP(s) not

locally altered in the above mutants. That, unlike mammalian results, added InsP$_6$ does not

rescue *ipk1-1* or even alter CUL1 deneddylation rates/stability in Col-0 is supportive of strict

coordinated roles of IPK1-ITPK1 pair at CSN locales. Data showing an *ITPK4* mutant (*itpk4-*

*1*) with reduced InsP$_6$/InsP$_7$ as *ipk1-1* or *itpk1-2* has normal PSR[32] and Col-0 comparable ratio

of CUL1$^{Nedd8}$:CUL1 (Extended Data Fig. 12b) also lends support to our hypothesis. However,

in one striking distinction both *ipk1-1* or *itpk1-2* accumulate increased levels of Ins(3,4,5,6)P$_4$

which neither the *itpk4-1* nor Col-0 subjected to PSR does[32]. Whether the recently reported

reversibility of $Ins(3,4,5,6)P_4$ to $InsP_7$ synthesis catalyzed by substrate-product related IPK1-

ITPK1 pair and strongly influenced by cellular energy status in principle affects CSN functions

need to be investigated further[33,40,41]. In all regards, our model (Fig.5e) proposing that

decreased CSN5 deneddylase performance and lower CUL1 deneddylation rates due to loss of

IPK1 or ITPK1 nevertheless implicates their activities in CSN roles on CRLs. With previously

known effects of mammalian ITPK1 over-expression on CSN5 equilibrium [28], we show here

the similar phenomenon in absence/upon inhibition of either ITPK1 or CSN5 revealing

intricately choreographed plant ITPK1 role on CSN5 dynamics especially its entry-exit shuttles

and deneddylase activity.

With obvious $InsP_8$ reduction in *ipk1-1*, *itpk1-2* or upon Pi-starvation, PHR1 liberated from

SPX1 causes activation of PSI-gene expressions. In turn, SPXs undergo ubiquitination by

homologs of recently identified rice ubiquitin E3 ligases SDEL1/2[13,14,17,42]. Here we

demonstrate that perception of Pi-deprivation is accompanied by PHR1/PHL1-independent

increase in CUL1 neddylation, a feature mimicked constitutively by ITPK1 loss/inhibition and

suppressed by the neddylation inhibitor MLN4924. Pronounced CSN5 retentions on CSN holo-

complex along with dampened deneddylation rates facilitate more available pools of

neddylated CRLs to ubiquitinylate SPX1 and other substrates. This is evident from

constitutively enhanced global pool of ubiquitinylated proteins in *ipk1-1* or *itpk1-2* extracts. In

Pi-starved plants, this ubiquitinylation is tightly regulated and restricted to intended substrates,

such as SPX1, without notably changing global polyubiquitin-conjugates. Failure to respond

under low-Pi and induce PSI-gene upregulations in *itpk1-2*[33] or by inhibition of ITPK1 or

CSN5, indicates that the observed CSN5 partitioning changes upon Pi-starvation is only a

transitory shift of deneddylase kinetics, and not complete inhibition of its activity. And CRLs

continue to require neddylation/deneddylation cycles to successfully transduce PSR. This again

may be linked to InsPs generated by reverse reactions of IPK1-ITPK1 pair under changed

adenylate charge as occurring during Pi-starvation[33,40]. Overall, with our data we highlight

IPK1-ITPK1 role in CSN regulations that addresses key aspects of its multi-faceted functions

in responding to Pi-imbalances.

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**Figure legends**

**Fig. 1. IPK1 and ITPK1 interact with each other and with selective CSN or CRLs**

**components *in planta*. a-b,** Immuno-enrichments of IPK1 **(a)** or ITPK1 **(b)** from

corresponding complemented lines (*ipk1-1: Myc-IPK1* or *itpk1-2:ITPK1-GFP*, respectively)

and probed with anti-CSN1/2/4/5, anti-CUL1, or anti-ASK1 antibodies. IgG-agarose

enrichments were used as negative controls. **c-d,** Bimolecular Fluorescence Complementation

(BiFC) assays showing reciprocal combinations of **(c)** IPK1 and **(d)** ITPK1 interact with CSN1.

Scale bar=50 μm. **e,** Co-immunoprecipitation of transiently expressed GFP-ITPK1 with Myc-

IPK1. Immuno-enrichment was performed with anti-GFP antibody-conjugated agarose and

probed with anti-GFP or anti-Myc antibodies. **f,** *In vitro* interactions of IPK1 with ITPK1. His$_6$-

IPK1 was co-expressed with GST alone or GST-ITPK1 in *E. coli* cells. Ni$^{2+}$NTA-affinity

enrichments were probed for His$_6$-IPK1 or GST-ITPK1 with anti-His or anti-GST antibodies,

respectively. Migration positions of molecular weight markers (in kDa) and of His$_6$-IPK1, GST

or GST-ITPK1 are shown on the right or left of each panel, respectively.

