

1 Congruent downy mildew-associated microbiomes reduce plant disease and  
2 function as transferable resistobiomes

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12 **Summary**

13 Root-associated microbiota can protect plants against severe disease outbreaks. In the model-  
14 plant *Arabidopsis thaliana*, leaf infection with the obligate downy mildew pathogen  
15 *Hyaloperonospora arabidopsidis* (*Hpa*) results in a shift in the root exudation profile, therewith  
16 promoting the growth of a selective root microbiome that induces a systemic resistance  
17 against *Hpa* in the above-ground plant parts. Here we show that, additionally, a conserved  
18 subcommunity of the recruited soil microbiota becomes part of a pathogen-associated  
19 microbiome in the phyllosphere that is vertically transmitted with the spores of the pathogen  
20 to consecutively infected host plants. This subcommunity of *Hpa*-associated microbiota (HAM)  
21 limits pathogen infection and is therefore coined a “resistobiome”. The HAM resistobiome  
22 consists of a small number of bacterial species and was first found in our routinely maintained  
23 laboratory cultures of independent *Hpa* strains. When co-inoculated with *Hpa* spores, the HAM  
24 rapidly dominates the phyllosphere of infected plants, negatively impacting *Hpa* spore  
25 formation. Remarkably, isogenic bacterial isolates of the abundantly-present HAM species  
26 were also found in strictly separated *Hpa* cultures across Europe, and even in early published  
27 genomes of this obligate biotroph. Our results highlight that pathogen-infected plants can  
28 recruit protective microbiota via their roots to the shoots where they become part of a  
29 pathogen-associated resistobiome that helps the plant to fight pathogen infection.  
30 Understanding the mechanisms by which pathogen-associated resistobiomes are formed will  
31 enable the development of microbiome-assisted crop varieties that rely less on chemical crop  
32 protection.

33 **Main**

34 Downy mildews are plant pathogenic oomycetes that cause major damage to a wide variety of plant  
35 species<sup>1</sup>. These pathogens have an obligate biotrophic lifestyle and are highly host-specific<sup>2</sup>. Plants  
36 have an intricate innate immune system, that relies on the recognition of the pathogen using cell-  
37 surface pattern recognition receptors, and R genes that encode intracellular nucleotide-binding  
38 leucine-rich repeat receptors (NLRs)<sup>3</sup>. In the model plant *Arabidopsis thaliana* (hereafter: *Arabidopsis*),  
39 resistance to its cognate downy mildew *Hyaloperonospora arabidopsidis* (*Hpa*) is based on the  
40 recognition of pathogen-produced immune-modulatory effector proteins by NLRs of the *Resistance to*  
41 *Peronospora parasitica* (*RPP*) family<sup>4,5</sup>.

42 However, disease severity does not solely depend on the efficacy of the immune system. The plant  
43 accommodates diverse microbial communities in virtually all its tissues. The highest population  
44 densities are generally observed in the rhizosphere, the part of the soil that is directly influenced by  
45 plant roots<sup>6</sup>. The aboveground plant parts, *i.e.* the phyllosphere, hosts microbial communities that are  
46 typically less abundant and diverse than those belowground<sup>7</sup>. Microbiomes in the rhizosphere and  
47 phyllosphere can protect plants from their attackers<sup>8,9</sup>. Beneficial microbes can inhibit pathogen  
48 growth through competition for nutrients and the production of antibiotics, or by increasing  
49 competence of the plant immune system, a phenomenon known as induced systemic resistance<sup>10,11</sup>.  
50 Consequently, it has been argued that the microbiome functions as an extension of the plant immune  
51 system, providing an additional layer of defense against pathogen attack<sup>12</sup>.

52 Previously it was shown that leaf infection of *Arabidopsis* by *Hpa* results in the recruitment of a  
53 synergistically acting community of protective bacteria to its roots. The reconstituted three-member  
54 consortium consisting of a *Xanthomonas*, a *Stenotrophomonas*, and a *Microbacterium* sp. reduced  
55 susceptibility to *Hpa* and promoted plant growth<sup>13</sup>. Plants sown and grown on a soil previously  
56 occupied by *Hpa*-infected plants were more resistant to *Hpa* than plants grown on soil conditioned by  
57 uninfected plants<sup>13</sup>. Infections by other leaf pathogens such as the bacterium *Pseudomonas*  
58 *syringae*<sup>14,15</sup>, the fungus *Pseudopezalotiopsis camelliae-sinensis*<sup>16</sup>, or the root-feeding insect herbivore  
59 *Delia radicum*<sup>17</sup> were later also shown to result in a beneficial microbial community in the soil that can  
60 persist and protect a subsequent population of plants. Thus, plants dynamically steer their microbiota  
61 upon pathogen attack to create a persistent protective soil microbiome, called a soil-borne legacy  
62 (SBL)<sup>18,19</sup>. This was similarly shown in agricultural fields, where the buildup of beneficial microbes  
63 resulted in disease-suppressive soils<sup>20,21</sup>.

64 On the other hand, pathogens can also modulate neighboring microbiota to their benefit. Like all  
65 microbes, pathogens have many mechanisms by which they can antagonize and outcompete their

66 microbial competitors<sup>22,23</sup>. Disease-associated microbiomes are thus likely shaped by a combination of  
67 plant- and pathogen-driven selective pressures. Moreover, it is becoming increasingly clear that  
68 disease is often not caused by a single microbial species alone. Frequently, multiple pathogen  
69 symbionts are found to facilitate the effects of the primary pathogen<sup>24</sup>. It is, thus, argued that diseases  
70 are caused by the combined action of pathogens and their microbial entourage, called  
71 pathobiomes<sup>25,26</sup>.

72 As an obligate biotrophic pathogen, *Hpa* laboratory cultures are maintained by weekly passaging of  
73 spores from diseased to healthy plants<sup>27</sup>. Different isolates of *Hpa* with distinct effector repertoires  
74 are cultured on specific Arabidopsis accessions that lack the corresponding *RPP* gene(s)<sup>5,27</sup>. Therefore,  
75 laboratory *Hpa* cultures represent systems in which distinct pathogen isolates have, since their  
76 isolation in the early 1990's<sup>28</sup>, completed many lifecycles on their host in association with a  
77 microbiome. We hypothesized that these *Hpa* cultures are rich in microbes that associate with the  
78 downy mildew pathogen and initially thought they would benefit the pathogen.

79 Here, we investigated phyllosphere microbiomes of Arabidopsis plants following the inoculation with  
80 distinct *Hpa* isolates using amplicon sequencing of *Hpa* cultures. We found remarkable similarities  
81 between the *Hpa*-associated microbiota (HAMs) of distinct *Hpa* strains and cultures. We show that  
82 phyllosphere HAM members benefit from *Hpa* infection, but that reversely HAM reduces *Hpa*  
83 sporulation when co-inoculated with *Hpa* spores on the leaves. Finally, we show that the plant-  
84 protective HAM can survive in soil as a SBL to subsequently colonize both roots and shoots of a  
85 subsequent plant population and limit *Hpa* infection. Together our data suggest that diseased plants  
86 can assemble a pathogen-associated protective microbiome, coined “resistobiome”, that can be  
87 transmitted to subsequent plant populations growing in the same soil.

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## 89 **Results**

### 90 **Distinct *Hpa* cultures are dominated by congruent disease-associated microbiomes**

91 To study whether the obligate downy mildew pathogen *Hpa* is associated with a microbiome that  
92 potentially modifies the disease outcome, we investigated phyllosphere microbiomes of Arabidopsis  
93 plants following inoculation with two distinct isolates of *Hpa*, Noco2<sup>29</sup> and Cala2<sup>28</sup>. These isolates have  
94 been routinely and separately cultured in our laboratory since 1999. Two-week-old plants of the  
95 Arabidopsis accessions C24<sup>30</sup>, Col-0, *Ler*, and Pro-0<sup>31</sup> were inoculated with Noco2 or Cala2, a mix of  
96 both isolates, or with sterile water (mock). These accessions were selected as they are susceptible to  
97 both *Hpa* isolates, to either Noco2 or Cala2, or resistant to both isolates (Fig. 1A, Supplementary Fig.

98 S1). Seven days post-inoculation (dpi), when *Hpa* had started sporulating on the susceptible accessions,  
99 we analyzed phyllosphere microbial community composition of the inoculated plants. The bacterial  
100 phyllosphere community composition was strongly affected by *Hpa* inoculation as determined by  
101 amplicon sequencing of the 16S rRNA genes (Fig. 1B). Inoculation with either Noco2 or Cala2 spore  
102 suspensions led to phyllosphere communities that were significantly different from each other ( $P < 0.05$   
103 in permutational multivariate analysis of variance (PERMANOVA); Supplementary Table S1). Mix-  
104 inoculated samples appeared as intermediate between Noco2 and Cala2 inoculated samples (Fig. 1B).  
105 Even though also plant genotype had a small but significant effect, the phyllosphere bacterial  
106 community changed following inoculation with *Hpa* regardless of plant accession's susceptibility (Fig.  
107 1B, Supplementary Table S2-S3). This shows that the *Hpa* spores were co-inoculated with a bacterial  
108 community and suggests that the co-inoculated bacteria subsequently strongly affected the  
109 composition of the phyllosphere microbiome. In contrast, when fungal community compositions of a  
110 subset of samples were analyzed by amplicon sequencing of the ribosomal internal transcribed spacer  
111 (ITS2) region, no statistically significant differences between mock- and *Hpa*-inoculated plants were  
112 observed (Supplementary Fig. S2).

113 We identified 161 bacterial 16S amplicon sequence variants (ASVs) that significantly changed in  
114 abundance ( $P < 0.05$ , Deseq2<sup>32</sup>) as a result of inoculation with at least 1 *Hpa* isolate. Among them, 17  
115 ASVs were enriched on both Noco2- as well as Cala2-inoculated plants (Fig. 1C). These 17 ASVs together  
116 occupy 45% of the bacterial phyllosphere communities on the *Hpa*-inoculated plants (Fig. 1C,E,F,  
117 Supplementary Fig. S3). Conversely, 53 ASVs were significantly depleted on all *Hpa*-inoculated plants,  
118 but constituted 47% of the bacterial communities on mock-treated plants (Fig. 1D-E, Supplementary  
119 Fig. S3). Thus, although inoculation with each of the two *Hpa* isolates leads to a distinct phyllosphere  
120 microbiome, these microbiomes are dominated by bacteria with identical ASVs (Fig. 1F).

