## **Supplementary Information**

Structural insights into mechanism and specificity of the plant protein

O-fucosyltransferase SPINDLY

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Supplementary Fig. 1. Sequence alignment of SPY proteins from plant (*Arabidopsis*, *Glycine max*), bacteria (*Synechococcus elongatus*), algae (*Chlamydomonas reinhardtii*), and protist (*Toxoplasma gondii*, *Dictyostelium discoideum*). The orange squares, blue triangles and red dots indicate target residues for self-fucosylation, residues involved in protein substrate binding, residues involved in glycan donor substrate binding and catalysis in *Arabidopsis* SPY, respectively. The green dot and green star indicate C645 and Y744 in *Arabidopsis* SPY, respectively.



**Supplementary Fig. 2. SEC-Mals characterization. a**, The measured molecular weight of wild type Arabidopsis SPY (SPY<sup>WT</sup>) in solution is around 201 kDa, that is about twice of the SPY monomer. It indicates that SPY<sup>WT</sup> is a dimer. Experiments were independently repeated three times with similar results. **b**, The measured molecular weight of SPY<sup>C645S</sup> in solution is about 206 kDa, indicating it also adopts dimeric form. Experiments were independently repeated three times with similar results.





**Supplementary Fig. 3.** *In vitro* enzyme activity of *Arabidopsis* SPY. a, *In vitro* SPY activity assay by HPLC. The standard GDP and GDP-fucose were used as references (upper panel). Both the wild type SPY (SPY<sup>WT</sup>, middle panel) and SPY<sup>C645S</sup> (lower panel) exhibit enzyme activity in presence of GDP-fucose. Experiments were independently repeated three times with similar results. **b**, *In vitro* fucosylation activity assay by Western blotting with biotinylated AAL showed that SPY<sup>WT</sup> and SPY<sup>C645S</sup> possess similar glycosylation activity toward DELLA<sup>1-250</sup>. Upper panel shows western blotting with biotinylated AAL. Lower panel shows Coomassie blue staining. Experiments were independently repeated three times with similar results. Uncropped images of Western blotting membranes and gels are available as source data.



Supplementary Fig. 4. Stereo representation of the electron density map of GDP bound in *Arabidopsis* SPY. The *Fo-Fc* electron density (2.0  $\sigma$  level) of GDP is shown in green.









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Supplementary Fig. 5. Structural comparison of *Arabidopsis* SPY and human OGT. a, Superposition of the Arabidopsis SPY (left panel) and human OGT<sup>1</sup> (PDB code 7NTF, right panel) structures was performed using the catalytic domains as references. The TPR domains are colored in pink, the connector regions are colored in cyan, the N-Cat lobes are colored in green, the C-Cat lobes are colored in blue. The N-terminal loop in Arabidopsis SPY is colored in yellow. The intervening domain in human OGT is colored in orange. **b**, Superposition of the TPR domains in *Arabidopsis* SPY (pink) and in human OGT (PDB code 7NTF, pale cyan). TPRs 8-11 in Arabidopsis SPY and TPRs 10-13 in human OGT are labeled. **c**, Cartoon representative of the TPR domain in *Arabidopsis* SPY. Helix 1 and helix 2 in each TPR unit are colored in pink and gray, respectively. TPR 4 and TPR7 are labeled. d. Structure-based sequence alignment of the 11 TPR units in Arabidopsis SPY and 13.5 TPR units in human OGT. The canonical TPR consensus sequence and the secondary structure elements are indicated at the top of the figure. The residues involved in substrate recognition are labeled with colored squares and dots at the bottom. e, Close-up view of the active sites in Arabidopsis SPY (left panel) and human OGT (right panel). The Arabidopsis 'catalytic SPY'/GDP/'substrate SPY' structure was superposed with the human OGT/UDP-5S-GlcNAc/aaTAB1tide structure<sup>2</sup> (PDB code 4AY6) using catalytic domains as references. The acceptor serine in aaTAB1tide is replaced with an aminoalanine. Hydrogen bonds are depicted by dashed lines.