**Fig. 2. CSN5 partitioning and deneddylase functions are affected in *ipk1-1* or *itpk1-2*. a,**

IPK1 or ITPK1 does not co-elute with the CSN holo-complex. **b,** CRL1 fractionation profiles

are unchanged between Col-0, *ipk1-1* and *itpk1-2*. **c,** Enhanced CSN5 engagement on CSN

holo-complex fractions in *ipk1-1* and *itpk1-2*. For fractionations, extracts were separated by

size-exclusion chromatography and immuno-blotted with indicated antibodies. Right panels

are immunoblots on input extracts. Fraction numbers are indicated above each lane. Numbers

above arrowheads denote elution positions of molecular weight standards (in kDa). **d,**

Increased neddylated CUL1 in *ipk1-1* or *itpk1-2*. **e,** Global polyubiquitin-conjugates are

enhanced in *ipk1-1* or *itpk1-2*. For **d-e**, Total protein extracts were probed with anti-CUL1,

anti-actin, or anti-Ubiquitin antibodies as indicated. **f,** CSN5-deneddylation deficiencies and

lower CUL1 half-life in *ipk1-1* or *itpk1-2*. For in-lysate deneddylation assay total protein

extracts incubated for indicated times (minutes post-incubation; mpi) were probed with anti-

CUL1 antibodies. Migration position of molecular weight standards (in kDa) and neddylated

(CUL1$^{Nedd8}$) or unneddylated (CUL1) cullin1 are shown. Anti-actin or Ponceau S staining

demonstrate loadings controls.

**Fig. 3. CUL1 deneddylation rates are reduced during Pi-starvation.** MLN4924 suppresses

**a,** elevated PSI-gene expressions, and **b,** reduces endogenous Pi-levels in *ipk1-1* or *itpk1-2*. **c,**

MLN4924 suppresses the induction of *PHT1;3* or *IPS1* expressions in Col-0 upon Pi-

starvation. **d,** Enhanced CUL1-neddylation during Pi-deprivation is PHR1/PHL1-independent.

**e,** Increased CSN5 partitioning on CSN holo-complex occur upon Pi-starvation. **f,** Global levels

of polyubiquitin-conjugates are unperturbed during PSR. Gene expression changes were

relative to *MON1* transcripts and reported as fold-change relative to Col-0 levels. Data is

presented as mean $\pm$ SD (n=3 biological replicates of 3 plants in each). For Pi-estimation

assays, data shown as mean $\pm$ SD (n= 6-7 plants). Asterisks denote significant differences from

the reference sample. (Student's *t*-test; *$P<0.05$, **$P < 0.01$; ***$P < 0.001$, ***$P<0.0001$. ns

is not significant). For immunoblots, total protein extracts or fractions were probed with anti-

CUL1 or anti-CSN5 or anti-ubiquitin antibodies, as indicated. Ponceau S staining show

loadings controls. For Pi-deprivation/MLN4924 treatment assays, Seedlings grown in Pi-

replete (625μM Pi) medium were either maintained or transferred to Pi-deplete (10 μM Pi)

medium for three additional days in the presence of MLN4294 or absence (DMSO) during the

shift, before being analyzed. Positions of molecular weight markers (in kDa) are shown.

**Fig. 4.  The dynamics of CSN5 is essential for responding to phosphate-starvation. a,**

*csn5a-2* plants have elevated endogenous Pi levels. **b,** *csn5a-2* plants are deficient in inducing

PSI-genes during Pi-starvation. **c,** CSN5i-3 shows dose-dependent inhibition in CUL1

deneddylation. Total protein extracts from Col-0, 24hrs post-treated with indicated doses of the

inhibitors mentioned, were probed with anti-CUL1 antibodies. Ponceau S staining shows

loading controls. **d,** CSN5i-3 treatment elevates endogenous Pi-levels. **e,** CSN5i-3 suppresses

*PHT1;3* induction in Col-0 during phosphate-starvation. **f,** CSN5 is enriched in CSN holo-

complex pools upon CSN5i-3 or TNP treatment. Fractionation was performed 24hrs post-

inhibitor treatment and fractions immunoblotted with anti-CSN5 antibodies. For Pi-estimation

assays, error bars show SD from mean (n=3 replicates of 5-6 plants each). For gene expression

changes, *MON1* levels were used as internal controls and results reported as fold-change

relative to untreated Pi-replete grown Col-0. Data is mean $\pm$ SD (n=3 replicates, 3-4 plants

each). Statistical significance was calculated with Student's *t*-test and depicted with *$P$<0.05,

**$P < 0.01$; ***$P < 0.001$, ***$P$<0.0001. ns is not significant. For Pi-deprivation assays, plants

grown in Pi-replete (625μM Pi) media were transferred for 3 days to Pi-deplete (10 μM Pi)

media with or without indicated inhibitors before analysis.

