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2 **Title: The localization of PHRAGMOPLAST ORIENTING KINESIN1 at the division site depends**
3 **on two microtubule binding proteins TANGLED1 and AUXIN-INDUCED-IN-ROOT-CULTURES9**
4 **in Arabidopsis.**

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6 **Running title:** Determinants of POK1 localization

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26 **One sentence summary:** Specific amino acids within TAN1 are required for its correct localization
27 and function partially through interaction with POK1; both TAN1 and AIR9 mediate POK1 division
28 site localization.

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32 **Abstract:**

33 Proper plant growth and development requires spatial coordination of cell divisions. Two unrelated
34 microtubule-binding proteins, TANGLED1 (TAN1) and AUXIN-INDUCED-IN-ROOT-CULTURES9
35 (AIR9), are together required for normal growth and division-plane orientation in Arabidopsis.
36 *tan1 air9* double mutants have synthetic growth and division-plane orientation defects while single
37 mutants lack obvious defects. Here we show that the division-site localized protein,
38 PHRAGMOPLAST-ORIENTING-KINESIN1 (POK1), was aberrantly lost from the division site during
39 metaphase and telophase in *tan1 air9* mutants. Since TAN1 and POK1 interact via the first 132
40 amino acids of TAN1 (TAN1₁₋₁₃₂), we assessed its localization and function in the *tan1 air9* double
41 mutant. TAN1₁₋₁₃₂ rescued *tan1 air9* mutant phenotypes and localized to the division site in
42 telophase. However, replacing six amino-acid residues within TAN1₁₋₁₃₂ that disrupts POK1-TAN1
43 interaction in the yeast-two-hybrid system caused loss of both rescue and division-site localization
44 of TAN1₁₋₁₃₂ in *tan1 air9* mutants. Full-length TAN1 with the same alanine substitutions had defects
45 in phragmoplast guidance and reduced TAN1 and POK1 localization at the division site but rescued
46 most *tan1 air9* mutant phenotypes. Together, these data suggest that TAN1 and AIR9 are required
47 for POK1 localization, and yet unknown proteins may stabilize TAN1-POK1 interactions.

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50 **Introduction**

51 Division plane orientation is important for many aspects of plant, microbial, and animal
52 development, particularly growth and patterning. Division plane orientation is especially relevant
53 for plant cells which are encased in cell walls, and unable to migrate (Rasmussen and Bellinger,
54 2018; Livanos and Müller, 2019; Facette et al., 2018; Wu et al., 2018). Positioning and construction
55 of the new cell wall (cell plate) during cytokinesis involves two microtubule- and microfilament-
56 rich cytoskeletal structures, the preprophase band (PPB) and the phragmoplast respectively
57 (Smertenko et al., 2017). The PPB is a ring of microtubules, microfilaments, and proteins that forms
58 at the cell cortex just beneath the plasma membrane during G2: this region is defined as the cortical
59 division zone (Van Damme, 2009; Smertenko et al., 2017; Li et al., 2015). The cortical division zone
60 is characterized by active endocytosis mediated by TPLATE-clathrin coated vesicles that may
61 deplete actin and the actin-binding kinesin like-protein KCA1/KAC1 (Vanstraelen et al., 2004;
62 Suetsugu et al., 2010; Karahara et al., 2009; Kojo et al., 2013; Panteris, 2008; Hoshino et al., 2003).
63 After nuclear envelope breakdown, the PPB disassembles and the metaphase spindle, an
64 antiparallel microtubule array with its plus-ends directed toward the middle of the cell, forms (Dixit
65 and Cyr, 2002). After the chromosomes are separated, the phragmoplast is constructed from
66 spindle remnants to form another antiparallel array of microtubules (Lee and Liu, 2019). The
67 phragmoplast microtubules are tracks for the movement of vesicles containing cell wall materials
68 towards the forming cell plate (McMichael and Bednarek, 2013; Müller and Jürgens, 2016). The
69 phragmoplast expands by nucleation of new microtubules on pre-existing microtubules (Murata et
70 al., 2013; Smertenko et al., 2018) and is partially dependent on the mitotic microtubule binding
71 protein ENDOSPERM DEFECTIVE1 and the augmin complex to recruit gamma tubulin to
72 phragmoplast microtubules (Lee et al., 2017; Nakaoka et al., 2012). Finally, the phragmoplast
73 reaches the cell cortex and the cell plate and associated membranes fuse with the mother cell
74 membranes at the cell plate fusion site previously specified by the PPB (van Oostende-Triplet et al.,
75 2017).

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77 TANGLED1 (TAN1, AT3G05330) was the first protein identified to localize to the plant division site
78 throughout mitosis and cytokinesis (Walker et al., 2007). In maize, the *tan1* mutant has defects in
79 division plane orientation caused by phragmoplast guidance defects (Cleary and Smith, 1998;
80 Martinez et al., 2017). TAN1 bundles and crosslinks microtubules in vitro (Martinez et al., 2020). In
81 vivo, TAN1 promotes microtubule pausing at the division site (Bellinger et al., 2021). TAN1,
82 together with other division site localized proteins, is critical for the organization of an array of cell
83 cortex localized microtubules that is independent from the phragmoplast. These cortical-telophase
84 microtubules accumulate at the cell cortex during telophase and are subsequently incorporated
85 into the phragmoplast to direct its movement towards the division site (Bellinger et al., 2021).
86 Other important division site localized proteins were identified through their interaction with
87 TAN1, such as the division site localized kinesin-12 proteins PHRAGMOPLAST ORIENTING
88 KINESIN1 (POK1) and POK2 (Müller et al., 2006; Lipka et al., 2014). Similar to other kinesin-12
89 proteins, PHRAGMOPLAST ASSOCIATED KINESIN RELATED PROTEIN (PAKRP1) and PAKRPL1
90 (Lee et al., 2007; Pan et al., 2004), POK2 localizes to the phragmoplast midline during telophase and

91 plays a unique role in phragmoplast expansion (Herrmann et al., 2018). Together, POK1 and POK2
92 are required to guide the phragmoplast to the division site (Herrmann et al., 2018; Müller et al.,
93 2006). *pok1 pok2 Arabidopsis thaliana* (Arabidopsis) double mutants have stunted growth and
94 misplaced cell walls as a result of phragmoplast guidance defects (Müller et al., 2006). The *pok1*
95 *pok2* double mutants also fail to maintain TAN1 at the division site after entry into metaphase
96 (Lipka et al., 2014). This suggests that TAN1 maintenance at the division site after metaphase is
97 dependent on POK1 and POK2.

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99 In Arabidopsis, *tan1* mutants have very minor phenotypes (Walker et al., 2007). However,
100 combination of *tan1* with *auxin-induced-in-root-cultures9 (air9)*, a mutant with no obvious defects
101 (Buschmann et al., 2015), resulted in a synthetic phenotype consisting of reduced root growth,
102 increased root cell file rotation and phragmoplast guidance defects (Mir et al., 2018). TAN1 and
103 AIR9 are unrelated microtubule-binding proteins that both localize to the division site (Walker et
104 al., 2007; Buschmann et al., 2006). Both TAN1 and AIR9 colocalize with the PPB. TAN1 remains at
105 the division site throughout cell division, while AIR9 is lost from the division site upon PPB
106 disassembly and then reappears at the division site during cytokinesis when the phragmoplast
107 contacts the cortex. When full length *TAN1* fused to *YELLOW FLUORESCENT PROTEIN (TAN1-YFP)*
108 and driven either by the constitutive viral cauliflower mosaic *CaMV35S* promoter (*p35S:TAN1-YFP*)
109 or the native promoter with the fluorescent protein as either N- or C-terminal fusion (*pTAN1:TAN1-*
110 *YFP* or *pTAN1:CFP-TAN1*) was transformed into the *tan1 air9* double mutant, the phenotype was
111 rescued such that plants looked similar to and grew as well as wild-type plants (Mir et al., 2018;
112 Mills and Rasmussen, 2022).

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114 TAN1 is an intrinsically disordered protein with no well-defined domains. It was divided into five
115 conserved regions based on alignments of amino acid similarity across plant species. Region I,
116 which covers the first ~130 amino acids of TAN1, is the most highly conserved, and mediates TAN1
117 localization to the division site during telophase. This ~130 amino acid region also mediates
118 interactions between TAN1 and POK1 in the yeast-two-hybrid system (Rasmussen et al., 2011).
119 When *TAN1* missing the first ~130 amino acids was transformed into the *tan1 air9* double mutant,
120 no rescue was observed (Mir et al., 2018). This suggests that the first ~130 amino acids of the TAN1
121 protein are critical for function in root growth and division plane positioning.

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123 Here, we show that both AIR9 and TAN1 are required for POK1 to remain at the division site after
124 PPB disassembly. We identified TAN1-POK1 interaction motifs within the first 132 amino acids
125 using the yeast-two-hybrid system. Interestingly, the first 132 amino acids of TAN1 (TAN1₁₋₁₃₂) are
126 sufficient to rescue the *tan1 air9* double mutant, but not when a TAN1-POK1 interaction motif was
127 disrupted. We found that when full-length TAN1 with the same mutated motif was used, substantial
128 rescue was observed, except defects in phragmoplast guidance and loss of POK1 and TAN1 at the
129 division site during metaphase and telophase. Together, this suggests that interactions between
130 POK1 and AIR9, and TAN1 and POK1, as well as other yet unknown proteins, are important for
131 division plane orientation and plant growth.

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134 **Results:**

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136 **Either TAN1 or AIR9 is sufficient to recruit and maintain POK1 at the division site**

137 To understand how known division-site localized proteins interact at the division site, we examined
138 POK1 fused to YELLOW FLUORESCENT PROTEIN (YFP-POK1 (Lipka et al., 2014)) localization in
139 wild type, *tan1 air9* double mutants and single mutants expressing the microtubule marker
140 *UBQ10:mScarlet-MAP4* (Pan et al., 2020). Our hypothesis was that POK1 localization would not be
141 contingent on TAN1 or AIR9, and would therefore be unaltered in the *tan1 air9* double mutant. In
142 contrast to our hypothesis, YFP-POK1 was lost from the division site during metaphase and
143 telophase and also accumulated less frequently during preprophase and prophase. In wild-type
144 cells, YFP-POK1 colocalized with PPBs in 71% of preprophase/prophase cells (n = 50/70 cells, 15
145 plants, Figure 1A) consistent with previous observations (Schaefer et al., 2017). In the *tan1 air9*
146 double mutant, YFP-POK1 colocalized with 50% of PPBs during preprophase/prophase, which was
147 not significantly different than wild-type (n = 27/54 cells, 15 plants, Figure 1D; Table 1; Fisher's
148 exact test, P-Value = 0.0165, ns with Bonferroni correction). In wild-type cells, YFP-POK1 remained
149 at the division site in all observed metaphase (n = 13/13 cells, Figure 1B) and telophase cells (n =
150 31/31 cells, Figure 1C), similar to previous studies (Lipka et al., 2014). In rare instances, YFP-POK1
151 also accumulated in the phragmoplast midline in wild-type cells (13%, n = 4/31, 11 plants, Table 1).
152 In contrast, in *tan1 air9* mutants, YFP-POK1 was lost from the division site in metaphase (n = 0/21
153 cells, Figure 1E; Table 1) and telophase (n = 0/44, Figure 1F). Interestingly, in *tan1 air9* double
154 mutants, although YFP-POK1 did not accumulate at the division site, it accumulated at the
155 phragmoplast midline in 77% of cells (n = 34/44), significantly more frequent midline
156 accumulation than the 13% observed in wild-type plants (n = 4/31 cells, Table 1; Fisher's exact
157 test, P-value < 0.00001). Together, this shows that POK1 is not maintained at the division site after
158 PPB disassembly and that instead it accumulates in the phragmoplast midline. We hypothesize that
159 mislocalized phragmoplast midline accumulation of YFP-POK1 in *tan1 air9* mutants occurs because
160 YFP-POK1 is not maintained at the division site.

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162 Next, we examined YFP-POK1 localization in *tan1* and *air9* single mutants. YFP-POK1 localized to
163 the division site during all mitotic stages, but aberrantly accumulated in the phragmoplast midline
164 in *tan1* single mutants. Similar to wild-type plants, YFP-POK1 colocalized with PPBs during
165 preprophase or prophase in *tan1* mutants (Figure 1G) and *air9* mutants (Figure 1H), and remained
166 at the division site during metaphase and telophase (Figure 1G-L, Table 1). In *tan1* single mutants,
167 YFP-POK1 localized both to the division site and the phragmoplast midline in 44% of telophase
168 cells (Figure 1I, n = 12/27), which is significantly more midline accumulation compared to wild-
169 type plants (13%, n = 4/31, 10 plants, Fisher's exact test, P-value = 0.0094) or *air9* single mutants
170 (Figure 1L, 10%, n = 4/40). Aberrant phragmoplast midline accumulation of YFP-POK1 in the *tan1*
171 single mutants suggested that POK1-TAN1 interaction might be required to maintain POK1 at the
172 division site. This prompted us to examine their interaction more closely.

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174 **Amino acids 1-132 of TAN1 Rescue the *tan1 air9* Double Mutant**

175 POK1 interacts with both full-length TAN1 and the first 132 amino acids of TAN1 using the yeast-
176 two-hybrid system (Rasmussen et al., 2011). In addition, TAN1 missing the first 126 amino acids

177 failed to rescue the *tan1 air9* double mutant, suggesting that this part of the protein is critical for
178 TAN1 function (Mir et al., 2018). To test the function of this region of the protein in Arabidopsis, the
179 *TAN1* coding sequence for the first 132 amino acids was fused to YFP (*TAN1₁₋₁₃₂-YFP*) driven by the
180 cauliflower mosaic *p35S* promoter and was then transformed into the *tan1 air9* double mutant. We
181 used *p35S:TAN1-YFP* in the *tan1 air9* double mutant as our benchmark for rescue, as its ability to
182 rescue the *tan1 air9* double mutant was demonstrated previously (Mir et al., 2018). The progeny of
183 several independent *p35S:TAN1₁₋₁₃₂-YFP* lines rescued the *tan1 air9* double mutant, as described in
184 more detail below. Overall root patterning of *tan1 air9* double mutants expressing either
185 *p35S:TAN1₁₋₁₃₂-YFP* or full-length *p35S:TAN1-YFP* was restored, while untransformed *tan1 air9*
186 double mutant roots had misoriented divisions (Figure 2A, Supplementary Figure 1). Cell file
187 rotation, which skews left and has large variance in the *tan1 air9* double mutant (Figure 2B & 2C),
188 was significantly rescued in both *p35S:TAN1₁₋₁₃₂-YFP* and *p35S:TAN1-YFP tan1 air9* lines ($n = 37$ and
189 41 plants respectively), compared to the untransformed *tan1 air9* control (Levene's test used due
190 to non-normal distribution, P -value < 0.0001). Root length at 8 days after stratification was also
191 restored (Figure 2D). Interestingly, although *TAN1₁₋₁₃₂-YFP* rarely co-localizes with PPBs in wild-
192 type plants (Rasmussen et al., 2011) or in *tan1 air9* double mutants (10%, $n = 9/89$ cells, Figure
193 3A), PPB angles of *p35S:TAN1₁₋₁₃₂-YFP* and *p35S:TAN1-YFP tan1 air9* plants had significantly less
194 variance compared to the untransformed control (Figure 2E). Phragmoplast positioning defects of
195 the *tan1 air9* double mutant were also significantly rescued by *p35S:TAN1₁₋₁₃₂-YFP*. Altogether,
196 *p35S:TAN1₁₋₁₃₂-YFP* rescued the phenotypes of the double mutant similar to full-length *p35S:TAN1-*
197 *YFP*. This indicates that most functions that affect phenotypes assessed here are encoded by the
198 first section of the *TAN1* gene.

