

1 **Supplemental Figures**

2 **Supplemental Figure 1.** Phenotypic and molecular characterization of *tws1-1* and *tws1-2* mutant alleles

3 **(A)** Wild-type **(left)**, *tws1-2* **(center)** and *tws1-1* **(right)** 3-week-old bolting plants. Scale bar = 2cm.

4 **(B) to (D)** A wild-type **(B)**, a *tws1-2* **(C)** and a *tws1-1* **(D)** 7-day-old seedling grown *in vitro*.

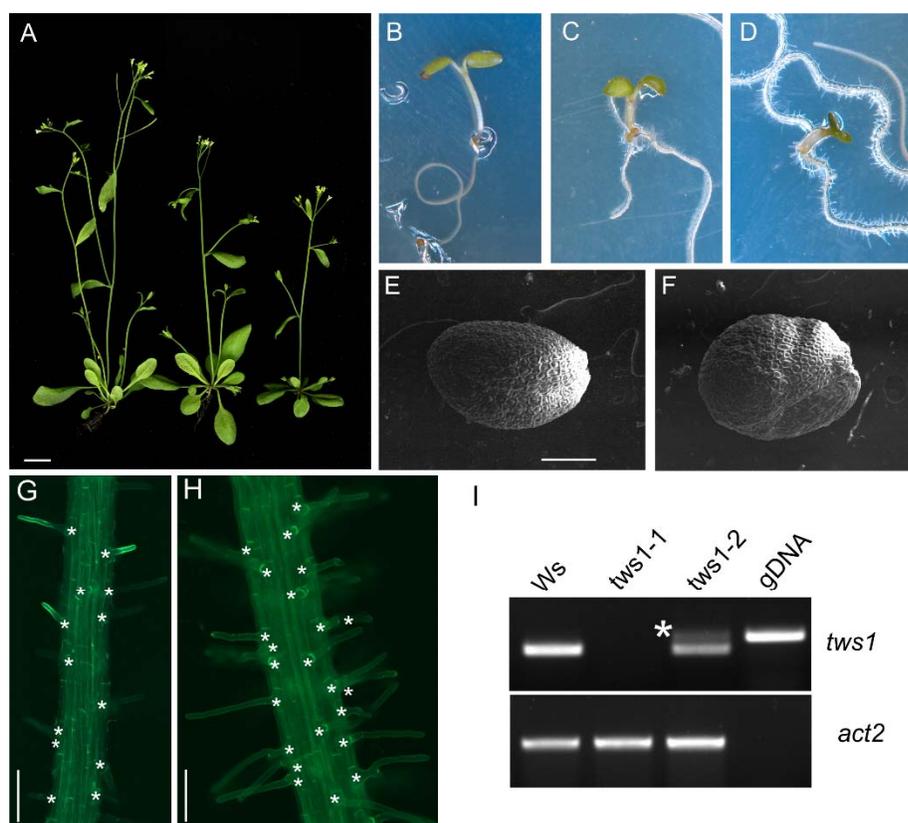
5 **(E) and (F)** SEM images of a wild-type **(E)** and a *tws1-1* **(F)** mature dry seed. Scale bars = 100µm.

6 **(G) and (H)** autofluorescence images of wild-type **(G)** and *tws1-1* **(H)** roots. Stars indicate root hairs base.
7 bars = 40µm.

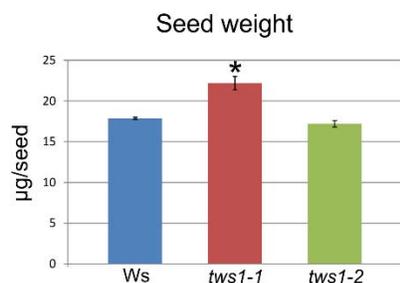
8 **(I)** RT-PCR run with mRNA extracted from seeds. *TWS1* amplification: 30 cycles, *ACT2* amplification: 25

9 cycles. **(J)** Seed weight measurements. * indicates values significantly different from wild-type (n = 6,
10 Student's t test, P < 0.05)