**Fig. 5. ITPK1 activity regulates CSN5 dynamics and deneddylase functions. a,** TNP

treatment enhances pools of neddylated CUL1. Total protein extracts from Col-0 at 24hrs post-

inhibitor treatment were immunoblotted with anti-CUL1 antibodies. **b,** TNP treatments

increase endogenous Pi-content in Col-0. Error bars are mean $\pm$ SD (n=3 replicates of 5-6 plants

each). **c,** TNP suppresses *IPS1* or *SPX1* in Col-0 upon Pi-starvation. For Pi-starvation, plants

grown in Pi-replete medium were transferred for 3 days to Pi-deplete medium with or without

TNP.  Expression levels of *MON1* transcripts was used as internal reference. Error bars denote

mean with SD (n=3 biological replicates of 3-4 plants each). Student's *t*-test was used to

calculate statistical significance and shown as **$P<0.01$, ***$P<0.001$, ****$P<0.0001$, ns not

significant. **d,** TNP reduces CUL1 deneddylation and increases CUL1 instability. In-lysate

deneddylation assay on Col-0 extracts post-24hrs TNP-treatment and then probed with anti-

CUL1 antibodies. Ponceau S staining indicates loadings control. **e,** Schematic representation

of IPK1-ITPK1 role on CRL-CSN association/dissociation equilibrium in plants. CSN holo-

complex platform offers protection to CRLs in absence of ubiquitinylation substrates (E2

enzyme prevented from binding due to mutual exclusion[43,44]) utilizing coordinated locale-

specific activities (bi-directional white arrows) of IPK1 and ITPK1. Stimulus/energy status-

dependent modulation in localized IPK1/ITPK1 activities (InsPs nature unknown; red question

mark) is coupled to CRL, CSN5 disassembly and CUL1 deneddylation. Auto-inhibited CSN

holo-complex is reconstituted by re-incorporating CSN5. Active CRL-SCF complex binds E2

ubiquitin enzyme to cause targeted ubiquitinylation (Ub$^n$) and degradation of substrates (such

as SPX1 or Aux/IAA repressors). Inhibitory functions of TNP, CSN5i-3 and MLN4924 are

indicated on the respective processes. CSN subunits are presented as numbers; CUL1, Cullin1;

RBX, RING H2 protein1; SA, substrate adapter, N8, Nedd8, IPK1, inactive IPK1, ITPK1,

inactive ITPK1, IPK1 InsP, active IPK1, ITPK1 InsP, active ITPK1.

## Methods

**Plant material and growth conditions.** Seeds of T-DNA insertion lines of *Arabidopsis*

*thaliana* (ecotype Col-0) were obtained from the Arabidopsis Biological Resource Center

(ABRC). Homozygous *ipk1-1* (SALK_065337[31]), *itpk1-2* (SAIL_65_D03[32]) *ipk2β-1*

(SALK_104995[2]) and *csn5a-2* (SALK_027705[45]) were genotyped using T-DNA and

respective gene-specific primers listed in Supplementary Table 1. The *vih2-4, itpk1-2:ITPK1-*

*GFP,* and *phr1 phl1* plants have been reported earlier[9,31,32]. Seeds were stratified for 2-days at

$4^{\circ}$C in dark and then sterilized using 30% bleach solution. They were germinated either directly

on soil or on ½ strength Murashige and Skoog (MS) Pi-replete (625 µM $KH_2PO_4$) agar plates

in growth chambers maintained at $22^{\circ}$C with 70% Relative humidity (RH) and 16hrs: 8hrs;

light: dark having light intensity 100 µmol $\mu m^{-2} s^{-1}$. For fractionation, Pi-starvation assays, and

inhibitor treatments, plants grown on media plates as above were transferred 7-days post-

germination to liquid ½ MS medium in 12-well sterile culture plates are proceeded accordingly

as indicated in respective experiments. For immuno-precipitation assays 4-week-old soil-

grown plants were used.

