

Supplementary data

## Reactive oxygen species and gibberellin acid mutual induction to regulate tobacco seed germination

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**Table S1.** Real-time PCR primers used for genes expression analysis

Gene Name	Forward	Reverse
<i>NtABI3</i>	GAGTATCAGACCATGGAATCTGC	TTCCATCGCGGAGAATTG
<i>NtABI5</i>	CGCAAAAGGCGACTAACAA	ACACATCAAGGGCAACTCAA
<i>NtGA20ox1</i>	TTGCCACTTTCTGAAAAGCA	CTGGCATAACCACAATGCTC
<i>NtGA20ox2</i>	AATTCATATGGCCGGAAGG	GGAGGGACATGTAATGGAGGT
<i>NtGA3ox2</i>	TGGAAAACTAGCCGGAAGA	GCCCATTTTCATATCGTCCTTAC
<i>NtGA2ox1</i>	TCATTGTAACTTCACCAAGCAA	AAATGGTCAATGCCAGGTTT
<i>NtGA2ox2</i>	TTGGAGGACCACCATTGAGT	CAAGCTGTCTTGATCCCCTTT
<i>NtGID1</i>	TTGCCTTCCTAGTTGCTGTG	CAGAACAGACACTTCTGAAATAGCA
<i>NtGID2</i>	ACCTCTGGCCACTCTCAAAG	CGGAAGTTGGAGTCGAAGAA
<i>NtRGL2</i>	GCAGTGACGCAGTCCAAA	TGTCAATTTATAACCATCACACGA
<i>NtNCED1</i>	TGGCATCTACAACCTCTGCTT	AGTCTCTTGAAGATGGCATTGAT
<i>NtNCED3</i>	TGGCATCTACAACCTCTGCTT	AGTCTCTTGAAGATGGCATTGAT
<i>NtCYP707A1</i>	GGAATTCAGTATGGGCCATTT	GGGATATAGCTTAATGGGCAGA
<i>NtCYP707A2</i>	TGTATGCCATATGCATCTAAGGTT	CTTGAAACCAAGGCACAA
<i>NtRBOH</i>	CTGTTTTCTCCGAGGTTTGC	CAGCTCTGAGGAGTCCACTTTT
<i>NtICL</i>	AGCCCATGGAGTTGACACAT	TCTATCATAGTAATTAGCACCAGACC
<i>Actin</i>	CTATTCTCCGCTTTGGACTTGGCA	ACCTGCTGGAAGGTGCTGAGGGAA

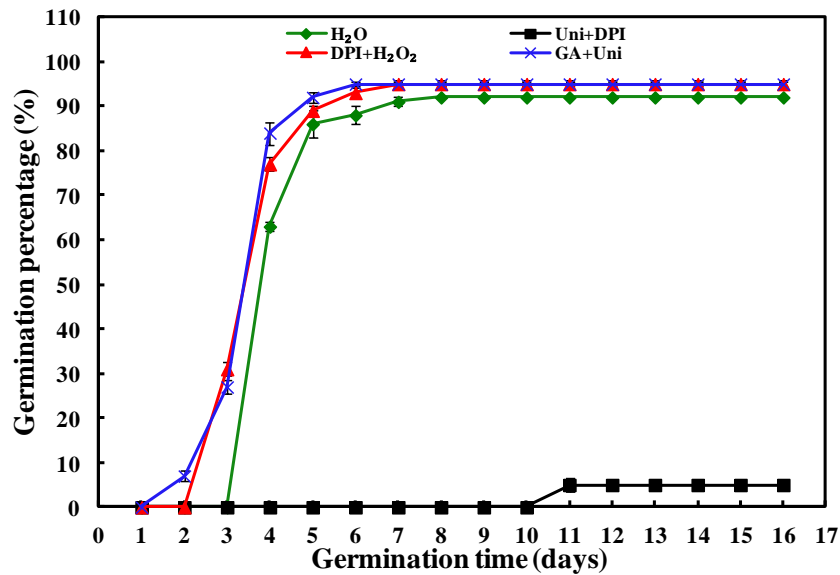
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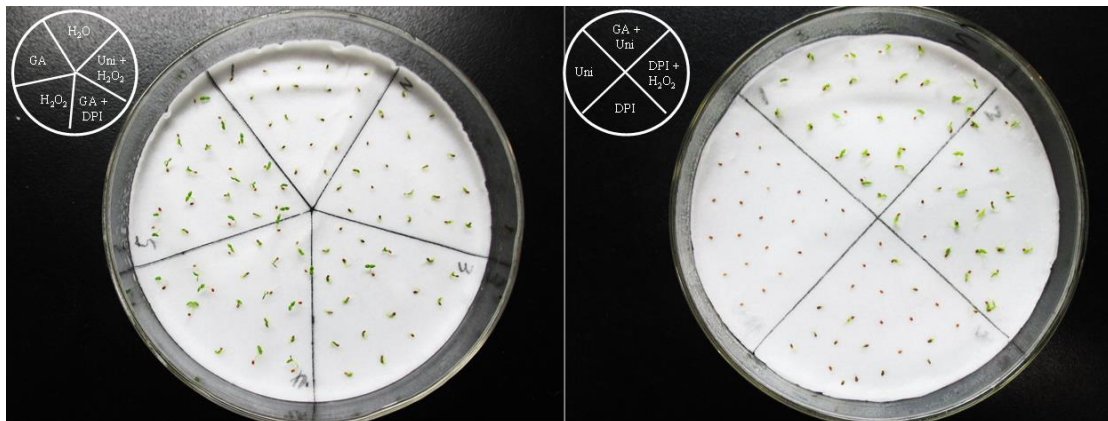
**Table S2.** Seed vigor and viability of Yunyan 97 during seed germination

