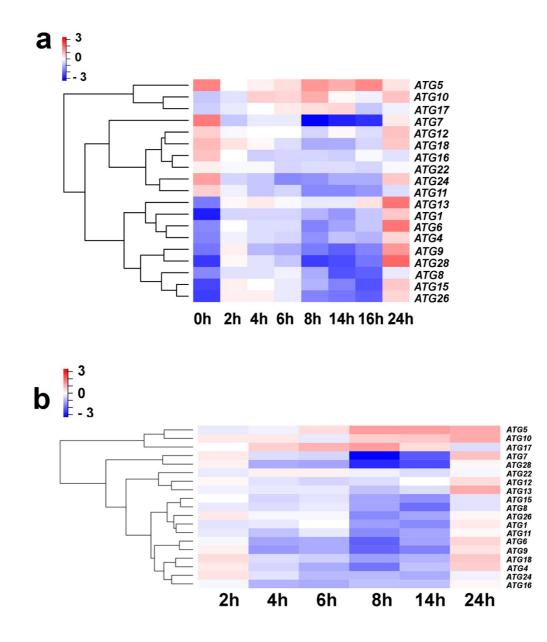
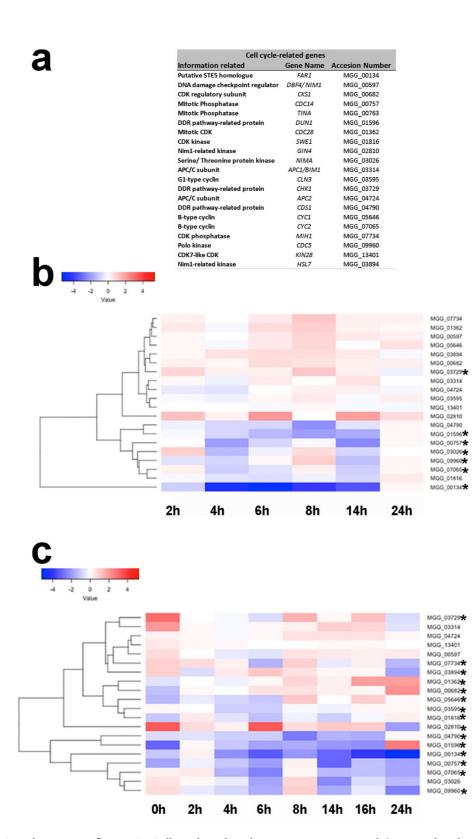


Supplementary figure 1: Gene expression of fasciclin-related (PF02469) and cutinase-encoding genes (PF01083) in *M. oryzae* occurs in response to HP surfaces and is Pmk1-dependent. a. Table to show the probability and position of signal peptide prediction for Flp1, Flp2 and Flp3 in *M. oryzae* using http://www.cbs.dtu.dk/services/SignalP-5.0/. b. Heatmap to show relative patterns of transcript abundance of fasciclin-encoding genes in Guy11 in response to HL *vs.* HP surfaces between 0h and 24h after conidial

germination. c. Heatmap to show relative patterns of transcript abundance of fasciclin encoding genes in $\Delta pmk1$ mutant *vs.* Guy11 following incubation on HP surfaces between 0h and 24h after conidial germination. d. Heatmap to show relative levels of transcript abundance of 15 putative cutinase-encoding genes in Guy11 in response to HL *vs.* HP surfaces between 0h and 24h after conidial germination e. Heatmap to show relative levels of 15 putative cutinase-encoding genes in $\Delta pmk1$ mutant *vs.* Guy11 following incubation on HP surfaces between 0h and 24h after conidial germination e. Heatmap to show relative levels of 15 putative cutinase-encoding genes in $\Delta pmk1$ mutant *vs.* Guy11 following incubation on HP surface between 0h and 24h after conidial germination.

