

Table S1. Primers and reaction conditions used for the determination of PHA isoforms expression by semi-quantitative RT-PCR.

	Primer sequence	Annealing temperature (°C)	Number of cycles
PHA1 forward	5' GTGAGTGGGTGATAGAATGAAGAC 3'	46	20
PHA1 reverse	5' GCCGATAATGAATGCTGTTATAG 3'	46	20
PHA2 forward	5' AGAAAAGAAGAGACACACAAGC 3'	46	24
PHA2 reverse	5' GACACAATCCCTTTCAATGG 3'	46	24
PHA3 forward	5' TGATCAAGTTCCTCATCCG 3'	47	26
PHA3 reverse	5' TTAAACGGTGTATGACTGCTG 3'	47	26
PHA4 forward	5' GACACAATGATCCAAAACAAGAC 3'	48	30
PHA4 reverse	5' ATTCAACAAAATGCCAGCAG 3'	48	30
PHA5 forward	5' GTG ATGCCTGGGATTCAATG 3'	48	30
PHA 5 reverse	5' CTCCATAATTCATTGCATAATCTTAG 3'	48	30
PHA6 forward	5' CCTGGTTGTGATAGTCTCC 3'	47	35
PHA6 reverse	5' AATCACAATATGCTTTTCAAAAATCC 3'	47	35
PHA7 forward	5' GATCCCATCAAATTTGCTG 3'	46	30
PHA7 reverse	5' GGTGTAATGCGGATTGAC 3'	46	30
EF1- α forward	5' GTATGGTTGTGACCTTTGG 3'	48	20
EF1- α reverse	5' CAACATTCTTGACAACAC 3'	48	20

Table S2. Chromosome localization, coding region length, predicted protein length and molecular weight (MW) of the plasma membrane H⁺-ATPases identified in *S. tuberosum* Phureja (Potato Genome Sequencing Consortium database).

name	transcript ID	peptide ID	chromosome localization	coding region length (bp)	protein length (aa)	protein MW (KDa)
PHA1	PGSC0003DM T400083041	PGSC0003DM P400055772	6	2871	956	105.0
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PHA3	PGSC0003DM T400065168	PGSC0003DM P400043938	3	2973	990	109.4
PHA4	PGSC0003DM T400030913	PGSC0003DM P400021001	7	2856	951	104.5
PHA5	PGSC0003DM T400020414	PGSC0003DM P400013900	12	2775	924	101.6
PHA6	PGSC0003DM T400003602	PGSC0003DM P400002571	2	2739	912	101.7
PHA7	PGSC0003DM T400088585	PGSC0003DM P400060260	8	2901	966	106.2

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PHA3 --MAEKPEVLDAVLKETVDLENIPIEEVFENLRCTREGLTTAAQERLSIFGYNKLEEK 58
PHA2 ---MAKAI SLEEKNETVDLEKIPIEEVFQKCSREGLTSDEGANRLQIFGPNKLEEK 57
PHA4 ---MASNLSLEDIKNEQIDLENI PVEEVFQKCSKEGLSSAEGQKRVEIFGPNKLEEK 57
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PHA1	-AHNKS DI ERRVH AV IDKFAERGLRSLG-----	463
PHA3	-AHNKS DI ERRVH TV IDKFAERGLRSLG-----	497
PHA2	-CNCKEDVRRK VH SMIDKYAERGLRSLA-----	462
PHA4	-CELGDIKKKALEI IDDY ANRGLRSLG-----	462
PHA5	-CGLSGSVLKK SHEI IDNFANRGLRSLG-----	462
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PHA7	-----VARQ	469
PHA1	-----VAYQ	467
PHA3	-----VAYQ	501
PHA2	-----VARQ	466
PHA4	-----LARQ	466
PHA5	-----VARQ	466
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PHA7	RLGMGT NMYP SSFLLG EQK DSSA--AVL PIEEL IESAD GFAG -VFPEH KYEI VRILQSRK	586
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PHA5	RMKNY TIY AVSITIR V M GFM LIAL IWE FD FP PF MVLI IAILNDGT IMTI SKDRV KPS SPL	703
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PHA3	PDSWKLAEI FTTG V LGGY LAM MTV IFF WAAY KTN FF PR V FGV STL EKTATD-----D	791
PHA2	PDSWKLNEI FATG VV LGGY QAL MTV L FF WAM HDT K FF SD K FGV KD IRES-----	752
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PHA5	PDSWKLNEI FATGI L LGT YQAL MTV L FF YLAAS T DF FT E K FG VRS IREN-----	752
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PHA6      AVSGDQSICWSCAGKIWLYNIVFYVPLYCIKFFNQSRKGFLKSIL*-----          912
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PHA5      KGEREAQWAVDQRTRHGLQTAESNGLFHDK-NYRELNEIAEQAKRRAEVAKYTHE*-----  924

