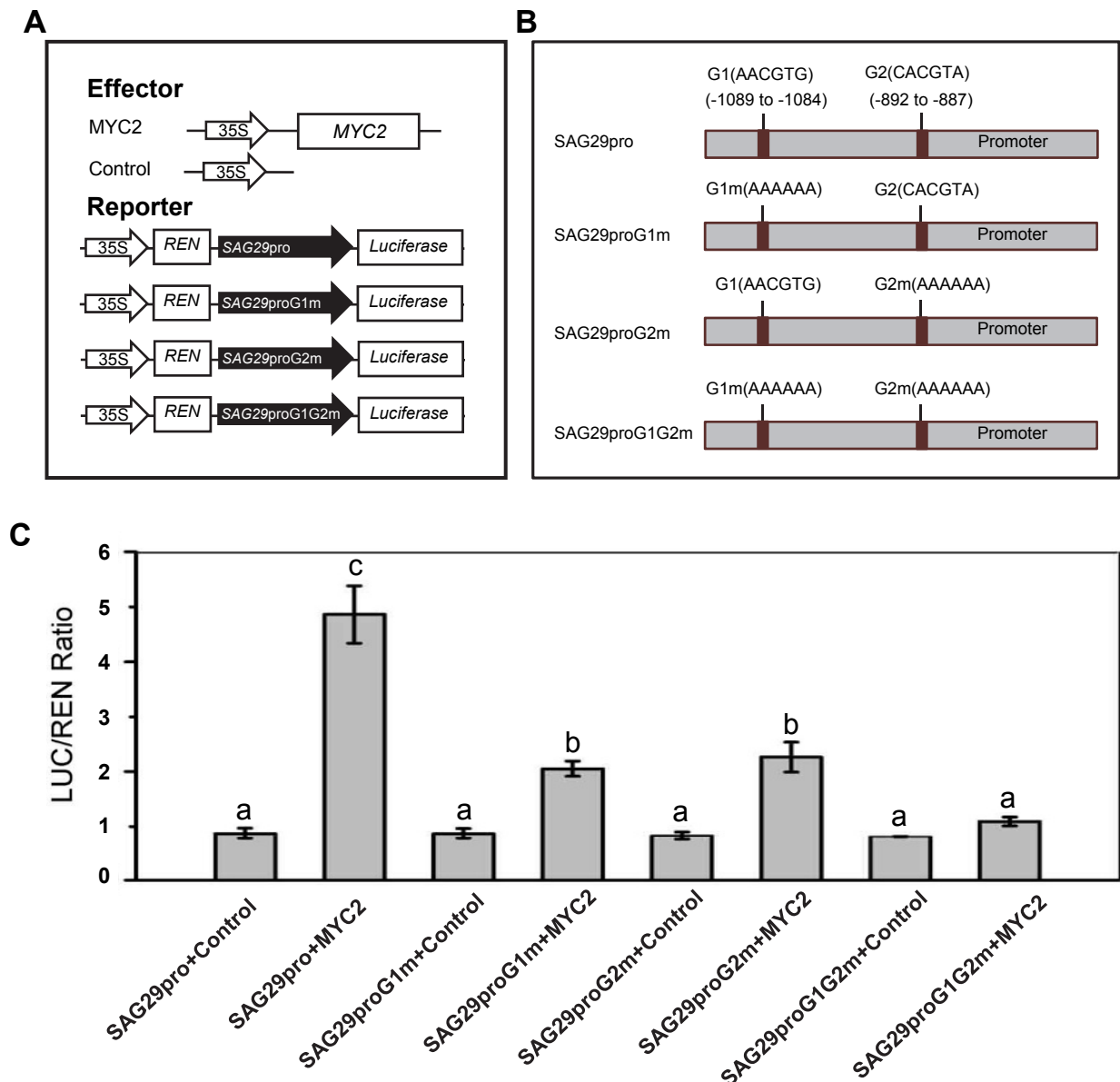


Supplemental Figure 1. TT8, GL3, EGL3, MYB21, and MYB24 are not involved in JA-induced leaf senescence.

