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Plastidial Phosphoglucose Isomerase is an Important Determinant of Seed Yield through its Involvement in Gibberellin-mediated Reproductive Development and Storage Reserve Biosynthesis in Arabidopsis

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ABSTRACT

The plastid-localized phosphoglucose isomerase isoform PGI1 is an important determinant of growth in *Arabidopsis thaliana*, likely due to its involvement in the biosynthesis of plastidial isoprenoid-derived hormones. Here, we investigated whether PGI1 also influences seed yields. *PGI1* is strongly expressed in maturing seed embryos

and vascular tissues. *PGI1*-null *pgi1-2* plants had ca. 60% lower seed yields than wild type (WT) plants, with reduced numbers of inflorescences and thus fewer siliques and seeds per plant. These traits were associated with low bioactive gibberellin (GA) contents. Accordingly, WT phenotypes were restored by exogenous GA application. *pgi1-2* seeds were lighter and accumulated ca. 50% less fatty acids (FAs) and ca. 35% less protein than WT seeds. Seeds of cytokinin-deficient plants overexpressing *CYTOKININ OXIDASE/DEHYDROGENASE1* (35S:AtCKX1) and GA-deficient *ga200x1 ga200x2* mutants did not accumulate low levels of FAs, and exogenous application of the cytokinin BAP and GAs did not rescue the reduced weight and FA content of *pgi1-2* seeds. Seeds from reciprocal crosses between *pgi1-2* and WT plants accumulated WT levels of FAs and proteins. Therefore, PGI1 is an important determinant of Arabidopsis seed yield due to its involvement in two processes: GA-mediated reproductive development and the metabolic conversion of plastidial glucose-6-phosphate to storage reserves in the embryo.

1 INTRODUCTION

2 Oilseeds are major sources of calories for human consumption and are of a significant 3 agricultural and industrial value. Seed number and weight are the two main components 4 of seed yield. However, the genetic factors and the molecular and biochemical 5 mechanisms controlling these agronomic traits are still poorly understood (van Daele et 6 al., 2012).

7 Isoprenoid hormones such as cytokinins (CKs) and gibberellins (GAs) regulate 8 many aspects of plant growth, development and metabolism, including shoot branching 9 and elongation, shoot and reproductive meristem activity, the transition from vegetative 10 growth to flowering, ovule formation, seed development, and the accumulation of seed 11 storage compounds and thus seed yield (Fleet and Sun, 2005; Riefler et al., 2006; Rieu et 12 al., 2008b; Mutasa-Göttgens and Hedden, 2009; Bartrina et al., 2011; D'Aloia et al., 13 2011, Chen et al., 2012a; Yamaguchi et al., 2014). In plants, these hormones are 14 synthesized from precursors produced in the cytosol by the mevalonate (MVA) pathway 15 and in plastids by the methylerythritol 4-phosphate (MEP) pathway. The MEP pathway 16 uses the central carbon intermediates pyruvate and glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate (GAP) to 17 produce isopentenyl diphosphate and dimethylallyl diphosphate (DMAPP), the universal 18 prenyl diphosphate precursors of all isoprenoids (Pulido et al., 2012; Pokhilko et al., 19 2015).

In oleaginous species, lipids and proteins are major contributors to seed dry weight and are thus important determinants of yield (Baud et al., 2008). Maturing oilseed 22 embryos convert sucrose obtained from maternal tissues to lipids and proteins, which are 23 used to support postgerminative seedling growth and establishment. De novo synthesis of 24 fatty acids (FA) is an ATP and NAD(P)H-dependent process that is initiated in plastids 25 (Baud et al., 2008). Analyses of expressed sequence tags from developing seeds (White et 26 al., 2000) and microarrays of genes expressed in seeds (Girke et al., 2000; Ruuska et al., 27 2002) have suggested that the major route of FA biosynthesis in the model oilseed 28 species Arabidopsis thaliana involves the glycolytic conversion of sucrose to 29 phosphoenolpyruvate (PEP) and pyruvate in the cytosol. PEP is then transferred to 30 plastids by the plastidial PEP translocator (PPT) and converted to pyruvate via the action 31 of pyruvate kinase (PK). Genetic support for this view has been obtained from 32 characterization of mutants impaired in cytosolic GAP dehydrogenase (GAPDH), PPT 33 and plastid-localized PK (Baud et al., 2007; Prabhakar et al., 2010; Guo et al., 2014). 34 Seeds of these mutants accumulate lower levels of FAs than wild type (WT) seeds. Recently, Lee et al. (2017) reported that seed-specific overexpression of the pyruvate 35 36 transporter BASS2 increases oil content in Arabidopsis seeds, suggesting that the 37 transport of cytosolic pyruvate into the chloroplast plays an important role in FA 38 biosynthesis. However, metabolic flux analyses have shown that, in oilseed rape 39 (Brassica napus) and developing Arabidopsis embryos, large proportions of FAs are 40 synthesized from glucose-6-phosphate (G6P) in plastids via the action of phosphoglucose 41 isomerase (PGI) coupled with pathways involving glycolysis/oxidative pentose phosphate 42 pathway (OPPP)/Calvin-Benson enzymes (Schwender et al., 2004; Lonien et al., 2009).

43 PGI catalyzes the reversible isomerization of fructose-6-phosphate (F6P) and 44 G6P. This enzyme is involved in early steps of glycolysis and is thus important in the 45 generation of ATP, reductants and precursors (amino acids) for protein biosynthesis. PGI 46 is also involved in the regeneration of G6P pools in the oxidative pentose phosphate 47 OPPP, which provides metabolic intermediates for the synthesis of RNA, DNA, phenolic 48 compounds, aromatic amino acids and NADPH. Arabidopsis has two PGI isozymes, one 49 in the cytosol (cytPGI) and the other in the plastid (PGI1) (Yu et al., 2000; Bahaji et al., 50 2015). It is widely accepted that PGI1 plays a key role in transitory starch biosynthesis in 51 mesophyll cells of leaves, connecting the Calvin-Benson cycle with the starch 52 biosynthetic pathway (Yu et al., 2000). We have shown that Arabidopsis mutants 53 impaired in PGI1 accumulate low levels of CKs derived from the MEP pathway, display 54 reduced photosynthetic capacity and slow growth phenotypes, and accumulate low levels 55 of transitory starch in leaves, a phenotype that can be reverted to WT by supplementation 56 with exogenous CK (Bahaji et al., 2015). Stimulation of photosynthesis and synthesis of 57 active CK forms is accompanied by enhanced growth and the accumulation of 58 exceptionally high levels of starch in the mesophyll cells of PGI1 null pgil-2 plants 59 (Sánchez-López et al., 2016). Thus, we have proposed that PGI1 is an important 60 determinant of photosynthesis, transitory starch accumulation and growth, likely due to 61 its involvement in the synthesis of metabolic intermediates, e.g. GAP and pyruvate, 62 required for the synthesis of plastidial isoprenoid-derived molecules (Bahaji et al., 2015).

63 While PGI1 appears to be involved in the production of precursors and reductants 64 for plastidial isoprenoid-derived hormones and storage reserves such as proteins and FA 65 and could thus potentially be a determinant of yield, its role in these processes has not 66 been clarified through direct genetic tests. The purpose of this study was to investigate 67 the contribution of PGI1 to seed yield via its involvement in GA metabolism, protein and 68 FA biosynthesis. To this end, we investigated the expression pattern of *PGI1* and 69 characterized pgil-2 plants. Our results show that PGI1 is an important determinant of 70 seed yield in Arabidopsis due to its involvement in two processes: GA-mediated 71 reproductive development and the metabolic conversion of plastidial G6P to embryonic 72 FA and proteins.

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74 **RESULTS**

75 *PGI1* is strongly expressed in vascular tissues and developing embryos

76 We analyzed PGI1 tissue expression profiles in WT (Ws-2) plants by qRT-PCR and 77 histochemically analyzed WT plants transformed with constructs carrying the PGII 78 promoter region (1700 bp) fused to the β -glucuronidase (GUS) reporter. As shown in 79 Figure 1A, qRT-PCR analyses revealed that *PGII* is weakly expressed in mature leaves 80 and silique envelopes but strongly expressed in roots, stems, flowers and maturing 81 embryos. Zymogram analyses of PGI activity further confirmed that PGI1 is expressed in 82 maturing embryos (Figure 1B). Histochemical analyses of 10 independent 83 promPGI1:GUS-expressing lines showed that the PGI1 promoter is strongly active in 84 vascular tissues of roots, cotyledons and hypocotyls of young seedlings (Figure $1C_1$). It 85 is also active in vascular tissues of fully expanded mature leaves (Figures $1C_2$ and $1C_3$), 86 roots (Figures $1C_2$ and $1C_4$) and sepals (Figure $1C_5$). The *PGI1* promoter did not drive 87 expression in anthers, pollen grains or seed coat (Figure 1C₅) and was weakly active in 88 embryos at the heart developmental stage (Figure $1C_6$), but strongly active in maturing 89 embryos (Figures $1C_7$ and $1C_8$). In keeping with findings of Tsai et al. (2009, cf. Fig. 5), 90 the PGI1 promoter was expressed at sub-detection limits in mesophyll cells of mature 91 leaves (Figures $1C_2$ and $1C_3$). However, this was sufficient for normal starch synthesis 92 in leaf mesophyll cells, as mature leaves of *pgil-2* plants ectopically expressing *PGII* 93 under the control of its own promoter (promPGI1:PGI1 plants) accumulated WT starch 94 levels (Supplemental Figure 1).

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96 Knocking out PGI1 decreases seed yield

97 To investigate the effects that a lack of PGI1 would have on seed yield, we compared the 98 seed weight per plant at maturity between Ws-2 and pgi1-2 plants. We also characterized 99 aps1 plants impaired in the small subunit of ADP-glucose pyrophosphorylase (Ventriglia 100 et al, 2008), which, like pgi1-2 plants, show a slow growth phenotype when cultured 101 under long day conditions and accumulate low levels of transitory starch in their leaves 102 (Bahaji et al., 2015). As shown in **Table 1**, we found that seed yields of *pgil-2* plants 103 were only ca. 40% of those of WT plants, but WT yields could be restored by ectopic 104 expression of *PGI1* under its own promoter or the 35S promoter (Table 1). In clear 105 contrast, *aps1* plants had similar to WT seed yields (**Table 1**).

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107 Knocking out PGI1 reduces the number of seeds per plant

The reductions in seed yields of pgi1-2 plants could potentially be due to reductions in seed weight or in the number of either seeds per silique or siliques per plant. To differentiate between these possibilities we first counted the numbers of inflorescences and siliques per plant and the numbers of seeds per silique in WT (Ws-2) and pgi1-2plants. We also characterized *aps1* plants. At first sight, we detected no major differences between the external phenotypes of Ws-2 and pgi1-2 plants at maturity (**Figure 2A**). Additionally, there was no significant difference in the number of seeds per silique 115 between Ws-2 and pgil-2 plants (Table 1). However, many inflorescences failed to 116 elongate in *pgi1-2* plants, and flowers developing first on the raceme exhibited short 117 anthers and failed to produce siliques and seeds (Figure 2B). Consequently, the numbers 118 of inflorescences with siliques and siliques per plant were lower in pgil-2 plants than in 119 Ws-2 plants (**Table 1**), thus causing a reduction in the number of seeds per plant. This 120 phenotype could be rescued by the ectopic expression of PGI1 under the control of its 121 own promoter or the 35S promoter (Table 1). Contrary to pgil-2, aps1 plants had similar 122 numbers of inflorescences and siliques per plant to WT plants (Table 1). These results 123 demonstrate that PGI1 is an important determinant of seed yield, at least partly because of 124 its involvement in reproductive development.

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The reduced number of inflorescences in the *pgi1-2* mutant is associated with low bioactive GA content

128 We have reported that *pgil-2* plants accumulate lower than WT-levels of MEP-derived 129 CKs and proposed that PGI1 may be involved in the production of precursors of MEP-130 pathway-derived isoprenoid compounds (Bahaji et al., 2015). As GAs and CKs are 131 important determinants of reproductive development (Rieu et al., 2008a,b; Bartrina et al., 132 2011), we hypothesized that the reduction in the numbers of elongated inflorescences, 133 well-developed flowers, siliques and seeds in *pgil-2* plants could be at least partly due to 134 reduced contents of these isoprenoid hormones. To explore this possibility further, we 135 measured levels of different GAs in shoots (all aerial parts including rosette) at bolting time in Ws-2, pgil-2 and promPGI1:PGI1 plants. We also counted the numbers of 136 137 inflorescences and siliques in Ws-2 and pgil-2 plants following exogenous 6-138 benzylaminopurine (BAP) or GA_{4+7} application.

