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#### 29 HIGHLIGHT

- 30 The *PROSCOOP10* gene encodes two post-translationally modified extracellular SCOOP10
- 31 peptides and acts upstream of SOC1 and LFY to delay flowering.

#### 32 **RUNNING TITLE**

33 Characterization of native SCOOP10 peptides and action of *PROSCOOP10* on floral transition

#### 34 **ABSTRACT**

The Arabidopsis *PROSCOOP* genes belong to a family predicted to encode secreted propeptides which undergo maturation steps to produce peptides named SCOOP. Some of them are involved in defence signalling through their perception by a receptor complex including MIK2, BAK1 and BKK1. Here, we focused on the *PROSCOOP10* gene which is highly and constitutively expressed in the aerial organs. The MS/MS analyses of leaf apoplastic fluids allowed the identification of two distinct peptides, named SCOOP10#1 and SCOOP10#2, 41 covering two different regions of PROSCOOP10. They both possess the canonical S-X-S 42 family motif and have hydroxylated prolines. This identification in apoplastic fluids confirms for 43 the first time the biological reality of SCOOP peptides. NMR and molecular dynamics studies 44 showed that the SCOOP10 peptides, although largely unstructured in solution, tend to assume 45 a hairpin-like fold exposing the two serine residues previously identified as essential for the peptide activity. Furthermore, PROSCOOP10 mutations led to an early flowering phenotype 46 47 and an increased expression of the floral integrators SOC1 and LEAFY, consistent with the 48 transcription of *PROSCOOP10* in several mutants displaying an early or late flowering 49 phenotype. These results suggest a role of *PROSCOOP10* in flowering time, illustrating the 50 functional complexity of the PROSCOOP family.

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 peptidomics

#### 53 **INTRODUCTION**

54 Small secreted peptides originate from the processing of protein precursors that share a N-55 terminal signal peptide addressing them to the secretory pathway. We distinguish (i) small post-translationally modified peptides (PTMPs) that are produced by proteolytic processing 56 (Murphy et al., 2012); and (ii) cysteine-rich peptides (CRPs) characterised by an even number 57 of cysteine residues involved in intramolecular disulfide bonds (Matsubayashi, 2011; 58 Tavormina et al., 2015). An integrative approach combining bioinformatics, transcriptomics and 59 60 phenotyping has led to the identification of a gene family encoding precursors of putative small 61 PTMPs named Serine-riCh endOgenOus Peptides (SCOOPs) (Gully et al., 2019). All the 62 predicted SCOOP peptides share a S-X-S motif and are specific to the Brassicaceae species. 63 Moreover, assays based on application of synthetic peptides have shown that SCOOP 64 peptides are phytocytokines involved in defence signalling through their perception by the 65 MDIS1-INTERACTING leucine-rich repeat receptor kinase 2 (MIK2) (Hou et al., 2021; Rhodes et al., 2021) and the two co-receptors BRI1-associated receptor kinase (BAK1) and BAK1-66 67 LIKE 1 (BKK1) (Gully et al., 2019; Hou et al., 2021; Rhodes et al., 2021). New studies tolerating a greater variability in the C-terminal motif of the PROSCOOP amino acid sequence have 68 69 expanded the SCOOP family to 28 members (Zhang et al., 2022). For example, the 70 SECRETED TRANSMEMBRANE PEPTIDE family (STMP) contains 10 members out of which 71 four were also annotated as SCOOP peptides: STMP1, STMP2, STMP8 and STMP10 72 correspond actually to SCOOP13, SCOOP14, SCOOP15 and SCOOP4 respectively (Yu et 73 al., 2019). Additionally, the ENHANCER OF VASCULAR WILT RESISTANCE 1 peptide 74 (EWR1) and four closely related peptides also encode functional SCOOP peptides (Zhang et 75 al., 2022). All these peptides share the SCOOP characteristics and can induce MIK2-

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76 dependent immune responses. However, the transcription profiles of the PROSCOOP genes are contrasted according to organs and various stimuli. This raises the question of the 77 78 involvement of the SCOOP peptides in different biological functions, notably in plant 79 development. Indeed, PROSCOOP12 (AT5G44585) is constitutively expressed in roots and 80 recent studies have shown that SCOOP12 is a moderator of root elongation through the control of reactive oxygen species (ROS) homeostasis (Guillou et al., 2022). This study focuses on 81 82 PROSCOOP10 (AT5G44580) which is highly expressed in the aerial parts. We show that 83 PROSCOOP10 encodes a propeptide which gives rise to two distinct peptides that we have 84 identified in leaf apoplastic fluids. We identify a tendency of hairpin structure of these peptides 85 exposing the S-X-S SCOOP motif. Then, we also show an early flowering phenotype in 86 proscoop10 mutants suggesting a role in the development of the aerial part of the plant and 87 particularly in flowering time.

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#### 89 MATERIALS AND METHODS

#### 90 Plant material

91 Arabidopsis thaliana ecotype Columbia (Col-0) was used as control. Two independent 92 proscoop10 mutant lines in the Col-0 background were used. A first line, named proscoop10-93 1, was a T-DNA insertion line obtained from NASC (SALK 059855C) and the primers used for 94 genotyping are listed in Supplementary Table S1. T-DNA insertion was checked by PCR on PROSCOOP10 and compared with PCR on AtCOP1, used as a PCR positive control, in Col-95 0 and proscoop10-1 mutant line. The second line, named proscoop10-2, was created using 96 97 the CRISPR/Cas9 (clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats/CRISPRassociated protein 9) method. We searched for PROSCOOP10-specific single guide RNA 98 99 (sgRNA) and checked possible off target sites in the Arabidopsis Col-0 genome using the 100 Crispor Tefor program (http://crispor.tefor.net). The 20-base long RNA guides with the 101 used: 5'-GACCACGCTCCAGGCAGTAA-3' following sequences were and 5'-102 ATCAGGCAGTGGGCATGGTG-3' (Supplementary Fig. S1A). Vectors and methods to get 103 the CRISPR/Cas9 constructs were as in Charrier et al. (2019). Arabidopsis transformation was 104 applied as in Zang et al. (2006).