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201 **Disrupting TAN1-POK1 interaction alters TAN1 and POK1 localization to the division site** 202 **and reduces *tan1 air9* rescue**

203 To further understand how TAN1 functions, we disrupted its ability to interact with the kinesin
204 POK1 using alanine scanning mutagenesis. Alanine scanning mutagenesis was used to replace six
205 amino acids with six alanines across the first ~ 120 amino acids of *TAN1₁₋₁₃₂* (described in materials
206 and methods). After testing their interaction with POK1 using the yeast-two-hybrid system, we
207 identified seven constructs that lost interaction with POK1 (Supplementary Figure 2). Reasoning
208 that highly conserved amino acids would be more likely to play critical roles in TAN1-POK1
209 interaction, we selected *TAN1₁₋₁₃₂* with alanine substitutions replacing the highly conserved amino
210 acids 28-33 (INKVDK) with six alanines (*TAN1(28-33A)₁₋₁₃₂*) for analysis in Arabidopsis. Our
211 hypothesis was that the mutated form of *TAN1₁₋₁₃₂* (*TAN1(28-33A)₁₋₁₃₂*) would not rescue the *tan1*
212 *air9* mutant due to lack of POK1 and TAN1 interaction. *TAN1(28-33A)₁₋₁₃₂* was cloned into a plant
213 transformation vector to generate *p35S:TAN1(28-33A)₁₋₁₃₂-YFP* and transformed into the *tan1 air9*
214 double mutant. The *p35S:TAN1(28-33A)₁₋₁₃₂-YFP* construct partially rescued the *tan1 air9* double
215 mutant (Figure 4). *p35S:TAN1(28-33A)₁₋₁₃₂-YFP* in the *tan1 air9* double mutant did not rescue cell
216 file rotation defects (Figure 4B, D) or phragmoplast angle defects (Figure 4F). However, overall
217 plant growth (Figure 4C) and root length (Figure 4E) showed intermediate rescue compared to
218 unaltered *p35S:TAN1₁₋₁₃₂-YFP* in the *tan1 air9* double mutant. PPB angles in *tan1 air9* double
219 mutants expressing either *p35S:TAN1(28-33A)₁₋₁₃₂-YFP* or *p35S:TAN1₁₋₁₃₂-YFP* were similar,

220 suggesting that TAN1-POK1 interaction may not be required for PPB placement (Figure 4F). These
221 results suggest that the first 132 amino acids of TAN1 perform several vital functions, some of
222 which are contingent or partially contingent on a likely interaction with POK1 in Arabidopsis.

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224 To understand how this mutation within TAN1₁₋₁₃₂ affected localization, we analyzed TAN1(28-
225 33A)₁₋₁₃₂-YFP in the *tan1 air9* double mutant. Localization of TAN1(28-33A)₁₋₁₃₂-YFP to the division
226 site in *tan1 air9* double mutants was significantly reduced compared to unaltered TAN1₁₋₁₃₂-YFP,
227 which localized to the division site during telophase 100% of the time (n = 58/58 cells, 29 plants,
228 Figures 3E, (Rasmussen et al., 2011)). TAN1(28-33A)₁₋₁₃₂-YFP showed no obvious division site
229 localization 68% of the time (n = 15/22 cells, Figure 3I) or faint division site accumulation in 32%
230 of telophase cells (n = 7/22 cells, Figure 3J). When the fluorescence intensity of TAN1(28-33A)₁₋₁₃₂-
231 YFP at the division site during telophase was compared to the cytosolic fluorescence intensity in the
232 same cell, the median ratio was ~1.1 indicating little preferential accumulation of TAN1(28-33A)₁₋₁₃₂-
233 YFP at the division site (Figure 3K). In contrast, the median ratio of unaltered TAN1₁₋₁₃₂-YFP at
234 the division site was ~1.8 compared to cytosolic fluorescence, indicating its preferential
235 accumulation at the division site. This suggests that TAN1 requires the motif in amino acids 28-33
236 to localize properly to the division site during telophase. Our hypothesis is that this reduced
237 localization is due to disruptions in TAN1₁₋₁₃₂-POK1 interaction.

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239 Next, we generated a construct that introduced alanines at amino acids 28-33 in full-length YFP-
240 TAN1 constructs (*p35S:YFP-TAN1(28-33A)*) to assess whether *p35S:YFP-TAN1(28-33A)* would
241 rescue the *tan1 air9* double mutant. In contrast to the modest partial rescue provided by
242 *p35S:TAN1(28-33A)₁₋₁₃₂-YFP*, full-length *p35S:YFP-TAN1(28-33A)* significantly rescued the defects in
243 the *tan1 air9* double mutant, as described below. First, we assessed whether full-length TAN1(28-
244 33A) interacted with POK1 via the yeast-two-hybrid system, and it did not (Supplementary Figure
245 3). Next, we analyzed rescue in Arabidopsis expressing *p35S:YFP-TAN1(28-33A)*. Most defects
246 except phragmoplast angle variance (Figure 5, Supplementary Figure 4) were fully rescued in the
247 *p35S:YFP-TAN1(28-33A) tan1 air9* lines, including cell file rotation (Figure 5C), root length (Figure
248 5D) and PPB angles (Figure 5E). Similar to TAN1-YFP, YFP-TAN1(28-33A) localized to the division
249 site in preprophase, prophase and telophase (Supplementary Figure 5).

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251 To determine if full-length YFP-TAN1(28-33A) had reduced accumulation at the division site during
252 telophase similar to TAN1(28-33A)₁₋₁₃₂-YFP, fluorescence intensity levels were measured. During
253 prophase, YFP-TAN1(28-33A) fluorescence intensity at the division site compared to the cytosol
254 was comparable to TAN1-YFP fluorescence intensity ratios. In contrast, YFP-TAN1(28-33A)
255 fluorescence intensity ratios during telophase were reduced to ~1.6 compared with unaltered
256 TAN1-YFP (~2.1) indicating that YFP-TAN1(28-33A) accumulated less at the division site during
257 telophase (Supplementary Figure 5). Together, these data suggest that TAN1 is recruited to the
258 division site during prophase without interaction with POK1. Defects in phragmoplast positioning
259 may be due specifically to the disruption of TAN1-POK1 interaction, or due to the lower
260 accumulation of TAN1 at the division site that would normally be mediated by POK1 during
261 telophase.

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263 To better understand how these alanine substitutions affect both POK1 and TAN1 localization we
264 examined *tan1 air9* double mutants expressing a microtubule marker (*UBQ10:mScarlet-MAP4* (Pan
265 et al., 2020)), *pTAN1:CFP-TAN1(28-33A)* and *pPOK1:YFP-POK1* (Lipka et al., 2014). Both CFP-
266 TAN1(28-33A) and YFP-POK1 had reduced accumulation at the division site in the *tan1 air9* double
267 mutant. CFP-TAN1(28-33A) and YFP-POK1 colocalized with the PPB in 41% of cells (n = 32/79)
268 which is significantly less frequent when compared to 72% of cells (n=58/82 cells, 20 plants) with
269 PPBs in *tan1 air9* mutants containing unaltered CFP-TAN1 and YFP-POK1 (Figure 6A, Table 2;
270 Fisher's exact test, P-value = 0.0001). Unaltered CFP-TAN1 fully rescued the *tan1 air9* double
271 mutant (Mills and Rasmussen, 2022), and serves here as a control. Unaltered CFP-TAN1 and YFP-
272 POK1 localized and were maintained at the division site similar to wild type in metaphase (Figure
273 6B, n=13/13), while CFP-TAN1(28-33A) and YFP-POK1 in *tan1 air9* mutants were sometimes
274 absent from the division site in metaphase with only 58% of metaphase cells maintaining both
275 proteins at the division site (n = 11/19 cells, Figure 6F, Table 2). During early telophase, unaltered
276 CFP-TAN1 and YFP-POK1 were always at the division site (n = 14/14, Figure 6C), but CFP-
277 TAN1(28-33A) and YFP-POK1 were maintained at the division site in only 65% of early telophase
278 cells (n = 20/31 cells, Figure 6G, Table 2). Interestingly, YFP-POK1 accumulated in the
279 phragmoplast midline in 26% of early telophase cells (n = 8/31 cells, Table 2) but was not observed
280 in the phragmoplast midline in early telophase cells of plants expressing unaltered CFP-TAN1 (n =
281 0/14 cells, Table 2). During late telophase, when the phragmoplast has contacted the cell cortex in
282 at least one location, CFP-TAN1 and POK1 always localized to the division site (100%, n =63/63
283 cells, Figure 6D). Interestingly, although not observed in earlier stages, YFP-POK1 and CFP-
284 TAN1(28-33A) recruitment to the division site increased to 90% of late telophase cells (n = 53/59
285 cells, Figure 6H). In the remainder of cells, neither CFP-TAN1(28-33) nor YFP-POK1 localized to the
286 division site (3%, n = 2/59), or only CFP-TAN1(28-33) accumulated at the division site (7%, n =
287 4/59 cells). Together, these data suggest that TAN1-POK1 interactions play a critical role in
288 stabilizing them together at the division site. Additionally, it suggests that other, yet unidentified
289 proteins may recruit both TAN1 and POK1 to the division site, particularly during late telophase, in
290 the absence of both AIR9 and TAN1-POK1 interaction.
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293 Discussion

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295 In *tan1* and *air9* single mutants, POK1 localizes to the division site and there are no discernable
296 division plane defects (Model in Supplementary Figure 6). However, in the *tan1 air9* double mutant,
297 POK1 co-localizes with the PPB but is lost from the division site during metaphase (Model in Figure
298 7). First, this suggests that TAN1 and AIR9 are not essential for POK1 co-localization with the PPB.
299 Second, it suggests that POK1 is maintained at the division site after PPB disassembly via direct or
300 indirect interactions with TAN1 or AIR9. We provide evidence that TAN1 interacts with POK1
301 through motifs within the first 132 amino acids of TAN1, as identified using the yeast-two-hybrid
302 system. Alignments of TANGLED1 proteins from representative monocots and dicots, such as
303 *Solanum lycopersium*, *Oryza sativa*, *Sorghum bicolor*, *Zea mays*, and *Brassica napus*, showed that
304 amino acids 28-33 (INKVDK) are highly conserved across plant species (Supplementary Figure 7).
305 Amino acids 30-32 (VDK) are identical and the remaining residues within the motif have similar
306 properties across these plant species. The high degree of conservation suggests that these amino
307 acids are likely important for TAN1 function. When alanine substitutions of these amino acids were
308 introduced into TAN1 and transformed into Arabidopsis *tan1 air9* double mutants, we observed
309 reduced TAN1 and POK1 localization at the division site, as well as defects in phragmoplast
310 positioning. Here we hypothesize that amino acids 28-33 are essential for TAN1 and POK1
311 interaction in both yeast-two-hybrid and in Arabidopsis. In addition to several reports showing that
312 TAN1 and POK1 interact using the yeast-two-hybrid system (Müller et al., 2006; Rasmussen et al.,
313 2011), bimolecular fluorescence complementation has also been used to show TAN1-POK1
314 interactions in Arabidopsis protoplasts (Lipka et al., 2014). Alanine substitutions at positions 28-33
315 of TAN1 may disrupt TAN1-POK1 interaction through misfolding that blocks the POK1 interaction
316 site or by affecting the amino acids that directly mediate POK1 binding. Regardless of the exact
317 mechanism(s) of POK1-TAN1 physical interactions or the possibility that yeast-two-hybrid
318 interactions do not reflect equivalent POK1-TAN1 physical interactions in Arabidopsis, we show
319 that these TAN1 amino acids are involved in mediating TAN1 and POK1 localization to the division
320 site.

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322 We demonstrate that the first region of the TAN1 protein, the first 132 amino acids which primarily
323 accumulates at the division site during telophase (Rasmussen et al., 2011), is both necessary (Mir et
324 al., 2018) and sufficient to largely rescue the *tan1 air9* double mutant (Figure 2). This suggests that
325 TAN1₁₋₁₃₂ and its recruitment to the division site during telophase is critical for correct division
326 plane orientation in the *tan1 air9* double mutant. Although full length TAN1 localizes to the
327 division site throughout cell division, the ability of TAN1₁₋₁₃₂ to rescue the *tan1 air9* double mutant,
328 suggests that TAN1, and possibly POK1, localization to the PPB and division site during metaphase
329 may not be required for division site maintenance in Arabidopsis. Indeed, whether the PPB itself is
330 required for division plane positioning has been raised by analysis of a triple mutant in three
331 closely related *TONNEAU RECRUITING MOTIF6,7,8* genes (*trm6,7,8*). *trm678* mutants, which lacked
332 well defined PPBs, had disrupted POK1 recruitment to the division site but only minor defects in
333 division positioning (Schaefer et al., 2017). However, when amino acids critical for TAN1-POK1
334 interactions in the yeast-two-hybrid system are disrupted by transforming *TAN1(28-33A)₁₋₁₃₂-YFP*
335 into the *tan1 air9* double mutant, root growth and phragmoplast positioning are disrupted.

336 *TAN1(28-33A)₁₋₁₃₂-YFP* accumulation at the division site during telophase was reduced compared to
337 unaltered *TAN1₁₋₁₃₂-YFP*. This suggests that TAN1-POK1 interaction promotes, but is not strictly
338 necessary, for TAN1 recruitment to the division site during telophase.

339
340 Full-length *TAN1(28-33A)* localizes to the division site throughout cell division and almost fully
341 rescues the *tan1 air9* double mutant. TAN1, AIR9, and POK1 colocalize at the PPB independently of
342 one another, which may promote the formation of protein complexes required for division site
343 maintenance. Colocalizing with the PPB may provide an opportunity for proteins in close proximity
344 to form stabilizing interactions before PPB disassembly. This suggests that recruitment of TAN1
345 and POK1 to the division site early in cell division may provide another temporally distinct way to
346 promote correct division plane positioning. Phragmoplast positioning defects in *TAN1(28-33A)*
347 *tan1 air9* plants may be the result of defects in phragmoplast guidance in cells that lacked
348 *TAN1(28-33A)* and POK1 at the division site in metaphase or early telophase that were not
349 corrected in late telophase.

