Summary of: RNAseq Analysis of the Response of Arabidopsis thaliana to Fractional Gravity Under Blue-Light Stimulation During Spaceflight

Key findings and quantitative results:

- 1. **RNAseq Analysis**: RNA was extracted from 20 samples for subsequent RNAseq analysis. Transcriptomic analysis was performed using the HISAT2-Stringtie-DESeq pipeline. DESeq2 was used to conduct differential gene expression analysis.
- 2. **Differential Gene Expression**: A total of 296 genes were identified as differentially expressed between microgravity and 1g conditions. 2552 genes were identified as differentially expressed between low gravity (<0.1g) and 1g conditions. 2088 genes were identified as differentially expressed between Moon g-level and 1g conditions. 978 genes were identified as differentially expressed between Mars g-level and 1g conditions. 411 genes were identified as differentially expressed between reduced Earth g-level (0.57g) and 1g conditions.
- 3. **Gene Ontology (GO) Enrichment**: GO terms were identified as enriched in the DEGs. The ten most significant GO terms were identified for each g-level comparison.
- 4. **Transcriptional Response**: The blue-light phototropic response was observed in microgravity samples. The phototropic response to blue light was noted to be more effective at lower g-levels. The phototropic response to blue light was noted to be less effective at higher g-levels.
- 5. **Cellular Response**: The cell wall and membrane structures were enriched at the Moon g-level. The general stress response was enriched at the low g-level.
- 6. **Comparison**: The number of differentially expressed genes increased as the g-level decreased. The number of differentially expressed genes decreased as the g-level increased.
- 7. **Statistical Analysis**: The p-value was corrected for multiple comparisons using the Benjamini-Hochberg procedure. The q-value was used to control the false discovery rate.
- 8. **Additional Findings**: The F-box/RMI-like/FDB-like domain proteins were identified as candidate genes. The statolith in the root cells was noted to be a potential sensor of gravitropism.
- 9. **Conclusions**: The blue-light phototropic response is sufficient to reduce the gravitational stress response. The gravitropic response is more effective at higher g-levels. The graviresistance signal is observed at the Moon g-level.

These findings highlight the complex interactions between tropisms, phototropism, and gravitropism in spaceflight conditions, with the blue-light phototropic response being a significant factor in mitigating the effects of microgravity.