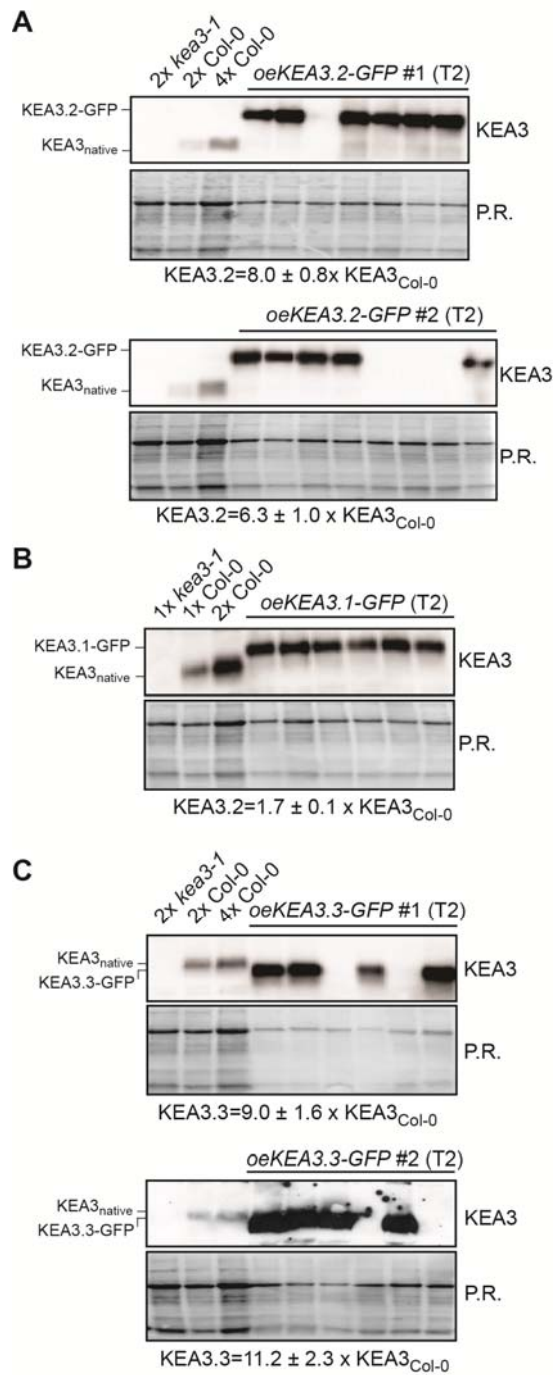
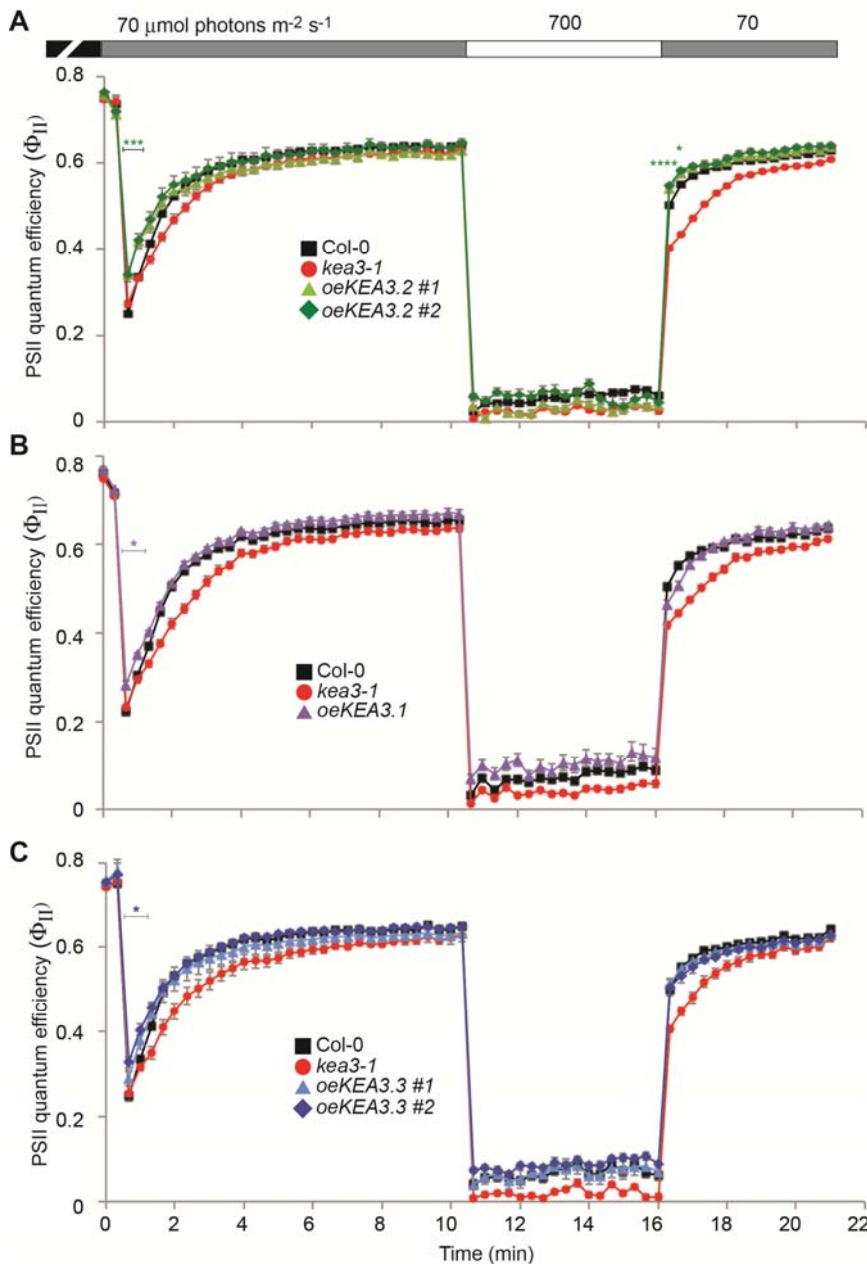