350
351 The ability of *TAN1(28-33A)* and POK1 to remain at the division site in some cells after PPB
352 disassembly in the *tan1 air9* double mutant suggests that there are other proteins that interact with
353 TAN1 and/or POK1 that help stabilize them at the division site perhaps via the formation of
354 multiprotein complexes. The pleckstrin homology GAPS, PHGAP1 and PHGAP2 (Stöckle et al.,
355 2016), RANGAP1 (Xu et al., 2008), and IQ67 DOMAIN (IQD)_{6,7,8} proteins (Kumari et al., 2021) are
356 division site localized proteins that may stabilize TAN1 and POK1 at the division site via their
357 interaction with POK1. PHGAP1, PHGAP2, and RANGAP1 are dependent on POK1 and POK2 for
358 division site recruitment. Like TAN1, RANGAP1 colocalizes with the PPB and remains at the division
359 site throughout cell division (Xu et al., 2008). PHGAP1 and PHGAP2 are uniformly distributed in the
360 cytoplasm and on the plasma membrane in interphase cells and accumulate at the division site
361 during metaphase. These proteins also have their own distinct roles in division site maintenance
362 (Stöckle et al., 2016). PHGAP2 has a likely role in division site establishment by regulating ROP
363 activity (Hwang et al., 2008). RANGAP1 regulation of local RAN-GTP levels has potential roles in
364 microtubule organization and division site identity (Xu et al., 2008). IQD₆, IQD₇, and IQD₈ interact
365 with POK1 and play a role in PPB formation and POK1 recruitment to the division site. *iqd678* triple
366 mutants have PPB formation defects and fail to recruit POK1 to the division site in cells lacking
367 PPBs. However, POK1 localization to the division site in *iqd678* mutants recovers during telophase
368 to wild-type levels (Kumari et al., 2021). We speculate that this IQD₆₋₈ independent recruitment
369 may depend on TAN1. Unlike the PHGAPs and RANGAP1, IQD₈ localization to the division site is not
370 dependent on POK1 and POK2. This suggests that IQD₆₋₈ proteins work upstream of POK1 to
371 establish the division site and are important for POK1 recruitment to the division site early in cell
372 division. Although TAN1-POK1 interaction becomes critical for TAN1 and POK1 maintenance at the
373 division site in the absence of AIR9, other division site localized proteins may provide additional
374 stability and help maintain TAN1 and POK1 at the division site.

375
376 How AIR9 stabilizes POK1 at the division site in the absence of TAN1 is less clear. There is no
377 information about whether POK1 and AIR9 interact directly with one another. Additionally, AIR9
378 localization, in contrast to TAN1 localization, is intermittent at the division site. When expressed in

379 tobacco Bright Yellow2 (BY2) cells, AIR9 colocalizes with the PPB but is then lost from the division
380 site until late telophase when the phragmoplast contacts the cortex (Buschmann et al., 2006). In
381 Arabidopsis, AIR9 may localize to the division site during metaphase or telophase, but it is difficult
382 to observe because AIR9 also strongly colocalizes with cortical microtubules which may obscure
383 AIR9 localization in nearby cells (Buschmann et al., 2015). Rather than directly interacting with
384 POK1, AIR9 may recruit other proteins to the division site during preprophase that help maintain
385 POK1 at the division site in the absence of TAN1. One potential candidate is the kinesin-like
386 calmodulin binding protein, KCBP, which interacts with AIR9 (Buschmann et al., 2015). KCBP is a
387 minus-end-directed kinesin (Song et al., 1997) that localizes to the division site in Arabidopsis and
388 moss (Miki et al., 2014; Buschmann et al., 2015). We speculate that other TAN1, AIR9, and POK1
389 interacting proteins that have not been identified yet may be key for TAN1-POK1 division site
390 maintenance.

391
392 POK1 and POK2 have roles in phragmoplast guidance, but POK2 also has a role in phragmoplast
393 dynamics (Lipka et al., 2014; Herrmann et al., 2018). Although POK1 does not frequently
394 accumulate in the phragmoplast midline in wild-type cells, POK2 showed striking dual localization
395 to both the phragmoplast midline and the division site. Localization of POK2 to the phragmoplast
396 midline required the N-terminal motor domain, while the C-terminal region was localized to the
397 division site (Herrmann et al., 2018). Our hypothesis is that the “default” location of both POK1 and
398 POK2 is at microtubule plus-ends at the phragmoplast midline, based on likely or confirmed plus-
399 end directed motor activity (Chugh et al., 2018). Interactions with division site localized proteins,
400 such as TAN1 and AIR9, may stabilize or recruit POK1 and POK2 at the division site away from the
401 phragmoplast midline.

402
403 We demonstrate that AIR9 and TAN1 function redundantly to maintain POK1 at the division site to
404 ensure correct cell wall placement. In the absence of AIR9, our data suggests that TAN1-POK1
405 interaction promotes, but is not required for, the maintenance of both proteins at the division site
406 and disrupting this interaction partially disrupts their localization to the division site. This also
407 suggests that other TAN1, POK1, and AIR9 interacting proteins are involved with stabilizing TAN1
408 and POK1 at the division site.

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411 **Materials and methods**

412 Growth conditions, genotyping mutants, and root length measurements

413 Arabidopsis seedlings were grown on ½ strength Murashige and Skoog (MS) media (MP
414 Biomedicals; Murashige and Skoog, 1962) containing 0.5 g/L MES (Fisher Scientific), pH 5.7, and
415 0.8% agar (Fisher Scientific). Seeds sown on plates were first stratified in the dark at 4°C for 2 to 5
416 days then grown vertically in a growth chamber (Percival) with 16/8-h light/dark cycles and
417 temperature set to 22°C. For root length experiments, *tan1 air9* transgenic T3 lines expressing
418 *p35S:TAN1-YFP*, *35S:TAN1₁₋₁₃₂-YFP*, *35S:TAN1(28-33A)₁₋₁₃₂-YFP*, or *35S:YFP-TAN1(28-33A)* were
419 grown vertically, the plates were scanned (Epson) and root lengths were measured using FIJI
420 [Image], <http://fiji.sc/>) after 8 days. Untransformed *tan1 air9* double mutants and *air9* single
421 mutants were grown alongside the double mutant seeds expressing the TAN1 constructs in equal

422 numbers on the same plates to ensure plants were grown under the same conditions. After plates
423 were scanned, seedlings were screened by confocal microscopy to identify seedlings expressing
424 YFP translational fusion transgenes and CFP-TUBULIN, if present in the transgenic lines. At least 3
425 biological replicates, grown on separate plates on separate days, and at least 28 plants of each
426 genotype total across all replicates were analyzed for each root growth experiment. Welch's t-test
427 was used to identify whether there were statistically significant differences between replicates
428 before pooling the replicates for analysis. Root lengths were then plotted using Prism (GraphPad).
429 Statistical analysis of root length was performed with Prism (GraphPad) using t-test with Welch's
430 correction. Welch's t-test (unequal variance t-test) is used to test the hypothesis that two
431 populations have equal means. Unlike the Student's t-test, Welch's t-test is often used when two
432 samples have unequal variances or sample sizes. This test was used due to the unequal sample sizes
433 because the plants examined were often segregating for multiple transgenes and had lower sample
434 sizes than control plants such as *air9* single mutants and *tan1 air9* double mutants which either
435 lacked transgenes or were segregating fewer transgenes.

436
437 YFP translational fusion TAN1 constructs were analyzed in *csH-tan* (*TAN1*, AT3G05330) *air9-31*
438 (*AIR9*, AT2G34680) double mutants in *Landsberg erecta* (*Ler*) unless otherwise specified. The
439 *pPOK1:YFP-POK1* transgene in Columbia, a kind gift from Sabine Müller (Lipka et al., 2014), was
440 crossed into the *tan-mad* and *air9-5* Columbia/Wassilewskija double mutant previously described
441 (Mir et al., 2018). *tan-mad* and *air9-5* mutants were genotyped with primers ATRP and ATLP (to
442 identify wild-type *TAN1*), JL202 and ATLP (to identify T-DNA insertion in *TAN1*), AIR9-5RP and
443 AIR9-5LP (to identify wild-type *AIR9*), and Lb1.3 and AIR9RP (to identify T-DNA insertion in *AIR9*)
444 and by observation of the *tan1 air9* double mutant phenotype (Supplementary Table 1).

445 446 Generation of Transgenic Lines

447 *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*-mediated floral dip transformation was used as described (Clough and
448 Bent, 1999). *csH-tan air9-31* double mutants were used for all floral dip transformations unless
449 otherwise specified. Transgenic plants were selected on 15 µg/mL glufosinate (Finale; Bayer) and
450 screened by microscopy before being transferred to soil and selfed. *CFP-TUBULIN* was crossed into
451 *35S:TAN1(28-33A)₁₋₁₃₂-YFP tan1 air9* plants using *tan1 air9 CFP-TUBULIN* plants (Mir et al., 2018)
452 and progeny were subsequently screened by microscopy for CFP and YFP signal. *csH-tan1 air9-31*
453 double mutants were confirmed by genotyping with primers ATLP and AtTAN 733-CDS Rw (to
454 identify *TAN1* wild-type), AtTAN 733-CDS Rw and Ds5-4 (to identify T-DNA insertion in *TAN1*),
455 AIR9_cDNA 2230 F and AIR9 gnm7511 R (to identify *AIR9* wild-type), and AIR9 gnm7511 R and
456 Ds5-4 (to identify T-DNA insertion in *AIR9*).

457
458 Columbia expressing the microtubule marker *UBQ10:mScarlet-MAP4* (Pan et al., 2020), a kind gift
459 from Xue Pan and Zhenbiao Yang (UCR), was crossed to *tan-mad* and *air9-5*
460 Columbia/Wassilewskija double mutants expressing *pPOK1:YFP-POK1*. Progeny were screened for
461 mScarlet-MAP4 and YFP-POK1 by confocal microscopy and then selfed to recover *air9-5* single
462 mutants, *tanmad* single mutants, and *air9-5 tan-mad* double mutants expressing *mScarlet-MAP4*
463 and *YFP-POK1*.

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465 *pTAN1:CFP-TAN1* and *pTAN1:CFP-TAN1(28-33A)* were introduced into *air9-5 tan-mad* double
466 mutants expressing *mScarlet-MAP4* and *YFP-POK1* by *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*-mediated floral
467 dip transformation. *pTAN1:CFP-TAN1* and *pTAN1:CFP-TAN1(28-33A)* transformants were selected
468 on 100µg/mL gentamicin (Fisher Scientific) and the presence of *mScarlet-MAP4*, *YFP-POK1*, and
469 either *CFP-TAN1* or *CFP-TAN1(28-33A)* was confirmed by confocal microscopy. 4 independent
470 transformed lines for *pTAN:CFP-TAN1(28-33A)* and 3 independent transformed lines for unaltered
471 *pTAN:CFP-TAN1* were examined for division site localization cell counts.

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473 Plasmid Construction

474 *TAN1₁₋₁₃₂-YFP* coding sequences were subcloned by EcoRI and BamHI double digestion from the
475 plasmid *pEZRK-LNY-TAN1₁₋₁₃₂-YFP* described previously (Rasmussen et al., 2011) into *pEZT-NL*
476 vector (a kind gift from David Ehrhardt, Carnegie Institute, Stanford University) and selected with
477 glufosinate (Finale; Bayer). The CFP-TUBULIN (CFP-TUA6) vector was previously described, a kind
478 gift from Viktor Kirik (Kirik et al., 2007).

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480 Six amino acid alanine substitutions were generated using overlapping PCR (primers in
481 Supplementary Table 1) beginning at amino acid 10 of *TAN1₁₋₁₃₂*. *TAN1₁₋₁₃₂-YFP* coding sequence
482 from plasmids described previously was used as the PCR template (Rasmussen et al., 2011).
483 *TAN1(28-33A)₁₋₁₃₂-YFP* was subcloned by EcoRI BamHI double digestion into *pEZT-NL*. To generate
484 *YFP-TAN1(28-33A)*, alanine substitutions were first introduced into G22672 (*TAN1* cDNA in
485 *pENTR223*, from the Arabidopsis Biological Resource Center) using overlapping PCR with the same
486 primers to generate *TAN1(28-33A)*. Gateway LR reaction (Fisher Scientific) was then used to
487 subclone *TAN1(28-33A)* into *pEarley104* (Earley et al., 2006).

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489 *pTAN:CFP-TAN1(28-33A)* was generated using overlapping PCR. The TANGLED1 native promoter
490 was amplified from *Np:AtTAN-YFP* (Walker et al., 2007) using the primers *NpTANSacIFor* and
491 *NpTANceruleanRev*. Cerulean was amplified from the Cerulean CDS in *pDONR221P4r/P3r* using
492 the primers *NpTANceruleanFor* and *CeruleanpEarleyRev*. *TAN1(28-33A)* in *pEarley104* was
493 amplified using *CeruleanpEarleyFor* and *pEarleyOCSPstIRev*. TANGLED1 native promoter,
494 Cerulean, and *TAN1(28-33A)* were then combined using overlapping PCR using *NpTANSacI* and
495 *pEarleyOCSPstIRev*. *pTAN:CFP-TAN1(28-33A)* was then subcloned into *pJHA212G*, a kind gift of
496 Meng Chen (UCR), using *SacI* and *PstI* double digest. *pTAN:CFP-TAN1* was generated the same way
497 as *pTAN:CFP-TAN1(28-33A)* except unaltered *TAN1* in *pEarley104* was amplified using
498 *CeruleanpEarleyFor* and *pEarleyOCSPstIRev*.

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500 Microscopy

501 An inverted Ti Eclipse (Nikon) with motorized stage (ASI Piezo) and spinning-disk confocal
502 microscope (Yokogawa W1) built by Solamere Technology was used with Micromanager software
503 (micromanager.org). Solid-state lasers (Obis) and emission filters (Chroma Technology) were used.
504 For CFP translational fusions excitation 445, emission 480/40 was used; YFP translational fusions
505 excitation 514, emission 540/30; and propidium iodide (PI), Alexa-568 goat anti-mouse antibody,
506 and *mScarlet-MAP4* excitation 561, emission 620/60 were used. The 20x objective has 0.75
507 numerical aperture and the 60x objective has 1.2 numerical aperture which was used with

508 perfluorocarbon immersion liquid (RIAAA-6788 Cargille). Excitation spectra for mScarlet-MAP4
509 and YFP-POK1 partially overlapped, which resulted in faint bleed through signal in the YFP channel
510 for some dense microtubule structures (e.g. spindles and phragmoplasts). YFP-POK1 colocalization
511 with PPBs was carefully determined based on distinct YFP-POK1 signal and the presence of
512 cytosolic YFP-POK1.

