

Supporting Information

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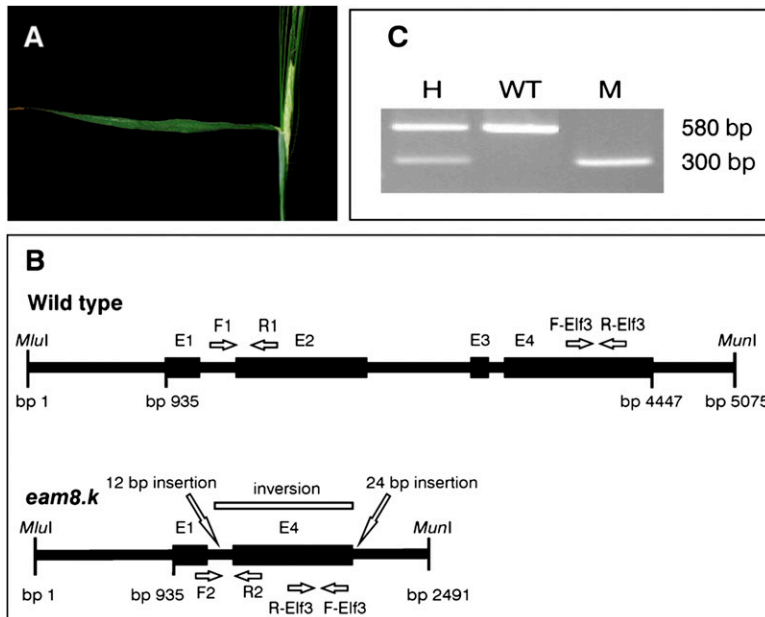


Fig. S1. Mapping populations were phenotyped for the day of heading (A) and genotyped, exploring the unique mutation of BW289 (*eam8.k*) (B and C). (A) Barley spike at the day of heading. Fifty percent of the spike should have emerged above the flag leaf. The day of heading was used in phenotyping to approximate the day of flowering. (B) Positioning of primers complementary to the barley *Mat-a/Eam8/Elf3* gene of wild type (Upper) and BW289 (*eam8.k*) (Lower). The primers were used for screening of the mapping population. Primers F1 (GTCTGATTGGATTGGAAAACCTAG) and R1 (TGGGAAATTTGCAGTTGG) allowed specific amplification of the wild-type allele, because F1 and R1 recognize a region that is deleted in *eam8.k*. Similarly, primers F2 (ACAAGCTGCATGGCGATAC) and R2 (TTTCGGTCGATCCAGATG) exploit an inversion in *eam8.k*, which make them specific to this allele. The binding site of primers F-Elf3 and R-Elf3 used for expression analysis of *Elf3* are indicated. (C) DNA fragments separated by agarose gel electrophoresis, illustrating the principle of genotyping. Primer pairs specific for the *eam8.k* mutation (M) or the wild-type (WT) allele amplified a 300- or 580-bp DNA fragment, respectively. Both fragments were obtained simultaneously in heterozygous plants (H).


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      S V G G V W R F H S S R G S E L
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      E A R G H A A A A P A A P L P T S
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      S S A G N G N G N A A Q Q P Q V
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      S S G S Q E N P V A A A A A A R V
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      I R V V P H T A R T A S E S A A R
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5051 AGTCAGATGT TGACTACACC AATTG

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Fig. S2. A 5,075-bp MluI–MunI DNA fragment, containing the barley *Elf3* gene that was shown to be identical to the barley *Mat-a* gene. The sequence is that of the barley cultivar Bonus.

