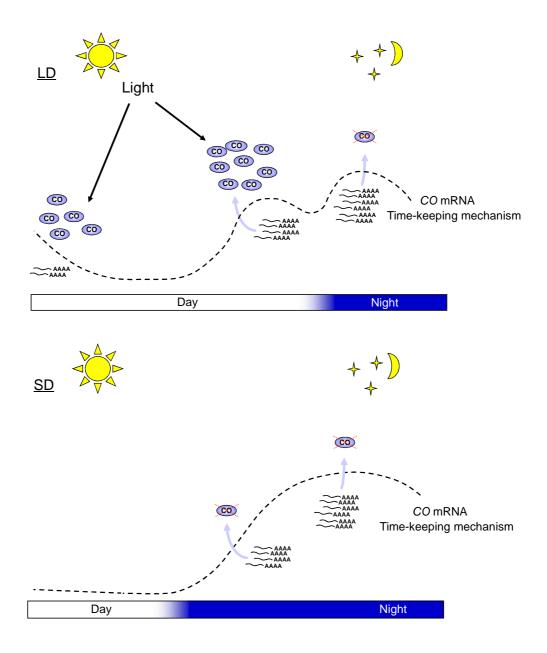
PSEUDO RESPONSE REGULATORs stabilize CONSTANS protein to promote flowering in response to day length

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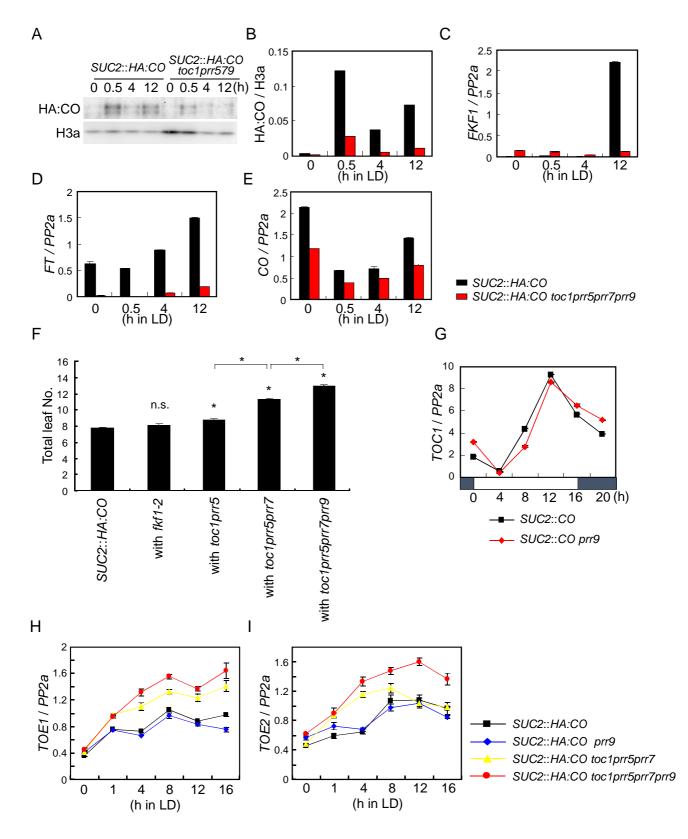
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Appendix Figure S1

A model of day-length recognition through *CO*. Accumulation of *CO* transcripts is controlled by the circadian clock, coinciding with exposure of the plant to light in the morning and evening specifically under LD. CO protein is stabilized in the light, allowing it to accumulate under LD and promote flowering. By contrast, under SD *CO* is transcribed only in the dark, and under these conditions the protein is rapidly degraded. This model was previously generated by observations that accumulation of *CO* mRNA exhibits particular daily rhythms under LD and SD and that in transgenic plants where *CO* mRNA is constantly expressed CO protein accumulates only in the light. The LD-specific accumulation of CO protein in wild type is shown in the current paper (Figure 3E and F).

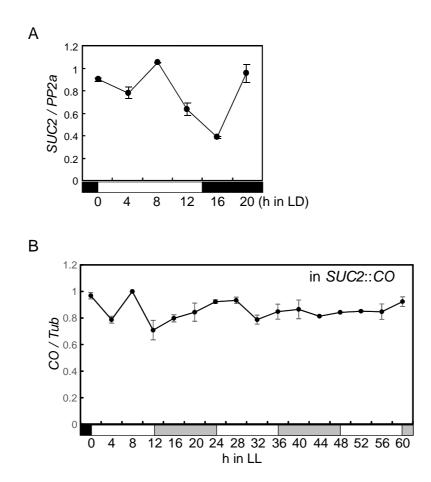


Appendix Figure S2

Reduced CO protein levels in *prr* mutants are not caused by an indirect effect of impairment of circadian-clock function or a reduction in *FKF1* activity. (**A and B**) Quadruple *toc1 prr5 prr7 prr9* mutants show reduced accumulation of CO protein in the morning in *SUC2::HA:CO*. HA:CO levels were normalized to the Histone 3a levels. (**C-E**) *FKF1*, *FT*, and *CO* mRNA abundance in *prr* quadruple mutant early in the morning under LD.