**Generation of constructs.** Arabidopsis *IPK1*, *ITPK1*, *CSN1* and *CSN2* cDNAs were amplified

via RT-PCR (iScript cDNA Synthesis Kit, Bio-Rad, USA) from total RNA isolated using

RNAiso (Takara-Bio, Japan) from 2-week-old Col-0 plants. Primers for these are listed in

Supplementary Table 1. Gateway cloning was first performed into *p*DONR 207 and then into

*p*BA-Myc[46] (for Myc-IPK1), *p*SITE-2CA[47] (for GFP-ITPK1), nVenus- or cCFP binary

vectors[46] (for all the above) using BP and LR Clonase, respectively (Invitrogen, USA). BiFC

vectors for GUS expression have been described earlier[46]. The clones were confirmed by

sequencing and electroporated into the agrobacterium strain GV3101 for further assays. For

generating clones for recombinant protein expression and *in vitro* interaction assays, IPK1 was

sub-cloned into *p*ET28a as *BamH*I-*Sal*I fragment while ITPK1 was cloned as into *p*GEX4T-3

as *BamH*I-*Xho*I fragment (primers listed in Supplementary Table 1) to generate His$_6$-IPK1 and

GST-ITPK1, respectively.

**Bimolecular Fluorescence Complementation (BiFC) assays.** Agrobacterium strains

containing the indicated combination of binary vectors were co-infiltrated at equal cell

densities into mature *Nicotiana benthamiana* leaves. After 48hrs post-infiltration, tissue

sections from the infiltrated patches were viewed under a SP8 confocal microscope (Leica-

microsystems, Germany). Images were acquired with both bright field and YFP filters.

***In vitro* interaction assays in *E. coli*.** Bacterial strain BL21-AI (Arabinose inducible;

Thermofisher, USA) harboring GST-ITPK1 or GST with $His_6$-IPK1 plasmids was grown to

0.4 $OD_{600nm}$, induced with 0.1M IPTG and 0.2% L-arabidose overnight at $28^oC$. Cell pellets

were processed according to manufacturer's instructions, bound to $Ni^{2+}$-NTA beads (Qiagen,

Germany) for 3hrs at $4^oC$ with tumbling, washed and eluted with imidazole. Imidazole was

removed via dialysis and elute was immuno-blotted with anti-His or anti-GST antibodies.

**Generation of transgenic lines.** For generating complemented *ipk1-1:Myc-IPK1*

complemented line, *ipk1-1* plants were floral-dipped with the agrobacterium strain containing

Myc-IPK1 binary vector. Transgenic plants were selected on phosphinothricin (10μg/ml)

containing ½ MS agar plates and propagated to homozygosity and then used for indicated

assays.

**Pull down assay/Immunoprecipitation assays.** For co-immunoprecipitation assays between

Myc-IPK1 and GFP-ITPK1, agro-infiltrated *N. benthamiana* leaves harvested at 48hrs post-

infiltration were used. For pull-downs, including from Arabidopsis transgenic lines *ipk1-*

*1:Myc-IPK1*, and *itpk1-2:ITPK1-GFP*, extracts were homogenized in cold RIPA buffer [5mM

Tris-HCl pH 7.5, 150mM NaCl, 10mM $MgCl_2$, 1mM EDTA, 1% NP-40, 1mM Sodium

deoxycholate and 1X protease inhibitor cocktail (Sigma-Aldrich, USA)]. After removing cell

debris via centrifugation, the supernatant was pre-cleared with IgG agarose beads (Sigma-

Aldrich, USA) at $4^oC$ for 1hr with rotation. The mix was then centrifuged, IgG agarose bead-

pellet washed and saved as non-specific controls. The supernatant was added to indicated

antibody-conjugated beads (anti-GFP Agarose, BioBharati Life Sciences, India; anti-Myc

Agarose, Sigma-Aldrich, USA). After tumbling overnight at $4^oC$, the mix was centrifuged, and

agarose-bead pellet washed 3-times with RIPA buffer. Beads were then resuspended in 1X

Laemmli loading dye and used for immunoblots.  For CUL1 pull-down, anti-CUL1 antibodies

were first bound to Protein A/G agarose (Sigma-Aldrich, USA), washed and then incubated

with Arabidopsis extracts prepared in RIPA buffer as above. Binding was allowed overnight at

4°C with rotation, washed next day as earlier and processed for immunoblots.

**Size-exclusion chromatography of plant extracts.** Gel-filtration protocol was according to

Huang et al (2013)[48]. Briefly, 14-day-old plants ground to a fine powder with liquid nitrogen

were homogenized in Gel filtration buffer (50mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5, 150mM NaCl, 1mM

EDTA, 10% Glycerol, 10mM $MgCl_2$, 1mM DTT, 1mM PMSF and 1X Protease inhibitor

cocktail). Homogenates were centrifuged for 10 mins at 4°C and supernatant passed through

0.2 μM syringe filters.  Total protein extracts were fractionated through Superdex 10/300 GL

Column (GE- Healthcare, USA) and eluted in the fractionation buffer at 0.2mL/min flow rate.

