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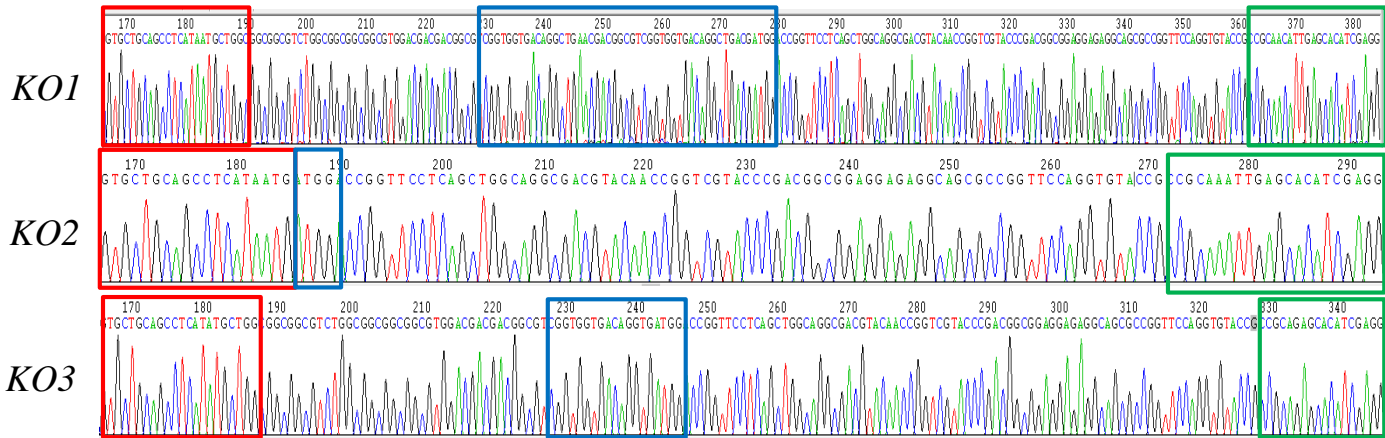
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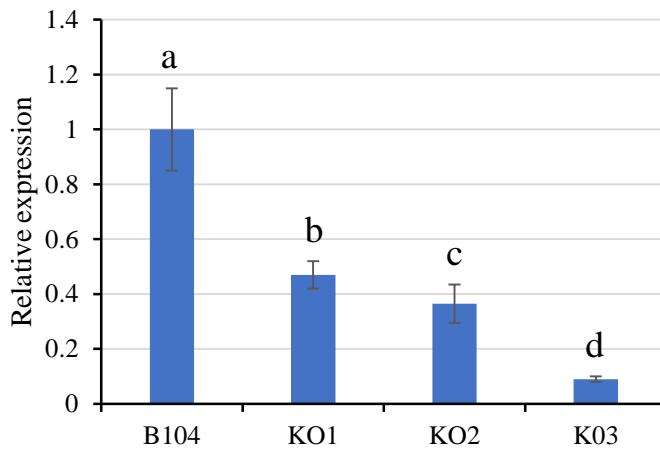
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