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Deciphering peroxisomal reactive species interactome and redox signalling networks[☆]Luisa M. Sandalio^{*}, Aurelio M. Collado-Arenal, María C. Romero-Puertas

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ABSTRACT

Plant peroxisomes are highly dynamic organelles with regard to metabolic pathways, number and morphology and participate in different metabolic processes and cell responses to their environment. Peroxisomes from animal and plant cells house a complex system of reactive oxygen species (ROS) production associated to different metabolic pathways which are under control of an important set of enzymatic and non enzymatic antioxidative defenses. Nitric oxide (NO) and its derivative reactive nitrogen species (RNS) are also produced in these organelles. Peroxisomes can regulate ROS and NO/RNS levels to allow their role as signalling molecules. The metabolism of other reactive species such as carbonyl reactive species (CRS) and sulfur reactive species (SRS) in peroxisomes and their relationship with ROS and NO have not been explored in depth. In this review, we define a peroxisomal reactive species interactome (PRSI), including all reactive species ROS, RNS, CRS and SRS, their interaction and effect on target molecules contributing to the dynamic redox/ROS homeostasis and plasticity of peroxisomes, enabling fine-tuned regulation of signalling networks associated with peroxisome-dependent H₂O₂. Particular attention will be paid to update the information available on H₂O₂-dependent peroxisomal retrograde signalling and to discuss a specific peroxisomal footprint.

1. Introduction

Peroxisomes, which are ubiquitous organelles in different organisms, have common metabolic pathways, such as reactive oxygen species (ROS) metabolism and fatty acid β -oxidation, throughout their evolution (Table 1). Interestingly, from an evolutionary perspective, peroxisomes, originating from the endoplasmic reticulum (ER), were selected to house a range of pathways involving the production of certain ROS such as

H₂O₂ [1]. The driving force behind the origin of peroxisomes from the ER has been proposed to be the separation of H₂O₂-producing enzymes involved in fatty acid metabolism that could be toxic to other processes, such as protein folding and modification, occurring in the ER [1]. Subsequently, other oxidative enzymes and pathways, such as certain β -oxidation enzymes originally localized to the mitochondrion, were relocated to peroxisomes [2]. This suggests that the relocation of the β -oxidation of very long fatty acids in peroxisomes could constitute a

Abbreviations: ACX, Acyl CoA oxidase; AO, Aldehyde oxidase; APX, Ascorbate peroxidase; ASC, Ascorbate AT: 3-aminotriazole; ATG, Autophagy-related genes; CAS, β -cyanoalanine synthase; CAT, Catalase; CDES, Cysteine desulfhydrases; CDPK8, calcium-dependent kinase 8; CMV, Cucumber mosaic virus; CRS, Carbonyl reactive species; CuAO, Copper amine oxidase; DHAR, Dehydroascorbate reductase; 2,4-D, 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid; DRP, Dynamin-related protein; ER, Endoplasmic reticulum; Fis1, Fission protein 1; GLX1, Glyoxalase 1; GOX, Glycolate oxidase; GPX, Glutathione peroxidase; GR, Glutathione reductase; GSH, Reduced glutathione; GSNO, S-nitrosoglutathione; GSNOR, S-nitroso-glutathione reductase; GSNOR-CysNO, GSNOR S-nitrosylated; GSSG, Oxidized glutathione; GST, Glutathione-S-Transferase; GUN1, Genome uncoupled 1; HPR, Hydroxypyruvate reductase; HSP, Heat shock protein; IAA, Indolacetic acid; IBA, Indole-3-butyric acid; ILV, Intraluminal vesicles; JA, Jasmonic acid; LAP2, Leucine aminopeptidase 2; MAPK, Mitogen-activated protein kinases; MDA, Malondialdehyde; MDAR, Monodehydroascorbate reductase; MGO, Methylglyoxal; NCA1, No catalase activity 1; NOS-like, Nitric oxide oxidase like activity; OASTL, O-acetylserine (thiol) lyase; PAP, 3'-Phosphoadenosine 5'-Phosphate; PEXs, Peroxines; PMP, Peroxisomal membrane protein; PP2A-B' γ , B' γ 2A protein phosphatase subunit; PRDX5, peroxiredoxin 5; PRSI, Peroxisomal reactive species interactome; PRX, Peroxiredoxin; PTM, Post-translational modifications; RNS, Reactive nitrogen species; RSI, Reactive species interactome; RSS, reactive sulfide species; SA, Salicylic acid; SAOX, sarcosine oxidase; SOD, Superoxide dismutases; SOS2, Salt overly sensitive 2; SRS, Sulfur reactive species; Ub, ubiquitin; UO, Urate oxidase; XOR, Xanthine oxidoreductase.

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Table 1
Main metabolic pathways associated to peroxisomes in plant and animal cells.

Main metabolic pathways	Plants	Animals	References
Reactive Oxygen and Nitrogen Species Metabolism	✓	✓	Rev in [3,4]
Sulfite metabolism	✓		Rev in [3,5]
Amino acids metabolism	✓	✓	Rev in [5]
Indole glucosinolates metabolism	✓		Rev in [6]
Ureide metabolism	✓	✓	Rev in [3,7]
Hormones biosynthesis	✓	✓	[8,9]
Polyunsaturated fatty acids biosynthesis	✓	✓	[10]
Eter phospholipids biosynthesis		✓	[11]
Pyrimidines biosynthesis		✓	[10]
Biotin biosynthesis	✓		Rev in [5]
Ubiquinone biosynthesis	✓	✓	Rev in [5,12]
Phylloquinone biosynthesis	✓		Rev in [5]
Secondary metabolites biosynthesis	✓		Rev. in [5]
Isoprenoid and cholesterol biosynthesis	✓		Rev. in [5,10]
Bile acids biosynthesis		✓	Rev in [10]
Prostaglandin degradation		✓	Rev in [10]
Polyamine degradation	✓	✓	Rev in [10, 13]
Purines degradation	✓	✓	Rev in [10,7]
Phytol degradation	✓		[14]
Pseudouridine degradation	✓		[15]
Photorespiration	✓		Rev in [8]
Oxidation of fatty acids	✓	✓	Rev [8,10]
Glyoxylate cycle	✓		Rev in [8]

selective advantage in order to avoid an excess of FADH₂/NADH produced during this process, leading to an unbalanced ratio of ubiquinone and its reduced form, ubiquinol [2]. This, in turn, interferes with the mitochondrial respiratory chain, which eventually leads to an increase in ROS production [2].

Plant peroxisomes are highly dynamic organelles with regard to metabolism, morphology and abundance. They participate in different metabolic processes involved in development, morphogenesis, reproduction, and cell responses to different stress conditions and also house nitric oxide (NO) and reactive nitrogen species (RNS) metabolism (reviewed in Refs. [3,8] Table 1). The contribution of peroxisomes to the management of other reactive species, such as carbonyl reactive species (CRS) and sulfur reactive species (SRS), is also under debate. The biosynthesis of phytohormones jasmonic acid (JA), auxin and salicylic acid (SA) (Table 1) which are associated to β -oxidation pathway and regulate multiple pathways in the cell, also contributes to the complex role of peroxisomes in development and stress responses [5]. Therefore, peroxisomes could be considered as a platform of signal molecules in the cell.

Peroxisomes are small organelles surrounded by a simple membrane containing a granular matrix. However, recently, using monomeric fluorescent reporter proteins to target sequences from two peroxisome membrane peroxins, Wright and Bartel (2020) [16] have demonstrated that peroxisomes contain internal membranes that accumulate over time, whose formation requires endosomal sorting complexes for transport (ESCRT) machinery, and appear to be derived from the peroxisomal membrane giving rise to the formation of intraluminal vesicles (ILV). These vesicles were mainly visualized in young seedlings when β -oxidation is more active and could be involved in a mechanism of lipid mobilization in the peroxisomal lumen [16].

Nowadays, peroxisomes are considered to be multipurpose organelles that are necessary for both animal and plant cell functionality, for the perception of changes in their environment and for the regulation of cell responses to environmental conditions, as well as to disease [3,4] (Table 1). The range of functions associated with peroxisomes, particularly in plants, is continuously increasing, with, in addition to ROS detoxification and fatty acid β -oxidation, peroxisomes housing ureide metabolism, polyamine and amino acid catabolism, photorespiration, the glyoxylate cycle, sulfur and indole glucosinolate metabolism, biotin biosynthesis, ubiquinone and phylloquinone biosynthesis, isoprenoid

biosynthesis and benzoic acid derivative biosynthesis [3,8,6] (Table 1). New functions of peroxisomes in the degradation of chlorophyll-derived phytol have been reported in Arabidopsis associated with α -oxidation [14], as well as in the degradation of pseudouridine, a modified nucleoside that occurs in noncoding RNAs and mRNAs [15]. The biosynthesis of benzaldehyde via β -oxidation, which acts in chemical communications as a sex-alarm pheromone, defends against arthropods and also acts as a pollinator attractant, is also associated with peroxisomes [17] (Table 1). In addition to ROS metabolism and fatty acid β -oxidation, peroxisomes from mammals and plant cells share other important processes such as ureide metabolism, polyamine and amino acid catabolism, biotin biosynthesis, among others (Table 1; [8,5,6,10]), meanwhile some others are exclusive of mammals cells such as bile acids and pyrimidine biosynthesis, prostaglandin degradation, between others [10].