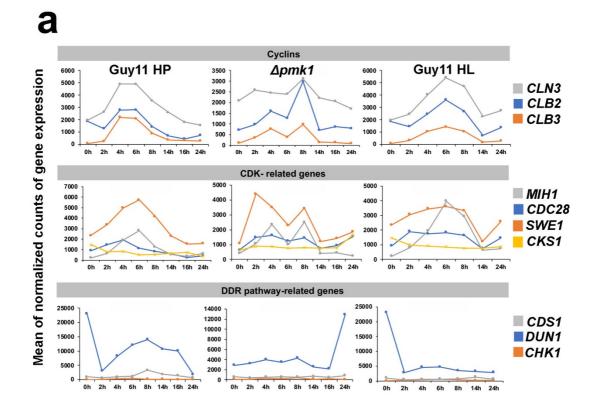


Supplementary figure 2: Gene expression of autophagy-related genes in *M. oryzae* occurs in response to HP **surfaces and is Pmk1-dependent.** a. Heatmap to show relative levels of transcript abundance of 19 autophagy-related genes in a Δ*pmk1* mutant *vs.* Guy11 following incubation on HP surfaces between 0h and 24h after conidial germination. b. Heatmap to show relative levels of transcript abundance of 19 autophagy-related genes in Guy11 in response to HL *vs.* HP surfaces between 0h and 24h after conidial germination.

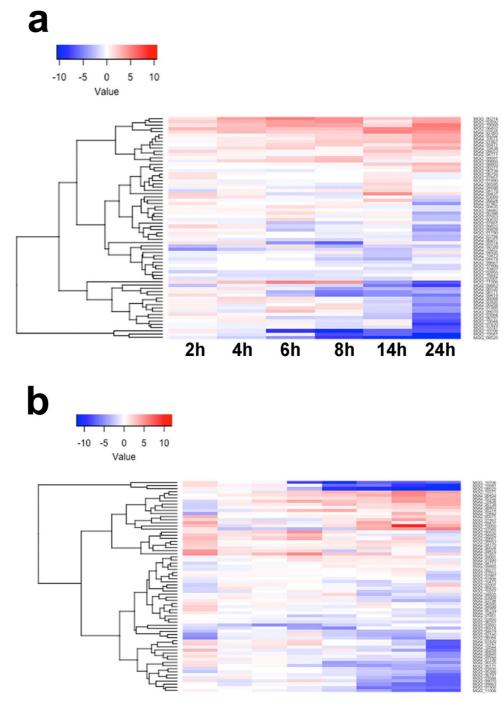


Supplementary figure 3: Cell cycle related genes are expressed in a Pmk1 dependent manner during appressorium development by *M. oryzae*. a. Table to show 21 putative cell cycle-related genes selected for transcriptomic analysis ¹. b. Heatmap to show relative levels of transcript abundance of cell cycle-associated genes in Guy11 in response to HL *vs.* HP surfaces between 0h and 24h after conidial germination. c. Heatmap to show relative levels of transcript abundance of transcript abundance of cell cycle.

following incubation on HP surfaces between 0h and 24h after conidial germination. Asterisks (*) indicate differentially-regulated genes (padj< 0.01) in at least one time point during appressorium development by *M. oryzae*.

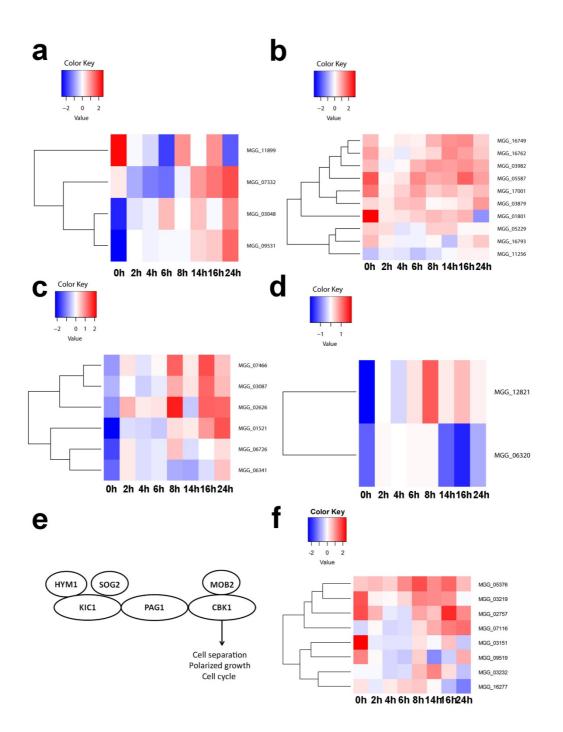


Supplementary figure 4: Temporal expression profiles of cell cycle related genes in *M. oryzae* in response to HP surfaces and the presence of the Pmk1 MAPK. a. Line graphs to show mean of normalized counts of gene expression of cyclins (*CLN3, CLB2* and *CLB3*), Cdk-related genes (*MIH1, CDC28, SWE1* and *CKS1*) and DNA Damage Response (DDR) pathway-related genes (*CDS1, DUN1* and *CHK1*) during a time course of appressorium development in Guy11 on HP surface, the Δ*pmk1* mutant on an HP surface and Guy11 on HL surface between Oh and 24h after conidial germination.



