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‘Everything is simpler than you think
and at the same time more complex than you imagine.’

(Johann Wolfgang von Goethe)

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COMMONLY USED ABBREVIATIONS

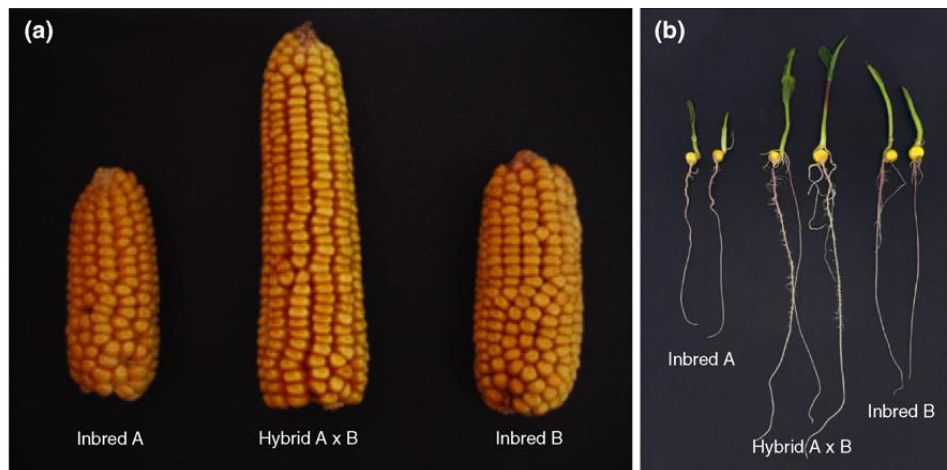
ANOVA	– Analysis of variance
bp	– Base pair
cDNA	– Complementary DNA
chromDB	– The Chromatin Database
C _T	– Cycle threshold (number of cycles required for fluorescent signal to cross the set threshold)
DAS	– Days after sowing
DATF	– A Database of <i>Arabidopsis</i> Transcription Factors
DEPC	– Diethyl pyrocarbonate
dNTP	– Deoxyribonucleotriphosphate
DW	– Dry weight
EtBr	– Etidium bromide
F1	– First filial generation, produced by crossing two parental lines
FA(s)	– Fatty acid(s)
FDR	– False discovery rate
gDNA	– Genomic DNA
HAS	– Hours after sowing
IL	– Introgression line
MIR(s), miRNA(s)	– microRNA(s)
MPH	– Mid-parent heterosis
NCBI	– National Centre for Biotechnology Information
NOR	– Nucleolar organiser region
PCA	– Principal component analysis
Q-PCR/qPCR	– Quantitative polymerase chain reaction (real time PCR)
Q-RT-PCR/qRT-PCR	– Quantitative reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (also called a real time RT-PCR)
QTL	– Quantitative trait locus
rRNA/rDNA	– Ribosomal RNA/ ribosomal DNA
ΔR_n	– Fluorescence signal
RNAi	– RNA interference
self	– An inbred line propagated by selfing (e.g. Col-0 self = Col-0xCol-0)
TAIR	– The <i>Arabidopsis</i> Information Resource
TC(s)	– Test-cross(es)
TF(s)	– Transcription factor(s)
T _m	– Melting temperature

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Heterosis

1.1.1. Definitions and heterotic traits

The word ‘heterosis’ is derived from the Greek word ‘heteroiōsis’ meaning ‘different in kind’. It is more than hundred years since the first examination of heterosis was published (Darwin, 1876) although it might have been observed by humans long before then. The definition of heterosis is one of the most difficult and controversial in genetic terminology (Tsaftaris, 1995). Hoecker *et al.*, (2008) defined heterosis as superior performance of heterozygous F1 hybrid plants compared to the average of their homozygous parental inbred lines after Shull (1952), and Falconer and Mackay (1996). The term ‘heterosis’ was used first by Shull in 1908 to describe the superiority of hybrids over their inbred parents in terms of size, vigour, and yield (East, 1908; Shull, 1908). Later, this definition was extended by evolutionary biologists to include heterosis for survival i.e. adaptive, selective, and reproductive advantage (Dobzhansky, 1950) or superiority of quantitative traits such as yield (Griffin, 1953), leaf area (Titok *et al.*, 1994), biomass (Liu *et al.*, 2002) or growth rate (Rao *et al.*, 1992). Heterosis can occur for all known characteristics of cultivars and can be observed in mature plants (Figure 1.1 a; Hochholdinger and Hoecker, 2007), embryos (Meyer *et al.*, 2007) or seedlings (Figure 1.1 b; Hochholdinger and Hoecker, 2007).



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Figure 1.1. Phenotypic manifestation of heterosis in maize (Hochholdinger and Hoecker, 2007)

- (a) Cob size and yield – examples of adult traits,
- (b) Seedling development – example of ‘early’ traits.

Within a given hybrid the amount of heterosis can vary for different traits (Springer and Stupar, 2007) and its relative amount usually increases with the complexity of trait

(Becker, 1993). The degree of phenotypic difference of a trait in a hybrid compared to its parental inbred lines can be described as mid-parent heterosis (MPH) or best-parent heterosis (BPH). MPH exists when the average value of the trait for F1 hybrids is greater than the average value of the parents and is mostly of scientific interest. BPH exists when the trait level of the hybrids exceeds the best parent and is most important from an agronomical point of view. Maximum heterosis is observed in F1 hybrids and is lost in subsequent generations obtained through selfing (Meyer *et al.*, 2004) Heterosis was observed to be largest in allogamous (reproducing by cross-fertilization/cross-pollination) plants and smallest in autogamous (self-fertilising) species (Barth *et al.*, 2003).

1.1.2. Applications of heterosis

Heterosis or hybrid vigour has been utilised in plant and animal breeding programs for at least 90 years. Examples of plant hybrids used in agriculture include maize (corn), rice, sorghum, sunflower and alfalfa. Typically, hybrids grow faster and yield more biomass including seed. Application of heterosis in USA agricultural production is a multi-billion dollar undertaking, and nearly all field corn are hybrids (Swanson-Wagner *et al.*, 2006). By the end of the 21st century, 65% of maize production worldwide was hybrid-based with a similar proportion for other crops, such as sunflower or sorghum. Heterosis typically leads to increases in yield of up to 65% (Springer and Stupar, 2007) and 10-20% (Li *et al.*, 2008) in corn and rice, respectively, and it is therefore considered a major asset in meeting the world's food needs (Duvick, 1999). Many of traits of value to humans, such as plant disease resistance, tolerance to abiotic stress, and nutrient content may be subject to heterosis. Generally, it is believed that an understanding of the molecular basis of heterosis will enhance our ability to create superior new genotypes that may be used directly as F1 hybrids or form the basis for the future selection programmes (Tsaftaris, 1995).

1.1.3. Hypotheses to explain heterosis

The genetic basis of heterosis has been discussed for nearly a century (Shull, 1908; Bruce, 1910; Jones, 1917). Multiple models have been proposed to explain heterosis (Birchler *et al.*, 2003). The most predominant quantitative genetic hypotheses to explain heterosis are 'dominance' (or complementation) and 'overdominance'. The dominance (Figure 1.2 a) hypothesis explains heterosis by the action of superior dominant alleles from both parents at multiple loci, which complement corresponding unfavourable alleles leading to improved vigour of hybrids. Such complementation may result in characteristics being equal to or better than the better of the two parents. Overdominance (Figure 1.2 b) postulates that diverse alleles

interact to create a superior function than that which could happen with homozygous alleles. It is a situation, in which heterozygosity for small regions of a genome produce a heterotic response. Other hypotheses to explain heterosis also exist like pseudo-overdominance (Figure 1.2 c), which is a genetic intermediate of dominance and overdominance. It can be considered as a simple case of dominance, in which the two recessive loci ('a' from P1 and 'b' from P2) are linked in repulsion (or '*in trans*' and there is a '*trans* hybrid'). This type of complementation in the hybrid resembles overdominance due to tight chromosomal linkage. Additionally, the multiple non-allelic genes can interact in ways that mask the action of each other in the process of epistasis (Powers, 1944). The relative contribution to heterosis of each of those mechanisms remains unclear (Birchler *et al.*, 2006; Lippman and Zamir, 2006; Hochholdinger and Hoecker, 2007).

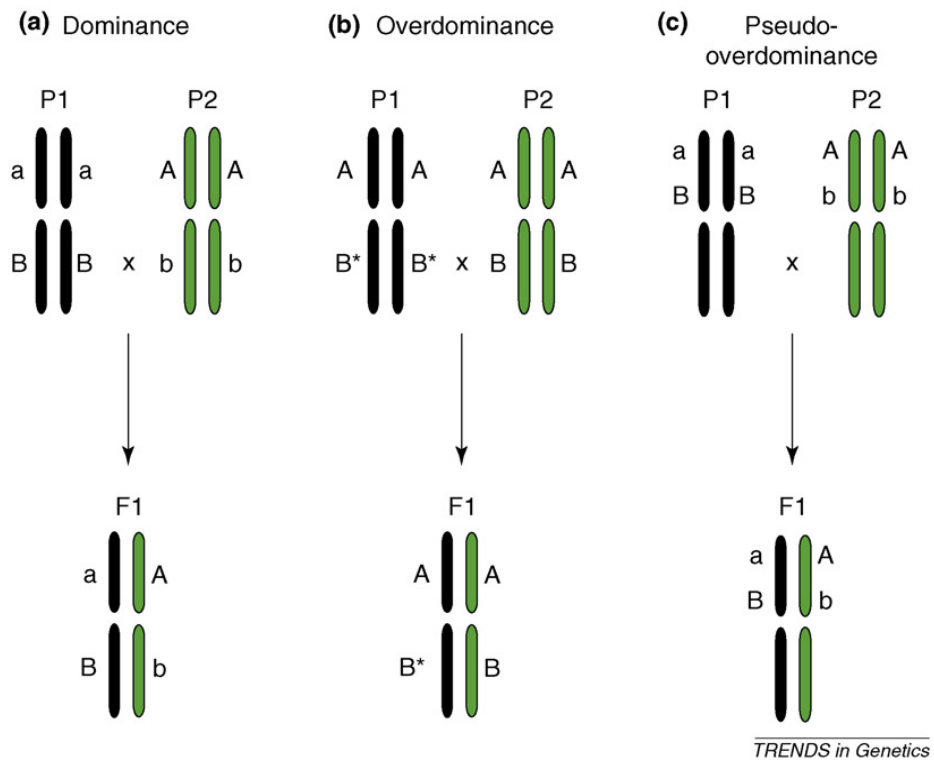


Figure 1.2. Scheme of main genetic models for heterosis (Lippman and Zamir, 2006)

There exist also molecular or physiological hypotheses to explain heterosis, including:

1. Heterosis may be a result of interactions of genetic and environmental stimuli (Jinks and Perkins, 1968; Parsons 1971; Griffing and Zsiros, 1971). Heterosis is 'multiplicative' or 'geometric' because it is based on complex interactions across development between various phenotypic components, each with their own inheritance, that are dynamically influenced by the environment (Williams, 1959; Griffing, 1990; Schnell and Cockerham, 1992; Lippman and Zamir, 2006).

2. Heterosis may be influenced by parental genetic distance.
A positive correlation between genetic distance of parents and hybrid vigour has been reported (Melchinger, 1999; Barbosa *et al.*, 2003).
3. Heterosis may be dependent on epigenetic phenomena (Swanson-Wagner *et al.*, 2006).
4. Heterosis may be caused by differential accumulation of allele-specific transcripts in hybrids (Swanson-Wagner *et al.*, 2006).
5. In higher plants, at a functional level heterosis appears to be the result of a faster cell division rate rather than superior cell size or cell expansion (Srivastava, 1983). Ashby (1937) suggested that heterosis effects in tomato were associated with greater embryo weight and size due to larger cell number.

1.1.4. *Arabidopsis* as a model plant to study heterosis

Arabidopsis thaliana (common name: thale cress) was the first plant genome to be completely sequenced, in part because of its small genome size (Meinke *et al.*, 1998; AGI, 2002). There were collected over 750 natural ecotypes (accessions) of this plant from around the world (Passardi *et al.*, 2006). Among them Columbia (Col, and its different variations i.e. Col-0, Col-2), which was sequenced in the *Arabidopsis* Genome Initiative together with Cl-0, C24, Landsberg *erecta* (Ler) and Niederzenz (Nd) are accepted as the standards for experimental analysis. Despite lack of agronomic importance, *Arabidopsis* has become the model system of choice for research on plant development, physiology, genetics, and biochemistry. Many tools, methods and technologies have been developed for *Arabidopsis* in these fields. Additionally, much data about *Arabidopsis* and analytical tools have been integrated in various international, publicly available, often interactive, databases such as The *Arabidopsis* Information Resource - TAIR (<http://www.arabidopsis.org/index.jsp>; Huala *et al.*, 2001). One of the original ideas behind using *Arabidopsis* as a model system was to facilitate the identification of related genes of importance in crop plants. *Arabidopsis* was proposed as a model species for investigating the molecular causes of heterosis by Somerville and Somerville, (1999) and The Multinational *Arabidopsis* Steering Committee (2002). Heterosis in *Arabidopsis* was reported for the traits of agronomic importance, including: rosette diameter (El Asmi, 1974 and 1975), stem length and biomass yield (Rédei, 1962; Griffing and Langridge, 1963; Li and Rédei, 1969; Corey and Matzinger, 1973; Corey *et al.*, 1976), seedling viability (Mitchell-Olds, 1995), seed number (Alonso-Blanco *et al.*, 1999) and phosphate acquisition efficiency (Narang and Altman, 2001). Additionally, heterosis between two divergent accessions of

Arabidopsis, Col-0 and C24 has been shown for biomass (Meyer *et al.*, 2004). In initial growth experiments under controlled, long day conditions, F1 reciprocal crosses between Col-0 and C24 displayed increased plant size and weight compared to parents. This was not due to differences in seed size, which was comparable in the hand-pollinated parent controls and the F1 hybrids. Detailed analysis revealed mid-parent biomass heterosis (MPH; the increase of a hybrid for a given character above the mean of its parents) of 40-60% for 10 DAS (days after sowing) seedlings grown at 120 μ E. Differences in relative growth rate were only observed in the early phases of growth at the lower light intensities. Significant differences in seedling biomass were detected as early as 8 DAS (Figure 1.3).

1.1.5. Molecular approaches, tools and technologies to study heterosis

In the last few years a variety of functional genomics and applied genetics tools and methods were developed to improve our understanding of basic plant processes, including those, like heterosis, that are important for crop improvement. Genetic mapping tools, gene expression profiling, and gene knock-out technology belong to this tool kit. The essential challenge in molecular plant breeding is to identify the genes underlying the trait/phenotype/phenomenon in question and define their interactions. A gene that is identified as related to a particular trait is considered as a candidate gene for that trait. There are two categories of such candidates: positional and functional. The first are genes that are associated with the trait via QTL or map-based cloning approaches. The second are genes whose function has something in common biologically with the trait under investigation and are identified through transcriptomics, for example the function of candidate genes and the relationship to the trait of interest can be verified by functional genomics methods.

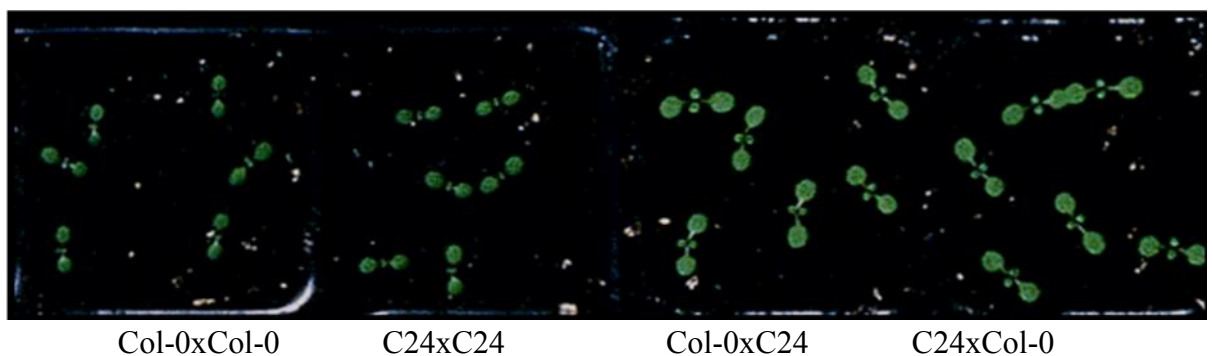


Figure 1.3. Differences in size between F1 hybrid and parental seedlings at 8 DAS (days after sowing) when grown in soil (Altmann T., Meyer R. – personal communication)

1.1.5.1. Mapping of quantitative trait loci (QTL mapping)

One of the most important tools to identify candidate genes (QTGs – quantitative trait genes), which might be involved in a certain quantitative trait/phenotype is QTL analysis or

QTL mapping (Doerge, 2002). A QTL or quantitative trait locus is a genomic region associated with a particular trait/phenotype that contains gene(s) affecting that trait. Complex phenotypic traits are usually determined by many genes (almost always interacting with environmental influences) generally located at multiple QTLs, which can be located on different chromosomes. To identify QTL, individuals in mapping population are first phenotyped for a trait(s) (i.e. each trait is measured or assayed) and genotyped at markers across the genome. Next, a genome-wide scan is performed, looking for statistical association between marker type and trait(s) values. QTL are identified as intervals across chromosomes, with high probability of association or linkage between markers and the trait of interest used in the mapping experiment. When mechanistically related traits map to similar map positions, this might suggest that variation for these traits at this locus is controlled by the same gene (El-Lithy *et al.*, 2004). QTL mapping has been broadly used in attempts to identify genes underlying heterotic loci (Xiao *et al.*, 1995; Li *et al.*, 2001; Luo *et al.*, 2001; Hua *et al.*, 2003). An achievement of great work in crops was discrimination between classical genetic models for heterosis based on various modes of inheritance of gene expression i.e. dominance, overdominance, and epistatic interactions. However, further progress in identification of genes underlying heterosis has been hampered by the complexity of the genetic and environmental interactions that define the trait (Lippman and Zamir, 2006).

Different RIL (recombinant inbred line) populations have been developed for QTL mapping in plants. In *Arabidopsis*, several well characterised RIL populations now exist, including lines derived from Col-0/C24 crosses (Törjék *et al.*, 2006). Such lines are generated by self-pollinating an F2 population for at least six generations to obtain lines that differ from each other but that are homozygous at 99% of loci. The variation among lines is immortalised and RIL lines can be propagated and multiplied. A set of probes that cover the genome and distinguish alleles from the two parents provide map positions for the genes controlling the traits of interest (Burr *et al.*, 1988; Maloof, 2003; Hake and Rocheford, 2004).

1.1.5.2. Introgression lines

QTL mapping with a segregating population provides only approximate positions of QTL (Kearsey, 2002), which is why a new set of lines to characterise and confirm the contributing individual loci is required (Koornneef *et al.*, 1997). Introgression lines (ILs) are of great use for this purpose. Such plant lines carry single homozygous, marker-defined chromosome segments introduced from a donor parent in the genetic background of a recurrent parent and result from successive backcrossing of initial F1 hybrids to the recurrent parent. Lines

of an introgression population have a common recurrent genotype, but different, short, donor segments from another line giving the ability to focus precisely on every desired region of the genome (Eshed and Zamir, 1995). Like RILs, ILs are homozygous and immortal because they can be maintained by self-pollination. The use of ILs is straightforward because of the fact that any phenotypic difference between an IL and the recurrent parent is attributed to the introgressed chromosomal segment. This eliminates most of the whole-genome epistatic interactions and the resulting need for complicated statistical analyses (Lippman and Zamir, 2006). ILs are highly effective for identifying QTL contributing to heterosis, particularly those showing overdominant effects (Semel *et al.*, 2006). However, a limitation is that epistatic interactions, which are important in heterosis, cannot be directly estimated (Li *et al.*, 2001; Luo *et al.*, 2001). IL lines were developed for different crop species and *Arabidopsis*. A new large set of reciprocal ILs covering the entire genome and a population of sub-ILs (smaller introgression regions) between the *Arabidopsis* accessions Col-0 and C24 were developed recently by Törjék and Meyer *et al.*, (2008).

1.1.5.3. Gene expression profiling

Gene expression profiling was one of the earliest technologies developed for functional genomics and allows measurements of transcript levels for thousands of genes from a single sample. Microarray technologies are based mostly on oligonucleotide chips (short oligos from 20-25 bases or longer from 50-70), which are used mainly for expression profiling studies of known sequences. Microarray data from various organisms and conditions is being integrated in different databases, which additionally provide a range of bioinformatic tools to interrogate the data. For example, GENEVESTIGATOR (Zimmermann *et al.*, 2004) helps to find a shared biological role (similar pathways and biosynthetic cycles) for multiple genes/proteins based on correlations of transcript levels. Much microarray research was focused on *Arabidopsis*. The Affymetrix ATH1 GeneChip 22K probe array contains approximately 22,750 probe sets for *Arabidopsis*. Certain genes like those encoded transcription factors, which are generally expressed at low levels in plants or in a cell-type or tissue-specific manner and only transiently during development, require more sensitive methods than microarrays to be detected. Q-RT-PCR is estimated to be at least 100-fold more sensitive than DNA arrays in detecting transcripts (Horak and Snyder, 2002). In 2004 Czechowski *et al.* showed that qRT-PCR provides extraordinary sensitivity, great dynamic range and high robustness (detection limit: 1 transcript molecule in 1000 cells), and has higher precision than the Affymetrix technology (ATH1 22K), especially for low-abundance transcripts.

1.1.5.4. RNA interference technology as a reverse-genetics approach

Reverse genetics is the process of determining the function of selected target genes by inferring with gene expression using mutants or other approaches. RNA interference (RNAi) technology is one such approach, which activates a naturally occurring post-transcriptional gene silencing (PTGS) mechanism that degrades target RNA via a double stranded RNA ‘trigger’ (Tijsterman *et al.*, 2002). In RNAi technology, dsRNA can be delivered e.g. by stably transforming plants with transgenes that encode hpRNA (hairpin RNA) (Helliwell and Waterhouse, 2003). One of the high-throughput applications of this technology was the AGRİKOLA project, which used recombinational cloning of gene-specific tags (GSTs) into the RNAi expression vector, pAGRİKOLA, to generate more than 20,000 plasmids. Each of these can be used to reduce or eliminate expression of a single *Arabidopsis* gene by PTGS (Hilson *et al.*, 2004).

1.1.6. Summary

Despite a hundred years or more of exploiting heterosis in breeding and agricultural programs, and the diversity of hypotheses about heterosis, and a variety of research initiatives aimed explaining the genetic/molecular basis of heterosis, the phenomenon remained a mystery at the beginning of this project.

1.2. Genes involved in this study on heterosis

This PhD project focused on an investigation of the role of transcription factors, which play a role in orchestrating gene expression, microRNAs involved in gene regulation, selected genes encoding proteins involved in the epigenetic control of gene expression and/or chromatin modification processes (called ‘chromatin-related’ in this work) and a group of genes with potential roles in growth because of our expectation that they might play key roles in heterosis.

1.2.1. Review of transcription factors (TFs) in *Arabidopsis*

Transcription factors are master control proteins that regulate gene expression levels by binding to specific DNA sequences in the promoters of target genes, thereby enhancing or repressing their transcriptional rates. There are two types of TFs, so called general, and regulatory or specific. General TFs are a small set of proteins required for the initiation of transcription, e.g. the TATA-box binding protein. Together with RNA polymerase they form the basal transcription complex. Specific TFs contain one or more DNA binding domains that attach to specific sequences of DNA adjacent to the genes that they regulate. These TFs bind proximal or distal (up- or downstream) of the basal transcription complex and act either as

constitutive or inducible factors. These proteins influence initiation of transcription by contacting members of the basal complex. They may also interact with chromatin remodelling proteins and other transcription factors. There are also TF hierarchies where relatively few ‘master’ transcription factors control expression of other TF genes (Ratcliffe and Riechmann, 2000; Riechmann *et al.*, 2002; Riaño-Pachón *et al.*, 2007). TFs contain several functional domains: (1) an activation domain that interacts with other parts of the transcription machinery (RNA polymerase or other TFs); (2) a DNA binding domain, which recognises specific bases near the start of transcription; (3) a nuclear localisation domain that targets the protein to the nucleus after being synthesised in the cytoplasm; and sometimes (4) a dimerisation domain, which enables formation of functional dimers from inactive monomers. Regulatory TFs are far more numerous than general TFs and account for approx. 2000 proteins in *Arabidopsis*.

The Database of *Arabidopsis* Transcription Factors (DATF at <http://datf.cbi.pku.edu.cn/>; Guo *et al.*, 2005) was the main point of reference on TFs for this thesis. It collects 1922 loci for transcription factors (~7% of all *Arabidopsis* genes) and classifies them into 64 families. Although regulatory type transcription factors can be classified according to mechanism of action or their regulatory function (Brivanlou and Darnell, 2002), family classification is based on their structure and mainly on their DNA binding domains (Luscombe *et al.*, 2000). Figure 1.4 shows transcription factor classification and connections between families.

The five largest transcription factors families present in *Arabidopsis* are the MADS (MADS-box), AP2-EREBP (APETALA2/Ethylene Responsive Element Binding Protein), MYB, bHLH (Basic Helix-Loop-Helix), and C2H2 families. The largest transcription factor families in *Arabidopsis* also appear to be the most prevalent ones in monocotyledonous plants such as rice or maize. TFs that belong to the same family often regulate similar physiological processes even among very different plant species. Overall regulation of most biological processes in the plant cell can be linked to one or more TF families (Century *et al.*, 2008). At least 45% of all TFs are plant-specific. Among the families found only in plants are: AP2-EREBP, NAC, WRKY, Trihelix, ARFs (Auxin Response Factors), the Aux-IAA (Auxin/Indole-3-Acetic Acid) proteins, which do not bind to DNA themselves but interact with the ARF proteins, and other small families (Ratcliffe and Riechmann, 2000).

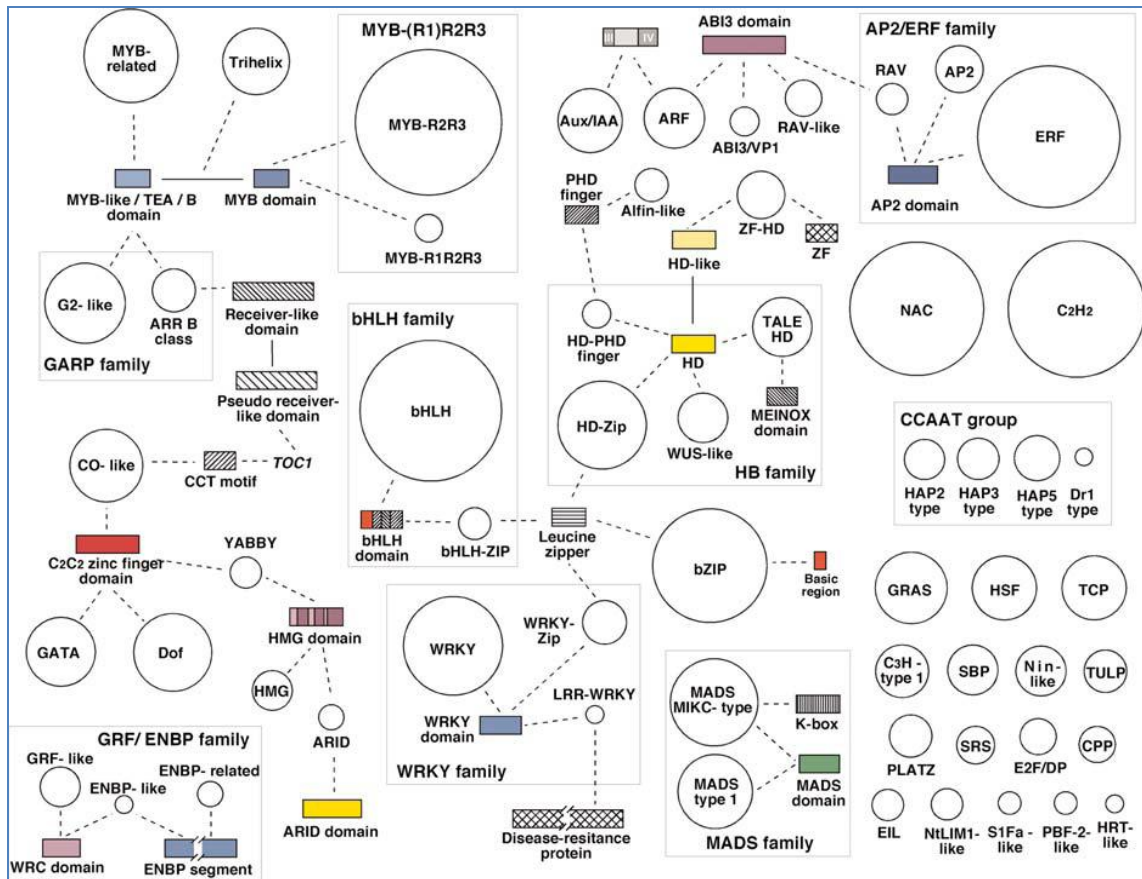


Figure 1.4. The *Arabidopsis* complement of transcription factors (Riechmann, 2002)

Gene families are represented by circles, whose size is proportional to the number of members in the family. Domains that have been shuffled, and that therefore ‘connect’ different groups of transcription factors are indicated with rectangles, whose size is proportional to the length of the domain. DNA binding domains are coloured; other domains (usually protein-protein interaction domains) are shown with hatched patterns. Dashed lines indicate that a given domain is a characteristic of the family or subfamily to which it is connected. Gene names are written in italics (Riechmann, 2002).

TFs play fundamental roles in the life cycle of higher plants controlling or influencing almost all biological processes, including cell cycle progression, metabolism, growth and development, and responses to the environment (Riechmann and Ratcliffe, 2000). It is assumed that they have immensely important functions in the evolution of species. Development is based on the cellular capacity for differential gene expression, which is often controlled by TFs acting as switches of regulatory cascades. TF genes are generally expressed at low levels in plants, often in a cell-type or tissue-specific manner, and often only transiently during development. Many, if not most TF genes are themselves regulated at the level of transcription, so determining where and when TFs are transcribed, and how such transcription is affected by internal or external stimuli is valuable in elucidating the specific roles of cognate proteins. Since the identification of the first TF, *TF1*, from a bacteriophage SPO1 in the 1970s (Wilhelm *et al.*, 1972), knowledge about these proteins has increased rapidly resulting in

thousands of reports. About 10% of *Arabidopsis* TFs have been characterised functionally (Qu and Zhu, 2006). The importance of TFs is underlined by an increasing number of databases focused on this class of genes, for example: AGRIS with AtTFDB and AtcisDB (<http://arabidopsis.med.ohio-state.edu>; Davuluri *et al.*, 2003; Palaniswamy *et al.*, 2006), TrSDB (<http://bioinf.uab.es/trsdb>; Hermoso *et al.*, 2004), Athena (<http://www.bioinformatics2.wsu.edu/cgi-bin/Athena/cgi/home.pl>; O'Connor *et al.*, 2005), DATF (<http://datf.cbi.pku.edu.cn/>; Guo *et al.*, 2005), RARTF (<http://rarge.gsc.riken.jp/rartf/>; Iida *et al.*, 2005), TRANSFAC (<http://www.gene-regulation.com/pub/databases.html>; Matys *et al.*, 2005) AthaMap (<http://www.athamap.de/index.php>; Steffens *et al.*, 2004 and 2005; Bülow *et al.*, 2006; Galuschka *et al.*, 2007), PlnTFDB (<http://plntfdb.bio.uni-potsdam.de/v2.0/>; Riaño-Pachón *et al.*, 2007), PlantTFDB (<http://plantfdb.cbi.pku.edu.cn/>; Guo *et al.*, 2008). This allows exchange of knowledge and access to updated information and acceleration of worldwide TF research. Numerous reports have shown that change in activity of a single TF can have a profound effect on plant biology, causing phenotypic changes. Identification and functional characterisation of TFs is essential for the reconstruction or modelling of transcriptional regulatory networks. Diversity of transcription factors and the *cis*-acting elements that they bind are the source for an enormous combinatorial complexity, which allows fine-tuning of gene expression and gives rise to a huge spectrum of developmental and physiological phenotypes (Riaño-Pachón *et al.*, 2007). Identification of regulatory genes and networks that control agronomically important traits like biomass, growth rate, yield, and stress resistance may allow the modification of complex traits to improve crop plants. TFs have already played major roles in crop improvement via domestication and breeding, generally by way of increasing intrinsic yield through modification of plant architecture (Doebley *et al.*, 2006; Kovach *et al.*, 2007; Pourkheirandish and Komatsuda, 2007). TFs have also been identified in QTL analysis of some traits of agricultural importance in rice (Konishi *et al.*, 2006). Jiang (2004) showed that HERCULES1 (*HRC1*), an AT-hook family TF, increases plant organ size and yield when overexpressed in *Arabidopsis*, with associated increases in cell size and number. Oh *et al.*, (2005) reported enhanced drought tolerance in rice plants that constitutively overexpressed either *CBF3* or *ABF3* (*Arabidopsis* TF of bZIP family), with no obvious negative side effects. There is also some evidence that altering expression patterns of the E2F TF genes from *Arabidopsis* can benefit cell division and cell size, potentially increasing biomass and yield (Beemster *et al.*, 2005; Van Camp, 2005). In parallel with the work presented in this thesis, the latest studies on heterosis identified TFs among differentially expressed genes in hybrids (Wu *et al.*, 2003; Swanson-Wagner *et al.*, 2006; Meyer *et al.*, 2007).

Taking this wide background into account, an obvious question related to hybrid vigour is what is the role of TFs in heterosis? This is one of the questions addressed in this thesis.

1.2.1.1. A qRT-PCR platform for TFs

The Udvardi & Scheible groups at the MPI-MP designed and tested around 2000 pairs of gene-specific primers for qRT-PCR of all TF and putative TF genes of *Arabidopsis*. A subset of these (1465 primer pairs) was used to demonstrate the high sensitivity and specificity of qRT-PCR, and to identify root- and shoot-specific TF genes (Czechowski *et al.*, 2004). This was a key enabling technology for the project proposed here and can provide valuable information about transcription factors in a rapid, systematic, and comprehensive manner.

1.2.2. Epigenetic control of gene expression

Epigenetic phenomena are heritable changes in gene expression that occur without a change in DNA sequence, and gene expression level can be regulated by epigenetic modification via covalent modification of DNA or histones (Habu *et al.*, 2001). Chromatin structure is an important element of the mechanisms that determine gene expression patterns in eukaryotes, because nucleosome assembly eliminates the accessibility of promoter sequences to the basal transcription machinery. Gene expression requires unfolding of packed chromatin and, conversely, repression requires the formation and maintenance of condensed chromatin structures (Riechmann, 2002). The Chromatin Database (Chrom.DB at <http://www.chromdb.org>; Gendler *et al.*, 2008) contains lists of chromatin proteins in plants and classifies them into nine groups. DNA methyltransferases (METs, CMTs, DRMs) are enzymes that methylate DNA in various patterns, Methylcytosine Binding Domain Proteins (MBDs) are thought to bind to methylated DNA to mediate other chromatin modifying events, Histone Acetyltransferases (HACs) are enzymes that add acetyl groups to histones, Histone Deacetylases (HDAs) are enzymes that remove acetyl groups from histones, Chromatin Remodelling Activities (CHR, CHB, CHC etc.) are large multi-protein complexes that use energy derived from the hydrolysis of ATP to alter the positioning of nucleosomes on DNA, SET Domain Containing Proteins (SDGs) are proteins that methylate histones, Chromodomain Containing Proteins are histone-binding repressor proteins, Bromodomain Containing Proteins are proteins that bind acetylated lysines, and High Mobility Group (HMG) Proteins are abundant non-histone chromosomal proteins that bind and bend DNA, serving ‘architectural’ roles. Because of their role in transcription regulation, genes encoding these proteins (called ‘chromatin-related’ in this work) are interesting targets for heterosis research.

1.2.3. RNA silencing in plants

RNA silencing, which in plants is has also been called post-transcriptional gene silencing (PTGS), was mentioned above in the context of RNAi technology. RNA silencing refers to diverse RNA-based processes that all result in sequence-specific inhibition of gene expression, either at the transcriptional, mRNA-stability, or translational levels. A couple of different RNA silencing pathways have been characterised (for review see Brodersen and Voinnet, 2006). Nonetheless, these processes are still not fully discovered.

1.2.3.1. Chromatin-targeted RNA silencing

Chromatin-targeted RNA silencing is a gene silencing pathway in which chromatin structure and histone modifications play a role. Typically, short interfering RNA (a type of small RNA) guides the formation of heterochromatin, which is transcriptionally silent. Some proteins involved in this process belong to the putative chromatin proteins compiled by ChromDB. The two schemes of this silencing are shown in Figure 1.5.

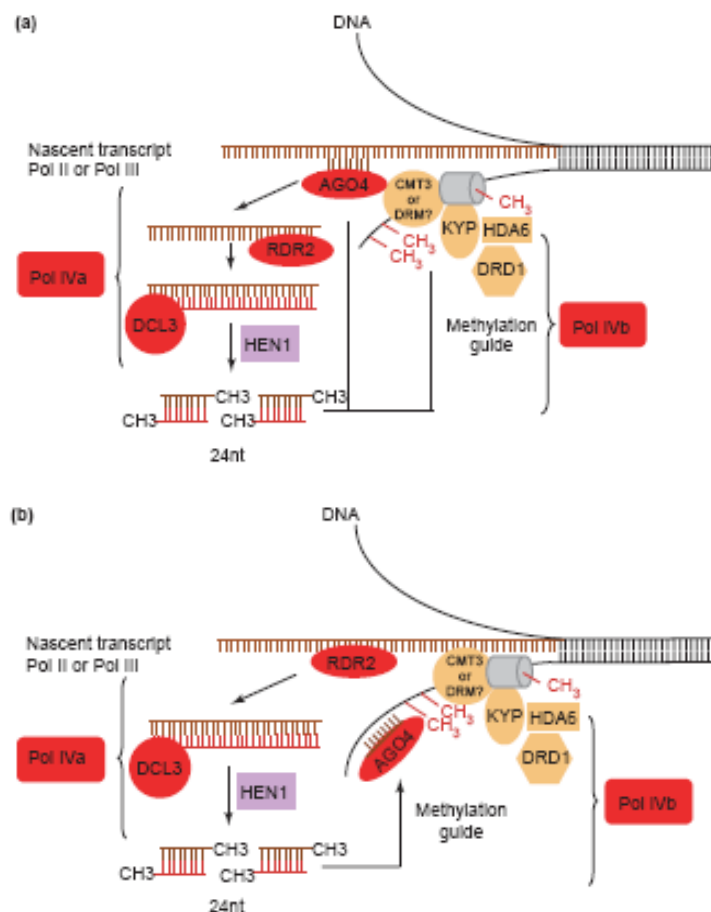


Figure 1.5. Chromatin-targeted RNA silencing schemes (Brodersen and Voinnet, 2006)

- (a) A nascent Pol II or Pol III transcript is cleaved through the action of siRNA-programmed *AGO4*, resulting in a truncated RNA that is converted into dsRNA by the action of *RDR2*. The dsRNA is then processed by *DCL3* into 24-nt siRNAs that direct further cleavage of nascent transcripts and might possibly guide sequential activities of histone deacetylases (e.g. *HDA6*),

histone methyl-transferases (e.g. *KYP* or *SUVH2*) and/or DNA methyl-transferases (*CMT3* or a *DRM*). It is unclear whether histone modification precedes DNA methylation or not. The process might also involve siRNA-directed chromatin remodelling factors, such as *DRD1*. The positions of Pol IVa and Pol IVb in those reactions are currently ill defined.

- (b) The same effectors are involved but, in this scenario, *RDR2* uses nascent transcripts as templates and siRNA-loaded *AGO4* is recruited to guide chromatin modifications rather than RNA cleavage.

1.2.3.2. MicroRNAs

Plant microRNAs (miRNAs) are another type of small RNAs, 70% of which were predicted to have TFs as targets (Steimer *et al.*, 2004). They are single-stranded 20-24 nt molecules, excised from endogenous non-coding transcripts with extensive fold-back structure. They cause gene silencing by acting *in trans* on cellular target transcripts to induce their degradation via cleavage, or by attenuating translation and protein production (Brodersen Voinnet, 2006). Most identified plant miRNAs have near-perfect complementarity to their targets. Approximately 100 miRNA genes have been identified in *Arabidopsis* and classified into 22 families (Xie *et al.*, 2005). MicroRNAs have important roles in plant development: they control key regulatory elements of plant response to auxin, take part in P-regulation (Bari *et al.*, 2006; Pant *et al.*, 2008), regulate accumulation of TFs involved in defining the identity or number of floral organs, leaf shape, and lateral root formation, and they are involved in primary and secondary metabolism. It is also predicted that miRNAs play roles in environmental adaptation (Brodersen Voinnet, 2006).

Insight into the importance of miRNA in gene regulation, plant physiology and development has increased rapidly (Hunter and Poethig, 2003; Dugas and Bartel, 2004; Steimer *et al.*, 2004; Kidner and Martienssen, 2005). This background makes miRNA an interesting target in study heterosis in plants. In 2007, the research group of Wolf-Ruediger Scheible at the MPI-MP designed and tested primer pairs for all 118 known miRNA genes of *Arabidopsis* for qRT-PCR (Datt Pant and Musialak-Lange *et al.*, 2009). This platform was used in this work.

1.2.4. Ribosomal RNA/DNA in relation to increased growth rate

There is substantial evidence that the rate in ribosome synthesis in meristem has a strong impact on growth (Kojima *et al.*, 2007). Elser *et al.*, (2000) shown that the growth rate of organisms is correlated with cellular ribosomal RNA (rRNA) content, with higher levels enabling faster protein synthesis and growth. Genetic mechanisms that may account for increased cellular rRNA levels include changes in rDNA structure/organisation, e.g. expansion of rDNA amount, and an increase in the transcription rate per gene of rDNA (Elser *et al.*, 2000). Endoreduplication may be one of possible ways that plant cells achieve this (Rogers and Bendich, 1987). Additionally, Kondorosi *et al.*, (2000) showed that increased DNA con-

tent or ploidy level correlates with increase in cell size, which may contribute to elevated hybrid growth. The bigger nuclei of polyploid cells meet the requirements of a higher metabolic activity, rRNA synthesis and transcriptional activity in larger cells (Weiss *et al.*, 2005). Another mechanism that may influence cellular rRNA levels is epigenetic regulation of transcription via covalent modification of DNA or histones (Habu *et al.*, 2001; Meyer, 2001). Results from genetic mapping indicated a biomass QTL (Lisec *et al.*, 2008) located in the top region of chromosome IV, which contains one of the two nucleolar organiser regions (NORs) with rDNA/rRNA genes (Figure 1.6). The nucleolus, which is created around those genes, is a key cellular structure that coordinates the synthesis and assembly of ribosomal subunits, plays a role in cell cycle regulation, and its function is tightly linked to cell growth and proliferation (Andersen, 2005). Total nucleolar size is an indicator of rRNA gene activity as shown in the study of Delany *et al.*, (1994). Thus, rRNA genes are an interesting target for research on heterosis for enhanced seedling growth rates in *Arabidopsis*.

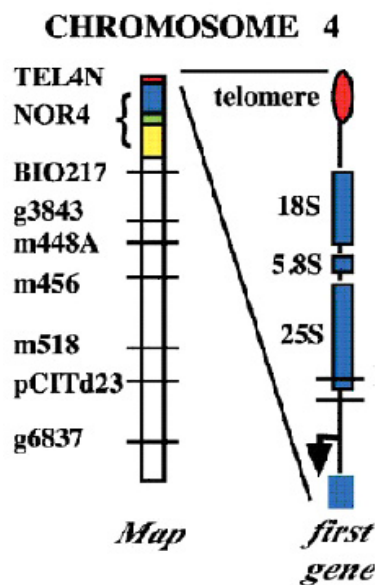


Figure 1.6. Organisation of the NORs at the top of *A. thaliana* chromosomes II and IV (Copenhaver and Pikaard, 1996b)

NOR2 and *NOR4* are each ~ 4 Mbp in size, including ~350-400 rRNA genes at each locus

1.2.5. Role of *FRIGIDA* and *FLOWERING LOCUS C*

FRIGIDA (*FRI*, AT4G00650) and *FLOWERING LOCUS C* (*FLC*, AT5G1014) are known to control flowering time variation in *Arabidopsis thaliana*. *FLC* is a MADS-box transcription factor that blocks the transition from vegetative to reproductive development (He *et al.*, 2003). *FRI* is a gene of unknown biochemical function (Veley and Michaels, 2008) and the *FRI* protein is predicted to contain coiled-coil domains in two positions (Johanson *et al.*, 2000). *FRI* (AT4G00650) acts epistatically to *FLC* causing its up-regulation (Shindo *et al.*,

2005; Michaels and Amasino, 1999). Up-regulation of *FLC* by *FRI* differs depending on the activity of both genes and is different for various genotypes. *FRI* was found to be functional in C24 but not in Col-0, whereas *FLC* is strong in Col-0 but weak in C24 (Gazzani *et al.*, 2003).

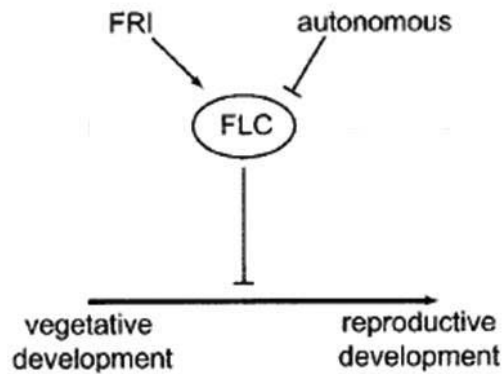


Figure 1.7. Scheme of *FRI-FLC* interactions (modified from Poduska *et al.*, 2003)

Studying *FRI* in relation to biomass heterosis seemed to be interesting since it is located in the biomass QTL ‘hot-spot’ at the top of chromosome IV (Lisec *et al.*, 2008). Moreover, Caroline Dean and co-workers have demonstrated the up-regulation of *FLC* expression by *FRI* in the shoot and root meristematic regions of *Ler* seedling (data publicly available at the Caroline Dean’s website www.jic.bbsrc.ac.uk/staff/caroline-dean/index.htm, 2007), which could contribute to biomass vigour of hybrid seedlings. Finally, Korves *et al.*, (2007) showed via association studies that the *FRI FLC* genotype (functional *FRI* in various *FLC* backgrounds) is associated with rosette growth. Boss *et al.*, (2004) emphasised that *FLC* integrates signals from the autonomous pathway (Figure 1.7), which stimulates flowering partially based on plant size. Although the *FRI* was not discussed in literature in the context of rosette growth, *FRI FLC* genotypes may differ in interactions with the autonomous pathway so the effects of *FLC* variation on rosette growth might be worth studying (Korves *et al.*, 2007). Furthermore, they also suggested that the specific *FRI FLC* genotype may be associated with very high water use efficiency, which may have contributed to slower plant growth in the studied conditions. All these considerations seemed to be a good basis for *FRI FLC* studies in the context of biomass heterosis.

1.3. Objectives of the study

- I. The major goal of this PhD study was to provide an input into studies on molecular mechanisms underlying heterosis via determination of the role that regulatory (i.e. TFs and microRNAs), and additional genes of interest (i.e. ‘chromatin-related’ genes, *FRIGIDA*, and ribosomal genes) play in heterosis for biomass/growth in *Arabidopsis thaliana*.
- II. The specific goals were:
 1. To determine the time in development at which the F1 hybrids and parents diverge phenotypically,
 2. To identify differentially expressed regulatory genes and additional genes of interest in F1 hybrids when compared to parents, before the point of divergence determined in point 1 (selection of candidate genes),
 3. Determine expression patterns (expression phenotypes) of selected candidate genes,
 4. To profile the expression of candidate genes at different time points of early development and compare their expression patterns,
 5. To determine, whether any of the candidate genes identified in point 2 map to the same chromosomal location as QTLs for growth and/or biomass heterosis, and for biomass *per se* (determined by others, Melchinger and Altmann),
 6. To validate the expression of a subset of candidate genes (from point 2) in crosses of other *Arabidopsis* accessions that exhibit biomass heterosis,
 7. To modify the expression of selected candidate gene(s) (from point 2) or additional genes of interest, using RNAi constructs in transgenic Col-0 or C24, to determine whether individual gene(s) contribute significantly to heterosis of biomass or growth,
 8. To analyse introgression lines (ILs) with an introgression containing selected candidate gene(s) or additional genes of interest in relation to biomass and biomass heterosis,
 9. To evaluate the possible role of rRNA/rDNA in growth/biomass heterosis using additional approaches.

2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

2.1. Plant material

– *Arabidopsis* accessions:

- *Arabidopsis thaliana* (L.) ecotype Col-0
- *Arabidopsis thaliana* (L.) ecotype C24
- *Arabidopsis thaliana* (L.) ecotype Cl-0
- *Arabidopsis thaliana* (L.) ecotype Ler
- *Arabidopsis thaliana* (L.) ecotype Nd

– Parental inbred lines:

Col-0xCol-0, C24xC24, Cl-0xCl-0, *Ler*x*Ler*, NdxNd, N88/2/1/10 from generation BC5F3

– Reciprocal F1 hybrids:

Col-0xC24, C24xCol-0, NdxCl-0, Cl-0xNd, *Ler*xC24, C24x*Ler*

– Test crosses (TCs) of introgression line (IL):

Col-0xN88/2/1/10 and C24xN88/2/1/10

2.1.1. Plant growth conditions

– Early stages of development - until 10 DAS (days after sowing):

Plantlets were grown in Petri dishes and fine soil mixture (content as given below) was covered with nylon net. Plates were divided into four equal parts so that parental and hybrid seeds could be sown on the same plate. Up to 5 mg of seeds per genotype were sown on one plate to avoid tight growing.

– 15 DAS:

Plants were grown in a Latin square plot design with six replicates. Six plants of the same line were grown per well in 96-well-trays or per separate small pot.

Plants were grown in a 1:1 mixture of GS 90 soil and vermiculite. All seeds were germinated in a growth chamber at 4°C for two days and were then transferred to a long-day regime (16 h fluorescent light 120 mol/(m²s) at 20°C and 60% relative humidity/8 h dark at 18°C and 75% relative humidity). To avoid position effects, trays/plates were rotated around the growth chamber every two days.

2.1.2. Technique of crossing

All the crosses were made according to Meyer *et al.*, (2004) to obtain seeds of all genotypes identical in size and mass: parental lines were inbred lines obtained by self pollina-

tion; five to six flowers per plant were left. Reciprocal hybrids and test crosses of ILs were produced by hand-pollinating emasculated flowers of the respective mother plant.

2.1.3. Methods of biomass difference determination

Prior to each experiment, hybrids of all crossing batches were tested to confirm biomass heterosis. Plants were grown until 15 DAS and then rosettes were harvested, and kept to dry in an oven at 80°C for 4 days for DW (dry weight) determination. Subsequent weighing was performed on a very sensitive balance (AX 205-balance, Metter Toledo) and statistical determination of DW differences via Student's t-test was performed in Excel (MS Office). Mid-Parent Heterosis (MPH) was used as a measure of a biomass increase level in hybrids vs. parents, and it was calculated according to the following formula:

$$\text{MPH (\%)} = (\text{mean DW of F1s} - \text{mean DW of Ps}) / (\text{mean DW of Ps}) * 100,$$

F1s - reciprocal F1 hybrids, Ps – parental inbred lines.

Only F1 hybrids of biomass levels that were significantly higher than those of parental plants i.e. showing at least 40% MPH were used for experiments.

2.2. Commonly used equipment and various consumables

2.2.1. Equipment

- Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara, CA USA: Agilent 6890 GC gas chromatograph with 7683 Autosampler, Agilent GC 6890N coupled with mass spectrometer,
- Applied Biosystems (& Perkin Elmer), Foster City, USA: ABI Prism 2X ABI Prism 7900HT Sequence Detection System and 7300 real-time PCR,
- Beckman Instruments Inc., Fullerton, USA: Avanti J30I centrifuge,
- Biometra, Göttingen, Germany: TGradient Thermal Cycler,
- Bio-Rad Laboratories, Hercules, USA: electrophoresis chambers, Power Pac 300,
- Becton-Dickinson, San Jose, USA: FACStar^{PLUS} flow cytometer,
- Dumont, Montignez, Switzerland: sharpened and unsharpened microscopic tweezers of different sizes,
- Eppendorf, Hamburg, Germany: pipettes, microcentrifuges: 5417, 5417C, 5417R, thermomixer, centrifuge tubes, PCR tips with filters,
- Gilson, France: pipettes,
- Hamamatsu Photonics, Herrsching Ammersee, Germany: ultra sensitive CCD camera,
- Leco, St. Joseph, MI, USA: Leco Pegasus III TOF MS mass spectrometer,

- Leica, Heidelberg, Germany: binoculars, stereomicroscopes supplied with cameras, microtome,
- Mettler Toledo, Singapore, China: AX 205-balance,
- NanoDrop, Wilmington, USA: NanoDrop™ ND-1000 spectrophotometer,
- Retsch, Haan, Germany: MM200 homogeniser,
- Sorvall, Langenselbold, Germany: centrifuge RC5B Plus,
- Stratagene, Heidelberg, Germany: UV- crosslinker.

2.2.2. Consumables

- Applied Biosystems (& Perkin Elmer), Foster City, USA: 384-well Clear Optical Reaction Plates with Barcode PCR compatible DNA/RNA/RNase free with optical adhesive foil covers,
- Biozym Diagnostik, Hess. Olendorf, Germany: agarose,
- Eppendorf, Hamburg, Germany: centrifuge tubes, special PCR tips with filters,
- Eurogentec, Seraing, Belgium: 96 well PCR Plates with caps, oligonucleotides,
- Fermentas, St. Leon-Rot, Germany: O'RangeRuler DNA Ladder™ – various sizes of DNA ladders, 6X Orange DNA Loading Dye™,
- Invitrogen, Karlsruhe, Germany: 10 mM dNTPs Mix, 0.24 - 9.4 kb RNA-ladder,
- Merck, Darmstadt, Germany: other chemicals,
- Invitrogen/Molecular Probes, Karlsruhe, Germany: DAPI (4'-6-diamidino-2-phenylindole) stain,
- Qiagen, Hilden, Germany: Oligo (dT)₁₆ primer™,
- Pharmacia, Freiburg, Germany: EtBr, other chemicals,
- Roth, Karlsruhe, Germany: phenol/chloroform/isoamyl alcohol 25:24:1 for DNA/RNA isolation, pH ~8.00, and other chemicals,
- Sefar, Heiden, Schwizerland: nylon net,
- Sigma-Aldrich, Taufkirchen, Germany: highly positively charged Nytran® SuPer-Charge Nylon Membrane, diethylpirocarbonate (DEPC), basic chemicals,
- Shott Scientific Glass, Parkersburg, USA: glass tubes with caps and teflon discs, GC tubes.

2.2.2.1. Enzymes and kits

- Ambion, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, UK: TURBO™ DNase,

- Applied Biosystems (& Perkin Elmer), Foster City, USA: 2X SYBR Green® PCR Master Mix reagent and Power SYBR Green® PCR Master Mix reagent,
- Machery-Nagel, Düren, Germany: Nucleobond AX plasmid purification kit™,
- Invitrogen, Karlsruhe, Germany: Superscript III H⁻ Reverse Transcriptase™ (supplied with components: 5X First-Strand Buffer and 0.1 M DTT), Random Primers,
- Promega, Mannheim, Germany: RNasin® Ribonuclease Inhibitor™,
- Roboklon, Berlin, Germany: OptiTaq DNA Polymerase™ with corresponding buffers,
- Roche (Applied Science), Hague Road, USA: DIG-labelling system™, antibiotics.

2.3. RNA methods

2.3.1. RNA extraction protocol

The following protocol was a modification of Weber and Weschke RNA extraction method (IPK-Gatersleben, Germany). All solutions used for RNA extraction were prepared using autoclaved DEPC-water and were pre-chilled on ice before use; EtOH was kept at -20°C. Frozen tissue (50-150 mg FW or 40 mg DW) was ground using a retch-mill and quenched in liquid N₂. 700 µL of extraction buffer (1 M Tris - pH 9.0, 1% SDS, 10 mM EDTA, β-ME – 5 µL/mL added prior to RNA isolation) were added, the sample was thoroughly mixed by vortexing, 700 µL of phenol/chloroform/isoamyl alcohol (PCI, 25:24:1, pH ~8.00; Roth) were added and the sample were again vortex-mixed. Samples were centrifuged at 4°C for 15 min at 13,000 rpm. The aqueous phase was transferred into a new tube, 700 µL of PCI was added and vortexed, and the mixture was centrifuged at 13,000 rpm for 15 min at 4°C. The aqueous phase was transferred to a new tube, centrifuged at 13,000 rpm for 5 min at 4°C. The supernatant was transferred to a fresh tube and 1/10 of 3 M Na-Ac, pH 5.2 and 2.5 volume of the absolute EtOH added. The tube was three times mixed by inversions, incubated at -80°C for 30-45 min, and then centrifuged at 13,000 rpm for 10 min at 4°C. The supernatant was carefully removed. The precipitate was dissolved in 200 µL of DEPC-water and spun down at 13,000 rpm for 1 min at 4°C. 200 µL of 4 M LiCl were then added and thoroughly mixed by gentle pipetting. Samples were left to stand on ice overnight in a refrigerated room at 4°C. On the next day, all samples were centrifuged at 13,000 rpm for 15 min at 4°C. The liquid was removed very carefully, 1 mL of 2 M LiCl was added, the tube inverted once and centrifuged at 13,000 rpm for 15 min at 4°C. Liquid was removed very slowly and carefully. The pellet was washed twice with 70% EtOH, centrifuged at 10,000 rpm for 5 min at 4°C and the residual solution was removed. The resulting RNA pellet was stored in 500 µL of

70% EtOH at -80°C . Before use, the pellet was re-centrifuged, air-dried and dissolved in 40 μL of DEPC-water (approximately 1 $\mu\text{g}/\mu\text{L}$ of RNA).

2.3.2. Assays of RNA amount and quality

RNA concentration and purity was determined by photometric measurements at 230, 260 and 280 nm using a very sensitive NanoDropTM spectrophotometer. RNA quality was judged by two ratios: A260/280 (values in the range of 1.8-2.0 indicate low protein contamination) and A260/230 (ratios ≥ 2.0 indicate low polysaccharide contamination). RNA integrity was ascertained on a 1.5% (w/v) agarose gel stained with EtBr.

2.3.3. Removal of genomic DNA contamination from RNA samples

To remove all traces of DNA contamination, up to 10 μg of total RNA was digested with TURBOTM DNase (Ambion), according to the manufacturer's instructions. RNase inhibitor (Promega) was added to the sample in the proportion of 1 U/ μL of RNA. Afterwards, RNA integrity was ascertained on a 1.5% (w/v) agarose gel stained with EtBr after DNase digestion. The absence of genomic DNA contamination was subsequently confirmed by qPCR, using primers designed on an intron sequence of a control gene *AGL68*, (AT5G65080; primer sequences in Annex A); 1 μL aliquot of RNA solution per 10 μL reaction volume was applied in each of four technical replicates. For all reactions set up, a negative control (using 1 μL of H_2O instead of RNA solution), and a positive control (1 μL of 5 ng/ μL of genomic DNA instead of RNA solution) were included into additional plate wells. If the amplification was detected earliest after 38 cycles, the RNA sample was considered as genomic DNA-free.