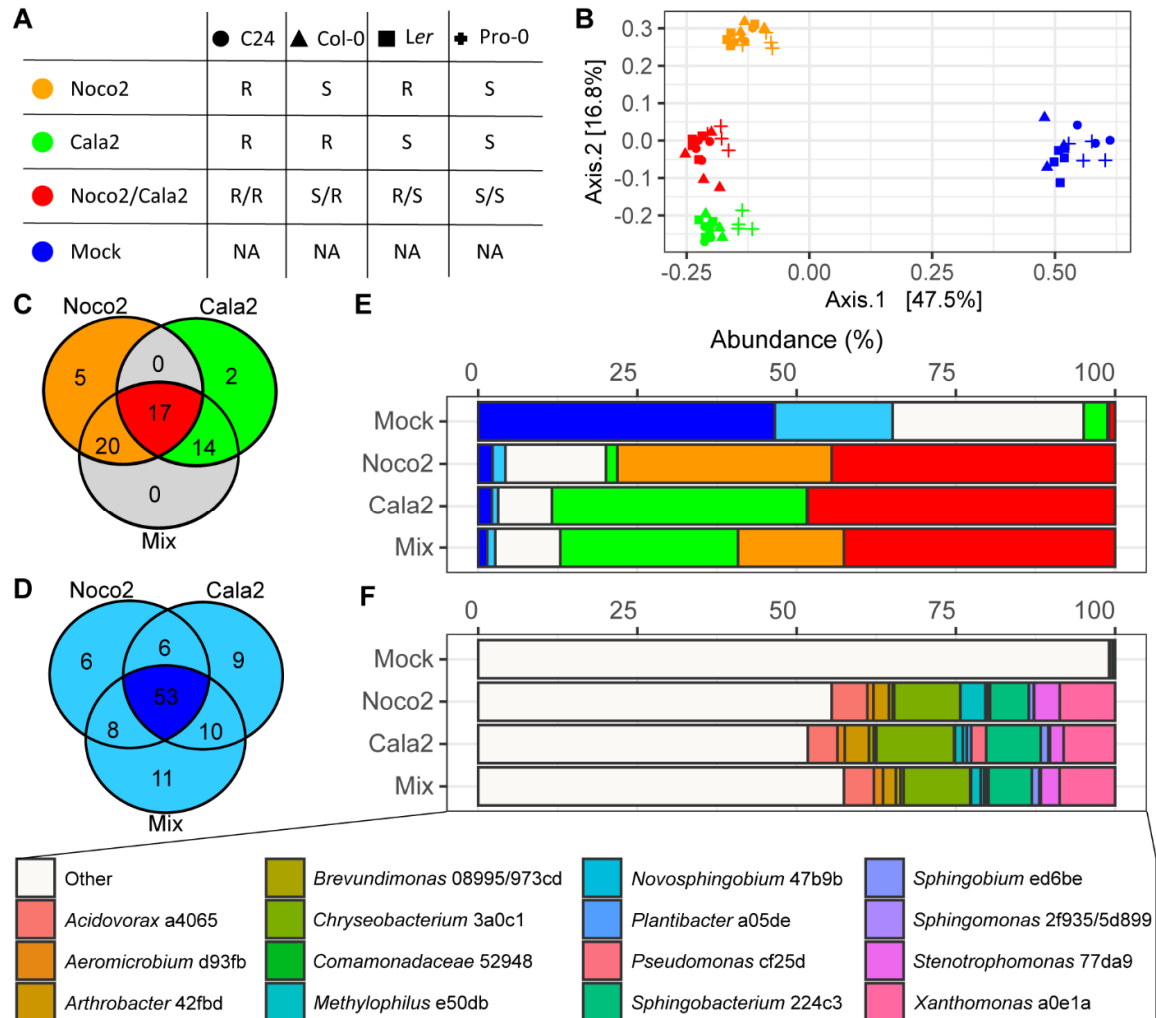


Figure 1. **Distinct *Hpa* cultures are enriched for identical ASVs that dominate the phyllosphere bacterial communities.** (A) Overview of the susceptibility of each accession to Noco2 and Cala2. S: Susceptible. R: Resistant. *Hpa* isolate color codes and *Arabidopsis thaliana* accession shapes also function as a guide to colors and shapes in (B); PCoA ordination plot based on Bray-Curtis dissimilarities of the bacterial phyllosphere communities of *Arabidopsis thaliana* accessions Col-0, C24, Ler, or Pro-0 following inoculation with sterile water (mock) or spore suspensions of *Hpa* isolate Noco2, Cala2 or a mix of both isolates. Venn diagrams of (C) significantly enriched and (D) significantly depleted ASVs in *Hpa*-inoculated plants compared to mock-inoculated plants. (E) Stacked chart with the relative abundance of the 17 ASVs that are enriched in all *Hpa*-inoculated groups (red); those that were enriched in either Noco2-inoculated (orange) or Cala2-inoculated (green) plants; the 53 ASVs that were depleted in all *Hpa*-inoculated groups (dark blue) or ASVs that were depleted in two or less *Hpa*-inoculated groups (lighter blue); and all other ASVs in the data (white) in each inoculation group. (F) Stacked chart highlighting the abundances and taxonomies of the ASVs that were significantly enriched in Noco2- and Cala2-inoculated plants. ASVs are colored by taxonomy as indicated in the legend.

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122 The Noco2 and Cala2 cultures in Utrecht have been maintained separately since their arrival in 1999.  
 123 Cross contamination has always been monitored using plant accessions that are resistant to the *Hpa*  
 124 isolate being cultured, but susceptible to other *Hpa* isolates. It is therefore remarkable to see that the  
 125 same 17 ASVs form such a large part of the bacterial microbiome of both the Noco2 and the Cala2  
 126 culture in Utrecht. To test whether the enrichment for these distinct *Hpa*-associated microbiota is a  
 127 local peculiarity or a genuine phenomenon for *Arabidopsis* downy mildews, we collected Col-0 and Ler  
 128 samples infected with Noco2, Cala2, or inoculated with water (mock) at a different location, the Max

129 Planck Institute for Plant Breeding Research (Cologne, Germany), who independently also maintained  
130 the same isolates for many years. Consistent with observations made in Utrecht, *Hpa* inoculation with  
131 either Noco2 or Cala2 significantly altered the bacterial phyllosphere community (Fig. 2A). We found  
132 57 ASVs enriched in at least two *Hpa* cultures from either or both geographic locations (hereafter:  
133 frequently *Hpa*-enriched ASVs; pink to red in Fig. 2B,C,D) including 4 ASVs enriched in all four *Hpa*  
134 cultures across both locations (hereafter: *Hpa*-core ASVs; Fig 2E; red in Fig. 2). These 57 frequently  
135 *Hpa*-enriched ASVs occupy up to 75% of the phyllosphere bacterial communities of *Hpa*-inoculated  
136 plants at both locations and are low abundant or undetected in mock-treated samples (Fig. 2C). The  
137 57 frequently *Hpa*-enriched ASVs corresponded to taxonomically-diverse taxa representing 9 bacterial  
138 classes and 38 genera (Fig. 2D). The *Hpa*-core ASV a0e1a, annotated as a *Xanthomonas* sp., was  
139 consistently highly abundant in the four *Hpa* cultures that were investigated and comprised between  
140 5 and 10% of the bacterial phyllosphere population in all inoculated samples (Fig. 2E). The other 3 *Hpa*-  
141 core ASVs were consistently enriched but less abundant than *Xanthomonas* a0e1a (Fig. 2E). As the  
142 Utrecht and Cologne *Hpa* cultures have been maintained separately for many years on different soil  
143 substrates, these results show that repeated passaging of *Hpa* and associated microbes during *Hpa*  
144 maintenance resulted in the enrichment of a similar small set of taxonomically-diverse bacterial ASVs.

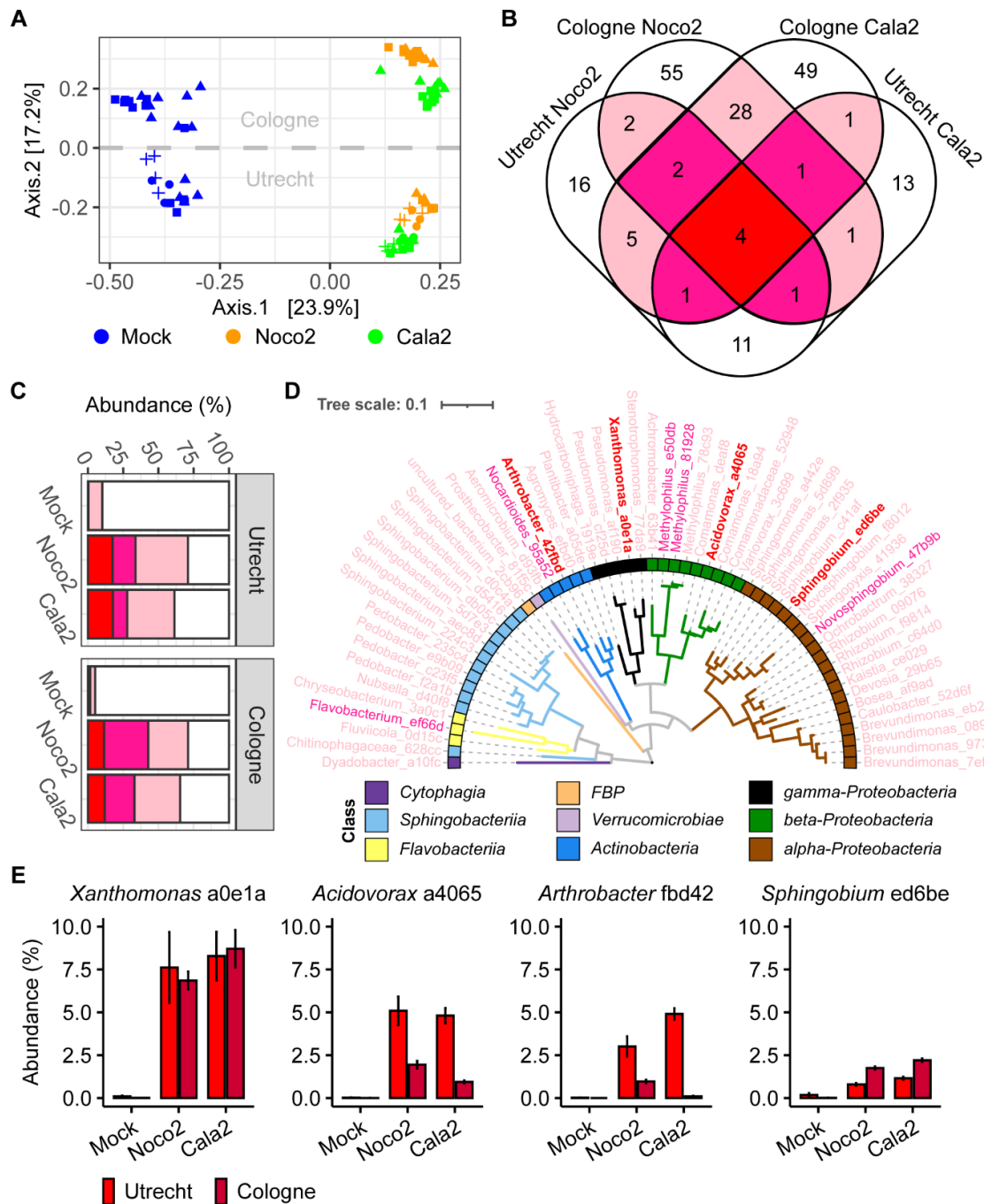


Figure 2. ***Hpa* cultures from Utrecht and Cologne are enriched for identical ASVs.** (A) PCoA ordination plot based on Bray-Curtis dissimilarities of the bacterial phylosphere communities of *Arabidopsis thaliana* accession Col-0 (triangle symbols), C24 (circle symbols), *Ler* (square symbols), or Pro-0 (plus symbols) following inoculation with sterile water (blue symbols) or a spore suspension of *Hpa* isolates Noco2 (orange symbols) or Cala2 (green symbols) that are cultured and maintained at Utrecht (lower half) and Cologne (upper half). (B) Venn diagram of frequently *Hpa*-enriched ASVs that are significantly enriched in 2 (pink), 3 (deep pink), or 4 (red) of the *Hpa* cultures. (C) Stacked chart with the cumulative relative abundance of the frequently *Hpa*-enriched ASVs that are enriched in 2 (pink), 3 (deep pink), or 4 (red) *Hpa* cultures. (D) Dendrogram based on MAFFT alignment of frequently *Hpa*-enriched ASVs that were significantly enriched in at least two out of four *Hpa* cultures. Colors of taxonomy labels indicate significant enrichment in 2 (pink), 3 (deep pink), or 4 (red) *Hpa* cultures. Colored squares indicate class-level taxonomy of ASVs in accordance with the legend. (E) Bar charts of mean abundances of the 4 ASVs that were consistently enriched in the Noco2 and Cala2 cultures at Utrecht (red) and Cologne (dark red). Error bars represent standard error.

## 146 **Distinct *Hpa* cultures contain isogenic HAM bacteria**

147 To further characterize the HAM, we generated a collection of 702 bacterial isolates from Arabidopsis  
148 leaves that were infected by Noco2 or Cala2 in either Utrecht or Cologne and characterized the  
149 individual isolates by sequencing 16S rRNA amplicons. We subsequently sequenced the whole genome  
150 of 31 isolates that represented 8 HAM ASVs, including the 4 *Hpa*-core ASVs. The 31 genomes matched  
151 *Xanthomonas* HAM ASV a0e1a, *Acidovorax*, HAM ASV a4065, *Sphingobium* HAM ASV ed6be,  
152 *Arthrobacter* HAM ASV 42fbd, *Aeromicrobium* HAM ASV d93fb, *Methylobacterium* HAM ASV 15da8,  
153 *Microbacterium* HAM ASV f0c76, and *Rhizobium* HAM ASV 2569b. Genomes of isolates that matched  
154 with the same ASV were mostly isogenic (Average Nucleotide Identity (ANI)>99,99%)<sup>33</sup>, even when the  
155 isolates were obtained from distinct and geographically-separated *Hpa* cultures (Supplementary Fig.  
156 S4). Only the 2 *Microbacterium* isolates (*Microbacterium* f0c76-1 and *Microbacterium* f0c76-2,  
157 respectively) that represented HAM ASV f0c76 were found not to be isogenic (ANI = 88,5%, Fig S4).  
158 These isolates were both used in subsequent analyses.