The soil-grown plants used for ROS assay and phenotyping were grown under long-day conditions (16 h light at 22 °C/16 h dark at 21 °C, 70% relative humidity). Seedlings used for seedling growth inhibition assay were grown under short-day conditions (8 h light at 22 °C/8 h dark at 21 °C, 70% relative humidity). Plants used for mass spectrometry (MS) analysis were cultivated on soil under short-day conditions (8 h light at 22 °C/16 h dark at 21 °C, 70% relative humidity) during four weeks. Sodium and mercury vapor lights were used providing a light
 intensity of 352.9 µmol.m<sup>-2</sup>.s<sup>-1</sup>.

#### 112 Synthetic peptides

113 The following peptides: flg22 (QRLSTGSRINSAKDDAAGLQIA), SCOOP12 114 (PVRSSQSSQAGGR), SCOOP10#1 (SAIGTOSSTSDHAOGSNG), SCOOP10#2 115 (GDIFTGOSGSGHGGGRTOAP) were obtained from GeneCust (Boynes, France), O 116 corresponding hydroxyprolines. SCOOP10#2\* (GDIFTGPSGSGHGGGRTPAP) to 117 corresponding to SCOOP10#2 without hydroxyprolines was obtained from Eurogentec SA 118 (Seraing, Belgium). Peptides were synthesized with a minimum purification level of 95% and 119 diluted in water to the final concentration used for the assays. The SCOOP10#1 and 120 SCOOP10#2 peptide sequences were identical to the native sequences identified by mass 121 spectrometry.

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#### 123 Mass Spectrometry (MS) analyses of extracellular fluids

124 The extracellular fluids of rosettes were obtained according to Boudart et al. (2005) with slight 125 modifications. The buffer used for the vacuum infiltration contained 5 mM sodium acetate at 126 pH 4.6, with or without 0.3 M mannitol, and three protease inhibitors: 1 mM AEBSF 127 (ThermoFisher, Scientific, Rockford, IL, USA), 10 mM 1-10 phenanthroline (Sigma Aldrich 128 Chimie SARL, Saint-Quentin-Fallavier, France), and 100 µM E64 (Sigma-Aldrich). After 129 centrifugation at 200 g of the vacuum-infiltrated rosettes, the fluids were collected and 130 submitted to an ultrafiltration using an Amicon® Ultra 10K device — 10,000 NMWL (Merck 131 Chimie SAS, Darmstadt, Germany). The samples were then speedvac-dried prior to 132 solubilization in 10 mM DTT and 50 mM ammonium bicarbonate, followed by alkylation with 133 50 mM iodoacetamide. The samples were directly desalted by solid phase extraction (SPE) on 134 C18 cartridges (StrataTM-XL 8E-S043-TG, Phenomenex, Le Pecq, France) as described in 135 Balliau et al. (2018). Alternatively, the samples were subjected to tryptic digestion inside the 136 cartridge. The peptides were eluted with 70% acetonitrile/0.06% acetic acid prior to be 137 speedvac-dried. They were finally resuspended in 2% acetonitrile/0.1% formic acid. The 138 samples were analysed by MS with a Q ExactiveTM-Plus Hybrid Quadrupole-Orbitrap<sup>™</sup> mass spectrometer (Thermo-Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA) coupled with an Eksigent 139 140 NanoLC-Ultra® 2D HPLC (AB SCIEXTM, Redwood City, CA, USA) as described (Balliau et 141 al., 2018), except for the chromatographic separation step that was shortened to 45 min. 142 Database search was performed as described (Duruflé et al., 2019), except for the enzymatic 143 cleavage that was specified to "no enzyme". Protein inference was performed using the

144 X!TandemPipeline (Langella *et al.*, 2017) with the following parameters: peptide E-value 145 smaller than 0.003, protein E-value smaller than 0.01, and one peptide per protein.

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#### 147 Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) analyses

148 SCOOP synthetic peptides were dissolved at concentrations between 0.5 mM and 1 mM in 149 both 50 mM phosphate buffer water solution, pH 6.6, containing 10% D<sub>2</sub>O and in DMSO-d6. 150 Deuterated sodium TSP-d4 at a concentration of 100 µM was used as an internal reference 151 for chemical shift in aqueous buffers (Wishart et al., 1995). Measurements were performed at 278 K for aqueous and at 298 K for DMSO samples. Almost complete assignment of amide 152 protons, non-exchanging protons and protonated <sup>13</sup>C atoms was achieved in solution by 153 154 <sup>1</sup>H,<sup>13</sup>C-HSQC, <sup>1</sup>H,<sup>1</sup>H-TOCSY (mixing time of 60 ms), and <sup>1</sup>H,<sup>1</sup>H-NOESY (mixing time of 200 155 ms) recorded on a 500 MHz (11.74 T) Bruker spectrometer (Bruker France, Palaiseau) 156 equipped with a 5 mm BBI (Broadband Inverse) probe. TopSpin 4 (Bruker BioSpin) and 157 NMRFAM-SPARKY (Lee et al., 2015) were used to process and to analyse NMR data. 158 Chemical shift deviations from random coil values were calculated using the "secondary 159 chemical shift analysis" option of NMRFAM-SPARKY (Lee et al., 2015), a module based on 160 PACSY (Lee et al., 2012).

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#### 162 Molecular Dynamics (MD) simulations

163 The starting structures for our peptides were obtained by I-Tasser (Yang et al., 2015). In silico 164 mutagenesis was performed in CHIMERA using the Rotamers tool (Pettersen et al., 2004). 165 The proline residues were replaced by hydroxyproline residues using YASARA (Krieger et al., 2014). The GROMACS package v5.0.7 (Abraham et al., 2015) was used to run MD 166 167 simulations. The AMBER99SB-ILDN (Lindorff-Larsen et al., 2010) force field was used to 168 provide molecular mechanics parameters to our peptides. The peptides were put in a cubic 169 cell ("box"), the border of which is at least 1 nm from the protein, and we solvate it with TIP3P 170 explicit water molecules. Counterions were added, if necessary, to obtain a neutral system and 171 took the place of water molecules. Energy minimization and the temperature and pressure 172 equilibrations were done as described in Pokotylo et al. (2020). The equilibration time was also 173 set at 100 ps relaxation time. Once our peptide was well-equilibrated at the desired 174 temperature (300 K) and pressure (1 bar), we released the position restraints and run 175 production MD for data collection. The peptides were subjected to 500 ns simulation with 2 fs 176 time steps. To evaluate the reproducibility, the whole process (minimization, equilibration and 177 production run) was repeated thrice. PyMol (DeLano et al., 2002) and VMD (Humphrey et al.,