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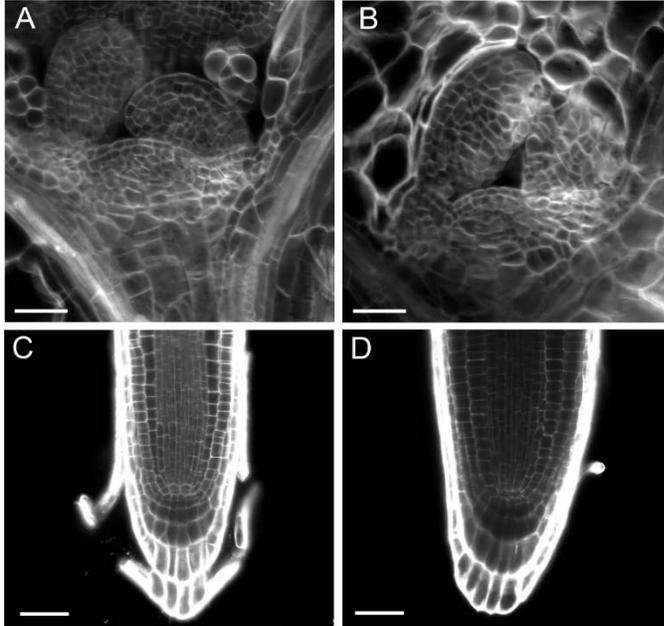


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14 **Supplemental Figure 2.** *tws1-1* shoot and root apical meristem morphology

15 **(A)** Wild-type and **(B)** *tws1-1* confocal microscopy images of propidium iodide stained shoot apical
16 meristems. **(C)** Wild-type and **(D)** confocal microscopy images of propidium iodide stained root apical
17 meristems. Scale bars = 40µm.



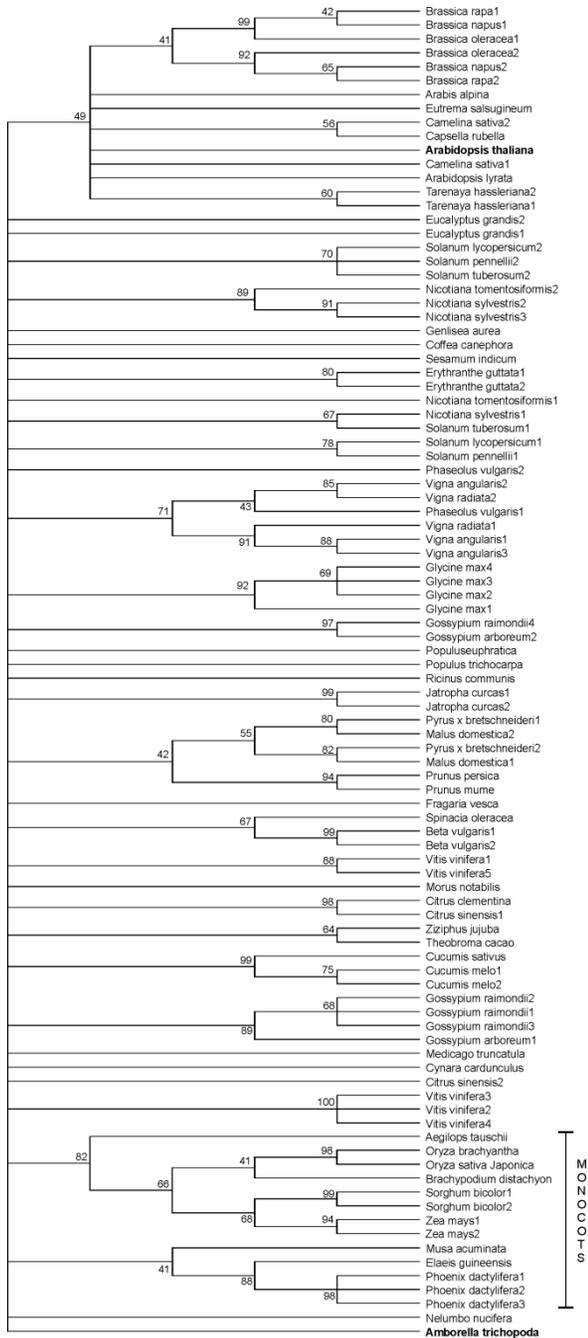
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21 **Supplemental Figure 3.** TWS1 homologs in plants and their evolutionary relationships

