

Fig. S1. FLC is down regulated in the top1 $\alpha$  mutant. The qRT-PCRs were used to measure the relative expression levels of FPA, FY, FCA, FVE, FLK, FLD, LD, VRN2, VIP4, FLC, FRI, FT and SOC1 in top1 $\alpha$  mutants. The expression levels of these genes in the wild-type Col-0 were normalized to 1 and marked with the black line. Mean  $\pm$  SD with three independent biological replicates. Bars marked with different letters are statistically different to each other (P < 0.05 by Student's t test). Total RNA was isolated from 8-day-old seedlings grown in 1/2 MS media under long-day conditions. TUBULIN was used to normalize the mRNA levels. The primer sequences used are listed in Table S1.

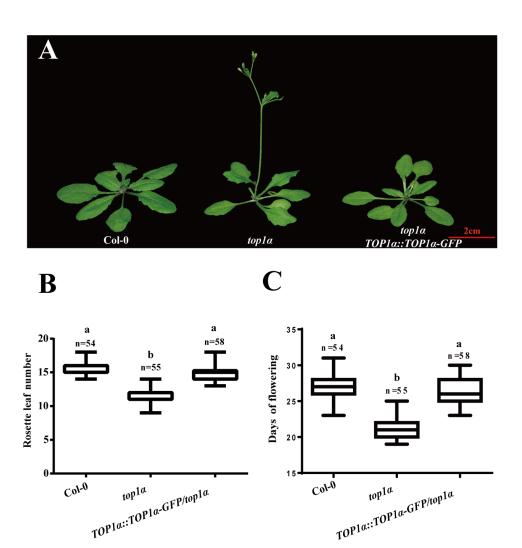


Fig. S2. The  $pTOP1\alpha::TOP1\alpha$ -GFP transgenic plants rescue early flowering phenotypes of  $top1\alpha$  mutants. (A) The early flowering phenotypes of  $top1\alpha$  mutants were rescued by the  $pTOP1\alpha::TOP1\alpha$ -GFP transgene. Bar, 2 cm. (B-C) The rosette leaf numbers and days of flowering were measured in Col-0,  $top1\alpha$  and  $pTOP1\alpha::TOP1\alpha$ -GFP/ $top1\alpha$  transgenic plants. Mean  $\pm$  SD. Bars marked with different letters are statistically different to each other (P < 0.05 by Student's t test). Plants were grown in the soil under long-day conditions. n, the number of plants.

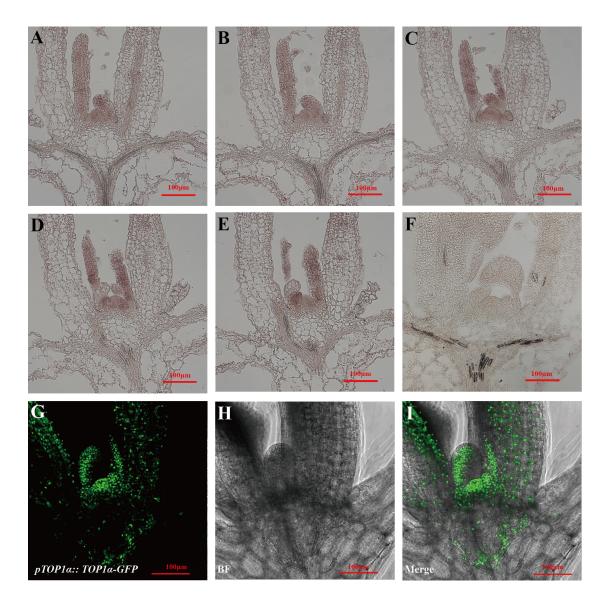


Fig. S3.  $TOP1\alpha$  expression patterns in the shoot apex. (A-E)  $TOP1\alpha$  expression patterns in the Col-0 seedlings using in situ hybridization. Serial sections were shown. Bar, 100 µm. (F) The sense control of  $TOP1\alpha$  in the in situ hybridization. (G-I) The protein localization of  $TOP1\alpha$  in the  $pTOP1\alpha$ :  $TOP1\alpha$ - $GFP/top1\alpha$  rescued plant. Bar,  $100 \ \mu m$ .