178 1996) were used for visualisation. Graphs and images were created with GNUplot (Janert *et al.*, 2010) and PyMol (DeLano *et al.*, 2002). All MD trajectories were analysed using 180 GROMACS tools (Smith *et al.*, 2010; Lemkul *et al.*, 2018) along the last 250 ns. Polar contacts 181 maps were determined by calculating the radial distribution function of each nitrogen and 182 oxygen atom from all others and taking its maximum intensity in the range of H-bonds and salt-183 bridges. This allows to have an overview of all polar interatomic interactions and their 184 occurrence (Ramos-Martin *et al.*, 2020).

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#### 186 Seedling growth inhibition assay

Seedlings were germinated on MS (1X) agar (1%) and grown for five days before transferring one seedling per well of 24-well plates containing 500  $\mu$ L of MS medium or MS medium supplied with the indicated elicitor peptide to a final concentration of 1  $\mu$ M (six replicates per elicitor peptide treatment). Fresh masses were measured and the experiment was repeated thrice.

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#### 193 ROS assay

194 ROS production was determined by a luminol-based assay. Three five-week old seedlings 195 grown on MS plates were incubated in 200 µL double distilled water (ddH<sub>2</sub>O) overnight in a 1.5 196 mL centrifuge tube. Then, ddH<sub>2</sub>O was replaced by 200 µL of reaction solution containing 100 197 µM of luminol and 10 µg/mL of horseradish peroxidase (Sigma-Aldrich, Saint-Louis, USA) 198 supplemented with or without 1 µM peptide. Luminescence was measured for 60 min with a 199 one-second interval, immediately after adding the solution with a FLUOstar OPTIMA plate 200 reader (BMG LABTECH, Ortenberg, Germany). The total values of ROS production were 201 indicated as means of the relative light units (RLUs).

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#### 203 Gene expression analysis

For each of the three biological repetitions, shoot apical meristem (SAMs) samples were handdissected under binocular magnifier, trying to remove as much leaf tissue as possible, from 15 individual 7 and 11-day old plants of Col-0, *proscoop10-1* and *proscoop10-2*, growing under long-day conditions. Total RNAs were extracted using the Nucleospin RNA Plus Kit (Macherey-Nagel, Düren, Germany). cDNAs were synthesized from 1.5 µg of total RNA with oligo(dT) primers using Moloney Murine Leukemia Virus Reverse Transcriptase MMLV-RT according to the manufacturer's instructions (Promega, Madison, WI, USA). RT-qPCR was carried out in a Chromo4 system (Bio-Rad, Laboratories, CA, USA). Expression profiles of key floral transition genes were calculated using the  $2^{-\Delta\Delta Ct}$  method and were corrected as recommended in Vandesompele *et al.* (2002), with three internal reference genes (*ACT2*, *COP1* and *AP4M*) used for the calculation of a normalization factor. Mean expression level of Col-0 at 7 days served as calibrator. Primers for RT-qPCR analysis used are specified in **Supplementary Table S1**.

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#### 218 **Results**

#### 219 Identification of SCOOP10 peptides in extracellular fluids by MS

220 Based on the high expression level of PROSCOOP10 in leaves, we used a proteomic 221 approach to explore the apoplastic fluid content and search for the native form(s) of SCOOP10. 222 The experiment has been repeated thrice, twice without mannitol in the infiltration buffer and 223 once in the presence of 0.3 M mannitol. The results were similar. In one case, a tryptic digestion 224 of the proteins has been performed prior to the MS analysis. Different peptides could be 225 identified covering two different regions of PROSCOOP10: they are indicated as SCOOP10#1 and SCOOP10#2 in Fig. 1. The corresponding MS/MS spectra are shown in Supplementary 226 227 Fig. S2. The native SCOOP10#1 peptide comprises 18 amino acids and it covers the central 228 predicted conserved motif defined after the comparison of the amino acid sequences of the 229 members of the PROSCOOP family (Gully et al., 2019): SAIGTPSSTSDHAPGSNG (Fig. 1A, 230 B). It contains the two strictly conserved serine (S) residues. All the observed peptides are 231 native ones, as shown by the absence of tryptic sites at their N- and C-termini. SCOOP10#1 232 was only observed thrice compared to the 38 observations of SCOOP10#2. In all these three 233 occurrences, it contained two hydroxyproline (O) residues. The native SCOOP10#2 peptide 234 comprises 20 amino acids at the most and covers the C-terminal predicted conserved motif of 235 the PROSCOOP family (Gully et al., 2019): GDIFTGPSGSGHGGGRTPAP (Fig. 1A, C). As 236 SCOOP10#1, it also contains the two strictly conserved serine residues. It also carries three 237 well-conserved successive glycine (G) residues. The C-terminus observed at arginine (R)16 238 in ten cases resulted from tryptic digestion and the corresponding peptides should not be 239 considered as native ones. All the other observed peptides are native ones because they are 240 not surrounded by tryptic sites. Contrary to SCOOP10#1, the pattern of proline (P) 241 hydroxylation is variable: We could observe hydroxyproline residues at either of the three 242 possible positions (P7, P18 or P20) and in various combinations (Fig. 1B). The most frequently 243 observed position of P hydroxylation was P18 (65.8%), followed by P7 (36.8%). In some cases, 244 P hydroxylation was observed at two positions on the same peptide: P7 and P18 (23.7%) or 245 P7 and P20 (7.9%). The C-terminus of the peptide was variable ending with P18, alanine A19

or P20. Although protease inhibitors are used already at the beginning of the experiment, the
variability of the C-terminus could be due to proteolysis by serine carboxypeptidases identified
in cell wall proteomes (see *WallProtDB-2*, San Clemente and Jamet, 2015; San Clemente *et al.*, 2022).