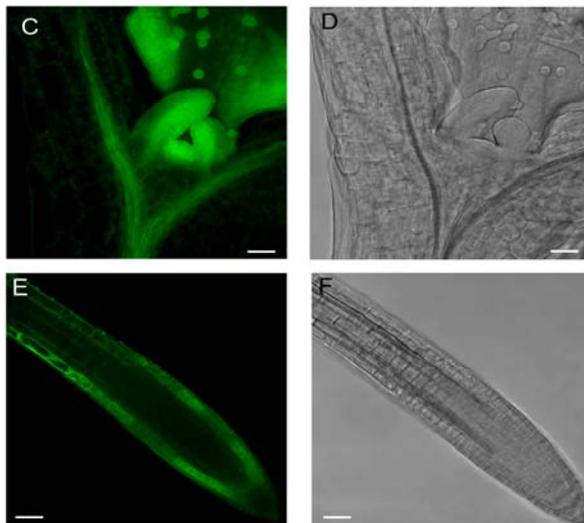
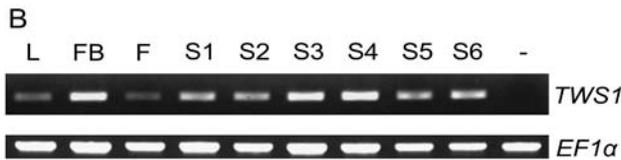
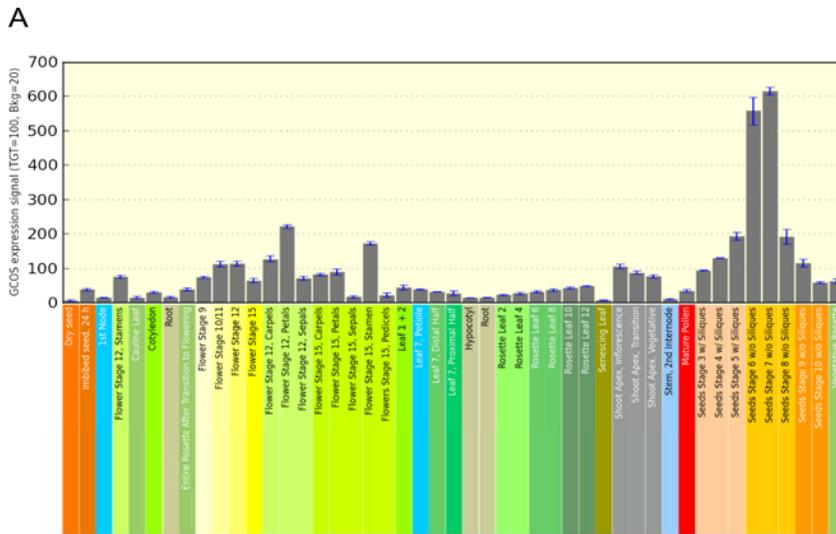
22 The evolutionary history was inferred using the Neighbor-Joining method. The bootstrap consensus tree
 23 inferred from 500 replicates is taken to represent the evolutionary history of the taxa analyzed. Branches
 24 corresponding to partitions reproduced in less than 50% bootstrap replicates are collapsed. The
 25 evolutionary distances were computed using the Poisson correction method and are in the units of the
 26 number of amino acid substitutions per site. The analysis involved 96 amino acid sequences. All positions
 27 containing gaps and missing data were eliminated. There were a total of 40 positions in the final dataset.
 28 Evolutionary analyses were conducted in MEGA7 (Kumar et al., 2016).