Barley	PTAKFPNTDKRYLEGRNPSDTRSRSDPNIIRDKAPANTTTNFLEAEERTSSSF-----	259
<i>Arabidopsis</i>	-----VAPSSHHSIRFQEVNQTGSKQNVCLATCSKPEVRDQVKANARSGGFV-----	202
Wheat	PTAKFPNTDKRYLEGRNASDTRSRSDSPSIIRDKAPANTTTNFLETEERTSSSF-----	265
Castor oil plant B	AGDKDQKNNISRGPNLRQDARNQSKENLEACVSSRGHSVRSFTSSPSKELM-----	225
Poplar B	-----GLNLRPDTSNQSEDNLEVCVSSSDHIAHSHSTNLRTRKNN-----	178
Grape vine B	ACEKELKQTSNGLSVRQDKRSQGDVNRKDYVSSREYSEKASNLSTKEKID-----	220
Ice plant	-----HPVFFLCSSSEKQANKMSGDI TSRVV INRDQRNLRAYNASTRSSDI-----	203
Castor oil plant A	VSEKQKKGPGIIDLKATESTRNQTTEEQRKMSACKDLRERYSPVPSFHDKTADPSCSPS	273
Poplar A	TSETQKKKTGTINVKEIDHMRIQIEDNGVFEEACQNSMEKFATVTSIKDKPSVS---SSS	263
Grape vine A	ACGKHQRN-----LNVSHRESIS--ATASSGLLTRDEIFEPS-----	233
<i>Lemna</i>	-----VADCKTRSFKKSDDRIHEDLSSVTTLQDASSG--QDHHDDNLRSSG-----	186
<i>Sorghum</i> B	-----AKYSSNGKRHLGIDVSDVSKGR-SGIKDTFVQVRID-LEDEETTPSF-----	254
<i>Sorghum</i> A	SSAKCYSTVNKHLDRMNEADMRLMNS-PKVKEKAVQVPGK-VEVKEKDS-----	248
Maize	SSVECYSTVNKHLDKINEADRRLMNS-PKVKEKAVQVSGKA-VEVKEKSS-----	251
Rice A	SSTKCYNTVSKKLERIHVSDVKSRTPLKDKEMEAAQTSKN-VEVEKSSS-----	263
Rice B	SPTKCYNTVSKNLERINVS DVKSRGS-QKDKETGPAQTLKN-VEVEHFS-----	259
Barley	-----QFSADKTMGKRDDKGSYSY--DKPSSINVS DKQQRNEGHQARTRNENA	306
<i>Arabidopsis</i>	-----ISLDVSVTEEIDLEKASSHDRVNDYNASLRQE-----SRNRLYRDGG	245
Wheat	-----QSAEKTMGKRDDKGSYSYRVKETSINVS DKQHSRNEGHQARTRNENA	314
Castor oil plant B	-----IVRPE-DASPSQQLDDPVASSSSSLCENDVCLQOE--ASAALLQQNDSGHDEGV	276
Poplar B	-----DIPPEGNASQNYRNNLVSNFTRLHENDTCLQOE--TSAR-LQSNHSEHGHDV	229
Grape vine B	-----ESMKQNKPSSEDFRQSSANFSLHDTGGCLLQO--NRAG-AQLGEPDHDVDCV	271
Ice plant	-----LTREKDCGRRKDTSQYQEKRMNLNLEKTDACLQYD--HEDRLAVGTFRGETDS	255
Castor oil plant A	GKVKRPESLKRAHPSSYQDHRSSVDFLRSLKSGKGLDQEFVTVQDKAVHKEKSWEEYA	333
Poplar A	GKISSTKSLKRTYSSSNQYRKNVNVNKLCLPGTNEQLNQLVMPDKVTIGDNLVLEYR	323
Grape vine A	-----KRARTSLTKENKRNVVVDTRNRELDIHDLSLHOGSMTLPENTDLPNP---SKA	281
<i>Lemna</i>	-----DAEKSGSS-----	194
<i>Sorghum</i> B	-----QILKDKT-GRDPKVSPPM--DRLKKNVADKQYSEAESYQMRTRNEDA	300
<i>Sorghum</i> A	-----SIQASEKFKDKYAKLQCMR--NKVSNINRSD---NNCQPTSVNNGKS	290
Maize	-----SFQASEKFKDKYAKLQCMR--NKASNIHCD---NNGCQPASVNGNF	293
Rice A	-----FHASKDMFESRHAKVYPKM--DKTGIINDSEPHGNSGHQATSRNGGS	310
Rice B	-----FEASKDMFGSKHAKVCP---KTGTINDLDEPHLENSHGQATSRNGSS	303
