

Supplementary Materials

Table S1. List of primers used to amplify and clone *Fd* and *FNR* genes from first-strand cDNA into a pSBET expression vector. Plastidial targeting sequences are excluded to generate amplicons that correspond to the native proteins.

Gene	Primer ID	Primer Forward (5'-3')	Primer Reverse (5'-3')
FNR (Leaf)	L-FNR-A	TGGCACAGGTAAACCACAGAACGAC	CTCAGTACACTTCCACATTCCACTG
FNR (Leaf)	L-FNR-B	TATGGCACAGGTAAACCACAGAACGAC	GATCCTCAGTACACTTCCACATTCCACTG
FNR (GT/Root)	R-FNR-A	TGTCAGTGCAACAAGCTAGC	CTTAGTAGACTTCAACATGCCA
FNR (GT/Root)	R-FNR-B	TATGTCAGTGCAACAAGCTAGC	GATCCTTAGTAGACTTCAACATGCCA
Fd I (Leaf)	Fd-1-A	TGGCTAGCTACAAGGTGAAGCTG	CTCAAGCAATATCATCCTCCTTGCTG
Fd I (Leaf)	Fd-1-B	TATGGCTAGCTACAAGGTGAAGCTG	GATCCTCAAGCAATATCATCCTCCTTGCTG
Fd II (Major GT/Root)	Fd-2-A	TGGCTGTATAACAAGGTGAAAC	CTCAGTAGAGATCACCTCC
Fd II (Major GT/Root)	Fd-2-B	TATGGCTGTATAACAAGGTGAAAC	GATCCTCAGTAGAGATCACCTCC
Fd III (Minor GT/Root)	Fd-3-A	TGGCCACATACAAGGTGAAATTG	CTCAATACAAATCACTTCCTTG
Fd III (Minor GT/Root)	Fd-3-B	TATGGCCACATACAAGGTGAAATTG	GATCCTCAATACAAATCACTTCCTTG

Table S2. List of peppermint genes and their respective primers that were used in the qPCR analysis.

Gene	Type	Name	qPCR FWD (5'-3')	qPCR REV (5'-3')
GAPDH	Reference	Glyceraldehyde-3-Phosphate Dehydrogenase	AGGCATCCTCGGTCTAAATG	TGTGTCGCCGTTGCTTA
ACT	Reference	Actin	TGTCAGCAACTGGGATGATATG	CGATTGGCCTGGGATTAAGA
CYP	Reference	Cyclophilin	CGGAAGGATCGTGATGGAG	GAAGCACGATCCCTTAGT
EIF3E	Reference	Eukaryotic Translation Initiation Factor 3E	TCGCACTTGAGGAGCTTAAC	CGTTGTCATGGTTGAAGAAGATG
PP2A	Reference	Serine/threonine-protein phosphatase 2A	CTGGAGGTATGTACCAAGAAC	CCACGTAGGAGAGTAATGTTAGC
α -TUB	Reference	Alpha Tubulin	TGACACGTCTGCGGAATTG	CCAGTCCTAACTCGTCGATAAC
Fd III + PT	Experimental	Ferredoxin III (Minor) (with plastidial targeting sequence)	TCACGACTGCACCTCTGA	TGGCCATTGCAGAACGCTC
Fd II + PT	Experimental	Ferredoxin II (Major) (with plastidial targeting sequence)	CAAAAGTGCTCCTCAAAGGC	GGCAGTTGCTTGAAATCGG
Fd I	Experimental	Ferredoxin I (Leaf)	ACAAGGTGAAGCTGGTGAC	AGGTGGAGCAGGATCCG
R-FNR	Experimental	Ferredoxin NADP-Reductase (from GTs / roots)	CACCCCTAGCAGAGAACAGAAG	CTTGAGCCCACAGAAGTAGATG
L-FNR	Experimental	Ferredoxin NADP-Reductase (from leaves)	GCTCCTTCCGCTCTTCTT	GCTCGAATTCCCTCCTGTAGAG

