

**Supplemental Figure 1.** Phenotypes of *pgm* and *sex1-1* mutants grown in a 12hL:12hD photoperiod.

(A) Photograph of 6-week-old Col-0, *pgm* and *sex1-1* plants. Note the delay in flowering of both mutants.

**(B-D)** Total rosette leaves number **(B)**, area of the first two leaves **(C)**, and diameter of the entire rosette **(D)** in each genotype from 14 to 35 days after germination. Data are the average ( $\pm$  SD) of independent plants (n = 10). **(E-F)** Fresh weight **(E)** and dry weight **(F)** of 4-week-old plants treated without (-GA<sub>4+7</sub>) or with 10 µM GA<sub>4+7</sub> (+GA<sub>4+7</sub>), as described in Methods section. Results are means ( $\pm$  SD) of three independent experiments (n = 20). Asterisks indicate significant differences between control and treated plants (2-way ANOVA; \*\*\*P < 0.001).

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**Supplemental Figure 2.** Effect of GA treatment on photosynthesis, respiration, and transpiration rates in leaves of Col-0, *pgm* and *sex1-1* plants.

(A) Photosynthetic  $CO_2$  fixation was quantified over the entire light phase.

**(B)** Respiratory  $CO_2$  release was quantified over the entire dark phase. **(C-D)** Day-time **(C)** and night-time **(D)** H<sub>2</sub>O transpiration, and consequently stomatal conductance, in each genotype and condition.

Measures were taken after two weeks of treatment with GAs. Values represent means ( $\pm$  SD) of 15 measurements on 4 separate plants for each genotype. None of the differences between control and treated plants are significant, except for the Col-0 in B (2-way ANOVA, \*\*P < 0.01).



**Supplemental Figure 3.** Exogenous GA-treatment disrupts the normal expression pattern of starvation genes.

**(A)** Plants were grown in a 12hL:12hD photoperiod and treated with  $GA_{4+7}$  for 2 weeks. Plants were sampled every 4-h during the light phase and levels of glucose, sucrose, fructose and starch were measured in leaves of control plants (*open circles*) and GA-treated plants (*filled circles*). The same analysis was performed in Col-0, *pgm* and *sex1-1*. Each point represents the mean (± SD) of three biological replicates.

**(B)** Transcript levels of four starvation-related genes (*At1g76410*, *At3g59940*, *DIN6*, and *TPS8*) (Usadel et al., 2008) in GA-treated Col-0, *pgm* and *sex1-1* plants. Expression levels are expressed as relative units, assuming as unitary the value of -GA Col-0 at the beginning of the day. Each value is the mean ( $\pm$  SD) of three independent measurements. Background shading: yellow, day; grey, night.



**Supplemental Figure 4.** Diurnal changes in the relative expression levels of genes encoding enzymes involved in the late steps of GA biosynthesis in Col-0 (*empty circles*), *pgm* (*red circles*) and *sex1-1* (*blue circles*) plants grown under 12hL:12hD photoperiod.

RT-qPCR analysis of relative transcript levels of **(A)** *GA20ox* genes (*GA20ox2*, *At5g51810*; *GA20ox3*, *At5g07200*; *GA20ox4*, *At1g60980*; *GA20ox5*, *At1g44090*), and **(B)** *GA3ox* genes (*GA3ox2*, *At1g80340*; *GA3ox3*, *At4g21690*; *GA3ox4*, *At1g80330*).

Expression levels are expressed as relative units assuming as unitary the value of wild-type (Col-0) at the beginning of the day (0h). Data are mean of three replicates ( $\pm$  SD). Yellow background, day; grey background, night. (see Supplemental Table 4 online for RT-qPCR primers list).



**Supplemental Figure 5.** Level of GAs (ng g<sup>-1</sup> FW) in Col-0 at the end of night (8 am, EN) and end of day (8 pm, ED). Values are means of three independent replicates (see Supplemental Table 2 online).



