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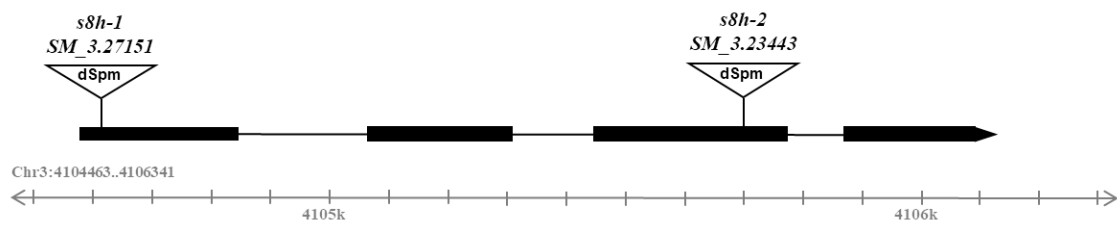


Fig. S1. Schematic representation of independent T-DNA mutant lines for the *At3g12900* gene. Gene structure of *AtS8H* with T-DNA insertion sites and map detail are indicated. Black boxes represent exons and solid lines represent introns of *AtS8H*.

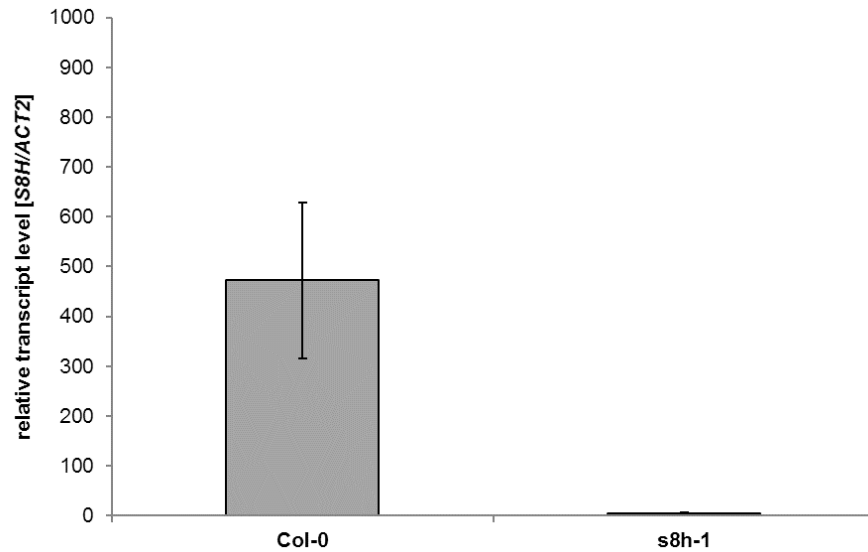


Fig. S2. Lack of *S8H* transcript in the *s8h-1* T-DNA mutant line confirmed by qRT-PCR. *S8H* gene expression level determined by qPCR was normalised to the reference gene *ACT2*. Col-0 plants were used as a positive control. Error bars represent the SD from three measurements.

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Fig. S3. Multiple-sequence alignment of amino acid sequences of F6'H1, F6'H2, S8H and ANS enzymes. The alignment was performed using the CLUSTALW (Thompson et al., 1994). All amino acid sequences, including F6'H1 and F6'H2 involved in scopoletin biosynthesis, S8H involved in fraxetin biosynthesis and ANS (anthocyanidin synthase of known crystal structure) involved in anthocyanin biosynthesis, were downloaded from TAIR (<http://arabidopsis.org/>). Residues that are conserved in F6'H1, F6'H2 and S8H sequences are highlighted in grey. Residues coloured in red correspond to amino acids binding Fe²⁺ (His 235, His 293, Asp 237 in F6'H1 sequence) and residues in green correspond to amino acids binding 2OG (Arg 303 and Ser 305 in F6'H1 sequence), which are highly conserved in all four analysed sequences. While blue colour in ANS sequence indicate amino acids binding *trans*-dihydroquercetin (DHQ) (Tyr 217, Tyr 142, Phe 304, Glu 306, Phe 144, Ile 122, Val 235, Phe 334, Ile 338, Leu 342, Thr 233, Lys341).

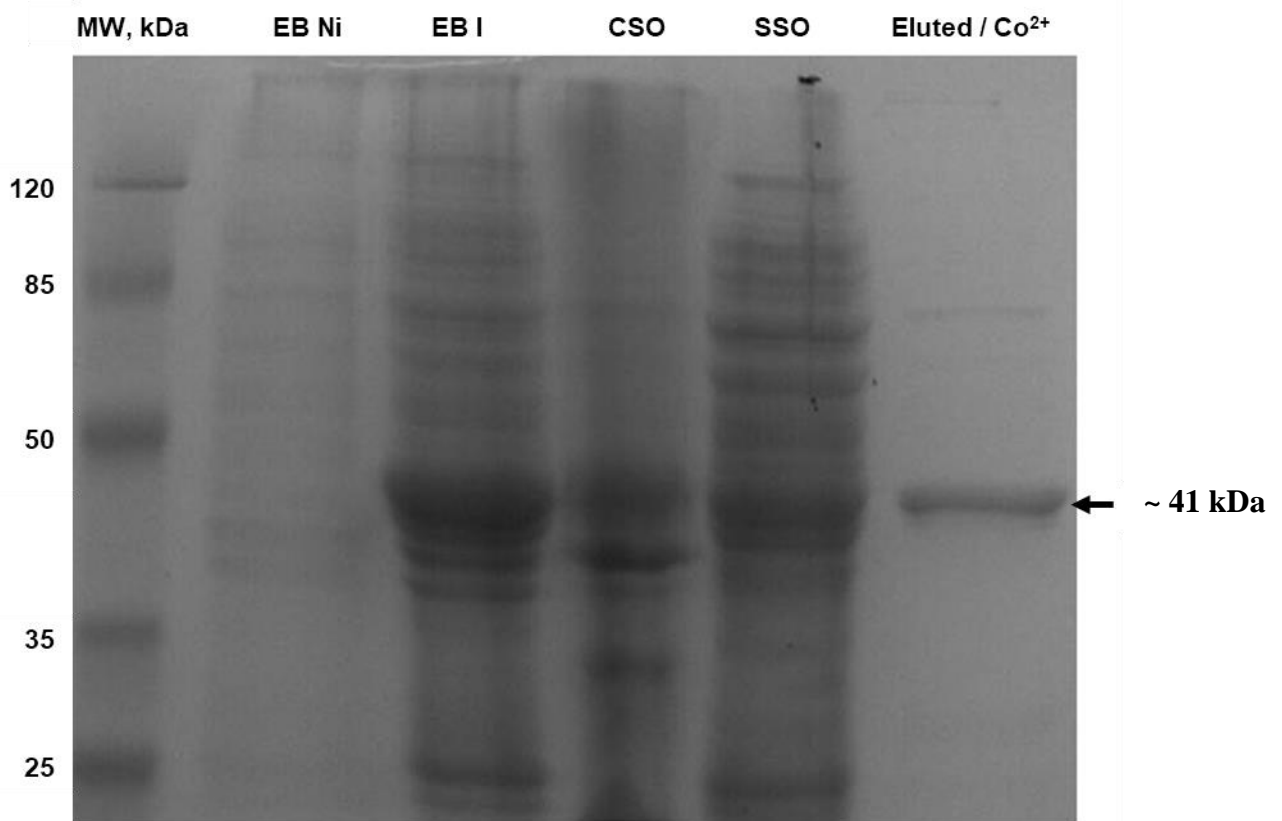


Fig. S4. Results of recombinant His-tagged S8H protein purification. The purification of soluble recombinant his-tagged proteins was done using the TALON Metal Affinity Resin (TAKARA) as described by the supplier. The purified proteins were eluted with 0.1 M potassium phosphate buffer, 200 mM imidazole solution (pH 8.0). The predicted molecular weight of the his-tagged S8H protein is ~ 41 kDa. (MW) molecular weight marker; (EBNi) crude extracts, non-induced cultures; (EBi) crude extracts, induced cultures; (CSO) sonification pellet, (SSO) sonification supernatant, (Eluted Co²⁺) purified protein.