159 We used these 9 distinct HAM bacterial genomes to investigate the presence of HAM bacteria in 7  
160 additional independent *Hpa* cultures. To this end, we made use of 7 publicly-available *Hpa* genomes  
161 that had all been produced from spores of *Hpa*-infected plants and, thus, the underlying raw  
162 sequencing data essentially represent *Hpa* metagenomes of *Hpa* and its associated microbiome. These  
163 seven metagenomes were either obtained by Sanger sequencing of selected Bacterial Artificial  
164 Chromosome (BAC) clones derived from *Hpa* isolate Emoy2<sup>34</sup> or by Illumina sequencing of the *Hpa*  
165 isolates Emoy2, Hind2, Cala2, Emco5, Emwa1, and Maks9<sup>35</sup>. They were all originally isolated in the UK  
166 and were maintained by regular transfer of *Hpa* spores from infected plants to a new batch of  
167 uninfected plants in laboratories located in East-Maling (now Warwick University)<sup>34</sup> and Norwich  
168 (Sainsbury laboratory)<sup>35</sup>, respectively.

169 Reads from the *Hpa* metagenomes were pseudo-aligned<sup>36</sup> to a genome index containing the 9 distinct  
170 HAM bacterial genomes and all available unique genomes (<98% ANI) of the 8 corresponding genera  
171 (in total 1128 genomes; Supplementary Table S4; Supplementary Fig. S5 – S13). In this way, the  
172 majority of bacterial genomes within the index were assigned only a few reads from every *Hpa*  
173 metagenome (considered background noise). Contrastingly, we generally observed a few genomes per  
174 genus that were assigned far more reads than the background noise (Fig S5 – S13). Using this method,  
175 we detected the presence of 7 out of 9 HAM bacterial genomes in multiple of the 7 *Hpa* metagenomes  
176 (Fig. 3A, Fig S5 – S13). Only the *Arthrobacter* and *Methylobacterium* HAM genomes were not detected  
177 in any of the *Hpa* metagenomes. In each of the investigated metagenomes, at least 2 of these 7



178 bacteria were detected and all 7 HAM bacteria were detected in the metagenome of the *Hpa* Hind2  
 179 isolate.

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	Cala2	Emco5	Emoy2	Emoy2_BAC	Emwa1	Hind2	Maks9
<i>Xanthomonas</i> a0e1a	-	-	93,1	112,4	-	123,4	-
<i>Aeromicrobium</i> d93fb	-	19,6	7,0	-	19,9	21,4	3,9
<i>Sphingobium</i> ed6be	21,2	6,8	58,4	53,1	-	24,2	13,1
<i>Rhizobium</i> 2569b	147,4	9,1	103,7	24,6	125,6	145,9	-
<i>Acidovorax</i> a4065	-	48,4	-	-	32,7	56,4	-
<i>Microbacterium</i> f0c76 1	4,0	2,4	-	-	6,5	4,5	-
<i>Microbacterium</i> f0c76 2	3,7	-	-	-	11,3	2,2	-
<i>Methylobacterium</i> 15da8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Arthrobacter</i> 42fbd	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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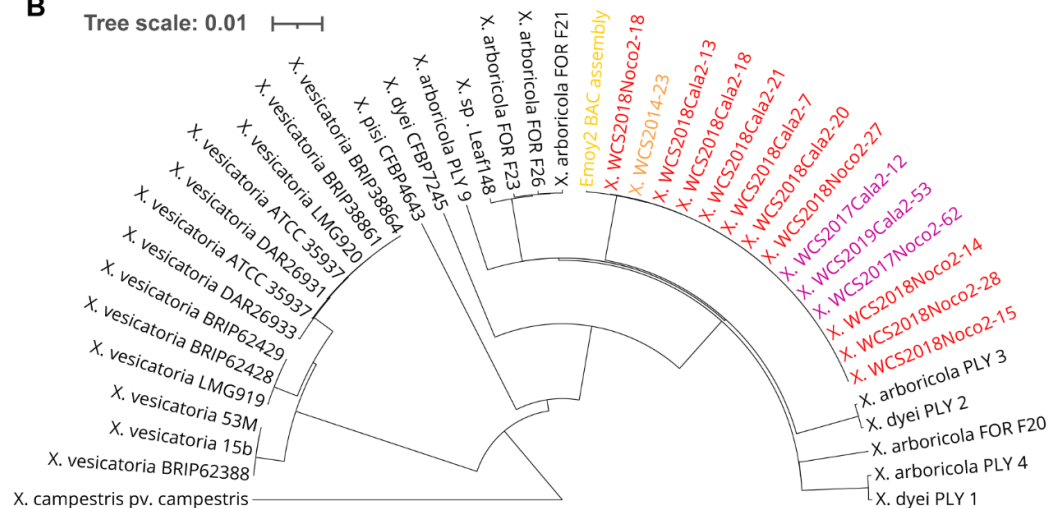


Figure 3. **Isogenic HAM bacterial genomes are present in metagenomes of geographically separated *Hpa* cultures.** (A) Heatmap indicating the presence of specific HAM bacterial genomes in publicly-available *Hpa* metagenomes. The numbers indicate signal-to-noise ratios, in which signal represents the number of reads that was assigned to a specific genome, and background noise was calculated as the total number of reads that were assigned to all genomes within a specific genus, divided by the number of genomes within that genus. Genomes with a signal-to-noise ratio below 2 were considered undetected (-). (B) Dendrogram based on UPGMA hierarchal clustering of a (1 – ANI) distance matrix for all *Xanthomonas* a0e1a isolates that were sequenced (red indicates isolates from Utrecht, purple indicates isolates from Cologne), *Xanthomonas* sp. WCS2014-23 (indicated in orange), a *Xanthomonas* sp. genome assembly using Sanger reads from an Emoy2-derived BAC-library (indicated in yellow), the 25 most related *Xanthomonas* genomes in the refseq database, and *Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *campestris* as outgroup. Tree scale represents branch length corresponding to the proportion of non-identical nucleotides between genomes.

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181 The Emoy2 metagenome that was derived from a BAC library<sup>34</sup> that was published in 2010 consisted  
 182 of longer high-quality reads than the Illumina-based metagenomes<sup>35</sup> and a large number of BAC-  
 183 derived reads were assigned to the *Xanthomonas* a0e1a genome (Supplementary Fig. S13). We were  
 184 able to partially re-assemble the *Xanthomonas* BAC clones from which these reads originated. This  
 185 resulted in the assembly of 7 contigs ranging from 9844 bp to 62269 bp, with a total length of

186 approximately 233 kb, and these contigs shared an ANI of 99,97% with the *Xanthomonas* a0e1a  
187 genomes from the Utrecht and Cologne *Hpa* isolates from this study (Fig. 3B, Supplementary Fig. S14).  
188 This confirms that the *Hpa* metagenome reads assigned to the *Xanthomonas* a0e1a genome are indeed  
189 derived from a bacterium that is isogenic to *Xanthomonas* a0e1a genomes isolated in this study.  
190 Intriguingly, the *Xanthomonas* a0e1a isolates were also isogenic to *Xanthomonas* sp. WCS2014-23 (Fig.  
191 3B), previously isolated in our lab as part of a plant-protective consortium of microbes from the roots  
192 of downy-mildew infected plants<sup>13</sup>.

193 Together these results show that, although none of the investigated HAM bacteria are obligately  
194 associated with *Hpa*, different combinations of these HAM bacteria were always present in each of the  
195 11 distinct *Hpa* cultures tested. Although the HAM comprises bacteria of diverse taxonomy, isogenic  
196 representatives of the HAM taxa are enriched in strictly separated *Hpa* cultures maintained in British,  
197 Dutch and German laboratories. These data suggest that independent cultures of distinct *Hpa* isolates  
198 have independently acquired similar consortia of isogenic HAM bacteria, and that *Hpa*-infected leaves  
199 thus selectively favor the recruitment and selection of specifically these bacteria.

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#### 201 **HAMs benefit from *Hpa* infection**

202 We then questioned whether HAM enrichment on the infected leaves is driven by the interaction with  
203 *Hpa* or simply by an intrinsic ability of HAM members to outcompete other microbes in the Arabidopsis  
204 phyllosphere. To investigate HAM development in absence of *Hpa*, we made use of the gene  
205 *RESISTANT TO PERONOSPORA PARASITICA 5 (RPP5)*, which provides resistance to Noco2 in wild-type  
206 *Ler* plants and in transgenic Col-0 *RPP5* plants<sup>29</sup>, rendering the latter resistant to both Noco2 and Cala2.  
207 Since Noco2 and Cala2 have distinct HAMs (Fig. 1), spore suspensions of these 2 cultures were mixed  
208 in equal proportions to make an *Hpa* inoculant with a uniform HAM (uHAM). This uniform inoculant  
209 was used to inoculate three lineages of plants: 1) wild-type Col-0 (resistant to Cala2, susceptible to  
210 Noco2, so microbial wash-offs from this lineage only contain Noco2 spores and microbiota from  
211 uHAM), 2) *Ler* plants (resistant to Noco2, susceptible to Cala2, so microbial wash-offs from this lineage  
212 only contain Cala2 spores and microbiota from uHAM), and 3) transgenic Col-0 *RPP5* plants (resistant  
213 to both isolates, so wash-offs do not contain *Hpa* spores, only the microbiota from uHAM). One week  
214 after inoculation, leaf wash-offs from these 3 lineages of plants were prepared and used to inoculate  
215 *Ler rpp5* plants<sup>37</sup>, which are susceptible to both Noco2 and Cala2 (Supplementary Fig. S15).  
216 Subsequently, the phyllosphere wash-offs from Lineage 1 (Noco2+uHAM), Lineage 2 (Cala2+uHAM  
217 only), and Lineage 3 (only uHAM) were passaged every week to a new population of susceptible *Ler*  
218 *rpp5* plants, such that 8 independent phyllosphere cultures were passaged per lineage. This was

219 repeated for in total 9 consecutive passages. Lineage 3 *Ler rpp5* plants did not develop *Hpa* infections,  
220 indicating that the experiment remained free from cross-contamination. Untreated *Ler rpp5* plants  
221 were included as an additional negative control (Supplementary Fig. S15). We analyzed the bacterial  
222 phyllosphere microbiomes from all 3 lineages and untreated plants at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>  
223 passage on *Ler rpp5* by 16S rDNA amplicon sequencing.

224 At each of these timepoints, phyllosphere microbiome communities of untreated controls were clearly  
225 distinct from the inoculated phyllosphere samples of Lineages 1-3 (Supplementary Fig. S16A, Fig. 4A,  
226 Supplementary Table S5;  $P < 0.05$  in PERMANOVA), suggesting the uHAM persists to a certain extent  
227 even in absence of *Hpa*. However, while uHAM microbiomes associated with either Noco2 or Cala2  
228 were similar, they differed significantly from the *Hpa*-depleted uHAM communities (Fig S16B-D, Tables  
229 S5, S6). These *Hpa* effects were detectable after the first *Ler rpp5* passage but were more evident after  
230 passages 5 and 9 (Supplementary Table S6, Supplementary Fig. S16B-D). This shows that *Hpa* infection  
231 significantly affects phyllosphere microbiome composition.