**Supplemental Figure 6.** Comparison of GA<sub>4</sub> content (ng g<sup>-1</sup> FW) in Col-0, *pgm* and *sex1-1* at the end of night (8 am, EN) and end of day (8 pm, ED). Values are means of three replicates ( $\pm$  SD). Asterisks indicate significant differences from the wild-type at 8 am (2-way ANOVA; \*\*\*P < 0.001).



**Supplemental Figure 7.** Screening of *KS*i lines grown in a 12hL:12hD photoperiod. Comparison of phenotype and *KS* transcript levels.

(A) Photograph of 4-week-old Col-0 and transgenic KSi plants. White bar = 1.5 cm.

**(B)** RT-qPCR analysis of relative transcript levels of *K*S in wild-type plants and transgenic confirmed lines at 4 pm. X-axis values correspond to individual plants shown in **(A)**. Expression levels are expressed as relative units assuming as unitary the value of the second wild-type (WT) in panel A. (see Supplemental Tables 4 and 5 online for RT-qPCR and screening primers list). Data are mean of three replicates ( $\pm$  SD).



**Supplemental Figure 8.** Altered expression of sugar-starvation marker genes in starch mutants.

The transcript levels of two sugar-starvation marker genes (Usadel et al., 2008) in Col-0 and the starch mutants were analyzed. Plants were grown in 12hL:12hD photoperiod (grey/yellow background corresponds to night/day). See Figure 4 legend for a detailed description of the experiment. **(A)** *At1g76410* 

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The relative expression level (REL) at the end of night of wild-type (Col-0) was set to 1. Values are means ( $\pm$  SD) of three independent replicates. Background shading: yellow, day; grey, night.



**Supplemental Figure 9.** Sucrose supplementation in *adg1-1* mutant the night before restores the afternoon *KS* expression peak the day after. The transcript levels of *KS* in Col-0 and the starchless *adg1-1* mutant treated with 1% sucrose starting 13h before dawn (*filled symbols*). Control plants (*empty symbols*) were sprayed with H<sub>2</sub>O (See Figure 4 legend for a detailed description of the experiment). The relative expression level (REL) at the end of night of wild-type (Col-0) was set to 1. Values are means ( $\pm$  SD) of three independent replicates. Background shading: yellow, day; grey, night.



**Supplemental Figure 10.** Effect of light intensity on soluble sugar levels and on the expression of sugar-starvation marker genes in Col-0, *pgm* and *sex1-1* plants.

(A) Levels of glucose, sucrose, and fructose were measured in leaves of Col-0 (*empty circles*), *pgm* (*red circles*) and *sex1-1* (*blue circles*). Each point represents the mean ( $\pm$  SD) of three biological replicates. (B) Transcript levels of *TPS8* and *At1g76410* in Col-0, *pgm*, and *sex1-1* plants grown at 100 or 200 µmol m<sup>-2</sup> sec<sup>-1</sup> light intensity. The relative expression level (REL) at the end of night of the wild-type (Col-0) was set to 1. Values are means ( $\pm$  SD) of three independent replicates. Background shading: light yellow, day at 100 µmol m<sup>-2</sup> sec<sup>-1</sup> irradiance; dark yellow, day at 200 µmol m<sup>-2</sup> sec<sup>-1</sup> irradiance; grey, night. (See Figure 5 legend for a detailed description of the experiment).



**Supplemental Figure 11.** Effect of light intensity on the GAs content in Col-0, *pgm* and *sex1-1* plants.

(A) Levels of GAs (ng g<sup>-1</sup> FW) in Col-0, *pgm* and *sex1-1* grown at 200  $\mu$ mol m<sup>-2</sup> sec<sup>-1</sup> irradiance at the end of night (8 am). Values are means (± SD) of three independent replicates.