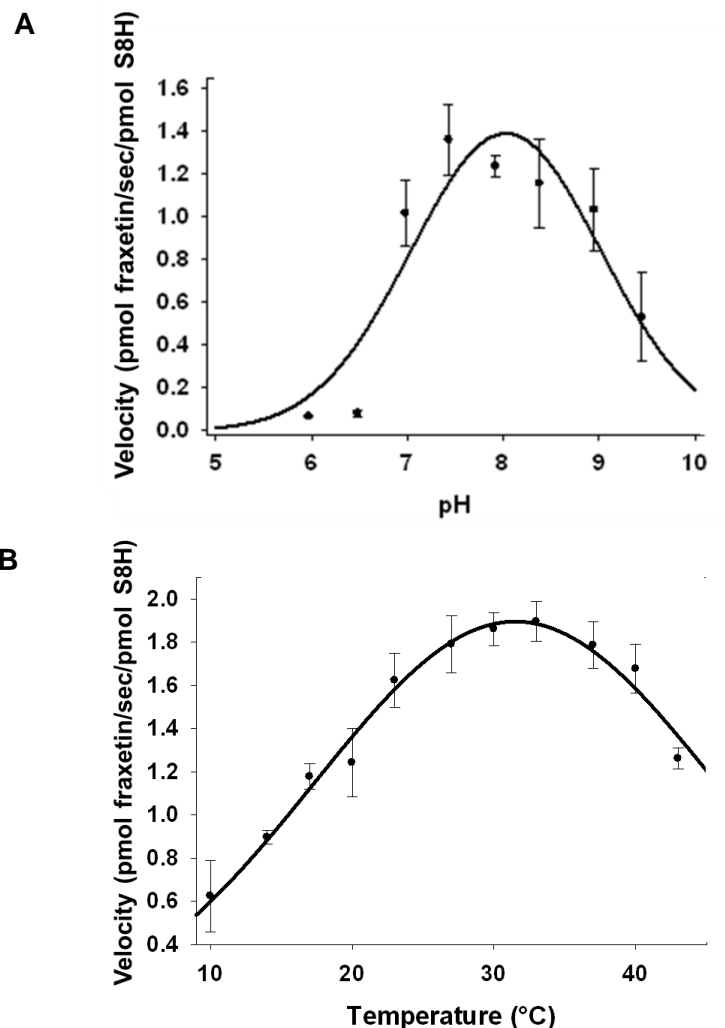


Fig. S5. The optimal pH and temperature for *in vitro* activity of S8H. (A) pH dependent activity of *Arabidopsis thaliana* S8H. The reactions were performed in triplicate at optimal temperature of 31.5 °C at 200 μM of scopoletin, 5 mM of alpha-acetoglutarate and 0.2 mM FeSO₄. pH range was 5.02-9.45 in buffer Tris 0.1 M. Reactions were monitored at 340 nm and scopoletin product was quantified with a standard curve. Nonlinear regression analysis against equation $f = a \cdot \exp(-0.5 \cdot [(x-x_0)/b]^2)$ was performed with Sigma Plot 12.0 Software. Optimal pH was 8.0 +/- 0.1. (B) Temperature dependent activity of *Arabidopsis* S8H. The reactions were performed in triplicate at optimal pH of 8.0 at 200 μM of scopoletin, 5 mM of alpha-acetoglutarate and 0.2 mM FeSO₄. Temperature range was 10-43 °C in buffer Tris 0.1 M. Reactions were monitored at 338 nm and fraxetin product was quantified with a standard curve. Nonlinear regression analysis against equation $f = a \cdot \exp(-0.5 \cdot [(x-x_0)/b]^2)$ was performed with Sigma Plot 12.0 Software. Optimal temperature was 31.5 +/- 0.4 °C.

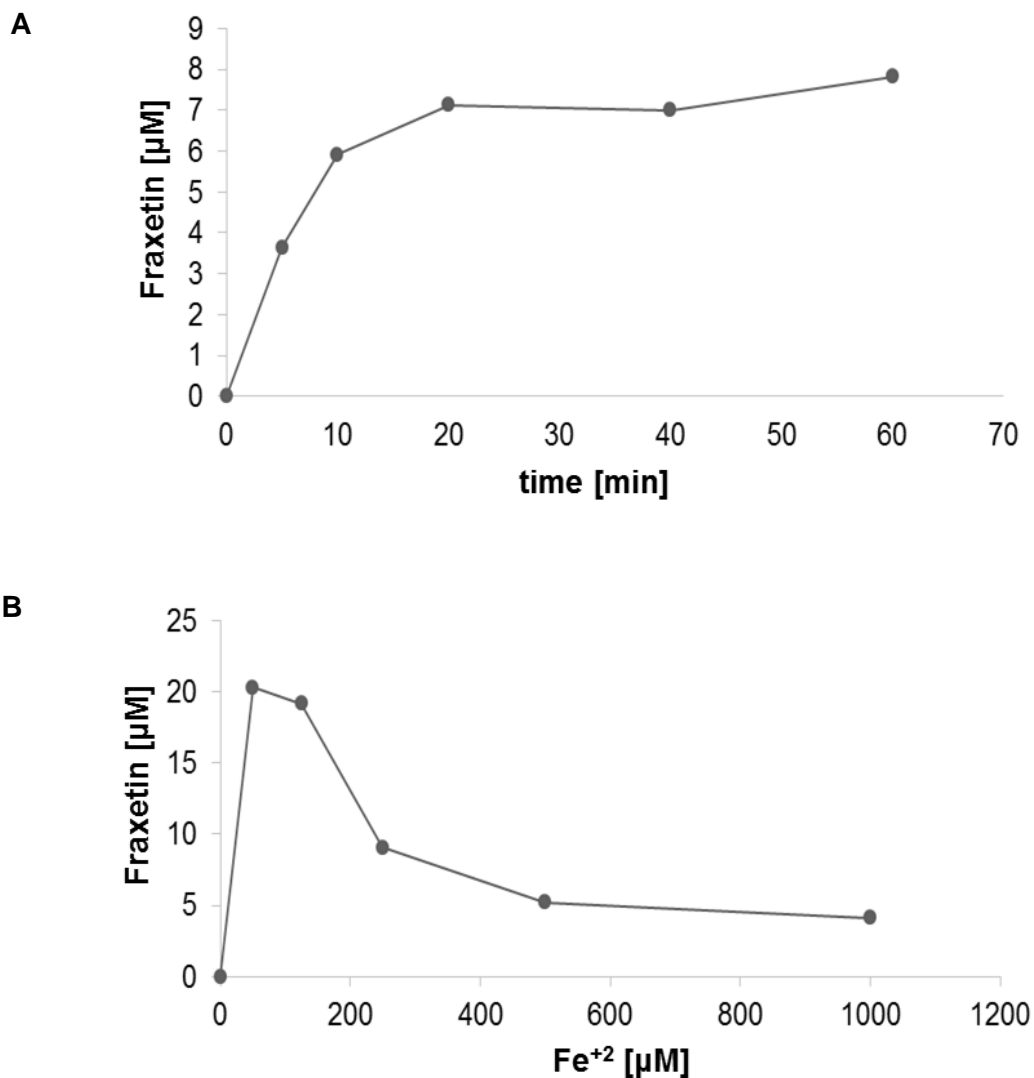


Fig. S6. Characterization of *Arabidopsis thaliana* S8H enzyme activity. (A) Correlation between incubation time of scopoletin with S8H enzyme and fraxetin biosynthesis. The optimal incubation time of the reaction mixture was set at 10 minutes. (B) Correlation between Fe^{2+} ion concentration (in the concentration range 0-1000 μM), S8H enzyme activity and the biosynthesis of fraxetin quantified with HPLC. The optimal concentration of ferrous ions in the reaction mixture was equal to 50 μM . Graphs were done using MS Excel software.

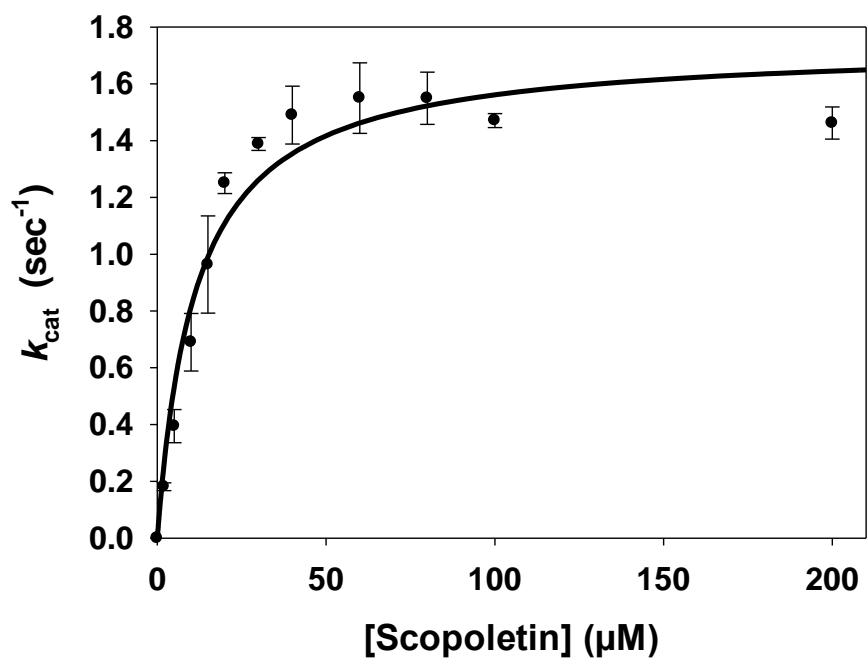


Fig. S7. Kinetic parameters V_{max} and K_m of S8H. The reactions were performed in triplicate at optimal pH of 8.0. Scopoletin concentration was in the range of 2 - 200 μM with 5 mM of alpha-acetoglutarate and 0.2 mM FeSO_4 . Temperature was set at 31.5 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ in buffer Tris 0.1 M. Reactions were monitored at 340 nm and fraxetin product was quantified with a standard curve. Regression analysis was performed against Michaelis Menten relation with Sigma Plot 12.0 Software. Catalytic parameters were $V_{\text{max}} = 1.73 \pm 0.09$ pmol fraxetin/sec/pmol S8H and $K_m = 11 \pm 2$ μM .