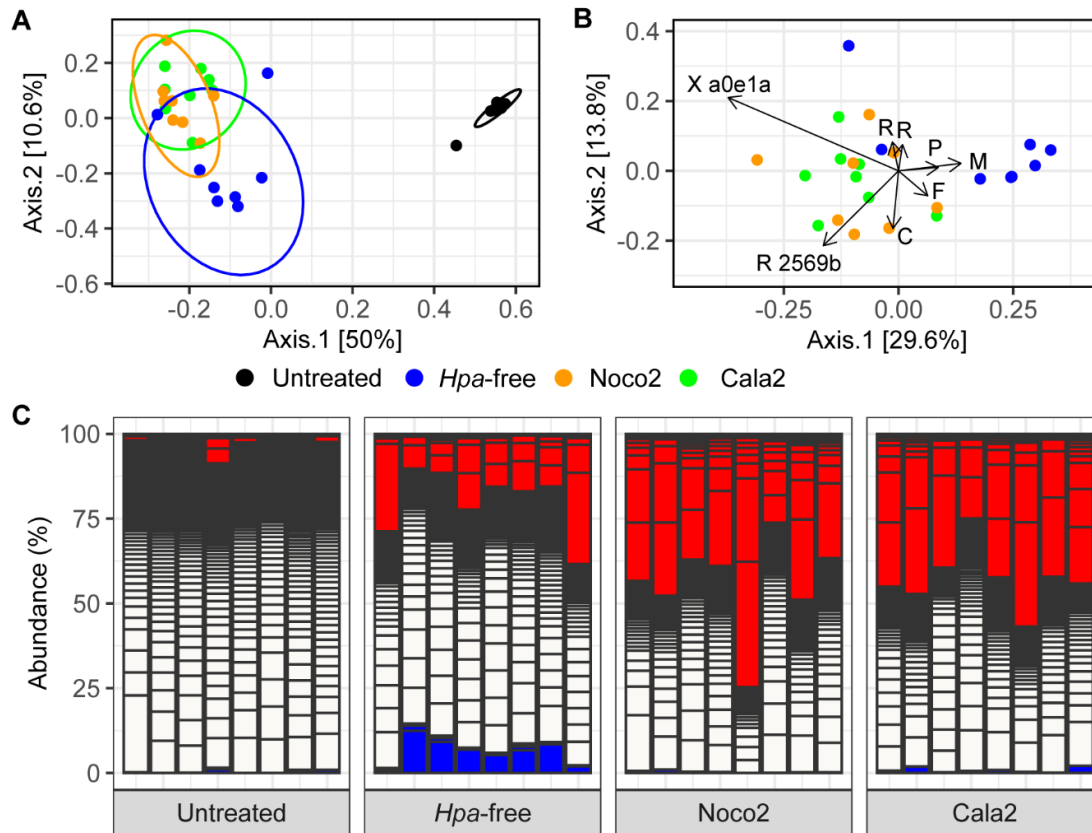


Figure 4. **HAM ASV abundances diminish in absence of *Hpa*.** (A) PCoA ordination plot based on Bray-Curtis dissimilarities of phyllosphere bacterial communities following 9 HAM passages over *Arabidopsis thaliana* Ler/*rpp5* plants in presence of *Hpa* isolate Noco2 (orange symbols) or Cala2 (green symbols), or in absence of *Hpa* (blue symbols). Black symbols show phyllosphere microbiomes of plants that were left untreated. Ellipses represent multivariate t-distributions with a 95% confidence level. (B) PCoA ordination biplot similar to (A), without untreated samples. Arrows indicate the relative contribution of individual ASVs to the first two principal coordinate axes. Displayed are the top five contributors for each axis (8 ASVs as 2 ASVs were top contributors to both axes). X a0e1a: *Xanthomonas* ASV a0e1a; R 2569b, *Rhizobium* ASV 2569; P, *Pseudomonas*; M, *Methylophilus*; F, *Flavobacterium*; C, *Chryseobacterium*. (C) Stacked bar chart with the relative abundances of the ASVs that are significantly enriched (red), depleted (blue), or unaffected (white) in Noco2- (Lineage 1) and Cala2-infected (Lineage 2) samples compared to *Hpa*-free cultures (Lineage 3). Each bar represents the ninth passage of an independent lineage of passages or an untreated sample (Lineage 4) grown at the same time.

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233 Next, we focused specifically on passage 9 to further study the effect of the removal of *Hpa* from its  
 234 associated microbial community (Fig. 4A). Interestingly, a PCoA biplot (Fig. 4B) shows that the  
 235 previously-observed *Xanthomonas* ASV a0e1a is the strongest contributor to the separation of the  
 236 Noco2- and Cala2-infected plants from the *Hpa*-free cultures, highlighting that this bacterium is most-  
 237 strongly associated with downy mildew infection. Differential abundance testing revealed 18 ASVs that  
 238 were enriched in the phyllosphere of infected plants compared to *Hpa*-free inoculated plants  
 239 (Supplementary Table S7). Whereas the 18 enriched ASVs occupy on average 44% of the total  
 240 phyllosphere communities of *Hpa*-infected plants, they represent approximately 20% of the  
 241 communities in *Hpa*-free cultures, while they are largely absent in untreated control plants (Fig. 4C).  
 242 Strikingly, the *Hpa*-infected-plant phyllospheres of passage 9 were dominated by *Xanthomonas* ASV

243 a0e1a (Supplementary Fig. S17), whereas it diminished in the *Hpa*-free phyllospheres. Thus, the  
244 presence of *Hpa* benefits specific HAM bacteria in the phyllosphere, among which most prominently  
245 *Xanthomonas* ASV a0e1a.

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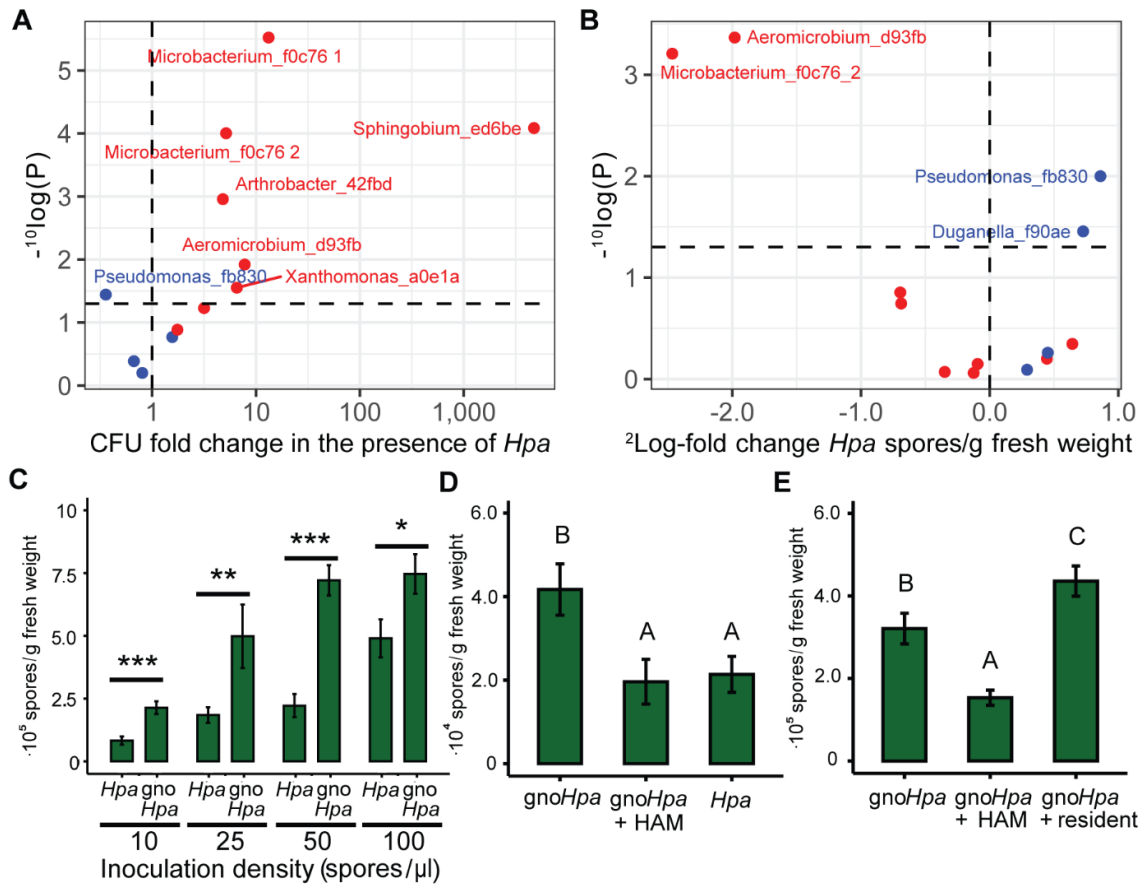
#### 247 **HAM bacteria are promoted by *Hpa* and form a resistobiome that reduces *Hpa* sporulation.**

248 We then wondered whether the abundance of individual HAM species on leaves would indeed increase  
249 as a result of infection with *Hpa*. To test this, we generated a gnotobiotic culture of *Hpa* isolate Noco2  
250 (henceforth referred to as *gnoHpa*) by carefully touching healthy Arabidopsis seedlings, grown  
251 axenically on agar-solidified medium, with sporangiophores of *Hpa* extending from a detached and  
252 infected Arabidopsis leaf. After several weeks of subsequent careful passaging of *Hpa* in this  
253 gnotobiotic system, leaf wash-offs from this *in vitro* Arabidopsis-*Hpa* culture were plated on different  
254 cultivation media. No microbial growth was observed, indicating that the *gnoHpa* culture was cleared  
255 from its HAM.

256 Next, *gnoHpa* spores were co-inoculated with the individual HAM isolates (Fig. 3; Supplementary Table  
257 S8) or with 4 individual isolates that represent ASVs that were not enriched on *Hpa*-infected plants  
258 (hereafter: phyllosphere-resident isolates; Supplementary Table S8). These phyllosphere-resident  
259 isolates were obtained from Arabidopsis leaves simultaneously with the *Hpa*-associated isolates. We  
260 found that most of the HAM isolates reached significantly higher abundances when individually co-  
261 inoculated with *gnoHpa* (Fig. 5A). Particularly the core HAM isolate represented by *Sphingobium* ASV  
262 ed6be benefitted greatly from *gnoHpa* presence as its abundance increased significantly to more than  
263 1000-fold in presence of *gnoHpa*. The phyllosphere resident isolates, however, were unaffected or  
264 even declined in abundance in the presence of *gnoHpa*. These results highlight that the HAM is  
265 specifically promoted in the phyllosphere by downy mildew infection.

266 In similar experiments we quantified *gnoHpa* spore production and observed that HAM-isolates  
267 *Aeromicrobium* d93fb and *Microbacterium* f0c76\_2 significantly reduced *gnoHpa* spore production,  
268 whereas phyllosphere-resident isolates *Pseudomonas* fb830 and *Duganella* f90ae significantly  
269 promoted the production of *gnoHpa* spores (Fig. 5B). These results suggest that some HAM bacteria  
270 can aid the plant in reducing downy mildew disease. To further explore this, we quantified *Hpa*  
271 sporulation after inoculating Arabidopsis seedlings with *Hpa* or *gnoHpa* at multiple starting inoculum  
272 densities (Fig. 5C), with *gnoHpa* that was supplemented with either bacterial leaf wash-offs from *Hpa*-  
273 infected plants from which *Hpa* spores were removed through filtration (*gnoHpa* + HAM; Fig. 5D), or  
274 with similarly treated leaf wash-offs from healthy plants (*gnoHpa* +resident; Fig. 5E). Seven days after

275 inoculation, HAM-free *gnoHpa* produced more spores compared to regular HAM-containing *Hpa* (Fig.  
276 5C, D). Interestingly, supplementation of *gnoHpa* with HAM wash-offs reduced spore production to  
277 the same level as regular HAM-containing *Hpa* (Fig. 5D). When we compared the effect of HAM with  
278 that of phyllosphere resident microbiota from healthy plants on *gnoHpa* performance (Fig. 5E), we  
279 again observed a negative effect of HAM on *gnoHpa* spore production, while the phyllosphere resident  
280 microbiota yielded even higher sporulation than HAM-free *gnoHpa* on its own (Fig. 5E). Thus, HAM  
281 members reduce *Hpa* sporulation and thereby promote host health. We propose to call such a disease  
282 suppressive, pathogen-associated microbiome a ‘resistobiome’.



**Figure 5. HAM bacteria benefit from the presence of *Hpa* in a gnotobiotic system and can reduce disease.** Fold change in (A) bacterial abundance of HAM isolates 7 days after inoculation of each isolate separately on axenic plants with or without *gnoHpa* spores. (B) Fold change in *Hpa* spore production in the presence or absence of single bacterial isolates. Scatterplots show relation between fold change of *Hpa* spore production on gnotobiotic *Arabidopsis* plants growing on agar-solidified MS and log-transformed *P*-values (Wilcoxon tests). Red dots denote HAM bacterial isolates that represent *Xanthomonas* HAM ASV a0e1a, *Acidovorax* HAM ASV a4065, *Sphingobium* HAM ASV ed6be, *Arthrobacter* HAM ASV 42fbd, *Aeromicrobium* HAM ASV d93fb, *Methylobacterium* HAM ASV 15da8 and 2 isolates representing *Microbacterium* HAM ASV f0c76. Blue dots represent phyllosphere-resident isolates (Table S8). The vertical dashed lines separate negative (left) and positive (right) effects on (A) bacterial abundance and (B) *Hpa* spore production. The horizontal line indicates the significance threshold ( $P = 0.05$ ) above which significant differences are displayed. Isolate names are only included in the plots if they are above this significance threshold. (C) Bar graph of *Hpa* and *gnoHpa* spore production 1-week post-inoculation with different inoculum spore densities.  $N = 10$ ; error bars indicate standard error; \*,  $P < 0.05$ ; \*\*,  $P < 0.01$ ; \*\*\*,  $P < 0.001$  in Student's *t*-test. (D) Bar graph of *Hpa* spore production following inoculation of 14-day-old *Arabidopsis* plants with *gnoHpa* spores, *gnoHpa* amended with HAM filtrate, or regular *Hpa* spores suspensions. (E) Bar graph of *Hpa* spore production following inoculation of 14-day-old *Arabidopsis* plants with *gnoHpa* spores, *gnoHpa* amended with HAM filtrate, or *gnoHpa* amended with the microbiome filtrate of healthy plants (resident). Bars in D and E show the mean of >11 replicate pots. Error bars depict the standard error of the mean. Capital letters show significant difference (ANOVA with Tukey's posthoc test).