Notably, levels of GA_1 , GA_3 and GA_4 –the main bioactive GAs in plants (Yamaguchi, 2008; Hedden and Thomas, 2012)– were lower in *pgi1-2* shoots than in Ws-2 shoots, but WT levels could be restored by ectopic expression of *PGI1* (**Figure 3**). Also, *pgi1-2* plants accumulated higher levels of the inactive catabolites GA_{29} and GA_8 than Ws-2 plants and *promPGI1:PGI1*-expressing *pgi1-2* plants (**Figure 3**). Moreover, exogenous application of GA_{4+7} restored to WT the numbers of elongated inflorescences and siliques of the *pgi1-2* mutant (**Table 2**). In contrast, exogenously applied BAP did 146 not affect the number of inflorescences and siliques (**Table 2**). The overall data provide 147 strong evidence that PGI1 is an important determinant of bioactive GA content, and they 148 indicate that the low number of inflorescences, siliques and seeds in pgi1-2 plants is at 149 least partly due to lower levels of active GA forms.

- 150 GA₁ and GA₄ are produced by the GA3-oxidase (GA3ox)-mediated oxidation of 151 GA_{20} and GA_{9} , respectively (Figure 3). These bioactive GAs can be deactivated by GA2-152 oxidase (GA2ox), yielding GA₈ and GA₃₄, respectively (Yamaguchi, 2008; Hedden and 153 Thomas, 2012) (Figure 3). GA2ox can also metabolize GA_{20} to the inactive GA_{29} 154 (Hedden and Thomas, 2012). In Arabidopsis shoots, the most strongly expressed GA2ox-155 and GA3ox-encoding genes are GA2ox6 and GA3ox1, respectively (Mitchum et al., 2006; 156 Rieu et al., 2008a). Whereas GA3ox1 is up-regulated by CKs, GA2ox6 is down-regulated 157 by these hormones (Kiba et al., 2005; Bhargava et al., 2013; Brenner and Schmülling, 158 2015). This and the findings that *pgil-2* plants accumulate low levels of CKs (Bahaji et 159 al., 2015) would suggest that the reduced contents of bioactive GAs and enhanced levels 160 of inactive GAs in *pgi1-2* plants could be due to reductions in *GA3ox1* and/or increases in 161 GA2ox6 expression caused by the reduced CK content. To investigate this hypothesis, we 162 conducted qRT-PCR analyses of GA2ox and GA3ox genes in shoots at bolting time in 163 Ws-2 and *pgil-2* plants. We also analyzed the expression levels of *GA200x* genes. As 164 shown in **Supplemental Figure 2**, no significant differences in the expression levels of 165 these genes were found between WT and pgil-2 shoots.
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167 Knocking out *PGI1* decreases seed weight and the contents of proteins and fatty 168 acids

169 We next addressed the possibility that the low seed yields of pgil-2 plants could also be 170 related to reductions in seed weight. As shown in **Table 1**, *pgil-2* seeds were 35% lighter than Ws-2 seeds, but WT weights could be restored by ectopic expression of PGII. 171 172 Analyses of embryonic phenotypes in a series of developing pollinated pistils revealed no 173 major differences between pgil-2 seeds and Ws-2 seeds (Supplemental Figure 3) 174 excluding the possibility that the reduced weight of pgil-2 seeds could be due to aberrant 175 embryo growth and development. Dry pgil-2 seeds displayed a wrinkled phenotype 176 (Figures 4A,B), accumulated 35% less dry matter than Ws-2 seeds (Figure 4C), and had 177 lower establishment rates on MS agar with no supplemental sugar than WT seeds (Figure
178 5). These phenotypes could be restored by ectopic expression of *PGI1* (Figures 4 and 5).

Focks and Benning (1998) suggested that the wrinkled appearance of oil-deficient *wril-1* seeds could be due to an increased sucrose content during seed development. To determine whether this might be the case in pgil-2 seeds, we performed time-course analyses of sucrose levels in developing Ws-2 and pgil-2 seeds. As shown in **Supplemental Figure 4**, there were no detectable differences between Ws-2 and pgil-2seeds with respect to their sucrose contents during development.

185 Oil and proteins are major components of dry Arabidopsis seeds (Baud et al., 186 2008), and seeds with reduced FA content show a wrinkled phenotype (Focks and 187 Benning, 1998; Baud et al., 2007; Chen et al., 2015). Furthermore, seedlings of mutants 188 with defects in the synthesis or post-germinative mobilization of seed storage lipids have 189 reduced establishment rates in the absence of an exogenous sugar source (Hayashi et al., 190 1998; Cernac et al., 2006; Baud et al., 2007). Thus, these observations suggested that 191 *pgi1-2* seeds have reduced protein and lipid contents. This inference was corroborated by 192 analysis of protein and FA levels (following methylesterification) in mature seeds. As 193 shown in Figure 4D and E, pgil-2 seeds accumulated ca. 35% less protein and ca. 50% 194 less FA than Ws-2 seeds at maturity, but WT levels could be restored by ectopic 195 expression of PGI1. On a dry weight (DW) basis, pgi1-2 seeds accumulated ca. 8% less 196 protein and 23% less FA than Ws-2 seeds (Figures 4F and G).

197 We also analyzed the FA composition in mature pgil-2 seeds and, as shown in 198 Figure 4H, found no significant differences in relative contents of the saturated FAs 199 palmitic acid (16:0) and stearic acid (18:0) between Ws-2 and pgil-2 seeds. In contrast, 200 relative amounts of the desaturation intermediates, oleic (18:1), and linoleic (18:2) acids, 201 were lower in pgi1-2 seeds than in Ws-2 seeds, while the relative amounts of the end 202 products of desaturation and elongation, linolenic (18:3) and erucic (22:1) acids, were 203 higher (Figure 4H). The FA composition profile of *pgil-2* seeds was similar to that of 204 seeds of the low seed oil wril mutant and plants lacking the plastid-localized PK (Focks 205 and Benning, 1998; Baud et al., 2007). These mutations impair FA biosynthesis by 206 reducing precursor supplies. These findings indicate that PGI1 is an important determinant of seed oil accumulation through its involvement in the provision ofprecursors for FA synthesis.

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The low fatty acid content of *pgi1-2* seeds is not due to reduced active GA or CK contents

212 pgil-2 plants accumulate low levels of active forms of CKs (Bahaji et al., 2015) and GAs 213 (this work). To determine whether the reduced weight and FA content of *pgi1-2* seeds 214 could be due to low levels of active CKs or GAs, we characterized seeds of CK-deficient 215 plants overexpressing CYTOKININ OXIDASE/DEHYDROGENASE1 (35S:AtCKX1 216 plants) (Werner et al., 2003) and the GA-deficient ga20ox1 ga20ox2 double mutant (Rieu 217 et al., 2008b). Furthermore, we characterized seeds of pgil-2 plants treated with exogenous BAP or GA₄₊₇. In keeping with the findings of Werner et al. (2003), 218 219 35S:AtCKX1 seeds were enlarged (Figure 6A) and had almost twice the mass of WT 220 seeds (Figure 6B) due to the role of CKs in controlling the cell division rate in maturing 221 embryos (Werner et al., 2003). Additionally, the FA content of 35S:AtCKX1 seeds was 222 twice that of WT seeds (Figure 6C). Conversely, the size, weight and FA content of 223 ga20ox1 ga20ox2 seeds were comparable to those of WT seeds (Figure 6A,B,C). 224 Moreover, treatment with exogenous BAP and GA_{4+7} did not rescue the reduced weight 225 and FA content phenotypes of *pgi1-2* seeds (Figure 6D,E), showing that the low FA 226 content of *pgil-2* seeds is not due to reduced active GA or CK contents.

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228 PGI1 zygotically controls FA and protein accumulation

229 Protein and FA contents in Arabidopsis seeds can be influenced by diverse maternal 230 factors. For examples, reductions in maternal carbon supplies may cause reductions in FA 231 accumulation in seeds (Chen et al., 2015). Proteins involved in regulating flavonoid 232 biosynthesis in the seed coat can affect seed oil deposition by down-regulating embryonic 233 FA biosynthetic genes (Chen et al., 2012b; 2014). In addition, the homeotic regulatory 234 gene APETALA2 can affect seed oil and protein accumulation through its action in the 235 maternal sporophyte and endosperm genomes (Jofuku et al., 2005). pgil-2 plants have 236 reduced photosynthesis rates (Bahaji et al., 2015), so their low seed protein and FA 237 contents could potentially be due to maternal factors such as limited photosynthate supplies or signals from maternal tissues. To test this possibility, we performed reciprocal crosses between *pgi1-2* and Ws-2 plants and analyzed the percentages of wrinkled seeds, protein and fatty acid methylester (FAME) contents in seeds of the F1 progeny. As shown in **Figure 7**, there was no significant difference in the percentage of wrinkled seeds and seed FA and protein contents between the progeny of Ws-2 plants and *pgi1-2* and Ws-2 crosses, showing that the low FA and protein contents of *pgi1-2* seeds is dependent on the embryonic genotype but not on factors from the maternal tissues.

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Plastidial phosphofructokinase-mediated metabolism of F6P produced by PGI1 is not absolutely required for normal fatty acid biosynthesis in Arabidopsis

248 Schwender et al. (2004) comprehensively delineated every possible conversion of G6P 249 entering the plastid into FAs in oil seed embryos using a network model consisting of 250 glycolysis, the OPPP, the Calvin-Benson cycle, and FA synthesis enzymes. The study 251 revealed seven flux modes that include RubisCO and that have higher carbon use 252 efficiencies than glycolysis, two of which (modes 16 and 18) involve ATP-dependent 253 phosphofructokinase (PFK) and bypass the glycolytic steps catalyzed by GAPDH and 254 phosphoglycerate kinase (PGK). Two other modes (24 and 25) also have zero flux 255 through PFK (Schwender et al., 2004). To determine whether plastidial PFK-mediated 256 metabolism of F6P produced by PGI1 is absolutely required for normal seed FA 257 synthesis, we measured the FA contents in seeds of the pfk4 pfk5 double knock-out 258 mutant of Arabidopsis, which has impairments in the two plastidial PFK isoforms 259 expressed in Arabidopsis (one active, PFK4, and the other, PFK5, having weak activity 260 when transiently expressed in wild tobacco (Nicotiana benthamiana) plants; 261 Supplemental Figure 5). We reasoned that if the plastid-localized PFK is absolutely 262 required for the G6P-to-FA conversion, pfk4 pfk5 seeds should accumulate low levels of 263 FAs. Conversely, if the plastid-localized PFK-mediated metabolism of F6P produced by 264 PGI1 is not absolutely required for normal FA biosynthesis, *pfk4 pfk5* seeds should not 265 accumulate low levels of FAs. As shown in Figure 8, the latter prediction was verified: *pfk4 pfk5* seeds displayed a WT external phenotype and did not accumulate low levels of 266 267 FA.

269 **DISCUSSION**

270 *PGI1* is expressed in organs that produce active GAs and MEP-pathway derived 271 CKs

272 We have proposed that PGI1 could be involved in the glycolytic conversion of plastidial 273 G6P into GAP and pyruvate necessary for the synthesis of plastidial isoprenoid-derived 274 hormones, as schematically illustrated in Figure 9A (Bahaji et al., 2015). The results 275 presented here consistently indicate that *PGI1* is expressed in organs expressing genes 276 associated with the biosynthesis of GA and MEP pathway-derived CKs. In particular, this 277 gene is expressed in vascular tissues (Figure 1), like genes such as GA1 (which encodes 278 the enzyme that catalyzes the first committed step of GA biosynthesis, the *ent*-copalyl 279 diphosphate synthase [CPS]), GA3ox1 and GA3ox2 (which encode enzymes that catalyze 280 the production of bioactive GAs), and several genes encoding enzymes involved in rate-281 limiting steps of plastidial CK biosynthesis (Silverstone et al., 1997; Miyawaki et al., 282 2004; Mitchum et al., 2006). The strikingly similar expression patterns of *PGI1* and these 283 genes involved in the synthesis of active GAs and CKs would suggest that primary 284 carbohydrate metabolism and secondary isoprenoid metabolism in plastids are 285 transcriptionally co-regulated via mechanisms that harmonize GA and CK biosynthesis 286 rates (and thus growth and development-related processes) with carbon supplies. 287 Accordingly, like *PGI1* and some genes involved in the synthesis of plastidial isoprenoid-288 derived hormones, PPT1 and PKp2 (both encoding enzymes that function in the 289 provision of pyruvate to the plastid) are expressed in vascular tissues of adult plants and 290 seedlings (Knappe et al., 2003; Baud et al., 2007).