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# SCOOP10#2 is unstructured in solution but cis-trans isomerization may be favoured in a hydrophobic environment

According to MS analyses, SCOOP10#2 seems to be the major secreted or the more stable peptide produced by *PROSCOOP10*. Therefore, now knowing its exact sequence, we decided to study its structural behaviour in solution, using a hydroxylated synthetic SCOOP10#2 peptide (GDIFTGOSGSGHGGGRTOAP) and a non-hydroxylated one, SCOOP10#2\* (GDIFTGPSGSGHGGGRTPAP).

258 NMR data indicated that the synthetic SCOOP10#2 peptide is largely unstructured in water 259 solution. The NMR assignment of both non-hydroxylated (SCOOP10#2\*) and hydroxylated 260 (SCOOP10#2) forms are reported in Supplementary Tables S2 and S3, respectively. The 261 chemical shift of some nuclei, namely H $\alpha$ , C $\alpha$ , C $\beta$  and carbonyl, can be used to ascertain the 262 presence of secondary structure by observing their deviations from random coil values 263 (Wishart et al., 1992; Wishart et al., 1994; Wishart et al., 2011) which can be predicted by the 264 peptide sequence (Nielsen *et al.*, 2018). The Hα/Cα region of the <sup>1</sup>H,<sup>13</sup>C-HSQC NMR spectrum 265 is shown in Fig. 2A, while the chemical shift deviations from random coil values are reported 266 in Fig. 2B. The presence of alpha helical structure can be monitored by at least three 267 consecutive negative H $\alpha$ , C $\beta$  or positive C $\alpha$  deviations while the opposite holds for beta 268 strands. The difference between C $\alpha$  and C $\beta$  deviations is often used as a combined predictor. 269 Overall, the observed deviations are below the threshold value of 0.1 ppm for <sup>1</sup>H and 0.7 ppm 270 for <sup>13</sup>C (Wang *et al.*, 2002). Hydroxylation of P7 and P18 has no major impact on the structure 271 as indicated by minimal chemical shift perturbations on most resonances (Fig. 2A). Large changes are limited to the atoms of hydroxyprolines (O) and particularly to  $C_{\gamma}$  carbon atoms 272 273 as expected.

NMR spectra also allowed monitoring the conformation of the peptide bond linking proline residues to the previous amino acid (Dorman *et al.*, 1973; Siemon *et al.*, 1975). Such bond can often assume *cis* conformation whereas it is commonly found *trans* in all other amino acid types (Wedemeyer *et al.*, 2002). A *cis* conformation determines a rather radical change in the direction of the peptide backbone and might be crucial for the biological function. In particular, the H $\alpha$  of the preceding residue is close in space to the H $\alpha$  or H $\delta$  protons of proline in the *cis* and *trans* conformation, respectively. Its resonance can therefore be used to identify each conformer in NOESY or ROESY spectra (Gaggelli *et al.*, 2001). A clear NOESY peak between
 the Hα protons of G6 and Hδ protons of P7 (or O7) revealed that the peptide bond is mainly in
 *trans* conformation.

284 In order to investigate the structural behaviour of SCOOP10#2 in a more apolar environment 285 which could mimic that of its receptor, we studied the peptide in DMSO (Supplementary Fig. 286 S3 and Supplementary Tables S4 and S5). Interestingly, we observed a doubling of peaks 287 arising from residues 6-10, which is the region comprising the two conserved serine residues 288 (Fig. 1A). Analysis of NOESY spectra reveals that the minor form might belong to the *cis* 289 conformation of the G6-P7 peptide bond, as a cross peak is present between the H $\alpha$  proton of 290 G6 and an H $\alpha$  compatible with a second form of P7. The same was not observed for P18 and 291 P20.

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#### 293 Transient hairpin-like structures exposing S8 and S10 might have functional relevance

294 Molecular dynamics simulations also pointed at the absence of a well-defined structure in both 295 SCOOP10#2\* and its hydroxylated form, in agreement with NMR data. Indeed, during MD 296 simulations, an ensemble of different conformations continuously interconverted along the 297 trajectory (Fig. 3A). However, these data revealed a certain tendency of the backbone to fold 298 at the level of residues O7-S10, thus exposing S8 and S10 side chains. Interestingly, this 299 region is the one displaying negative H $\alpha$  and positive C $\alpha$ -C $\beta$  deviations in NMR, as expected 300 for the turn of a helix (Fig. 3B). Although below the threshold values, these data suggest the 301 presence of a small population of conformers contributing to the average chemical shift value. 302 For this reason, we analysed molecular dynamic trajectories, in order to reveal key interatomic-303 interactions that might stabilise such a fold. For SCOOP10#2, the obtained polar contacts map 304 reveals the formation of an H-bond between the amide nitrogen of serine S10 and the carbonyl 305 of hydroxyproline O7 (Fig. 3C) or proline P7 (data not shown), a salt bridge between the side chains of aspartic acid D2 and arginine R16, and a salt bridge between the C- and N-termini 306 307 (Fig. 3D). Furthermore, a stacking between the aromatic rings of phenylalanine F4 and 308 histidine H12 might also further stabilise the conformation (Fig. 3D). Similar contacts are 309 observed in the non-hydroxylated form (data not shown).

In order to test the relative contribution of each of these key inter-residue interactions we performed multiple molecular dynamic simulations where we mutated at least one partner residues: R16A, G13,14,15A, P7A and S8,10A (**Supplementary Figure S4A**). In the R16A mutant, where we eliminated the salt bridge between D2 and R16, SCOOP10#2\* still tends to fold onto itself but at the level of residues 12-15 (**Supplementary Figure S4B**), thus reducing the exposition of S8 (**Supplementary Figure S5**). In this case the driving force is the salt bridge between the N and C termini. When glycine residues in the flexible region G13,14,15 are mutated to alanine, the N-C terminal interaction favours a fold in the middle of the structure (residues 9-10) (**Supplementary Fig. S4B**). As for the H-bond between the amide of S10 and P7, mutants (P7A and double mutant S8,10A) reveal small perturbation of the structural behaviour (in P7A the structure folds around residue 8 by a turn rather than a helix 3-10), an

321 effect somehow expected considering that the interaction is established at the level of the322 backbone.