(A) The senescence phenotype of leaves that were detached from 3-week-old Arabidopsis Col-0 (WT), *gl3 egl3 tt8* and *myb21 myb24* and treated without (Mock) or with 100 μ M MeJA in darkness for 6 days.

(B) Chlorophyll content of the detached leaves with the same treatment as shown in (A). The maximum value of the chlorophyll content is 2.02 mg/g FW. Data are means (\pm SD) of three biological replicates.

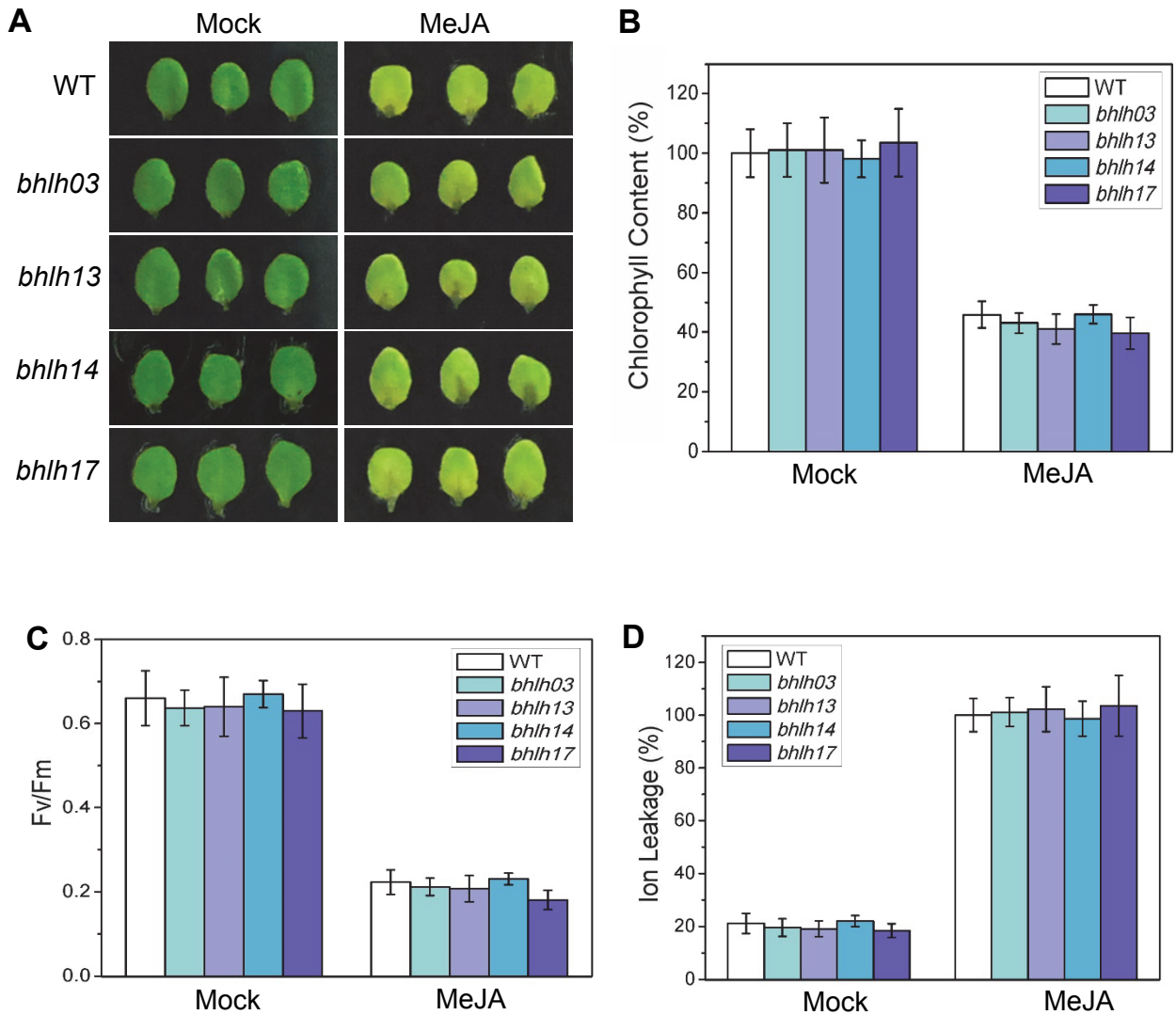


Supplemental Figure 2. MYC2 activates the SAG29 promoter via G-box like motifs in Arabidopsis protoplast transient expression assay.

(A) The schematic diagram shows the reporter and effector constructs (A) used in the transient expression assays of (C).