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30 **Supplemental Figure 4. *TWS1* expression**

31 **(A)** Expression profiling of *At5g01075* during *Arabidopsis* development ([http://bar.utoronto.ca/efp/cgi-](http://bar.utoronto.ca/efp/cgi-bin/efpWeb.cgi)
 32 [bin/efpWeb.cgi](http://bar.utoronto.ca/efp/cgi-bin/efpWeb.cgi)). **(B)** RT-PCR analysis performed on RNA extracts from different tissues fully expanded
 33 vegetative leaves (L), flower buds (FB), open flowers (F), and siliques containing embryos at different
 34 stages of development; early globular (S1), globular (S2), heart (S3) torpedo (S4) walking stick (S5) and
 35 mature (S6). **(C)** to **(F)** confocal microscopy images of transgenic plants expressing the *uidA-GFP* chimeric
 36 gene under the control of *TWS1* promoter. **(C)** GFP signal in the shoot apical meristem region of 7-day-
 37 old seedlings and **(D)** the corresponding bright field image. **(E)** GFP signal in the root tip of 7-day-old
 38 seedlings and **(F)** the corresponding bright field image. Scale bars = 40µm.



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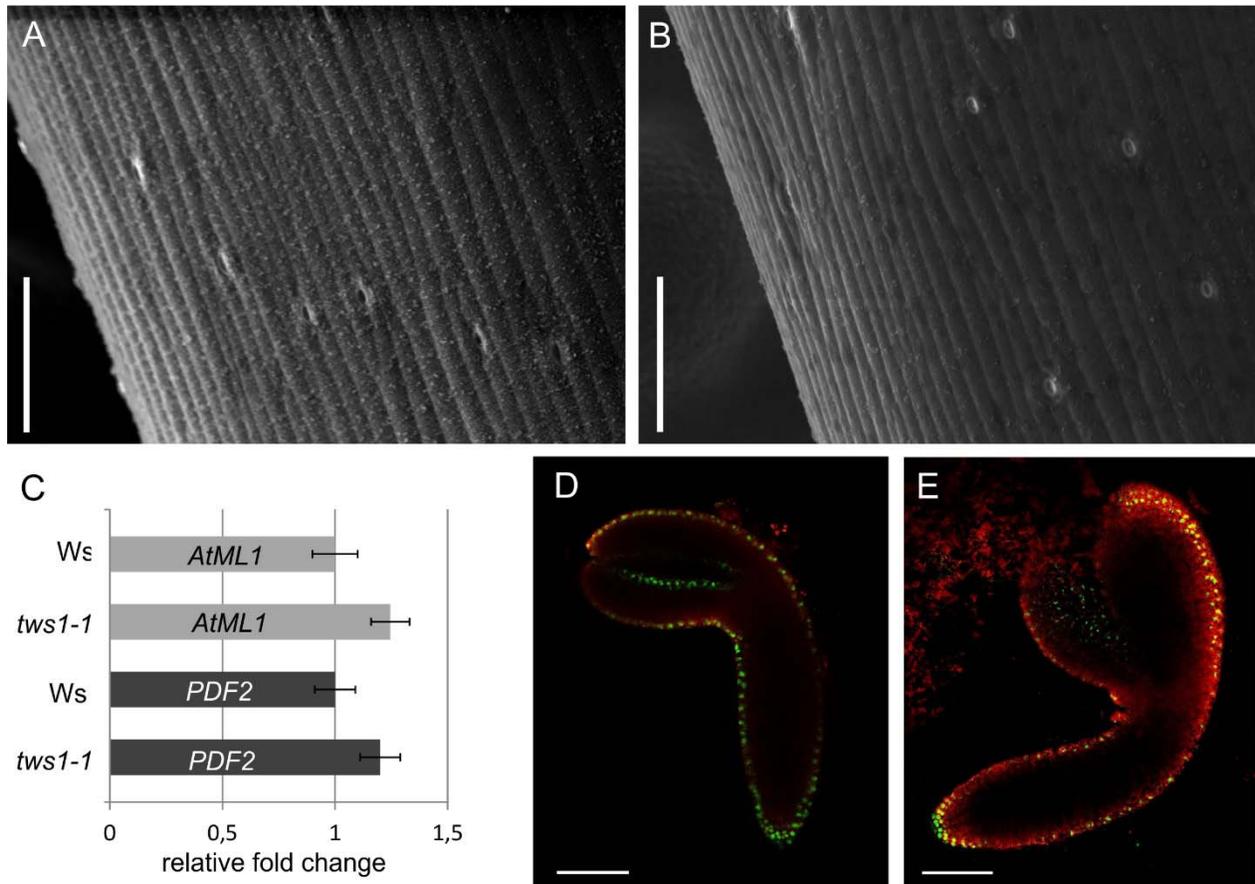
41 **Supplemental Figure 5.** Stem cuticle deposition defects and L1 markers analysis in *tws1-1*