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#### 324 SCOOP10#1 is unstructured in solution with transient head-to-tail contact

325 We also studied the structural behaviour in solution of SCOOP10#1, using a synthetic 326 SCOOP10#1 peptide identical to the native form identified (SAIGTOSSTSDHAOGSNG). For 327 the synthetic SCOOP10#1 peptide, deviations from random coil values also indicate a poor 328 structuring (Supplementary Fig. S6, and the NMR assignment in different conditions in 329 Supplementary Tables S6 and S7), and NOESY spectra are compatible with trans 330 conformation for the peptide bonds involving both P6 and P14. Contrarily to what observed for 331 SCOOP10#2, we could not detect the presence of *cis* conformation in the more apolar 332 environment of DMSO. MD simulations (Supplementary Fig. S7) agree with NMR data and 333 detect lack of structure (Supplementary Fig. S7A), however, infrequent contacts between the 334 N- and C-termini (Supplementary Fig. S7B) generate folded conformations vaguely 335 resembling those observed for SCOOP10#2 (see contact map in Supplementary. Fig. S7C).

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#### 337 SCOOP10 peptides do not induce ROS production and growth inhibition

Effects of the SCOOP10 synthetic peptides on seedling growth and ROS production were tested on Col-0 and *mik2-1* genotypes and compared to those of the SCOOP12 peptide, as a control (**Fig. 4**). The SCOOP12 amino acid sequence was the same already used by Gully *et al.* (2019) and Guillou *et al.* (2022) and based on prediction without post-translational modifications.

In Col-0 background and at 1  $\mu$ M, we showed that, the SCOOP10#2\* peptide induced a seedling growth inhibition which was much smaller than that induced by the SCOOP12 peptide. In the same conditions, the SCOOP10#1 and SCOOP10#2 peptides did not show a significant effect. In the *mik2-1* mutant background, none of the SCOOP peptides had an effect on growth, as expected (**Fig. 4A**). At the same concentration, the SCOOP12 peptide induced a strong ROS production in Col-0 leaves, as already reported (Gully *et al.*, 2019; Rhodes *et al.*, 2021). On the contrary, neither the SCOOP10#2\* nor the SCOOP10#1 and the SCOOP10#2 peptides, even simultaneously applied, induce ROS production in leaves. As expected none
 of the SCOOP peptides induced a high ROS production in the *mik2-1* mutant (Fig. 4B).

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#### 353 Mutations of PROSCOOP10 impact flowering time

354 Previous analysis of transcriptomic data showed that PROSCOOP10 is highly expressed in 355 shoot apex and leaves and may play a role in aerial organ development (Gully et al., 2019; 356 Hou et al., 2021). Therefore, we compared the leaf development and flowering time of wild-357 type and proscoop10 plants. The first proscoop10 mutant (proscoop10-1) is a T-DNA insertion 358 line ordered from NASC (Supplementary Fig. S1A). This line was genotyped as mutated on 359 both DNA and cDNA (Supplementary Fig. S1B). We generated a second line (proscoop10-360 2) using a CRISPR/Cas9 approach and the mutant was genotyped (Supplementary Fig. S1C, 361 D). proscoop10-2 was a bi allelic mutant, which is frequently observed with this approach 362 (Pauwels et al., 2018). In the first modified allele, a deletion of 237 bp occurred between the 363 two guides in addition to modifications of nucleotides within the guides, leading to a frameshift. 364 For the second modified allele, a deletion of 448 bp occurred between the two guides 365 (Supplementary Fig. S1E). In each case, the modifications prevented the synthesis of the 366 native SCOOP10 peptides (Supplementary Fig. S1F).

Both mutant lines displayed a normal vegetative development but 22 days after germination, the inflorescences of *proscoop10* mutants bolted significantly earlier than those of Col-0 plants, with a shift of two days (**Fig. 5A, C**) and the number of rosette leaves were significantly lower for *proscoop10* at bolting day (**Fig. 5E**). Consequently, five days after, mutants had longer stem length compared to Col-0 (**Fig. 5B**). 80% of the inflorescence of *proscoop10* mutants bolted around the 22<sup>nd</sup> day after germination whereas the inflorescence of wild-type bolted gradually from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> day after germination (**Fig. 5D, Supplementary Table S8**).

Based on the mutant phenotype, we next examined the expression of three genes involved in floral regulation, *SUPPRESSOR OF CONSTANS 1* (*SOC1*), *LEAFY* and *GA3OX-1*, in the SAM of *proscoop10* mutants and Col-0 at 7 and 11 days after germination (**Figure 6**). At 7 days, the two floral transition genes, *SOC1* and *LEAFY*, were not differentially expressed between mutants and Col-0 whereas *GA3OX-1* was induced only in *proscoop10-1*. At 11 days, all three genes were up-regulated in the two *proscoop10* mutant lines compared to Col-0.

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#### 381 **DISCUSSION**

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#### 383 Two distinct hydroxylated SCOOP10 peptides are present in the leaf apoplasm

