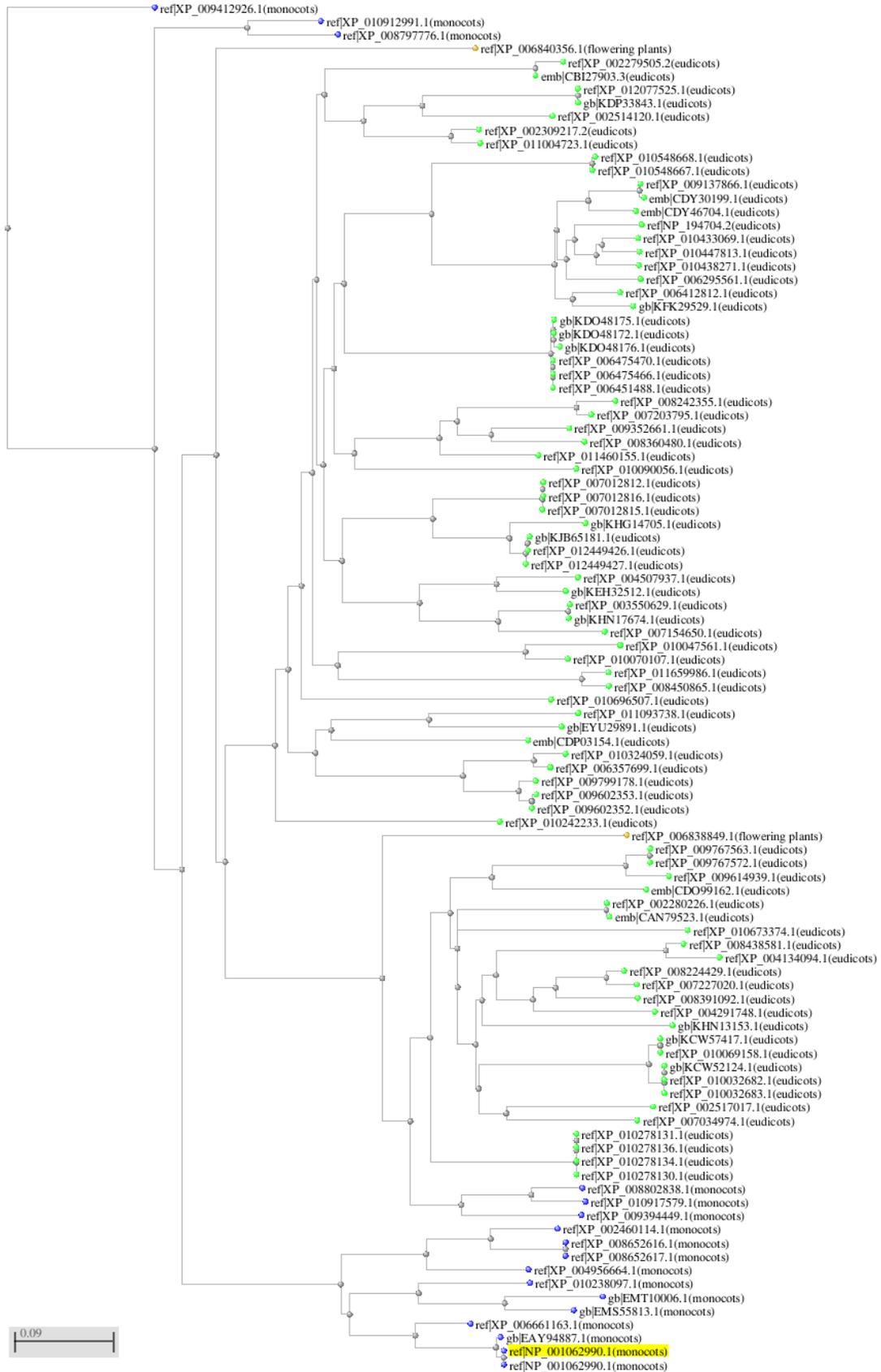


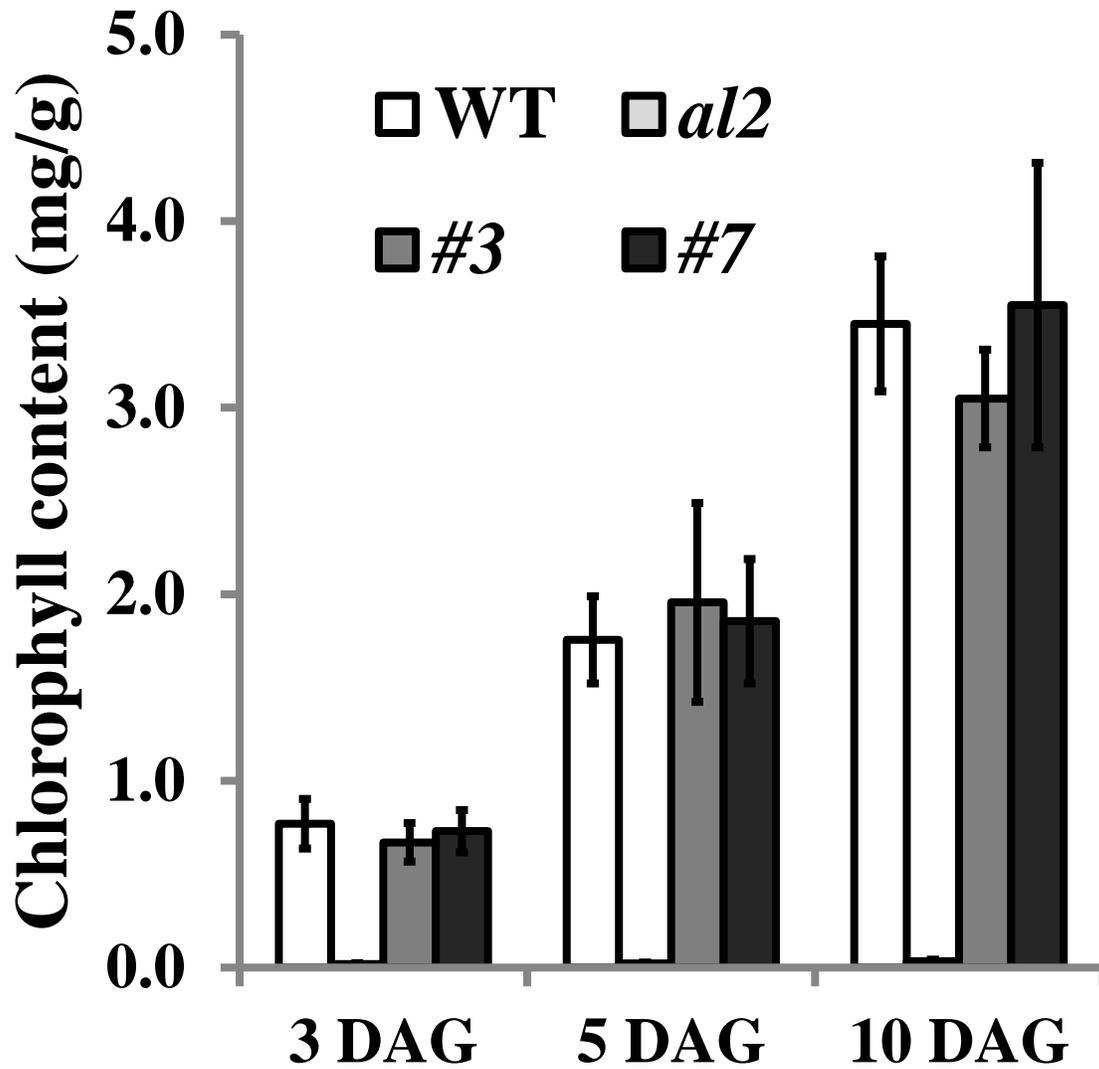
Supplemental Table S1. Primers used in this study.