291 Environmental stimuli such as light, temperature and salt stress specifically 292 regulate the expression of GA biosynthetic enzymes, allowing GAs to translate these 293 extrinsic signals into developmental changes according to environmental conditions 294 (Yamaguchi, 2008). Oxidative modification of redox-sensitive proteins plays important 295 roles in modulating rapid physiological and developmental responses of plants to 296 changing environmental conditions (Foyer and Noctor, 2005). Notably, recent high-297 throughput analyses of proteins whose thiols undergo reversible oxidative modifications 298 in Arabidopsis have revealed that PGI1 is a redox-sensitive protein that responds to 299 agents that perturb cellular redox homeostasis and inhibit growth (Liu et al., 2014; Yin et al., 2017). It is thus tempting to speculate that PGI1 could play an important role in fine
 regulatory tuning of plastidial isoprenoid hormone-driven growth to a pace that is
 compatible with the plant's carbon status under prevailing environmental conditions.

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304 PGI1 is an important determinant of seed yield due to its involvement in GA 305 mediated reproductive development

pgi1-2 plants produce fewer elongated inflorescences than Ws-2 plants, and flowers
developing first on the short inflorescences fail to produce siliques and seeds (Figure
2B). Consequently, *pgi1-2* plants produce fewer siliques and seeds than Ws-2 plants
(Table 1). This phenotype cannot be ascribed to slow plant growth or low leaf starch
content, since the number of inflorescences and the seed yield of starch-deficient *aps1*plants were comparable to those of WT plants (Table 1).

312 In Arabidopsis, bioactive GAs stimulate elongation of vegetative stem internodes 313 upon bolting and exert a positive effect on inflorescence length and flower formation, 314 thus acting as major determinants of reproductive development and yield (Rieu et al., 315 2008b; Yamaguchi et al., 2014). Here we have shown that levels of the main bioactive 316 GAs (e.g. GA₁, GA₃ and GA₄) are lower in *pgi1-2* plants than in Ws-2 plants and *pgi1-2* 317 plants ectopically expressing *PGI1* (Figure 3). These findings strongly indicate that the 318 reduced numbers of elongated inflorescences, siliques and seeds per pgil-2 plant are 319 partly due to their diminished content of active GAs. Accordingly, exogenous GA 320 application restored to WT the numbers of elongated inflorescences and siliques in pgi1-2 321 plants (**Table 2**). Therefore, we propose that PGI1 is a major determinant of seed yield, at 322 least in part, due to its regulatory action on GA homeostasis and thus reproductive 323 development.

To maintain optimum growth rates, plants have evolved homeostatic regulatory mechanisms for modulating GA levels involving both negative feedback and positive feed-forward transcriptional regulation of GA metabolism genes (Hedden and Thomas, 2012). Plants have also evolved less well-defined mechanisms for post-transcriptional regulation of GA metabolism that may involve microRNA-mediated destabilization and/or reductions in the efficiency of translation of several *GA2ox, GA3ox* and *GA20ox* transcripts (http://sundarlab.ucdavis.edu/mirna/) (Barker, 2011) and modification of the 331 stability of GA metabolism enzymes (Magome et al., 2004; Lee and Zeevaart, 2007; 332 Barker, 2011). The qRT-PCR analyses conducted in this study revealed no major 333 differences in the expression of GA metabolism genes between Ws-2 and pgil-2 plants 334 that could account for the observed differences in the GA contents of these genotypes 335 (Supplemental Figure 2). This finding suggests that there are further complexities in GA 336 homeostasis due to mechanisms in which PGI1 plays an important role in regulating the 337 activity of GA metabolism enzymes and/or providing precursors for active GA 338 biosynthesis.

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340 PGI1 is an important determinant of seed yield due to its involvement in embryonic

341 fatty acid and protein biosynthesis

342 PGI1's roles in seed FA and protein production have previously been obscure. Here we 343 have provided evidence that PGI1 contributes to seed yield through participation in the 344 generation of precursors for embryonic FA and protein biosynthesis, as schematically 345 illustrated in **Figure 9B**. The hypothesis is strongly supported by the following findings: 346 pgil-2 seeds accumulate ca. 35% less protein and 50% less FAs than Ws-2 seeds, 347 respectively (Figure 4), *PGI1* is strongly expressed in the embryo (Figure 1), and *PGI1* 348 zygotically controls FA and protein accumulation (Figure 7). Two findings strongly 349 indicate that the low FA contents of *pgil-2* seeds are not due to reduced active CK and GA contents: seeds of CK-deficient 35S:AtCKX1 and GA-deficient ga20ox1 ga20ox2 do 350 351 not accumulate low levels of FA (Figure 6C), and exogenous application of BAP and 352 GA_{4+7} did not rescue the reduced weight and FA content of *pgil-2* seeds (Figure 6D,E). 353 The observation that *pgi1-2* seeds have elevated relative contents of linolenic and erucic 354 acids (Figure 4H) indicates that no feedback regulation occurs in this mutant to adjust 355 the degree of unsaturation and elongation of the FAs to the decrease of carbon flow into 356 the FA biosynthetic pathway, and that different regulators control the activities of 357 enzymes involved in lipid metabolism during seed development.

PGI may be involved in regenerating the G6P pool in the OPPP or early steps of glycolysis. The plastidial OPPP has been regarded as one of the major sources of NADPH linked to FA biosynthesis in oilseeds (Kang and Rawsthorne, 1996; Eastmond and Rawsthorne, 1998; Hutchings et al., 2005). An objection to this hypothesis is that 362 plastid-localized G6P dehydrogenase (which catalyzes G6P's entry into the plastidial 363 OPPP) is subject to redox inactivation during illumination (Née et al., 2009), so plastidial 364 G6P dehydrogenase is likely inactive during FA accumulation in green oilseeds. 365 Furthermore, metabolic flux analyses have indicated that the reductant produced by the 366 plastidial OPPP accounts for only 20% of the total reductant needed for FA synthesis in 367 oilseed embryos (Schwender et al., 2003). The glycolytic capacity in plastids of lipid-368 storing seeds considerably exceeds requirements for maximum rates of lipid synthesis 369 (Eastmond and Rawsthorne, 2000). Thus, the glycolytic pathway could play an important 370 role in the conversion of photosynthate to oil. However, previous biochemical analyses 371 with oilseed rape and Arabidopsis embryos have shown that up to 80% of the 3PGA 372 linked to FA biosynthesis is generated from G6P through pathways involving 373 glycolysis/OPPP/Calvin-Benson enzymes that have higher carbon use efficiencies than 374 glycolysis (Schwender et al., 2004; Lonien et al., 2009). Some of these pathways involve 375 plastidial PFK. Others have zero flux through PFK and derive the GAP needed for Ru5P 376 production via 3PGA metabolism (Schwender et al., 2004; Lonien et al., 2009). In this 377 work, we found that *pfk4 pfk5* seeds do not accumulate low levels of FA (Figure 8C), 378 strongly indicating that plastidial PFK is not absolutely required for the metabolic 379 conversion of F6P produced by PGI1 into FAs in Arabidopsis seeds. To explain why the 380 *pgi1-2* mutation reduces seed FA content but the *pfk4 pfk5* mutation does not, we propose that pgil-2 completely blocks the entry of carbon into the 3PGA-generating 381 382 glycolysis/OPPP/RubisCO network, whereas pfk4 pfk5 can be compensated for by 383 RubisCO shunt flux modes that cause some 3PGA formed in the plastids to be converted 384 into the GAP needed for Ru5P production by plastidial GAPDH and PGK enzymes 385 (Figure 9B). The remainder of the 3PGA produced in the plastids may be metabolized in 386 plastids and/or exported to the cytosol, where it may be converted to PEP and pyruvate, 387 which may move back into plastids and subsequently be converted to FAs (Figure 9B).

According to a flux map of central carbon metabolism established in steady-state ¹³C labeling experiments by Schwender et al. (2003), PEP is preferentially transported from the cytosol to the stroma as a substrate for *de novo* FA synthesis in developing rapeseed embryos. The Arabidopsis genome contains two PPT-encoding genes: *PPT1* and *PPT2* (Knappe et al., 2003). Unlike *PPT1*, *PPT2* is not expressed in seeds (Knappe et 393 al., 2003) (see also http://bar.utotonto.ca/efp/cgi-bin/efpWeb.cgi; Winter et al., 2007). 394 Although the overall information indicates that PPT1 participates in embryonic FA 395 biosynthesis, Prabhakar et al. (2010) showed that seeds of Arabidopsis *cuel* plants with 396 defective PPT1 can accumulate up to 85% of WT FA contents. This indicates that PEP 397 may not be the major form of photosynthate that enters the plastid for subsequent 398 conversion to FAs in Arabidopsis seeds. Moreover, the findings that pgil-2 seeds and 399 seeds of *pkp2* plants impaired in plastidial PK accumulate 50% and 60% less FA than 400 WT seeds, respectively (Baud et al., 2007; this work) strongly indicate that a sizable pool 401 of the photosynthate linked to Arabidopsis seed FA production enters the plastid as G6P 402 and pyruvate, as shown schematically in Figure 9B.

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404 **METHODS**

405 Plants, growth conditions and sampling

406 The work was carried out using Arabidopsis thaliana WT plants (ecotypes Col-0 and Ws-407 2), pgil-2 knock-out mutants (Bahaji et al., 2015), Ws-2 plants expressing GUS under the 408 control of the 1700 bp Ws-2 PGII promoter (promPGII:GUS), pgi1-2 plants expressing 409 PGI1 under the control of the 1700 bp PGI1 promoter (promPGI1:PGI1), pgi1-2 plants 410 expressing PGI1 under the control of the cauliflower mosaic virus 35S promoter 411 (35S:PGI1), the ADPglucose pyrophosphorylase null aps1 mutant (SALK_040155), CK 412 OXIDASE/DEHYDROGENASE1 over-expressing 35S:CKX1 plants (Werner et al. 2003), 413 the GA-deficient ga20ox1 ga20ox2 double mutant (Rieu et al., 2008b) and the pfk4 and 414 pfk5 T-DNA insertional knock-out mutants (SALK 012602 and SAIL 297 F05, 415 respectively) obtained from the European Arabidopsis Stock Center (NASC). By crossing 416 *pfk4* with *pfk5*, self-pollinating the resulting heterozygous mutants, and PCR-screening 417 for homozygous progeny using the oligonucleotide primers listed in **Supplemental Table** 418 1, we produced *pfk4 pfk5* double mutants. The *promPGI1:PGI1*, 35S:PGI1 and 419 promPGI1:GUS plasmid constructs were produced using Gateway technology as 420 illustrated in **Supplemental Figure 6** and confirmed by sequencing. Primers used for 421 PCR amplification of PGI1 cDNA, GUS and the PGI1 promoter are listed in 422 Supplemental Table 2. The plasmid constructs were transferred into Agrobacterium 423 tumefaciens EHA105 cells by electroporation and utilized to transform Arabidopsis 424 plants as described by Clough and Bent (1998). Transgenic *promPGI1:PGI1, 35S:PGI1*425 and *promPGI1:GUS* plants were selected on medium containing antibiotics.

Plants were cultured on soil in growth chambers under a long-day photoperiod with (16 h light 22°C/8 h dark 18°C) at 90 μ mol photons m⁻² sec⁻¹ light intensity using a mix of Sylvania 215-W cool white fluorescent tubes and 60-W mate bulbs. For exogenous application of CKs and GAs, one week after bolting, *pgi1-2* plants were sprayed every two days with the indicated concentrations of BAP or GA₄₊₇.

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432 **Confirmation of the knock-out status of** *pfk5*

433 *PFK5* contains 13 exons (Supplemental Figure 5A) and encodes a protein of 537 amino 434 acids (Supplemental Figure 5B) with weak activity. The pfk5 allele has a T-DNA 435 inserted in exon 12 and encodes a truncated protein (designated PFK5*) that lacks 85 436 amino acids at the C-terminus (Supplemental Figure 5B). To explore whether PFK5* is 437 enzymatically active, we produced PFK5, PFK5* and PFK4 expression vectors (Supplemental Figure 7). Primers used for PCR amplification of PFK4 and PFK5 438 439 cDNA are listed in Supplemental Table 2. The plasmids were transferred to A. 440 tumefaciens GV3101, which were used for transient expression in agro-infiltrated N. 441 benthamiana leaves. For co-infiltration of the RNA-silencing inhibitor P19, a bacterial 442 suspension harboring pBin61-P19 (Voinnet et al., 2003) was added. The bacteria were 443 infiltrated into the abaxial sides of leaves using a 1-ml syringe with no needle. N. 444 benthamiana leaf samples were taken two days after infiltration, immediately frozen in 445 liquid nitrogen and subjected to ATP-PFK activity measurement analyses as described by 446 Mustroph et al. (2007).

