



Figure S4. Influence of ABA on the induction of *HsfA9* in transient reporter assays.

The activator potential of ABI3 on the *HsfA9* promoter was tested in Arabidopsis suspension culture protoplasts by transient co-transformation with a reporter construct containing a 1kb promoter fragment of the *HsfA9* gene fused to *GUS* ($P_{HsfA9}:GUS$) in the absence or presence of 5 μ M abscisic acid (-/+ ABA). The resulting GUS activities (rel. fluorescence units, RFU) are presented with error bars for the standard deviation of three independent replicates. For further details, see Figure 3 and Methods.