In case of total RNA samples used further to prepare a cDNA to measure the rRNA expression level the above mentioned procedure was modified. 1 μg of total RNA was digested with TURBOTM DNase (Ambion). The absence of genomic DNA contamination was confirmed by qPCR, using primer pairs designed on sequences of 25S rDNA, 18S rDNA and 5.8S rDNA (primers sequences in Annex A) and applying a 1 μL of 100 times diluted RNA solution per 10 μL reaction volume. This was a crucial step because in higher plants ribosomal genes are present in multiple copies (Saini *et al.*, 2000). If the amplification was detected earliest after 38 cycles, the RNA sample was considered as genomic DNA-free.

2.3.4. Northern blotting with a DIG-system (based on Roche manual)

2.3.4.1. RNA electrophoresis and transfer to a membrane

6 μg of total RNA isolated via RNA extraction protocol (described in section 2.3.1), were separated by gel electrophoresis under denaturing conditions: 1.5% (w/v) agarose gel

contained 2% (w/v) formaldehyde (Lehrach *et al.*, 1977). RNA was later transferred directly from the gel to a highly positively charged Nytran[®] SuPerCharge Nylon Membrane (Sigma-Aldrich) and was fixed using a UV transilluminator for 4 min at the wavelength of 302 nm.

2.3.4.2. Labelling of probes with dioxygenin-11-dUTP

Probes were labelled during PCR amplification of 10 ng of gDNA using gene specific primers. The PCR mixture contained all nucleotides at a concentration of 100 μ M plus 17.5 μ M dioxygenin-11-2'-deoxy-uridine-5'-triphosphate alkaline labile (dioxygenin-11-dUTP, Roche), and 82.5 μ M dTTP. The following PCR program was used: 1 cycle of 95°C for 1 min; 30 cycles of {95°C for 1 min, 55°C for 1 min, 72°C for 1 min}, and 1 cycle of 72°C for 5 min. T_m of the primers was calculated from the following formula:

$$T_m = 2*GC + 4*AT.$$

Labelling efficiency was verified via agarose gel electrophoresis by monitoring the shift to the larger DIG-labelled DNA band, compared to the control PCR reactions (without dioxygenin-11-dUTP). Probes were used for hybridisation at a concentration 2 μ L/mL of DIG Easy Hyb[™] solution.

2.3.4.3. Pre-hybridisation and hybridisation conditions

Filters were pre-hybridised for 30 min at 50°C in pre-warmed DIG Easy Hyb[™] solution in hybridisation tubes. The PCR DIG-labelled probe (see above) was diluted in 50 μ L of ddH₂O and denatured at 95°C for 5 min. The probe was then immediately chilled on ice and added to fresh pre-warmed (50°C) DIG Easy Hyb[™] solution. The pre-hybridization solution was then replaced with 3.5 mL hybridization solution/100 cm² membrane, containing the probe, and hybridization was performed overnight at 50°C. Afterwards, the hybridization solution was decanted and stored at -20°C. The blot was washed twice in low stringency buffer (2X SSC, 0.1% SDS) for 5 min at room temperature, and then twice in pre-warmed, high stringency buffer (0.5% SSC, 0.1% SDS) for 15 min at 50°C.

2.3.4.4. Detection

Blots were washed in 250 mL of maleic acid buffer (0.1 M maleic acid, 0.15 M NaCl, pH 7.5, 0.3% Tween 20) for 2 min at room temperature, then blocked in 250 mL of Blocking Solution (Roche) for 30 min at room temperature. 20 mL of antibody solution (diluted 1:15,000 in Blocking Solution) was then added and the membrane incubated at room temperature for 30 min. The membrane was washed twice for 15 min in maleic acid buffer and equilibrated with 20 mL of detection buffer (0.1 M Tris-HCl pH 9.5, 0.15 M NaCl) for 3 min and

then briefly dried. The membrane was placed (facing up a DNA/RNA side) in a plastic bag and 500 $\mu\text{L}/100\text{ cm}^2$ drops of CDP-StarTM (Roche) were evenly applied to the surface of the blot. The plastic bag was laid for 5 min, any excess liquid was squeezed out, the bag was sealed and the membrane was incubated in room temperature for 1 h. A chemiluminescent signal was detected using an ultra sensitive CCD camera (Hamamatsu Photonics) with an acquisition time in the 'dynamic' mode for photon acquisition ranging between 10 min up to 2 h. The camera sensitivity was set to level equal to 255 and the threshold for background subtraction was 30. Images were analysed using HPD-LISTM luminescence imaging software (Hamamatsu Photonics).

2.4. DNA methods

2.4.1. cDNA synthesis and quality check

Reverse transcription (RT) reactions were performed using 5 μg of total RNA with SuperScriptTM III Reverse Transcriptase (Invitrogen) according to the manufacturer's instructions. The efficiency of cDNA synthesis was assessed by qPCR amplification of control genes encoding AT1G13440 or *GAPC2* (primer sequences in Annex A). Each 10 μL -reaction contained 1 μL of a 10-fold diluted cDNA sample. Negative (1 μL of H_2O instead of cDNA solution), and positive (1 μL of 5 $\text{ng}/\mu\text{L}$ of genomic DNA instead of cDNA solution) controls were included into additional plate wells. Only cDNA preparations that yielded similar values of cycle threshold (C_T) for the control genes were used for subsequent comparison. Additionally, a quality of each cDNA sample was tested in technical triplicates based on the *GAPC2* amplification with two other primer pairs: designed on the 3' and on the 5' end of this gene sequence. The following ratio was the measure of the fold difference between both ends present in a given cDNA pool:

$$C_T \text{GAPC2}_{3'}/C_T \text{GAPC2}_{5'} = 2^{(C_T \text{GAPC2}_{5'} - C_T \text{GAPC2}_{3'})}$$

A ratio of 1-3 was the accepted threshold. Samples showing higher values meant that 5' cDNA ends were underrepresented in the pool and were not considered for further analyses. Appropriate cDNA samples could be further diluted to the range of $C_T \sim 18-19$. cDNA samples were stored in -80°C prior to further analyses.

For a synthesis of cDNAs used to measure expression levels of genes transcribed without subsequent polyA tail addition (e.g. ribosomal genes), Random PrimersTM (Invitrogen) were used. For these RT reactions, 1 ng of RNA was used and reactions were performed according to the manufacturer's (Invitrogen) instructions. Only cDNA preparations that

yielded similar C_T values for the control gene (see above) were used for subsequent comparison.

2.4.2. DNA isolation and quantity/quality assays

Genomic DNA was isolated from the youngest rosette leaf of 4-week old plants (for RNAi plants analysis) and from seedling at 6 DAS of different *Arabidopsis* ecotypes (for use as positive controls in qPCR) according to standard CTAB method (Sambrook *et al.*, 2000). The alkaline lysis method (Sambrook *et al.*, 2000) was used to extract plasmid from transformed *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* and *Escherichia coli*. The concentration and purity of DNA samples were determined by photometric measurements at 230, 260 and 280 nm using a NanoDropTM spectrophotometer. Plasmid DNA integrity was tested on the 1.5% (w/v) agarose gel stained with EtBr. The NucleobondTM AX plasmid purification kit with a protocol according to manufacturer's instructions was used to purify the plasmid DNA from *E. coli* prior to sequencing.

2.4.3. pAGRIKOLA clones validation via DNA sequencing and PCR amplification

pAGRIKOLA clones of *Agrobacterium* were validated according to AGRIKOLA (<http://www.agrikola.org/>) protocol 'Validating the pAGRIKOLA_clones' given at http://www.agrikola.org/index.php?o=/agrikola/html/pAGRIKOLA_validation. PCR conditions were modified and the touch-down PCR protocol was as follows: 1 cycle of 94°C for 5 min, 29 x [1 cycle of {94°C for 30 sec, 59°C for 30 sec, 72°C for 1 min}, 1 cycle of {94°C for 30 sec, 57°C for 30 sec, 72°C for 1 min}, 1 cycle of {94°C for 30 sec, 55°C for 30 sec, 72°C for 1 min}, 1 cycle of {94°C for 30 sec, 51°C for 30 sec, 72°C for 1 min}], 1 cycle of 72°C for 5 min. The reaction mix with a final volume 50 µL consisted of 5 µL of 10X Buffer B (Roboklon), 41 µL of ddH₂O, and a mix of equal volumes of four AGRIKOLA primers (Agri 51, Agri 56, Agri 64, Agri 69; primer sequences in Annex A) at a final concentration of 0.1 µM each, 1 µL of plasmid DNA template, 2.5 U of polymerase OptiTaq (Roboklon), and 0.1 µM of dNTPs (final concentration).

The sequencing of pAGRIKOLA clone plasmid was performed by AGOWA GmbH (Berlin, Germany) using Big DyeTM chemistry on a Perkin Elmer ABI Prism 377 DNA sequencer. As previously suggested by AGRIKOLA (<http://www.agrikola.org/>), there was used a sequencing method protocol developed by Esposito *et al.*, (2003) to prevent a hairpin creation during sequencing through inverted repeats. Sequencing chromatograms were analysed using Chromas v. 1.45 software. The obtained sequence was further compared with the one

deposited in the TAIR database. Plasmid clones with sequence identical to the one in TAIR and validated by PCR amplification were used to transform plants.

2.4.4. Primer design for qPCR

All qPCR primers were designed using the Primer Express 2.0 software (Applied Biosystems) with the following parameters: melting temperatures $T_m = 60 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$, primer lengths of 20-24 nucleotides, guanine-cytosine (GC) content of 45-55%, and PCR amplicon lengths of 60-150 base pairs. In addition, when possible at least one primer of a pair was designed to cover an exon-exon junction, according to the gene structure models at TAIR (<http://www.arabidopsis.org>) or NCBI (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>) for ribosomal genes. If possible, primers were designed close (no more than 500 bp) from the 3' end of longest gene transcript annotated in TAIR. Primer sequences were further blasted against the *Arabidopsis* genome sequence using BLAST a tool of TAIR with standard parameters to check their specificity. For the experiments concerning the *FRIGIDA* (AT4G00650) expression study, the primers were designed on the part of gene sequence which was identical in Col-0 and C24. Sequence for the gene in C24 was provided to a laboratory of Thomas Altmann from laboratory of Caroline Dean (John Innes Centre Norwich, UK). The sequences of all primers used in this work were collected in Annex A.

2.4.5. PCR protocols

2.4.5.1. Q-PCR analysis condition and settings

PCR reactions were performed in an optical 384-well plate with an ABI PRISM® 7900 HT Sequence Detection System (Applied Biosystems), using SYBR® Green to monitor dsDNA synthesis. Reactions contained 5 μL of Power or 2X SYBR® Green Master Mix reagent (Applied Biosystems), 1.0 ng cDNA and 200 nM of each gene-specific primer in a final volume of 10 μL . Typically, 9 μL of a 'master-mix' consisted of 4 μL of 0.5 μM gene-specific primers (forward and reverse primers were mixed) and 5 μL of Power or 2X SYBR® Green Master Mix reagent, which was first dispensed into individual wells. Afterwards, 1 μL of cDNA template was pipetted in. The 'master-mix' was prepared to reduce pipetting errors and ensure that each reaction contained an equal amount of cDNA. Precise pipettes (Multi-Pro™ Pipettes, Eppendorf) with sterile tips with filters were used (Eppendorf) to aliquot the reagents and template to reduce possible air/pipette contamination. The following standard thermal profile was used for all PCR reactions: 50°C for 2 min; 95°C for 10 min; 40 cycles of {95°C for 15 sec, and 60°C for 1 min}. To generate a baseline-subtracted plot of the logarithmic increase in fluorescence signal (ΔR_n) versus cycle number, baseline data were col-

lected between cycles 3 and 15 (3-10 for rRNA genes). To obtain cycle threshold (C_T) values, all amplification plots were analysed with a set threshold of fluorescence signal $R_n = 0.1$. During qPCR analysis, melting curves were automatically created for each reaction by plotting fluorescence as a function of temperature as the thermal cycler heats through the dissociation temperature of the product. All data were generated and analysed using the SDS v. 2.1 software (Applied Biosystems).

2.4.5.2. pAGRIKOLA clones validation via PCR amplification and PCR-based screening for AGRIKOLA RNAi plant lines

Validation of pAGRIKOLA construct in of BASTA-selected RNAi plants (plant transformants, T1 generation) was performed via PCR amplification according to AGRIKOLA (<http://www.agrikola.org/>) protocol ‘Validating AGRIKOLA RNAi lines’ given at http://www.agrikola.org/index.php?o=/agrikola/html/seeds_validation. The AGRIKOLA primers (Agri 51, Agri 56, Agri 64, Agri 69; primer sequences are given in Annex A) and modified PCR protocol were the same as given in section 2.4.3; genomic DNA was a PCR template.

2.4.5.3. Semi-qPCR analysis

The reaction mix (total volume 50 μ L) consisted of: 5 μ L of 10X Buffer B (Roboklon), 41 μ L of ddH₂O, forward and reverse primer mix for *FRIGIDA* (AT4G00650; primer sequences in Annex A) each at a final concentration 0.1 μ M, 1 μ L of cDNA template (undiluted sample obtained in a reverse transcription of 1 μ g of total RNA), 2.5 U of OptiTaq polymerase (Roboklon), 0.1 μ M of dNTPs (final concentration). PCR conditions were as follows: 1 cycle of 94°C for 2 min, 35 cycles of {94°C for 30 sec, 55°C for 30 sec, 72°C for 1 min}, and 1 cycle of 72°C for 5 min.

2.5. Transformations

2.5.1. Transformation of bacteria

For the purpose of sequencing the plasmid extracted from pAGRIKOLA clones of *Agrobacterium* were transformed (‘back-transformed’) into *Escherichia coli* strain DH5 α using the heat shock method (Hanahan, 1983).

E. coli transformants (‘back-transformants’) and pAGRIKOLA clones of *Agrobacterium* (obtained from Magdalena Weingartner from AGRIKOLA project) were grown in LB media (Sambrook *et al.*, 2000) with the appropriate antibiotics (for growth on solid media, 1.5% agar was added). Filter-sterilised antibiotics were added at the following concentrations:

kanamycin 50 µg/mL gentamycin 25 µg/mL, rifampicin 50 µg/mL and tetracycline 5 µg/mL (for *E. coli* only the first antibiotic was used).

2.5.2. Plant transformation and selection of plant transformants

Transformation of wild type Col-0xCol-0 and C24xC24 (inbred lines) *Arabidopsis thaliana* plants with *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* was performed using the floral-dip method (Clough and Bent, 1998).

Transformants (T1 generation) were selected in soil-grown plants by spraying with herbicide BASTA (40 mg/L) according to a protocol ‘Selection of transformants’ given at <http://www.agrikola.org/index.php?o=/agrikola/html/transformation> of AGRKOLA project (<http://www.agrikola.org/>).

2.6. Metabolite analysis

2.6.1. Fatty acids

2.6.1.1. Extraction and derivatisation protocol

Lipids were extracted and fatty acids derivatised to form the corresponding methyl esters using a ‘FAME (Fatty Acid Methyl Esters) procedure’ (Browse *et al.*, 1986). Typically, 5 seeds or seedlings were collected from a Petri dish for each sample and put directly in glass tube filled with 1 mL of 1 N HCl in MeOH, 0.9% NaCl and 100 µL of internal standard (50 µg/mL in MeOH of pentadecanoic acid, 15:0). Glass tubes were incubated at 80°C for 1.5 h. After cooling to a room temperature, equal volumes of 0.9% (w/v) NaCl and hexane were added to each sample. The samples were shaken vigorously by hand for 1-2 min and centrifuged at 1,000 rpm for 3 min. The FAME, which always partitions to the upper hexane phase, was transferred directly into fresh glass tube. The FAME was later slightly concentrated in a N₂ stream. The resulting solution (about 200 µL), was transferred directly into GC vials and the samples were further analysed by GC chromatograph (Agilent Technologies).

2.6.1.2. Data analysis

Individual fatty acids were identified and quantified on the basis of chromatogram analysis according to Browse *et al.*, (1986). The differences in fatty acids level between parents and F1 hybrids were determined via the Student’s t-test in Excel (MS Office). Each hybrid was compared to each parent at a significance threshold of P-value < 0.05.

2.6.2. Extraction of metabolites from the polar phase and GC-MS data analysis

Plant material was harvested and immediately frozen and stored at -80°C until further processing. For each sample preparation, 40 seeds or seedlings were used. The frozen tissue

was ground in liquid nitrogen and 1 mL of pre-chilled extraction solvent mixture (H₂O: MeOH: CH₃Cl mixed (v/v) in the proportions 1:2.5:1, pH 7.0) was added to each sample. Care was taken to prevent thawing (even partial). The mixture was vortexed for 10 sec, shaken for 4-6 min at 4°C and centrifuged at 14,000 rpm for 2 min. Afterwards, 500 µL of the supernatant were transferred into 1.5 mL conical Eppendorf tubes under argon gas. 200 µL of ultrapure water was added, the new mixture was vortexed for 10 sec and then centrifuged at 14,000 rpm for 2 min. The upper layer (polar phase) was collected and transferred into GC-MS vials. In parallel, several negative blank controls applying the total procedure without a biological sample were prepared. All samples were run on the GC-MS (Leco and Agilent). Raw data was normalised according to Fiehn *et al.*, (2000). The final data was presented as relative amount of metabolites in a time course as ratio of mean values of hybrids to mean values of parental lines, derived from peak areas detected in GC-MS. Annex C presents the summarised GC-MS data for 103 (26% of all detected compounds) metabolites which could be classified into chemical groups when using representative masses.

2.7. Preparation, flow cytometric analysis and sorting of nuclear suspensions

Parental and reciprocal F1 hybrid seedlings grown from three independent seed lots (as three biological replicates) were cultivated under standard conditions. 5-10 seedlings per genotype were harvested at different developmental stages namely at 4, 6, 10 and 15 DAS to prepare fresh extracts. First leaves and cotyledons at 15 DAS were harvested separately. Initially, the plant material was treated with fixative solution (10 mM Tris, 10 mM Na₂EDTA, 100 mM NaCl, 4% formaldehyde, 0.1% Triton X-100, pH 7.5) for 5 min in cold vacuum then for 10 min in a shaker, and was followed by two washing steps of 10 min each in washing solution (10 mM Tris, 10 mM Na₂EDTA, 100 mM NaCl, 0.1% Triton X-100, pH 7.5) at 4°C. Afterwards, the plant material was applied onto pre-cooled Petri dish and 700 µL of separation buffer (15 mM Tris, 2 mM Na₂EDTA, 0.5 mM Spermin, 80 mM KCl, 20 mM NaCl, 15 mM β-ME, 0.1% Triton X-100, pH = 7.5) were added. The plant material in this solution was chopped into very thin pieces with a sharp razor blade. The resulting suspension was filtered through fine-mesh filter tubes. 7 µL of DAPI stain was added and the whole mixture was applied into flow cytometer (Becton-Dickinson) to sort the nuclei according to different ploidy level. Peak heights in histograms obtained were directly proportional to the number of nuclei of the corresponding ploidy level. The differences in ploidy level between parents and hybrids were determined with the Student's t-test in Excel (MS Office). Each hybrid was compared to each parent at a threshold of significance of P-value < 0.05. Additionally, nuclei

of 2C and 4C DNA content were flow sorted from 6 DAS seedlings and applied directly onto microscopic slides containing one droplet of sucrose buffer (100 mM Tris, 50 mM KCl, 2 mM MgCl, 0.05% Tween-20, 5% sucrose). Three slides of 2C and 4C ploidy level were prepared per genotype. Approximately 1,200 nuclei were collected on every slide, each of which was previously supplied with a droplet of a of sucrose buffer. All slides were kept at room temperature for drying.

2.8. Silver staining

Air-dried microscopic slides were quenched in 4°C borate buffer (0.01 M boric acid, pH 9.2) for 10 min, and 100 µL of silver nitrate (50% of silver nitrate solution in ddH₂O whose pH was equilibrated to 4-5 using formic acid) was applied onto the sucrose buffer droplet and covered with a nylon mesh. Slides were incubated for 2 h at 65°C to dry. Later, they were washed and anti faint glycerol was applied before covering the slides prior to microscopic analysis. Slides were placed under the microscope and searched for good nuclei to measure their area using AnalySISTM software (Olympus). The areas of 100-150 nuclei were measured per genotype.

2.9. Microscopy methods and analysis

The plant material was fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde and 0.2% of glutaraldehyde in PBS, pH 7.2 at room temperature for 4 h. After dehydration with ethanol and xylol at room temperature, the material was embedded in paraffin. The plant material was sectioned using a microtome and five to ten individuals per genotype and developmental time point were subjected into microscopic analysis. The prepared sections were later stained with mixture of 1% aqueous toluidine blue 0 (for visualisation of cell wall, membranes, and nuclei) and 1% aqueous acid fuchsin for the detection of proteins. Lipids were determined by cytochemical staining with mixture of Sudan III and Sudan IV. Qualitative analysis of the spatial distribution and pattern of mobilisation of reserves was performed on the basis of microscopic studies of cells during reserve mobilisation in *Arabidopsis* (Mansfield and Briarty, 1996).

2.10. Transcript data analysis

2.10.1. Data normalisation

In order to compare data from different qPCR runs or cDNA samples, a C_T value of each of analysed gene was normalised to a C_T value of a reference gene. Four different reference genes were always included into each qPCR run. In the 1st transcript profiling experiment (refer to section Results), the most constant (AT3G01150 or *PTB*) of the four house-

keeping genes (AT4G05320 or *UBQ10*; AT1G13440 or *GAPC2/GAPDH*¹; AT2G28390 or ‘*SAND family*’; and AT3G01150 or *PTB*) was selected for the normalisation. In the 2nd transcript profiling experiment and all other qPCR analyses, a geometric mean of C_T values obtained for all four house-keeping genes (AT2G28390 or ‘*SAND family*’; AT1G13320 or *PDF2/PP2A/PP2AA3*²; AT3G01150 or *PTB*; and AT1G13440 or *GAPC2/GAPDH*) was used. Gene expression was normalised by subtracting the C_T value of the reference gene (or geometric mean of C_T of four reference genes) from the C_T value of a gene of interest and is represented by ΔC_T. The average C_T value for *UBQ10* (AT4G05320) or *GAPC2/GAPDH* (AT1G13440) was 19.00 (+/-1) for all plates/templates measured in all experiments.

A PCR efficiency estimation method was based on data obtained from the exponential phase of each individual amplification plot and the equation (Czechowski *et al.*, 2004):

$$(1 + E) = 10^{\text{slope}}, \text{ E- amplification efficiency}$$

E value was derived from the log slope of the fluorescence versus cycle number curve for a particular primer pair (Ramakers *et al.*, 2003). E = 1 meant 100% primer efficiency and the amount of cDNA was doubled in each reaction cycle.

Expression ratios of sample A to sample B (fold-change in expression) were obtained from the equation:

$$A/B = (1 + E)^{-\Delta\Delta C_T}, \text{ where } \Delta\Delta C_T = \Delta C_{T_A} - \Delta C_{T_B}$$

The relative expression value of an individual gene and genotype was calculated from the formula:

$$\text{Relative expression} = (1 + E)^{-\Delta C_T}$$

The qPCR efficiency values were calculated and loaded via the LinRegPCR software (Ramakers *et al.*, 2003). Regardless from cDNA genotype origin, genes for which the primer efficiency was below 70% were not considered in overall data analysis.

2.10.2. Melting curve analysis

For all qPCR reactions the melting curves of PCR products generated by SDS v. 2.1 software were analysed. This analysis was performed on the basis of work of Ririe *et al.*, (1997) showing that shape and position of this DNA melting curve are typically functions of the GC/AT ratio, length, and sequence, and can be used to differentiate amplification products separated by less than 2°C in melting temperature. Desired products can be distinguished from undesired products, in many cases eliminating the need for gel electrophoresis. Genes,

¹ AT1G13440 was annotated as *GAPDH* by Czechowski *et al.*, (2005), and as *GAPC2* by TAIR (February 2009)

² AT1G13320 was annotated as *PDF2* or *PP2A* by Czechowski *et al.*, (2005), and as *PP2AA3* by TAIR (February 2009)

for which a shape and position of dissociation curve together with specific melting temperature of PCR product varied between genotypes, were discarded from further analysis.

2.10.3. Statistical methods

Comparison statistics was applied to identify differentially expressed genes. Comparison tests required replicates and used variability within the replicates to assign a confidence level as to whether the gene is differentially expressed. As a fold change does not address the reproducibility of the observed difference, it could not be used to determine the statistical significance (Draghici, 2002). Thus, 1-factorial ANOVA (Zar, 1999) was calculated using generalised linear model (GLM) function with the following models:

Relative expression \approx Genotype x Time point x Replica,

Relative expression \approx Genotype x Replica.

Analyses were conducted with the R (v. 2.1), SAS v. 9.2, and GeneStat v. 2.0 software. The differences in expression that could be explained by the effect of genotype were considered as 'significant samples'. Further, expression data was subjected into a false discovery rate (FDR) test of Benjamini-Hochberg (B-H), (Benjamini and Hochberg, 1995), and significance level of P-value < 0.05 was chosen to select candidate genes. FDR is the adjustment of the P-values obtained by ANOVA, which reduces the amount of false positives in the list (it is a correction for multiple testing performed in ANOVA). The *post-hoc* tests were performed to determine, which of the six possible comparisons between both parents and hybrids processed by ANOVA showed a significant difference. For this purpose, least significant difference test (LSD test; NIST/SEMATECH e-Handbook of Statistical Methods, 2003-2006) in GeneStat v. 2.0 software was performed. A significance level of P-value < 0.05 was chosen to select candidate genes.

In addition to ANOVA analysis, Student's t-tests were performed in R (v.2.1) software for data obtained in the experiments (chapters 3.3.2, Results section) to select genes differentially expressed in hybrid(s) when compared to parent(s). A significance level of P-value < 0.05 was chosen to select candidate genes.

Principal component analysis (PCA) analysis was performed in R (v. 2.1) software and was used to investigate trends in the data by suggesting the sources of highest data variation. In the cases where only two biological replicas were acceptable, the missing replica in the graph was represented by the mean of two present ones.

2.10.4. Expression patterns

The assignment of expression patterns was performed with the use of TIGR_MeV v. 3.0 software (The Institute of Genomic Research Multiple Experiment Viewer; Saeed *et al.*, 2003). Candidate genes were analysed for patterns of gene expression. The median of three expression values per genotype was calculated and relative expression values were calculated by subtracting the median expression value across the four genotypes from the individual median expression value of each genotype. Only the median of three arrays per genotype and the function Pavlidis Template Matching (PTM; Pavlidis and Noble, 2001) was used to assign expression values to predefined patterns (P-values < 0.05). The defined patterns and PTM inputs are given in Table 2.1. If several expression patterns were significant for a gene, the one with the highest significance was retained.

Table 2.1. PTM function inputs to TIGR_Mev software

Template Number	Expression Pattern	Col-0xCol-0	ColxC24	C24xCol-0	C24xC24
1.	Intermediate_C24xC24_high	0	0.5	0.5	1
2.	Intermediate_Col-0xCol-0_high	1	0.5	0.5	0
3.	Overdominant (F1 high)	0	1	1	0
4.	Underdominant (F1 low)	1	0	0	1
5.	Dominant_C24xC24_high	0	1	1	1
6.	Dominant_Col-0xCol-0_low	0	0	0	1
7.	Dominant_C24xC24_low	1	0	0	0
8.	Dominant_Col-0xCol-0_high	1	1	1	0
9.	Maternal_C24xC24_high	0	0.2	0.8	1
10.	Maternal_Col-0xCol-0_high	1	0.8	0.2	0
11.	Paternal_C24xC24_high	0	0.8	0.2	1
12.	Paternal_Col-0xCol-0_high	1	0.2	0.8	0

3. RESULTS

At the start of this project, it was not clear from published data whether there were significant differences between the F1 hybrids (Col-0xC24 and C24xCol-0), and Col-0 or C24 prior to and during germination or at the early growth stages. As pointed out in Materials and Methods, seed size and mass were comparable for the four genotypes: Col-0xCol-0, C24xC24, Col-0xC24 and C24xCol-0. However, there may have been differences in embryo development or in the nature of seed reserves, the rate of germination, the rate of seed reserve mobilisation and utilisation, or a combination of these and other factors in the F1 hybrid seed, which could explain elevated growth of hybrid seedlings. Differences in the rate of cell division, cell sizes, specific metabolite composition, or gene expression pattern could conceivably lead to increased growth heterosis in F1 hybrids.

3.1. Determination of the developmental time point at which differences between F1 and parents are first manifested

3.1.1. Comparison of germination time and early seedling development in parents and hybrids

Germination rate and post-germinative growth of parents and hybrids were measured to identify any differences in parents and hybrids at the early stages. Prior to sowing, a seed material was stored for two months to break dormancy in C24xC24. Additionally, stratification allowed for synchronisation of seed germination. Typical early developmental behaviour of parents and hybrids is shown in Figures 3.1 A-D and the resulting growth heterosis, which was clearly visible in seedlings at 8 DAS, is shown in Figure 3.2.

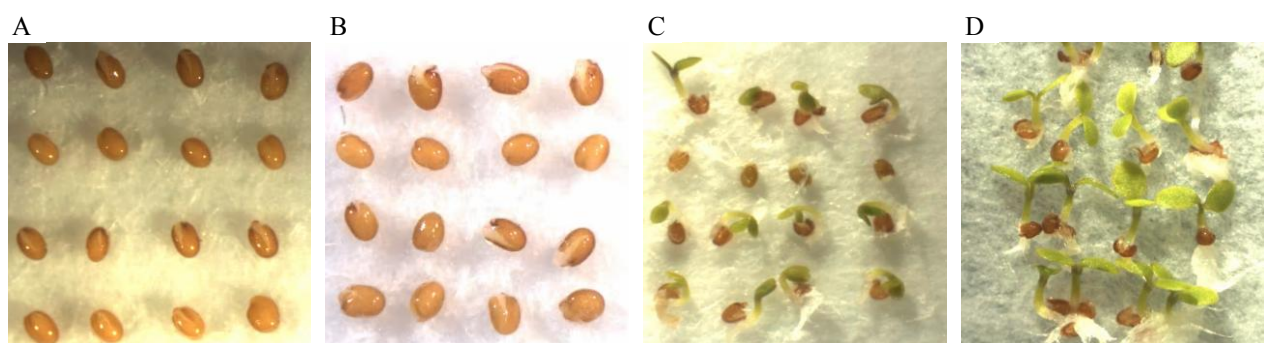


Figure 3.1. Photographs of a typical germination course and post-germinative growth in parents and their F1 hybrids

A – 36 DAS (1.5 DAS)
 B – 48 HAS (2 DAS)
 C – 72 HAS (3 DAS)
 D – 96 HAS (4 DAS)

Seed or seedling layout:
 row 1: Col-0xCol-0
 row 2: C24xC24
 row 3: Col-0xC24
 row 4: C24xCol-0

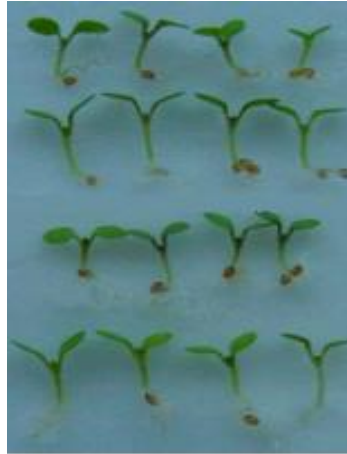


Figure 3.2. Photograph of parental and hybrid seedlings at 8 DAS. F1 hybrids outperformed parents in growth (heterosis)

Seedling layout:
 row 1: C24xC24
 row 2: C24xCol-0
 row 3: Col-0xCol-0
 row 4: Col-0xC24

The first observations revealed that C24xC24 seed required more time (over 48 hours, Figure 3.1 B) to germinate than Col-0xCol-0 or the reciprocal F1 hybrids (around 36 hours, Figure 3.1 A). The end of this phase is defined as radical protrusion through the seed coat according to Bewley and Black (1994) marks the onset of seedling growth. Heterotrophic growth (Eastmond and Graham, 2001) of C24xC24 continued until 72 HAS (germinated seed with root hair grown on hypocotyl), whereas the F1 hybrids and Col-0xCol-0 parent had proceeded to autotrophic growth by this time (Figure 3.1 C). Although all genotypes had progressed to photosynthesising seedlings by around 96 HAS (Figure 3.1 D), the delay of

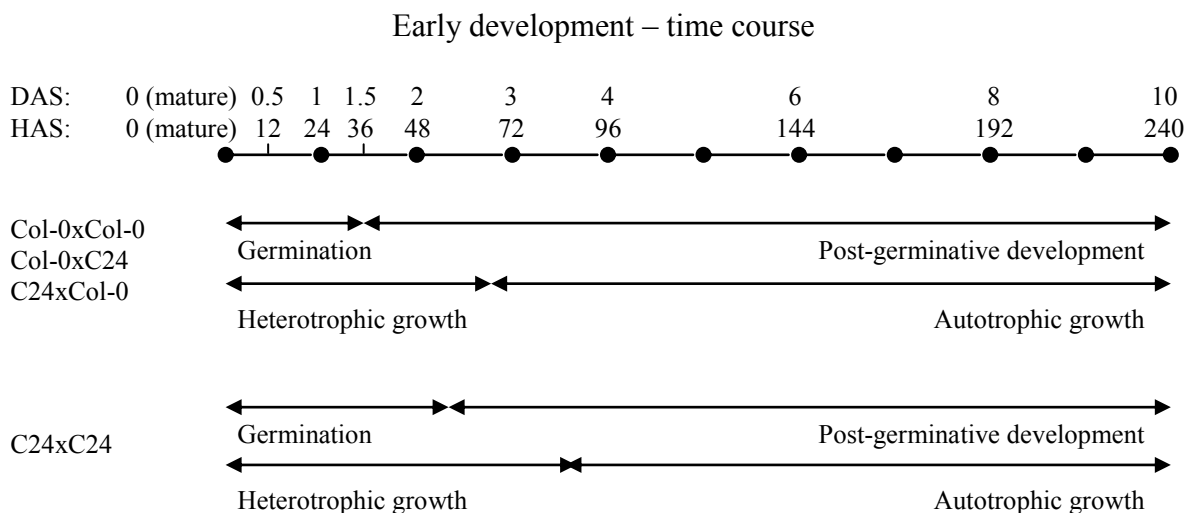


Figure 3.3. Schematic representation of differences observed in germination and post-germinative growth between F1 hybrids and their parents under typical experimental conditions

C24xC24 in germination should be taken into account when considering further data. To conclude, the C24xC24 was delayed in comparison to Col-0xCol-0 parent and both F1 hybrids (Figure 3.3), which were all three similar in germination rate. This difference disappeared by 96 HAS, at which point all genotypes had greened and were autotrophic (Figure 3.1 D).

3.1.2. Comparison of seed storage reserve mobilisation in parents and hybrids via microscopic analysis

Mobilisation of the main seed storage reserves in F1 hybrids and parents was investigated via microscopic imaging. The major seed storage reserves in *Arabidopsis* are lipids. They are stored in cytosolic organelles known as liposomes or oil bodies. Cells are packed full of oil bodies which occupy about 60% of the cell volume in the cotyledons of mature embryos (Mansfield and Briarty, 1992; Penfield *et al.*, 2005). *Arabidopsis* seeds also contain storage proteins, which are stored in membrane-bound compartments called protein bodies in cells of hypocotyls and cotyledons (Müntz *et al.*, 2007; Bentsink and Koornneef, 2002). Seeds and seedlings were sectioned and five to ten individuals per genotype and developmental time

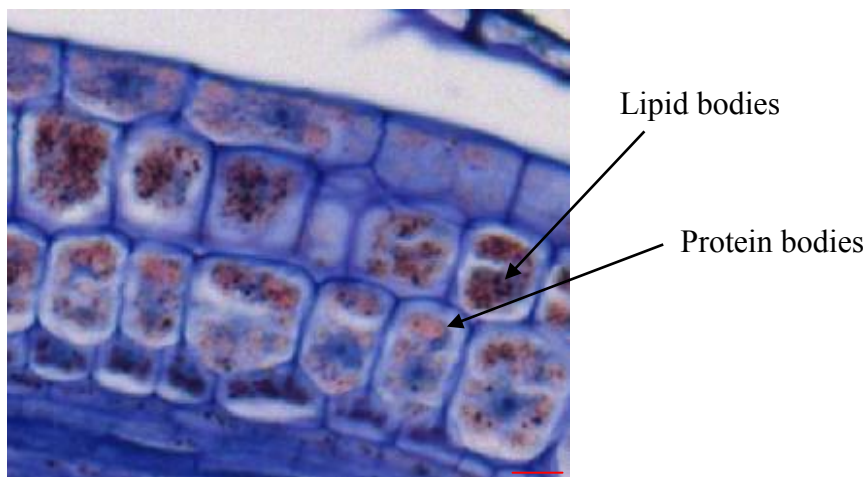


Figure 3.4. A fragment of microscopic cross-section from Col-0xCol-0 hypocotyl at 24 HAS

Scale bar = 10 μ m

point were subjected to microscopical analysis. It was possible to detect the lipid bodies (small brownish dots) and separate protein bodies (bigger vacuolar structures containing pinkish protein globules) using appropriate dyes (Figure 3.4). F1 hybrids were compared to parents at the control stage of mature seed prior to imbibition (0 HAS), and 24, 36, 48, 72, and 96 HAS. Representative pictures collected in Annex B show one section per genotype at each time point. Qualitative analysis of the spatial distribution and pattern of mobilisation of reserves was performed in all genotypes at each developmental stage. The comparative analysis did not reveal any differences in storage mobilisation between parents and hybrids.

3.1.3. Comparison of metabolite levels in hybrids and parents during germination and early growth

3.1.3.1. Measurement of global metabolites via GC-MS

GC-MS analysis of plant metabolites (Fiehn *et al.*, 2000) was performed on mature seeds and on seedlings at 12, 24, 36, 48, 72 and 96 HAS. Data for each time point combined

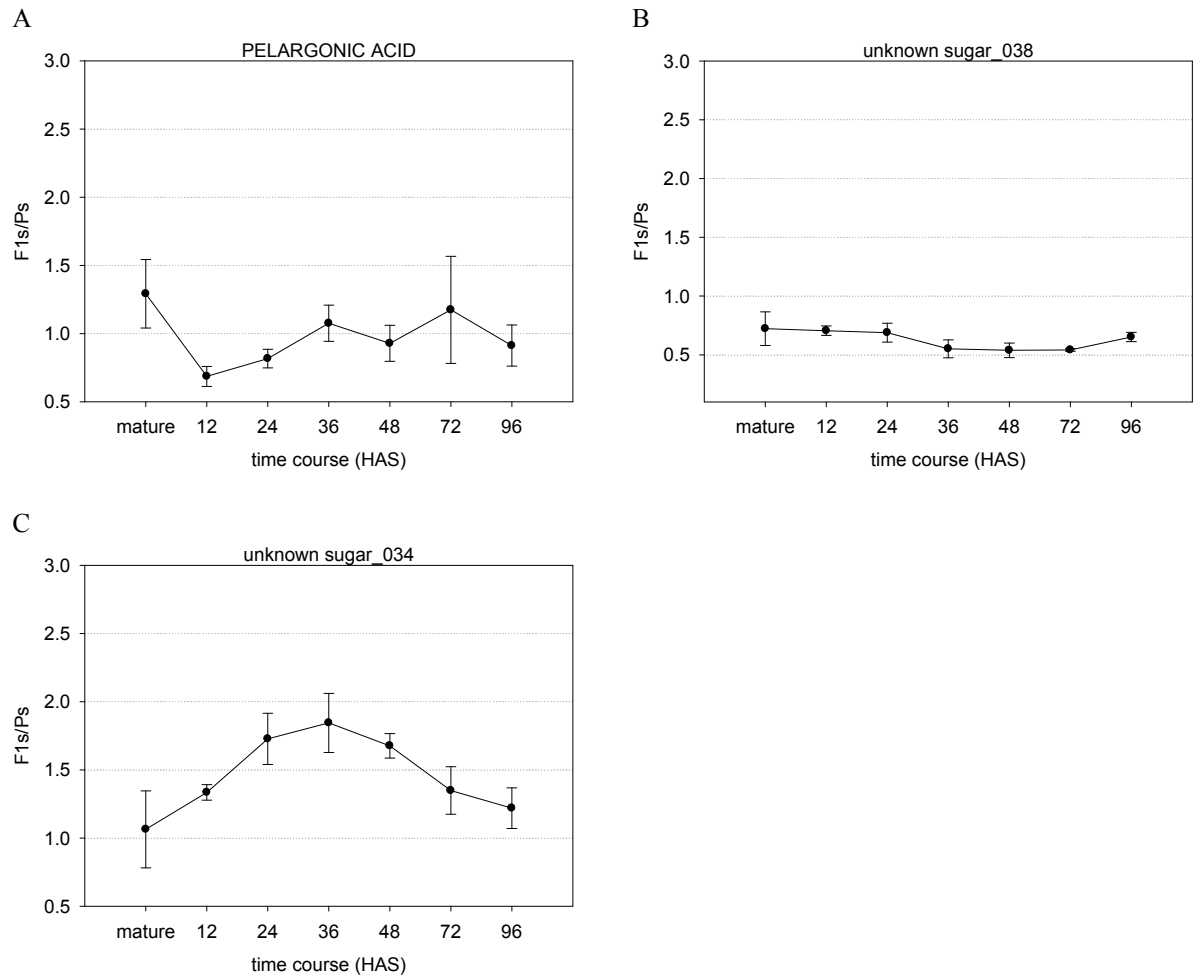


Figure 3.5. Differences between hybrids and parents in the level of three metabolites

F1s/Ps – the relative amount of metabolites in a time course shown as ratio of mean values of hybrids to mean values of parental lines from the peak area detected in GC-MS
 mature – ungerminated seed

four biological replicates obtained in four independent experiments. 75 (around 20%) compounds were assigned a chemical structure by comparison with a METAB LIBRARY (Fiehn., 2000), and 103 (26%) compounds were classified into chemical groups by using representative masses. These metabolites mostly represented amino acids, sugars, amines and organic acids. Significant differences were found in levels of some metabolites between F1 hybrids and parents within the time course (Annex C. Summarised GC-MS data). Some compounds differed in amount in mature seeds prior to germination, for example pelargonic acid (Fig-

ure 3.5 A) and an unknown sugar (Figure 3.5 B). Other metabolites had similar levels in the seed of hybrid and parent but changed in relative level during germination (e.g. unknown sugar_034, Figure 3.5 C).

3.1.3.2. Analysis of fatty acid content via GC

Arabidopsis seed accumulates lipids in the form of triacylglycerols (TAGs), esters of glycerol and fatty acids (FAs). TAGs are broken down during germination, providing both carbon skeletons and energy resources for the developing seedling (Mansfield and Briarty, 1992). GC measurements (Browse *et al.*, 1986) were performed to compare FA levels in F1 hybrids and parents at different developmental stages between 0-8 DAS. Three biological

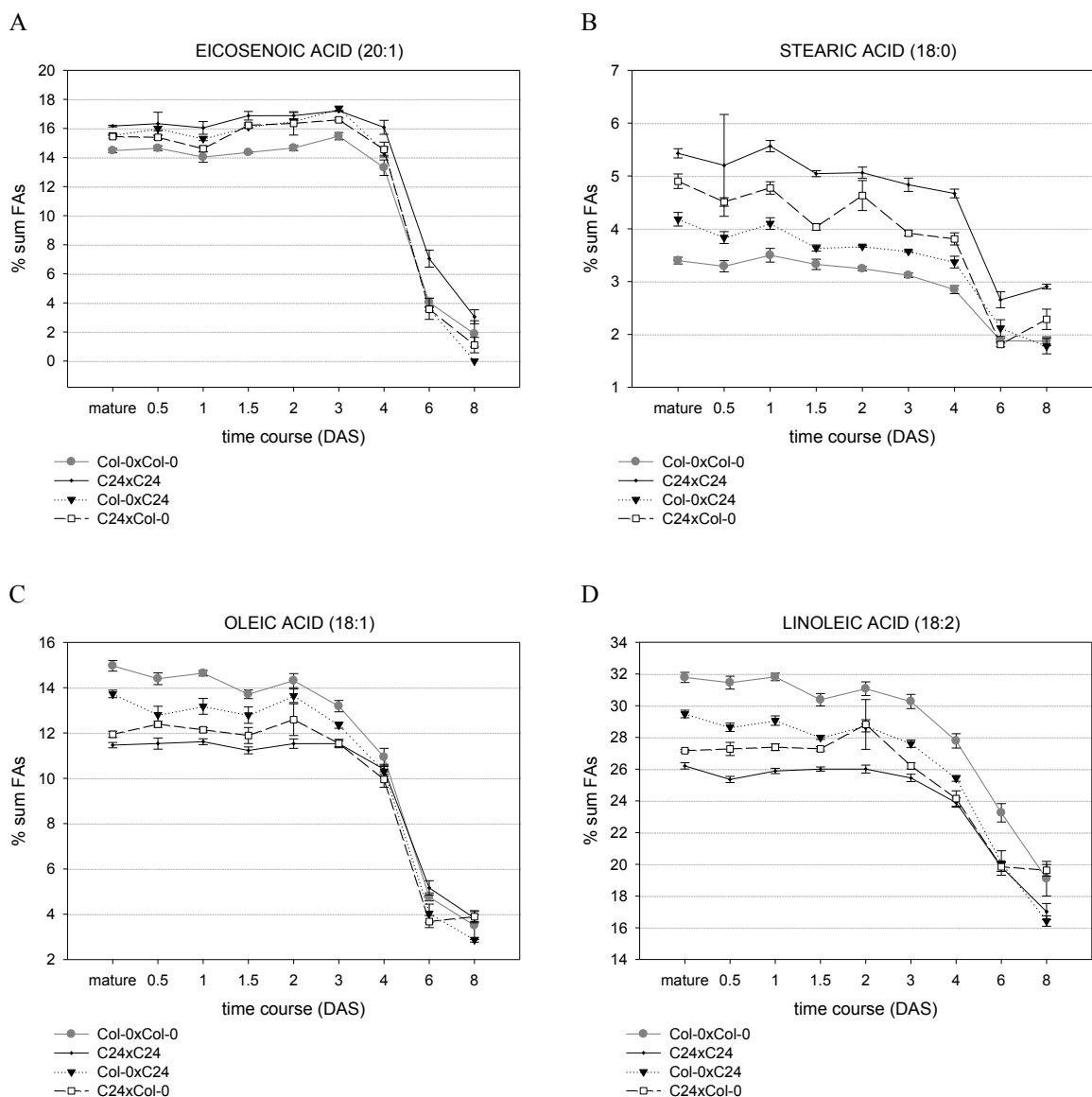


Figure 3.6. The content of fatty acids (FAs) in parents and F1 hybrids shown as % of the sum of total FAs measured by GC in the time course of 0 (mature seeds), 0.5, 1, 1.5, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8 DAS

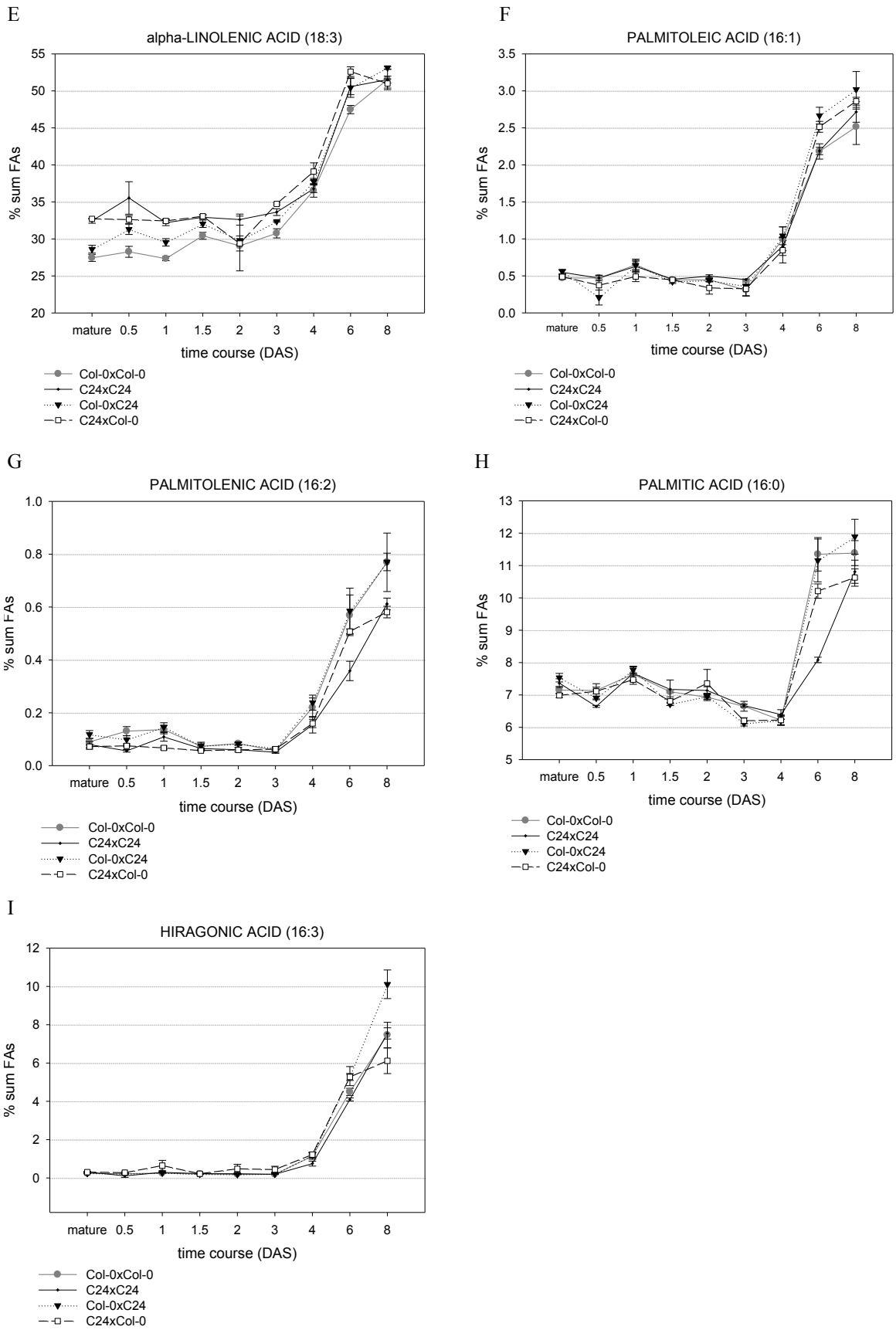


Figure 3.6. The content of fatty acids (FAs) in parents and F1 hybrids shown as % of the sum of total FAs measured by GC in the time course of 0 (mature seeds), 0.5, 1, 1.5, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8 DAS

replicates from three independent experiments were analysed. Reduced levels of 20:1, 18:0, 18:1 and 18:2 (Figures 3.6 A, B, C, and D, respectively) were observed for all genotypes as early as 4 DAS. Levels of 18:3, 16:1 and 16:2 FAs increased by 4 DAS (Figure 3.6 E, F and G, respectively), while 16:0 FA increased by 6 DAS in both parents and F1 hybrids (Figure 3.6 H). Levels of 16:3 FA, which is synthesised *de novo* and present only in leaves (Browse *et al.*, 1986) increased by day 4 and continued to increase through 6 and 8 DAS in all genotypes, although levels were significantly higher in hybrids than in parents at 6 and 8 DAS (Figure 3.6 I). Eicosenoic acid (Figure 3.6 A) is a marker for storage lipids and is present only in seeds (Lemieux *et al.*, 1990). Levels of 20:1 FA were lower in hybrids than in parents at 6 DAS, consistent with the greater increase in 16:3 FA in hybrids (Figure 3.6 I). To summarise: the switch to photoautotrophic growth marked by increases in chloroplast lipid such as 16:3 FA occurred in both parents and hybrids around 3-4 DAS. Differences in the synthesis or utilisation of FAs between hybrids and parents were apparent around 4-6 DAS.

3.2. Identification of heterosis candidate genes / reverse genetic approach

The results of metabolite level comparisons between F1 hybrids and parents at early development guided the choice of time point for transcript profiling. Differences in expression of transcription factors and other gene of interest between F1 hybrids and their parents were further studied at 4 DAS. Two independent experiments with two different gene platforms for each were performed.

3.2.1. Efficacy test of qPCR primers of novel reference genes in the four genotypes

The efficacy of primer pairs of the novel reference genes used to normalise the expression of genes in a qRT-PCR approach (Czechowski *et al.*, 2005) was tested in the four genotypes. cDNAs were synthesised from comparable amounts of RNA extracted from seedlings at 4 DAS. Each sample was measured in three technical replicates. The majority of genes showed similar performance in both parents and F1 hybrids i.e. a comparable C_T value, PCR efficiency (Figures 3.7 and 3.8, respectively) and melting temperature (data not shown). Five genes were chosen for further normalisation of gene expression. These were: *UBQ10* (AT4G05320), '*SAND family*' (AT2G28390), *PTB* (AT3G01150), *GAPC2/GAPDH* (AT1G13440), and *PP2AA3* (AT1G13320).

Additionally, for *GAPC2* three different primer pairs were tested. They were marked in the figures as AT1G13440*, AT1G13440**, and AT1G13440***. The last two primer pairs were also used to estimate the quality of each newly synthesised cDNA prior its use in

expression profiling (see details about AT1G13440**/AT1G13440* ratio in Materials and Methods section). To test the efficacy of *UBQ10* two different primer pairs were used. The

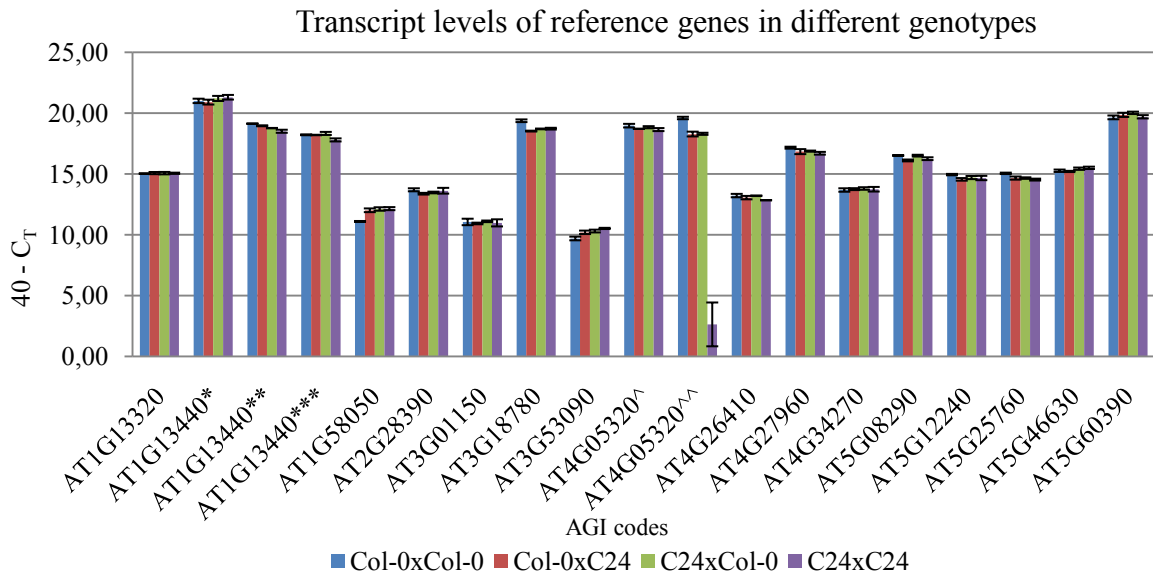


Figure 3.7. Comparison of transcript levels of reference genes in parents and hybrids

Error bars show SD

first, labelled AT4G05320[^] was designed on sequences of three out of five polyubiquitin genes present in *A. thaliana* and worked well in all four genotypes. The second, labelled AT4G05320^{^^} was designed on five polyubiquitin genes and did not amplify the cDNA from C24 ecotype, as indicated by the low transcript level (Figure 3.7).

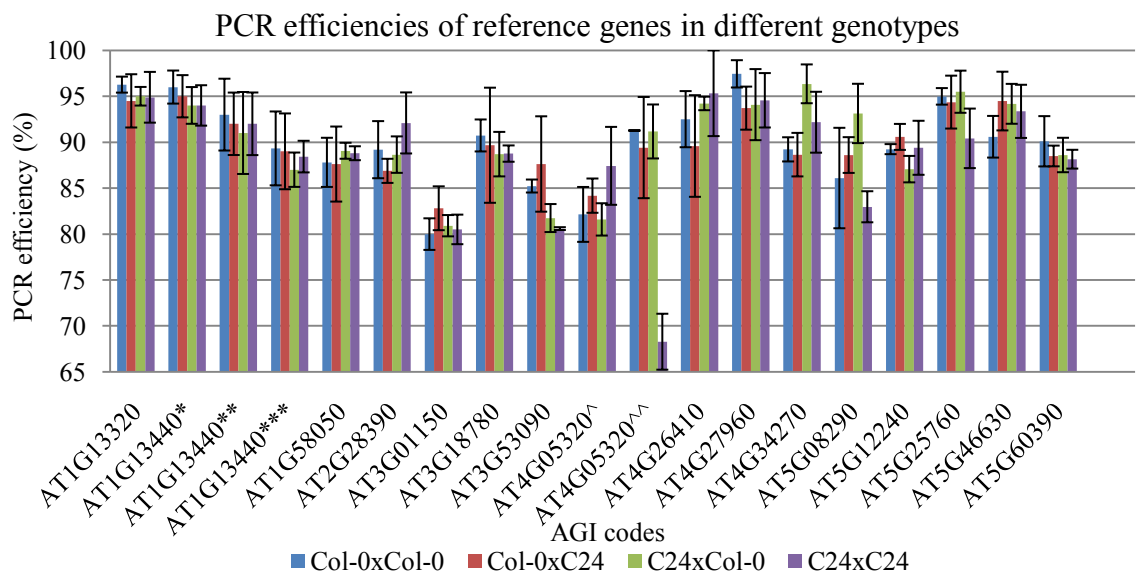


Figure 3.8. Comparison of PCR efficiencies of reference genes in parents and hybrids

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3.2.2. Identification of candidate genes in experiment 1

The expression levels of 1198 TF and putative TF genes detected at 4 DAS were compared in F1 hybrids vs. parents.

3.2.2.1. Determination of the most stable reference gene(s) for transcript data normalisation

The most stable reference gene among 12 cDNA samples (3 biological replicas x 4 genotypes) was chosen on the basis of an algorithm developed by Vandesompele *et al.*, (2002). The gene expression stability measure, which was represented by M value generated by gNORM software, was calculated based on the assumption that the expression ratio of two ideal internal reference genes was identical in all samples, regardless of the experimental condition or the cell type. The most stable reference genes within this experiment were *PTB* (AT3G01150) and '*SAND family*' (AT2G28390), (Figure 3.9). Eventually, the *PTB* transcript levels were used for all data normalisations.