**Figure S1**



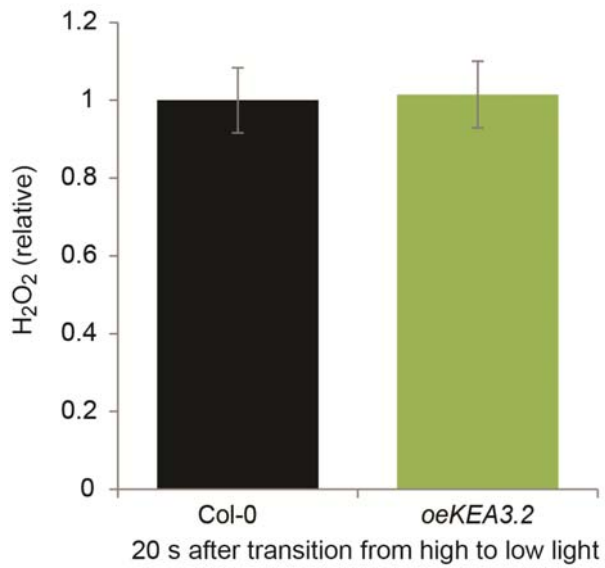
**Fig. S1:** Segregation analysis and quantification of KEA3 levels in overexpressing lines. Leaves of segregating overexpression lines of *KEA3.2-GFP* (*oeKEA3.2*) (A), *KEA3.1-GFP* (*oeKEA3.1*) (B) and *KEA3.3-GFP* (*oeKEA3.3*) (C) in the *kea3-1* background (T2 generation) were analyzed for presence and levels of KEA3 by immunoblot analysis. The average protein level of a line was calculated from the specific KEA3 signal of plants that expressed KEA3 proteins normalized to their Ponceau Red (P.R.) signal. Plants overexpressing the *KEA3* constructs were then analyzed to generate Fig. 2.