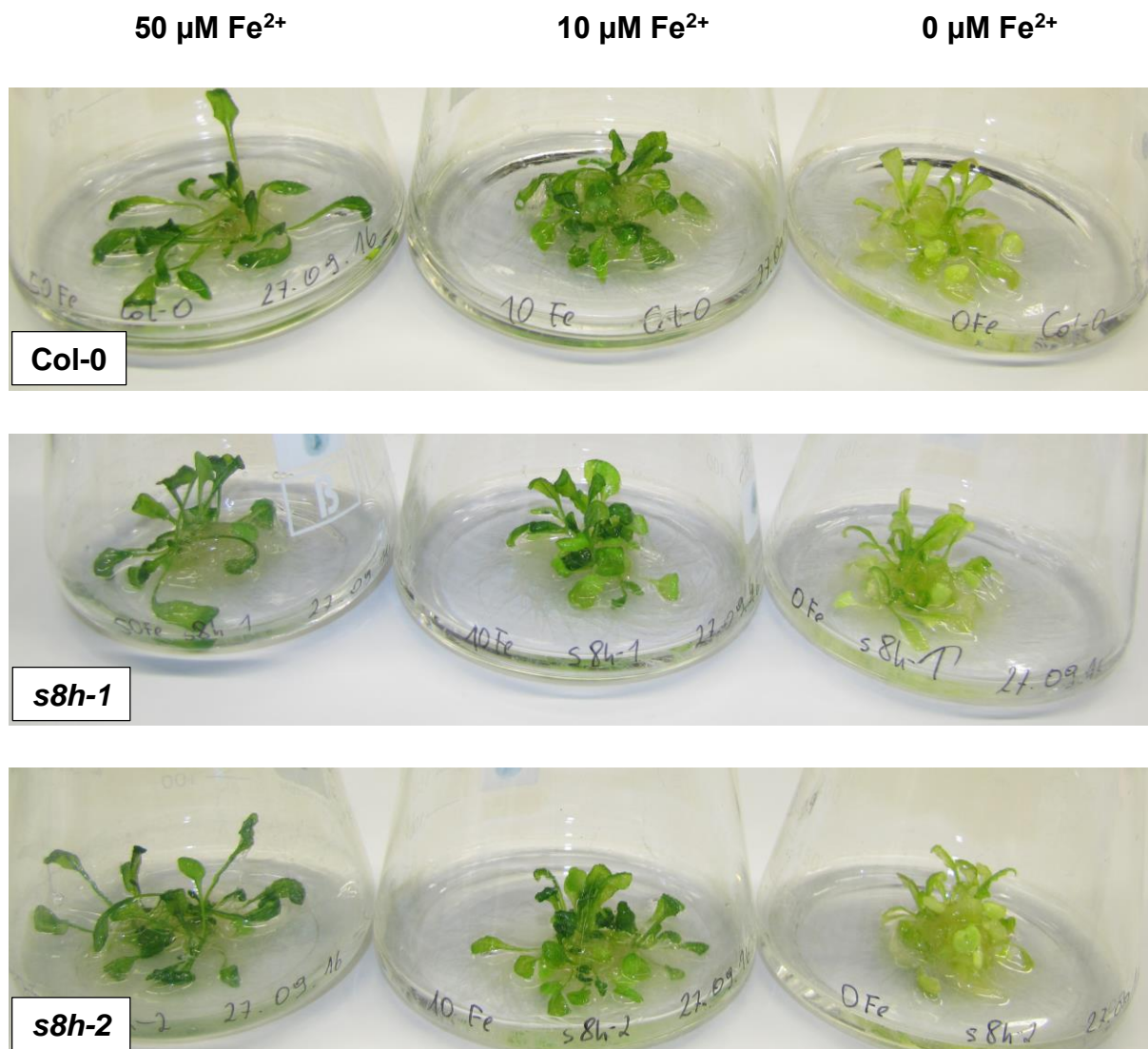


Fig. S8. Phenotypic appearance of Col-0 and *s8h* plants grown *in vitro* in liquid cultures with various levels of Fe. 10-days-old seedlings grown on 0.25 MS medium were transferred from agar plates to the 250 ml Erlenmeyer flasks. Flasks containing 0.25 MS with various Fe availability (0, 10 and 50 $\mu\text{M Fe}^{2+}$) were kept on rotary platform shakers at 120 rpm for next three weeks until the optimal growth of roots was observed. The plant material was harvested, growth media were collected and subsequently used for metabolic profiling and trace elements analysis. Plants were grown in growth chamber under a photoperiod of 16 h light (~ 5000 lux) at 22 °C and 8 h dark at 20 °C.

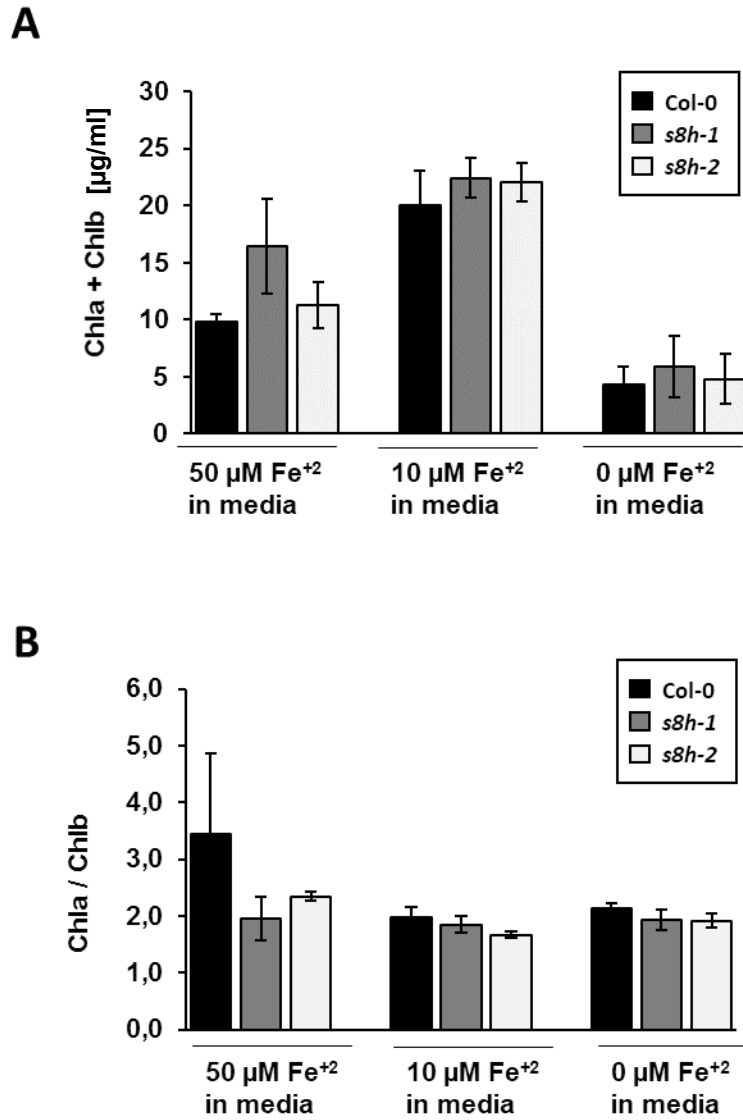


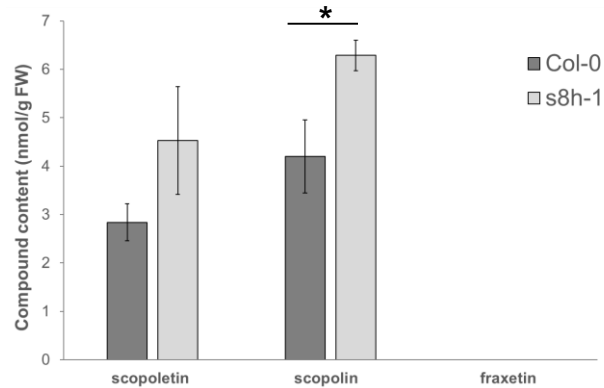
Fig. S9. Chlorophyll content and chlorophyll a/b ratio of Col-0 and *s8h* plants grown *in vitro* in liquid cultures with various levels of Fe. Growth conditions are described in detail in Fig. S8.