42 SEM images of a wild-type **(A)** and a *tws1-1* **(B)** inflorescence stems. Scale bars = 100 μ m.

43 **(C)** *TWS1* mRNA accumulation in siliques of wild-type (WS) and *tws1-1* plants determined by real-time
44 quantitative RT-PCR. Graph values are means of three biological replicates \pm SE. The experimental values
45 do not show statistically significant difference (Student's t test) between wild-type and mutant.

46 **(D)** and **(E)** confocal images showing *proATML1::NLS:3xGFP* signal in wild-type **(D)** and *tws1-1* **(E)** walking
47 stick embryos. Green: GFP; red: autofluorescence. Scale bars = 100 μ m.

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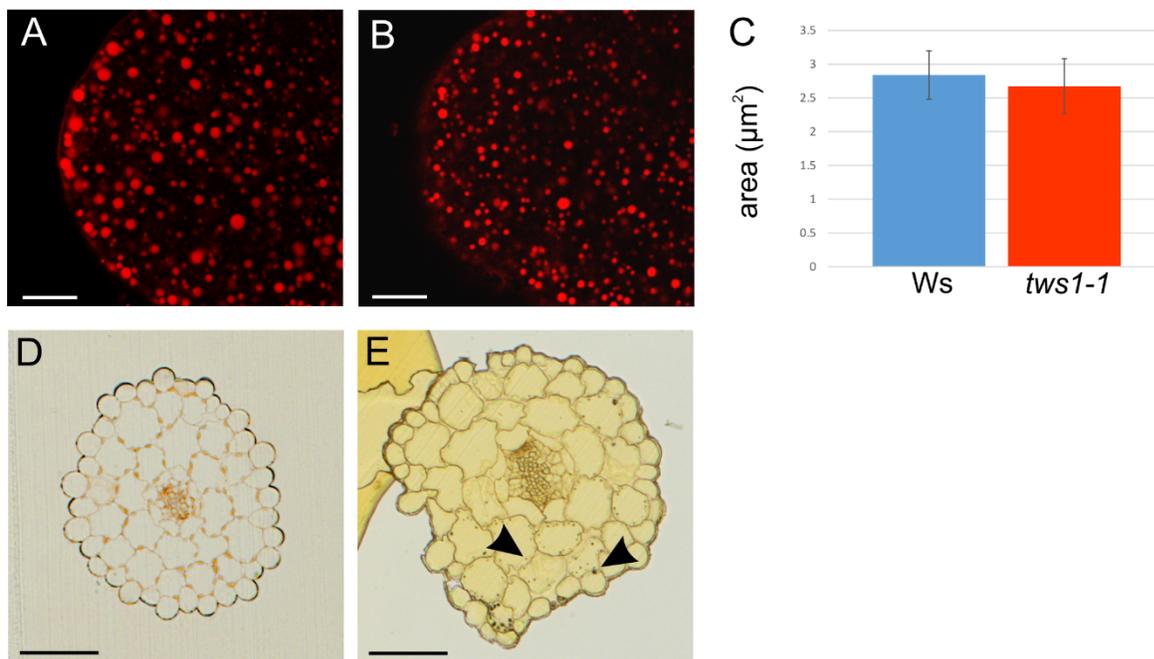
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52 **Supplemental Figure 6.** Oleosomes and starch granules visualization in *tws1-1*

53 **(A)** and **(B)** Confocal images of Red Nile stained wild-type **(A)** and *tws1-1* **(B)** embryo oleosomes. Scale
54 bars = 10 μ m. **(C)** Oleosomes area of the largest cross section in Ws and *tws1-1* (n=60, The p-value is
55 0.387998. The result is not significant at $p < .05$). Measurements were taken on cotyledons of embryos at
56 the torpedo stage.

