# Supplemental Material to:

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A novel abi5 allele reveals the importance of the conserved Ala in the C3 domain for regulation of downstream genes and salt tolerance during germination in Arabidopsis

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### Supplementary Figure S1 (Sakata)



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#### Supplementary Figure S3 (Sakata)

**Supplementary Figure S1.** Genetic linkage analysis of *mh31* gene.  $F_1$  was obtained by crossing the *mh31* mutant plant (Ws wild-type background) with the Col-0 plant, and  $F_2$  progeny was produced by self-fertilization of  $F_1$ . In the  $F_2$  progeny, genetic linkage analysis of *mh31* was performed using SSLP markers. In the *mh31* mutant, a point mutation, a nucleotide substitution of C to G, was identified in the *ABI5* gene. This mutated nucleotide of *ABI5* derived from the *mh31* mutant was also used for genetic linkage analysis. Recombination values for the results of ABA response and mannitol response are indicated to the left and the right of the slash, respectively.

Supplementary Figure S2. RNA expression of *AB15* in the *abi5-9* mutant. RNA expression levels were determined by northern blot. Two-day-old seedlings were transferred onto plates with or without 5  $\mu$ M ABA, and incubated at 23°C for the indicated duration under continuous light (2000 lux). Total RNA was extracted, and 15  $\mu$ g total RNA was used per lane. The ribosomal RNA bands stained with ethidium bromide in the gel were used to verify equal loading.

Supplementary Figure S3. Transactivation activity of abi5-9. (A) Schematic diagram of the effector and reporter constructs used in co-transfection experiments. El2: enhancer-like element of the cauliflower mosaic virus (CaMV) 35S promoter; 35S: CaMV35S;  $\Omega$ : tobacco mosaic virus (TMV) omega sequence; Nos-T: nopaline synthase terminator. The cDNA indicated in the box is *ABI3*, *ABI5*, or *abi5-9* cDNA. The reporter construct, *Em6* promoter-*GUS*, contains 1.2 kb of the *Em6* promoter. (B)

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Transactivation activity of the Em6 promoter based on abi5-9 expression.

Transactivation experiments were performed using protoplasts prepared from Arabidopsis Col-0 leaves. The "vector" is pGHX as a control treatment. Transfected cells were cultured for 20 hours with or without 10 µM ABA, and were assayed for GUS and luciferase activities. The values shown are the average of GUS activities normalized by LUC activity. The bars indicate the standard errors. The empty vector pGHX was also included in other transfections to adjust the total level of transfected DNA content. In each experiment, *CaMV35S* promoter-*Emerald luciferase (Eluc)* was co-transfected.

Genotype	Medium	Sensitive	Tolerant
Ws	ABA	140	0
	Mannitol	37	39
Col-0	ABA	148	0
	Mannitol	50	30
mh31	ABA	32	115
	Mannitol	0	79
F <sub>2</sub> Col-0×mh31	ABA	196	74
-	Mannitol	14	61

**Supplementary Table S1.** Genetic inheritance of *mh31* phenotype

Stratified seeds were sown on plates with 2  $\mu$ M ABA or 375 mM mannitol. After being sown, plates were incubated at 23°C under continuous light (2000 lux). Growth-arrested seedling and greening seedling are indicated as "Sensitive" and "Tolerant", respectively.

Genotype	NaCl sensitive	NaCl tolerant	
Ws	17	11	
mh31	0	24	
F₁ Ws× <i>mh31</i>	0	27	

#### Supplementary Table S2. Genetic inheritance of salt tolerance

Stratified seeds were sown on plates supplemented with 150 mM NaCl. After being sown, plates were incubated at 23°C under continuous light (2000 lux). Growth-arrested seedling and greening seedling are indicated as "NaCl sensitive and "NaCl tolerant", respectively.  $F_1$  seeds were obtained by crossing *mh31* (male) with Ws (female).