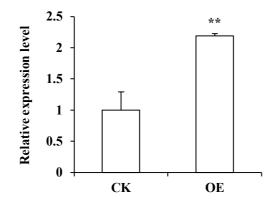
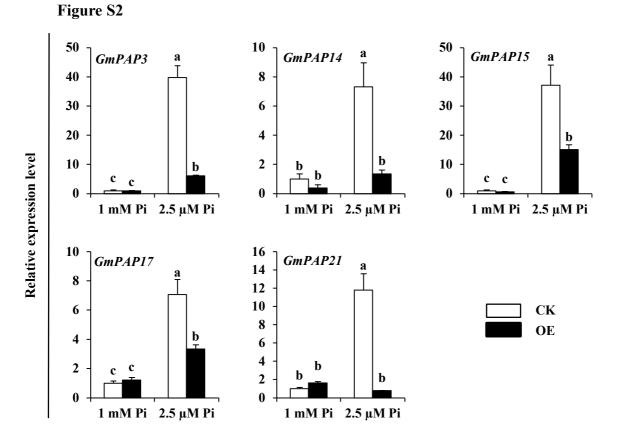
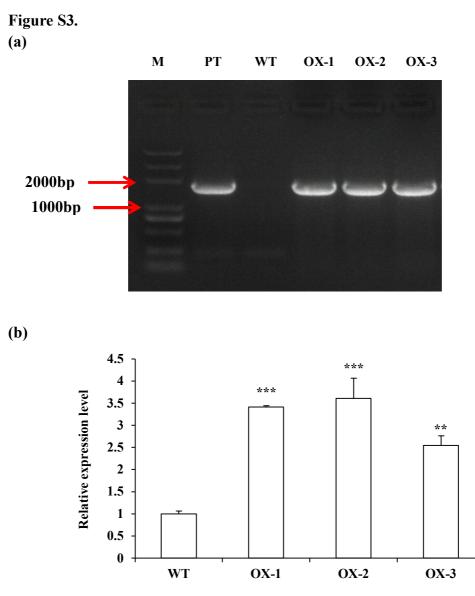
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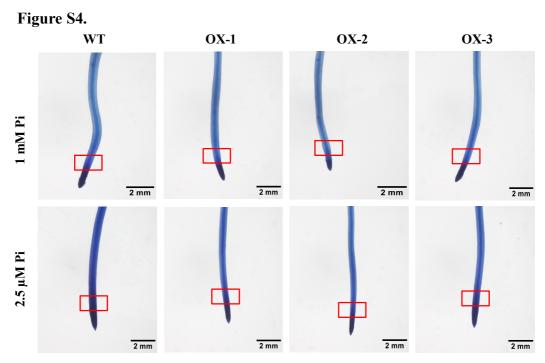
**Figure S1.** Expression levels of *Gm6PGDH1* in hairy root of soybean composite plants. CK represents soybean hairy root transformed with the empty vector; OE means transgenic soybean hairy root with overexpressing *Gm6PGDH1*. Values are the means of three independent samples, and bars indicate SD. Asterisk indicated a significant difference between OE and CK (Student's *t*-test, \*\*P < 0.01).



**Figure S2.** Transcript levels of some GmPAPs genes in *Gm6PGDH1*-overexpressing composite soybean plants. Plants were grown in nutrient solutions containing 1 mM or 2.5  $\mu$ M KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> for 14 d, and transcripts in hairy roots were determined by RT-qPCR. CK represents soybean hairy roots transformed with the empty vector; OE indicates transgenic soybean hairy roots with overexpressing *Gm6PGDH1*. Values are the means of three independent samples, and bars indicate SD. Means with different letters are significantly different (one-way ANOVA, Duncan, *P* < 0.05).