PHA6      -----          912
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PHA5      -----          924

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Fig. S1. Alignment of the protein sequences of the plasma membrane H⁺-ATPases identified in *S. tuberosum* Phureja (PHA1: PGSC0003DMP40005772 PHA2: PGSC0003DMP40007331, PHA3: PGSC0003DMP400043938 PHA4: PGSC0003DMP400021001, PHA5: PGSC0003DMP400013900, PHA6: PGSC0003DMP400002571, PHA7: PGSC0003DMP400060260). Sequences were aligned with the Clustal Omega program (<http://www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/msa/clustalo/>). Identities are indicated by asterisks below the sequence. Conserved substitutions are marked with two vertical dots and semi-conserved substitutions are marked with a single dot. Unaligned residues are shown as dashes within the sequence line. The putative transmembrane domains (identified using the Phobius program, EMBL, version 1.1, <http://www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/pfa/phobius/>) are shaded in gray. The 14-3-3 binding site is marked in blue. The conserved sequences common to P-ATPases (TGES, DKTGTLT, GDGVNDA and KGAP) are indicate in red.

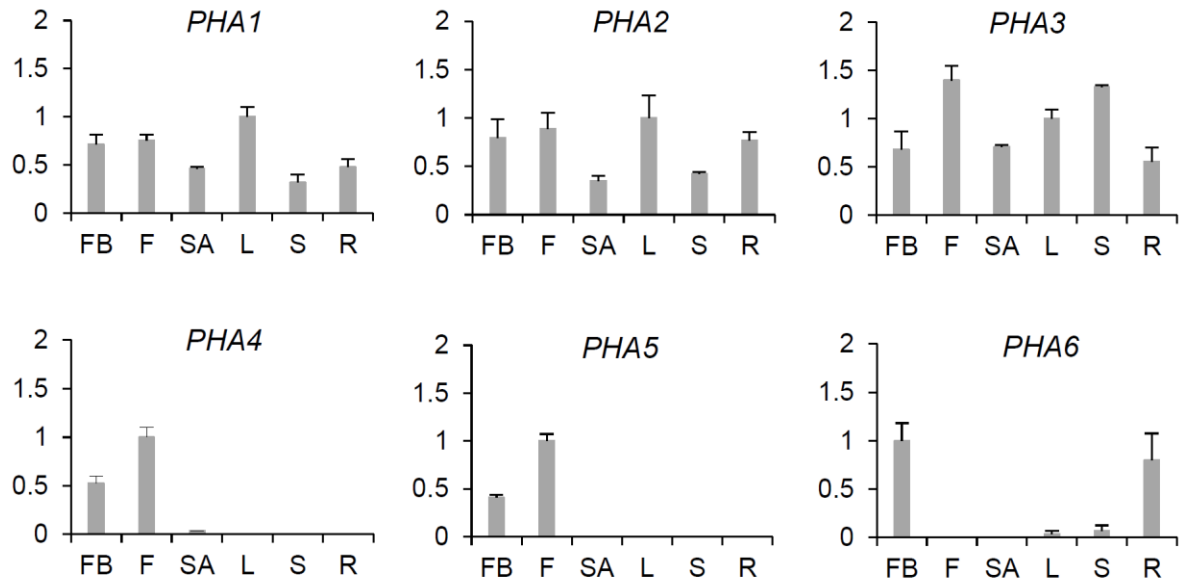


Fig. S2. Quantification of RT-PCR bands of Fig. 2A. Quantitative data of RT-PCR bands (mean \pm SEM) of three independent experiments are displayed in the bar graph (arbitrary units). FB: flower bud, F: flower, SA: shoot apex, L: leaf, S: stem, R: root.

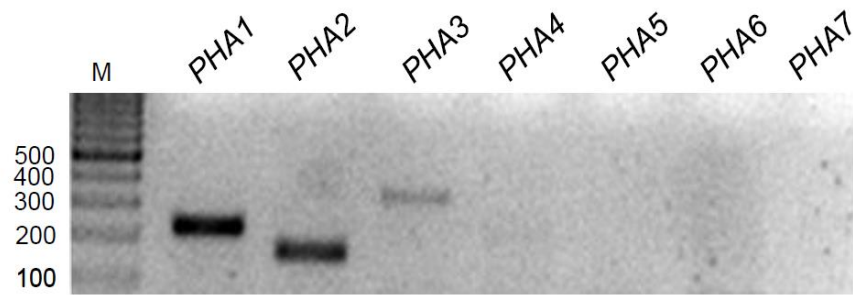


Fig. S3. RT-PCR analysis of PHA genes in stolons cultured *in vitro* under tuber-inducing conditions (MS medium plus 8% sucrose) for 15 days. The expected molecular weight of the amplicons are: 206 base pairs (bp) for PHA1, 141 bp for PHA2, 341 bp for PHA3, 372 bp for PHA4, 357 bp for PHA5, 203 bp for PHA6 and 339 bp for PHA7. M: molecular weight marker (numbers indicate the size of the DNA fragments in bp). A representative analysis of three independent experiments is shown.

