



## Supplementary Materials for

### **NLR immune receptor–nanobody fusions confer plant disease resistance**

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## Materials and Methods

### Plant growth conditions

Wild type *Nicotiana benthamiana* were grown in Levingtons F2 compost in a glasshouse set at 24 °C day / 22 °C night, humidity 45–65%, with supplementary lighting when the weather conditions required it. The *N. benthamiana* line stably expressing C-terminally 4xHA tagged Rx was previously described (41).

### Plasmid constructions

The Golden Gate Modular Cloning (MoClo) kit (54) and the MoClo plant parts kit (55) were used for cloning, and all vectors are from this kit unless specified otherwise. Cloning design and sequence analysis were done using Geneious Prime (v2022.2.2; <https://www.geneious.com>). Plasmid construction is described in **Table S1**. To target GFP we chose the widely used anti-GFP nanobody Enhancer, also known as cAbGFP4 and which has been isolated multiple times (33, 56, 57), Minimizer nanobody (33), and selected LaG-2, LaG-16, and LaG-24 nanobodies from the total of 25 nanobodies targeting GFP isolated by Fridy *et al.*, 2010 (34). The structure of LaG-16 and Enhancer in complex with GFP has been resolved and shows how they bind distinct interfaces (33, 51), and based on NMR spectroscopy LaG-2 and LaG-24 bind to another distinct GFP interface (34). The anti-mCherry nanobodies, LaM-1, LaM-2, LaM-3, LaM-4, LaM-6, and LaM-8 were isolated by Fridy *et al.*, 2010 (34). The structure of LaM-2 and LaM-4 in complex with mCherry has been resolved, showing these bind distinct interfaces (52), but the interaction interface of the remaining anti-mCherry nanobodies is currently unknown. Mutationally stabilized versions of LaG-24 (D3Q, S49F/Q66K/D75N/H83Q/D85N/D86S/V88K), LaM-2 (T26A/V77A/S97Y), LaM-3 (Q8E/E67K/D68G/S79N/A80T), and LaM-6

(S42A/N45K/L49F/M73R/N86S/V87L/N88K/A89P) were designed based on Dingus *et al.*, 2022 (32).

### Transient gene-expression and cell death assays

Transient gene expression in *N. benthamiana* were performed by agroinfiltration according to methods described by van der Hoorn *et al.* 2000 . Briefly, *A. tumefaciens* strain GV3101 pMP90 carrying binary vectors were inoculated from glycerol stock in LB supplemented with appropriate antibiotics and grown O/N at 28 °C until saturation. Cells were harvested by centrifugation at 2000 × g, RT for 5 min. Cells were washed once and resuspended in infiltration buffer (10 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 10 mM MES-KOH pH 5.6, 200 μM acetosyringone) to the appropriate OD<sub>600</sub> (see **Table S1**) in the stated combinations and left to incubate in the dark for 2h at RT prior to infiltration into 5-week-old *N. benthamiana* leaves. Two leaves from three plants were inoculated per experiment (N = 6), and the experiment was repeated three times. In all assays where the original Pikm was co-infiltrated with its cognate effector AVR-PikD, we co-infiltrated the *Tomato bushy stunt virus* (TBSV) silencing inhibitor p19 (59) to enhance expression and ensure reliable HR. Hypersensitive cell death phenotypes were visually scored 4-5 days post-infiltration in a range from 0 (no visible necrosis) to 7 (fully confluent necrosis) according to Adachi *et al.* 2019 (60). We followed the same procedure for cell death assays in *N. benthamiana* transgenic lines. The data was visualized with ggplot2 (v3.3.4) (61) and the statistical analysis was performed using the R package besthr (v0.2.0) (53) (**Table S2** for raw data).

### Transgenic *N. benthamiana*

*A. tumefaciens*-mediated transformation of *N. benthamiana* was performed as described (62). Briefly, young leaves (up to 10 cm in diameter) of 4-week-old *N. benthamiana* plants were surface sterilised by brief dipping into 70% ethanol and then immersing into 1% fresh

sodium hypochlorite with a few drops of Tween 20 to act as a surfactant for 25 minutes. Leaves were then rinsed in sterile water and cut into 1-2 cm<sup>2</sup> sections. *A. tumefaciens* strain GV3101 pMP90 carrying binary plasmid pJK-B2-0528 (pL2M-NPTII//pMAS::Pikm-2-6xHA//2x35S::Pikm-1-HF) or pJK-B2-0529 (pL2M-NPTII//pMAS::Pikm-2-6xHA//2x35S::Pikm-1<sup>Enhancer</sup>-HF) (cloning described in **Table S1**) were inoculated from glycerol stock in LB supplemented with appropriate antibiotics and grown O/N at 28 °C until saturation. Cells were harvested by centrifugation at 2000 × g, RT for 5 min. Cells were washed once and resuspended in the same volume of inoculation buffer (per liter: 4.3 g MS basal salts (1×), 30 g sucrose). Leave squares were fully immersed into the agrobacterium inoculation suspension, briefly blotted dry, and transferred to co-cultivation medium media [per liter: 4.3 g MS basal salts (1×), 30 g sucrose, 1× Gamborg's B5 vitamins, 0.1 mg Naphthalene Acetic Acid (NAA), 0.59 g MES, pH = 5.7 using KOH, 4 g Agargel] supplemented with 1 mg/L Benzylaminopurine (BAP). Plates were left for 3 days in a growth chamber (24 °C, 18-h light) before transferring explants to plates containing shooting media (co-cultivation medium media supplemented with 1 mg/L Benzylaminopurine (BAP), 500 µg/ml Cefotaxime/Augmentin, and 100 µg/ml kanamycin). Explants were subcultured onto fresh shooting media every 7-10 days for 1-2 months until the appearance of the first shoots. Shoots >3 mm were excised and transferred to rooting media [per liter: 2.15 g MS basal salts (0.5×), 5 g sucrose, pH = 5.8 with KOH, 2.5 g Gelrite] supplemented with 500 µg/ml Cefotaxime/Augmentin and 100 µg/ml kanamycin. Explants were further cultured until roots appeared after which plantlets were transferred to soil and grown in the glasshouse. T0 *N. benthamiana* transformants were screened via hypersensitive cell death assays by agroinfiltration of *A. tumefaciens* strains carrying binary plasmids for the expression of GFP, AVR-PikD, or mCherry, as described above (**Table S2**). All plants triggering an immune response to their cognate 'effector' were taken forward to generate T1 progenies (**Table S3**).

## Protein immunoblotting

Six *N. benthamiana* leaf discs (9 mm diameter) taken 2 days post agroinfiltration were homogenised in 200  $\mu$ L extraction buffer [10% glycerol, 25 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, 1 mM EDTA, 150 mM NaCl, 2% (w/v) PVPP, 10 mM DTT, 1x protease inhibitor cocktail (SIGMA), 0.2% IGEPAL® CA-630 (SIGMA)]. The supernatant obtained after centrifugation at 5,600 x g for 10 min at 4 °C was used for SDS-PAGE. 4x SDS-PAGE sample buffer [final concentration: 50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 6.8), 100 mM DTT, 2% SDS, 0.01% bromophenol blue, 10% glycerol] was added and the samples were denatured by incubating at 72 °C for 10 min. Proteins were separated on 10-20%, SDS-PAGE gels (Bio-Rad) and transferred onto polyvinylidene difluoride (PVDF) membrane using a Trans-Blot turbo transfer system (Bio-Rad). Membranes were blocked in 3% dried milk dissolved in Tris-buffered Saline [50mM Tris-HCL (pH7.5), 150mM NaCl] supplemented with 1% Tween® 20 for 30 min before probing the membrane with either rat monoclonal anti-HA antibody (3F10, Roche; 1:4000 dilution), mouse monoclonal ANTI-FLAG® antibody conjugated to HRP (M2, Sigma; 1:4000 dilution), mouse monoclonal anti-V5 antibody (V5-10, Sigma-Aldrich; 1:4000), mouse monoclonal anti-GFP antibody conjugated to HRP (B-2, Santa Cruz Biotech; 1:4000 dilution), or mouse monoclonal anti-mCherry TrueMAB™ antibody conjugated to HRP (OTI10G6, Thermo Fisher Scientific; 1:2500 dilution). Chemiluminescent detection of signals after addition of either Pierce™ ECL Western (Thermo Fisher Scientific), or 1/5 to 1/2 SuperSignal™ West Femto Maximum Sensitivity Substrate (34095, Thermo Fisher Scientific) was done using the ImageQuant LAS 4000 luminescent imager (GE Healthcare Life Sciences) in the transient assays or the Amersham™ ImageQuant™ 800 biomolecular imager in the *N. benthamiana* transgenic lines assays. Equal loading was validated by staining the PVDF membranes with Ponceau S.