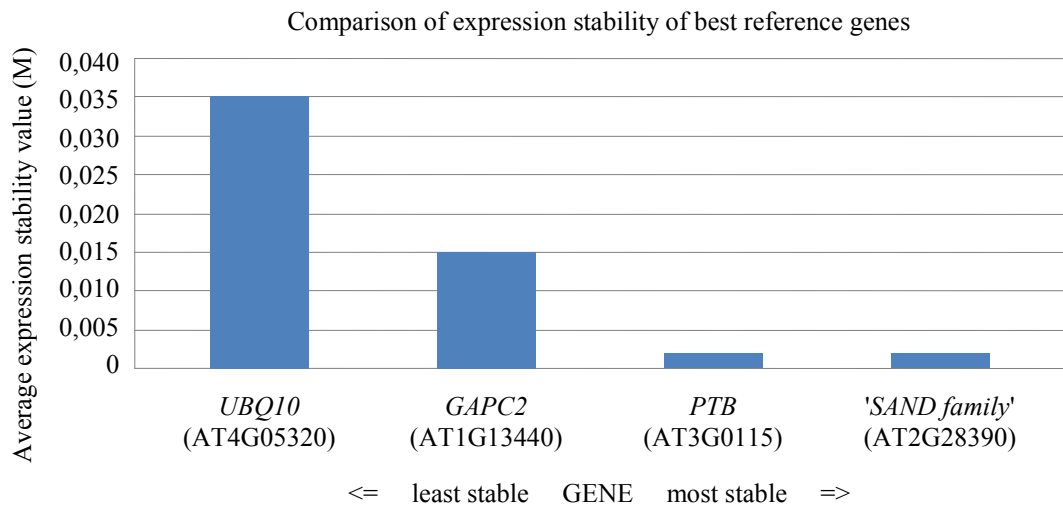


Figure 3.9. The outcome of gNORM calculation

The '*SAND family*' and *PTB* genes were the most stable across all of the replicates in the gene profiling experiment 1

3.2.2.2. Candidate gene selection criteria

ANOVA was performed on the normalised data for 1198 TF and putative TF genes. 188 genes were selected as a differentially expressed in parents and hybrids on the basis of a significance threshold of uncorrected (for multiple testing) P-values < 0.05 (79 genes) and/or of 3-fold difference in expression between parents and hybrids (109 genes). This group was further re-analysed via qPCR using a more sensitive reaction kit: Power SYBR Green. From this gene group, only those of uncorrected P-values < 0.05 and of 4-fold difference in expression between F1 hybrids and parents were selected. In total, 22 candidate genes were targeted

for further study (genes marked in bold in Tables 3.2 and 3.4). The annotations of two of them were later re-annotated in TAIR to SET-domain genes.

3.2.3. Identification of candidate genes in experiment 2

A second gene profiling experiment to identify heterosis candidates was performed using an updated set of primers for all known and putative TF genes as well as primers for microRNAs, and a subset of genes involved in the epigenetic control of gene expression and/or chromatin modification processes (called further ‘chromatin-related’), especially from chromatin-targeted RNA silencing pathways (Annex A. List of primer sequences).

3.2.3.1. Identification of TF candidates and selection criteria

The expression levels of 1469 detected TF and putative TF genes were compared between F1 hybrids and parents. Gene profiling covered major protein families and around 80% of all known or putative TFs. ANOVA analysis of normalised expression data yielded 43 differentially expressed genes (Tables 3.2 and 3.4) with P-values < 0.05 significance threshold after Benjamini-Hochberg (BH) correction for multiple testing (Benjamini and Hochberg, 1995). These genes were targeted for further study.

3.2.3.2. Identification of heterosis candidates from a group of ‘chromatin-related’ genes via qRT-PCR

A set of 58 genes encoding proteins involved in the epigenetic control of gene expression and/or chromatin-modification processes (Brodersen and Voinnet, 2006; ChromDB at www.chromdb.org, Gendler *et al.*, 2008) including DNA methyltransferases (METs, CMTs, DRMs), histone deacetylases (HDAs), SET domain (containing) proteins (SDGs), and proteins of chromatin remodelling activities (CHR, CHB, CHC) were targeted for qRT-PCR analysis (Table 3.1 and Annex A. List of primer sequences). According to the comprehensive ChromDB database classification, these genes encoded the following protein groups: DNA modifying, histone modifications, nucleosome organisation: assembly and displacement, and RNAi components. Protein categories omitted in this study were: histones and histone linker proteins, histone modification-associated proteins and complexes, modified-histone binding proteins, non-histone DNA binding proteins, and proteins involved in chromosome dynamics. Expression data analysis was performed together with TF data analysis. The expression levels of 54 detected genes (93%) were compared between F1 hybrids and parents. Only one gene (AT5G43990 [52] or *SUVR2*; Table 3.4) was found to be significantly differentially expressed in hybrids when compared to parents.

Table 3.1. Set of 'chromatin-related' genes selected for expression profiling to identify heterosis candidate genes

No.	AGI code	Name(s)	ChromDB Protein Group	Additional Description of ChromDB or TAIR
1.	AT1G01920	<i>SDG42, SET42</i>	SET Domain Protein Superclass B	SET domain protein
2.	AT1G04050	<i>SUVR1, SDG13, SET13</i>	ARATH_SUVR4	Su(var)3-9 group of confirmed and predicted histone H3 lysine 9 methyltransferases
3.	AT1G14030	<i>SDG43, SET43</i>	SET Domain Protein Superclass B	SET domain protein
4.	AT1G17770	<i>SUVH7, SDG17, SET17</i>	SUVH1/SUVH3	Su(var)3-9 group; plant specific sub-group with YDG_SRA, Pre-SET, and SET domains
5.	AT1G24610	X	NOT PRESENT	(TAIR: SET domain-containing protein; similar to ribulose-1,5 bisphosphate carboxylase oxygenase large subunit N-methyltransferase)
6.	AT1G48410	<i>AGO1</i>	AGO1 (Dicots and Monocots)	A PIWI/PAZ domain containing member of the <i>Argonaute</i> gene family involved in RNA silencing
7.	AT1G63020	<i>NRPD1A, NRPD1A, SDE4</i>	ARATH_NRPD1A	One of two large subunits of a plant-specific RNA polymerase IV required for posttranscriptional gene silencing
8.	AT1G69770	<i>CMT3, DMT6</i>	DNA methyltransferases	Class II DNA methyltransferase; a DNA methyltransferase containing a chromodomain (chromomethylase)
9.	AT1G73100	<i>SUVH3, SDG19, SET19</i>	SUVH1/SUVH3	Su(var)3-9 group; plant specific sub-group with YDG_SRA, Pre-SET, and SET domains
10.	AT1G76710	<i>ASHH1, SDG26, SET26</i>	ARATH_ASHH1	predicted histone H3 lysine 36 histone methyltransferase; ASH1 group
11.	AT1G77300	<i>ASHH2, SDG8, EFS, SET8</i>	ARATH_EFS	<i>Arabidopsis</i> EARLY FLOWERING IN SHORT DAYS protein, a histone H3 lysine 36 histone methyltransferase
12.	AT1G80740	<i>CMT1, DMT4</i>	DNA methyltransferases	Class II DNA methyltransferase - a putative DNA methyltransferase containing a chromodomain (chromomethylase)
13.	AT2G05900	<i>SUVH10, SDG11, SET11</i>	ARATH_SUVH	Su(var)3-9 group; plant specific sub-group with YDG_SRA, Pre-SET, and SET domains
14.	AT2G16390	<i>DRD1, CHR35, CHA35</i>	SNF2 super family (Snf2, Ris1, Rad26 superclasses)	SNF2 Superfamily; RAD26 Superclass; DRD1 class
15.	AT2G17900	<i>ASHR1, SDG37, SET37</i>	S-ET interrupted and unclassified	S-ET protein containing an interrupted SET domain
16.	AT2G18850	X	NOT PRESENT	(TAIR: similar to SET domain-containing protein)
17.	AT2G19640	<i>ASHR2, SDG39, SET39</i>	S-ET interrupted and unclassified	SET domain proteins; Homology Subgroup S-ET; protein containing an interrupted SET domain
18.	AT2G22740	<i>SUVH6, SDG23, SET23</i>	ARATH_SUVH5/SUVH6	SUVH6; Su(var)3-9 group; plant specific sub-group with YDG_SRA, Pre-SET, and SET domains

No.	AGI code	Name(s)	ChromDB Protein Group	Additional Description of ChromDB or TAIR
19.	AT2G23380	<i>CLF, SDG1, SET1</i>	ARATH_CLF	CURLY LEAF; a member of the enhancer of zeste family of predicted histone H3 lysine 27 histone methyltransferases, works in concert with ATX1 (AT2G31650) to control the expression of the flower homeotic gene AGAMOUS
20.	AT2G24740	<i>SUVH8, SDG21, SET21</i>	SUVH1/SUVH3	Su(var)3-9 group; plant specific sub-group with YDG_SRA, Pre-SET, and SET domains
21.	AT2G27040	<i>AGO4</i>	Plant AGO4/6/9 class	A PIWI/PAZ domain containing member of the Argonaute gene family
22.	AT2G33290	<i>SUVH2, SDG3, SET3</i>	ARATH_SUVH2/SUVH9	Su(var)3-9 group; plant specific sub-group with YDG_SRA, Pre-SET, and SET domains
23.	AT2G35160	<i>SUVH5, SDG9</i>	ARATH_SUVH5/SUVH6	u(var)3-9 group; plant specific sub-group with YDG_SRA, Pre-SET, and SET domains
24.	AT2G36490	<i>ROS1, DNG1</i>	Superfamily of DNA glycosylases	DEMETTER (DME) family of bifunctional DNA glycosylases; ROS1 is a 5-methylcytosine DNA glycosylase/lyase important for active DNA demethylation in <i>Arabidopsis</i>
25.	AT2G40030	<i>NRPD1B, NRPD42</i>	ARATH_NRPD1B	One of two large subunits of a plant-specific RNA polymerase IV required for posttranscriptional gene silencing
26.	AT2G44150	<i>ASHH3, SDG7, SET7</i>	ASH1	Predicted histone H3 lysine 36 histone methyltransferase; ASH1 group
27.	AT3G03750	<i>SUVR3, SDG20, SET20</i>	ARATH_SUVR3	Su(var)3-9 group of confirmed and predicted histone H3 lysine 9 methyltransferases
28.	AT3G04380	<i>SUVR4, SDG31, SET31</i>	ARATH_SUVR4	Su(var)3-9 group of confirmed and predicted histone H3 lysine 9 methyltransferases
29.	AT3G07670	<i>X</i>	NOT PRESENT	(TAIR: SET domain-containing protein)
30.	AT3G21820	<i>ATXR2, SDG36, SET36</i>	S-ET interrupted and unclassified	S-ET protein containing an interrupted SET domain
31.	AT3G23780	<i>NRPD2a, NRPD1</i>	RNA Polymerase IV Small Subunit	RNA Polymerase IV Small Subunit
32.	AT3G43920	<i>DCL3</i>	ARATH_DCL3	Dicer-like; similar to the <i>Drosophila melanogaster</i> gene Dicer, a multidomain ribonuclease essential for RNA silencing
33.	AT3G44530	<i>HIRA1</i>	HIRA protein	HIRA proteins are histone-interacting proteins, which function in the nucleosome assembly pathway to facilitate the deposition of histones onto the DNA
34.	AT3G55080	<i>X</i>	NOT PRESENT	(TAIR: SET domain-containing protein)
35.	AT3G56570	<i>X</i>	NOT PRESENT	(TAIR: SET domain-containing protein; similar to ribulose-1,5-bisphosphate carboxylase oxygenase large subunit N-methyltransferase)

No.	AGI code	Name(s)	ChromDB Protein Group	Additional Description of ChromDB or TAIR
36.	AT3G59960	<i>ASHH4, SDG24, SET24</i>	ASH1	Predicted histone H3 lysine 36 histone methyltransferase; ASH1 group
37.	AT4G08990	<i>MET1b, DMT8</i>	DNA methyltransferases	Putative DNA methyltransferase related to the mammalian DNMT1 methyltransferases
38.	AT4G11130	<i>RDR2</i>	RNA-dependent RNA polymerases	RNA-dependent RNA polymerase
39.	AT4G13610	<i>MET3, DMT3</i>	DNA methyltransferases	Putative DNA methyltransferase related to the mammalian DNMT1 methyltransferases
40.	AT4G13940	<i>HOG1, MEE58, SAHH1</i>	NOT PRESENT	(TAIR: Encodes a S-adenosyl-L-homocysteine hydrolase required for DNA methylation-dependent gene silencing)
41.	AT4G15180	<i>ATXR3, SDG2, SET2</i>	TRR_TRX	Member of the TRR (Trithorax-related protein) family of predicted histone H3 lysine 4 methyltransferases
42.	AT4G19020	<i>CMT2, DMT5</i>	DNA methyltransferases	Class II DNA methyltransferase; a putative DNA methyltransferase containing a chromodomain (chromomethylase)
43.	AT4G20910	<i>HEN1, CRM2</i>	HUA enhancer	HUA enhancer; acts to specify reproductive organ identities and to repress <i>A</i> gene in <i>Arabidopsis</i> and may function in microRNA biogenesis
44.	AT5G04560	<i>DME, DNG3, SET32</i>	Superfamily of DNA glycosylases	DEMETER (DME) family of bifunctional DNA glycosylases, required for maternal allele expression of the imprinted MEDEA (MEA) polycomb gene in the central cell and endosperm
45.	AT5G04940	<i>SUVH1, SDG32</i>	SUVH1/SUVH3	Su(var)3-9 group; plant specific sub-group with YDG_SRA, Pre-SET, and SET domains
46.	AT5G06620	<i>ATXR4, SDG38, SET38</i>	S-ET protein containing an interrupted SET domain	S-ET interrupted and unclassified
47.	AT5G09230	<i>SRT2, HDA16</i>	Histone deacetylases (SIR2 family)	SIR2 homology group; probable ortholog of yeast SIR2, an NADH dependent histone deacetylase
48.	AT5G13960	<i>SUVH4, SDG33, KYP, SET33</i>	ARATH_Kryptonite	Su(var)3-9 group; plant specific sub-group with YDG_SRA, Pre-SET, and SET domains
49.	AT5G14260	X	NOT PRESENT	(TAIR: SET domain-containing protein)
50.	AT5G14620	<i>DRM2, DMT7</i>	DNA methyltransferases	Class III DNA methyltransferase; a putative DNA methyltransferase with rearranged catalytic domains; similar to mammalian DNMT3 methyltransferases
51.	AT5G15380	<i>DRM1, DMT9</i>	DNA methyltransferases	putative DNA methyltransferase with rearranged catalytic domains; similar to mammalian DNMT3 methyltransferases
52.	AT5G17240	<i>SDG40</i>	SET Domain Protein Superclass B	SET domain protein
53.	AT5G42400	<i>ATXR7, SDG25, SET25</i>	ARATH_ATXR7	SET domain protein

No.	AGI code	Name(s)	ChromDB Protein Group	Additional Description of ChromDB or TAIR
54.	AT5G43990	<i>SUVR2</i> , <i>SDG18</i> , <i>SET18</i>	ARATH_SUVR4	Su(var)3-9 group of confirmed and predicted histone H3 lysine 9 methyltransferases
55.	AT5G49160	<i>MET1</i> , <i>DDM2</i> , <i>DMT1</i>	DNA methyltransferases	DNA methyltransferase related to the mammalian DNMT1 methyltransferases
56.	AT5G55760	<i>SRT1</i> , <i>HDA12</i>	Histone deacetylases (SIR2 family)	SIR2 Homology Group; probable ortholog of yeast SIR2, an NADH dependent Histone Deacetylase
57.	AT5G63110	<i>HDA6</i>	Histone deacetylases (Rpd3/HDA1 superfamily)	Class I RPD3 type histone deacetylase protein
58.	AT5G66750	<i>DDM1</i> , <i>CHR1</i> , <i>CHAI</i>	SNF2 super family (Snf2, Ris1, Rad26 superclasses)	SWI2/SNF2 chromatin remodelling protein involved in the maintenance of DNA methylation

Legend:

X – does not exist

3.2.4. Selection of a final list of candidate genes for possible involvement in heterosis

A final list of heterosis candidate regulatory genes was compiled from both independent qRT-PCR profiling experiments, described in sections 3.2.2 and 3.2.3. The final list consisted of 61 genes including 57 putative or known TFs, three SET-domain genes (AT1G26760 [4], AT4G13460 [29], and AT5G43990 [52]), and one microRNA (AT5G08712 [36]); (Tables 3.3 and 3.4).

3.3. Characterisation of selected candidate genes

3.3.1. Analysis of expression patterns of candidate genes

The PTM (Pavlidis Template Matching) function within TIGR_MeV v. 3.0 software package was used to visualise expression patterns (or expression phenotypes) of candidate genes based on specific expression level relations in parents and hybrids (details are present Materials and Methods, section 2.10.4). Expression patterns could be classified into two general groups: additive and non-additive (Hoecker *et al.*, 2008). The additive pattern, synonymous to ‘intermediate’ pattern in this work, was defined for (or assigned to) these candidate genes, in which gene expression levels in hybrids fell in a range of average expression value of the two parental inbred lines (mid-parent expression value or MP). The non-additive patterns were defined for (or assigned to) these candidate genes, in which gene expression levels in hybrids were significantly different than the MP. The group of non-additive effects included ‘dominant’ (transcript levels in hybrids were on the level of one of the parents), ‘overdominant’ and ‘underdominant’ (transcript levels in hybrids were higher or lower than in parents, respectively), ‘maternal’ (hybrid transcript level was on the level of corresponding mother parent), and ‘paternal’ (hybrid transcript level was on the level of corresponding father parent) patterns. All the patterns were further discriminated in relation to expression level of a parent e.g. a ‘dominant_C24xC24_low’ pattern meant that the hybrid expression levels were on a level of C24xC24, and these three levels were lower than of Col-0xCol-0. Description of specific patterns is portrayed in Figure 3.10 and Table 3.2.

Most candidate genes (75%) fell into specific expression categories (or displayed expression patterns) that were defined in this thesis work (Figure 3.10). The most representative pattern was an intermediate (around 30%), following by a dominant (23%). Among candidate genes were also found maternal (19%) and paternal patterns (3%); (Table 3.2).

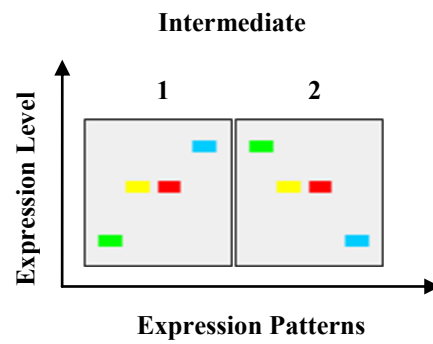
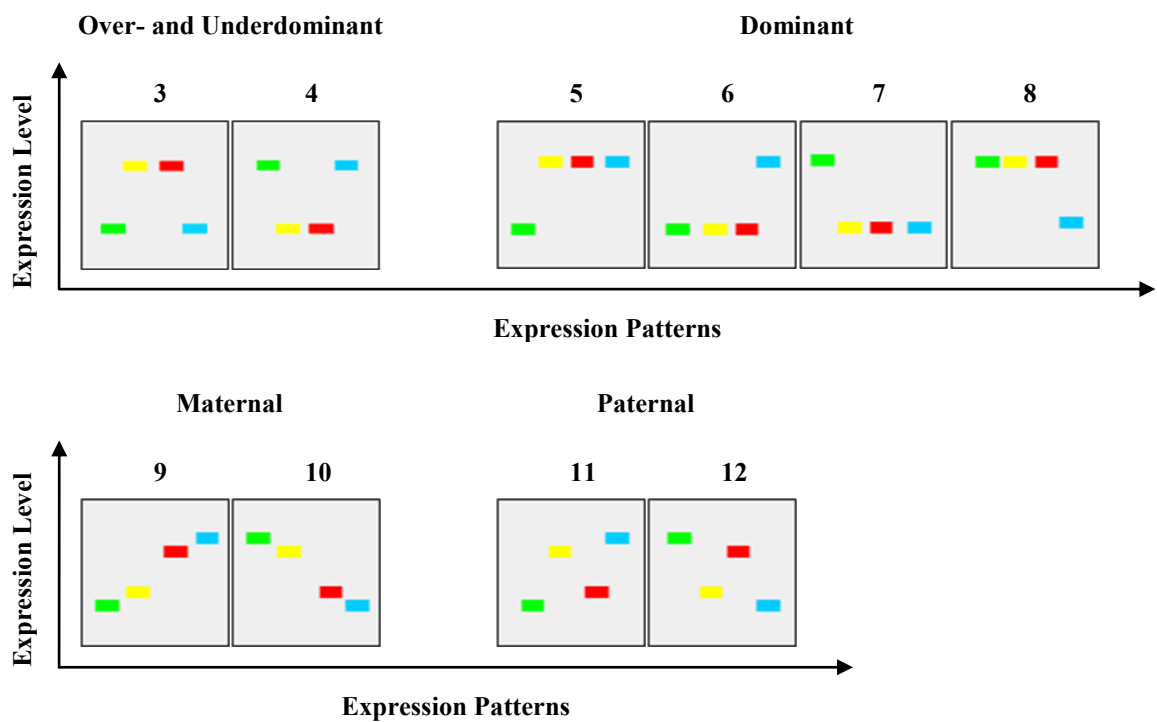
Additive expression patterns:**Non-additive expression patterns:**

Figure 3.10. Templates scheme for expression patterns assigned to candidate genes

Colour bars represent the genotypes and their position indicates a transcript level
 ■ Col-0xCol-0 ■ Col-0xC24 ■ C24xCol-0 ■ C24xC24

Table 3.2. Representation of expression patterns among candidate genes at 4 DAS

Template Number	Gene Expression Patterns	Candidate Genes [AGI order number]	% Candidates (rounded)	Sum % per Expression Pattern
1.	Intermediate_C24xC24_high	[3], [18], [19], [45], [46], [49], [56]	11	29
2.	Intermediate_Col-0xCol-0_high	[6], [10], [11], [16], [22], [28], [38], [47], [50], [52]*, [59]	18	
3.	Overdominant (F1 high)	x	x	0
4.	Underdominant (F1 low)	x	x	
5.	Dominant_C24xC24_high	[37], [58]	3	23
6.	Dominant_Col-0xCol-0_low	[43]	2	
7.	Dominant_C24xC24_low	[20], [36]**, [40], [61]	7	
8.	Dominant_Col-0xCol-0_high	[1], [4]*, [24], [26], [29]*, [44], [53]	11	
9.	Maternal_C24xC24_high	[41], [54]	3	19
10.	Maternal_Col-0xCol-0_high	[5], [13], [14], [23], [27], [31], [33], [39], [55], [57]	16	
11.	Paternal_C24xC24_high	[51]	2	3
12.	Paternal_Col-0xCol-0_high	[8]	2	

Legend:

* candidate SET-domain gene (a member of the ‘chromatin-related’ group of genes)

** candidate micro-RNA

[AGI order numbers] in bold – candidate genes with the highest ranking group number (I) in the group of ‘statistical category’ (refer to section 3.3.2)

x – not present

3.3.2. Rank of statistical significance of candidate genes (‘statistical categories’)

As described in previous chapters, pairwise comparisons of gene expression levels in different genotypes were performed using ANOVA to identify differences between parents and hybrids and select heterosis candidate genes. Note that although ANOVA analysis can identify difference between the mean of two or more groups, it cannot identify what means there is a significant difference between. For this reason, to validate expression patterns visualised by TIGR_Mev v. 3.0 some additional statistical analyses were required. A type of *post-hoc* analysis, a least significant difference (LSD) test was used to make pairwise comparisons among means of different genotypes. The results were shown as LSD P-values in Table 3.3 (columns 3-8). An LSD significance threshold of a P-value < 0.05 was applied (Table 3.3 fields in grey colour). There was also performed an additional ANOVA test to find significant differences between expression level of each of the hybrids and a mid-parent expression value (an average of the parental expression level or MP) to validate non-additive effects statistically (columns 9 and 10 of Table 3.3). These results were also shown as P-values and the same threshold was applied to determine a significant difference. Based on the results obtained from both of the above mentioned statistical analyses, it was possible to estimate a sig-

nificance level of the selected heterosis candidate genes and create their rank of significance (Table 3.3, the last column). The lower rank number of a group that candidate gene belongs, the more significant candidate gene is. The criteria of the rank classification were defined as follows:

- Ranking group I ('statistical category' I) – included 20 candidate genes (~33%), for which the assigned expression pattern could be validated in all of the performed statistical tests. (All the candidate genes of ranking group I were marked in bold in Table 3.2). The example may be given by AT4G29190 [31] (row no. 19 of Table 3.3), which was assigned by TIGR_Mev v. 3.0 tools to a non-additive, maternal_Col-0xCol-0_high pattern. To validate the maternal expression patterns defined in this work (template 10 of Figure 3.10), the significant difference between expression levels should hold true in the same time when the parents are compared between themselves, the hybrids are compared between themselves, Col-0xC24 is compared to C24xC24, and C24xCol-0 to Col-0xCol-0 (columns 3, 4, 7 and 8). In parallel a significant difference between expression level of each of the two hybrids and MP should be found (columns 9 and 10).
- Ranking group II ('statistical category' II) – included 26 candidate genes (~42%), for which the assigned expression pattern could not be validated in all of the performed statistical tests. The example may be given by AT1G72650 [13] (row no. 37 of Table 3.3), which was assigned by TIGR_Mev v. 3.0 tools to a non-additive, maternal_Col-0xCol-0_high pattern. To validate the maternal expression patterns defined in this work (template 10 of Figure 3.10), the same conditions as in the Ranking group I should be fulfilled however in this case, when one of the hybrids was compared to MP (column 9) the significant difference could not be found in the performed statistical tests. Thus, in contrast to above mentioned AT4G29190 [31], the AT1G72650 [13] could not be 'fully validated'.
- Ranking group III ('statistical category' III) – included 15 candidate genes (~25%) that do not exhibited any of defined expression patterns discussed above (Figure 3.10 and Table 3.3) and the results of required statistical comparisons represented unclear picture.

Table 3.3. ‘Statistical categories’ (ranking groups of significance) represented among heterosis candidate genes

No.	AGI code	P-values Col-0xC24 vs. C24xC24	P-values Col-0xC24 vs. C24xC24	P-values C24xC24 vs. C24xC24	P-values Col-0xC24 vs. Col-0xC24	P-values C24xC24 vs. Col-0xC24	P-values Col-0xC24 vs. C24xC24	P-values Col-0xC24 vs. C24xC24	P-values Col-0xC24 vs. C24xC24	P-values Col-0xC24 vs. C24xC24	P-values Col-0xC24 vs. C24xC24	P-values Col-0xC24 vs. C24xC24	Expression Pattern Type	Ranking Group of Candidate Gene Significance
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
1.	AT5G25810 [43]	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.156	0.324	0.604	0.047	0.020	Dominant_Col-0xC24_low	Non-add.	I		
2.	AT2G45660 [20]	0.000	0.696	0.532	0.000	0.000	0.808	0.004	0.003	Dominant_C24xC24_low	Non-add.	I		
3.	AT5G08712 [36]*	0.000	0.496	0.558	0.000	0.000	0.918	0.001	0.001	Dominant_C24xC24_low	Non-add.	I		
4.	AT5G67480 [61]	0.000	0.469	0.374	0.000	0.000	0.858	0.011	0.014	Dominant_C24xC24_low	Non-add.	I		
5.	AT1G12800 [1]	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.435	0.415	0.138	0.011	0.001	Dominant_Col-0xC24_high	Non-add.	I		
6.	AT4G13460 [29]**	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.268	0.836	0.354	0.031	0.008	Dominant_Col-0xC24_high	Non-add.	I		
7.	AT2G39250 [19]	0.000	0.003	0.023	0.006	0.001	0.149	0.785	0.155	Intermediate_C24xC24_high	Add.	I		
8.	AT5G32460 [46]	0.000	0.020	0.017	0.001	0.001	0.913	0.062	0.072	Intermediate_C24xC24_high	Add.	I		
9.	AT5G39760 [49]	0.000	0.002	0.001	0.004	0.008	0.589	0.636	0.291	Intermediate_C24xC24_high	Add.	I		
10.	AT5G57390 [56]	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.446	0.925	0.431	Intermediate_C24xC24_high	Add.	I		
11.	AT1G32870 [6]	0.000	0.018	0.017	0.001	0.001	0.965	0.119	0.128	Intermediate_Col-0xC24_high	Add.	I		
12.	AT1G58220 [11]	0.000	0.005	0.004	0.003	0.004	0.777	0.794	0.947	Intermediate_Col-0xC24_high	Add.	I		
13.	AT1G77080 [16]	0.000	0.006	0.003	0.004	0.007	0.664	0.868	0.735	Intermediate_Col-0xC24_high	Add.	I		
14.	AT4G12020 [28]	0.000	0.005	0.009	0.002	0.001	0.630	0.692	0.355	Intermediate_Col-0xC24_high	Add.	I		

No.	AGI code	P-values										Expression Pattern Type	Ranking Group of Candidate Gene Significance
		Col-0xC24 vs. C24xC24	Col-0xC24 vs. C24xC24	Col-0xC24 vs. Col-0xC24	Col-0xC24 vs. Col-0xC24	Col-0xC24 vs. Col-0xC24	Col-0xC24 vs. Col-0xC24	Col-0xC24 vs. Col-0xC24	Col-0xC24 vs. Col-0xC24	Col-0xC24 vs. Col-0xC24	Col-0xC24 vs. Col-0xC24		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
15.	AT5G11270 [38]	0.000	0.002	0.001	0.013	0.047	0.360	0.291	0.061	Intermediate_Col-0xC24-high	Add.	I	
16.	AT5G38860 [47]	0.000	0.006	0.015	0.002	0.001	0.502	0.523	0.184	Intermediate_Col-0xC24-high	Add.	I	
17.	AT5G43990 [52]**	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.019	0.027	0.797	0.184	0.120	Intermediate_Col-0xC24-high	Add.	I	
18.	AT5G63080 [59]	0.000	0.004	0.022	0.005	0.001	0.220	0.904	0.195	Intermediate_Col-0xC24-high	Add.	I	
19.	AT4G29190 [31]	0.000	0.000	0.751	0.775	0.000	0.000	0.004	0.009	Maternal_Col-0xC24-high	Non-add.	I	
20.	AT5G01160 [33]	0.004	0.001	0.152	0.376	0.001	0.000	0.009	0.004	Maternal_Col-0xC24-high	Non-add.	I	
21.	AT1G26760 [4]**	0.002	0.006	0.001	0.307	0.583	0.141	0.124	0.010	Dominant_Col-0xC24-high	Non-add.	II	
22.	AT3G50890 [24]	0.004	0.005	0.001	0.750	0.389	0.253	0.065	0.010	Dominant_Col-0xC24-high	Non-add.	II	
23.	AT4G04880 [26]	0.015	0.031	0.007	0.592	0.538	0.269	0.244	0.036	Dominant_Col-0xC24-high	Non-add.	II	
24.	AT1G73830 [14]	0.000	0.002	0.351	0.130	0.001	0.005	0.091	0.028	Maternal_Col-0xC24-high	Non-add.	II	
25.	AT1G47760 [8]	0.001	0.119	0.000	0.006	0.055	0.001	0.229	0.001	Paternal_Col-0xC24-high	Non-add.	II	
26.	AT5G10140 [37]	0.000	0.043	0.244	0.000	0.000	0.252	0.000	0.000	Dominant_C24xC24_high	Non-add.	II	
27.	AT5G17300 [40]	0.000	0.009	0.137	0.000	0.000	0.086	0.009	0.001	Dominant_C24xC24_low	Non-add.	II	
28.	AT2G28160 [18]	0.000	0.002	0.002	0.054	0.075	0.824	0.152	0.105	Intermediate_C24xC24_high	Add.	II	
29.	AT5G41920 [50]	0.000	0.010	0.057	0.005	0.001	0.230	0.707	0.101	Intermediate_Col-0xC24-high	Add.	II	
30.	AT5G27580 [45]	0.015	0.130	0.667	0.155	0.026	0.241	0.943	0.203	Intermediate_C24xC24_high	Add.	II	

No.	AGI code	P-values Col-0xC24 vs. C24xC24		P-values Col-0xC24 vs. Col-0xC24		P-values Col-0xC24 vs. Col-0xC24		P-values Col-0xC24 vs. C24xC24		P-values Col-0xC24 vs. MP		P-values C24xC24 vs. MP		Expression Pattern Type		Ranking Group of Candidate Gene Significance
		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13				
1	2															
31.	AT1G53160 [10]	0.021	0.071	0.029	0.392	0.801	0.535	0.491	0.186	Intermediate_Col-0xC24_high		Add.	II			
32.	AT3G46090 [22]	0.329	0.037	0.738	0.966	0.230	0.354	0.323	0.766	Intermediate_Col-0xC24_high		Add.	II			
33.	AT5G61420 [58]	0.000	0.039	0.986	0.001	0.000	0.040	0.113	0.003	Dominant_C24xC24_high		Non-add.	II			
34.	AT1G20696 [3]	0.000	0.003	0.001	0.001	0.010	0.035	0.669	0.036	Intermediate_C24xC24_high		Add.	II			
35.	AT5G17320 [41]	0.001	0.015	0.828	0.048	0.001	0.020	0.622	0.021	Maternal_C24xC24_high		Non-add.	II			
36.	AT1G28370 [5]	0.000	0.016	0.929	0.010	0.000	0.018	0.822	0.008	Maternal_Col-0xC24_high		Non-add.	II			
37.	AT1G72650 [13]	0.000	0.000	0.012	0.010	0.000	0.006	0.061	0.046	Maternal_Col-0xC24_high		Non-add.	II			
38.	AT3G49530 [23]	0.000	0.012	0.429	0.017	0.000	0.005	0.888	0.003	Maternal_Col-0xC24_high		Non-add.	II			
39.	AT5G13790 [39]	0.000	0.001	0.056	0.003	0.000	0.010	0.522	0.011	Maternal_Col-0xC24_high		Non-add.	II			
40.	AT5G47370 [55]	0.000	0.004	0.156	0.022	0.001	0.027	0.428	0.045	Maternal_Col-0xC24_high		Non-add.	II			
41.	AT5G59820 [57]	0.000	0.012	0.438	0.014	0.000	0.005	0.954	0.003	Maternal_Col-0xC24_high		Non-add.	II			
42.	AT5G25830 [44]	0.039	0.185	0.032	0.302	0.891	0.250	0.838	0.143	Dominant_Col-0xC24_high		Non-add.	II			
43.	AT5G44080 [53]	0.000	0.001	0.004	0.001	0.000	0.138	0.993	0.097	Dominant_Col-0xC24_high		Non-add.	II			
44.	AT5G46690 [54]	0.000	0.001	0.015	0.024	0.001	0.044	0.143	0.257	Maternal_C24xC24_high		Non-add.	II			
45.	AT4G08250 [27]	0.000	0.001	0.012	0.004	0.000	0.030	0.306	0.077	Maternal_Col-0xC24_high		Non-add.	II			
46.	AT5G43170 [51]	0.000	0.041	0.001	0.001	0.016	0.026	0.077	0.250	Paternal_C24xC24_high		Non-add.	II			

No.	AGI code	P-values Col-0xC24 vs. C24xC24		P-values Col-0xC24 vs. Col-0xC24		P-values C24xC24 vs. C24xC24		P-values C24xC24 vs. Col-0xC24		P-values Col-0xC24 vs. C24xC24		P-values Col-0xC24 vs. MP		P-values C24xC24 vs. MP		Expression Pattern Type		Ranking Group of Candidate Gene Significance
		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13						
1	2																	
47.	AT1G42990 [7]	0.000	0.007	0.940	0.012	0.000	0.006	0.809	0.004	No match								III
48.	AT1G76590 [15]	0.000	0.021	0.185	0.001	0.000	0.093	0.103	0.007	No match								III
49.	AT3G25990 [21]	0.015	0.446	0.059	0.043	0.001	0.020	0.354	0.004	No match								III
50.	AT4G14560 [30]	0.000	0.005	0.114	0.002	0.000	0.048	0.636	0.015	No match								III
51.	AT5G04760 [34]	0.000	0.012	0.182	0.001	0.000	0.002	0.128	0.000	No match								III
52.	AT1G16530 [2]	0.053	0.036	0.007	0.783	0.160	0.237	0.137	0.018	No match								III
53.	AT2G15580 [17]	0.299	0.091	0.018	0.415	0.082	0.273	0.147	0.022	No match								III
54.	AT5G07690 [35]	0.096	0.532	0.184	0.238	0.013	0.073	0.721	0.028	No match								III
55.	AT5G17810 [42]	0.016	0.144	0.645	0.154	0.009	0.074	0.978	0.048	No match								III
56.	AT1G51070 [9]	0.000	0.002	0.001	0.045	0.073	0.736	0.157	0.089	No match								III
57.	AT3G53370 [25]	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.001	0.005	0.097	0.699	0.112	No match								III
58.	AT4G37610 [32]	0.000	0.018	0.043	0.002	0.001	0.520	0.252	0.086	No match								III
59.	AT5G63160 [60]	0.027	0.034	0.034	0.878	0.875	0.991	0.187	0.188	No match								III
60.	AT1G69490 [12]	0.022	0.072	0.475	0.405	0.060	0.205	0.486	0.404	No match								III
61.	AT5G39610 [48]	0.036	0.030	0.343	0.816	0.420	0.342	0.217	0.991	No match								III

Legend:

Numbers in columns 3-8 are P-values from LSD analysis, whereas in columns 9-10 from ANOVA

The grey fields mark P-values < 0.05 (threshold of significance)

Non-add. – Non-additive; Add. – Additive

* candidate microRNA

** candidate SET-domain gene (a member of the ‘chromatin-related’ group of genes)

3.3.3. Biological significance of candidate genes

Annotations of 61 heterosis candidate genes were collected in Table 3.4, which also provided a specific reference for each known gene, where possible. For uncharacterised genes (30) a description of the gene family was given. According to the most comprehensive information source for TF genes which is a DATF database (Guo *et al.*, 2005), the candidate genes included 51 TF or putative TF genes. Figure 3.11 unveils a variety of TF families represented among the identified heterosis candidate genes. MADS, bHLH, AP2-EREBP and NAM families were highly represented.

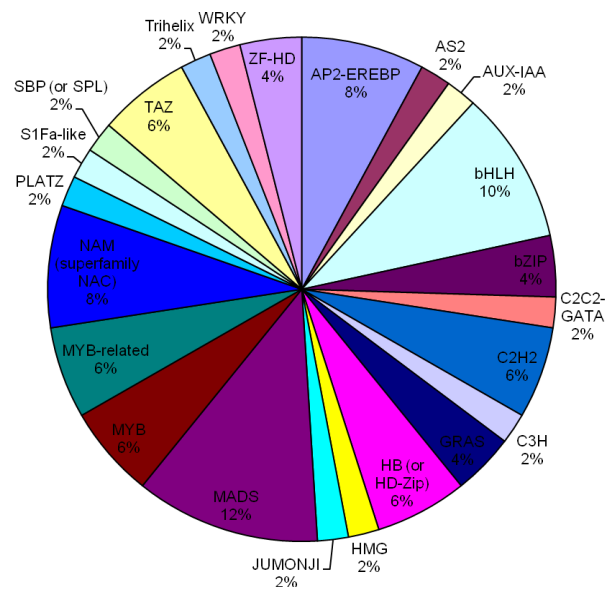


Figure 3.11. TF families represented by the identified candidate genes

The classification of AT4G13460 [29] and AT5G43990 [52] was questionable due to discrepancies that occur between databases referred in this work, a DATF (PcG TF family) and ChromDB (SET-domain family), respectively. There were also cases, in which a certain gene could not be found neither in DATF (the TF database of main reference for this work) nor in ChromDB (the reference database for ‘chromatin related’ genes), thus the TAIR database information was considered. All these candidate genes for which database information was not consistent or it was limited to a one source were collected in a Table 3.5. A final classification that have been approved for this work resulted in 57 TF or putative TF genes, the one microRNA, and the three SET-domain genes.

Table 3.4. Annotations and published information about heterosis candidate genes

No.	AGI code [AGI order number]	Ranking Group of Candidate Gene Significance	DATF Gene Name(s)	DATF Gene Family	Gene Function/Process Involvement in <i>Arabidopsis</i>	Literature Gene- Specific	Literature Family- Specific
1.	AT1G12800 [1]	I	N/P	N/P	UNKNOWN	N/A	N/A
2.	AT1G32870 [6]	I	<i>ANAC13</i>	NAM/NAC	ultraviolet-B regulated	Safrany <i>et al.</i> , 2008	
3.	AT1G58220 [11]	I	x	MYB-related	UNKNOWN	N/A	Martin and Paz-Ares, 1997; Jin and Martin, 1999; Stracke <i>et al.</i> , 2001
4.	AT1G77080 [16]	I	<i>AGL27, FLM, MAF1</i>	MADS	inhibitor of flowering	Scortecchi <i>et al.</i> , 2003	
5.	AT2G39250 [19]	I	SNZ	AP2-EREBP	regulation of flowering	Schmid <i>et al.</i> , 2003	
6.	AT2G45660 [20]	I	<i>AGL20, SOC1</i>	MADS	flowering control, floral pathway integrator; affects determinacy of all meris- tems; prevention of secon- dary growth and longevity in annual life forms	Lee <i>et al.</i> , 2000; Moon <i>et al.</i> , 2003; Simpson and Dean 2002; Mou- radov <i>et al.</i> , 2002; Melzer <i>et al.</i> , 2008	
7.	AT4G12020 [28]	I	<i>MAPKKK11, WRKY19</i>	WRKY	UNKNOWN	N/A	Eulgem <i>et al.</i> , 2000
8.	AT4G13460 [29]	I	<i>SUVH9</i>	PcG	epigenetic control of gene expression	Baumbusch <i>et al.</i> , 2001; Ng <i>et al.</i> , 2007	
9.	AT4G29190 [31]	I	x	C3H	UNKNOWN	N/A	Wang <i>et al.</i> , 2008
10.	AT5G01160 [33]	I	N/P	N/P	UNKNOWN	N/A	Chrispeels <i>et al.</i> , 2000

No.	AGI code [AGI order number]	Ranking Group of Candidate Gene Significance	DATF Gene Name(s)	DATF Gene Family	Gene Function/Process Involvement in <i>Arabidopsis</i>	Literature Gene- Specific	Literature Family- Specific
11.	AT5G08712 [36]	I	N/P	N/P	targets genes that regulate diverse aspects of plant development, including apical and lateral meristem formation, leaf polarity, and vascular development; regulation of shoot apical meristem and floral development in <i>Arabidopsis</i>	Jung and Park, 2007	
12.	AT5G11270 [38]	I	N/P	N/P	mediates resistance to infection by necrotrophic pathogens	Coego <i>et al.</i> , 2005	
13.	AT5G25810 [43]	I	<i>TNY, TINY</i>	AP2-EREBP	might play a role in the cross-talk between abiotic- and biotic-stress-responsive gene expressions	Sun <i>et al.</i> , 2008	
14.	AT5G32460 [46]	I	N/P	N/P	UNKNOWN	N/A	Franco-Zorrilla <i>et al.</i> , 2002
15.	AT5G38860 [47]	I	<i>BIM3</i>	bHLH	UNKNOWN	N/A	Toledo-Ortiz <i>et al.</i> , 2003
16.	AT5G39760 [49]	I	<i>ATHB23</i>	ZF-HID	establishing polarity during leaf development	Kim <i>et al.</i> , 2007	
17.	AT5G43990 [52]	I	<i>SUVR2</i>	PcG	epigenetic control of gene expression and possible involvement in regulation of rRNA expression	Baumbusch <i>et al.</i> , 2001; Thorstensen <i>et al.</i> , 2006	
18.	AT5G57390 [56]	I	<i>AIL5</i>	AP2-EREBP	roles in specification of meristematic or division-competent states especially in young tissues	Nole-Wilson <i>et al.</i> , 2005	
19.	AT5G63080 [59]	I	x	JUMONJI	UNKNOWN	N/A	Noh <i>et al.</i> , 2004
20.	AT5G67480 [61]	I	<i>BT4</i>	TAZ	Ca ²⁺ /Calmodulin-binding	Du and Poovaiah, 2004	
21.	AT1G26760 [4]	II	N/P	N/P	UNKNOWN	N/A	

No.	AGI code [AGI order number]	Ranking Group of Candidate Gene Significance	DATF Gene Name(s)	DATF Gene Family	Gene Function/Process Involvement in <i>Arabidopsis</i>	Literature Gene- Specific	Literature Family- Specific
22.	AT1G47760 [8]	II	x	MADS	UNKNOWN	N/A	Parenticova <i>et al.</i> , 2003; Becker and Theissen, 2003; Messenguy and Dubois, 2003; Kaufmann <i>et al.</i> , 2005
23.	AT1G73830 [14]	II	<i>BEE3</i>	bHLH	brassinosteroid signalling, required for normal growth	Friedrichsen <i>et al.</i> , 2002	
24.	AT3G50890 [24]	II	<i>ATHB28</i>	ZF-HD	UNKNOWN	N/A	Windhovel <i>et al.</i> , 2001
25.	AT4G04880 [26]	II	N/P	N/P	UNKNOWN	N/A	x
26.	AT2G28160 [18]	II	<i>BHLH029, FIT1, FRU</i>	bHLH	required for the iron defi- ciency response	Colangelo and Guerinot, 2004	
27.	AT5G10140 [37]	II	<i>AGL25, FLC, FLF</i>	MADS	flowering control	Michels and Amasino, 1999; Sheldon <i>et al.</i> , 1999	
28.	AT5G17300 [40]	II	x	MYB-related	UNKNOWN	N/A	Martin and Paz-Ares, 1997; Jin and Martin, 1999; Stracke <i>et al.</i> , 2001;
29.	AT5G41920 [50]	II	x	GRAS	UNKNOWN	N/A	Pysh <i>et al.</i> , 1999
30.	AT1G53160 [10]	II	<i>SPL4</i>	SBP/SPL	UNKNOWN	Yamasaki, 2004	
31.	AT3G46090 [22]	II	x	C2H2	key role in the defence re- sponse of <i>Arabidopsis</i> to salinity stress	Ciftci-Yilmaz <i>et al.</i> , 2007	
32.	AT5G27580 [45]	II	x	MADS	UNKNOWN	N/A	Parenticova <i>et al.</i> , 2003; Becker and Theissen, 2003; Messenguy and Dubois, 2003; Kaufmann <i>et al.</i> , 2005
33.	AT1G20696 [3]	II	<i>HMG3, NFD3</i>	HMG	UNKNOWN	N/A	Gupta <i>et al.</i> , 1997; Ya- maguchi-Shinozaki and Shinozaki, 1992
34.	AT1G28370 [5]	II	<i>ERF11</i>	AP2-EREBP	possible involvement in ABA and glucose responses	De Luna <i>et al.</i> , 2007	

No.	AGI code [AGI order number]	Ranking Group of Candidate Gene Significance	DATF Gene Name(s)	DATF Gene Family	Gene Function/Process Involvement in <i>Arabidopsis</i>	Literature Gene- Specific	Literature Family- Specific
35.	AT1G72650 [13]	II	<i>TRELF6</i>	MYB-related	UNKNOWN	N/A	Martin and Paz-Ares, 1997; Jin and Martin, 1999; Stracke <i>et al.</i> , 2001;
36.	AT3G49530 [23]	II	<i>ANAC062</i>	NAM/NAC	UNKNOWN	N/A	Duval <i>et al.</i> , 2002
37.	AT5G13790 [39]	II	<i>AGL15</i>	MADS	recruitment of histone deacetylase complex components, promotes somatic embryo development	Hill <i>et al.</i> , 2008; Harding <i>et al.</i> , 2003	
38.	AT5G17320 [41]	II	x	HB/HD-Zip	UNKNOWN	N/A	Sessa <i>et al.</i> , 1997; Kim <i>et al.</i> , 2008
39.	AT5G47370 [55]	II	<i>HAT2</i>	HB/HD-Zip	regulation of auxin-mediated morphogenesis in shoot and root	Sawa <i>et al.</i> , 2002	
40.	AT5G59820 [57]	II	<i>RHL41, ZAT12</i>	C2H2	plays a central role in reactive oxygen and abiotic stress signalling, influences freezing tolerance, important component of the oxidative stress response signal transduction network	Davletova <i>et al.</i> , 2005; Vogel <i>et al.</i> , 2005; Rizhsky <i>et al.</i> , 2004	
41.	AT5G61420 [58]	II	<i>MYB28</i>	MYB	regulator of methionine-derived glucosinolate biosynthesis	Gigolashvili <i>et al.</i> , 2007b	
42.	AT4G08250 [27]	II	x	GRAS	UNKNOWN	N/A	Pysh <i>et al.</i> , 1999
43.	AT5G25830 [44]	II	x	C2C2-GATA	N/A	N/A	Teakle <i>et al.</i> , 2002
44.	AT5G43170 [51]	II	<i>AZF3</i>	C2H2	water-stress response in an ABA-dependent or -independent pathway		
45.	AT5G44080 [53]	II	x	bZIP	UNKNOWN	N/A	Jakoby <i>et al.</i> , 2002
46.	AT5G46690 [54]	II	x	bHLH	UNKNOWN	N/A	Toledo-Ortiz <i>et al.</i> , 2003
47.	AT1G42990 [7]	III	<i>ATBZIP60</i>	bZIP	endoplasmic reticulum stress response	Iwata and Koizumi, 2005	
48.	AT1G76590 [15]	III	x	PLATZ	UNKNOWN	N/A	Nagano <i>et al.</i> , 1991

No.	AGI code [AGI order number]	Ranking Group of Candidate Gene Significance	DATF Gene Name(s)	DATF Gene Family	Gene Function/Process Involvement in <i>Arabidopsis</i>	Literature Gene- Specific	Literature Family- Specific
49.	AT3G25990 [21]	III	x	Trihelix	UNKNOWN	N/A	Smalle <i>et al.</i> , 1998
50.	AT4G14560 [30]	III	<i>AXR5, IAA1</i>	AUX-IAA	required for auxin response	Yang <i>et al.</i> , 2004	
51.	AT5G04760 [34]	III	x	MYB	UNKNOWN	N/A	Martin and Paz-Ares, 1997; Jin and Martin, 1999; Stracke <i>et al.</i> , 2001
52.	AT1G16530 [2]	III	<i>LBD, ASL9</i>	AS2	exclusively regulated by cytokinin	Naito <i>et al.</i> , 2007	
53.	AT2G15580 [17]	III	N/P	N/P	UNKNOWN	N/A	Riechmann <i>et al.</i> , 2000
54.	AT5G07690 [35]	III	<i>MYB29</i>	MYB	regulator of aliphatic glu- cosinolate biosynthesis	Gigolashvili <i>et al.</i> , 2007	
55.	AT5G17810 [42]	III	<i>WOX12</i>	HB/HD-Zip	possible involvement in embryonic pattern formation	Haecker <i>et al.</i> , 2004	
56.	AT1G51070 [9]	III	x	bHLH	UNKNOWN	N/A	Toledo-Ortiz <i>et al.</i> , 2003
57.	AT3G53370 [25]	III	x	SIFa-like	UNKNOWN	N/A	Zhou <i>et al.</i> , 1995
58.	AT4G37610 [32]	III	<i>BT5</i>	TAZ	Ca ²⁺ /Calmodulin-binding	Du and Poovaiah, 2004	
59.	AT5G63160 [60]	III	<i>BT1</i>	TAZ	Ca ²⁺ /Calmodulin-binding	Du and Poovaiah, 2004	
60.	AT1G69490 [12]	III	<i>ANAC029, NAP, AtNAP</i>	NAM/NAC	expression is associated with leaf senescence	Guo and Gan, 2006	
61.	AT5G39610 [48]	III	<i>ANAC092, AT- NAC2, ATNAC6</i>	NAM/NAC	salt stress response and lat- eral root development	He <i>et al.</i> , 2005	

Legend:

The genes in bold were selected from the 1st experiment on identification of heterosis candidate genes

N/P – not present in DATF database (refer to Table 3.5)

N/A – not available

x – does not exist

Table 3.5. Candidate genes for which the annotations varied depending on database source

No.	AGI code [AGI order number]	Ranking Group of Candidate Gene Significance	DATF Gene Name(s)	DATF Gene Family	TAIR Gene Name(s)	TAIR Gene Family/ Gene Prediction	ChromDB Gene Name(s)	ChromDB Protein Group
1.	AT1G12800 [1]	I	N/P	N/P	x	S1 RNA-binding do- main-containing protein	N/P	N/P
2.	AT1G58220 [11]	I	x	MYB-related	x	MYB	N/P	N/P
3.	AT4G13460 [29]	I	<i>SUVH9</i>	PcG	<i>SUVH9</i> , <i>SDG22</i> , <i>SET22</i>	SET domain, SU(VAR)3-9 protein subgroup	<i>SUVH9</i> , <i>SDG22</i> , <i>SET22</i>	ARATH_SUV H2, SUVH9
4.	AT5G01160 [33]	I	N/P	N/P	x	C2H2-type, RING-type Zinc Finger	N/P	N/P
5.	AT5G08712 [36]	I	N/P	N/P	<i>MIR166</i> , <i>MIR166C</i>	x	N/P	N/P
6.	AT5G11270 [38]	I	N/P	N/P	<i>OCP3</i>	Homeodomain	N/P	N/P
7.	AT5G32460 [46]	I	N/P	N/P	x	pseudogene, possible B3	N/P	N/P
8.	AT5G43990 [52]	I	<i>SUVR2</i>	PcG	<i>SUVR2</i>	SET domain, SU(VAR)3-9 protein subgroup	<i>SUVR2</i> , <i>SDG18</i> ,	ARATH_SUV R4
9.	AT1G26760 [4]	II	N/P	N/P	x	SET domain	<i>SDG35</i> , <i>SET35</i> , <i>ATXR1</i>	unclassified
10.	AT4G04880 [26]	II	N/P	N/P	x	adenosine/AMP deami- nase	N/P	N/P
11.	AT5G17300 [40]	II	x	MYB-related	x	MYB	N/P	N/P
12.	AT1G72650 [13]	II	<i>TRFL6</i>	MYB-related	<i>TRFL6</i>	MYB	N/P	N/P
13.	AT2G15580 [17]	III	N/P	N/P	x	C3H (C3HC4-type RING finger)	N/P	N/P

Legend:

The genes in bold were selected from the 1st experiment on identification of heterosis TF candidate genes

N/P – genes not present in database

x – does not exist

3.3.4. Review of publicly available expression data for heterosis associated candidate genes

'Meta-profiles' tool of web-based application, a GenevestigatorV3 (Zimmermann *et al.*, 2004 and 2008; <https://www.genevestigator.com/gv/index.jsp>) was used to obtain the specific expression profiles for each candidate gene. Data for 54 out of 61 candidates was available in AtGenExpress, a target database to create the gene expression profiles, and the high quality data set of 1122 arrays was selected. Categories of different organs or anatomy parts (Figure 3.12), stages of development (Figure 3.13) and stimuli (Figure 3.14) were considered. The darkest blue colour (Figures 3.12 and 3.13) corresponds to expression values

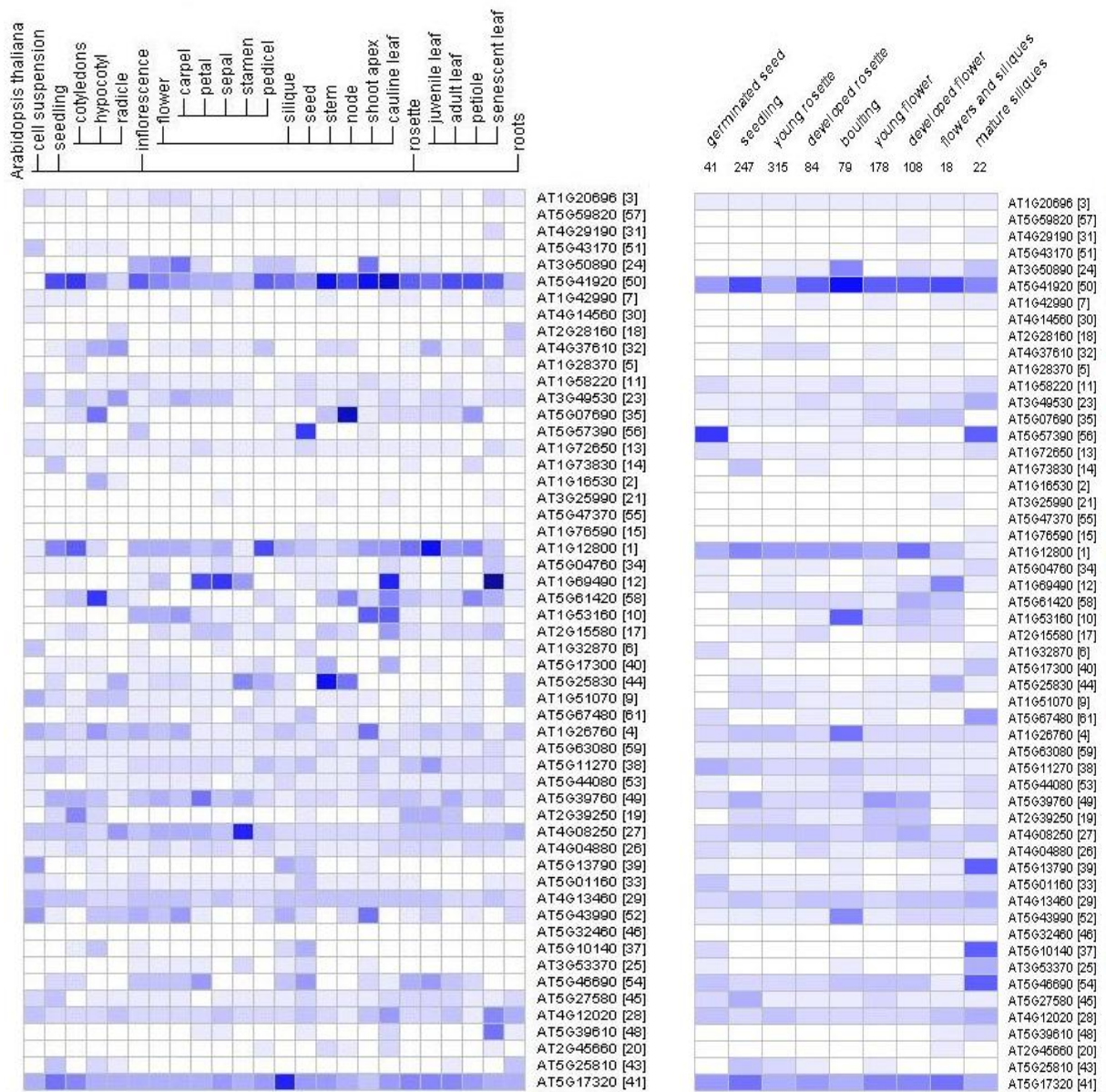


Figure 3.12. Candidate gene expression in different organs or anatomical parts

Figure 3.13. Candidate gene expression at different stages of development

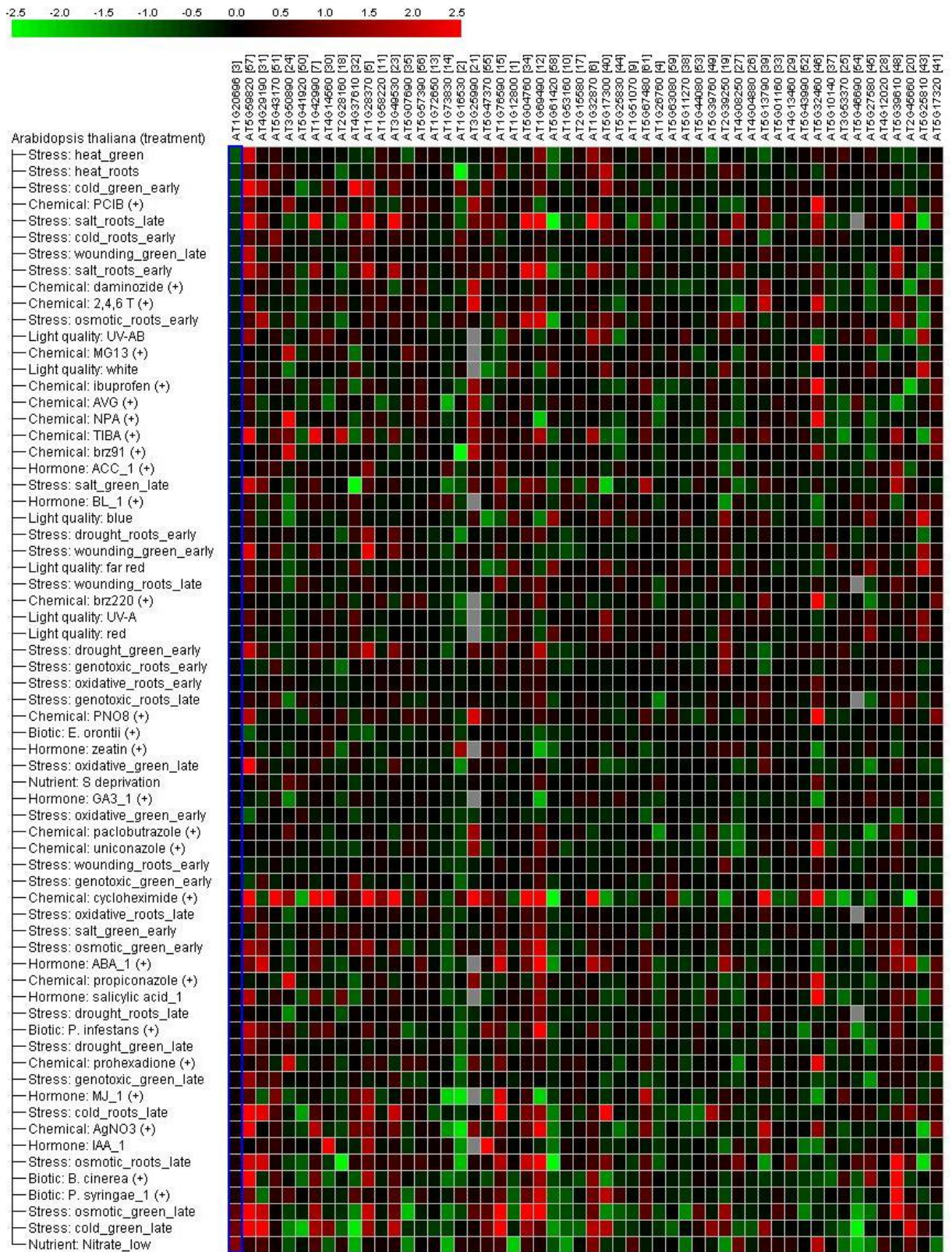


Figure 3.14. Candidate gene expression in response to different stimuli

(EPs), within the top 1% of signal intensities of probe sets/genes across all arrays in the database. EPs and hybridisation efficiencies are different between genes, which is why colour

Table 3.6. The summary of an array expression data for the previously uncharacterised candidate genes

No.	AGI code [AGI order number]	Ranking Group of Candidate Gene Significance	DATF Gene name(s)	DATF Gene family	Tissue Expression Pattern	Developmental Expression Pattern	Greater than 2.0 fold up- or down-regulation of gene expression in response to a given stimulus
1.	AT1G12800 [1]	I	N/P	N/P	most tissues, highly in cotyledons, pedicel, juvenile leaf	all stages, most at seed- ling, developed flower	low nutrient
2.	AT1G58220 [11]	I	x	MYB-related	most tissues, a bit more in cell suspension, shoot apex and seed	most stages, bit more at germinated seed, bolting, mature siliques	N/A
3.	AT4G12020 [28]	I	<i>MAPKKK11</i> , <i>WRKY19</i>	WRKY	all tissues in similar way, a bit more in cauline and senescent leaf	all stages in similar way, a bit more at mature siliques	N/A
4.	AT4G29190 [31]	I	x	C3H	senescent leaf	developed flower, mature siliques	cold and osmotic stress, ABA treatment
5.	AT5G01160 [33]	I	N/P	N/P	all tissues in similar way, a bit more in seed	all stages in similar way, a bit more at germinated seed	N/A
6.	AT5G32460 [46]	I	N/P	N/P	N/A	N/A	N/A
7.	AT5G38860 [47]	I	<i>BIM3</i>	bHLH	N/P	N/P	N/P
8.	AT5G63080 [59]	I	x	JUMONJI	in most tissues in similar way	at most stages in similar way	N/A
9.	AT1G20696 [3]	II	<i>HMG3</i> , <i>NFD3</i>	HMG	most tissues, similarly	all stages similarly	N/A
10.	AT1G26760 [4]	II	N/P	N/P	most tissues, cell suspen- sion, highly in hypocotyl, carpel, shoot apex	most stages, highly at bolting	N/A
11.	AT1G47760 [8]	II	x	MADS	N/P	N/P	N/P
12.	AT1G53160 [10]	II	<i>SPL4</i>	SBP, SPL	most (apart from in seed- ling parts) higher in shoot apex, cauline leaf, carpel	at bolting and flower stages	N/A
13.	AT1G72650 [13]	II	<i>TRFL6</i>	MYB-related	most tissues, similarly	all stages, slightly more at germinated seed and mature siliques	N/A

No.	AGI code [AGI order number]	Ranking Group of Candidate Gene Significance	DATE Gene name(s)	DATE Gene family	Tissue Expression Pattern	Developmental Expression Pattern	Greater than 2.0 fold up- or down-regulation of gene expression in response to a given stimulus
14.	AT3G49530 [23]	II	<i>ANAC062</i>	NAM, NAC	in most tissues, the strongest in carpel and radicle	at most stages, more at mature siliques	salt/roots, cycloheximide
15.	AT3G50890 [24]	II	<i>ATHB28</i>	ZF-HD	shoot apex, flower, silique	bolting, mature siliques, developed flower	chemical: NPA, brz91, propiconazole, prohexadione treatment
16.	AT4G04880 [26]	II	N/P	N/P	all tissues in similar way	all stages in similar way	N/A
17.	AT4G08250 [27]	II	x	GRAS	in all tissues in similar way, stamen and radicle much stronger	all stages in similar way, most at flower stage	N/A
18.	AT5G17300 [40]	II	x	MYB-related	all tissues in similar way, a bit more in cauline leaf and stem	seedlings, flowers and siliques, mature siliques	salt stress
19.	AT5G17320 [41]	II	x	HB, HD-Zip	all tissues in similar way, highly in silique	all stages in similar way, highly at seedling and flowers and siliques	N/A
20.	AT5G25830 [44]	II	x	C2C2-GATA	most tissues in similar way apart from rosette were lower, highly in stem, node, stamen	all stages in similar way, higher a bit in flowers and siliques	N/A
21.	AT5G27580 [45]	II	x	MADS	all tissues in similar way, more in seedling	all stages in similar way, higher at seedlings	genotoxic stress, chemical: paclobutrazole
22.	AT5G41920 [50]	II	x	GRAS	all tissues in similar way, more in seedling, stem, cauline leaf, shoot apex	all stages in similar way, higher at seedlings, bolt- ing and flowers and siliques	chemical: NPA, ibuprofen, MG13, PCIB, brz220, PNO8, uniconazole, cyclo- heximide, propiconazole, prohexadione treatment, hormone treatment: salicylic acid
23.	AT5G44080 [53]	II	x	bZIP	in most tissues in similar way	at most stages in similar way	N/A
24.	AT5G46690 [54]	II	x	bHLH	in most tissues in similar way, a bit higher in petal, seed juvenile leaf	all stages in similar way, higher at mature siliques	cold stress

No.	AGI code [AGI order number]	Ranking Group of Candidate Gene Significance	DATF Gene name(s)	DATF Gene family	Tissue Expression Pattern	Developmental Expression Pattern	Greater than 2.0 fold up- or down-regulation of gene expression in response to a given stimulus
25.	AT1G51070 [9]	III	x	bHLH	most tissues, a bit stronger in cell suspen- sion, radicle, hypocotyl, roots	most stages, slightly stronger at seedling and young rosette	N/A
26.	AT1G76590 [15]	III	x	PLATZ	seed, senescent leaf	mature siliques	cold and osmotic stress, hormone treatment: MJ, ABA treatment
27.	AT2G15580 [17]	III	N/P	N/P	in most tissues, a bit stronger in petiole, cauline leaf, stem, sepal and petal	at most stages, bit more at developed rosette and flower stages	N/A
28.	AT3G25990 [21]	III	x	Trihelix	senescent and cauline leaf, stem, sepal	flowers and siliques	cycloheximide
29.	AT3G53370 [25]	III	x	S1Fa-like	silique, seed, shoot apex, flower	mature siliques, germi- nated seed, bolting	cycloheximide
30.	AT5G04760 [34]	III	x	MYB	all tissues in similar way	most (not at silique and bolting) in similar way	salt and osmotic stress, cycloheximide treatment

Legend:

N/P – not present in DATF database (refer to Tables 3.4 and 3.5)

N/A – not available

x – does not exist

intensities can be only compared between values of the same probe set/gene (Zimmermann *et al.*, 2004 and 2008). The red-green colour system (Figure 3.14) corresponds to a fold change of gene expression in plants treated vs. controls. Various modes of gene expression were observed among candidate genes: tissue-specific; expression at certain times of development, or constitutive activity across the whole of development and in all tissues. Table 3.6 sums up the expression profiles of previously uncharacterised candidate genes which are supplemental to general information given previously in Tables 3.4 and 3.5.