**Figure S2**



**Fig. S2** Overexpression of the different *KEA3* splice forms reveals isoform-specific properties. Full traces of PSII quantum efficiency ( $\Phi_{II}$ ) from experiments shown in Fig 2. In detail chlorophyll fluorescence of detached, dark-acclimated leaves from Col-0, *kea3-1* and *kea3-1* overexpressing *KEA3.2-GFP* (*oeKEA3.2*) (A), *KEA3.1-GFP* (*oeKEA3.1*) (B), and *KEA3.3-GFP* (*oeKEA3.3*) (C) was monitored during alternating low light (70  $\mu\text{mol photons m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ , grey bar), high light (700  $\mu\text{mol photons m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ , white bar) and low light and PSII quantum efficiency was calculated. Asterisks indicate where PSII quantum efficiency is significantly higher in all measured lines of one construct as compared to Col-0 (\* $0.01 < P < 0.05$ , \*\*\* $0.001 < P < 0.005$ , \*\*\*\* $P < 0.001$ , one-way ANOVA with Tukey's *post hoc* test). Error bars represent SEM (n=4-6).

**Figure S3**



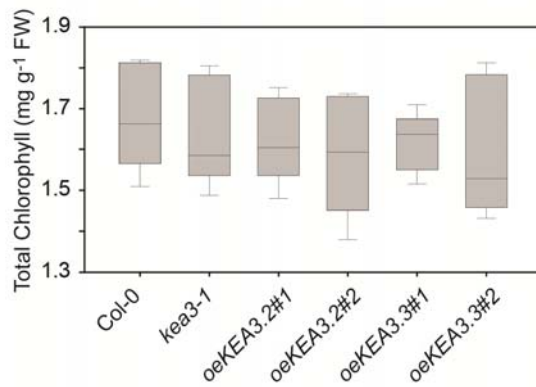
**Fig. S3** The Mehler reaction product H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> is not significantly higher in *oeKEA3.2* after shift from high to low light, when  $\Phi_{II}$  is increased. Leaf H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> content was determined using the Amplex Red assay and expressed as resorufin fluorescence against a standard curve. Results were normalized to chlorophyll. Data are expressed relative to the WT average. Error bars represent SEM (n=6).

**Figure S4**

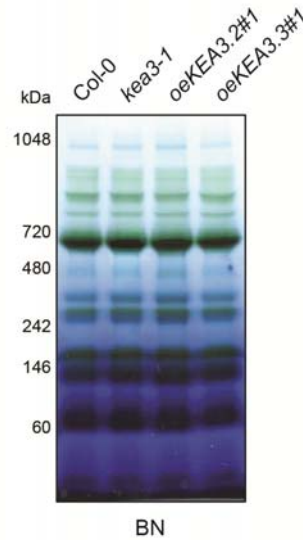
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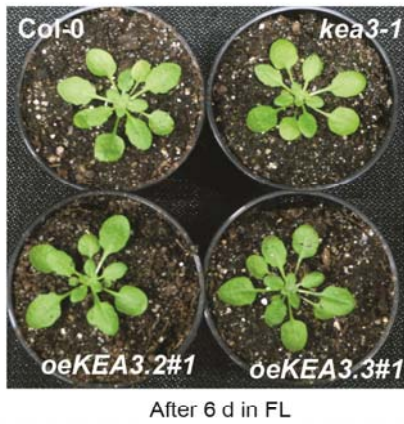
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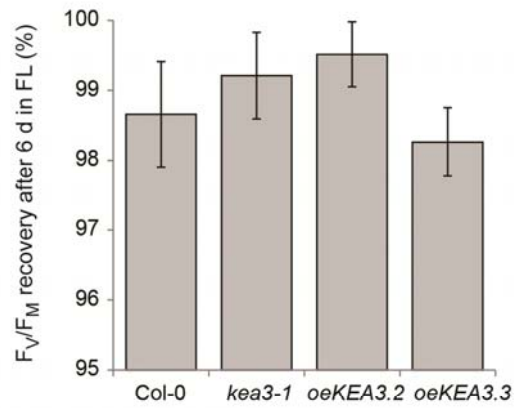
**Fig. S4** Growth, pigmentation and levels of photosynthetic complexes appear unchanged in *oeKEA3.2* and *oeKEA3.3* grown in low light. (A) 35-day old Col-0, *kea3-1*, *oeKEA3.2* and *oeKEA3.3* plants were imaged (*oeKEA3.2#2* showed delayed germination). (B) Chlorophyll content was determined (error bars represent SEM, n=6). (C) Thylakoids were isolated, complexes were solubilized with 0.7 % n-dodecyl- $\beta$ -D-maltoside and proteins were separated by Blue-native (BN)-PAGE.