	Proto	Protomer 2		
ce 1			V716'	
Interfac	TPR 1	K58	S713'	C-Cat'
		Y49	F654'	
Interface 2	TPR 7	N252	N344'	TPR 9'
		Y289	R342'	
	TPR 8	W292	E319'	
			V316'	
		L320	F324'	TPR 8'
		F324	L320'	
		V316	W292'	
	TPR 9	R342	Y289'	TPR 7'
		N344	N252'	

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**Supplementary Fig. 6. The** *Arabidopsis* **SPY dimer. a,** Cartoon representative of the dimer interface in *Arabidopsis* SPY. Interface 1 (and interface 1') is shown in red square and interface 2 is shown in blue square. **b,** Details of the dimer interactions are shown. The hydrogen bonds are shown in red dotted line. The hydrophobic interactions are shown in black dotted line. **c-d,** SPY variants (**c**), fucosylated SPY(**c**) and SPY in presence of protein substrate DELLA (**d**) remain dimers in solution as identified by gel filtration assay. Gel filtration profiles were color-coded (Upper panel). SDS-PAGE gels of peak fractions are stained by Coomassie blue (Lower panel). The molecular weights were labeled based on a gel filtration standard (BIO-RAD, catalog #151-1901). Experiments were independently repeated three times with similar results. Uncropped images of Western blotting membranes and gels are available as source data. **e-f,** self-fucosylation (**e**) and fucosylation of DELLA (**f**) by SPY<sup>WT</sup>/SPY<sup>WT</sup> homodimer and SPY<sup>WT</sup>/SPY<sup>K665A</sup> heterodimer. Experiments were independently repeated three times with similar results. Uncropped images of Western blotting membranes and gels are available as source data. **e-f**, self-fucosylation (**e**) and fucosylation of DELLA (**f**) by SPY<sup>WT</sup>/SPY<sup>WT</sup> homodimer and SPY<sup>WT</sup>/SPY<sup>K665A</sup>



**Supplementary Fig. 7. The Human OGT dimer.** Two views of the human OGT dimer (PDB code 7NTF) are shown in surface presentation. One protomer is colored the same as in Supplementary Fig. 4A, and the other protomer is colored in gray.



**Supplementary Fig. 8. Overview of the SPY dimer to dimer contact in the crystal lattice.** Protomers 1 and 2 in SPY dimer A are colored in pink and gray, respectively. Four symmetry-related SPY dimers are colored in yellow, orange, pale cyan and pale green, respectively.



Supplementary Fig. 9. Stereo representation of the electron density map of the N-terminal loop in *Arabidopsis* SPY. The *Fo-Fc* electron density (2.0  $\sigma$  level) is shown in green.



Supplementary Fig. 10. Structures of different hexoses. a, GlcNAc. b, L-Fucose. c, Glucose.