3.4. Validation of selected candidate genes

3.4.1. Co-localisation of candidate genes with QTLs for heterosis of biomass and growth, and biomass QTL *per se*

Chromosomal locations of all the candidate genes were compared with map locations of QTLs for biomass heterosis and for leaf area/relative growth rate (RGR) (research group of

Table 3.7. List of candidate genes that co-localised with QTLs for biomass and leaf area/RGR heterosis, and biomass QTL *per se*

No.	AGI code [AGI order number]	Ranking Group of Candidate Gene Significance	QTL for leaf area/RGR (growth) heterosis	QTL for biomass heterosis	QTL for biomass <i>per se</i>
1.	AT1G12800 [1]	I	-	+	-
2.	AT1G58220 [11]	I	-	-	+
3.	AT4G12020 [28]	I	+	-	-
4.	AT4G13460 [29]*	I	+	-	-
5.	AT5G25810 [43]	I	+	-	-
6.	AT5G32460 [46]	I	+	-	-
7.	AT5G57390 [56]	I	-	+	-
8.	AT5G63080 [59]	I	-	-	+
9.	AT1G53160 [10]	II	-	+	+
10.	AT1G72650 [13]	II	-	+	+
11.	AT1G73830 [14]	II	-	+	-
12.	AT2G28160 [18]	II	-	+	-
13.	AT3G46090 [22]	II	-	+	+
14.	AT3G49530 [23]	II	-	+	+
15.	AT4G08250 [27]	II	+	-	-
16.	AT5G17300 [40]	II	+	-	-
17.	AT5G17320 [41]	II	+	-	-
18.	AT5G25830 [44]	II	+	-	-
19.	AT5G27580 [45]	II	+	-	-
20.	AT5G61420 [58]	II	-	-	+
21.	AT4G14560 [30]	III	+	-	-
22.	AT5G17810 [42]	III	+	-	-
23.	AT5G63160 [60]	III	-	-	+
24.	AT1G69490 [12]	III	-	+	+

Legend:

* – one of the three SET domain candidate genes (the ‘chromatin-related’ gene group)

T. Altmann – unpublished data) to obtain evidence for their relevance to heterosis. QTL data was obtained from IL and RIL populations derived from Col-0x Col-0 and C24xC24 reciprocal crosses. Nine out of 61 candidates co-localised with QTL for biomass heterosis and a further 11 co-localised with QTL for increased growth. Additionally, candidate gene locations were compared with QTL for biomass, a trait in and of itself (Lisec *et al.*, 2008). Five out of the nine genes that mapped near biomass heterosis QTL also co-localised with biomass QTL. Four of the 61 candidate genes co-localised exclusively with biomass QTL (Table 3.7). None of candidate genes belonged to an overlapping region of both heterotic QTLs. One third of the candidate genes that co-localised with above mentioned QTLs belonged to the ‘significance category’ I, a half to a category II, and the remaining four genes to category III.

3.4.2. Expression analysis of candidate genes at early stages of heterosis establishment

Expression of candidate genes in F1 hybrids vs. parents was further studied at various developmental time points: at 3, 6, 8, and 10 DAS. 3 DAS was a time point of developmental delay in C24xC24 (refer to section 3.1.1), accompanied with earliest changes in some FAs level in F1 hybrids when compared to parents (refer to section 3.1.3.2). The early onset of biomass hybrid vigour was associated with the 6 DAS stage (small, albeit insignificant changes in hybrid size were visible/become apparent) and at 8 DAS, where the difference in biomass between F1 hybrids and parents was statistically significant. 10 DAS was a time point where heterosis was established (Meyer *et al.*, 2004) and it is also the stage where first two rosette leaves > 1 mm are present (Boyes *et al.*, 2001).

At first, primarily trends present in the obtained expression data were investigated via PCA analysis since such data variation could be attributed to a given data component such as replicate, genotype or time point. The analysis yielded a good separation between parental and hybrid genotypes across all time points (Figure 3.15), which was a promising starting point for further statistical analyses. Significant difference in candidate gene expression between hybrids and parents at different time points was determined in ANOVA analysis followed by Student’s t-tests (the most significant data was marked in green fields in a Table 3.8). Additionally, genes with less stringent significance criteria (Student’s t-tests P value < 0.05 was a significance threshold) were considered as differentially expressed in hybrids (the orange fields in a Table 3.8). Comparisons were limited to differentially expressed genes at individual time points because transcript level differences were generally not maintained over multiple stages. Eighteen candidate genes were differentially expressed in hybrids across the whole time series, while the remaining 33 occurred only transiently. Simi-

larly, when considering only the candidate genes that were ranked to ‘significance category’ I (i.e. group in which candidate genes were statistically the most significant) and genes that co-localised with QTL of interest (refer to section 3.4.1) the most abundant were genes which occurred only transiently (~59% and 45%, respectively). As many as 80% of candidate genes that were identified at 4 DAS were also significant at 3 DAS, 57% at 6 DAS, 55% at 8 DAS, and 72% at 10 DAS. There were only five candidates that were differentially expressed in hybrids only at 4 DAS (AT1G58220 [11], AT5G57390 [56], AT1G26760 [4], AT3G49530 [23], AT5G44080 [53]).

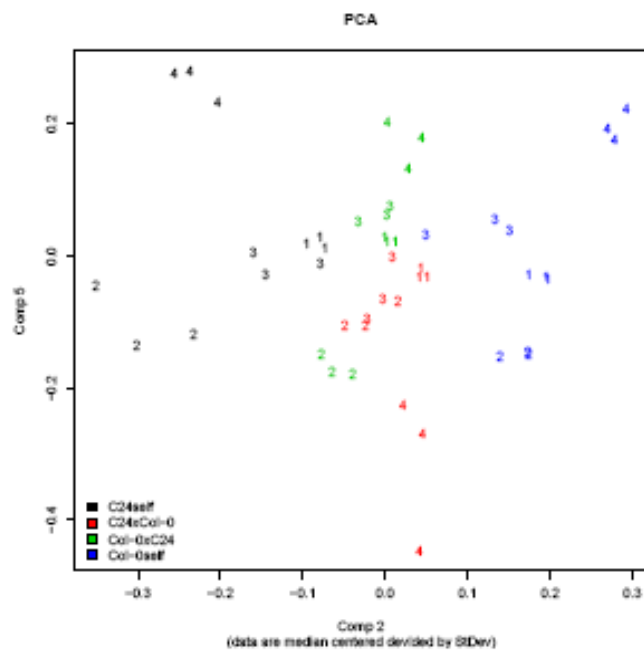


Figure 3.15. PCA analysis of gene expression differences in parental and hybrid genotypes from developmental time series 3-10 DAS

Numbers 1-4 represent the time points: 1 - 3 DAS, 2 - 6 DAS, 3 - 8 DAS, and 4 - 10 DAS

Different colours discriminate the genotypes (marked on the plot area)

Duplications or triplications of each of numbers represent two or three biological replicates, respectively

Gene expression patterns determined among candidate genes that were significantly expressed in hybrids at different time points were different than these defined at 4 DAS in almost all cases (95%, Table 3.8). Examples for changeable expression pattern across different time points are represented by Figures 3.16 A-C, and the maintained throughout time points by Figure 3.16 D. The analyses also revealed that among all the identified candidate genes, a predominant expression patterns at 3, 4, 8 and 10 DAS were the non-additive, whereas 6 DAS the additive and non-additive were almost equal. These results looked different for genes of ‘statistical category’ I (additive effects prevalent in all of the time points) and

the genes co-localising with QTLs of interest (additive and non-additive were almost equally frequent in all of the time points).

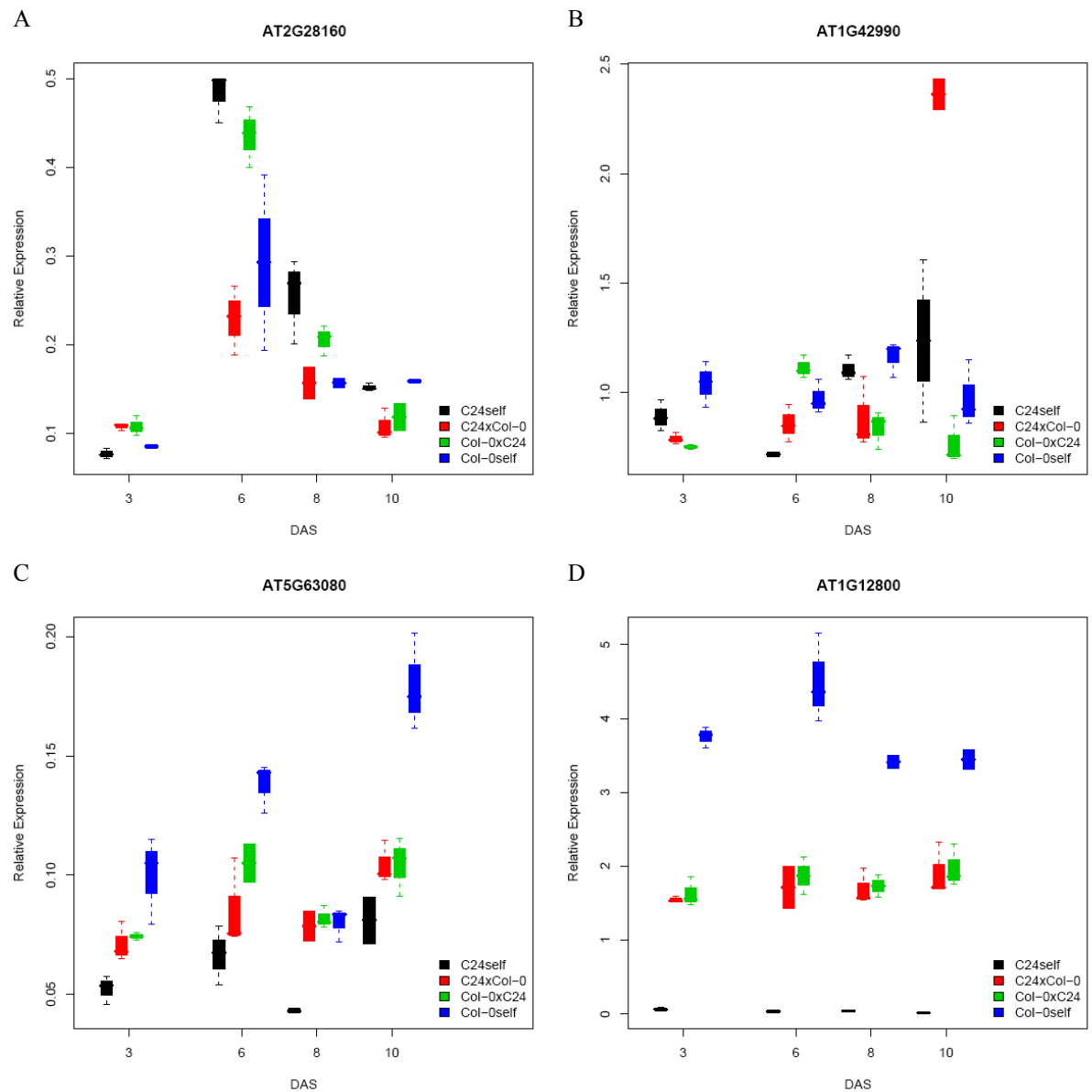


Figure 3.16. Gene expression levels of selected candidates at different developmental stages

- A – Overdominant expression pattern at 3 DAS, and underdominant at 10 DAS i
- B – Underdominant expression pattern at 8 DAS in AT1G42990 [7]
- C – Intermediate_Col-0xC24_high pattern at 3 and 6 DAS, a dominant_Col-0xC24_high at 8 DAS, and a dominant_C24xC24_low at 10 DAS in AT5G63080 [59]
- D – Intermediate_Col-0xC24_high expression pattern maintained across all time points in AT1G12800 [1]

Different colours discriminate the genotypes (marked on the plot area)

The box plot consists of median expression values from replicas (horizontal line marked on the box), box area where falls the middle 50% of the data (the upper edge of the box indicates the 75th percentile, and the lower hinge indicates the 25th percentile of the data set, respectively), and the whiskers, which ends mark the lowest and highest expression value.

Table 3.8. Summary of data obtained from candidate gene expression analysis across the developmental time serious (columns 5-9) and in crosses of different *Arabidopsis* accessions at 4 DAS (in columns 10 and 11)

No.	AGI code [AGI order number]	Ranking Group of Candidate Gene Significance at 4 DAS	Gene co-localisation with QTL	3 DAS Col-0/C24	4 DAS Col-0/C24	6 DAS Col-0/C24	8 DAS Col-0/C24	10 DAS Col-0/C24	4 DAS CI-0/Nd	4 DAS C24/Ler
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1.	AT1G12800 [1]	I	biomass heterosis	2	8	2	2	2	1	1
2.	AT1G32870 [6]	I		12	2	2	2	2		1
3.	AT1G58220 [11]	I	biomass		2				2	
4.	AT1G77080 [16]	I		2	2	2	2	2	2	1
5.	AT2G39250 [19]	I		any	1			any		7
6.	AT2G45660 [20]	I		any	7	7		7	any	6
7.	AT4G12020 [28]	I	growth heterosis	2	2	N/A	any	N/A	2	1
8.	AT4G13460 [29]**	I	growth heterosis	any	8	6				2
9.	AT4G29190 [31]	I		10	10		any	any	10	any
10.	AT5G01160 [33]	I			10			7		
11.	AT5G08712 [36]*	I		any	7			any		any
12.	AT5G11270 [38]	I		2	2	2				any
13.	AT5G25810 [43]	I	growth heterosis	10	6	6		6		any
14.	AT5G38860 [47]	I		2	2	2	2	7		1
15.	AT5G43990 [52]**	I		any	2			8		
16.	AT5G57390 [56]	I	biomass heterosis		1				2	any
17.	AT5G63080 [59]	I	biomass	2	2	2	8	7	any	any
18.	AT5G67480 [61]	I		5	7		any	6	any	any
19.	AT1G20696 [3]	II		6	1	6		any		any
20.	AT1G26760 [4]**	II			8				12	
21.	AT1G28370 [5]	II		any	10	any		any	2	
22.	AT1G47760 [8]	II		any	12	any	any	7	1	1
23.	AT1G53160 [10]	II	biomass heterosis; biomass	6	2	any	any	7		any
24.	AT1G72650 [13]	II	biomass heterosis; biomass		10			7		
25.	AT1G73830 [14]	II	biomass heterosis	2	10		4	any	any	any
26.	AT2G28160 [18]	II	biomass heterosis	3	1	any	any	4		1
27.	AT3G46090 [22]	II	biomass heterosis; biomass	any	2					11
28.	AT3G49530 [23]	II	biomass heterosis; biomass		10					

No.	AGI code [AGI order number]	Ranking Group of Candidate Gene Significance at 4 DAS	Gene co-localisation with QTL	3 DAS Col-0/C24	4 DAS Col-0/C24	6 DAS Col-0/C24	8 DAS Col-0/C24	10 DAS Col-0/C24	4 DAS CI-0/Nd	4 DAS C24/Ler
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
29.	AT3G50890 [24]	II		any	8	6		any	any	7
30.	AT4G08250 [27]	II	growth heterosis	any	10		9			5
31.	AT5G10140 [37]	II		5	5	5	5	5	2	8
32.	AT5G13790 [39]	II			10	2	2	2		1
33.	AT5G17300 [40]	II	growth heterosis	10	7	10	any	7	2	7
34.	AT5G17320 [41]	II	growth heterosis	any	9	6	6	1	1	2
35.	AT5G25830 [44]	II	growth heterosis	6	8	1	any	any		12
36.	AT5G27580 [45]	II	growth heterosis	any	1	1	5	1		any
37.	AT5G41920 [50]	II		any	2	any	7	2	8	5
38.	AT5G43170 [51]	II		any	11	6	any	6	2	2
39.	AT5G44080 [53]	II			8					
40.	AT5G46690 [54]	II		12	9	any	any	any	7	2
41.	AT5G47370 [55]	II		6	10			any	any	2
42.	AT5G59820 [57]	II			10	any	any		2	9
43.	AT1G16530 [2]	III		any	any					any
44.	AT1G42990 [7]	III		any	any	any	4	any		8
45.	AT1G51070 [9]	III		2	any					7
46.	AT1G69490 [12]	III	biomass heterosis; biomass	any	any		7	any	any	8
47.	AT1G76590 [15]	III		any	any			any	8	1
48.	AT2G15580 [17]	III		2	any	2	4	7		
49.	AT3G25990 [21]	III		7	any			7		
50.	AT4G14560 [30]	III	growth heterosis	1	any	any			2	
51.	AT4G37610 [32]	III		10	any		4	any	8	10
52.	AT5G04760 [34]	III			any		any	any	any	
53.	AT5G07690 [35]	III			any	any	any	8	12	
54.	AT5G17810 [42]	III	growth heterosis	6	any	6	any	N/A	2	
55.	AT5G39610 [48]	III		any	any	9		any	any	
56.	AT5G63160 [60]	III	biomass	any	any		any		any	

Legend is given on the following page

Legend:

Field colours:

grey – gene co-localisation with a given QTL,
 dark or light green fields – candidate gene differentially expressed in the hybrid(s) when compared to parents confirmed via ANOVA and Student's t-test,
 orange fields – candidate confirmed only via Student's t-test,
 yellow fields – candidate confirmed only via ANOVA analysis,
 white fields – no differential expression of candidate gene between hybrid(s) and parent(s).

N/A – data not available

* – microRNA

** – SET domain genes (a member of the 'chromatin-related' group of genes)

Expression patterns were following:

any – gene expression did not match any of specific patterns defined in this work,
 1-12 – template numbers (for details refer to section 3.3.1).

Template Number	Col-0/C24		CI-0/Nd		C24/Ler	
	Gene Expression Patterns	Gene Expression Patterns	Gene Expression Patterns	Gene Expression Patterns	Gene Expression Patterns	Gene Expression Patterns
1.	Intermediate_C24xC24_high	Intermediate_Col-0xCol-0_high	Intermediate_Nd_high	Intermediate_Ler_high	Intermediate_C24_high	Intermediate_Ler_high
2.	Intermediate_Col-0xCol-0_high	Overdominant (F1 high)	Intermediate_CI-0_high	Intermediate_C24_high	Overdominant (F1 high)	Overdominant (F1 high)
3.	Overdominant (F1 high)	Underdominant (F1 low)	Overdominant (F1 high)	Underdominant (F1 low)	Underdominant (F1 low)	Underdominant (F1 low)
4.	Underdominant (F1 low)	Dominant_C24xC24_high	Underdominant (F1 low)	Dominant_Nd_high	Dominant_Ler_high	Dominant_Ler_high
5.	Dominant_C24xC24_high	Dominant_Col-0xCol-0_low	Dominant_Nd_high	Dominant_C24_low	Dominant_C24_low	Dominant_C24_low
6.	Dominant_Col-0xCol-0_low	Dominant_C24xC24_low	Dominant_CI-0_low	Dominant_Ler_low	Dominant_Ler_low	Dominant_Ler_low
7.	Dominant_C24xC24_low	Dominant_Col-0xCol-0_high	Dominant_Nd_low	Dominant_C24_high	Dominant_C24_high	Dominant_C24_high
8.	Dominant_Col-0xCol-0_high	Maternal_C24xC24_high	Dominant_CI-0_high	Maternal_Ler_high	Maternal_Ler_high	Maternal_Ler_high
9.	Maternal_C24xC24_high	Maternal_Col-0xCol-0_high	Maternal_Nd_high	Maternal_C24_high	Maternal_C24_high	Maternal_C24_high
10.	Maternal_Col-0xCol-0_high	Paternal_C24xC24_high	Maternal_CI-0_high	Paternal_Ler_high	Paternal_Ler_high	Paternal_Ler_high
11.	Paternal_C24xC24_high	Paternal_Col-0xCol-0_high	Paternal_Nd_high	Paternal_C24_high	Paternal_C24_high	Paternal_C24_high
12.	Paternal_Col-0xCol-0_high	Paternal_Col-0xCol-0_high	Paternal_CI-0_high	Paternal_C24_high	Paternal_C24_high	Paternal_C24_high

3.4.3. Expression analysis of candidate genes of different *Arabidopsis* accessions

Candidate genes that were previously selected in Col-0/C24 crosses at 4 DAS were further validated in 4 DAS hybrids of different *Arabidopsis* accessions showing negative (Cl-0 crossed to Nd) and positive (*Ler* crossed to C24) heterosis of biomass (Figure 3.17).

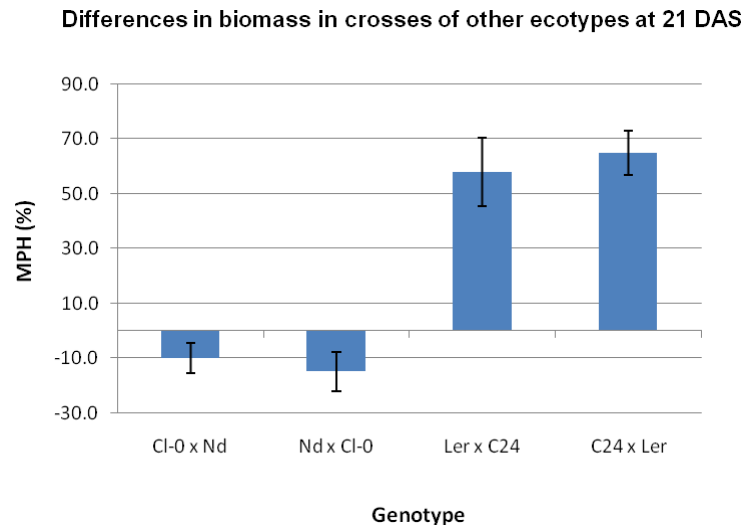


Figure 3.17. Biomass heterosis in *Ler*/C24 and Nd/Cl-0 crosses determined at 21 DAS

The expression data obtained for parental and hybrid seedlings at 4 DAS were first subjected into PCA analysis. It yielded a good separation between parental and hybrid genotypes in both sets of crosses (Figures 3.18 A and B), which was a promising starting point for further statistical analyses.

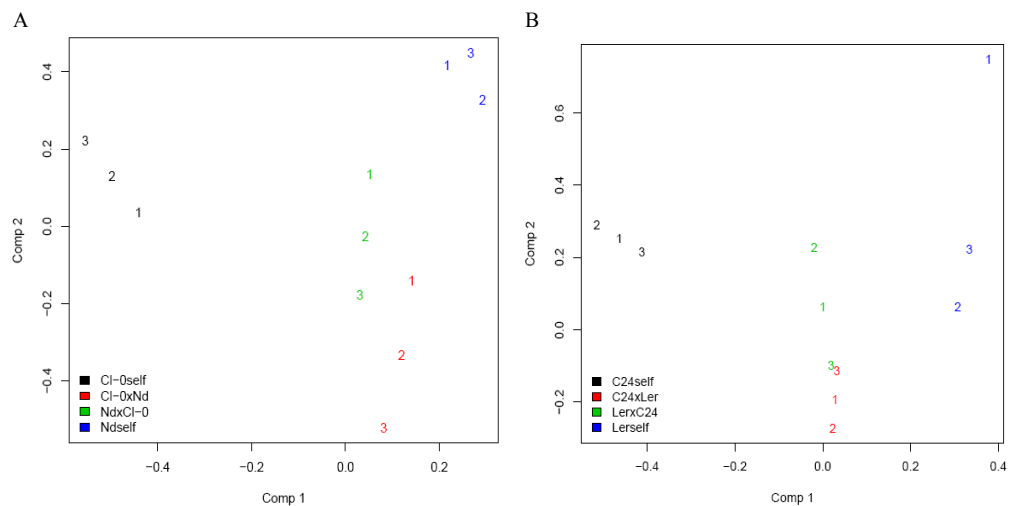


Figure 3.18. PCA separation of different genotypes resulting from crosses of other *Arabidopsis* accessions

A – Cl-0 with Nd, B – *Ler* with C24

Numbers 1-3 represent biological replicates

Different colours discriminate the genotypes (marked on the plot area)

The candidate genes of a main focus in a validation analysis were exhibiting dominant expression pattern when hybrid expression levels were compared to parental in Col-0/C24 crosses at 4 DAS (refer to section 3.3.1). The scheme of the analysis performed to validate these candidate genes is given in Figure 3.19. The candidate gene was considered to be validated if it exhibited the same dominant pattern in the crosses of positive biomass heterosis (*Ler*/C24 and Col-0/C24, Figure 3.19) and ‘the opposite dominant pattern’ in the crosses of negative biomass heterosis (CI-0/Nd, Figure 3.19). The analysis was based on the assumption that if a candidate gene in question influences a biomass increase in the heterotic hybrids, a correlation between hybrid expression level in the range of a ‘higher parent’ and a biomass increase should be followed by a correlation between hybrid expression level in the range of a ‘lower parent’ and a decrease in hybrid biomass. The analysis resulted in confirmation of dominant expression patterns in only three from 12 candidate genes profiled in the *Ler*/C24 crosses (AT2G45660 [20] – a ‘significance category’ I, AT5G10140 [37] – a ‘significance category’ II, AT5G17300 [40] – a significance category’ II and co-localisation with growth heterosis). Unfortunately, the opposite effects in the CI-0/Nd crosses could not be found (Table 3.8, columns 10 and 11).

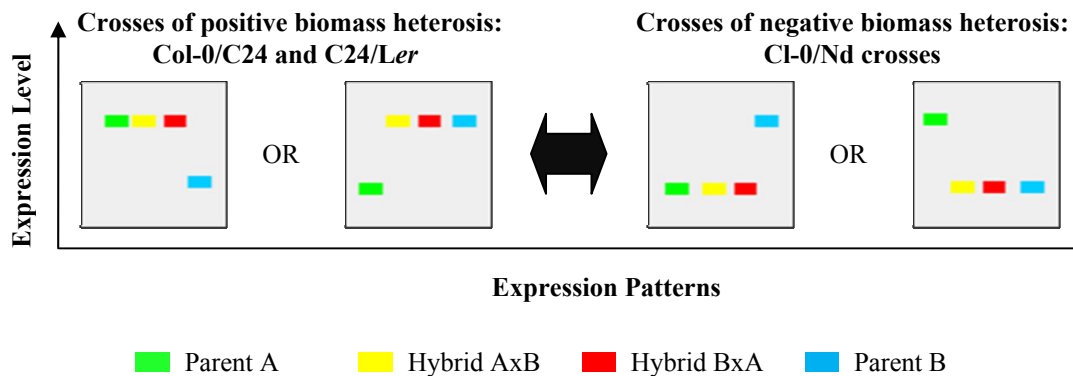


Figure 3.19. The analysis scheme for a validation of candidate genes with dominant expression patterns

Additionally, the remaining 44 candidates were expression-profiled in the same set of crosses of positive and negative biomass heterosis. Thirty nine candidate genes were differentially expressed in hybrids when compared to parents in *Ler*/C24 crosses (green and orange fields, Table 3.8). In this group nine genes (AT2G28160 [18] – a ‘significance category’ II/co-localisation with biomass heterosis, AT5G17300 [40] – a ‘significance category’ II/co-localisation with growth heterosis, AT1G32870 [6] – a ‘significance category’ I, AT1G77080 [16] – a ‘significance category’ I, AT2G45660 [20] – a ‘significance category’ I,

AT4G12020 [28] – a ‘significance category’ I/co-localisation with growth heterosis, AT5G10140 [37] – a ‘significance category’ II, AT5G38860 [47] – a ‘significance category’ I, AT5G59820 [57] – a ‘significance category’ II) exhibited the same expression pattern as in C24/Col-0 crosses (3 dominant, 5 intermediate and one maternal; Table 3.8). Eighteen out of 39 candidate genes that were differentially expressed in the hybrids of *Ler*/C24 crosses (green and orange fields) were not differentially expressed in hybrids of C1-0/Nd crosses. Surprisingly, there were also found 10 candidate genes differentially expressed in hybrids of negative heterosis crosses but not of positive crosses.

3.5. Exploring of the possible role of rDNA genes in heterosis

Different approaches were taken to test if the increased growth of the F1 hybrids is correlated with the rDNA activity. The following parameters were measured and compared in hybrids and parents: expression level of rRNA genes (section 3.5.1), nucleolus area (section 3.5.2), and ploidy level (section 3.5.3).

3.5.1. Expression analysis of rRNA genes

To test whether F1 hybrids have enhanced levels of rRNA per cell which could account for increased early growth rates the expression of 25S, 18S, and 5.8S subunits were measured via qRT-PCR in parental and hybrid seedlings at 4 DAS (Figure 3.20). No significant difference in the expression level of any of these genes was found between hybrids and parental lines.

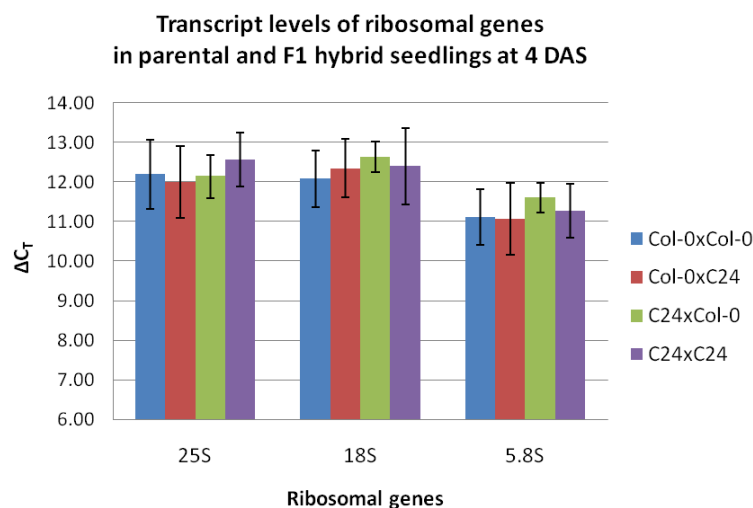


Figure 3.20. Comparison of transcript levels of ribosomal genes in parents and hybrids at 4 DAS

One unit corresponds to 2-fold difference in gene expression level. Here, a ΔC_T was given as $\Delta C_T = C_{T \text{ gene}} - C_{T \text{ reference gene}}$ due to high ribosomal gene expression, which is higher than that of reference gene.

3.5.2. Comparison of nucleolus area

Measurement of nucleolus area in F1 hybrids and parents was performed as a proxy for rDNA activity. Increased rDNA transcription leads to increased nucleolus area (Delany *et al.*, 1994). The suspended nuclei of 6 DAS seedlings were stained with fluorescent DAPI and subjected into flow cytometry to sort nuclei according to ploidy level. A ploidy level was determined on the basis of obtained histograms where relative fluorescence intensity represented a relative DNA content. At least 100 nucleoli of 2C (i.e., one unreplicated copy of the nuclear DNA) and 4C DNA content were flow sorted onto microscopic slides and silver stained (Figure 3.21) to perform measurements of nucleolus area. Unfortunately, the variability in nucleolus area within genotypes was greater than any difference between genotypes (Figure 3.22). Therefore, no significant difference was found in nucleolus size between hybrids and parents.

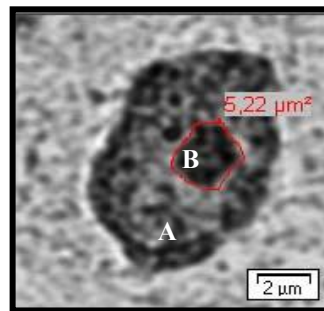


Figure 3.21. Col-0xC24 at 4C ploidy level

Nucleolus area was measured after the silver staining.

A – nucleus area

B – nucleolus area ($5.22 \mu\text{m}^2$)

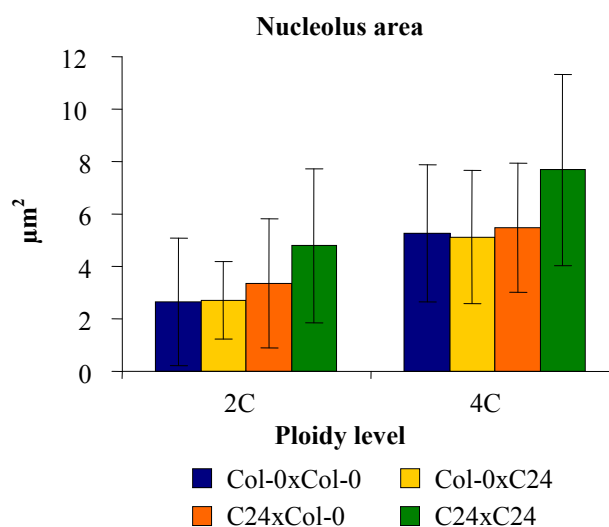


Figure 3.22. Comparison of nucleolus area at 2C and 4C ploidy level

Error bars show SD

3.5.3. Analysis of endoreduplication (endoreplication)

Changes in endoreduplication level across a developmental time series were followed by measuring ploidy level in F1 hybrids and parents (the ploidy level was determined in the

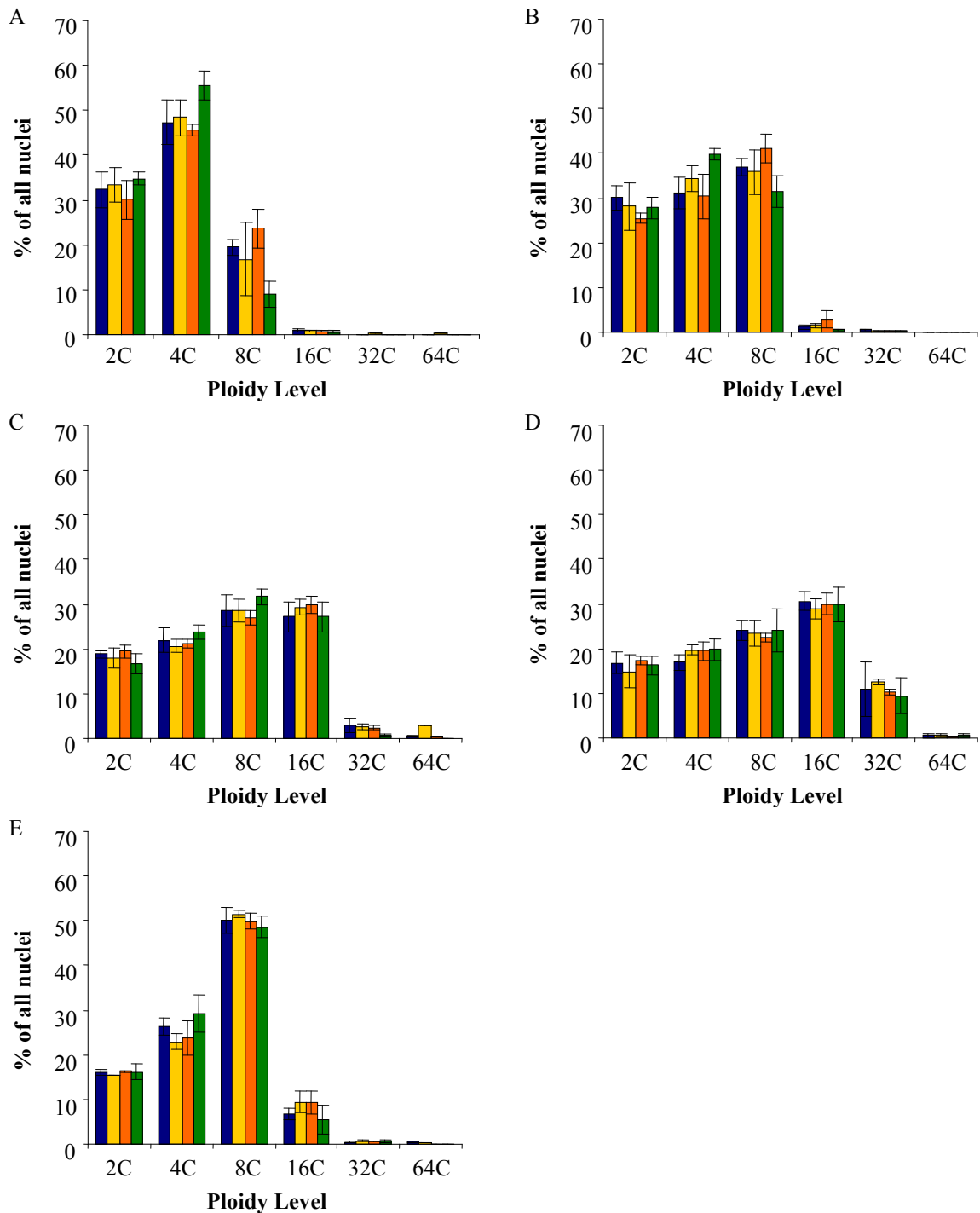


Figure 3.23. Ploidy level in the cells of parents and hybrids determined by flow cytometry

■ Col-0xCol-0 ■ Col-0xC24 ■ C24xCol-0 ■ C24xC24
 A – whole seedlings at 4 DAS
 B – whole seedlings at 6 DAS
 C – cotyledons of seedlings at 10 DAS
 D – cotyledons of plantlets at 15 DAS
 E – secondary leaves of plantlets at 15 DAS

same way as described in the previous chapter). An increase in ploidy level was observed for all genotypes from 4 DAS till 6 DAS (the whole seedlings; Figures 3.23 A-D) and from 10 to 15 DAS (cotyledons; Figures 3.23 C and D). Ploidy levels were higher in cotyledons at 15 DAS than in young leaves of the same plantlet for all genotypes (Figures 3.23 D and E). However, no significant differences in ploidy level were observed between hybrids and parents at any developmental stage (Figure 3.23).

3.6. Characterisation of *FRIGIDA* (AT4G00650) in relation to heterosis

The direction of PhD study, which was investigation of a role that selected regulatory genes play in heterosis, was further driven to an analysis of the possible involvement of the *FRIGIDA* gene (*FRI*) in biomass heterosis.

3.6.1. Analysis of an IL line carrying a segment containing *FRIGIDA*

The influence on plant dry weight (DW) of a C24 donor segment carrying *FRIGIDA* in both homozygous and heterozygous backgrounds, and a possible interaction with the *FLC* gene was examined. For this purpose introgressions line (IL) N88/2/1/10 BC5F3 and its test

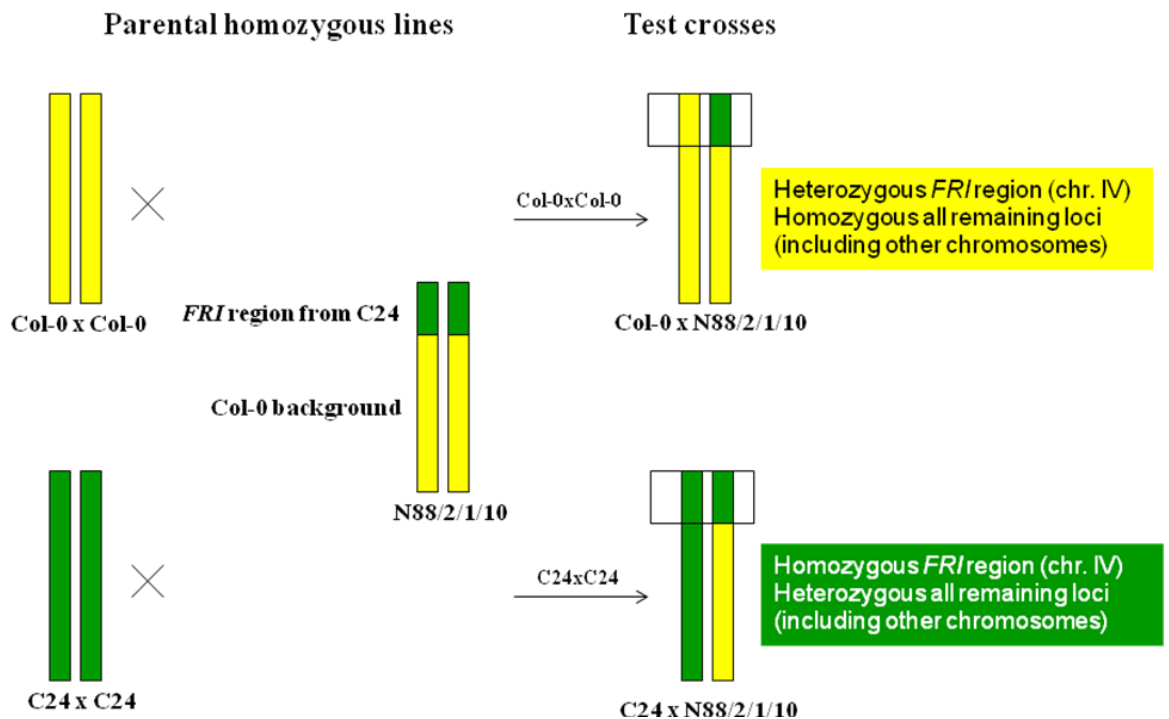


Figure 3.24. Schematic representation of chromosome IV in the IL line N88/2/1/10 and test crosses

crosses (IL crossed to Col-0xCol-0 and to C24xC24) were studied, (Figure 3.24). The substitutions were introgressed close to the top of chromosome (chr) IV where a QTL for biomass heterosis was identified (research group of Altmann T. - unpublished data). IL N88/2/1/10

BC5F3 was a homozygous line (Figure 3.24), in which the C24 segment of 340 loci was introgressed into Col-0xCol-0 background. It is known, that up-regulation of *FLC* by *FRI* differs depending on the activity of both genes and is different for various genotypes; *FRI* was found to be functional in C24 but not in Col-0 ecotype, whereas *FLC* is strong in Col-0 but weak in C24 (Gazzani *et al.*, 2003). This IL line carried functional *FRI* alleles from chr IV of C24 (*FRI*_{C24}/*FRI*_{C24}) and strong *FLC* alleles from chromosome V of C24 (*FLC*_{C24}/*FLC*_{C24}) and its DW was significantly greater than that of either Col-0xCol-0 or C24xC24 (Student's t-test P-values < 0.05 were used as a significance threshold in this experiment). There was a significant difference in DW between N88/2/1/10 progeny of test crosses and the Col-0xCol-0 and C24xC24 controls (Figure 3.25). Additionally, the biomasses of Col-0xN88/2/1/10, C24xN88/2/1/10 and N88/2/1/10 IL line were similar. In the both test crosses at least one of the two loci from *FRI* or *FLC* was represented by strong dominant allele (heterozygosity), whereas in both parents *FLC* and *FRI* loci came from the same ecotype (homozygosity). These results suggest that an introgressed region, and possibly the interaction of the strong dominant *FRI* allele from C24xC24 (*FRI*_{C24}) with the strong dominant *FLC* allele from Col-0xCol-0 (*FLC*_{Col-0}) might be involved in the observed biomass increase.

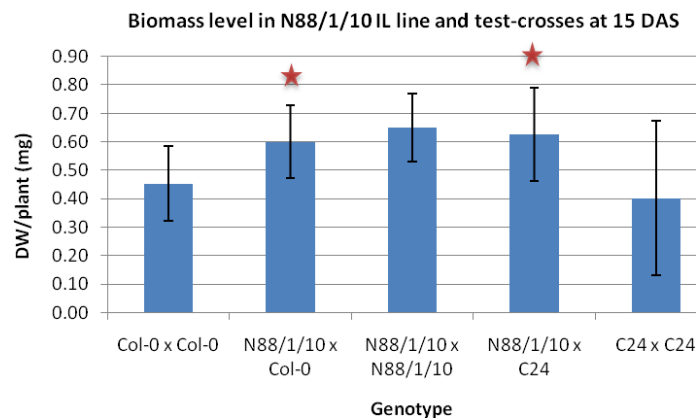


Figure 3.25. Comparison of biomasses in N88/2/1/10 IL, Col-0xCol-0 and C24xC24 homozygous lines and their test crosses

3.6.2. Creation and analysis of RNAi lines suppressing *FRIGIDA*

A reverse genetics approach was used to investigate the parental contribution of *FRIGIDA* to biomass and growth heterosis. The approach involved RNAi suppression of *FRI* expression in both Col-0xCol-0 and C24xC24 backgrounds. For creation and analysis of RNAi lines resources of AGRIKOLA project (www.agrikola.org; Hilson *et al.*, 2004) such as *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* colonies carrying hpRNA plasmid and required protocols set up and were implemented.

3.6.2.1. Validation of pAGRIKOLA clones via sequencing analysis

Agrobacterium tumefaciens strain GV3101 carrying hpRNA expression plasmid (Hilson *et al.*, 2004) for suppression of *FRIGIDA* was obtained from the AGRIKOLA project (<http://www.agrikola.org>). The hairpin (hp) construct of AGRIKOLA plasmid contained a GST (gene specific tag) with the length of 400 bp (CATMA ID: 4a00720). The GST was cloned on both sides of the intron spacer in inverted orientation to express hairpin (Figure 3.26 B). The clone validation (Figure 3.26 A) was based on PCR analysis according to AGRIKOLA validation protocols (Selection and validation of individual *Agrobacterium* clones; <http://www.agrikola.org/index.php?o=/agrikola/html/transformation>) and a sequencing analysis. Bacterial colonies verified for a desired hpRNA construct (Figure 3.26) were used to transform seeds from Col-0xCol-0 and C24xC24 plants.

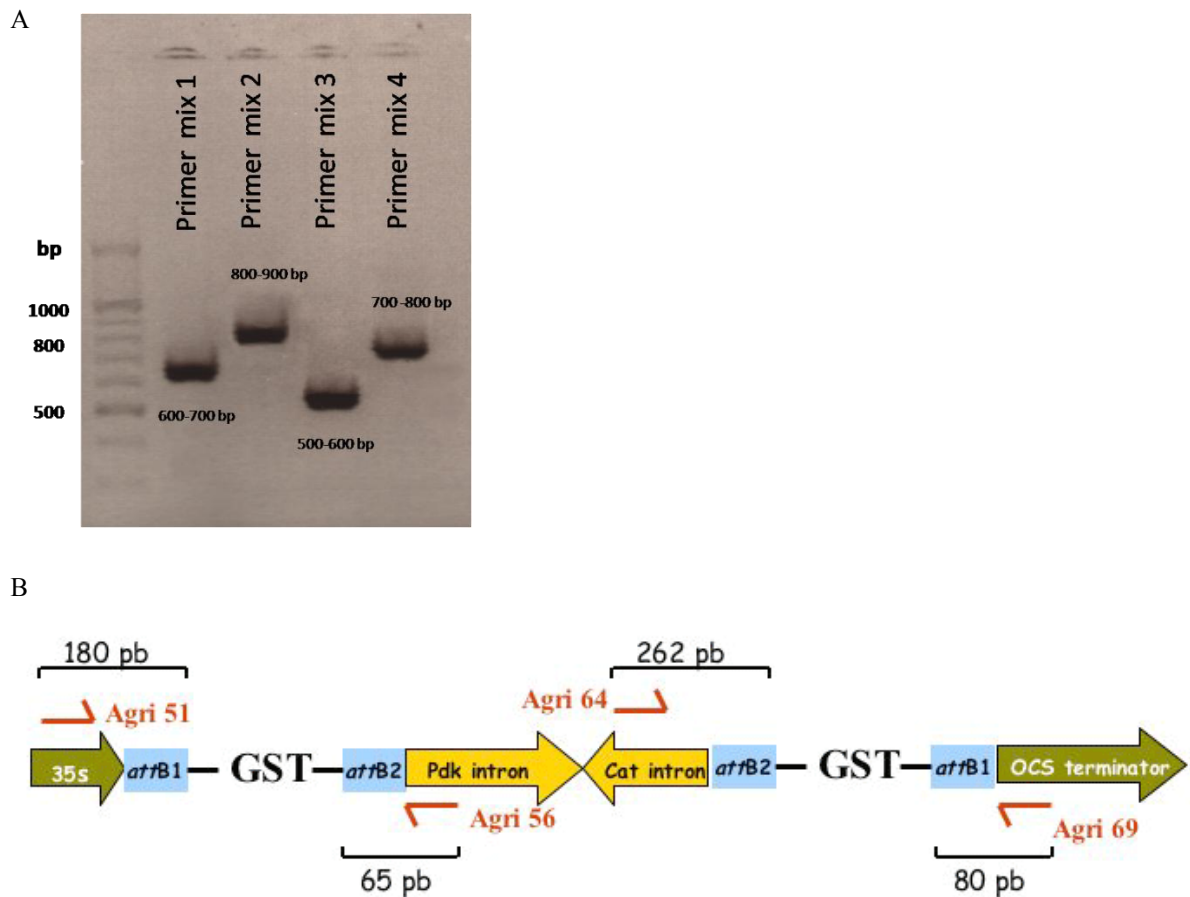


Figure 3.26. PCR verification of *A. tumefaciens* transformants (www.agrikola.org; Hilson *et al.*, 2004)

- PCR products of expected length obtained from amplification of hpRNA expression plasmid with a set of AGRIKOLA primers (Agri 51/56/64/69). The four primers were positioned in such a way that the GST subunits present in hairpin cassette of the hpRNA expression plasmid (panel B) were easily distinguished by size in agarose gel electrophoresis.
- The structure of the recombined hairpin cassette with the inverted GST repeats.

3.6.2.2. PCR screen and selection of *FRI*/RNAi lines of Col-0 and C24 background

Transgenic *FRI* RNAi T1 lines in Col-0xCol-0 background were produced and screened according to AGRIKOLA protocols (PCR on genomic DNA using primers Agri 51/56/64/69; www.agrikola.org) to validate the hpRNA construct in the same way as for bacterial plasmids. From these, 20 lines with desired construct were selected for further analysis.

Attempts to obtain *FRI* RNAi T1 lines in C24xC24 background failed. The subsequent trials and transformation protocol improvements allowed obtaining not more than 20 plants; however, in any of them construct could be validated. These plants did not survive even to reach the stage of fully developed rosette (Boyes *et al.*, 2001).

3.6.2.3. Analysis of the expression of *FRI* in selected RNAi lines

It was not possible to prove the silencing effect on *FRI* expression in RNAi T1 lines (Col-0xCol-0 background) at the developmental stage described by Shindo *et al.*, (2005) using the following methods: Northern blotting, semi-qPCR, and qRT-PCR expression analysis (Figure 3.27).

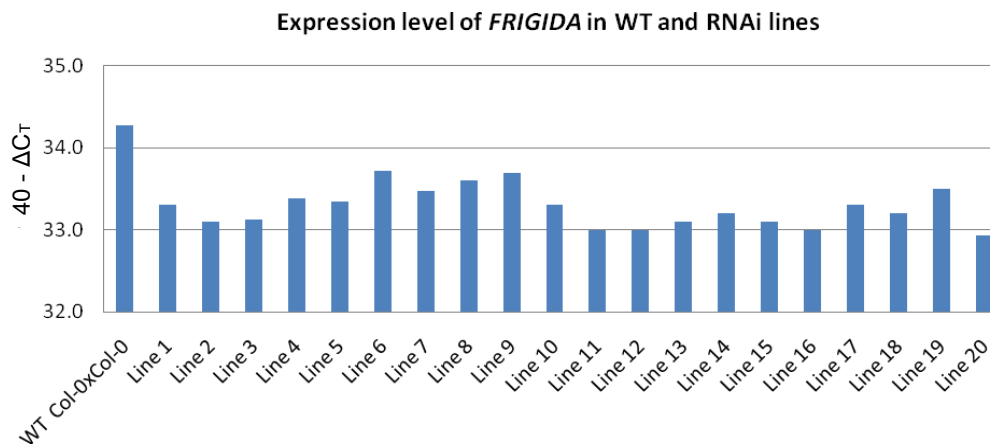


Figure 3.27. Levels of *FRIGIDA* suppression in RNAi lines

One unit on y-axis represents a two-fold difference of expression level.