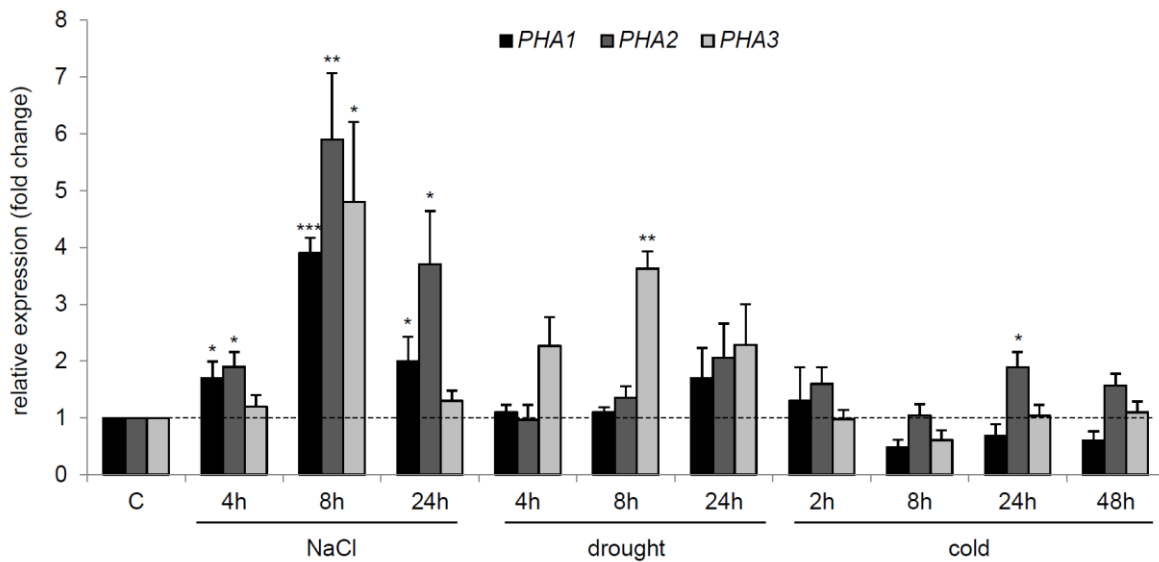


Fig. S4. Expression of PHA genes in response to abiotic stress. Detached leaves from soil-grown potato plants were treated with 250 mM NaCl or deprived of water (drought) for the indicated times. *In vitro*-grown potato plants were exposed to 4°C (cold) for the indicated times, while control plants remained at 22°C. Total RNA was isolated from leaves and quantitative PCR was performed to determine the expression of PHA genes. Data are presented as expression level relative to the respective controls (C). Quantitative data (mean ± SEM) of three independent experiments, each consisting of four technical replicates, are displayed in the bar graph. The asterisks indicate statistical significance (* $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.005$, with respect to controls).