Peroxisomes are highly dynamic organelles which can experience changes in abundance, shape, and protein content in response to the overproduction of H₂O₂. Plant peroxisome abundance is regulated by biogenesis, stress response-related proliferation, and pexophagy, which is a selective autophagic degradation of peroxisomes involved in removing obsolete and damaged peroxisomes [8,18]. Peroxins (PEXs) are proteins involved in peroxisome biogenesis and maintenance [3,8]. Peroxisomal membrane proteins (PMPs) imported into Arabidopsis require peroxin PEX19, which acts as a chaperone for PMPs in the cytosol, as well as PEX3 acting as the membrane anchor [8,5]. Peroxisomal matrix proteins containing the C- and N-terminal targeting signals PTS1 and PTS2, respectively, are imported by the soluble receptors PEX5 (for PTS1) and PEX7 (for PTS2) located in the cytosol [8,5]. Under stress conditions, peroxisome populations can increase through a process called proliferation, which starts with peroxisome elongation, followed by constriction, and ends with fission. This process is controlled by the PEX11 family of proteins, with five isoforms (PEX11a to PEX11e) being present in Arabidopsis, in addition to dynamin-related proteins (DRPs) and fission proteins (Fis1) [8]. Peroxisome proliferation is a rapid response to different abiotic stresses and is regulated by ROS (reviewed in Ref. [3]). However, NO has recently been reported to be also involved in regulating peroxisome proliferation in response to Cd, probably through the regulation of peroxisomal enzymatic antioxidants, such as CAT, and thus also regulates H₂O₂-dependent signalling [19]. GSNO also rescues peroxisome numbers and activity defects in *PEX1G843D* mild Zellweger syndrome fibroblasts [20]. Plant peroxisome proliferation could be a strategy to protect against ROS overflow in the cell as result of the highly efficient peroxisomal antioxidant defences, as evidenced by the link of abiotic stress tolerance and peroxisomal proliferation, such as during the protoplast transition from G0 to G1 [21]. In response to salt stress in Arabidopsis and *Oryza sativa*, peroxisome proliferation is associated with a reduction in both Na⁺ accumulation and oxidative stress [22,23]. Peroxisome biogenesis and the induction of ROS production can regulate lignin, thus leading to the regulation of mesocotyl plasticity [24]. However, in quinoa plants, a negative correlation between peroxisome proliferation and the yields of plants exposed to heat, drought or both these conditions has been observed [25]. As mentioned above, excessive numbers of peroxisomes and obsolete or damaged organelles are eliminated in order to prevent metabolic disturbances and redox imbalances in the cell through selective autophagy (pexophagy) which is regulated by oxidative stress [18, 26–29]. Pexophagy, is especially frequent under biotic and abiotic stress conditions, but can also occur during cell differentiation and development and even under normal cellular conditions [18,28,30,31]. In plants, there are two main types of autophagy, microautophagy and macroautophagy, which in turn can be selective (pexophagy, chlorophagy, mitophagy, between others) or non-selective forms of autophagy [32]. Autophagy is a complex process which, in plants, requires more than 30 autophagy-related genes (ATG), thus suggesting a higher diversity of gene families, probably due to their sessile characteristics. The ubiquitin-like protein ATG8, which binds the growing

autophagosome membrane, is essential for selective cargo recruitment and autophagosome-tonoplast fusion [32]. However, specific peroxisomal autophagic receptors have not been clearly identified [18,31]. The signals determining plant peroxisome degradation have not either been fully established, although ROS and oxidative stress factors, such as CAT and peroxisomal oxidation, have been reported in different studies [18,26,28]. Thus, Calero et al. [28] have observed an increase in total carbonylated proteins in seedling extracts of Arabidopsis plants under treatment with 100 μM Cd over different periods of time (0–24 h); using the H_2O_2 biosensor HyperAs, the authors imaged a clear increase in H_2O_2 and peroxisomal oxidation after 4 h of Cd treatment [28]. Interestingly, peroxisome autophagy can negatively self-regulate due to the chaperone activity of the peroxisomal protease LON2 [33,34]. Therefore, plant adaptation to adverse conditions would require a fine-tuning regulation of peroxisome quality and abundance probably to accurate H_2O_2 homeostasis regulation.

This review updates our knowledge of the metabolism of peroxisomal reactive species, including ROS, RNS, NO, CRS and SRS, as well as their integration into the peroxisomal reactive species interactome (RSI), in addition to its role in the perception of environmental changes and the regulation of cell responses to promote resistance to different stress conditions. Particular attention will be paid to the role of H_2O_2 from peroxisomes in regulating the transcriptional responses of plant cells to different abiotic stress conditions and to the characterization of specific peroxisomal footprints.

2. Peroxisomal ROS metabolism

Reactive oxygen species (ROS) include different reduced derivatives of molecular oxygen which occur as a normal consequence of aerobic life through sequential O_2 reduction, giving rise to superoxide (O_2^-), hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2), and hydroxyl ($\cdot\text{OH}$) radicals. Other ROS include alkoxy radicals ($\text{RO}\cdot$), peroxy radicals ($\text{ROO}\cdot$), and electronically excited oxygen species singlet oxygen ($^1\text{O}_2$ (Table 2, [3,35])). The chemical reactivity and biological functions of ROS differ and, depending on their concentrations, can participate in signalling processes, as well as in cellular damage and death [35]. Peroxisomes, one of the main sources of cellular ROS production, are also some of the most oxidized cellular organelles. with a redox potential of approximately -360 mV, followed by chloroplasts, with a redox potential of -350 mV under light and of -306 mV under dark conditions; meanwhile, mitochondria yielded values of approximately -330 mV and -300 mV for the cytosol [36,37]. However, peroxisomes have a highly efficient antioxidant defence system to balance ROS levels, enabling these reactive species to regulate different metabolic pathways and signalling networks [3]. In plant peroxisomes, superoxide radicals are produced in

Table 2
Reactive Oxygen Species, Reactive Nitrogen Species, Reactive Sulfur Species and Reactive Carbonyl species.

Reactive Oxygen species	Reactive Nitrogen Species	Reactive Sulfur Species	Reactive Carbonyl Species
Superoxide radical, O_2^-	Nitric oxide, NO	Hydrogen sulfide, H_2S	Methylglyoxal, MGO
Hydrogen peroxide, H_2O_2	Nitrogen dioxide, NO_2	Sulfenic acid, RSOH	4-hydroxy-trans-2-onenal, 4-HNE
Hydroxyl radical, $\text{HO}\cdot$	Dinitrogen trioxide, N_2O_3	Disulfide-S oxides, RS(O)2SR	Malondialdehyde, MDA
Lipid peroxide, LOOH	Peroxonitrite, ONOO \cdot	Polysulfide, RSSnR	Acrolein, $\text{C}_3\text{H}_4\text{O}$
Alcoxy radical, $\text{RO}\cdot$	Nitroxyl, HNO	Thiyl radical, RS	
Peroxy radical $\text{RO}_2\cdot$	Nitrite, NO_2^-	Disulfane H_2S_2	
Singlet oxygen $^1\text{O}_2$		Persulfide radical RSS \cdot	

the lumen during ureide and nucleic acid catabolism by xanthine oxidoreductase (XOR) and urate oxidase (UO) reactions, in sulfite oxidation catalysed by sulfite oxidase (SO), which also produced H_2O_2 and, in the peroxisomal membrane, via the NADH/NADPH-dependent electron transport chain (reviewed in Ref. [3]). Though less well understood than H_2O_2 , O_2^- reactivity probably affects the redox state of transition metal ion complexes in proteins and Fe–S clusters [35]. Superoxide accumulation is enzymatically regulated by superoxide dismutases (SODs), which dismutate superoxide to H_2O_2 and O_2 . Different SODs, including CuZn-SOD, Mn-SOD and Fe-SOD, have been reported in plant peroxisomes depending on the plant species studied; thus pea leaf peroxisomes contain Mn-SOD and CuZn-SODs, while Arabidopsis contains only CuZn-SOD (CSD3) [38].