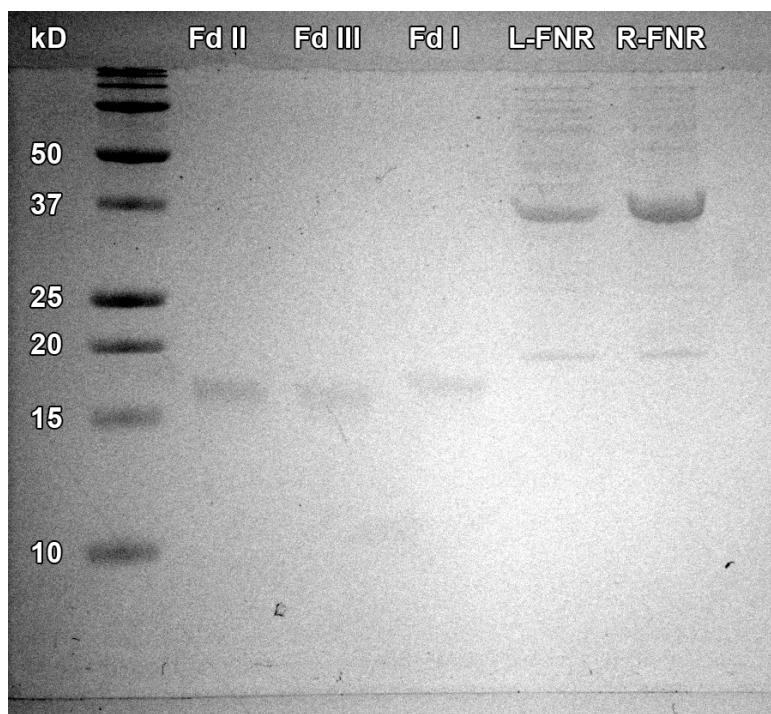


Figure S1. Tricine SDS-PAGE (16 %) of purified recombinant Fd and FNR isoforms from peppermint. All experimental lanes contain 20 µg of protein as determined by the Bradford protein assay. The ladder lane (left) contains 3.5 µl of Precision Plus Protein Standard (Cat. No. 161-0373, Bio-Rad, Hercules, CA, USA).

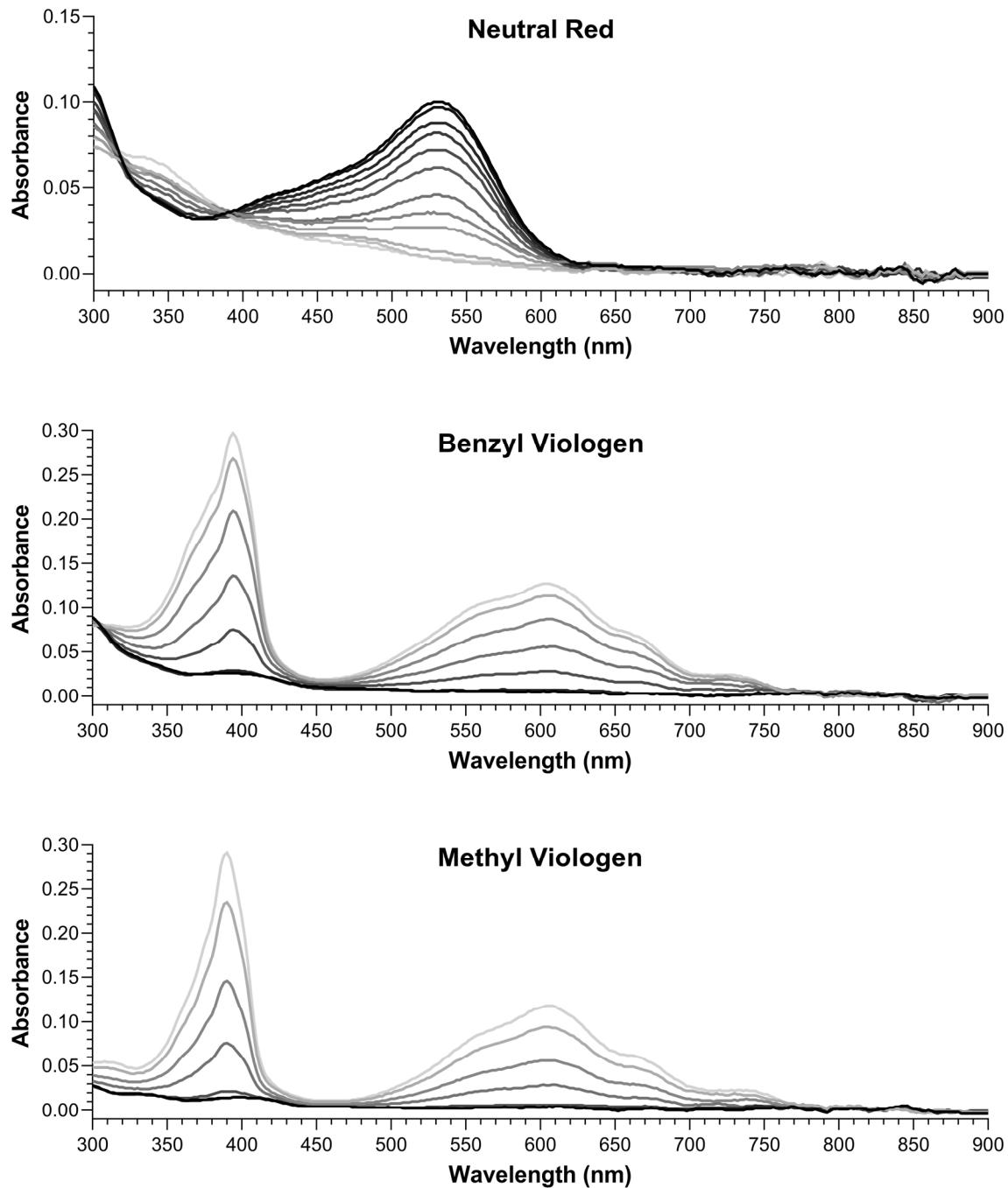


Figure S2. Absorbance spectrum of individual redox dyes subjected to photoreduction for determination of isosbestic points. Black lines are most oxidized and light-gray lines are most reduced. Top panel, neutral red; middle panel, benzyl viologen; bottom panel, methyl viologen.