## PVX infection assays - agroinfiltration

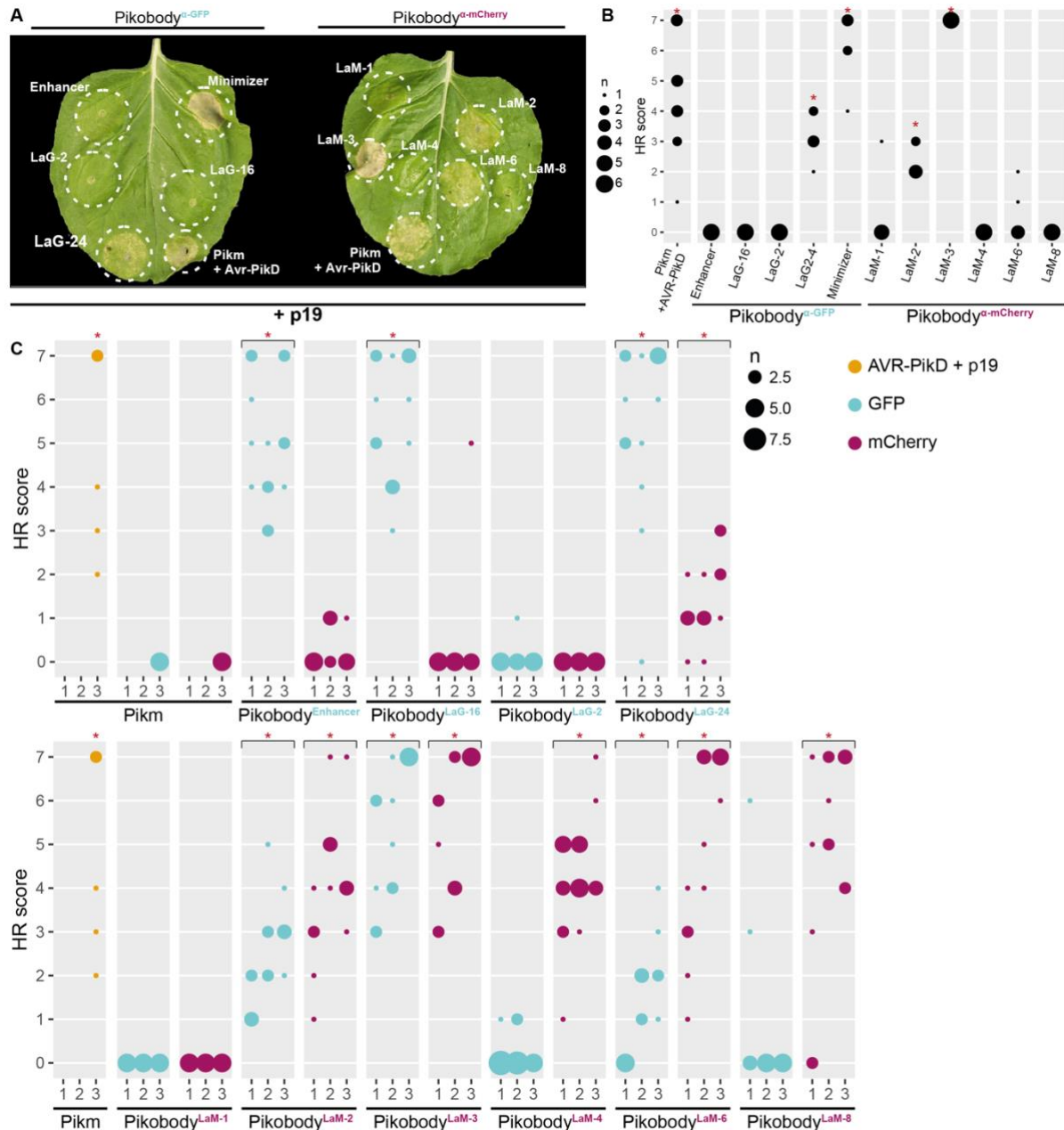
Four to five-weeks old *N. benthamiana* plants were inoculated with *Potato virus X* (PVX) strains (40, 42, 43) expressing either GFP or mCherry by agroinfiltration as described above. The PVX expression constructs are detailed in **Table S1**. Two leaves from three plants were inoculated per experiment (N = 6) as in **Fig. 2E, F**, and the experiment was repeated three times in transient expression assays (see **Table S3** for raw data). For PVX infection in stable transgenic lines, we first screened 15 independent plants per T1 line by agroinfiltration as described above (**Fig. S9, Table S5**), and retained plants triggering a specific immune response to their cognate effector for subsequent PVX infection assays on different leaves of the same plant (**Fig. 4, Fig. S10, Table S6**). Two leaves from five plants were inoculated per experiment. GFP or mCherry fluorescence was measured 4-5 days post-infiltration using the ImageQuant LAS 4000 luminescent imager (GE Healthcare Life Sciences) with the appropriate excitation and emission settings (EX: epi-RGB, EM:510DF10 filter for GFP and EX: epi-Green, EM: 605DF40 for mCherry), or the Amersham™ ImageQuant™ 800 biomolecular imager (Cy2 450nm for GFP and Cy3 535 nm for mCherry). The mean fluorescence intensity per cm<sup>2</sup> in each infiltration site was measured using Fiji (ImageJ v2.1.0), and a Dunnett's test was conducted using the R package DescTools (v0.99.41) (63) to compare mean fluorescence intensity per cm<sup>2</sup> between buffer only (negative control) and all tested constructs. For the stacking of Pikobodies (Figure 3), we conducted an ANOVA and Tukey HSD post-hoc test using the R package agricolae to compare mean fluorescence intensity per cm<sup>2</sup> across all treatments (v1.3-5). The data was visualized using ggplot2 (v3.3.4) (61).

We used GFP or mCherry accumulation as a proxy for PVX load, and coat protein (CP) accumulation as a direct read-out of PVX load (**Fig. 4, Fig. S10**). For these experiments, six leaf discs from the same infiltration site at the same time-point were taken and processed as

above. Samples containing PVX expressed GFP or mCherry were diluted threefold in SDS-PAGE sample buffer to prevent saturation of the signal during detection. GFP, mCherry, and CP were probed with either mouse monoclonal anti-GFP antibody conjugated to HRP (B-2, Santa Cruz Biotech; 1:4000 dilution), mouse monoclonal anti-mCherry TrueMAB™ antibody conjugated to HRP (OTI10G6, Thermo Fisher Scientific; 1:2500 dilution), or rabbit polyclonal anti-CP antibody (CAB10000-1000, Agdia EMEA; 1:2000 dilution), respectively. Chemiluminescent detection of signals was done as above.

