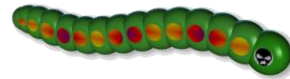




# Modulation of Intracellular Reactive Oxygen Species and Calcium in Tomato Protoplasts by Hemolymph from Tobacco hornworm (*Manduca sexta*) Caterpillar



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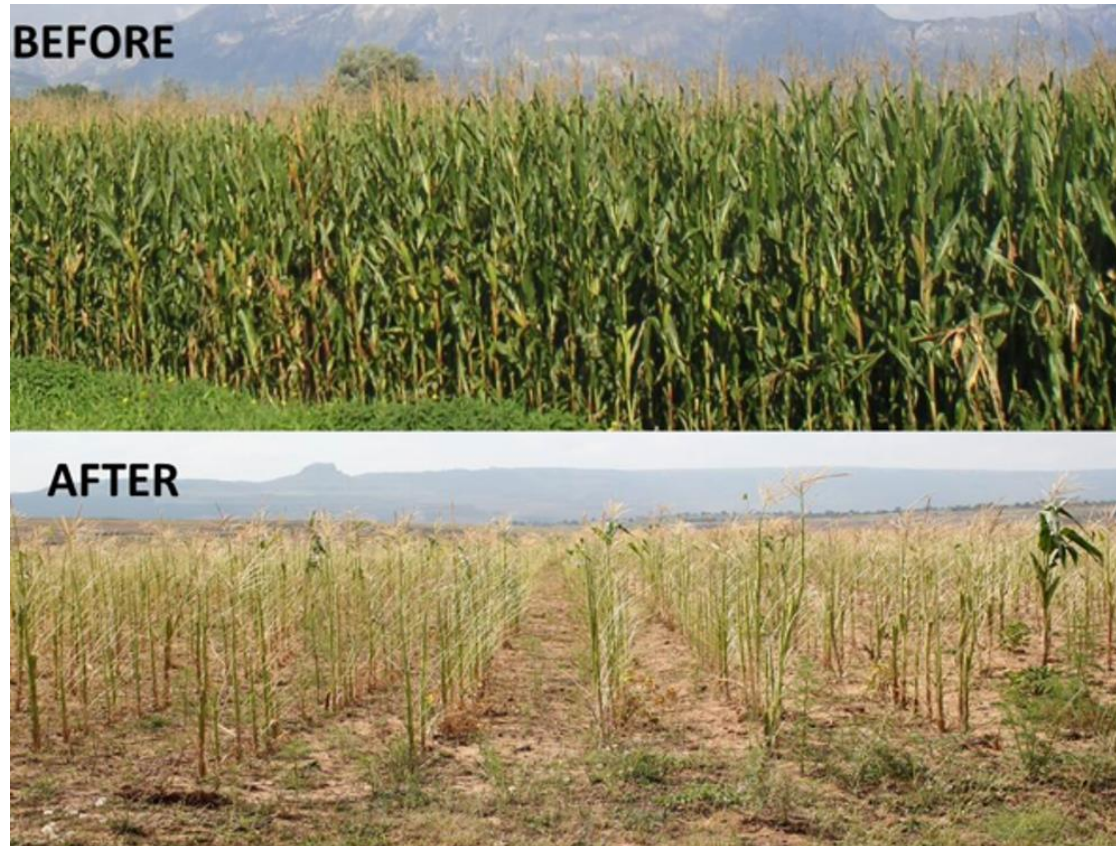
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# Introduction: Herbivory



<https://theconversation.com/armyworms-are-wreaking-havoc-in-southern-africa-why-its-a-big-deal-72822>