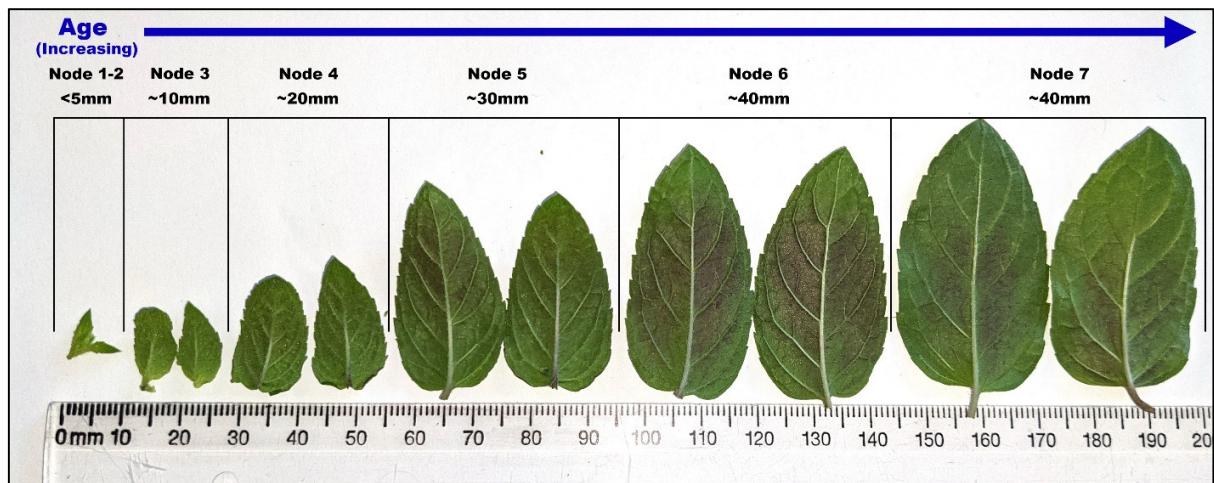


Figure S3. Peppermint leaves in order of increasing developmental age and their respective leaf blade lengths (measured from the tip of the leaf to point of petiole attachment). Leaves are grouped in pairs based on their stem attachment node and increasing distance from the meristem.

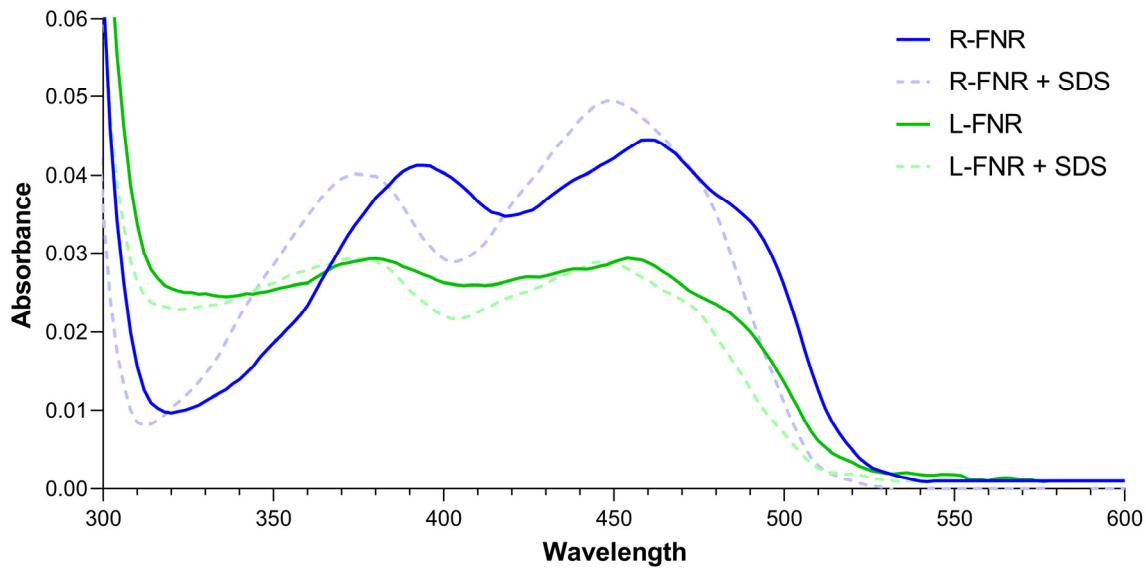


Figure S4. Characteristic absorbance spectra of purified, recombinant FNR isoforms from peppermint (diluted 1:10 from stock in 10 mM HEPES buffer at pH 7.0). Solid lines show FNR isoforms without SDS denaturation with λ_{max} at 392 nm and 460 nm for R-FNR (blue) and 380 nm and 456 nm for L-FNR (green). Dashed lines show FNR isoforms denatured by the addition of SDS up to 0.2%, demonstrating the characteristic absorbance spectra of the now dissociated FAD cofactor with λ_{max} shifted to 375 nm and 450 nm for both isoforms.