#### PVX infection assays – wound inoculation via toothpick

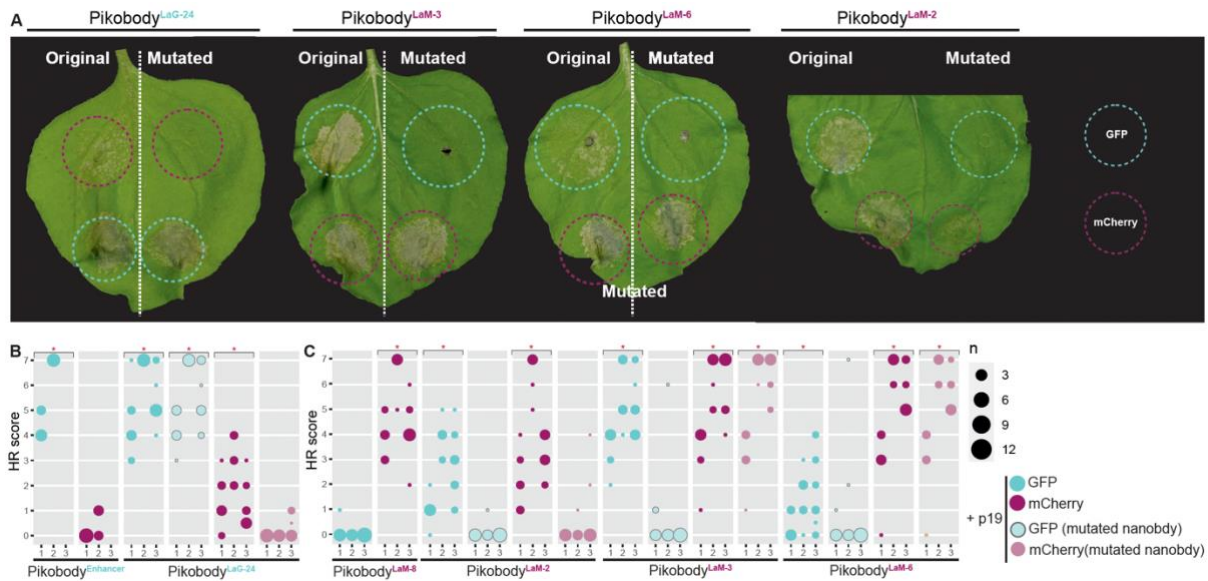
PVX inoculation via toothpick has been previously described (64). Briefly, *A. tumefaciens* strains expressing PVX-GFP and PVX-mCherry were grown densely on LB plates containing appropriate antibiotics for two days at 28 °C. A sterilized toothpick was then used to scrape bacterial colonies and pierce holes in *N. benthamiana* leaves followed by a rotating motion to deliver PVX. Four to five holes were pierced on one side of the leaf with PVX-GFP and the other side with PVX-mCherry (**Fig. 4, Fig. S11**). This layout was repeated on a total of ten leaves (two leaves per plant, five plants per line). Eight leaf discs were sampled at 7 dpi with a cork borer (6 mm diameter) centered on the toothpick hole for protein extraction and immunoblotting as described above, except that 150 µL protein extraction buffer was used to homogenize ground leaf samples.



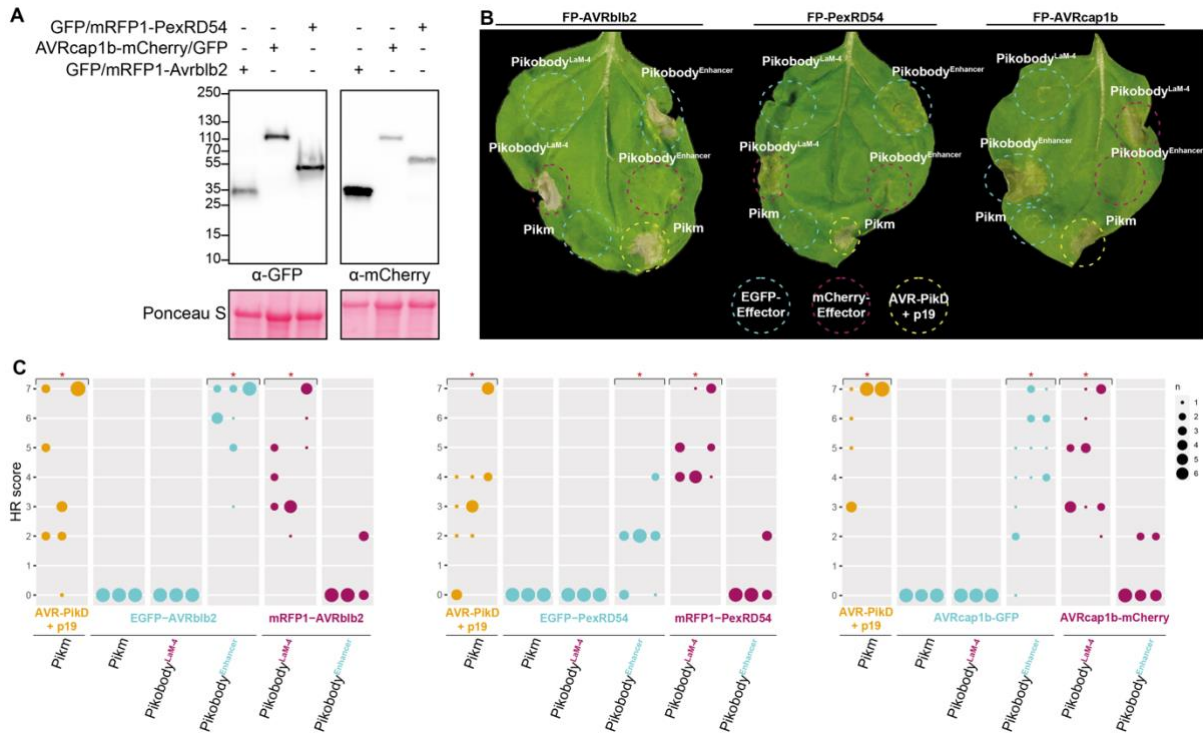
**Fig. S1. Most tested Pikobodies are not autoimmune and trigger specific responses to their ligands. (A)** Representative *N. benthamiana* leaf infiltrated with constructs indicated in white in the presence of the Tomato bushy stunt virus silencing inhibitor p19. Infiltration sites are circled with a white dashed line. Leaves were photographed 4 days after infiltration. **(B)** HR scores visualized as dots plot, where the size of a dot is proportional to the number of samples with the same score (n) within the same replicate (1 to 3). The experiment was repeated three times with six internal replicates; each column represents a combination of constructs (labelled on the bottom). Asterisks indicate statistically significant differences as compared to the corresponding control, as determined by the besthr R package (53). **(C)** HR scores (representative images in **Fig. 1C**) visualized as dots plot, where the size of a dot is proportional to the number of samples with the same score (n) within the same



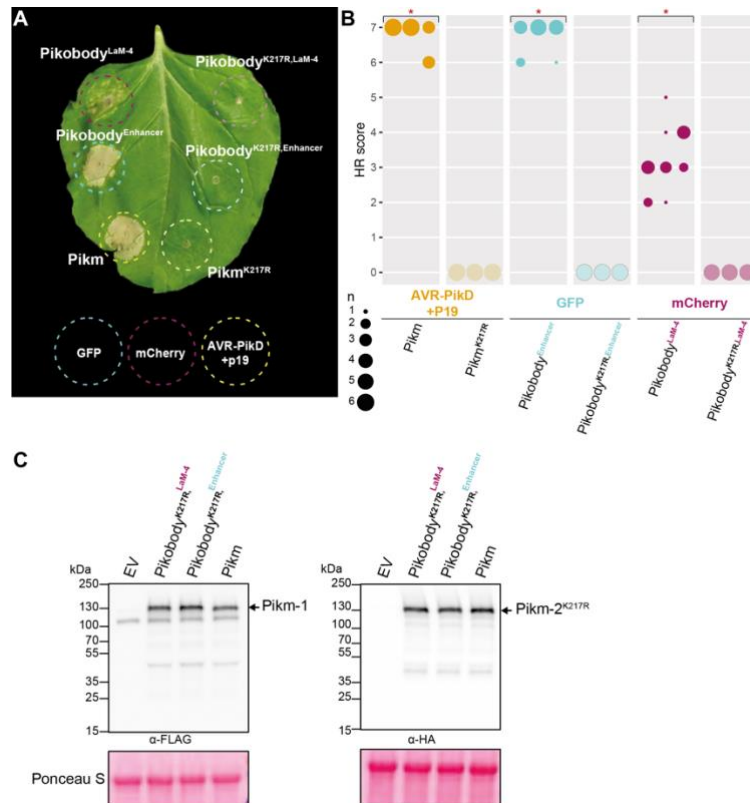
replicate (1 to 3). The experiment was repeated three times. Asterisks indicate statistically significant differences as compared to the corresponding control (Pikm + GFP), as determined by the besthr R package (53).



