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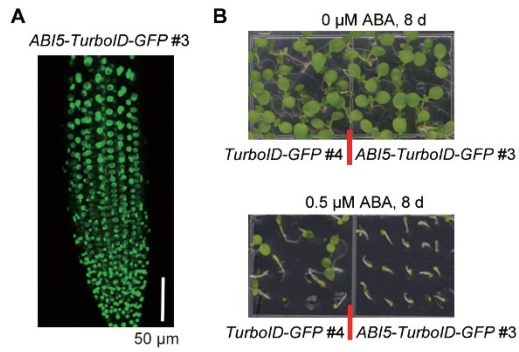
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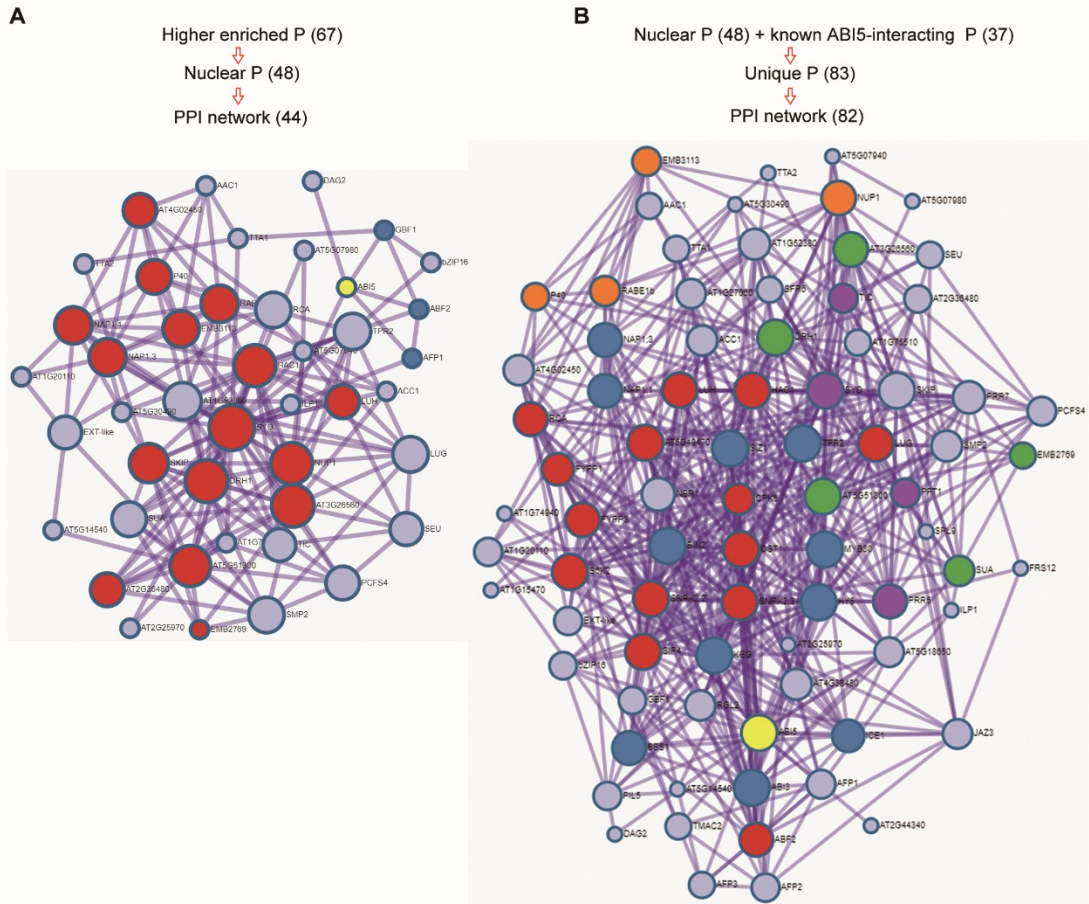


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24 **Supplemental Figure 1. Characterization of *ABI5-TurboID-GFP* transgenic plants.**