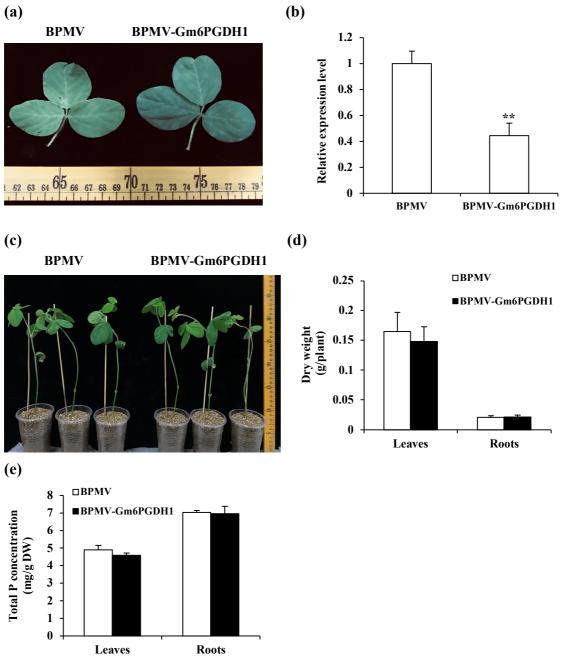


**Figure S3.** The *Gm6PGDH1*-overexpressing transgenic soybeans were identified by PCR (a) and RT-qPCR (b). (a) *Gm6PGDH1* gene has a size of 1461bp fragment. Lanes: M, DNA Marker DL5000; PT, the binary vector pCAMBIA3301-*Gm6PGDH1*; WT, no transformed wild type; OX-1, OX-2 and OX-3, three independent *Gm6PGDH1*-overexpressing transgenic soybean lines. (b) Expression levels of *Gm6PGDH1* in the WT and three transgenic soybean lines. Values are the means of three independent samples, and bars indicate SD. Asterisk indicated a significant difference between WT and each transgenic line (Student's t-test, \*\*P < 0.01, \*\*\*P < 0.001).

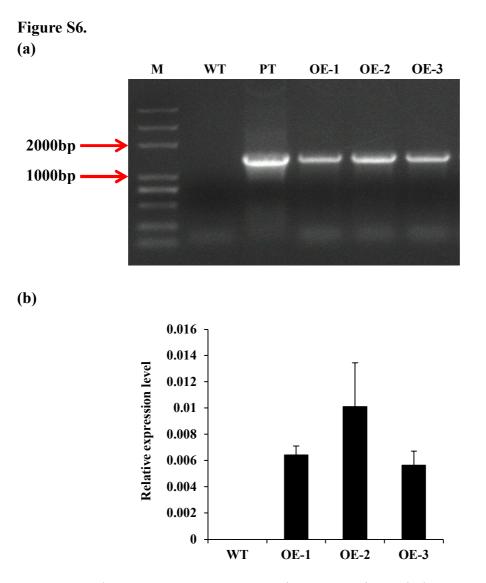


**Figure S4.** The root activity was detected by Trypan Blue staining. T3 progeny of 5 days old *Gm6PGDH1*-overexpressing transgenic soybeans (OX-1 to 3) and wild type (WT) seedlings were exposed to nutrient solution containing a high level of Pi (1 mM Pi, Pi-sufficient) and a low level of Pi (2.5  $\mu$ M Pi, Pi-deficient) for 10 d (removal of cotyledons), then part of the root tips were taken for staining. The red box indicates the meristematic zone. Bars = 2 mm.





**Figure S5.** Silencing *Gm6PGDH1* had no effect tolerance to Pi starvation in soybean. (a) The picture of trifoliate leaves inoculated with BPMV (empty vector) and BPMV-*Gm6PGDH1* (silencing vector) were taken two weeks after inoculation. (b) Expression of *Gm6PGDH1* was performed by RT-qPCR using a soybean actin gene as control. (c) The picture of representative plants that were identified were taken seven days after Pi starvation. Dry weight (d) and total P concentration (e) of plants treated as above. The results shown are from three individual plants inoculated with empty vector (BPMV) or silencing vector (BPMV-*Gm6PGDH1*). Data means ±SD (n=3). Data significantly different from the corresponding controls are indicated (\*\**P* < 0.01, Student's *t*-test). Scale unit in (a) and (c): cm.