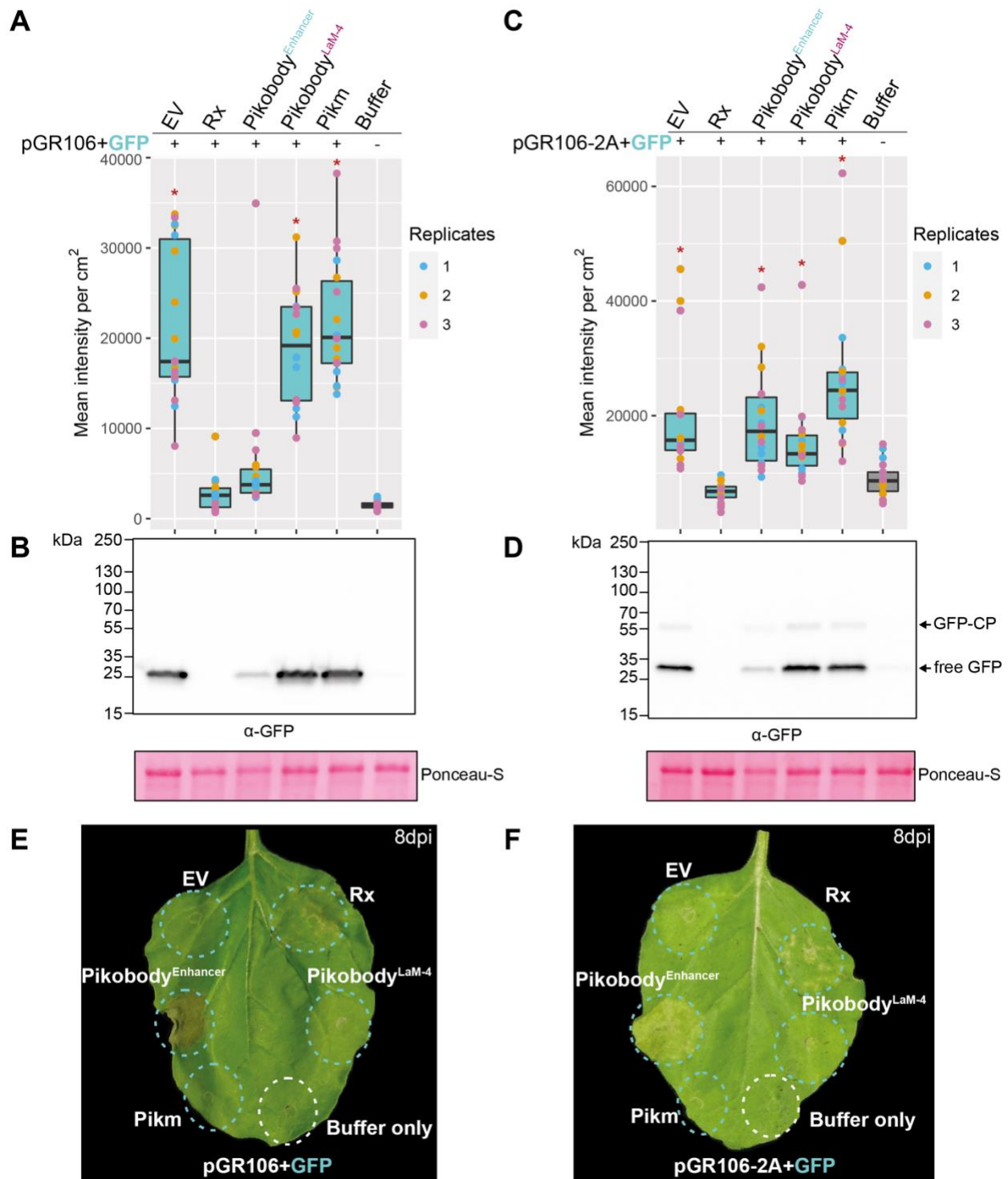
**Fig. S2. Mutational stabilization of nanobodies abolishes Pikobody autoactivity.** (A) Targeted mutation in shared structural motifs of the nanobody scaffold can abolish autoimmunity while preserving immune response to the matching fluorescent protein. Representative *N. benthamiana* leaves were infiltrated with indicated constructs in the presence of the Tomato bushy stunt virus silencing inhibitor p19 and photographed 5 days after infiltration. The original  $\text{Pikobody}^{\text{LaG-24}}$  fusion ( $\alpha$ -GFP), or  $\text{Pikobody}^{\text{LaM-3}}$  and  $\text{Pikobody}^{\text{LaM-6}}$  fusions ( $\alpha$ -mCherry) display autoimmunity characterized by HR in presence of non-matching FPs. Fusion of mutationally stabilized versions of these nanobodies into the Pikobody scaffold result in abolition of autoactivity while retaining activation in the presence of the correct FP. Mutational stabilization of LaM-2 results in loss of autoactivity, and loss of mCherry recognition. (B-C). HR scores are visualized as dots plot, where the size of a dot is proportional to the number of samples with the same score (n) within the same replicate (1 to 3). The experiment was repeated three times. Asterisks indicate statistically significant differences as compared to  $\text{Pikobody}^{\text{Enhancer}}$  co-infiltration with a mCherry control (B) or  $\text{Pikobody}^{\text{LaM-8}}$  co-infiltration with a GFP (C) as determined by the besthr R package (53).



**Fig. S3. Pikobodies specifically trigger HR in response to EGFP/GFP- or mRFP1/mCherry-tagged *Phytophthora infestans* effectors AVRblb2, PexRD54, or AVRcap1b.** (A) Immunoblot detection of EGFP/GFP- or mRFP1/mCherry-tagged AVRblb2, AVRcap1b, and PexRD54 using anti-GFP or anti-mCherry antibody, respectively. Ponceau S staining shows comparable protein loading across samples. Total protein was extracted 2 days after agroinfiltration of the stated constructs. (B) Pikobody<sup>Enhancer</sup> and Pikobody<sup>LaM4</sup> specifically recognize EGFP- or mRFP1-tagged AVRblb2, PexRD54, or AVRcap1b, respectively. Representative *N. benthamiana* leaf infiltrated with constructs indicated in white and infiltration sites circled with a dashed line. Leaves were photographed 4 days after infiltration. Cyan, magenta or yellow dashed lines show sites co-infiltrated with EGFP/GFP or mRFP1/mCherry tagged effectors, or AVR-PikD co-infiltrated with the Tomato bushy stunt virus silencing inhibitor p19, respectively. (C) HR scores visualized as dots plot, where the size of a dot is proportional to the number of samples with the same score (n) within the same replicate (1 to 3). The experiment was repeated three times with six internal replicates; each column represents a combination of constructs (labelled on the bottom). Asterisks indicate statistically significant differences as compared to Pikobody co-infiltration with a mismatched FP as a control as determined by the besthr R package (53).