No potential phenotypic differences between *FRI* RNAi and wild type plants were observed in the first three to four weeks following germination in plants grown in a greenhouse.

4. DISCUSSION

4.1. Determination of a divergence point between hybrids and parents

The first objective of this work was the identification of time point of the earliest divergence between F1 hybrids and parental inbred lines based on microscopic and biochemical studies of early development. The increased relative growth rate and biomass of young hybrid seedlings observed by Meyer *et al.*, (2004) could be explained, for example, by differences in the nature of seed reserves in the F1 seed, but not size and mass because these were identical in the four genotypes, as pointed out in the Materials and Methods. Additional observations and analyses on early development could provide insights into whether differences in seedling establishment resulted from faster germination, more rapid mobilisation and utilisation of seed reserves, or some physiological and developmental processes that follow the transition to photo-autotrophic growth. Because the earliest differences between hybrids and parents could potentially be driven by differential expression of regulatory genes such as TFs, which play master roles in the control of development, the identification of a time point of divergence was essential to select an appropriate time point for gene expression profiling to identify regulatory genes potentially involved in heterosis.

Observations performed in this study on germination and early seedling development suggested that the germination rate does not explain the differences in growth rate between parents and hybrids reported at 8 DAS. The markedly slower growth of C24xC24 manifested at 3 DAS was not apparent at 4 DAS (Figure 3.1), where development of all four hybrid and parental genotypes was homogenous.

While light microscopy revealed mobilisation of reserve material during seed germination (Microscopic pictures of mature seeds followed by stages 24-96 HAS in Annex B), resolution was insufficient to identify significant differences in the rate of mobilisation in the different genotypes. More sophisticated microscopic methods, including transmission electron microscopy (TEM) and the use of dyes of higher sensitivity (Mansfield and Briarty, 1996) could be used in the future to quantify any differences in sizes, numbers or structure of storage organelles of hybrid and parental seed during germination. Substantial increases in the volume of cells or vacuoles, plastids and other cell compartments are correlated with the mobilisation of storage reserves (Mansfield and Briarty, 1996).

Significant differences in metabolite levels between F1 hybrids and parents were detected at all time points (including mature seeds) via GC-MS and GC (Tables 1-2 in Annex C, and Figures 3.5 and 3.6). However, the most informative data concerning the point of diver-

gence between genotypes was obtained from fatty acid analysis, which revealed that the switch to photoautotrophic growth occurred in both parents and hybrids around 3-4 DAS and that differences in the synthesis or utilisation of FAs between F1 hybrids and parents were found at 4-6 DAS.

Taken together, the cellular and metabolite data prompted us to choose the stage 3-4 DAS as the most promising for gene expression profiling to reveal underlying genetic differences between genotypes. To avoid potential effects of non-homogenous development of C24xC24 on gene expression, the 4 DAS time point was selected in preference to 3 DAS. Another rationale for this choice was the need for sufficient material for qRT-PCR, which required microgram quantities of high quality of RNA for cDNA synthesis.

4.2. Reliability of expression data

High-throughput qRT-PCR developed by Czechowski *et al.*, (2004) was used to study the expression of transcription factors and other genes selected in this work. Sample preparation and testing procedures including testing of gene-specific primers, were carried out previously for the Columbia genotype (Czechowski *et al.*, 2004). However, the methods and especially the gene-specific primers had to be tested on the C24 genotype used in this work. Based on sequence data, it was estimated that Columbia and C24 differ on average by 1 in 430 bp in coding regions (Thomas Altmann, personal communication). The most pessimistic estimates indicated that less than 10% of PCR reactions using C24 cDNA would be affected by single nucleotide polymorphisms between Columbia and C24. In fact, experimental testing showed that 98% of 380 randomly-chosen TF primer pairs designed on the Columbia sequence also worked on C24 (data not shown). Differences in the efficiency of cDNA amplification between reference cDNA obtained from Columbia and cDNA from other genotypes were determined from the kinetics of target amplification. In addition, amplification products of C24 were compared to those of Columbia, using dissociation/melting curve data (Ririe *et al.*, 1997). Every gene for which a significant difference in primer efficiency or amplification product was found between Columbia and C24 was excluded from overall data analysis. Among the genes excluded were those expressed at very low levels ($C_T > 35$). This 'filter' reduced technical variation in the data generated. Excluded genes constituted 22% of TFs, 25% of microRNAs, and 7% of 'chromatin-related' genes covered by gene-specific primers. As reference genes for transcript normalisation, four primer pairs from a set of reference gene primers available for qRT-PCR analysis (Czechowski *et al.*, 2005) were selected based on

experimental tests of cDNA from both Columbia and C24. These primers performed very well on cDNA from other genotypes used in this work.

Apart from the technical resources discussed above, appropriate experimental design and selection of the most suitable statistical methods for high throughput experiments (refer to sections of Materials and Methods, and Results) increased the reliability of expression data presented in this work. Additionally, analyses of three biological replicates (in almost all cases) allowed for more accurate estimation of expression values, as demonstrated by Lee *et al.*, (2000).

4.3. Significance of candidate genes

The complex phenomenon of heterosis was expected to involve global changes in gene expression. Several early studies in maize have shown that heterosis is accompanied by changes in gene expression, both at the RNA and protein levels (Leonardi *et al.*, 1987, 1988, and 1991; Romagnoli *et al.*, 1990; Tsaftaris and Polidoros, 1993; Tsaftaris 1995; Xiong *et al.*, 1998; Wu *et al.*, 2001). In this study, transcript abundances between parental inbred lines and their reciprocal hybrids were compared in order to identify regulatory genes potentially involved in the heterosis of relative growth rate and consequently biomass. Regulatory genes that were subjected to the analysis included known as well as putative transcription factors (expression of 1469 genes in total was detected via qRT-PCR in 4 DAS seedlings) and microRNAs (87). In addition, expression profiling of genes encoding proteins involved in the epigenetic control of gene expression and/or chromatin modification processes (58 ‘chromatin-related’ genes, Table 3.1) was performed. A set of 61 heterosis-related gene candidates were identified including 57 TF or putative TF genes, three SET-domain genes, and one candidate microRNA gene. The TF group included six genes of uncertain or updated annotation, where AT4G04880 [26] was re-annotated as an adenosine/AMP deaminase (Table 3.5). As the last gene fell beyond category of regulatory genes, it was not considered further in the discussion. This section of Discussion focuses on the 57 candidate regulatory genes consisting of 56 TFs (or putative TFs) and one microRNA, whereas ‘chromatin related’ genes are focused on in chapter 4.4.

To date, no reports have dealt specifically with the role of TFs or microRNAs in heterosis although some reports have identified TFs among differentially expressed genes in the maize hybrids (Swanson-Wagner *et al.*, 2006; Meyer *et al.*, 2007; Uzarowska *et al.*, 2007; Stupar *et al.*, 2008; Pea *et al.*, 2008), hybrids of *Arabidopsis* (Vuylsteke *et al.*, 2005) and of wheat (Wu *et al.*, 2003). Interestingly, most comparisons of gene expression in parents versus

hybrids were centred on stages after the manifestation of heterosis (Hoecker *et al.*, 2008), whereas this work is based on a stage (4 DAS) before any of the outward signs of heterosis are manifested.

Our focus on regulatory genes and a time point prior to the manifestation of growth heterosis reflected an expectation that such genes probably play key roles in genetic regulatory networks underpinning heterosis. It is generally agreed that heterosis effect on quantitative traits is determined by multiple genes or loci (Lippmann and Zamir, 2006; Pea *et al.*, 2008; Frascaroli *et al.*, 2007; Kusterer *et al.*, 2007; Melchinger *et al.*, 2007). Therefore, it was checked whether any of the differentially expressed regulatory genes were located in the QTL regions of biomass heterosis, heterosis of growth and of biomass *per se*, determined by the group of Thomas Altmann (personal communication). It was found that 40% of these regulatory genes (23) co-localised with QTLs: nine with the heterotic QTL for biomass, ten with the heterotic QTL for growth, and nine with the QTL for biomass *per se*. Of these 23, five genes were linked in the same time to heterotic QTL of biomass and QTL for biomass *per se* (Table 3.7). It was surprising that none of candidate genes fell in the overlapping region between the heterotic QTLs for biomass and growth. Among all the QTL co-localising candidate regulatory genes (the ‘QTL group’), only TF or putative TF genes were found. The prediction of Salvi and Tuberosa (2005) that QTLs of quantitative traits will be found at microRNA loci seemed promising to investigate the role of microRNAs in biomass over performance of hybrids. However, among the whole set of microRNAs taken to expression analysis just one was found to be differentially expressed in hybrids and at the same time it does not co-localise with any of the three QTLs. Therefore, it is likely that heterosis of biomass does not operate on regulatory mechanisms driven by microRNAs.

In the absence of direct functional data, it was considered useful to determine whether information in the literature might shed light on the roles of some of identified candidate genes. Collected data revealed that the specific function of as many as half of TF or putative TF genes that co-localise with the three QTLs of interest is still unknown (Table 3.4). Among the remaining characterised genes, the following three that co-localise with biomass heterosis or biomass *per se* (Table 3.7) were proven to directly influence growth: AT5G63160 [60] (*BT1* of TAZ family) which belongs to calmodulin (CaM)-binding proteins known to be critical for brassinosteroid biosynthesis and plant growth (Du and Poovaiah, 2004 and 2005); AT1G73830 [14] (*BEE3* of bHLH family) involved in brassinosteroid signalling, required for normal growth (Friedrichsen *et al.*, 2002); and AT5G57390 [56] (*AIL5* of AP2-EREBP family) involved in specification of meristematic or division-competent states especially in young

tissues, and expressed primarily in young actively dividing tissues (Nole-Wilson *et al.*, 2005). It would be interesting to further investigate whether advantageous changes occur in the control of the brassinosteroid pathway leading to growth vigour and increased biomass in the hybrids.

All the candidate genes were also characterised based on the expression patterns they exhibited. Two main expression patterns non-additive and additive were recognised depending on whether hybrid gene expression level deviated from, or was the same as, the average of the two parents (mid-parent expression level), as described by Springer and Stupar (2007), and Hoecker *et al.*, (2008). All regulatory candidate genes displayed hybrid expression levels that did not exceed the range of parents (consistent with data from maize hybrids; Guo *et al.*, 2006), thus the two main effects could be simply evaluated further by defining more specific expression patterns. Among the genes with a non-additive pattern of expression, hybrid transcript levels were compared to those of the parents and classified as dominant (specified as *dominant_C24xC24_high*, *dominant_Col-0xCol-0_low*, *dominant_C24xC24_low*, *dominant_Col-0xCol-0_high*), over- and underdominant as well as maternal (specified as *maternal_C24xC24_high*, *maternal_Col-0xCol-0_high*) and paternal (specified as *paternal_C24xC24_high*, *paternal_Col-0xCol-0_high*) (Figure 3.10). Candidate genes with an additive gene expression pattern included two types of expression level relationships between hybrids and parents: *intermediate_C24xC24_high* and *intermediate_Col-0xCol-0_high* (Figure 3.10). Among all 23 TF candidates that co-localised with the QTLs of interest, non-additive effects were the most representative (6 genes of dominant expression phenotype and 5 of maternal), followed by additive (9 genes of intermediate expression phenotype). Expression phenotypes of the three remaining genes did not match any of defined patterns. The previously mentioned genes proven to directly influence growth varied in expression phenotypes: AT1G73830 [14] displayed *maternal_Col-0xCol-0_high* pattern, AT5G57390 [56] *intermediate_C24xC24_high*, whereas AT5G63160 [60] did not match any of defined patterns. When talking about expression patterns, it is important to remember that although these terms describe the relationship between parental and hybrid gene expression levels (expression phenotype of a gene), they do not imply quantitative genetics models like dominance or overdominance. In other words, they cannot be interpreted as an indication of correlation between genetic hypotheses and molecular events leading to heterosis (Hochholdinger and Hoecker 2007). Differential gene expression in hybrids could result from downstream regulation by other genes responding to heterotic growth effects. Therefore, investigations to relate the observed expression phenotypes to gene actions require subsequent analyses including expres-

sion QTL mapping (Lippmann and Zamir 2006; Hochholdinger and Hoecker 2007; Holland, 2007), which is focused on later in Discussion (chapter 4.7). For these reasons, improper usage of these terms can lead to confusion as noted by Lippman and Zachary (2006), and Springer and Stupar (2007).

The approach for selecting the most relevant candidate genes based on they are differentially expressed in contrasting QTL genotypes, are functionally related to and at the same time co-localise with QTL is not yet validated due to low number of QTLs cloned to date in plants (Salvi and Tuberosa, 2005). This means, alternative approaches to select candidate genes at the first screening stage may appear equally useful. As a result, all candidate genes identified in this work were ranked according to their statistical significance (Table 3.3; refer to chapter 3.3.2 of Results section). Significance ranking of candidate genes was as follows: category I included genes for which the expression phenotype matched one of the defined patterns (e.g. dominance, intermediate, maternal, paternal etc.) and the differential expression in hybrid(s) when compared to parent(s) could be proven in all performed statistical tests (i.e. results of tests passed a set significance threshold). This group contained 18 genes (including one microRNA), or constituted 32% of regulatory candidate genes. Category II included genes for which the expression phenotype matched one of defined patterns (24 genes or 42%) but the set significance threshold was not reached in all comparisons performed within *post-hoc* tests (i.e. expression levels differed in hybrid(s) when compared to parent(s), but not statistically). The lack of statistical significance could simply reflect insufficient biological replication (three replicates were performed). Therefore, genes of category II were considered further in this work. Category III group consisted of the remaining 15 genes (or 26%) for which the significance threshold was not reached in all comparisons performed within *post-hoc* tests but their expression phenotype did not match any of expression patterns defined in this work (Table 3.3). Nonetheless, genes from all the three categories of statistical significance (or ‘statistical categories’) were found among the group that co-localised with QTL for growth and/or biomass heterosis (seven of category I, twelve of category II, and four of category III). For this reason, genes from all the three categories were considered in subsequent analyses.

The genes of the most relevant (promising) ‘statistical category’ (i.e. category I) included three regulators whose function might be related to growth. Among them, the previously described AT5G57390 [56] as well as AT5G67480 [61], a Ca²⁺/calmodulin-binding protein and the only candidate microRNA AT5G08712 [36] (*MIR166C* of miR165/166 family) were found. The last candidate regulatory gene is known to target class III Homeodomain leucine-zipper genes whose regulation is essential for normal meristem development (Zhou

et al., 2007). Additionally, it was demonstrated that overexpression of *miR166* causes an enlargement of shoot apical meristems and enhancement in vascular development (Kim *et al.*, 2005; Williams *et al.*, 2005; Zhou *et al.*, 2007). The mir165/166 family may regulate its target genes in a time- and tissue-specific manner and recently it was reported that it may also regulate floral development (Jung and Park, 2007). The first of the above mentioned genes (AT5G57390 [56]) exhibited the intermediate_C24xC24_high expression pattern, whereas the last two (AT5G67480 [61] and AT5G08712 [36]) the dominant_C24xC24_low. The category I gene group also includes a small subset of genes involved in flowering control: AT2G45660 [20] or *AGL20/SOC1* (MADS-box family; additionally it affects the determinacy of all meristems and is involved in the prevention of secondary growth and longevity in annual life forms; Melzer *et al.*, 2008), AT1G77080 [16] or *AGL27/FLM/MAF1* (MADS-box family; inhibitor of flowering, Scortecci *et al.*, 2003) and AT2G39250 [19] or *SNZ* (AP2-EREBP family; repressor of flowering, Schmid *et al.*, 2003). The three genes varied in expression phenotypes and exhibited the following patterns: dominant_C24xC24_low, intermediate_Col-0xCol-0_high, and intermediate_C24xC24_high (respectively). When considering all of the genes of ‘statistical category’ I (18 genes), the most represented effects were additive (11 genes of intermediate pattern, five of dominant and two of maternal), which was in contrast to the ‘QTL group’, where the predominant effects were non-additive.

There is an overlap of seven genes that co-localised with QTLs and belonged to the most relevant ‘statistical category’ I: AT5G25810 [43] (*TNY/TINY* of AP2-EREBP family), AT5G57390 [56] (*AIL5* of AP2-EREBP family), AT5G63080 [59] (JUMONJI family), AT1G58220 [11] (MYB-related family), AT1G12800 [1] (S1 RNA-binding domain-containing protein), AT5G32460 [46] (pseudogene, possible B3 family), and AT4G12020 [28] (*WRKY19* of WRKY family). From these, as many as five remain uncharacterised (Tables 3.4-6). The most representative expression phenotype, as seen independently in both candidate gene groups was the intermediate (5 genes), followed by dominant (2 genes). Apart from the role of AT5G57390 [56], which was previously described, the role of the Jumonji family to which AT5G63080 [59] belongs (intermediate_Col-0xCol-0_high expression pattern) seems worth mentioning. This TF family is involved in epigenetic regulation (Shirato *et al.*, 2009; Lu *et al.*, 2008) by antagonising the activity of the large number of putative SET domain-containing histone methyltransferases. Jumonji genes were shown to control flowering and flower development regulatory genes (Noh *et al.*, 2004; Sun *et al.*, 2008) as well as cell cycle genes (Shirato *et al.*, 2009). The lack of Jumonji N/C domain-containing proteins

results in impaired cell elongation and reduced expression of brassinosteroid target genes which are very important for plant growth and development (Yu *et al.*, 2008).

It was also considered useful to determine whether any TF family was overrepresented amongst the genes when taking into account all the 56 candidate regulatory genes. Among as many as 24 distinct families, the candidate regulatory genes which were the most representative ones were at the same time the most representative among all known TF families. This indicated that it was not possible to find any prevalent family controlling specific process(es) or pathway(s), which could potentially contribute to biomass and/or growth heterosis. In parallel, review of the literature for all of the identified candidate regulatory genes revealed that they were involved in a wide range of processes. Apart from specific functions for some candidate genes that were already described above, the candidate regulatory genes influenced hormonal regulation, signalling and stress responses together with development of different organs or tissues. Additional information for candidate genes that have not been previously characterised (approximately half of candidate genes from at least 18 distinct TF families) was supplied by publicly available microarray expression data (<https://www.genevestigator.ethz.ch/gv/index.jsp>) and was summarised in Table 3.6. The majority of these genes were expressed in most tissues (~81%), throughout most developmental stages (~74%), and almost half (~44%) responded to a variety of treatments (hormone, chemical), stress, or affected nutrient conditions (Table 3.6 and Figures 3.12-14). Although it is sometimes possible to infer possible roles of genes based on when and where they are expressed and how they respond to stimuli, the expression information collected here provided little insight into the role, if any, of these candidate genes with respect to heterosis of biomass and growth. This result could favour previous conclusions from studies on heterosis in different species, namely that there may not be a predominant functional category to which differentially expressed genes belong and that no specific function is required during heterosis manifestation but rather an interplay of genes related to diverse functions (review of Hochholdinger and Hoecker (2007), Hoecker *et al.*, 2008).

Another interesting question was to determine expression phenotypes that are the most represented among regulatory candidate genes identified at 4 DAS (irrespective of the 'statistical category' or QTL co-localisation). Analysis revealed that among 74% of genes that matched expression patterns defined in this thesis, non-additive effects were prevalent (60%) with dominant pattern being overrepresentative (40% of all non-additive effects). This result is similar to the one for only QTL co-localising genes and it could be explained by the fact that the 'QTL group' consists of genes of all statistical categories. Still, the fact that the pre-

dominant expression phenotype of the regulatory candidate genes differs depending on which group of candidate genes is considered ('QTL' or 'statistical') should be kept in mind. On the other hand, among the seven candidate genes that are common for genes that co-localise with QTLs of interest and at the same time belong to the most relevant 'significance category' I, the additive effects prevail. Thus, the additive expression pattern appears more likely when discussing expression phenotypes of regulatory genes that associate heterosis for biomass and growth.

The expression phenotypes exhibited by candidate regulatory genes identified in this work fit to commonly observed trends in global gene expression studies of heterosis (Hochholdinger and Hoecker 2007), where more significant expression differences were found between parental inbred lines than between reciprocal hybrids. However, the maternal (12 genes) and paternal effects (2 genes) displayed by candidate regulatory genes both constituted as many as 25% of all the candidates (11% of all effects were found among the 18 genes of category I and an even higher percentage of 22% was observed within the 'QTL group'). Taking into account that reciprocal hybrids are genetically identical, differences in gene expression between reciprocal hybrids are mainly due to epigenetic effects (Hochholdinger and Hoecker, 2007). Hence, it would be worthwhile to check whether epigenetic control of regulatory genes is involved in heterotic performance.

The expression of candidate regulatory genes was analysed further at different developmental stages (3, 6, 8, and 10 DAS). Irrespective of gene group they represented (category of statistical significance or co-localising with QTLs), on average 30% of the regulatory candidate genes were significantly differentially expressed in hybrids compared to parents at all developmental stages (e.g. previously mentioned AT5G63080 [59]), 10% were significantly different only at 4 DAS (e.g. previously mentioned AT5G57390 [56]), and the remaining ~60% of genes were significantly different at 2-4 different time points (e.g. previously mentioned AT2G45660 [20]); (Table 3.8). These comparisons were limited to differentially expressed genes at individual time points because transcript level differences were generally not maintained over multiple stages. The expression patterns determined for all candidate regulatory genes at different developmental stages varied from this at 4 DAS and in many cases they were different when compared between different time points. Moreover, whereas at 4 DAS any over- or underdominant patterns were present, they were found at other developmental stages (Table 3.8). This holds true irrespective of group candidate genes represented (category of statistical significance or co-localising with QTLs). However, among the candidate genes that were differentially expressed at a certain time point, the ratio additive/non-additive was

similar for genes that co-localised with QTLs of interest. Genes of category I displayed different behaviour: additive patterns prevailed at 3-6 DAS and non-additive at 8-10 DAS. Taken together, these results seem to be enigmatic and require further studies. While it is certainly feasible that heterosis for superior growth could result from a transient boost resulting from changes in gene expression at a single growth stage, it is not possible to conclude whether one or more of the TF genes differentially expressed at 4 DAS conferred any growth advantage on the hybrids. Likewise, in earlier studies, it was not possible to identify any key genes or set of genes involved in heterosis (Hochholdinger and Hoecker, 2007). On the other hand, the growth heterosis could require sustained changes in gene expression involving enhanced expression of regulatory genes over many growth stages. Again, it remains to be seen whether any of the TF genes with this pattern of change in hybrids is involved in superior growth.

The candidate genes that displayed dominant expression pattern at 4 DAS were further validated in 4 DAS seedlings of two distinct sets of crosses: *Ler/C24* and *Cl-0/Nd*. The reciprocal hybrids of the first crosses showed positive biomass heterosis (Meyer *et al.*, 2004), and the second exhibited negative biomass heterosis (the hybrid biomass was significantly decreased in comparison to parents), Figure 3.17. One might assume that if a gene with a dominant expression pattern contributes to biomass heterosis then the pattern should be observed in the heterotic positive cross, and at the same time the opposite effect should be observed in the heterosis negative cross (Figure 3.19). Unfortunately, it was not possible to demonstrate this relationship for any of 14 candidate genes that exhibited a dominant expression pattern in *Col-0/C24* crosses (Table 3.8). Although four genes displayed a dominant expression pattern in *Ler/C24* crosses, the opposite effect was not found in the *Cl-0/Nd* crosses (*AT3G50890* [24] or *ATHB28*; *AT2G45660* [20] or *SOCl*, *AT5G10140* [37] or *FLC*, and *AT5G17300* [40]; Table 3.8). Furthermore, the first two candidates did not match any of expression patterns defined in this work and for the last two candidates the intermediate patterns were detected in the *Cl-0/Nd* crosses. Such a result could be due to insufficient statistical power or it may be caused by the fact that various ecotypes possess different alleles of the same gene that may be regulated differently in different tissues and under different environmental stresses as shown by Guo *et al.*, (2004). Thus, even the smallest differences in the development of various ecotypes or the specific response to environmental conditions may affect the expression in hybrids. As a result, it is difficult or maybe even impossible to validate the pattern in the way presented in this project. Keeping this in mind, it became interesting to see what fraction of all the candidate regulatory genes would be differentially expressed in heterotic hybrids of

Ler/C24 and what expression patterns they would exhibit. Expression profiling of all candidate genes on 4 DAS seedlings of *Ler/C24* crosses revealed that 38 genes (72%) were significantly differentially expressed in *Ler/C24* hybrids but only nine genes displayed patterns that were consistent with those found in crosses of *Col-0/C24* (5 intermediate patterns together with 4 dominant effects that were already described above, Table 3.8). Although among these nine only three co-localised with QTL of growth or biomass, all belonged to the most relevant first or second category (I, II) of statistical significance. In addition, all candidate regulatory genes were expression profiled in *Cl-0/Nd* crosses (negative biomass heterosis) at the same time to exclude those which may be potentially involved in processes not leading to or associating specifically with biomass vigour in hybrids. In this way, as many as 25 (47%) genes were found to be differentially expressed in *Cl-0/Nd* hybrids. Comparison of data from candidate gene expression profiling in both sets of crosses resulted in 17 genes that were exclusively differentially expressed in *Ler/C24*. Among them, only three genes exhibited the same patterns in *Ler/C24* and *Col-0/C24* (additive expression levels), seven co-localised with QTLs of interest and six belonged to the most relevant ‘statistical category’ I. The last group included AT5G13790 [39], a TF involved in recruitment of histone deacetylase complex components (Hill *et al.*, 2008; Harding *et al.*, 2003; maternal_*Col-0xCol-0*_high expression pattern) as well as the only previously described candidate microRNA (mir165/166 family), and AT2G39250 [19] or *SNZ* (AP2-EREBP family; repressor of flowering). Surprisingly, the candidate genes involved in growth, which were described above (AT1G73830 [14] or *BEE3*, AT5G57390 [56] or *AIL5*, and AT5G67480 [61]) were differentially expressed in hybrids of in both *Ler/C24* and *Cl-0/Nd* crosses (Table 3.8). Once again, the results obtained appeared to be puzzling and require further studies. Therefore, the identification of regulatory genes that may contribute to heterosis under defined conditions in a limited number of *Arabidopsis* genotypes as presented here represents only the first step towards understanding the molecular basis of heterosis.

No simple model based on the classical genetic hypotheses to explain heterosis can account for the complex set of data generated here or elsewhere (Hochholdinger and Hoecker, 2007). This may be due, in part, to the difficulty of separating genes that cause heterosis, (which may conform to one predominant genetic model), from those affected by heterosis, (which confound data interpretation). Another impediment to understanding the molecular basis of heterosis, at least for a trait as complex as superior growth, is the complexity of gene interactions that lead to the trait, which is probably grossly underestimated by the number of QTLs that contribute significantly to the trait. It is certainly conceivable that heterotic traits

result from interactions of genes that are either up- or down-regulated in hybrids compared to parents. Lippman and Zamir (2006) suggested that there is no obvious link between expression changes caused by heterozygosity and hybrid vigour, which is an idea that will retain currency at least as long as we are unable to identify the genes responsible for heterosis. Another important issue that arises is whether heterosis, at the molecular level, is a general phenomenon or there exist different heteroses. Indeed, one of the latest studies on heterosis reported that heterosis is not an organism-wide phenomenon but rather a trait-specific, and probably is not a consequence of higher levels of additive or non-additive expression but likely is controlled by partially non-redundant sets of genes for different traits (Stupar *et al.*, 2008). Furthermore, Guo *et al.*, (2004 and 2006) suggested that changes in transcript abundance may not correlate with the biological process in question but may be achieved by the differential expression of genes involved in tissue- or cell-specific expression patterns or may be due to the fact that phenotypic value could result from additional regulation than only transcriptional controls. Such dynamic changes of gene expression in hybrids occurring in a response to genotype and environment may result from differential regulation of the two parental alleles. Moreover, allelic differences in expression were shown to be important genetic factors contributing to quantitative trait variation in various organisms. Thus, as they suggested, differential allele regulation may play a role in heterosis providing a new insight into understanding of molecular basis of heterosis. Additionally, Guo *et al.*, (2008) showed that *cis*-regulatory polymorphisms play a more predominant role in hybrid gene regulation than *trans*-acting regulation. However, as they claimed, since gene regulation is the result of *cis*- and *trans*-interaction, the roles of *trans*-acting effects may be through co-selection with *cis*-regulatory changes for optimised gene regulation, contributing to expression of heterosis. This simply indicates the need for the use of novel approaches that may shed additional light on rules driving heterosis. Further directions in the heterosis study will be discussed later in chapter 4.7.

4.4. Investigation of a role of ‘chromatin-related’ genes in growth heterosis

In an attempt to assess the possible role of epigenetic control mechanisms in growth and biomass heterosis, expression levels of 58 genes involved in the epigenetic control of gene expression and/or chromatin modification processes (Table 3.1, Results section) were compared in parents and hybrids at 4 DAS. The analysis resulted in one differentially expressed gene of the SET-domain group (AT5G43990 [52]). However, this result should be

extended by adding two additional genes which were re-annotated from putative TF candidate genes into SET-domain gene group (AT1G26760 [4] and AT4G13460 [29]).

The Su(var)3-9 group, to which AT4G13460 [29] and AT5G43990 [52] belong, was shown to be involved in the epigenetic control of gene expression (Thorstensen *et al.*, 2006; Baumbusch *et al.*, 2001; Ng *et al.*, 2007). AT4G13460 [29] or *SUVH9*, encodes one of the SUVH2/SUVH9 proteins known to control heterochromatic silencing, exhibiting histone methyltransferase activity and directing DNA methylation. In contrast, AT5G43990 [52] or *SUVR2* encodes a protein from the SUVR4 group which function as repressors of rDNA gene clusters in a decondensed part of the nucleolus (Thorstensen *et al.*, 2006). The function and group affiliation of the protein encoded by AT1G26760 [4] or *ATXR1/SDG35* is currently unknown.

Among the three identified candidate genes, only AT4G13460 [29] co-localised with a QTL for growth heterosis (Table 3.7). This gene, together with AT1G26760 [4], exhibited a dominant expression pattern (dominant_Col-0xCol-0_high) in contrast to AT5G43990 [52], which exhibited an intermediate pattern (intermediate_Col-0xCol-0_high), (Table 3.2). Only two genes, AT5G43990 [52] and AT4G13460 [29] were differentially expressed in hybrids at developmental stages other than 4 DAS. The expression level of AT5G43990 [52] was different in hybrids at 3 DAS (no match with any of defined patterns) and 10 DAS (dominant_Col-0xCol-0_high), whereas AT4G13460 [29] at 3 (no match with any of defined patterns) and 6 DAS (dominant_Col-0xCol-0_low), (Table 3.8). AT4G13460 [29] was differentially expressed also in the 4 DAS hybrids of *Ler/C24* (intermediate_Col-0xCol-0_high) but not of *Cl-0/Nd*; interestingly AT1G26760 [4] was expressed in *Cl-0/Nd* hybrids (paternal_Col-0xCol-0_high) but not in *Ler/C24* (Table 3.8). Taken together, similar conclusions as those previously discussed for other regulatory genes could be made: at this stage, these data alone are difficult to interpret and require additional studies. Taking into consideration that Salvi and Tuberosa (2005) predicted that the regions controlling chromatin methylation and/or organisation (e.g. folding) supposedly co-localise with QTLs of complex quantitative traits, the small number of identified candidate genes seems to be a little surprising. In addition, the recent study of Zhao *et al.*, (2008) revealed that there are differences in methylation status between parental and hybrid chromosomal regions, suggesting that epigenetic mechanisms might play a role in the performance of heterosis. Also Ni *et al.*, (2009) proposed a general mechanism for growth and biomass heterosis demonstrating that epigenetic modifications mediate expression changes in downstream genes of circadian clock genes and in the physiological pathway which has an impact on growth and development. Two genes involved

in epigenetic regulation were also found among candidate regulatory genes identified in this work. These included AT5G13790 [39] or *AGL15*, and previously mentioned AT5G63080 [59], a TF gene of the JUMONJI family (chapter 4.3). The first one was shown to be involved in recruitment of histone deacetylase complex components (Hill *et al.*, 2008), whereas the second antagonises the activity of the large number of putative SET domain-containing histone methyltransferases (Shirato *et al.*, 2009; Lu *et al.*, 2008) and it was found among genes co-localising with QTL of biomass *per se*. These data altogether could support the idea to further validate candidate genes identified in this project to determine whether epigenetic control of regulatory genes is involved in heterotic performance. Given that epigenetic silencing mechanisms are widely used by plants to control development and parent-of-origin imprinted gene expression (Henderson and Jacobsen, 2007), special consideration could be given to candidate genes that exhibited paternal or maternal expression phenotypes (refer to chapter 4.3, Discussion section). One approach to study this would be the creation of RNAi lines (Ni *et al.*, 2009) or overexpressing lines. Here, the possible effects of this genetic manipulation on the expression of downstream genes (e.g. ribosomal genes for the AT5G43990 [52]) regulated by candidate genes in relation to growth vigour should also be studied in detail. At the same time, comparative analyses of methylation status of the candidate genes in parents and hybrids would also be appropriate.

4.5. Investigation of a role of ribosomal genes in growth heterosis

In parallel with the investigation of the role of regulatory genes in biomass and growth heterosis, a study on the possible role of ribosomal genes in heterosis was initiated. Elser *et al.*, (2000) reported that the growth rate of organisms is correlated with increased levels of cellular ribosomal RNA (rRNA) content, which may result from an increase in the transcription rate per gene of rDNA or from changes in rDNA structure/organisation (e.g. expansion of the rDNA amount, which can result from endoreduplication; Rogers and Bendich, 1987) and/or epigenetic regulation of transcription (Habu *et al.*, 2001; Meyer *et al.*, 2001). Transcript analysis of ribosomal genes at 4 DAS in F1 reciprocal hybrids of Col-0 and C24 inbred parents showed similar levels of rRNA in all four genotypes (Figure 3.20). Measurement of nucleolar size (Figure 3.21), an indicator of rRNA gene activity (Delany *et al.*, 1994), yielded data with very high variation (Figure 3.22) which made it impossible to find significant differences between genotypes. Also, measurements of the ploidy level, which could reveal endoreduplication and, therefore, gene copy number differences between genotypes, were made

across developmental time (Figure 3.23). However, these measurements did not reveal any differences between parents and hybrids.

Recent studies on nucleolar organising regions (NORs), where several copies of rDNA/rRNA are located, revealed that *NOR2* and *NOR4* are the main determinants for differential NOR DNA methylation (Riddle and Richards, 2002; Lewis *et al.*, 2004). It was also shown that the NOR DNA methylation pattern can be inherited by inter-ecotype hybrids and that epigenetic regulation, reconfiguration of parental NOR DNA methylation or *trans*-acting modifiers can be involved in this process (Woo and Richards, 2008). Taken into account the biomass QTL was found at *NOR4* (Thomas Altmann, personal communication), this information may be a hint that further investigating the role of ribosomal genes in growth and biomass heterosis could involve epigenetic regulation. One approach to study this would be to compare the methylation status of rDNA in hybrids and parents and to correlate it with differences in cellular rRNA/rDNA transcript levels (differential transcript levels of cellular rRNA/rDNA are likely to reflect changes in transcription rate per gene when considering no differences in ploidy level between hybrids and parents). Since the result of qRT-PCR expression analysis was negative and there was a concern that it might be affected by its normalisation procedure (a reference gene is not a high copy gene as rRNA), it would be worthwhile to use another method such as S1 nuclease protection assay (Gaudino and Pikaard, 1999) which allows for the determination of steady-state levels of nascent rRNA transcripts. If there were differences in parental and hybrid expression levels, it would make sense to determine the methylation status of chromosomal regions in hybrids and parents. The differential methylation status of rRNA/rDNA genes would suggest that epigenetic mechanisms may play a role in heterosis. Such results obtained for rRNA/rDNA genes would allow further investigation for their role in heterosis in the context of epigenetic regulation in parallel to candidate genes identified in this work (refer to chapter 4.4).

4.6. Investigation of a possible role of *FRIGIDA* and *FRI-FLC* interaction in heterosis

Further investigation of the possible role of regulatory genes in heterosis included the study of the *FRI-FLC* interaction in relation to biomass vigour. The main objectives of this study were already presented in the Introduction. Generally, the most promising points included the co-localisation of *FRI* with the ‘hot-spot’ for the biomass QTL (Lisec *et al.*, 2008), expression activity of *FRI* and *FLC* in meristematic regions (Caroline Dean’s lab website in 2007: <http://www.jic.ac.uk/staff/caroline-dean/FRIGIDA.htm>), and a *FRI-FLC* genotype association with rosette growth (Korves *et al.*, 2007). Interestingly, *FLC* was identified here

among the candidate TF genes that may contribute to biomass/growth heterosis (AT5G10140 [37]).

In the first set of experiments the introgression lines (ILs) N88/2/1/10 BC5F3 that contained a C24 introgression in the region of *FRIGIDA* (with a functional *FRI* allele, *FRI*_{C24}) in a Col-0xCol-0 background (with a strong *FLC* allele, *FLC*_{Col-0}) were used. Comparison of biomass (DW) between introgression line N88/2/1/10 BC5F3 (N), IL test crosses (C24xN and Col-0xN), and both parents (C24xC24, Col-0xCol-0, Figures 3.24 and 3.25) suggested that the increased biomass observed in hybrids and the homozygous IL line may have been related to the interaction of the dominant *FRI*_{C24} allele with the dominant *FLC*_{Col-0}. Unfortunately, the second part of this study, which involved another IL line, M63/9/3 that had the Col-0 introgression in the region of *FRIGIDA* (non-functional *FRI* allele, *FRI*_{Col-0}), in a C24xC24 background (with the weak *FLC* allele, *FLC*_{C24}), was not completed due to unexpected problems with Col-0xCol-0 growth, and lack of sufficient seed for proper replication of experiments. Although introgression of the region containing *FRI*_{C24} into the Col-0xCol-0 background yielded increased biomass, it is not possible to conclude that *FRI*_{C24}, rather than another introgressed gene from C24 near *FRI*_{C24}, was responsible for the growth phenotype. One way to confirm this result for *FRI*_{C24} would be to overexpress the *FRI*_{C24} gene in Col-0xCol-0.

In parallel to the introgression study, RNAi lines suppressing *FRIGIDA* (*FRI* RNAi) in Col-0xCol-0 and C24xC24 backgrounds (*FRI*_{Col-0}RNAi and *FRI*_{C24}RNAi, respectively) were created to investigate the role of *FRI* with respect to growth and biomass heterosis. The effect of suppressed *FRI* was also to be studied in complex crosses of RNAi lines (validated for *FRI* suppression effect) with the opposite genotype (Col-0x*FRI*_{C24}RNAi and C24x*FRI*_{Col-0}RNAi). Unfortunately, this work met two problems that blocked progress. The first was that none of the RNAi lines appeared to have reduced transcript levels, as determined by qRT-PCR (Figure 3.27), semi-qRT-PCR, non-radioactive and radioactive Northern blot (data not shown). Typically, the tissue or developmental stage of highest expression of the gene of interest is selected to test for silencing in RNAi lines. Publicly available microarray data did not point out any suitable time point or tissue for *FRI* transcript detection. However, the *FRI* transcript signal was detected in 4-week-old young rosette leaves by radioactive Northern blot by Shindo *et al.*, (2005); therefore, similar material was used to measure *FRI* levels in WT and RNAi lines in this study. Unfortunately, *FRI* transcript levels were too low to measure differences between WT and RNAi lines. Thus, the solution to this problem requires finding a time point and tissue or cell type of strong *FRI* expression and using qRT-PCR to measure transcript levels. It is possible that the shoot meristems would be a proper choice. Unfortunately,

this work could not be performed within the remaining time of this PhD. The second problem that was encountered was an inability to recover transformants containing the *FRI* RNAi construct in C24xC24, a possible reflection of a poor seed lot use during transformation. Transformation using the same construct and methods worked well in the Col-0xCol-0 background indicating that the methods were effective and also that presumed loss of *FRI* activity in Col-0 was not lethal. However, bearing in mind the difficulties faced in measuring *FRI* transcript levels in WT plants mentioned above, it is possible that *FRIGIDA* expression was unaltered in *FRI* RNAi lines of Col-0xCol-0 and that loss of *FRI* expression in *FRI* RNAi lines of C24xC24 was lethal. Perhaps, overexpression of the *FRI*_{C24} allele in Col-0xCol-0 would help to resolve the role of this gene in heterosis.

4.7. Further directions in heterosis study

Studying heterosis at the level of gene expression is an important approach to unravel the genetic nature and links between genotype and phenotype; however, to assign the role of identified candidate genes in this process, further validation steps are required. Some of previously discussed approaches involved functional testing of the selected candidate gene by applying reverse genetics. These tools are based on the analysis of transgenic plants in which the activity of specific genes of interest (e.g. TFs or TF target genes) was altered by genetic engineering. Apart from genetic complementation of a known mutant (Doebley *et al.*, 1997) or RNAi lines (Helliwell and Waterhouse 2003), further studies may also include either the analysis of knock-out lines e.g. from publicly available T-DNA and transposon-insertion mutant collections (e.g. <http://signal.salk.edu/cgi-bin/tdnaexpress>) or overexpressors (OEs). Possible limitations, such as difficulties in interpretation of phenotype obtained from constitutive expression of cDNA or RNAi constructs, can be omitted by making use of alternative (i.e. nonconstitutive) promoter systems. They include tissue-specific, developmental or inducible promoters which allow the introduced gene to be expressed in a specific tissue or can be turned on/off at any time of development. Such flexibility may be helpful in discriminating primary from secondary, pleiotropic effects of ectopic gene expression. Reverse genetic tools are important constituents of TF-based technologies that are currently undergoing substantive development despite potential problems related to the complexity of transcriptional networks and TF engineering (Century *et al.*, 2008). The rationale behind is that TFs are considered excellent candidates for modifying complex traits in crop plants of third generation biotechnology. This would certainly accelerate attempts taken to discover the roles of TF and other regulatory genes as well as pathways they regulate in heterosis. A most recent and excellent

example of applying this approach to study heterosis is the (previously cited) work of Ni and his colleagues (2009). They used OE and RNAi lines to manipulate an expression of *CCA1*, a circadian clock gene, demonstrating its effects on circadian-mediated physiological and metabolic pathways that contribute to growth vigour and increased biomass.

Ongoing improvements of genomic tools, together with development of novel approaches (including different experimental designs with parallel analysis of more genotypes, developmental stages, organs etc.) as well as more advanced methods for data analysis and validation may bring more insight into the potential contribution of differentially expressed genes to heterosis. These new experiments may be helpful for heterosis predictions based on expression profiles as reviewed by Hochholdinger and Hoecker, (2007). At the same time, making use of novel expression profiling platforms of increased detection sensitivity may be helpful to reconfirm differential expression of selected candidate genes and/or allow identification of a higher number of candidate genes. For this purpose, apart from commonly used microarray analysis, serial analysis of gene expression (SAGE) and its improvements such as Robust Long SAGE (Gowda and Wang, 2008) or SuperSAGE (Matsumura *et al.*, 2008) could be used. SAGE was shown to be extremely powerful and efficient global approach that provides digital analysis of overall gene expression patterns, which allows for direct comparison with data generated by other laboratories. In this method, transcription profiles are created by isolation of specific SAGE tags representing individual transcripts, their further sequencing and quantitative analysis. Whereas SAGE has been primarily used to collect data for various cancerous cell lines (Zhang *et al.*, 2007; Aldaz, 2003), recently it was successfully applied in plants to study the molecular mechanisms involved in transcriptional regulation in response to abiotic stress (Byun *et al.*, 2009; Robinson and Parkin, 2008). The resolution of transcript profiling can be increased even more to reach a specific cell type level when combined with laser-capture microscopy (LCM; Kerk *et al.*, 2003, and Schnable *et al.*, 2004). This approach allows for rapid and precise isolation of variety individual plant cell types from heterogeneous tissues using laser beam and microscope. The LCM-harvested cell samples are next subjected to expression analysis. LCM combined with cDNA microarrays was successively used for the identification of phloem-specific genes in rice (Asano *et al.*, 2002) as well as genes preferentially expressed genes in the epidermis or vascular tissues of maize coleoptiles (Nakazono *et al.*, 2003). This method could be used to compare the expression activity of candidate genes (including previously mentioned *FRI* and *FLC*) in meristematic regions of parental and hybrid plantlets. Another approach that may shed more light into understanding the molecular basis of heterosis is allele-specific expression analysis (Knight 2004, Guo *et al.*, 2004 and 2006;

Hochholdinger and Hoecker, 2007) especially when combined with MPSS technology (Guo *et al.*, 2008). It outranks all gene expression studies that have been focused on total level of gene expression by taking into account the allelic contribution to gene expression in the hybrid. This enables discrimination of *cis*- and *trans*- regulation of gene expression. This novel technology was used to study heterosis in maize giving an indication that *cis*-regulatory polymorphisms may play a more predominant role in hybrid gene regulation than in *trans*-acting regulation.

In parallel with approaches presented above, trends in the study of heterosis focus on making use of novel derivatives of classical QTL mapping called an expression QTL (eQTL) mapping, the previously mentioned method which nowadays is considered to accelerate analysis of the molecular basis of quantitative traits. Here, since the expression level of a gene is considered as a quantitative trait (expression trait) it is used to identify loci controlling the expression variation of genes/gene networks associated with diverse biological functions. Mapping results may also suggest *cis*- or *trans*-acting mechanisms for eQTLs. This means, in the first case, that sequence variations around the gene region of the expression trait may directly influence the transcript abundance of the gene; in the second example, the variation in the expression level of one gene may be affected by sequence polymorphisms in other genes (Kliebenstein *et al.*, 2006; Zou *et al.*, 2007; Kliebenstein 2009). eQTL analysis has been applied to identify *cis*- and *trans*-acting regulatory regions in various organisms, also revealing the presence of eQTL ‘hot spots’ or chromosomal regions that possibly control the simultaneous expression of many genes (Brem *et al.*, 2002 and Schadt *et al.*, 2003). eQTL studies in plants focused to unravel the genetic control of gene expression during shoot development (de Cook *et al.*, 2006) and of complex traits like cell wall degradability (Shi *et al.*, 2007). The usefulness of eQTL was also demonstrated for the prediction of transcription factor binding sites (von Rohr *et al.*, 2007). Once the QTLs that associate specific traits are identified, they are further subjected in diverse cloning methods. These mapping and cloning strategies together allow for the simultaneous handling of multiple, key, genetically-unrelated genes and may lead to discovering their relevance in heterosis (Hochholdinger and Hoecker, 2007).

Achievements in extensively developing bioinformatics may also bring new insights to the functional characterisation of identified candidate regulatory genes. Bioinformatic tools are used to find connections between candidate TFs and their target genes by reconstructing transcriptional regulatory networks which control a pathway (Qu and Zhu, 2006; Riaño-Pachón *et al.*, 2007) that may contribute to heterosis. Once again, the work of Ni *et al.*, (2009) may serve as good example of how regulation of expression of a few circadian clock pathway

genes (proven by Michael *et al.*, 2003, and Dodd *et al.*, 2005 to control metabolic pathways and increase plant fitness) mediate expression changes in downstream genes that control the chlorophyll and starch metabolic pathways, which ultimately induces increase of hybrid growth and development. Bioinformatic analyses and tools may also become helpful to determine whether the evolutionary divergence of genes contributed to heterosis. The combined evolution of transcription factors and their targets (including changes that occurred within a regulatory regions close to e.g. promoters or far e.g. enhancers or silencers) in different parental species may influence the regulation of certain pathways in hybrids causing phenotypic difference variation in quantitative phenotypes. The completion of genome sequencing projects in various ecotypes will allow data collection from various sources. This information when reprocessed by bioinformatic systems may clarify the relevance of genome organisation in heterosis in determining whether the heterosis is a general phenomenon or a very specific one.

Taken together, the integration of data obtained from studies performed at many levels and with different sources seems to be promising in explaining the phenomenon after hundred years of heterosis studies. This ‘systems biology’ approach, in which genetic, expression and interaction data are combined to assemble all genes into transcription or protein interaction networks underpinning major biological processes, is a current trend in biological sciences (Century *et al.*, 2008). Because of the specific roles that TFs and other regulatory genes play, data obtained in this work in combination with future discoveries on heterosis could be directly applied to increase significantly the effectiveness of crop improvement.

5. SUMMARY

Heterosis or hybrid vigour has been utilised in plant and animal breeding programs for at least 90 years. An understanding of the molecular basis of heterosis will allow the creation of new superior genotypes to be used directly as F1 hybrids or form the basis for the future breeding programmes.

This PhD project investigated the role of transcription factors, microRNAs, selected genes encoding proteins involved in the epigenetic control of gene expression and/or chromatin modification processes (called here ‘chromatin-related’) and a group of genes with potential roles in growth (*FRIGIDA*, ribosomal genes) because of our expectation that they might play key roles in heterosis.

The heterotic F1 hybrids of two divergent *Arabidopsis* inbred lines (Col-0xCol-0 and C24xC24) were used. Significant differences in seedling biomass were detected as early as 8 days after sowing (DAS), whereas differences in relative growth rate were only observed in the early phases of growth at lower light intensities. The self-created reciprocal hybrids (Col-0xC24 and C24xCol-0) used for all experiments exhibited a mid-parent heterosis of 40-60% at 15 DAS when seedlings were grown at a light intensity of 120 μ E.

Because the earliest differences between hybrids and parents could potentially be driven by differential expression of regulatory genes such as TFs, in the first part of the PhD project it was essential to identify an appropriate time point for gene expression profiling to later identify regulatory genes potentially involved in heterosis. Based on microscopic and biochemical studies of early development the 4 DAS stage was selected.

High-throughput qRT-PCR developed by Czechowski *et al.*, (2004) was used to study the expression of transcription factors and other genes selected for this work. The technical resources developed for the ecotype Columbia were tested (and modified when needed) in other ecotypes used in this study to obtain a reliable data. Additionally, careful experimental set-up and selection of the most suitable statistical methods for high throughput experiments increased the reliability of the expression data generated in this work.

The transcript abundances between parental inbred lines and their reciprocal hybrids were compared at 4 DAS. The subsequent several-step data processing and analyses allowed for the identification of 57 candidate regulatory genes (56 TF/putative TF genes and one microRNA), and three candidate ‘chromatin-related’ genes.

The most relevant regulatory candidate genes in this work included those which co-localised with QTLs for biomass/growth heterosis and QTL for biomass *per se*, or those

which belonged to the highest statistical significance and matching with predefined expression patterns. In the first group 23 candidate regulatory genes were found, whereas the group of the most significant 'statistical category' I included 18 genes (seven genes overlapped in these two groups). The most represented expression phenotypes found among these candidates were non-additive or additive, respectively. The literature and publicly available microarray expression data searches indicated there was no prevalent family controlling specific process(es) or pathway(s), which could potentially contribute to biomass and/or growth heterosis because of the wide range of processes the candidate genes are involved in. However, some specific functions related to growth or development were found among candidate genes, suggesting the potential contribution of brassinosteroid signalling and meristem development to heterosis, for example. Moreover, the identification of candidate genes exhibiting paternal and maternal effects suggested the epigenetic control of regulatory genes could be involved in heterotic performance.

The expression of candidate regulatory genes was analysed further at different developmental stages (3, 6, 8, and 10 DAS). The analysis revealed that on average 30% of the regulatory gene candidates were significantly differentially expressed in hybrids compared to parents at all developmental stages; the gene expression patterns varied at 4 DAS and also when compared between different time points. These results did not clearly determine whether one (or more) of the TF genes differentially expressed at 4 DAS conferred any growth advantage on the hybrids.

The candidate genes that displayed dominant expression pattern at 4 DAS were further validated in 4 DAS seedlings of two distinct sets of crosses: *Ler/C24* (positive heterosis biomass) and *Cl-0/Nd* (negative heterosis biomass). Unfortunately, it was not possible to demonstrate any relationship between the dominance effect of candidate gene and the hybrid biomass differences observed in the crosses of *Ler/C24* and *Cl-0/Nd*. This might be caused by the fact that various ecotypes possess different alleles of the same gene that may be regulated differently in different tissues and under different environmental stresses. All the identified candidate regulatory genes were further expression profiled in both sets of crosses resulting in a fraction of 17 genes that were exclusively differentially expressed in *Ler/C24* but not in *Cl-0/Nd*, potentially revealing another relevant group of candidate genes for heterosis whose involvement requires further validation.

To assess a possible role of epigenetic control mechanisms in growth and biomass heterosis, the 'chromatin related' genes were expression profiled and resulted in surprisingly small number of candidate genes (three). However, this number reflected findings in the re-

cent literature highlighting that a fraction of the candidate regulatory genes is generally involved in epigenetic regulation. Therefore, these genes still should be considered as targets for future studies on heterosis.

In parallel, a study on the possible role of ribosomal genes in heterosis was initiated based on reports that the growth rate of organisms is correlated to increased levels of cellular ribosomal RNA (rRNA) content. Transcript analysis of ribosomal genes at 4 DAS in F1 reciprocal hybrids of Col-0 and C24 inbred parents showed similar levels of rRNA in all four genotypes. Measurement of nucleolar size, an indicator of rRNA gene activity (Delany *et al.*, 1994), yielded data with very high variation, which made it impossible to find significant differences between genotypes. Also, measurements of the ploidy level across developmental time, which could reveal gene copy number differences between genotypes, resulted in negative results. Still, because of the potential role of ribosomal genes for growth they should be a subject of further studies on heterosis.

Further investigation of this work included the study of the *FRI-FLC* interaction in relation to biomass vigour due to co-localisation of *FRI* with the biomass QTL ‘hot-spot’ for the biomass QTL, expression activity of *FRI* and *FLC* in meristematic regions, a *FRI-FLC* genotype association with rosette growth, and identification of *FLC* (AT5G10140) among the candidate genes. The study using introgression lines indicated that introgression of the region containing *FRI* from C24xC24 (*FRI_{C24}*) into the Col-0xCol-0 background was correlated with increased biomass, however, it could not be concluded that *FRI* from C24 is responsible for this growth phenotype without further analyses. At the same time, the RNAi lines created to suppress *FRIGIDA* (*FRI* RNAi) in Col-0xCol-0 and C24xC24 backgrounds were problematic hindering further progress.

Taken together, this PhD study provided an input into studies on molecular mechanisms underlying heterosis allowing these findings to be further exploited when investigating the phenomenon. Alone, the overall analyses performed in this work to discover a role the selected regulatory genes play in heterosis do not provide the final answer. However, when integrated with some future results of other research groups, they together will allow to discover the phenomenon after hundred years of studies. This could be directly applied to increase significantly the effectiveness of crop improvement.