384 The MS analysis of apoplastic fluid samples from rosette leaves has identified two hydroxylated 385 SCOOP10 peptides (18 and 20 aa-long) resulting from the processing of two distinct regions 386 of the PROSCOOP10 protein separated by 10 amino acids. This result confirms that 387 *PROSCOOP* genes are indeed encoding preproproteins processed in short secreted peptides. 388 Furthermore, the presence of hydroxyproline residues confirms that SCOOPs are PTMPs 389 according to the Matsubayashi's classification (Matsubayashi, 2011). We thus characterized 390 two distinct SCOOP10 peptides showing the biological reality of the previous predicted 391 peptides SCOOP10#1 and SCOOP10#2. Note that the observed native peptides are a few 392 amino acids longer (at both their N- and C- termini) than previously predicted. As shown by 393 MS analyses, SCOOP10#2, corresponding to C-terminal end of the PROSCOOP10 precursor, 394 seems to be the major form in the leave apoplasm. The ability of a precursor protein to be 395 processed in different peptides has been described for a few genes belonging to CLE, CEP 396 and PIP families (Murphy et al., 2012; Roberts et al., 2013; Vie et al., 2015). In our case, the 397 ability of PROSCOOP10 to produce two distinct SCOOP10 peptides probably comes from the 398 local duplication of an exon. Indeed, contrary to the large majority of *PROSCOOP* genes which 399 have two coding exons (the first one encoding the signal peptide, and the second one 400 containing the conserved SCOOP motif), PROSCOOP10 has a third exon containing a second 401 SCOOP motif (Supplementary Fig. S1A, Gully et al., 2019). This feature is also shared by 402 PROSCOOP6, 7, 11 and 15 which are also probably able to encode two SCOOP peptides 403 even if previous assays based on exogenous application of predicted synthetic peptides 404 showed that only the C-terminal ones have a biological activity (Hou et al., 2021; Rhodes et 405 al., 2021). The identification of these native SCOOP10 peptides suggests that their maturation 406 requires cleavage steps by endoproteases still unknown. The N-ter termini of both SCOOP10 407 peptides are located upstream the Y[KR]PN motif (Figure 1) similar to the cleavage site of IDA 408 precursors where P and Y residues in positions -2 and -4 relative to the cleaved bond are 409 important for cleavage site recognition by subtilases SBT4.12, SBT4.13 and SBT5.2 410 (Schardon et al., 2016; Stintzi and Schaller, 2022). Because of its internal position in the 411 precursor, the release of SCOOP10#1 probably requires additional step involving actions of 412 another endoprotease and/or trimming by an exoprotease. Such complex maturation process 413 has already been described for the maturation of the CLE19 peptide through the activity of the 414 exoprotease Zn<sup>2+</sup> carboxypeptidase SOL1 in the extracellular space (Casamitjana-Martinez et 415 al., 2003; Tamaki et al., 2013).

Regarding the post-translational modifications, the SCOOP10 amino acid motifs containing the
P hydroxylation sites were of three types: AP, TP, and GP. AP and TP are canonical motifs for
the hydroxylation of P residues described for the CEP1 peptide (Ohyama *et al.*, 2008) and

419 arabinogalactan proteins (Showalter et al., 2010; Tan et al., 2003). The GP motif was found to 420 be hydroxylated on the P residue in CLV3, CLE2 (Ohyama et al., 2009), and in a few other 421 proteins (for a review see Canut et al., 2016). As previously reported for other cell wall proteins, 422 the pattern of proline hydroxylation is variable (Duruflé et al., 2017). It has been assumed that 423 this variability could contribute to the regulation of the biological activity or play a role in 424 recognition of the cleavage site(s) targeted by the endoproteases as Royek et al. (2022) 425 demonstrated with tyrosine sulfation. At this point, our data did not allow addressing the 426 question of the O-glycosylation of the hydroxyproline residues as reported for a few CLE 427 peptides (Shinohara and Matsubayashi, 2010, 2013; Araya et al., 2014; Takahashi et al., 2018) 428 and PSY1 (Amano et al., 2007).

429 In our conditions, exogenous application of the synthetic SCOOP10#2 peptide, based on the 430 native forms with or without hydroxylated prolines (GDIFTGOSGSGHGGGRTOAP or 431 GDIFTGPSGSGHGGGRTPAP respectively), did not show any effect on seedling growth and 432 ROS production contrary to SCOOP12 and some other members of the family. However, 433 Rhodes et al. (2021) have shown that the predicted version of SCOOP10#2 peptide 434 (FTGPSGSGHGGGR) induced a slight seedling growth inhibition and a low level of ROS at 1 435 µM in a MIK2 dependent manner. Hou et al. (2021), using another predicted sequence of the 436 SCOOP10#2 peptide (PNGDIFTGPSGSGHGGGR, named SCOOP10#B in their publication), 437 have shown that it induced both a strong seedling growth inhibition and ROS production at the 438 same concentration and in a MIK2 dependent manner. These different results suggest that the 439 SCOOP10#2 actions regarding ROS production and seedling growth inhibition might be 440 sequence- and/or condition- dependent. The absence or the low effect of SCOOP10 peptides 441 on ROS production could explain why the constitutive high level of transcription of 442 *PROSCOOP10* in most of the aerial parts does not induce deleterious effects.

#### 443 SCOOP10 peptides tend to adopt a hairpin structure

444 The mature sequence of SCOOP10 peptides being known, we addressed the question of its 445 molecular structure. NMR revealed that both synthetic SCOOP10#1 and SCOOP10#2 appear 446 to be mainly unstructured in solution. Molecular dynamics simulations also pointed to the absence of a well-defined structure. Yet, the analysis of molecular dynamics trajectories 447 448 showed that the peptides transiently adopt a hairpin conformation, especially in the case of SCOOP10#2. As often observed in ligand/receptor interactions, the active form of the protein 449 450 might be scarcely populated and become major only in the presence of its target (Pucheta-451 Martinez et al., 2016; Sekhar et al., 2018). SCOOP10#2 transient structures would be 452 stabilized by two salt-bridges. The first one, between D2 and R16 side chains, favours the 453 formation of a turn (residues 8-9) exposing S8 and S10 while the second is between the N-

454 terminal amine and the C-terminal carboxylate. Despite the fact that the turn is not in the middle 455 of the structure, the two salt bridges can co-exist, because the three glycine residues in position 456 13-15 provide backbone flexibility. This stretch of glycines, located at the C-terminus of the S-457 X-S motif, is a feature shared by a majority of the SCOOP peptides and allows us to think that 458 SCOOPs could adopt such a preferred conformation for the interaction with their receptor. 459 Interestingly, this hairpin structure exposes the two conserved serine residues that define the 460 SCOOP family and that were shown to be essential for the peptide function. Indeed, mutation 461 of one of the two residues is fatal for SCOOP12 perception (Gully et al., 2019).