A**Soil mix no. 1**

pH = 6.98

P = 54 mg/l

Fe = 13 mg/kg dry mass

**B****Soil mix no. 2**

pH = 7.42

P = 25 mg/l

Fe = 50 mg/kg dry mass

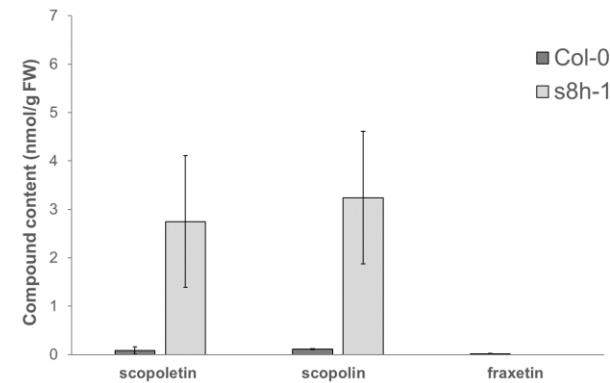
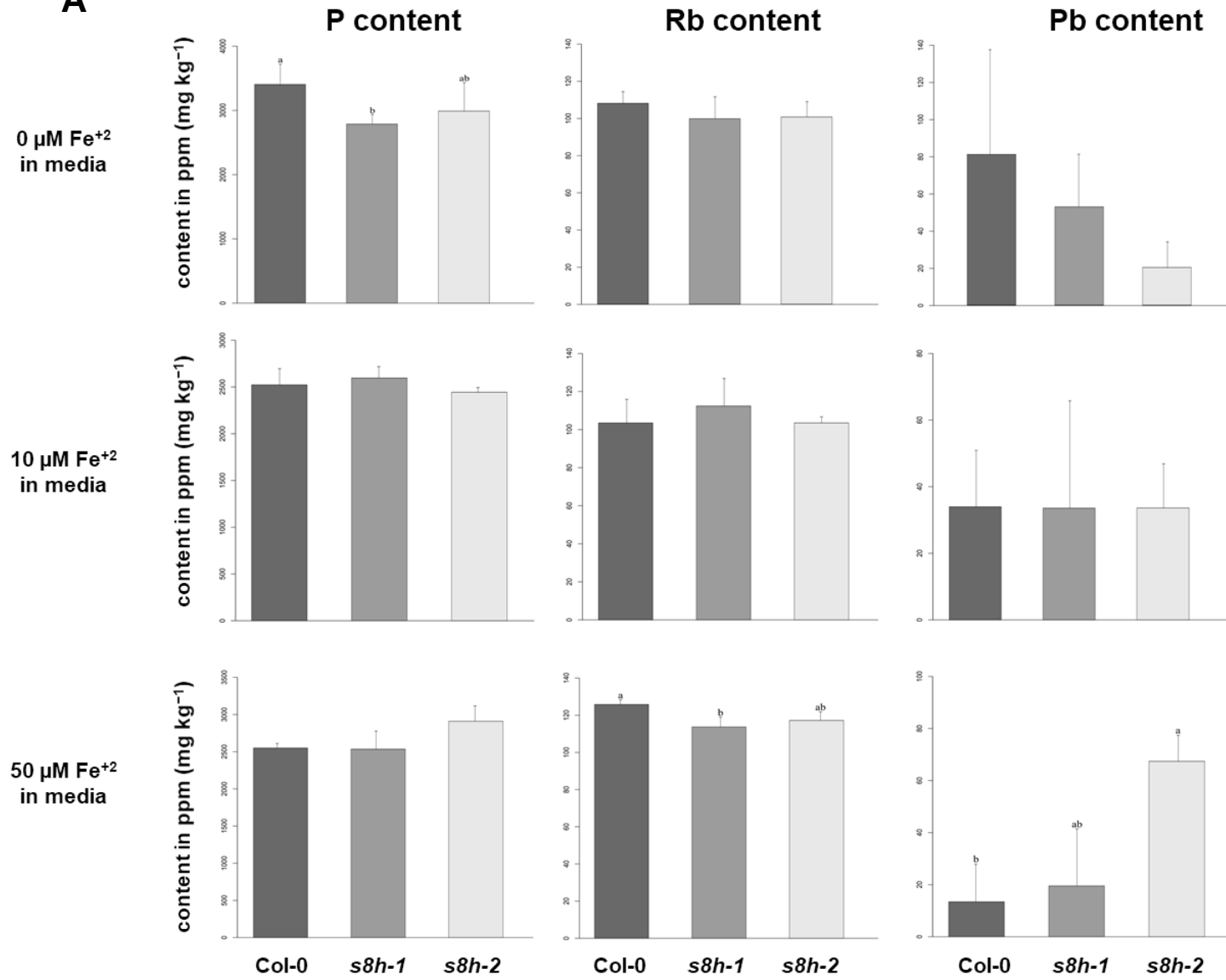
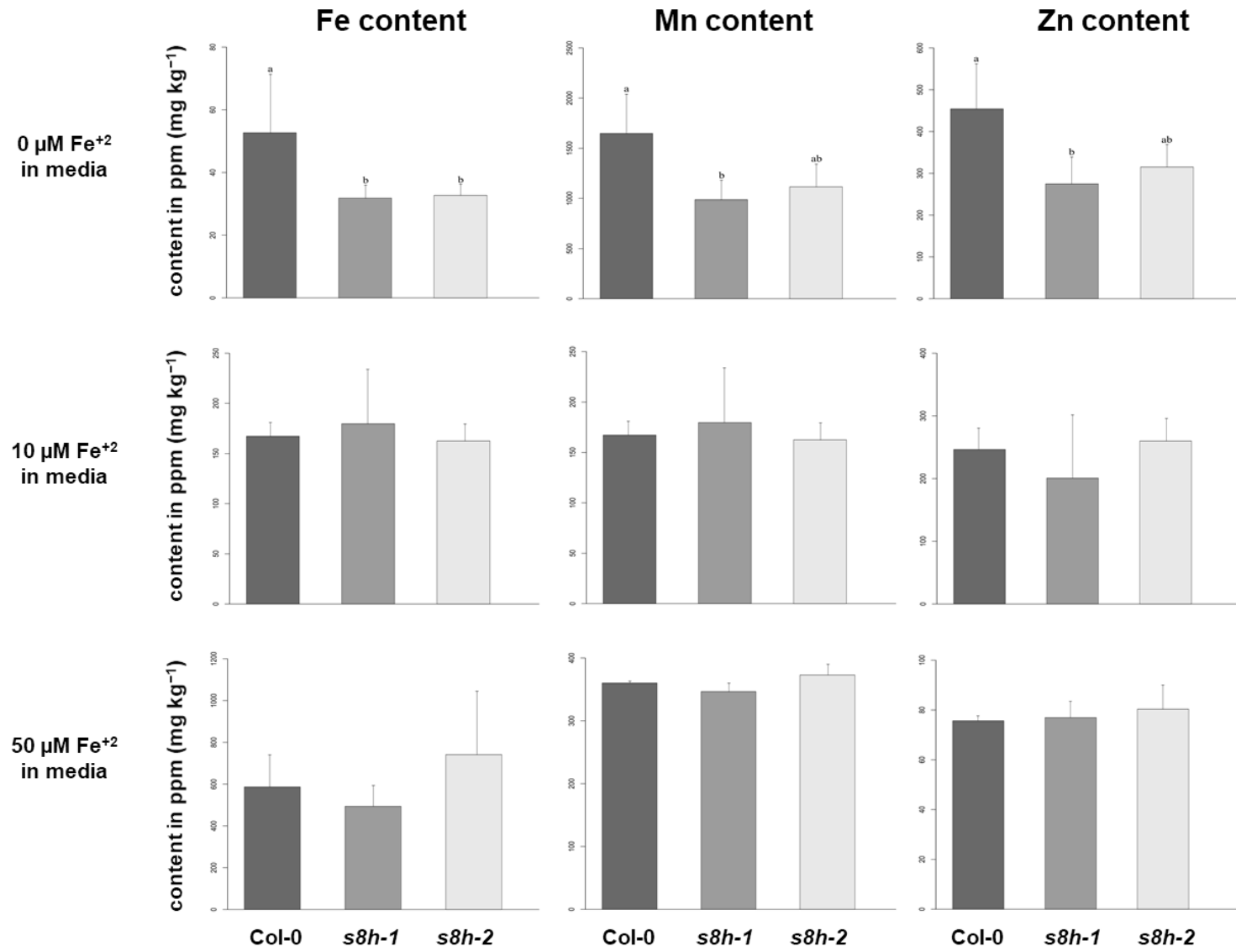


Fig. S10. Phenotyping and biochemical characterization of Col-0 and *s8h-1* plants grown in soil mixes with different Fe availability. Plant phenotypes and the corresponding metabolic profiles (scopoletin, scopolin, and fraxetin levels quantified by UHPLC) of root extracts of plants grown (A) in soil mix no. 1 and (B) soil mix no. 2 (Table S6). The latter soil is characterized by a higher pH, lower phosphorus (P) level and higher Fe content when compared with soil mix no. 1. The rosettes of *s8h* mutants were visibly larger compared to Col-0 plants once grown in a soil mix no. 2. The UHPLC analysis indicated that *s8h-1* mutants accumulated higher levels of scopoletin and its corresponding glycoside scopolin than Col-0 plants. These differences were particularly striking in a slightly alkaline soil (soil mix no. 2). Error bars represent the SD from three measurements. (*) $p < 0.05$. (FW) fresh weight.

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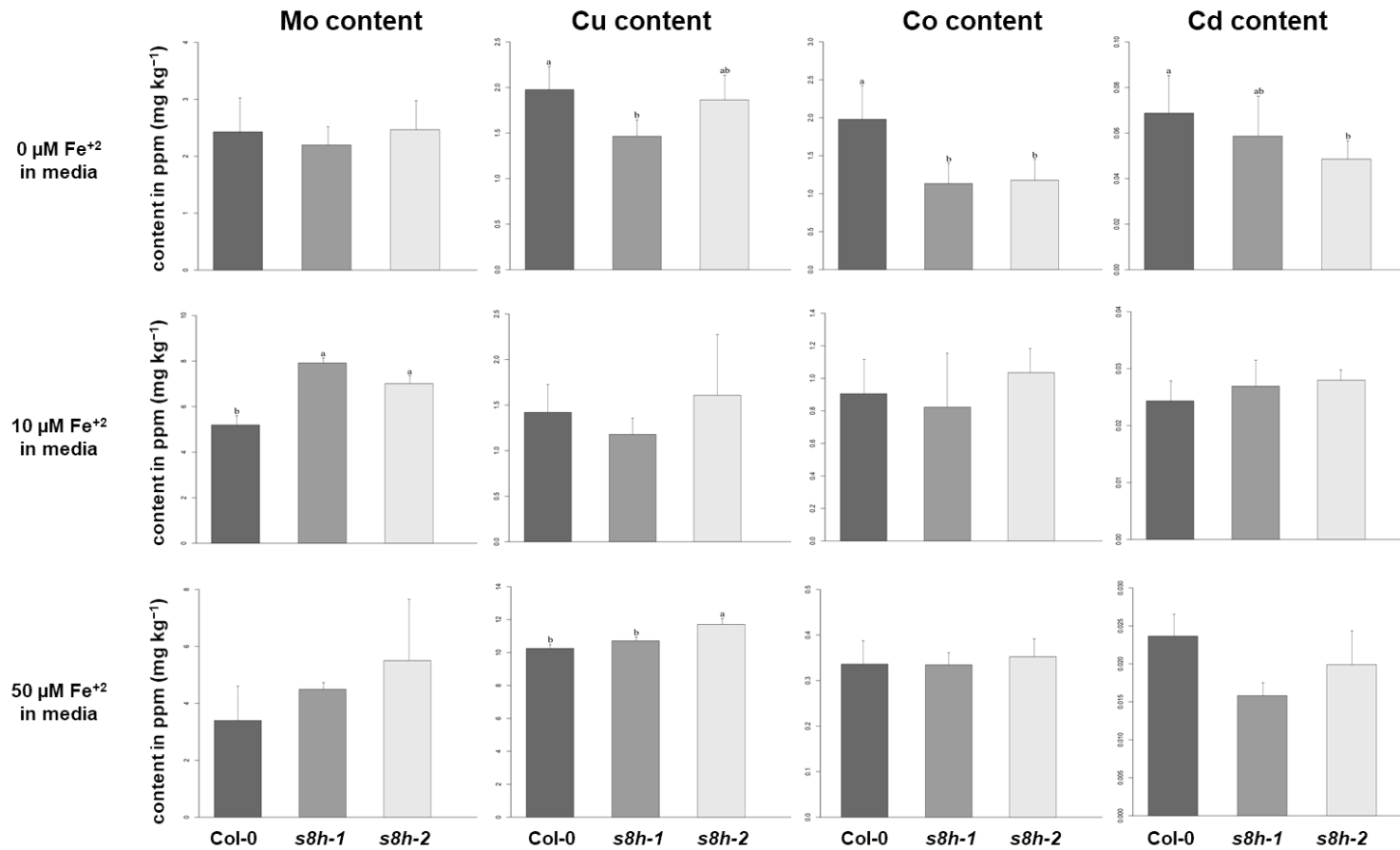


Fig. S11. Trace element content of Col-0 and *s8h* plant roots grown *in vitro* in Fe-depleted liquid culture. Concentrations of trace elements shown in ppm (mg kg⁻¹) were determined by Inductively Coupled Plasma-Mass Spectrometry (ICP-MS). The results of one representative experimental replicate are presented. Error bars represent the SD from five biological replicates for plants grown at 0 μM Fe²⁺ and three biological replicates for plants grown at 10 and 50 μM Fe²⁺. Values that are significantly different are indicated by different letters. In all tests p-value < 0.05 was used.