Barley	AESQNAKAGNGPYST---DIACNGA-SNLSEKGLRETGEKRRKSTGHHDVQR-----	355
<i>Arabidopsis</i>	KTRLKDTDNGAESHLATENHSQEGHGSPEIDINDREYSKRACASLQQINEEAS-----	299
Wheat	AESQNAKAGNGPYST---DVACNGA-SNLSEKGLRETGEKRRKSTGHHDVQR-----	363
Castor oil plant B	PELTRELEKGNQPMSSDHSSTEDLNSPNEPEIDSEHHGDRSVMQVFGNGDKS-----	330
Poplar B	PESRRQKEKINIFQPGNDSHLRKCSPNEPEIDSECFGDKTCG-----	273
Grape vine B	S-VETARDAWNASRVRSSSYGDLGSPSEPDNDGACRGDKTCGTQLQKGNVDNTN-----	324
Ice plant	EPPLESTHKVMSLRMLHNPPLKGGYNDVDVAVNIEMPRLEEHLER--ENIDRA-----	306
Castor oil plant A	IGNDKENAAKVTSLCYRLPLRDNRSNCVNIENSRRKNHEDKQNGSLQVGDVERH-----	387
Poplar A	VVTGKENPSKVRSELYSRALLQDDNRRNRCGLEKRSKYREDKQSGSLKAGDLERN-----	377
Grape vine A	VGGGVVSTS-----PKPSLLDGHRRSGGLEHELE--EQKESESLQMGSIDRN-----	326
<i>Lemna</i>	-----GSTEKIDSSGDDAADRMVR-----	213
<i>Sorghum</i> B	VKTQNPKNKSVLLSKPYDDREQNGD-SDILKHLRDTGEKRRKS--HHGVEQN-----	351
<i>Sorghum</i> A	TEAKNPTATRNPSCKPCTDSDSNWNSNLLERSPREVGAKRKR--QHHSGEQN-----	342
Maize	TEAKNPTAARNTPSSCKPCTDSDSNRKSNNLLERSPREVGAKRKR--GHHNGEQN-----	345
Rice A	MKFQNPMPRRNEISSNPSS--ENTDRHYNLPQGGIEETGTRKRLLEQHDAEKSDVSRSL	368
Rice B	VKFQNPVRRNTISAKPSGIENTNGHCNLPQGGLEAGTKRRLLEAQDNAEK-----	356
Barley	-----DDSSDSSVESLPELEIS-PDDVVGAIQPKHFWKARRAIVNQQRVFAVQVFE	405
<i>Arabidopsis</i>	-----DDVSDSMVDSISSIDVS-PDDVVGILGQKRFWARKAIAVQQRVFAVQLFPE	350
Wheat	-----DDSSDSSVESLPLEIS-PDDVVGAIQPKHFWKARRAIVNQQRVFAVQVFE	413
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Poplar B	-----NDASETSMVDSVSLDIS-PDDVVGIIQKHFHWKARRAIVNQQRVFAVQVFE	324
Grape vine B	-----DDLSETSMVDSMSGLDIT-PDDVVGIIQKHFHWKARRAIVNQQRVFAVQVFE	375
Ice plant	-----NDVSETSMVDSVSGEVC-PDDVVGIIGRKHFWKARTIAVQQRVFAVQVFE	357
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Poplar A	-----DAAETSMVDSVTALEIT-PDDVVGIIQKQFWKARTIAVQQRVFAVQVFE	428
Grape vine A	-----CHVSNANMVDSMLGFDIS-PDDVVGIIQKHFWKARRAIVNQQRVFAVQVFE	377
<i>Lemna</i>	-----DDASERLLVDSREAADAYNPNLVLGLKHFHWKARRAIVSQQRVFAVQVFE	265
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<i>Sorghum</i> A	-----DDLSDSSVECPGWEIS-PDEIVAGIIGKHFHWKARRAIVNQQRVFAVQVFE	392
Maize	-----DDLSDSSVECPGWEIS-PDEIVAGIIGKHFHWKARRAIVNQQRVFAVQVFE	395
Rice A	LEQHDENIDDDVSDSSVECTGWEIS-PDKIVGAIQKHFHWKARRAIVNQQRVFAVQVFE	427
Rice B	-----IDDLSDSSVECTAWEIS-PDEIVGAIQKHFHWKARRAIVNQQRVFAVQVFE	407
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Fig. S3. (Continued)