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#### 463 **PROSCOOP10 delays the floral transition**

464 The mutation of *PROSCOOP10* showed an early flowering phenotype and a lower number of 465 leaves at bolting day compared to Col-0 plants. This observation indicates the involvement of 466 the PROSCOOP10 gene in flowering-time control. Multiple factors alter the flowering time such 467 as the photoperiod, the vernalization, and the gibberellins (GAs). The pathways dependent on 468 these factors regulate a common set of key floral integrators (Parcy et al., 2004; Moon et al., 469 2005; Roux et al., 2016; Li et al; 2010). Among them, we tested the expression of the two major 470 genes SOC1 and LEAFY (Simpson et al., 2002; Parcy et al., 2005), and of GA3OX1-3, involved 471 in the GA biosynthetic pathway and promoting flowering (Blázguez et al., 1998). After 11 days, 472 when the floral transition occurred (Klepikova et al., 2015), all three genes were up-regulated 473 in the two early flowering proscoop10 mutants compared to Col-0. This suggests that 474 PROSCOOP10 delays flowering time by repressing the expression of SOC1, LEAFY and 475 GA30X1-3. Moreover, these results can be correlated with the PROSCOOP10 expression 476 profile in the aerial parts of the plant. The mining of transcriptomic data available in 477 Genevestigator and CATdb (Zimmermann et al., 2004; Gagnot et al., 2008) revealed more 478 information about the transcriptional regulation of PROSCOOP10. Indeed, in 2007, Moon et 479 al. reported it as one of the only two genes significantly down regulated in the pif1-5 mutant 480 while describing the involvement of *PIF1* in the optimization of the greening process through 481 the regulation of chlorophyll synthesis. Interestingly in 2018. Wu et al. also studied PIF1 (called 482 PIL5) and identified an early flowering phenotype under long day growth condition for the pil5-483 1 mutant in which SOC1 and LEAFY are also up-regulated. Moreover, Klepikova et al. (2015) 484 have monitored the transcriptome of the SAM to reveal a critical time point in Arabidopsis 485 flower initiation. In their analysis, AT5G44580, now identified as PROSCOOP10 (Gully et al., 486 2019), is highly transcribed in the SAM during the first 9 days after germination, then the 487 expression strongly decreased between 9 and 10 days, with a log2 fold change of -4.54, ranking 30 out of 968 down-regulated genes between these two stages. PROSCOOP10 488 489 expression remains at this low level at later stages of development. This expression profile is

490 intriguingly similar to that of FLOWERING LOCUS (FLC) another flowering regulator and 491 opposite to LEAFY whose expression increase during the transition to flowering (Klepikova et 492 al., 2015). While the expression of PROSCOOP10 in leaves seems rather constitutive, its 493 strikingly different expression profile in the SAM could fit with the early flowering phenotype of 494 the proscoop10 mutants. Additionally, the transcriptomic profiles of PROSCOOP10 in various 495 mutants or experimental conditions always showed a negative correlation between the level of 496 *PROSCOOP10* expression and the time span before flowering (**Table 1**). Indeed, studies have 497 shown that *PROSCOOP10* is repressed in plants showing an early flowering phenotype such 498 as in the abi4vtc2 and phyABCDE mutants compared to their corresponding wild-type (Foyer 499 et al., 2012; Hu et al., 2013). Furthermore, in mutants such as vtc2, tcp4 and ga1-3 which 500 display a late flowering phenotype or no flowering at all, PROSCOOP10 is induced (Blazquez 501 et al., 1998; Pavet et al., 2005; Kubota et al., 2017). In the arf6-2/arf8-3 mutant, inflorescence 502 stems elongate less than those of the wild-type and flowers arrest as infertile closed buds with 503 short petal. In this mutant, PROSCOOP10 is also highly expressed in comparison with the 504 wild-type (Nagpal et al., 2005). All these results suggest that PROSCOOP10 interferes with 505 the floral transition process, upstream of SOC1 and LEAFY, to delay flowering. Then, 506 PROSCOOP10 could be another player of the meristem identity as a delayer of floral transition, 507 the actual signalling cascade remaining unknown. A putative role in the maintenance of the 508 vegetative state could also be suggested after the work published by Moon et al. in 2007, as 509 PROSCOOP10 was one of the two genes co-regulated with PIF1, itself also reported as 510 optimizing the greening process. The fact that *PROSCOOP10* is rather constitutively 511 expressed in the green parts of the plant could support this hypothesis, as well as its huge 512 decrease of expression when the SAM acquires its floral identity (Klepikova et al., 2015). The 513 involvement of PROSCOOP10 and the respective functions of both SCOOP10#1 and 514 SCOOP10#2, that we have identified, need further investigations to clarify their roles in these 515 mechanisms and identify their target and downstream signalling cascade. Altogether, these 516 data may link PROSCOO10 to the flowering-time control or the floral transition and illustrate 517 the functional complexity of the *PROSCOOP* family.

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#### 519 Table 1: Expression profile of the PROSCOOP10 genes extracted from public data

Condition	Phenotype	PROSCOOP10 transcription	Reference
10 <sup>th</sup> <i>v</i> s 9 <sup>th</sup> day, in SAM wild-type	wild-type	Down-regulated	Klepikova <i>et al</i> ., 2015
pif1-5 vs wild-type	early flowering	Down-regulated	Moon <i>et al</i> ., 2007 ; Wu <i>et al</i> ., 2018
abi4vtc2 vs wild-type	early flowering	Down-regulated	Foyer et al., 2012
phyABCDE vs wild-type	early flowering	Down-regulated	Hu <i>et al</i> ., 2013
brassinolide treatment on wild-type	early flowering	Down-regulated	Li <i>et al.,</i> 2010
MeJA treatment on wild-type	early flowering	Down-regulated	Pak <i>et al.</i> , 2009
35S::ARAF1 vs wild-type	late flowering	Up-regulated	Chavez et al., 2008
vtc2 vs wild-type	late flowering	Up-regulated	Pavet et al., 2005
tcp4 vs wild-type	late flowering	Up-regulated	Kubota <i>et al.</i> , 2017
ga1-3 vs wild-type	no flowering	Up-regulated	Blazquez et al., 1998
arf6-2/arf8-3 vs wild-type	immature flowers	Up-regulated	Nagpal <i>et al</i> ., 2005

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#### 522 **SUPPLEMENTARY DATA**

