

TABLE S1 **Phytochrome levels and their corresponding hypocotyl lengths.** Relative amount of phytochrome and the corresponding relative hypocotyl length for different over-expressing lines, relative to Col WT in saturating red light conditions. Khanna and colleagues [28] investigated *pif5-2* lines for four days in 15 $\mu\text{mol}/(\text{m}^2\text{s})$; Leivar et al. [29] focussed on *pif7*-set1, *pif3*-set1, *pif3*-set2, *pif4*-set2, *pif3pif7*-set1, *pif4pif7*-set1, and *pif3pif4*-set2 lines in four days old seedlings irradiated with 0.9 $\mu\text{mol}/(\text{m}^2\text{s})$; Al-Sady and colleagues [46] investigated HA:mAPB and *pif3* lines for four days in 9 $\mu\text{mol}/(\text{m}^2\text{s})$. The photoreceptor abundance Col WT and phyB-GFP1 to 4 was determined according to Figure S1B. (–) indicates that no standard error (SE) was determined. The corresponding hypocotyl lengths were measured after four days in 15 $\mu\text{mol}/(\text{m}^2\text{s})$.

Description	Photoreceptor abundance mean (SE)	Hypocotyl length mean (SE)
Col WT	1 (–)	1 (0.03)
<i>pif7</i> -set1	1.11 (0.03)	0.76 (0.04)
HA:mAPB	1.468 (0.026)	0.514 (0.023)
<i>pif3</i>	1.516 (0.051)	0.502 (0.024)
<i>pif3</i> -set2	1.50 (0.07)	0.57 (0.03)
<i>pif3</i> -set1	1.59 (0.07)	0.58 (0.03)
<i>pif4</i> -set2	1.61 (0.04)	0.52 (0.03)
<i>pif5-2</i>	1.63 (0.05)	0.69 (0.09)
<i>pif4</i> -set1	1.77 (0.13)	0.5 (0.02)
<i>pif3pif7</i> -set1	2.11 (0.04)	0.48 (0.02)
<i>pif4pif7</i> -set1	2.3 (0.18)	0.47 (0.02)
<i>pif3pif4</i> -set2	3.04 (0.18)	0.38 (0.02)
phyB-GFP-1	3.8 (–)	0.26 (0.03)
phyB-GFP-4	4.7 (–)	0.23 (0.005)
phyB-GFP-2	5.3 (–)	0.19 (0.03)
phyB-GFP-3	5.4 (–)	0.19 (0.01)