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Arabidopsis    LHRLIKVQKLI AASPDLLLEIS-FLG----KVSAKSYVKKLLPSEFLVKPPLPHVVK 405
Wheat          LHRLIKVQKLI AASPHLLIEGDPCLG-----SALVTSKKTAAANVEKQLLSAKSKDD 466
Castor oil plant B LHRLIKVQRLI AGSPHLLLEESTYLG-----KPSMKVSPAKKPPSENVVTPPVHVSKRK 435
Poplar B       LHRLIKVQKLI AASPHVLEEEVHLA-----KPPMKGSFCKNLPSECAVTPPVHVAKHK 378
Grape vine B   LHRLIKVQRLI AGSPHLMVDESAYLG-----KPSLKSSPAKKLPLEYVVKPPNMMVKH 429
Ice plant      LHRLIKVQKLI AASPHVLEGAAPVFG-----KTTLKDSAAKFSSEFGVKAFVHTIKQK 411
Castor oil plant A LHRLIKVQKLI AASPHLLKDKFYLG-----KAFKASEAKKVPNSNYAIEQPPPVIKPK 492
Poplar A       LHRLIKVQKLI AASPHLLLEDNLYVG-----RASLKVQKINKVPSKCAMVD----KPK 477
Grape vine A   LHRLIKVQRLI AASPEGQLDNNLYLAEPASSTKLPSESPKLPSESVQQLPSQIADK 437
Lemna         LHRLMNIQKLI AASPHLLLEDASSFHG---SPAAPS---KSQPVDTSVKPI DPTVNT 317
Sorghum B     LHRLIKVQKLI AASPHLLIEGDPCLG-----KSLAASKKK-LAGDVEKQLLSAKN-ND 452
Sorghum A     LHKLIKVQKLI AASPHLLIEGDPVVG-----NALMGKRNKLPKGNLKVQTL SITN--K 443
Maize         LHKLIKVQKLI AASPHLLIEGDPVVG-----NALTGKRNKLPKGNKRVQTL SITN--K 446
Rice A        LHKLVKQKLI AASPHVLES DPCLG-----NALLGSKNKLVEENLKAQPLLVAT--I 478
Rice B        LHKLVKQKLI AASPHVLEIEGDPCLG-----NALLASKKKMAEENLKAQPVLVAT--N 458
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Barley          DDAQLTLQQVEYSKDNTGEGNQASPSQDNDLVEVRHENQAASNGAVSSNPPAMPAPT DNKQ 518
Arabidopsis    QRGDSEKTDQHMESSAENNVGRLSNQGH-----QQSNYMPFANNPPASPAPNGYCF 458
Wheat          DDAQLTLQQAEYSKDNTGEGNQASPSQGNVVEVRHENQAASNGAVSSNPPAMPAPP DNKQ 526
Castor oil plant B YDPEKLNHNMEYSAENAVGK--FSSVKNGS-----QPSNCGPYTGKPKPVVAADSKM 486
Poplar B       DNSENPNHKMECSAENAVGKTFPASFVKNK-----QPPNFGPHAG-PTTVPMASDTKM 429
Grape vine B   DDYERASHQLECSAENAVGKTHLPSVKNK-----PPSNYGPYIGNPPAPAPT DNKQ 482
Ice plant      DDSRKPTDKTEGTAENAVPK-AAPHSQNAV-----QPAGYPASS---PPVNTDPMK 459
Castor oil plant A DGSQKPHSSTFEAENAVAKLSLAVNNEVSKGLHT--NQSNGYSDSGGHL PAVATNSGF 551
Poplar A       DHSQKQHTSADFAENAVGKLPSTNDETSKEPIS--QRSNY---SGSAPPAPVATTAKP 533
Grape vine A   NGSQKQDSNNEGAVKDAVGNPPFASP-VVDVKIYAA--QQTNRQ-LENQPPVSMATDTQP 494
Lemna         QPADRKEVLAPAEETRGGEVVP-----PALPAGPAMS DCKSG 354
Sorghum B     EVQPTQQQLEHSKENTEANQPSPSQD-DAAGVQHNNQAINGAVSSNPPSPMTPPS DNKQ 511
Sorghum A     DDIQPTLEQPELSKQNTGEGNSHSDGLDNDHHD--QAANETFTSNPPAIPVAPDNKQ 502
Maize         DDIQPTLEQPELSKQNTGEGNLLASHDDGLDNDHNN--QAATNETFTSNPPAMHVAQDNKQ 505
Rice A        DDVEPSLQQPEVSKENTEDSP-PSPHDTGLSGQRD--QAATNGVSKSNRRATPVAS DNKQ 536