(B) The schematic diagram shows the wild-type SAG29 promoter (*SAG29pro*) and its variants (*SAG29proG1m*, *SAG29proG2m*, and *SAG29proG1G2m*) in the reporter constructs of (A). G1 and G2 denote G-box like motif in the promoter of SAG29, and were respectively or simultaneously mutated to AAAAAA in the variants (*SAG29proG1m*, *SAG29proG2m*, and *SAG29proG1G2m*) as shown.

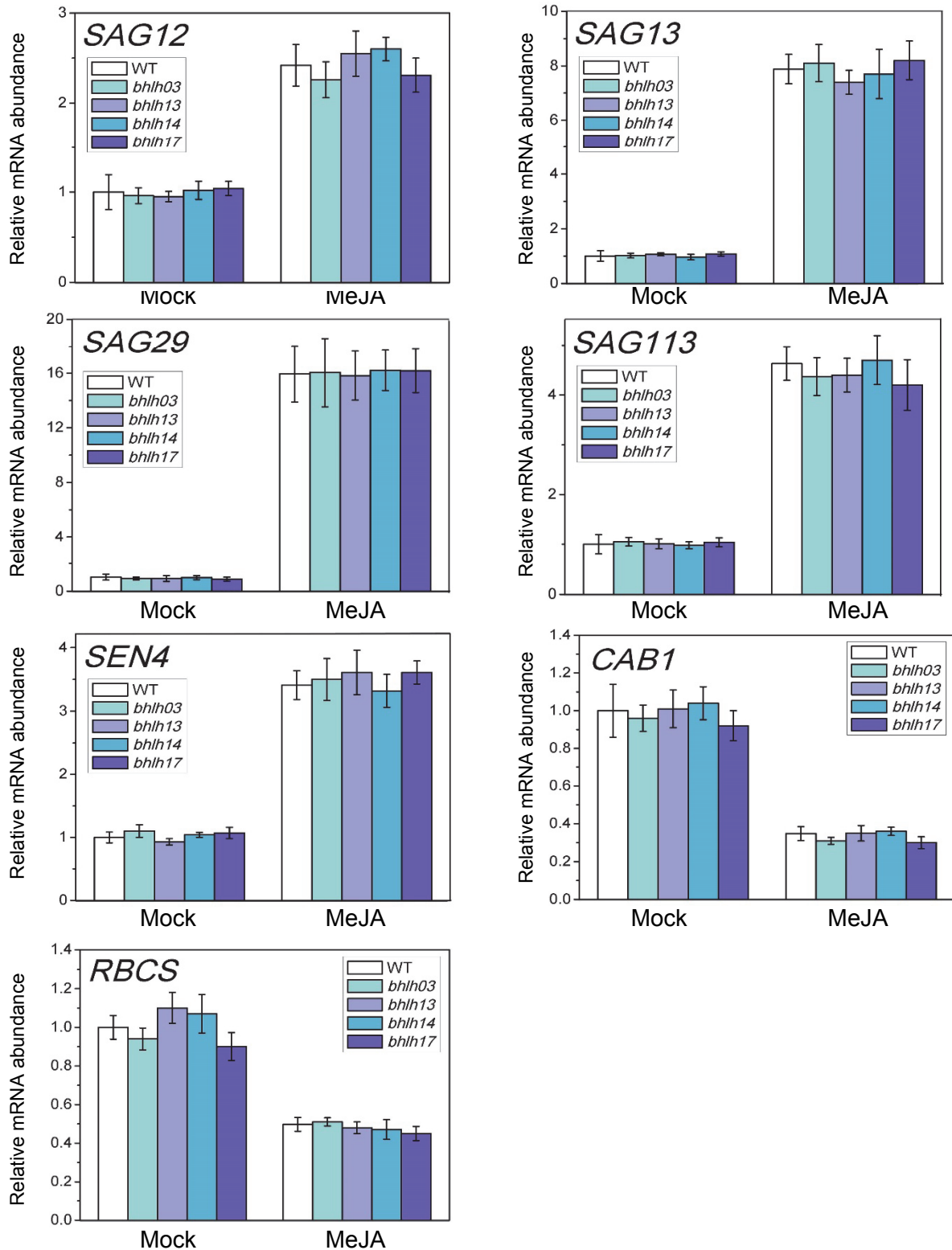
(C) Transient expression assays show that MYC2 activates the SAG29 promoter via the two G-box like motifs G1 and G2. The LUC/REN ratio represents the *LUC* activity relative to the internal control. Data are means (\pm SD) of three biological replicates. Lowercase letters indicate significant differences by one-way ANOVA analysis with SAS software ($P < 0.05$).