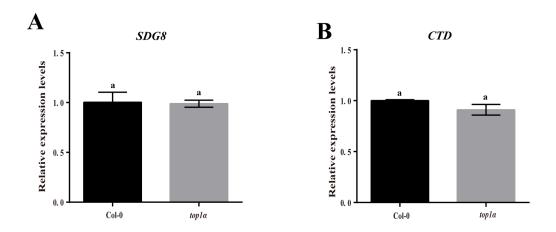
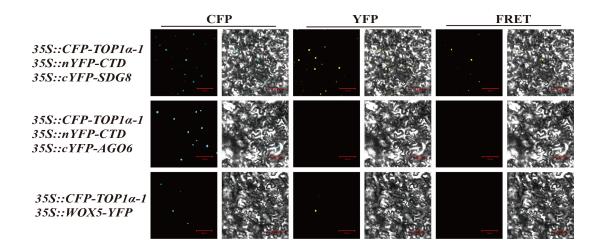
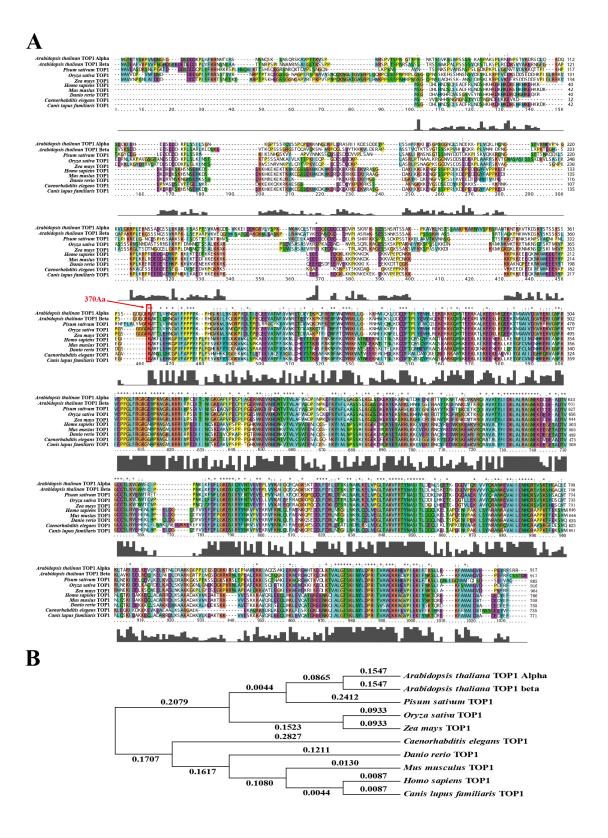


Fig. S4. TOP1 $\alpha$  does not regulate *SDG8* and *CTD* at the transcription level. The relative expression levels of *SDG8* (A) and *CTD* (B) in  $top1\alpha$  mutants were detected by qRT-PCR. Mean  $\pm$  SD with three independent biological replicates. Bars marked with same letters are not statistically different to each other (P > 0.05 by Student's t test). Total RNA was isolated from 8-day-old seedlings grown in 1/2 MS media under long-day conditions. *TUBULIN* was used to normalize the mRNA levels. The primer sequences used are listed in Table S1.



**Fig. S5. TOP1α, CTD and SDG8 are in the same complex.** BiFC-based FRET was performed to examine the interaction of TOP1α, CTD and SDG8 proteins in the same complex. The *35S::CFP-TOP1α-1*, *35S::nYFP-CTD* and *35S::cYFP-SDG8* were co-transformed into the abaxial leaves of *N. benthamiana*. The *35S::cYFP-AGO6* and *35S::WOX5-YFP* were used as negative controls. The excitation wavelength of 448 nm (CFP) and the emission wavelength of 514 nm (YFP) were used in the FRET channel. Bar, 100 μm.