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514 The ratio of the division site versus cytosolic fluorescence intensity was determined by taking the
515 median YFP fluorescence intensity from the center Z-stack of individual cells with PPBs or
516 phragmoplasts. For each cell the median fluorescence intensity was measured for two cytosolic
517 areas and the division site on each side of the cell using circles with areas of $0.875 \mu\text{m}^2$. The sum of
518 the median intensity at the division site on each side was then divided by the sum of the median
519 intensity of the two cytosolic areas to calculate the ratio of the division site versus cytosolic
520 fluorescence intensity. Fluorescence intensities were measured in FIJI. All plants used for this
521 analysis were grown on the same day and imaged using identical conditions, and at least 5 plants of
522 each genotype were examined.

523
524 Measurements of PPB and phragmoplast angles and cell file rotation
525 At least 3 biological replicates, grown on separate plates on separate days, composed of at least 15
526 plants per genotype for PPB measurements and at least 8 plants per genotype for phragmoplast
527 measurements were used to gather angle data. 8-day-old seedlings were stained with $10 \mu\text{M}$ PI for
528 1 minute and then destained in distilled water before imaging by confocal microscopy using a 20x
529 or 60x objective. PPB and phragmoplast angles were measured using FIJI. The angle was measured
530 between the left-hand cell wall and the orientation of the PPB or phragmoplast in the root tips of
531 *tan1 air9* double mutants expressing *CFP-TUBULIN* or immunostained microtubules (described in
532 the next section). Cell file rotation was examined by measuring from the left-hand side of the
533 transverse cell wall relative to the long axis of the root in images of the differentiation zone stained
534 with PI. The differentiation zone was identified by the presence of root hairs. Prism (GraphPad) and
535 Excel (Microsoft Office) were used to perform statistical analyses and to plot data. F-test was used
536 to compare normally distributed variances (PPB and phragmoplast angles) and Levene's test was
537 used to compare non-normally distributed variances (cell file rotation angle measurements). *tan1*
538 *air9* double mutants have non-normally distributed cell file twisting because the roots tend to twist
539 to the left (Mir et al., 2018). Genotypes across biological replicates were compared to ensure there
540 was no statistically significant difference between them before pooling data.

541
542 Immunostaining
543 *air9*, *tan1 air9 p35S:TAN1-YFP*, *tan1 air9 35S:YFP-TAN1(28-33A)*, and untransformed *tan1 air9*
544 plants were stratified and then grown vertically on $\frac{1}{2}$ MS plates in a growth chamber at 22°C with a
545 16/8-h light/dark cycle for 8 days. The seedlings were screened by microscopy for YFP and then
546 fixed and processed for immunofluorescence microscopy using a 1:2000 dilution of monoclonal
547 anti- α -tubulin B-5-1-2 antibody (Life Technologies; 32-2500) followed by 1:2000 dilution of Alexa-
548 568 goat anti-mouse antibody (Thermo Fisher; A-11004) as described previously (Sugimoto et al.,
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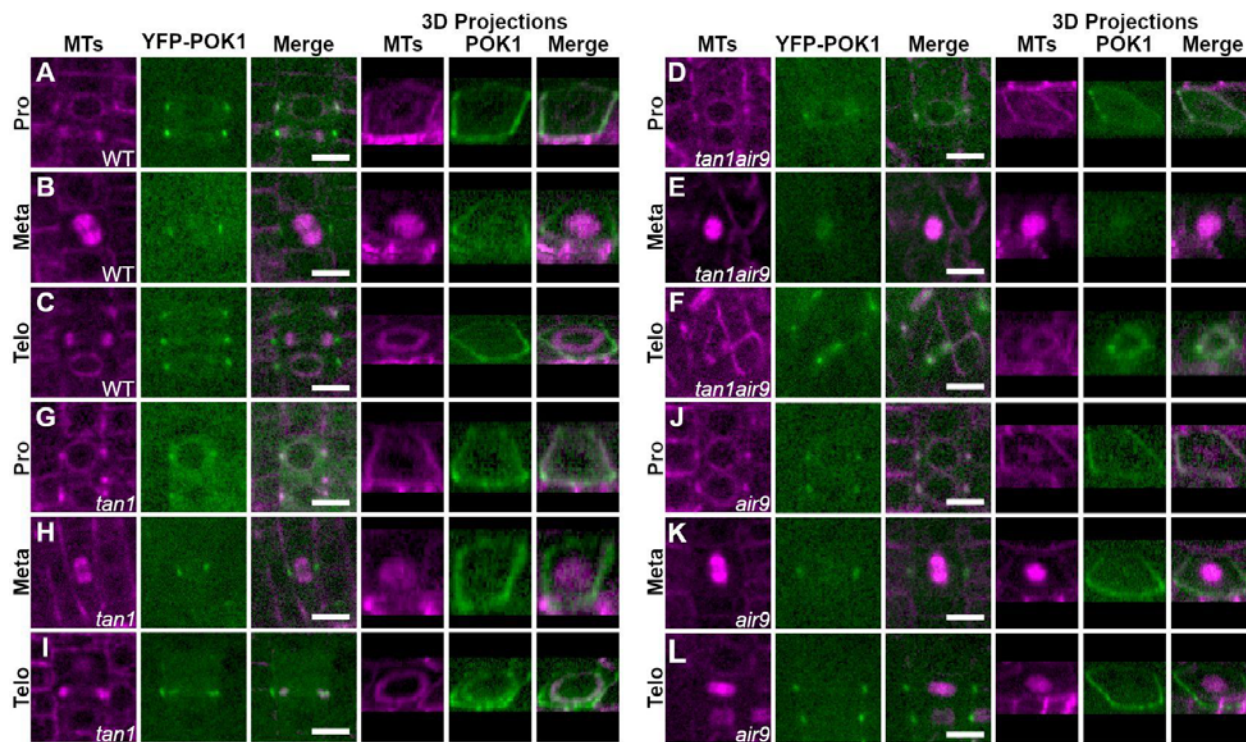
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554 through amino acid 123 according to (Russell and Sambrook, 2001). All except amino acids
555 substitutions for 64-69 and 106-111 were cloned into pAS vector (Fan et al., 1997) using EcoRI
556 BamHI double digestion. pBD-TAN1(28-33A) was generated by using primers Ala_05_FOR and
557 Ala_05_REV to perform DpnI mediated site-directed mutagenesis by PCR (Fisher and Pei, 1997).
558 pBD-TAN1 (Walker et al., 2007), and pAS-TAN1₁₋₁₃₂ (Rasmussen et al., 2011) were used as positive
559 controls, while pAD-MUT was used as a negative control for testing interaction with pAD-POK1
560 (Müller et al., 2006). pAD-POK1 and pAS-TAN1₁₋₁₃₂ constructs were co-transformed into yeast strain
561 YRG2 according to manufacturer instructions (Stragene). Positive yeast-two-hybrid interaction was
562 determined by the presence of growth on plates cultured at 30°C lacking histidine after 3 days.
563 Plates were then scanned (Epson).

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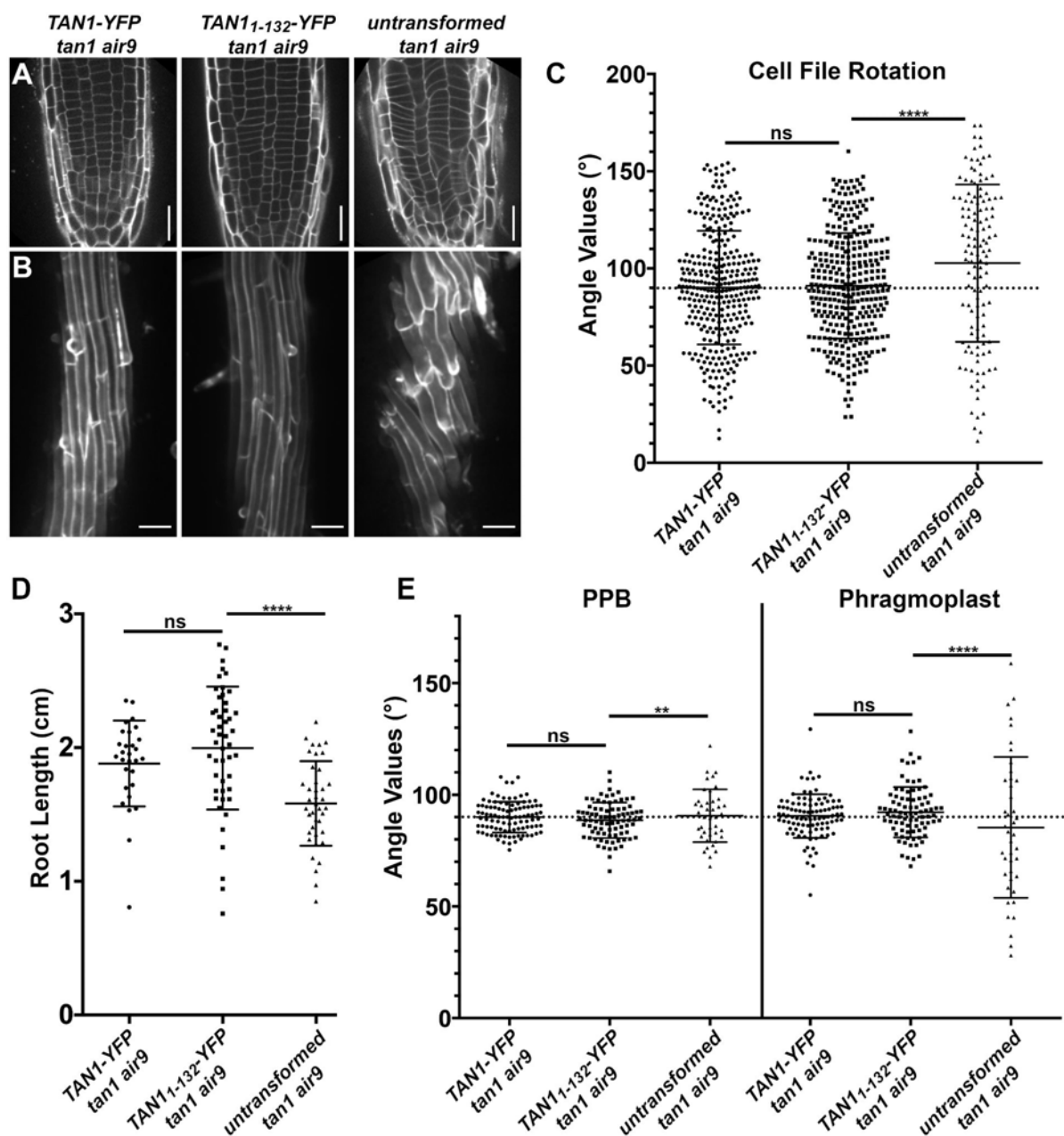
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573
 574 **Figure 1: TAN1 and AIR9 together promote POK1 maintenance at the division site.** YFP-POK1
 575 localization in Col-0 wild-type plants, *tan1* single mutants, *air9* single mutants, and *tan1 air9* double
 576 mutants expressing *UBQ10:mScarlet-MAP4* to mark microtubules and *pPOK1:YFP-POK1*. Scale bars
 577 = 10 μ m. A-C) YFP-POK1 localization in Col-0 wild-type plants, N = 15 plants. A) YFP-POK1
 578 localization during preprophase/prophase. In 71% of cells (50/70) YFP-POK1 colocalized with the
 579 PPB. B) YFP-POK1 was observed to be maintained at the division site in metaphase and anaphase
 580 cells in Col-0 plants (n = 13/13 metaphase cells, n = 3/3 anaphase cells). C) YFP-POK1 remains
 581 clearly visible at the division site in Col-0 telophase cells (n = 31/31 cells). D-F) YFP-POK1
 582 localization in *tan1 air9* double mutant plants, N = 19 plants. D) YFP-POK1 localization during
 583 preprophase/prophase. In 50% of cells (27/54) YFP-POK1 colocalized with the PPB. E) YFP-POK1
 584 was observed to be lost from the division site upon entry into metaphase (n = 0/21 cells) and was
 585 absent in anaphase cells (n = 0/4 cells). F) In *tan1 air9* telophase cells YFP-POK1 was absent from
 586 the division site and accumulated in the phragmoplast midline (n = 34/44 cells). G-I) YFP-POK1
 587 localization in *tan1* single mutants, N = 17 plants. G) YFP-POK1 localization during
 588 preprophase/prophase. In 64% of cells (54/85) YFP-POK1 colocalized with the PPB. H) YFP-POK1
 589 was observed to be maintained at the division site in metaphase and anaphase cells in *tan1* plants
 590 (n = 17/17 metaphase cells, n = 6/6 anaphase cells). I) YFP-POK1 remains clearly visible at the
 591 division site in *tan1* telophase cells (n = 27/27 cells). J-L) YFP-POK1 localization in *air9* single
 592 mutant plants (N = 15 plants). J) YFP-POK1 localization during preprophase/prophase. In 64% of
 593 cells (46/72) YFP-POK1 colocalized with the PPB. K) YFP-POK1 was maintained at the division site
 594 in metaphase and anaphase cells in *air9* plants (n = 24/24 metaphase cells, n = 4/4 anaphase cells).
 595 L) YFP-POK1 remains clearly visible at the division site in *air9* telophase cells (n = 40/40 cells).