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448 **qRT-PCR analyses**

449 Total RNA was extracted from frozen organs using the TRIzol method according to 450 Meng and Feldman (2010) and treated with RNase-free DNase (Takara), then 1.5 μg 451 portions were reverse-transcribed using a mixture of oligo(dT) and random primers and 452 an Expand Reverse Transcriptase kit (Roche) according to the manufacturer's 453 instructions. RT-PCR amplifications were performed using a 7900HT sequence detector 454 system (Applied Biosystems) with Premix Ex Tag Mix (Takara RR420A) according to the manufacture's protocol. Each amplification was performed in triplicate with 0.4 μ L of the first-strand cDNA in a total volume of 20 μ L. The specificity of the PCR amplicons was checked by acquiring heat dissociation curves (from 60°C to 95°C). Comparative threshold values were normalized to an *EF-1* α RNA internal control and compared to obtain relative expression levels. Primers used for qRT-PCR amplification of *PGI1* and different *GA2ox*, *GA3ox* and *GA20ox* genes are listed in **Supplemental Table 3**.

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462 **GUS expression analysis**

Expression of the GUS reporter gene was monitored using the histochemical stainingassay described by Jefferson et al. (1987).

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466 Morphological analysis of seeds

467 Seeds were observed and photographed using an Olympus MVX10 stereomicroscope 468 (Japan). Scanning electron microscopy analyses of gold-coated dry seeds were performed 469 using a JEOL JSM-5610LV scanning electron microscope.

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471 Metabolite analysis

472 Seed fatty acid content analysis

473 Sets of 20 dry seeds were prepared in Teflon-lined screw-capped glass tubes and 474 incubated at 90°C for 90 min in 1 mL of 1 M HCl in methanol, with 20 µg of 475 heptadecanoic acid (C17:0) as an internal standard, and 300 µl of toluene. After cooling 476 to room temperature, FAMEs were extracted in 1 mL hexane following the addition of 477 1.5 mL of 0.9% (w/v) NaCl. The hexane phase was transferred to a gas chromatography 478 vial after vigorous vortex-mixing and centrifuged for 3 min at 10,000 g. Portions (1 µl) of 479 the samples were analyzed using a GC-MS system consisting of a 7890A GC equipped 480 with an Agilent J&W DB-WAX column (diameter 0.25 mm, film thickness 0.25 µm, 481 length 30 m) coupled to a 5975C Inert XL MSD mass selective detector (Agilent 482 Technologies, Santa Clara, USA). The GC settings were as follows: carrier gas, helium (1 483 mL/min); injection mode, split (1:50); injector temperature, 250°C; GC temperature 484 program, 1 min at 50°C then 25°C/min rise to 200°C followed by 3°C/min rise to 230°C 485 and finally 18 min hold at 230°C. The MSD settings were: solvent delay, 5 min; ion

486 source temperature, 230°C; fragmentation energy, 70 eV; scanning rate, 20 scans/min (40

487 to 500 m/z). Data were acquired with ChemStation software (Agilent).

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489 Seed protein content analysis

Sets of 200 dry seeds were ground in a mortar and pestle. The powder was resuspended in 60 μ l of extraction buffer (50 mM HEPES, 5 mM MgCL₂, 5 mM DTT, 1 mM PSMF, 10% (v/v) ethylene glycol (pH 7.5), 1 mM EDTA and 1% Polyclar), sonicated and centrifuged at 10,000 x g. The supernatant thus obtained was kept on ice and the pellet was treated with 60 μ l of 1 M NaOH and centrifuged at 10,000 x g. The supernatants were used to quantify protein levels using a Bio-Rad DC protein assay kit.

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497 Seed sucrose content analysis

For sucrose extraction, sets of 50 seeds were homogenized in 500 μ l of 90% (v/v) ethanol, left at 70°C for 90 min and centrifuged at 13,000 x g for 10 min. Sucrose content from the supernatants was determined by HPLC with pulsed amperometric detection on a DX-500 Dionex system by gradient separation with a CarboPac 10 column according to the application method suggested by the supplier (100 mM NaOH/100 mM sodium acetate to 100 mM NaOH/500 mM sodium acetate in 40 min).

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505 Leaf starch content analysis

506 Fully expanded source leaves of plants were harvested at the end of the light period, 507 freeze-clamped and ground to a fine powder in liquid nitrogen with a pestle and mortar. 508 Starch was measured by using an amyloglucosidase–based test kit (Boehringer 509 Mannheim, Germany).

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511 Native gel PGI activity assays

512 PGI zymograms were acquired as described by Bahaji et al. (2015). Briefly, protein 513 extracts of WT, pgil-2, promPGII:PGII and 35S:PGII seeds collected 15 days after 514 flowering were loaded onto a 7.5% (w/v) polyacrylamide gel. After electrophoresis, the 515 gels were stained by incubating in darkness at room temperature with 0.1 M Tris-HCl 516 (pH 8.0), 5 mM F6P, 1 mM NAD⁺, 4 mM MgCl₂, 0.2 mM methylthiazolyldiphenyl-

517 tetrazolium bromide (Sigma M5655), 0.25 mM phenazine methosulfate (Sigma P9625)

and 1 U/mL of G6P dehydrogenase from *Leuconostoc mesenteroides* (Sigma G8404).

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520 Quantitative analysis of endogenous GAs

521 GA samples were prepared and analyzed as described by Urbanová et al. (2013), with 522 some modifications. Briefly, freeze-dried plant tissue samples (5-10 mg) were ground to 523 a fine consistency using 3-mm zirconium oxide beads (Retsch GmbH & Co. KG, Haan, 524 Germany) and a MM 301 mill (Retsch GmbH & Co. KG, Haan, Germany) vibrating at 30 525 Hz for 3 min, with 1 mL of ice-cold 80% acetonitrile containing 5% formic acid as 526 extraction solution. The samples were then extracted overnight at 4 °C using a Stuart SB3 527 benchtop laboratory rotator (Bibby Scientific Ltd., Staffordshire, UK) after adding 17 internal GAs standards ([²H₂]GA₁, [²H₂]GA₃, [²H₂]GA₄, [²H₂]GA₅, [²H₂]GA₆, [²H₂]GA₇, 528 $[^{2}H_{2}]GA_{8}, [^{2}H_{2}]GA_{9}, [^{2}H_{2}]GA_{15}, [^{2}H_{2}]GA_{19}, [^{2}H_{2}]GA_{20}, [^{2}H_{2}]GA_{24}, [^{2}H_{2}]GA_{29},$ 529 $[^{2}H_{2}]GA_{34}$, $[^{2}H_{2}]GA_{44}$, $[^{2}H_{2}]GA_{51}$ and $[^{2}H_{2}]GA_{53}$; purchased from OlChemIm, Czech 530 531 Republic). The homogenates were centrifuged at 36,670 g and 4°C for 10 min, and the 532 corresponding supernatants were further purified using reversed-phase and mixed mode 533 SPE cartridges (Waters, Milford, MA, USA) and analyzed by ultra-high performance 534 chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry (UHPLC-MS/MS; Micromass, Manchester, 535 UK). GAs were detected using the multiple-reaction monitoring mode of the transition of 536 the ion [M-H] to the appropriate product ion. Masslynx 4.1 software (Waters, Milford, 537 MA, USA) was used to analyze the data, and the standard isotope dilution method 538 (Rittenberg and Foster, 1940) was used to quantify the GAs.

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540 Statistical analysis

The data presented are the means (\pm SE) from at least three independent experiments, with 3-5 biological replicates for each experiment. The significance of differences between control and transgenic lines was statistically evaluated with Student's t-test using SPSS software. Differences were considered significant if P<0.05. In GA analyses, significance was determined by one-way univariate analysis of variance (ANOVA) for parametric data and Kruskal Wallis tests for non-parametric data, using open source R 547 2.15.1 software (http://cran.r-project.org/). Tukey's honest significant difference (HSD)
548 post hoc tests were applied for multiple comparisons after ANOVA.

550 Accession numbers

Sequence data from the article can be found in the GenBank/EMBL libraries under
accession numbers PGI1 (At4g24620, PKK4 (At5g61580), PFK5 (At2g22480), GA2ox1
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GA2ox6 (At1g02400), GA2ox7 (At1g50960), GA2ox8 (At4g21200), GA3ox1
(At1g15550), GA3ox2 (At1g80340), GA3ox3 (At4g21690), GA3ox4 (At1g80330),
GA20ox1 (At4g25420), GA20ox2 (At5g51810), GA20ox3 (At5g07200), GA20ox4
(At1g60980), and GA20ox5 (At1g44090).

559 SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

Supplemental Figure 1: Starch content in mature leaves of Ws-2, *pgi1-2* and *promPGI1:PGI1* plants.

Supplemental Figure 2: Expression levels of different *GA2ox*, *GA3ox* and *GA20ox*genes in WT (Ws-2) and *pgi1-2* shoots.

Supplemental Figure 3: Embryo development in WT (Ws-2) and *pgil-2* embryos at different developmental stages.

569 Supplemental Figure 4: Time-course of sucrose content in developing Ws-2 and *pgi1-2*570 seeds.

Supplemental Figure 5: Confirmation of the knock-out status of the *pfk4 pfk5* mutant.

Supplemental Figure 6: Stages in construction of the promPGI1:GUS, 35S:PGI1 and 575 promPGI1:PGI1 plasmids used to produce *promPGI1:GUS-, 35S:PGI1-* and 576 *promPGI1:PGI1-* expressing plants.

578	Supplemental Figure 7: Stages in construction of the 35S:PFK4, 35S:PFK5 and
579	35S:PFK5* plasmids used for transient expression in N. benthamiana leaves.
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581	Supplemental Table 1: Primers used for PCR screening of the <i>pfk4 pfk5</i> mutant.
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583	Supplemental Table 2: Primers used to produce the promPGI1:GUS, promPGI1:PGI1
584	35S:PGI1, 35S:PFK4, 35S:PFK5 and 35S:PFK5* plasmids.
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- 810 Table 1: Harvest parameters for WT (Ws-2 and Col-0), pgi1-2, promPGI1:PGI1(1),
- 811 35S:PGI1 and aps1 plants. Values are means ± SE obtained from four independent
- 812 experiments using 10 plants in each experiment. The asterisks (*) indicate significant
- 813 differences with respect to WT according to Student's t-tests (p < 0.05).
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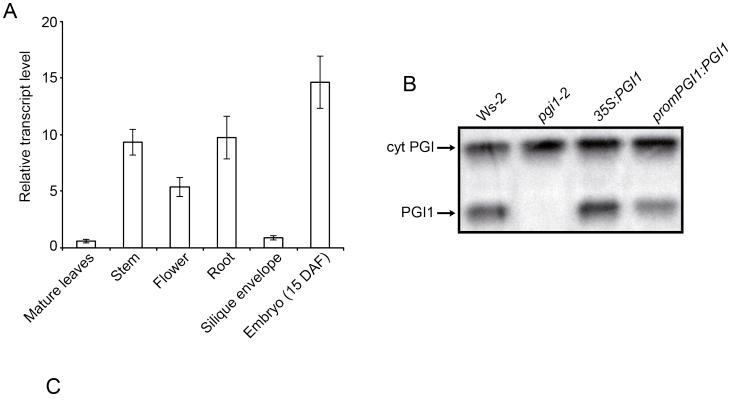
Plant line	Number of elongated inflorescences per plant	Number of siliques per plant	Number of seeds per silique	Specific seed weight (µg seed ⁻¹)	Seed yield (mg plant ⁻¹)
Ws-2	29.5 ± 2.5	684.1 ± 14.7	48.2 ± 0.8	18.1 ± 0.8	596.8 ± 22.1
pgi1-2	$15.3 \pm 1.3^*$	$457.3 \pm 22.4*$	47.2 ± 0.9	$11.7 \pm 0.4*$	$252.5 \pm 7.3^*$
promPGI1:	27.5 ± 1.9	682.4 ± 18.2	46.6 ± 1.3	18.0 ± 0.5	572.4 ± 9.8
PGI1(1)					
35S:PG11	28.6 ± 0.9	662.7 ± 21.5	47.3 ± 1.2	18.2 ± 0.6	570.4 ± 19.7
Col-0	30.6 ± 2.6	766.1 ± 40.8	57.2 ± 0.9	17.1 ± 1.0	749.3 ± 11.9
aps1	29.6 ± 3.0	761.6 ± 22.2	58.2 ± 0.9	17.6 ± 0.7	780.1 ± 19.9