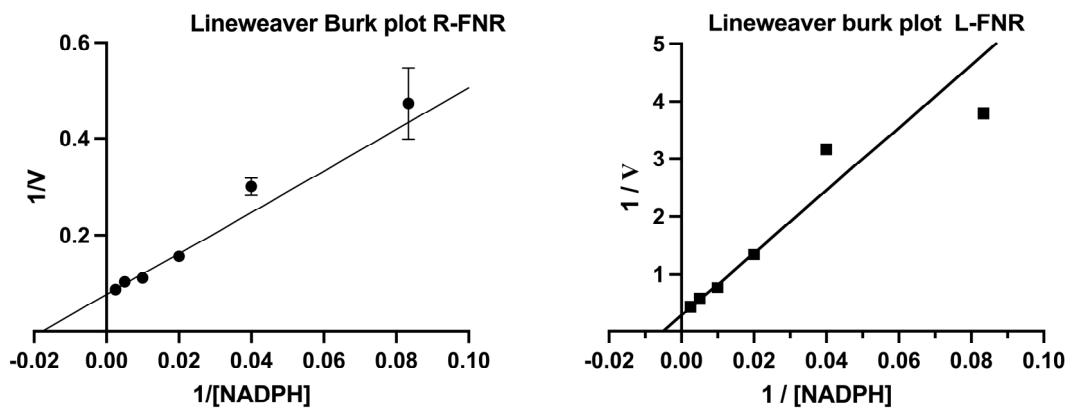


Figure S5. Potassium ferricyanide diaphorase Lineweaver-Burk plots for 0.05 μM R-FNR and 0.05 μM L-FNR from peppermint paired with variable concentrations of NADPH.