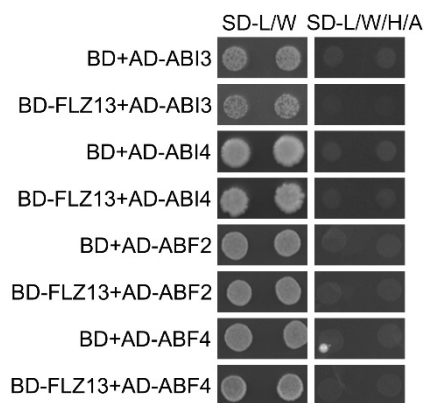
25 A, Confocal image showing the nuclear localization of *ABI5-TurboID-GFP* proteins in root
 26 cells of 5-day-old seedlings.

27 B, Photographs of seedlings of *TurboID-GFP #4* and *ABI5-TurboID-GFP #3* upon 0 or 0.5
 28 μM ABA treatment for 8 days.



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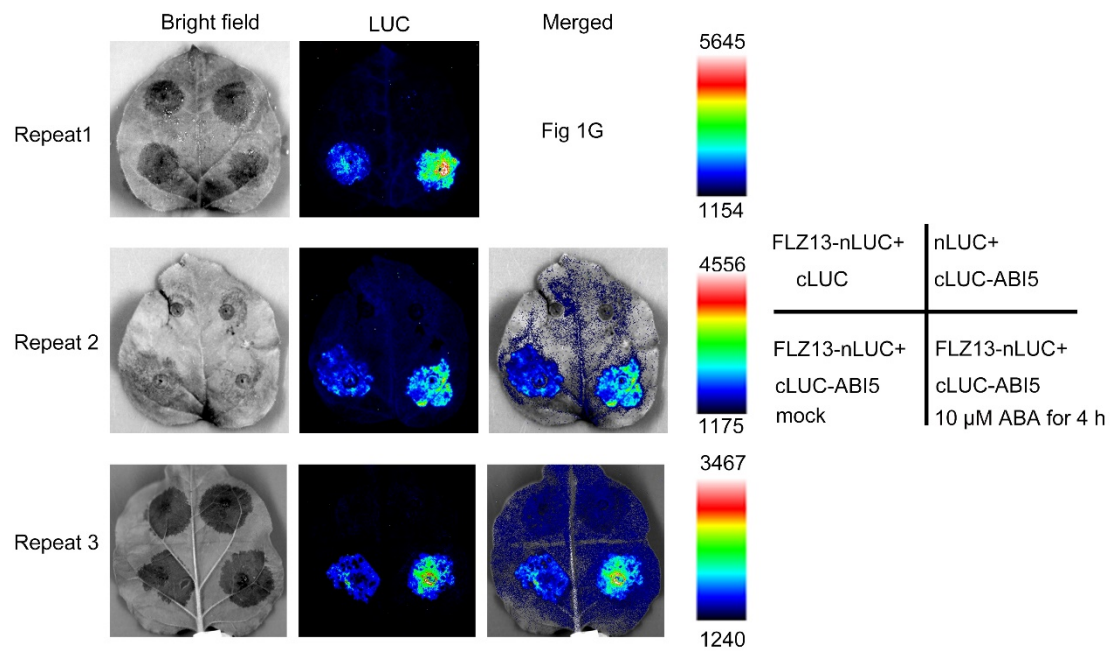
30 **Supplemental Figure 2. Metascape visualization of ABI5 interactome networks.** The
 31 numbers for the checked proteins are shown on the top. The protein-protein interaction
 32 (PPI) networks were generated on line (<https://metascape.org/>; Zhou et al., 2019). Each
 33 node represents a protein and each line represents the interlink between two proteins.
 34 ABI5 is highlighted in yellow. P, Protein.