**(B)** Comparison of gibberellins total flux (ng g<sup>-1</sup> FW) at the end of night (8 am) and end of day (8 pm). Levels of gibberellins were measured in leaves of Col-0, *pgm* and *sex1-1* plants grown at 100 µmol m<sup>-2</sup> sec<sup>-1</sup> irradiance (*left panel*) and at 200 µmol m<sup>-2</sup> sec<sup>-1</sup> irradiance (*right panel*). Differences among genotypes at both light irradiance conditions and at the two timepoint were evaluated by 2-way ANOVA (Bonferroni posttest, P < 0.05). Bars represent means ( $\pm$  SD) of three biological replicates.



**Supplemental Figure 12.** Expression of sugar-starvation marker genes in plants exposed under low light intensity for one day.

(A) Col-0 plants grown in 12hL:12hD photoperiod at 100  $\mu$ mol m<sup>-2</sup> sec<sup>-1</sup> light intensity were used as controls. (B) Another group of plants was subjected to a 12-h treatment at low light intensity (10  $\mu$ mol m<sup>-2</sup> sec<sup>-1</sup>; light grey background) and then transferred again to normal light intensity (yellow background). See Figure 6 for details about this experiment. D = day, N = night. Expression in the control set of plants (A) at time 0 was set to 1. Values are means (± SD) of three replicates from two independent experiments.



**Supplemental Figure 13.** Expression of *EXP10* and *EXP1* is modulated by gibberellins.

Plants were grown in a 12hL:12hD photoperiod and treated with GA<sub>4+7</sub> for 2 weeks before sampling. Plants were harvested every 4-h during the light phase.

Transcript levels of *EXP10* (A) and *EXP1* (B) were measured in leaves of control (*open circles*) and GA-treated samples (*filled circles*). The same analysis was performed in Col-0, *pgm* and *sex1-1*. Expression levels (REL) are expressed as relative units, assuming as unitary the value of Col-0 control (–GA) plants at the beginning of the day. Each value is the mean ( $\pm$  SD) of three independent measurements. Background shading: yellow, day; grey, night.

| <b>Supplemental</b> | Table 1. List and | description of | f the mutants | used in the |
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| present work.       |                   |                |               |             |

| Mutant | Locus<br>(AGI) | Gene                | Description  | References   |
|--------|----------------|---------------------|--|--|
| pgm    | At5g51820      | PGM                 | Deficient in starch due to<br>inactivation of a chloroplastic<br>phosphoglucomutase isozyme,<br>which converts the Glc 6-P into<br>Glc 1-P.                                | (Caspar et al., 1985)  |
| adg1-1 | At5g48300      | ADG1                | Low starch mutant with a<br>monogenic recessive mutation<br>that has no measurable<br>ADPGIc pyrophosphorylase<br>(ADGase) activity  | (Lin et al., 1988a;b;<br>Wang et al., 1998)                      |
| sex1-1 | At1g10760      | GWD1                | Mutant unable to metabolize<br>the starch because of a point<br>mutation decreasing the activity<br>of $\alpha$ -glucan water dikinase,<br>required for starch degradation | (Caspar et al., 1991;<br>Yu et al., 2001;<br>Ritte et al., 2002) |
| sex4-3 | At3g52180      | SEX4                | T-DNA insertion in this<br>phosphoglucan phosphatase<br>results in a starch excess<br>phenotype (SALK_102567 line)   | (Kötting et al., 2009)   |
| lsf1-1 | At3g01510      | LSF1<br>(LIKE SEX4) | T-DNA insertion in the promoter region causes a null mutation and a starch excess phenotype  | (Comparot-Moss et<br>al., 2011)                                  |