# Introduction : Perception of insect attack



## Plant-Insect Interactions

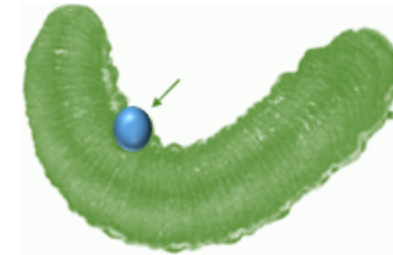
### Mechanical Damage



### Herbivore Associated Elicitors (HAEs)



Oral Secretions



Hemolymph

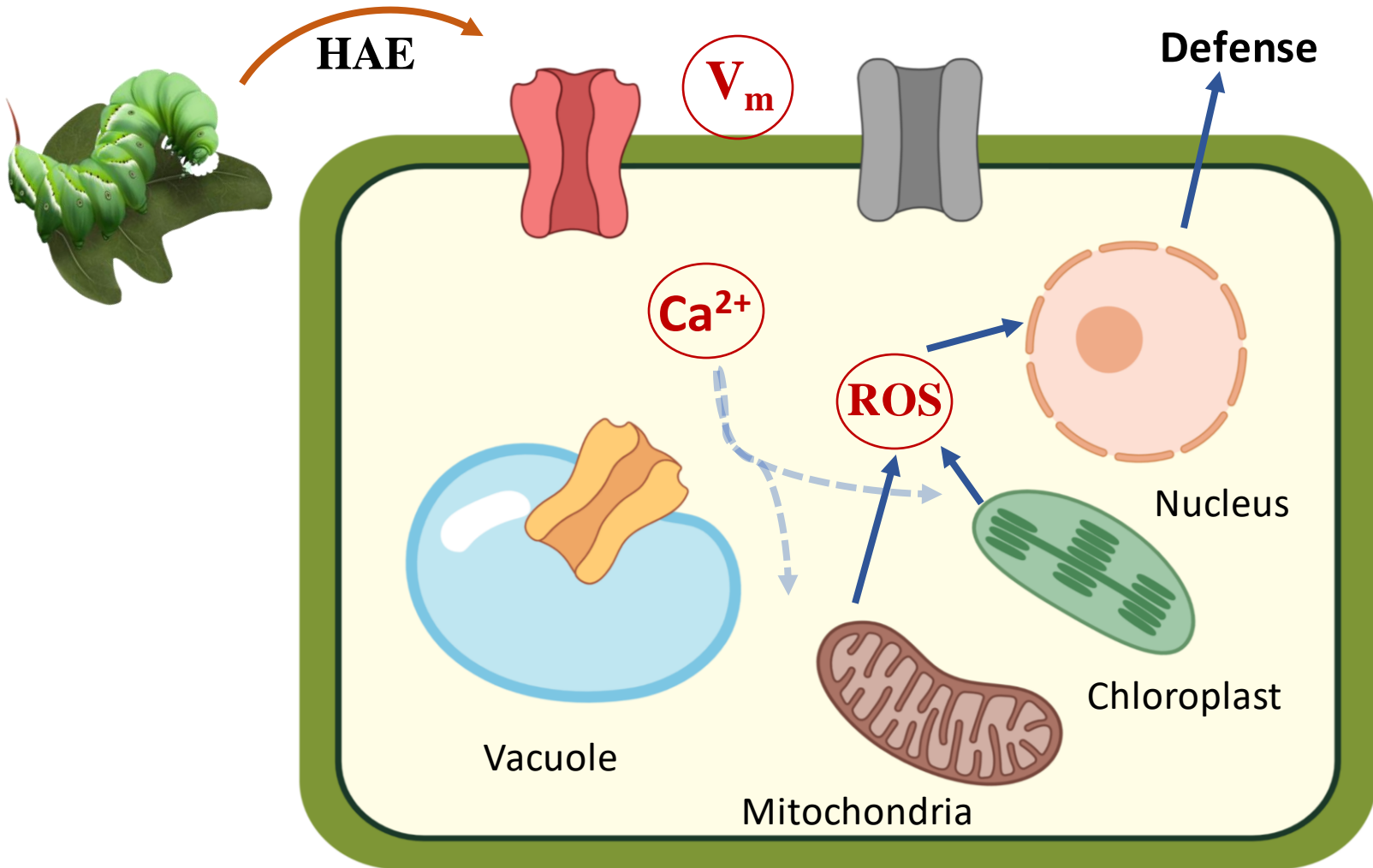


Eggs



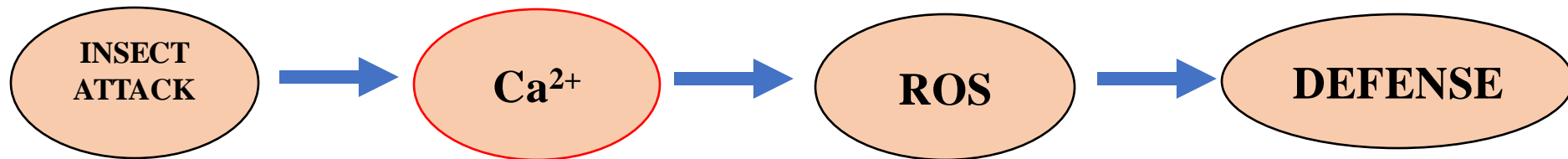
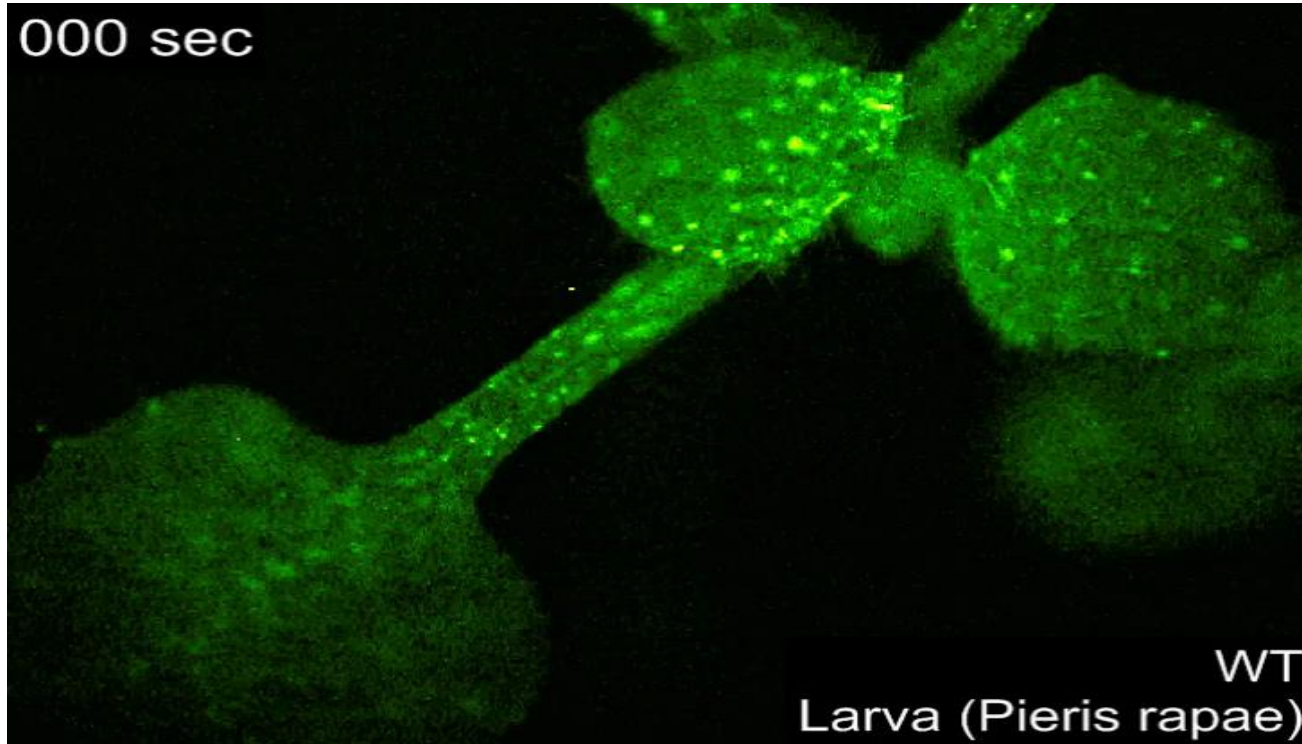
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# Introduction: Early signaling events in plant-insect interactions