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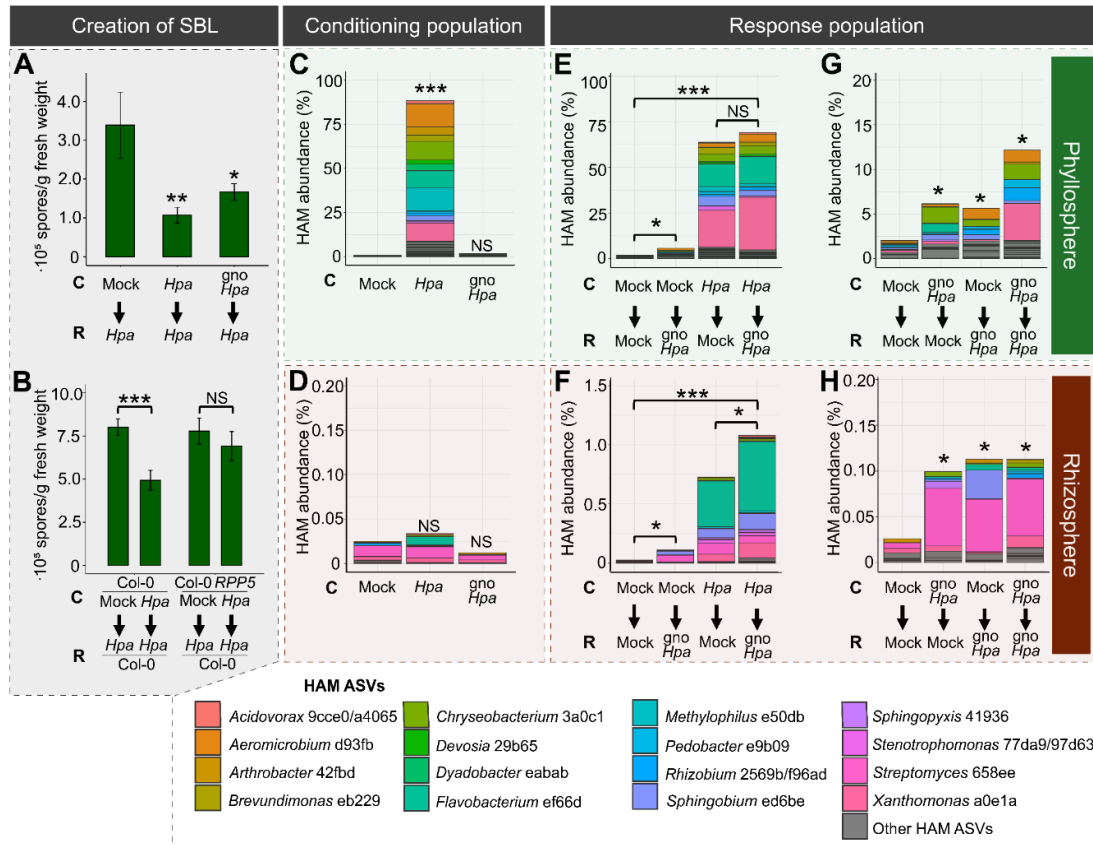
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286 **Phyllosphere HAM resistobiome is recruited from the rhizosphere**

287 Previously, we demonstrated that conditioning of soil by *Hpa*-infected *Arabidopsis* makes the next  
288 planting growing on that soil more resistant to *Hpa*<sup>13</sup>. This phenomenon is called a soil-borne legacy  
289 (SBL)<sup>18</sup> and is associated with a shift in the rhizosphere microbiome that mediates an induced systemic  
290 resistance against *Hpa* in a next population of plants<sup>13,38</sup>. Interestingly, a number of the ASVs that  
291 became enriched in the rhizosphere upon foliar *Hpa* infection<sup>13</sup> are also found in the phyllosphere HAM  
292 resistobiome in the present study. Therefore, we hypothesized that colonization of HAM bacteria is  
293 first promoted in the rhizosphere upon foliar infection with *Hpa*, resulting in the creation of a SBL.  
294 When a next population of plants subsequently germinates in SBL soil, their phyllospheres acquire the  
295 HAM bacteria, which upon foliar *Hpa* infection are further stimulated and become members of the  
296 HAM resistobiome in the phyllosphere. To test this hypothesis, we first set up a SBL experiment in  
297 which we conditioned soil with *Arabidopsis* Col-0 plants inoculated with mock, regular HAM-containing  
298 *Hpa* Noco2, or HAM-free *gnoHpa* Noco2, after which we quantified susceptibility of the successive  
299 (response) population of Col-0 plants on that soil to Noco2 (Supplementary Fig. S18). Interestingly,  
300 both conditioning of the soil with *Hpa*- and *gnoHpa*-infected plants reduced *Hpa* sporulation in a next  
301 population of *Hpa*-inoculated Col-0 plants (Fig 6A, Supplementary Fig. S19). This suggests that *Hpa*  
302 infection by itself, even without its associated HAM, is sufficient for the creation of a SBL. To verify this  
303 further we tested whether conditioning of the soil with *Hpa*-inoculated Col-0 *RPP5* plants, which are  
304 resistant to *Hpa* Noco2, would lead to the creation of a SBL. This was not the case (Fig. 6B), confirming  
305 that *Hpa* infection is required for the establishment of a SBL, and that only the introduction of HAM  
306 bacteria to the conditioning population of plants does not create a SBL.

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**Figure 6. HAM ASVs are selectively promoted in response to *Hpa* infection and associated with SBL.** (A) *Hpa* spore production on response (R) populations of Arabidopsis Col-0 plants growing on soil conditioned (C) by populations of Col-0 plants inoculated with either mock-, *Hpa*-, or *gnoHpa*-spore suspensions. Asterisks indicate significant differences compared to mock-conditioned plants in a Dunnett's test. Asterisks indicate significance level in Student's *t*-test compared to mock conditioned plants per plant genotype. (B) *Hpa* spore production of Arabidopsis Col-0 plants growing in soil conditioned by populations of Col-0 or transgenic Col-0 *RPP5* plants that had been mock inoculated or inoculated with a *Hpa*-spore suspensions. Spore production was quantified 7 days post inoculation and normalized to shoot fresh weight. Asterisks indicate significance level in Student's *t*-test compared to mock conditioned plants per plant genotype. (C-H) Cumulative relative abundance of 52 HAM ASVs in the phyllosphere (C,E,G) or rhizosphere (D,E,F) of a conditioning (C,D) or response population of Arabidopsis Col-0 plants. Colors indicate the taxonomy of 19 distinct HAM ASVs that together comprise the top-15 most-abundant HAM ASVs in the phyllosphere and rhizosphere. Colors correspond to single HAM ASVs, except for the genera *Acidovorax*, *Rhizobium* and *Stenotrophomonas* which are represented by 2 HAM ASVs. Asterisks indicate significance level in *fdr*-corrected Student's *t*-test compared to mock-treated (C), or mock-treated mock-conditioned (E-H) plant populations. All bars and error bars indicate the average and standard error, respectively, of  $\geq 10$  replicate pots. \*:  $P < 0.05$ ; \*\*:  $P < 0.01$ ; \*\*\*:  $P < 0.001$ . NS: Not significant.

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310 Next, we tested whether the HAM bacteria were promoted by *Hpa*-infected plants were subsequently  
311 picked up by a succeeding population of plants growing in the conditioned soil. To this end, we  
312 monitored the buildup of HAM bacteria in the rhizospheres and the phyllospheres of conditioning  
313 phase and response-phase Col-0 plants in the SBL experimental setup (Supplementary Fig. S18). As  
314 expected, one week after inoculation of the conditioning population of Col-0 plants with HAM-  
315 containing *Hpa*, we observed a significant shift in the phyllosphere bacterial community  
316 (Supplementary Fig. S20A; PERMANOVA:  $R^2 = 0.58$ ,  $P < 0.001$ ), while upon inoculation with HAM-free  
317 *gnoHpa* we did not (Supplementary Fig. S20A; PERMANOVA:  $R^2 = 0.05$ ,  $P = 0.45$ ). Using Deseq2<sup>32</sup>, we  
318 identified 52 ASVs that were uniquely enriched ( $P < 0.05$ , Supplementary Table S9) and together  
319 comprised 90% of the total bacterial community in the phyllosphere of *Hpa*-inoculated plants (Fig. 6C).  
320 The enriched ASVs were largely consistent with our earlier observations (Figs. 1, 2 and 4). In the  
321 remainder of this experiment these 52 ASVs are collectively referred to as HAM ASVs. The HAM ASVs  
322 were lowly abundant or below the detection limit in the phyllosphere of mock- or *gnoHpa*-inoculated  
323 plants (Fig. 6C) and in the rhizospheres of all conditioning-phase plants (Fig. 6D), confirming that in the  
324 conditioning phase they established in the phyllosphere as a result of co-inoculation with HAM-  
325 containing *Hpa*.

326 Next, we monitored the buildup of the HAM bacterial phyllosphere and rhizosphere communities of  
327 SBL response-phase Col-0 plants, one week after inoculation of this second population of plants with  
328 HAM-free *gnoHpa* or a mock-solution (Supplementary Fig. S18). Although no HAM bacteria were  
329 introduced during the inoculation of response-phase plants with *gnoHpa*, we found that the  
330 cumulative abundance of the 52 predefined HAM ASVs was significantly higher in the phyllospheres  
331 (Fig. 6E) and rhizospheres (Fig. 6F) of plants growing on *Hpa*-conditioned soils than on mock-  
332 conditioned soils. In the phyllosphere, *Xanthomonas* ASV a0e1a was among the most-dominant HAM  
333 ASVs that were transferred via the *Hpa*-conditioned soil to the response population of Col-0 plants  
334 (Fig. 6E), whereas in the rhizosphere *Flavobacterium* ASV ef66d most-dominantly increased in  
335 abundance (Fig. 6F). These results indicate that phyllosphere HAM bacteria are soil-borne and that  
336 they can readily colonize the phyllosphere from *Hpa*-conditioned soil.

337 Remarkably, we observed that in the response population of *gnoHpa*-inoculated Col-0 plants growing  
338 on mock-conditioned soil, the cumulative relative abundance of HAM ASVs was significantly higher in  
339 both the rhizosphere and phyllosphere in comparison to mock-inoculated response-phase plants (Fig.  
340 6E-F). Because in these *gnoHpa* treatments HAM bacteria were never introduced with the inoculum,  
341 we concluded that *gnoHpa*-inoculated plants indeed specifically recruited and promoted the  
342 abundance of HAM bacteria in both the rhizosphere and phyllosphere. To further examine this, we  
343 focused on all treatments in this experiment to which the HAM was never co-inoculated. The

344 cumulative relative abundance of HAM ASVs was significantly higher in both the rhizospheres (Fig. 6G)  
345 and the phyllospheres (Fig. 6H) of response-phase plants that either grew on *gnoHpa*-conditioned soil  
346 or were themselves inoculated with *gnoHpa*. These results further support the notion that downy  
347 mildew-infected plants selectively recruit HAM bacteria from the rhizosphere to the phyllosphere,  
348 where they are subsequently further promoted by downy mildew infections.

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### 350 ***Aeromicrobium* ASV d93fb and *Xanthomonas* ASV a0e1a are important contributors to the** 351 **resistobiome**

352 To investigate which of the individual HAM ASVs were promoted by *gnoHpa* infection, we compared  
353 the abundance of ASVs between *gnoHpa*-inoculated plants on *gnoHpa*-conditioned soil to mock-  
354 inoculated plants on mock-conditioned soil. Remarkably, 10 HAM ASV were among the top 30 most  
355 strongly enriched ASVs in the phyllosphere of *gnoHpa*-infected plants (Supplementary Fig. S21). This  
356 again confirms the specific recruitment of these HAM ASVs by these diseased plants. Remarkably, the  
357 4<sup>th</sup> most-strongly responding ASV is *Xanthomonas* HAM ASV a0e1a, which increased 17-fold in  
358 phyllosphere abundance and 2.7 fold in the rhizosphere of *gnoHpa*-infected plants. Previously, we  
359 showed that *Xanthomonas* sp. WCS2014-13, representative of HAM ASV a0e1a, can contribute to  
360 suppression of *Hpa*<sup>13</sup>. Although the enrichment of the predefined HAM ASVs was evident, the increase  
361 of most HAM ASVs was not statistically significant as a result of their irregular occurrence and  
362 consequential low statistical power. In the rhizosphere, ANCOM-BC<sup>39</sup> identified only 2 ASVs that were  
363 significantly enriched ( $P < 0.05$ , *fdr*-corrected) following infection, but both were lowly abundant and  
364 not predefined as HAM ASVs. Similarly in the phyllosphere, the enrichment following infection of only  
365 1 of 452 phyllosphere ASVs was deemed statistically significant by ANCOM-BC. However, this singled  
366 significantly responding ASV was *Aeromicrobium* HAM ASV d93fb (Supplementary Fig. S22).  
367 Extraordinarily, the isolate representing specifically this HAM ASV consistently reduced spore  
368 production when co-inoculated with *gnoHpa* on axenic *Arabidopsis* plants (Fig. 5B). The observed  
369 phyllosphere enrichment of *Aeromicrobium* ASV d93fb resulting from *gnoHpa* infection, and also that  
370 of *Xanthomonas* ASV a0e1a, could thus be sufficient to explain the increased resistance associated  
371 with SBL. Together these results again highlight that HAM ASVs are specifically promoted as a result of  
372 *gnoHpa* infection and suggest that the increased resistance of SBL results from the increased  
373 abundance of HAM bacteria and their combined actions as a resistobiome.