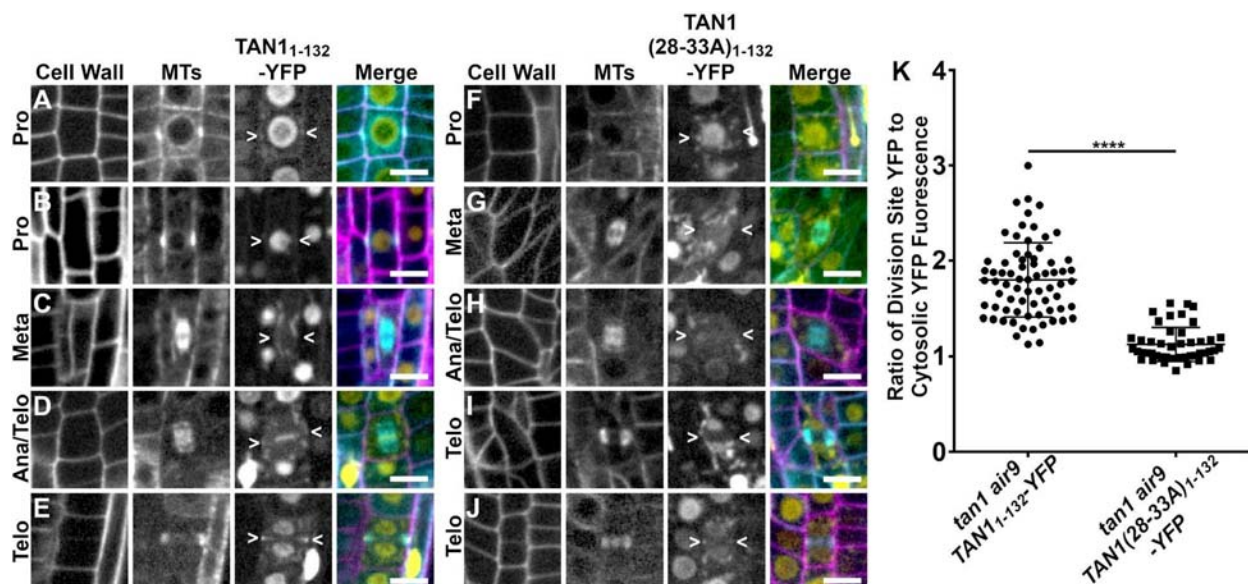
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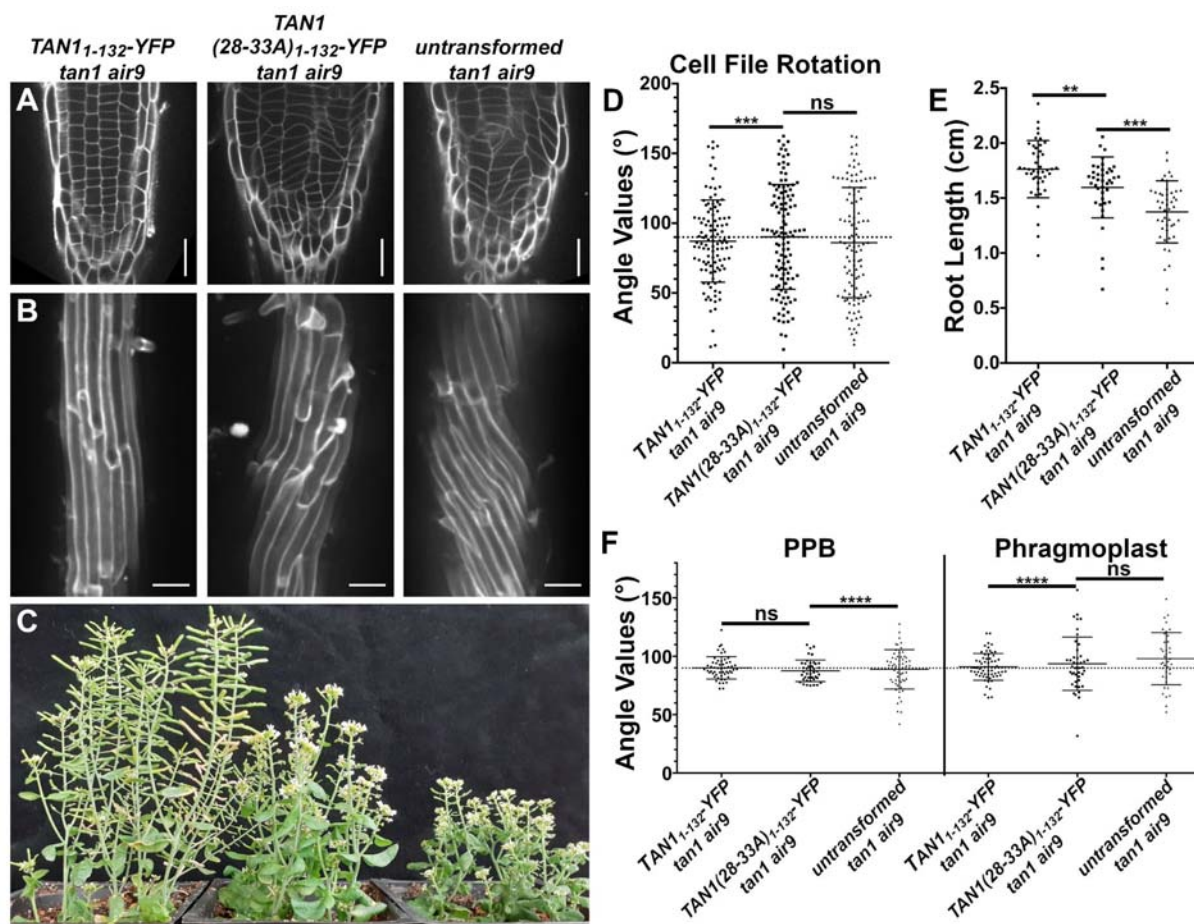
600 **Figure 2. *p35S:TAN1*₁₋₁₃₂-YFP rescues *Arabidopsis tan1 air9* double mutant phenotypes.** A)
601 Cell walls stained with propidium iodide (PI) of *tan1 air9* double mutant root tips expressing
602 *p35S:TAN1*-YFP (left), *p35S:TAN1*₁₋₁₃₂-YFP (middle), and untransformed *tan1 air9* double mutants
603 (right). Bars = 25 μm. B) Maximum projections of 10 1-μm Z-stacks of PI-stained differentiation
604 zone root cell walls. Scale bars = 50 μm. C) Cell file rotation angles of *tan1 air9* double mutants
605 expressing *p35S:TAN1*-YFP (left), *p35S:TAN1*₁₋₁₃₂-YFP (middle) and untransformed plants (right), n
606 > 13 plants for each genotype. Each dot represents an angle measured from the left side of the long
607 axis of the root to the transverse cell wall. Angle variances were compared with Levene's test due to
608 non-normal distribution. D) Root length measurements from 8 days after stratification of *tan1 air9*
609 double mutants expressing *p35S:TAN1*-YFP (left), *p35S:TAN1*₁₋₁₃₂-YFP (middle) and untransformed

610 plants (right), n > 28 plants for each genotype, compared by two-tailed t-test with Welch's
611 correction. E) PPB and phragmoplast angle measurements in *tan1 air9* double mutant cells
612 expressing p35S:*TAN1-YFP* (left), p35S:*TAN1₁₋₁₃₂-YFP* (middle) and untransformed plants (right), n
613 > 20 plants for each genotype. Angle variations compared with F-test. ns indicates not significant,
614 ** P-value <0.01, **** P-value <0.0001.



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 616 **Figure 3: Division site localization during telophase is common for $TAN1_{1-132}$ -YFP but rare**
 617 **for $TAN1(28-33A)_{1-132}$ -YFP in $tan1\ air9$ double mutants.** A-E) Propidium iodide stained $tan1$
 618 $air9$ plants expressing $p35S:TAN1_{1-132}$ -YFP during mitosis (n = 29 plants). The division site is
 619 indicated by arrowheads in the YFP panels. Scale bars = 10 μ m. A) Rare prophase division site
 620 accumulation of $TAN1_{1-132}$ -YFP, (10%, n = 9/89 cells), (B) common prophase $TAN1_{1-132}$ -YFP nuclear
 621 accumulation without division site localization (90%, n = 80/89 cells), (C) no specific $TAN1_{1-132}$ -YFP
 622 division site accumulation in metaphase (100%, n = 28/28 cells), (D) faint $TAN1_{1-132}$ -YFP
 623 division site accumulation accompanied by midline accumulation in late anaphase/early telophase (80%, n
 624 = 16/20 cells) and E) $TAN1_{1-132}$ -YFP division site accumulation during telophase (100%, n = 58/58
 625 cells). F-H) $tan1\ air9$ plants expressing $p35S:TAN1(28-33A)_{1-132}$ -YFP during mitosis (n = 13 plants).
 626 The division site is indicated by arrowheads in the YFP panels. F) No specific $TAN1(28-33A)_{1-132}$ -
 627 YFP prophase division site accumulation during prophase (100%, n = 20/20 cells), (G) no specific
 628 $TAN1(28-33A)_{1-132}$ -YFP division site accumulation during metaphase (100%, n = 12/12 cells), (H)
 629 no $TAN1(28-33A)_{1-132}$ -YFP division site or midline accumulation in late anaphase/early telophase
 630 (100%, n = 8/8 cells), (I) no specific $TAN1(28-33A)_{1-132}$ -YFP division site accumulation during
 631 telophase (68%, n = 15/22 cells) and (J) faint $TAN1(28-33A)_{1-132}$ -YFP division site accumulation
 632 during telophase (32%, n = 7/22 cells). K) Ratio of $TAN1_{1-132}$ -YFP (left) or $TAN1(28-33A)_{1-132}$ -YFP
 633 (right) fluorescence at the division site to cytosolic fluorescence from $tan1\ air9$ plants expressing
 634 $p35S:TAN1_{1-132}$ -YFP or $p35S:TAN1(28-33A)_{1-132}$ -YFP during telophase, n >23 plants for each
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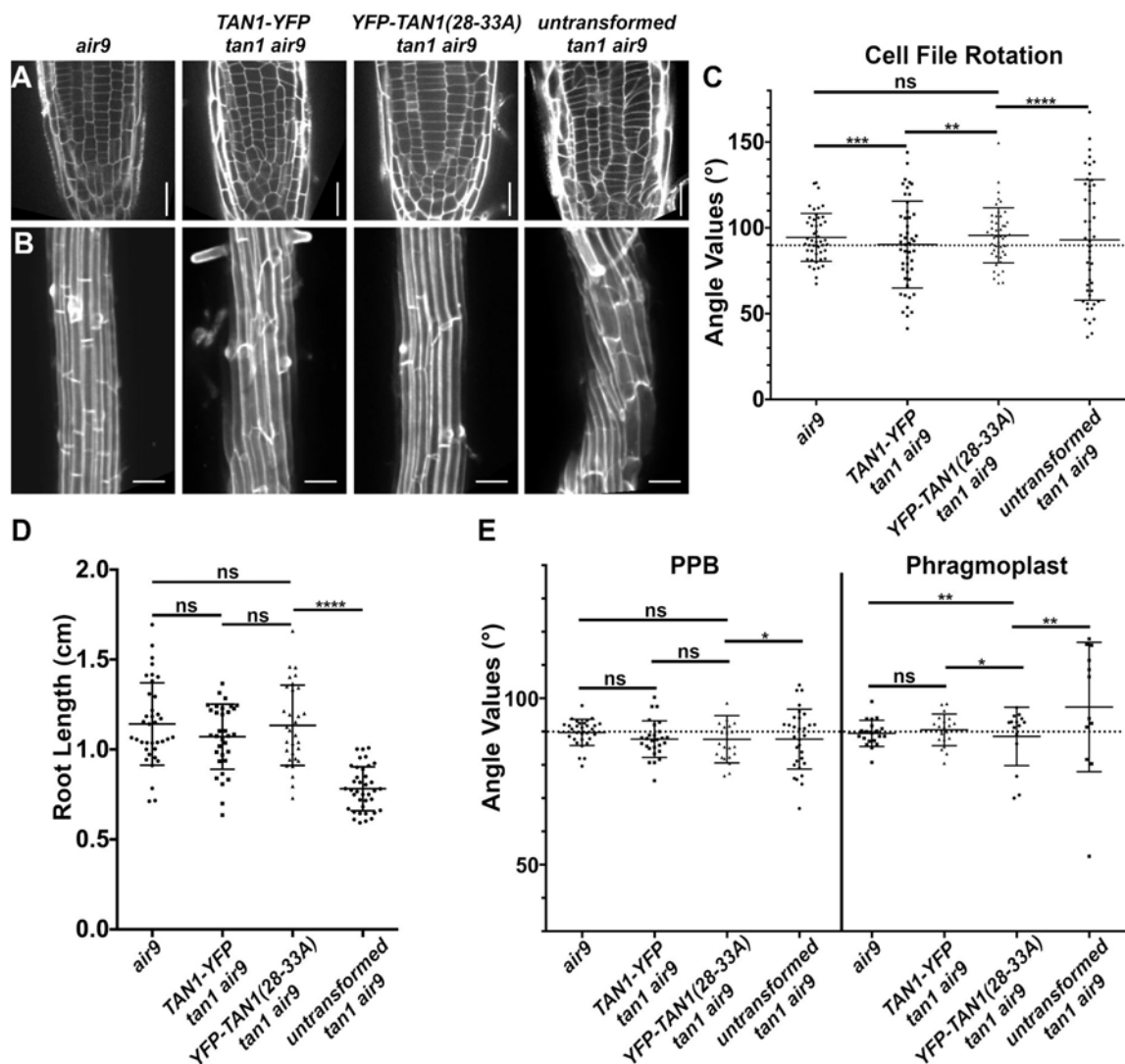
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641 **Figure 4: *p35S:TAN1(28-33A)₁₋₁₃₂-YFP* partially rescues *tan1 air9* double mutant phenotypes.**