Supplemental Figure 3. JA-induced leaf senescence is not obviously altered in the *bhlh03*, *bhlh13*, *bhlh14*, and *bhlh17* single mutants.

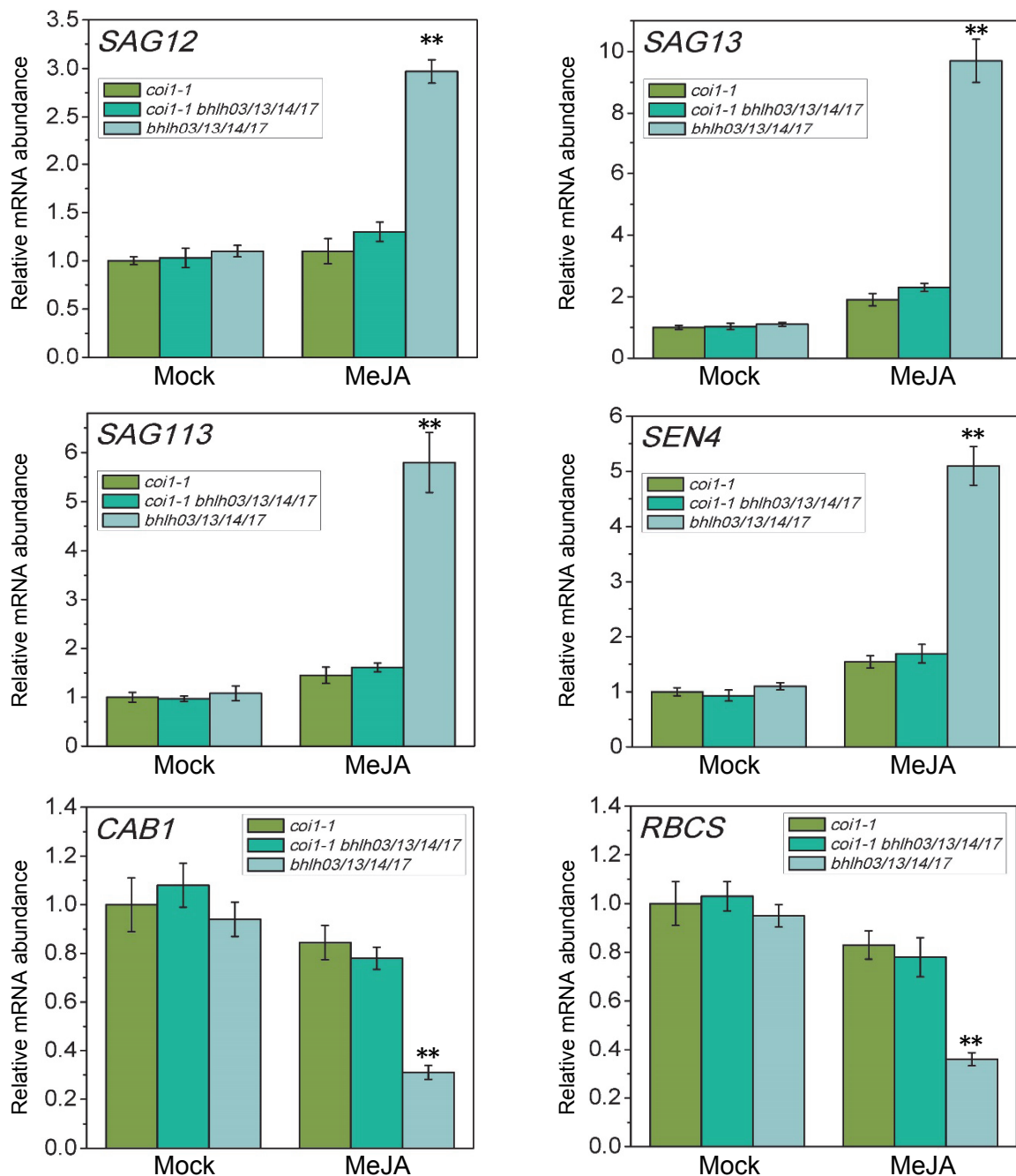
(A) The senescence phenotype of the leaves detached from Col-0 and the single mutants *bhlh03*, *bhlh13*, *bhlh14*, *bhlh17*, and treated with mock or 100 μ M MeJA in the dark for 5 days.