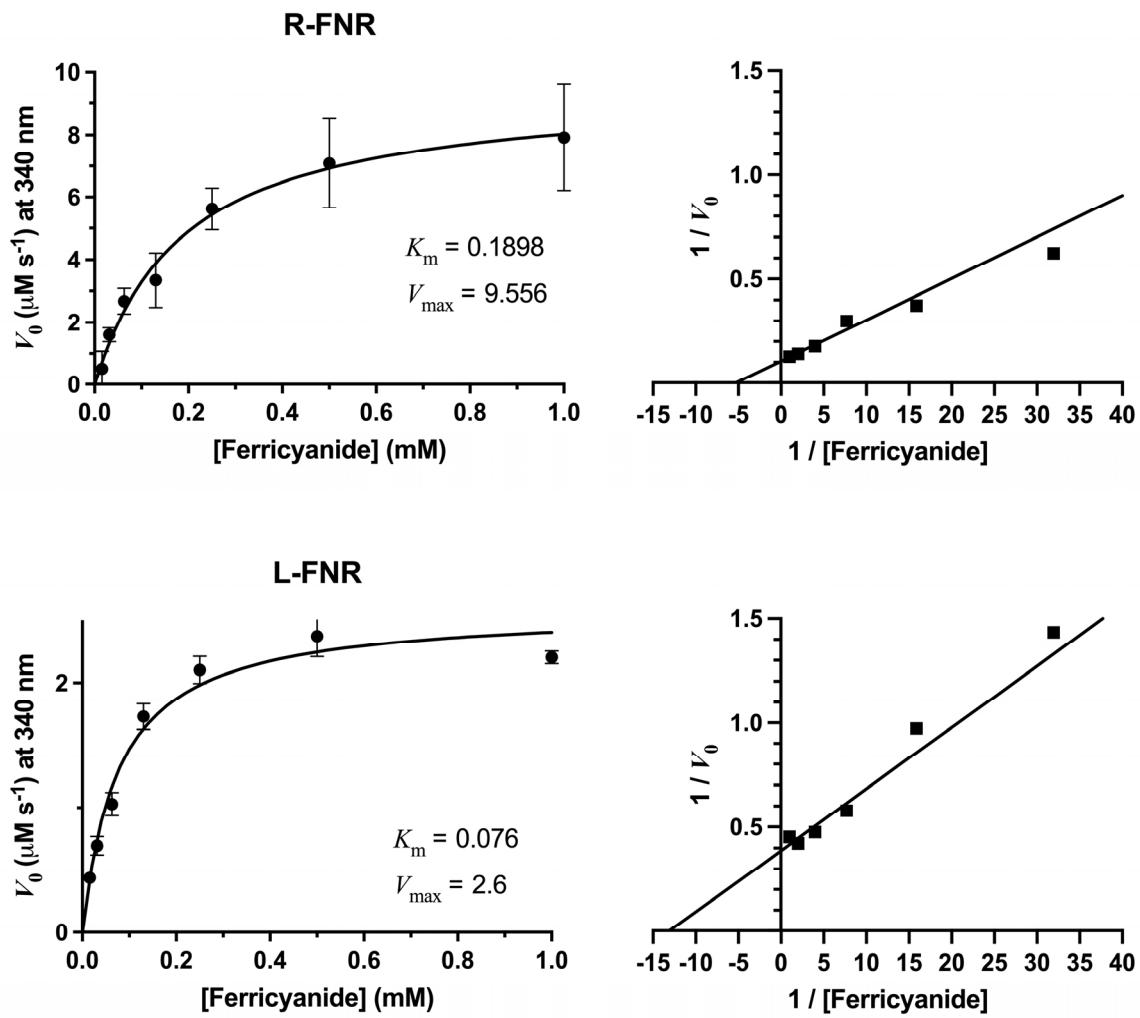


Figure S6. Potassium ferricyanide diaphorase Michaelis-Menten curves (left side) and Lineweaver-Burk plots (right side) for 0.05 μM R-FNR and 0.05 μM L-FNR from peppermint paired with variable concentrations of potassium ferricyanide.

	10	20	30	40	50	60	
R-FNR	MAHSVLSQVP	VAVSVNNDVS	LRK-SVFKN	HVSFHEKSWS	SSLSMDFRIS	SFQSKEGRPT-	58
L-FNR	MTAAVSAAVS	LPSSKSTSIL	ART-SIVSPE	RIHFNK---	--FPLHYRNV	AK---IVPIR	50
L-FNR-spinach	MTTAVTAAVS	FPSTKTTSL	ARSSSVISPD	KISYKK---	--VPLYYRNV	SATGKMGPIR	54
Clustal Consensus	* : * : *	. : . . .	* . * . .	: : : :	. : : * .	: * .	23
	70	80	90	100	110	120	
R-FNR	--VCMVQQA	SKPKVAVSPL	SLEDAKDPPL	HLFKNKEPYT	GTIVSVERIV	GENAPGETCH	116
L-FNR	AQVT-----	TEAPAKAEKI	HKKQEEGTIV	NKFREKEPYV	GRCLLNVRLLT	GDDAPGETWH	104
L-FNR-spinach	AQIASDVEAP	PPAPAKVEKH	SKKMEEGITV	NKFKPCKTPYV	GRCLLNNTKIT	GDDAPGETWH	114 (59)
Clustal Consensus	:	. . .	: . .	: * : * . * .	: . . . * ; : * * * * *		46
	130	140	150	160	170	180	
R-FNR	IVIDHDGKVP	YWEGQSYGII	PPGENPKPG	NPHNVRLYSI	ASTRYGDFFD	CKTASFCVRR	176
L-FNR	MVFSTEGERVP	YREGQSICII	PDGID--KNG	KPHKIRLYSI	ASSALGDFGD	SKTVSLCVKR	162
L-FNR-spinach	MVFSHEGEIP	YREGQSIVGV	PDGED--KNG	KPHKIRLYSI	ASSALGDFGD	AKSVSLCVKR	172 (117)
Clustal Consensus	* : .	: * : * . * .	: * : * . * .	: * : * . * .	: * : * . * .	: * : * . * .	92
	190	200	210	220	230	240	
R-FNR	AVYYDPETGK	EDPSKKGVCS	NFLCDSKPGL	KVQITGPSKG	IMILPENDPN	ATBIMIATGT	236
L-FNR	LIYTND----	AGEVVKGVC	NFLCDLKAGA	EVKITGPVGK	EMLMPK-DPN	ATIIMLGTGT	217
L-FNR-spinach	LIYTND----	AGETIKGVCS	NFLCDLKPG	EVKLTPVGK	EMLMPK-DPN	ATIIMLGTGT	227 (172)
Clustal Consensus	: * : .	*****	*****	* *	: * : * . * .	*** * . * .	132
	250	260	270	280	290	300	
R-FNR	GVAPYRGYL	RMFMENVPNF	KFGGLAWLFL	GVANKDSL	DEEFSNYLQE	YPDNRFDRT	296
L-FNR	GIAPFRSFLW	KMFFEEHEDY	KFNGLAWLFL	GVPTGSSL	KEEPFELMKEK	NPENFRLDFA	277
L-FNR-spinach	GIAPFRSFLW	KMFFEKHDY	KFNGLAWLFL	GVPTGSSL	KEEPFEMKEK	APDNFRLDFA	287 (232)
Clustal Consensus	* : * : . : *	* : * : . :	: * . *****	* . . * .	. *** . *** .	: * : * : * : *	176
	310	320	330	340	350	360	
R-FNR	LSREQKNKSG	GKMYVQDKIE	EYSDEIFKLL	DN-GAHYFC	GLKGMMPGIQ	DTLKVAELR	355
L-FNR	VSREQTNAKG	EKMYIQTRMA	EYAEELWEML	KKDNTFVYMC	GLKGMEKGID	DIMVSLAARD	337
L-FNR-spinach	VSREQTNEKG	EKMYIQTRMA	QYAVELWEML	KKDNTFYMC	GLKGMEKGID	DIMVSLAAAE	347 (292)
Clustal Consensus	: * : * . * .	* : * : * . :	: * : * : : * .	: . . . : * .	*****	* : * . : *	216
	370	380					
R-FNR	GESWEEKLSQ	LKKNKQWHVE	VY	377			
L-FNR	GIDWIEYKRQ	LKKAEQWNVE	VY	359			
L-FNR-spinach	GIDWIEYKRQ	LKKAEQWNVE	VY	369 (314)			
Clustal Consensus	* . * . * .	* : * : * .					