In photosynthetic tissue, peroxisomes are the largest source of H_2O_2 , which is mainly associated with glycolate oxidase (GOX), a key enzyme in the photorespiration cycle [39]. Photorespiration is a compartmentalized process requiring physical contact between the chloroplast, peroxisome, mitochondrion and cytosol, in which GOX oxidizes glycolate, giving rise to glyoxylate and H_2O_2 [39]. Arabidopsis contain five glycolate oxidases, GOX1, GOX2, GOX3, HAOX1 and HAOX2 [40,41]. The induction of photorespiration-dependent H_2O_2 production occurs under different environmental stress conditions, including heat and drought in wheat [42], and drought in the saharian plant *Oudneya africana* [43], heavy metals in pea and Arabidopsis leaves [44,45], high light and temperature in rice plants [46] and nonhost resistance in *Nicotiana benthamiana* and Arabidopsis [47,48]. Interestingly, the barley stripe mosaic virus (BSMV) Yb protein interacts with the host plant's GOX genes in order to inhibit GOX-derived H_2O_2 production, while Yb-GOX complexes accumulate near BSMV replication sites in vivo, thus facilitating BSMV infection [49].

Another source of H_2O_2 in peroxisomes is Acyl-coA oxidase (ACX), which is a key fatty acid β -oxidation enzyme. This process, which is mainly associated with seed germination, also plays an important role in the synthesis of the hormones, indole acetic acid (IAA), jasmonic acid (JA), ubiquinone, benzoic acid/benzaldehyde and phenylpropanoids, in green tissues [5,9,12]. In Arabidopsis, ACX is a family of six enzymes (ACX1–6) with overlapping specificities for Acyl-CoA substrates and different fatty acid chain lengths [50]. Upregulation of ACXs and other enzymes from the β -oxidation pathway has been reported in response to heat shock and drought conditions in wheat [51]. ACX3 upregulation has been observed in response to salinity and drought in cotton [52], and in *Camellia sinensis* CsACX1 was upregulated by the insects *Trichoplusia ni* and *Empoasca (Matsumurasca) onukii* and the constitutive expression of CsACX1 rescued wound-related JA biosynthesis in Arabidopsis mutant *acx1* [53]. The herbicide 2,4-D also upregulated ACX activity in pea leaves [54], as well as ACX1 expression in Arabidopsis plants being in both cases involved in epinastic phenotype [55]. Polyamine catabolism is an additional peroxisomal source of H_2O_2 [13]. Copper amine oxidases (CuAOs) oxidatively deaminate polyamines to produce H_2O_2 , which plays an essential role in plant responses to abiotic stresses and pathogen interactions [13]. In Arabidopsis plants, CuAO ζ -dependent H_2O_2 is required for indole-3-butyric acid (IBA)-induced lateral root (LR) development [56]. Arabidopsis peroxisomal sarcosine oxidase (SOX; [57]) catalyses the degradation of l-pipecolate to Δ 1-piperideine-6-carboxylate with H_2O_2 production and, to a lesser extent, the oxidation of sarcosine to glycine, formaldehyde, and H_2O_2 [57]. Finally, SODs are another potential source of H_2O_2 as described above.

Hydrogen peroxide can be accumulated in specific peroxisomal sites adjacent to those in contact with other organelles, such as chloroplasts or vacuoles, probably related to interorganelle cross-talk [58]. Hydrogen peroxide promotes the reversible oxidation of cysteines to sulfenic acid (-SOH) which is highly reactive and can be overoxidized to sulfonic acid (SO_2H) and, under excessive H_2O_2 accumulation conditions, to sulfonic acid (SO_3H), which irreversibly inactivates proteins [35,59]. Sulfenic acid also reacts with a free thiol group on the same or different protein molecule, giving rise to the formation of intramolecular

and intermolecular disulfides (S–S). Given their transient nature due to subsequent redox relay mechanisms, often involving peroxiredoxins and thioredoxins, these cysteine redox modifications are regarded as redox switch [59]. These redox switches regulate protein activity and constitute a basis for regarding H₂O₂ as an essential redox signalling molecule [35,59].

Peroxisomal catalase (CAT) can modulate H₂O₂ levels in peroxisomes, thus facilitating the regulation of its signalling function or as a pro-oxidant molecule. CAT is one of the most abundant peroxisomal proteins (10%–25%) and the most important defense against photorespiratory H₂O₂ [60]. Arabidopsis plants contain three CAT genes, *CAT1-CAT3*, with *CAT2* being the most active in green tissues (almost 80% of CAT activity). Arabidopsis *cat2* mutants, which accumulate H₂O₂ under high-light and ambient CO₂ conditions, present approximately 400 oxidized proteins containing methionine sulfoxide [61]. Interestingly, CAT interactome is very complex and several proteins have been shown to interact with this antioxidant. Thus, GOX physically interact with *CAT2* in rice leaves, which are regulated by salicylic acid (SA) [62], indicating that *CAT2* plays an important role in the regulation of photorespiratory-dependent H₂O₂ signalling. The connection between GOX and CAT also plays an important role in the regulation of stomatal movements in Arabidopsis plants [63]. A protective association between CAT and isocitrate lyase has also been observed in castor bean glyoxysomes, suggesting that glyoxylic acid and seed germination are regulated by CAT [64]. Likewise, CAT interacts with and regulates *ACX2* and *ACX3* activity and also modulates the SA-mediated regulation of JA biosynthesis in Arabidopsis plants infected by biotroph pathogens [65]. In the same plant species, the peroxisome-localized small heat shock protein Hsp17.6CII interacts with *CAT2* in the peroxisome and enhances its activity to protect against abiotic stresses [66], while HSP90.9 interacts with *CAT1* and enhances its activity [67]. A novel *CAT2*-interacting protein, leucine aminopeptidase 2 (*LAP2*), in Arabidopsis can lead to a mutual enhancement of both proteins in response to salt and osmotic stress conditions, while loss-of-function mutant *lap2-3* is hypersensitive to both abiotic stress [68]. Despite its peroxisomal location, there is increasing evidence of *CAT*'s additional locations outside peroxisomes, although the reasons for this and the mechanism involved remain unclear [69]. The Arabidopsis salt overly sensitive 2 (*SOS2*) gene, which is required for salt tolerance, can interact with *CAT2* and *CAT3* and nucleoside diphosphate 2 in response to salt stress and H₂O₂ metabolism [70]. An Arabidopsis zinc finger protein lesion simulating disease 1 (*LSD1*) can interact with all three catalases in the cytosol to maintain catalase activity under hypersensitive cell death conditions [71]. Moreover, in Arabidopsis, no catalase activity 1 (*NCA1*), which interacts with all three catalases in the cytosol, is required for catalase activity during responses to multiple stresses, such as salt, cold, and alkaline, as well as for autophagy-dependent cell death [72,73]. Arabidopsis *CAT3* also interacts with the cytosolic calcium-dependent kinase *CDPK8* which boosts its activity [74]. *CAT A* in rice interacts with the plasma membrane-associated calcium-dependent kinase *OsCPK10*, which increases *CAT* activity [75]; in addition, *CAT C* interacts with the receptor-like cytoplasmic kinase *STRK1* which phosphorylates and activates *CAT C* [76]. Changes in the location of Arabidopsis *CAT3* from the peroxisome to the nucleus in response to the cucumber mosaic virus (CMV) 2b protein have been reported to cause H₂O₂ accumulation and subsequent necrosis in infected Arabidopsis leaves [77,78]. However, *CAT2* may also be translocated to the nucleus independently of any biotic factor, as reported recently by Al-Hajjaya et al. (2022) [69], who demonstrated that *CAT* translocation to the nucleus is due to an alteration in the C terminal, which could affect *CAT* tetramerisation and thus its interaction with the peroxisomal importomer *PEX5* [69]. Increasing evidence in mammalian cells suggests that oxidative stress at the cellular level might possibly regulate imports of *CAT* into the peroxisomes, thus enabling this protein to be relocated in the cell in order to increase extra-peroxisomal catalase activity [79]. Human *PEX5* Cys-11 appears to act as a redox switch that modulates the import of peroxisomal matrix

proteins such as *CAT* [79]. In mammalian cells, oxidative stress boosts the phosphorylation of *PEX14* which disrupts the interaction of *CAT* with the *Pex14-Pex5* importomer complex, thus boosting *CAT* accumulation in the cytosol [80]. However, in plant cells, the redox-dependent mechanism of *CAT*'s location in the cytosol is not fully understood.

