

Proteomic profile of the fungus *Moniliophthora perniciosa* in response to PR10 from *Theobroma cacao*

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Witches' broom disease is caused by the hemibiotrophic basidiomycete Moniliophthora perniciosa. This pathogen is the main cause of the decline in cocoa production, and consequently of social, economic and environmental problems. The transcriptomic program of cacao allowed the identification of a pathogenesis-related 10 protein. The corresponding recombinant protein expressed in Escherichia coli BL21 showed a strong antifungal activity in vitro against M. perniciosa. Here, we developed a proteomic analysis of *M. perniciosa* proteins expressed in the presence of recombinant TcPR10. M. perniciosa was grown in CPD 2% agar medium; after 15 days, the fungal hyphae were broken and were brought together with 3 µg/mL of TcPR10 for 1h. After this time, the total proteins of the hyphae were extracted using the ADP method, followed by a simple cleaning using the method of SDS-dense and phenol. The quantification was made using a 2-D quantification kit. The proteins were extracted in triplicate and separated using a 12% bi-dimensional SDS-PAGE gel. The 2D map analysis showed approximately 300 "spots" per gel (control and one hour treatment) with differential protein expression pattern. The analysis using a mass spectrometry (naniESI-Q-TOF) was made for the identification of the spots. We identified several proteins involved in fungal metabolism, carbohydrates/proteins metabolism, related proteins to growth and phytotoxics proteins. More spots have been identified to better understand the mechanism of fungi response to protein PR10.

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