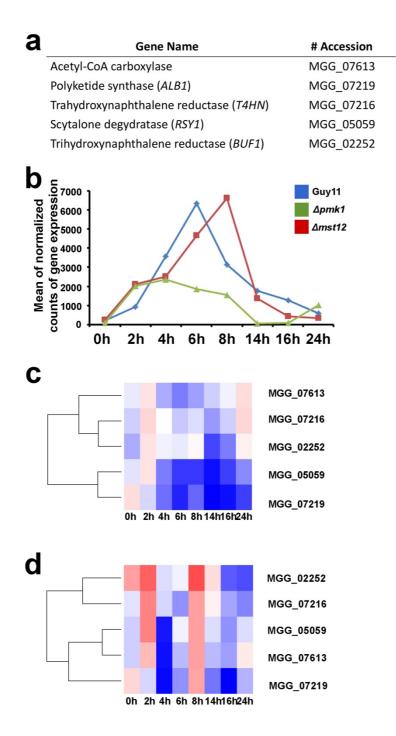
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Supplementary figure 5: Gene expression of putative G-protein coupled receptor-encoding genes in *M. oryzae* in response to HP surface and the presence of the Pmk1 MAP kinase. a. Heatmap to show relative in response to HL *vs.* HP surfaces between 0h and 24h after conidial germination. b. Heatmap to show relative levels of transcript abundance of 79 putative G-coupled receptor encoding genes in *M. oryzae* in a $\Delta pmk1$ mutant vs. Guy11 on HP surfaces between 0h and 24h following conidial germination.



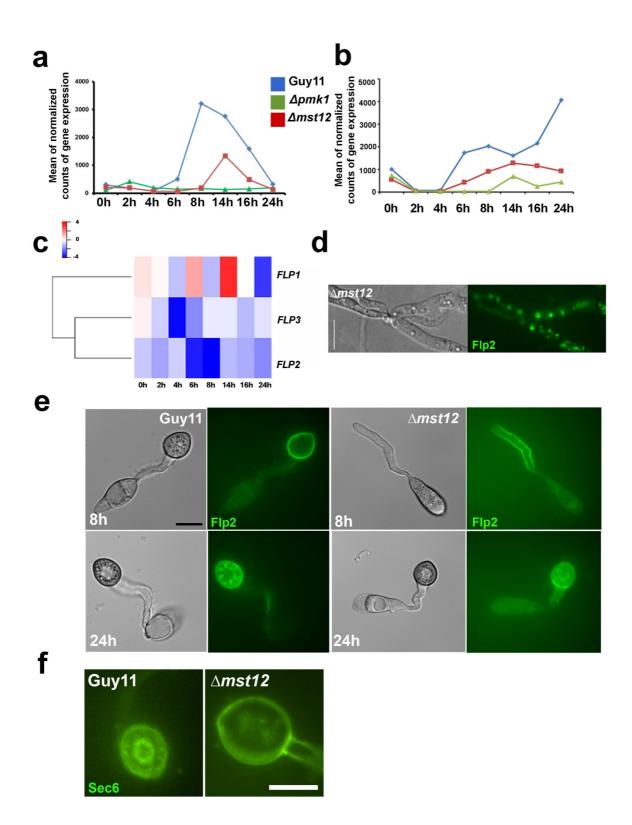
Supplementary figure 6: Expression of cytoskeleton-re-modelling, septin GTPase and RAM pathway-related genes is dependent on the Pmk1 MAP kinase during appressorium development by *M. oryzae*. a. Heatmap to show relative levels of transcript abundance of Actin (PF00022)-domain containing genes in a $\Delta pmk1$ mutant vs.