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Annex A. List of primer sequences

Table 1. Primer sequences and references

AGI codes of genes	Remarks	Sequence of forward primer 5' - 3'	Sequence of reverse primer 5' - 3'
AT5G65080		TTTTTTGCCCCCTTCGAATC	ATCTTCCGCCACCACATTTGTAC
AT4G05320	for intron sequence	TTTTTTGCCCCCTTCGAATC	ATCTTCCGCCACCACATTTGTAC
AT4G05320	for 5 polyubiquitin genes	GGCCTTGTAATAATCCCTGATGAATAAG	AAAGAGATAACAGGAACGGAAACATAGT
AT4G05320	for 3 polyubiquitin genes	CACACTCCACTTGGTCTTGGGT	TGGTCTTTCCGGTGAGAGTCTTCA
AT1G13440		AGGTGGAAGAGCTGCTTCCTTC	GCAACACTTCCCAACAGCCT
AT1G13440	for 5' cDNA end	TCTCGATCTCAATTTCCGCAAAA	CGAAACCCGTTGATTCGGATTC
AT1G13440	for 3' cDNA end	TTGGTGACAACACAGGTCAAGCA	AAACTTGT CGTCAATGCAATC
another reference gene primers		Czechowski <i>et al.</i> , 2005	
5.8S rRNA		GAAGAACGTAGGAAATGCGA	GACTCGATGGTTCAACGGGA
25S rRNA		CGGGCTTTTGATACGCTTGT	TTAGGGCGGTGCTGCAG
18S rRNA		ATTGTGTTGGCTTCGGGATC	AAATACGAATGCCCCCGACT
AT4G00650 for semi-quantitative PCR		CAATTATCCACCCGACGGTGG	TCCATTTTCTCAGCCCGCAG
AT4G00650 for DIG-system		CAAGTATGGACATTAACGATCGGTC	TTCGACGTCCTCCGGTACAATC
AT4G00650 for qPCR		GTCATTTAATTAACCTCCCAACAGTCTCA	GCAATCTTAAGCCCAACAAACATTA
pAGRILOLA validation primers Agri 51/56/64/69		http://www.agrikola.org/seeds_validation.html	
Set of 'chromatin-related' genes			
AT1G01920		GCATGCCCTTCACCTTAGCTCTCT	AATAAACACCCGATGAGATATCAGTCA
AT1G04050		CACGTTCTTTTGTAGTAAACCATAAAT	TCAGGGATCCGTTGGCC
AT1G14030		GAAAATCTTTACTGGTTGGTCTCAGA	TCTGATGCTTGAGGTGATTCAAAGT
AT1G1770		AGAGCCACGACATTTGACTGAACC	TGTGTGGAGAGGAGCGGAAGAAGAT
AT1G24610		CCAAGTTAGTATGAGAAAGTGGACA	CAACTAACTCCCTTCTACTTCATCA
AT1G48410		CTGGAGAGGATTCAGCCC	TTTCAGGCCAATCCTGAGATG
AT1G63020		CAGTTGCACCCCAACAGTGT	TAGCGACCCGGATTCCTTT
AT1G69770		TCTGCCGTGAAGGTTTTCAT	CAGTGTTCATGCAAGCTCGG
AT1G73100		ATTCGTGAAGGAAACGGTGA	GGATATGACGCATGGCAAAGA
AT1G76710		CCGGCCTTATCTCGTCTGTAACAATG	ACGAGGAGGTGAAGAAAGGAAGCA
AT1G77300		GTCCCATCTGCTTTTTCGGCTTG	GGCTGCAACTCCTGAAACAGCATC
AT1G80740		CGAGTCAAGGACTGACGGATG	CATTCGGGATACTTGAATGGC
AT2G05900		TCTTCCGAAAAGCGGCTTCTAGTG	CGGGTTTGGTGGTACGGACATGTA

AGI codes of genes	Remarks	Sequence of forward primer 5' - 3'	Sequence of reverse primer 5' - 3'
AT2G16390		CGCTTGTGGAGCATCTCG	CGGGTCACAGAGGGTTTAGG
AT2G17900		CATGGCTGATCCCGCAGAAATGTCAA	ACTCGAATGGTTGCTGGGGGAA
AT2G18850		CTCTGCCGCTCTTTGAACCTCCAT	TCGACAGAGAAAACCGGATTGG
AT2G19640		CCATTGCTGCTGCCACTACCTT	TCCAAGCTCGTTTCCCTCCTCCTG
AT2G22740		CACCTCACCAATTGCTCTGAGAC	CACCGATTGTGAATGGAAAATGGGA
AT2G23380		AACCAATCTCTGAACCTAACTGTTAC	CACCCGTGATCTCCAGCAA
AT2G24740		CGATGAAGCACATTCCTCCA	TCCACACAAGAAATTCATAGTCATAT
AT2G27040		ATTTCTGTGTGGCCGAT	TGAACGTCCCAAGCTGAGC
AT2G33290		GTGTGATGCTTTTTGGGCTG	CCGTAATCCAGGCTTAGCTCG
AT2G35160		ATAAACGCAGCACAGAAAAGG	AGATTCGGCGAGCAGCTATG
AT2G36490		GATTGCACCTCCCGGG	CCAAACGGATTAGCCGAGGT
AT2G40030		GAAGAATAACCTGACCGTGCT	AGGCCGAGGTTTCGTAAAAGTACT
AT2G44150		ACCATCCTCGAACATCACCGAGTG	GCCCCACGAGTGATAGGTGTTTTG
AT3G03750		GTGGCCGGAGAGAACAGAGAC	CCCAACAGCAGGAACTACCA
AT3G04380		TCATGTTGCATCCCTCGCATCTGT	AGATGAAGAAGCTCTCTGCTGGA
AT3G07670		AACTGCAATGCGTCTTCCTCGAT	TTGAAAGATGGCGAAAAGCTGCT
AT3G21820		TGCTTGCCGCTCTGTCTCTCTTC	AAGGAACGGCCCTTCTTCCCTCT
AT3G23780		GTAAGGGTTATCCGAACCCGAAGA	CAGTCAATCAGTGGCTCGGTTT
AT3G43920		GGCCCTCGTGGAACTCTACA	CGAAAAGTAGGCATTTGGCCA
AT3G44530		AAAACGGGTTCTGAGGACCG	TTCAAGAGCCCCGAGTCTCTTG
AT3G55080		TTATTGCACAACCTTGCTTTCAGA	TTGCTATCGTAGAGACTGTAAAATCGAT
AT3G56570		TGGAAGATGACATGTTAGGGTGA	TGATAATAGTCTCTCTCTCGGAAGA
AT3G59960		GCTTGCTCTGACGCATCCAAATTG	ACCTGGAAAACGCCCAAGCTTC
AT4G08990		ATAATTTGGGCAGCTTCACCA	AGACATGCATCGGCTCAGG
AT4G11130		TACAATCCAAACCATGCGGA	TCACCTACGATCCATGGGAAA
AT4G13610		GGCAATTTACCCACTTGCAATC	ATGGAAGCACATTTCCACCA
AT4G13940		CTCTTCAAAACAATGAGAAAACCAAAA	AACACTGGGATGCCGAAAAC
AT4G15180		GCATCGAACATCGGGCTTCCAAA	TGTCTAAGCAACCTCAAAGACCCGT
AT4G19020		CAGTCTGGTTTCTCGTGCTT	GCGGGCTAGACCACGAAA
AT4G20910		CAACACAATCTCCAGCGGTC	CTGTGGCTCCGAGTTGTTTTT
AT5G04560		ATCCTCCTGTAGCCATCCCG	CTTGTAGGGATTTCCCAACG
AT5G04940		GATCAGGATTTGCCGTGG	TGTTTACCAGAGATCGCCTTT
AT5G06620		TGTTTCGACATCCAAAACCCCTT	GCCCTTCTCTTTTAAAGCTCGACT
AT5G09230		TTGTTCCATTGAAAATCAATGCTAG	CCCACGTCAAGAACTCTGTGC
AT5G13960		TTTCCCCAATGCAGGAGCT	GGTCCATGAACGCTATCAAGC

AGI codes of genes	Remarks	Sequence of forward primer 5' - 3'	Sequence of reverse primer 5' - 3'
AT5G14260		AGATCCAGCCATGAACCAGACAGT	GGTAGTCCTACCAAGGCCGAAAGTT
AT5G14620		TTCCACATGGAATCAATGTTC	GTGCCACTTCCCCACCAC
AT5G15380		CCGTGAACAATCTTGCCGG	AGTGCTCTCCTCCAAGACCCG
AT5G17240		TCAGGGAAGTCGGAGACGGAAAAGA	GATGGCAGCAGAGATTGGCATT
AT5G42400		TCCGACGTGAAGGTACATTGGAGA	TCACAGAAGGGCCGTAAGTCGT
AT5G43990		TCTCTCAGCAAGCTCACAGACAAA	TGCAGGTGTTTTTCACGCCCAAT
AT5G49160		GAGTACTCTGCCACTGCCTGG	AAATCCCTGACATGGAGGTCC
AT5G55760		CCCGTAAACGCCTAGAACCCG	GCCTTGGTTTCTTCTGCCAG
AT5G63110		GGACAGGGACTCTACCCGGTG	ATTACAGTCTGGCTCTGGGT
AT5G66750		TTCCAGTGAAGGGTCCAGGT	GAAGACAGCATTCCTCCCGA
The old TF platform (experiment 1)		MPI-MP Golm / <i>Arabidopsis</i> TF platform	
The new TF platform (experiment 2)		Table 2 of Annex A (Czechowski <i>et al.</i> , unpublished results)	
The microRNA platform		Datt Pant and Musialak-Lange <i>et al.</i> , 2009	

Table 2. Primer sequences of 'The new TF platform (experiment 2)'

No.	Gene group	AGI	Sequence of forward primer	Sequence of reverse primer
1.	TF	AT1G01030	TCTTTCCAACGAGGCATCGGAGAT	AACGAGGCTCATGTCCGGTCTATG
2.	TF	AT3G16280	GTCATCATCGCCGCATGATATCCA	CCGGAGCCTCATCCTTCTCTAACA
3.	TF	AT1G28300	ACGAGGACGAAAAGCAAGAATCTCT	GTGGTTCCTTTCCCTCGACTCATT
4.	TF	AT3G16770	CAAACCTCCATCCCACCAACCAAGT	TCTGTTGCCTGCTCCTTCTTCACT
5.	TF	AT2G30470	ATGCTGGAGACATGCAGGGTTGTG	ACACCAGACGATGATGTGTCCTCA
6.	TF	AT3G20310	TCTCCAACCTCTCACCTACCTCCA	CCGCCGTATAACCGATGGTCCATA
7.	TF	AT2G36080	TTATCCTCATGCAGGGGCTCAAGC	TGGCACTCCATGTTCACTCCGAA
8.	TF	AT3G20840	AGCACTGAGGAAGAAGAAAGCCAG	CCGGTTGATCTCGAAGTTGGTCAC
9.	TF	AT2G46870	TGCACGGGAGAGCTAATCAGGAAC	TCTCGCCGCATTCCATATCAACTC
10.	TF	AT3G23220	GGGACGTTTAAACACAGCGGAAGAC	CTCATGCCGAAAGCTGCTCTATCA
11.	TF	AT3G11580	AGTATTACACTATGGCGCCG	CCTGCGACCACCGGTG
12.	TF	AT3G23230	GGAGCAGCAACAACCAATCACAAAG	TTCTTCCAACCTCCCGGAAACGA
13.	TF	AT3G24650	GGCAGGGATGGAAACCAGAAAAGA	GGCAAAACGATCCTTCCGAGGTTA
14.	TF	AT3G23240	TTGATCACCGCTCCGTGAAGTTAG	TCAGAAGACCCCAAAAGCTCCTCA
15.	TF	AT3G26790	ATGATACTCCCGAAGAAAGCCGC	TCCCTTCCTTGCAATCAAGTGCC
16.	TF	AT3G25730	TGCCATGAGTAGCGTAGACGAGAG	AGTAAACTCGCCGAGACGATGAC
17.	TF	AT3G61970	TGGTGCTGGTTCTCTCCTCCAGTT	TCAAGACTTGCAGCTTCCATTGCT
18.	TF	AT3G25890	CCACTTCTGCTGCTTCTCTGTTT	TCAATGCTTGACCCTGAGGCTGAG
19.	TF	AT4G01500	ACGTGGCGAAATGGGAGTAGCA	ACGTGGCGACCTCCAAAATGATT
20.	TF	AT3G50260	TACCTCAGAGGACCAACTGTCTACG	CCTGATCGTTGCCGCTGACATATC
21.	TF	AT4G21550	GGGAAGCCTACTGATGTTGCAGGA	TGTCGTGGGTGCTTTGTGGTTG
22.	TF	AT3G54320	TTCCGGCAGAGACGTACACAAAGG	GCGGCGGAGAGAAGCCAAATATTC
23.	TF	AT5G60450	TTGTTGGTGCGATGGGATGAGTC	TGTGGGAGAGAAAACCGAGGGATCA
24.	TF	AT3G18990	CAAGAAAAACGTCTGAGGGTCCCA	TCAGGTACTGTGAGTGCAACAGC
25.	TF	AT5G62000	TTGGACCCTGAGGCTGCTCTTAC	TCGTCTTGCTAGGAACCGTCACA
26.	TF	AT3G46770	CAAAAATAGAACCGCATACCGTCT	TGTCACGCATGATAACCATGTTGG
27.	TF	AT1G04880	TCTAACCTTTACCCACAGCCCAA	TCCAGCAAGTGATCTCCGAGGAA
28.	TF	AT3G53310	TTGAAGGGAACCTGGACGTGGAAG	CACCACATGGCTGGGATCAACA
29.	TF	AT1G20910	TGGGCTGCAAAAACACAAAACA	CGGGTCCAACATCAACAACTCAG
30.	TF	AT4G00260	ACTCTGCGGTTGAGGACG	AATCCTTGCCATCCTCTACC
31.	TF	AT1G55650	TCTGCAAACCGTGACAAAGACTCT	GCTTTTCTGAGCCTACCTTTGTGC
32.	TF	AT4G01580	TGATGAGGATTCGCCAAGATTTCG	ACGCTTATATCCCGCAGGAGTCAC
33.	TF	AT1G76110	ATCTCTTCACTGCTCGTGGTCC	GAGGGATTGTCATGAAATGTAGC
34.	TF	AT4G31610	CGTGAGACTACCGGGCAACTATCA	TGGTTCAGCAGAATTACCTCCCA
35.	TF	AT1G76510	AAGGTTGTGAACCTTCCCGCAAGA	GCTCAAATGGGACTCCACAAACA
36.	TF	AT4G31620	TCCGAGGCCAAGATAGAGCAAGA	TGCGACGAGAGTGTCTACTTCT
37.	TF	AT2G46040	CTTGGCAGAAAGTCCAGAAGATGC	GCCTATATCCGAGCCATTTCCAGT
38.	TF	AT4G31630	TGTTCCAAGGTGAAACAAGCAGCA	TTGATCCGTCATTCGGGGTTTCC
39.	TF	AT3G13350	GGGTGGTGAAGGATCGGAAATGGA	CGATGCACTTGTTATCGTTGTCCG
40.	TF	AT4G31640	CCCGGTTTCAAGAGCCACATCAA	CTTCAGTGAGTTATGGCCCTCCA
41.	TF	AT3G43240	TTCTAGTGTCCAGCACCTCTCT	CGAGACATCACAACGATGGTCCAC
42.	TF	AT4G31650	CCCGGTTTCAAGAGCCACATCAAC	GGTCTTCTCTCGTTTTCCTT
43.	TF	AT1G06280	TGGTGTGGTGTGAATCGGAGAT	CCCAACCACCTTGCACATTCTTGG
44.	TF	AT4G31660	TTCCCGGCTTCGACTCTTACCTTA	GTCGGTCTTACTCCACTGTCTT
45.	TF	AT4G32010	GCGACACAGATGTTCAAGGGAAGC	TGTCACCACATCCCGGATTCAAGC
46.	TF	AT3G54990	TGGGCGGGTTTGATACTGTTACG	TGTCTGCATCGAGACCACGGAATT
47.	TF	AT5G06250	CACTAACTCCCGCGTGAATACGA	GCGGCTCCATAGTGGGAATACTCT
48.	TF	AT3G57600	TCAGTACCGTGGAGTCAGGCAAAG	TGTAGCGAAAGAGCCAAGCCAAAG
49.	TF	AT1G14510	TGGCAAGCCTCGTCATTCTGAATC	TCTTGGTGGAGGGACATCTTGA
50.	TF	AT3G60490	TGTCTACCGCTCAGTCTTCGACTT	CACCGTCTCTCGTTGCTTTCCTT
51.	TF	AT2G02470	TGGCAAGAATGAGAGGAAGAGGCT	TTGCCGCTCACAACCTCGAAAATG
52.	TF	AT3G61630	CGTCAACGAGGAAACAGAGCATGA	CAAACCCGCCGACGATTCTTCT
53.	TF	AT3G11200	CCCGTCTTAATCGCAATGAGAGGA	AGTGCCATTTCTGGATTTGCTTCC
54.	TF	AT4G06746	GGCCTACGATACCGCTGTGTTTA	TCCTAAGCCTTACCAGCCGTTT
55.	TF	AT3G42790	CGCTTGGTTACTGTCTGTCTCGTT	ACGCTTCTCTCTCTCTTGTGGA
56.	TF	AT4G11140	TTAACTTCCCTCCTCTCCGTTGA	GAAGACATTTCCACCTCCCAATGA
57.	TF	AT5G05610	TCCAGAAACGGCTAAAGAGATCA	TCCTCCAACTTCCACAGAGTG
58.	TF	AT4G13040	AGCCGAAGAACTCGGTCAAAACAT	GCGGCTGGTATTTGGTGGAGATGG
59.	TF	AT5G20510	GGCTTTCTCTCGTTGCTGTCCA	GCGCTTCTGTGAGTCTATCGAA
60.	TF	AT4G13620	TCGAGAGATTAGGCTTCCAAGGA	GCTTGCTCAGCGGTTTCAAAAGTG
61.	TF	AT5G26210	TCCGACTTTGTGATCCCGAAAAGG	GGCAAAATCACTTCCAGTGCTCA
62.	TF	AT4G16750	GGTGGCTCTGCCACCTTAATTTT	GCGGCGGCTTCTTGAATGCTTT

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63.	TF	AT1G01250	TTGCGGCGGAGGAGGTAAAGAA	CCCATTTTCCCCATCGGCGTTT
64.	TF	AT4G17490	GAGTTTCTGAGCATGCCCT	GTGGATAACCAACGGTGGG
65.	TF	AT1G03800	TGGAAATGCCAACCTCCCTCGT	TTCACCGGAGAAGCCAAAGCATTC
66.	TF	AT4G17500	GGTGTACGGACGAAACCCTAGCTT	AAATCTCCCCAGCTCTCGGTGAAG
67.	TF	AT1G04370	TGACCGAGCCGCTATTCAATGAG	AGAATTAGCCGCAGTGGATGAGGA
68.	TF	AT4G18450	TGGGCGAATTACATCGGAACACCA	AAGGGTAGGCAACGCTTCCCAAGT
69.	TF	AT1G07900	GCAGGAACTTCCAGAATCACAAAG	AATGGTATATGGCACCTGCACAT
70.	TF	AT4G31690	TTAGCCAATCCGTGACGCA	AAATCTCTCGGCACACTCACTG
71.	TF	AT1G16530	AGATGTTGCAGGAGTGTCCGAGA	TTGTATCTCTCGCTTGGCCTCGTA
72.	TF	AT4G33280	AGCTGCTGGAAGCAATAAGAAAGC	GCATGTTCTTCAGGCACATTGT
73.	TF	AT1G31320	TCAGGAATTACCAATCCACCAGCG	TGGAGGGACGAAATTGCCCCAA
74.	TF	AT4G34400	ACGAGCTGTTGGTTCATGCACAA	GCACTTAGTTTCCCGAACCTGTGCG
75.	TF	AT1G36000	CAAAAGCTCATGTGGAAGATTATGTT	TCTTCTCTGGAGTTCACGGA
76.	TF	AT5G09780	CCTGGCGATCCCGAAACCTTTT	ACAACCTTCCATGCTTCTCCCCA
77.	TF	AT1G65620	TACTCGCAGGGAGAGGGAAAAGAG	AAGCGGCGCATGGTGAAGTTT
78.	TF	AT5G18000	CGGTCCGAACAAGAGAGAAGAGAG	AGTTAAGCTCTGTTTCTGCGTCA
79.	TF	AT1G72980	TGCAGCAGCAGCAACAGAATCC	GCTGGTTTGTTCAGGCATCTCCAA
80.	TF	AT5G18090	CGGTCCGAACAAGAGAGAACAAG	TGTGACCAGGATAGCTCGATTACAG
81.	TF	AT2G19510	GGTGGATTTGGTATGGTGCAA	GAAGGTAGGCTTTGTGTAACATAATCTTC
82.	TF	AT5G32460	TTAGAATCACACGCGGCTG	TACATCCAGGTTTTTGACCGTTC
83.	TF	AT2G19820	GCACCATATTTTCTGCCGAAAAGA	TGGACGATGCCAACATGTCTCT
84.	TF	AT5G57720	AAGTGGAAACGAAATGTTTACGAGG	TCTCACATATGATTACGTTCTCCTTGC
85.	TF	AT2G23660	CGGTTACAGCCACGGGTTT	AACGAACCACAGCAGCTTG
86.	TF	AT5G58280	ACATAGCTCTACATGGGCGACCT	TGCAGCCTGAATGCTCCAACC
87.	TF	AT2G28500	TGCAGGAACTTCCAGAATCGCAAA	CGCACATCCGTAACCCGGATCTCT
88.	TF	AT5G60130	TCCGAAGAAGAAAAGCCAACTGCT	GATCTGCTTCTCCAATGTCCCGAA
89.	TF	AT2G30130	AGCAAAATGTTGCAGGAGCTACCA	AGCCGTAGACCGGATCTCTTACTC
90.	TF	AT5G60140	GCCAATTGCACATACCGGCTCAT	CTCCAATGCTCCCATTTCTGTTCA
91.	TF	AT2G30340	CGTGAATGTCCCGAGAAAGGGAAG	ACGGCATGATCCGTCGTTGTCT
92.	TF	AT5G66980	CGGGCTGGAGATACTTGTGACATA	TCCTAACAATAATGCGGATGTTGG
93.	TF	AT1G06160	GGGATAAGAGTGTGGCTTGGGACA	TGAGTACTGCGAGGCTGCCTTT
94.	TF	AT4G23750	TTGTCTCTGCTCTCCGGTGTCTGT	GCCGCGACTGGTGTGAAGAAATG
95.	TF	AT1G12610	TAAGAAGCGTGCGGGAAGGAGAGT	TTGTCACCGTCTCTCCGCTTATG
96.	TF	AT4G25470	CGGAATCAACCTGTGCCAAGGAAA	AGACCATGAGCATCCGTCGTCATA
97.	TF	AT1G12630	TAGTTCGAAGTCGAGAGCGCGTGA	TCTGTCCCACACCAGCAGGAAGAT
98.	TF	AT4G25480	GGATCATGGCTTCGACATGG	GCTCTGTTCCGCGGTGTAAG
99.	TF	AT1G12890	CAGCCGAAGAAGCTGCTTTTGC	TGTTGTAGCTAGAGCCGCTGAT
100.	TF	AT4G25490	CCGCCGTCGTGTTCAATGGAATCAT	TCCAAAGCGACACGTCACCATCTC
101.	TF	AT1G12980	CAGACGGTGGTTTTATCGTTGGGAT	TCGGCAAGTACAGCCTAACTGAGT
102.	TF	AT4G27950	TGTTTTCCGGCCAAAACCAGAAGAA	GCGTTGCTCAGGATCACGAATCTC
103.	TF	AT1G13260	TCTACGTGCTGGTGACGTGGTTAG	CGGATCTCGACTTCCACCAATGT
104.	TF	AT4G28140	TGCAAGGCCAGAAGCAAATGATCT	GGCCATATACTGCTGCTGCTGTTG
105.	TF	AT1G15360	AGAGGTGTCAGGCAACGCGATT	TCCCTAGCCAAATCTCCGTTTCA
106.	TF	AT4G31060	AGGCAACTAGAGCCTATGATGC	TTGTAAACTCCCTTCTCACCCC
107.	TF	AT1G16060	CCTTGGAACCTACGCGACGCAA	CCACGGTACTCGATAGCTGCGATA
108.	TF	AT4G32800	TCTCATCGTCGTTTGGTCTCTG	GGCTCGTTCCTAGACTCGGTAACCT
109.	TF	AT1G19210	TTTCGACGCGGCTCTTATTGTCT	CCGGAGATCACCGGAGGATTATCA
110.	TF	AT4G34410	GTCAGGGTTTTTCCAGTGACAGCA	GTGTCTGAATCCAACCGAGGCATT
111.	TF	AT1G21910	GCTGCTCAAGCTGCCAACTCATTT	TGACGAGACGGCTGATGAAGTAGG
112.	TF	AT4G36900	GAGGAGTGAACGGTGGTGGAGATA	GCTTCTAACGCATCCACTTGTCT
113.	TF	AT1G22190	CCTTCCAACGATTCATCCGCTTT	AATGAGTGGAGATCCGACCCGAT
114.	TF	AT4G36920	TGCCGAGTCATCAGGGAATCTAC	TCCCAAGCTCAAATCGAGGTTGTG
115.	TF	AT1G22810	GCGTGAACCTCTGGATGCGGAGATA	TGGCCGCCAGATAATCATACT
116.	TF	AT4G37750	GAGGAGTCACAAGACATCACCAGC	GTTTCCAGCGACTTACCAATCCG
117.	TF	AT2G31310	TCCCTGATCATGACCGATGTGAC	AACAACCTGTTGTTGGAGGGAGAA
118.	TF	AT1G01260	TGAAGGAAGTTCCAAGCACGGATG	TCTGCGATGATTGCTGCAAAGGTA
119.	TF	AT2G40470	TGGAAGTACCTGAGAGCCAGAGAG	AGCTCGGTTGTAAGCTTGG
120.	TF	AT1G02340	GATGCGTAAGCTACAGCAACTCGT	AGAACCGAAACTTGTCTCCCTTTG
121.	TF	AT2G42430	TCACCATCGCCTACGAAGCTCA	TTGCAAGAAAGCCACTGTTGTTG
122.	TF	AT1G03040	TAAGGTCCTGAGCATGAGCCGCT	TTCAGTGAAGTGGTGCACAGC
123.	TF	AT2G42440	TTCCCTCCAACAACAAGTTGTGAA	AATAGCCATCATGCTTTGTGTTGC
124.	TF	AT1G05805	GGTTTACCGTACTAGGCCAGTA	ACTGCGAAAAGAGACCAGAGTCCA
125.	TF	AT2G45410	TCTTCTCTTCAACACCAGGTGA	TGTTGTGGCGACTGTAGAGGAAA
126.	TF	AT1G06150	AACAGTCCATCGGATCGGCCAAAA	ATCAGGGGATGCCTCATGTAAGCA
127.	TF	AT2G45420	GCAACAGGTGGTGAATCTACAGGC	TGCGGTTGAGGTAGCTTAGTGAT

No.	Gene group	AGI	Sequence of forward primer	Sequence of reverse primer
128.	TF	AT1G06170	TCAACGCCAAGATTAGTGAAGGA	GCCGAAAAGACTTCCATGTATTGT
129.	TF	AT3G03760	TCCTGTCTATGGCTGCGTCTC	CTGTAGCGAGGCCACCTGTT
130.	TF	AT1G09250	TGTTCCCGAGCATCGAAACACAG	TCGTTGACACGCTGTCCTCTATC
131.	TF	AT3G11090	TCGCACTCGACTACTTGCCCAT	TCAAGAAAAGCAGCAAGCTCAGGA
132.	TF	AT1G09530	GCTCAAGACAGGAACCTTCTCCA	ATTTTCCCACACCAGCTCCACAAC
133.	TF	AT3G13850	GGTTTCTAGCGAACGACACGAGTT	TGATGTATTGTGCGGAAGGCAAGT
134.	TF	AT1G10120	TCTTGCAGAGCGGGTTAGAAGAGA	TCTTGTTCATCCGGGAACAAGTT
135.	TF	AT3G26620	TAGCCAAAACCTCAAGCTGAG	GAAATATGGGTTTGGCTAAG
136.	TF	AT1G10610	TGGAAATGTTTCAGCAGCTGTGTTTC	CACCATGCTTTCATCAAACGGTCT
137.	TF	AT3G26660	TCAAGCTGAGATTGCTGTT	CATAAAATCAGAATTTTGGG
138.	TF	AT1G12540	GCTTCTGAGGTCGAGGAGGG	TGATTATCTTTTCTTGAAGCTCTGAGA
139.	TF	AT3G27650	TTGTTGCGATCCATTTAAAGGGGA	GGCGAAAATAGGGTGCGAATAC
140.	TF	AT1G12860	AAGTTTGACATGAACAGCGACGGT	TTCTGACCCAAGACGCAGCTTCAC
141.	TF	AT1G22985	ATTGGACCTGATGCGCCGACTA	TCTTCAGAAGCACCACCCTAGCA
142.	TF	AT4G39780	ACCCGACTCTGGCTTGGAACTTT	CGCGAACTCGCCTCTTAGCTTGTA
143.	TF	AT1G24590	TGCCAGAGAGCGGTTTTTCAGACAG	TGACCGAATCCGTTTCTTCGACA
144.	TF	AT5G05410	TGTCTGGAGAATGGTGCGGAAGAG	TCAAACCTCGCTAGCCAAATGCTTA
145.	TF	AT1G25470	TTCTGGTGTGAAGTATTTGGGGA	AGGTTTAGGTAACCATTTCATCGCT
146.	TF	AT5G07310	AACAAGATCCTAACCCACCGGCTC	AGTGCCTCTTCTCAATAGCCCTT
147.	TF	AT1G25560	TCGGCTTTTCTTGACGCTCATTCT	CTCTGCTCAAACCTCATCGGCGTAA
148.	TF	AT5G07580	TGCTGCAAGAGCCTATGACTGTG	GCTTCATATTTCCCGGCGTCAAGA
149.	TF	AT1G28160	TGCAAGCATAGACACGTTTGCCTT	ACCCTTCTGTTCCACTCTGACCAA
150.	TF	AT5G10510	ATTGCCTCCCTCAGGAGGAAGAGT	CCTTGTTCGCAACGCTCTTGT
151.	TF	AT1G28360	TCTTCTACAGAAGCGCCGTTTAC	CCAACCACTTGATAACCAGGCGAT
152.	TF	AT5G11190	TGAAGAGAAGAGTGTGGCTTGAA	GCGTTTTGGCCGTTTATTAGAAGA
153.	TF	AT1G28370	TGAAGGACGACGTGTGGTTTTGGA	CAGTTCTCAGGTGGAGGAGGGAAA
154.	TF	AT5G11590	TGACTCATTCCCTCGACCCGTTTC	TGAGCTGCTTTAAGAGCTGCTGTC
155.	TF	AT1G33760	GGCCAACGAGATTACCGCTTCAAC	TACCGGGTTCTCGGATCTCCGATA
156.	TF	AT5G13330	ACATCAACCAGACCAAGATCAACC	GCTTTCTTTGGATCGCGGATTTCT
157.	TF	AT1G36060	TTCCAGCTCTCCGATACCAAACC	TTTAGCGTCTACGGCAGCTTGAAT
158.	TF	AT5G13910	AGCTGCCTTGGCCTACGATAGA	TGACGGATGAGGAGGAGGACAT
159.	TF	AT1G43160	GCTGTGACTAAAGAATGTGAAAGC	CCTTGTGTGGGTTCTCGAATCTC
160.	TF	AT5G17430	ACTCGCAAAGGAAGACAAGGAGGT	GTGCGGCTAAATCGTAAGCCCTA
161.	TF	AT1G44830	TGGCTTGGTTCTTACTCAACTGCT	AGACATAGGAGTGCTGCGTCTG
162.	TF	AT5G18450	TGGGGCAAGAAAAGAAGACGGAAC	TCCTTGTGTCCGACGATCCACAC
163.	TF	AT1G46768	TAAGGGAAAAAGCGGCGGAGGT	TCGGGTTTTATTACCGGCGGAGTG
164.	TF	AT5G18560	TGTCCCAAACACTGCTTAAACC	TTGCTTGCTACCGGAGTTGTGAAA
165.	TF	AT3G27940	CAACAACAGCTTTTGGCTGTCTGCT	CGAGTCCAAAGATGCGATTGACGA
166.	TF	AT1G18400	GGGTTTCGGCGAGGGAAAATAAACG	AGCCTTATAACATCCGGGCACCAT
167.	TF	AT3G47870	GCCTTACTTCCCAGCCGAACAA	ACTTCTTACGCCGAATAGCCTGTG
168.	TF	AT1G22490	TGTCACCACTTCCACAACCTCCAT	GCTTCTTCTTCAACCCTGACGCT
169.	TF	AT3G50510	CAACGTTTTGCATCCACAAA	TCCTCATCGTGTGCATCTG
170.	TF	AT1G25310	CATTACAAGGGTTCGACGGG	CGGCACCAGCTTTCAGTAAACA
171.	TF	AT3G58190	TTTGCTTCCAACAACAGTTGTG	GCAAAAATCATGCTTTGTGCTGCT
172.	TF	AT1G25330	TGGCTGAAAGGGTACGAAGAGAGA	CCATTGCCTGTAGCATCTTGGA
173.	TF	AT4G00210	GCCCTTCAACATCAGGCGGAGTTA	TTGTTTTGAGAATTCGGCGGAGGA
174.	TF	AT1G26260	TTGCGACAAGGTGACTGGTAAGG	GCACAGGATTCACAGCCGAAAGTT
175.	TF	AT4G00220	CGTCTCAAACCTCCTCCACCAT	TGCAAACCTACCACCTGTTGCTGA
176.	TF	AT1G27660	TTCTACAGAGCCAGATCGAGACT	ACTAGACATAGCCCACGGCTTCT
177.	TF	AT4G22700	ATGCAACTCCCAACTGCTGCT	TGCACCCTCAGCTCTATGCCCATC
178.	TF	AT1G27740	GCCTTTATGCTCGAAACGAAGAG	TGTCCTTGGCACAAGGTT
179.	TF	AT5G06080	GCTATACCATCTCCTACGAGGCT	GTCACAACCTGTTGATGAAGAGCG
180.	TF	AT1G29950	TGGCGTTGGACATTTCTCAAACCA	GCGCTAGACCGATGATTTACCTCC
181.	TF	AT5G35900	ATGCCAGCTGATTTTTGACTAATAA	CCTCCATCTTTTCAATATAAGGATGTAA
182.	TF	AT1G30670	AGCAGACCAAAATGCAGACTCTGG	CCCTTGAACCACACACTTCTT
183.	TF	AT5G63090	GGTTTTTCAGCCTCAGCCGCTT	TGGCATCTGATTCATCACCAGGACT
184.	TF	AT1G31050	TCACAACAAAAGGGGACCGAAGC	TCGCGGTATGCGATTTGGGGTAT
185.	TF	AT5G66870	ATTGAGGCTCTCAAGTGTGAAAAG	TGGTGGAAAATATGGAGCGAATA
186.	TF	AT1G32640	GATGAGGAGGTGACGGATACGGAA	CGTTTTACCAGCTAATCCCGCA
187.	TF	AT1G67100	ACCACCTCCGCTCTGCGATATTTA	CGGATTCACAATCTCCCGCAT
188.	TF	AT1G35460	CGTAGCATTGCTGAACGGGTGA	AGGAACAAGCTCTTGCAGCCTC
189.	TF	AT1G49120	ACAGGGAAATAAAGCAGCCGGAAC	CGGATTTCTTATCTCCGCCGAAA
190.	TF	AT5G19790	TTCTTATTTCGTGGCCCTTGTCT	CTGCCTGAGCCAATGGAATCTGAT
191.	TF	AT1G50640	TCTGTAATCGACGACGACGACGA	GATCGAATTGAAACGGCGGATTCC
192.	TF	AT5G21960	TGGCGACCATAATACCGAGGAAGA	CTTCCCCAACTTGCCCTAACGTAG

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193.	TF	AT1G50680	TTGTGGCTTCTGGCAATGTC	CCCCAATGACCGTTCGTGTTG
194.	TF	AT5G25190	ATGGCAGCACCACAACAACG	TCAAGAGAGGGGTGACGAATTTCCGG
195.	TF	AT1G51120	TGCCTTGTCCAACACGACGAAATT	CGATGGTCTGCGTAAATCTGAGCA
196.	TF	AT5G25390	TCTCTGAAGAGAAGAGTGTGGCT	TCCAAGGAATTTGAACCGTTCGAT
197.	TF	AT1G51190	GGCCGAGTTGCTGGAAACAAAGAT	TGCTTCTTCTCCGTGCTGAATG
198.	TF	AT5G25810	TCGCTAGAGTCTCTCGTGTCTTCC	TACAATCTCCCCTAGCTCCTCGGA
199.	TF	AT1G53170	TGTGGTGTCCAGAGCGAGTCTGAA	TCCCAGCTCCACCTTCGAAATCAA
200.	TF	AT5G43410	TGGCTGGATCTTCTCCG	CAAATTCAAAACTTGCCTAGAAGAA
201.	TF	AT1G53910	GCTGCGGAAGGTTTCAGTTTTGGT	TGCAGATTTCTCAGCGTCCCCTATC
202.	TF	AT5G44210	TCGATCCGTCAAGAGCTGTTCTCGT	ACCGAACCGGACAAACCCGAGAAA
203.	TF	AT1G63030	AGGAGACACGTACCCAATCTACA	AGCCAGACTCGACGCTGATGAATC
204.	TF	AT5G47220	TGTTTCACAGAGAGTTGGGGAGGT	GAGGAGTCCGTACACCAACATGTC
205.	TF	AT1G63040	TTTAATGGCCACTGACACCG	AATTCCTCCGATAAACCCGGAT
206.	TF	AT5G47230	CGCTTCTGTCCGGTTATCT	CAAACAACGGTCAACTGGGAA
207.	TF	AT1G64380	TGGGAGTGGACACTGATGGGTTTT	CCCAAATCAGCTCTGGATCGAACG
208.	TF	AT5G50080	GATCGAGGAAGCAAGGGAGAAAA	CCAAACCTTAGCGGCTCTATGT
209.	TF	AT1G68550	CTGCATCAGCTCTCACTGTGTCA	CCTTGTTTCCACGACGACCAAT
210.	TF	AT5G51190	AAGCTCAGGTTTCAGGCTGATG	TCCAAAACCCCTTCCAAC
211.	TF	AT1G68840	TCCTACGACATCGCAGCTTGTA	GCTAAATCGCCGCTTCCAGAACG
212.	TF	AT5G51990	TGGTCGCTCTGCTGTCTCAATTT	GTCTCAGGAATACGAAGCCGCCAA
213.	TF	AT1G68510	CCTGATCACCTTCGTCCCACAATA	TGACCACATCAAACCAACCGAACC
214.	TF	AT1G43770	CCGATATGGAGGGGATTGATGTCT	GTATTTTCAGCAGAGAGCCGACC
215.	TF	AT3G02550	CGTGTGGACTCATGAACCTCATC	GATCGGAAAATCCCAGGACGAAGG
216.	TF	AT1G49770	CGTGATCCAAGCACAGGTAATCC	ACTCAAACCGAAGCAGCCAGTTAT
217.	TF	AT3G49940	GCCCTGCTTTGTTTCAGTCTTTCG	ACATTCCAATTCCCCGTCCACAAC
218.	TF	AT1G51070	AGCAAGAGATGAAGCGCAGAACT	CGCAGCTCGTTCCTCTCATCCTT
219.	TF	AT4G37540	ACGTCCTGCTTTGTTTCAGTCGTT	TGCCAGTTCCTGGTCCACAACATA
220.	TF	AT1G51140	GCATAGCCGAGAGGGTGAGAAGAA	GCGTGTCCATGTTTGAACAAGG
221.	TF	AT5G67420	GCCACCGTCTTCGTCGCTAAAT	ACAAAGCAGGACGTTGAGAATCCG
222.	TF	AT1G59640	AAAGAGTTTGGTCAGCAACCG	TCGTAGACTCGCAGCCGAAC
223.	TF	AT1G04100	CGCAACCAGACAAGTTGCTGTAGG	AGCCGCCTTCCGTAGCTAAAGACT
224.	TF	AT1G61660	CTGACAGTGGAGGAAGTACCGTGA	GTCCTAGACCCATCATCTGCAACG
225.	TF	AT1G04240	AACATCCCCTCCTCGAAAGGCT	TCCTTGACCCTCATGCTCAGATTC
226.	TF	AT1G62975	TTGCCTCTCAGCTAGACGGCAACA	TTTGCCATCTCCACCTGCGAAAC
227.	TF	AT1G04250	GCCAAGGCACAAGTTGTGGGAT	TTTGGCAGGAAACCATCACGTTCT
228.	TF	AT1G63650	AAGGAATCCCCGGAGGAGCGTTAT	GCGGTTTCAGCGTTACAAAGCCAT
229.	TF	AT1G04550	TGGGTCTAAACGCTCTGCTGAAT	ACCATTGACTTGAACGAGGAGGA
230.	TF	AT1G66470	TTCTCACACGGAGAGCAGCTCA	TTTCCGGTACACCGCTACTCA
231.	TF	AT1G15050	TGGTAGGTCGCAAGGTCTGTGTT	ATCCCGACACACTCTGCATCCCAA
232.	TF	AT1G68240	TGATGCCTCAGCAAAACATGACCT	TGGCGGCACTGTTCCATATACTCT
233.	TF	AT1G15580	TTCCGCTCTGCAAATCTGTTCG	CGATCCAAGGAACATTTCCCAAGG
234.	TF	AT1G68810	ACCCAACACCACAAAACCGGATA	CTCCTCCGTGAAAGCTACCGTTAA
235.	TF	AT1G51950	CAGAACCAAAGAGCAAGGAGTCA	TTTGAGCTGCAAGAAGACCTCTGA
236.	TF	AT1G68920	GCAGAAGAAGCTGAAGCAGCTCA	TGGACTTTGCTCATCATTTGCTGT
237.	TF	AT1G71130	TGGCGGAGATCAGATGTGGAAGAG	GAGCAGTCTTCTCAGCAGTGTAA
238.	TF	AT5G52020	TCAGGGGGATTTCGACTACGTAACG	ACCGGATAAGTCCCAGCCAAATT
239.	TF	AT1G71450	ACCGAAGGAACAGAGTCAGCCAT	GCTTGAATTTCCCTGGGCGAGAGT
240.	TF	AT5G53290	TGAGCCTAGCTGTAACAACGTCGT	CGACGCCGAGATTGAGTTTCATC
241.	TF	AT1G71520	TTACAACCTCCCTCGCCTCCAATA	GCGTCGGAAGCAGCTTTTTGGAT
242.	TF	AT5G57390	TTCTCCAGTCGAACGGCAAGATGG	AAGTTTAGGACCCGCGGGGTATA
243.	TF	AT1G72360	ATGGGCGGCTGAGATACGT	GTTGAAAGTCCCAGCCAAA
244.	TF	AT5G60120	GGCAGCTAATGTTAAGCTCGACCT	TGCTTCGGACCATCTCCTAGTGAA
245.	TF	AT1G72570	TGAGGAGGAATAGCAGCGGGTTTT	CAATTCTGGCTTGCCACCTTCCAT
246.	TF	AT5G61590	CGGAAAGTATGATGCTCCGGTCAA	TGTGGTACATCGGTTCTCTCCTT
247.	TF	AT1G74930	AATCCACCGTCGATCTCCGTAGAA	AGCGAATCTAGCAGCAGCTTCC
248.	TF	AT5G61600	TAACCAGCGTAAACCGCCCTTACC	TCCCCTGTAGTGCCTCTCTTCTC
249.	TF	AT1G75490	TGAGGCTCATCTCAACCTGAGT	GGTGTGCTGCTGGTGTAGTCTG
250.	TF	AT5G61890	AAGACCAAGGGGACTTGAGGAGGA	CCGCAATTCAGCGGTTTCAAAT
251.	TF	AT1G77200	TGACTCGGCGTATCCACCTAGTTC	TGCCATTTTCGTCGCTGTGGTAAT
252.	TF	AT5G64750	AAAGGAGGAGAGAGGTGGAGGA	ACTTTAGAAGTAGAGCTACCACCG
253.	TF	AT1G77640	GTTCTTACTCCACCGCAGAAGCA	TAAGACACAAGAGAGCAGCGTCGT
254.	TF	AT5G65130	TGGGCTAAACCAGCTCACTCCAAC	TGCCGGAGATGTAACCTGTCTGA
255.	TF	AT1G78080	TTCCGCCGGCTTAACTTCCCTAAC	TTCACCGAAATCGCCTCCGATGTG
256.	TF	AT5G65510	TCGTGGAGTCACCCGACATAGATG	TTTCTGGCTTGACCTTCCCTCT
257.	TF	AT1G79700	TCAAGGGGCTTACGACGAAGAAGA	GTGTGTCTCGTCCCAGTACTTCA

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258.	TF	AT5G67000	TTGTTGCACCACCCCTTCTTCTT	TCGCAGAGCAGAGACCATGATCT
259.	TF	AT1G80580	GCGAGGAGGCTTAGAGGGAC	TGGGAAAAACGGGAGGAATC
260.	TF	AT5G67010	CATCAGGAAAAATGGTCGGCGAA	CCAAGCCACCTCCTTGTCTTGT
261.	TF	AT1G52830	CATAGGAGTGGCGAAGGAGGGTAA	TGCCAAGGTACATCTCCGACGA
262.	TF	AT1G69010	CTCTAGTGCCTACTCGCATGAGTT	TGCTTGGCAGACAGATCAATGCCT
263.	TF	AT1G80390	GGAGAGGAAAGGAGAGTTTGTTC	CCACAAACATCATCCACGGCACAT
264.	TF	AT1G71200	ACGCTAAGGAGCGTTAAGGAGGA	TGGTCAGGAAGAAGAGTGCCAAGA
265.	TF	AT2G01200	TGTTTGACCGTGTCCGGGATTGAG	CCCCAACATTCCTCCAAATGCCTT
266.	TF	AT1G72210	GCGAAAAAGAGACCGGAGACAGCTT	TTGGTCCCTTCTTCAACCTTGAC
267.	TF	AT2G22670	GCCAAGGCACAGGTTGTTGGTT	TCCATGCTCACCTTCACAAACAGA
268.	TF	AT1G73830	TGTGGAATCCATGCAGAAGGCAAA	ACAGAACTCCCATCCCTCCCTTGA
269.	TF	AT2G33310	GCTAATGGACTCGCTGCACGAAAT	TAAACCGGCTGCTTTCGCTGTCTC
270.	TF	AT1G74500	GTCGTTCCGACAAGGTTTCAGCA	GCAGCTTGTGCAGTGTCTGAGTTT
271.	TF	AT2G46990	CGCATCCATTCTCTGGGCTGAAGA	TCTCCAACCATCATCCAGTCACTT
272.	TF	AT2G14760	GCGTGCCACAACAACCTGATAA	GCATTTCTGGCTCCTTCGTG
273.	TF	AT3G04730	AAACCACCAGCCAAGGCACAA	CGGACATGACGTTCTTCCGGAAAG
274.	TF	AT2G16910	GGACAAGAAATGGAGCCACAGGTG	TGAAGCTCCTGGTTGTATTTCGC
275.	TF	AT3G15540	TCGGTGTGGCCTTGAAAGATGG	TGCATGACTCTAGAAACATCCCC
276.	TF	AT2G18300	GGGCGAGAAGAGAAAAGATCAGCA	GCATACCAGCTTTTCTGTGACCT
277.	TF	AT3G16500	CAGAAAAGAACTGCTCCTGGTCCA	TTGAAGAGCTTGTGCTCGCTAGA
278.	TF	AT2G20100	TACAAGTTGGCAGCGACAATG	TGGAGAGTGGTCCGAACG
279.	TF	AT3G17600	TGCGGTAATCGAGATCGAAAACAT	TCCGACCATCATCCAATCTCCATC
280.	TF	AT2G20180	TCACCCTGCTCGAATCTGGATACG	GGATCAGCGAAACCAACAACAGA
281.	TF	AT3G23030	ACCTCCTACAAAACCTCAAATCGT	GCTCGGGTAGTTTTGTATGTCT
282.	TF	AT2G22750	GCTCAATCCTTGACTCGAAGCCAA	GCCTTGTCCATCTTCTTTAGGCCA
283.	TF	AT3G23050	TCTGCTGTCCCAAGGAGAAGACT	GCCATCCCACCCTTGTGCTTTAG
284.	TF	AT2G22760	TGTTTTAGCCGAGAGAAAGCGCC	TACCTTGTCCGCCTTCTTAAGCCC
285.	TF	AT2G20350	CCCACGACACGAGGCGATAATTA	GCCGCCATTTACCTGATGGTTTT
286.	TF	AT5G67180	TGGGACTGTGGGAAGCAAGTGTA	TAATCGCCGCTCGATCATAGGCTC
287.	TF	AT2G20880	TTATGCTACTCTCAGCCGCCAAC	TCGCTGGAGGGAGGTAAGGGGAA
288.	TF	AT5G67190	TTAGAGGACTACGGCGAGGCTTA	TTCTGATGGTCCGACCGGACATA
289.	TF	AT2G22200	GGGACATTCGAAACC GCCGAAAAA	GCGATATCTCCACGGAGCTGAAAA
290.	TF	AT1G19220	TCCAACGAAGGAGAGAAGAAGCCA	TGAAACTAAAGGCCCTGCACAAGC
291.	TF	AT2G23340	TTGTGAATACCGGCGGCGAGAATC	TCGACCCGTTCCAATGACCCGTTA
292.	TF	AT1G19850	CGGGAAACGAAGGTACATGGGAAC	TACGCCACTTAGAACAGGCCATC
293.	TF	AT2G25820	AGTGGTCATCCTCATCGTCTCAG	TCTCCTAGCTCCCCGAAAGCATA
294.	TF	AT1G30330	TTCTATAACCCGAGGCGAGTCCA	CCAACAGAGACGCGAGTGTGATAA
295.	TF	AT2G28550	GCCGAGGGAAGAGCAACAGAAAAG	TCTGCCATCCCCAGTTACTCATCA
296.	TF	AT1G34170	GGCGAAGCCTAAAAAGTGCAATGG	AGATGCTCGATGTCCCAAGGTGA
297.	TF	AT2G31230	TTTCCCGGTGGAAGTGGTTAGAGA	TCAAGGCCATAACCGGAGATCCT
298.	TF	AT1G34310	TGGCGCAGCTTAGAAGTGCAGT	ATGTTCCGATGTCCAGGGTGACAC
299.	TF	AT2G33710	TCTTCGTCGCTTACTCTTCAAGAA	TCACGCCTCTGTAGTTTCGTTG
300.	TF	AT1G34390	TGGCGCAACTTAGAAGTGCAGTG	TGTTTCGATCTCCAGGGGTGACA
301.	TF	AT2G35700	TCGCCATCTCCCACAGTACGGAA	GCGTCTCGGAGAGTGCATATCATA
302.	TF	AT1G34410	GCAGCTTAGAAGTGCAGTGGGATG	ACGCAGGCATAAATGTTTCGATCT
303.	TF	AT2G36450	TTTCTCTTTGCCTGCCCAACCT	TCCCTAGCAGCACAAAAGCAGCA
304.	TF	AT1G35240	TGGCGCAGCTTAGAAGTTCAGTG	TGTTTCGATCTCCAGGGGTGACA
305.	TF	AT2G38340	TTTGGGTGGGGGAAGGAAGAAGGA	TCCAACCAATAGCCTCCGAACTT
306.	TF	AT1G35520	TTTACAGGTAGTGACGAGGATGA	GCAGAATTCAGGCCATGGAT
307.	TF	AT2G39250	TGGGTGGTTTTCGACACAGCCTACA	GGAATCTGATAGCAGCTCGGTCGT
308.	TF	AT1G35540	TGGCGCAGCTTAGAAGTGCAGT	TGGTAAAACCTGGTTTGGTCTCGG
309.	TF	AT3G62100	TGCTTCAATCCTTTGGGCTGAAGA	TCTCCAACCATCATCCAGTCACTT
310.	TF	AT2G22770	TGGCCTCAAAAAGACGGACAAGG	TCCTCCAGCTTCTTTACCCGCTCT
311.	TF	AT4G14550	ACGAGGACAAAAGATGGTACTGGA	ATGACTCGACAAACATCGGCCAGG
312.	TF	AT2G24260	TCGCCGAAAGGTTACGAAGAGAGA	TGCCTTGTCTGTCTTATTGCCGTT
313.	TF	AT4G14560	ATCTGCTCCTCCTCTGCAAAAAAC	CGGTTAGATCTCACTGGAGGCCAT
314.	TF	AT2G27230	GAAGCAAACCGGGAATCCAAGAT	TGACCCTACTTCGAAACCCATGT
315.	TF	AT4G28640	CAACTAGTGGGCAAGTTGTGGGAT	TCAGTGGTTCGAACTTGTCTTGG
316.	TF	AT2G28160	CGGTATCAATCCTCCTGCTTCCAA	TGGAGCAACACCTTCTCCTTTGT
317.	TF	AT4G29080	TGGTTCGAGATGTCCCTTGGGAAA	TCACCCTTGGAGCTAAGCCGATAG
318.	TF	AT2G31210	CAGAACGTGAGCGAAGATGTCACT	TCTCCCTTACTCGGGCTAGGAATG
319.	TF	AT4G32280	GAGGGTGACTGGCTACTTCCA	GATGAACAGATTCCGCAAAGATCT
320.	TF	AT2G31215	GCACAACAACATTGAAGTAGACAATAAA	ATGCTCTATCTTGTAGTCCCATAAAT
321.	TF	AT5G25890	GCTCCTCCTGTACCAATTCCT	ACTGGAGCTACCTCAACCTGTTA
322.	TF	AT2G31220	ACCTCATTCCAAATCCCAAAAGA	TGCTCCTGAATCTCCACATCT

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323.	TF	AT5G43700	GCTGAGATTGGGATTACCAGGGAC	GGCCATCCAACAATCTGAGCCTTT
324.	TF	AT2G31280	GCAGGGGATGGTGTCTTATCGAGAT	TCCATGTTTTCTCGCCCTGAGTC
325.	TF	AT5G57420	TGGAAGGACTTTGTTCTGTAGCG	TGTGTTTCCCCTGACCCGGCAAGAT
326.	TF	AT2G34820	ACTTAACACCCGCCGAGATGTTCC	ACCCCTCTTGTGGTCTGCATCAG
327.	TF	AT5G65670	CAGCCAAGGCACAAATTGTCCG	GCCTCCCATCAACTTCGTCACTGT
328.	TF	AT2G40200	GCTGATGATTGTGTCCGGTGGGAT	AGCTGCTTTGTCTAACTTGTCCGA
329.	TF	AT1G16640	CTTCCCTCAAGTCGAGTAGAGGT	GTTTGTCTTGATCGTCGCCGTCT
330.	TF	AT2G41130	GGAGAAAACGATGGCTCAAGACAGA	AGCAGTGTGGCTTTATCGGTCTTA
331.	TF	AT1G26680	ATCTCGCACTCACCTCAACATCC	CGCGTCTGATCTTAGCGTCACA
332.	TF	AT2G41240	GTCTTCCCTCCACCAATCAAACGA	AACTTGTCTTGCAGCTCTGGTA
333.	TF	AT2G40220	TCAATAACTCATCCACCCGCGTTG	AGGCCAAATGGTCAAGATCCATC
334.	TF	AT1G43950	TGAATGTCTCCCTCCGCTGGAT	TGCATTCCAACCAGTTGTGTCTCT
335.	TF	AT2G40340	TGTGGCTCGGACTTTCTCCAGTT	CATATATAGCTTTGGCCGCTCGT
336.	TF	AT1G59750	GGTCCATCTGGTCTGTACTCCA	ATGGCACTGAGGAAGGAGTGTCTG
337.	TF	AT2G40350	TGGTCAGATCTCTAACTTCTCGCA	AGTAACGCCCAACTTAACCAATG
338.	TF	AT1G77850	TGGAAGCAGCTTCAGATCACATGG	TGTGCAGCAATTTCCACTTGCCA
339.	TF	AT2G41710	TTCAAAGCCGATGGGATCGATCAG	ACGATCATCACCTGCCCGTAATG
340.	TF	AT2G28350	TCTCCTCAGGTAGCTTGGGACGA	ACTAACCACGACTAACCCTGCTTA
341.	TF	AT2G44840	TTCCGTAACCCGAGTTTACGCAAC	TAACGGCAAGTGCCTCCAGTTATC
342.	TF	AT2G33860	TTGGTAAGGTGGGACGACATTGTG	GCTGCCTGAATTGGAGATGGAACC
343.	TF	AT2G44940	TGGCAAGATTCCGGTCAACGATGTG	TCGGCTCGGCTTCAACTATTTTCCAG
344.	TF	AT2G46530	TTGAGGGGTGAAACCCGGGGATTT	TCGAAATAACGGATGCGGGCATCG
345.	TF	AT2G46310	TGCGCTACTGATTCTTCCAGCGAT	ACGTTTACCCTCGGAGCAACAGA
346.	TF	AT3G61830	GCAGGTACAATGGGATGAGCCAA	GGGAAGTTGCCAAGAAAGGCTCT
347.	TF	AT2G47520	GCGTAAACCCGTCTCAGTGAGTGA	TGGCCTCTGCCTTATCCCTCTGTA
348.	TF	AT4G23980	AAGAAGCCGTACCAAGGTGCAGA	TTTAAATCCACAGCCCTGCCACA
349.	TF	AT3G11020	TGAATGAACCTGGTCCCCATCAGA	TCGAGATGAAGCGGATGCAAATCA
350.	TF	AT4G30080	GTCTCTGATCCTATCCGTTGGCCT	TCATCCCACGCCACCTGTAGAA
351.	TF	AT3G14230	TCGTCTCCACTGTAGGTTTCAAGAT	TTTCTCAGTCTGTCTCAGCGGACTC
352.	TF	AT5G20730	TTTCTACAACCCGAGGGCTGTCT	ACCCGATAACCGAGGGAAACTTGA
353.	TF	AT3G15210	TTTTGGACCTGATGGGATCCGGTA	GCGACTATAACCGCCGATGTCACAG
354.	TF	AT5G37020	TATCTTTCGGGGACAGCCAAACG	TGGCACTGACAAAGACACTCCATC
355.	TF	AT1G49480	TGTACTTGCCATCTGGGTTTGTCTG	CCATTGTTTCTCACCAGCTGGAG
356.	TF	AT2G42280	GTGGTTGCGCTACACATCCTCGAA	CGCTTATCCGCTTCTTCTTACCC
357.	TF	AT2G16210	ACAAGAGAGCACTTCCACATGACT	CCCAGCCAGACTTCTCCATGAA
358.	TF	AT2G42300	GAACCGGAGAAGAAGGTCAAAAAGC	TGGCAACTTGTCTGACTCCACG
359.	TF	AT2G24650	TGCGTCTCCAAAGGTATTACGA	AACAGACTAATCTCCCCGCTTGTG
360.	TF	AT2G43010	CGACTCAGCCGATGGAGATGTT	GTTGTTGACTTGTCTGTCCCGC
361.	TF	AT2G24680	AGCTCATAAGACCTCCCAGTGTGT	ACAGCGGCTAGGTCCTAAATCTGA
362.	TF	AT2G43140	ACGAGCATTGCTGAAAGGGAGAG	GCGTAGCTCGTTTGTCTGTCCATA
363.	TF	AT2G24690	AGACTGCGTCTTCCACTGCAATTC	ACTTACCAGCCACTTCGACCA
364.	TF	AT2G46510	AGCAGCGTTTTACCCCGAG	CTGTGAAGTAGAAGAAGGCAATGG
365.	TF	AT2G24700	GGTTTACCAACCCTGGACATT	AGCTCAGCCGTTTTTCTACGTT
366.	TF	AT2G46810	CAGAGGGGAGACCAAGCGTCAATA	TGTGTTCAAGGGATGCAACTGT
367.	TF	AT2G35310	TCATGCAAGATGGCAAGGAGATGC	AGGTGGCTAGAAGAAGCCATGAA
368.	TF	AT2G46970	AATGCGTGTCTTGCAGGAC	CAACAATGAAGCCTTATCATCCTTG
369.	TF	AT3G06160	CAGATCAACGGGTTTGCATAAA	TCTGTGAAGTGGTTTCTCTCGC
370.	TF	AT2G47270	TCATGATCCGACCAAGGAAGAGTG	TCTGCCGTTGTCTAAAGAGTCCA
371.	TF	AT3G06220	CGAGCAGTCGTTTATGTTGAA	CAAGAGAATCGTTGTACTTTCTGAC
372.	TF	AT3G05800	TTGGAAATGCAAGTCCGAGCCAT	CGGCTATAAAGCCGAGCCGAGATT
373.	TF	AT3G17010	ACGAGCAGAATGGCTTAGAGATGC	TGATCCCACTAGAAGGCCATCCG
374.	TF	AT3G06120	TCGAAGAAGGCAAAATGAACGAGCA	CGATGATCGAAGCTTGATCTCCCC
375.	TF	AT3G18960	CCCAAAACACGAAGGCCAGAGT	TCACGAATCTTGGCGGAATCTTCA
376.	TF	AT3G06590	TGACTACGGTGGTTAGTAGCAGCA	CTCAACACCGACTCTCCGTTT
377.	TF	AT3G07340	ATCATTGCAACGACAAGTTGAGTT	CAGCCTGGTGTCTACTGACG
378.	TF	AT1G03970	ACTCCTCCACCCATTGATCCTTCA	TTTTCCGATGCAGCGACACAGTTC
379.	TF	AT3G17100	TCTCCGCCGTTAGTCTTCTCTCT	CATGTGTGTTTGTCCCTTCTCGT
380.	TF	AT1G06070	ACAGGTCCACCTACGATGCTTT	TGCCCTCAATACCTTAAAGATGC
381.	TF	AT3G19500	GATTGCAGGAACTCAAACGACGC	TACCCGTTCCGGTCTCTTCTTGG
382.	TF	AT1G06850	CCCAAAACGCGCCAAAAGGATT	TGAGCAGAGAGAGTGGTAGCTTCG
383.	TF	AT3G19860	GACCCAAGAATGACAAAAGCCACGA	CGTTTTTCTCTGTGTCAACTCGC
384.	TF	AT1G08320	CCCACGAGAGACTGATGAGTGA	TGGAGAAGTGGTTCCGAGATGACT
385.	TF	AT3G20640	CGTCTCCGTCACCAGCTTTCAAGA	TTGTTGGAGCGCAGCGATTCTGTC
386.	TF	AT1G13600	TCACACAACGAAGACGACAACAGT	ACTCAAATCTCTGCCGCTTGGT
387.	TF	AT3G21330	TTGCAGCGAGACAGAGAAGGGAGA	TCGTCCACCTGGAACCAATGT