Figure S7. Alignment of FNR sequences. Residue numbers in parentheses are counted after removal of the plastidial targeting sequence. Legend for consensus: "*" means that the residues in that column are identical in all sequences in the alignment; ":" means that conserved substitutions have been observed; ":" means that semi-conserved substitutions are observed. Conserved means the amino acid is replaced by one having similar characteristics.

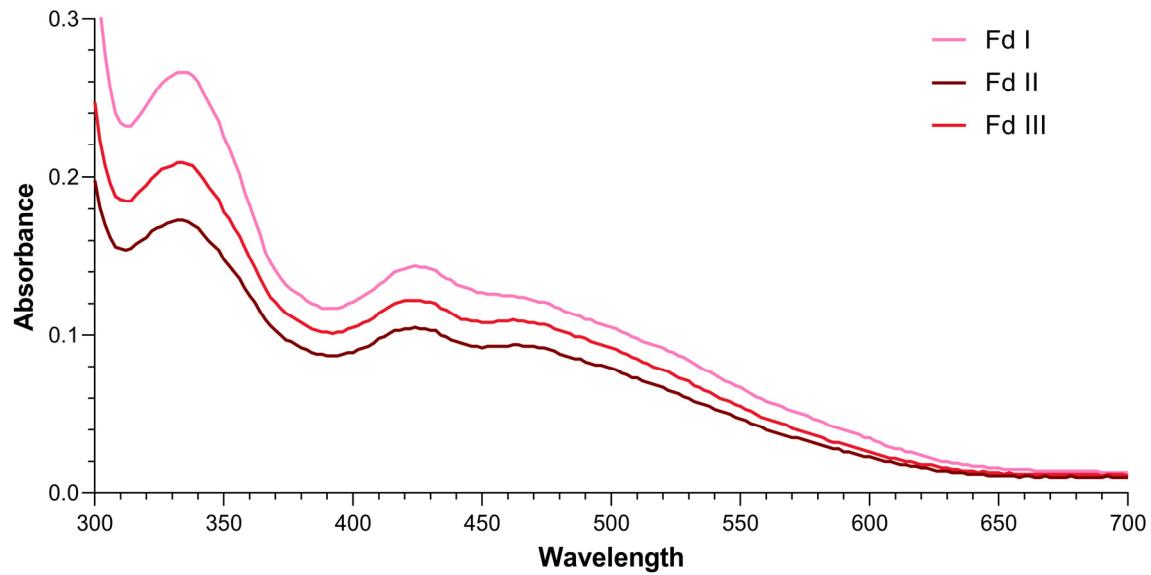


Figure S8. Characteristic absorbance spectra of purified recombinant Fd isoforms from peppermint (diluted 1:20 from stock in 50 mM Tris buffer at pH 7.5) with λ_{max} at 330 nm and 420 nm for all isoforms.