642 A) Cell walls of Arabidopsis *tan1 air9* double mutant root tips stained with propidium iodide (PI) of
643 plants expressing *p35S:TAN1₁₋₁₃₂-YFP* (left), *p35S:TAN1(28-33A)₁₋₁₃₂-YFP* (middle), and
644 untransformed *tan1 air9* double mutants (right). Scale bars = 25 µm. B) Maximum projections of 10
645 1-µm Z-stacks of PI-stained differentiation zone root cell walls. Scale bars = 50 µm. C) 58-day old
646 *tan1 air9* double mutants expressing *p35S:TAN1₁₋₁₃₂-YFP* (left), *p35S:TAN1(28-33A)₁₋₁₃₂-YFP*
647 (middle), and untransformed *tan1 air9* double mutants (right). D) Cell file rotation angles of *tan1*
648 *air9* double mutants expressing *p35S:TAN1₁₋₁₃₂-YFP* (left), *p35S:TAN1(28-33A)₁₋₁₃₂-YFP* (middle),
649 and untransformed *tan1 air9* double mutants (right) n > 27 plants for each genotype. Variances
650 were compared with Levene's test. E) Root length measurements from 8 days after stratification of
651 *tan1 air9* double mutants expressing *p35S:TAN1₁₋₁₃₂-YFP* (left), *p35S:TAN1(28-33A)₁₋₁₃₂-YFP*
652 (middle), and untransformed *tan1 air9* double mutants (right), n > 40 plants for each genotype,
653 two-tailed t-test with Welch's correction. F) PPB and phragmoplast angle measurements in dividing
654 root cells of *tan1 air9* double mutants expressing *p35S:TAN1₁₋₁₃₂-YFP* (left), *p35S:TAN1(28-33A)₁₋₁₃₂-*
655 *YFP* (middle), and untransformed plants (right), n > 17 plants for each genotype. Angle variance
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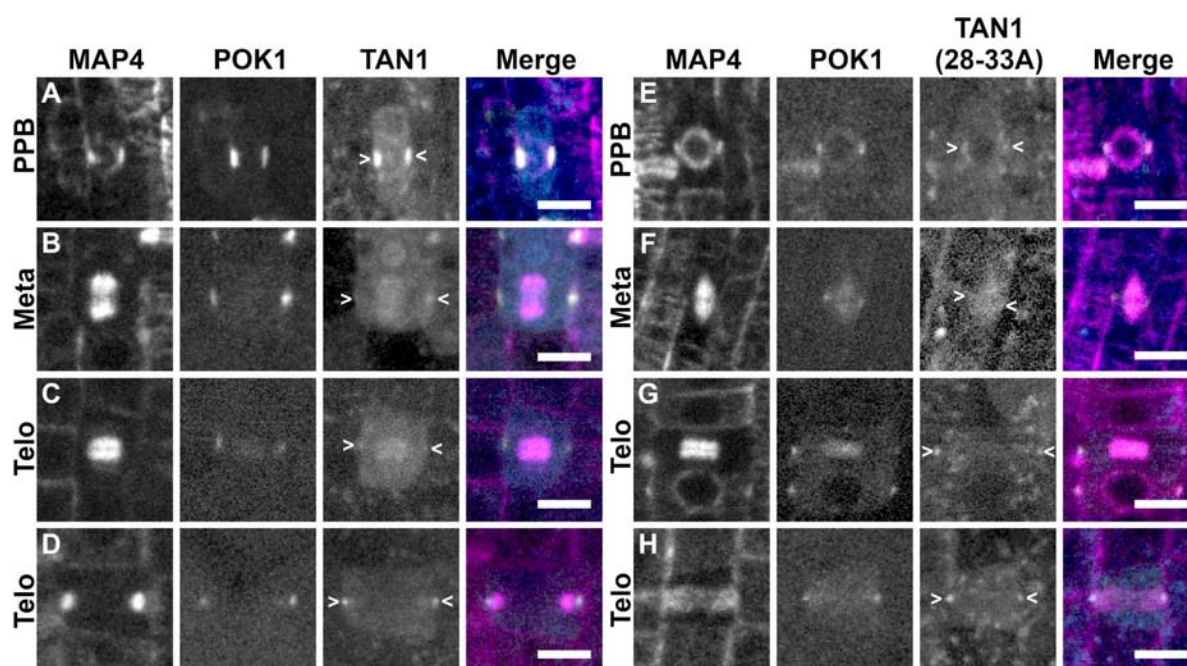


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660 **Figure 5: Full length *TAN1* with alanine substitutions replacing amino acids 28 to 33**
 661 **(*p35S:YFP-TAN1(28-33A)*) mostly rescues the *tan1 air9* double mutant.** A) Propidium iodide
 662 stained root tips of an *air9* single mutant (left) and *tan1 air9* double mutants expressing
 663 *p35S:TAN1-YFP* (center left) or *p35S:YFP-TAN1(28-33A)* (center right), and an untransformed *tan1*
 664 *air9* plant (right). Scale bars = 25 μ m. B) Maximum projections of 10 1- μ m Z-stacks of PI-stained
 665 cell walls in the root differentiation zone. Scale bars = 50 μ m. C) Cell file rotation angles of *air9*
 666 single mutants (left), *tan1 air9* double mutant plants expressing *p35S:TAN1-YFP* (center left) or
 667 *p35S:YFP-TAN1(28-33A)* (center right), and untransformed *tan1 air9* plants (right), $n > 9$ plants for
 668 each genotype. Variances were compared with Levene's test. D) Root length measurements from 8
 669 days after stratification of *air9* single mutants (left) and *tan1 air9* double mutants expressing
 670 *p35S:TAN1-YFP* (center left) or *p35S:YFP-TAN1(28-33A)* (center right), and untransformed *tan1*
 671 *air9* plants (right), $n > 30$ plants of each genotype, compared by two-tailed t-test with Welch's
 672 correction. E) PPB and phragmoplast angle measurements in dividing root cells of *air9* single
 673 mutants (left) and *tan1 air9* double mutant plants expressing *p35S:TAN1-YFP* (center left) or
 674 *p35S:YFP-TAN1(28-33A)* (center right), and untransformed *tan1 air9* plants (right), PPB

675 measurements n > 15 plants for each genotype; phragmoplast measurements n > 8 plants for each
676 genotype. Angle variance compared with F-test. ns indicates not significant, * P-value <0.05, ** P-
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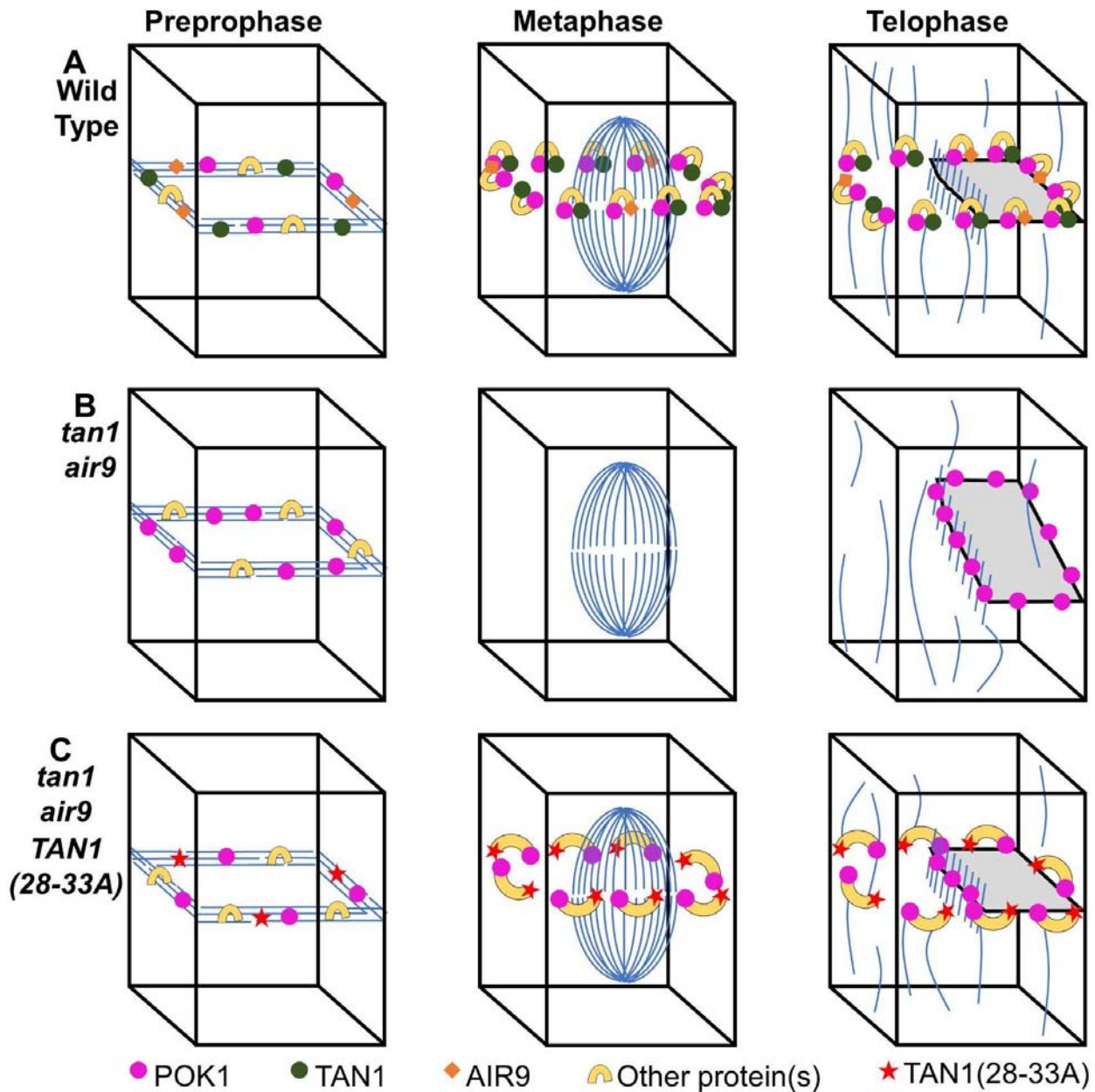
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681 **Figure 6: CFP-TAN1(28-33A) and YFP-POK1 exhibit impaired recruitment to the division site**
 682 **in the *tan1 air9* double mutant.** YFP-POK1 localization in *tan1 air9* double mutants expressing
 683 *UBQ10:mScarlet-MAP4* and either (A-D) *pTAN1:CFP-TAN1* (n = 20 plants) or (E-I) *pTAN1:CFP-*
 684 *TAN1(28-33A)* (n = 22 plants). Maximum projections of 3 1- μ m Z-stacks. Scale bars = 10 μ m. Some
 685 bleed through from the mScarlet channel can be seen in the YFP-POK1 panels. A) YFP-POK1 and
 686 CFP-TAN1 colocalized with the PPB in 72% of cells (n = 59/82 cells). B) YFP-POK1 and CFP-TAN1
 687 were maintained at the division site in metaphase 13/13 and anaphase 4/4 cells. C) YFP-POK1 and
 688 CFP-TAN1 were maintained at the division site in all early telophase cells (n = 14/14 cells) and late
 689 telophase (n = 63/63 cells). E) YFP-POK1 and CFP-TAN1(28-33A) colocalized with the PPB in 41%
 690 of cells (n = 32/79 cells). F) YFP-POK1 and CFP-TAN1(28-33A) were maintained at the division site
 691 in 58% of metaphase cells (n = 11/19 cells). CFP-TAN1(28-33A) was faint at the division site. G)
 692 Both YFP-POK1 and CFP-TAN1(28-33A) were observed at the division site in 65% of early
 693 telophase cells (n = 20/31 cells). H) YFP-POK1 and CFP-TAN1(28-33A) were recruited to the
 694 division site in 90% of late telophase cells (n = 53/59 cells). Some late telophase cells were
 695 observed to have CFP-TAN1(28-33A) but not YFP-POK1 at the division site (7%, n = 4/59 cells) or
 696 neither CFP-TAN1(28-33A) or YFP-POK1 at the division site (3% n = 2/59 cells).

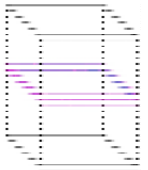
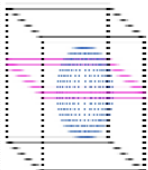
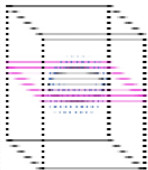
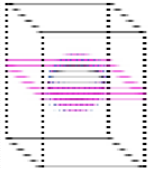
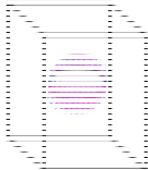


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699 **Figure 7: A speculative model on TAN1, AIR9, and POK1 interactions to ensure correct**
 700 **division plane orientation.** A) In wild-type (WT) cells, AIR9, TAN1, and POK1 are recruited
 701 independently of one another to the PPB. Interaction between TAN1 and POK1 maintain both
 702 proteins at the division site through telophase, with AIR9 being re-recruited to the division site in
 703 late telophase. B) In the *tan1 air9* double mutant, TAN1, AIR9, and potential AIR9/POK1 interacting
 704 proteins are recruited to the PPB. Upon disassembly of the PPB, POK1 is lost from the division site
 705 and during telophase aberrantly accumulates in the phragmoplast midline. Due to the loss of TAN1
 706 and POK1 from the division site, the phragmoplast is not guided to the location defined by the PPB.

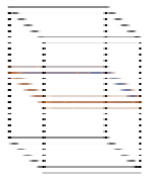
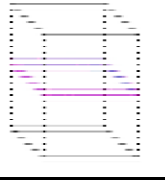
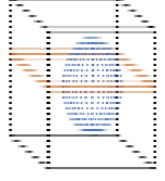
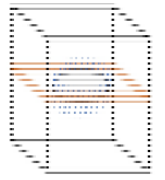
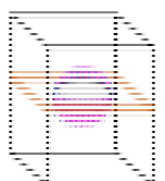
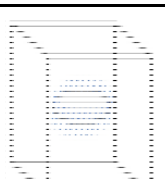

707 C) In *tan1 air9* double mutants expressing *TAN1(28-33A)*, TAN1(28-33A) and POK1 are recruited to
708 the PPB independently of one another. POK1 and TAN1(28-33A) are partially maintained in some
709 metaphase and early telophase cells possibly by interactions with other proteins. However, due to
710 the inability of TAN1(28-33A) and POK1 to interact with one another, both proteins are not
711 efficiently maintained at the division site. The majority (90%) of late telophase cells contain both
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713 help guide the phragmoplast to the correct division site in a majority of cells.

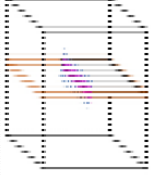
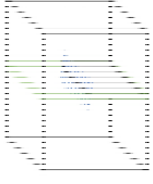

714 **Table 1. YFP-POK1 division site and phragmoplast midline accumulation in wild-type, *tan1*,**
 715 ***air9*, and *tan1 air9* double mutant plants.** Statistically significant differences were determined
 716 using Fisher's exact test with Bonferroni correction - for 4 sample types, $P < 0.0125$ is significant.
 717 P-values are in parentheses. Stars indicate significant differences; ns indicates not significant.
 718 Magenta represents YFP-POK1, blue represents microtubules, and light gray represents the cell
 719 plate in schematics.
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Schematic	Description	Wild-type, N = 15 plants	<i>tan1 air9</i> , N = 19 plants	<i>tan1</i> , N = 17 plants	<i>air9</i> , N = 15 plants
	PPB, POK1 at the division site	71%, n = 50/70	50%, n = 27/54 (p = 0.0165, ns with Bonferroni correction)	64%, n = 54/85 (ns)	64%, n = 46/72 (ns)
	Metaphase, POK1 at the division site	100%, n = 13/13	0%, n = 0/21*** (p < 0.00001)	100%, n = 17/17 (ns)	100%, n = 24/24 (ns)
	Telophase, POK1 at the division site only	87%, n = 27/31	0%, n = 0/44 *** (p < 0.00001)	56%, n = 15/27** (p = 0.0094)	90%, n = 36/40 (ns)
	Telophase, POK1 at the division site and in the phragmoplast midline	13%, n = 4/31	0%, n = 0/44 (p = 0.0259, ns with Bonferroni correction)	44%, n = 12/27** (p = 0.0094)	10%, n = 4/40 (ns)
	Telophase, POK1 in phragmoplast midline but NOT at the division site	0%, n = 0/31	77%, n = 34/44*** (p < 0.00001)	0%, n = 0/27 (ns)	0%, n = 0/40 (ns)

721 **Table 2. POK1 and TAN1 or TAN1(28-33) localization to the division site in *tan1 air9* double**
 722 **mutants.** Statistically significant differences were determined using Fisher's exact test. NS indicates
 723 not significant. Brown represents dual localization of YFP-POK1 and either CFP-TAN1 or CFP-

