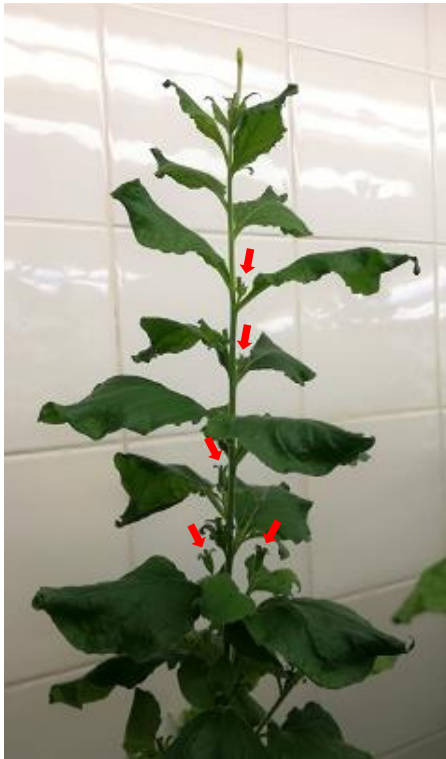


Additional File 3

Abscission phenotype of *Nicotiana benthamiana* plants inoculated with viral constructs

Clbv3' (control)



Clbv3'-NbenIDA



Clbv3'-NbenHAE



The red arrows in the image showing a plant inoculated with the *clbv3'* vector (control) highlight to flowers that have already shed their corollas. In contrast, inoculation of the silencing constructs *clbv3'*-NbenIDA and *clbv3'*-NbenHAE causes the arrest of corolla abscission.