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388.	TF	AT1G19490	CAATTCGGCGAAGACAGGCAATG	GCCCAATCCTTTCCCTCCTCAAA
389.	TF	AT3G22100	TGCCGTGGGAGAGAAAAGTGAAC	GGCATCCAACGGAGTGAAGCAATC
390.	TF	AT1G22070	GAGAGTTTTGTGAACACAGGCGGAT	GAGCAGCTGTCTGTGCTCAATA
391.	TF	AT3G23210	GGGAAGAGGAGACGAACTGGATCA	GGAGTCTGCCAGGCTCTAAAACA
392.	TF	AT1G32150	GACACAACGGGAAGGATGGTGAAA	TTCCATTACGGGGTGGTCCATGAG
393.	TF	AT3G23690	CACAGAGATGATTCAACCGGGGGA	TGCTCTGAGCAAGCCATTGCGT
394.	TF	AT1G35490	GACCATCCAAGTGCTACAAGTTGA	GCATGAGTAACTGCTGATCCAAGT
395.	TF	AT3G24140	GGTCGAAAAGAAACCGTAGGAAAGCA	TCCCCTTTGAACGTAGGAGCCA
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397.	TF	AT3G25710	CCAAAACGGACAAGCTTCTTTGTC	TCTACGGTCAGATCATCGCACTC
398.	TF	AT1G43700	GCAACAAGCTGAACTTAGGGATGC	TCATTGCCGATTGCTGAGATGAGA
399.	TF	AT2G24790	CCAAACTGTTTCGACGAGAACGAT	CCTCAAACCCCTTGCTTCCCTCT
400.	TF	AT1G65110	AATGGGTGAAGAATGAAACTGAAAA	TCCCAGTCCAATGCCTTTGT
401.	TF	AT2G31380	TCCCTGCGACATCTGCCTTGAGAA	ATGGGTGCGCTCATCGCAATCTCT
402.	TF	AT3G62850	CATGTTGTGTCTTTGTGATTGCA	CTTCACTTGAGAGATGCGTCCCTC
403.	TF	AT2G33500	AACGATACCCGAACCACCA	CGGAATCCTCCTGCTGGTAAAC
404.	TF	AT1G01930	TCCACAGAGCCAAGGCTGTGTAATA	AAGTGAGGCTCCGGCAGAGTGTAT
405.	TF	AT2G47890	TGCCTAAGAATCGTCACGCCACCT	TAGTCCACGGAGCTGTCGGATCAT
406.	TF	AT1G02030	TGTCGAGAGACAAGTGGGAGAAGG	TTCTCGCAAGTCTCGCACTCGAAC
407.	TF	AT3G02380	GCGCATCCGTTTCATCAATGGACA	AGCTGTTGCACCACCTGAGTAGGA
408.	TF	AT1G02040	TTCAGTCGTGGACAACACGATGAG	TGGACATCGATCTCTCCCTCTTCC
409.	TF	AT3G07650	TAAGCACCAAACAGCTCCAGAGGG	GAATCATTACTGCCTGCTGGTGC
410.	TF	AT1G03840	CCCTGGAAATCCTGATCCAGAAGC	CGCAGAGGAAACGATTTGTGGC
411.	TF	AT3G21150	TGTGTCTCAAGCTCCGAGTATCG	TTCCCTCCCTCGCCTCTGTGTTA
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413.	TF	AT3G21880	GCGCTCTTTTGGGAAACAGATTTCG	TCTTTTCTCTGCTGTCAGCTCTTGC
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415.	TF	AT3G21890	GCGTGCTATGCACTTCTTGTCAGA	CGTCGTCACCGACGGTAAAACAAC
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418.	TF	AT1G10480	TCGTCCGAGGTCGTCAGGATTAAC	TCGAACACCTTCCAGCTTACCCAT
419.	TF	AT4G15250	GGGAACGTTGTACCGAACATGTCA	AGAAAACCTGGTGAATTCGCGAA
420.	TF	AT1G11490	TTCCCGGTCGTTGTTTCAGAG	ACTCCGAAACCGCAGATGTC
421.	TF	AT3G26744	CGCTGAGCAATGCCAAGAAGGA	ACCAGCATACCCTGCTGTATCGAA
422.	TF	AT1G45249	GCAGGCAAGGATCATGGAAATGC	CCGACTCTGTCTCCTCAGCTTTT
423.	TF	AT3G47640	AGCCGATACTCTTGAACCTGAATCA	CTCAATTTGACCAACACGTCCT
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425.	TF	AT3G47710	TTGCTCTCCAGCTTCATCGGTTTC	GCTGAAACCTTTCCAGACGCTCT
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429.	TF	AT3G56220	ACTGATTCTCATGCTGAGAGCGAA	CGGAAAAGATTGCTCAGACGTGGT
430.	TF	AT1G68640	ACGGTTATGGATTGTGGTGGTGGT	TGCCCTGTGTCCAAACACTCTCT
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432.	TF	AT1G68880	TGGAAGAAGTGTGGTCCATGCTTG	TTCCCTGGCTTGCTTAGCTCATC
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437.	TF	AT3G57800	GCCATAGCTTAGCAGAACGAGCA	GGGACCAGTCTCTGTAACAGCTTC
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439.	TF	AT3G59060	GCGGAAAATCAGACCGTGCAACAA	CGCCGGAGATCCAAATCCCAACAT
440.	TF	AT2G12900	AGCTTTTCTCCGTCAGCTCCTGTG	CCATCAACCAAAGGGGGCAATGAA
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443.	TF	AT3G62090	GAAGGATCGATGTATCTAAGCAGTAGTC	CTTGTGGCCTCGCATCATCT
444.	TF	AT2G13150	TTGAATCATTGGAGCAACACGCC	CTACGTGCAAAATGTTCCGTC AAGG
445.	TF	AT4G27310	AGCGGAGGTTCAAGTACGAAGA	CGATCTCATATCGGAGCAGAGAA
446.	TF	AT1G13290	CCGCTTCAACAACATGCAGATGC	CGAAGATGACGACTTCGTCCTCT
447.	TF	AT4G38960	TCGCCCCGCGATGAAAAAGTTC	ACCAACACGTACATGCCGACTAGC
448.	TF	AT1G14580	GGAACCAACCCGAAAACCCAAATC	GGAACCTGTTCTGTCGCCATFATCG
449.	TF	AT4G39070	TCGCCAATAAATAAGCCGGGAAAC	ACGCCTCTCCCGCAAATATCA
450.	TF	AT1G24625	TCACCAGAACGCACACAAGC	TCTTCCCATGTGCATTGCTC
451.	TF	AT5G15840	TGGCTCCTCAGGGACTCACTACAA	TTGACTCCGGCACAACACCAGT
452.	TF	AT1G24625	TTTGTTAACACCGTGCCGTTGTTTC	CCAGAAGAAGTCGCTACCACCATC

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455.	TF	AT5G24930	CAGTCACAGCGTGCATCATCGT	ACTGGTTGCAGGACCACCGTAA
456.	TF	AT1G26590	TGAGTGCCCAATTTGCTTCAGGAT	GCGTGGTTTGCAATGGAATGTGAT
457.	TF	AT5G48250	TCATGAGGGCTCAATGCAGCA	TGGCTCGGTTCTACAAGTCATGAA
458.	TF	AT1G26610	GCAGCAGCAGCAACAACCTTCAAG	GAGTGACAAGCCATGTGACCACAA
459.	TF	AT5G54470	AAAGGACGAGACTTGATTTGGATC	AATGGTCTAGATTGGTTCTCTCATC
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461.	TF	AT5G57660	AAAACAACGCGGAGGAGAT	AACGGGAGAGGCTCTGTTTTTC
462.	TF	AT1G29570	CAGATCCGACCCACTGTTTCA	TCAGCAACACTACGGCTCGA
463.	TF	AT1G07640	TTTGAGCCCCCTTGCTCTCTTCG	CGTTGTTCCCGATATTACCGTCGT
464.	TF	AT1G29600	AAAGAAGTGGGCCAGTTTCGTGAT	GCCTCTCCGCATCTCAACATCTC
465.	TF	AT1G21340	ACGAGAATCGGCCAGATGGTCTTA	TGTGCGAAAACCGCAGCCAA
466.	TF	AT1G30970	GCACGATGAAACCAGCCAGATGAA	CCCAGCAAGCCTACTCTCTGAGAT
467.	TF	AT1G26790	TGGCTTGTGGCTCTATTGGTATGT	CCGGTGTAAATTGCCAGCCAAACA
468.	TF	AT1G34370	TTCTCGCACCGCATACTACTTCT	TCGCGTCTCTTGAAACCCTTGC
469.	TF	AT4G00050	CATACTACGAGGTAGCCGAGCTGA	ACCTAAGCCGTGCAAGCCTAGTTG
470.	TF	AT2G16770	AGCAAAGGGCTAAATGGTTGTG	TCGAGGCTCACCTTTTCTCTTATT
471.	TF	AT4G00120	TCCACCTCCCGAAACCCTAATTCA	CTGCATCTCCTTCATCGCATCCAT
472.	TF	AT2G17770	TCCTGCCACTGTCTCAGCTTAAA	AGATTCTCAAAGGAGCGAGGGTT
473.	TF	AT4G00480	GAGCTGGGCGTCACTGAATTGA	GTCATCGTTGTCTTGGTGTGCAGA
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477.	TF	AT4G01460	TCTCTCCGATCTCTCATGCCTCCT	TACAATCGAAGCTTGGTCACCCCG
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479.	TF	AT4G02590	TGTTTTCCACGGGCAGCCTATG	TCGAACCCTGGGACGGATTGAA
480.	TF	AT2G22850	CGGTTTTGCAGGTGACTGACGA	TTTACGCATCCTCGACCGCTTC
481.	TF	AT4G05170	TAGAATCACTGCGCTTCAGCAACT	ACAGAAGCTGTATCTGTCTTGCCA
482.	TF	AT2G31370	GCCCAGTTGACCCTTACAGAGA	TGTAACCAGCAGTCTCAGCTATFG
483.	TF	AT4G09180	ATTGCCGAGAGGGTAAACGAAGGA	TGCAGTGTGGTTTGCTTGTCCAT
484.	TF	AT2G34600	TCAAAAACCTGCGACAAGCCTT	TCGCATTTTGTTCATCTCC
485.	TF	AT4G09820	TCCTCCATCTGGGATGCCAGGAAA	CCACTTAGCCATACGTGCTTCCTC
486.	TF	AT2G35530	AATGCCTCCGGGTTCTTATCCCT	ACCATCAGTGCCGCCTGTAGTAT
487.	TF	AT4G14410	ATTGCTCCAGAAAGCGGGCAAG	AGTTTCTCCCTCCTCAACCTTTCA
488.	TF	AT2G36270	TGGAGAGGAAGGAAGCAACAGT	CATCAATGTCCGCAATCTCCCGTT
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491.	TF	AT4G17880	CTCCAGCAACGTCTCCAAGCTTTA	TGTTGTCTTCTCCGGCGAAACC
492.	TF	AT2G40950	TGAAGGTGTTGCAGGTCCCATGTT	TGCAGGAATGATGGCTCCAGAGGT
493.	TF	AT1G28310	TGGCTTCATCTCATCAGCAGCAAC	GGAAGAATCGCAACGAGGGCATT
494.	TF	AT1G34790	CGCTACAACAATCTTCAGATGCAC	CACCCTTCAACGCAGCAGTA
495.	TF	AT1G29160	TCAGGTCGAGCTAGATGCTTTGCT	ACGGAGCTCTTACCGGAAAATC
496.	TF	AT1G43850	ACACGAACAGGACCAATCGAGAGT	AGAAGGACCAGGCAGTCAGAT
497.	TF	AT1G47650	GATTGTACACGGTTAAGGAGAA	TTCGCACATGAAGCAACTCA
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499.	TF	AT1G47655	GGATTACGGGTTTGGGTACGGGTA	CCACAACCATCAACCACCGGAAT
500.	TF	AT1G47860	TGCTTGTTCGCGTGTGATC	TCTTCCGGCACATCACTCTG
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502.	TF	AT1G51220	GATACAACAACATGCAGATGCACA	GCACAGCAGAAAATCGGTAGTCTT
503.	TF	AT1G64620	AACAACACTACAGCCTGACGCAGC	ATCTCTTGTCTTGCAGGACCC
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505.	TF	AT1G69570	TGTCCCTGTTCACGATGTTTCTT	CGGAACCCTGATTGGTCCAATAGT
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507.	TF	AT2G28510	AAGGCGGTACTCTTCGTAACGTTT	AGGATCGTTTGTTCGACGGCAAC
508.	TF	AT1G65130	CACGAAGAGAACTTCAGCGAGCAT	CTTTTGCCTGTTCCGACATCTGGT
509.	TF	AT2G28810	GGCCACAGTCTGCGAATCCAAATA	TTAGGGTTTTGTGGGAAGTGGTGA
510.	TF	AT1G66140	TTACCGGAAGCGGAAACGGGAACA	GGAATGTGCCCGGATTTCCAAAGT
511.	TF	AT2G34140	TGTCGTGGTTGGTATGCTTGGAGA	CACCTCTCAACGAGCAAGCCATT
512.	TF	AT1G67030	TTCCGCGGAGATAGTGATCGGAGT	TGGAGGTCCAGCCCAATACCATT
513.	TF	AT2G37590	GCAACAGGCTCCTCCGAGCAATTA	TGAGGACGAAGAACATGACCTCCA
514.	TF	AT1G68130	GGCCGAGTTTTTCCAGAGTGG	CGGTTTGTGTAGCGTTTGTGGTAT
515.	TF	AT2G46590	TCATCAGCAGCAGCCTTCATCATC	TGAAACAGGAGACGACGAGGAACC
516.	TF	AT1G68360	TGTCTCATGGCTGCGTCATCCAAG	ACCCTGAATCACGAGCCCCATACT
517.	TF	AT4G20970	AGGAGCTGAGATCACTCATGCTGG	CGTGTCTTCCACCTTGCAGTGAA

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518.	TF	AT2G41070	GGAGGCTAAAGGAGGTGGAGAAGA	AGAGAAGCAGAGTTTGTTCGCCG
519.	TF	AT4G21330	TGAGGATGAGCGTAGGAAACAAG	TGTTGGTGACAATGGGGACATGAG
520.	TF	AT2G42380	AGCTCGAAGTGTATCGCCAAGAG	GCGTGTGTCAACGTTAAGAAGC
521.	TF	AT4G21340	GGAGATCGAATTACCGCGCTTCAA	CAGAAGCAGTGTCTGTCTTGCCAA
522.	TF	AT2G46270	TGGGATCACTGCCTCAAGGTCAAA	TCAAAGCGTCCCCGGAGTTGTTA
523.	TF	AT4G25400	TCCAGGGAAAACGTTCAACGTCA	TTCGTCCAGACAATAACACGAGGT
524.	TF	AT3G10800	GGCTCAGGGCCACTAATGGATTAC	TGCTGGAGACTGATGACGGGACTA
525.	TF	AT4G25410	AAGCTTCTCCACCGCGACAT	TCCGACACAGCTCTTTTCCCTT
526.	TF	AT3G12250	TGGCAATGGGGCTTTGGCATT	TTCAGGGCAGATCTCAGCTCGTTC
527.	TF	AT4G28790	GGCCTCCTGCATTATACCTT	AACAGGACTACACCTTCCGC
528.	TF	AT3G17609	TAAACGCCGCGTGGAAAGAAAC	CTCTCTCTGTCTTGTTCGCTGA
529.	TF	AT4G28800	TCGCCGAAAGGAGAAGGAGAGAA	GCGAGGAATGAGTTGTTGCAGAGT
530.	TF	AT3G19290	TGAGCTGAAAGAAACGTGCAAGC	TCCGGTTAATGTCCTTCTCAAGCA
531.	TF	AT4G28810	GGTAATTCTTCTCAGTATCTATTGCCG	CGTGGCTGAAACTAGGCTGTG
532.	TF	AT3G30530	CTCCTCTACGGATTCCAAAGCCCT	GTCTGTCTCTTCTGTCTCATCT
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534.	TF	AT3G44460	GCCCGGAGACAAGCTTATACTGTG	TTCGTGTTTCTTCCGTGAGGTTG
535.	TF	AT4G29930	TCCGAGAGAAAACAGACGGCAAAAAG	ACAGATGCCTTGTCCAACCTTGCTT
536.	TF	AT3G49760	CGAAGCTCATCAAAGTGTGCCACT	ACATGATCGACGGATCTTGTCTGGA
537.	TF	AT4G30180	GCCACTTGGTCTCTGACTCAAGA	TGAGCAGACAAAAGCCAAAGCCAT
538.	TF	AT3G51960	TCTCATCATCTCTCAGGATCAGCA	TTCTCACTGCCTCTCTATTACCA
539.	TF	AT4G30980	TCCCTCAAGGATCGGGAGGTCAAA	TTGTCTGAGGTTGCGCCGTT
540.	TF	AT3G54620	AGGAGGATGCTCTCAAACCGAGAA	CGGCTCTTAATTTGGCCTACCTGTG
541.	TF	AT3G21270	TTGGAGGAGGAGGGATCATGCTTG	TCAAACCCAAACCCATACCCGGAT
542.	TF	AT1G68480	GACAAGAGAGGGAGACCGAGACAT	AGCCGAAAAGGAGAAATTCAGGTG
543.	TF	AT3G45610	ATGCATCAGAATGTGATGGGAGT	ACAGCGAGGGCATCTTAATGATT
544.	TF	AT1G72050	GAAACAAGCAGCAGAGAATTCGGGT	CAGTTTCGACAAAATCACCGCAGG
545.	TF	AT3G47500	AAATCACCCAGAGAAGGTAACCTCCA	AAGGTTTCGGGTTTCGAATGT
546.	TF	AT1G75710	TGATCGTTGACCCGAGCAGGTAT	CCACATTGGGAACAAGCAAAAACC
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548.	TF	AT1G80730	GCTCATAAACCTGAGCGCACCTTA	GCTGAAGAAGGACAAGGAGGAGAGA
549.	TF	AT3G52440	TTTATATGGCGGCCAAACGCAAAC	ACATCTTGGACAACCTCGGCGTGAT
550.	TF	AT2G01940	CCAGATCCAGATGCAGAAGTTGTG	TCTGGTCTCTTTGAAACCTTGGT
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557.	TF	AT4G21030	CGCGAGTGTGTCCAAGGTGTTATT	GCATTTGTAGCGCGGTTGAGACTT
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559.	TF	AT4G21040	TTCAACCGCGCTACTTCTGCAAG	TTAAAGCCCCACCATGAGTCCAGT
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563.	TF	AT4G21080	TGCCAAAACGGGCAAGGGTAAATC	CCTCGTTGGGTCTCAACAGAAAACC
564.	TF	AT2G24500	CAGCAGCAGCTATGTCAATGGAGA	TTCCTGACTCACCGGACACAACC
565.	TF	AT4G33880	CTCGTCCCAATGGAACAAAGGTC	GCAATCGGCGCATACATCCATAGA
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569.	TF	AT4G36060	GGGACAAAATCTCAGAGGAGCTG	GGGAACAAAAGTCTTCTTCTTCA
570.	TF	AT3G58120	GGAGCGTTACTTCAATGCAGACTG	CGCTGATGATCCAAAACGCAAC
571.	TF	AT4G36540	ACACCACATCTCTCGGCGCTAAAG	GACTGTGTGAGTGTGTTTCCAGC
572.	TF	AT3G62420	TGGGGTCTGTGCAATGCAACAA	CCGTGGCGTACCTCGGATCATTAT
573.	TF	AT4G36930	TGTGAAAGCGAGGAAAGGAGGAGAA	GAAGGACTGACTTGGAAAGGGGA
574.	TF	AT4G01120	TCGCCAATGATGGCTCCTTATGGA	GTGGTTGTGAGCCCATTTGAACAC
575.	TF	AT4G37850	GGCTCAACCCTTTTCAAGAAACCA	GCCTTGTCCATTTTTAAAGGCCA
576.	TF	AT4G02640	TTACTCCAAGCGCCAAACCCGTA	TTTTTCGGCCATGCTGAATCGTTC
577.	TF	AT4G38070	ACAGAGAAGGTGCTTCGCAGAACC	GAGGAGTTACGGCACGTTTTCGAT
578.	TF	AT4G34000	AAATCAGCTTCTGGAGCCTCTGC	CAAGCATTGCCTTTTGCATCCCAT
579.	TF	AT5G01310	TGGTCTCGTATCTGCCAGGACATT	ACACTGAGCCTTTGTCCAGCTTT
580.	TF	AT4G34590	GGAGCAGAGGAAAACGTAAACGGAT	CCTGAGCCGTTAGATCGTCTAGGA
581.	TF	AT5G04150	TGCCTCTTCTGATCAAAAAGAGG	TTTCACTACTCTCGCTACCGTCAT
582.	TF	AT4G35040	GAAACGGATCATTACGCAACGTCA	GCACGATGCCACCTTTTCTCTTA

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583.	TF	AT5G08130	TGGGAAGAAGGGACAGACAAGGAA	AGTTGCTGCAACATCAGCTCTCAT
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585.	TF	AT5G09460	TCTGTTTGGAGCGCAGGACAGT	TCTTTCCCTTTGCCCTGGAAC
586.	TF	AT4G36730	GCCAATCAACAGGAACAGGGTTCA	GCGTCAGCAAGCATCTGTCCAAAG
587.	TF	AT5G09750	GGCTAGACATCGCCGTGAGAGAAT	ACCTGGCACGAGTCTCTGAAGAA
588.	TF	AT4G37730	TTGTGACGACGCCGACATATCAAA	GAGTCCGGTTCATCTGCTTGAGAG
589.	TF	AT4G24060	TCAGAAGCGAGGAAGCGGTAGTGA	CATCCCAGTCCAATACCCACCAGA
590.	TF	AT2G26940	TGAGTCTCCTCAGCCTCAGAGGAA	ACGTGACCACCATAAGCCTTACCA
591.	TF	AT4G38000	ACGGTGACGACGGATTTGGTTTTT	GATTGCCACTTGTGCACCTCCT
592.	TF	AT2G27100	TGGGCCACTGGGACCATTGTGA	CCGTACCTTCAAAGGAGGGTTG
593.	TF	AT5G02460	ACATCAACCAATCACAACCACCGT	AGGCGTTTTGTGCTGTTGCG
594.	TF	AT2G27630	TCTGACAGATGCGAAGAGGGAGTC	TCCGATGCGCCTTCGAGAACAT
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596.	TF	AT2G28200	TGGAAGTGGAGGAGAAAAGACTGT	TCAGTAGTCACCGGAGACGAAACC
597.	TF	AT5G60200	TGCCGGAACCAACCGATCCACA	AACCTGCCGCCGAGAAGACTTT
598.	TF	AT2G28710	CGATGAAGAAATCAGGCGGTGGTA	AGGCGTCAAAGTTCAAGTCAAACA
599.	TF	AT5G60850	TGGAGATCGAACGGTCTAGGTGA	CCACTTCCCAATCCAACGGTTCA
600.	TF	AT2G29660	TTGGGCAGAGTGGGAACAAGAGTG	CAAGGAAGCACAGCCTTGGATTA
601.	TF	AT5G62430	GCCGTACACGTGGAATCCTG	CAACTGCGCATGCTCCAAT
602.	TF	AT2G32930	TCAAGGCTGGGCCACTTACATGAC	ACCGATGCGCTAGAAGTGGAGT
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604.	TF	AT2G36480	TTCAGCAGTCGGGACGGACAAAAG	AATTGGGTGCGGTCTCTGGGACAT
605.	TF	AT5G65590	TTCAGCAACAGAGGATGGCGATGC	TTGTGGCCTCTCGACGCAACAGT
606.	TF	AT2G36930	ACTCTGCCATCGGAATCTCCAA	GCGCTGGTCGCTCTATCTTCTCA
607.	TF	AT5G66940	TTTTCCCTCAGTCGTCTTCCAACG	TGATCAAAGAGCTGAAACCGCCAT
608.	TF	AT2G37430	TTTTGGGACCGGACAGGCTTAGG	GGCATGGATGGAATCATCGGAGAG
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612.	TF	AT2G41940	TGGACGAAACCAACGGACGAAGAG	TTTGGGAGGATACGGCGGATGAA
613.	TF	AT5G10570	GCAGGCTTCTGTGTTGAGGTTGG	GACATCTTCTCCATAAACCTGCGT
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619.	TF	AT5G38860	CCACTGTCTGCTCACAAGGGT	CCTCAGAAGCAACAGCAGCAAC
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622.	TF	AT5G06960	TACAAAGAGCACGGCAACAGGG	ATCTCCAGCGGTAGAATGGGCT
623.	TF	AT5G41315	ACATTGGTGAAGGAATGCCTGGAC	TTACTATCCGCCGTATGAGCGTTG
624.	TF	AT5G07160	TGCGTCAGAATATTGATCCAC	CGGTTCCGAAATTATCCGTTTGA
625.	TF	AT5G43175	TCAGAGCCTATACGCTAGGAAACG	GCAGGAACCTCAGTAATGGACAG
626.	TF	AT5G08141	TGGCGTCTAATCGAGATAAGCA	ACTTGCATTGCAACCCCTCTTTC
627.	TF	AT5G43650	TGCCAATTTCTCTCTCAAGAGTT	ACCTCCTCTCTAATCTGAGTC
628.	TF	AT5G10030	TGTGGAACAACTCAGCAGAGCGG	TGCGGTAACAGAACCTTGAGAAGC
629.	TF	AT5G46690	TGCCGTCGAAAGAAATCGAAGAAG	TGATCACCTTGTGAGCAAAAGGT
630.	TF	AT5G11260	GGCGACTGTCGGAGAAAAGTCAAAG	TCAACAACCTTTCAGCCGCTTG
631.	TF	AT5G46760	TGGCAGATCTCACAGACTTCGAT	CCCAGCCGAGGATCACTGTGTTAT
632.	TF	AT5G15830	TCTTCGTCATCAACGAGAGGAAGC	GCAACCTGTGAGAGAAGCTCATCT
633.	TF	AT5G46830	TGACGTGGAAGTGACGGATATGGA	AGCAACGCCTTACCCTTAAC
634.	TF	AT5G24800	TCGACCTCATGAACCGGATTACA	CGAAAAGGTCAGCCGGAAACAAT
635.	TF	AT5G48560	TCCCGGAAGAGAAAATCTGTGCCT	CCGCCGTCTTTGAGAACTAGGAG
636.	TF	AT5G28770	CGAGCAAAGGTGAAAATGGCTGAA	GGCTGCTTGTAGTGTCTGGAGAAT
637.	TF	AT1G51600	TCCGCAAGGAGGTAGCTTTGAGGA	AGCTAGATCCAGCAGATGCAGCTT
638.	TF	AT2G42410	TGTGAGATAAGCCGTGGGGATCTG	TCAAACCTATCCCAAGCTCCAACC
639.	TF	AT2G18380	CGGACAAAAGGACCTAAGTCG	CACGCCTCTCCTCTTCTTGAA
640.	TF	AT2G45120	ACGTTGAAAGTGAAACCGAGTCGT	TTCGTTAGATCGTCCCGGAGTTG
641.	TF	AT2G28340	GCATGTGCCAATTTTGCTTG	TACCACATCCCAGTTGCCAA
642.	TF	AT3G01030	TCCAGAGAAGAAAATTTGGGGAT	TTCTTGTGTTGCCAAGTAACCCGAA
643.	TF	AT2G45050	TCCACGACATTTGCGTCCCAGTG	CGTCCACGAATTGCGAAAGCCATT
644.	TF	AT3G01460	TGCTGAGGAGAGAATCTTGCTGCT	GCACACTGCTCAAGGTGTTGATGG
645.	TF	AT3G06740	TGGTACCAGCAAAACCCCTCT	GCATGCGTTACAAAGCGACTT
646.	TF	AT3G02790	GACTAATCGAGGCGGAGAAAAGC	ACTTAGCGTGGCCTCCTTCTCTT
647.	TF	AT3G16870	GACTTGCGTTGATTGCCGAA	ACAATGACTTTGGTCCGGCAG

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649.	TF	AT3G20750	GGTTTGCCAAATTCGACTGTTG	ACGACGATTTGGTTCCTGATCA
650.	TF	AT3G05760	TGGGCAAGACACAGGTCGTTACAC	CGACAGAAATAACCAGCCTGCTGA
651.	TF	AT3G21175	GTGTCTCGCCTGAGAAGGTTCAAG	AGGGTTGTTGGGAGTGTATGTGGT
652.	TF	AT3G09290	GCGTTGATGATTCCCTGAACCAGT	TCGAGAAGCCCCTTATGCAGAAAC
653.	TF	AT3G24050	CTGGATTACGGCCAACAGACT	CTTCAACCCTCCAAGGTCGT
654.	TF	AT3G10470	TTCCGGCTACTGCAAACACGGCTT	AGCCTGAATTGGACCCTCCGACAT
655.	TF	AT3G45170	CTACTTGAGGAATCTCGAGAGTTTGATAC	CGGTTGGCAGATTTGAGAAGTT
656.	TF	AT3G13810	CCAGGGAATCCAGACCCAGAATCA	ACACACGAATCTGTTTGTGCCAT
657.	TF	AT3G50870	AGAGGCCCTAAGTCCCTATGCA	GGTGTTCCTGTAGCCGCAGTA
658.	TF	AT3G14740	GGCGATGAAACCTACGAATGA	CGGAACAAAACAACGCACAAG
659.	TF	AT3G51080	CCGATGGATGATATAGCGGAAC	CGGCGTGAAAGAAGAATCATCT
660.	TF	AT3G19580	TCTCAACAACCCCGATGATTCAA	GGAGGCAGCAATCGGATGTTTTTC
661.	TF	AT5G50010	CAGGCCGTGAGGACCAAAAAACA	TCCCCGATACTCTCATTGAGGT
662.	TF	AT5G38800	GGTTGTCCACCTTCGTACCTTTCC	AGGGTTTTGTCCGCAAAATGGTGA
663.	TF	AT5G50915	TTGCTGAGAGGGTGAGAAGGGAA	CCTTATCACAGCCCGGAACAAGGT
664.	TF	AT5G42910	GGCTCGAAAGCAAGCTCAAATAT	CTGGTCCATTGTCTTTTCCGCA
665.	TF	AT5G51780	CGCGGTTTTCGAGTGTCTTCAAG	TGACCTCGGCCTGTATGGTGTAAA
666.	TF	AT5G44080	TCTCGTCGCATCTTCTGCTTCT	TTCTCCGCCGTAACCGACTTGT
667.	TF	AT5G51790	CATCAAGGCTCTTCTTCGCAGG	CTAGTAGGGTCACCAATCTCTCGC
668.	TF	AT5G49450	AACGCGGGTCTTAGATCGGAGAAG	TCAGCGTTAAACTCGTCGTAGCAA
669.	TF	AT5G53210	CGCCTCTTAGCCCGCTTAGTAGTA	TCCACATCAGCCAAAGCCGATTTT
670.	TF	AT5G60830	TGGAGTCCACTACACGACGATCA	TGCGGGTCGATACGTTTGACTG
671.	TF	AT5G54680	AAGACTGAGAAAAACGAGCTGCGA	AGCTGCTGCTCCAGCTTTCTTT
672.	TF	AT5G65210	TCTTCGTCATGTCAGGGATGTGGA	AACCTTGAGAAGATCGGAGGGTTCG
673.	TF	AT5G56960	TGAGGGTGAATGGGACGAATCAGC	TCAGTGAGCCAAGTCAGCAACAAC
674.	TF	AT1G19350	TTGTTCTGAAGCTGGTTGGGTTGT	AGAGGCTTGTGTCCCTTGCGAT
675.	TF	AT5G57150	GACAGAAGCTGGCCTTTGGAAGAA	ATCCGGCGAACTCGAATCATACGA
676.	TF	AT1G75080	TGTGTTGAAGCTGGTTGGGTTGTT	AAGGCTGCATCCCTTGCGAT
677.	TF	AT5G58010	TGAGAGGCTTAGAAGGGAACGCAT	TGGTGTGGGAACCAGTCTTGTGA
678.	TF	AT1G78700	CCGCAAGGGATGTAGTAGCCTGT	AGGAAGAGCAAGGACTAGCGGT
679.	TF	AT5G61270	CAGCAACAGTTTCAGATGTCGTT	CACCACCTCCCATTCCCCT
680.	TF	AT3G50750	TCGAAAGGGTCTCGACCAACAGA	GAATTGGGCTTTGAAAGGCCGATG
681.	TF	AT5G62610	GGGTGCAAGTACTGGTCCGACAAT	GGTAAAGTCCCGAGATCACCGGAA
682.	TF	AT4G18890	CGCAAGGGATGCAAACCAATGGAT	TGTAGGAAGCACGAGGGCTATGTT
683.	TF	AT5G64340	ACCGATGGATAATTGCCAGGCTGA	AAATGCAGCGAAATGTCACCAACC
684.	TF	AT4G36780	TCGAAGCTGGTTGGATCGTG	TGGTGGCTAAACCCCTTGC
685.	TF	AT3G54810	TGTCGGTTTTCGGCATAGGTGA	ATGTCCTCAAACGGAACATAGAGC
686.	TF	AT3G20880	GGTCCAACACAGTTCTCTTGTCTT	TCTCAGCGACTCCGGTCCCTTTT
687.	TF	AT3G60530	TCCTACTCTCTCACCGACTTCACT	ATGAGCTGCGTCGTCACTGG
688.	TF	AT3G23130	TGGCAAACCTCTCTCTCTCATC	AGGAACGGATCAAACCTGCCCTAT
689.	TF	AT4G17570	TTGTAACCATTAAGAGGCGCTATG	AGCCCCCTTGACTCTGACTTTA
690.	TF	AT3G23140	TCCCTCTCTCTCACAACCTTAC	TGGCTGAGACCCTGGTGTAGGTA
691.	TF	AT4G24470	CACAGATCAAGATTCTGCCCAA	TGCCGCAATGAGTACACGAT
692.	TF	AT3G29340	CAAGACTTCGGTGAAGTCTTGC	CCGACAAAAACGCCAAACAGTGAA
693.	TF	AT4G26150	GCTCCGATTGTAACACAACCAA	CCACAAGCGTTACAAAGAGACTTG
694.	TF	AT3G44750	TGAGCCACAAGGCTATTCTGAGGA	CAGCATTCCCAGCAGGAACCTCT
695.	TF	AT4G32890	GTTCCAACCTCTCTCGCTTTT	CGTCATTCCGAATATATAGGTCCG
696.	TF	AT3G45260	ACCGTTCTTGGCCGTTATTG	GAGGCCGGAGGAGACGAG
697.	TF	AT4G34680	CTTCTTCTTTGCCGGATGAA	CATCCACAACACGAGATACCCA
698.	TF	AT3G46070	AGTGGGAAGAGAGTGGCGTGT	GTTGACAAAGCTCTCCACCGAAGT
699.	TF	AT4G36240	TTCACCGCCAGAGGATCTCTT	AGTCTCCAAATCACCAACCG
700.	TF	AT3G46080	TGAGAAAGCCTCACAGGCACGTT	CACCGTCGTCGTCCTCCGGTAAAAA
701.	TF	AT4G36620	CCCAAGTCGTTGTGTAATGCG	GGTCGATGCACGTCTCTCTTCT
702.	TF	AT3G46090	CTCAGGCTCGTTGGTTACACGTT	CAAACAAGCCACTCTTCCCCT
703.	TF	AT5G25830	TCTCCGGTGACCTTTGTATACCTTC	CCACAATGTTGAAAGCCACTC
704.	TF	AT3G47890	CACAGCTCTTTCCGTTGATG	GCTTCAGAAACAACGTCAGCCTCT
705.	TF	AT5G26930	AGTCACTTTGCAATGCATGTGG	AGGTAAGCTTTTGTGGCTGC
706.	TF	AT3G49930	CCACCGTCGGATCATCTCTCTT	GATTTGCCACAGACGGAACACTTG
707.	TF	AT5G47140	TCGTCCTGATAGCCTCAGAAGC	CTGCCACAAGTTGCTGAAACAA
708.	TF	AT3G50700	CATGCCTGATCCAGAGTCAGAAGT	TGTGTCCACGACGATGAAGTTGAA
709.	TF	AT5G65320	AGCGTCAAGGTAGAGGCAGATTGT	TGCACCGTATTGCGACCTCATT
710.	TF	AT1G06040	TGCCAAGAGAAGGCAGCTTTCATT	GGATTATCGCAGTCCCTGCAAAA
711.	TF	AT5G65640	CGCCAAAACCGGGATTGCTACTAT	TGCTCAGCTCCCTCAGAACAAGAA
712.	TF	AT1G25440	TGGTGGAGAATGGAGGAGAAAGTA	TCCAAACCCACTTGATGGTAAACA

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713.	TF	AT5G67060	GGGGGAGTGGTTATGAAAGGGTGT	TGCATTGCCACCACATCTGATGAGT
714.	TF	AT1G28050	AAGGAAAAGAGGAAGACACGGAGA	GCTTTCACAAATCTGCCTTGACA
715.	TF	AT5G67110	GCAGCTTCAACTCAAGTCCAGAC	GGTGAACCTGTGGTAATCGCAT
716.	TF	AT1G49130	TTCTCCAGGGATAGAGGAGAAGA	GTCGGCGTTAACCTTCTAACCT
717.	TF	AT1G14685	GTACTAAACGCCGTGGAGCG	TTCTTAAACCGCCCTTGACTC
718.	TF	AT1G60250	TGCGACCCGGATGATTCACAGTCAC	TGAGAAAACGGCGAGAAGGTCTCT
719.	TF	AT1G68120	TGTACCGGAATGCCTCAACA	AACAAGCAGACTGCCATCCC
720.	TF	AT1G68190	CCTAAGGTGCAAAGAGAAGGTGGT	GGAAGCTCCAATGGAGATGGATCA
721.	TF	AT2G21240	ACCGTCGAGTTCCTGCTCCT	CCGACATTTGACTGTCCCA
722.	TF	AT1G68520	GGGTGCCATCTGAAATAGACCTCG	CCTCTGCTCCACTTTCACCCAT
723.	TF	AT2G35550	AAAAATCCCAACAGTCGTGGA	TGCATGACCGAAGTTACCCAA
724.	TF	AT1G73870	AGTGCTTGGGATAATCACGGTTCG	CCAACATGCACTCCGGTTTGATTC
725.	TF	AT4G01930	CCATATGCTTCAAATGCGCA	GGATGGTCGTCAACTCTATGCTT
726.	TF	AT1G75540	CCTCTCTGCGACATCTGTCAAGGAT	GCGTGGATCGATGAATCGCAATCT
727.	TF	AT4G38910	TGCCGAGAAGAGTGGGAATAA	CACAATCGCCAAACTCTCACA
728.	TF	AT1G78600	AGACATCATGGGCGGTTCC	GGCCAGTTTAGACCAGACGCT
729.	TF	AT5G42520	CAACAAAAGGCAATGCTCGAG	AAGCTGTGTAACGCGCTC
730.	TF	AT2G21320	TGCTCCTGCGACGAAAAAGTTCA	TCGGATCAGCTAAGCCTACACGAA
731.	TF	AT5G49300	TTGTGCTGATTGTGGAACCAGT	CAACGACTTTGGACCAACAGG
732.	TF	AT3G53600	TCGTTGACCAAGAACAGGTGAAGC	CCGGTCCCAAACATTTGATCGCAA
733.	TF	AT5G56860	GGCCAAGATGTTTGTGGCTAAC	GTCTCCTCTTTGGCACCATGT
734.	TF	AT3G53820	GGGCAAACTTCGACAAGCGAACC	TGGTGCAATGGCATCTTCACTGT
735.	TF	AT5G66320	CTACAAGCGAACTCTCTTCCG	CCACGAAATGAGAGAGCCAT
736.	TF	AT3G57480	GATCTGGGTAACACTGCTCCGTC	GACAATACACCTGAAGGCAGCGAT
737.	TF	AT1G08465	TTGGATTAAGCTGGATGGCA	TGGCCTGCAACTGACTGGT
738.	TF	AT3G57670	TGGCCCTACTCAGTTCATGTCC	CCATGTCCCACATATGCATCTGC
739.	TF	AT1G23420	GCTCAGAATCCAAGCATGGCTCAC	GGCCCAATTTTGGCAGCTAAGC
740.	TF	AT3G58070	TGGTCCTAAGCCGTCCGGGTATTA	GCGGTAGACGCCATAGTCCTAACT
741.	TF	AT1G69180	GCTGCTGCCAAAAATTGGGCTAAG	TCTTCTACCAGAAATCCCAAGCCAT
742.	TF	AT3G60580	GCGAACTCGGAACTCGATTCTGTT	GCTGAGCTATGAGGAGGCTTTGA
743.	TF	AT2G26580	TCTTGGCGTGAATGTCCATGC	AGTGCCATGTTTACAGCACAG
744.	TF	AT3G62240	TCAGCGAAGTGCTGCATTACAGAT	GGGGTCTTCTCGACGATTCTCTT
745.	TF	AT2G45190	GCCAAACCATCCTTGGCGTTAATG	TGGTACAGCAACCACATCGGACAG
746.	TF	AT4G02670	TCCTGGAAATCCTGATCCAGATGC	CATGGAAGATTGTGGCCTCTCCT
747.	TF	AT4G00180	TGACCCCAGAGAAGCGACAAAGA	GGTTGCCTGCCTTATACGTTGGA
748.	TF	AT4G12240	TTGCGGTGTTTGGGATTACAGATT	TCTCCACAGGTTCCACCTCTGTTC
749.	TF	AT1G13400	CACCAACATAGGCAACAACGG	ACCACCGCAAACGCTATTG
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751.	TF	AT1G49900	AAAGCAGAGCCGAAAAGGGA	GATCATTAACCTCCGGCGATG
752.	TF	AT4G16610	GGTTACGAGAGAACCCGAGGAAGA	TTCAGGTTCCGCTCTGTCTCACT
753.	TF	AT4G17810	CCGTTGCCTACAACGACACTTATA	AAGCCGAGGAGGAACTTCTACAT
754.	TF	AT3G14020	CAAGCTCATCAAAGTCCGCAAACC	TTTGTGTTGAGGAAAACGTCACCA
755.	TF	AT4G25610	GCCGTCAAAGAAAGCCGAAAAGT	GCGCATCCCTCTTTGCCAAAAT
756.	TF	AT3G20910	CAGTTGGATGGGCACTCTCAAATC	TTCTGAAATGAGGCATCCCAAA
757.	TF	AT4G26030	TCGTGTCAACCGTTTTCATGACTTC	TGACGACATGCATAGTCTTGTTC
758.	TF	AT5G06510	TCCAAACTCGAAGCAAGCTGATTG	CTCTTCACTTTCTCACCTGGTGGT
759.	TF	AT4G27240	TCTAACCAAACACGCCGTGACTG	TCCACTATTCTCTCGACGAGTCT
760.	TF	AT5G12840	GGAAAGTCATCCGGGACAGAAAGC	TTTCTCGCAAACCGGCCTCCA
761.	TF	AT4G31420	TCTCAAGACAGCAACCAGATAATTG	TCAGACCCAGGCTCTTGTACCT
762.	TF	AT1G09030	CCACAGGGAGAATCGGAAGA	GAGAGTGCTGAGAGCCACC
763.	TF	AT4G35280	TTGGGAAAAGGAGGAGGACCCGAT	ACAACACCCTGATGTGTCCGAAGT
764.	TF	AT1G21970	TTTCACGGCCCATCTCATGGCCTA	AGTACCGACCACCTCCCATAACCA
765.	TF	AT4G35610	TGGTGATGCGCCAGGATCTGAA	AGTCGCTTCTCTACTTGTCTCA
766.	TF	AT2G13570	GCTGAAACAAATCCAGGAAGCCCT	TTCCGACATTGCAATGGGAAGAA
767.	TF	AT4G35700	GGCTTGTTTCAAGTATCGGAAGG	TCCTCCTCGACTGGATCGG
768.	TF	AT2G27470	CGCCACGGCAAATGATTTTTGTA	TGCCTTAAACACATCATCAGCCTT
769.	TF	AT5G01160	TTTTGCCTTGAATCTGTGCTCG	TCTGAATCCGCTCATCATAGAGA
770.	TF	AT2G37060	AGAGGGTGACACAAGGGATCAGC	GGCCATTTGGCTTATGTTGCCA
771.	TF	AT5G01860	TTTCCCTCCCATGTCTCACCTCTC	GGTCGTGAATGCTGCCCTTAGAT
772.	TF	AT2G38880	TAGCGAGGTACAGGGAGGGTGATA	CCGCCACCAGCATCTCTATTTGAT
773.	TF	AT5G03150	GGCACGTTGTTCTCCAGGAAAGAT	GAACCTCATCTCGCTCTTCTCA
774.	TF	AT2G47810	TTACAACCTCGGGAGCAGCTCATC	ACCACCACCACTAACCCATCATGT
775.	TF	AT3G25790	GTGACTCAAGCGATTGAGGCGTAT	TGAGCACTCCGACTGTCCGTATAA
776.	TF	AT1G52150	TTTGGAGGCTTGTAGCGTGCCTGA	GTGCCGCCATTGTTGTCTTCTGTG
777.	TF	AT3G46640	TGGCGTTTAGTATCACACCGGAGA	AAGATCCACCACGTAGCGACGAGA

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778.	TF	AT1G62360	TCTCCGGTTATGGAGAGACAGCAA	TCGACTTCTCCTCGGATGACCCA
779.	TF	AT4G04580	TGCACTGGACCGACGATCTTGATA	CACCTCTCTCGCCACCGAGTTTT
780.	TF	AT1G62990	GCAAATGGCCTTACCCTACGGAA	TGCAATCTCTCTCCTCCACCAAT
781.	TF	AT4G13640	ACACGAGCAACTAGAGGTGCAA	GTA CTCTCCCTTGTGCTCGATC
782.	TF	AT1G69780	CATGGATTTGCTTCGTTTCTAGGT	CTCTTCTCTCCTCCATTTGTGAC
783.	TF	AT4G17695	ACCCTCCACGCCCATTTGTACAC	GGTTGCTCTTTCATGACCACCCAA
784.	TF	AT1G70510	GCTCTTTCAGATGATGGTGCGGTT	CGCGGTCATTGCTCTTTGTTGG
785.	TF	AT4G18020	CGAAAGAAGGTGGATTGGACACCA	TGATCAACGCCGAGTTGCTCAA
786.	TF	AT1G70920	AACCATACTTAAACCCATAAGCA	TCAACTTGCCTTTGACTAAGCTTC
787.	TF	AT4G28610	ACAGCAATAACCGAACCAGGCAAG	GCTCTTTCACTACCGCTAAGCTG
788.	TF	AT1G73360	AGAACCCGTCCTCAGTGGGATGTT	GTGAGCAACTTCTGCACTGCGTT
789.	TF	AT4G37180	TTGGAGGGCCACAAGTTGCTACAC	TTGTCGGATGCAGCGGATGCTTAC
790.	TF	AT1G75410	AGGACTATCGAAAAACCAGTTGTC	TTCCATAGTCGAACTCTCGCGTTA
791.	TF	AT5G05090	TACCTCAAACCACCCGCCACAAC	TTGCTGGTTCGTCTCCGGTAGAGT
792.	TF	AT1G75430	CCGTCACTTTTCTTGTGCTCAAT	TTGGTCTTCGAAAAGTCTGTTTG
793.	TF	AT5G06800	ATTTACGTTAAAAGCTTACAGA	TTGAGACTCAGGCATGTATTCG
794.	TF	AT1G79840	GGCATGAGTGGGATGCTTTGTCAA	TGGATTGCCACTGAGTTGCCCTG
795.	TF	AT5G16560	CCAAGGATGCGTTGGACTAGTAGC	TGCTCTTTCATGGCCGCTAGAAG
796.	TF	AT2G01430	GCAAGGAGCAAATTGAAGCAAACC	GAGGCAGAGTTCACCGTTGTTG
797.	TF	AT5G03510	AGCAAAGAGCAGCGACGATCATT	ACCGTCTAGCCCTAACCTAGAGA
798.	TF	AT3G53340	CTCAGTTCCTGCGAGTTCTCAAC	AAGATGCTCGATGCTATTGCCGAA
799.	TF	AT5G03740	GAGGAAACCCCAAAGAAGCCTGAA	GGTCTTGGAGGAGTTGGGTTCTG
800.	TF	AT4G14540	GGGAGACAAGCGATAAGGAAGGT	TAGTACCATTGCCACCACCGTACA
801.	TF	AT5G04340	TGTGAAGTCGCACGTTTGCTCTAT	GCCTCCGTTCTTCTTCGTAGTG
802.	TF	AT5G47640	CGCCACCTGTGGCTCCATACATAT	TGGTGGGATGCAGTATCACCACA
803.	TF	AT5G04390	TGCCAGCGAAAAAGAAAGCTAGGA	CAAAGCTGAATCCGTTGACCCGAT
804.	TF	AT5G47670	GTCATACTAACGGACCCAGCACTG	TTGTACCTCCACCGTACAGAGAG
805.	TF	AT5G05120	TGCACACAGAAAGGAGAGAGAGGT	GGTCCGTTCAAATGCGCCAAAAAT
806.	TF	AT1G07980	TCCTTGCAGATAGTGTCCCGAGA	TGCCTCTTCCCACTTCTCAACG
807.	TF	AT5G06070	TTCTCATGGAAGAGGGCAAAGAC	GGCCGTTGATCTCGAAATTCCAA
808.	TF	AT1G08970	TGTTTCATCTGGAGCTGACACTCA	AGTCCAGCAGCAGCAATATCGTT
809.	TF	AT5G06650	GCTTTCTTCCACCGCCAAACAAAAC	CGCGTCGTTGATTGAAACAGCTTC
810.	TF	AT1G54830	CAACGCCATGACCACTACACCAAC	TGGTGGATCTGATGGTAAGCTGGA
811.	TF	AT5G09740	GCTTGAAGATGACACGTCACCAGA	GCATCCAGCTCTTCATGACCTCT
812.	TF	AT1G56170	TTTCCAGGACCGACGTTTGATT	CTTTCAGCTCGTCCCTCGGGATTA
813.	TF	AT5G10970	CGGGTCAACTTCCACTGAACAGAA	CAAGCGCTGTGAGCTGTAGAAT
814.	TF	AT3G12480	AGAGAAGGAAGCCATCAGCGAT	TGCCACTGGTCTTAGCACTCCCTA
815.	TF	AT5G14010	CTGGAACGAACCGCTTCAGGAA	CGGATGAAACGGATCGTAGCCAT
816.	TF	AT3G48590	TTATCCGCCGATGGGACAACCA	ACGGAGGCTGGACATAAACACCA
817.	TF	AT5G14140	TTGTGAGACCGATGGCTACGGGTA	TGGGTTCCAGTACGGAAAGCCTAA
818.	TF	AT5G27910	TGGAATCCACCAACCACAACCACA	TTTTCCACGGCTTCTTCCTCT
819.	TF	AT5G15480	TGCATTTATCGCGAACGAGAAGG	TTCACAAACCAAGGCTACGAGAC
820.	TF	AT5G38140	GTCTCTTCGTTGGACACAGCTTG	TGAGTTTGGCTGCAAAGTTTCT
821.	TF	AT5G18240	GACCACAGCCGAGCATGAACCTA	GTGTAGCCGCTCTGACCTCTAT
822.	TF	AT2G01500	CGACCACAGCCACAGCATGAATTA	TTTACCAACCTCTGATGCCCTCTG
823.	TF	AT5G29000	ACTTACGAGGCATTCGTTGAAGC	TTAGGGGTGGCTCGTTCACTACCA
824.	TF	AT2G02540	TGGTAATAGTGGAGGTGGGCA	TGGTGCAGAATTGGCATGAT
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826.	TF	AT2G16400	TGAGCATTTCTCCACCCTTATCC	TCGGCTCAACCCGTTTGTCTA
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828.	TF	AT2G17950	TCCAGCTTCAATAACGGGAAT	GCCATTAGAAGCATTAAACAACAC
829.	TF	AT5G45580	GCTCAGATGGACAGCCGATCTTCA	TTTGTACAGCGCCACCGAGCTTA
830.	TF	AT2G18550	GTACCACAACAAGGAGGAGAAGCA	TCTAAACCACCCATTGCCTTCGTT
831.	TF	AT5G59570	TTCAAGACGGCGGAGGAAGTAAC	TGGAATAGGCACCATCGACGGAAC
832.	TF	AT2G22430	ACAACCTCCACAGATGAGCAGAGT	CCTCGTATCCTTCAAGCATCGACT
833.	TF	AT1G11510	AGTGGGTCTTGGCATGGATGAAC	GCATCGCTTCCACTGCTCGTAAA
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835.	TF	AT1G44810	GGAAGTGGTGGTCTTGGAGGAGA	TCATCCACCAACGCTCCGCAA
836.	TF	AT2G23760	TTGAAGAGGTGGACCCGAGGTA	GCCGTAACCCATTACTTGGTCGAA
837.	TF	AT1G61730	TCCAACGTCGTCGTCAGCTACT	CGTTTCGTTGAAGTCGTAGCAGCA
838.	TF	AT2G27220	CTGGCCTTACTAAGAGTCAGGTGT	CCGGTCACTTCTTTTCTGCTTTC
839.	TF	AT1G66420	TGAGAGTCTTGGTGTGGATTCCGGT	TCAGCCTCAAACAACCTCAACCTC
840.	TF	AT2G27990	TTATCCGTACCCCACTGATTCTG	ACCTGGTTACGAGAGAGACCAGTT
841.	TF	AT2G01370	AATTGCGAGGTTAGGGGTGAGTGA	ATCGGAACCATGCTCCAACCTGT
842.	TF	AT2G28610	TCAGGGAACCTGGAGTAGGAGAAGC	TCTTCAGCTCCACTTTTGGTGCAG

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843.	TF	AT2G25650	CTCAAATAGCACAGCAGAGCGAGA	AGCCACTTCCTCATGCTCCTTCA
844.	TF	AT2G32370	TTTCAATCTGTCTGATTCGCGCTA	TTCCAGTCAAAGAAGGTTCTCGCAA
845.	TF	AT5G16470	AGCTCCAAGCTAAAGCCGATGCAG	TGCGTGACCACCTTCTCCTTACC
846.	TF	AT5G43250	GAATCGCCGTGAAAAGACACCAAC	GCAACGGAAGCGAGTCTAAGAGGA
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859.	TF	AT5G27880	TCAACCTCTCAAGCTTAGTGTT	CAGTCTCCATCTCCTCCGCTTTT
860.	TF	AT4G01350	AGCACAACCATGATGTCAGCATGTA	TGAATGGACACGTTTCACAGCAGT
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862.	TF	AT5G02350	TGCGGTGCATGTCAACTATCGAAA	ACTCCACGCATTCTTTGTGGAACA
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884.	TF	AT3G01470	TCCGAGGTTACTTCCCTGACCGAA	GGCAGTTGACCAGGTGGTTCATTA
885.	TF	AT4G25210	TGCGGATGGAGTGTGAGAAGAGAGA	TCACAGTCCAGACCTCTGCAAAAC
886.	TF	AT3G03260	TCGACACTCGTCAACAGTGGGACA	TTTCACTTGACCCGCTGACATGC
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890.	TF	AT3G11260	GGCAGAAACGTCGTAAAATCTCCA	TCCTCTTGACAATCTTCTCGCTT
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898.	TF	AT4G14770	CGACACCAACGCCGATTTACAGAC	TGTGGAGGAGGCATCCTGTTCTTA
899.	TF	AT5G44160	GGCACCATTTTCTCAAGCGCAGAC	TTCCGCTAAGGCATCGCAGAAAGC
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905.	TF	AT5G54340	TGGAGAGGCAACAGATCGAGTCAA	TGTGAAGACCCACCAAAGAGCAAG
906.	TF	AT2G36010	ACCAGGTTTCCAGAACCAGACTCT	GCACTTCAAAGTTGTGCCATGAG
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911.	TF	AT5G56200	CAACAGGTCAAAGCTTGGTGGT	CCACAGTAGAAACTGGTGCAGTCC
912.	TF	AT5G02470	GCGGGAATCTCACCCAAAAGAAG	TCAACGCTCACTGAAGGATGTTGC
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919.	TF	AT2G34210	TATAACCCTGGAGCTGGAGGGAGA	TGAAAGGCCCCAGACGAATTTTGA
920.	TF	AT3G27970	ATGCGCAGAACCGTAGCAAC	GGAGACATCCTCTCGGCCCTC
921.	TF	AT4G26170	TGCGAGGATCACAAGGGAATGAGA	CGGCTTTATCACGTTCTGTTGGGT
922.	TF	AT3G49530	TCGATTCTCAAGAGCCCAGACGA	GCGCAATCTGATCTGGTGTACAA
923.	TF	AT1G01160	TCATGGAAAACCAAGATCTCGG	TGGAGAAGAGCTTGGTACTGGG
924.	TF	AT3G55210	CTCTTCTACAACAACGACAAGGA	TTCCACAGGTGCAACTGAAACAA
925.	TF	AT4G00850	ATCAAATGCACCACCATGAAAC	CTAGCATCGTTAGGACCCGC
926.	TF	AT3G56520	TCCGCATGATCTGCCTGGTTATC	ACTTGGTTGTACGTTTTCTGCAA
927.	TF	AT5G28640	CTTAGCGAATGCGCCGAG	TTGCAGCTAGGTACATTAGGTTGC
928.	TF	AT3G56530	CAACAACGAGAAGGTGGATCATGC	TTTGCTGCCGCTGGAGTCAGATA
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948.	TF	AT3G20770	TTGCAAGAGCTTCAAGACACGACT	ACGTCTCTGAGGAGGATCACAGTG
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951.	TF	AT5G67450	TCCGCCGTACAATCTCCTCTCTT	GGACTTCCCACAGACCGTACACTT
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954.	TF	AT5G65100	TCGCAAACCGCACGATCTAAGAAA	CGAGCCGCTCACTCTCTCAAAT
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957.	TF	AT1G68200	ACCGTCACTAAGCCTGGGACTTGT	TCCTCGCACATAACCTTCTGCGT
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962.	TF	AT3G07260	AGGAGGATATCAGAGGCACTGGAA	TCTCTCTTCTCTCCAGAGGCA
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964.	TF	AT3G54350	TCAACAGAAGACCTCGCTGTGGA	CGTATGATCGCTGTCTGCTGAGAT
965.	TF	AT1G55580	TCCAATTCCAGTTTCAACACGC	TGTAGCAAAAAGTCCGGCGAG
966.	TF	AT4G01520	CGATTCGCATACCGTCATAGCGAT	TGGCTGCTCAACCTGAAGCTCA
967.	TF	AT1G63100	TTGGCAGGTTGTTGAGTTTCATCA	TGCTGCTACTGCTTCACTCTCAA
968.	TF	AT4G01550	CCTTATCTATGACCGAGAACCACA	TGTTCTTGGTAACTCGTTGCAGA
969.	TF	AT1G66350	TCGGAGCAAGAGGACGAGAATTGA	TAGCGCGTGGACTAAACGCACT
970.	TF	AT4G02560	TGGCATGTACCACCAGGAATGGAA	TGCTATTACCACCAGCGGCTACTC
971.	TF	AT2G01570	TCCACTCATTACCACCTCCGCTTG	TTCCTCGACTCGACTCCACCA
972.	TF	AT4G03250	AAATCGGTCTGGTGTGGAACCTGCC	AGATTCTGCTCAGTCTATCGTCCCC

