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Root-sourced NADPH-dependent H₂O₂ is essential to delay leaf senescence in halophytic plant-seashore paspalum during salt stress

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High salinity stress can hasten leaf senescence, leading to a decline in crop yield and quality. This process is facilitated by the excessive Na⁺ induced by salt stress, which results in chloroplast destruction and promotes plant aging hormones. Previous reports have indicated that hydrogen peroxide (H₂O₂), specifically root-sourced H₂O₂, mediates the regulation of Na⁺/K⁺ homeostasis and leaf senescence. However, the role of root-sourced H₂O₂ in halophytic plants' leaf senescence regulation remains incompletely understood. Therefore, this study aimed to investigate whether and how the root-sourced NADPH-mediated H₂O₂ were involved in delaying leaf senescence, using seashore paspalum as a model plant. Our findings

demonstrate that root-sourced NADPH-mediated H₂O₂ significantly contributes to delaying leaf senescence by regulating JA homeostasis as well as JA-induced SAGs. Additionally, our results also provide evidence of root-sourced NADPH-mediated H₂O₂'s role in regulating root Na⁺/K⁺ flux. Thus, our study underscores the importance of root-sourced H₂O₂ in retarding leaf senescence in salt-stressed *P. vaginatum* plants, providing new insights into the potential function of root-dependent H₂O₂ in leaf senescence.

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