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36 **Supplemental Figure 3. Y2H analysis of the interaction between FLZ13 and other**
 37 **key transcription factors involved in ABA signaling.**

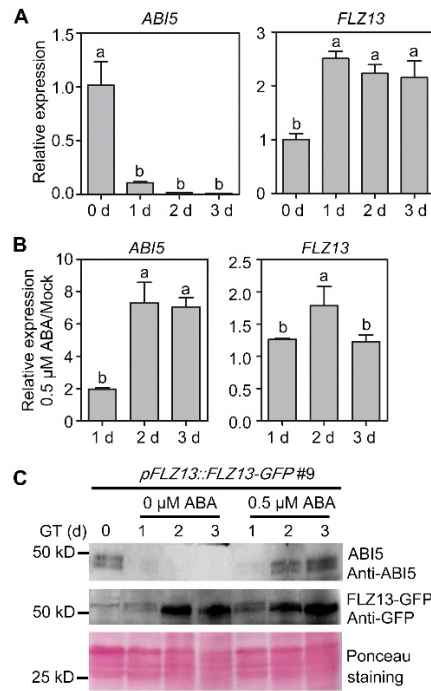
38 Protein interaction were determined by growth of the yeast cells co-transformed with
 39 various combinations of the plasmids on synthetic dropout medium lacking Leu and Trp
 40 (SD-L/W) and lacking Leu, Trp, His, and adenine (SD-L/W/H/A) as indicated.



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42 **Supplemental Figure 4. Three biological replications of LCI experiments showing**
 43 **that ABA promotes FLZ13-ABI5 interaction.**

44 Three independent experiments of LCI showing the interaction between FLZ13 and ABI5,
 45 and the promoting effects of ABA on this interaction. *Agrobacteria* harboring FLZ13-nLUC
 46 was co-infiltrated with *Agrobacteria* harboring cLUC-ABI5 into *N. benthamiana* leaves.
 47 The FLZ13-nLUC/cLUC and cLUC-ABI5/nLUC pairs were used as negative controls. After
 48 36 h co-infiltration, leaves were treated with mock and 10 μ M ABA for 4 h followed by
 49 luminescence imaging.



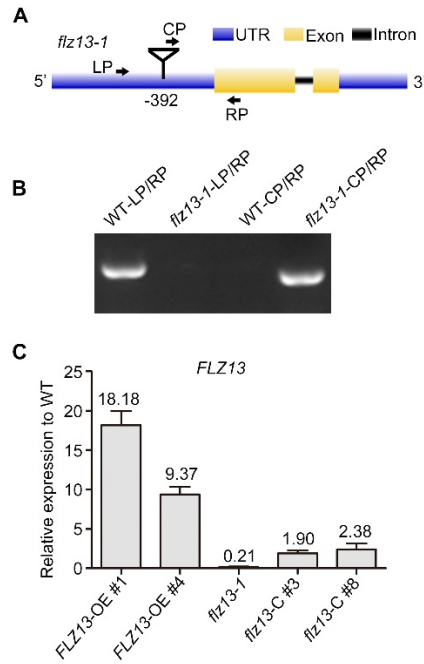
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51 **Supplemental Figure 5. Expression pattern of *FLZ13* and *ABI5* during seed**
 52 **germination with or without ABA treatment.**

53 A, Quantitative RT-PCR assay showing the expression of *FLZ13* and *ABI5* in dry and
 54 germinating seeds. *Actin2* was used as the internal control. Data are presented as mean \pm
 55 SD ($n = 3$ technical replicates). The different letters above each bar indicate statistically
 56 significant differences determined by one-way ANOVA followed by Tukey's multiple
 57 comparison test ($P < 0.05$). This experiment was repeated twice and similar results were
 58 obtained.

59 B, Quantitative RT-PCR assay showing the expression of *FLZ13* and *ABI5* in germinating
 60 seeds in response to ABA treatment. The data are presented as the ratio of ABA to Mock
 61 treatment. *Actin2* was used as the internal control. Data are presented as mean \pm SD ($n =$
 62 3 technical replicates). The different letters above each bar indicate statistically significant
 63 differences determined by one-way ANOVA followed by Tukey's multiple comparison test
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65 C, Immunoblot analysis of FLZ13-GFP and ABI5 proteins in response to ABA treatment
 66 during seed germination. GT: germination time.