(B-D) Chlorophyll content (B), photochemical efficiency (Fv/Fm) (C) and ion leakage (D) of the detached leaves with the same treatment as shown in (A). The maximum value of the chlorophyll contents in (B) is 2.01 mg/g FW. Data are means (\pm SD) of three independent biological repeats.



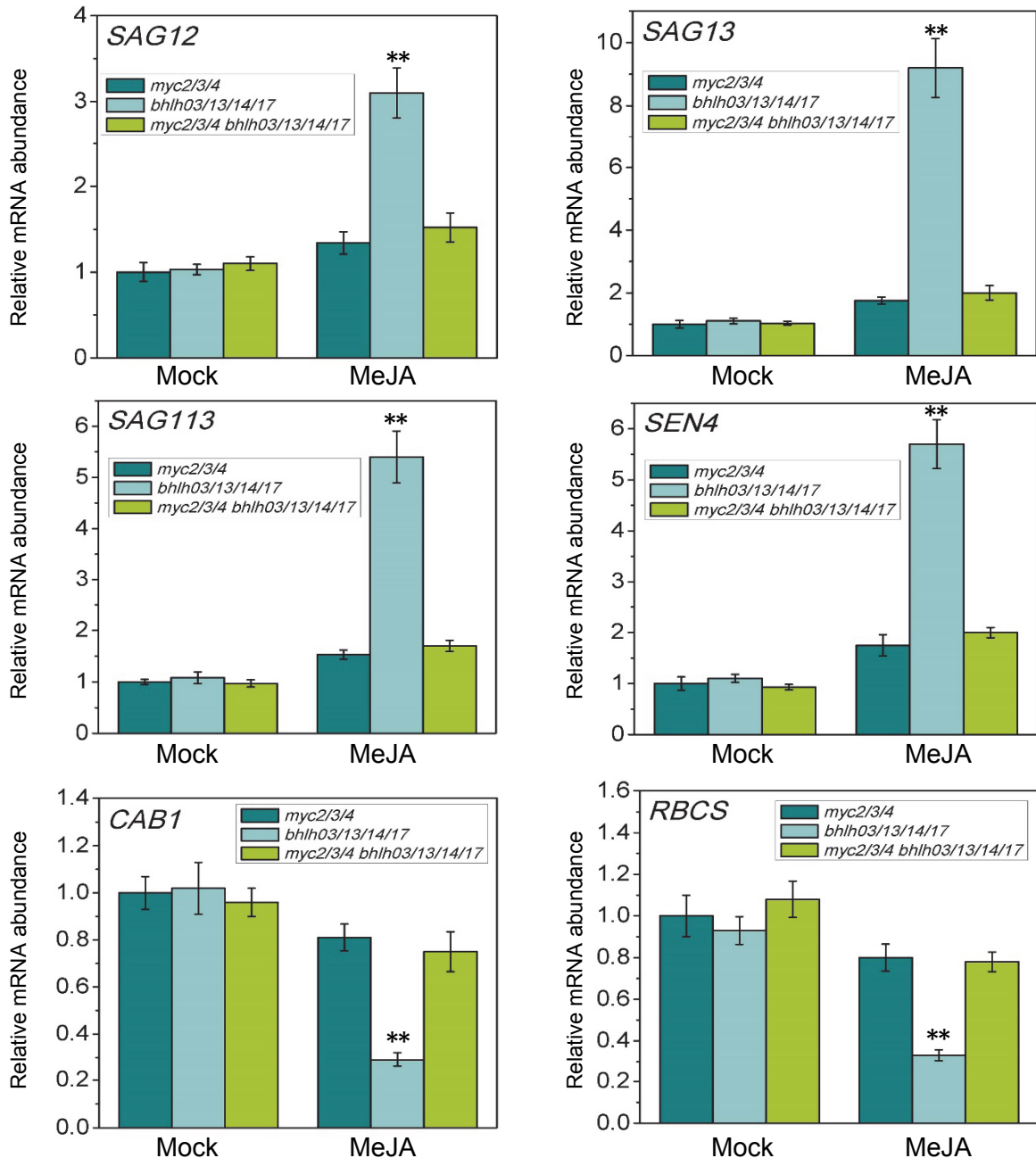
Supplemental Figure 4. Mutation of single lld bHLHs does not alter the expression of senescence-related genes.

Quantitative real-time PCR analysis for senescence-associated genes (*SAG12*, *SAG13*, *SAG29*, *SAG113*, *SEN4*) and photosynthetic genes (*CAB1* and *RBCS*) of the detached leaves from three-week-old seedlings of Col-0 and the single mutants *bhlh03*, *bhlh13*, *bhlh14*, *bhlh17* treated without (Mock) or with 100 μ M MeJA in the dark for 5 days. Y-axis shows the relative mRNA abundance of the detected genes. The mRNA abundance of the detected gene in Mock-treated wild-type with *ACTIN8* as the internal control was set to 1. Data are means (\pm SD) of three independent biological repeats.



Supplemental Figure 5. Mutation of the IIIc bHLHs could not recover the expression of Senescence-related Genes in *coi1-1*.

Quantitative real-time PCR analysis for senescence-associated genes (*SAG12*, *SAG13*, *SAG113*, *SEN4*) and photosynthetic genes (*CAB1* and *RBCS*) of the detached leaves from three-week-old *Arabidopsis coi1-1*, *bhlh03 bhlh13 bhlh14 bhlh17* (*bhlh03/13/14/17*) and *coi1-1 bhlh03 bhlh13 bhlh14 bhlh17* (*coi1-1 bhlh03/13/14/17*) treated without (Mock) or with 100 μ M MeJA in the dark for 5 days. Y-axis shows the relative mRNA abundance of the detected genes. The mRNA abundance of the detected gene in Mock-treated wild-type with *ACTIN8* as the internal control was set to 1. Data are means (\pm SD) of three biological repeats. Asterisks represent Student's *t*-test significance compared with *coi1-1* (** P<0.01).



Supplemental Figure 6. Loss of the lld bHLH factors is unable to accelerate the JA-regulated expression of senescence-related genes in the *myc2*'a *yc3*'a *yc4* triple mutants.

