

Expression profiling of ascorbic acid-related genes during tomato fruit development and ripening and in response to stress conditions

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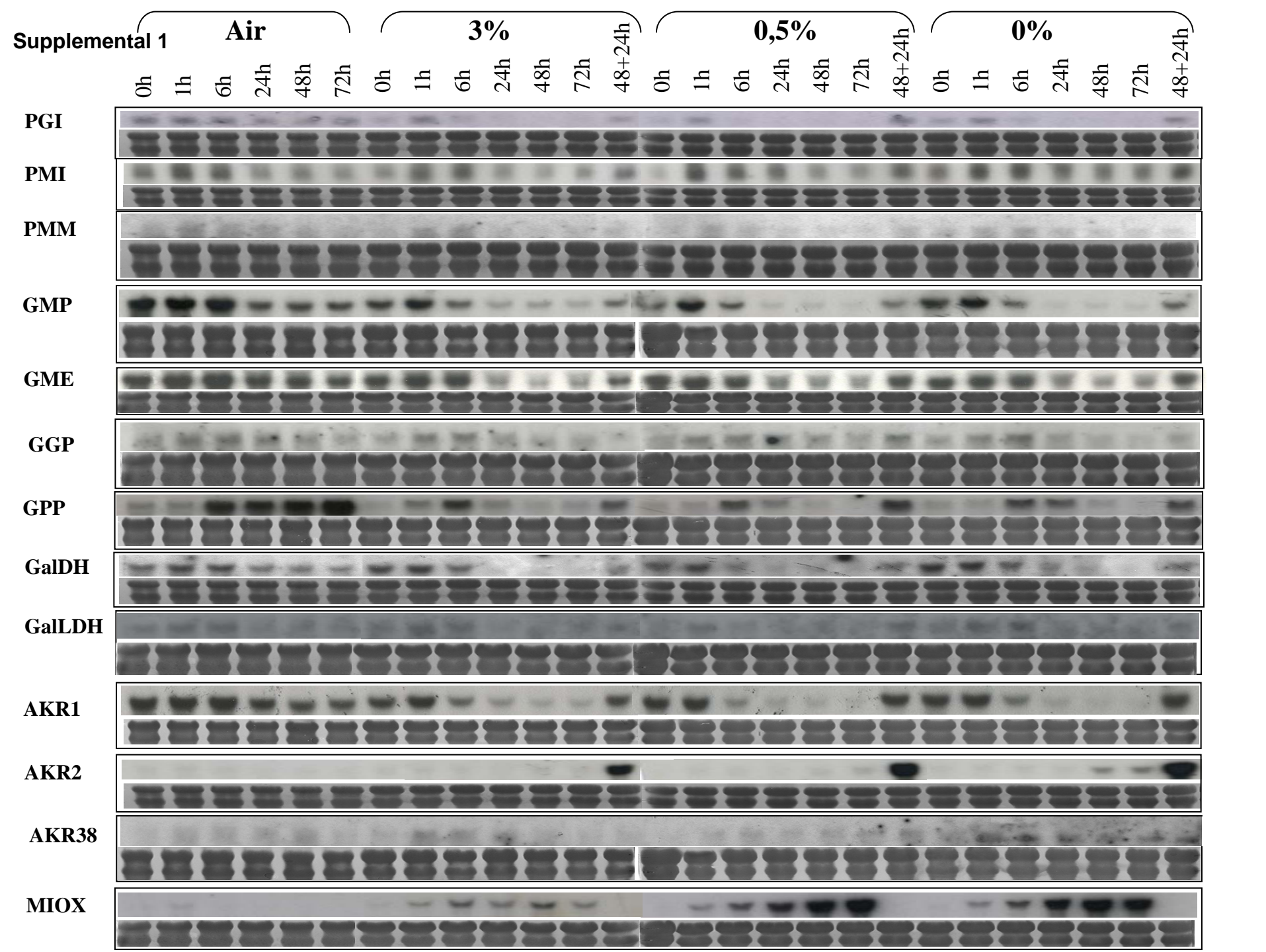
Supplementary Material

Supplementary Figure Legends:

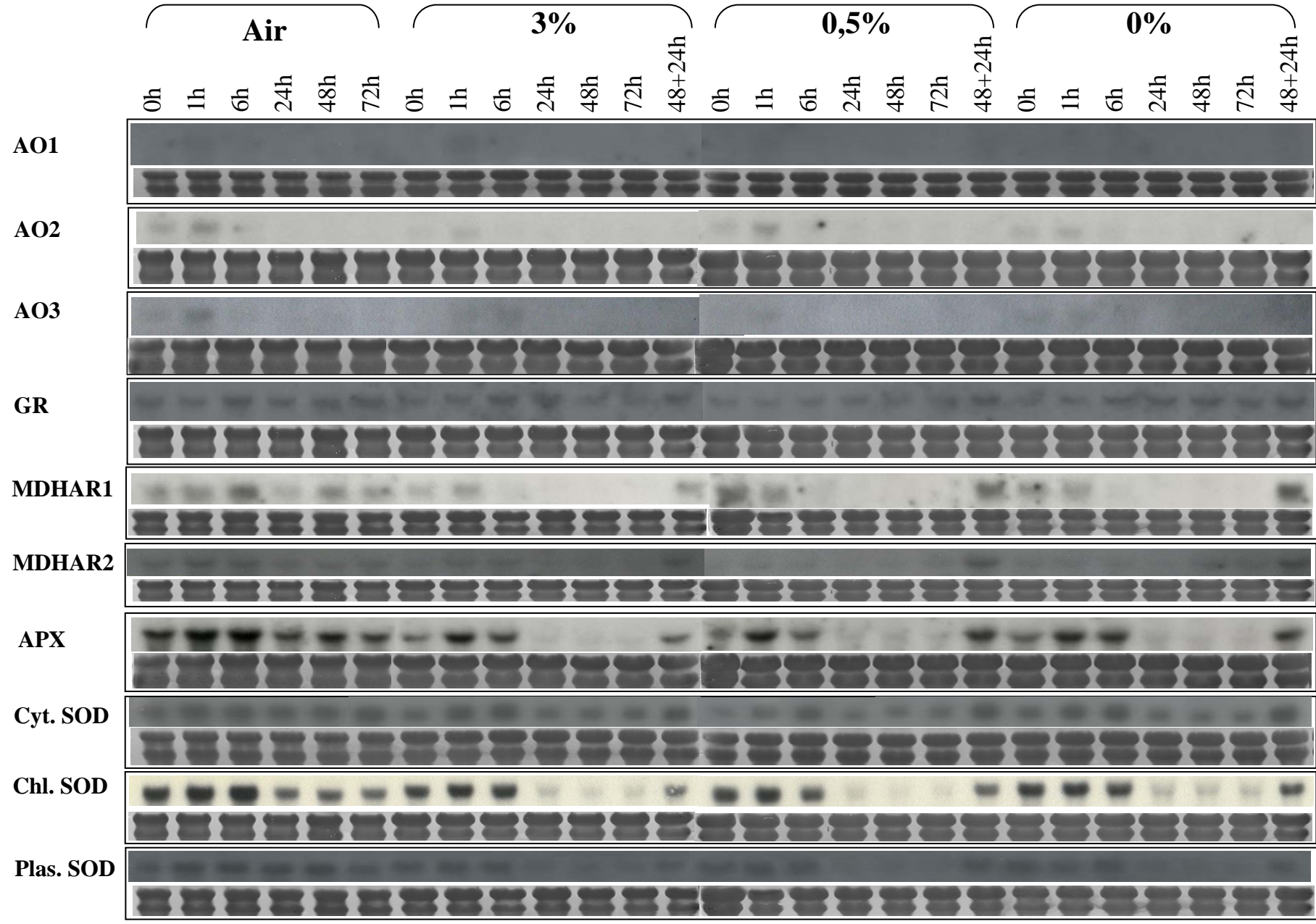
Supplementary Figure S1. Time course expression of AA biosynthetic genes in response to low oxygen regimes. Total RNA was isolated from mature green tomatoes held under low oxygen environments (0, 0.5, 3, 21% O₂) for 1h, 6h, 24h, 48h and 72h. RNA (~20 µg) was fractionated in denaturing agarose gels, transferred to Hybond N-membranes and hybridized with specific ³²P-radiolabeled probes. Staining with 0.04% methylene blue was performed to verify the uniformity of RNA loading on the gel. All experiments were performed in triplicate.

Supplementary Figure S2. Time course expression of AA oxidation and recycling genes in response to low oxygen regimes. Total RNA was isolated from mature green tomatoes held under low oxygen environments (0, 0.5, 3, 21% O₂) for 1h, 6h, 24h, 48h and 72h. RNA (~20 µg) was fractionated in denaturing agarose gels, transferred to Hybond N-membranes and hybridized with specific ³²P-radiolabeled probes. Staining with 0.04% methylene blue was performed to verify the uniformity of RNA loading on the gel. All experiments were performed in triplicate.