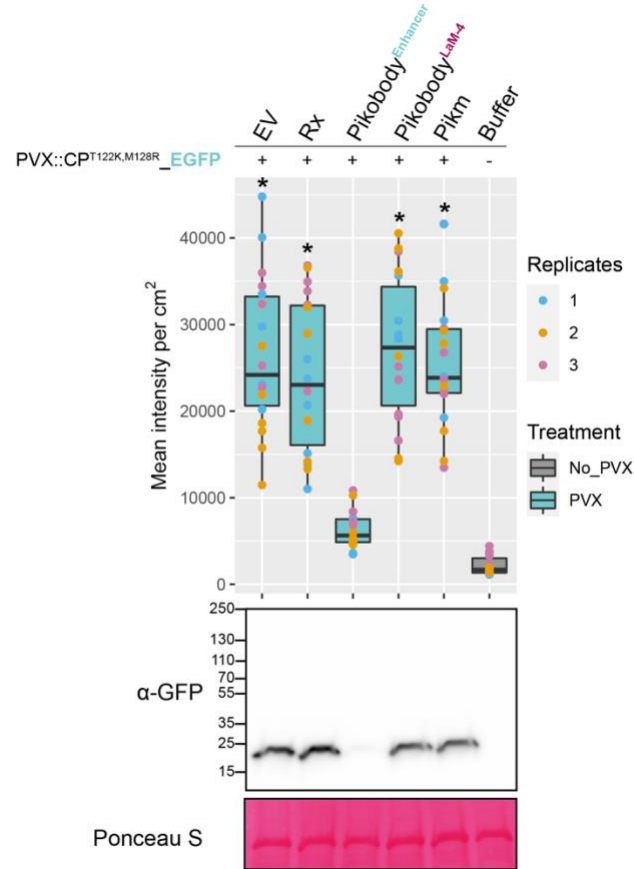


**Fig. S4. Pikobody-mediated HR requires the Pikm-2 P-loop motif.** (A) An intact Pikm-2 P-loop motif is required for Pikobody-mediated HR. Representative *N. benthamiana* leaf infiltrated with constructs indicated in white and infiltration sites circled with a dashed line. Leaves were photographed 4 days after infiltration. Cyan, magenta or yellow dashed lines shows sites co-infiltrated with GFP, mCherry or AVR-PikD co-infiltrated with the Tomato bushy stunt virus silencing inhibitor p19, respectively. Wild-type Pikm pair co-expressed with cognate effector AVR-PikD and silencer suppressor p19 was used as a positive control and Pikm<sup>K217R</sup> P-loop mutant (mutation in Pikm-2) co-expressed with cognate effector AVR-PikD and silencer suppressor p19 was used as a negative control. (B) HR scores visualized as dots plot, where the size of a dot is proportional to the number of samples with the same score (n) within the same replicate (1 to 3). The experiment was repeated three times with six internal replicates; each column represents a combination of constructs (labelled on the bottom). Asterisks indicate statistically significant differences using Pikm<sup>K217R</sup> P-loop mutant as a control as determined by the bestHR R package (53). (C) Pikm-2<sup>K217R</sup> P-loop mutant protein accumulates. For the immunoblot analysis, total protein was extracted 2 days after transient expression of Pikobody<sup>Enhancer</sup>, Pikobody<sup>LaM4</sup> and the wild-type Pikm pair. Pikm-1 and the Pikm-1 Enhancer and LaM-4 were C-terminally 6xHis-3xFLAG-tagged and detected using anti-FLAG antibody, while Pikm-2<sup>K217R</sup> was C-terminally 6xHA-tagged and detected using anti-HA antibody. Empty vector was used as a negative control. Black arrows point to the band corresponding to Pikm-1 (anti-FLAG blot) and Pikm-2<sup>K217R</sup> (anti-HA blot).

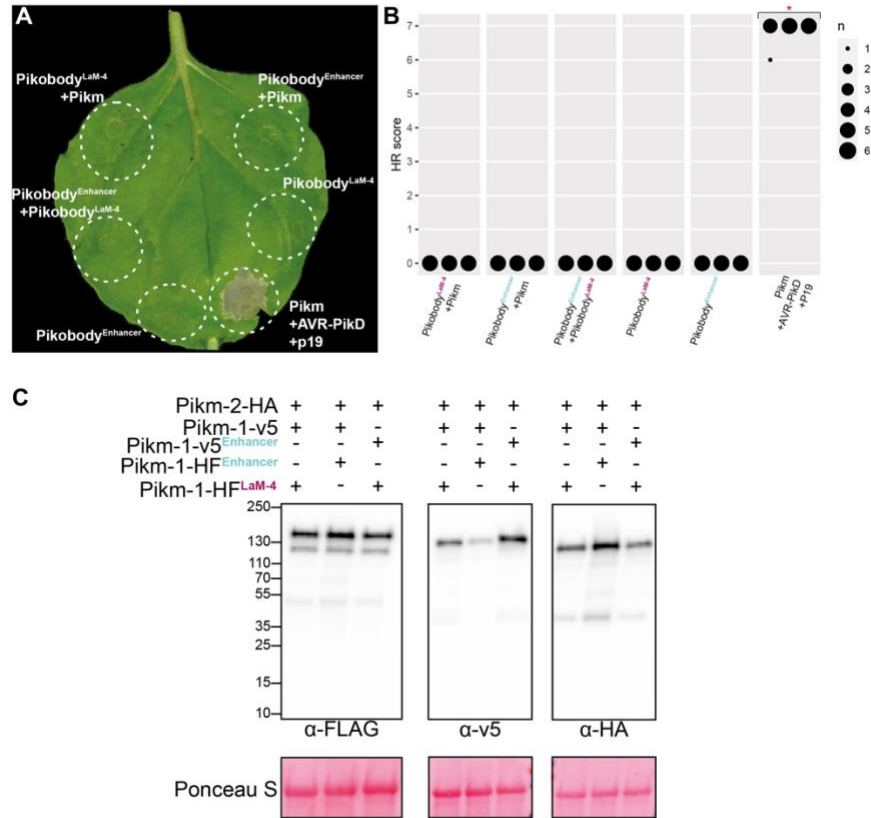


**Fig. S5. *Pikobody<sup>Enhancer</sup>* confers resistance against variants of Potato Virus X expressing GFP.** (A) Specific reduction in fluorescence intensity of PVX expressed GFP in the presence of *Pikobody<sup>Enhancer</sup>*. GFP mean fluorescence

intensity per cm<sup>2</sup> measured in *N. benthamiana* leaves 4 days post-infiltration was used as a proxy for PVX viral load in each infiltration site for a PVX variant expressing GFP from between the triple gene block and the coat protein (pGR106-GFP). The boxplot summarizes data obtained in three independent experiments (replicates) with six infiltration site per construct and per experiment. Red asterisks show significant differences between Buffer only (no PVX added, negative control) and tested constructs in the presence of pGR106-GFP (Dunnett's test, pvalue < 0.001). Empty vector was used as a positive control for viral load and Buffer only as a negative control for viral load. We also used Rx, a resistance gene recognizing the coat protein from PVX as a positive control for PVX resistance. **(B)** Specific reduction of PVX expressed GFP accumulation in the presence of Pikobody<sup>Enhancer</sup>. GFP accumulation was used as proxy to evaluate viral load from pGR106-GFP. For the immunoblot analysis, total protein was extracted 2 days after inoculation with pGR106-GFP in the presence of the tested constructs. Empty vector was used as a positive control for viral load and Buffer only as a negative control. GFP was detected using anti-GFP antibody. Ponceau S staining shows equal protein loading across samples. **(C)** No reduction in fluorescence intensity of PVX expressed GFP fused to the coat protein in the presence of Pikobody<sup>Enhancer</sup>. GFP mean fluorescence intensity per cm<sup>2</sup> measured in *N. benthamiana* leaves 4 days post-infiltration was used as a proxy for PVX viral load in each infiltration site for a PVX variant expressing GFP fused to the coat protein using the porcine teschovirus-1 2A "self-cleaving" peptide (pGR106-2A-GFP) leading to approximately 50 % of free GFP and 50 % of GFP fused to the viral coat protein (CP). Boxplots and analysis as in **(A)**. **(D)** Specific reduction of PVX expressed GFP accumulation fused to the coat protein in the presence of Pikobody<sup>Enhancer</sup>. GFP accumulation was used as proxy to evaluate viral load from pGR106-2A-GFP. Immunoblot analysis as in **(B)** with black arrows pointing to GFP fused to coat protein (GFP-CP) and free GFP. **(E-F)** Specific HR triggered by the two version of PVX expressing GFP in the presence of Pikobody<sup>Enhancer</sup>. Representative *N. benthamiana* leaves infiltrated with appropriate constructs and photographed 8 days after infiltration. The delay in observing HR symptoms was due to the efficient elimination of PVX without visible HR at first, and the continuous production of PVX via agroinfiltration ultimately lead to HR in the late stages of infection. The infiltration site for each construct is labelled on the picture and circled with a yellow or white dashed line for pGR106+GFP **(E)** and pGR106-2A+GFP **(F)** or no PVX, respectively.