57 **(D)** and **(E)** Lugols' stained longitudinal sections of wild-type **(C)** and *tws1-1* **(D)** hypocotyls. Due to their
58 bending defect, *tws1-1* longitudinal sections are not perfectly oriented. Scale bars = 50 μ m.



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61 **Supplemental tables**

62 **Supplemental Table 1.** Fatty acids composition of *tws1-1* and *tws1-2* mutant seeds. Table values are
 63 means of three biological replicates \pm SE. Percentage variations are calculated referring to wild-type Ws
 64 measurements.

	Ws ($\mu\text{g}/\text{mg}$ dry mass)	<i>tws1-1</i> ($\mu\text{g}/\text{mg}$ dry mass)	<i>tws1-1</i> var	<i>tws1-2</i> ($\mu\text{g}/\text{mg}$ dry mass)	<i>tws1-2</i> var
C16:0	23.1 \pm 0.4	18.5 \pm 0.2	-19.6%	20.5 \pm 0.8	-11.2%
C18:0	10.3 \pm 0.2	8.5 \pm 0.2	-17.5%	9.3 \pm 0.5	-9.7%
C18:1	37.0 \pm 1.3	32.1 \pm 0.9	-13.5%	33.2 \pm 2	-10.3%
C18:2	93.8 \pm 1.1	80.9 \pm 1.1	-13.8%	84.1 \pm 3.5	-10.34%
C18:3	67.6 \pm 1	54.8 \pm 0.8	-18.9%	61.1 \pm 2.7	-9.6%
C20:0	8.3 \pm 0.1	7.1 \pm 0.1	-14.5%	7.7 \pm 0.3	-7.2%
C20:1	76.7 \pm 1.3	59.7 \pm 0.7	-22.2%	68.4 \pm 3.2	-10.8%
C22:1	9.2 \pm 0.1	7.8 \pm 0.1	-15.2%	7.3 \pm 1.5	-20.7%

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66 **Supplemental Table 2.** Primers used in the experimental procedures.

Purpose	Name	Sequence
Cloning		
Promoter region	TWS1prom_attbfw	5'- GGGGACAAGTTTGTACAAAAAAGCAGGCTTGAATGAAAGTTGT GTTTGGAC-3'
	TWS1prom_attbrv	5'-

		GGGGACCACTTTGTACAAGAAAGCTGGGTCTTCTCTAGAGA TTGAG-3'
Coding sequence	TWS1atg_attbfw	5'- GGGGACAAGTTTGTACAAAAAAGCAGGCTATGAAGACGTCAAG CTTTGTC-3'
	TWS1no_stop_attbrv	5'- GGGGACCACTTTGTACAAGAAAGCTGGGTTCCACCGTCTGGGA TTGCT-3'
	TWS1stop_attbrv	5'- GGGGACCACTTTGTACAAGAAAGCTGGGTTTATCCACCGTCTTG GGATT-3'
<i>In situ</i> probe	TWS1insituF	5'-CTCTTCCTCAATCTCTAGAGAAGA-3'
	TWS1insituR	5'-TTCACGGGGCAAATAAATCAGA-3'
PCR		
RT-PCR	TWS1_RT_fw	5'-GACGTCAAGCTTTGTCTTCCT-3'
	TWS1_RT_rv	5'-CGTCTTGGGATTGCTGTGG-3'
	Act2_fw	5'-GTTAGCAACTGGGATGATATGG-3'
	Act2_rv	5'-CAGCACCAATCGTGATGACTTGCCC-3'
qPCR	qPDF2_fw	5'-GATCAGTGCCTTGAAGGAAA-3'
	qPDF2_rv	5'-ATCCTATCAATCTCTTCGCG-3'
	qATML1_fw	5'-TGGGATATACAGGCAGAAGA-3'
	qATML1_rv	5'-CTCTCATGTTGTGCCTTCAT-3'
	qTub4Fw	5'-GGTCAATACGTCCGGGATTC-3'
	qTub4Rv	5'-TCTGACCGAACGGACCAGAT-3'

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