Quantitative real-time PCR analysis for senescence-associated genes (*SAG12*, *SAG13*, *SAG113*, *SEN4*) and photosynthetic genes (*CAB1* and *RBCS*) of the detached leaves from 3-week old Arabidopsis *myc2 myc3 myc4* (*myc2/3/4*), *bhlh03 bhlh13 bhlh14 bhlh17* (*bhlh03/13/14/17*) and *myc2 myc3 myc4 bhlh03 bhlh13 bhlh14 bhlh17* (*myc2/3/4 bhlh03/13/14/17*) treated without (Mock) or with 100 μ M MeJA in dark for 5 days. Y-axis means the relative mRNA abundance of the detected genes. The mRNA abundance of the detected gene in Mock-treated wild-type with *ACTIN8* as the internal control was set to 1. Data are means (\pm SD) of three independent biological repeats. Asterisks represent Student's *t*-test significance compared with *myc2 myc3 myc4* (** P<0.01).

Supplemental Table 1. Primers Used for Vector Construction.

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SAG29pro-pGreenII 0800-LUC (G1 mutation)	Forward	gtacaaggaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaatacctctag acaagagttag
SAG29pro-pGreenII 0800-LUC (G1 mutation)	Reverse	tttttttttttctctgtacaaaaagaaaacgtaac
SAG29pro-pGreenII 0800-LUC (G2 mutation)	Forward	gtttaatctagccatcaaaaaatatttctagctatg ttag
SAG29pro-pGreenII 0800-LUC(G2 mutation)	Reverse	ttttttgatggctagattaaccaacacatttatag
JAZ1-pGreenII 62-SK	Forward-SacI	atcgagctcatgtcgagttctatggaatg
JAZ1-pGreenII 62-SK	Reverse-SalI	agagtcgactcatatttcagctgctaaac
JAZ3-pGreenII 62-SK	Forward-SacI	atcGAGCTCatggagagagattttctcg
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Overexpression		
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bHLH17 Overexpression	Forward-Sall	acgcgtcgacatgaatatgagtgattagg
bHLH17 Overexpression	Reverse-Spel	cggactagtttatatatacaccagagacctg

Supplemental Table 2. Primers Used for Quantitative Real-time PCR Analysis and ChIP PCR.

SAG12-Realtime PCR	Forward	atccaaaagcaacttctattacagg
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SAG29-Realtime PCR	Forward	gccaccagggagaaaagg
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SAG113-Realtime PCR	Reverse	aagctacgcgccattgac
SEN4-Realtime PCR	Forward	aaggtgacaaagagcaacaattc
SEN4-Realtime PCR	Reverse	ctctctaatgggtgtgtcatcg
CAB1-Realtime PCR	Forward	gcaaggaaccgtgaactagaa
CAB1-Realtime PCR	Reverse	tccgaacttgactccgtttc
RBCS-Realtime PCR	Forward	cgctccttcaacggactta
RBCS-Realtime PCR	Reverse	agtaatgctgtttagccttgc

Actin8-Realtime PCR	Forward	tcagcactttccagcagatg
Actin8-Realtime PCR	Reverse	ctgtggacaatgcctggac
MYC2-Realtime PCR	Forward	tccgagtccggttcattct
MYC2-Realtime PCR	Reverse	tctcgggagaaagtgttattgaa
MYC3-Realtime PCR	Forward	aggttgggatgtgatgatacg
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bHLH14-Realtime PCR	Forward	cctcttctttgctctcttttacaca
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bHLH17-Realtime PCR	Forward	cagagaaaagaccagtgagcttg
bHLH17-Realtime PCR	Reverse	gtctcttctcatcaacaacagaaacta
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SAG29pro-ChIP	P2 (Reverse)	ccaagtaggaatgaaaccattcac
SAG29pro-ChIP	P3 (Forward)	gaacggcgtcaattttctgcaaag
SAG29pro-ChIP	P4 (Reverse)	gggggtgggactggtttcac
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