With a *K_m* of around 43 mM, the affinity of *CAT* for H₂O₂ is low, which reduces its efficiency in controlling H₂O₂, suggesting that H₂O₂ diffuses into the cytosol under certain oxidative stress conditions [81]. However, peroxisomes have other defences against H₂O₂, mainly the ascorbate–glutathione cycle, which is composed of several enzymatic antioxidants. The peroxisomal matrix in Arabidopsis contains two ascorbate peroxidases (*APX*; *APX3* and *APX5*), one monodehydroascorbate reductase (*MDHAR1*), one dehydroascorbate reductase (*DHAR1*), one glutathione reductase (*GR1*), as well as the non-enzymatic antioxidants, ascorbate (*ASC*) and glutathione (*GSH*), which control H₂O₂ levels in the peroxisomal matrix [5]. In pea leaves, *MDHAR* and *APX* activities are also associated with the peroxisomal membrane [82]. The higher affinity of *APX*, as compared to *CAT*, enables H₂O₂ leakage from peroxisomes to the cytosol to be regulated [83]. Therefore, both *CAT* and *APX* could contribute to the determination of the signalling role of peroxisomal H₂O₂.

The presence of other peroxidases in peroxisomes, such as peroxiredoxins, cannot be ruled out [84,85]. Peroxiredoxins are a family of thiol-based peroxide reductases with broad substrate specificity, ranging from hydrogen peroxide to alkyl hydroperoxide and peroxynitrite [86, 87]. Recently, the orthologs *AtTPX1* and *AtTPX2* of peroxisomal peroxiredoxin 5 (*PRDX5*) from human cells were detected in Arabidopsis [88], although their location in peroxisomes has not been precisely established so far. A bioinformatics analysis of plant peroxisomal proteins has identified glutathione peroxidase 2 as a putative peroxisomal protein [89]. Additionally, using Strep-tagged recombinant proteins in Arabidopsis plants, the presence of three glutathione-S-transferases (*GSTT1*, *GSTT2* and *GSTT3*) in peroxisomes has been reported [90]. *GSTs*, which require *GSH*, are involved in the detoxification of xenobiotic compounds and lipid peroxides. As these enzymes have been shown, in an in vitro analysis, to have high *GSH*-dependent peroxidase activity towards linoleic acid peroxide, they could protect the peroxisomal membrane against damage caused by fatty acid oxidation (Fig. 1) [90, 91].

Other ROS, such as hydroxyl radical ·OH and ¹O₂, can also be produced in peroxisomes through Haber-Weiss and Fenton type reactions [38,92] which require Fe/Cu ions, H₂O₂ and O₂ or *ASC*, thus promoting lipid peroxidation and carbonyl radicals, considered to be new players in the peroxisome-derived signalling network [38].

3. Peroxisomal metabolism of reactive nitrogen species (RNS)

Nitric oxide (NO), a highly reactive gaseous free radical, is a well-known signalling molecule in plants. Over the last twenty years, increasing evidence has demonstrated that NO is involved in a large number of plant processes, ranging from development and defence responses to both biotic and abiotic stresses; however, its metabolism, particularly in plant peroxisomes, has not been fully elucidated [93]. Peroxisomal NO production is associated with a NO synthase-like activity (*NOS-I*) [94], although neither the protein nor genes have so far been identified. In *Arabidopsis thaliana*, the conversion of IBA into IAA by β-oxidation is also involved in NO production [95], as well as polyamine catabolism [96], although no specific proteins have yet been identified. Xanthine oxidoreductase (*XOR*) appears to be another source of NO in animal cells [97] and in lupin roots the increase of NO production under phosphorus deficiency is associated to *XOR*, because its inhibitor allopurinol, markedly reduced NO production [98]. Other nitrogen-derived species, such as peroxynitrite (ONOO⁻), resulting from the reaction of NO with O₂⁻, as well as S-nitrosoglutathione (GSNO), which result of the combination of NO and *GSH*, and is considered a

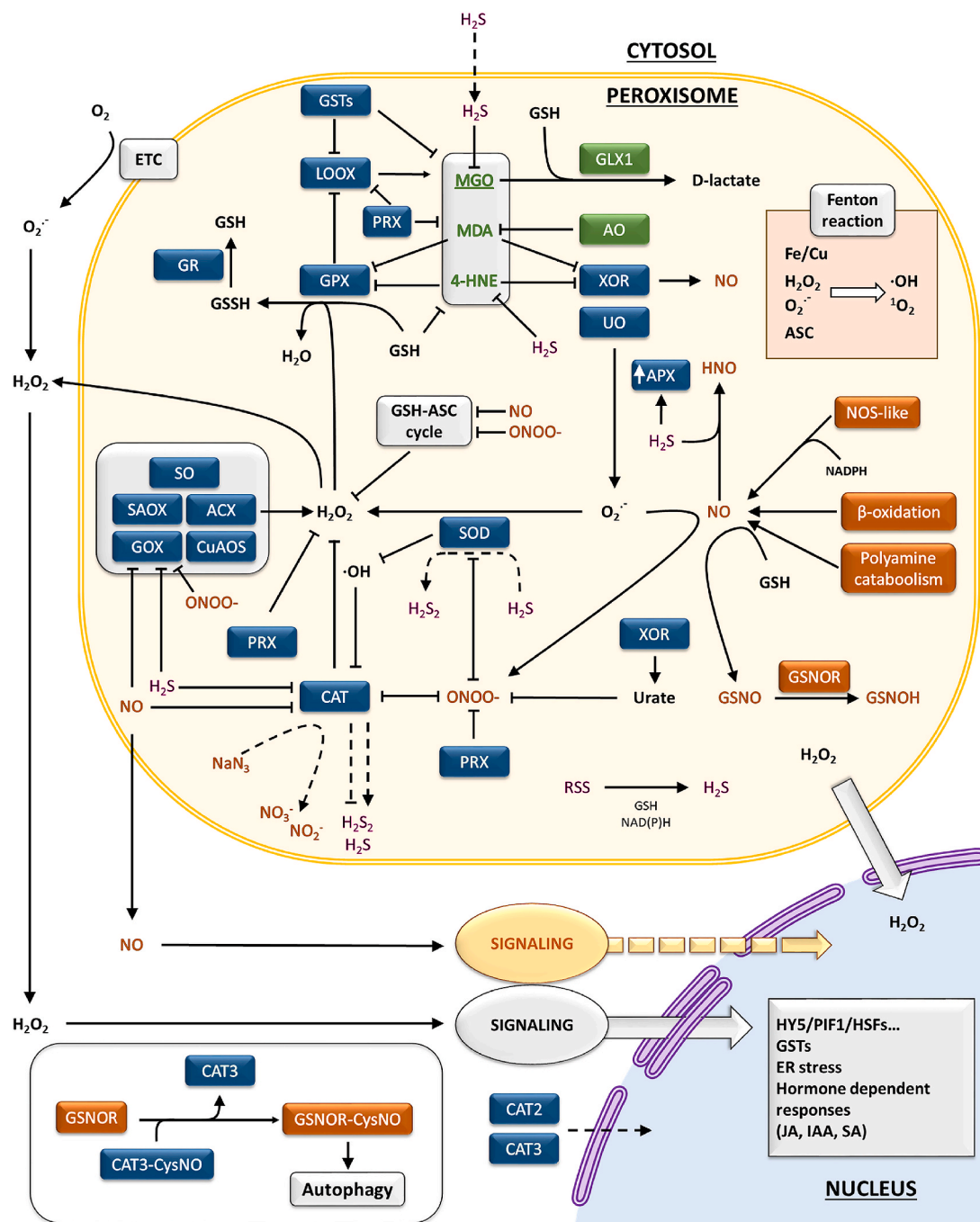


Fig. 1. Hypothetical model of reactive species interactome in peroxisomes and redox-dependent signalling network. The scheme shows a summary of the main endogenous sources of ROS, RNS, RSS, and RCS in peroxisomes and the interaction of different reactive species between themselves and with target molecules related to ROS and NO metabolism and peroxisomal dependent signalling transduction. ACX, acyl CoA oxidase; APX, ascorbate oxidase; ASC, ascorbate; AO, aldehyde oxidase; CAT, catalase; CuAOs, Copper amine oxidases; ER, endoplasmic reticulum; GLX1, Glyoxalase 1; GOX, glycolate oxidase; GR, glutathione reductase; GSH, reduced glutathione; GSSG, oxidized glutathione; GPX, glutathione peroxidase; GSNO, nitroso-glutathione; GSNOH, S-nitroso-glutathione reductase; GSNOR-CysNO, GSNOR S-nitrosylated; GST, glutathione-S-Transferase; HSFs, heat shock factors; 4-HNE, 4-hydroxy-(E)-2-nonenal; IAA, indolacetic acid; JA, jasmonic acid; LOOX, lipid hydroperoxide; MDA, malondialdehyde; MGO, methylglyoxal; NO, nitric oxide; NOS-like, nitric oxide oxidase like activity; NO₃⁻, nitrate; NO₂⁻, nitrite; ONOO⁻, peroxynitrite; PRX, peroxiredoxin; RCS, reactive carbonyl species; RNS, reactive nitrogen species; ROS, reactive oxygen species; RSS, reactive sulfur species; SA, salicylic acid; SO, sulfite oxidase; SOD, superoxide dismutase; UO, urate oxidase; XOR, xanthine oxidoreductase. Dashed lines represent reactions not demonstrated in vivo in plant cells.