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## 376 Discussion

377 In recent years, evidence has been mounting that upon perceiving environmental stress, plants actively  
378 shape their microbiome to recruit microbes that help alleviate such harmful conditions<sup>18</sup>, as has been  
379 reported for plants responding to nutrient deficiency<sup>40,41</sup>, drought<sup>42-44</sup> or salinity<sup>45</sup>, but also to stress  
380 caused by microbial pathogens<sup>13,14,20,46,47</sup>. The disease-induced recruitment and buildup of beneficial  
381 microbes is thought to result in the creation of disease-suppressive soils<sup>18-21,48,49</sup>.

382 In this study, we investigated whether infection by a foliar pathogen similarly leads to changes in the  
383 phyllosphere microbial community, either to the benefit of the pathogen or the plant. We found that  
384 laboratory cultures of distinct isolates of the obligate downy mildew pathogen *Hpa*, strictly separately  
385 maintained in laboratories in Germany, the Netherlands, and the U.K., are dominated by a similar set  
386 of isogenic *Hpa*-associated bacteria. Most prevalent among these phyllosphere HAM bacteria is a  
387 *Xanthomonas* sp. that was found in 7 out of 11 *Hpa* cultures, but isogenic representatives of at least 6  
388 out of 9 HAM isolates were frequently represented in the *Hpa* cultures that we investigated. Our  
389 results show that a HAM community is selectively promoted in the phyllosphere of *Hpa*-infected  
390 plants, and that this can be reconstructed on axenic *Arabidopsis* plants on which HAM-free *gnoHpa*  
391 and individual HAM isolates are co-inoculated. Interestingly, inoculation of *Arabidopsis* plants growing  
392 on natural soil with HAM-free *gnoHpa* resulted in increased relative abundances of HAM ASVs in both  
393 the rhizosphere and phyllosphere of infected plants. We provide evidence that HAM bacteria are  
394 recruited from the soil surrounding downy mildew-infected plants to the phyllosphere of a next  
395 population of plants growing in the conditioned soil, where they are subsequently further promoted  
396 by *Hpa* infection. The fact that similar bacterial taxa are member of HAM communities in physically  
397 and geographically separated *Hpa* cultures suggests that these specific HAM members are  
398 independently selected from different soils by *Arabidopsis* in response to *Hpa* infection. In free analogy  
399 of the Baas-Becking hypothesis "*Everything is everywhere, but the environment selects*"<sup>50</sup>, it thus  
400 appears that HAM bacteria are everywhere, but the infected plant selects.

401 While HAM bacterial growth is promoted on *Hpa*-infected leaves, vice versa *Hpa* spore production is  
402 reduced by the HAM or specific individual HAM isolates. Because the HAM limits *Hpa* infection, we  
403 coin the term "resistobiome" for this pathogen-associated microbiome. Moreover, foliar *Hpa* infection  
404 can stimulate a SBL in the soil that results in increased resistance to *Hpa* of a subsequent population  
405 of plants growing on the same soil. This increased resistance also coincides with an increased  
406 cumulative abundance of HAM ASVs in the rhizosphere and phyllosphere of these plants. As  
407 application of HAM isolates to leaves (this study) or to roots<sup>13</sup> is sufficient to reduce *Hpa* spore  
408 production, it is likely the HAM is responsible for the increased protection that results from SBL. The

409 mechanism by which this HAM either directly or indirectly protects against *Hpa* should be further  
410 investigated. However, we previously found that mutant plants impaired in defense signaling that  
411 involves the plant hormone salicylic acid, are not protected by a *Hpa*-induced SBL, suggesting the SBL  
412 and associated HAMs work at least partly through activation of salicylic acid-dependent immunity<sup>38</sup>.

413 In sum, our data show that subsequent populations of Arabidopsis plants that are infected by  
414 Arabidopsis' cognate downy mildew pathogen develop disease-associated microbiomes in both the  
415 phyllosphere and the rhizosphere. This resistobiome hinders pathogen development and is thus the  
416 opposite of a pathobiome<sup>25,26</sup>, which promotes pathogen infection. Our results suggest that it is not  
417 the mere presence of the pathogen that leads to resistobiome assembly. The creation of a SBL requires  
418 successful infection with the pathogen, as resistant plants that prevent *Hpa*-infection did not lead to a  
419 SBL. Moreover, we previously reported that foliar *Hpa* infection changes the root exudation profile,  
420 and that mutant plants impaired in the biosynthesis of root-secreted coumarins are not able to create  
421 a SBL even though they are just as susceptible as the wild type<sup>38</sup>. This indicates that it is the plant that  
422 actively assembles its resistobiome in response to attack. Future research should further elucidate the  
423 plant genetic mechanisms by which plants in this way 'cry for help'. Fundamental understanding of  
424 such mechanisms would allow the breeding of crop varieties that enhance the build-up and protective  
425 function of resistobiomes. Ultimately this could contribute to sustainable agriculture that relies less on  
426 chemical inputs for crop resilience.

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## 583 **Online Methods**

### 584 **Plant materials and growth conditions**

585 In this study, we used the Arabidopsis accessions Col-0, *Ler*, C24<sup>30</sup> and Pro-0<sup>31</sup>, transgenic Col-0 *RPP5*  
586 plants<sup>29</sup> and the mutants *Ler rpp5*<sup>37</sup> and *eds1*<sup>4,51</sup>, respectively. For the experiments performed at UU  
587 that correspond to results shown in Fig. 1, 2, 4, 60-mL pots were filled with approximately 90 g of a  
588 mix of river sand and potting soil (5:12) supplemented with 10 mL half-strength Hoagland solution<sup>52</sup>  
589 and further saturated with water. Twenty-one seeds were sown on top of the soil using toothpicks (Fig.  
590 1, 2, 3) or denser fields of seedlings were sown through gentle dispersion from seed bags (9-passages  
591 experiment, Fig. 4). Pots with seeds were subsequently submitted to stratification for three days in  
592 the dark at 4 °C. Seeds were then allowed to germinate and develop in a climate-controlled chamber  
593 (21 °C, 70% relative humidity, 12 h light/12 h dark, light intensity 100  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ ). For the  
594 experiments at MPIPZ, Cologne, seeds were stratified for three days in the dark at 4 °C and sown on  
595 water-saturated Jiffy pellets (J-7) and allowed to develop at slightly shorter day cycles (10 h light/14 h  
596 dark). For experiments in which multiple genotypes of Arabidopsis were used simultaneously, seeds  
597 were surface sterilized before sowing by vapor-phase sterilization as described previously<sup>53</sup>.

598 For bioassays with both *Hpa* and *gnoHpa* and for SBL experiments (Fig. 5,6), a natural soil from the  
599 Reijerscamp nature reserve (52°01'02.55", 5°77'99.83") in the Netherlands<sup>13</sup> was used. The soil was air  
600 dried and sieved twice (1x1 cm<sup>2</sup>) to remove rocks and plant debris. One day prior to sowing, the soil  
601 was watered in a 1:10 v/w ratio. Pots with a volume of 60 mL were filled with 120 g of soil (+/- 2.5 g),  
602 placed in 60-mm Petri dishes and the soil surface was covered by a circular cut-out of plastic micro  
603 pipette tip holders (Greiner Bio-One, 0.5-10  $\mu\text{L}$ , Item No: 771280) to prevent growth of algae and to  
604 ensure that seeds are equally distributed during sowing<sup>54</sup>. Pots were stored at 4°C overnight before  
605 sowing. Arabidopsis accession Col-0 seeds were suspended in 0.2% (w/v) agar solution and stratified  
606 in dark conditions at 4°C for 48-72 hours. Seeds were sown by pipetting two or three seeds per hole of  
607 the plastic cover, resulting in approximately 30 seeds per pot. After sowing, pots were stored in trays  
608 with transparent lids and put in a growth chamber (21°C, 70% relative humidity, 10h light/14h dark,  
609 light intensity 100  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ ). Pots were watered two times a week with 3 mL water. After one week,  
610 closed lids were replaced with mesh lids to reduce humidity and plants were once watered with 5 mL  
611 of ½-strength Hoagland nutrient solution.

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### 613 **Preparation of *Hpa* spore suspensions and inoculation of plants.**

614 *Hpa* spore suspensions were prepared by harvesting shoot material 7-14 days after inoculation with  
615 spore suspensions of *Hpa* isolate Noco2<sup>29</sup> or Cala2<sup>28</sup> and by vigorously shaking the material in 20 mL of  
616 autoclaved tap water. Spores were counted in 3 separate 1- $\mu$ L droplets using a transmitted light  
617 microscope (Carl Zeiss Microscopy, Standard 25 ICS, Item No. 450815.9902) and subsequently the  
618 spore suspensions were diluted to obtain appropriate spore densities as specified below.

619 For the experiment performed in Utrecht that corresponds to data shown in figures 1 & 2, 10-day-old  
620 Arabidopsis seedlings were spray-inoculated with spore suspensions in autoclaved tap water  
621 containing *Hpa* isolate Noco2 or Cala2 (50 spores/ $\mu$ L), a mix of both spore suspensions (50 spores/ $\mu$ L  
622 of each isolate), or mock-treated with autoclaved tap water. In Cologne (experiment corresponding to  
623 Fig. 2), 16-day-old Arabidopsis seedlings were spray-inoculated with Noco2 or Cala2 spores in MilliQ  
624 water or mock-inoculated with MilliQ. In bioassays and SBL experiments (Fig. 5,6), 14-day-old seedlings  
625 were spray-inoculated with *Hpa* or *gnoHpa* spore suspensions in tap water (Fig. 5C: 10, 25, 50, 100  
626 spores/ $\mu$ L, Fig. 5D,E: 25 spores/ $\mu$ L, Fig. 6A: 50 spores/ $\mu$ L, Fig. 6B: 85 spores/ $\mu$ L, respectively). Pots with  
627 inoculated plants were airdried and randomly placed in trays in a climate chamber (16 °C Fig. 1-4, 21°C  
628 Fig. 5,6, 10 h light/14 h dark, light intensity 100  $\mu$ mol m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>) and were covered with moisturized  
629 transparent lids to increase humidity.

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### 631 **Arabidopsis sample collection and disease quantification**

632 Seven days after inoculation with *Hpa* spore suspensions, infected Arabidopsis shoot material was  
633 collected in 2-mL Eppendorf tubes (Utrecht, Fig. 1,2, Fig. 4, 6) or 15-mL conical tubes (Cologne, Fig. 2)  
634 containing 3 glass beads, carefully avoiding the sampling of roots or soil.

635 For DNA isolation, the material was immediately snap-frozen in liquid nitrogen and stored at -80 °C  
636 until further processing. Rhizosphere samples were taken by gently sieving the pots under running tap  
637 water until the loosely adhering soil was washed away and only roots with attached soil were left. For  
638 bulk soil samples, the upper soil layer (+/- 2 cm) was removed and the exposed soil was sampled. All  
639 sample types were collected in 2-mL Eppendorf tubes, snap frozen in liquid nitrogen, and stored at -  
640 80°C until further processing.

641 For disease quantification, the weighted shoot material was suspended in 3-6 mL of water depending  
642 on fresh weight and level of observed sporulation. Greiner tubes were vortexed for 15 s and spores  
643 were counted in 3 separate 1- $\mu$ L droplets using a Transmitted Light Microscope (Carl Zeiss Microscopy,  
644 Standard 25 ICS, Item No. 450815.9902) and the average spore count was normalized by shoot fresh  
645 weight.