Guy11 on HP surface between 0h and 24h following conidial germination. b. Heatmap to show relative levels of transcript abundance of Fes/CIP4, and EFC/F-BAR homology domain (PF00611)-domain containing genes in a $\Delta pmk1$ mutant vs. Guy11 on HP surface between 0h and 24h following conidial germination. c. Heatmap to show relative levels of transcript abundance of Septin (PF00735)-domain containing genes in a $\Delta pmk1$ mutant vs. Guy11 on HP surface between 0h and 24h following conidial germination. d. Heatmap to show relative levels of transcript abundance of P21-Rho-binding domain (PF00786) and protein kinase domain (PF00069)-domain containing genes a $\Delta pmk1$ mutant vs. Guy11 on HP surface between 0h and 24h following conidial germination. e. Model to show the components of a putative *M. oryzae* RAM pathway according, to a model of the human pathogen *C. albicans.* f. Heatmap to show relative levels of transcript abundance of RAM pathway-associated genes differentially regulated in a $\Delta pmk1$ mutant vs. Guy11 on HP surface between 0h and 24h following conidial germination. (blue= down-regulated in $\Delta pmk1$ mutant vs. Guy11; red= up-regulated in $\Delta pmk1$ mutant vs. Guy11).



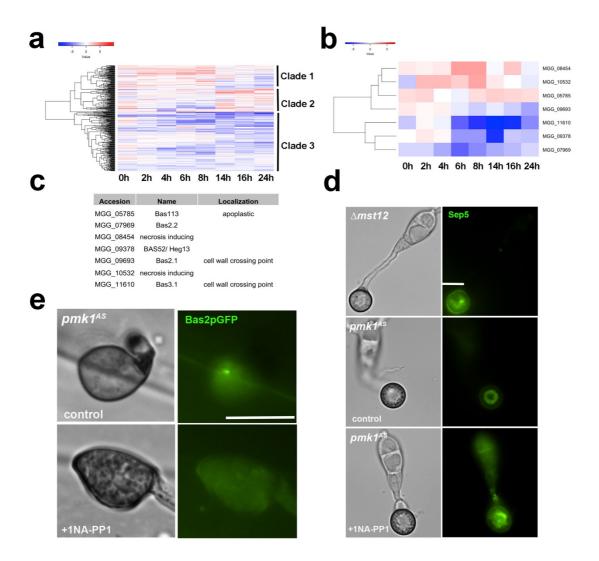
Supplementary figure 7: Expression of melanin biosynthesis pathway genes during appressorium development by *M. oryzae*. a. Table to show names and accession numbers of melanin biosynthesis enzymes in *M. oryzae*. b. Graph to show mean of normalized counts of gene expression of melanin biosynthesis enzymes during appressorium development time course for Guy11 wild type strain, $\Delta pmk1$ mutant and $\Delta mst12$ mutant on HP surface between 0h and 24h following conidial germination. c. Heatmap showing levels of transcript abundance from genes involved in melanin biosynthesis in a $\Delta pmk1$ mutant compared to Guy11 HP surface between 0h and 24h following conidial germination. d. Heatmap showing levels of transcript abundance of genes involved in melanin biosynthesis in a $\Delta pmk1$ mutant compared to Guy11 HP surface between 0h and 24h following conidial germination. d. Heatmap showing levels of transcript abundance of genes involved in melanin biosynthesis in a $\Delta pmk1$ mutant compared to Guy11 HP surface between 0h and 24h following conidial germination. d. Heatmap showing levels of transcript abundance of genes involved in melanin biosynthesis in a $\Delta pmk1$ mutant compared to Guy11 HP surface between 0h and 24h following conidial germination. d. Heatmap showing levels of transcript abundance of genes involved in melanin biosynthesis in a $\Delta pmk1$ mutant compared to Guy11 HP surface between 0h and 24h following conidial germination.

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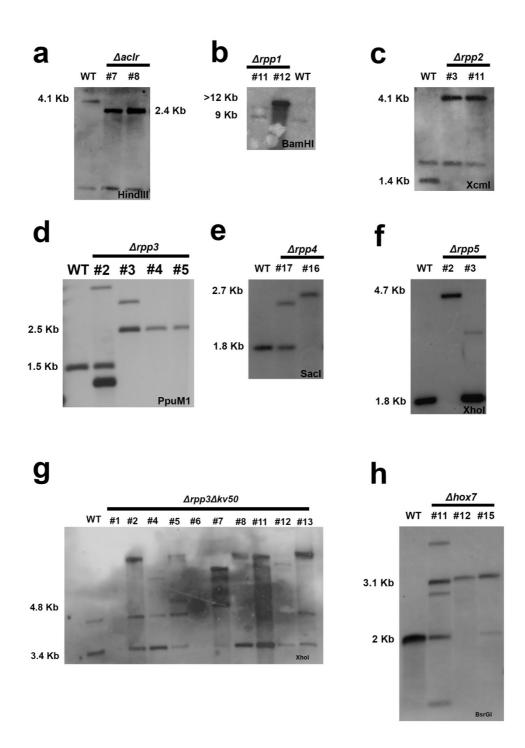