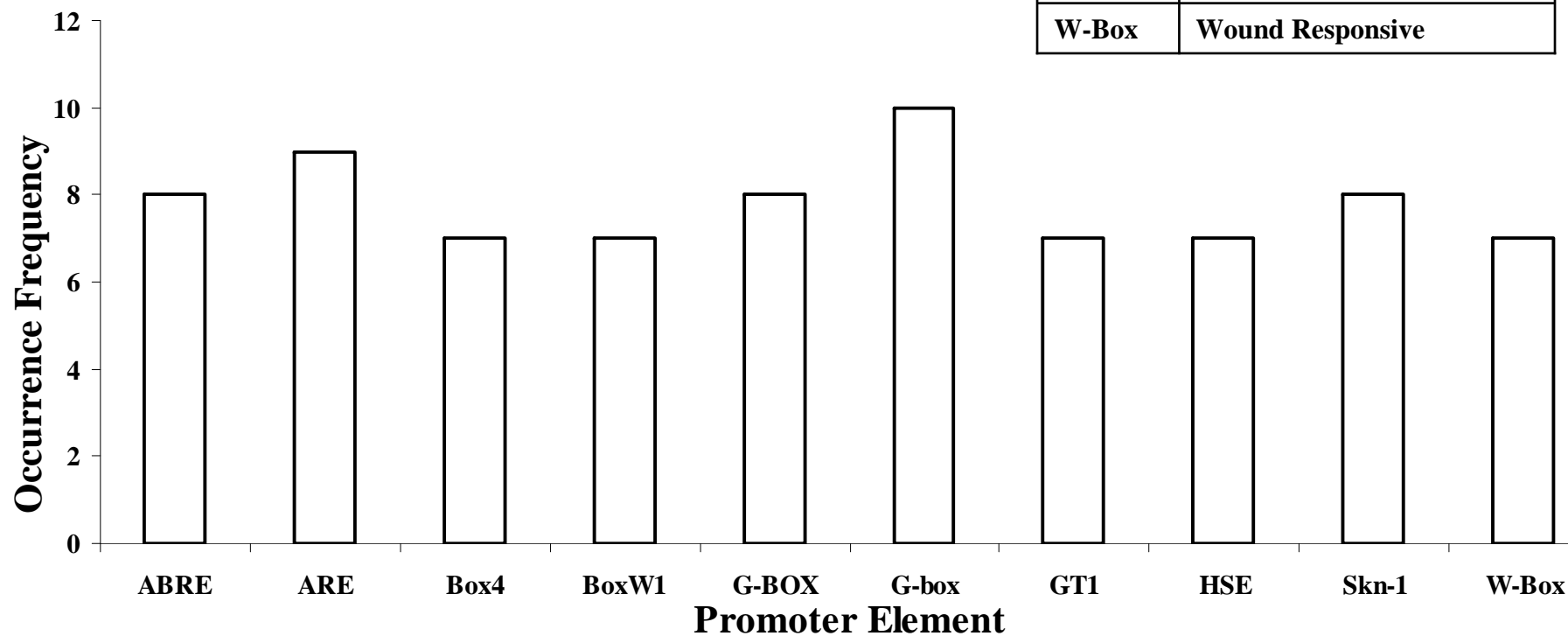
Supplementary Figure S3. *Cis*-acting regulatory promoter elements in ascorbate-related gene promoters. The number of genes (occurrence frequency) in whose promoters each specific element is detected is shown in the graph. Bioinformatic sequence analysis was conducted on ascorbate-related gene promoters by using the PlantCARE program (<http://bioinformatics.psb.ugent.be/webtools/plantcare/html/>). The heat shock responsive element is seen predominantly in the ascorbate biosynthesis gene promoters while the gibberellin-responsive element is seen primarily in ascorbate oxidation and recycling gene promoters.



Supplemental 2



Supplemental Figure 3



ABRE	ABA Responsive
ARE	Gibberellin Responsive
Box4	Light Responsive
Box-W1	Fungal Elicitor Responsive
G-BOX	Light Responsive
G-box	Light Responsive
GT1	Light Responsive
HSE	Heat Shock Responsive
Skn-1	Endosperm Expression
W-Box	Wound Responsive