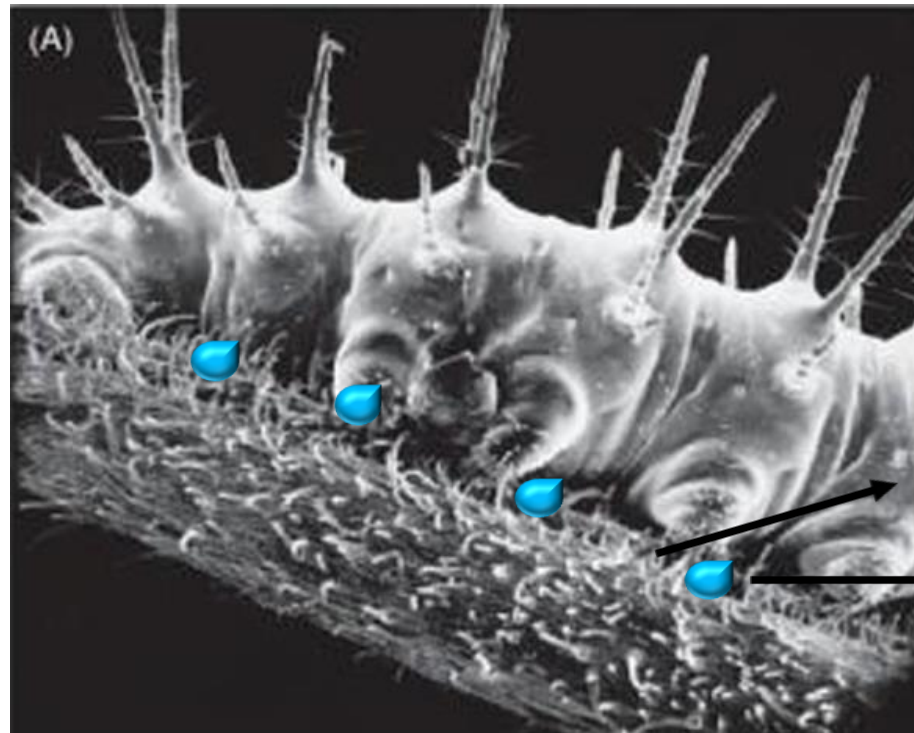


# Ca<sup>2+</sup> as an intracellular signaling molecule in plant defense



Toyota, Masatsugu, Dirk Spencer, Satoe Sawai-Toyota, Wang Jiaqi, Tong Zhang, Abraham J. Koo, Gregg A. Howe, and Simon Gilroy. 2018. "Glutamate Triggers Long-Distance, Calcium-Based Plant Defense Signaling." *Science* 361 (6407): 1112–15. <https://doi.org/10.1126/science.aat7744>

# Hemolymph as an intracellular signaling molecule



Trichomes

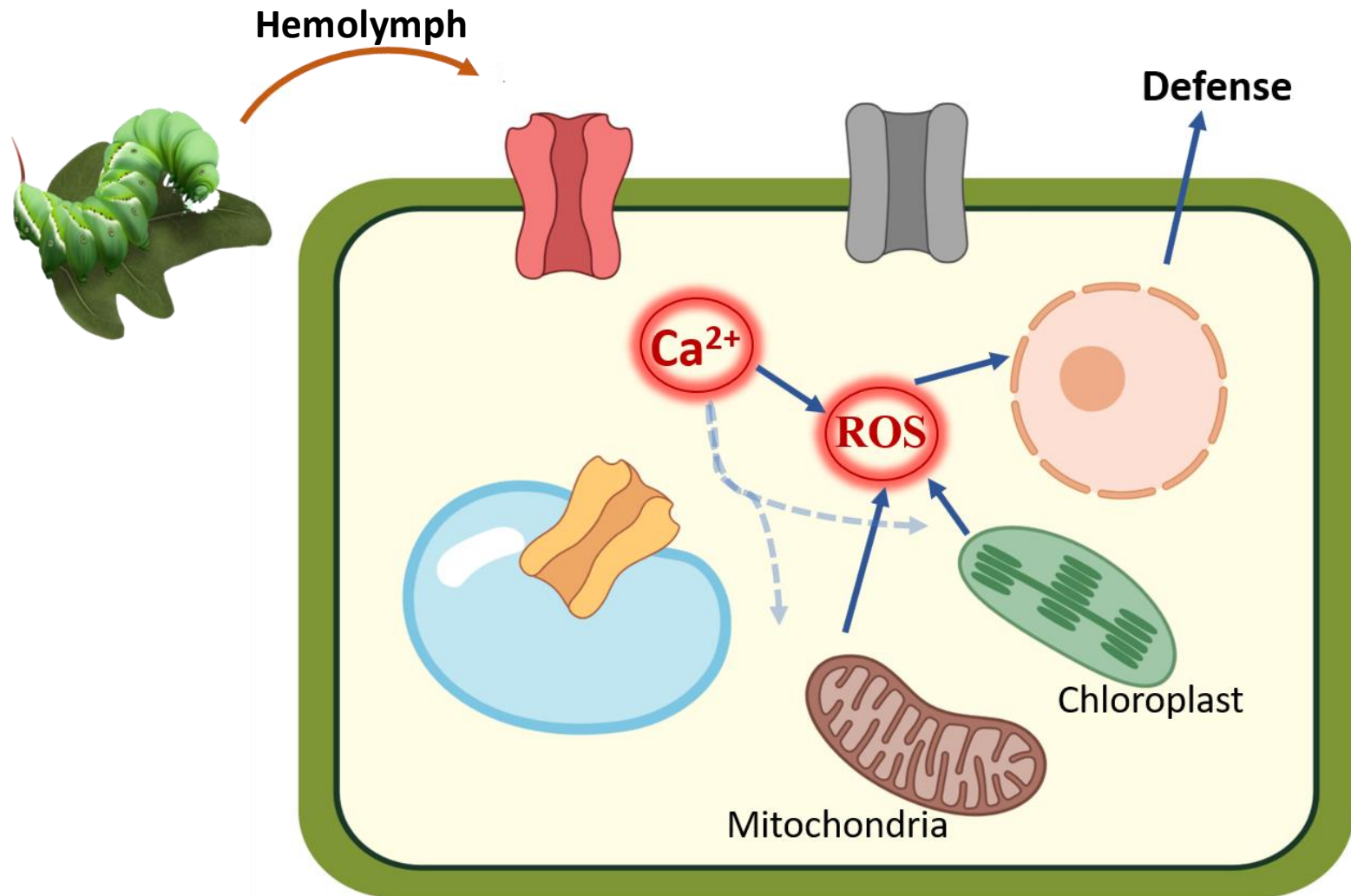
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# Hypothesis



We hypothesized that *M. sexta* hemolymph will lead to ROS and  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  generation.



