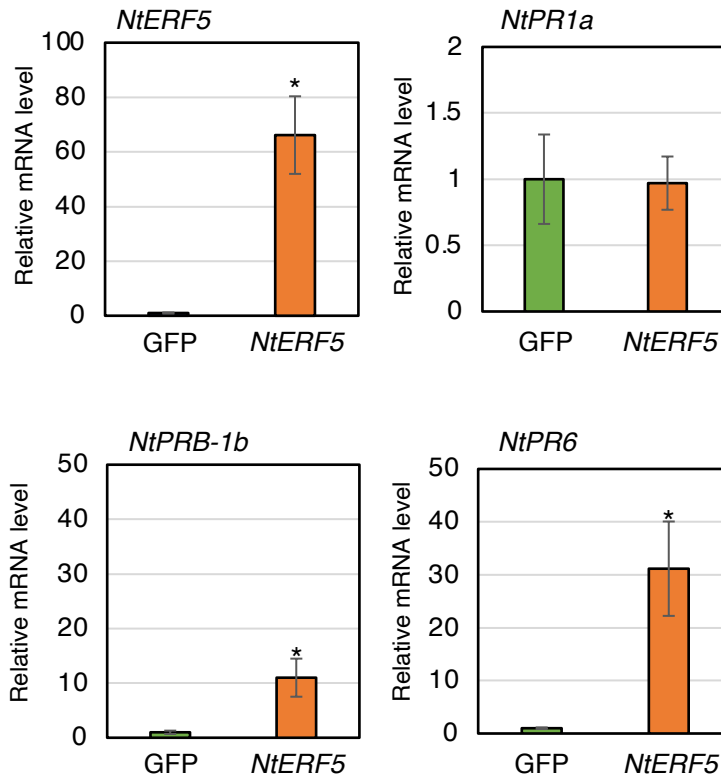




Supplementary Fig. S1. Transcript levels of *PR* genes in tobacco leaves that overexpress *NtERF5* transiently in the absence of virus infection.

The transcript levels of *NtERF5* (endogenous gene and transgene) and *PR* gene (*NtPR1a*, *NtPRB-1b*, and *NtPR6*) at 2 days post-infiltration were analyzed by RT-qPCR using gene-specific primers (Supplementary Table S1) and normalized by the *NtEF1a* transcript level. The values represent the mean $\pm$ SE ($n = 6$) relative to the transcript levels of the *GFP* control (set as 1). Asterisks indicate statistically significant differences between means compared with NT as determined through Student's t-test ($* < 0.05$).