4	130	440	450	460	470	480	490
AtSPY TtOGT ApHMW1C XcOGT DmOGT HsOGT	SRNAGQN YHRAHSG PSAISHD QGVGAVE KNRLPSV KNRLPSV	RLLAMNYIN LYVALHYSA VYMHCSYDT .PFAFLSED HPHHSM.LY HPHHSM.LY	EGLDDKLFEAH LYDPRARHILA SVNKHDVX AS.AAEQLACA PLTHDCRKAIA PLSHGFRKAIA	IRDWGWRFTRLH LDWARRYADPL RALNHVIRRHI RTRAQAIAASV ARHANLCLEKV ERHGNLCLDK <u>I</u>	PQYTSWE TPVPATE ESEYGWKDRDVØ RPLAPTF HVLHKKPYNF. NVLHKPPYEH.	NLKDPERPITI VDPDPHRRLRI HIGYRNNKPVM VRSKGPLRV LKKLPGRLRI PKDLKLSDGRLRV	GYISPDFF.THSV GYVSGELR.CHPV VVLLEHFHSAHSI GFVSNGFG.AHPT GYLSSDFG.NHPT GYVSSDFG.NHPT
	500	510	520	530	54 Q	550	560
Atspy TtogT ApHMW1C XcogT DmogT HsogT	SYFIEAP GYFLEPV YRTHSTS GLLTVAL SHLMQSV SHLMQSI	LTHHDYT IEAHDRT MIAARE FEALQRRQP PGLHDRS PGMHNPD	KYKVVYSAVV AYEVYCYSNDP HFYLIGLG.SP DLQMHLFATSC KVEIFCYALSP KFEVFCYALSP	KA.DAKTYRFR RS.DALTDRLR SVDQAGQ DDGSTLRTRLA DDGTTFRHKIS DDGTNFRVKVM	DKVLKKGGVWKDIYG. ALSDRWRDYWP. EVFDEFHLVAGI QASTLHDYTA. RESENFVDLSQ. AEANHFIDLSQ.	I.DEKKTASM L.TDAELCEL NMKQ.KLEFTRSV L.GHLATAKH TPCNGKAADK IPCNGKAADS	VREDKIDILVELT VRRDGIDILVDLS CESNGAAIFYMPS IRHHGIDLLFDLR IFNDGIHILVNMN IHQDGIHILVNMN
AtSPY TtOGT ApHMW1C XcOGT DmOGT HsOGT	GHTANNK WHLGMHR IGMDMTT GWGGGGR GYTKGAR GYTKGAR	LGTMACRPA LFAFARRPA IFASNTRLA PEVFALRPA NEIFALRPA NELFALRPA	PVQVTWIGYPN PVQVTWIAAIN PIQAIALGHPA PUQVNWLAYPC PIQAMWLGYPG PIQAMWLGYPG	TGLPTVDYRI TGMRAMDYLV THSDFIEYVI TSGAPWMDYVL TSGASFMDYII TSGALFMDYII	TDSLADPPDTKQKQVE GDQHLCPPGSDELYTE VEDDYVGSEECFSE GDAFALPPALEPFYSE TDSVTSPLELAYQYSE TDQETSPAEVAEQ <u>YS</u> E	ELVRLPDCFLCYT RLVRLSRFYLPCN TLLRLPKDALPYV HVLRLQGAFQPSD KLSYMPHTYFIGD KLAYMPHTFFIGD	640 PSPEAGPV PPPDLPGW PSALAPEKVD TSRVVAE. H.KQMFPHLKE HANMFPHLKKK
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AtSPY TtOGT ApHMW1C XcOGT DmOGT HSOGT	710 QLGLESK GRGVAGE GD AQGVDAQ DFGISPD NMGLPQN	720 RVDLLPLIL RLELLSPM. SATAHPHSP RLVFMPKL. RVIFSNVA. RIIFSPVA.	730 FNHDHMQAYSI PRTDILATYNC .YHQYLRILHN PHPQYLARYRH AKEEHVRRGQI	740 MDTSLDTFPYA IDVALDTLPYS CDMMVNPFPFG ADLFLJTHPYN ADICLDTPLCN ADVCLDTPLCN	750 GTTTTCESLYMGVPC GCTTSLEALMGVPVV NTNGIIDMVTLGVVV AHTTASDALWTGCPVV GHTTSMDVLWTGTPVV GHTTGMDVLWAGTPMV	770 TMAGSVHAHNVGV TLEGADMAGRATS CKTGAEVHEHIDE TTPGETFAARVAG TLPGETLASRVAA TMPGETLASRVAA	780 SLLTKVGL.GHLV SLLRWACL.QELV GLFKRLGLPEWLI SLNHLGL.DEMN SQLATLGC.PELI SQLTCLGC.LELI
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AtSPY TtOGT ApHMW1C XcOGT DmOGT HsOGT	AKNEDEY SRTQEEY ANTVDEY VADDAAF ARTREEY AKNRQEY	VQLSVDIAS IDIALGIGR VERAVRIAE VAKAVALAS QNIAIRIGT EDIAVKIGT	DVTALSKLRMS DLGTLARLREH NHQERLELRRY DPAALTALHAF KKEYLKALRAK DLEYLKKVRGK	IR.DLMAGSPV IR.RWLRSVSM IIENNGLN.TL VD.VLRRASGV VW.KARVESPL YW.KQRISSPL	CNGPSFAVGLESAYRN SDQGSFTAELEDAYRN FTGDPRPMGQVFLE FHMDGFADDFGALLQA FDCSQYAKGLEKLFLF FNTKQYTMELERLYLC	T MWKKYCKG. MWRDACQTA KLNAFLKE. LARRHGWLGI MWEKYENGE MWEHYAAGN	A LPDHISAV KPDHMIK.

Supplementary Fig. 11. Structure-based sequence alignment of the connector regions and catalytic domains in *Arabidopsis* SPY (AtSPY), *Thermobaculum terrenum* OGT<sup>3</sup> (TtOGT, PDB code 5DJS), *Xanthomonas campestris* OGT<sup>4</sup> (XcOGT, PDB code 2JLB), *Actinobacillus pleuropneumoniae* HMW1C protein<sup>5</sup> (ApHMW1C, PDB code **3Q3H)**, *Drososphila melanogaster* **OGT**<sup>6</sup> (**DmOGT**, **PDB code 5A01**) and human **OGT**<sup>7</sup> (**HsOGT**, **PDB code 4N3C**). The green star indicates Y744 in AtSPY. The blue dots and orange squares indicate residues important for enzyme activity in AtSPY and HsOGT, respectively.



Supplementary Fig. 12. Previously reported SPY mutations. a, Schematic

representation of SPY with the nature and location of twenty mutations<sup>8-10</sup> indicated. **b**, The mutations are highlighted in the SPY structure. The color coding for SPY is the same as in Fig. 1c. The point mutations are shown in stick and colored in magenta. The deletion or frameshift region are colored in marine.

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