**Figure S5**

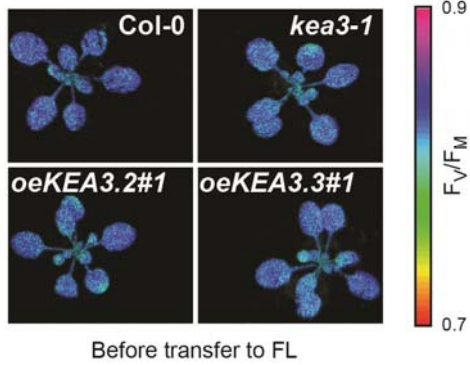
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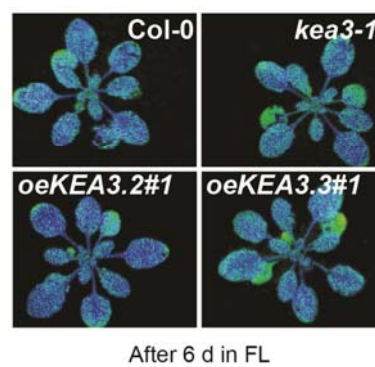
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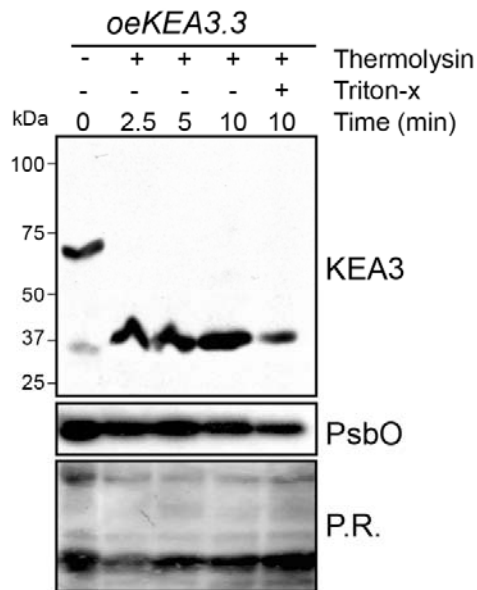
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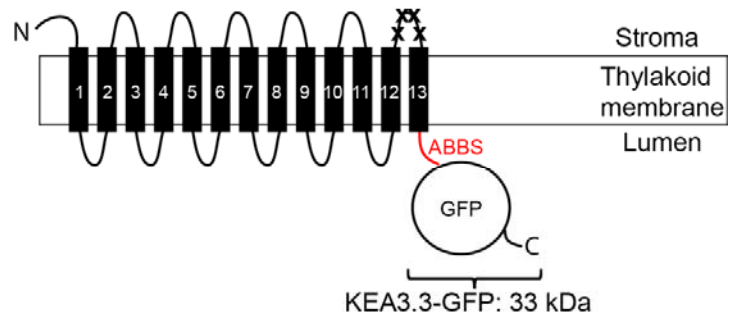
**Fig. S5** Analyses of growth and photosynthetic efficiency in fluctuating light (FL). (A) 5-week-old Col-0, *kea3-1*, *oeKEA3.2#1* and *oeKEA3.3#1* after shift to fluctuating high and low light conditions for six days (1 min 900  $\mu\text{mol photons m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ , 5 min 90  $\mu\text{mol photons m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ ). (B)  $F_v/F_m$  recovery of plants shifted from 150  $\mu\text{mol photons m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$  to fluctuating light after six days as compared to before the treatment. (C,D) False color images representing  $F_v/F_m$  values of Col-0, *kea3-1*, *oeKEA3.2* and *oeKEA3.3* before (C) and six days after the shift to FL.