Supplementary figure 8: Cutinase and fasciclin family gene expression and sub-cellular localization is dependent on Mst12 during appressorium development by *M. oryzae*. a. Line graph to show mean normalized counts of gene expression of cutinase-encoding genes during a time course of appressorium development by

Guy11, $\Delta pmk1$ and $\Delta mst12$ mutants on HP surface between 0h and 24h. b. Line graph to show mean normalized counts of gene expression of fasciclin-encoding genes in Guy11, $\Delta pmk1$ and $\Delta mst12$ mutants on HP surface between 0h and 24h. c. Heatmap showing levels of transcript abundance of fasciclin genes in a $\Delta mst12$ mutant compared to Guy11 during appressorium formation. (blue= down-regulated in mutant vs. Guy11; red= up-regulated in mutant vs. Guy11). d. Light micrograph to show sub-cellular localization of Flp2-GFP during live cell imaging of mycelium of a $\Delta mst12$ mutant. Bright field image in left hand panel. Epifluorescence image on right. Bar = 10µm e. Light micrographs to show Flp2-GFP localization during appressorium development in Guy11 and a $\Delta mst12$ mutant. Bright field image in left hand panels. Epifluorescence images on right. Bar for all panels = 10µm f. Light micrographs to show localization of Sec6-GFP during appressorium development in Guy11 and $\Delta mst12$ mutant. Bright field image in left hand panel. Epifluorescence images on right. Bar = 10µm f. Light micrographs to show localization of Sec6-GFP during appressorium development in Guy11 and $\Delta mst12$ mutant. Bright field image in left hand panel. Epifluorescence images on right. Bar = 10µm f.