| | Name | Sequence of Primers (5'-3') | Annotation/vector |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|--|---|
| Flanking of T-DNA | C1 | 5'-TggCgTAATAgCgAAgAggCC-3' | T-DNA right border primer#1 for inverse PCR |
| | H1 | 5'-AATAACAgAgTCTAgCACCTCg-3' | T-DNA left border primer#2 for inverse PCR |
| | C2 | 5'-AATggCgAATgCTAgAgC-3' | T-DNA right border primer#3 for inverse PCR |
| | H2 | 5'-CTACCCAATCTTTTgTgC-3' | T-DNA left border primer#4 for inverse PCR |
| | F1 | 5'-ACCAgATgCggAgTTACTTCA-3' | flanking of T-DNA |
| | R1 | 5'-TCCTCAggTTCTCTTCATCC-3' | with 5TF1 for test flanking of T-DNA |
| | 5TR1 | 5'-TCgTCCgAgggCAAAGAAATAgA-3' | T-DNA right border |
| | 5TF1 | 5'-gCACCGATCgCCCTTCCCAACA-3' | T-DNA left border |
| | Antisense | anti-f | 5'-ggCCggATCCCAATTggTTTCTgACgAgg-3' |
| anti-r | | 5'-ggCCgTCgACCCACAATgAgCTgAgTgACCC-3' | |
| Promoter | pro-f | 5'-TTgCATgCCTgCAGggTgggAATTCgCTTggAT-3' | P1300GUSnos |
| | pro-r | 5'-ggggatcctctagaggAgAggAgCTCCgATgAgAgA-3' | |
| Complementation | Comp-f | 5'-ggCCAAgCTTgTgATTTTgAACCCggTTTTATCT-3' | pCAMBIA 1301 |
| | Comp-r | 5'-ggCCggTACCAATCgCgCTCTCAgCTTTgA-3' | |
| qRT-PCR | 410q-f1 | 5'-CCATgTTTCTTCAggTggTg-3' | |
| | 410q-r1 | 5'-CACTCAATCgCagCATTCT-3' | |
| | 410q-f2 | 5'-ggACTgAATCgCTCagCATA-3' | |
| | 410q-r2 | 5'-AAgCAAgTCagCATCCACAg-3' | |
| | OsHAP3A-f | 5'-TCTgTTAAggAAgAACCCAC-3' | |
| | OsHAP3A-r | 5'-TAgATTTgTgCCACCTgATA-3' | |
| | OsHAP3B-f | 5'-AACTgCAAaggCTggTgATggCTCT-3' | |
| | OsHAP3B-r | 5'-TACATCTgAgAAgCagCCTTggCTC-3' | |
| | OsHAP3C-f | 5'-ggTCAATgggCACgCTCggATTCg-3' | |
| | OsHAP3C-r | 5'-ggAACTTTAgAAgCATCCTgCTTAC-3' | |
| | OsPPR1-f | 5'-CATTgATTTcAgCTACACTA-3' | |
| | OsPPR1-r | 5'-AgCATTgTCATTCggTCT-3' | |
| | YGL1-f | 5'-TCTTggTgCgAgCTACATTg-3' | |
| | YGL1-r | 5'-gCTTgCCTgAACTgAAAagg-3' | |