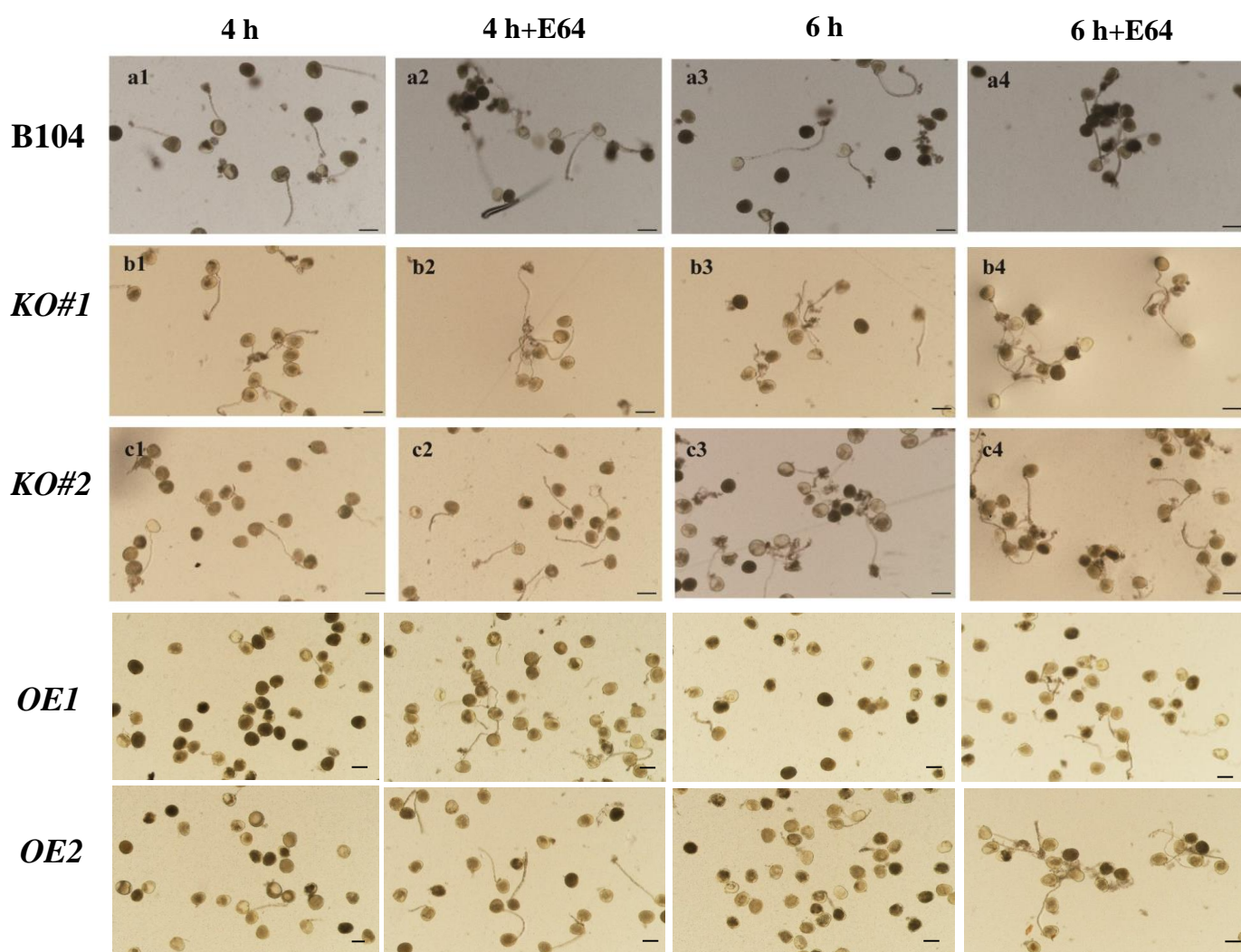
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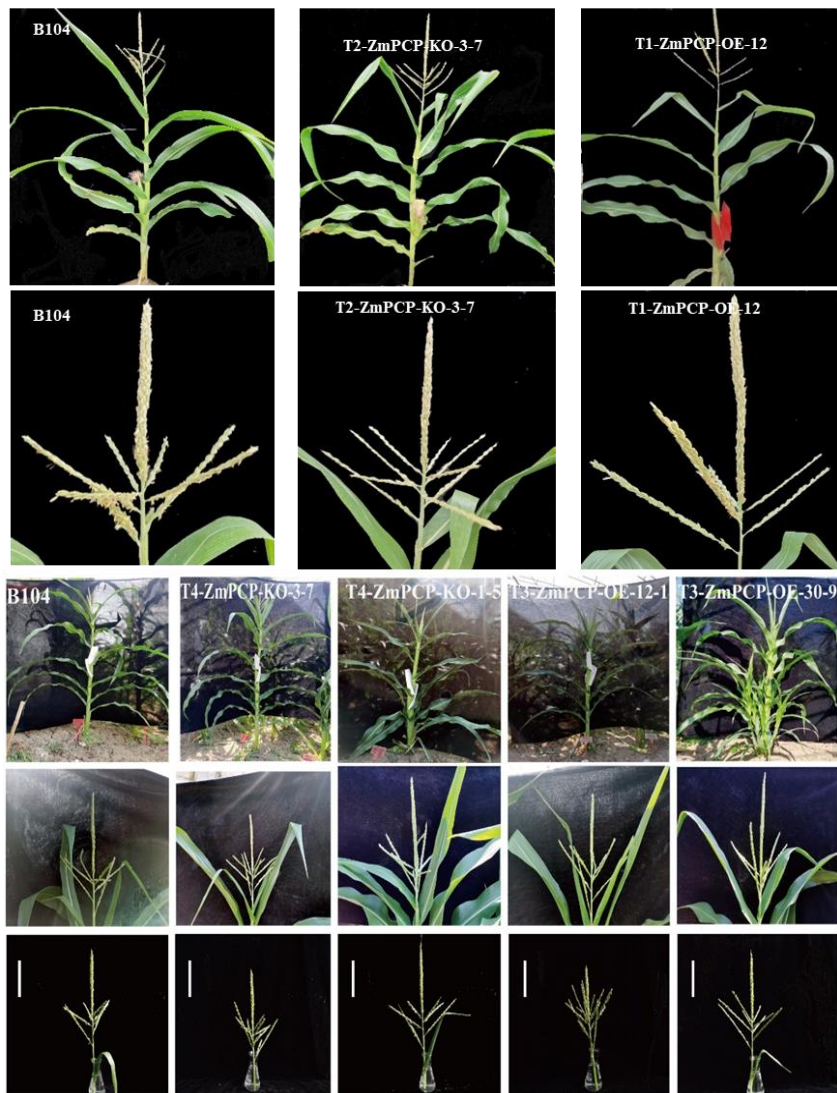
**Fig. S1.** The sequencing results of pollen grains of T2 mutants.