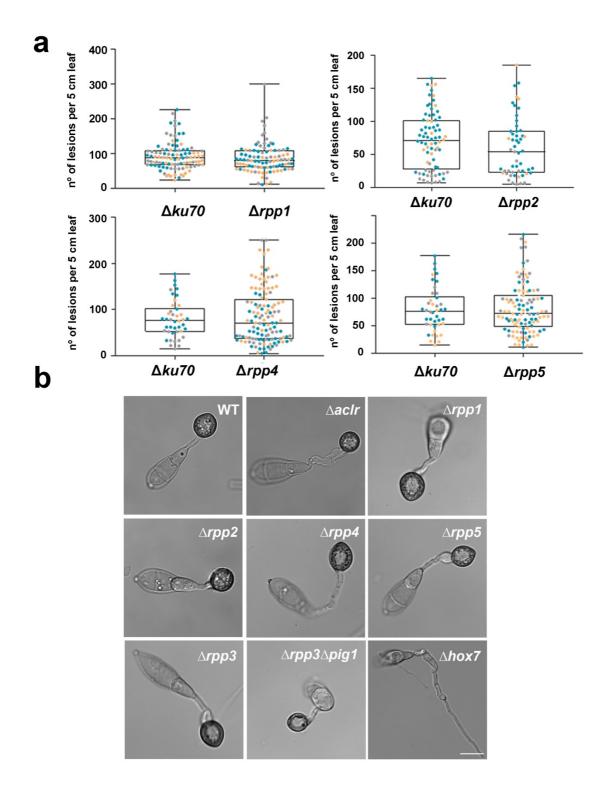


Supplementary figure 9: Mst12-dependent gene expression and sub-cellular localisation of a sub-set of *M. oryzae* effectors during appressorium development. a. Heatmap showing temporal pattern of transcript abundance of 436 genes encoding secreted proteins during appressorium development between 0h and 24h on a HP surface. All were Mst12-dependent and associated with appressorium maturation. b. Heatmap showing levels of transcript abundance of 7 known effector-encoding genes ² in a $\Delta mst12$ mutant during appressorium development. (blue= down-regulated in $\Delta mst12$ mutant vs. Guy11; red= up-regulated in $\Delta mst12$ mutant vs. Guy11). c. Table to show name and accession number of 7 known effectors differentially regulated in a $\Delta mst12$ mutant compared to Guy11. d. Live cell imaging of Septin Sep5-GFP expression in a $\Delta mst12$ mutant and $pmk1^{as}$ mutant ³ on HP surface, 24h following conidial germination. The Pmk1asmutant was incubated in the presence or absence of 5µM Na-PP1 added at 6-8h. The Na-PP1 inhibitor is a specific inhibitor of the analogue-sensitive version of Pmk1 expressed by this mutant ³. e. Micrographs to show expression of the effector Bas2p-GFP in a $pmk1^{as}$ mutant during appressorium formation, 24h after conidial germination inoculated on rice leaf sheath of blast-susceptible rice cultivar Mokoto, in the presence or absence of 5µM Na-PP1 inhibitor. Bar = 10µm.



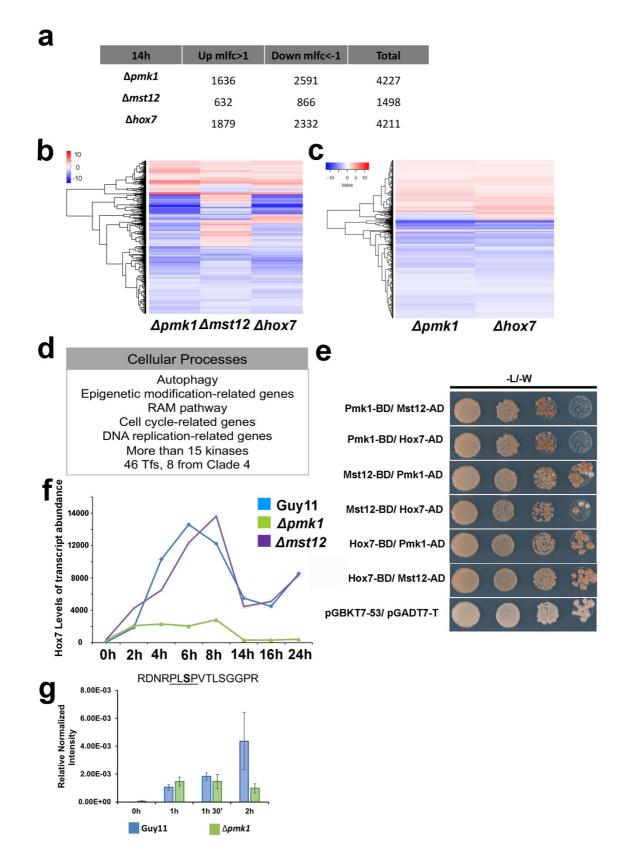
Supplementary figure 10: Southern Blot analysis to verify generation of targeted gene replacement mutants of clade 4-associated TF-encoding genes in *M. oryzae* a. Southern blot analysis of genomic DNA extracted from two *M. oryzae* transformants #7 and #8, digested with *Hind*III and fractionated by gel electrophoresis. The Southern blot was probed with a 1 kb upstream region of *ACLR* which identified a 4.1 kb restriction fragment when no gene replacement had occurred and a 2.4 kb fragment when the corresponding bialaphos resistance gene cassette was integrated at the *ACLR* locus. b. Southern blot analysis of genomic DNA extracted from two *M. oryzae* transformants #11 and #12 digested with *BamH*I, fractionated by gel electrophoresis and probed with 1 kb upstream region of *RPP1* which identified a 9 kb restriction when no gene replacement had