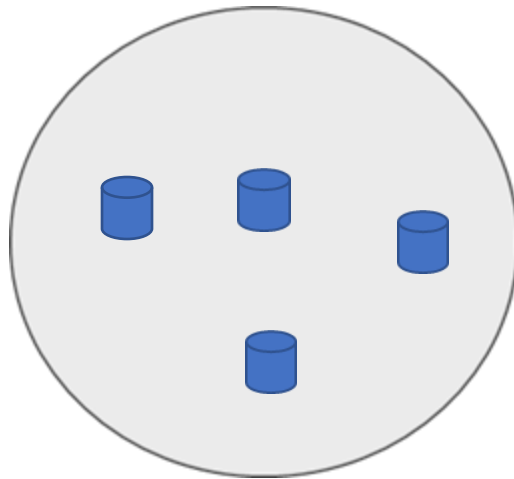
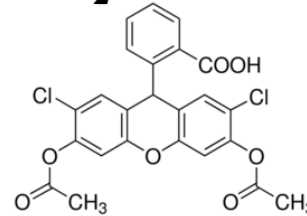
# Methodology: Technique used for ROS detection



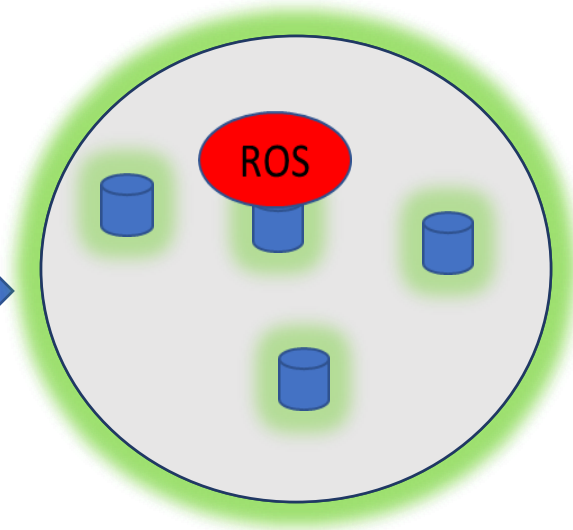
ROS  
Detection



ROS sensing dye  
**H<sub>2</sub>DCFDA**



HAE  
Application



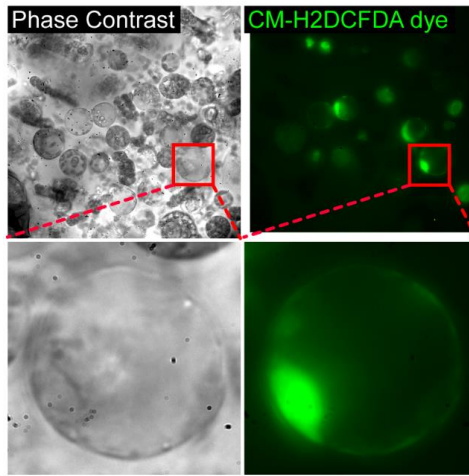
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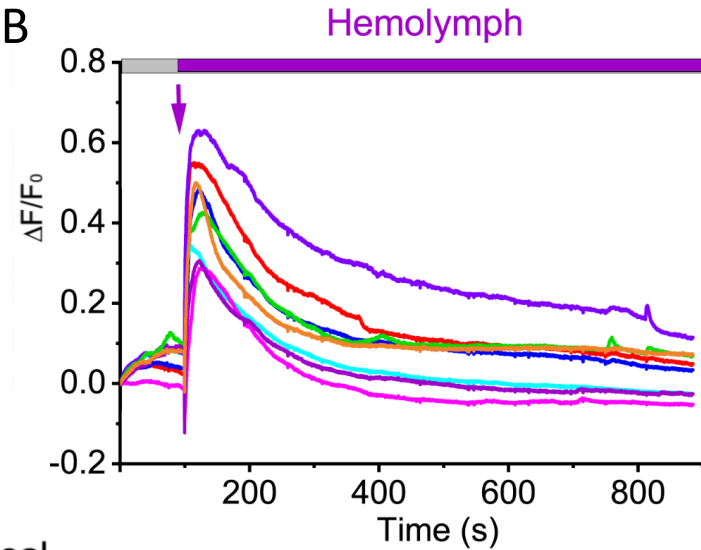
# *M. sexta* hemolymph induced ROS generation in tomato protoplasts