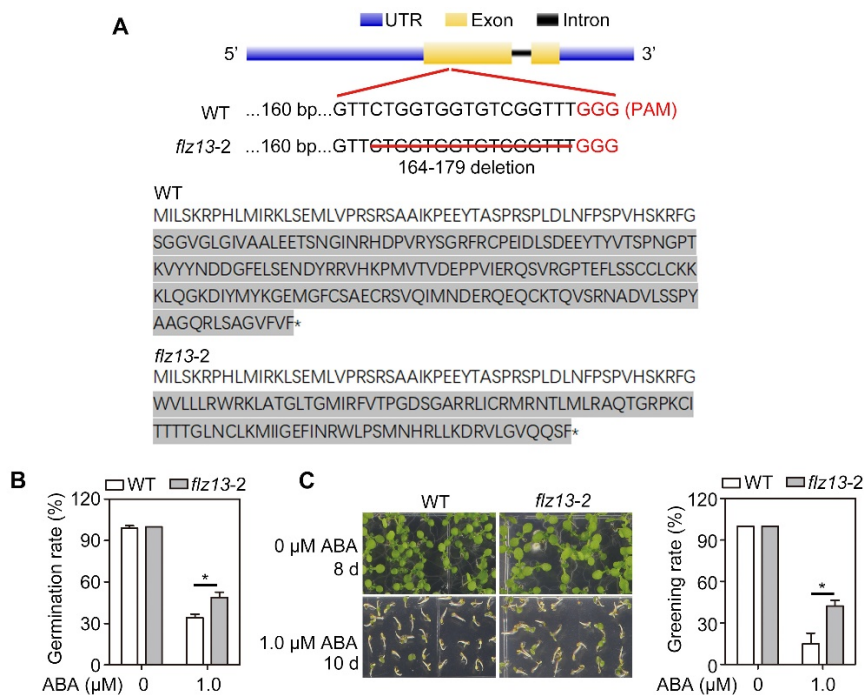
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68 **Supplemental Figure 6. Characterization of *FLZ13*-related plant materials.**

69 A, Schematic gene structure of *FLZ13*. Triangle indicates the T-DNA insertion site in
 70 *flz13-1* mutant. Arrows indicate primers used for genotyping of *flz13-1* mutant. LP, left
 71 primer; CP, common primer; RP, right primer; UTR, untranslated regions.

72 B, Gel electrophoresis of genotyping PCR with WT and *flz13-1* DNA using primers
 73 indicated in panel A.

74 C, Quantitative RT-PCR showing the gene expression of *FLZ13* in the indicated genetic
 75 background. Data are presented as mean \pm SD ($n = 3$ technical replicates). *Actin2* was
 76 used as the internal control. The expression level in WT was set as 1.0. The numbers on
 77 the bars indicate the fold change.



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Supplemental Figure 7. Characterization of the *flz13-2* mutant.

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A, The CRISPR/Cas9 gene editing mutant of *FLZ13*. *flz13-2* harbors a 16-nucleotides deletion which is predicted to encode a truncated protein. UTR, untranslated regions; PAM, protospacer adjacent motif.

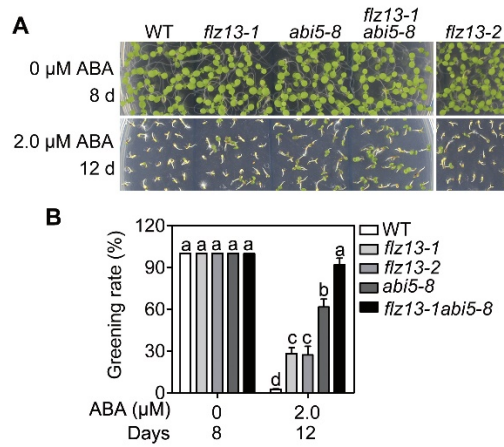
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B, Germination rates of WT and *flz13-2* treated with the indicated concentrations of ABA. The germination rates were recorded 3 d after plating on 1/2 MS medium. Data are presented as mean \pm SD ($n = 3$ biological replicates). The asterisk indicates statistically significant differences ($*P < 0.05$) determined by Student's *t*-test.

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C, Photographs of seedlings (left) and greening rates (right) of WT and *flz13-2* upon 0 or 1.0 μ M ABA treatment as recorded at the indicated time points. Data is mean \pm SD ($n = 3$ biological replicates). The asterisk indicates statistically significant differences ($*P < 0.05$) determined by Student's *t*-test.