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#### 647 **Genomic DNA (gDNA) extractions**

648 Total gDNA was extracted from Arabidopsis leaves and resident microbiomes using the PowerLyzer  
649 PowerSoil DNA isolation kit (Qiagen) modified for leaf material. In brief, frozen leaf samples were  
650 mechanically lysed twice for 60 s at 30 Hz using the TissueLyser II (Qiagen). Per sample, 750  $\mu$ L  
651 Powerbead solution and 60  $\mu$ L C1 solution were added, samples were mixed by inverting tubes and  
652 subsequently incubated for 10 min at 65 °C. Total solutions were then transferred to Powerbead tubes  
653 and submitted to bead beating, twice, for 10 min at 30 Hz. Samples were then centrifuged for 4 min at  
654 10.000x  $g$  and supernatant was transferred to new 2-mL collection tubes. The protocol was  
655 subsequently completed without further modifications according to the manufacturer's instructions.  
656 DNA extractions for phyllosphere samples from the SBL experiment were performed using the QIAGEN  
657 MagAttract PowerSoil DNA KF Kit<sup>®</sup> and a ThermoFisher KingFisher<sup>®</sup> with the same modifications for  
658 leaf material as described above. Rhizosphere and bulk soil DNA was extracted according to the  
659 protocol provided by the QIAGEN MagAttract PowerSoil DNA KF Kit<sup>®</sup>. All DNA concentrations were  
660 quantified using a NanoDrop 2000<sup>®</sup>.

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#### 662 ***Hpa* quantification by qRT-PCR**

663 *Hpa* was quantified from gDNA obtained from *Hpa*-infected and uninfected Arabidopsis shoot material  
664 according to Anderson *et al.*<sup>55</sup>. Two-step qRT-PCR reactions were performed in optical 96-well plates  
665 with a ViiA 7 real time PCR system (Applied Biosystems), using Power SYBR<sup>®</sup> Green PCR Master Mix  
666 (Applied Biosystems) with 0.8  $\mu$ M primers (Supplementary Table S10). A standard thermal profile was  
667 used: 50 °C for 2 min, 95 °C for 10 min, 40 cycles of 95 °C for 15 s and 60 °C for 1 min. Amplicon  
668 dissociation curves were recorded after cycle 40 by heating from 60 to 95 °C with a ramp speed of  
669 1.0 °C<sup>-1</sup>. *Hpa* abundance was calculated by  $2^{-(CtHpaACTIN - CtArabidopsisACTIN)}$ .

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#### 671 **16S rDNA amplicon library preparation for microbiome analysis**

672 For the amplicon sequencing of the experiment in Fig. 1, library preparations for Illumina 16S rDNA  
673 amplicon sequencing were performed on gDNA samples using standard materials and methods as  
674 described in the Illumina protocol. For amplicon sequencing of experiments corresponding results  
675 shown in Fig. 2,4, we used primers with heterogeneity spacers for the 16S amplicon PCR<sup>56</sup>. This change  
676 was implemented to increase nucleotide diversity in the first 25 bases as analyzed by MiSeq and lower

677 the required amount of PhiX<sup>56</sup> spike-in, thereby increasing read depth per sample (Supplementary  
678 Table S10). All 16S rDNA library preparations were performed with the addition of PNA PCR clamps to  
679 the PCR1 reaction mixtures, at 0.25  $\mu$ M per reaction, to prevent the amplification of plant-derived  
680 sequences<sup>57</sup>. ITS2 amplicon libraries were prepared in similar fashion, using primers<sup>58</sup> and blocking  
681 oligonucleotides as specified in Supplementary Table S10, with altered numbers of PCR cycles (PCR1,  
682 10 cycles; PCR2, 25 cycles), to accommodate the use of the ITS2 blocking oligonucleotides for the  
683 prevention of plant-derived reads<sup>59</sup>. Sequencing was performed with MiSeq V3 chemistry (2x300 base  
684 pairs paired-end) at the Utrecht Sequencing Facility (USEQ; Utrecht, the Netherlands, Figs. 1-2, Fig. 4)

685 For amplicon sequencing of the SBL experiment (Fig. 6), library preparation and sequencing with  
686 NovaSeq chemistry (2x250 base pairs paired-end sequencing) was performed by Genome Quebec  
687 (Quebec, Montreal, Canada). The primers used were 16S-B341F (5'-CCTACGGGNGGCWGCAG) and 16S-  
688 B806 (5'-GACTACHVGGGTATCTAATCC) according to Genome Quebec's standard operating protocols.  
689 Plastid- and mitochondrial-blocking peptide nucleic acid (pPNA - 5'-GGCTCAACCCTGGACAG; mPNA -  
690 5'- GGCAAGTGTCTTCGGA) were used in the PCR reactions to prevent amplification of plant-derived  
691 sequences.

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### 693 **16S rDNA and ITS2 amplicon sequencing analyses**

694 Preprocessing of sequencing data was performed in the Qiime2 environment (version 2019.7)<sup>60</sup>, using  
695 Cutadapt<sup>61</sup> to remove primer sequences from reads and DADA2<sup>62</sup> for quality filtering, error-correction,  
696 chimera removal, and dereplication to ASVs. Samples from the SBL experiment (Fig. 6) were sequenced  
697 twice and the resulting two datasets were merged after cutadapt- and DADA2-processing. ASV id's  
698 were assigned based on the sequence-specific MD5-sums using the --p-hashed-feature-ids parameter,  
699 of which we used the first 5 characters in the text above to designate the individual ASVs. For 16S rDNA  
700 data sets, taxonomic assignment was performed using the VSEARCH plugin and the SILVA database  
701 (QIIME compatible 132 release, 99% clustering identity, 7-level RDP-compatible consensus  
702 taxonomies) from which the 16S V3/V4 regions were extracted based on the 16S rDNA specific primer  
703 sequences used in library preparation. Plant-derived sequences were identified and removed based  
704 on the annotation of "D\_4\_\_Mitochondria" at the family level or "D\_2\_\_Chloroplast" at the class level.  
705 Additionally, ASVs with unassigned taxonomies were removed. In the experiments sequenced with the  
706 MiSeq platform, ASVs in the lowest 1% of total cumulative abundances were removed. For the  
707 sequencing data generated with the NovaSeq platform, ASVs that contribute to the lowest 3% of total  
708 cumulative abundance or that were detected in less than 5 samples were removed from the data.  
709 Fungal ITS amplicons were taxonomically classified using a fitted classifier trained on the UNITE fungal

710 database (QIIME release, version 7.2, 99% similarity clustering, 7-level taxonomies). ITS sequences  
711 (ASVs) were filtered based on minimum occurrence in two samples (Supplementary Fig. S2). Samples  
712 with less than 500 reads were removed from the dataset.

713 All beta-diversity-related calculations, graphs and differential abundance tests were performed in R  
714 (version 4.0.3). All PCoA ordinations and PERMANOVA tests were performed on Bray-Curtis  
715 dissimilarity matrices calculated for relative abundance data, using either vegan (version 2.5.7) or  
716 vegan functionalities within the phyloseq package (version 1.34.0). The pairwiseAdonis package  
717 (version 0.0.1) was employed for PERMANOVA tests involving multiple comparisons. For the SBL  
718 experiment (Fig. 6), rhizosphere samples, R-G-G1-4 and R-G-G1-8, clustered away from the other  
719 rhizosphere samples towards bulk soil samples. Hence, these samples were considered as not  
720 representative for the rhizosphere and removed for downstream analysis. Differential abundance  
721 testing was performed with either DESeq2<sup>32</sup> (version 1.30.1) or ANCOM-BC<sup>39</sup>, employing a separate  
722 function to calculate the geometric mean used for the estimateSizeFactor step, namely:  $\text{function}(x,$   
723  $\text{na.rm=TRUE}) \exp(\text{sum}(\log(x[x > 0])), \text{na.rm=na.rm}) / \text{length}(x))$  (described here:  
724 [https://bioconductor.org/packages/devel/bioc/vignettes/phyloseq/inst/doc/phyloseq-mixture-](https://bioconductor.org/packages/devel/bioc/vignettes/phyloseq/inst/doc/phyloseq-mixture-models.html)  
725 [models.html](https://bioconductor.org/packages/devel/bioc/vignettes/phyloseq/inst/doc/phyloseq-mixture-models.html)). This circumvents errors related to the sparsity in 16S rDNA amplicon data. Dendrogram  
726 visualization for Fig. 3B was achieved using ggtree (version 2.4.1). All other graphs were made using  
727 ggplot2 (version 3.3.3) or ggpubr (version 0.4.0). Data wrangling was done with packages from the  
728 Tidyverse suite.

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### 730 **Bacterial isolate collection**

731 Infected shoot material was harvested from Noco2 and Cala2-infected plants in Utrecht in 2018 and  
732 from Cologne in 2017 and 2019. Shoot material of *Hpa*-infected plants was stored in 1 mL of 10 mM  
733 MgSO<sub>4</sub> with 25% glycerol (v/v) at -80 °C. For isolation, shoots were defrosted at room temperature,  
734 and plants were crushed using sterile pestles. In order to maximize the isolation of culturable bacterial  
735 species, a dilution series of the Utrecht samples was plated on agar-solidified medium containing either  
736 1/10 strength tryptic soy broth (TSB; Difco), King's medium B<sup>63</sup> amended with  
737 13 mg/L chloramphenicol and 40 mg/L ampicillin (KB+), Luria Bertani (LB, Difco), R2A (Difco), yeast-  
738 extract mannitol (YEM, per L: 0.5 g yeast extract (Difco), 5 g mannitol, 0.5 g K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>, 0.2 g MgSO<sub>4</sub>·7H<sub>2</sub>O,  
739 0.1 g NaCl (Difco), pH 7.0), Nutrient agar (NA, per L: 5 g peptone (Difco), 3 g beef extract (Difco), pH  
740 6.8); and glucose nutrient agar (GNA, per L: 5 g peptone, 3 g beef extract (Difco), 10 g glucose (Difco).  
741 All media were amended with 200 µg/mL Delvocid (DSM; active compound: natamycin) to prevent  
742 fungal growth. Plates were incubated at 21 °C for 2 – 11 days. A total of 654 bacterial colonies, selected

743 on morphology and/or time of emergence, were streaked on the same type of agar medium from  
744 which it was selected. Single colonies from pure cultures were inoculated in 1/10 strength tryptic soy  
745 broth (TSB; Difco), incubated overnight at 20 °C at 180 rpm, and stored at -80 °C in 25% (v/v)  
746 glycerol. Pure cultures were labeled based on the sample it originated from, the type of medium it was  
747 isolated from, and numbered according to the order of selection on that medium. Similar methods  
748 were applied to isolate Xanthomonads from the Cologne samples, but only 1/10 strength TSA was used  
749 and 48 colonies were selected for yellow color of colonies. Isolates that were used in further  
750 experiments and analyses were given a unique code and absorbed in the Willy Commelin Scholten  
751 collection WCS (Supplementary Fig. S4).

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### 753 **Initial characterization of bacterial isolates**

754 All isolates were processed for simultaneous 16S rDNA sequencing using Illumina MiSeq V3 chemistry,  
755 using the multiplexing strategy described by De Muinck *et al.*<sup>56</sup>. All isolates were grown for 2 days in  
756 1/10<sup>th</sup> strength TSB and 1 µL of each culture was added directly to a PCR reaction in 96-well plates,  
757 containing 0.2 µM of column-specific forward primers and row-specific reverse primers  
758 (Supplementary Table S10), and 2x KAPA HiFi Hotstart Ready Mix (Roche) to a total volume of 15 µL.  
759 PCR was performed by 10 min incubation at 95 °C followed by 30 cycles of 30 s at 95 °C, 30 s at 55 °C  
760 and 30 s at 72 °C, followed by a final elongation step of 5 min at 72°C. PCR products were purified using  
761 AMPure XP beads with 9 µL of bead solution per 15 µL PCR mixture and washing with 80% ethanol.  
762 PCR products were quantified using Nanodrop 2000 spectrophotometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific),  
763 concentrations were normalized to 1 ng/µL and each 96-well plate of samples was combined into a  
764 pooled sample. Per pooled sample, 1 µL was then submitted to a second PCR reaction, wherein each  
765 pooled sample was assigned its unique pair of Nextera indexing primers (Supplementary Table S10).  
766 These PCR-reactions were performed with 2x KAPA HiFi Hotstart Ready Mix and 0.4 µM forward and  
767 reverse primers, in total volumes of 25 µL. The PCR-products were purified as described above,  
768 quantified using the Qubit dsDNA BR Assay kit according to the manufacturer's instructions,  
769 normalized to 1 ng/ µL and again pooled together into a single 16S library. The 16S library was  
770 submitted to sequencing at USEQ. Between-plate demultiplexing was performed by USEQ, whereas  
771 within-plate demultiplexing and removal of adapters was achieved using Cutadapt<sup>61</sup>. Sequence data  
772 per bacterial isolate was then processed in the Qiime2<sup>60</sup> environment using DADA2<sup>62</sup> as described  
773 above. The resulting ASVs were matched to ASVs from the 16S rDNA analyses of bacterial communities  
774 based on their sequence specific MD5-sum identifiers.