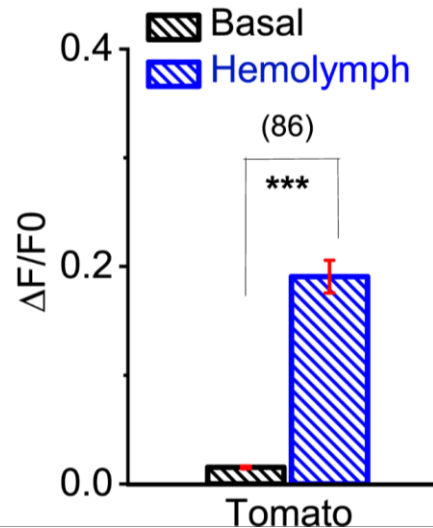
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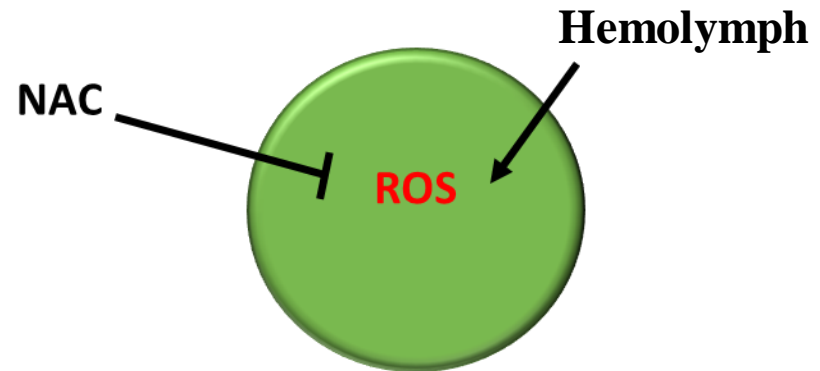
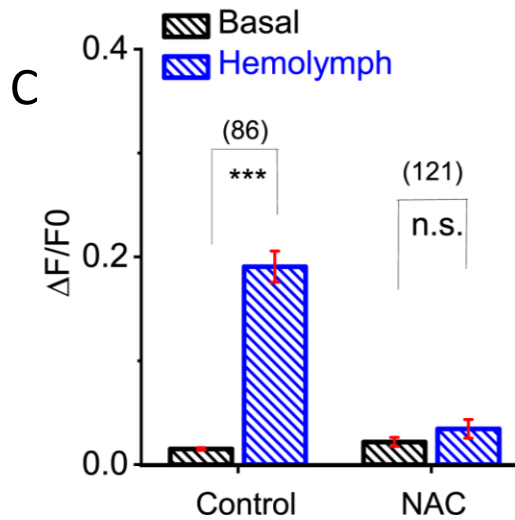
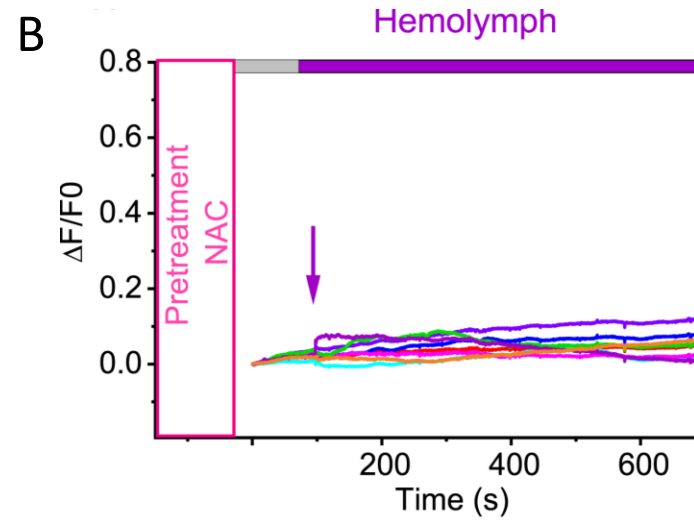
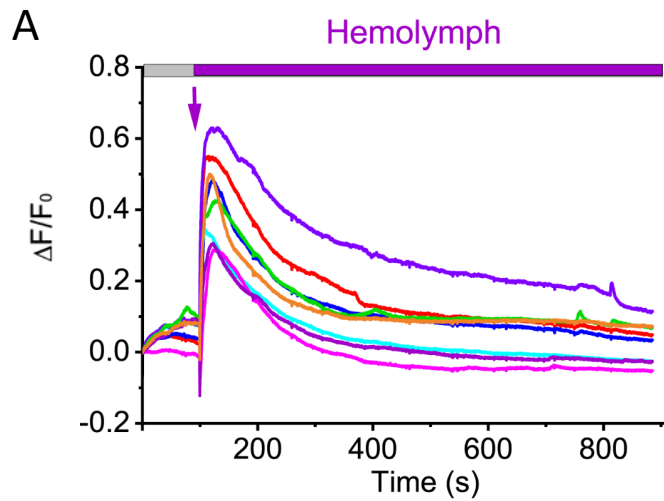
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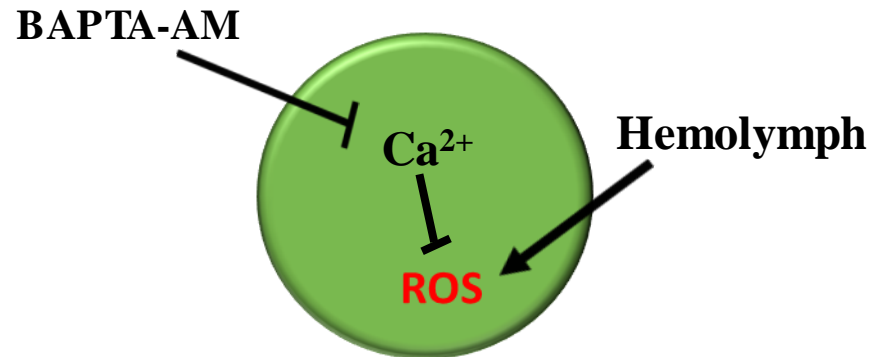
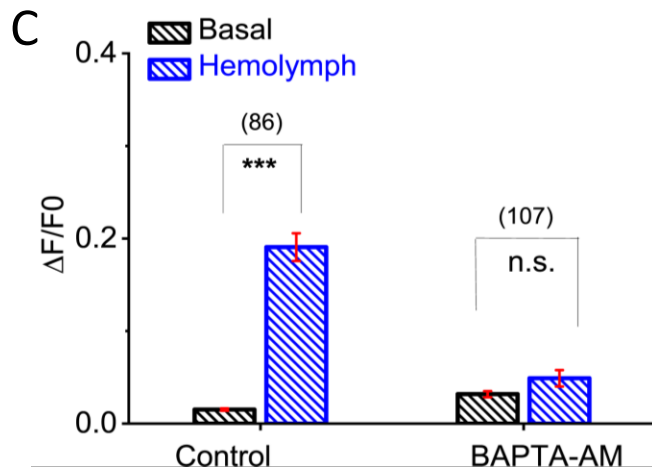
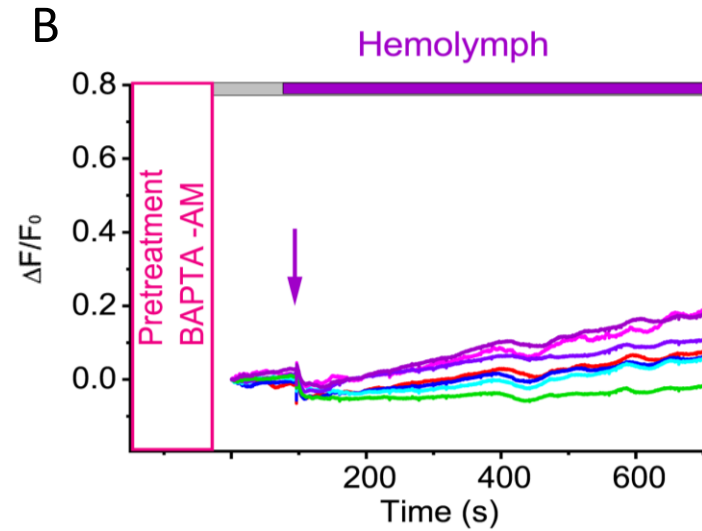
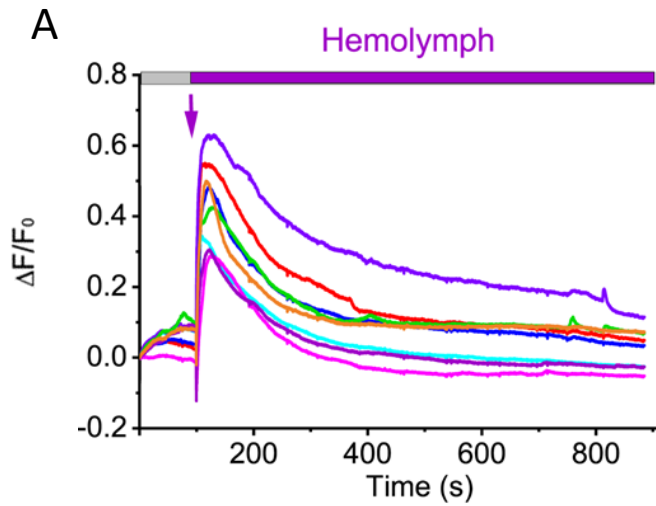
Statistics is from 3-5 independent experiments