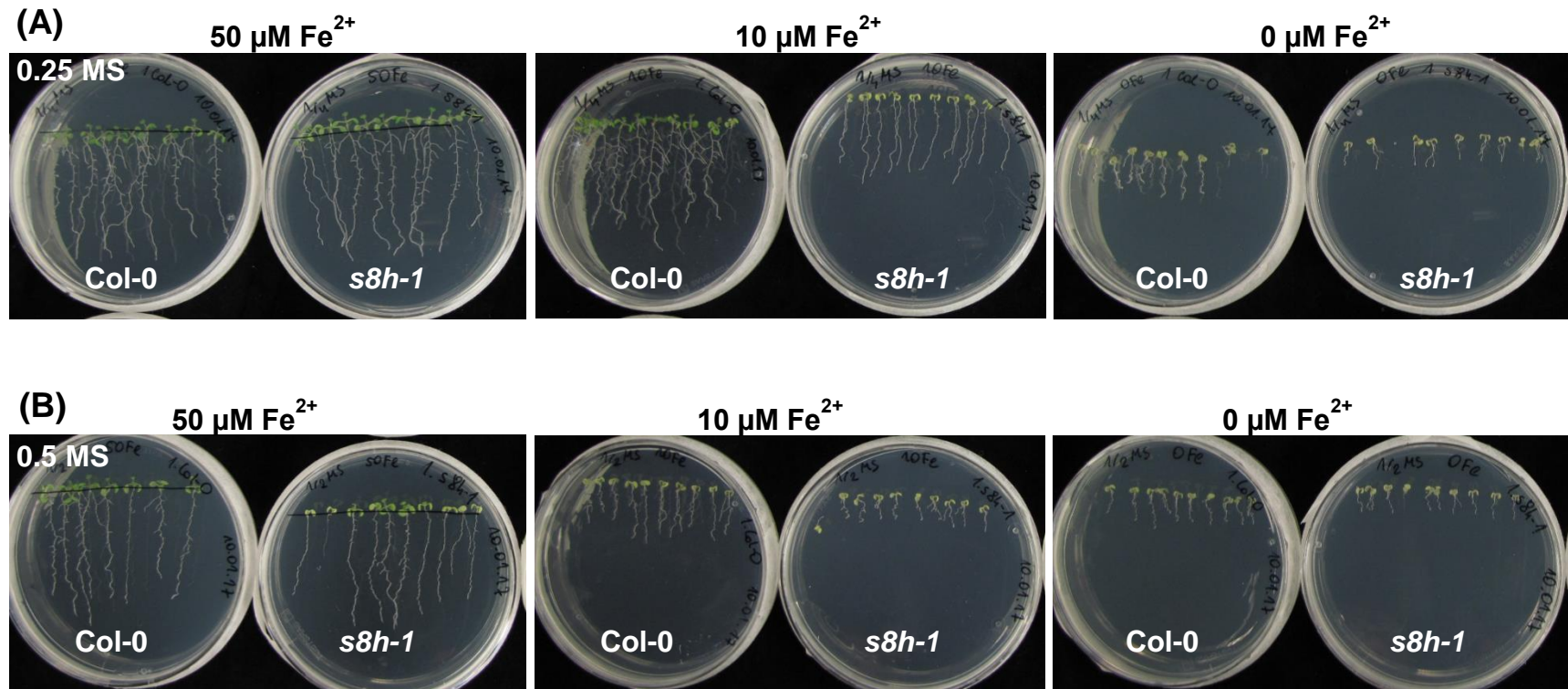


Fig. S12. Phenotypic appearance of 2-week-old Col-0 and *s8h-1* plants grown on 0.25 MS and 0.5 MS media. Plants were grown Murashige and Skoog's (MS) media with various Fe availability (0-50 μM Fe²⁺) in plant growth chambers under a photoperiod of 16 h light (~5000 lux) at 22 °C and 8 h dark at 20 °C. Due to the limited space, only *s8h-1* line is shown, a second mutant allele (*s8h-2*) showed a very similar response.

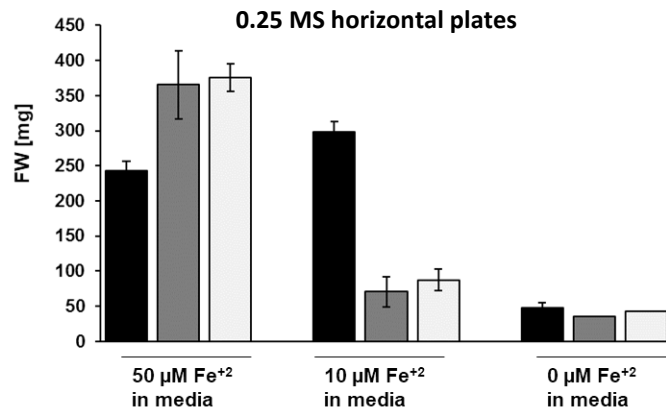
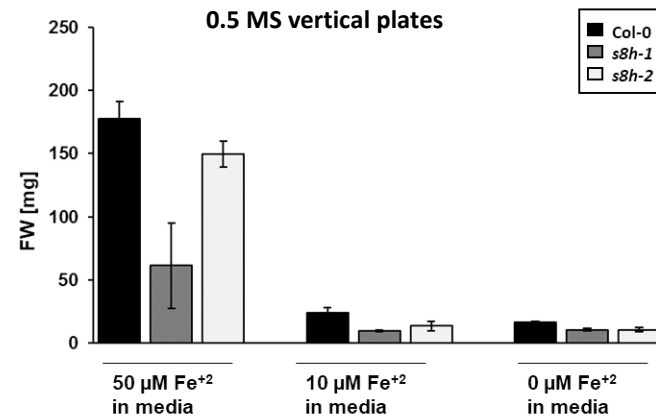
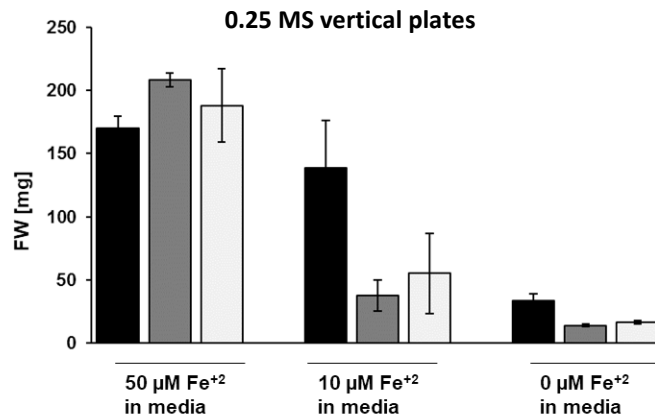
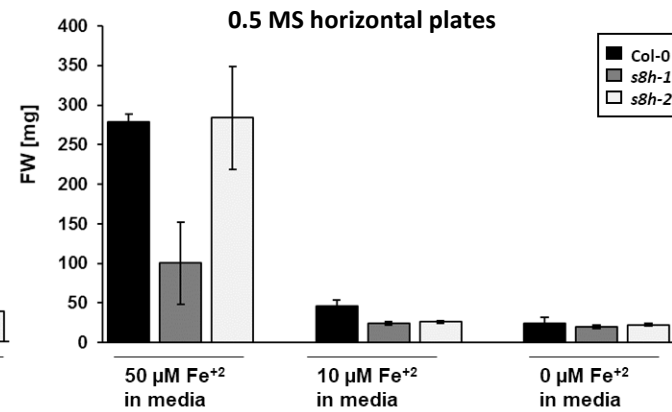
(A)**(B)**

Fig. S13. Fresh weight of 3-week-old Col-0 and *s8h* plants grown *in vitro* on 0.25 MS and 0.5 MS media. Plants were grown on plates with various Fe availability (0-50 $\mu\text{M Fe}^{2+}$) placed in either a vertical or horizontal position, in plant growth chambers under a photoperiod of 16 h light (~ 5000 lux) at 22 °C and 8 h dark at 20 °C.