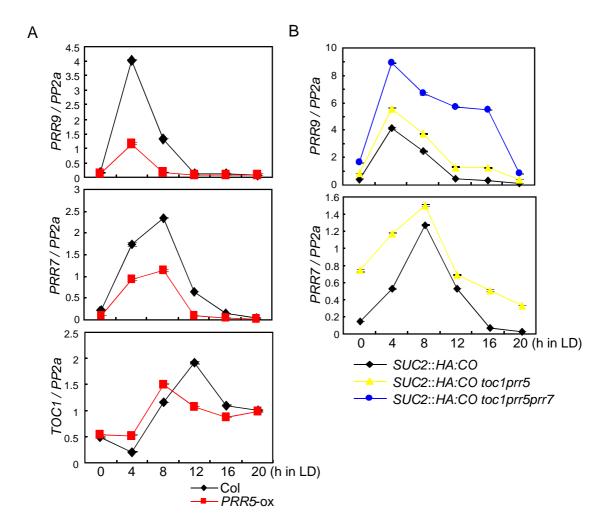
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(F) Effect of *fkf1* mutation on flowering time in the presence of *SUC2::HA:CO*. Approximately 16 plants of each genotype were grown under LDs and the number of total leaves was measured. Error bars indicate standard error. Statistical significance between *SUC2::HA:CO* and each *prr* or *fkf1* mutant, and among multiple *prr* mutants was calculated using Student's t-test; * P < 0.01; n.s. P > 0.01. (G) *prr9* mutation does not dramatically alter diurnal expression of *TOC1* mRNA under LD. *SUC2::CO* and *prr9 SUC2::CO* were grown under LDs. (H, I) Effect of *prr* mutations on *TOE1* (H) and *TOE2* mRNA (I) abundance in *SUC2::HA:CO* under LD. *SUC2::HA:CO* and the line with *prr* mutations were grown under LDs. In the mRNA expression data the levels of *CO*, *FT*, *TOE1* and *TOE2* were normalized to the *PP2a* levels. Error bars indicate standard error within 2 technical replicates.



Appendix Figure S3

(A) Expression of *SUC2* mRNA under LD. Col was grown under LDs and harvested every 4 hours. The levels of *SUC2* mRNA were normalized to *PP2a*. Error bars indicate standard error within two technical replicates. (B) Expression of *CO* mRNA in *SUC2::CO* in constant light. These experiments were carried out to check expression of *CO* driven by the *SUC2* promoter and that of the *SUC2* gene. The result shows that the level of *CO* transcripts from the *SUC2* promoter does not exhibit oscillation, consistent with results that the *prr* quadruple mutant was not strongly affected in *CO* or *HA:CO* mRNA levels in *SUC2::CO* or *SUC2::HA:CO*, respectively. Plants were grown under LDs and transferred to continuous light at ZTO, and harvested every 4 hours for 60 hours. In this experiment mRNA from both endogenous and transgenic *CO* were detected. Error bars indicate standard error within two biological replicates. In each replicate two technical replicates were performed.



Appendix Figure S4

(A) Expression of *PRRs* in Col and 35S::*PRR5*. Plants were grown under LDs and harvested every 4 hours. The levels of *PRR9*, *PRR7* and *TOC1* mRNA were normalized to those of *PP2a*. This experiment was performed to check the effect of PRR overexpression on expression of other *PRRs*. In the *PRR5* overexpressor expression of other *PRRs* is altered. (B) Expression of *PRRs* in *SUC2::HA:CO*, *toc1 prr5 SUC2::HA:CO* and *toc1 prr5 prr7 SUC2::HA:CO*. This experiment was carried out to check daily phases of *PRR* gene expression in *prr* mutants. Results show that peak times of *PRR9* and *PRR7* are not affected in *toc1 prr5 SUC2::HA:CO*. The peak time of *PRR9* expression is not affected in *toc1 prr5 prr7 SUC2::HA:CO*, whereas the level throughout the day/night cycle is increased. The lines were grown under LDs and harvested every 4 hours. The levels of *PRR9* and *PRR7* mRNA were normalized to those of *PP2a*. Error bars indicate standard error within two technical replicates.