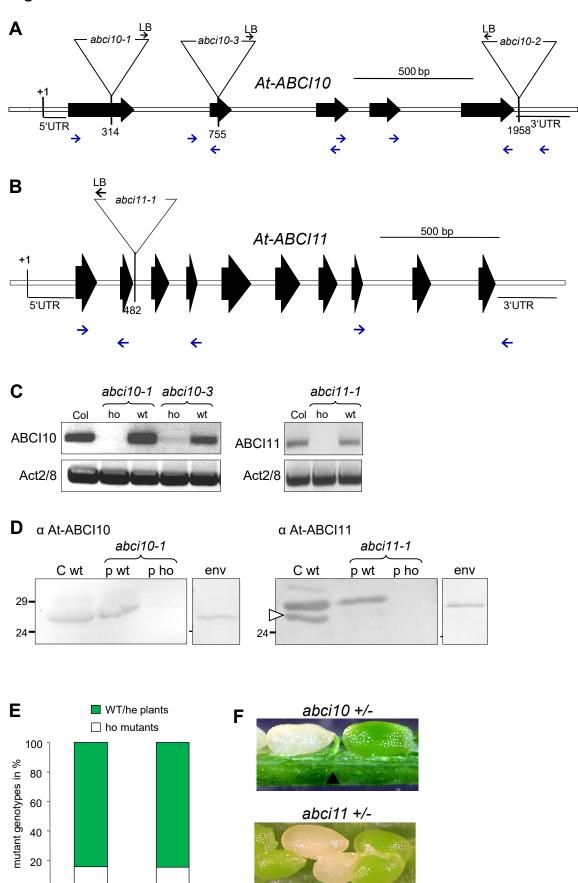
Figure S5



abci11-1

abci10-1

FIGURE \$5 | Characterization of the T-DNA mutants abci10-1, abci10-3, and abci11-1.

(A) The gene At-ABCI10 (At4g33460) contains 5 exon regions (black arrows). T-DNA insertions for the mutant lines abci10-1, abci10-3, abci10-2 are at base pairs (bp) 314, 755 and 1958, respectively. (B) The gene At-ABCI11 (At5g14100) contains 10 exon regions (black arrows). T-DNA insertion for the mutant line abci11-1 is at position 482. The positions of primers used for genotyping as described below, are indicated by blue arrows. UTR, untranslated regions. Genomic DNA of the heterozygous T-DNA insertion lines abci10-1 (SALK 027278), abci10-3 (GABI 969 D10), and abci11-1 (SALK 116866) was screened by PCR genotyping (not shown). At-ABCI10 or At-ABCI11 gene-specific primers in combination with T-DNA-specific left border primers generated fragments of 680 bp (abci10-1), 566 bp (abci10-3), and 487 bp (abci11-1) on heterozygous and homozygous plants. To identify plants with the T-DNA insertion in both alleles of At-ABCI10 or At-ABCI11 respectively, we used gene-specific primers flanking the predicted T-DNA insertion sites. DNA from homozygous, mutated abci10 or abci11 gave no amplification product, whereas the amplified regions on wild-type and heterozygous DNA were 622 bp (abci10-1), 626 bp (abci10-3), and 517 bp (abci11-1). To verify PCR products and T-DNA insertion sites, all amplified DNA fragments were sequenced. (C) RT-PCR on cDNA from Col-0 as well as segregated homozygous and wild-type plants of the mutants abci10-1, abci10-3, and abci11-1 as described in (A), (B). Primer pairs specific for At-ABCI10 and At-ABCI11 only in wild-type plants amplifed products of 347 bp and 330 bp, respectively. Showing that abci10-1, abci10-3, and abci11-1 homozygous lines are knockouts without RNA of the respective genes. A PCR product of actin (435 bp) was used as control. (D) Immunoblots on isolated chloroplasts (C) and total protein extracts (p) from homozygous abci10-1, abci11-1 and the corresponding wild-type lines (wt) in Arabidopsis as well as on envelope membranes (env) purified from Arabidopsis chloroplasts. On each lane 20 µg of proteins or 10µg for env were separated by SDS-PAGE. The antiserum for At-ABCI10 (left panel), specifically detects the mature ABCI10 protein (27 kDa) only in wt, showing that the abci10-1 knockout is also consistent at the protein level. α-At-ABCl11 (right panel) as well decorates the mature AtABCI11 (28.5 kDa) only in wt, confirming the knockout of At-ABCI11 in abci11-1. Please note that in chloroplasts of wt, a second band of about 28 kDa appears (triangle), which is absent in total protein extracts of wt and ho. Thus, it is tempting to speculate that the lower signal in the observed double band for α At-ABCI11 in pea IE membranes (compare Figure 3A) as well originates from unspecific interaction with an unknown, chloroplast-intrinsic ABCI protein. (E) Segregation analysis of homozygous (ho) progeny from abci10-1, abci11-1 lines. PCR-genotyping of the abci mutant lines described in (A), (B) reveals that ho progeny only segregates with a probability of 15.6 % for abci10-1 (n = 3922) and 15.4 % for abci11-1 (n = 3692). This non-Mendelian segregation of both mutants indicates possible defects in gametophyte and/or embryo and seed developement. (F) Empty seed coats with aborted embryos, developed in siliques of heterozygous abci10-1 and abci11-1 lines. Empty seed coats in both mutant lines were detected with a high proportion (23-28%, n = 8 siliques per line) which demonstrates an embryo lethal defect for both ho abci10-1 and abci11-1 mutants. The arrowhead indicates a green funiculus, which is part of the mother tissue.