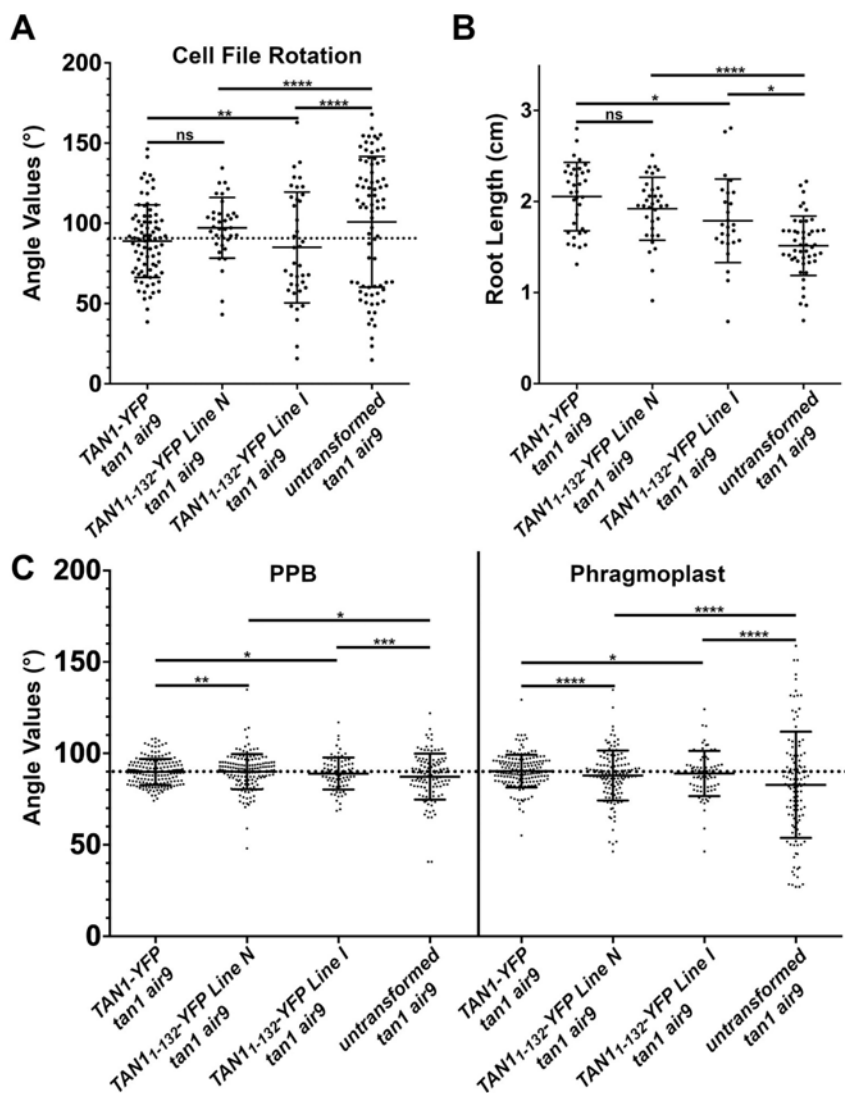
724 TAN1(28-33A), magenta is YFP-POK1 alone, green is CFP-TAN1(28-33A) alone, blue lines are
 725 microtubules, and light gray represents the cell plate in schematics.
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Schematic	Description	<i>tan1 air9</i> CFP-TAN1, N = 20 plants	<i>tan1 air9</i> CFP-TAN1(28-33A), N = 22 plants
	PPB, Both POK1 and TAN1	72%, n = 59/82	41%, n = 32/79 *** (p = 0.001)
	PPB, POK1 only	6%, n = 5/82	16%, n = 13/79* (p = 0.461)
	Metaphase, Both POK1 and TAN1 at the division site	100%, n = 13/13	58%, n = 11/19** (p = 0.0104)
	Early Telophase, Both POK1 and TAN1 at the division site	100%, n = 14/14	39%, n = 12/31*** (p = 0.0001)
	Early Telophase, Both POK1 and TAN1 at the division site, POK1 in the phragmoplast midline	0%, n = 0/14	26%, n = 8/31* (p = 0.0436)
	Early Telophase, NO POK1 or TAN1 at division site or phragmoplast midline	0%, n = 0/14	35%, n = 11/31** (p = 0.098)
	Late Telophase, Both POK1 and TAN1 at the division site only	95%, n = 60/63	71%, n = 42/59*** (p = 0.0004)

	Late Telophase, POK1 and TAN1 at the division site and POK1 in the phragmoplast midline	5%, n = 3/63	19%, n = 11/59* (p = 0.022)
	Late Telophase, TAN1 only at the division site	0%, n = 0/63	7%, n = 4/59 (NS, p = 0.0518)
	Late Telophase, Neither TAN1 or POK1 at division site or in the phragmoplast midline	0%, n = 0/63	3%, n = 2/59 (NS, p = 0.2318)

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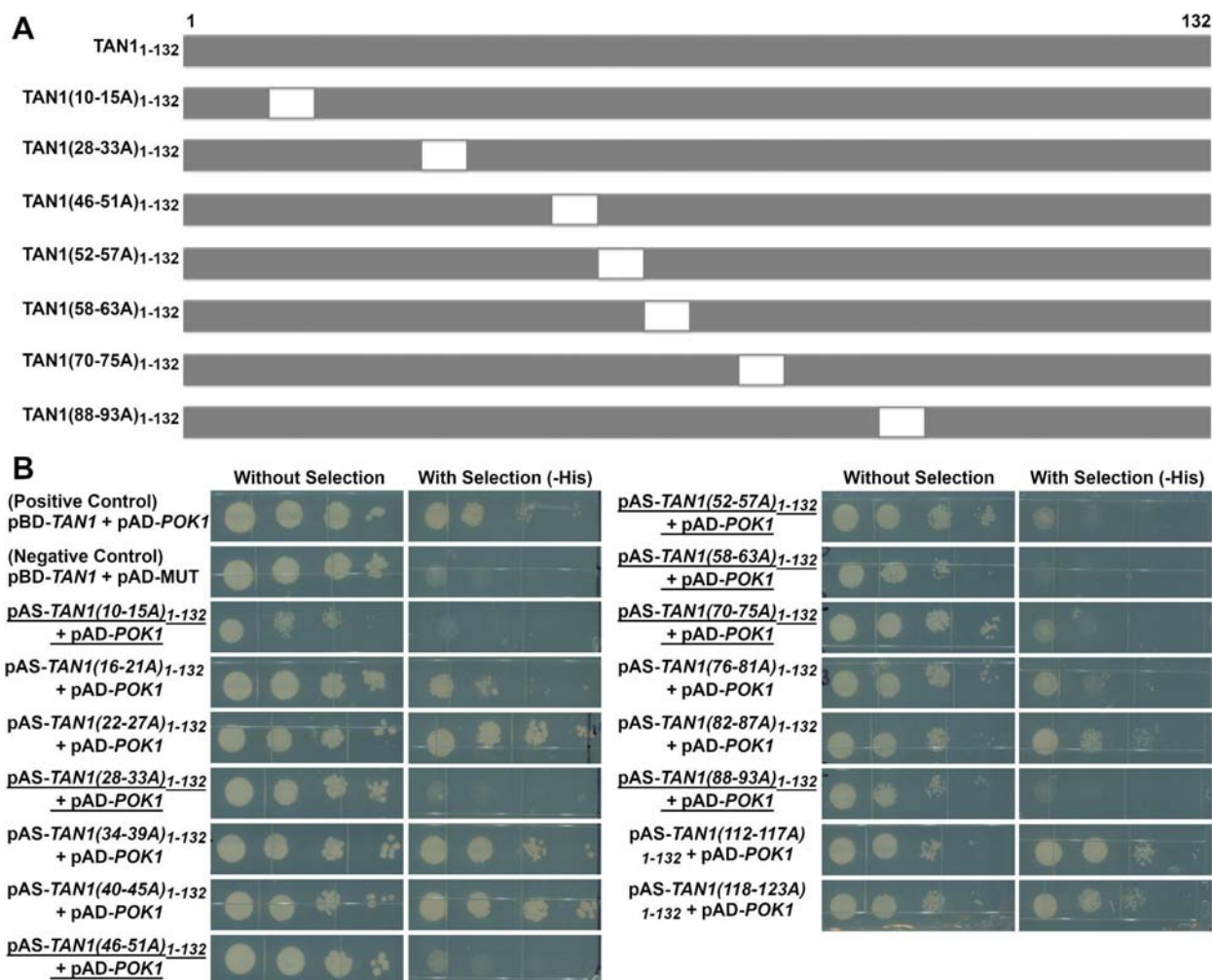
748 **Supplementary Figures**



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 750 **Supplementary Figure 1. *p35S:TAN1₁₋₁₃₂-YFP tan1 air9* lines show significant rescue**
 751 **compared to untransformed *tan1 air9* double mutants.** A) Cell file rotation angles of *tan1 air9*
 752 double mutants expressing *p35S:TAN1-YFP* (left), two *p35S:TAN1₁₋₁₃₂-YFP* transgenic lines
 753 designated as line N (center left) and line I (center right) and untransformed *tan1 air9* plants
 754 (right) $n > 6$ plants for each genotype. Angle variances were compared with Levene's test. B) Root
 755 length measurements from 8 days after stratification of *tan1 air9* double mutants expressing
 756 *p35S:TAN1-YFP* (left), two *p35S:TAN1₁₋₁₃₂-YFP* transgenic lines (middle) and untransformed plants
 757 (right), $n > 13$ plants for each genotype, compared by two-tailed t-test with Welch's correction. C)
 758 PPB and phragmoplast angle measurements in dividing root cells of *tan1 air9* double mutants
 759 expressing *p35S:TAN1-YFP* (left), two *p35S:TAN1₁₋₁₃₂-YFP* transgenic lines (middle) and
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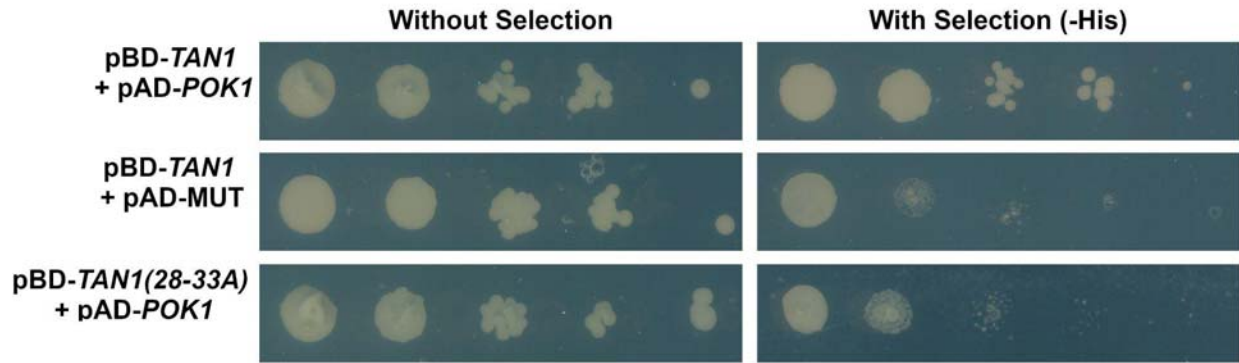
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Supplementary Figure 2. Yeast-two-hybrid interactions between POK1 (C-terminal amino acids 1683-2066, as previously described (Müller et al., 2006; Rasmussen et al., 2011; Lipka et al., 2014)) and TAN1₁₋₁₃₂ alanine scanning constructs. A) Diagram of alanine scanning constructs that showed loss of interaction with POK1 by yeast-two-hybrid. The location of the six alanine substitutions within each TAN1₁₋₁₃₂ construct are represented by white boxes. B) Yeast-two-hybrid results of screen for loss of interaction with POK1. Underlined constructs showed loss of interaction with POK1. Alanines 64-69 and 106-111 were not completed and not included in the yeast-two-hybrid.



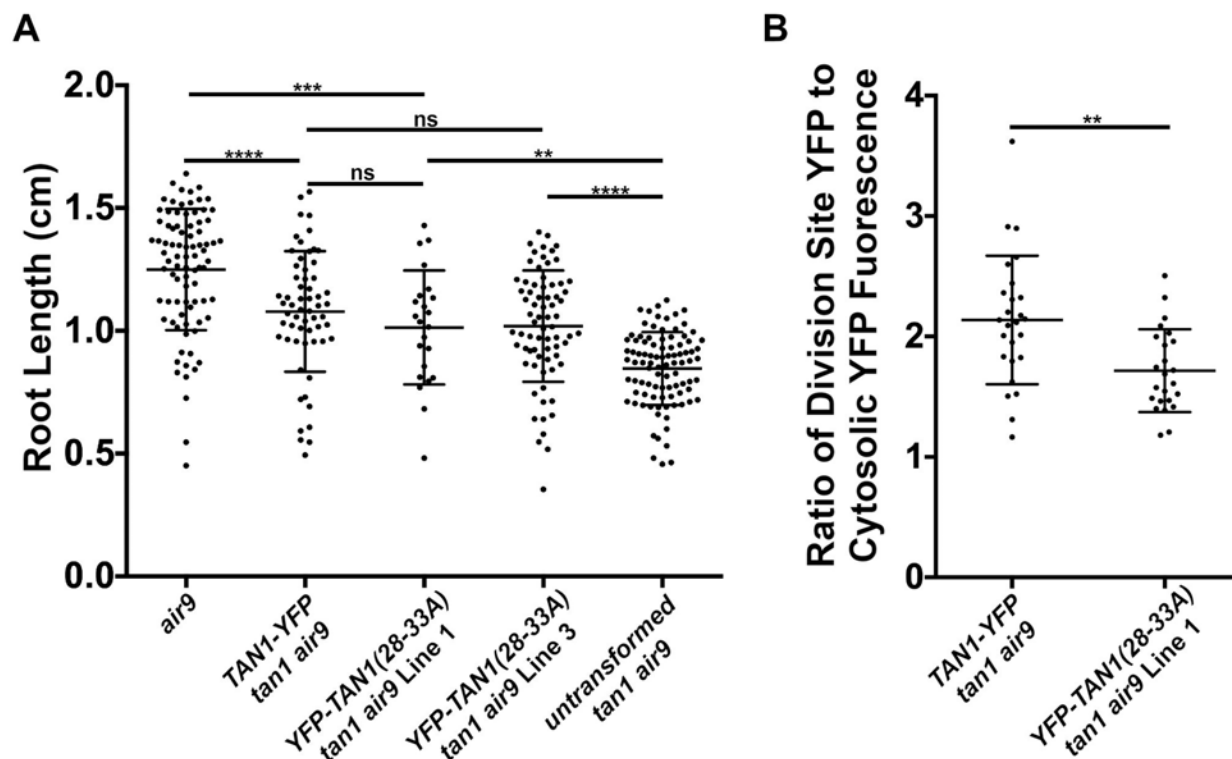
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782 **Supplementary Figure 3. Yeast-two-hybrid interactions between TAN1 and POK1 (C-**
783 **terminal amino acids 1683-2066, as previously described (Müller et al., 2006; Rasmussen et al.,**
784 **2011; Lipka et al., 2014)) and TAN1(28-33A). Full-length TAN1(28-33A) does not interact with**
785 **POK1 by yeast-two-hybrid.**