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Barley          NNW--CAPPQNWLVPMVSPSEGLVYKPYTGPCPPAGSFLAP-FYASCAPLSLPSTAGE 575
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Wheat          NNW--CAPPQNWLVPMVSPSEGLVYKPYTGPCPPAGSILAP-FYASCAPLSLPSTAGE 583
Castor oil plant B APW-CFQHS LGHQWLIPVMSPEGLVYKPYAAP----GFMGS-VCGGCRPPGSPVGN 539
Poplar B       APW-CFHP PPGHQWLIPVMSPEGLVYKPYTAP----GFMGS-GCGGCGPPGPI PLTDN 482
Grape vine B   GPW-CYPQPQHGHQWLIPVMSPEGLVYKPYGP----GFMST-VCGGCGPMSGAPMGS 535
Ice plant      NPW-SYPQPQVHQWLIPVMTPEGLVYKPYAPP---GMVGP-GCGGYPGSGGPTSVGN 513
Castor oil plant A SPW-CFPPP-SNQLVPMVSPSEGLVYKPYTGPCPPAGFMAQ-VYGNCAPVSLDGGHD 608
Poplar A       SPR-CYPPP-GNQLVPMVSPSEGLVYKPYAGCP PVSREMEF-VYSGCGPI LRPHGG 590
Grape vine A   TSW-CFHPSQGNQWLIPVMSPEGLIYKPYAGQCSPTPRLMSP-FYGNYPVNLVTMGGD 552
Lemna         PLP-IQVAGNH--WLFVPMSPTEGLIYK-----FYKPNMVL- 389
Sorghum B     NSW--CIPPPSQWLIPVMSPEGLVYKPYSGHCP PPGSFMAPPFFASC GPVSLPSTAGD 569
Sorghum A     NNW--CMNPPQNWLVPMVSPSEGLVYKPYAGCP PPGNLLTP-FYANCTPLRLPSTP-- 557
Maize         NNW--CMNPPQNWLVPMVSPSEGLVYKPYAGCP PPGNLLTP-FYANCAPSRLPSTP-- 560
Rice A        NNWGVQLQPPQNWLVPMVSPLEGLVYKPYSGPCPPAGSILAP-FYANCTPLSLPSTAGD 595
Rice B        NNCGVQLQPPQNWLVPMVSPSEGLVYKPYSGPCPPAGSILAP-FYANCTPLRLPSTTGD 575
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Barley          FMNSPYGIPMPHQ--PQHMVGPPAMPMPYFPFVSVPVMN-PVSSSAVEQVSRVAAAR 632
Arabidopsis    QYHPGMGFPFPPGN-----GYFPPYGMPTIMNPYCSSQQQQQPPNEQM 555
Wheat          FMNSPYGIPMPHQ--PQHMVGPPAMPMPYFPFVSVPVMN-PVSSSAVEQVSRVATAR 640
Castor oil plant B FMDPTYGVPASSHHPHQGTMPMPGVPALGHGYFPYGMPI MS-STMPGS AVEQMN----- 592
Poplar B       FMTSAYAIPTSHY-HQIGVSPGAPVGNACFAPYGMFGMN-PAISGAGSGS----- 533
Grape vine B   FINPAYGVSSHH-HQIGVHPGTPIGHYFPYGMVMNHPTISGSAVEQMNRFAG-H 593
Ice plant      MNMNGMGNPHF--QGAVHFG----GGYFPPYMPMMS-PVMSGSAVDQMNQVSGGP 565
Castor oil plant A FINGAYGVQASHQ--NGIGLPSDPLGQNYFPYGMVMT-PSISGLLFGQVSPFNG-P 664
Poplar A       FLNAAYSVSASNH--EEIGILPGNPHFGQTFPFPYGMVMT-PSICDSAVEQIRPRIG-P 646
Grape vine A   FNTTYGIPISLQ--QGIEIVPSNPLGQTFPFPYGMPLVN-PSITSGSAVEQMNLSVG-D 608
Lemna         -----LPPP-----YCVSQPVSGSAVDQ-- 407
Sorghum B     FMNSAYGVAMPHQ--PQHMVGPPAMPMPYFPFVSVPVMN-PAVSASAVEQVSHVAAASQ 626
Sorghum A     -----YGVMPHQ--PQMVPPGAPAMHMNYFPFVSVPVMN-PGTPASAVEQGSAAAAPQ 609
Maize         -----YGVPIPHQ--PQHMVPPGAPAMHMNYFPFVSVPVMN-PGTPASAVEQGSAAAAPQ 612
Rice A        FMNSAYGVAMPHQ--PQHMVGPPAMPMPYFPFVSVPVMN-PTAPAVVEQGRHPSMPQ 652
Rice B        FMNSAYGVPIPHQ--PQHMVGAPPTMPMNYFPFVSVPVMN-PVALASAVEQGRHPSMPQ 632