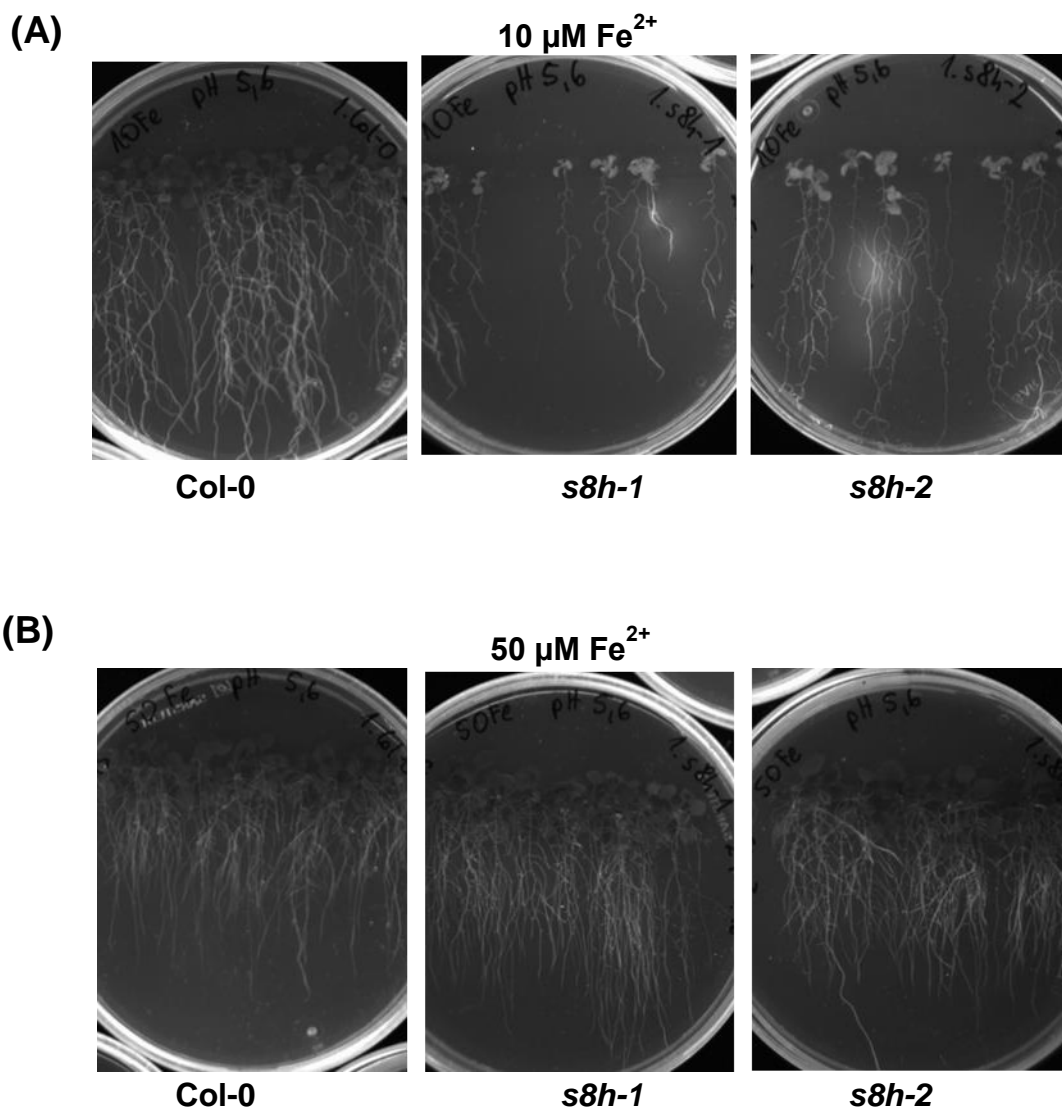


Fig. S14. Phenotypic appearance of Col-0 and *s8h* plants observed under UV light. Plants were grown on MS media containing (A) $10 \mu\text{M Fe}^{2+}$ or (B) $50 \mu\text{M Fe}^{2+}$. Under Fe-deficient conditions (A), mutant plants secreted an increased level of fluorescent compound.

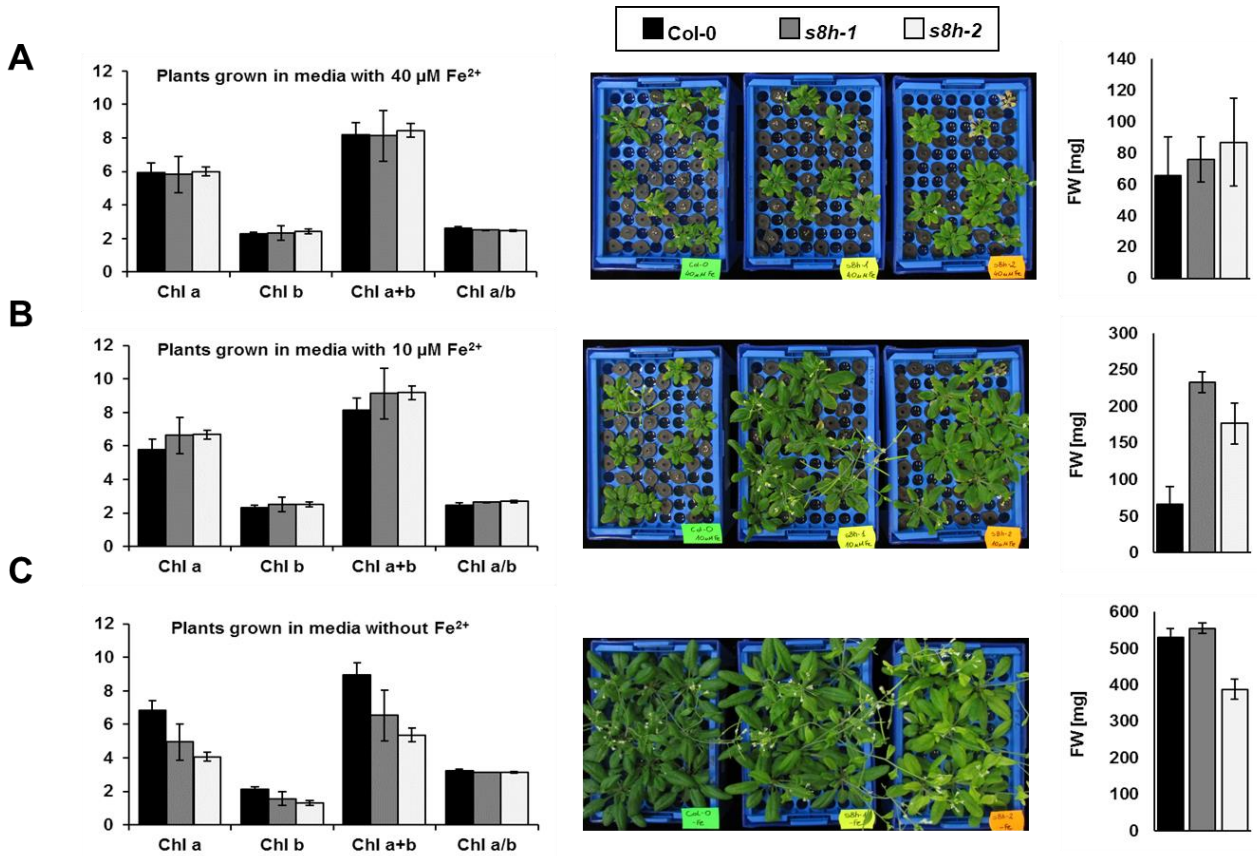


Fig. S15. Phenotypic characterization of Col-0 and *s8h* plants grown in 1× Heeg hydroponic solution (fully changed once per week) with 0–40 μM Fe^{2+} content. After three weeks of growth in optimal hydroponic solution (40 μM Fe^{2+}) plants were transferred to solutions with various Fe availability (A-C) and cultured until chlorosis became visible. Hydroponic solutions were fully changed once per week. Leaf chlorophyll content ($\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$) and fresh weight (mg) were calculated. The results of one representative experimental replicate are presented. Error bars represent the SD from three biological replicates for chlorophylls and six to nine biological replicates for fresh weight (FW).

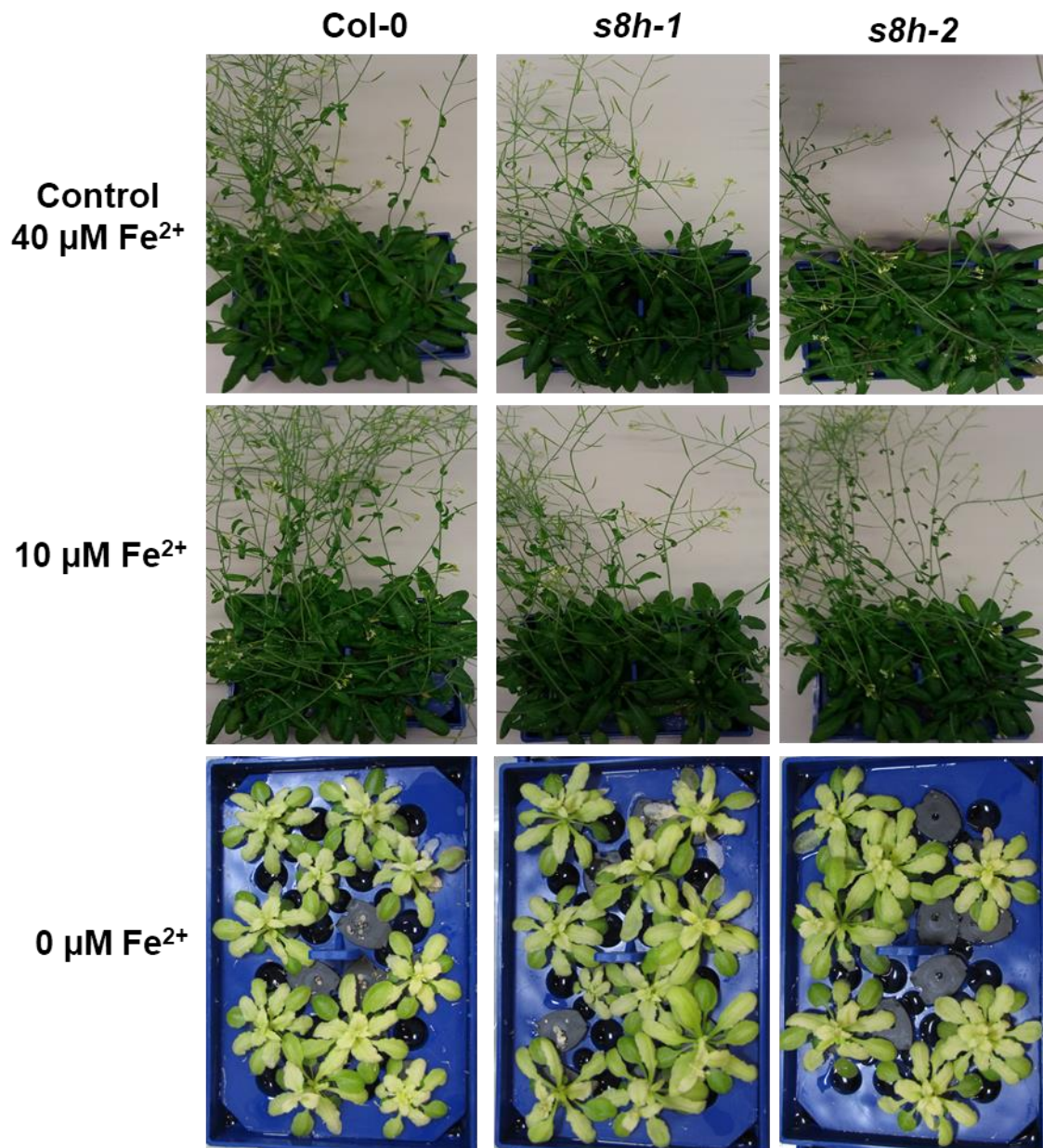


Fig. S16. Phenotypic characterization of Col-0 and *s8h* plants grown in 10× Heeg hydroponic solution (fully changed once per week) with 0–40 $\mu\text{M Fe}^{2+}$ content. After three weeks of growth in optimal hydroponic solution (40 $\mu\text{M Fe}^{2+}$) plants were transferred to solutions with various Fe availability and cultured until chlorosis became visible. Hydroponic solutions were fully changed once per week. The results of one experimental replicate are presented.