cellular NO reservoir, have been detected in plant peroxisomes (Table 2) [99,100]. S-nitroso-glutathione reductase (GSNOR), which maintains a balance between NO and S-nitrosothiol levels, has been proteomically identified as a putative peroxisomal protein in plants [89]. Up to now, the principal mode of action of NO in plants has been through nitric oxide-derived post-translational protein modifications (PTMs) such as

S-nitrosylation (or S-nitrosation), which forms a nitrosothiol in a Cys residue, leading to changes in the function, location, and/or stability of proteins [89,93]. ONOO⁻, a strong oxidant molecule, induces PTMs through tyrosine nitration (NO₂-Tyr), thus affecting protein activity and/or stability. These modifications are also associated with NO₂ [89]. The peroxisomal targets of NO-dependent PTMs were obtained

following a proteomic bioinformatics analysis of PTMs including large-scale S-nitrosylation and nitration in Arabidopsis plants [89]. This analysis shows that approximately 8.4% of putative peroxisomal proteins can be targets of S-nitrosylation, while only 1.6% are targets of Tyr-nitration [89]. Most peroxisomal targets of S-nitrosylation are related to antioxidant defences (DHAR1, GR1, and CAT3), photorespiration (alanine-2-oxoglutarate aminotransferase 2, HPR1, alanine: glyoxylate aminotransferase2, glutamate: glyoxylate aminotransferase1), the glyoxylate cycle (isocitrate dehydrogenase, NAD-malate dehydrogenase 1 and 2, and citrate synthase 2); β -oxidation (ACX2,3 and 6, acyl-CoA synthase, 3-ketoacyl-CoA thiolase 3 and 4), the pentose phosphate cycle (6-phosphogluconate dehydrogenase family protein), the serine/threonine protein phosphatase 2A and nucleoside diphosphate kinase [89]. Additionally, a proteomic analysis of purified peroxisomes from pea leaves using the biotin switch method to identify S-nitrosylated proteins identified six targets in these organelles such as hydroxypyruvate reductase (HPR), GOX, serine:glyoxylate aminotransferase, aminotransferase 1, MDH and CAT, with CAT, MDH and GOX activity being negatively affected [99]. In general, PTMs dependent on NO and ONOO⁻ are associated with the inhibitory effects of peroxisomal targets, mainly enzymes related to ROS metabolism and H₂O₂ homeostasis [24,89,99] thus suggesting that NO plays an important role in regulating H₂O₂-dependent signalling networks. It has been shown that NO regulates peroxisomal-dependent signalling and dynamics by using Arabidopsis mutants and treatments that alter general NO level [24] and regulates organelle metabolism by identifying NO targets in the organelle [99]. Direct signalling due to NO produced in peroxisomes however, is difficult to find out as the NO-source in plant peroxisomes has not yet been identified.

4. Metabolism of reactive carbonyl species (RCS) in peroxisomes

Reactive carbonyl species (RCS) are formed mainly through the oxidative degradation of lipid peroxides (LOOH), most of which are generated by the oxidation of polyunsaturated fatty acids by ROS, in particular \cdot OH, or in the reaction catalysed by lipoxygenases [101]. Oxidized fatty acids are decomposed to a variety of aldehydes and ketones (designated as “oxylipin carbonyls”). In plants, 19 different RCS, including 4-hydroxy-(E)-2-nonenal (HNE), acrolein, malondialdehyde (MDA) and methylglyoxal (MGO), have been identified using high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC; Table 2) [101]. RCS participate in Michael addition reaction in which the electrophilic β carbon of an RCS molecule reacts with the thiol sulfur, amino nitrogen, or the imidazole τ -nitrogen atom to form a covalent bond and adding a carbonyl moiety to the protein, giving rise to protein carbonylation [102]. Additionally, RCS can form a Schiff's base with an amino group [102]. Protein carbonylation can also take place directly through the reaction of proline, lysine, arginine, and threonine with \cdot OH produced in Fenton-type reactions [89,103]. The carbonylated protein proteome in peroxisomes, which has been analysed in different plant species under different oxidative stress conditions, includes proteins associated with antioxidant defences (CAT, GR, Mn-SOD), the glyoxylate cycle (isocitrate lyase and malate synthase), fatty acid β -oxidation (AIM1) and cell death (nitrilase) [89,102]. The increase in carbonylated proteins in peroxisomes has been observed under different stress conditions associated with an increase in H₂O₂, such as cadmium toxicity [104], treatment with Cu and ascorbate to induce Fenton-derived \cdot OH production [105], senescence processes [106], and treatment with the herbicide 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid [107]. Peroxisomal HNE-modified proteins, including nitrilase, nitrile-specifier protein 5, glycine-rich RNA-binding protein 7, and nucleoside diphosphate kinase, were analysed under combined salt and continuous light treatment in Arabidopsis plants [108]. Carbonyl groups are regarded as oxidative stress markers giving rise to the inactivation and further degradation of proteins [104]. In peroxisomes purified from pea leaves exposed to Cd treatment for 14 days, serine protease activities, capable of acting on

carbonylated proteins, were identified [104]. In senescent pea leaves, CAT, GOX and glucose 6-P dehydrogenase (G6PDH) have been identified as some of the targets of serine proteases [109]. Peroxisomes can also use the cytosolic ubiquitin (Ub) 26S proteasome system to degrade ubiquitinated proteins in order to maintain peroxisomal quality. Plant peroxisomes contain several peroxins (PEXs), such as PEX4 [110], which can act as Ub-conjugating enzymes (E2s), while PEX2, PEX10, and PEX12 have been suggested to have in vitro E3 activity [31,111]. These proteins, which are involved in polyubiquitinating PEX5 for degradation by the cytosolic proteasome system, may participate in the ubiquitination of other peroxisomal proteins. The in silico analysis of peroxisomal ubiquitinated proteins in Arabidopsis has identified APX3, glutamate: glyoxylate aminotransferase, citrate synthase 3, 3-ketoacyl-CoA thiolase 3, alternative NAD(P)H dehydrogenase1, sulfite oxidase, 6-phosphogluconate dehydrogenase and cysteine proteinases, among others [89]. In fact, isocitrate lyase (ICL) and malate synthase (MLS) are stabilized in Arabidopsis mutants *pex4*, *pex22*, *pex2* and *pex10* (review in Ref. [31]). Ubiquitinated proteins would require the retrotranslocation of matrix proteins from the organelle in order to be proteasome targets (review in Ref. [31]). In peroxisomes from yeast, fungi and mammal cells, LON proteases, which have both chaperone and protease functions, can selectively degrade oxidatively damaged peroxisomal matrix proteins and may play a key role in the coordination of peroxisomal ROS metabolism [112,113]. In Arabidopsis plants, MLS and ICL have been reported to be LON2 substrates [31]. Alternatively, as previously observed in Arabidopsis roots exposed to H₂O₂ or methyl viologen, oxidized proteins could be removed by autophagy [114].

However, increasing evidence shows that RCS can act as a link between ROS stimuli and cellular responses which play a role in signalling processes in both plant and animal tissues (reviewed in Ref. [102]). However, specific information regarding signalling derived from peroxisomal RCS is not available for plants. Several enzymatic and non-enzymatic scavengers of RCS and carbonyls have been reported in plants, which include the low molecular weight GSH and the enzyme glutathione S-transferase (Fig. 1); both are present in peroxisomes and can efficiently trap RCS by forming an RCS-GSH conjugate [102]. The presence in Arabidopsis peroxisomes of glyoxalase [89,115], which detoxify methylglyoxal (MGO), strongly suggests that RCS are formed in peroxisomes (Fig. 1). Other enzymes involved in detoxifying RCS such as aldehyde oxidases may also participate in RCS detoxification in peroxisomes [102].