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Fig. S3. (Continued)

Barley	PNTH-EHHSRSCN---MRNEAVSVGGVWRHFHSSRGSELQGSAAASGPFDRQQGQGEARG	688
<i>Arabidopsis</i>	NQFGHPGNLQNTQQ-----QQQRSD--NEPAPQQQQQPTKSYPRARKSRQGSTGSSP	605
Wheat	PNTHVEHHSRSCN---MRNEAVSAGVWRHFHSSRGSELQGSAAASGPFDRQQGQGEARG	697
Castor oil plant B	--YQGAGQLSGGGA-----NIVVQ--HPS--LQLQKSGSIPRVNKPRAK-NTSV	636
Poplar B	--CQTAQPPFGIL-----SSNMP--HQSSCNERQKSEAVLEGMKLRASK-NTSV	579
Grape vine B	GSLSQSGQLSGGGA-----SFMQ--HQNSCNVPTPKR-AIPQGVKPFMSK-DSEF	640
Ice plant	NPFQGMNQPAAGSV-----NQTQ--HQNSCNKQQRRETAAPAMAPLSRREGEL	614
Castor oil plant A	QSK--GNQLSLGDM-----NFTFP--QSSCHISSSMSRVISCCAENFQPSKESV	711
Poplar A	QSK--DNQLAVGDV-----NFIIP--LQSSCNMSNQMSRVISCCVENFQGLKESIE	693
Grape vine A	QSSRPNNHVSVDI-----NATVQSVHYQSLGNMPSQKSGGILGCFGKFAKSSSEL	660
<i>Lemna</i>	-----GSFVSG-----SHASNC--NRPNPRE-----ADLQSSSTAS-	436
<i>Sorghum</i> B	RNGHIEQHTRNCSNASHLRSEAVSAG-VWRVHASRDSELRQSSASS-PFDRQQGEG--RG	682
<i>Sorghum</i> A	PQGHMEQQSLISCN-----MSHPSGIWRFLASRDSELPQASSASS-PFDRLEAQGDGSG	661
Maize	PHGHMDQQSLISCN-----MSHPSGVWRFLASRDSELPQASSATS-PFDRLQVQGDGSA	664
Rice A	PYGNFEQQSWISCN-----MSHPSGIWRFLASRDSELPQASSASS-PFDRFQCSG--SG	702
Rice B	PYGNLEQHSRMSCN-----MSHPSGIWRFLASRDSELPQASSASS-PFDRLQCGG--SG	682
Barley	HAAAAAAPLPTSSSAGNGNGNAQ-----	713
<i>Arabidopsis</i>	SGPQGISGSKSF--RPPAAVDEDSNI-----	629
Wheat	PAAAAAPALPTSS--AGNGNAQ-----	719
Castor oil plant B	RGSTASS-PSER-VQGAGNAQAAETRD-----	661
Poplar B	QGSTGSS-PSGR-VQGVGTVAADGRA-----	604
Grape vine B	QGSTASS-PSER-EQQVGTGDTAEGRD-----	665
Ice plant	QGSTSSSPKRGAGQGTGTSPTTKERDA-----	642
Castor oil plant A	QGSTASS-PSES-----LKGD-----	726
Poplar A	QGSAGS-LSKM-----PKAN-----	708
Grape vine A	QVSTAST-PSKR-----AQAD-----	675
<i>Lemna</i>	-----	
<i>Sorghum</i> B	-----PAPPPPASS--VGNRQAQA-----	699
<i>Sorghum</i> A	PVSFFPKASVLAQPPQSSGGRDQNHVIRVVPNAQTASVPNAQPQSSGGRDQNHVI	721
Maize	PLSFPTASAPNVQPPSSGGRD-----RDQNHVI	695
Rice A	PVSAPPTVSAQNQP-----	717
Rice B	PVSAPPTASAQNTQP-----	697
Barley	-----QPQVSSGSQENPVAAAAARVIRVVPHT-ARTASESAARIFRSIQ	757
<i>Arabidopsis</i>	-----NNAPEQMTTTTTTRTTVTQTTDRGGVTRVIKVVPHN-AKLASENAARIFQSIQ	684
Wheat	-----QPQVSSSSQENPVAAAA--RVIRVVPHT-ARTASESAARIFRSIQ	761
Castor oil plant B	-----PLPLFPPTAPIAL--EGATQPLTNQPRGVKVVPHN-RRSATESAARIFQSIQ	711
Poplar B	-----AFPPFPVTPPCP--EGAPQHETDQLSKVIKVVPHN-GRSATESVARIFQSIQ	654
Grape vine B	-----PLPLFPMAPAAIP-AGDPQNGTDQPTRVIRVVPHT-PRSATESAARIFQSIQ	716
Ice plant	-----LPLPLPLFPPTAPVAEKSEGAPP--VEKASRVKVVPHN-PKSTKESAARIFQSIQ	694
Castor oil plant A	-----ALPLFPFIEPTAQASDQNGQTD--AQWTRVIKVVPHN-ARSATESAARIFRSIQ	776
