

Figure S1. Phylogenetic tree with the deduced protein sequences of the *Cathepsin B-like* genes of the Brassicaceae species: *Arabidopsis thaliana* (*At*), *Arabidopsis lyrata* (*Al*), *Capsella rubella* (*Cr*), *Arabis alpina* (*Aa*), *Eutrema salsugineum* (*Es*), *Brassica rapa* (*Br*). Bootstrapping values are indicated in the branches.

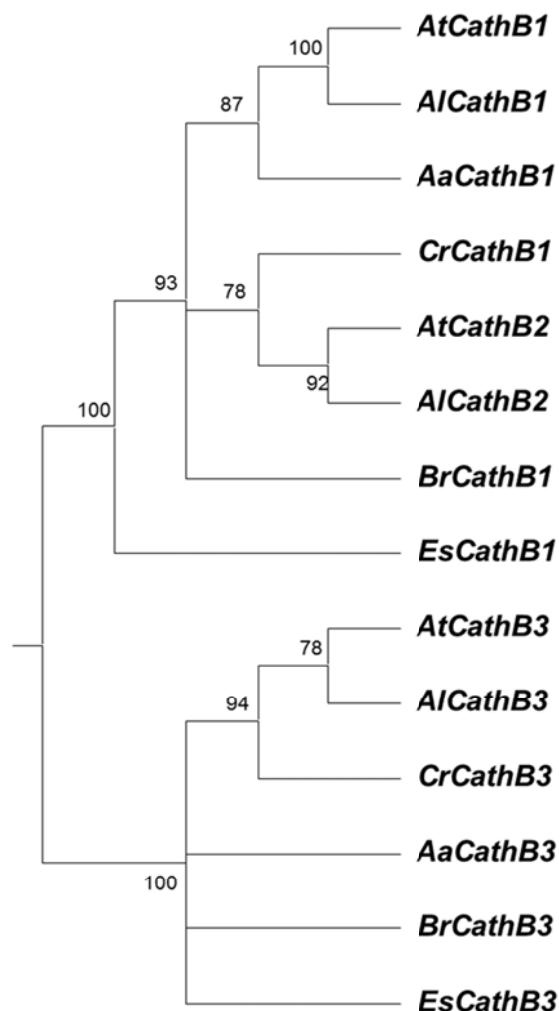


Figure S2. Transcription levels of the housekeeping gene (*UBC21*) used in the RT-qPCR analyses, presented as Ct mean values. The expression of the *ACT8* gene is used for comparison.

(A) Plant material from 5 week old *A.thaliana* plants: roots, rosette leaves, stems and flowers.

(B) Siliques development: time intervals 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15 and more than 15 days after pollination (dap).

(C) Seed Germination: 0 (dry seeds), 6, 12, 18, 24, 36 and 48 h.

Data are means \pm standard error (SE) of three independent experiments.