Protoplasts were incubated with ROS sensing dye, H<sub>2</sub>DCFDA

# *M. sexta* hemolymph-mediated ROS generation was abolished in the presence of antioxidant, NAC in tomato protoplasts

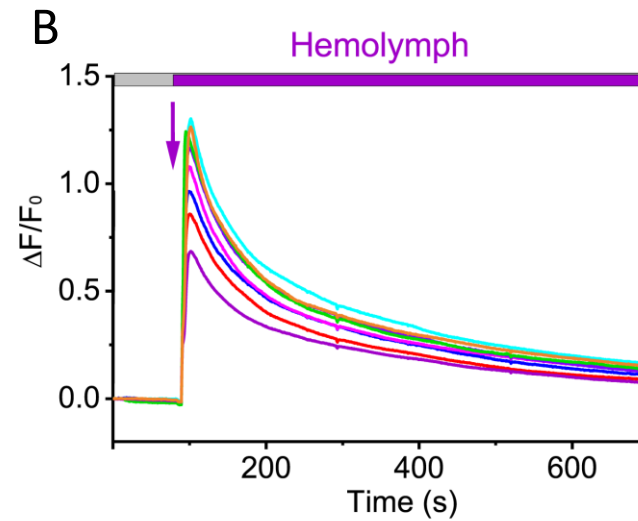
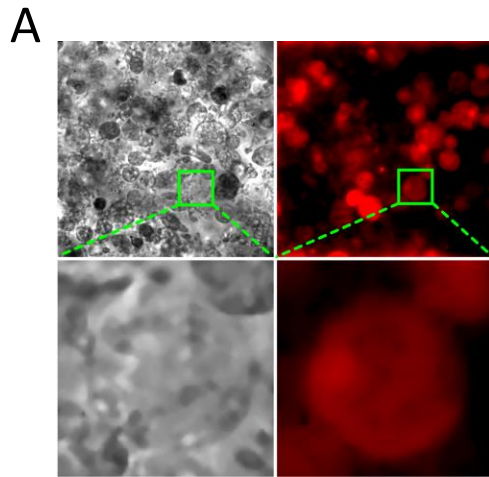


# *M. sexta* hemolymph-mediated ROS generation was abolished in the presence of BAPTA-AM in tomato protoplasts



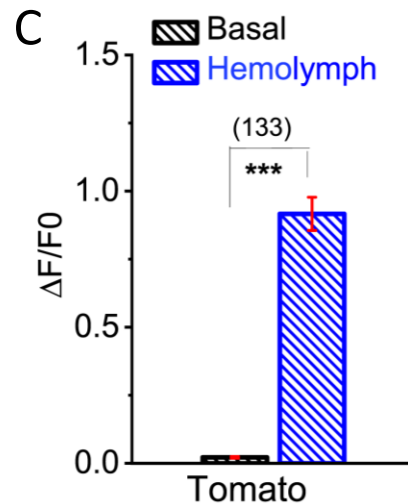


# *M. sexta* hemolymph induced $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ elevation in tomato protoplasts



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Protoplasts were incubated with  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  sensing dye, Oregon green