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- 819 **Table 2:** Number of inflorescences and siliques produced by WT and *pgi1-2* plants with 820 or without exogenous 100 μ M BAP or GA₄₊₇ treatment. Values are means \pm SE obtained 821 from four independent experiments using 10 plants in each experiment. The asterisks (*) 822 indicate significant differences with respect to WT according to Student's t-tests 823 (*p*<0.05).
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Plant line	Number of elongated inflorescences	Number of siliques per plant
	per plant	Prant
Ws-2	29.5 ± 2.5	684.1 ± 14.7
pgi1-2	$15.3 \pm 1.3^*$	$457.3 \pm 22.4*$
Ws-2 + GA	27.3 ± 1.5	729.1 ± 34.2
pgil-2 + GA	27.1 ± 2.2	715.6 ± 74.1
Ws-2 + BAP	26.4 ± 1.8	657.3 ± 19.3
pgil-2 + BAP	$14.4 \pm 1.2^*$	$417.3 \pm 26.4*$



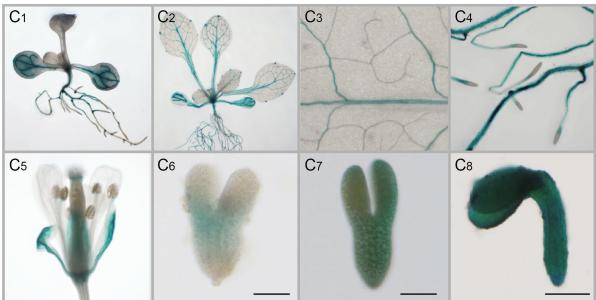


Figure 1. Expression pattern of *PGI1.* (A) qRT-PCR analysis of *PGI1* expression in indicated organs of Arabidopsis. Values represent the means \pm SE of four biological replicates obtained from four independent experiments, each biological replicate being a pool of the indicated organs from four plants. (B) Zymogramic detection of PGI in proteins extracted from WT (Ws-2), *pgi1-2, promPGI1:PGI1* and *35S:PGI1* developing seeds. (C) Tissue-specific expression pattern of *PGI1* in transgenic *promPGI1:GUS* plants, as manifested by GUS histochemical staining of a young seedling (C₁), a 3-week-old plant (C₂), a magnified expanded leaf (C₃) and roots (C₄), a flower (C₅), and three stages of embryo development (C₆₋₈). (C₆) heart stage embryo, (C₇) embryo during transition from heart to torpedo stage, (C₈) mature embryo. DAF: Days after flowering. Bars = 50 mm in C₆ and C₇, 200 mm in C₈.



Figure 2: Knocking out *PGI1* reduces the number of elongated inflorescences and causes anther development arrest in the first flowers of inflorescences that do not elongate. (A) External phenotype of mature Ws-2 and *pgi1-2* plants. (B) External phenotype of a representative inflorescence that does not elongate in *pgi1-2* plants and morphology of two dissected early flowers from the same inflorescence. In "A", red arrows indicate inflorescences that do not elongate in *pgi1-2* plants.

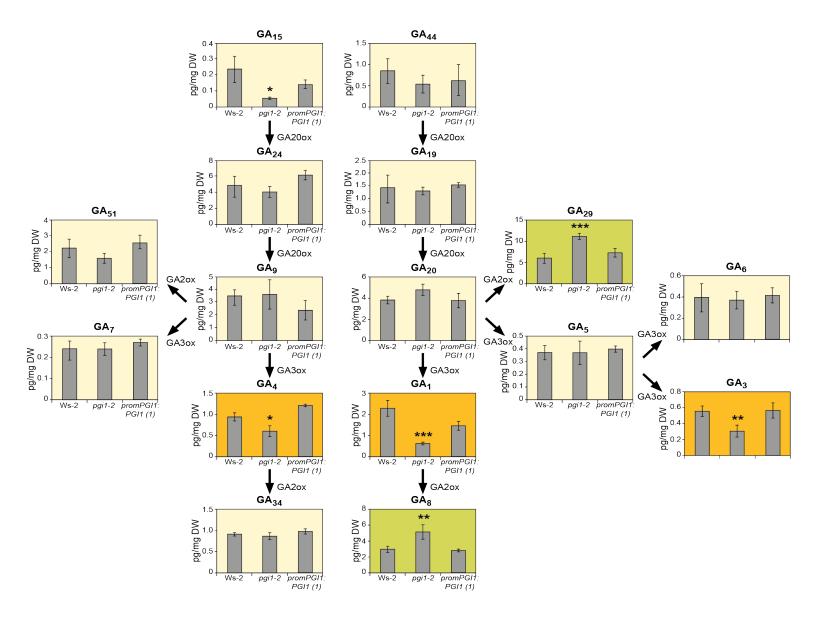


Figure 3. Knocking out *PGI1* decreases levels of bioactive GAs and increases levels of inactive GAs. The graphics show contents of indicated GAs (pg mg⁻¹ DW) in shoots (20 days after sowing) of Ws-2 and *pgi1-2* plants, and *pgi1-2* plants transformed with *promPGI1:PGI1(1)*. Plants were harvested at the end of the light phase. Active GAs (significantly less abundant in *pgi1-2* plants than in Ws-2 plants) and inactive GAs (significantly more abundant in *pgi1-2* plants than in Ws-2 plants) and green, respectively. Values represent the means ± SE of two independent experiments, each consisting of four biological replicates corresponding to a pool of shoots from four plants. Asterisks indicate significant differences with respect to Ws-2 according to ANOVA (**P*< 0.05; ** *P*<0.01; *** *P*<0.001).

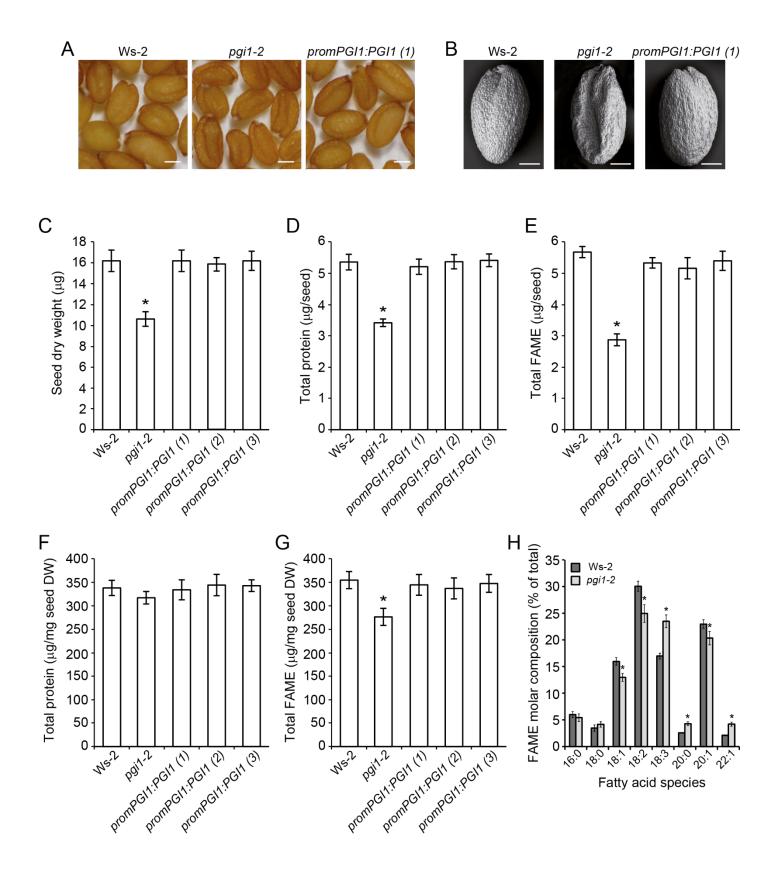
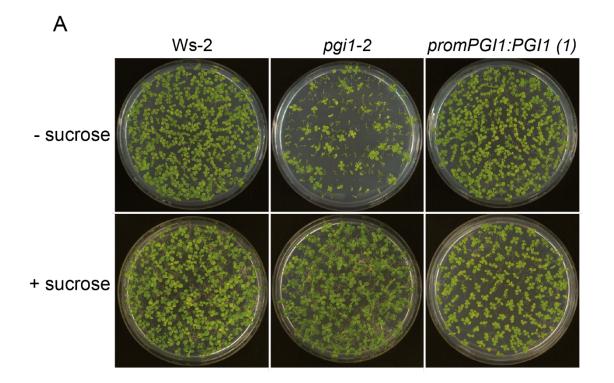


Figure 4. Protein and FA contents are diminished in *pgi1-2* seeds. (A) External phenotype and (B) scanning electron micrographs of seeds from WT (Ws-2) and *pgi1-2* plants, and one line of *pgi1-2* plants ectopically expressing *PGI1* under control of the *PGI1* promoter (*promPGI1:PGI1(1)*). (C) Seed dry weight, (D) total protein content per seed, (E) total FAME contents per seed, (F) total protein content on DW basis and (G) total FAMEs content on DW basis of dry seeds of WT, *pgi1-2* and three independent lines of *pgi1-2* plants ectopically expressing *PGI1* under control of the *PGI1* promoter (*promPGI1:PGI1(1-3)*). (H) FA profile of dry mature WT and *pgi1-2* seeds. Values in C, D, E, F, G and H represent the means \pm SE of four biological replicates obtained from four independent experiments, each biological replicate being a pool of 300 seeds (C), 200 seeds (D, F) or 20 seeds (E, G, H). Asterisks indicate significant differences from WT seeds according to Student's t-tests (*p*<0.05). Scale bars in A and B = 200 mm and 100 mm, respectively.



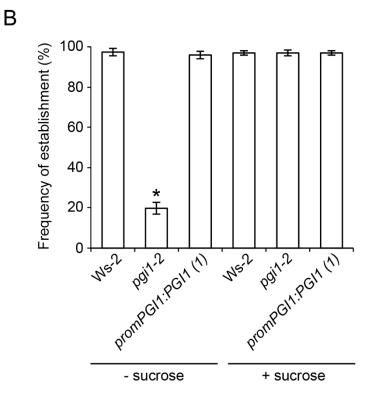


Figure 5. pgi1-2 seedlings have reduced establishment rates. (A) Photographs and (B) establishment rates 12 days after sowing of WT (Ws-2), pgi1-2 and promPGI1:PGI1(1) plants cultured in MS with or without sucrose supplementation. Values in B are means ± SE of four biological replicates obtained from four independent experiments, each biological replicate being approximately 100 seeds. The asterisk indicates significant differences in establishment rates between WT and pgi1-2 plants according to Student's t-tests (p<0.05).

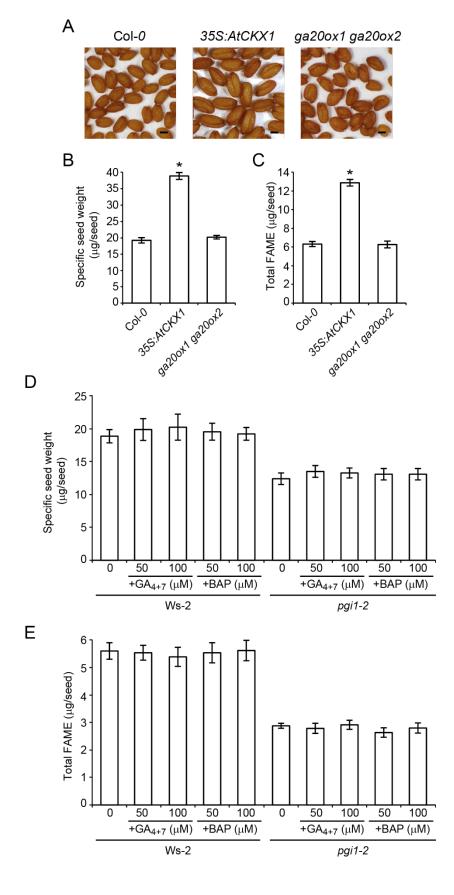


Figure 6: The low FA content phenotype of *pgi1-2* seeds is not due to reduced active CK or GA contents. (A) External phenotype, (B) specific weight and (C) total FAME contents of WT (Col-0), 35S:AtCKX1 and ga20ox1 ga20ox2 dry seeds. (D) Specific weight and (E) total FAME contents of dry seeds of Ws-2 and *pgi1-2* plants following exogenous CK and GA₄₊₇ application. Scale bar in A = 200 mm. Values in B, C, D and E, represent the means ± SE of four biological replicates obtained from three independent experiments, each biological replicate being a pool of 300 seeds (B, D) or 20 seeds (C, E). In "B" and "C", asterisks indicate significant differences from WT seeds according to Student's t-tests (*p*<0.05).