Treatments	GP			GI			MGT		
	2	5	7	2	5	7	2	5	7
H <sub>2</sub> O	0.0±0.0* b	86.0±3.0 c	91.0±1.0 c	0.0±0.0 b	20.4±0.7 d	21.1±0.3 d	—	4.3±0.0 b	4.3±0.0 a
H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	5.0±1.0 a	92.0±2.0 a	95.0±1.0 a	2.5±0.5 a	24.3±0.9 b	24.8±0.8 b	2.0±0.0	3.9±0.0 d	3.9±0.1 c
Uni	0.0±0.0 b	0.0±0.0 d	31.7±2.1 e	0.0±0.0 b	0.0±0.0 e	5.3±0.4 f	—	—	0.4±0.2 g
H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> +Uni	0.0±0.0 b	92.0±1.7 a	92.3±1.2 bc	0.0±0.0 b	22.3±0.4 c	22.4±0.3 c	—	4.2±0.0 c	4.2±0.0 ab
GA	5.7±1.2 a	91.0±1.0 ab	94.3±1.2 a	2.8±0.6 a	25.4±0.5 a	26.0±0.5 a	2.0±0.0	3.7±0.0 f	3.6±0.1 de
DPI	0.0±0.0 b	2.3±1.2 d	42.0±1.0 d	0.0±0.0 b	0.5±0.2 e	7.0±0.2 e	—	5.0±0.0 a	0.7±0.0 f
GA+DPI	0.0±0.0 b	91.7±1.5 a	94.7±1.5 a	0.0±0.0 b	22.0±0.4 c	22.5±0.4 c	—	4.2±0.0 bc	4.1±0.0 b
Uni+DPI	0.0±0.0 b	0.0±0.0 d	0.0±0.0 f	0.0±0.0 b	0.0±0.0 e	0.0±0.0 g	—	—	—
H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> +DPI	0.0±0.0 b	89.0±1.0 b	94.0±1.0 ab	0.0±0.0 b	24.0±0.4 b	24.8±0.3 b	—	3.8±0.0 e	3.7±0.1 d
GA+Uni	5.7±1.2 a	90.7±1.2 ab	94.7±0.6 a	2.8±0.6 a	25.6±0.5 a	26.2±0.4 a	2.0±0.0	3.7±0.0 f	3.6±0.0 e

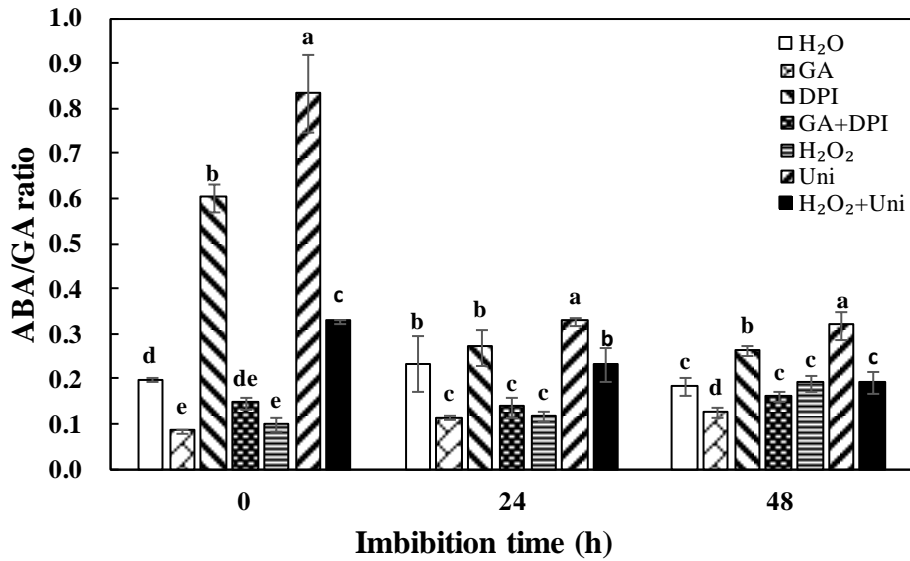
\*Values were mean ± SE (n = 4). Different small letter (s) following the values indicated significant difference (LSD,  $\alpha=0.05$ ) during seed development. GP: germination percentage, GI: germination index, MGT: mean germination time ( $GP=100\% \times G_T/100$ , where  $G_T$  is the total germination seeds on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> day, respectively;  $GI = \sum (Gt/Tt)$ ,  $MGT = \sum (Gt \times Tt) / \sum Gt$ , where  $Gt$  is the number of new germinated seeds in time  $Tt$ , 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> day.