**Fig. S6.** The alignment of Topoisomerase 1 in different species. **(A)** All protein sequences were obtained from NCBI (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/) and aligned using the software ClustalX2 (http://www.clustal.org/clustal2/). The numbers of amino acids are marked on the right. The column below shows the conservation

among different species. The dot ('.'), conservative; ':', obviously conservative; '\*', absolutely conservative. The red frame shows the 370th amino acid of  $TOP1\alpha$  in *Arabidopsis thaliana* and conserved amino acids among different species. **(B)** Phylogenetic tree and genetic distance of Topoisomerase 1 protein sequences among different species. The numbers above indicate the genetic distance.

Table S1. Oligonucleotides used in this study

## Primers for ChIP and qRT-PCR

Number	Name	Forward (F) and reverse (R) primers
H3111	FLC 1 (-662 to -412)	F: 5'-AGGCGAGTGGTTCTTTGTTTT-3'
H3112		R: 5'-CCTCCCCTACGATACGGATT-3'
H6342	FLC 2 (-269 to -201)	F: 5'-CTCGTCATGCGGTACACGTGGC-3'
H6461		R: 5'-AAAAACCAAATATGTGAATAAAAAC-3'
H5744	FLC 3 (-200 to -1)	F: 5'-TTGCATCACTCTCGTTTACCC-3'
H5745		R: 5'-GGCTTCTCTCCGAGAGGGC-3'
H1248	FLC 4 (+71 to +150)	F: 5'-TCGCAACGGTCTCATCGA-3'
H1249		R: 5'-GGCGGAGACGACGAGAAG-3'
H3115	FLC 5 (+201 to +388)	F: 5'-ACCTGGGTTTTCATTTGTTCC-3'
H3116		R: 5'-TTTGGTTATCTCATGTATCTATC-3'
H3117	FLC 6 (+688 to +865)	F: 5'-TCATTGGATCTCTCGGATTTG-3'
H3118		R: 5'-ACTAATTTGGATAATCACCAAG-3'
H3119	FLC 7 (+1306 to +1524)	F: 5'-TTCCCACTCTTGCAGTTACACACA-3'
H3120		R: 5'-AAGACACAAGATACAAAGGTTGT-3'
H3121	FLC 8 (+2562 to +1746)	F: 5'-TGAACTCATGAAAGAGGCGTT-3'
H3122		R: 5'-TACAAAGCGTGTTATCAAAACC-3'
H6339	FLC 9 (+5506 to +5616)	F: 5'-ATGGAGAATAATCATCATGTG-3'
H6340		R: 5'-CTAATTAAGTAGTGGGAGAG-3'
H3123	FLC 10 (+5733 to +5869)	F:5'-GTTTGTATATCTTAATACTCTCTCTTTTGGC-3'
H3124		R: 5'-ATGCAATTCTCACACGAATAAG-3'
H2660	FPA	F: 5'-ACCAAGCACTACGATTGCAGC-3'
H2661		R: 5'-ACCTGAAGACTGTTGCTGCTG-3'
H2662	FY	F: 5'-TCAAGGACAACCAAACAGTG-3'
H2663		R: 5'-TGCCTACTGATGTTGCTGATTG-3'
H2664	FCA	F: 5'-AGCAGCAACCGCTACAAAAGATG-3'