The eluants were TCA (Trichloroacetic acid) precipitated, washed with acetone and

resuspended in 1X Laemmli loading dye and used for indicated immunoblots.

**qRT-PCR analysis.** cDNAs prepared as earlier, were used for qRT-PCRs with HOT FIREPol

EvaGreen qPCR Mix Plus (ROX) (Solis BioDyne, USA) and primer combinations according

to the manufacturer's instructions. Primers used are listed in Supplementary Table 1. Reaction

was performed on QuantStudio 6 Flex Real-Time PCR system (Applied Biosystems, USA)

with three biological and technical replicates. *MON1* (*At2g28390*) expressions were used as

internal control[49]. Relative expression was calculated according to the PCR efficiency^-ΔΔCt

formula.

**Protein extraction and immunoblots.** Total protein extracts from plants were prepared in 6M

Urea and used for western blots. For immunodetection, anti-GFP, anti-Myc (BioBharati Life

Sciences, India), anti-CSN1, anti-CSN2, anti-CSN4, anti-CSN5, anti-ASK1, anti-CUL1

antibodies (ENZO Life Sciences, USA), anti-Actin (Abiocode, USA) were used. The blots

were developed using ECL kit (Bio-Rad, USA) and developed in Alpha Image Quant system

(GE-Healthcare, USA).

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| 12. | qRT-PCR *IPS1* Rev | CGAAGCTTGCCAAAGGATAG | For qRT-PCRs |
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| 13. | qRT-PCR *SPX1* For | GATTCCATTGTTGGAGCAAGA | For qRT-PCRs |
| 14. | qRT-PCR *SPX1* Rev | AATCTTGTTAGCTTCTTCTATTGTA | For qRT-PCRs |
| 15. | qRT-PCR *PHT1;3* For | AAACATTGTGAACCATGCTAACCCTT | For qRT-PCRs |
| 16. | qRT-PCR *PHT1;3* Rev | GATAAACAAAATTGATTGGAATGACCACTA | For qRT-PCRs |
| 17. | qRT-PCR MON1 For | AACTCTATGCAGCATTTGATCCACT | For qRT-PCRs |
| 18. | qRT-PCR *MON1* Rev | TGATTGCATATCTTTATCGCCATC | For qRT-PCRs |
| 19. | *ipk1-1* RP | TTTCAATCAAGGAATGCTTGG | Genotyping *ipk1-1* |
| 20. | *ipk1-1* LP | ATGCTACGGGAAACCATTTTC | Genotyping *ipk1-1* |
| 21. | *itpk1-2* RP | CCATGTCCCAGAAGAACTCAG | Genotyping *itpk1-2* |
| 22. | *itpk1-2* LP | ACCAATATTCGATTCGATTCCACACG | Genotyping *itpk1-2* |
| 23. | LB1.3 | ATTTTGCCGATTTCGGAAC | T-DNA Left-border primer (for *ipk1-1*) |
| 24. | LB3 | TAGCATCTGAATTTCATAACCAATCTCGATACAC | T-DNA Left-border primer (for *itpk1-2*) |
| 25. | AJHIFW2 | GTTTTGGATTAGCATTAGTCCCCAAATC | Genotyping *csn5a-2* plants (Dohmann et al., 2005) |
| 26. | AJH1RV2 | TTCAAACATAAATGTGAAAAACAACAT | Genotyping *csn5a-2* plants (Dohmann et al., 2005) |
| 27. | LBb1 | CAGCGTGGACCGCTTGCTGCAACTCTCTCA | T-DNA Left-border primer (for *csn5a-2*) |

| | | | (Dohmann et al., 2005) |
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| 28. | *Bam*HI IPK1 For | CCGGATCCGAGATGATTTTGGAGGAG | Cloning IPK1 in *p*ET28a |
| 29. | *Sal*I IPK1 Rev | GGGTCGACTTAGCTGTGGGAAGGTTTTG | Cloning IPK1 in *p*ET28a |
| 30. | *Bam*HI ITPK1 For | GGGGATCCATGTCAGATTCAATCCA | Cloning ITPK1 in *p*GEX4T-3 |
| 31. | *Xho*I IPK1 Rev | GGCTCGAGTCAGACATGATTCTTCTT | Cloning ITPK1 in *p*GEX4T-3 |

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