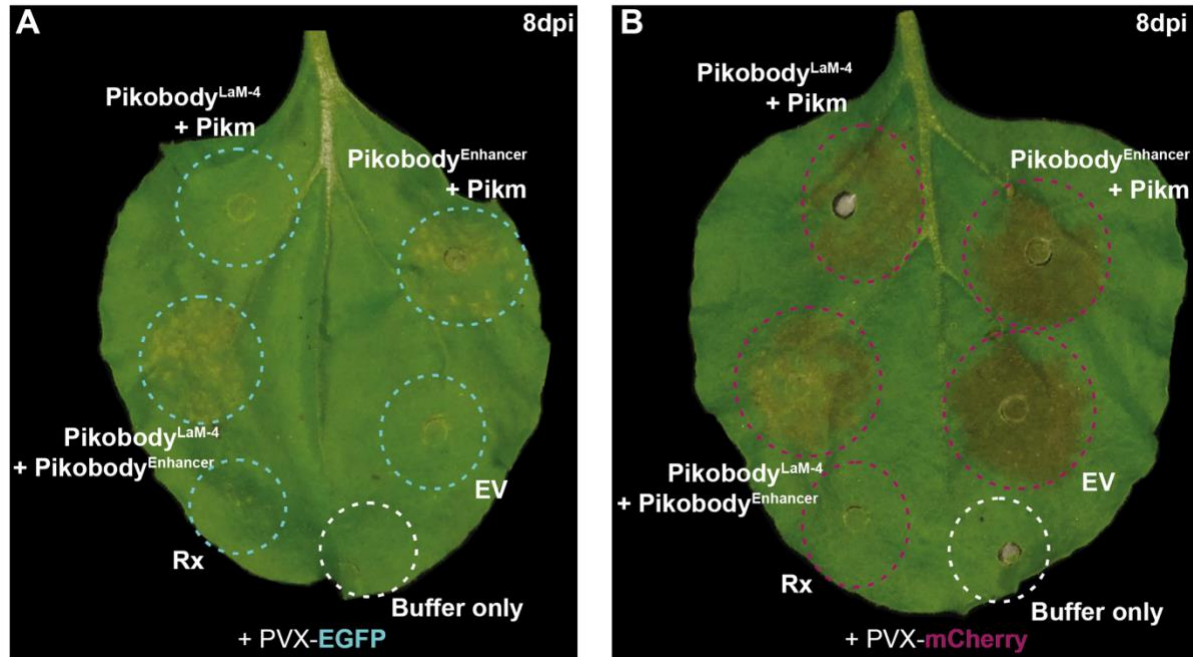


**Fig. S6. Pikobody<sup>Enhancer</sup> confers resistance against a PVX variant not recognized by Rx.** (A) Boxplots show specific reduction in fluorescence intensity of PVX expressed GFP in the presence of Pikobody<sup>Enhancer</sup> for PVX::CP<sup>T122K,M128R</sup>. GFP mean fluorescence intensity per cm<sup>2</sup> measured in *N. benthamiana* leaves 4 days post-infiltration was used as a proxy for PVX viral load in each infiltration site for PVX expressing GFP. The boxplot summarizes data obtained in three independent experiments (replicates) with six infiltration site per construct and per experiment. Black asterisks show significant differences between Buffer only (no PVX added, negative control) and tested constructs in the presence of PVX-GFP (Dunnett's test, pvalue < 0.001). Empty vector was used as a positive control for viral load and Buffer only as a negative control for viral load. (B) Specific reduction of PVX expressed GFP accumulation in the presence of Pikobody<sup>Enhancer</sup>. GFP accumulation was used as proxy to evaluate viral load from PVX-GFP. For the immunoblot analysis, total protein was extracted 4 days after inoculation with PVX-GFP in the presence of the tested constructs. Empty vector was used as a positive control for viral load and Buffer only as a negative control. GFP was detected using anti-GFP antibody. Ponceau S staining shows equal protein loading across samples

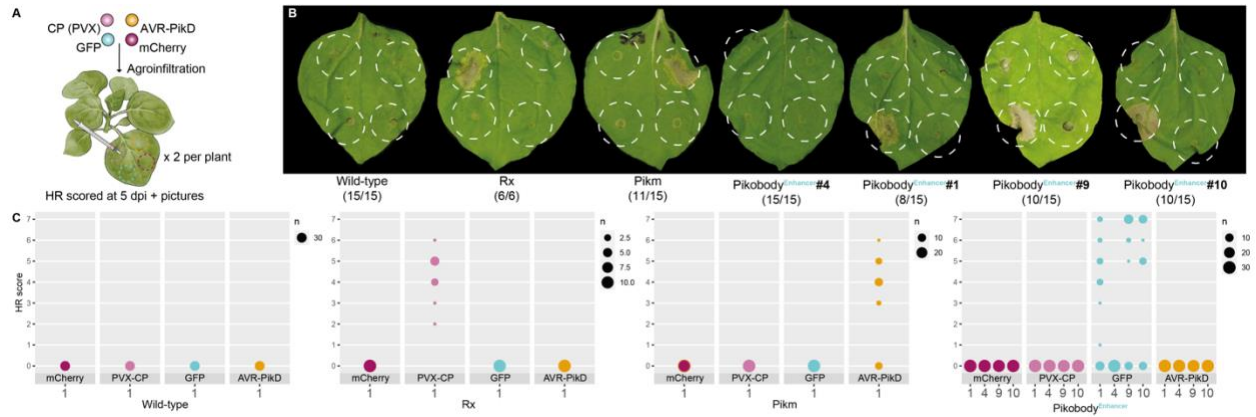


**Fig. S7. Co-expressed Pikobodies are not autoactive.** (A) Stacking of Pikobodies does not result in autoimmunity. Representative *N. benthamiana* leaf infiltrated with constructs indicated in white and infiltration sites circled with a white dashed line. Leaves were photographed 4 days after infiltration. (B) HR scores visualized as dots plot, where the size of a dot is proportional to the number of samples with the same score (n) within the same replicate (1 to 3). The experiment was repeated three times with six internal replicates; each column represents a combination of constructs (labelled on the bottom). Wild-type Pikm pair co-expressed with cognate effector AVR-PikD and silencer suppressor p19 was used as a positive control and Pikobody<sup>Enhancer</sup> or Pikobody<sup>LaM4</sup> expressed on their own as negative controls. Asterisks indicate statistically significant differences to all other treatments as determined by the bestHR package (53). (C) Pikobody stacking does not affect protein accumulation. For the immunoblot analysis, total protein was extracted 2 days after transient expression of Pikobody<sup>Enhancer</sup>, Pikobody<sup>LaM4</sup> and the wild-type Pikm pair. Pikm-1 and the Pikm-1 Enhancer and LaM-4 were either C-terminally 6xHis-3xFLAG- or V5-tagged and detected using anti-FLAG or anti-V5 antibody, respectively. Pikm-2 was C-terminally 6xHA-tagged and detected using anti-HA antibody.