occurred and a >12 kb fragment when the corresponding resistance cassette was integrated at the RPP1 locus. Southern blot analysis showed a positive result for #12. c. Southern blot analysis of genomic DNA extracted from two *M. oryzae* transformants #3 and #11, digested with *Xmn*I, fractionated by gel electrophoresis and probed with 1 kb upstream region of RPP2 which identified a 1.4 kb restriction fragment when no gene replacement had occurred and a 4.1 kb fragment when the corresponding resistance cassette was integrated at the RPP2 locus. Southern blot analysis showed a positive result for both #3 and #11. d. Southern blot analysis of genomic DNA extracted from M. oryzae transformants, #2, #3, #4 and #5, digested with PpuMI, fractionated by gel electrophoresis and probed with a 796 bp downstream region of RPP3 which revealed a 1.5 kb restriction fragment when no gene replacement had occurred and a 2.5 kb fragment when the corresponding resistance cassette was integrated at the RPP3 locus. Southern blot analysis showed a positive result for transformants #4 and #5. e. Southern blot analysis of genomic DNA extracted from M. oryzae transformants #7 and #10 digested with Sacl, fractionated by gel electrophoresis and probed with a 1 kb upstream region of RPP4 which identified a 1.8 kb restriction fragment when no gene replacement had occurred and a 2.7 kb band when the corresponding resistance cassette was integrated at the RPP4 locus. Southern blot analysis showed a positive result for #16. f. Southern blot analysis of genomic DNA extracted from *M. oryzae* transformants #2 and #3, digested with Xhol, fractionated by gel electrophoresis and probed with a 1 kb upstream region of RPP5 which identified a 1.8 kb restriction fragment when no gene replacement had occurred and a 4.7 kb band when the corresponding resistance cassette was integrated at the RPP5 locus. Southern blot analysis showed a positive result for #2. g) Southern blot analysis of genomic DNA extracted from M. oryzae transformants #1, #2, #4, #5, #6, #7, #8, #11, #12, #13 of *∆rpp3* mutant genomic DNA extracted from *M. oryzae* transformants mutant, digested with Xhol, fractionated by gel electrophoresis, and probed with a 1 kb upstream region of PIG1 which identified a 3.4 kb restriction fragment when no gene replacement had occurred and a 4.8 kb fragment when the corresponding resistance cassette was integrated at the PIG1 locus. Southern blot analysis showed a #7 was a *Arpp3 Apig1* double mutant h) Southern blot analysis of genomic DNA extracted from *M. oryzae* transformants #11, #12, and #15, digested with BsrGI and probed with a 1 kb upstream region of HOX7 that identified a 2 kb restriction fragment when no gene replacement had occurred and a 3.1 kb fragment when the corresponding resistance cassette was integrated at the HOX7 locus. Southern blot analysis showed #12 was a *Ahox7* mutant.



Supplementary figure 11: Appressorium development and pathogenicity assay of clade 4-associated transcription factor null mutants. a. Box and Whisker plots to show rice blast disease lesion density per 5m of leaf tissue. 21-day-old rice seedlings of cultivar Co-39 were inoculated with uniform conidial suspensions (5 x 10^4 conidia ml⁻¹) of $\Delta rpp1$, $\Delta rpp2$, $\Delta rpp4$ and $\Delta rpp5$ mutant and the isogenic wild type Guy11. The plots show the results from 3 biological replications of the experiment and data points are colour-coded for each replication. Error bar shows the standard deviation. b. Light micrographs showing appressorium development of Guy11,

 $\Delta aclR, \Delta rpp1, \Delta rpp2, \Delta rpp4, \Delta rpp5, \Delta rpp3, \Delta rpp3\Delta pig1$ and $\Delta hox7$ mutants germinated on HP surfaces and observed 24h following conidial germination. Scale bar = 10µm for all panels.



Supplementary figure 12: Hox7 operates downstream of Pmk1 MAP kinase to regulate a subset of cellular pathways required for appressorium development and plant infection. a. Table to show the total number of

differentially regulated genes, up-regulated genes (padj <0.01; mod-lfc >1) and down-regulated genes (padj <0.01; mod-lfc <-1) of $\Delta pmk1 vs$. Guy11, $\Delta mst12 vs$. Guy11 and $\Delta hox7 vs$. Guy11 at 14h during appressorium development. b. Heatmap showing levels of relative transcript abundance between $\Delta pmk1 vs$. Guy11, $\Delta mst12 vs$. Guy11 and $\Delta hox7 vs$. Guy11 and $\Delta hox7 vs$. Guy11 of 709 common genes. c. Heatmap showing levels of relative transcript abundance between $\Delta pmk1 vs$. Guy11 and $\Delta hox7 vs$. Guy11 of 1942 common genes and most representative cellular pathways found in this gene set. d. Table to show the most representative cellular pathways found in this gene set. d. Table to show the most representative cellular pathways found in the duple dropout media. (3 biological replicates). f. Hox7 levels of transcript abundance in Guy11, $\Delta pmk1$ and $\Delta mst12$ during appressorium development time course. g. Parallel Reaction Monitoring (PRM) showing Pmk1-depemdent phosphorylation at serine 158 of the miss-cleaved Hox7 peptide during appressorium development up to 2h after conidial germination.

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