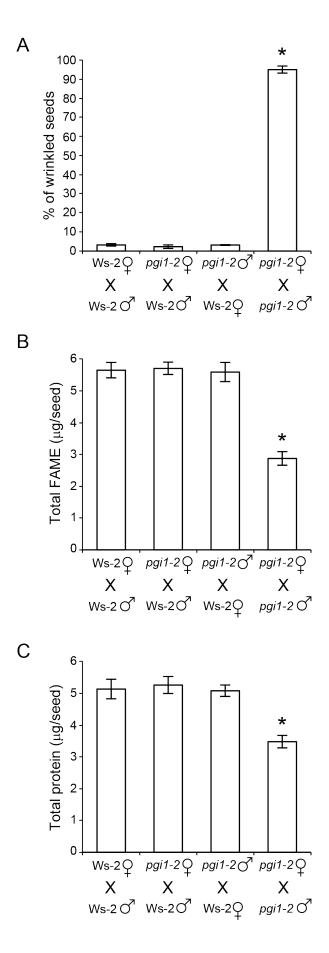


Figure 7. The phenotype of *pgi1-2* seeds is embryonically controlled. (A) Percentage of wrinkled seeds, (B) total FAME and (C) protein contents in the F1 progeny of indicated WT (Ws-2) and *pgi1-2* crosses. Values represent the means ± SE of three biological replicates obtained from three independent experiments, each biological replicate being a pool of 300 seeds (A), 20 seeds (B) or 200 seeds (C).

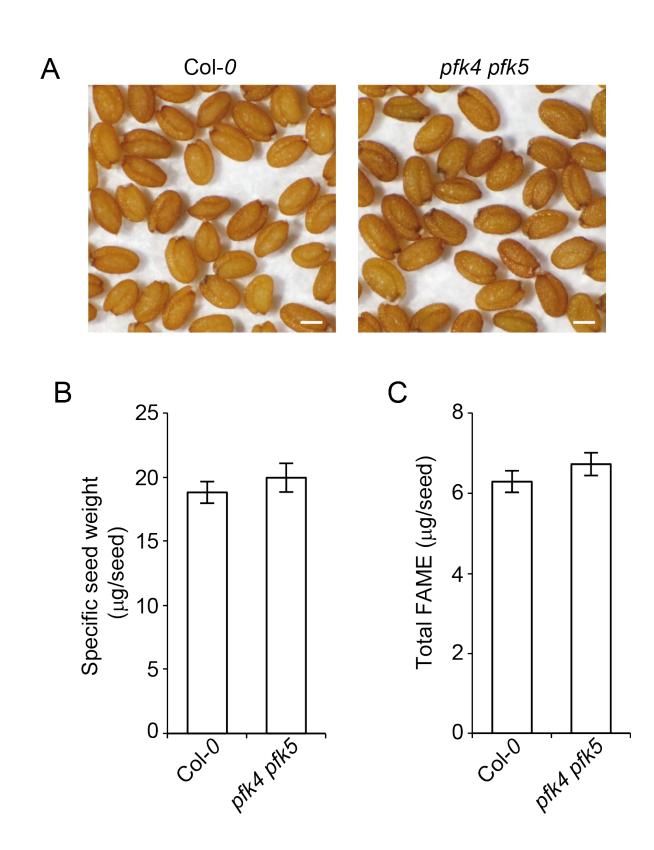


Figure 8: Plastidial PFK-mediated metabolism of F6P produced by PGI1 is not absolutely required for normal FA biosynthesis in Arabidopsis. (A) External phenotype, (B) specific weight and (C) total FAME contents of WT (Col-0) and *pfk4/pfk5* dry seeds. Scale bar in A = 200 mm. In "B" and "C", values represent the means \pm SE of three biological replicates obtained from five independent experiments, each biological replicate being a pool of 300 seeds (B) or 20 seeds (C).

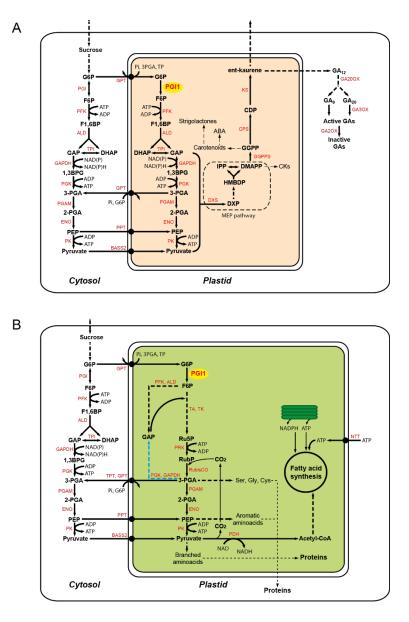
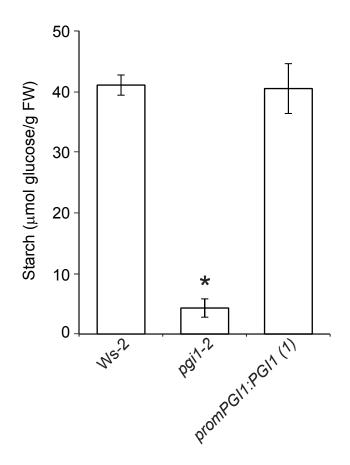
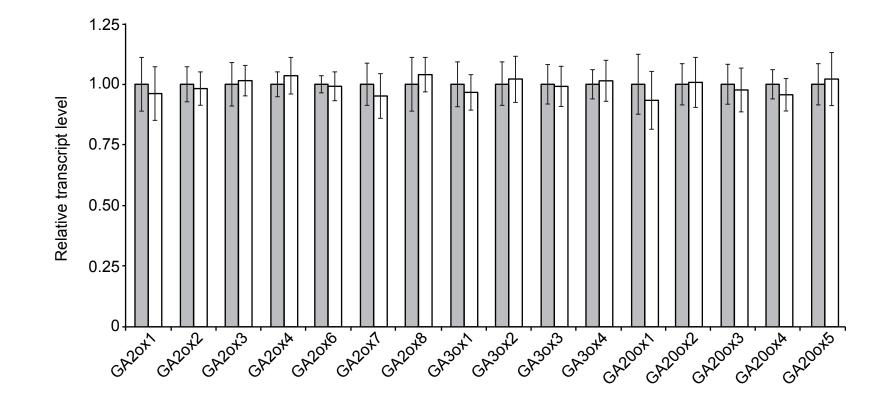


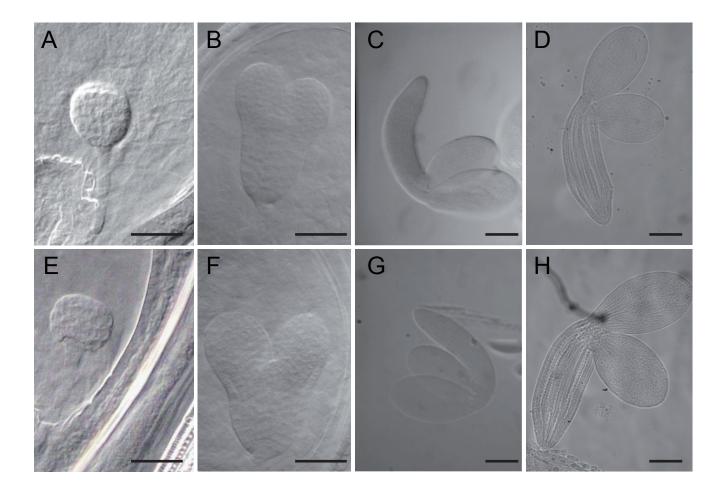
Figure 9. Suggested schemes for PGI1-mediated biosynthesis of (A) MEP-pathway isoprenoid derived CKs and GAs in cells of vascular tissues, and (B) FAs and proteins in mixotrophic maturing embryos of Arabidopsis thaliana. In both cases, cytosolic G6P can be glycolytically converted to PEP and pyruvate, which can enter plastids via the PPT and the BASS2 transporters, respectively. According to scheme A, some of the cytosolic G6P can be incorporated into plastids through the hexose-P transporter (GPT) and subsequently glycolytically converted to GAP and pyruvate. Plastidial GAP and pyruvate are then metabolized by 1-deoxy-D-xylulose 5-phosphate (DXP) synthase (DXS) to products that enter the MEP pathway and fuel synthesis of isoprenoid hormones (Pulido et al., 2012, Pokhilko et al., 2015). DMAPP can be converted to ent-kaurene in a three-steps process catalyzed by geranylgeranyl diphosphate (GGPP) synthase (GGPPS), CPS and ent-kaurene synthase (KS). ent-Kaurene can be then transported to other parts of the plant or oxidized to GA₁₂, which is converted to bioactive GA in the cytosol by GA20ox and GA3ox. DMAPP can also be converted to CKs (Spíchal, 2012). In heterotrophic cells lacking plastid-localized phosphoglyceromutase (PGAM), enolase (ENO) and the triose-P translocator (TPT), 3PGA produced in the plastid via PGI1 can be exported to the cytosol via GPT or other non-specific transporters then glycolytically converted into PEP and pyruvate, which can then enter plastids through the PPT and the BASS2 pyruvate transporter, respectively. According to scheme B, some of the cytosolic G6P can be incorporated into plastids through GPT and converted to 3PGA by the RubisCO shunt, which involves reactions of the early steps of glycolysis (PFK and aldolase), reactions of the non-oxidative pentose phosphate pathway, phosphoribulokinase (PRK) and RubisCO. In plants lacking plastidial PFK, part of the 3PGA generated can be converted to GAP necessary for Ru5P production by means of plastidial GAPDH and PGK (highlighted in blue). 3PGA can leave plastids via the TPT, the GPT or other non-specific transporters and glycolytically converted to PEP and pyruvate in the cytosol, which can enter plastids, as indicated above. Alternatively, and/or additionally, plastidial 3PGA can be converted to pyruvate in plastids. The ATP required for FA synthesis can be generated from photosynthesis and the PK reaction in the plastidial compartment, or obtained from the cytosol via the NTT transporter (Reiser et al., 2004). NADPH and NADH can be generated in plastids from the light photosynthetic and pyruvate dehydrogenase reactions, respectively. ALD: aldolase; TA: transaldolase; TK: transketolase; TPI: triose-phosphate isomerase; PDH: pyruvate dehydrogenase; HMBDP: (E)-4-Hydroxy-3-methyl-but-2-enyl diphosphate; IPP: isopentenyl diphosphate; CDP: ent-copalyl diphosphate. Enzymes are highlighted in red.



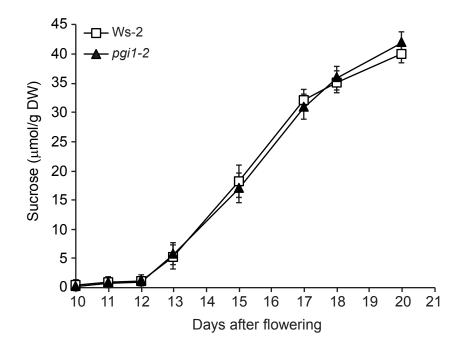
Supplemental Figure 1: Starch content in mature leaves of Ws-2, *pgi1-2* and *promPGI1:PGI1(1)*) plants. Values represent the means \pm SE of four biological replicates obtained from four independent experiments, each biological replicate being a pool of mature leaves from four plants. Leaves were harvested after 12 h of illumination. The asterisk indicates significant differences from WT leaves according to Student's t-tests (p<0.05) (**Supports Figure 1**).