**Figure S6**

**A**

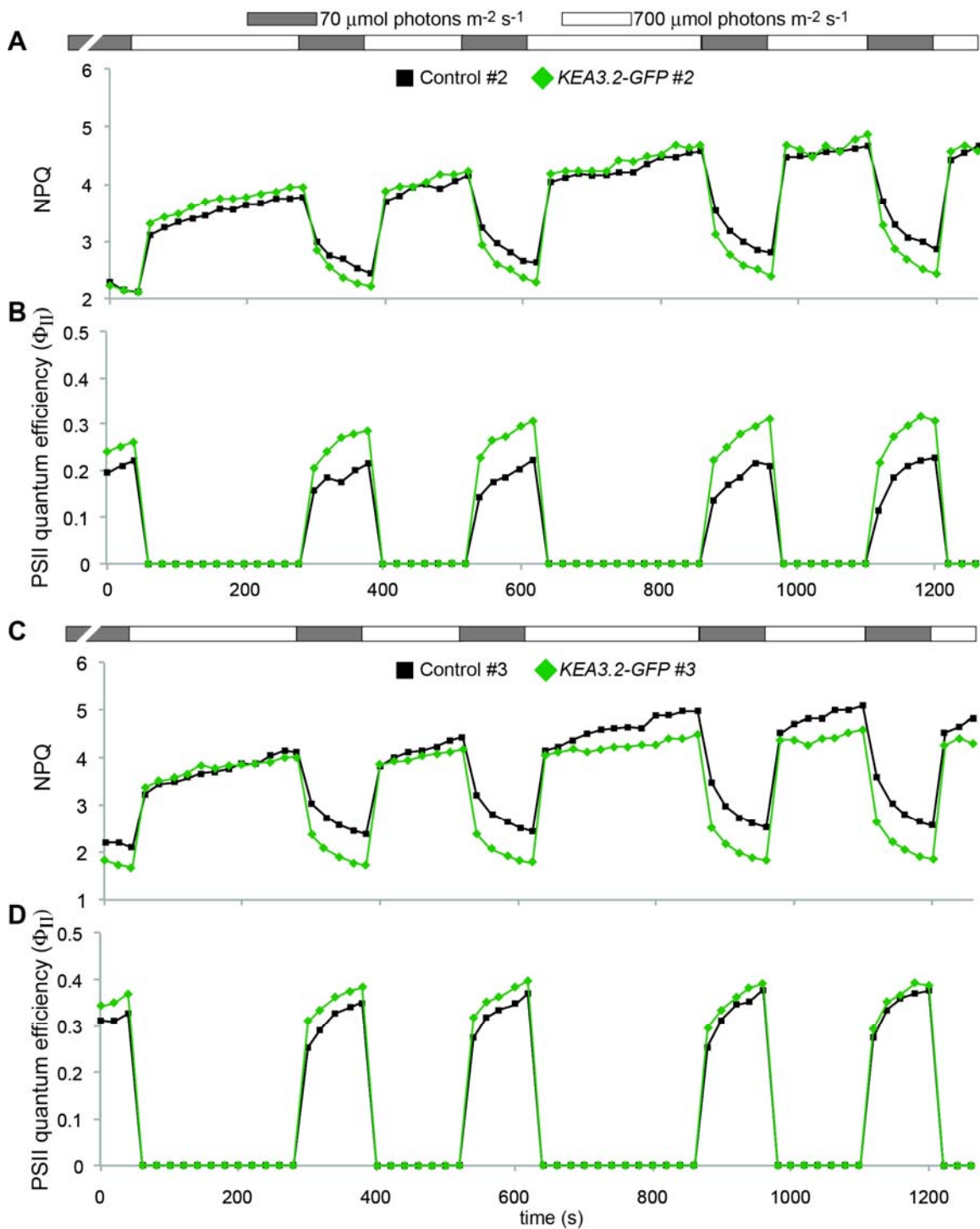


**B**



**Fig. S6** The C-terminus of KEA3.3 is localized in the thylakoid lumen. (A) Intact thylakoids of *oeKEA3.3* were treated with thermolysin in the absence and presence of Triton-X. Aliquots were removed at the specified time points, separated by SDS-PAGE and immunodetection of KEA3 and PsbO was performed. Prior to immunodetection, membranes were stained with Ponceau Red (P.R.). (B) Schematic overview of the KEA3 topology resulting from the thermolysin treatment. The antibody binding site (ABBS, red, containing 5 thermolysin sites) present in the C-terminus is protected from thermolysin treatment. Crosses mark stroma-accessible thermolysin sites close to the antibody-binding site.