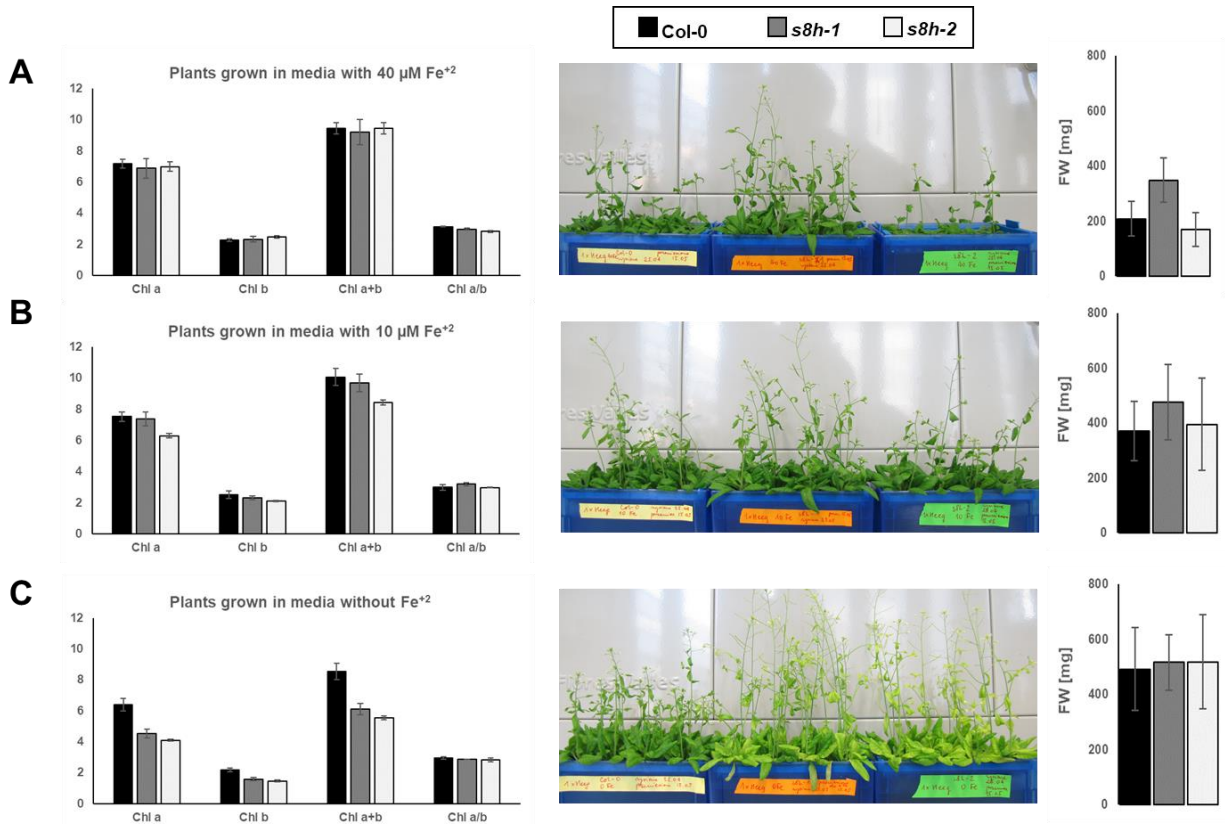


Fig. S17. Phenotypic characterization of Col-0 and *s8h* plants grown in 1× Heeg hydroponic solution (refilled with a fresh medium) with 0–40 $\mu\text{M Fe}^{2+}$ content. After three weeks of growth in optimal hydroponic solution (40 $\mu\text{M Fe}^{2+}$) plants were transferred to solutions with various Fe availability (A-C) and cultured until chlorosis became visible. Boxes were refilled by the addition of a fresh medium to keep the similar volume of solution in each culture. Leaf chlorophyll content ($\mu\text{g/ml}$) and fresh weight (mg) were calculated. The results of one representative experimental replicate are presented. Error bars represent the SD from three biological replicates (chlorophylls) or 14-21 replicates (FW).

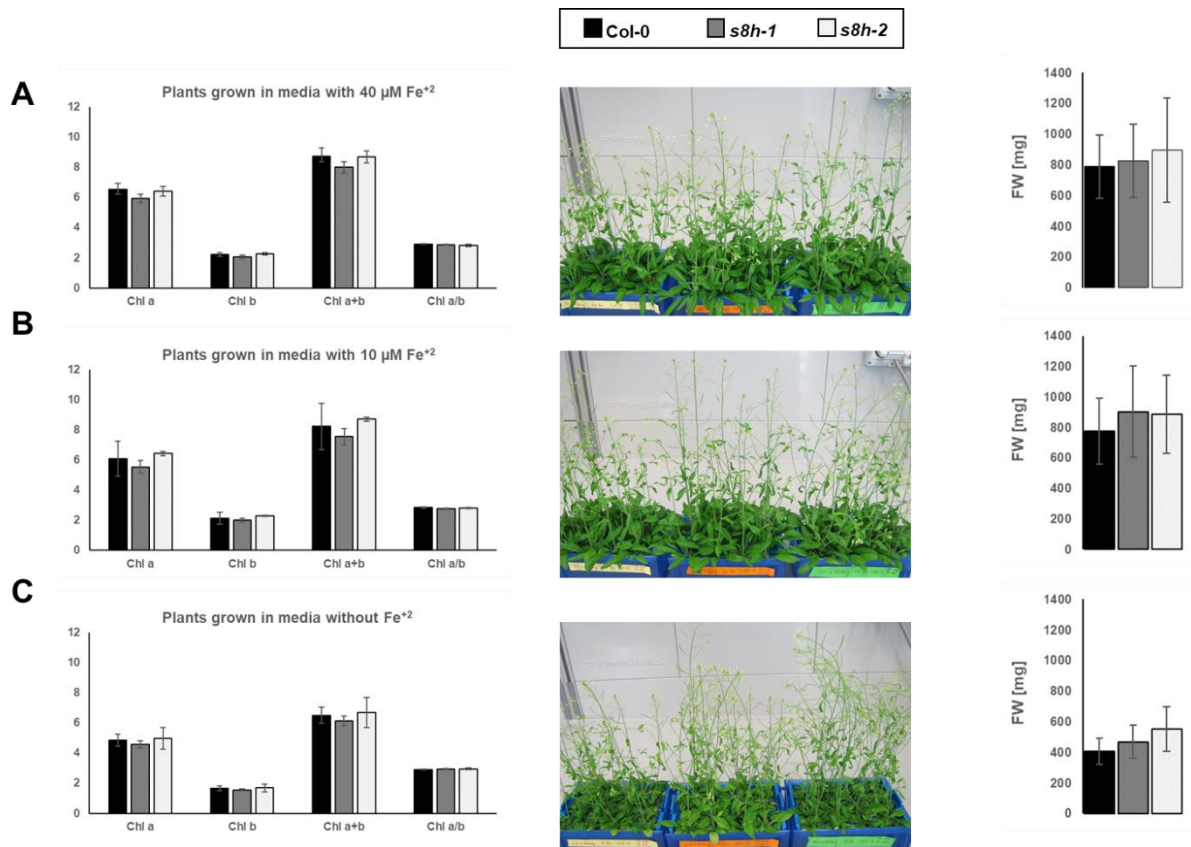


Fig. S18. Phenotypic characterization of Col-0 and *s8h* plants grown in 10× Heeg hydroponic solution (refilled with a fresh medium) with 0–40 $\mu\text{M Fe}^{2+}$ content. After three weeks of growth in optimal hydroponic solution (40 $\mu\text{M Fe}^{2+}$) plants were transferred to solutions with various Fe availability (A-C) and cultured until chlorosis became visible. Boxes were refilled by the addition of a fresh medium to keep the similar volume of solution in each culture. Leaf chlorophyll content ($\mu\text{g/ml}$) and fresh weight (mg) were calculated. The results of one representative experimental replicate are presented. Error bars represent the SD from three biological replicates (chlorophylls) or 14-18 replicates (FW).

Supplementary Tables

Table S1. Genotyping of *s8h* mutant lines.

Table S2. Lack of *S8H* transcript in the *s8h* mutant backgrounds.

Table S3. Modified Heeg solutions used in hydroponic cultures.

Table S4. PCR amplification of the *S8H* ORF.

Table S5. Compounds used in the analysis of *in vitro* substrate specificity of S8H enzyme.

Table S6. Chemical analysis of soil mixes originating from different batches used in two experimental replicates.

Table S1. Genotyping of *s8h* mutant lines. Genotyping of *s8h-1* T-DNA line (SM_3.27151) was done using PCR amplification with DreamTaq Green PCR Master Mix (2X) (Thermo Scientific) according to the manufacturer protocol and primers described below. Amplified fragments were sequenced using the same primers and BigDye® Terminator v3.1 (Life Technologies). Sequencing reaction products were separated and analyzed by 3730xl DNA Analyzer (Genomed). All sequences were analysed by BLAST (<http://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi>). A second allelic T-DNA mutant line of S8H (SM_3.23443), *sh8-2*, was genotyped using PCR amplification with GXL DNA Polymerase (Takara) according to the manufacturer protocol and the primers presented below. Primers were designed using the software available on the website <http://signal.salk.edu/tdnaprimers.2.htm>.