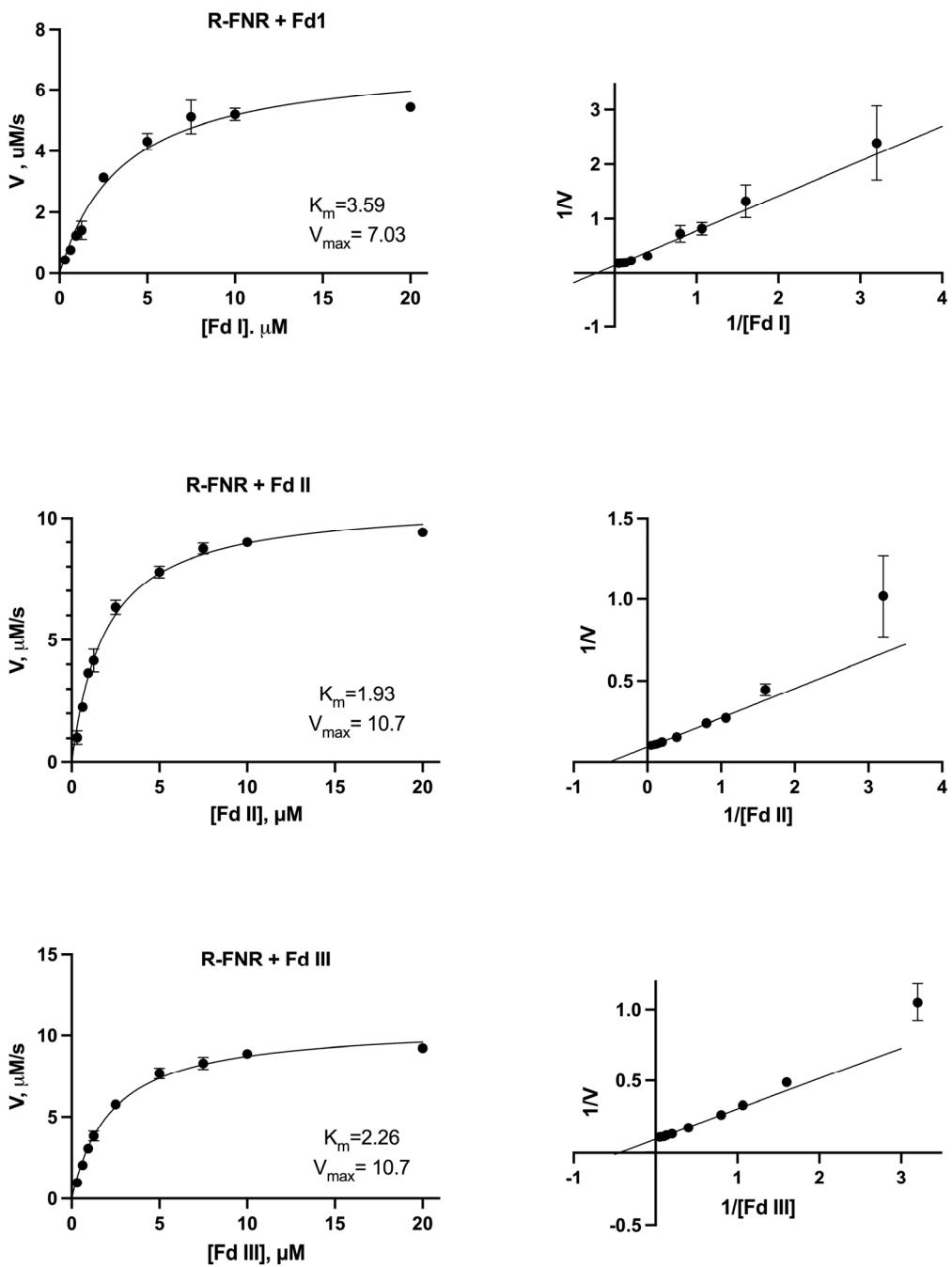


Figure S9. Cytochrome c reduction Michaelis-Menten curves (left side) and Lineweaver-Burk plots (right side) for 0.025 μM R-FNR paired with variable concentrations of Fd I, Fd II, and Fd III from peppermint.