| | cab1R-f | 5'-AgATgggTTTAgTgCgACgAg-3' | |
| | cab1R-r | 5'-TTTgggATCgAgggAgTATTT-3' | |
| | HEMA1-f | 5'-CgCTATTTCTgATgCTATgggT-3' | |
| | HEMA1-r | 5'-TCTTgggTgATgATTgTTTgg-3' | |
| | Cao-f | 5'-TCAACCATggCATCTCAAA-3' | |
| | Cao-r | 5'-CgTgATgCTgTCgCTAgTgT-3' | |
| | psaA-f | 5'-TTAgAAATCCgCCAATCCA-3' | |
| | psaA-r | 5'-TgCTAggCTCTACAACCATT-3' | |
| | psaB-f | 5'-gAgCAATATCggTCAgCCACA-3' | |
| | psaB-r | 5'-ACCACTCAAaggAgCgggAAC-3' | |
| | psbA-f | 5'-ACCCTCATTAgCagATTCgT-3' | |
| | psbA-r | 5'-gATTgTATTCCAaggCagAgC-3' | |
| | rps14-f | 5'-TCACTCAAACCTCAAaggTA-3' | |
| | rps14-r | 5'-AAgCggCagAAATTAgaAAC-3' | |
| | atpA-f | 5'-TATCggTCAAAGAgCATC-3' | |
| | atpA-r | 5'-CgTATAaggAgCgAggTA-3' | |
| | petA-f | 5'-TgCCATTTAgCgAATAAgCC-3' | |
| | petA-r | 5'-CCACATTCAACCCTCCCTTT-3' | |
| | rpoB-f | 5'-TggTACATATCCCTTATCTCAA-3' | |
| | rpoB-r | 5'-CTCCAggACCCAAACAACCTC-3' | |
| | rps2-f | 5'-gAgATgATAgAAgCgggAgTT-3' | |
| | rps2-r | 5'-TAACATAATgACAACgAgCC-3' | |
| | psbO-f | 5'-gCTCTACCggCTACgACAAC-3' | |
| | psbO-r | 5'-TgACATCCTTgggCACCTT-3' | |
| | psaD-f | 5'-CCgCTCAAAGTACAAgATCA-3' | |
| | psaD-r | 5'-AAgAgCagCCTgACAgATgA-3' | |
| | psaE-f | 5'-CCgCCAAgCCgCCTCCCATT-3' | |
| | psaE-r | 5'-AgCTCgACgACgATCCATCC-3' | |
| psbP-f | 5'-AAgACAgATTCCgAgggTgg-3' | | |
| psbP-r | 5'-TgATTCgCTAgggATTAAGAg-3' | | |
| Lhcb2-f | 5'-CCCCATCgAgAACCTCTTC-3' | | |
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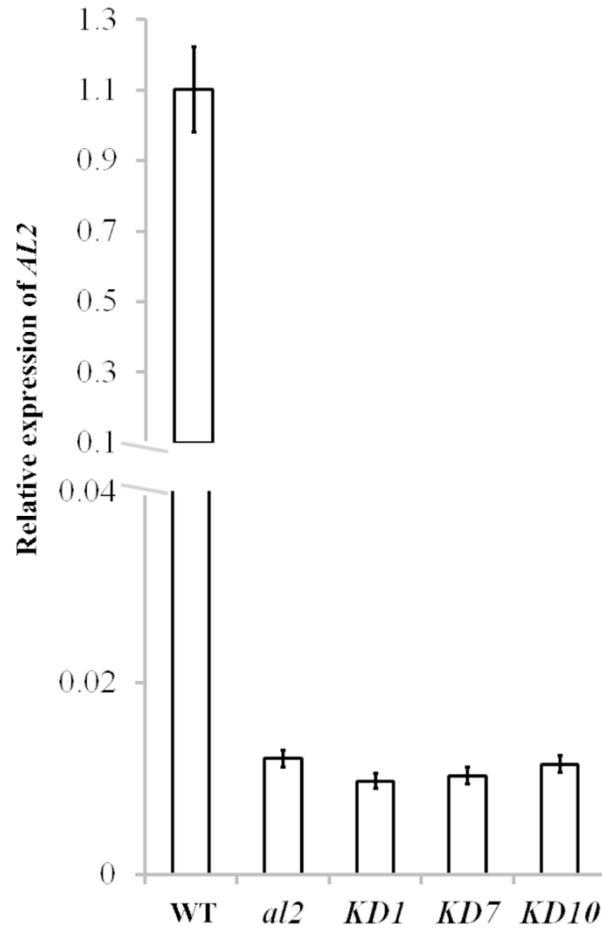
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| | rcbs-r | 5'-CgATgATACggACAAAgg-3' | |
| | actin-f | 5'-AggAaggCTggAAgAggACC-3' | |
| | actin-r | 5'-CgggAAATTgTgAgggACAT-3' | |
| | atpF-F1 | 5'-ggAgTgTgTgCgAgTTgTCT-3' | |
| | atpF-R1 | 5'-TTTCgAgCTgCTCAATggT-3' | |
| | atpF-R2 | 5'-TTCCAAACTAATAgAAgTggCATT-3' | |
| | trnL-F1 | 5'-ATCCTgAgCCAAATCCATgT-3' | |
