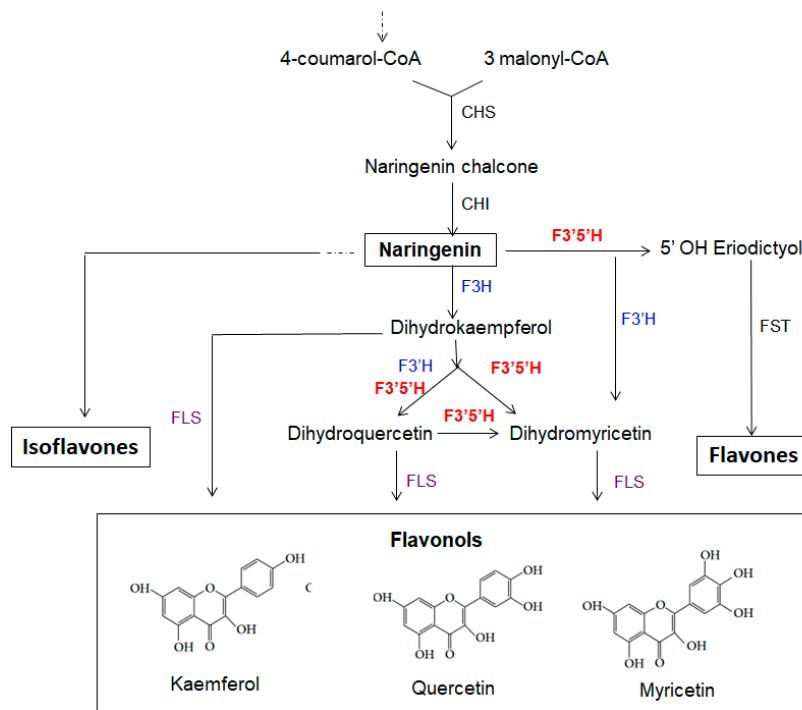
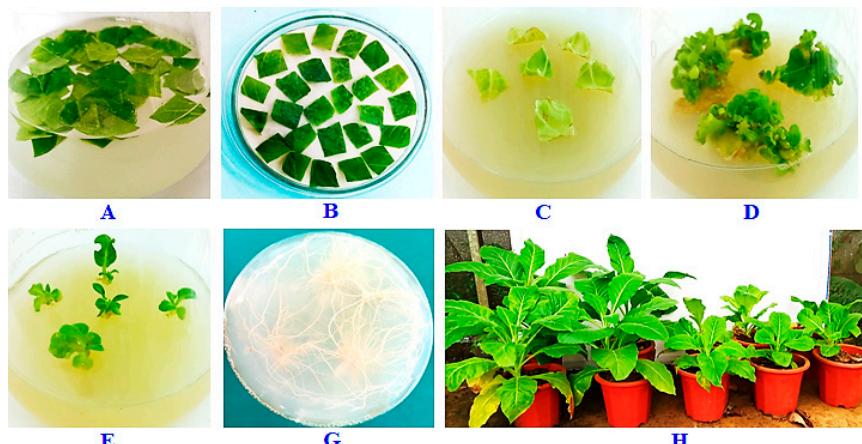


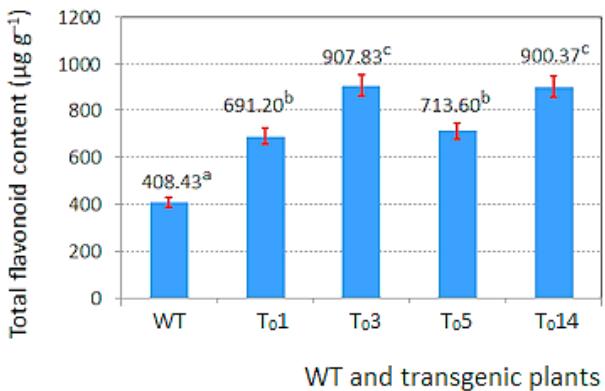
## Supplementary



**Figure S1.** Flavonoid biosynthesis in plants (redrawn from [1-3]. CHS: chalcone synthase; CHI: chalcone isomerase; F3H: flavone 3-hydroxylase; F3'H: flavonoid 3'-hydroxylase; F3'5'H: flavonoid 3'5'-hydroxylase; FLS: flavonol synthase; FST: flavonol 4-sulfotransferase.



**Figure S2.** *AcF3'5'H* transgene transformation via *A. tumefaciens* and *in vitro* generation of the transgenic tobacco plants. (A) Leaf fragments infected using *A. tumefaciens* contain a *35S\_AcF3'5'H\_cmyc\_KDEL* structure; (B) Transformed samples were transferred to CCM, in the dark; (C) The transformed samples cultured on SIM, including basic MS, 1.0 mg L<sup>-1</sup> BAP, 30 g L<sup>-1</sup> sucrose, 9.0 g L<sup>-1</sup> agar, with the addition of 500 mg L<sup>-1</sup> cefotaxime, and 50 mg L<sup>-1</sup> kanamycin; (D) Transformed samples were regenerated multiple shoots on SIM; (E) The shoots were removed from the samples and transferred to shoot-growing medium supplemented with 50 mg L<sup>-1</sup> kanamycin. (G) The shoots were root regenerated on RM, including basic MS, MES (1.0 g L<sup>-1</sup>), sucrose (30 g L<sup>-1</sup>), agar (9.0 g L<sup>-1</sup>), coconut water (100 mL L<sup>-1</sup>), and the addition of 0.5 mg L<sup>-1</sup> IBA, and 50 mg L<sup>-1</sup> kanamycin; (H) The seedlings were transferred to pots contained a mixture of 2 soil:1 rice husk biochar:2 coir.



**Figure S3.** Total flavonoid content ( $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ ) of four transgenic tobacco lines, T<sub>0</sub>₁, T<sub>0</sub>₃, T<sub>0</sub>₅, and T<sub>0</sub>₁₄, and WT plants. WT: non-transformed plants; T<sub>0</sub>₁, T<sub>0</sub>₃, T<sub>0</sub>₅, T<sub>0</sub>₁₄: the T<sub>0</sub> GM tobacco lines. The letters a, b and c on the columns represent difference with P < 0.001; n = 3.

**Table S1.** Fifteen plants in the top 100 blast hits of F3'5'H (<https://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi>)

Order	Species	Accession	Query Cover	Total Score	% identity
1	<i>Aconitum carmichaelii</i>	Quan Ba, Viet Nam			
2	<i>Aconitum carmichaelii</i>	JN635708	100%	2765	99.47%
3	<i>Aconitum carmichaelii var. truppelianum</i>	KY272865	100%	2699	98.69%
4	<i>Aconitum vilmorinianum</i>	JQ806761	99%	2501	96.38%
5	<i>Delphinium chefoense</i>	KX825847	94%	1701	88.12%
6	<i>Delphinium grandiflorum</i>	AY856345	95%	1698	87.81%
7	<i>D. grandiflorum var. chinense</i>	AB818394	98%	1657	86.59%
8	<i>Delphinium grandiflorum</i>	AB819289	98%	1652	86.52%
9	<i>Clematis patens</i>	LC169756	93%	876	77.90%
10	<i>Epimedium sagittatum</i>	HM011055	91%	512	73.65%
11	<i>Catharanthus roseus</i>	AJ011862	80%	343	72.56%
12	<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i>	EU626067	85%	278	70.88%
13	<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i>	NM_001247911	85%	267	70.77%
14	<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i>	GQ904194	33%	200	73.89%
15	<i>Theobroma cacao</i>	XM_018120633	2%	54.7	92.11%

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