Supplementary Material

XopR TTSS-effector regulates *in planta* growth, virulence of Indian strain of *Xanthomonas oryzae* pv. *oryzae* via suppressing reactive oxygen species production and cell wall-associated rice immune responses during blight induction

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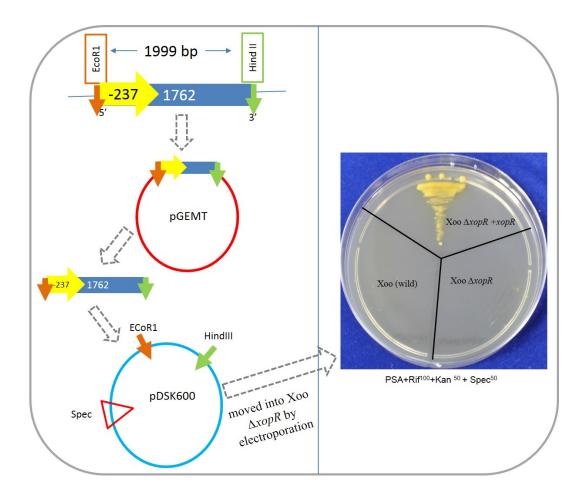


Fig. S1. Construction of complementary strain for xopR and subsequent phenotypic selection. Left panel: 1999 bp fragment containing xopR promoter (237 bp 5' of the ATG) and the xopR ORF (1-1999 bp) were PCR amplified as EcoR1 and Hind III restricted fragment from Xoo (wild) genomic DNA. This DNA fragment (-237 to +1762) was then cloned into pGEMT and subsequently cloned as EcoR1 and Hind III restricted fragment into pDSK600 having spectinomycin-resistance gene (pDSK600:xopR). Finally (pDSK600:xopR) moved into Xoo $\Delta xopR$ by electroporation. Right panel: The transformed colonies selected on spectinomycin (50 ppm) plate are indicative of complemented strain.

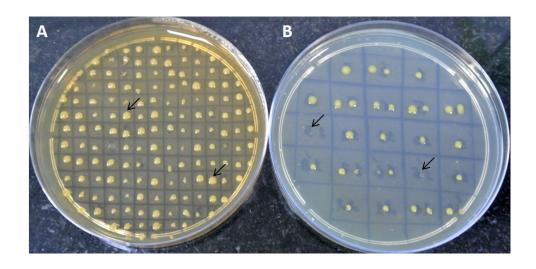


Fig. S2. Phenotypic selection and confirmation of the Xoo mutants lacking xopR gene. (A) PSA supplemented with Rif¹⁰⁰ + Kan⁵⁰ showing growth of putative mutant colonies having kanamycin resistance gene; (B) Further confirmation of the selected colonies (marked with arrow) on Luria Bertani agar with Amp¹⁰⁰ showing no growth of the positive mutants.

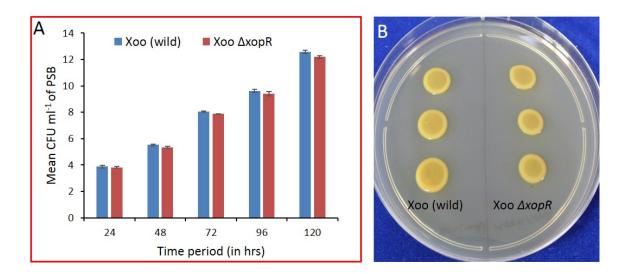


Fig. S3. (A) *In vitro* CFU counts of Xoo (wild) and XopR mutant (Xoo $\triangle xopR$) on PSB (peptone 10g, sucrose 10g, sodium glutamate 1gm, distilled water 1000 ml) at different time period. Note: Growth pattern shows no significant difference in the growth habit of Xoo wild type and mutant. The P<0.001 vs wild by student's t test. (B) Colonies of Xoo wild type and Xoo $\triangle xopR$ on PSA at 72h at 28°C, showing no aberration in the colony morphology.

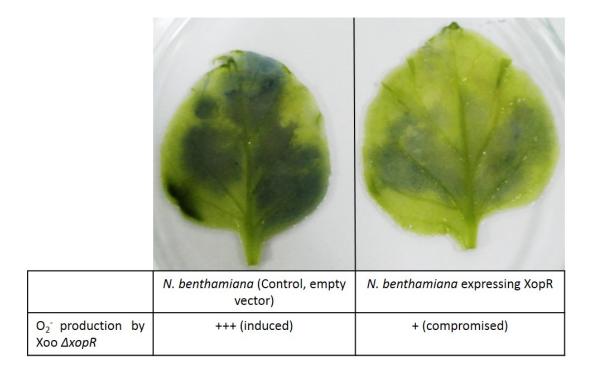


Fig. S4. Transiently expressed XopR protein suppressed Xoo $\Delta xopR$ - induced O₂- production on tobacco leaf.