Poplar A	-----ALPLFPFMEPTLQASYPNAQTN--EQQARVIRVVPHT-RRSATESAARIFQSIQ	758
Grape vine A	-----ALPLFPVAPKIQESDQLDQIHGNEKQTRAIKVVPHK-HKSASESAARIFRSIQ	727
<i>Lemna</i>	-----AASWPKPGTGATVAASAGESPTKVIKVVMPRN-PKSASESAVIFQSIQ	483
<i>Sorghum</i> B	-----QAQASSGRENPE-----SRVIRVVPHT-ARTASESAARIFQSIQ	737
<i>Sorghum</i> A	RVVPRNAQTASVANAQTPSSGGQDQW-----NHVIRVVPHT-AQTASESAARIFRSIQ	774
Maize	RVVPRNAQTASVPAKAPQPPSSGGRDQK-----NHVIRVVPHT-AQTASESAARIFRSIQ	748
Rice A	-----QPSYSSRDNQ-----TNVIRVVPHT-SRTASESAARIFRSIQ	753
Rice B	-----QPSGSRDNQ-----TNVIRVPHNNSQTASESAARIFRSIQ	734
Barley	MERQONGP---765	
<i>Arabidopsis</i>	EERKRYDSSKP 695	
Wheat	MERQONGP---769	
Castor oil plant B	EERKQNDT---719	
Poplar B	EGRKQYDSL--663	
Grape vine B	DERKQLDST--725	
Ice plant	AERRQYESKSN 705	
Castor oil plant A	EERKQYD---783	
Poplar A	EERKQYD---765	
Grape vine A	EERNQYD---734	
<i>Lemna</i>	MERKRFDPL--492	
<i>Sorghum</i> B	MERKQNDP---745	
<i>Sorghum</i> A	MERKQNDP---782	
Maize	MERNQNDP---756	
Rice A	MERQRDD---760	
Rice B	MERQDDSD---742	
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Fig. S3. Alignment of polypeptides deduced from *Elf3* and *Elf3*-like genes from different plant species. Identical residues are marked with asterisks. Conserved substitutions are marked with colons. Semiconserved substitutions are marked with dots. The amino acid residues R43 and N44 are affected by the point mutations in *mat-a.1067* and *mat-a.45* causing the amino acid substitutions R43H and N44I, respectively. R43 and N44 are located in the most conserved region of ELF3 and are indicated with bold letters and arrows. The NCBI GenInfo Identifier number of each protein in the alignment is: *A. thaliana*, GI:15225220; wheat (*Triticum aestivum*), GI:118767203; *S. bicolor* A, GI:242057743; *S. bicolor* B, GI:242089093; rice (*O. sativa*) A, GI:5803261; rice (*O. sativa*) B, GI:222618691; maize (*Zea mays*), GI:293334705; castor oil plant (*Ricinus communis*) A, GI:255549694; castor oil plant (*R. communis*) B, GI:255550864; grape vine (*Vitis vinifera*) A, GI:225442371; grape vine (*V. vinifera*) B, GI:225429428; ice plant (*Mesembryanthemum crystallinum*), GI:34499887; poplar (*Populus trichocarpa*) A, GI:224070734; poplar (*P. trichocarpa*) B, GI:224092236; *Lemna paucicostata*, GI:63003182.

Table S1. Cultivars and pedigree accessions in which cultivar Mari, carrying the *mat-a.8* mutation, has been used in crosses

[Table S1 \(DOC\)](#)

Table S2. Detailed description of *mat-a*, *eam8*, and *ert-o* mutants

[Table S2 \(DOC\)](#)