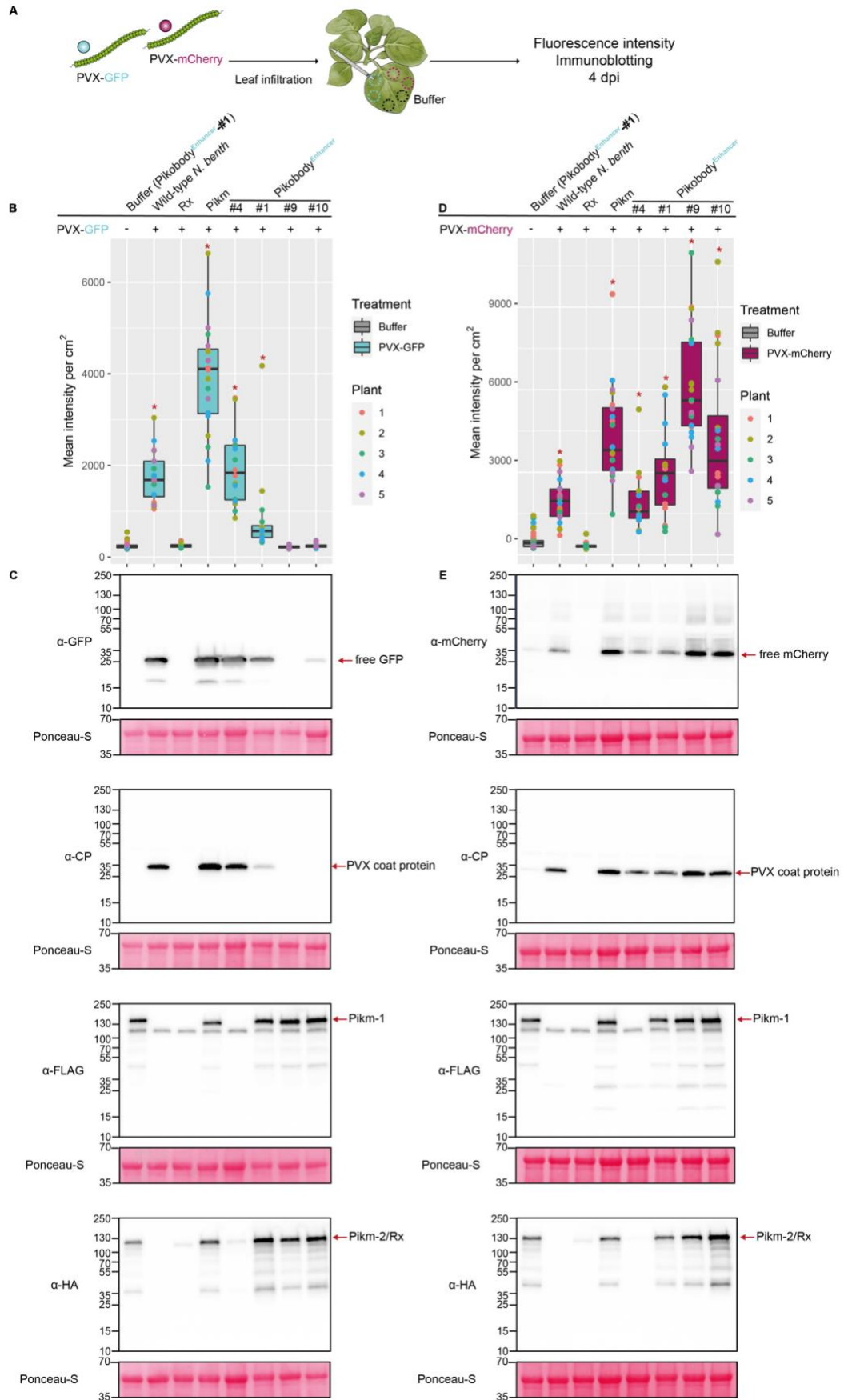




**Fig. S8. PVX-triggered hypersensitive response (HR) phenotypes observed with stacked Pikobodies. (A-B)** Specific HR triggered by PVX expressed EGFP (GFP, **A**) or mCherry (**B**) in the presence of stacked  $\text{Pikobody}^{\text{Enhancer}}$  and  $\text{Pikobody}^{\text{LaM}4}$ , respectively. Representative *N. benthamiana* leaves infiltrated with appropriate constructs and photographed 7 days after infiltration. The infiltration site for each construct is labelled on the picture and all sites but “Buffer only” were co-infiltrated with PVX-GFP (left) or PVX-mCherry (right). Cyan, magenta and white dashed lines depict the sites infiltrated with PVX-GFP, PVX-mCherry or no PVX, respectively. The purple color on the infiltration sites on (**B**) is due to a high expression of mCherry.

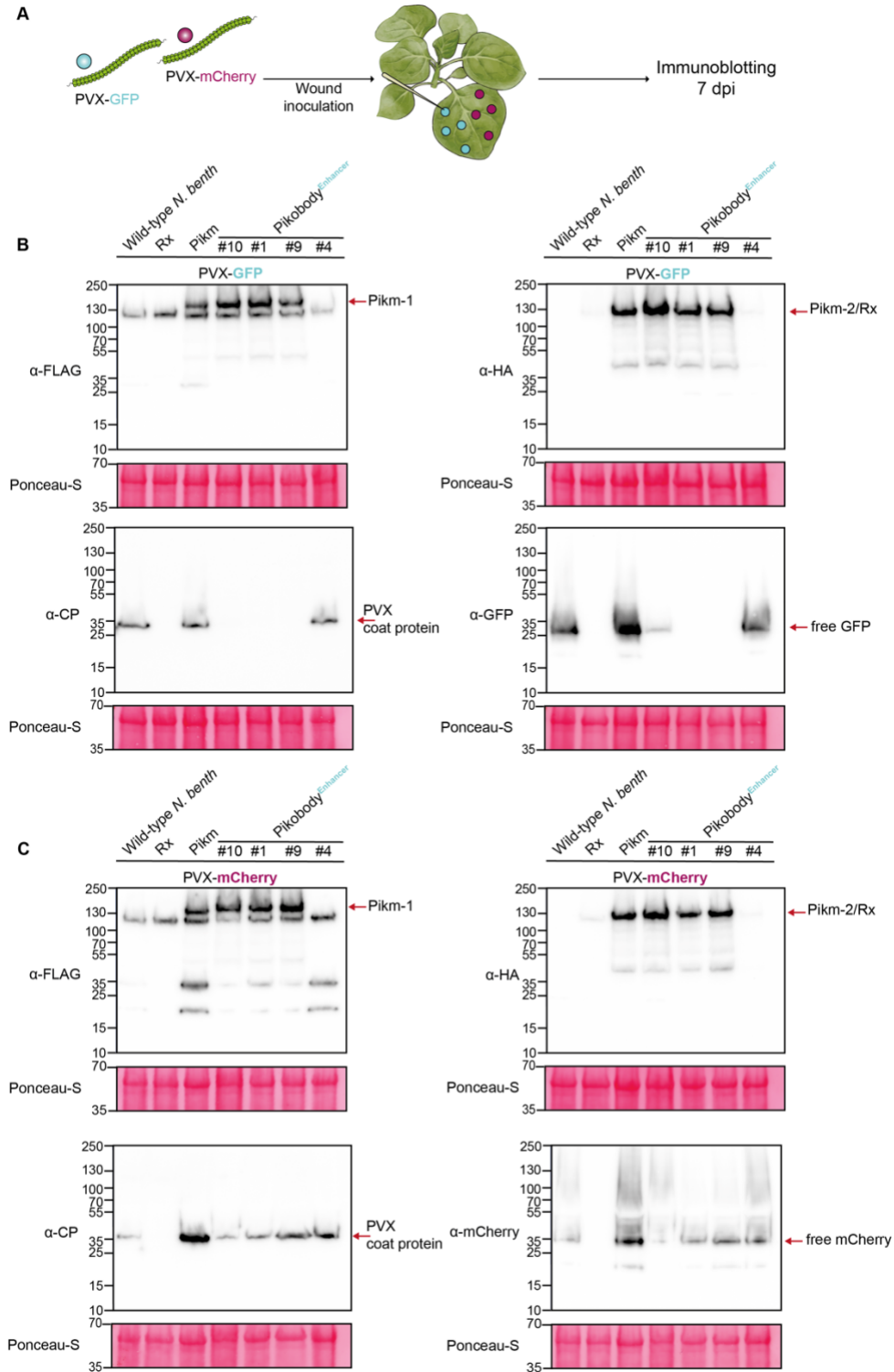


**Fig. S9. Transgenic *N. benthamiana* lines stably expressing Pikobody<sup>Enhancer</sup> trigger an immune response specifically in presence of GFP.** (A) Schematics of the infiltration layout. (B) Representative *N. benthamiana* leaf for each line tested infiltrated with constructs indicated in (A). Leaves were photographed 4 days after infiltration and the numbers at the bottom represent the number of plants displaying the phenotype showed on the picture. (C) HR scores visualized as dots plot, where the size of a dot is proportional to the number of samples with the same score (n). We screened 15 plants for each newly generated T1 line (Pikm and Pikobody<sup>Enhancer</sup> lines #1,#4,#9 and #10), given that we expect the transgene to be segregating. We also included as controls wild-type *N. benthamiana* and six plants for the Rx transgenic line (41). Each column represents an infiltrated construct (labelled on the bottom). Wild-type *N. benthamiana* and Pikobody<sup>Enhancer</sup> #4 were used as a negative control for immune response and the Rx line was used as a positive control for immune response in presence of PVX coat protein specifically.