|                  | EN      | ED      |
|------------------|---------|---------|
| GA               | 0.00    | 3.10    |
| C, tg            | (±0.01) | (±0.50) |
| C A              | 2.33    | 4.51    |
| $GA_4$           | (±0.13) | (±0.13) |
| <u></u>          | 0.00    | 16.24   |
| GA <sub>7</sub>  | (±0.01) | (±0.98) |
| <u> </u>         | 1.58    | 2.93    |
| GA <sub>34</sub> | (±0.05) | (±0.01) |
| <u> </u>         | 2.96    | 1.75    |
| GA <sub>51</sub> | (±0.03) | (±0.07) |
| <u> </u>         | 2.05    | 3.06    |
| GA <sub>19</sub> | (±0.01) | (±0.30) |
| <u> </u>         | 0.93    | 1.54    |
| GA <sub>20</sub> | (±0.01) | (±0.04) |
| <u> </u>         | 0.79    | 0.51    |
| GA <sub>1</sub>  | (±0.35) | (±0.03) |
| <u> </u>         | 1.22    | 1.03    |
| GA <sub>3</sub>  | (±0.06) | (±0.06) |
| <u> </u>         | 1.70    | 1.89    |
| GA <sub>8</sub>  | (±0.01) | (±0.03) |
| GA               | 0.96    | 0.45    |
| GA29             | (±0.07) | (±0.04) |
| Total flux       | 14.55   | 36.22   |
|                  | (±0.72) | (±2.18) |

Supplemental Table 2. Levels of GAs (ng  $g^{-1}$  FW) at the end of night (EN) and at the end of day (ED) in wild-type plants grown at 100 µmol m<sup>-2</sup> sec<sup>-1</sup> irradiance.

Endogenous GAs was quantified in wild-type Col-0 plants both at the end of the night (EN, 8 am) and the end of the day (ED, 8 pm) by GC-MS/MS. All GAs of the table are part of the early 13-hydroxylation and non-13-hydroxylation pathways. GA<sub>1</sub>, GA<sub>3</sub>, GA<sub>4</sub>, and GA<sub>7</sub> are bioactive GAs, whereas the other GAs are precursors and deactivated GAs (GA<sub>8</sub> and GA<sub>34</sub>). Values shown are average  $\pm$  SD of three replicates.

|                  | Col-0            | pgm             | Ratio<br>(Col-0/ <i>pgm</i> ) | sex1-1           | Ratio<br>(Col-0/ <i>sex1-1</i> ) |
|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|
| GA <sub>9</sub>  | 3.10<br>(±0.49)  | 1.91<br>(±0.01) | 0.62                          | 1.54<br>(±0.13)  | 0.49                             |
| GA <sub>4</sub>  | 4.51<br>(±0.13)  | 2.45<br>(±0.01) | 0.54                          | 2.00<br>(±0.08)  | 0.44                             |
| GA <sub>7</sub>  | 10.45<br>(±0.98) | n.d.            | n.d.                          | n.d.             | n.d.                             |
| GA <sub>34</sub> | 2.93<br>(±0.01)  | 1.20<br>(±0.01) | 0.41                          | 1.30<br>(±0.31)  | 0.44                             |
| GA <sub>51</sub> | 1.74<br>(±0.07)  | 1.36<br>(±0.04) | 0.78                          | 3.20<br>(±0.30)  | 1.84                             |
| GA <sub>19</sub> | 3.06<br>(±0.30)  | 2.94<br>(±0.09) | 0.96                          | 3.15<br>(±0.04)  | 1.03                             |
| GA <sub>20</sub> | 1.54<br>(±0.049) | 1.03<br>(±0.11) | 0.67                          | 1.37<br>(±0.47)  | 0.89                             |
| GA <sub>1</sub>  | 0.51<br>(±0.04)  | 0.42<br>(±0.01) | 0.82                          | 0.40<br>(±0.10)  | 0.78                             |
| GA <sub>3</sub>  | 1.03<br>(±0.06)  | 1.06<br>(±0.13) | 1.03                          | 1.22<br>(±0.07)  | 1.18                             |
| GA <sub>8</sub>  | 1.90<br>(±0.04)  | 0.98<br>(±0.23) | 0.51                          | 1.12<br>(±0.40)  | 0.59                             |
| GA <sub>29</sub> | 0.95<br>(±0.02)  | 1.15<br>(±0.04) | 1.21                          | 0.36<br>(±0.04)  | 0.38                             |
| Total flux       | 31.72<br>(±0.18) | 14.5<br>(±0.06) | 0.46                          | 15.66<br>(±0.18) | 0.49                             |