5. Metabolism of reactive sulfur species (RSS) in peroxisomes

The term reactive sulfur species (RSS) refers to sulfur-related molecules produced by the reaction of thiols with reactive oxygen and nitrogen species, including disulfide-S oxides [RS(O)₂SR], sulfenic acids (RSOH), thiyl radicals (HS \cdot), disulfane (H₂S₂), polysulfides (H₂Sn) and persulfide radicals (RSS \cdot) (Table 2) [116]. These RSS can indeed act either as potent oxidants or reductants and modulate the redox status of biological thiols and disulfides [116]. The chemical properties of RSS, such as nucleophilicity, electrophilicity, its pK_a, and bond strengths, can be modulated by interactions with other redox-active systems, thus making RSS ideal for many roles in biological signalling [116,117]. H₂S is probably the most studied sulfur-derived molecule in animal and plant systems; rather than a toxic compound, at low concentrations, H₂S exerts beneficial effects and is now recognised as a key messenger equal in importance to NO and H₂O₂ in a huge number of physiologically important processes [117,118]. The endogenous production of H₂S in plant cells is associated with the biosynthesis and metabolism of cysteine in chloroplasts through the action of sulfite reductase and L-cysteine desulfurases (NifS-like and also present in mitochondria) and in the cytosol through L-cysteine (L-CDES) and D-cysteine (D-CDES) desulfhydrases (reviewed in Ref. [117]). Mitochondria are also a source of H₂S through O-acetylserine (thiol) lyase (OASTL) activity during the detoxification of cyanide by the action of β -cyanoalanine synthase (CAS)

(reviewed [117]). However, no specific source of H₂S has been identified in peroxisomes, although the identification in these organelles of putative protein targets of persulfidation suggests the presence of H₂S in peroxisomes, probably as a result of permeation from the cytosol. However, analyses in vitro using commercial protein carried out by Olson et al. (2017) [118] have shown that H₂S may be generated by CAT under hypoxia requiring NADPH, although this has yet to be demonstrated in vivo (Fig. 1). In mammals cells nonenzymatic production of H₂S could take place in a process that requires reducing equivalents such as NADPH and NADH and GSH, thus reducing RSS to H₂S and other metabolites (reviewed in Ref. [119]) (Fig. 1). With regard to its precise mechanism of action, H₂S shows a high affinity for metalloproteins by covalently binding to the metal and is also involved in the PTM persulfidation which oxidizes cysteine thiol groups to persulfide groups (R-S-SH; reviewed [117]). Persulfidation requires an oxidant, as H₂S cannot directly modify cysteine residues to form a persulfide group. Thus, the thiolate (HS⁻) can react with cysteine sulfenic acid (R-SOH) to form cysteine persulfide (R-S-SH) [117]. The oxidative environment of peroxisomes, where reactive oxygen and nitrogen species are produced, may therefore be appropriate to form these oxidized intermediaries to enable persulfidation. Proteomic analysis carried out in Arabidopsis plants has identified 61 putative persulfidated proteins associated with peroxisomes including the antioxidants CAT3 and Cu-Zn-SOD3 (SOD3); fatty acid oxidation enzymes such as ACX1, 3, 4, and 6 and 2 enoyl-CoA hydratase/isomerase enzymes (AIM1/ECH1A) and sulfite oxidase [89,120]. Altogether, this means that persulfidation could regulate ROS production and ROS scavenging in peroxisomes and therefore determine peroxisomal H₂O₂-dependent signalling processes in response to stress conditions.

6. Peroxisomal reactive species interactome

Plants are exposed to continuous changes in their environment and are then prone to damage caused by abiotic and biotic factors. An effective buffer against environmental threats requires a perfect equilibrium between sensing, adaptation, defence, and repair systems to finally overcome damage and prevent plant death. Biological plasticity in response to changeable environmental conditions would provide resilience to different types of adverse factors. The chemical properties of reactive species constitute a good mechanism to integrate the perception of external signals by fine-tuning different biochemical reactions to facilitate metabolic flexibility [121] and signal transduction, giving rise to changes in gene expression. Peroxisomes can sense ROS/redox changes in the cell as a result of changes in their environment and thus trigger rapid and specific responses to environmental cues involving ROS-dependent signalling networks associated with different metabolic pathways and changes in peroxisomal dynamics [3,38]. However, the mechanisms involved have not yet been fully established.

The interaction (synergistic and antagonistic) between different reactive species has given rise to the concept of the reactive species interactome which was first developed in animal tissues as a new multilevel redox regulatory system that identifies the families of reactive species (ROS, RNS, RCS and RSS), their interactions with their respective downstream biological targets, mainly cysteine thiols in proteins (redox switches), as well as other elements including membrane lipids and DNA [121]. Several examples of interaction between reactive species in animal and plant systems, such as the formation of ONOO⁻ by the reaction of NO with O₂⁻, have been reported (Fig. 1). As mentioned previously, although ONOO⁻ promotes the Tyr nitration of proteins, there is a gap in the functional significance of this modification, which, in plants, is accepted as an irreversible reaction giving rise to protein inhibition and degradation by the proteasome [122]. In plant peroxisomes, as mentioned above, a proteomic analysis has identified several peroxisomal putative targets mainly related to ROS metabolism, with available data suggesting an inhibitory effect of this modification of antioxidant defences (CAT, MDAR, APX, CuZn,SOD) and ROS production (GOX) [89,

99,123] (Fig. 1). Catalase could also be involved in RNS metabolism. Thus commercial CAT can oxidize sodium azide into at least nitrite (NO₂⁻) and nitrate (NO₃⁻), contributing to tyrosine nitration in the presence of H₂O₂ [124]. Peroxisomal SOD could regulate ONOO⁻ accumulation by controlling O₂⁻ availability, while CAT and peroxiredoxins could degrade ONOO⁻, as reported in animal cells [125], thus playing a key modulatory role at the cross-roads between H₂O₂ and NO/ONOO⁻-mediated signalling pathways (Fig. 1). Furthermore, urate, a metabolite of ureide metabolism in peroxisomes, is a well-known peroxynitrite scavenger [126,127] and may also contribute to the regulation of ONOO⁻ in peroxisomes (Fig. 1). GSH can react with NO to form GSNO which acts as a NO reservoir and mediates protein S-nitrosylation processes, but can also prevent excessive accumulation of S-nitrosylated proteins under oxidative stress conditions [128]. GSNOR, in turn, can be *trans*-nitrosylated by the non-canonical catalase CAT3 (described as a repressor of GSNOR1, ROG1), and degraded by autophagy (Fig. 1); thus, CAT3 positively regulates NO signalling, and, accordingly, Arabidopsis *rog1* mutants are more susceptible to NO than WT mutants [129]. Zhang et al. (2021) [128] have reported that glutathione is required to maintain GSNOR activity through denitrosylation and coordinates GSNOR activity with protein S-nitrosylation levels to ensure appropriate signalling strength involving salicylic acid (SA) pathways in response to H₂O₂ [129]. These results suggest that NO homeostasis and ROS/NO crosstalk are self-regulated (Fig. 1). The interaction between CAT and nitrate reductase (NR), the main source of NO in plants, has been described in cassava (*Manihot esculenta*) plants, as a mechanism of defence against the bacterium *Xanthomonas axonopodis* [130]. Both enzymes are coordinated by the transcription factor MeRAV5 which activates *MeNR* expression and inhibits *MeCAT1* activity, thus regulating the H₂O₂/NO balance [130].

The carbonyl reactive species MGO, MDA, 4-HNE, and the enzymes GPX and PRX, which, in turn, regulate hydroxylipids, could act as a link between ROS, RNS, RSS, and RCS metabolism (Fig. 1). RCS could be oxidized by H₂O₂ and ONOO⁻, giving rise to acetate, formate, and methyl radicals (reviewed in Ref. [131]). MGO can be detoxified in peroxisomes by glyoxalase (GLX1), requiring GSH as a cofactor, thus regulating not only oxidative damage but also GSH/GSSG homeostasis [132]. GLX, in turn, is sensitive to redox changes and is a target of sulfenilation [89]. Additionally, MDA and 4-HNE could inhibit XOR, glutathione peroxidases and peroxiredoxin activities, as reported in animal systems (reviewed in Ref. [131]) (Fig. 1). Additionally, ·OH-dependent protein carbonylation can inactivate peroxisomal proteins associated to antioxidative defences, CAT and SOD, and in less extent malate dehydrogenase, which supply NADPH for metabolism and antioxidative defences as reported previously in peas, castor bean and Arabidopsis [104,105,108] (Fig. 1). All these reactions could take place in plant peroxisomes where all the actors mentioned are present, thus providing a fine tuned coordination of cell responses by cross-talk between different reactive species (Fig. 1).