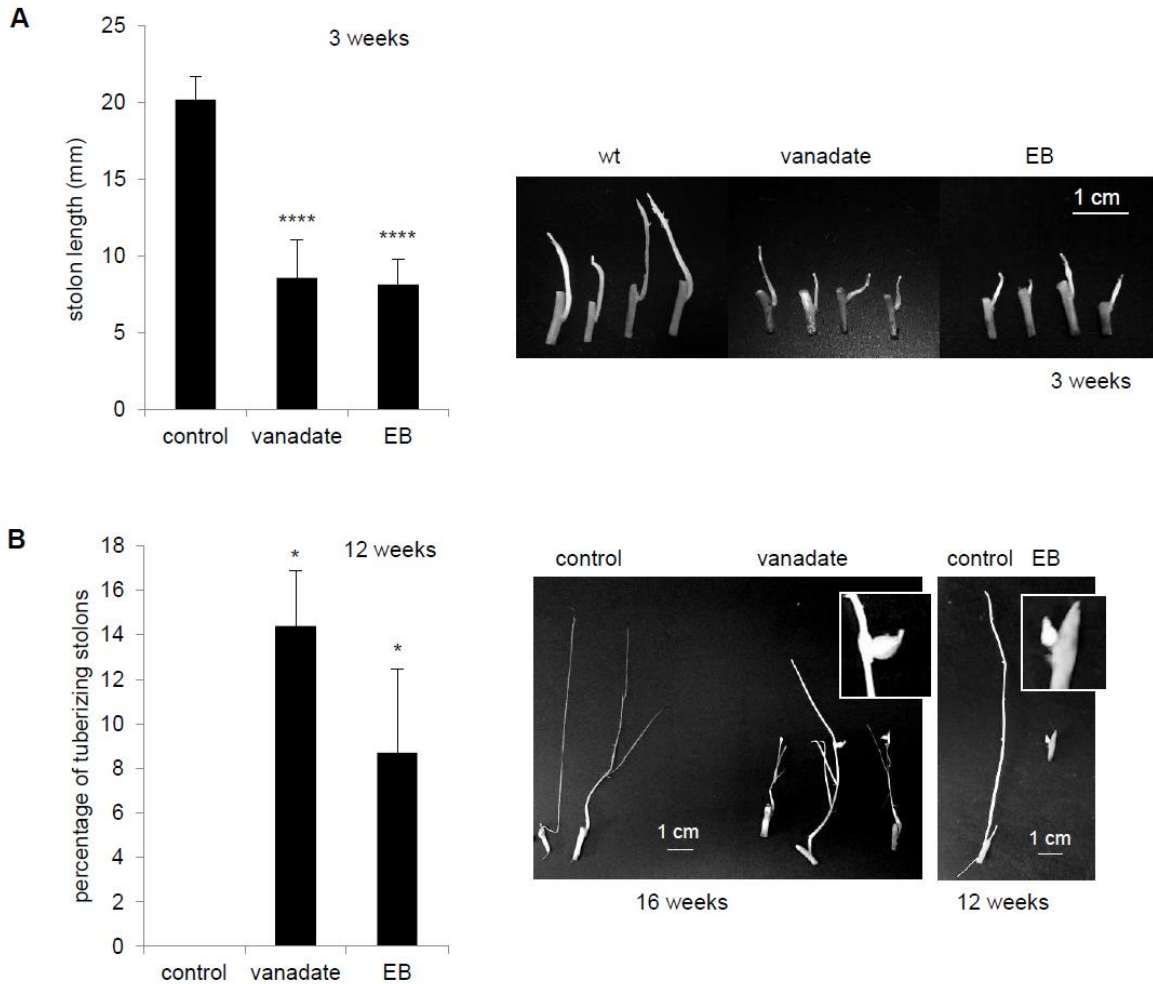


Fig. S5. Effect of vanadate and erythrosine B on stolons cultured under non-inducing conditions. Stolons were cultured under non-inducing conditions (MS medium plus 2% sucrose) in the absence (control) or presence of 1 mM vanadate or 50 μ M erythrosine B (EB). (A) Stolon length, determined after 3 weeks of culture in the absence or presence of inhibitors; a representative image is shown. (B) The percentage of tuberizing stolons was determined after 12 weeks of culture in the absence or presence of inhibitors; a representative image is shown. Quantitative data of three independent experiments (mean \pm SEM) are displayed in the bar graphs. The asterisks indicate statistical significance (* p <0.05, **** p <0.001, with respect to control). In these experiments performed under non-inducing conditions, the process was studied for 12-16 weeks, since tuber formation is significantly delayed with respect to tuber-inducing conditions.

