BnHO1, a haem oxygenase-1 gene from *Brassica napus*, is required for salinity and osmotic stress-induced lateral root formation. *Zeyu Cao, Beibei Geng, Sheng Xu, Wei Xuan, Li Nie, Wenbiao Shen, Yongchao Liang and Rongzhan Guan*

SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Supplementary materials and methods

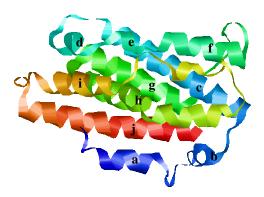
Modelling the structure of BnHO1

Secondary structure of mBnHO1 protein were predicted by PSIPRED software (http://bioinf.cs.ucl.ac.uk/psipred), and a three-dimensional structure of rapeseed HO was produced on the basis of the alignment of its amino acid sequence (minus the N-terminal transit sequence) according to the methods described by Linley et al (2006) with little modification. Homology model of mBnHO1 tertiary structure was predicted by the SWISS-MODEL software using the structural co-ordinates of human HO-1 (Schuller *et al.*, 1999) and rat HO-1 (Sugishima *et al.*, 2000). SWISS-MODEL Workspace is a web-based integrated service dedicated to protein structure homology modelling (Peitsch, 1995; Arnold *et al.*, 2006; Kiefer *et al.*, 2009), comprising protein structure with similar sequences to the target molecule.

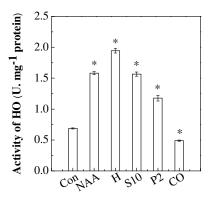
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Supplementary Figure S1. Tertiary structure of mature BnHO1 (mBnHO1) predicted by Swiss-Model software. Letters of a to j mean the numbers of α -helix from the N-terminus to the C-terminus. a: Phe20–Thr44, colored dark blue; b: Pro47–Ala53, colored blue; c: Val59–Gln82, colored light blue; d: Thr87–Phe91, colored bluish green; e: Thr94–Phe109, colored sea green; f: Ala121–Asp135, colored dark green; g: Pro138–Ser153, colored bright green; h: Arg157–Leu168, colored yellow green; i: Leu182–Lys195, colored brown; j: Arg202–Leu227, colored red.



Supplementary Figure S2. Effects of NAA, haemin, NaCl, PEG, and CO on HO activity in rapeseed seedlings roots. Three-day-old rapeseed seedlin gs were treated with distilled water (Con), 100 nM NAA (NAA), 1 μ M h aemin (H), 10 mM NaCl (S10), 2% PEG (P2), and 10% saturated CO aq ueous solution for 6 h, respectively. Then HO activity in roots was determ ined. Data are the means ± SE of at least three independent experiments. Bars with asterisks were significantly different with respect to Con at *P*<0. 05 level according to *t*-test.