H₂S plays a role in plant stress responses by enabling plants to adapt to adverse conditions and positively affects seed germination, root elongation, and survival under stress conditions (drought, salinity, hypoxia, heat, chilling and metal stress) by regulating defence responses through protein persulfidation [133,134]. Among the peroxisomal proteins identified as targets of persulfidation in Arabidopsis, there are two important antioxidants, SOD3 and CAT3; however, the effect of this PTM is unclear, with no effect being observed in SOD in the different plant species analysed [133]. H₂S donors negatively affect CAT activity, with increased APX and peroxidase in *Lycopersicon* plants observed in response to metal toxicity [133]. Recently, H₂S treatment has been reported to impact plant cellular redox homeostasis by repressing GOX activity probably by altering the levels of the major *GOX1* and *GOX2* transcripts, thus regulating photorespiration and peroxisomal H₂O₂ production and signalling [135]. Persulfidation of GOX may also be possible as proteomic analysis of persulfidated proteins from Arabidopsis has identified GOX as a target of this PTM, although its effect on

Table 3

Transcriptomic analyses related with ROS perturbed metabolism in plant peroxisomes. 2,4-D: 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid; ACX1: Acyl-CoA oxidase; AS: antisense; *Ath*: *Arabidopsis thaliana*; CAT: catalase; E3-SCF-FBOX: SKP1-CUL1-F-box E3 ligases complex; GOX1/2: glycolate oxidase 1/2; GR1: glutathione reductase 1; HL: high light; MAPK: mitogen-activated protein kinase; HSPs: heat shock proteins; *Nt*: *Nicotiana tabacum*; OX1: oxidative signal inducible 1; SHR: short-root transcription factor.

Mutant/ Treatment	Stress	Main Results	Reference
<i>CAT1-AS (Nr)</i>	high light	HL induced photoinhibition in <i>CAT1AS</i> plants. Short HL exposure of <i>CAT1AS</i> plants induced tolerance to a subsequent severe oxidative stress	[161]
<i>CAT2-AS (Ath)</i>	high light	Photorespiratory H ₂ O ₂ has a direct impact on transcriptional programs in plants	[162]
<i>cat2 (Ath)</i>	high light	Peroxisomal H ₂ O ₂ plays a key role in the induction of small HSPs and regulation and biosynthesis of anthocyanin pathway	[163]
<i>WT (Ath)</i>	3-aminotriazole	Identification of novel H ₂ O ₂ -responsive genes involved in cell death process	[146]
<i>cat2 (Ath)</i>	different CO ₂ conc. and photoperiod	Photorespiratory H ₂ O ₂ -dependent gene expression is significantly influenced by the photoperiod	[148]
<i>cat2 (Ath)</i>	Shift high CO ₂ /normal air	GR1 plays specific roles in intracellular H ₂ O ₂ metabolism, in day length-linked control of phytohormones	[155]
<i>cat2 (Ath)</i>	Short/long day conditions	Increased peroxisomal availability of H ₂ O ₂ induced resistance to biotic challenge, depending on both growth daylength and the isochorismate pathway of SA synthesis	[164]
<i>cat2 (Ath)</i>	Shift high CO ₂ /normal air	CO ₂ and peroxisomal H ₂ O ₂ have a key role in environmental responses	[165]
<i>cat2 (Ath)</i>	Shift high CO ₂ /normal air	H ₂ O ₂ produced in peroxisomes induces transcripts involved in protein repair responses	[149]
<i>cat2/gox1/gox2 (Ath)</i>	high light, shift high CO ₂ /normal air	GOX1 and not GOX2 attenuated the photorespiratory phenotype of <i>cat2</i> plants	[147]
<i>cat2 (Ath)</i>	high light, shift high CO ₂ /normal air	SHR acts as a regulator of the photorespiratory redox homeostasis that integrates stress responses and development.	[157]
<i>cat2/3; cat1/2/3</i>	Long day	Peroxisomal H ₂ O ₂ regulates plant growth, abiotic and biotic stress responses, probably through OX1 and several MAPK cascades control in the catalase triple mutant	[166]
<i>acx1 (Ath)</i>	2,4-D	There is a peroxisomal footprint in early plant responses to 2,4-D being ACX1 a key sources of ROS. Peroxisomal (ACX1)-dependent signalling in plant responses to 2,4-D point to auxin signalling regulation and protein degradation associated with E3-SCF-FBOX as key processes in development of epinasty	[56]
<i>35S:GOX2/gox2 (Ath)</i>	Cd (100 μM)	Included in a meta-analysis with different transcriptomes related with peroxisomal H ₂ O ₂ -dependent signalling	[89]

enzymatic activity has not yet been established [120,135]. Persulfidation is believed to account for the protection against ROS/RNS, since persulfidated proteins react with ROS/RNS to form an adduct that may be restored by thioredoxin, thus recovering protein function [135]. However, in peroxisomes, the presence of thioredoxins has not been reported so far and the regulation of protein redox changes in these organelles needs to be elucidated. Interestingly, Olson et al. (2018) [136] have reported that commercial purified Cu,Zn-SOD from animal source can oxidize H₂S into polysulfides, probably as part of a mechanism to detoxify RSS (Fig. 1); therefore, SOD could be a key element in regulating ROS and RSS metabolism [136]. Analysis in vitro of purified CAT from animal tissues suggests that it can also act as a sulfide-sulfur oxido-reductase during normoxia and hypoxia, metabolizing H₂S with the participation of H₂O₂, and generating H₂S from dithiothreitol [118]. This reaction is inhibited by carbon monoxide and is potentiated by NADPH, suggesting that heme iron is the catalytic site with NADPH providing reducing equivalents [118]. Thus, ROS, RNS, and RSS metabolism could be regulated by catalase which itself can be regulated by all these reactive species [131]. Therefore, H₂S can cross-talk with and scavenge ROS and RNS, thus regulating their self-concentration and signalling-derived processes [134,137]. Interestingly, in rat vascular smooth muscle cells H₂S can directly react with MGO in a time- and concentration-dependent manner to limit its availability and prevent oxidative damage [138]. Interplay between H₂S and MGO regulates the thermotolerance in maize seedlings by regulating the activities of antioxidants such as CAT and APX, GR and the content of non-enzymatic antioxidants ascorbic acid, glutathione, thus regulating ROS accumulation [139]. In mammals tissues H₂S can also scavenge the aldehyde 4-HNE at physiological concentrations [131] (Fig. 1). Additionally, MDA and 4-HNE inhibit XOR activity in animal tissues through direct interactions with both oxidase and dehydrogenase forms, which can be prevented by GSH [131].

Interactions between the components of peroxisomal reactive species interactome, key biological targets of the antioxidant network and ROS sources are highly complex and contribute to the dynamic redox/ROS/NO homeostasis and plasticity of peroxisomes, enabling fine-tuned regulation of signalling networks associated with peroxisome-

dependent H₂O₂ and perception of environmental cues and acclimation.

7. ROS perturbations in peroxisomes trigger retrograde signalling: transcriptomic analyses

ROS and redox changes play a decisive role in regulating plant development, especially in response to changes in the environment, at different levels, ranging from translation, protein post-translational modifications to transcription. Any environmental cue that enhances ROS production or down-regulates antioxidant enzymes would disrupt redox homeostasis and activate downstream ROS signalling [140]. Reactive species such as H₂O₂ participate in integrating external signal perception into the mechanisms available in the cell in order to regulate a complex cellular response to ensure viability under stressful conditions [35]. Signalling by H₂O₂ occurs through reversible oxidation of specific cysteines from proteins to sulfenic acid (RSOH) [35]. Due to their transient nature, these sulfur modifications, which can be reversibly reduced by thioredoxin and glutaredoxin pathways, are regarded as redox switches. These signalling events are coupled with metabolism, MAP kinase cascades, transcription factor regulation, transcriptomic changes, cytoskeleton changes, and the cell cycle, among others [35]. However, we can not rule out the possibility that H₂O₂ acts as a direct transducer due to its capacity to permeate membranes. Although the identification of retrograde signalling between chloroplasts, mitochondria and the nucleus have improved considerably thanks to the use of *Arabidopsis* mutants [141–143], little is known about peroxisome-dependent retrograde signalling. Peroxisomes, which are sources of signalling molecules, can play a key role in transcriptome adjustments, while the specific peroxisome-dependent imprint on the transcriptome response has been studied [144] (Table 3). In particular, the specificity of H₂O₂-dependent peroxisomal signalling has been demonstrated, mainly in relation to altered peroxisomal H₂O₂ levels induced either by chemical treatment with 3-aminotriazole (AT), a CAT inhibitor [145], or by disturbances in CAT activity under different stress conditions such as high or continuous light, CO₂ shifts and photorespiratory stress in *Arabidopsis* and *Nicotiana tabacum* plants (Table 3). H₂O₂-dependent signalling produced during peroxisomal