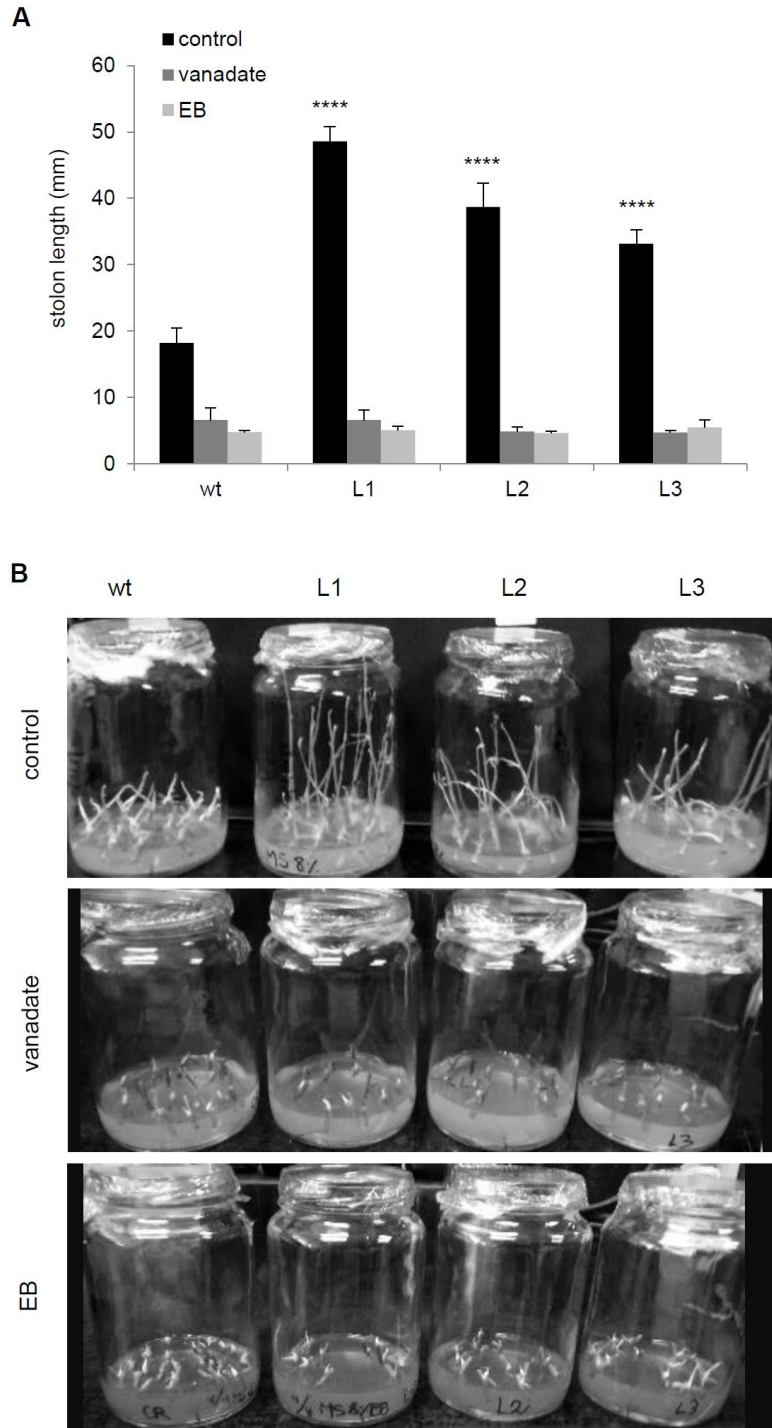


Fig. S6. Stolon length of PHA1-OE cultured in the presence of PM H⁺-ATPase inhibitors. Stolons were cultured under tuber-inducing conditions (MS medium plus 8 % sucrose) for two weeks, in the absence or presence of 1 mM vanadate or 50 μ M erythrosine B (EB). (A) Stolon length; data of three independent experiments (mean \pm SEM; **** p <0.001, with respect to wt). (B) Representative image of stolons.

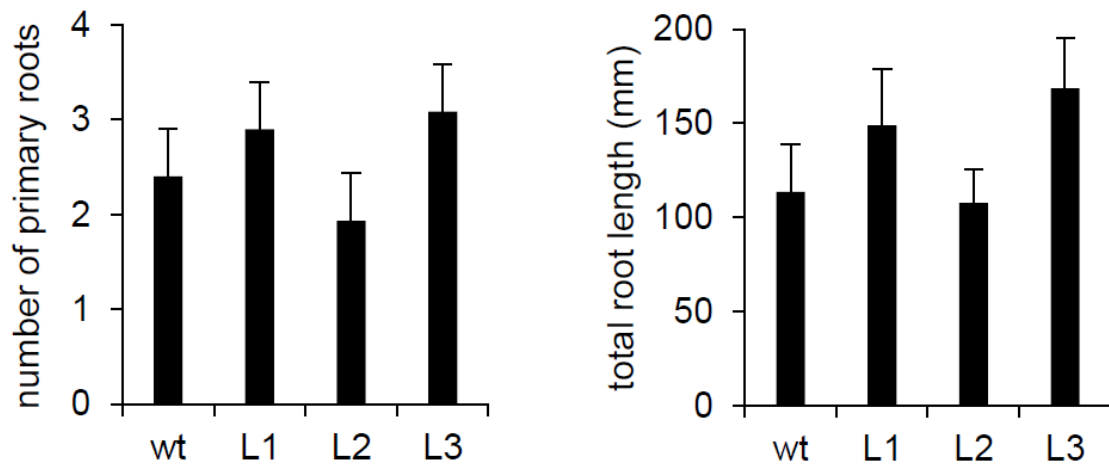


Fig. S7. Phenotypic analysis of PHA1-OE plants grown *in vitro*. Wild type (wt) and transgenic (L) plants generated from single-node cuttings were grown on MS medium plus 2% sucrose. After 2 weeks, the number of primary roots and total root length (calculated as the sum of the primary root lengths) were determined. Quantitative data of four independent experiments (mean \pm SEM) are displayed in the bar graphs. No significant differences were detected between wt and transgenic lines (evaluated by Student's t test).