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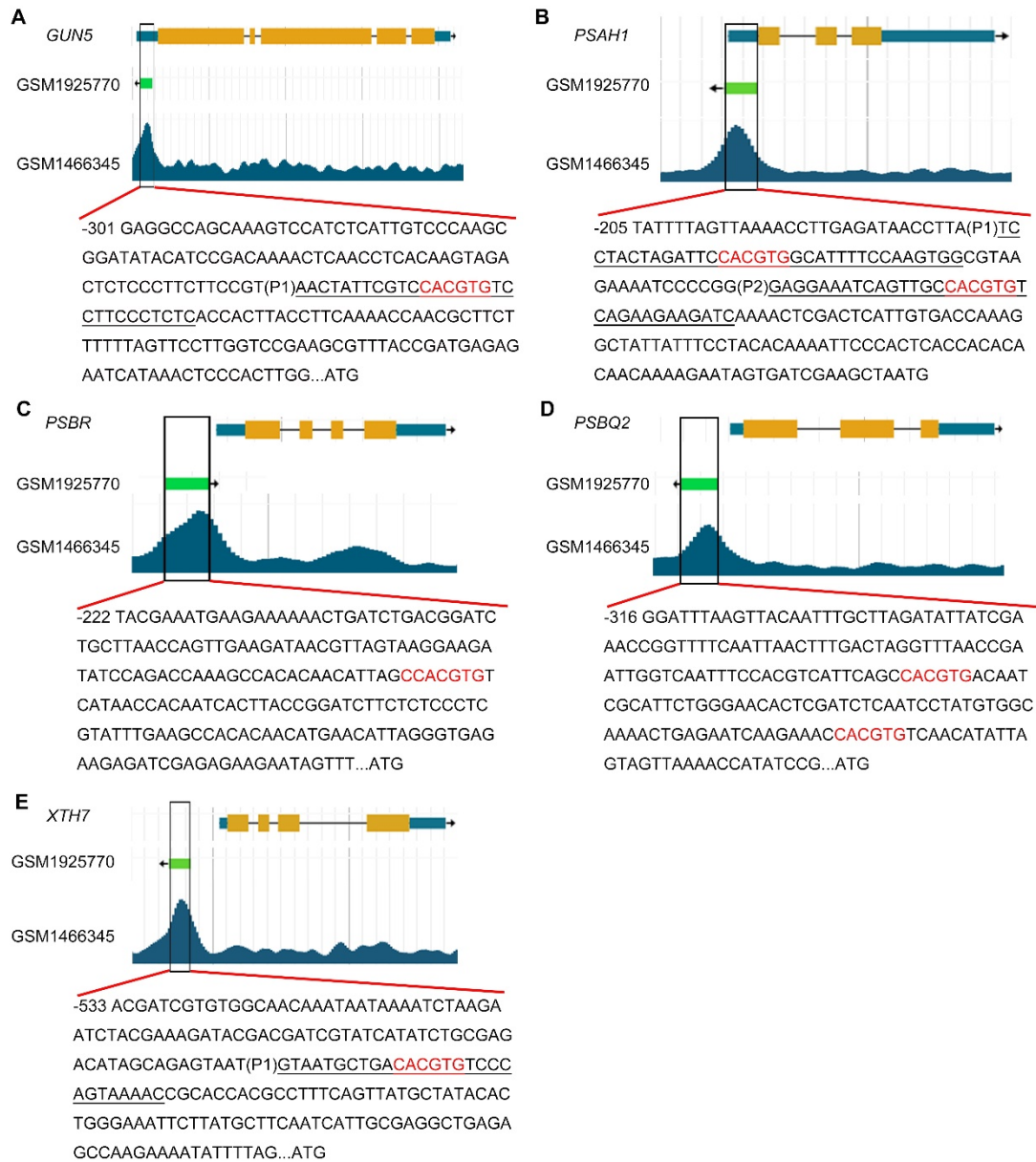
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92 **Supplemental Figure 8. ABA response of *flz13* and *abi5* mutants.**

93 A, Photographs of seedlings of WT, *flz13-1*, *flz13-2*, *abi5-8*, and *flz13-1 abi5-8* upon 0 or
94 2.0 μ M ABA treatment at the indicated time points.