photorespiration in different photorespiratory mutants, such as Arabidopsis *gox1* and *gox2*, affected in glycolate oxidase, has also been analysed [88,146]. Furthermore, GOX-dependent signalling has been analysed in Arabidopsis *cat2* mutants [146]. Arabidopsis mutants lacking peroxisomal *CAT2* (*cat2-2*) displayed stunted growth and cell death lesions under ambient air, while the double mutant *cat2-2 gox1* showed an attenuated *cat2-2* photorespiratory phenotype. On the other hand, knocking out the virtually identical *GOX2* in the *cat2-2* background did not affect the photorespiratory phenotype, suggesting that *GOX1* and *GOX2* play distinct metabolic roles [146]. Transcriptomic analyses of both double Arabidopsis mutants show higher induction of transcripts in *cat2-2 gox1-1* as compared to *cat2-2*, mainly associated with glucosinolate and jasmonic acid biosynthesis, oxylipin metabolism, and wounding [146]. Meanwhile, transcripts, which are less induced by photorespiratory treatment in Arabidopsis mutants *cat2-2 gox1-1*, are associated with responses to high light, plant-pathogen interactions, salicylic acid-mediated signalling, ethylene biosynthesis, and programmed cell death regulation [146]. In contrast to *cat2-2 gox1-1*, the *cat2-2 gox2-1* transcriptional profile was largely comparable to that of *cat2-2* mutants [146]. Furthermore, H₂O₂ produced in peroxisomes in Arabidopsis *cat2* mutants induces transcripts involved in protein repair responses, heat shock proteins (HSPs) and proteins involved in ubiquitin-dependent protein degradation [147,148]; this suggests that peroxisomes are involved in acclimation and survival processes due to the induction of protein repair and protection processes under changing environmental conditions. Transcriptomic analyses of the triple mutant *cat1/2/3*, which shows redox disorders under control conditions, reveal strong disturbances in genes relating to growth regulation, plant responses to stress and Mitogen-activated protein kinases (MAPK) cascades [149].

In fact, several genes related to MAPK cascade pathways, such as *MPK11* and *MPK13*, as well as serine/threonine kinase oxidative signal inducible 1 (*OXII1*), are severely altered in the triple *cat* Arabidopsis mutant [149]. Recently, H₂O₂ produced by *ACX1* has been shown to regulate genes related to IAA homeostasis, transport and signalling, which are involved in the epinastic phenotype in plant responses to the herbicide 2,4-D [55]. Furthermore, protein degradation by the E3-RING ubiquitin ligase and proteasome complex is also significantly regulated by *ACX1*-dependent H₂O₂ after short and long term exposure to the herbicide [55]. Recently, a bioinformatic analysis of most of the transcriptomic analyses shown in Table 3 has been carried out to identify common transcriptional footprints of plant peroxisome-dependent signalling under different conditions [88]. Peroxisomal footprints involve highly co-expressed genes, which are shared with transcriptomic responses to several abiotic stresses. Major late peroxisome-dependent gene clusters are associated with heat shock factors and proteins, as well as responses to ER stress and GSTs (Fig. 1), which are mainly involved in protein protection and detoxification [88]. At earlier stages, peroxisome-dependent genes are related to transcription regulation, hormone-dependent signalling and biosynthesis, particularly of JA, one of the phytohormones produced in this organelle (Fig. 1) [88]. Some processes, such as responses to stress and others, are maintained over time, suggesting that one of the main functions of peroxisomal retrograde signalling is to coordinate defence responses to prevent protein and cellular damage under adverse conditions [88]. The target genes *HY5* and *PIF1* are overrepresented in early peroxisome-dependent signalling, with *HY5* being maintained later on (Fig. 1) [88]. In Arabidopsis plants, *HY5* is a bZIP TF, which regulates a wide range of genes involved in plant responses to hormones and abiotic stresses such as cold and UV-B. The *HY5* homolog (*HYH*) in the same species is associated with peroxisomal proliferation through activation of *PEX11b* via a phytochrome A-dependent pathway [158]). *PIF1*, which belongs to a small family of bHLH TFs, regulates the expression of multiple ROS-dependent genes. In Arabidopsis *PIF1/PIF3* physically interact with *HY5/HYH* and regulate the transcription of some peroxisomal genes [159]; it has been suggested that the interaction *PIF1/PIF3-HY5/HYH* acts as a rheostat to

fine-tune ROS-dependent signalling pathways [160]. Peroxisome-derived ROS signalling events would connect to MAPK cascades in the cytosol and transcription factors to regulate the expression of nuclear genes. However, the transducers, which relay signals from the peroxisome to the nucleus, have not been elucidated, although H₂O₂, as mentioned above, could also act as a direct transducer due to its ability to permeate membranes (Fig. 1). Specific peroxiporins have not been identified in plant peroxisomes, although H₂O₂ could use the porins described in plant peroxisomes (reviewed in Ref. [3]). The involvement of different *PEX11* peroxins in yeast and mammalian cells in the formation of pores to transport H₂O₂ is under debate [161].

Different genetic studies using Arabidopsis double mutants that affect catalase activity and some components of the ASC–GSH cycle in the cytosol have demonstrated that light can regulate photorespiratory H₂O₂ peroxisome-dependent changes in redox homeostasis in the cytosol, giving rise to gene transcription regulation in the nucleus to promote acclimation or cell death, depending on the stimuli [146,153,156,162]. The 2A protein phosphatase subunit (PP2A-B'γ) could be an important player in controlling day length-dependent regulation of peroxisome-dependent H₂O₂ signalling, which is regulated by phytochrome A and repressed by IAA [163]. In turn, SA may modulate H₂O₂, subsequently conferring regulation on IAA [164].

In chloroplasts, the 3'-PHOSPHOADENOSINE 5'-PHOSPHATE (PAP) phosphatase *SAL1* is one of the main players of retrograde signalling which acts as a sensor of ROS and oxidative stress in Arabidopsis [165], while *HY5* acts as a transducer or effector [165]. The chloroplast GENOMES UNCOUPLED 1 (*GUN1*) is also involved in chloroplast retrograde signalling, which integrates several developmental and stress-related signals. Alternative oxidase 1 (*AOX1a*) has been used as a key marker of mitochondrial retrograde regulation, while the NAC transcription factor *RAO2/Arabidopsis NAC domain-containing protein17* (*ANAC017*) has been identified as a master regulator of mitochondrial retrograde signalling [165]. *ANA017* is located in the ER and, following activation by proteolysis, is translocated to the nucleus [165,166].

Several shared components between mitochondrial and chloroplast retrograde signalling pathways have been identified [165]. However, comparison of peroxisomal bioinformatics analysis with different transcriptomic data related to ROS showed no common genes with plastid retrograde signalling by *GUN* proteins [88,148] or with mitochondrial *AOX1*-dependent signalling [88,167]. However, as *HY5* is common to peroxisomes and *SAL1*-dependent chloroplasts, it could act as a peroxisome transducer or effector, as has been reported with respect to chloroplasts [165], although this function in peroxisomes has not been demonstrated so far. This suggests that ROS signals derived from peroxisomes may differ from chloroplasts and mitochondria, although interconnections between ROS signals derived from different organelles cannot be ruled out [148,149]. Peroxisomal dynamic extensions termed peroxules, which are produced as a fast response to stress conditions involving H₂O₂ production [168], may contribute to signal transduction by transferring H₂O₂ directly to the nucleus. This has been demonstrated in chloroplasts where stromules (dynamic structures similar to peroxules) can transfer H₂O₂ from chloroplasts to nuclei as part of a retrograde signalling process [169,170]. However, no direct evidence of a peroxule-nuclei contact site has been imaged so far. Interestingly, *PEX11a* RNAi Arabidopsis mutants which do not produce peroxules show disturbances in the expression of some genes regulated by ROS, such as *GST*, *CAT2*, *CuZn-SOD3* (*CSD3*) and *redox responsive transcription factor1* (*RRTF1*), during fast responses to cadmium exposure [168]. This fact suggests that peroxules could participate in transducing early ROS-dependent signalling against external stimuli.

Future perspective

Several questions should be answered in the future to improve our knowledge on peroxisomal contribution to redox biochemistry and

transcriptome regulation against environmental changes and development of resilience in plants. A deep characterization of peroxisomal reactive species interactome is required, such as identify H₂S production in peroxisomes, the sulfenylome and persulfidome of peroxisomal proteins and the interaction between all components, reactive species and their targets. The role of CAT in GSNOR transnitrosylation arise the question if other proteins could be transnitrosylated inside and outside of peroxisomes by this protein or others, and the functionality of this process. The existence of other transnitrosylases in peroxisomes is another question to be resolved. Deciphering peroxisomal NO sources and specific NO-dependent transcriptome is one of the more challenging issue in peroxisome and redox biology in plants. The identification of peroxisomal redox relay involved in retrograde signalling and the study of carbonylated and nitrated peroxisomal proteins and their function as signalling messengers are other exciting issues in cell biology that should be studied in depth in order to understand how peroxisome perceive, translate and regulate cell responses to environmental changes.

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