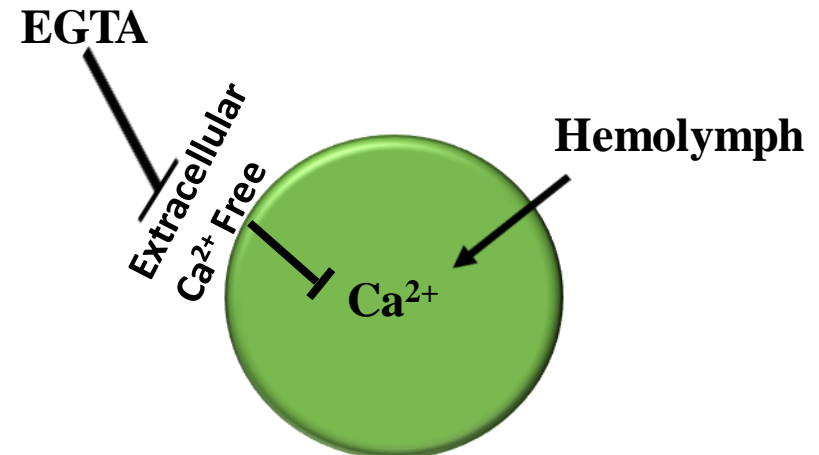
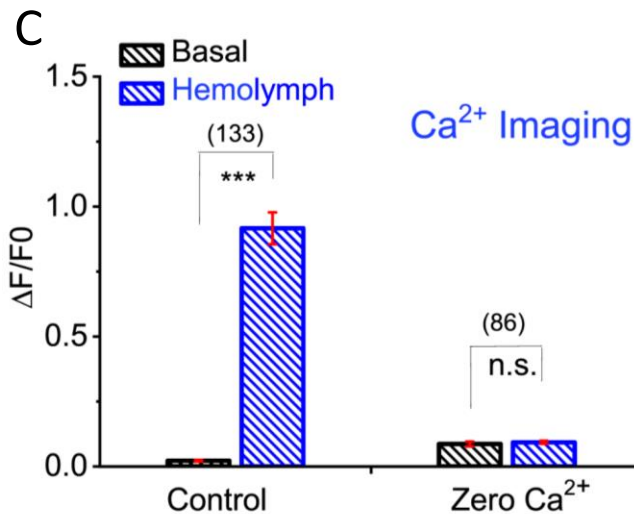
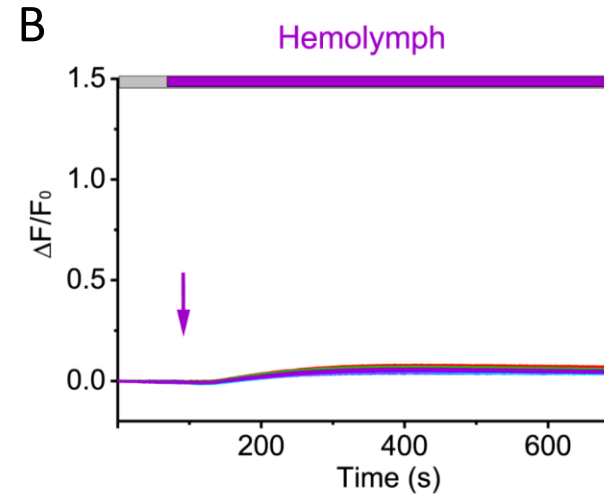
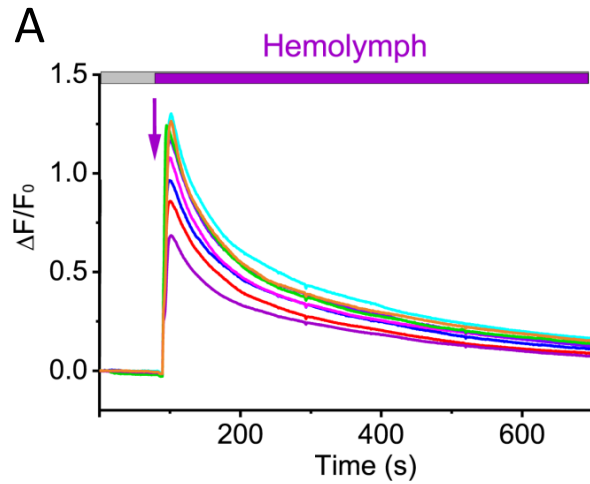




# Extracellular $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ is essential for inducing hemolymph-mediated $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ generation



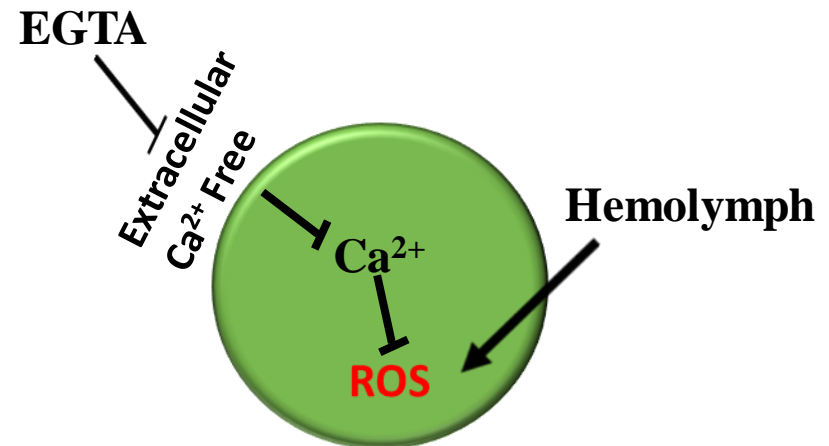
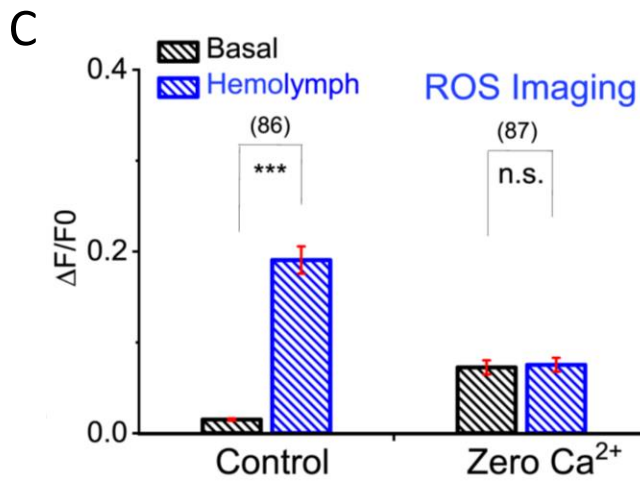
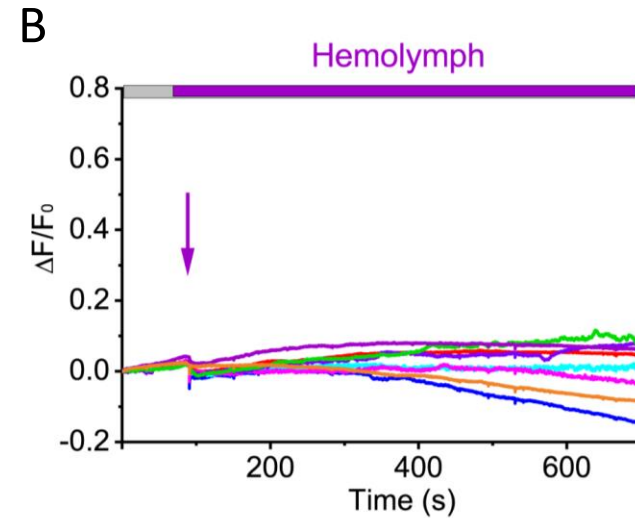
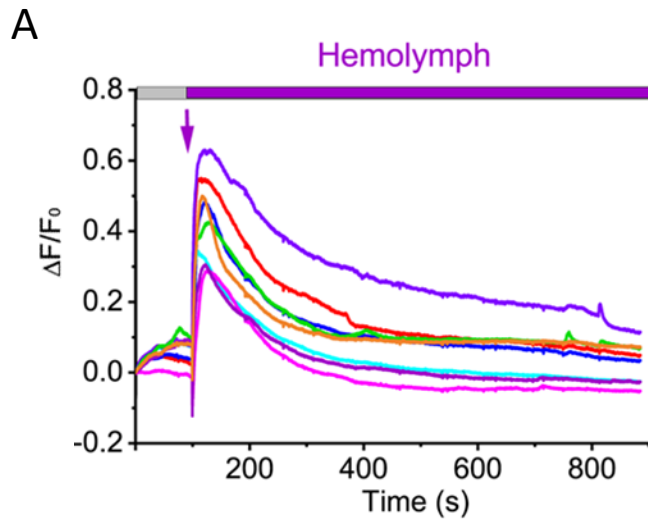
## $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ Imaging