| | trnL-R1 | 5'-gAgTTCCgCTAgCAACACAA-3' | |
| | ndhA-F1 | 5'-TTCTTATggCaggATATAgCTCA-3' | |
| | ndhA-R1 | 5'-TCAACTgTACTTgAACTgTTggATAA-3' | |
| | ndhB-F1 | 5'-CCCCTTTTCATCAATggACT-3' | |
| | ndhB-R1 | 5'-TgAAgCagCAACTTTCgAAg-3' | |
| | rpl2-F1 | 5'-gggTgggCAATTAgCTAgAg-3' | |
| | rpl2-R1 | 5'-gTggCCgATTTACCTTCTTT-3' | |
| | rpl2-F2 | 5'-AggCAAgTgAAATCCAATCC-3' | |
| | rpl2-R2 | 5'-CCTCTATgCCTTgCggTAAT-3' | |
| | ycf3-F1 | 5'-gCgAATAATTCCgACAACCT-3' | |
| | ycf3-R1 | 5'-gCTTCCgCATAATTCCTTC-3' | |
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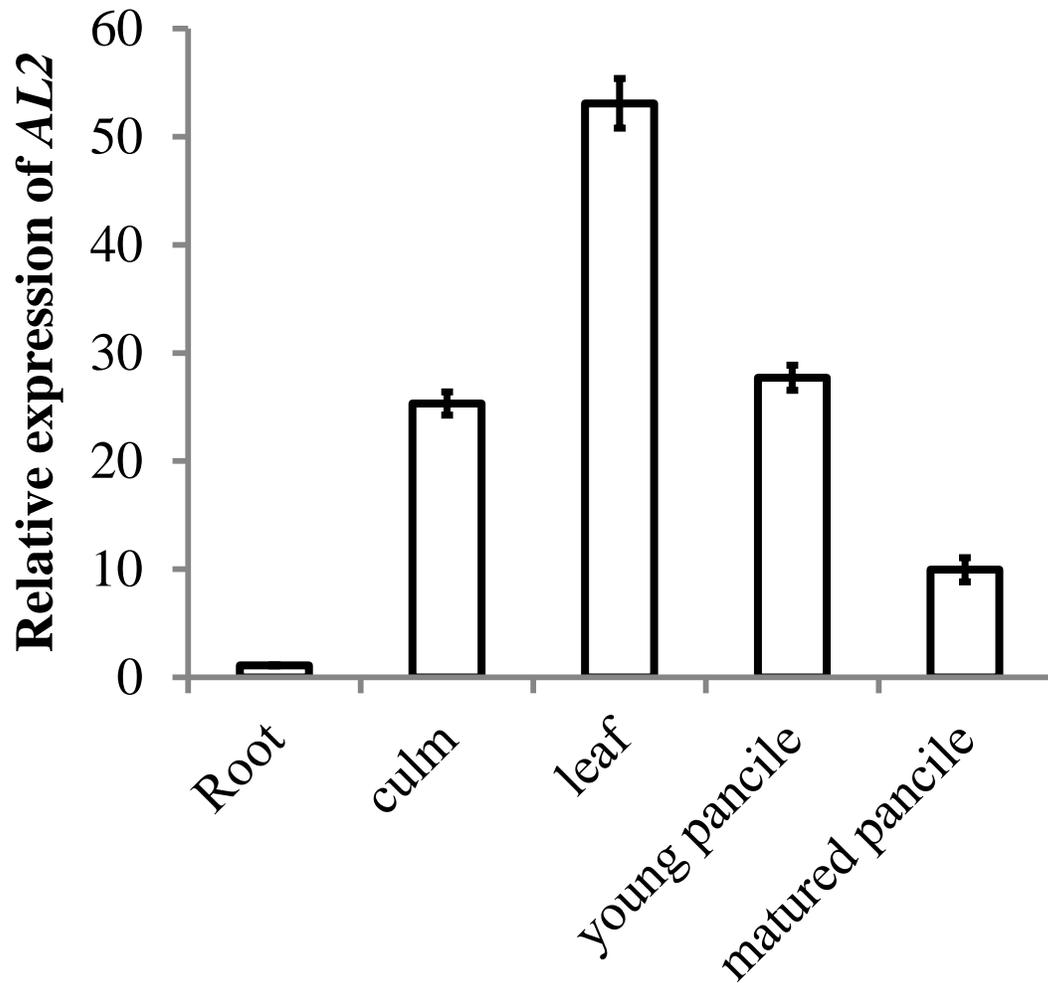
Supplemental Figure S1. Phylogenetic tree of AL2-like proteins among multiple organisms. The AL2 protein sequence (NCBI accession no: NP_001062990.1) was used to do the BLASTp, and all 100 the putative AL2-like proteins were used to generate the phylogenetic tree from the Blast Tree View. GeneBank accession numbers of each AL2 protein and species (monocot or eudicot) are listed in parentheses.



Supplemental Figure S2. Chlorophyll contents of complementation lines. #3 and #7 are the *AL2* complementing lines 3 and 7, respectively. DAG, day after germination. Values are the mean of three biological repeats.



Supplemental Figure S3. Expression pattern of the *AL2* gene in the *AL2*-knock down lines. Relative expression of *AL2* in wild type, *al2*, *AL2* knockdown line 1 (*KD1*), *KD7* and *KD10* was determined by quantitative real time PCR (qRT-PCR). Values are the mean of three biological repeats with the SD.



Supplemental Figure S4. Expression pattern of *AL2* gene in various tissues. Relative expression of *AL2* was determined by quantitative real time PCR (qRT-PCR). The tissues used in this experiment were derived from the heading stage. Values are the mean of three biological repeats with the SD.