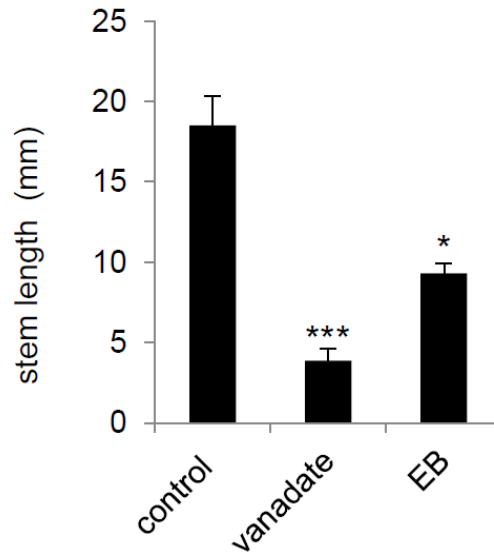


Fig. S8. Stem length of wild type plants generated from single-node cuttings, grown on MS medium plus 2 % sucrose in the absence (control) or presence of of 1 mM vanadate or 50 μ M erythrosine B (EB). Quantitative data of three independent experiments (mean \pm SEM) are displayed in the bar graph. The asterisks indicate statistical significance (* p <0.05, *** p <0.005, with respect to control).

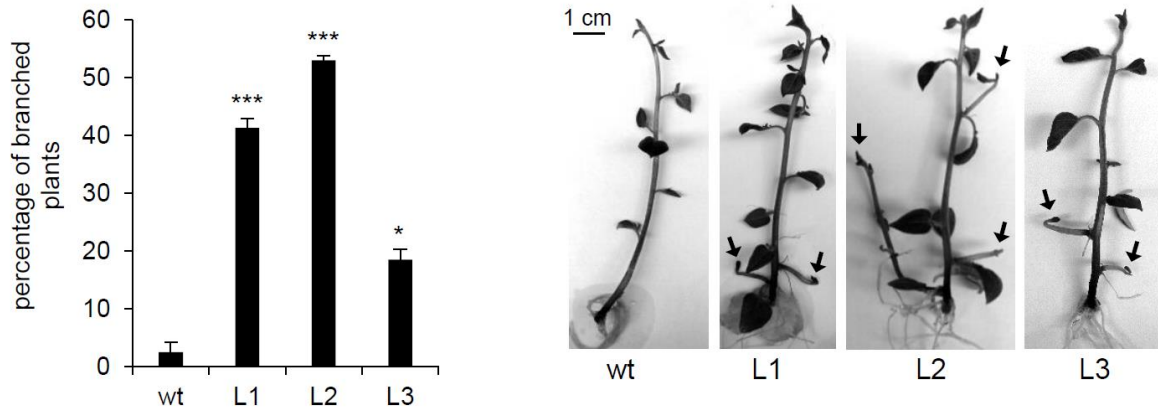


Fig. S9. Branching of PHA1-OE plants. Wild type (wt) and transgenic lines (L) generated from shoot apices were grown on MS medium plus 2% sucrose for 3 weeks. The percentage of branched plants was determined as the number of plants presenting at least one branch equal or longer than 5 mm, with respect to the total number of plants (10-15 plants). A representative image of the plants is shown; arrows indicate branches. Quantitative data of three independent experiments (mean \pm SEM) are displayed in the bar graph. The asterisks indicate statistical significance (* p <0.05, *** p <0.005, with respect to wt).