Fluorescent reporters for functional analysis in rice leaves

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Supplemental File 1

Supplemental File 1 contains five supplemental figures and one supplemental table.



Supplemental Figure 1: Fluorescent proteins chosen as candidate reporters to test in rice. The twelve fluorescent proteins selected for screening are annotated with a value representing their brightness (product of extinction coefficient and quantum yield). From left to right: blue, cyan, green, yellow, orange, red and far red fluorescent proteins. The displayed set of proteins was obtained from (http://www.fpvis.org/FP.html), except for tdTomato, which was missing from the database.



Supplemental Figure 2: Undetectable and poorly detectable fluorescent proteins expressed in mesophyll cells of rice leaf blades from stably transformed T₀ plants. (a,b) Leaves expressing $ZmPEPC_{pro}:mTFP1-NLS$. (c,d) Leaves expressing $ZmPEPC_{pro}:mCitrine-NLS$. (e,f) Leaves expressing $ZmPEPC_{pro}:mYPet-NLS$. (g,h) Leaves expressing $ZmPEPC_{pro}:TagRFPT-NLS$. (i,j) Leaves expressing $ZmPEPC_{pro}:mRuby3-NLS$. (k,l) Leaves expressing $ZmPEPC_{pro}:mKate2-NLS$. (m,n) Leaves expressing $ZmPEPC_{pro}:mCardinal-NLS$. FP; fluorescent protein. Scale bars represent 100 μ m and 10 μ m for low and high magnification images, respectively.



Supplemental Figure 3: Fluorescent proteins expressed in mesophyll cells of rice leaf blades from stably transformed T_1 plants. (a-c) Leaves expressing $ZmPEPC_{pro}:mTurquoise2-NLS$. (d-f) Leaves expressing $ZmPEPC_{pro}:mNeonGreen-NLS$. (g-i) Leaves expressing $ZmPEPC_{pro}:mClover3-NLS$. (j-l) Leaves expressing $ZmPEPC_{pro}:mKO\kappa-NLS$. (m-o) Leaves expressing $ZmPEPC_{pro}:tdTomato-NLS$. FP; fluorescent protein. Scale bars represent 20 µm.



Supplemental Figure 4: Fluorescent proteins expressed in mesophyll cells of ClearSeetreated rice leaf blades from stably transformed plants. (a-c) Leaves expressing $ZmPEPC_{pro}:mTurquoise2-NLS$. (d-f) Leaves expressing $ZmPEPC_{pro}:mNeonGreen-NLS$. (g-i) Leaves expressing $ZmPEPC_{pro}:mClover3-NLS$. (j-l) Leaves expressing $ZmPEPC_{pro}:mKO\kappa-NLS$. (m-o) Leaves expressing $ZmPEPC_{pro}:tdTomato-NLS$. FP; fluorescent protein. Scale bars represent 10 µm.



Supplemental Figure 5: Fluorescent proteins targeted to different cell compartments in transiently transformed rice root cells. (a-d) Root cell transformed with a construct expressing nuclear-localized mTurquoise2 and plasma membrane-localized mNeonGreen. (e-h) Root cell transformed with a construct expressing plasma membrane-localized mTurquoise2 and nuclear-localized mNeonGreen. Scale bars represent 10 μ m.

Supplemental Table 2: Screen of stably transformed T_0 plants expressing different fluorescent proteins. Numbers indicate independent T_0 plants for each fluorescent protein where nuclear fluorescence signal was or was not detected.

Reporter	Nuclear signal detected	Not detected	Notes
mTurquoise2	5 strong / 3 weak	1	Clear nuclear signal, relatively little signal from autofluorescent structures
mNeonGreen	5 strong / 4 weak	0	
mClover3	7 strong	2	Clear nuclear signal, substantial signal from autofluorescent structures
тКОк	7 strong	0	
tdTomato	4 strong / 3 weak	0	
TagRFP-T	3 strong / 3 weak	0	Non-robust nuclear signal, substantial signal from autofluorescent structures
mCitrine	2 weak	3	Weak nuclear signal for very few plants, substantial signal from autofluorescent structures
mYPet	1 weak	4	
mTFP1	none detected	6	
mRuby3	none detected	7	No nuclear signal detected, autofluorescence signal present
mKate2	none detected	7	
mCardinal	none detected	5	