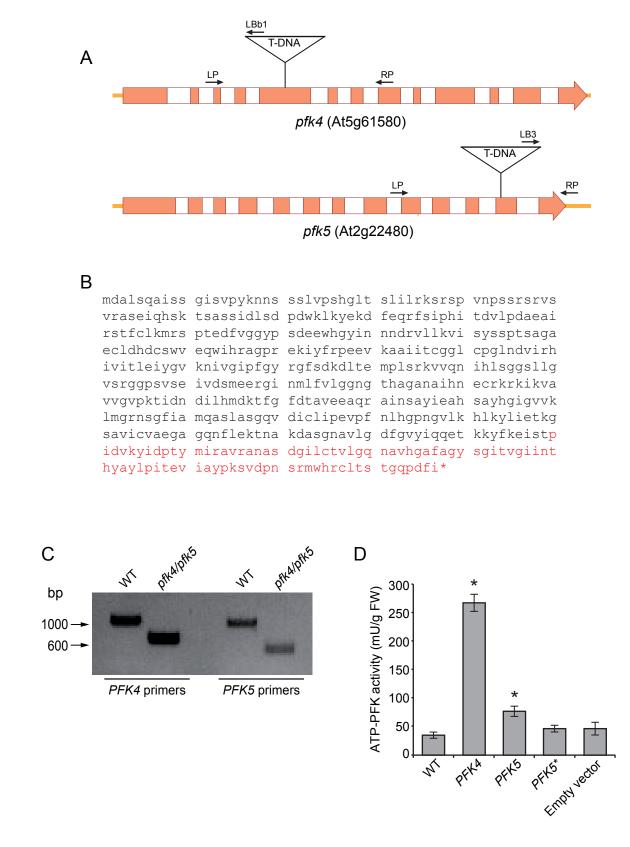
Supplemental Figure 2: Expression levels of different *GA2ox*, *GA3ox* and *GA20ox* genes in WT (Ws-2) and *pgi1-2* shoots (gray and white bars, respectively). mRNA levels are set to 1. Values represent the means ± SE of three independent experiments, each consisting of four biological replicates corresponding to a pool of four shoots. Leaves were harvested after 12 h of illumination (**Supports Figure 3**).



Supplemental Figure 3: Embryo development in WT (Ws-2) (A–D) and *pgi1-2* (E–H) embryos at: A and E, globular embryo stage; B and F, heart stage; C and G, mid-torpedo stage; D and H, mature embryo stage. Bars = 10 μ m in A and E; 20 μ m in B-D and F-H (Supports Figure 4).

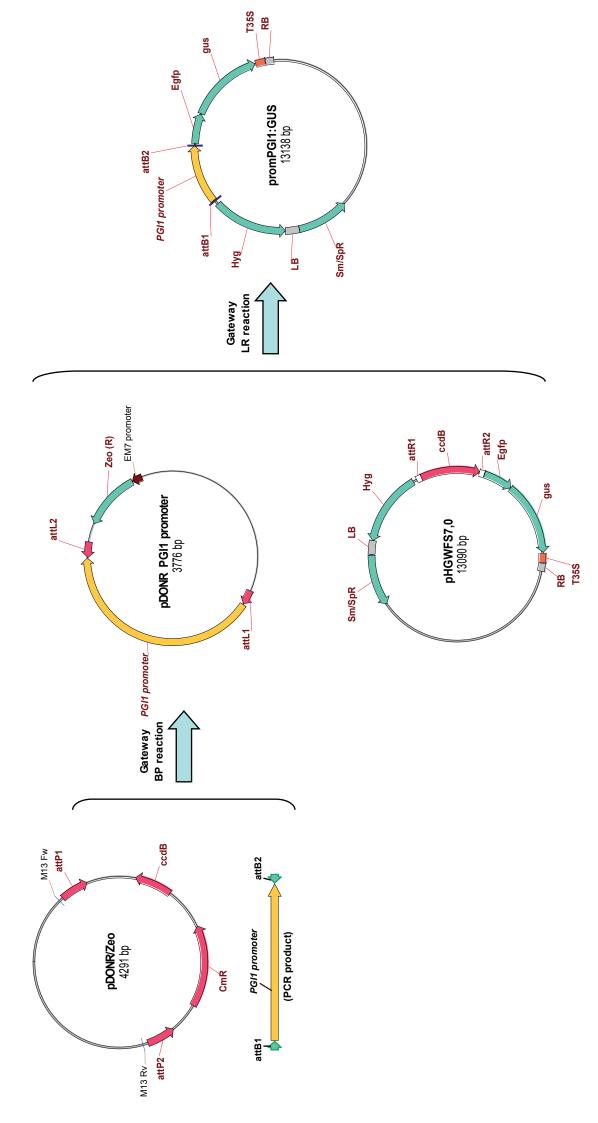


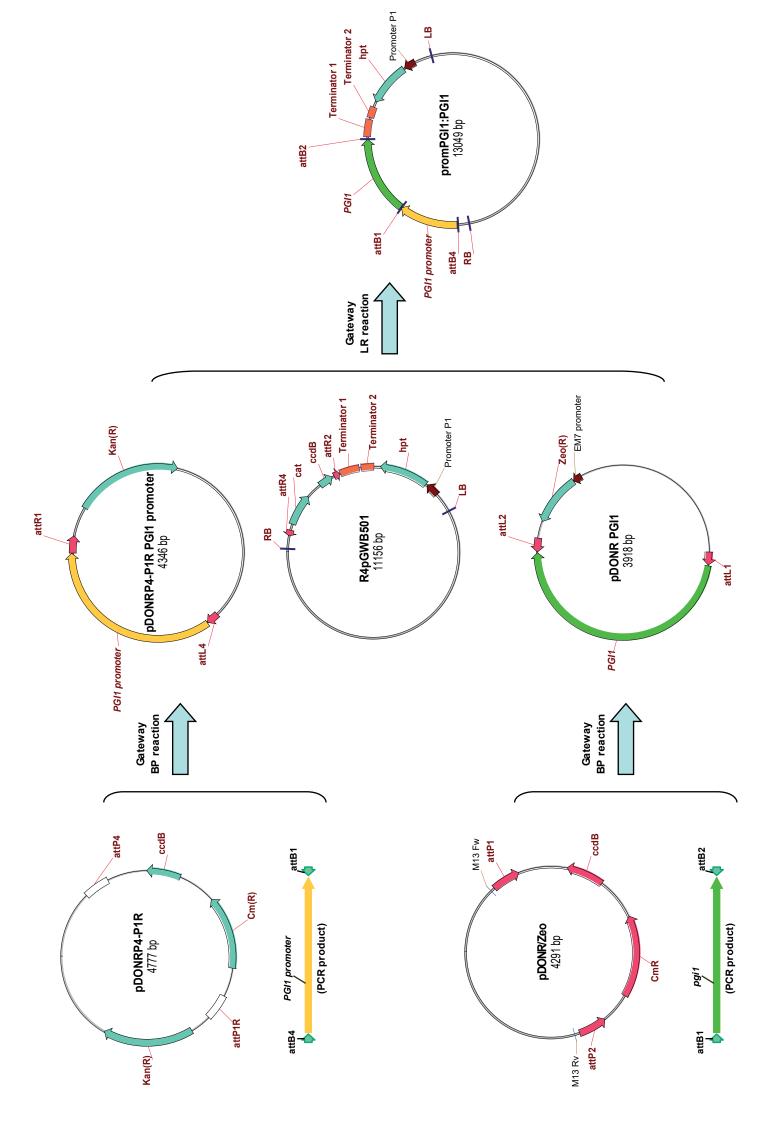
Supplemental Figure 4: Time-course of sucrose content in developing Ws-2 and *pgi1-2* seeds. Values represent the means \pm SE of three biological replicates obtained from three independent experiments, each biological replicate being a pool of 50 seeds from four plants (**Supports Figure 4**).

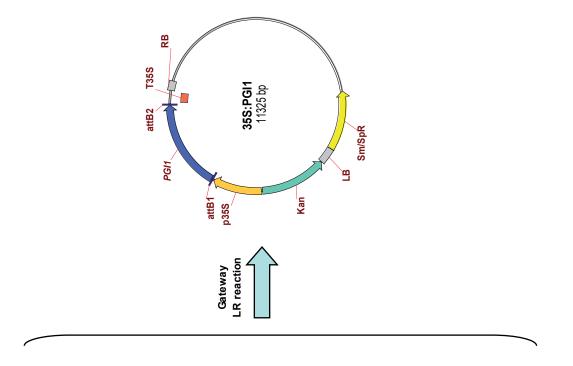


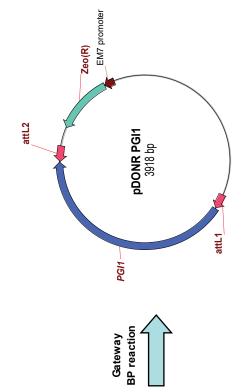
Supplemental Figure 5: Confirmation of the knock-out status of the *pfk4/pfk5* mutant. (A) Schematic illustration of the sites of T-DNA insertion in the *pfk4* (SALK_012602) and *pfk5* (SAIL_297_F05) alleles. (B) Deduced amino acid sequence of PFK5. The sequence that is not expressed in *pfk5* is highlighted in red. (C) PCR analyses of the *pfk4/pfk5* mutant. *PFK* LP and RP specific primers, and T-DNA specific primers used are listed in **Supplemental Table 1.** Annealing positions of *PFK* LP and RP specific primers, and T-DNA specific primers are shown in panel A. (D) ATP-PFK activities of tobacco leaves transiently expressing PFK4, PFK5 or PFK5*. Values represent the means ± SE obtained from three independent experiments, each consisting of three biological replicates corresponding to a pool of 4 agro-infiltrated tobacco leaves. Asterisks indicate significant differences from WT leaves according to Student's t-tests (*p*<0.05). Note that PFK5 has weak activity, relative to PFK4, in accordance with findings by Mustroph et al. (2007). Note also that the truncated PFK5* form totally lacks ATP-PFK activity (Supports Figure 8).