- 523 Supplementary Table S1: Primer sets for genotyping
- 524 Supplementary Table S2: <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR assignment of SCOOP10#2\* peptide 1 mM in 50
- 525 mM phosphate buffer (10% D<sub>2</sub>O), pH 6.6, 278K
- 526 Supplementary Table S3: <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR assignment of hydroxylated SCOOP10#2 peptide
- 527 0.5 mM in 50 mM phosphate buffer (10% D<sub>2</sub>O), pH 6.6, 278 K
- 528 **Supplementary Table S4:** <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR assignment of SCOOP10#2\* peptide 0.5 mM in DMSO, 298K
- 530 Supplementary Table S5: <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR assignment of hydroxylated SCOOP10#2 peptide
- 531 0.5 mM in DMSO, 298K
- 532 Supplementary Table S6: <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR assignment of hydroxylated SCOOP10#1 peptide
  533 0.5 mM in 50 mM phosphate buffer (10% D<sub>2</sub>O), pH 6.6, 278K
- Supplementary Table S7: <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR assignment of hydroxylated SCOOP10#1 peptide
  0.5 mM in DMSO, 298K
- 536 **Supplementary Table S8:** Number of bolted inflorescences for Col-0 and *proscoop10* mutants
- 537 per day after germination and per repetition

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#### 539 Supplementary Figure S1: Genotyping of proscoop10 mutant lines

540 (A) Position of the T-DNA insertion in the proscoop10-1 mutant. (B) On the left, check of the 541 T-DNA insertion by PCR on *PROSCOOP10* and comparison with PCR on *AtCOP1*, used as a 542 PCR positive control, in DNA of Col-0 and proscoop10-1 mutant. On the right, check of 543 *PROSCOOP10* expression impairment in *proscoop10-1* mutant compared to Col-0 wild-type, 544 with AtCOP1 used at RT-PCR positive control. (C) Position of the two RNA guides targeting 545 SCOOP10#1 and SCOOP10#2 regions in the proscoop10-2 mutant. (D) Reference sequence 546 of PROSCOOP10. In red, the start and stop codons; in orange, the primer used for PCR 547 amplification and sequencing after cloning; highlighted in grey, the guides RNAg1 and RNAg2 548 and in bold, the PAM1 and PAM2. (E) Sequencing revealed two different alleles in the therefore 549 bi allelic proscoop10-2 mutant. Alignments with the reference sequence shown for the first 550 mutated allelic version a deletion of 237 bp between the two guides, in addition to nucleotide 551 modifications in guides RNAg1 and RNAg2. This led to a deletion into SCOOP10#1 sequence 552 and a frameshift generating a stop codon and eliminating the SCOOP10#2 sequence. For the 553 second mutated allelic version, an important deletion of 448 bp has been generated between 554 the two guides, leading to a break in the two sequences corresponding to SCOOP10#1 and 555 SCOOP10#2 and a fusion of the remaining sequences. (F) Amino acid sequences of 556 PROSCOOP10 in proscoop10-2 bi allelic mutant after CRISPR/Cas9 edition. For (A) and (C) 557 exons (CDS) and introns are represented by boxes and lines respectively. For (A), (C) and 558 (F) purple: SCOOP10#1 region; blue: SCOOP10#2 region; green: signal peptide; red star: stop 559 codon.

#### 560 Supplementary Figure S2: MS data related to SCOOP10#1 and SCOOP10#2 originating 561 from PROSCOOP10 identified in rosette leaves apoplastic fluids

(A-H) For each peptide, a representative MS/MS spectrum is shown. The positions of the
hydroxyproline (O)/proline (P) residues are highlighted using the fragmentation data from the
C-terminus of each peptide (y ions). The information describing the experimental procedure is
available in Material and Methods.

#### 566 Supplementary Figure S3: NMR assignment and cis/trans isomerization of SCOOP10#2

in DMSO. (A) NMR assignment of SCOOP10#2 reported on 1H,1H-TOCSY spectrum (HN/Hα
 region). (B) 1H,1H-NOESY cross-peaks between Hα protons of G6 and Hα or Hα protons of
 hydroxyproline in position 7 indicating the presence of both cis and trans conformation of the
 G6-P7 peptide bond, respectively.

571 Supplementary Figure S4: MD simulations of SCOOP10#2 mutants. (A) DSSP secondary 572 structures calculated along the trajectories. (B) Contact maps of selected mutants. 573 Supplementary Figure S5: Representative structures found in MD simulations for 574 SCOOP10#2 and its mutants. For each structure the tube (left) and ribbon (right) renderings 575 are shown.

576 Supplementary Figure S6: Structural behaviour of SCOOP10#1 in solution as monitored

577 **by NMR.** Chemical shifts deviations from random coil values of H $\alpha$  protons and of the 578 difference between C $\alpha$  and C $\beta$  carbons suggest the absence of a well definite structure for 579 SCOOP10#1. Deviations for glycine H $\alpha$  atoms were intentionally omitted.

580 Supplementary Figure S7: Secondary structures and intramolecular interactions found 581 in MD simulations of SCOOP10#1. (A) DSSP secondary structures calculated along 582 molecular dynamics (MD) simulation of hydroxylated SCOOP10#1 in solution. (B) Occurrence 583 of intramolecular polar atom contacts (H-bonds and salt bridges) in SCOOP10#1 calculated 584 along MD simulation trajectories. (C) Contact map.

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(A) Bolted inflorescence of the *proscoop10* mutant lines, the 22<sup>nd</sup> day after germination, indicated by the
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В	SCOOP10#1	Number of observations	Frequency of occurrence
	SAIGTOSSTSDHAOGSNG	3/3	100
	SCOOP10#2		
	GDIFTG <u>P</u> SGSGHGGGR*	6/38	15.8
	GDIFTGOSGSGHGGGR*	4/38	10.5
	GDIFTG <u>P</u> SGSGHGGGRTO	6/38	15.8
	GDIFTG <u>P</u> SGSGHGGGRT <b>O</b> A	10/38	26.3
	GDIFTGOSGSGHGGGRTO	3/38	7.9
	GDIFTGOSGSGHGGGRTOA	6/38	15.8
	GDIFTG <u>P</u> SGSGHGGGRT <u>P</u> AO	2/38	5.3
	GDIFTGOSGSGHGGGRT <u>P</u> AO	1/38	2.6
С	GDIFTGP-SGSGHGGGRTPAP.	_	
	O <sub>7</sub>	14/38	36.8
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