**Figure S6.** The *Gm6PGDH1*-overexpressing transgenic *Arabidopsis* was identified by PCR (a) and RT-qPCR (b). (a) *Gm6PGDH1* gene has a size of 1461bp fragment. Lanes: M, DNA Marker DL 5000; WT, wild type *Arabidopsis*; PT, the binary vector pCAMBIA3301-*Gm6PGDH1*; OE-1, OE-2 and OE-3, three independent *Gm6PGDH1*-overexpressing transgenic *Arabidopsis* lines. (b) Expression levels of *Gm6PGDH1* in the three transgenic *Arabidopsis* lines (OE-1 to 3). Each bar is the meaning of three replicates with SD.

Name	Forward primer (5'-3')	Reverse primer (5'-3')
PET29a-GmG6PDH1	GCTGATATCGGATCCGA	GTGGTGGTGGTGGTGCT
	ATTCATGGCTCAACCCT	CGAGAATTCTAGACTGT
	CAACAAGAATAG	TTGGCAAGCTTG
рЛТ166- <i>GmG6PDH1</i>	GGCATGCATGGCTCAAC	CCTCGAGAATTCTAGAC
	CCTCAACAAGA	TGTTTGGCAAGCTT
OE-GmG6PDH1	AACACGGGGGGACTCTT	GCCCTTGCTCACCATAG
	GACAATGGCTCAACCCT	ATCTAATTCTAGACTGTT
	CAACAAGAA	TGGCAAGC
pCAMBIA3301-GFP	AACACGGGGGGACTCTT	GCCCTTGCTCACCATAG
	GACA	ATCT
VIGS	GATCCCACTTCCAAGGT	TCGAGGCATCAAAGAG
	TGATGAGACTGTA	GGACCATTACG

 Table S1. Primer sequences were used for vector construction and detection.

Gene	Forward primer (5'-3')	Reverse primer (5'-3')
GmG6PDH1	TGGCTCAACCCTCAACAAG A	CAACCTTGGAAGTGGTTCGG
GmPAP3	CCAACAAGATGCTGCTAAC GA	CAAAGAGGCCGAGTGAGAT G
GmPAP14	TCAAGCAGCCCCTTCATTA G	AGTTTTCCTTCGGCAATCTTC
GmPAP15	TTCGGCAATGCCATCC	TTCGCAGTTGAAAATGCTCT
GmPAP17	GGTTTTAAGTGGCAGTTTG G	GCAACAATGGAGCTTTCTGA
GmPAP21	GCTGATGGTGTTTGGATTG	TGTTGGGTGTCAAAGTTGAG
Gm06g11720	TCTCTGGCACCGATTCACTT	AGGAGCTCCACTCCTAAACG
Gm08g05680	TCAGAGAGGAGCTCAGGA CT	CGGCGACCTTAAGCATTTCA
Gm03g36620	CACTGCAGAGAAGGACTCC A	TCCCTAGCTGCCAATGCTAA
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Gm09g02650	CACTGGGAAGAAGGGATG GT	TGAGCACCTGAAAGTGCAAC
Gm15g13491	CTGCCTTTGCTGTTCAAGG T	AGAGTTGGACCAGGGTTTCC
Actin	CCTCAACCCAAAGGTCAAC AG	GACCAGCGAGATCCAAACG AA

**Table S2.** The primer sequences for qRT-PCR analysis in soybean.

Gene	Forward primer (5'-3')	Reverse primer (5'-3')
GmG6PDH1	TGGCTCAACCCTCAACAAG	CAACCTTGGAAGTGGTTCGG
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Actin2-8	ACGGTAACATTGTGCTCAGT	CTTGGAGATCCACATCTGCT
	GGTG	GGA

**Table S3.** The primer sequences for qRT-PCR analysis in Arabidopsis.