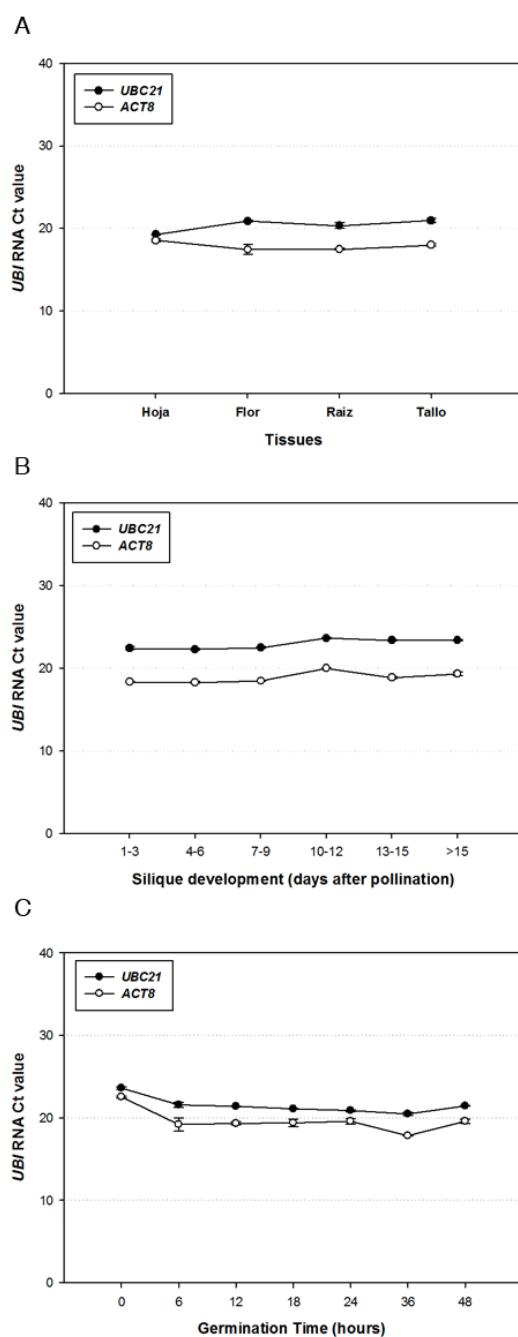
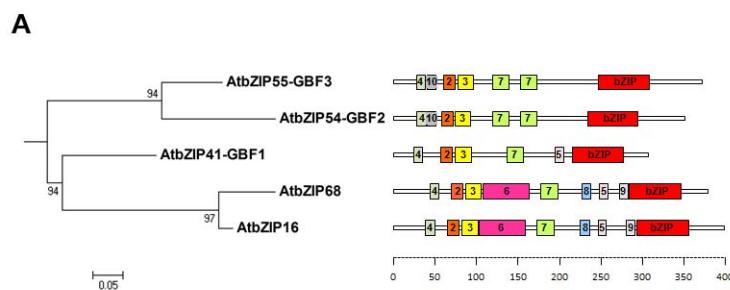


Figure S3. *Arabidopsis thaliana* bZIP transcription factors of the G subfamily.

- (A) Phylogenetic tree and schematic distribution of conserved amino acid motives among the deduced protein sequences of the bZIP belonging to the G-subfamily.
- (B) Sequences of conserved amino acids motives (MEME; Bailey *et al.*, 2009) of the bZIPS described in (A).
- (C) Heat-map representing the expression levels of the G family of bZIP during seed germination (<http://www.genevestigator.com/gv/>).



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Motif	E-value	Consensus sequences
1	5.2E-097	[DN][ED][RK][E][LV][KR][QE][RK]RKQSNRESARRSLRKQAE[CT][ED][EQ][AQ][QRV][RK][VA][ED][AVS][NSTV][AEGN][EN][MOST][SAN][L][ASD][EK][L][NGO][KQ][KNS][SEN][EQK][CSY][ED][KE][L][RKL][LAGLST][EA][N]
2	1.1E-021	P[H][P]YMW[GAN][VAPS][QP][H][MHP][M][MPS][P][A][Y][G][Y]
3	9.5E-017	[PY][YA][PVA][APTV][MFY][YCP][PH][PG][G][GA][VM][YAHP][SG][MILV][PQ][MP]
4	3.8E-012	[VYA][THPY][PDHQ][IOW][WQ][ASN][AGS][MF][GAY][YS]
5	1.8E-009	TNLIGMD[YL]W
6	2.4E-006	YPSPYAMPSPNGM[AT]E[AV][SGNT][GT][GS][GV][IT][DE][GD][AG][PQ][S][DE][GV][KEKLP][KRS][KR][GSLGSLNMI][IT][GKNNE][AP][GKN]
7	4.3E-004	[D][I][DG][SAT][PS][ADET][GKN][S][DAT][GA][N][ST][DQ][NH][DG][SFL][GM][KS][KGR][LH][KDN][EG][FK][D][GA][EL][ATT][AM][S][EL]
8	1.1E+001	[IN][LPV][NS][QTV][AP][IM]
9	1.1E+002	DG[GS][HQ][SQPWLO]
10	1.6E+002	PRV[AG][IM][P][PQ][YN]