**Figure S7**



**Fig. S7:** Overexpression of *KEA3.2* in tobacco enhances photosynthetic yield in fluctuating light. (A-D) Chlorophyll fluorescence of tobacco leaves transformed with either *KEA3.2-GFP* or *GFP* fused to the *KEA3* antibody-binding site coding sequence at its N-terminus (control) was monitored under fluctuating high light (1000  $\mu\text{mol photons m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ , white bar) and low light (70  $\mu\text{mol photons m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ , grey bar) and NPQ (A,C) and PSII quantum efficiency (B,D) were calculated. Traces are from independent experiments.

## Figure S8

### A

		Nucleotide binding domain	
		GXGXXG	
TRKA (Vp)	1	MKIIII	GAGQVGGT
KEA3.2 (At)	526	-SIVII	GFGQMGQVLANFLSTPLVSDSDLVGWPYIGFDLNP
KEA3.1 (At)	526	-SIVII	GFGQMGQVLANFLSTPLVSDSDLVGWPYIGFDLNP
KEA2 (At)	987	-HIIIC	GFGRIGQIIAQLLSERL
KefC (Ec)	401	-RVIIA	GFGRFGQITC
			*
TRKA (Vp)	53	SHPDV	LHEAGAQQDADMLVAVTNTDET
KEA3.2 (At)	585	SRPSV	LQSAGVSSPKAIMIMYKGGKRTTEAVQRLRLAFPGSP
KEA3.1 (At)	585	SRPSV	LQSAGVSSPKAIMIMYKGGKRTTEAVQRLRLAFPGVLS
KEA2 (At)	1038	GSREV	LHKIGADRACAAAIALDTPGAN
KefC (Ec)	452	TRMDI	LESAGAAKAEVLIINAIDDPQTNLQLTEMVKEHFPHLOI
TRKA (Vp)	113	KSGAI	PVDHLIAPPEELVTSYIERLIQYPCALQVVSFAEQK
KEA3.2 (At)	641	KAGAT	DA---I-LEN-----AETSLQLGSKLLTGFGV
KEA3.1 (At)			-----
KEA2 (At)	1094	KAGAT	AV---VVPET-----LEPSLQLAAAVLAQAKL
KefC (Ec)	508	QAGVE	KP---E-RET-----FEGALKTCRLALESGL
			*
TRKA (Vp)	173	ALREH	MPHIDIRVAAIRFQGRPIRPOGTTI
KEA3.2 (At)	669	-----	MSDLVSFLSKVFRDSMEIQAQEEITAS
KEA3.1 (At)			-----
KEA2 (At)	1123	-----	PT---SEIATTINEF-RSRHSELAELCEA
KefC (Ec)	536	-----	GPYERARERADVFRRF-NIQMVEEMAMV
			*

### B

KefC (Ec)	259	HA	ESDIEP
KEA3 (At)	379	TQ	EADIRP
			* * *

**Fig. S8:** Alignments of KTN domains and transmembrane gating structures. (A) KTN domains of KEA3.1, KEA3.2 and KEA2 from *Arabidopsis* (At), KefC from *E.coli* (Ec) and TrkA from *V. parahaemolyticus* (Vp) were aligned using ClustalOmega and shaded according to similarity with the box-shade server. The GXGXXG marks the Rossmann fold nucleotide binding domain. Amino acids that confer glutathione binding to the KefC KTN domain are marked in red and by asterisks. (B) The transmembrane gating structure of KefC was aligned with the homologous region of KEA3. Asterisks indicate the three acidic amino acid residues of KefC, which are critical for interaction of this structure with the KTN domain (Ness and Booth 1999; Roosild et al. 2002).