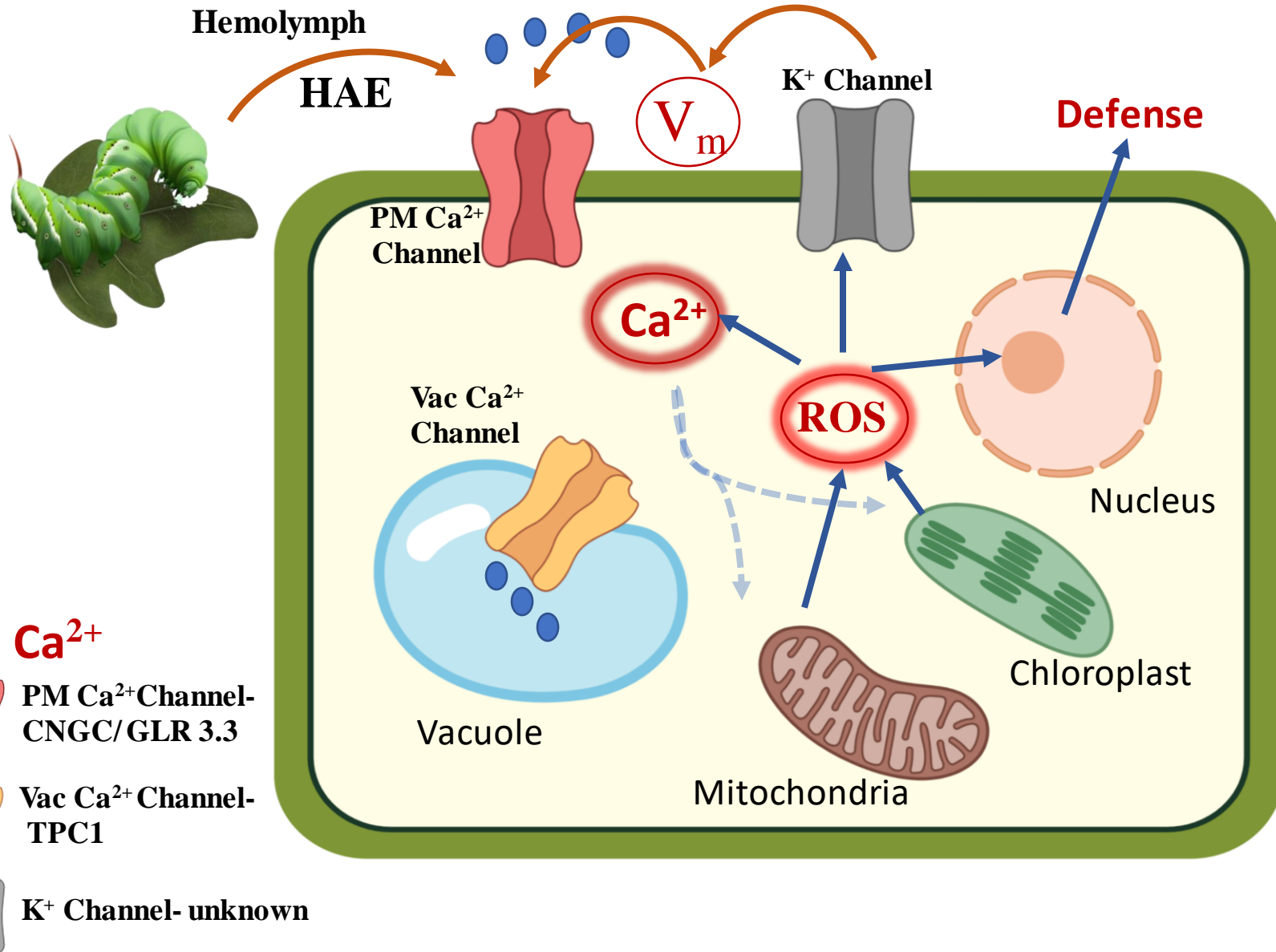
# Extracellular $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ is essential for inducing hemolymph-mediated ROS generation



## ROS Imaging



# Conclusion/ Proposed model



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