H2665		R: 5'-TGCGAGAACTGGCACAAAC-3'
H2821	FVE	F: 5'-TGCGAGAACTGGCACAAAC-3'
H2822		R: 5'-AGGCGAACCAACTCCATTAG-3'
H2823	FLK	F: 5'-ACGTCGGGTTCAAACATAAG-3'
H2824		R: 5'-TTGCTGCTCTGGTGCTAC-3'
H2825	FLD	F: 5'-ACGCAGTGACTCGTGTTC-3'
H2826		R: 5'-AGGGTATCGCCTTGTTG-3'
H2827	LD	F: 5'-TCGTCACAGGGTCCAAAAC-3'
H2828		R: 5'-TATAAAGGGCACGCATC-3
H2670	VRN2	F: 5'-ATGGACTTGTCGACTCAGCCAC-3'
H2671		R: 5'-TGTCATTCGGATGATCCACAATG-3'
H2672	VIP4	F: 5'-TGAAGAAGAGGAAGAGGTTGC-3'
H2673		R: 5'-TCGTCACTGTCATCAATCACG-3'
H2656	FRI	F: 5'-TGACTGAAGGAGGATTAGCTG-3'
H2657		R: 5'-TCTCATTCGAACCACTCATC-3'
H1248	FLC	F: 5'-TCGCAACGGTCTCATCGA-3'
H1249		R: 5'-GGCGGAGACGACGAGAAG-3'
Н0999	FT	F: 5'-TACGAAAATCCAAGTCCCACTG-3'
H1000		R: 5'-AAACTCGCGAGTGTTGAAGTTC-3'
H0504	SOCI	F: 5'-AGGAACATGCTCAATCGAGG-3'
H0505		R: 5'-CTTATACACTCTCAGTACTGC-3'
H5028	SDG8	F: 5'-ACCTGACTTACTCCAATGAGATC-3'
H0723		R: 5'-TTAACTGTTGAGCTTCTTCTCTAAA-3'
H6529	CTD	F: 5'-AGCAAGCCCAGACTACAGC-3'
H6530		R: 5'-CAGGGTTGCCTTTATCATCC-3'
H0069	Tublin	F: 5'-GAGCCTTACAAGCTACTCTGTCT3'
H0070		R: 5'-ACACCAGACATAGTAGCAGAAATCAAG-3'

## Primers for in situ hybridization

Number	Name	Forward (F) and reverse (R) primers
H0079	ΤΟΡΙα	T7: 5'-TAATACGACTCACTATAGGG-3'
H0080		Sp6: 5'-ATTTAGGTGACACTATAGAATACT-3'

## **Primers for cloning**

Number	Name	Forward (F) and reverse (R) primers
H5603	SDG8	F: 5'-GCGTCGACCTAAAAAACCATGTTGGGGATTCA-3'
H5604		R: 5'-TTTTCCTTTTGCGGCCGCAAATTTAACTTTCAAACGAAGGC-3'
H5308	ΤΟΡ1α-1	F:
H4036		5'-ATAAGAATGCGGCCGCCATGGGCACTGAAACAGTTTCAAAACC-3'
		R: 5'-CCGCTCGAGTTATTTCTTTTGCCCATCTCCAGAGGAAG-3'
H5309	ΤΟΡ1α-2	F:
H4038		5'-ATAAGAATGCGGCCGCcAAATGGACTACTTTGGTGCACAACGG-3'
		R: 5'-CCGCTCGAGTTATCCCAAAAATACATACTTGAATTC-3'
H5310	ΤΟΡ1α-3	F:
H4041		5'-ATAAGAATGCGGCCGCCCTTTTCAGAGGCCGTGGAGAACATCC-3'
		R: 5'-ACGCGTCGACACACACATGGTGCGCAAATTGAAAAATTG-3'
H5579	CTD	F: 5'-ACGCGTCGACaGTTTATCCCCAATGTCAGATGCAC-3'
H5580		R: 5'-ATAGTTTAGCGGCCGCCAGGGTTGCCTTTATCATCCTTAC-3'
H3109	FLC	F: 5'-ACGCGTCGACATGGGAAGAAAAAAACTAGAAATC-3'
H3110		R: 5'-TTTTCCTTTTGCGGCCGCCTAATTAAGTAGTGGGAGAG-3'