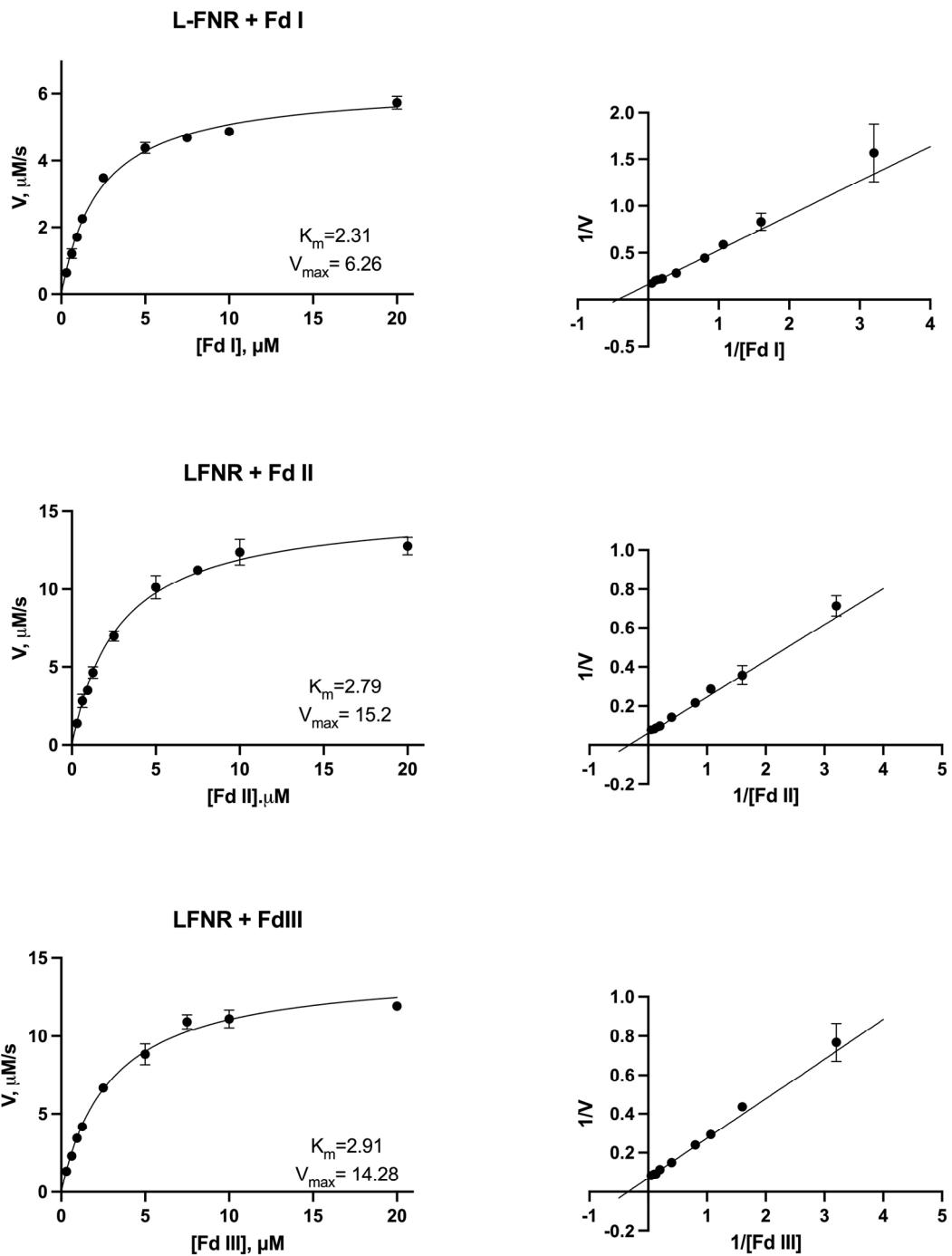


Figure S10. Cytochrome c reduction Michaelis-Menten curves (left side) and Lineweaver-Burk plots (right side) for 0.05 μM L-FNR paired with variable concentrations of Fd I, Fd II, and Fd III from peppermint.

	10	20	30	40	50	60	
Maize_FdIII	MSTS----	TF ATSC	TLIGNV RTTQASQTA	KSPSSLSFFS QVIK--	VPS LKTSKKLDVS		53
Peppermint_FdII	MAAA----	SL PTICMFKSAP	QRQ-TTGAFV KIPSSLGSVK	STSR---IFG LKAKPDKAT			52
Peppermint_FdIII	MATA----	RL PSNCVITTA	P LNKKTASAFT RGSISLGSVK	SITK---TFG LKAKLDFRAS			53
Maize_FdI	MATVLGSPRA	PA-FFFSSSS	L----- RAAPAPTAVA	LPAAKVGIMG RSASSRRRLR			50
Peppermint_FdI	MATLSSTM-F	NR-AFLTRKP	L----- AGATSLRSVN	Q-AALFGL-- KSSSGGGGRVT			46
Clustal Consensus	*:::	:	:	.	:	..:	7
	70	80	90	100	110	120	
Maize_FdIII	AMAVYKVKLV	GPEGEHEHED	APDDAYILDA	AETAGVELPY SCRAGACSTC	ACKIESGSVD		113
Peppermint_FdII	AMAVYKVCLI	GPDGDETEFE	APDDCYILDS	AESAGVELPY SCRAGACSTC	AGKMEKGTVD		112
Peppermint_FdIII	AMATYKVCLI	GADGEECEFE	APDDCYILDS	AETAQVELPY SCRAGACSTC	ACKMVSGSVD		113
Maize_FdI	AQATYNVKLI	TPEGE-VELQ	VPDDVVILDQ	AEEDGIDLWY SCRAGSCSSC	ACKVVSGSVD	(60)	109
Peppermint_FdI	CMASYKVKLL	TPEGE-VEFD	CPDDMYIVDK	AEEEGVDLWY SCRAGSCSSC	AGKVVSGSVD		105
Clustal Consensus	. * *;***:	:*: * : ***: * :	*** * :* **: * **: * :***: * :* :* .*:**				53
	130	140	150	160			
Maize_FdIII	QSDGSFLDDG	QQEEGYVLTC	VSYPKSDCVI	HTHKEDGLY-	-	152	
Peppermint_FdII	QSDGSFLDDK	QMEEGYLLTC	VSYPTADCVI	HTHKEDGLY-	-	151	
Peppermint_FdIII	QSDGSFLDDN	QMEQGYLLTC	VSYPTSDCVI	HTHKESDLY-	-	152	
Maize_FdI	QSDQSYLDDG	QIADGVVLTC	HAYPTSDVVI	ETHKEEELTG A	150 (101)		
Peppermint_FdI	QSDGSFLDDE	QVAEGWVLTC	VAYPTSDVVI	ATHKEDDIA-	-	144	
Clustal Consensus	*** *;***	* :*: :***	:**.:* **	**** : :			82

Figure S11. Alignment of Fd sequences. Residue numbers in parentheses are counted after removal of the plastidial targeting sequence. Legend for consensus: "*" means that the residues in that column are identical in all sequences in the alignment; ":" means that conserved substitutions have been observed; "." means that semi-conserved substitutions are observed. Conserved means the amino acid is replaced by one having similar characteristics.