95 B, Cotyledon greening rates of WT, *flz13-1*, *flz13-2*, *abi5-8*, and *flz13-1 abi5-8* upon
96 various concentration ABA treatment at the indicated time points. Data are presented as
97 mean \pm SD ($n = 3$ biological replicates for 0 μ M ABA treatment and $n = 4$ biological
98 replicates for 2.0 μ M ABA treatment). The different letters above each bar indicate
99 statistically significant differences determined by one-way ANOVA followed by Tukey's
100 multiple comparison test ($P < 0.05$).

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103 **Supplemental Figure 9. Five selected target genes of ABI5.**

104 The raw data were downloaded from <http://bioinfo.sibs.ac.cn/plant-regulomics/> (Ran et al.,
 105 2020) and edited in photoshop. The primers used for EMSA analysis are underlined. The
 106 sequences of G-box are highlighted in red.

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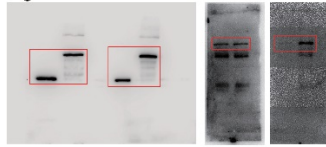


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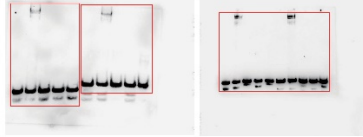


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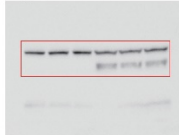


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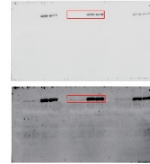
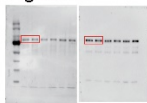
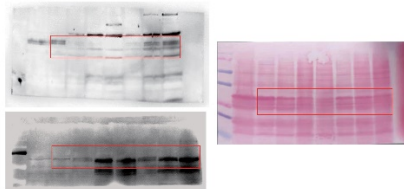


Figure 6E



Supplemental Figure 5C



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108 **Supplemental Figure 10. Original images for Western blots.** The red boxes mark the
109 sheared regions presented in the corresponding figures.

110 **Supplemental Tables**

111 The following materials are available in the uploaded Excel file.

112 **Supplemental Table 1.** List of the higher enriched proteins in ABI5-TurboID-GFP vs.
113 TurboID-GFP comparison.

114 **Supplemental Table 2.** List of the 48 nuclear-localized proteins of 67 identified higher
115 enriched ones in Supplemental Table 1.

116 **Supplemental Table 3.** List of the 37 known ABI5-interacting proteins.

117 **Supplemental Table 4.** DEGs in response to ABA treatment in WT germinating seeds.

118 **Supplemental Table 5.** Expression of known ABA-induced marker genes in the RNA-seq
119 data.

120 **Supplemental Table 6.** DEGs in ABI5-OE seeds compared to WT upon ABA treatment.

121 **Supplemental Table 7.** DEGs in FLZ13-OE seeds compared to WT upon ABA treatment.

122 **Supplemental Table 8.** Expression of 567 ABA, FLZ13 and ABI5 co-regulated genes.

123 **Supplemental Table 9.** GO enrichment of 496 ABA/ABI5/FLZ13 co-repressed genes.

124 **Supplemental Table 10.** Target genes of ABI5.

125 **Supplemental Table 11.** List of the 35 ABI5 target genes co-regulated by
126 ABA/ABI5/FLZ13.

127 **Supplemental Table 12.** Expression of the 500 ABA/ABI5/FLZ13 synchronously
128 co-regulated genes in WT, *FLZ13*-OE, and *FLZ13*-OE/*abi5-8* plants upon ABA treatment.

129 **Supplemental Table 13.** Expression of the 500 synchronously ABA/ABI5/FLZ13
130 co-regulated genes in WT, *ABI5*-OE, and *ABI5*-OE/*flz13-1* plants upon ABA treatment.

131 **Supplemental Table 14.** List of primers used in this study.

132 **Supplemental Table 15.** Original data for bar charts production and statistical analysis.