*Motif 1 spans the putative bZIP domain

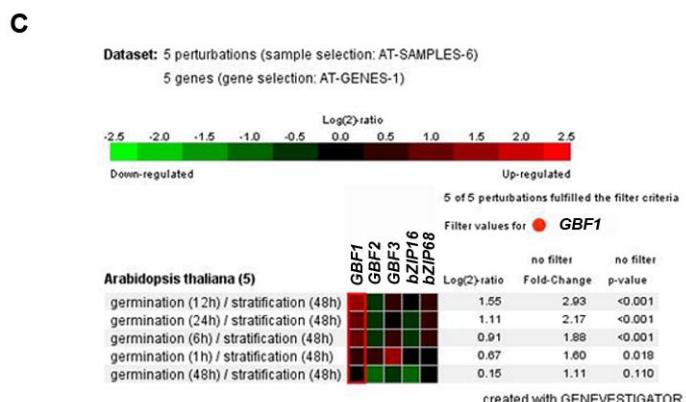


Table S1. List of primers used for cloning, for probe synthesis in FISH and for T-DNA genotyping of mutant insertion lines.

PRIMER NAME	LOCUS	SEQUENCES 5' -3'
Cloning primers		
<i>S-PAtCathB3</i>	<i>At4g01610</i>	AAAAAAAGCAGGCTTCCGAAGACTATTTGATC
<i>AS-PAtCathB3</i>	<i>At4g01610</i>	CAAGAAAGCTGGGTCAGCCAGAAAACAGA
<i>S-PAtCathB.SE-YIH</i>	<i>At4g01610</i>	AGCCCGGGTAATGACGCAACGTG
<i>AS-PAtCathB.SE-YIH</i>	<i>At4g01610</i>	AGTCTAGAAAAGAAGATCTTAGCC
<i>AS-PAtCathB-SEm-YIH</i>	<i>At4g01610</i>	AGCCCGGGTAATGACGCAACTGTGCAATCATGTATA
<i>attB1</i>	<i>GATEWAY</i>	GGGGACAAGTTGTACAAAAAAGCAGGCTTC
<i>attB2</i>	<i>GATEWAY</i>	GGGGACCACTTGTACAAGAAAGCTGGGTC
Fluorescence <i>in situ</i> hybridization (FISH) primers		
<i>S-AtCathB3-IH</i>	<i>At4g01610</i>	TCTAGAGGTTCGAATGATCTTCCGGT
<i>AS-AtCathB3-IH</i>	<i>At4g01610</i>	GGATCCCAGGTGATCAAAAGACGAAT
<i>S-GBF1-IH</i>	<i>At4g36730</i>	AGAAGCTTAATGTGATAAGCTCAAGTCT
<i>AS-GBF1-IH</i>	<i>At4g36730</i>	CTCCATCCAGCTTCTACAGTCTTAGG
Genotyping primers		
<i>LP-AtCathB3</i>	<i>At4g01610</i>	TTGTGTGTGTGTTGACTGC
<i>RP-AtCathB3</i>	<i>At4g01610</i>	AAAACCTTACATCACCCCCAGCC
<i>LP-GBF1</i>	<i>At4g36730</i>	TCAGAATCCGATTCCAATCAC
<i>RP-GBF1</i>	<i>At4g36730</i>	ATGAGAATGCCAATCACAGG
<i>LBB1.3</i>	<i>LB of the TDNA in SALK lines</i>	ATTTTGCCGATTCGGAAC

Table S2. Major characteristics of Brassicaceae predicted Cathepsin B-like proteins*.