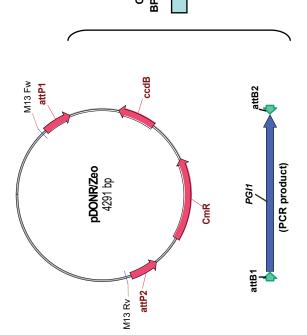


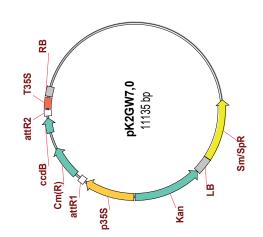


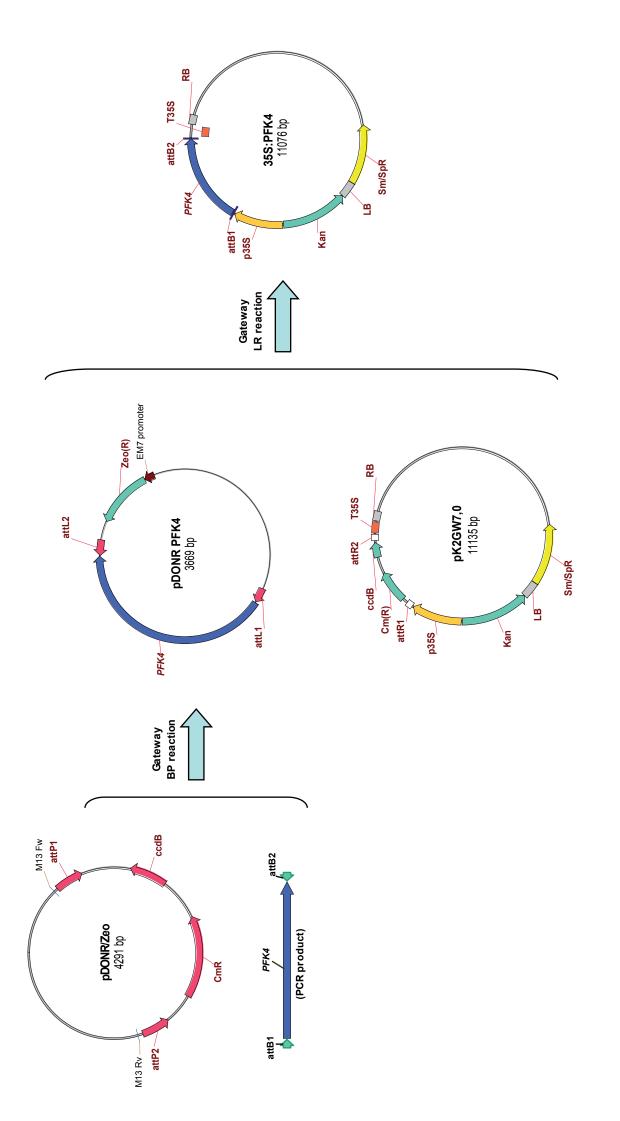




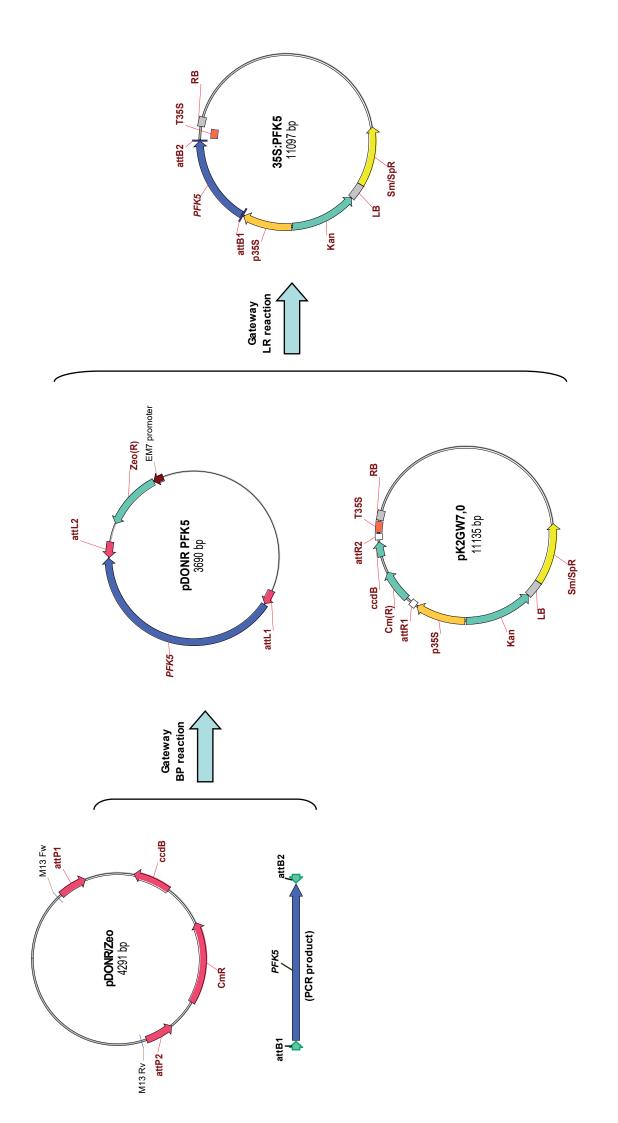


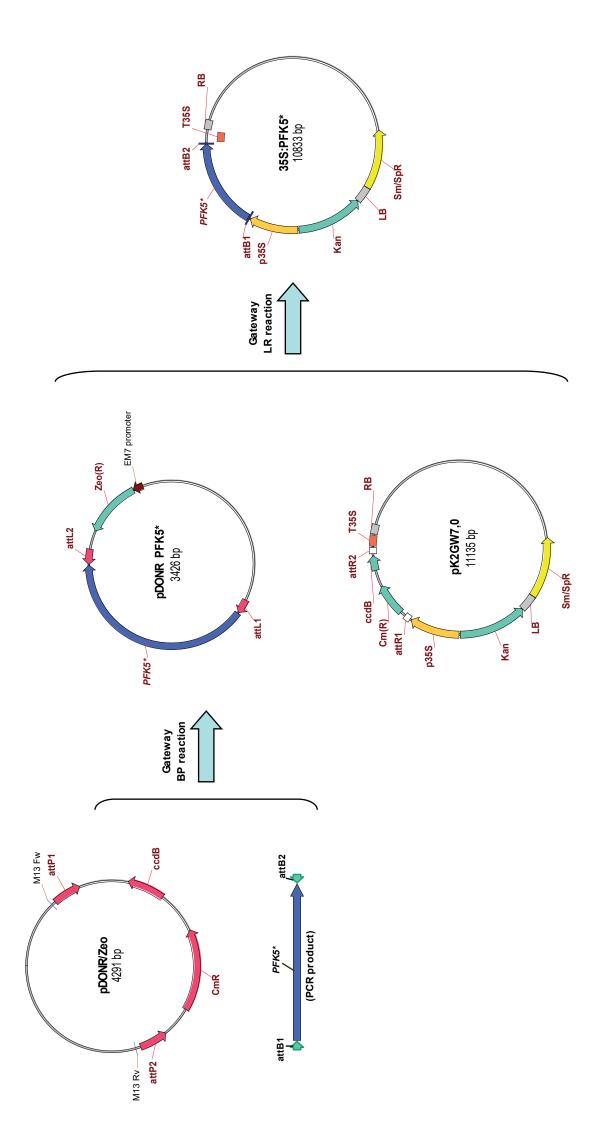






Plasmid constructs were produced using Gateway technology and confirmed by sequencing. Complete PFK4- and PFK5-encoding cDNAs were obtained from the RIKEN Arabidopsis cDNA collection (Seki et al., 1998; 2002). Primers used for PCR amplification of PFK4, PFK5 and PFK5* are listed in Supple-Supplemental Figure 7: Stages in construction of the 35S:PFK4, 35S:PFK5 and 35S:PFK5* plasmids used for transient expression in tobacco leaves. mental Table 2 (Supports Figure 8).





Mutant	Primer	Sequence
pfk4 (SALK_012602)	RP (<i>pfk4</i>)	5' AGGCGAACTTTTGTCAGTTCC 3'
	LP (pfk4)	5' ACCACTGTATCTGCCCATGAG 3'
	LBb1 (T-DNA)	5' GCGTGGACCGCTTGCTGCAACT 3'
<i>pfk5</i> (SAIL_297_F05)	RP (<i>pfk5</i>)	5' TTTTAGATGAAATCGGGTTGG 3'
	LP (<i>pfk5</i>)	5' TTTGGGCCTTCTGTATTAGGC 3'
	LB3 (T-DNA)	5' TAGCATCTGAATTTCATAACCAATCTCGATACAC 3'

Supplemental Table 1. Primers used for PCR screening of the *pfk4 pfk5* mutant.

Supplemental Table 2. Primers used to produce the promPGI1:GUS, promPGI1:PGI1, 35S:PGI1, 35S:PFK4, 35S:PFK5 and 35S:PFK5* plasmids. Primer sequences for attB sites (see **Supplemental Figures 6 and 7**) are indicated in bold.

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5' GGGGACCACTTTGTACAAGAAAGCTGGGTATTAGATGAAATCGGGTTGGCC 3'
5' GGGGACAAGTTTGTACAAAAAGCAGGCTTAATGGATGCTCTTTCTCAGGCG 3'
5' GGGGACCACTTTGTACAAGAAAGCTGGGTATTAAGTACTTATTTCTTTGAAATACTTC 3'

Supplemental Table 3. Primers used in qRT-PCR analyses

Gene	Direction	Sequence				
EF-1α RNA	Forward	5' TTCTTGACAACACCGACAGC 3'				
At1g07940	Reverse	5´ AAGCCCATGGTTGTTGAGAC 3´				
PGI1	Forward	5´ GCTGCGTTTAAGGCTATGGA 3´				
At4g24620	Reverse	5' GGCTTAGGTGCGAGCTTAGA 3'				
GA2ox1	Forward	5´ CCAAGTCTTCTCAAAAGCCCG 3´				
At1g78440	Reverse	5´ GTACTCTTCCAATGCGTTTCTGAA 3´				
GA2ox2	Forward	5´ GGTTCCGGTTCTCACTTCCC 3´				
At1g30040	Reverse	5´ GGATCGGCTAGGTTGACGAC 3´				
GA2ox3	Forward	5´ AGCCAGCCAGTTTTGATAGCA 3´				
At2g34555	Reverse	5´ GCGGTTTGCATTTTGGATTAAC 3´				
GA2ox4	Forward	5´ CTTTGCTAAACCGGCTCACG 3´				
At1g47990	Reverse	5' GGCTGGTTAACTGGTCGGAC 3'				
GA2ox6	Forward	5' GATCCTTTCAAGTTCAGCTCGG 3'				
At1g02400	Reverse	5' TCTAACCGTGCGTATGTAATCATTC 3'				
GA2ox7	Forward	5´ ATGGACAATGGATCAGCGTAAA 3´				
At1g50960	Reverse	5´ TGTTGACTGTAAGGGCTTCCAA 3´				
GA2ox8	Forward	5´ CATGGAGCAATGGCATGTACA 3´				
At4g21200	Reverse	5´ GGTTCGTCATCACACGGTGTT 3´				
GA3ox1	Forward	5´ CCATTCACCTCCCACACTCT 3´				
At1g15550	Reverse	5´ AGCGGAGAAGAGGAGATCGT 3´				
GA3ox2	Forward	5´ CTGCCGCTCATCGACCTC 3´				
At1g80340	Reverse	5´ AGCATGGCCCACAAGAGTG 3´				
GA3ox3	Forward	5´ CGCTACACTCTTATGGCCCG 3´				
At4g21690	Reverse	5´ TCCATCACATTGCAGAACTCG 3´				
GA3ox4	Forward	5´ GATCACACCAAGTACTGCGGTATAA 3´				
At1g80330	Reverse	5´ TTCCATTTCGTCCACGTATTCTT 3´				
GA20ox1	Forward	5' CTTCCATCAACGTTCTCGAGC 3'				

At4g25420	Reverse	51	GGTTTTGAAGGTCGATGAGAGG	3´
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GA20ox2	Forward	5´ AGAAACCTTCCATTGACATTCCA 3´
At5g51810	Reverse	5´ AGAGATCGATGAACGGGACG 3´
GA20ox3	Forward	5´ ACTCGTCTCAAAGGCTGCAAC 3´
At5g07200	Reverse	5´ GAGGCTCTCATCGACACCATG 3´
GA20ox4	Forward	5' CTATCCAAAATGCAAGCAACCA 3'
At1g60980	Reverse	5´ CAGTGAGGCCCCGTACCTAGT 3´
GA20ox5	Forward	5' GCCACCCCATGTTGTTGAAG 3'
At1g44090	Reverse	5´ CGATGGTTGCCTAGCCTTGA 3´

Supplemental Table 4. ANOVA Tables

Figure 3

df = degrees of freedom; Mean Sq = Mean Squares; Sum Sq = Sum of Squares

GA1

Treatment Residual Total	df 1 6 7	Sum Sq 5.33571 0.6338 5.9695	Mean Sq 5.33571 0.10563	F-value 50.51	P-value 0.0004***
GA4					
Treatment Residual Total	df 1 6 7	Sum Sq 0.23823 0.15729 0.39552	Mean Sq 0.23823 0.02621	F-value 9.09	P-value 0.0236*
GA5					
Treatment Residual Total	df 1 6 7	Sum Sq 0 0.03864 0.03864	Mean Sq 0 0.00644	F-value 5.41e-05	P-value 0.9944
GA6					
Treatment Residual Total	df 1 6 7	Sum Sq 0.00122 0.09726 0.09847	Mean Sq 0.00122 0.01621	F-value 0.08	P-value 0.7932
GA7					
Treatment Residual Total	df 1 6 7	Sum Sq 0.00002 0.00833 0.00835	Mean Sq 0.00002 0.00139	F-value 0.01	P-value 0.907
GA8					
Treatment Residual Total	df 1 6 7	Sum Sq 8.4912 2.7557 11.2464	Mean Sq 8.49122 0.45919	F-value 18.49	P-value 0.0051**

GA9

Treatment Residual Total	df 1 6 7	Sum Sq 0.09103 5.94785 6.03888	Mean Sq 0.09103 0.99131	F-value 0.09	P-value 0.7721
GA15					
Treatment Residual Total	df 1 6 7	Sum Sq 0.06504 0.02785 0.09289	Mean Sq 0.06504 0.00464	F-value 14.01	P-value 0.0096**
GA19					
Treatment Residual Total	df 1 6 7	Sum Sq 0.01987 2.5335 2.55338	Mean Sq 0.01987 0.42225	F-value 0.05	P-value 0.8354
GA20					
Treatment Residual Total	df 1 6 7	Sum Sq 1.82745 1.67781 3.50527	Mean Sq 1.82745 0.27964	F-value 6.54	P-value 0.0431*
GA24					
Treatment Residual Total	df 1 6 7	Sum Sq 1.30947 7.13448 8.44395	Mean Sq 1.30947 1.18908	F-value 1.1	P-value 0.3344
GA29					
Treatment Residual Total	df 1 6 7	Sum Sq 50.9593 4.4886 55.4479	Mean Sq 50.9593 0.7481	F-value 68.12	P-value 0.0002***

GA34

Treatment Residual Total	df 1 6 7	Sum Sq 0.00161 0.01393 0.01553	Mean Sq 0.00161 0.00232	F-value 0.69	P-value 0.4371
GA44					
Treatment Residual Total	df 1 6 7	Sum Sq 0.20416 2.17092 2.37508	Mean Sq 0.20416 0.36182	F-value 0.56	P-value 0.481
GA51					
Treatment Residual Total	df 1 6 7	Sum Sq 0.90201 1.52578 2.42779	Mean Sq 0.90201 0.2543	F-value 3.55	P-value 0.1086

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