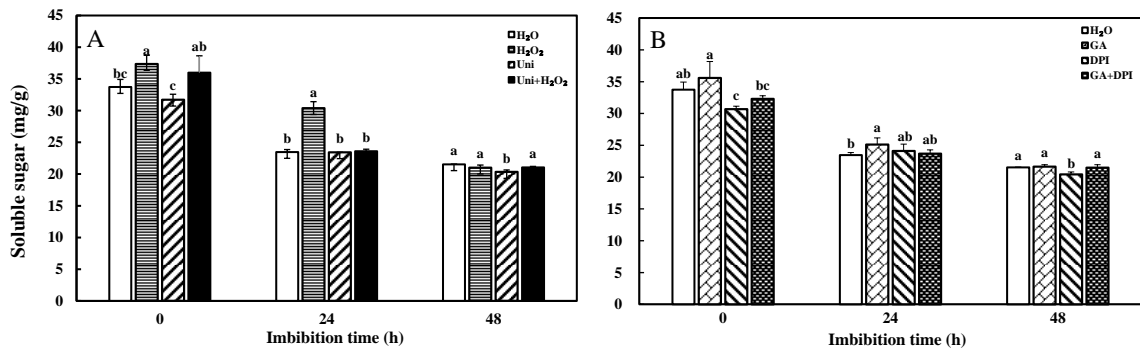
**Fig. S1.** GA or H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> was essential for seed germination. GA: gibberellin acid; H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: hydrogen peroxide ; Uni: uniconazole, GA synthesis inhibitor; DPI: diphenyliodonium, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> scavenger. H<sub>2</sub>O: hydropriming (water priming); Uni+ DPI: 30  $\mu$ M Uni and 100  $\mu$ M DPI combination priming. DPI+ H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 50 mM H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> and 100 $\mu$ M DPI combination priming; GA+ Uni: 10 mM GA and 30  $\mu$ M Uni combination priming. Vertical bars above mean indicated standard error of six replicates of 50 seeds each for each treatment. Values were mean  $\pm$  SE (n = 6).



**Fig. S2.** Seed germination of different treatments on the fifth day after sowing. GA: gibberellin acid; H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: hydrogen peroxide ; Uni: uniconazole, GA synthesis inhibitor; DPI: diphenyliodonium, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> scavenger. H<sub>2</sub>O: hydropriming (water priming); Uni+ DPI: 30  $\mu$ M Uni and 100  $\mu$ M DPI combination priming. DPI+ H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 50 mM H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> and 100 $\mu$ M DPI combination priming; GA+ Uni: 10 mM GA and 1 mM Uni combination priming.



**Fig. S3.** Changes of ABA/GA<sub>3</sub> ratio during seed imbibition in response to different treatments. Seed were collected respectively at 0, 24 and 48 h during imbibition, and four replications for each treatment at each sampling time were used. Different small letter (s) on the top of the bars indicated significant differences (LSD,  $\alpha=0.05$ ) among treatments at same imbibition time. Error bars indicated  $\pm$  SE of mean ( $n = 4$ ). For additional explanations, please see Fig.1.



**Fig. S4.** Changes of soluble sugar during seed imbibition in response to different treatments. Seed were collected respectively at 0, 24 and 48 h during imbibition, and four replications for each treatment at each sampling time were used. Different small letter (s) on the top of the bars indicated significant differences (LSD,  $\alpha=0.05$ ) among treatments at same imbibition time. Error bars indicated  $\pm$  SE of mean ( $n = 4$ ). For additional explanations, please see Fig.1.