SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

The acceptor side of photosystem II is the initial target of nitrite stress in Synechocystis sp. PCC 6803

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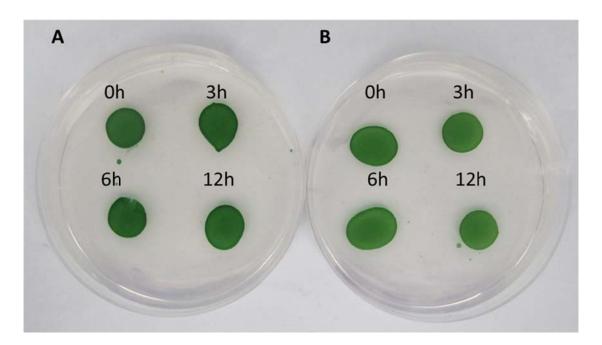


Figure S1. Effect of NO_2^- on the viability of *Synechocystis* cells. Cells were incubated with BG11 (A) and 70.4 mM (4×) NO_2^- (B) and at various times aliquots were taken and centrifuged; then the cultures were concentrated to OD730 1.0 and equal volumes were loaded onto agar plates containing BG11 medium. The photo was taken after 4 days incubation under growth conditions.

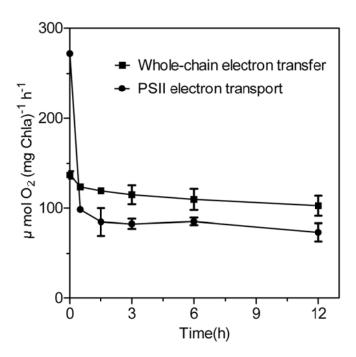


Figure S2. The absolute value changes of light-saturated whole-chain (intact square) and PSII-mediated (intact circle) electron transport rates in intact cells in response to $70.4 \text{ mM} (4\times) \text{ NO}_2^-$.

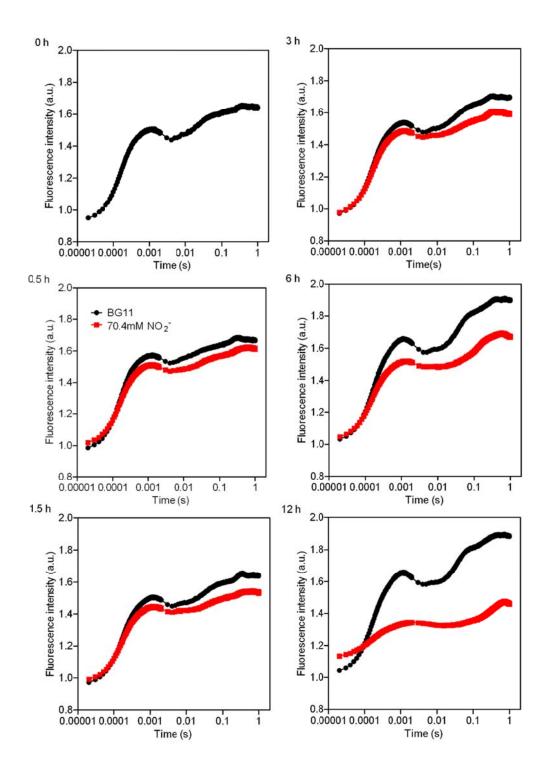


Figure S3. Polyphasic chlorophyll a fluorescence induction kinetics (FI) in *Synechocystis* cells exposed to 70.4mM (4×) NO₂⁻ for various periods of time. The FI tansients of different samples plotted on a logarithmic time scale (0.01 ms to 1 s). Values are means of three measurements.

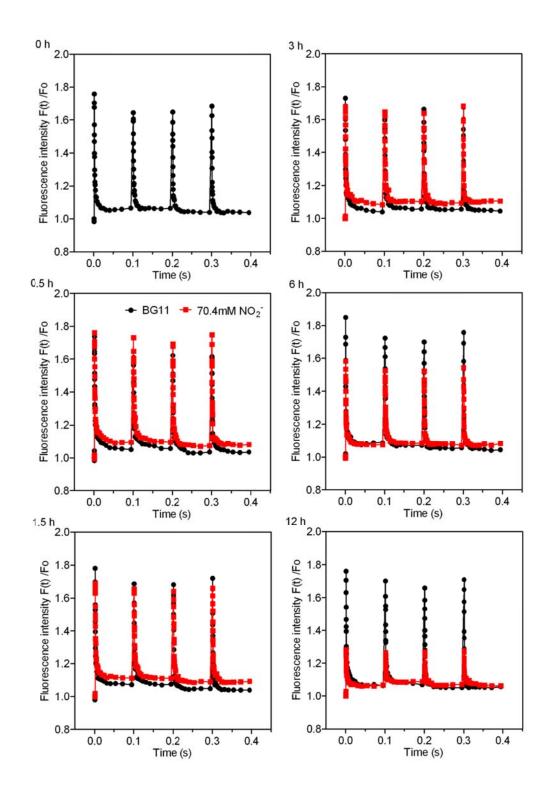


Figure S4. Fluorescence decay curves induced in *Synechocystis* treated with 70.4mM (4×) NO₂⁻ for various periods of time. Each value represents the mean of three replicates.