Gene ID (allele) (T-DNA line)	Primer name	Primer sequence
AT3G12900 (<i>s8h-1</i>) (SM_3.27151)	SM_3.27151_left	5'-GCGAGACGCATGCACCACAA-3'
	SM_3.27151_right	5'-TGTTACGCTCATGTATAGCTGGT-3'
	SM_LB	5'- TACGAATAAGAGCGTCCATTTTAGAGTGA-3'
AT3G12900 (<i>s8h-2</i>) (SM_3.23443)	SM_3.23443_1	5'- TGTGCCAGATAAGGAGAAGGCGA -3'
	SM_3.23443_2	5'- CGGCACGTGCGAAGTCGAGA -3'
	SM_LB	5'- TACGAATAAGAGCGTCCATTTTAGAGTGA-3'

Table S2. Lack of *S8H* transcript in the *s8h* mutant backgrounds. Selected *s8h-1* homozygous mutant lines were tested for *S8H* gene expression by a quantitative real-time PCR analysis. Total RNA was extracted from T-DNA mutants and Col-0 lines as described in PCR amplification of *S8H* ORF in Table S4. 1 µg of RNA was used for reverse transcription by Maxima First Strand cDNA Synthesis Kit (Thermo Scientific) with oligo(dT)18 primers and random hexamer primers. qRT-PCR was performed using LightCycler® 480 Real-Time PCR System (Roche) and Luminaris HiGreen qPCR Master Mix (Thermo Scientific) on 96-well plates (4titude®), using the gene-specific primers for *ACT2* (*ACTIN2*) (Czechowski et al., 2005) and *S8H* shown below. Primers specificity for *S8H* were confirmed by the analysis of the melting curves. Primers efficiency was analysed by standard curve and serial dilutions of cDNA used for the reaction. Relative transcript level (RLT) of the *S8H* was normalized to the transcript level of the house-keeping *ACTIN2* gene (At3g18780) and calculated as follows: $RLT = N_0 * 2^{Cp}$; N_0 – initial copy number, Cp – crossing point. A lack of *S8H* transcript in the *s8h-2* mutant background was confirmed by RT-PCR using primers shown in Table S2.

Method	Primer name	Primer sequence
qPCR	<i>ACT2</i> (<i>ACTIN2</i>)	5'-CTTGCACCAAGCAGCATGAA-3' 3'-CCGATC CAGACACTGTACTTCCTT-5'
qPCR	<i>S8H</i>	5'-GCCGAGACACTTGGCTTCTT-3' 5'-CAGCAGCTCCACCGAAACA-3'
RT-PCR	<i>ACT2</i> (<i>ACTIN2</i>)	5'-TCCCAGTGTTGTTGGTAGGC-3' 5'-CAAGACGGAGGATGGCATGA-3'
RT-PCR	SM_3.23443_1 SM_3.23443_3	5'- TGTGCCAGATAAGGAGAAGGCGA-3' 5'-GAACCCTATGCTCCGCACTT-3'
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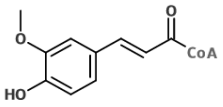
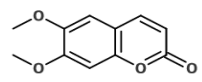
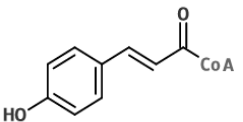
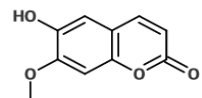
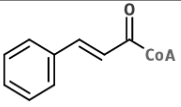
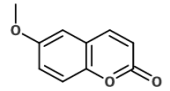
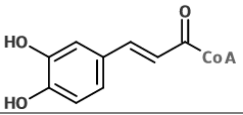
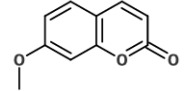
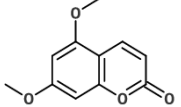
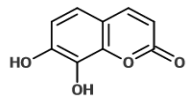
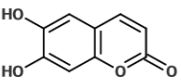
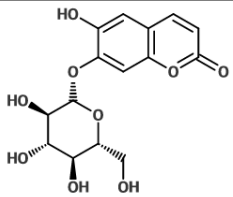
Table S3. Modified Heeg solutions used in hydroponic cultures.

	10 x Heeg	1 x Heeg
Macronutrients	Final conc. (mM)	Final conc. (mM)
KNO ₃	2	2
Ca(NO ₃) ₂ •4H ₂ O	2	2
MgSO ₄	0.5	0.5
NH ₄ NO ₃	0.4	0.4
KH ₂ PO ₄	0.25	0.25
Micronutrients	Final conc. (uM)	Final conc. (uM)
FeEDTA	40	40
H ₃ BO ₃	25	2.5
MnCl ₂ •4H ₂ O	2	0.2
ZnSO ₄ •7H ₂ O	2	0.2
CuSO ₄ •5H ₂ O	0.5	0.05
KCl	4.5	0.45
(NH ₄) ₆ Mo ₇ O ₂₄	0.08	0.008
CoCl ₂	0.26	0.026

Table S4. PCR amplification of the *S8H* ORF. RNeasy[®] Plant Mini Kit (Qiagen) was used following the instructions of the manufacturer. 0.5 µg of RNA was used for reverse transcription by Maxima First Strand cDNA Synthesis Kit (Thermo Scientific).

PCR Reaction Mixture (50 µl)	PCR Condition (35 cycles)
cDNA (from roots RNA)	denaturation 98 °C / 3 min
2.5 U of LA Taq [™] DNA Polymerase (Takara)	98 °C / 10 sec
200 µM dNTP	52 °C / 15 sec
1 µM primers	72 °C / 60 sec
1 × PCR Buffer containing 5 mM Mg ²⁺	extension 72 °C / 5 min

Table S5. Compounds used in the analysis of *in vitro* substrate specificity of S8H enzyme. (+) enzyme activity was observed for the selected compound, (-) lack of enzyme activity.

Compound	Activity	Structure	Compound	Activity	Structure
feruloyl-CoA	-		6,7-dimethoxycoumarin (scoparon)	-	
coumaryl-CoA	-		isoscopoletin	-	
cinnamyl-CoA	-		6-methoxycoumarin	-	
caffeoyl-CoA	-		7-methoxycoumarin	-	
limetin	-		7,8-dihydroxycoumarin (daphnetin)	-	
esculetin	-		esculin	-	

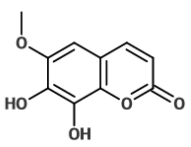
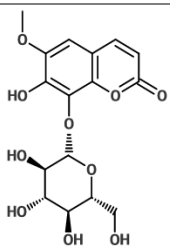
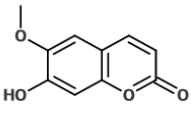
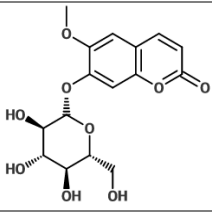
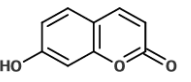
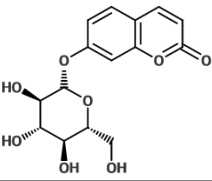
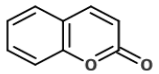
fraxetin	-		fraxin	-	
scopoletin	+		scopolin	-	
umbelliferone	-		skimmine	-	
coumarin	-				

Table S6. Chemical analysis of soil mixes originating from different batches used in two experimental replicates. Arabidopsis seeds were stratified on water-saturated Whatman paper in Petri dishes for four days at 4 °C and subsequently were sown out in soil mixes previously described by Ihnatowicz et al. (2014). Plant were grown in controlled environment during a 16 h light (~9000 lumens per square meter (lux)) at 22 °C and 8 h dark at 20 °C.

In contrast to the **Soil Experiment 1**, in which *s8h* mutants were visible larger than Col-0 plants when grown in a soil mix no. 2 (Figure S9), no apparent phenotypic differences between *s8h-1* and WT plants were observed in a soil mix no. 2 used in the second experimental replicate (**Soil Experiment 2**). As the soil mixes used in both independent experiments originated from the same producer but different batches, we decided to elucidate their contents of macro- and micronutrients by conducting a chemical analysis (Regional AgroChemical Station in Gdansk, Poland (OSCh-R, <http://www.oschrgdansk.pl/>)). The soil mix no. 2 used in the first experiment (**Soil Experiment 1**) was characterized by a lower P level and a higher Fe content when compared with soil mix no. 2 used in the second experiment (**Soil Experiment 2**).

Experimental replicate		Soil Experiment 1		Soil Experiment 2
		soil mix no. 1	soil mix no. 2	soil mix no. 2
pH in H ₂ O		6.98±0.35	7.42±0.37	7.56±0.38
Salinity [gNaCl/dm ³]		0.30±0.04	1.90±0.28	1.19±0.18
Macronutrients [mg/dm ³]	NO ³	4.5±0.9	141±28	101±20
	Cl	<10.0*	29.6±7.4	25.2±6.3
	P	54±8.1	25.0±3.8	56.0±8.4
	K	110±16	79.4±11.9	77.0±11.6
	Ca	992±149	2731±410	3326±499
	Mg	362±54	373±56	472**
Micronutrients [(mg/kg dry mass (d.m.)]	B	0.91±0.23	0.63±0.16	0.5±0.1
	Cu	0.68±0.12	0.56±0.10	<0.60***
	Zn	2.83±0.48	1.27±0.22	1.0±0.2
	Mn	1.15±0.18	0.70±0.11	0.5±0.1
	Fe	12.8±2.0	49.9±8.0	25.3±4.0

(*) Result below lower Detection Limit (DL): for Cl = 10.0 mg/dm³

(**) Result above upper limit of the working range: for Mg = 400 mg/dm³

(***) Result below lower Detection Limit (DL): for Cu = 0.6 mg/dm³

(No. 1) Commercial soil (for sowing, quilting and herbs) containing a starting mild dose of fertilizer mixed with vermiculite (3:1)

(No. 2) Commercial de-acidified moss mixed with commercial soil containing a base dose of fertilizer and vermiculite (2:1:1)