**Fig. S2** The relative expression levels of *PCP* were analyzed via RT-qPCR in *pcp* mutant lines. Data represent means  $\pm$  SD of three replicates. Significant differences were indicated with different letters ( $P < 0.05$ , one-way ANOVA).

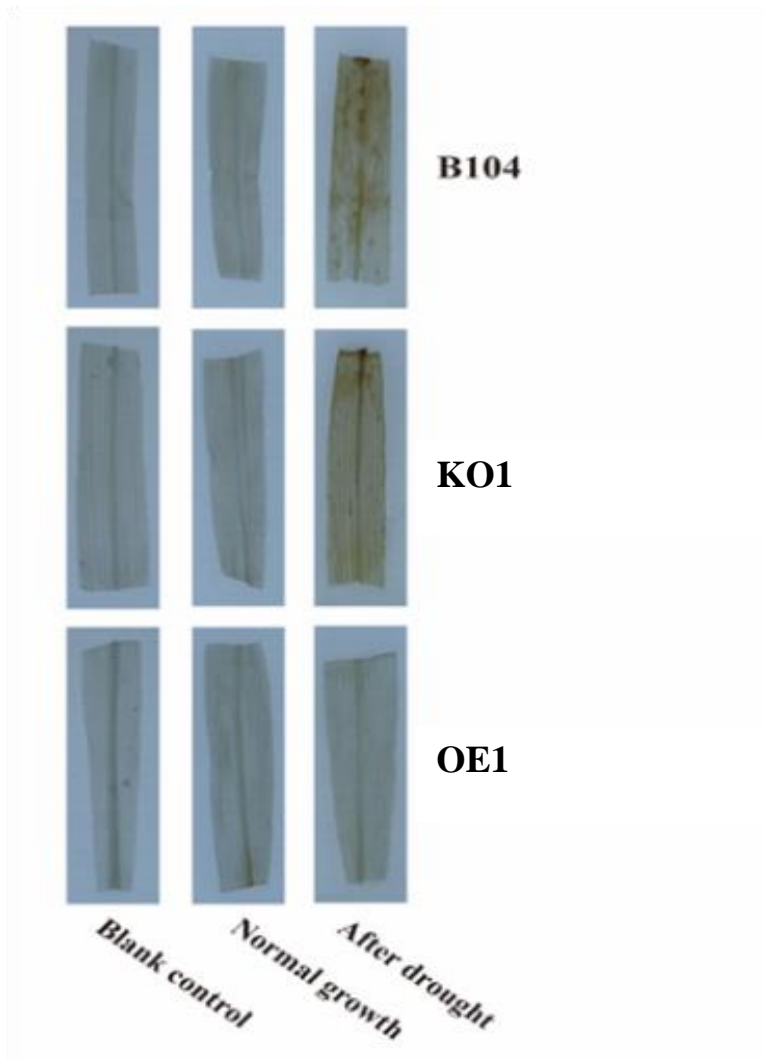


**Fig. S3.** Pictures of pollen germination and growth *in vitro* between wild type and transgenic lines after 4 h and 6 h incubation. Scale bar: 100  $\mu$ m.



**Fig. S4.** Phenotypic observation of WT and transgenic maize at flowering stage.

Scale bar: 10 cm.



**Fig. S5.** Measurement of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> content in WT and transgenic maize in response to drought stress by DAB staining.

**Table S1.** PCR primers used in this study.

| Primer name      | Primer sequence (5'-3')                | Usage                                   |
|------------------|--|---|
| sgRNA-T1-F       | cagt ggtctca GGCA CCTCGATGTGCTCAATGTTG | Synthesis of<br>sgRNA                   |
| sgRNA-T1-R       | cagt ggtctca AAACCAACATTGAGCACATCGAGG  |   |
| sgRNA-T2-F       | cagt ggtctca GCCG TGCTGCAGCCTCATAATGC  |   |
| sgRNA-T2-R       | cagt ggtctca AAAC GCATTATGAGGCTGCAGCA  |   |
| sgRNA-T3-F       | cagt ggtctca TGTGCGGTGGTGACAGGCTGATGA  |   |
| sgRNA-T3-R       | cagt ggtctca AAACTCATCAGCCTGTCACCACCG  |   |
| psgA-T1          | GACCATAGCACAAGACAGGCGT                 | Detection of<br>intermediate<br>vectors |
| psgB-T2          | CGAATGAGCCCTGAAGTCTGAAC                |   |
| psgC-T3          | CATTTCAATTACCTCTTTCTCC                 |   |
| pOSCas9-ZmCP03-F | GATGGGTTTTTATGATTAGAGTCC               | Detection of<br>expression<br>vectors   |
| pOSCas9-ZmCP03-R | GGCTCGTATGTTGTGTGG                     |   |