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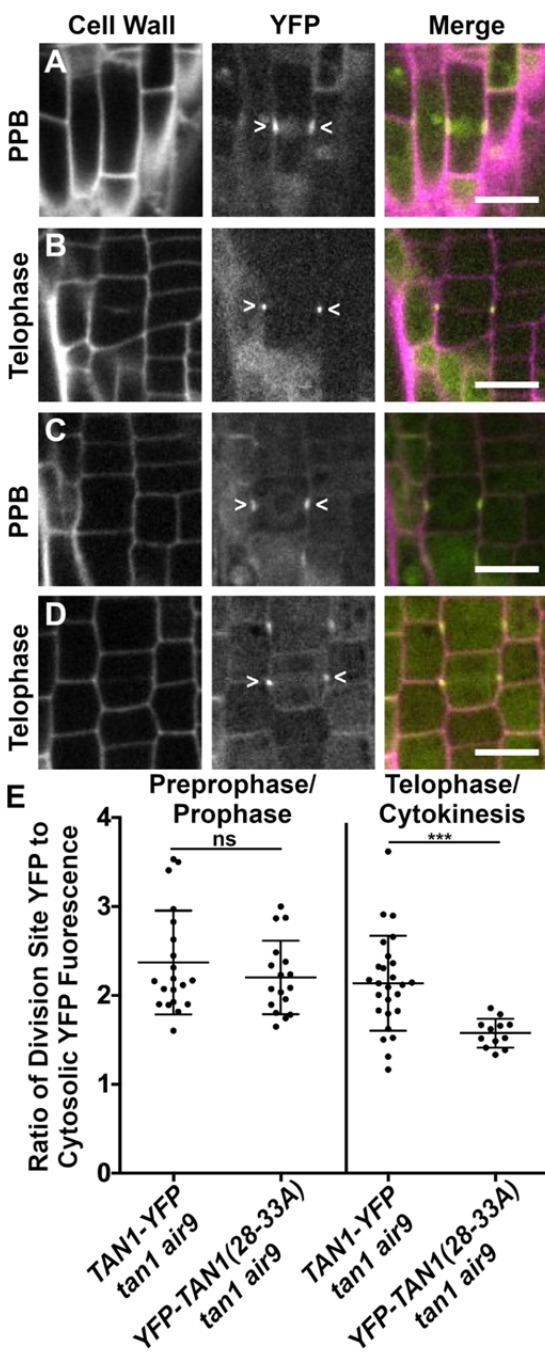


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791 **Supplementary Figure 4. *p35S:YFP-TAN1(28-33A) tan1 air9* lines show significant rescue**
792 **compared to untransformed *tan1 air9*, but less accumulation of YFP-TAN1(28-33A) during**
793 **telophase.** A) Root length measurements from 8 days after stratification of *air9* single mutants
794 (left), *tan1 air9* double mutants expressing *p35S:TAN1-YFP* (second from the left), two *p35S:YFP-*
795 *TAN1(28-33A)-YFP* transgenic lines designated as line 1 (center) and line 3 (second from the right),
796 and untransformed plants (right), $n > 22$ plants for each genotype, compared by two-tailed t-test
797 with Welch's correction. B) Ratio of TAN1-YFP or TAN1(28-33A)-YFP fluorescence at the division
798 site to cytosolic fluorescence from *tan1 air9* plants expressing *p35S:TAN1-YFP* (left) or *p35S:YFP-*
799 *TAN1(28-33A)* (right) during telophase, $n > 12$ plants for each genotype. Asterisks indicate a
800 significant difference as determined by Mann-Whitney U test. ns indicates not significant, ** P-value
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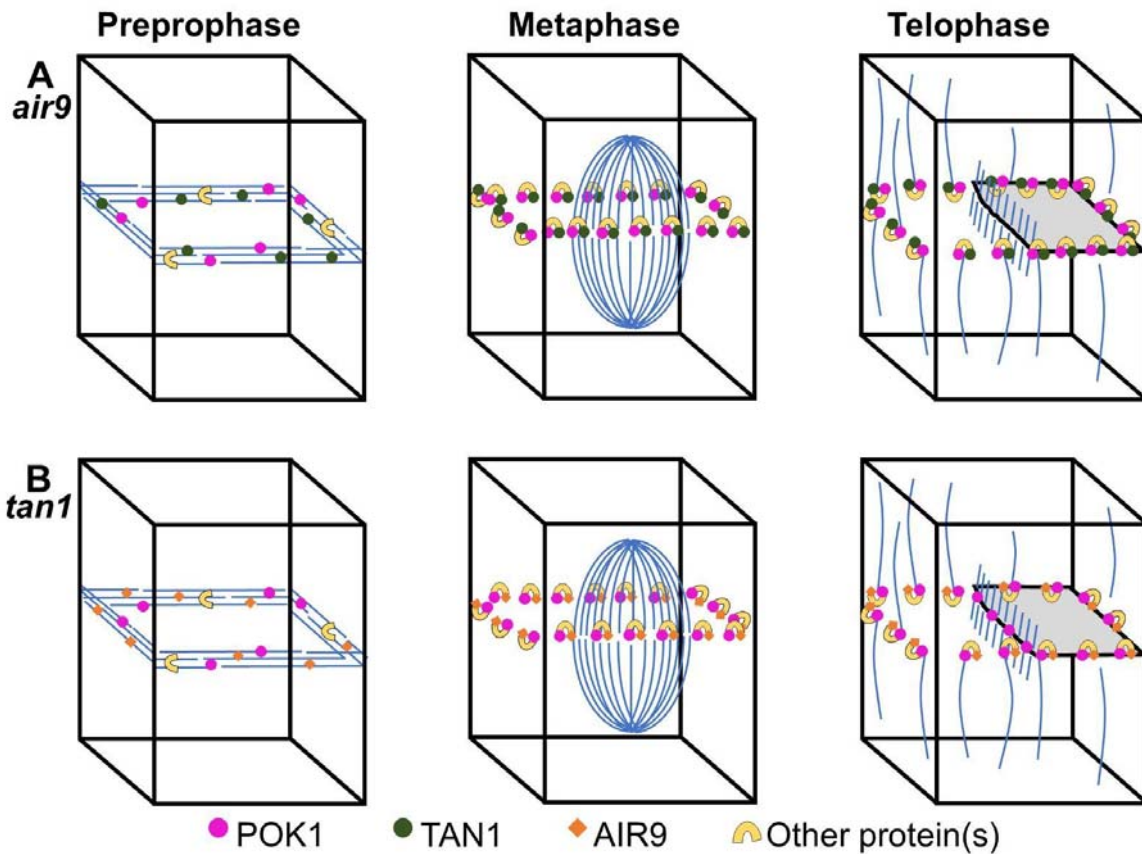


Supplementary Figure 5. YFP-TAN1(28-33A) localizes to the division site in preprophase or prophase and with reduced fluorescence during telophase in *tan1 air9* mutants. Propidium iodide stained *tan1 air9* plants expressing *p35S:TAN1-YFP* in (A) preprophase or prophase (B) telophase or cytokinesis. *tan1 air9* plants expressing *p35S:YFP-TAN1(28-33A)* in (C) preprophase or prophase (D) telophase or cytokinesis. The division site is indicated by arrowheads in the YFP panels. Bars = 10 μm. E) TAN1-YFP or TAN1(28-33A)-YFP ratio of the division site versus cytosolic fluorescence intensity from *tan1 air9* plants expressing *p35S:TAN1-YFP* or *p35S:YFP-TAN1(28-33A)* during preprophase or prophase and telophase or cytokinesis, n >5 plants for each genotype. Ratios compared with Mann-Whitney U test. ns indicates not significant, *** P-value < 0.001.

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Supplementary Figure 6. A model of POK1 localization in *tan1* and *air9* single mutants. A) In *air9* single mutants TAN1 and POK1 are recruited to the PPB and their interaction with one another and other proteins stabilizes TAN1 and POK1 at the division site. B) In *tan1* single mutants AIR9 and POK1 are recruited to the PPB. POK1 is potentially stabilized at the division site either by interacting directly with AIR9 or another protein recruited to the division site by AIR9. POK1 tends to accumulate in the phragmoplast midline in *tan1* single mutants, which may reflect that POK1 is not as efficiently recruited to the division site in the absence of TAN1.

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 869 *Z. mays* MVARSPNAKPDRQKAAALAAAAALNPALLRET **LKKVDR**CMARLQELQYTVAGGAKVVSGV
 870 *S. bicolor* MVARSPNAKPDRQTAAALAAAAALNPALVRET **LKKVDR**CMARLQELQYTVAGGAKVVSGV
 871 *S. lycopersicum* MVARTPPKLQNKKM-----VVPPLNPILLRET **LNKVDK**CMARLQELQYTVTGGHKVLSGV
 872 *B. napus* MVARTPQMQRVAM-----VVPPLNTELLKET **LNKVDK**CMERLQELQYTIAGGTKVVSGV
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 875 **Supplementary Figure 7. Alignments of amino acids 1-55 of *A. thaliana* TAN1 with TAN1**
 876 **homologs from other plant species.** Amino acids 28-33 of Arabidopsis TAN1 and amino acids that
 877 align with them in other plant species are highlighted in green. "*" indicates residues are fully
 878 conserved, ":" indicates strong conservation of properties across species, and "." indicates weak
 879 conservation of properties across species.

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882 **Supplementary Table 1. Primers used for cloning and genotyping.**

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Primer Name	Sequence
ATRP	ATCTCTTAGGAACCAAAACCGGACGCTGT
ATLP	GATCCGTTACGAAAGTGAACACCTTTATC
JL202	CATTTTATAATAACGCTGCCGACATCTAC
AIR9-5RP	TGGATCAGCTGCAACATTATTC
AIR9-5LP	ATTAACATTTTGCAACGCAGG
LBb1.3	ATTTTGCCGATTTCCGGAAC
Ds5-4	TACGATAACGGTCGGTACGG
AtTAN 733-CDS Rw	AAATAGAGGGTTCGGAAAAAGAACC
AIR9 gnm7511 R	CCTCCAGTATATGAAGCAACAAAGC
AIR9_cDNA 2230 F	GATGAGGAATATATGTTATCTTTAGATG
Ala_Scan_FOR	GCCGTCACAGATAGATTGGCT
Ala_Scan_Rev	GAAAGCAACCTGACCTACAGG
Ala_02_FOR	GCTGCTGCCGCTGCCGCTGTGCCTCCTCAACTCAGAT
Ala_02_Rev	AGCGGCAGCGGCAGCAGCCTGCTTCTGTGGGTTCT
Ala_03_FOR	GCTGCTGCCGCTGCCGCTGATCTTCTCAAGGAAACGATCAAC
Ala_03_REV	AGCGGCAGCGGCAGCAGCCACCATCGCCACTTTCCT
Ala_04_FOR	GCTGCTGCCGCTGCCGCTATCAACAAGGTTGATAAATGTATGGAA
Ala_04_REV	AGCGGCAGCGGCAGCAGCTGAGTTGAGAGGAGGCACCAC
Ala_05_FOR	GCTGCTGCCGCTGCCGCTGTATGGAAAGACTGCAAGAGCTA
Ala_05_REV	AGCGGCAGCGGCAGCAGCCGTTTCTTGAGAAGATCTGAGTT
Ala_06_FOR	GCTGCTGCCGCTGCCGCTGAGCTACAGTACACAATTGCAGGA
Ala_06_REV	AGCGGCAGCGGCAGCAGCTTATCAACCTTGTGATCGTTTCTT
Ala_07_FOR	GCTGCTGCCGCTGCCGCTGCAGGAGGAACCAAAGTTGTC
Ala_07_REV	AGCGGCAGCGGCAGCAGCTTGCAGTCTTCCATACATTTATCAAC
Ala_08_FOR	GCTGCTGCCGCTGCCGCTGTCTCTGGTGTGAACCTTAGC
Ala_08_REV	AGCGGCAGCGGCAGCAGCAATTGTGTAAGTGTAGCTCTTGCAG
Ala_09_FOR	GCTGCTGCCGCTGCCGCTAGCCCTCGAAGCACTAGA
Ala_09_REV	AGCGGCAGCGGCAGCAGCAACTTTGGTTCTCCTGCAAT
Ala_10_FOR	GCTGCTGCCGCTGCCGCTATTTACTTGAAGACTAGTCTTAGATGCAAG
Ala_10_REV	AGCGGCAGCGGCAGCAGCAAGGTTACACCAGAGACAAC
Ala_12_FOR	GCTGCTGCCGCTGCCGCTACTTTAAGGATCAAGAATGCTACTAATAAG
Ala_12_REV	AGCGGCAGCGGCAGCAGCACTAGTCTTCAAGTAAATTTCTAGTGCT
Ala_13_FOR	GCTGCTGCCGCTGCCGCTGCTACTAATAAGAAATCTCCAGTAGGG
Ala_13_REV	AGCGGCAGCGGCAGCAGCTTCTTGGCTTGCATCTAAGACTAGT
Ala_14_FOR	GCTGCTGCCGCTGCCGCTCCAGTAGGGAAGTTTCTGCT
Ala_14_REV	AGCGGCAGCGGCAGCAGCATTCTTGTATCCTTAAAGTTTCTTGCTT
Ala_15_FOR	GCTGCTGCCGCTGCCGCTGCTTCTCACCAGGAGATTGG
Ala_15_REV	AGCGGCAGCGGCAGCAGCAGATTCTTATTAGTAGCATTCTTGATCCT
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Ala_16_REV	AGCGGCAGCGGCAGCAGCAGGAAACTTCCCTACTGGAGA
Ala_17_FOR	GCTGCTGCCGCTGCCGCTCCAGCAATGCTACTAGGAGAG
Ala_17_REV	AGCGGCAGCGGCAGCAGCATCTCCTGGTGAGGAAGCAGG
Ala_19_FOR	GCTGCTGCCGCTGCCGCTTACAAGCCTCACAGGTCACA
Ala_19_REV	AGCGGCAGCGGCAGCAGCTCCTAGTAGCATTGCTGGGAG
Ala_20_FOR	GCTGCTGCCGCTGCCGCTACAAGAGACATTGTGGACGCC
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CeruleanpEarleyRev	ggccccgggtaccgtcctgttacagctcgtccatgc
CeruleanpEarleyFor	gcatggcagcagctgtacaagcaggtaccgcccc
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