## Supplemental Table 3. Levels of GAs (ng $g^{-1}$ FW) at the end of day in Col-0, *pgm* and *sex1-1* mutants.

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## Supplemental Table 4. Primers used for gene expression analysis using real-time quantitative RT-PCR.

| Gene (AGI)             | Forward primer           | Reverse primer           |
|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| At1g13440<br>(GAPDH)   | GAATCAACGGTTTCGGAAGA     | CTCGGTGGTGATGAAAGGAT     |
| At2g37270<br>(40SrRNA) | TCGACGCTGAGATTCAACAG     | CGTAACCGAAACGTCATCAA     |
| At4g02780<br>(CPS)     | CCAGAAGCGGTTCCATACAT     | CCGTCCGTTAGGTTTCTCAA     |
| At1g79460<br>(KS)      | TTCGGTTGCTTCTGGTTTCT     | GAGTCCAATCTCCGTTCCAA     |
| At5g25900<br>(KO)      | CTAGTTCCCATTCGCTACGC     | TGAAGAGCACCAGCACAAAC     |
| At1g15550<br>(GA3ox1)  | CCGAAGGTTTCACCATCACT     | GAGGGTGGAGTCGGTATGAG     |
| At1g80340<br>(GA3ox2)  | CCAGCCACCACCTCAAATACTGTG | ATTAGGCCCGGCCCATTGTATG   |
| At4g21690<br>(GA3ox3)  | TCATGCCGAGTTCTGCAATGTG   | CCTAACGAGCCCATCAACATGC   |
| At1g80330<br>(GA3ox4)  | CCTCATGATCACACCAAGTACTGC | TCTTCCACGGTGACACCAAGTG   |
| At4g25420<br>(GA20ox1) | GGTTTCTTCCTCGTGGTCAA     | TTTCGGAGAGAGGCATATCAA    |
| At5g51810<br>(GA20ox2) | CAAGAGTTCGAGCAGTTTGGGAAG | TCGGAAATAGTCTCGGTTTACGC  |
| At5g07200<br>(GA20ox3) | ACATAGGCGACACCTTCATGGC   | TCCTTTCTCTCTCGCTGTTCACC  |
| At1g60980<br>(GA20ox4) | GAACATTGGCGACACTTTAATGGC | TGGTGGCTTCACCACTTTGTCC   |
| At1g44090<br>(GA20ox5) | AACGTTGGAGACACCTTCATGGC  | ACTGCCCTGTGGTAACAACTCC   |
| At1g76410              | TCCGGTCGTTACCGAAACTCAC   | AGCACACTCCACGAGTTTCTCC   |
| At3g59940              | ATACGATTCGGCTTCCGGTGAC   | ACCGCTTGGCCACTCAAACTTC   |
| At3g47340<br>(DIN6)    | AAGGTGCGGACGAGATCTTTGG   | ACTTGTGAAGAGCCTTGATCTTGC |
| At1g70290<br>(TPS8)    | GTGGTTGTCAAGAGAGGTCAACAC | AGCTAGACCTTTGCTTACACCTTG |
| At1g26770<br>(EXP10)   | AGCGAACAATAATGGCGGTTGG   | CTTCTCCTGCAAGGAACCCTTC   |

| At1g69530<br>(EXP1) | CAATGGGAGGTGCTTGTGGA | GTTGTTCGGTAAGGCGTTGT |
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## Supplemental Table 5. Primers used to test the insertion in the AGRIKOLA RNAi lines.

| Primer name | Position       | Sequence 5'-3'       |
|-------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Agri51      | 35S promoter   | CAACCACGTCTTCAAAGCAA |
| Agri56      | Pdk intron     | CTGGGGTACCGAATTCCTC  |
| Agri64      | Cat intron     | CTTGCGCTGCAGTTATCATC |
| Agri69      | OCS terminator | AGGCGTCTCGCATATCTCAT |