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## 776 **Whole-genome sequencing of bacterial isolates**

777 Whole-genome sequencing (WGS) of bacterial isolates was performed on gDNA that was extracted  
778 using the GenElute Bacterial Genomic DNA Kit according to the manufacturer's instructions. gDNA  
779 samples were processed for WGS at the Microbial Genome Sequencing Center (Pittsburgh, USA) and  
780 sequenced to an estimated coverage of 60x using 2x150 paired-end sequencing. Sequences from  
781 paired FASTQ files were quality filtered using Trimmomatic<sup>64</sup> (version 0.39) with LIDINGWINDOW:4:20  
782 as the only set parameter. Genomes were then assembled using Spades<sup>65</sup> (version 3.11.1) with '--  
783 careful' as the only set parameter. Assemblies were checked using Quast<sup>66</sup>. Contigs shorter than 1000  
784 bp were then removed using the Galaxy webserver (<https://usegalaxy.eu>) using the 'filter fasta'  
785 function. If genomes for multiple isolates per ASV were obtained, their average nucleotide identities  
786 were calculated using the python3 module pyani. Dendrograms based on whole genomes were  
787 calculated using mashree and visualized using the ITOL webserver (<https://itol.embl.de/>).

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## 789 **Analysis of publicly available *Hpa* metagenomes**

790 Sequence data described in the publication by Baxter *et al.*<sup>34</sup>, that was obtained from Emoy2 spores  
791 collected in water (similar to the *Hpa* inocula used in the present study), were obtained in fasta format  
792 from the NCBI TRACE archive using query 'species\_code='HYALOPERONOSPORA PARASITICA''. The first  
793 and the last 100 base pairs of all reads were removed using Trimmomatic, resulting in reads with an  
794 average length of approximately 600 bp.

795 Sequence data described in the publication by Asai *et al.*<sup>35</sup> was obtained from the European Nucleotide  
796 Archive under project number PRJEB22892. These reads were filtered based on quality using  
797 Trimmomatic, using; SLIDINGWINDOW:4:20 and MINLEN:45 for fastq files with 2 x 60 bp and 2 x 75 bp  
798 reads, and SLIDINGWINDOW:4:20 MINLEN:30 for fastq files with 2 x 35 bp reads.

799 To quantify specific genomes of interest within their respective genera, first we obtained non-  
800 redundant genomes of genera of interest, using bacsort (<https://github.com/rrwick/Bacsort>), which  
801 picks the best genome assembly from clusters of genomes that are within 98% average nucleotide  
802 identity (with parameter '--threshold 0.02') of each other. Kallisto indices<sup>36,67</sup> were then built using all  
803 these non-redundant genomes, the genomes of the bacteria identified and sequenced in the study,  
804 the *Hpa* Emoy2 genome, and the *Arabidopsis thaliana* genome. All reads per *Hpa* metagenome were  
805 then pseudo-aligned<sup>36</sup> against these indices, and the proportion of reads that pseudo-aligned to the  
806 genome of interest among all reads mapped to genomes within that genus was calculated  
807 (Supplementary Fig. S5 – S12). Signal-to-noise ratios were calculated (Fig. 3A), in which signal



808 represents the number of reads that were assigned to a specific genome, and noise was calculated as  
809 the total number of reads that were assigned to all genomes within a specific genus, divided by the  
810 number of genomes within that genus (as included in the genome index).

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## 812 **Nine-passages experiment**

813 Ten pots with ten-day-old seedlings of Arabidopsis accessions Col-0 and *Ler*, and transgenic Col-0  
814 *RPP5*<sup>29</sup>, kindly provided by Jane Parker (Max Planck Institute for Plant Breeding Research, Cologne,  
815 Germany) were inoculated with a mix of Noco2 and Cala2 spore suspensions, prepared as described  
816 above. These pots were placed in one tray covered with a transparent plastic lid, which was sprayed  
817 with water on the inside to raise humidity inside the tray, and placed in a climate chamber (16 °C, 10 h  
818 light/14 h dark, light intensity 100  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ ). *Hpa* started to sporulate on Col-0 and *Ler* plants  
819 approximately 5 days after inoculation.

820 After 7 days, leaf wash-offs were obtained from each pot (30 pots in total) and used to spray-inoculate  
821 a population of 10-day-old *Ler rpp5*<sup>37</sup> (also kindly provided by Jane Parker, Cologne) plants growing on  
822 60-mL pots, each of which was placed in an individual Eco2box. After 7 days, and visual and microscopic  
823 confirmation that sporulation only occurred in plants inoculated with Noco2 or Cala2, half of the  
824 seedlings per pot were collected, snap frozen in liquid nitrogen, and stored for further processing. The  
825 remaining plants from each pot were used to generate leaf wash-offs in 5 mL of autoclaved water, of  
826 which approximately 600  $\mu\text{l}$  was spray-inoculated onto a new population of 10-day-old *Ler rpp5*  
827 seedling using 2-mL spray units, such that the leaf wash-off from one pot was used to inoculate the  
828 plants on one new pot only. These pots were again placed in new individual Eco2boxes to prevent  
829 cross-contamination and ensure the propagation of separated phyllosphere cultures. In total this  
830 process was repeated 8 times, thus passaging the *Hpa*-associated microbiome over 9 consecutive *Ler*  
831 *rpp5* plant populations in presence of either Noco2 (Lineage 1), Cala2 (Lineage 2), or neither of the *Hpa*  
832 isolates (Lineage 3). For each plant population in the 9-passages experiment, 8 additional replicate  
833 pots with *Ler rpp5* plants were left untreated and harvested as untreated controls. A schematic  
834 overview of this experiment is presented in Supplementary Fig. S15.

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## 836 **Creation of a gnotobiotic *Hpa* culture**

837 Microbial contaminant-free *Hpa* (*gnoHpa*) was generated by successive passaging of *Hpa* isolate Noco2  
838 to susceptible Arabidopsis Col-0 seedlings grown on Murashige & Skoog (MS; Duchefa Biochemie)<sup>68</sup>

839 agar-solidified medium without sucrose. Vapor-phase sterilized<sup>53</sup> Col-0 seeds were sown on MS agar  
840 medium. After 2 days of stratification at 4 °C, Petri dishes were placed vertically in a growth chamber  
841 (21 °C, 70% relative humidity, 12 h light/12 h dark, light intensity 100  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ ). Ten-day-old  
842 seedlings were then inoculated with *Hpa* (Noco2) by gently touching leaves of the new host plants with  
843 sporangiophores extending from *Hpa*-infected leaves in a sterile-laminar-flow cabinet. This initial  
844 infection of axenically grown Col-0 seedlings was performed using *Hpa*-infected leaves from the  
845 standard (microbe-rich) Utrecht laboratory culture of Noco2. Petri dishes with infected seedlings were  
846 then placed in a growth chamber with optimal conditions for *Hpa* infection (16 °C, 10 h light/14 h dark,  
847 light intensity 100  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ ). Using the same gentle touch-inoculation method, this *Hpa* culture  
848 was then passaged weekly to new axenically grown Col-0 seedlings on MS agar-solidified medium  
849 (stratified, germinated and grown as described above). After *Hpa* touch inoculations, newly infected  
850 axenically grown plants were placed in a growth chamber (16 °C, 10 h light/14 h dark, light intensity  
851 100  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ ). After each disease cycle, absence of microbial contaminants was tested by serial  
852 dilution plating on 1/10 TSA. Following the observation that there were no culturable microbes present  
853 in the gnotobiotic culture, which required 3 passages, we double checked the gnotobiotic nature of  
854 these cultures by amplicon sequencing the 16S rRNA gene as described above (data not shown). Upon  
855 verification of the absence of microbial contaminants, weekly passaging was performed on axenically  
856 grown hyper-susceptible *eds1* (enhanced disease susceptibility 1) mutant seedlings<sup>4,51</sup>, germinated and  
857 grown on MS agar medium as described above for Col-0, to increase spore inoculum densities.

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### 859 **Co-inoculation of *gnoHpa* and individual bacterial isolates on axenic plants**

860 For gnotobiotic bioassays, vapor-phase sterilized<sup>53</sup> Col-0 seeds were sown on agar-solidified Hoagland  
861 medium<sup>52</sup> (pH = 5.5, 0.6% agarose w/v) in 24-well microtiter plates (one seedling per well), stratified  
862 at 4 °C for 2 days and subsequently cultivated at 21 °C, 70% relative humidity, 12 h light/12 h dark, light  
863 intensity 100  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ .

864 Bacterial isolates were grown on 1/10 strength TSA plates for 2-3 days, depending on growth speed,  
865 at 28 °C. Bacterial suspensions were then prepared by scraping colonies from the TSA agar medium  
866 into sterile  $\text{MgSO}_4$  (10 mM), optical density was measured at 600 nm, and diluted to  $\text{OD}_{600} = 0.2$  in  
867  $\text{MgSO}_4$ . *GnoHpa* suspensions were prepared by shaking 10-20 sporulating *eds1* mutant plants in 2 mL  
868  $\text{MgSO}_4$  and then transferred to a new 2-mL tube. Mixtures of *gnoHpa*/ $\text{MgSO}_4$ , *gnoHpa*/bacteria, and  
869  $\text{MgSO}_4$ /bacteria were prepared at 9:1 ratio so that *gnoHpa* spore densities were  $\sim 150$  spores/ $\mu\text{L}$  and  
870 bacterial densities were  $\text{OD}_{600} = 0.02$ . Leaves of 10-day old Col-0 seedlings were then inoculated with  
871 these mixtures. For each seedling, both cotyledons and the first two true leaves were inoculated with

872 a 0.3- $\mu$ L droplet of suspension. Bacterial densities were quantified 7 days-post inoculation by 10-fold  
873 serial dilution plating on 1/10 strength TSA plates and counting colony forming units. *GnoHpa* spore  
874 production was quantified 7 days post inoculation as described above. Although all 9 representative  
875 HAM bacterial isolates (Supplementary Table S8) were tested, no useful data on bacterial densities  
876 were obtained for *Rhizobium* (ASV 2569b) isolate WCS2018Hpa-8 due to contamination of the assay.

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#### 878 **Complementation of *gnoHpa* spores with the Hpa-associated microbiome**

879 *Hpa* spore suspensions were prepared from *Hpa* and *gnoHpa* of isolate Noco2 as describe above. Half  
880 of the *Hpa* suspension was filtered using a sterile 10- $\mu$ m filter, moistened in advance with autoclaved  
881 demineralized water, to remove *Hpa* spores and allow the passage of HAM bacteria. The absence of  
882 spores in the HAM filtrate was confirmed by microscopy and by spraying the filtrate directly onto  
883 susceptible plants, following which no sporulation was observed. Using an equal amount of leaf  
884 material from healthy *Arabidopsis* plants, we also obtained a suspension of phyllosphere resident  
885 bacteria. The bacterial HAM and phyllosphere-resident filtrates were subsequently supplemented with  
886 equal densities of *gnoHpa* spores.

887 We then spray inoculated 10 replicate 60-mL pots with 14-day-old *Arabidopsis* Col-0 plants with 12.5  
888 mL spore suspensions of *Hpa* or of *gnoHpa* mixed with water, HAM filtrate or resident filtrate. Plants  
889 were airdried for 2 h, covered with transparent lids to ensure high humidity and incubated (21°C, 10 h  
890 light/14 h dark, light intensity 100  $\mu$ mol m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>). Seven days post inoculation, *Hpa* and *gnoHpa*  
891 sporulation was quantified as described above.

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894 **Soil-borne legacy experiment**

895 Fourteen-day old Col-0 or transgenic Col-0 *RPP5* plants growing on Reijerscamp soil were inoculated  
896 with spores of regular *Hpa* cultures or *gnoHpa* cultures of isolate Noco2 or mock-inoculated as  
897 described above. Plants were airdried for 2 h, covered with transparent lids to ensure high humidity  
898 and incubated (21°C, 10 h light/14 h dark, light intensity 100  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ ). Seven days post inoculation  
899 of this conditioning population of plants, shoots were cut off and a new population of Col-0 plants  
900 (response population) was sown directly on top of the soil after which the experimental cycle was  
901 repeated<sup>54</sup>. For both the conditioning and response population of plants, *Hpa* and *gnoHpa* sporulation  
902 was quantified as described above. Phyllosphere, rhizosphere and bulk soil samples were taken at the  
903 end of the growth period of the conditioning and response populations, respectively, as described  
904 above. An overview of the experimental setup described above is shown in Supplementary Fig. S18.

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