Protein name	Locus	Protein size (aa)	pI	Mw(Da)	Peptidase C1A Propeptide ¹	Peptidase C1A papain C-terminal ¹	Cysteine active site ¹
AaCathB1	<i>Contig13570</i>	350	6.54	38901.23	45-87	105-328	127-138
AaCathB3	<i>Contig16048</i>	357	6.09	39435.92	45-87	105-339	127-138
AlCathB1	918880	359	6.27	39629.19	43-85	103-337	125-136
AlCathB2	918881	360	6.66	39892.41	44-86	104-338	126-137
AlCathB3	490415	359	6.27	39409.72	45-85	103-337	125-136
AtCathB1	<i>At1g02300</i>	379	6.80	42260.18	43-85	103-358	NA
AtCathB2	<i>At1g02305</i>	362	6.48	40030.51	46-88	106-340	128-139
AtCathB3	<i>At4g01610</i>	359	5.79	39414.68	43-85	103-337	125-136
BrCathB1	<i>Bra030498</i>	357	6.55	39501.72	41-83	101-335	123-134
BrCathB3	<i>Bra036321</i>	358	5.65	39060.43	42-84	102-335	124-135
CrCathB1	<i>Carubv10009537m</i>	360	7.26	39693.32	44-86	104-338	126-137
CrCathB3	<i>Carubv10001253m</i>	359	6.09	39299.70	43-85	103-337	NA
EsCathB1	<i>Thhalv10008009m</i>	360	7.20	39938.23	44-86	104-338	126-137
EsCathB3	<i>Thhalv10028753m</i>	362	5.66	39793.07	46-88	106-340	128-139

*From the Phytozome database, three non-redundant Cath B-like deduced protein sequences from *Arabidopsis thaliana* (*At*) and *Arabidopsis lyrata* (*Al*), and two from *Brassica rapa* (*Br*), *Capsella rubella* (*Cr*), *Eutrema salsugineum* (*Eh*) have been compiled. Two putative orthologous genes present in the *Arabis alpina* (*Aa*) genome has been also included in these analysis. aa: amino acid number; pI: isoelectric point; Mw: Molecular weight; ⁽¹⁾: amino acid position.

Table S3. Genomic Sequences of the CathB3 gene promoters of the Brassicaceae species: Arabidopsis thaliana (At), Arabidopsis lyrata (Al), Capsella rubella (Cr), Arabis alpina (Aa), Eutrema salsugineum (Es), Brassica rapa (Br), used in the phylogenetic shadowing analysis. The sequences shown span from -1000 bp upstream from the ATG codon to the end of the first exon of the CathB3 gene (red bold). Underlined letters: promoter sequences for CathB3 genes; red letters: translated regions; blue letters: untranslated regions; black letters: non-coding sequences

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Table S4. Characteristics and sequences of the primers used in the RTqPCR analysis.

RTpPCR primers				
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<i>S-CathB1-RT</i>	AGTACCACGGTAGTAACC	<i>At1g02300</i>	90.05%	74.9°C
<i>AS-CathB1-RT</i>	GATTGATTCTGTATGCCCG			
<i>S-CathB2-RT</i>	CACCACGGTAGTCACTG	<i>At1g02305</i>	92.63%	75.7°C
<i>AS-CathB2-RT</i>	GACCTTGTACGCACTA			
<i>S-CathB3-RT</i>	CCGGTTGCATCGGTTAACG	<i>At4g01610</i>	93.15%	71.8°C
<i>AS-CathB3-RT</i>	GTCACCGGAATCTTTACTGG			
<i>AS-GBF1-RT</i>	GCAGGCCGAATGCGAACAAAC	<i>At4g36730</i>	99.30%	75.1°C
<i>S-GBF1-RT</i>	AGCTACAGCCTCTGCTCAA			
<i>S-UBC21-RT</i>	GCTCTTATCAAAGGACCTCGG	<i>At5g25760</i>	95.80%	76.3°C
<i>AS-UBC21-RT</i>	CGAACTTGAGGAGGTTGCAAAG			
<i>S-ACT8-RT</i>	GGTCGTACAACCGGTATTGT	<i>At1g49240</i>	Graeber <i>et al.</i> , 2011	
<i>AS-ACT8-RT</i>	GAAGAGCATACCCCTCGTA			