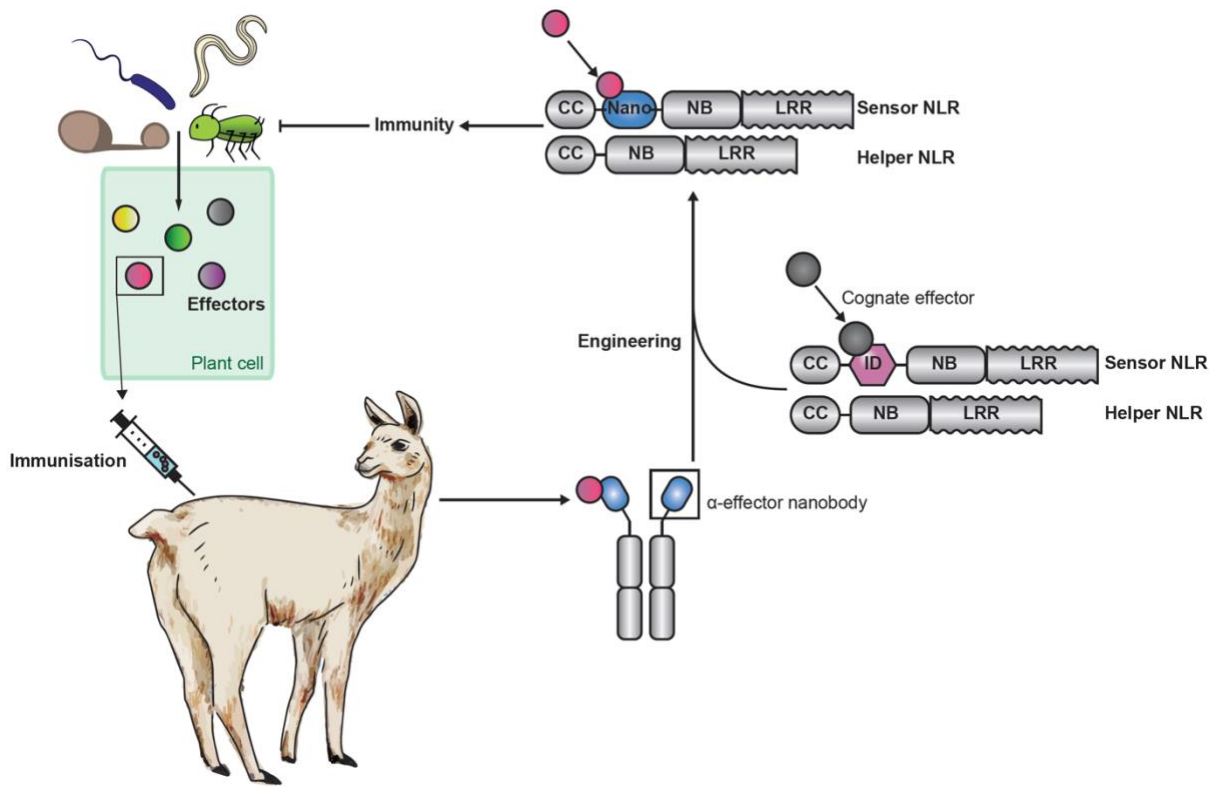
**Fig. S10. Pikobody<sup>Enhancer</sup> lines #9 and #10 confer specific resistance to PVX-GFP delivered by agroinfiltration.**

(A) Experimental design of PVX resistance assay in transgenic *N. benthamiana* lines. (B, D) Specific reduction in fluorescence intensity of PVX expressed GFP (B), but not PVX-mCherry (D), in Pikobody<sup>Enhancer</sup> line #9 and #10. GFP mean fluorescence intensity per cm<sup>2</sup> measured in *N. benthamiana* leaves 4 days post-infiltration was used as a proxy for PVX viral load in each infiltration site for PVX expressing GFP. The boxplot summarizes data obtained from five plants with two infiltration sites per construct. Red asterisks show significant differences between Buffer only (no PVX added, negative control) and tested constructs in the presence of PVX-GFP or PVX-mCherry (Dunnett's test, pvalue < 0.001). Wild-type *N. benthamiana* and a Pikm transgenic line were used as a negative control for PVX resistance (accumulation of both PVX variants) and Buffer only as a negative control for viral load. We also used transgenic *N. benthamiana* expressing Rx, a resistance gene recognizing the coat protein from PVX as a positive control for PVX resistance (no accumulation of either PVX variants). (C) Full blots of results displayed in Fig. 4. Specific reduction of PVX expressed GFP and coat protein accumulation in the presence of Pikobody<sup>Enhancer</sup> line #9 and #10. GFP accumulation was used as proxy to evaluate viral load from PVX-GFP, which was further confirmed using an antibody targeting PVX coat protein. For the immunoblot analysis, total protein was extracted from the tested lines 4 days after inoculation with PVX-GFP or PVX-mCherry. Wild-type *N. benthamiana* and Pikm transgenic line were used as a positive control for viral load and Buffer only as a negative control (infiltrated in Pikobody<sup>Enhancer</sup> #1 line). Antibody targeting FLAG was used to detect Pikm-1<sup>Enhancer</sup> and Pikm-1, and antibody targeting HA was used to detect the presence of Pikm-2 and Rx. Ponceau S staining shows equal protein loading across samples. (E) Pikobody<sup>Enhancer</sup> line #9 and #10 are not resistant to PVX-mCherry, unlike Rx transgenic lines. mCherry accumulation was used as proxy to evaluate viral load from PVX-mCherry, which was further confirmed using an antibody targeting PVX coat protein. Immunoblot analysis was done as in (C)



**Fig. S11. Pikobody<sup>Enhancer</sup> lines #1, #9, and #10 confer specific resistance to PVX-GFP delivered by wound inoculation.** (A) Experimental design of PVX resistance assay in transgenic *N. benthamiana* lines. (B) Specific reduction of PVX expressed GFP and coat protein accumulation in the presence of Pikobody<sup>Enhancer</sup> line #1, #9, and #10. GFP accumulation was used as proxy to evaluate viral load from PVX-GFP, which was further confirmed using

an antibody targeting PVX coat protein. For the immunoblot analysis, total protein was extracted from the tested lines 7 days after wound inoculation via toothpick with PVX-GFP. Wild-type *N. benthamiana* and Pikm transgenic line were used as a positive control for viral load and Buffer only as a negative control (infiltrated in Pikobody<sup>Enhancer1</sup> line). Antibody targeting FLAG was used to detect Pikm-1<sup>Enhancer</sup> and Pikm-1, and antibody targeting HA was used to detect the presence of Pikm-2 and Rx. Ponceau S staining shows equal protein loading across samples. (C) Pikobody<sup>Enhancer</sup> line #1, #9, and #10 are not resistant to PVX-mCherry delivered by wound inoculation via toothpick, unlike Rx transgenic lines. mCherry accumulation was used as proxy to evaluate viral load from PVX-mCherry, which was further confirmed using an antibody targeting PVX coat protein. Immunoblot analysis was done as in (C)



**Figure S12: Pipeline for the generation of made-to-order functional Pikobodies.** Immunization of camelids with translocated pathogen effectors generates nanobodies which can be integrated into the Pikm scaffold to generate functional Pikobodies providing immunity against pathogens translocating these effectors.

**Table S1: Description of constructs and *A. tumefaciens* strains.** Details of the constructs used in this study with associated selection antibiotic, purpose, publication, *A. tumefaciens* strain and OD<sub>600</sub> used for infiltrations.

**Table S2: Hypersensitive cell death quantification.** HR scores reported by construct, experiment replicate (Experiment# in the table) and associated figure. We described HR scoring in the corresponding section of the Materials and Methods.

**Table S3: Hypersensitive cell death quantification in *N. benthamiana* transgenic lines at the T0 stage.** HR scores reported by transgenic line, individual plant and construct delivered via agroinfiltration. We described HR scoring in the corresponding section of the Materials and Methods. Lines selected to generate T1 are listed in the “Comment” column.

**Table S4: Fluorescence intensity quantification for all transient assays with PVX-GFP and PVX-mCherry.** Fluorescence intensity recorded for each infiltration site with the ImageQuant LAS 4000 luminescent imager (GE Healthcare Life Sciences) as described in the corresponding Materials and Methods section. Each line represents a construct co-infiltrated with a given PVX strain or no PVX (buffer only) with corresponding fluorescence per cm<sup>2</sup> measured in each infiltration site. We indicated the different experiment replicates in the column “Experiment#” and the corresponding figures in the last two columns.

**Table S5: Hypersensitive cell death quantification in *N. benthamiana* transgenic lines.** HR scores reported by transgenic line, individual plant and construct delivered via agroinfiltration. We described HR scoring in the corresponding section of the Materials and Methods.

**Table S6: Fluorescence intensity quantification in *N. benthamiana* transgenic lines at the T1 stage.** Fluorescence intensity recorded for each infiltration site with the Amersham™ ImageQuant™ 800 biomolecular imager as described in the corresponding Materials and Methods section. Each line represents a line infiltrated with a given PVX strain or no PVX (buffer only) with corresponding fluorescence per cm<sup>2</sup> measured in each infiltration site. We indicated the corresponding Figures in the last column.



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