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973.	TF	AT2G04890	CGGTTGCTGAGGATGGTGAAGAGT	GAAGGAAAGGGGAAGTGTTCGTGT
974.	TF	AT4G04890	TCGGCTCCGCGAAGAGATTGATAG	GGCTTCCCAACGTATTTCCGACGA
975.	TF	AT2G29060	AGTCTTCGCCTCTCGGTGAT	TCAAGCGCGTTAGCGAAAC
976.	TF	AT4G08150	TCCTAAAGAAGCACGGCAGAAGC	GCCAACGCTACCTTCTCTGACTCA
977.	TF	AT2G37650	TGCAAGGCTGGAAGGGAAGAACTG	TGGTCTCTCATATGCCAACGAGGA
978.	TF	AT4G10350	GCCAACCCTAGTGAAGATGGATGG	GAGCTTGAAGTGCATGGTTGTTGT
979.	TF	AT2G45160	GGATATTGGCGCGCTCAATCA	AGTGAGAGGAGAGCTTCAGCGAT
980.	TF	AT4G16780	ACAGACGAGCAAGAACAAGCTGA	TTTTGTAGCCGACGGTTCTCTTCC
981.	TF	AT3G03450	CAGACGCGACCCTCATCACAA	TTTTCCCGTTTCAGGCGAGTC
982.	TF	AT4G17460	TCCGCAGTTCTCGAAGACACTTTC	CCAAAGCCAGCTTCTGTTTGGGAT
983.	TF	AT3G13840	TGCAGTTGATGGAGCCAAATC	CATTCTTATTTCCCAATTGTTGTCA
984.	TF	AT4G17710	GCCACAATCTCCGCCTCGAAAA	TGCTGCGTAAACGATCAAGCTCTT
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986.	TF	AT4G21750	CCGGCTTGTGATCTTCCGTGATA	TCCGGTACAGAAGCTCATCACCAT
987.	TF	AT3G49950	TCGGGTGGGGAATGAAGAAGGAA	AAATGGGAACCCAAACGGTAGCAA
988.	TF	AT4G25530	ACACAGGCAAATGGTCAACGTG	AGTGAGCCACTTTTGGTCCACC
989.	TF	AT2G40140	AGAGGGTTGGGAATACGGTGA	CACGAGCCACTTTAAACTTG
990.	TF	AT1G49190	GGCAAGTCATCTTCAGAAACACCG	TTGGAGAGAGGGAGCTAGTGTACC
991.	TF	AT2G41900	CCGGTAATGGATCATGCTGGGCTA	TCTCAATTCTGCTGAGCCACAAGC
992.	TF	AT1G67710	TCGGATGCGATCACAAGC	GAGCCATGGAACATTCATGAGA
993.	TF	AT3G06410	CACGAGATCGTGGAGCGGTTATT	ATGTCCCATCCTCTCCGGTAAAGC
994.	TF	AT2G01760	TCCTGGAAACTCGAAGAAGTCACG	GAATCCGCTTTGGTACAGCTTTGT
995.	TF	AT3G12130	TCAGTACTTCTGGCTGTCTTTCG	TGGTCCCATTATTGTCACTGCGA
996.	TF	AT2G25180	GGCCAGTCATCTTCAGAAATCCG	TGATTAGCCACACCCTGATCCTC
997.	TF	AT3G12680	CAAAACGGGAAGCTGCAAGTATGG	GGGGAATGAATGCAGTCTCTCAG
998.	TF	AT3G16857	TTGAAGAAACCGCGTGTCTGCT	CCTTCTCAACGCCGAGCTGATTAA
999.	TF	AT3G19360	CGCCGCCATCATTGATCCAGTTAT	GATTGCACGAACATGGGACGAGA
1000.	TF	AT3G62670	GCCAGTCATCTCCAGAAGTACCGT	TCTTCTTGAGGCTCTGAGGAGTG
1001.	TF	AT3G48440	GACCGGGAGAAGTAGAATGCCCTT	CAGTCCATATTTGCAGGAGCCAT
1002.	TF	AT4G16110	ACGCAACAGTTGTGGGTGAG	TGATACAGATTCGGGCTCGG
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1014.	TF	AT4G29940	TGTGGACAGCAACTGGCAGGATAT	CCGAAGGCCAATCTGCTTCATGT
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1033.	TF	AT5G48150	CTCCGAAAAAGTCAGTTATTGTGC	ACCGTTTACGAGAGTTGTTAACC
1034.	TF	AT5G02030	GCGGCGGAGGAGATAATGGAAAGA	TGTAAACCTCGTTCGAGCATGGAGA
1035.	TF	AT5G52510	AGCGGAGTCGATGAAGAGTCGT	CGTCCCATCCAACCAAAGCACA
1036.	TF	AT5G03790	CGATGAGGTGAAGAAGCTGAGAGC	TTGATGGTCCCGGACAGAGATTG
1037.	TF	AT5G06420	TGATGGTTCTGCGATTAACGCTTC	GTGCAAACTTGTGAGACTCTGTA

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1041.	TF	AT5G07060	TACATGCGAATGACCCGAGCGGAT	TGGTCGCCACCTAAAAGCTGTGAA
1042.	TF	AT1G32240	GCAGCAGCTTCGTCAGGACAAT	TCGTCAATTCTCTCGTATCTCTCG
1043.	TF	AT5G07500	TGTAACGCCGGGAACTTGTGTGAC	ATGCGTACCTGCACCTGTGCTTTC
1044.	TF	AT1G49560	TGTTGGAATCCAGAGTTCATCGC	TTTGTTAGGAGTTGCCACTCCCG
1045.	TF	AT5G12850	TTGCGTCCCTTGACCTTCCACA	AGTAGAGGCGGAAAACAGCAGACGA
1046.	TF	AT1G68670	TCGCAGTCGCATACGCATAGAAAA	ACATGAGATCCTCCAAGCTGCTGA
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1048.	TF	AT1G69580	CAACGGATGCTAAGCCAAGGTTGA	GGTGTGTCTTTGTTAGGTCCTCCA
1049.	TF	AT5G58620	TCAGAGTGAAATCAATAGAGCGGG	GCAGGCTGATGATTCTAGCAGAAG
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1051.	TF	AT4G16150	CGCTGCGTTTAGAGGTTTCCAAGT	TGCCTTCTCAAGAACTCCCACTGA
1052.	TF	AT2G01060	TTCTGTTGATGCCGTTGCTCAACTT	AAGAACGCCTTTGGGTGTAGCTCT
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1058.	TF	AT2G20400	GCTTCAAAGGTCCAGCAACCAAGT	GGGCGCAATTCACACAAGAAGAA
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1062.	TF	AT5G05770	TGCCGAAAAATCTCCACCGTCAAG	TCGGCGAGGCTTAGAAAAGATCTGT
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1107.	TF	AT1G17920	GGAGGAGTGATTCCATCGCCAGAA	TGTGCCAACACTCAAGCAGAAGTT
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1113.	TF	AT1G20710	GCAACCTCCGACAACGACAATTAC	TCCCTAAATCAGGACTCGGGAACA
1114.	TF	AT2G34450	GCGGAGGCTCTAGTCGGAAC	GACCTCCTTGACCTTCACTTG
1115.	TF	AT1G23380	GTGGCCTTACCCTACTGAAGGAGA	TTTTGGTCTAACCCCGTTGCATCA
1116.	TF	AT3G28730	CCAAAGTCAAACCAACCACACACG	GGGGTACATTGTCTGACCTTCCG
1117.	TF	AT1G26960	AGCTTCAAGCTCAGGTAATGGCAT	TATCGATCTCCGGTGGCCTGAT
1118.	TF	AT3G51880	AGCCAGTTGATGACAAAAGGTGG	GTTTAGTAGGCTTCTCAGCCGGTG
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1122.	TF	AT4G23800	AGGAGAGCTGCTTTACGCGA	CTCCAGTGATCTTTGCGACCT
1123.	TF	AT1G30490	TGCAGCAGGGATATGCGAATCTTC	ACCGTCGCTTGCTCATACGAAAC
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1127.	TF	AT1G46480	TGAGAGAACCAATGGTGGAGAAGG	TCAAATCCCCAGCTCCTACATGTC
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1129.	TF	AT5G56780	ATACAGATGGGCTCCGATGG	CAAGAGCATCCCTTCTGTTGC
1130.	TF	AT3G04100	GCGACAATATGGCTCACTTACG	CGTCCCACACGAACAGAAGAT
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1132.	TF	AT3G18650	AATTCGGATGCGGGAAATTA	GCCCATGATCCCACTTCTCT
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1141.	TF	AT2G26150	CTTGCCAAGGCGTTGAACAATCC	TCCGTTTCTCCCCACATCCAAA
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1143.	TF	AT2G41690	GTTCCGCCAGCTCAATACTACGGT	TGCTCATAAGCTCTTTGCCCT
1144.	TF	AT3G61120	TTCCGCAACCCGAAAACAAAAGAC	TCCCTCTCCTTTCTCCGAAGCTCT
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1163.	TF	AT1G79180	TGGGCTATTGAGGTGTGGGAAGA	TCCTCCTCTGAAGTGAAGTTGCCA
1164.	TF	AT5G07700	CCAGAAAAAGCTGGGCTGAAACG	GCCACGAGATGCATGAAGCATGAT
1165.	TF	AT2G02820	TGGCCAGAAAGTTAATGCAG	AGAACCTTCCAGGCATTCTCC
1166.	TF	AT5G10280	CAAGTGGTCAACGATTGCGAAT	GGTGAGTCATTGGATCAAACCCA
1167.	TF	AT2G03470	GATGCAAAAAGTGAATGCTAAGC	TCTCACAGAGACCAATCAGATCCT

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1169.	TF	AT2G06020	TCTCGTGAAACCAACTTATCGTCT	ACTTATCCACTGGATCTGCTTCATC
1170.	TF	AT5G11510	TGCCTGGAAGGTCCGATAATGGAA	CTGATCCAAAAGGCCAGACGACAT
1171.	TF	AT2G13960	TTGGACTCCAGAGGAGGATGAGAC	TTCTGCCACCTGTGCAAGCA
1172.	TF	AT5G12870	AAGCGTGGCGCTTTCTCTCTCAA	CAATCTGAGACCACCTGTTGCCGA
1173.	TF	AT3G51910	TCTTTCTCCAGATTCTCCTTCT	GCAAATTTCCATCTCTCTGCTTCT
1174.	TF	AT4G11880	TGCTGATGGAGAAGTGTGAGATGC	TGTCGAGTCTCAGGAGGTCCAATG
1175.	TF	AT3G63350	TCCACATTCCTTCTCGGCCACT	TCTGCCTCGATCTTTCTGAATCCA
1176.	TF	AT4G18960	GCCAAATTGCGTCAACAAATAA	TCTCACCCATCAATTGCCTGT
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1178.	TF	AT4G22950	TCAGCAAGCGAGAGACGAAACATC	TGCATCAATGCCTTCTCCAAGCAA
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1180.	TF	AT4G24540	CAGTGGAACTCCCCTTGAGGAT	TCCCAAGATGGAAGCCCAA
1181.	TF	AT4G17600	ACGACGAACCAGTGTCTTTCGAT	GCCGCACGACCATTTAAGAGTTCA
1182.	TF	AT4G36590	TCTCCAACCTTGTGAAACCCGTCC	TTTCTGGTTTGCCAGCACCTC
1183.	TF	AT4G17750	TCTCATGGAGTCCGACGAACAATA	ACCATAGGTGTTAAGCTGGCGAAC
1184.	TF	AT4G37940	CGAGGTCGGTCTACATCTTTC	AACCGACTCATGCTGGAGCT
1185.	TF	AT4G18870	CAGAGCGGCAAGAGTTTCATCATT	CGCGAATTTCCATTTTCCAGAGTC
1186.	TF	AT5G04640	TCATAGCCACTCCGGTCTCTTCCA	TTCGTGAGGAAAGCGGCTACAACG
1187.	TF	AT4G18880	TCCGCCAGCTTAACACATATGGTT	TCGCAAATTTCCATTGCTCAGGA
1188.	TF	AT5G06500	TGACGATAGGATGAGGAGGGCAAG	GCGCATATCGCACAGAATGGACAG
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1190.	TF	AT5G10140	TTCAACTGGAGAACACCTTGA	CATGAGTTCGGTCTCTTGGC
1191.	TF	AT4G36990	TCGTCAGCTCAACACTTACGGATT	CCGTCGTATGTCCGTCACAGAT
1192.	TF	AT5G13790	GCAAAGCCTTGAGCAGCAA	CAGCAATCGTTTCTTTCGCT
1193.	TF	AT5G03720	GACAGCTTAACACTTATGGATTTCGA	TCGTTAGCGAATTTCCACTTGT
1194.	TF	AT5G15800	TGACCAGCTCTCGGATCTTCA	CATCCAGCTTCATTGCCAAAG
1195.	TF	AT5G16820	GCACAACAACCTTCTCCAGCTTCGT	GCAAATTTCCATCGGTCAGGATCA
1196.	TF	AT5G20240	AAATCTGATGGCTGTGAGCAGAC	TCTGGTGGTCTCGGACTTTGTCT
1197.	TF	AT2G16720	GGCAACAAGTGGTCTTTGATTGCG	TGGTGGATCAATCCCTTTGCTC
1198.	TF	AT5G14340	CAATGGCATCCACTTGGGAAAT	TTCCCGCATCAACAAACCTGC
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1205.	TF	AT2G26950	TGTTACGCCTAGCCGCAATC	TCCACCCGTGAAAGGAAATG
1206.	TF	AT5G16770	AGTGGTCTGTCGATAGCCGGTAAT	ACCGGATCAATCCCCATTTGGAGA
1207.	TF	AT2G26960	ATCATGAAGAGCCTGGCGG	GACTCATGTTCCGGCATTGG
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1210.	TF	AT5G18620	GAAGGGGTCCGCAATCTTCCAAC	AACCGTGTGCCTCCAGATCCAAC
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1212.	TF	AT5G23000	CCTTGGTTCGCTGAAAGACTCT	TCCCACATCTCCTCAAACCGGCTT
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1220.	TF	AT5G39700	TCAATCGAAGAAGACAGCCATGCTG	ACTACCAGGAAGAAAGTTGGAGGT
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1226.	TF	AT5G26630	CTTTGTGGCGTCCCGATCT	ACACCTCCGGGTTACAGCTC
1227.	TF	AT5G62020	TCGTCAGCTCAACACTTACGGAT	GACGTTGGATCTCACGGAGAAGA
1228.	TF	AT5G26650	TGAATCATGTTGGAGGGCGTGAAA	AACGGCTGGTAGTTGATTGGATGG
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1230.	TF	AT5G26870	CGAGTTAGGTGAGATCCCCG	ACACACCGATATTCACCAATGG
1231.	TF	AT1G30810	TCCACGTCATCGGAAGGTTGTTGC	GATGGAGTGAATACGGGAGCGTCA
1232.	TF	AT5G26950	CCTCCTCAGATGCAGACAAACC	GCAAACGACGGTGTGATTCCAT

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1236.	TF	AT5G27070	TGGTTTTTCTCCTCAGATGCA	CCATGCCGCAAACCTGATCA
1237.	TF	AT2G38950	AGGTTGGAATCTGAACAGTACGGC	TCCAGAAGTGGGAAGACAAGCAC
1238.	TF	AT5G27090	AGCTTCTGTTACTCCAACCCGAGA	GAATAAACCCGCACAGCTCTGACCT
1239.	TF	AT3G20810	TTCCCGTGGAGGTGGGAAAAA	ATTGGTCCGCATCCGTTCAAGG
1240.	TF	AT5G27130	TGTCAACGAGTATTGCAGCGATCA	GACGGAGACGAGAGGTTAGGGTTT
1241.	TF	AT3G48430	GCCGGAATACCGTGTTCAGGTTA	AGTCCCAGAAAGGTGACGACAAA
1242.	TF	AT5G27580	TTACTCCAACCCGAGAACCAGACC	GATTCTGTTGGAAAGAAACCCGAC
1243.	TF	AT4G20400	TTCTCTCCCCGCACGTAATTAAGC	GGATCAAGAGCCTCAACCACCTGT
1244.	TF	AT5G27810	GAAGTGTGGCCATCAAATTCTG	CCGGGAGTGTCTTAAATTCTG
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1246.	TF	AT5G40330	CACAAGCTCCTCGGCAACAGAT	CGGCTTTGACGGCAGTTGAATGAT
1247.	TF	AT2G42150	CCGACTCGAACGTCAGGAAACAAT	TACAAGCTCCTTCGACTCGCTTC
1248.	TF	AT5G40350	TGCAAAATGGGGAAATAGGTGGT	GGAGCTTTGTGATCCAACGGT
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1254.	TF	AT5G41020	TTGCAGATGCAATGGGTAAGCACA	ATCTTCCCTCTCTCCAAGCGTCTT
1255.	TF	AT2G47460	TCTCTCCCCAAAAATGCCGATTA	TGTTTCCACGCTTAGGCTGTGAT
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1257.	TF	AT2G47620	CACTTATGAAACAGGTTCGCTGCCA	GGCTTCATCACAAGAGCTGCAAG
1258.	TF	AT5G47290	GCAGAGATGTTGTGCCCGA	TCCCTTCTTCGCCACTATCG
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1261.	TF	AT3G01530	TCGCCAAAGCCTCTGGTCTAAAAAC	TATGTTCCCTCGCCGCACATCT
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1282.	TF	AT5G40220	GCTTGAATTTCTTGAGTCGG	TGCTAAACTGTGGTGATCCGG
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1294.	TF	AT5G55020	ACCTTAACAGTTCGGTGTCTCA	AAGACATCCTCTAAGAGGCTGCAG
1295.	TF	AT3G09230	TCTTCGTTGGTGTAAATCAGCTCAA	AGCCTGATCCTCTACCTCAGTAAA
1296.	TF	AT5G56110	GCTGGGTTGCAAAGATGTGGGAAG	CGGACGCAGATAGTTTGTCCATCG
1297.	TF	AT3G09370	AAGGGACCTTGACACATGAGGA	GACCATTTCGAGGCCCGTATT

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1298.	TF	AT5G57620	GGTCACCCGGAAGAAGATGTGAAGC	CCCAATTTTCTGAGGCAGTGCAT
1299.	TF	AT3G10113	TCCAAGATGGCTCAGGAAGCTGAC	GAGGCGGATCACAATCGCTTTAA
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1301.	TF	AT3G10595	TGGACCAAAGAAACACATGAATGG	GCCACTGGTAAAAGTTTTCTGCAT
1302.	TF	AT5G59780	GCATCCTGGTCTCAAACGTGGTAA	CCGGGCAATTTTTGACCACCTGT
1303.	TF	AT3G11440	TTGGGTCGCTCCGAGATTACAAGT	AGCTGATGAAAAACCACCTGCACT
1304.	TF	AT5G60890	CTTAAGGGTAACAAGTGGGCCGCA	TTTCGTTGTCAGTTTCGTCCCGCCA
1305.	TF	AT3G11450	ACTCGCTAAAGCCAAGGAGGCAAA	AAGCAATCCGATGGGACCTCGTCA
1306.	TF	AT5G61420	TCCCCAAAAGCTGGGTGAAA	TTTAAGGTAGTTGGTCCATCGCA
1307.	TF	AT3G12560	TGAAGATCCTGCTGTGCCAAC	AGGAGACGCCGACAGAC
1308.	TF	AT5G62320	ATCTCCGGCCAGATCTCAAGAGAG	CCATCTATTGCCAAGGCGAGCAT
1309.	TF	AT3G12720	TGGTCTCCAGAGGAAGACGAGAAG	TCTGCAACCCGGCAAGCTTT
1310.	TF	AT5G62470	TCGACCCGGTATTAAGCGTGGAA	GCTGCCCATCTGTTGCCTAAAAGG
1311.	TF	AT3G12820	CGCTGGATTGATGAGATGCGGAA	TGAAGTTGCCCTCGTTTGAGACCTG
1312.	TF	AT5G65230	TCATGCGGTTCTAGGCAACAAGTG	TCAGTTCGTCCAGGTAAGTGGCT
1313.	TF	AT3G13540	GACGAGGAAGATCTACTCTCCGT	GATCAATGACCACCTGTGTCGCA
1314.	TF	AT5G65790	GCAGGTGGTCTATAATTGTCAC	TCTCTGTCTCATTGCGCTTC
1315.	TF	AT3G13890	CACAGCATTCTTGGTAACAGATGG	TGATGGTGAGACATGAGCTTCTTT
1316.	TF	AT5G67300	AGACGACGTTTCGATAGGAAGCGG	TTCAAGCCTGTGCCTAGACCTGGT
1317.	TF	AT1G17310	TTTGGCCATGTAGACGCATTG	CCTCCAACCTCACCGGA
1318.	TF	AT5G51870	TGCAGGAGCTGAAGATGGAAA	CCCAACAGCTTACGGTGATGA
1319.	TF	AT1G18750	CAACAACACAGTTTCACAGCGG	GCCAAGACATGGAGTGAGCTTC
1320.	TF	AT5G55690	TTCTCGAATGTGACAGAGCCGATG	CCGAACAACCTCCGCTAAAACAAGC
1321.	TF	AT1G22130	GACATCGCTCTTCAAGTACGGA	CATGCTCAAGTTCCTCGACGT
1322.	TF	AT5G58890	GATGTGGTGATTTCCGAGCC	TGATGGCCCTGACTTTGGTC
1323.	TF	AT1G22590	CTTGTGCCATCATCTACAGCGA	CCTCGTTAAGGTTTGGCCAGA
1324.	TF	AT5G60440	TCATCTTACTCAGTGTGTGAGTCA	CGAGTTGAGATAACGCAAGTTC
1325.	TF	AT1G24260	AGAGCTCTCAGGACACAGTTTATGCT	GCATGCGTTCCTTACTCTGAAGAT
1326.	TF	AT5G60910	TCTTCTCAGTTCTTCTGCCTCAA	TCTCCACAAAGCCATCTCTGG
1327.	TF	AT1G26310	TCTCACGTTAATGCACAGACGA	TCAATCTGGCCTTAAGCTCG
1328.	TF	AT5G62165	ACTCCTTGAGTTTCAACAAGCGAA	ATTGAGCCTTTCTTCTCGACCT
1329.	TF	AT1G28450	AGGCGAAGAAGATGATGGAGAA	AAGCAACTTCCTCACGCAGTTT
1330.	TF	AT5G65050	TGCTGATGAACCTGAAGCCTTAGA	TTTGAGTGGCAGATAAATCCGAG
1331.	TF	AT1G28460	ATGTGTGGTGGAAAGTGGATCC	CATCATCTTCTTCGCCTTTTCG
1332.	TF	AT5G65060	AGTTGCTGATAGAAGAGAACCAGA	GCGAAAGAGTCTCCGGTACTT
1333.	TF	AT1G29960	TGGCTTATGCTTATGGTCCGAG	CCGCTAATAACACATTTCCCGA
1334.	TF	AT5G65080	CGTCTCTTCCACCGCAA	GATGATCTTGGCCTAGTGTCT
1335.	TF	AT1G31140	TCTTTGAGCTTCAATCTCGAATCT	TGCATGAACCTCAGACTTGCGA
1336.	TF	AT5G65330	ACGCAAGAAGAGCCGCAATCT	TCGTCTTCCCTTGTCTTGTCTCT
1337.	TF	AT1G31630	CGTCAACCGAAGGTGTTCAAG	TTGGATTGTTCTGTGCGCG
1338.	TF	AT2G42680	CGAGACCGTCAGAAAATTCAATG	CAGAGATGTGCCGCTTGATG
1339.	TF	AT1G31640	TGAAGCATGCACACATCCCTT	TAAGACCAACGGTTGGTGGCT
1340.	TF	AT3G24500	AAAGAGCCAAGACCTACGCG	CGCGACACCGTTTCTCAGA
1341.	TF	AT3G15320	TGCAAGTTCCCAACCAATCCATGT	TTTGGCTGCCTTCACACCAGGA
1342.	TF	AT1G01060	ACGAAACAGGTAAGTGGCGACATT	TGGGAACATCTTGAACCCGCTT
1343.	TF	AT3G18100	TGAAGAAGAAACGCAAAAGCAAGC	CCGTCTCTTTGGTTGTCTCTCTGC
1344.	TF	AT1G01380	AGCAATGGCTCAGGAAGAAGAGGA	TCCCACCTTTCACCGACAAGCTTA
1345.	TF	AT3G23250	TCCATGCTGTGAGAAGATGGGGT	AAAGACCAGCTTGCTTAGGGAGGG
1346.	TF	AT1G01520	AGCCCTTCATCTATTTGACCGGGA	TGTGCGTGGCTTCGTATCTGTATC
1347.	TF	AT3G24310	TGCTAAGTGGGGCAATAGGTGGT	GGTCTTTGTCTTCTCCGCACTGT
1348.	TF	AT1G09770	AAAGGGTCATGAGAGGAGGGCAGA	GCCTGTTCAATGTCGCCTTATT
1349.	TF	AT3G27220	AAGTGCTCACGTAGACGCGAGA	TTGGCATTGGTGGCAACATTTCC
1350.	TF	AT1G15720	TTCGGATGGCTTCTTCGGTGATGC	TCACGAGTCACCAAGTCGCTCTCT
1351.	TF	AT3G27785	AGTTATTGGTGCAGCTAGTGGACC	TCCAACCTCGCTTGAAGCATCTT
1352.	TF	AT1G17460	TGTGGATCTCAAGGACAAATGGCG	TCGACCCGTGTTTCTTACAGACCT
1353.	TF	AT3G27810	CAGGTGGTCAAAAATCGCCAA	TGATGAGATCCAACGGACGATG
1354.	TF	AT1G17520	GAGCAGCAACGAAAAGAAGTGC	TTCAAGTTTCCCTGAGCTGCAA
1355.	TF	AT3G27920	CGCATCGTCAGAAAAGTGGGCTA	CCGAGGACTTGTGGAGACGAAATA
1356.	TF	AT1G18330	TCCAAGATGGCTCAGGAAGCTGAC	GGCGGGATCACAATCGCTTTAACC
1357.	TF	AT3G28470	ATTGGCAGCAGGTGGTCTTCCA	AGTCACCGGGTCTATCCCCATTTT
1358.	TF	AT1G19000	CAACCGTCGCCGAAGAAGATCTA	GGCCATTTCTGTAACCGTCTCAGT
1359.	TF	AT3G28910	GTTCCCTACCAATACTGGGCTGCTT	TGCCTCTTTGATTCTGGCCTTA
1360.	TF	AT1G49950	TCCACCAGACTTCAAACGCTTGTT	AACCTTACAAGTTTCCCGCAAGA
1361.	TF	AT3G29020	AGCTTGTTTCGGTTTACGGTCTCT	TGCAGCTCTTCTCTGTTCTTCTT
1362.	TF	AT1G70000	TCCTGATCCCAACCAACCGAT	TCCTCGTTGCGTTACAGGTTTC

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1363.	TF	AT3G30210	TTGAGGCCAGGGCTTAAGAGAGGA	AGACCACTTGTACCCCAAAGGGA
1364.	TF	AT1G71030	CCTTCCGGTATGCAACACCGTAAG	AGTGCATGAAGCTTGAGGATGAGA
1365.	TF	AT1G33070	ATTTCAAGCATGCCACACATC	ACGGTTGGTGTGGTGGTAG
1366.	TF	AT3G58680	GACCGTTCGAAAATTC AATGC	GTTCAAGGAGGTGCCGCTT
1367.	TF	AT1G46408	TCATCAGCCGTGTTCTGCAAGG	TGCTCTCCGTGTTAAACCCATCG
1368.	TF	AT1G01150	TGCGGAGAAGCTTATGCTGTTGT	TCTCCACTCCCTCCCTCAACATCT
1369.	TF	AT1G47760	GGAGGATTTGAGGAAGAAACAGC	CGCCTTGAAAGCAACTAAGTCC
1370.	TF	AT1G06180	CCTAAACTAGCCGGGCTACTTC	GACCATCTGTTGCCTAAGAGTTGA
1371.	TF	AT1G48150	CCGATGTTACACAGAGGAGGATC	CCAAACACCTCGTCGCACATCTA
1372.	TF	AT1G06910	AGGGCGTGGGTAATCAGAACAGT	AGAGGCTCTCTTGGTCGCTTCTT
1373.	TF	AT1G54760	GTAGATGAGGATGCGTGGTGG	TCGCCTCTCGTGATCTTCC
1374.	TF	AT1G07540	CGAGCTGCCAGATCACC AAGAAAG	TGCAGCCAACAAATCGAAAGACGA
1375.	TF	AT1G59810	ATCTGTTACGGTCCC GACAGCGAT	TCAAGGCATTGAACTTGGCAACGA
1376.	TF	AT1G08810	ACACTGGGTTATTGAGATGCAGCA	TGGACGCCCATTTGTTACCCAA
1377.	TF	AT1G60040	TCAAAAGATGCAGCTTACACGG	CCTGAAGATAATTACCGCCGAA
1378.	TF	AT1G09540	TCCTTGGAACAGATGTTCCACAG	TGTGTTTGGGTCAATGCCTCTTT
1379.	TF	AT1G60880	GCGGCTCCTATGCTTCCAA	CGACAGAGGAATGACCGAAAGA
1380.	TF	AT1G09710	TGGACGACGATAGTGACATGGAGT	TGTGCAATAGCCTCCACTGATGC
1381.	TF	AT1G60920	GCGGACTCTTCCACAAAGCTT	ATTGCGATTTGAGTCCCG
1382.	TF	AT1G13880	GGAGAAGCCAGGTGTCGTAGGATA	AGAGAAAGCGCATTGGTCTCAAA
1383.	TF	AT1G65300	TGCAGAAGCTACGTGATGAGAACC	TCGTCTCCCTTTGAGACAACCAA
1384.	TF	AT1G14350	GGAGTTGGTCCCCTGAAGAAGAT	TTCTGCCTGAAACCACCTTTGCT
1385.	TF	AT1G65330	CTGTCCAATCGGTTTTGATG	CGGCTCTTGCTGATTTTGGT
1386.	TF	AT1G16490	TCCCAAAGCAAGCTGGATTGTTGA	TGCACTGAAATTGCCACGTTTCAC
1387.	TF	AT1G65360	TGAGGTGAAGGCGGAAGTAGAA	ACCACTCCTCAGCGTTTTCGT
1388.	TF	AT1G17950	GATGTGTAGTTCGAGGCCATTGGA	CTCTTACCAGATCGACCAGAGAGC
1389.	TF	AT3G46130	TCACGCTAAGTGGGGAAACAGGTG	ATCCGTTTCGTCCCGCAATTT
1390.	TF	AT1G72650	TCCCTCAAACAGCGTGGGAAGTCT	GCAAGCTCCCTTACCGTAACAGA
1391.	TF	AT3G47600	TGCCTACTCACACAGGTTTGAGGA	ACGCTTACTCCAGGTCGAAGAT
1392.	TF	AT1G72740	TTTCATTGAGCCCAGGCATGAAGT	TGCAAGCTCCTCAGTCTTGACT
1393.	TF	AT3G47680	GCCACAAACCCATGAAGCAGAAGA	TGCTTTCGCTTTGACAGTTTAAAC
1394.	TF	AT1G74840	GGCAAAATCGAGAGGAAACGAGGA	GCCAAAGCAAGAACAGCTTGTGT
1395.	TF	AT3G48920	ATTCATTGGACCATGTGGCC	TGGCACGAAATCAGGCAAA
1396.	TF	AT1G75250	TGGCAGTTTACGACAAGGACACAC	GTGGCGCTTCACTTCTTCTACAGT
1397.	TF	AT3G49690	GCAGGTGGTCTATAATCGCTGCTC	GCTTCTTGAAGCTCCTTGCGTTGT
1398.	TF	AT2G21650	ACGTGCCATTCCCTGACTACAAGA	GCAGTTTCACTGCTTCTATCCTCT
1399.	TF	AT3G50060	ATTCCGTACCCTCGTCTCCTGTT	GTAAAACCCGCGGAAATCCGGCA
1400.	TF	AT2G27070	ACCGATTGGTCGTTTTGGA	CCGAAATACCCGATCCGAA
1401.	TF	AT3G52250	TCCCCAGAGATCAGTCACCCAAGA	GGTGAGTGAGAAGCCTTACCTGT
1402.	TF	AT2G30420	CGATCCC GATATGACTCTGAAGA	CGGTCATACTGATAAACTCCATTC
1403.	TF	AT3G53200	GTTTCCGGTTGAAGAGGAGTGGT	TTCTTGACTCATCGGTCCACGC
1404.	TF	AT2G38090	TGGACAGAAGAAGAACACAGACAA	TGGTCACAAAGTTACGAGCTATGT
1405.	TF	AT3G55730	TCTCAAGCGTAAACCTTCTCTGA	TGAACCGCGTGAGCAGAAAT
1406.	TF	AT2G46410	TTGGCAGAGGTGGGAGTTGAT	GCAAAAACAGCCCGTGTTCATA
1407.	TF	AT3G57980	CGGCTCGAAACCCAGGAACAT	ACCCTTCCACACGACTTCGAAT
1408.	TF	AT2G46830	TCTGTGTCTGACGAGGGTCAATT	ACTTTGCGGCAATACCTCTCTGG
1409.	TF	AT3G60460	TCTTCTCAACGCACCGGCAAAAT	TCAGCCGAGAAGTTCATCCATTT
1410.	TF	AT3G09600	GCACCTCAACTGTTGATCGTGAC	GCACATGAGCTAATGTCCCGTTT
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1412.	TF	AT3G10580	GGGAAAAAGAAGGGAATACCTTG	TTAGTCCATCCAAAAACAATCTGTGT
1413.	TF	AT1G69120	GCACCAAATCCAGCATCCTT	CAGACCACCATGTTGAGAAAA
1414.	TF	AT1G18570	TCACGCCCTTACGGCAACAAAT	TCGGTCTTCTGGTAGTCCACGA
1415.	TF	AT1G69540	ACCTTATGTTGCGGTCTTCGA	CGGAGCTACTTGTCAAGTTGGC
1416.	TF	AT1G18710	ATCAACGAGCATGGCGTTTGTGA	TCTCTGCAAACCAGCTCTTTGGG
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1418.	TF	AT1G18960	GCAATGGGAAGCAGATGGCAACTT	TGAGAAAAAGGACGGTGAGTGACA
1419.	TF	AT1G72350	ACGTTTTCCAAACGACGATCC	GCCGACAGAAACGCTTAATTC
1420.	TF	AT1G19510	GTTTCGAGAGGGCTTAGCCGTTTA	ACTTCAACTGCTTTAGCCACGTT
1421.	TF	AT1G77080	AACAACCTTGAGACTGCTCTGTCGG	ACTCCATCATCAGTCTGCCTTCC
1422.	TF	AT1G21700	TCAACAGCAAGATGGAGCACACAA	CGGCTCTAAATGCTGCCATAACCT
1423.	TF	AT1G77950	TGTGACATCGATCTTGCCCTC	CGATCCTTGTTTGACCGGAA
1424.	TF	AT1G22640	GCGCCGCTGGATTACAAAGATGTG	TTGTTACCGAGCAAGCTATGGAGC
1425.	TF	AT1G77980	GATCAAAGTCGACGCCGAGA	GTTGCTGCAAAGTCCGGAGT
1426.	TF	AT1G25340	ATGAAGAGGGTGCAGAGCAGAG	TCCAGAAGATTTAGCGAGCAGATT
1427.	TF	AT2G03060	CGCGAATTTATAGCCTCAAGGA	TCAGAAATCCGAGCCTGCA

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1428.	TF	AT1G26580	GCCACGGTGAATGAGGGAAATCTT	ATCTCTCCACCACAACCTTGTGT
1429.	TF	AT2G03710	CTTGAGCATCTCGAAGCCAAGTA	TCAAGCATAGACCGAGCCTTGGTA
1430.	TF	AT1G26780	TCTGGGAAGAGCTGTAGCACTGA	TCTCCGTTTATCCTCGGGTCCAA
1431.	TF	AT2G14210	TTGGCAAAGAGAGGTTGCAAG	TCTCCCACTAGTTTCTGTGGC
1432.	TF	AT1G34670	CAGCCGAAGAAGAGCAAACAATCC	GCGTCGCAATAGCTGACCATTTA
1433.	TF	AT2G15660	AAGCAGTAGCAACGGATGCC	AGTCATCGCTGGGACCCTAA
1434.	TF	AT1G35515	AGAGCAAATCATTGTCAAACCTCATAG	TCCCAGCAATCAAAGACCATT
1435.	TF	AT2G22540	TGGTTTGACGCGTGTGATTG	CCCTTTTCTGAAGTTCGCTGA
1436.	TF	AT1G42670	ACTCTGAACCTGTGGCGTTG	TTTGCCGCCTTAACACCAAT
1437.	TF	AT3G62610	ACCAGGTGGTCAACAATTGCGAG	CGTGGAGTTTACGGCTGAGATGAG
1438.	TF	AT3G10590	CCTTGGACAGAAGAGGAACACAGA	GACACTTGCCGTGGAGTCTTTG
1439.	TF	AT4G00540	AGGATTGCTGAATGCCTTCTG	TCAAGAACCTTAAGCCAACGGTGC
1440.	TF	AT3G11280	CTTGGACAGAGGAAGAACACAGGA	TGGCGTCTTTGACACCACGAA
1441.	TF	AT4G01680	TGCCGTTCTTGCAATAGATGGTC	AAGAGCTTGTGTGTAACCGGGTC
1442.	TF	AT3G16350	TGGTAACCGATTTCATCGCCAACAC	TCCTTGCTTGGAGAGGAACCGTT
1443.	TF	AT4G01980	TCAAGCTTCCGGTTTATGGA	GGTCTCATTGTGTGGCTTTCTT
1444.	TF	AT3G24870	GCTTACAGAAGCAAGCTCTTTTA	TGCTACTTCCAGACTTCTCACAA
1445.	TF	AT4G05100	TGGTAAGAGTTGTCGTCCTCCGGT	ACCACTTGTTTCCCATGATGCTGT
1446.	TF	AT3G49850	ACCTCCAAGACCTTCTACAAGTGT	TCTTCAAGCTGGTAATAGCCTCCA
1447.	TF	AT4G09460	GGATTGTTGCGTTGTGGTAAAAG	TGACCATTTGTTACCGAGTAAGC
1448.	TF	AT4G01060	CCCAAGACCAACTCCATCGTACT	CCAGCTATCAGTCCCACTGTCA
1449.	TF	AT4G12350	ACGCCGAGGAACAGCTTGTGTCAT	TCTTGGACCATCTGTTGCCGAGAA
1450.	TF	AT4G01280	TCAGATACGAAGCCAGCTCAGAA	GGTGGAAAGATGTTCCGTTAGCACA
1451.	TF	AT4G13480	CGCAGGATTGAAAAGGAATGGCAA	TGACCACCTATTTCCCACTTAGC
1452.	TF	AT4G09450	TGACGGAAGCAGGTGAGTCTAAGG	CAACCTCTGTTCTCTTCTGACCA
1453.	TF	AT4G16420	TGTTGTAAGCGAGTACCGCATGG	CCTGCCACTTGAGCTTCCTTGAGA
1454.	TF	AT4G11400	GGTAACAAGTGTGGCTCCAAGTG	TTTGGTGACCCCGAAATGGATGA
1455.	TF	AT4G17780	GGGCTTGGACAATACTAGCCTTGG	TTGGAAGGTTTCTTGCGTGACACT
1456.	TF	AT4G36570	GCGCTTCTTGGACAGTAAGGAGA	GGCTCTTGAACGTTATGCCAAC
1457.	TF	AT4G17785	GGTGGATGAATTATCTCCGGCTG	TTTGTGTCCAAGGAGGGCATGG
1458.	TF	AT4G39250	AACAAAGCCTTTGAGCAGCTCT	CCTCTGTTGTTTCCCACTTAGC
1459.	TF	AT4G18770	TGGACTGCTGAAGAAGACAGGGT	AGCGATATGCGACCATTTACGCAA
1460.	TF	AT5G01200	CCGAGGACGAACACCTACGATTTT	TCGGCGTTCGAGTCGTCACAAA
1461.	TF	AT2G22630	TGCCAGCTCCAGTGTGAAATC	TTGCTCCTCATCTTAGCCGT
1462.	TF	AT1G48000	AACTCCCTCTCTCGTCTGCTGGA	GCCACCCTCAATCTGCAACTTTT
1463.	TF	AT2G24840	TGCATTGGAGGAGTTGAGGAAG	CGTCTTGGCCCTCATTAAACGA
1464.	TF	AT1G49010	GCTCCTTATGCTGTACCCGC	ACGGACTGGATGTTGCTG
1465.	TF	AT2G26320	CTCGTTCTAGATCATTCCATACAATCC	CCCCTTCTGTAATGAAAGCATG
1466.	TF	AT1G56160	GGACGTGAAGCGAGGCAACTTTAG	GAAGGACGCGATCTTTGACCACTT
1467.	TF	AT2G26880	CCATTCGAGGTGCAAGTCG	CACCCCTAAAAAAGCGTCC
1468.	TF	AT1G56650	GCTGCGAAAAGGTGCTTGGACTAC	CCCAGCTCTTACAGGAACCTGGTG
1469.	TF	AT2G28700	GCGATGTTAATGCATGTGCG	GGCCACACATCTGGATTGAGT
1470.	TF	AT1G57560	AACAGATGGTTCGCAAATTGCTGC	CCAACCTCGGAGAGGGGTTTATGT
1471.	TF	AT2G34440	TGAGACGCTTACCCTGATGAACT	GCCTGCAAGTGATTGACTGACCT
1472.	TF	AT1G58220	TTGGAAGCATCCCCCTGAGTATG	GCACATAGGAAGCAGCCATCACTT
1473.	TF	AT2G40210	TGGTGTTCGCCAAGAACCAT	CGTCGCATCACCATTGTTTTT
1474.	TF	AT1G63910	TGCAACCAGCAAAGGTGAAGAGA	TGAAGCCCTGCTTTTTCAGGGAC
1475.	TF	AT2G42830	TCCGATCCAAGAAGCACGA	TGCAGCTCGATTTCCCTTTT
1476.	TF	AT1G66230	TGGCAAGAGTTGCAGACTTCGTTG	TGACCACCTGTTTCCAAGCTGG
1477.	TF	AT2G45650	AAGTTTGAACGGAAGGCCATGCT	ATGCCGCGAGTTTGCCCATAA
1478.	TF	AT1G66370	AGAAGTGGTCTCAATCGGTGC	TCGGAGCAGATTTTCTCTCTTA
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1480.	TF	AT1G66380	TGGGCTAAATCGGTGCAGGA	CCAGCAATCAAGGACCACCT
1481.	TF	AT3G02310	GCTGGAAGATATGATCGGCGT	TGATCACCACCTTCCATCCT
1482.	TF	AT1G66390	TGGGCTAAATCGATGCAGAAAAGA	CCAGCAATCAAGGACCACCTAT
1483.	TF	AT4G21440	GGGCTTGGACATCTGAAGAAGAC	GCAAACCGGCATTTTGGGGAG
1484.	TF	AT5G02840	TCAGATCAGGAGCCATGCCAAA	GGGGTGGAAACATGTGCTAAAGTC
1485.	TF	AT4G22680	ATGATTTTGGGTTTGTACTGTTC	TGTGTTTCATCCATAGAGTTGCC
1486.	TF	AT5G04760	CCTTGGACAGAGAACGAACACAAA	TCCTCGTACCACAACGTTTC
1487.	TF	AT4G25560	CCCATCAAAGCTGGGTTACAAAGG	CGACCCTTGTACCCAAGGAAGA
1488.	TF	AT5G05790	TGGACGGAGGAAGAACACAGGAGA	TGGGCATGACTTGAACCTGAG
1489.	TF	AT4G26930	TGCTCAGTTACCAGGCAGAACAGA	GCGTTTCAACCTCGTGTCCAGT
1490.	TF	AT5G08520	GTGGACAGAAGATGAGCACAGGTT	ACTTTTGAGCATGGCTCGCAAC
1491.	TF	AT4G28110	TACGCTCCCCAAAATGCTGGACT	GTCCATCGAAGACGGCAGCTTTT
1492.	TF	AT5G17300	GAGCTTGAGACTCTGAAGCTGGA	AGACTTTGCTTCGTTGGTTCCTTG

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1493.	TF	AT4G32730	TGGACACCTGAAGAGGACGAAGTC	CTCTGGGTTCAAGACCTTTTGCCA
1494.	TF	AT5G37260	TGGCTATGCAGGAACGTGTGA	TGCTGTCTCTGTCCATTCTCT
1495.	TF	AT4G33450	GGAAGATCAGGGAAAAGCTGTAGA	TTGGTGTGTTGGATCAAGTTGG
1496.	TF	AT5G47390	GCTGGTGATGGTTACGCTTCTGA	TCCTTTCTTTCTCTCGCGGTAGA
1497.	TF	AT4G34990	ATCTCCGACCTGATCTCAAGAGGG	GAGACCACTTGTACCAGAAAGGC
1498.	TF	AT5G52660	CCTCCCAAAGGAGCAGGAGCTAA	TCTTGCCTCCCTGTTGGATCGT
1499.	TF	AT4G37260	ACCGTCTCGTCAGTCCAAGGAA	TCTGAGGTTACAGCGTCATCGTCT
1500.	TF	AT5G53200	TCGCCCTCCATGACTCTGAAGAAG	TCCCACCTATCACCGACAAGTCTG
1501.	TF	AT4G37780	TGGGATAAAGAGGTGCGGGAAGAG	CGGTGAAGCCTCCATGCTTTAAGT
1502.	TF	AT5G56840	AAAACACCTGACCGCAAAAAGGG	TCCAATTAGAAACGTCGGGTGCTC
1503.	TF	AT4G38620	TCACCGAGGAAGAAGACGAACTCA	TCCCGGCAATAAGCGACCATTG
1504.	TF	AT5G58900	GGACGAGGAAGAACAACAGCTA	TCGCGTTATCACAAAGTCCGAGA
1505.	TF	AT5G61620	TCATGAGAAGAAAAAGGGGAAGCC	ATGACTTGCAGCTTGTGTTGGT
1506.	TF	AT5G47370	TCGATCCTACATCAGATCTTCGCA	TCTCACTTCTTCCCGCTAATGG
1507.	TF	AT5G67580	GTGGATCACCACGCACCTGT	CGGTGGAGTCTTGAATTCTCCTC
1508.	TF	AT5G52170	ATGGACACGAACAAATGGGCAGAA	AAGGGTGTATGCAACCGCAGTAT
1509.	TF	AT1G01010	AGCAGCAGAGCAAGAAAAGGTGA	ACCGTGTGGTGGATGGAGGTAT
1510.	TF	AT5G53950	GTGCCATCGCAGAAGTTGATCTCA	TTCTCTCCCATCTTAGCTCTCCCG
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1512.	TF	AT5G53980	TCGAACCAGCTTGGTCTACCTCAA	GAGTGCAGTGTGGACCTCAAGAG
1513.	TF	AT1G02210	TCCAACACACCAATCATTGGCAAG	GGCAAAAACGTTGGTGTATACACG
1514.	TF	AT5G56620	AGATCCTTTGATGAGGGGACAGCC	TCCCATCATGTAATCTCTCGCACG
1515.	TF	AT1G02220	GGGAGTACCTTGGCAGTCAAGGA	TCATCTGCTGATCACTTGTCCA
1516.	TF	AT5G59340	GCTAGGCAACGCCAAAAGC	TGTGGAGGAGCGATTGAAG
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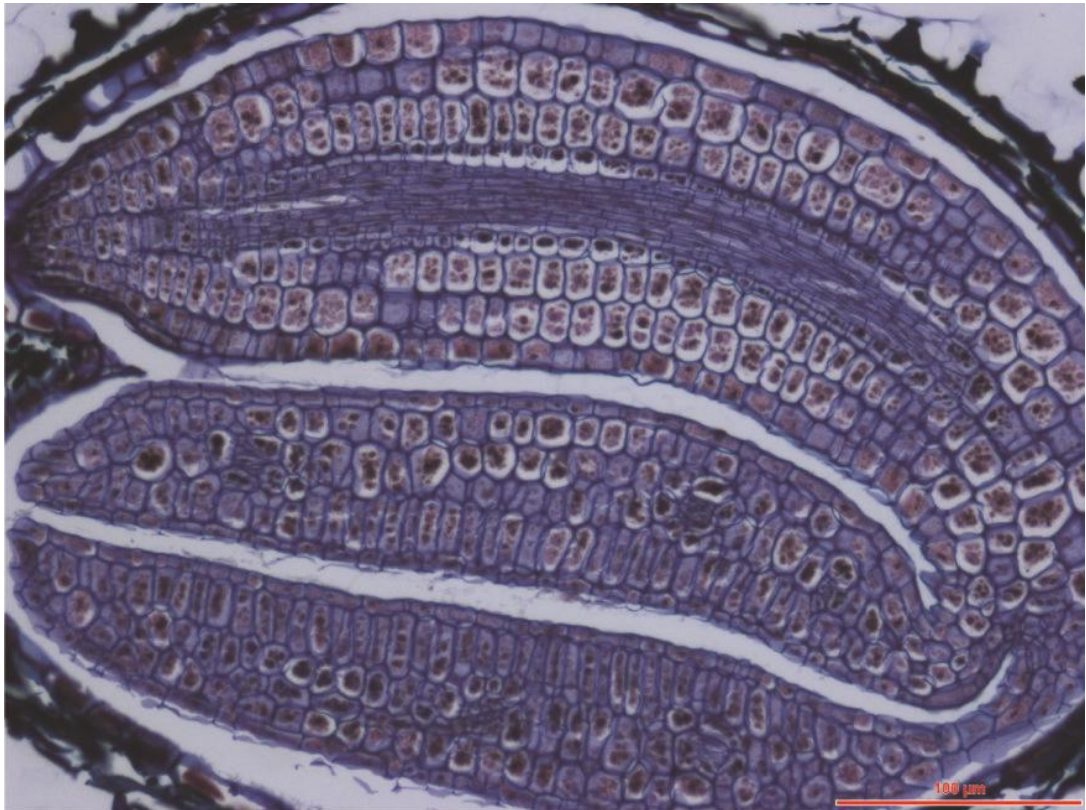
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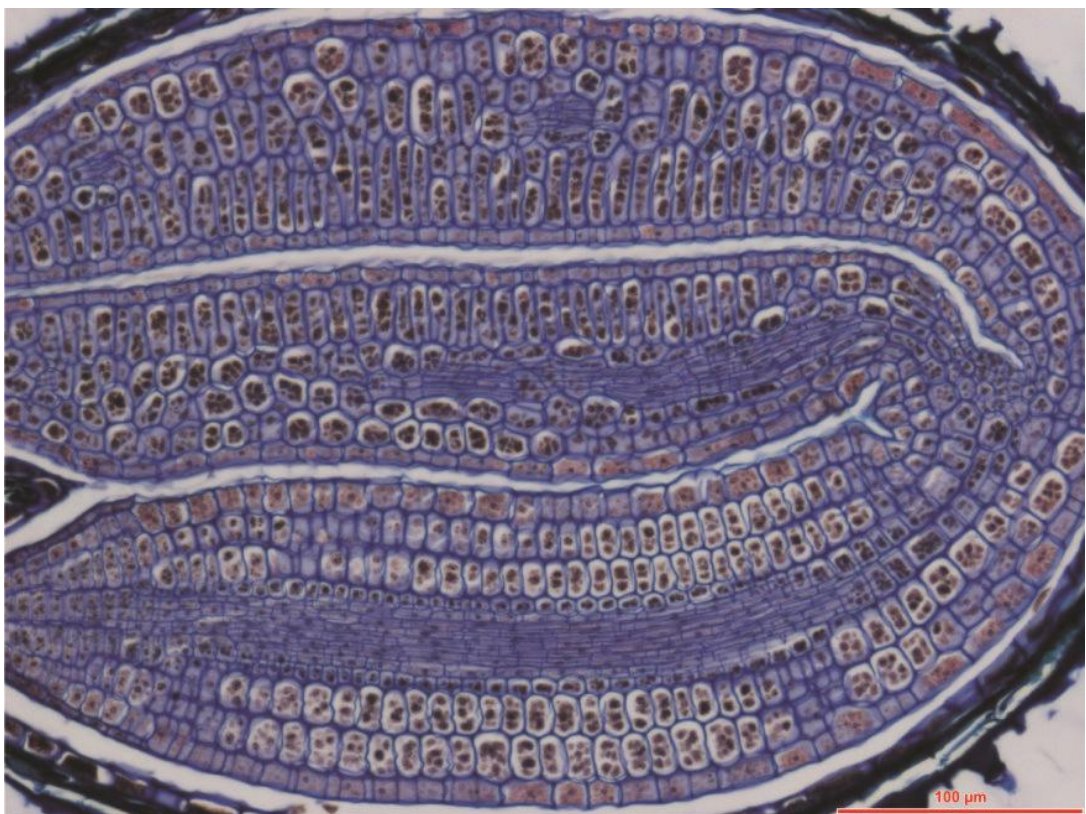
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Mature seeds



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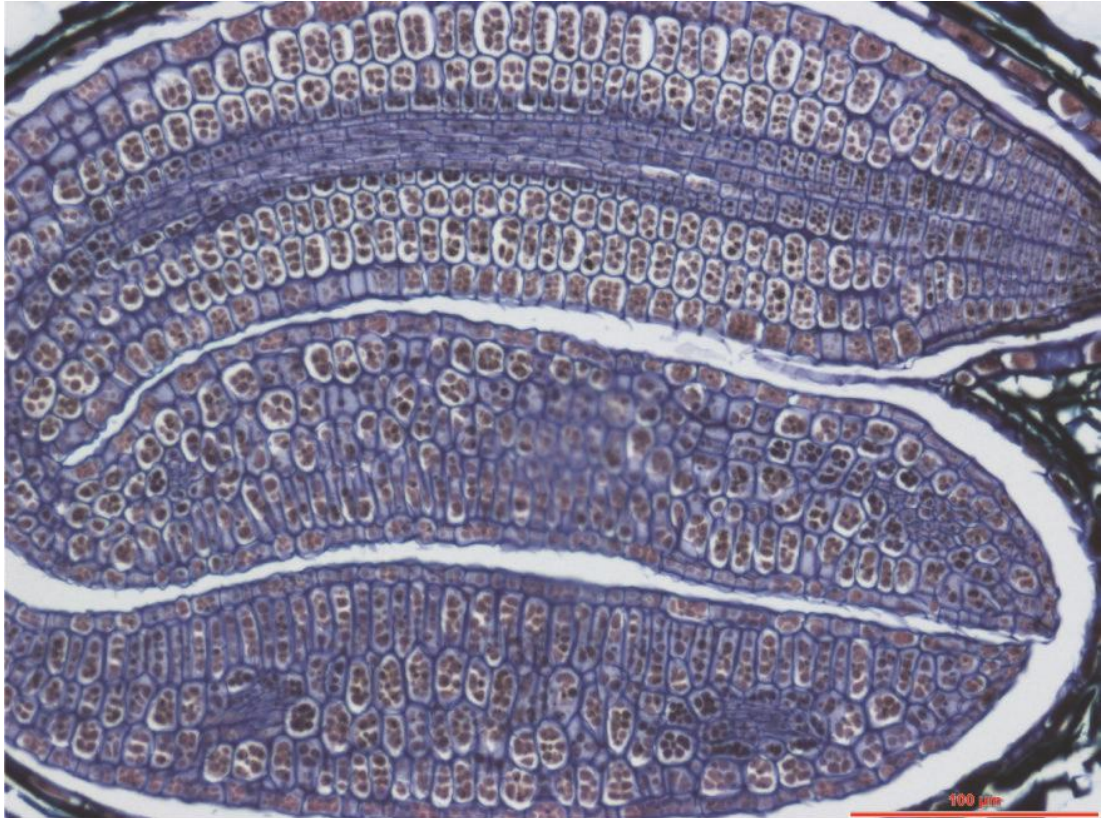
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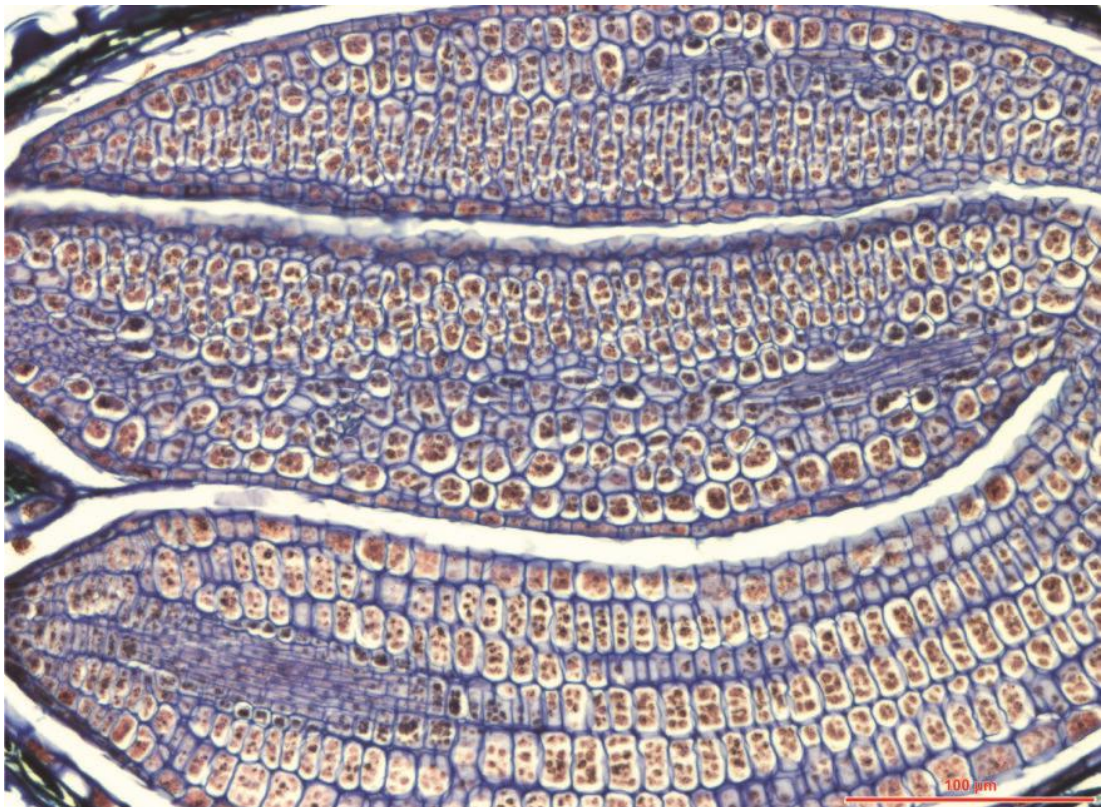
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Mature seeds



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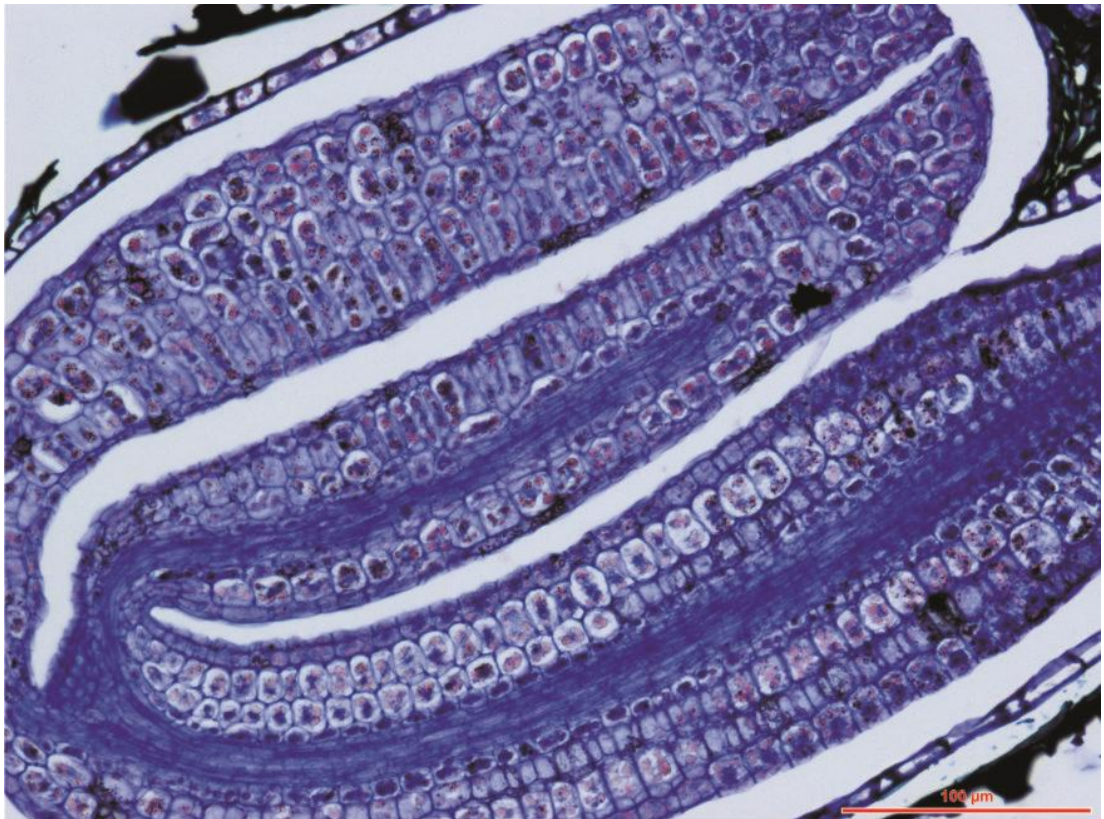
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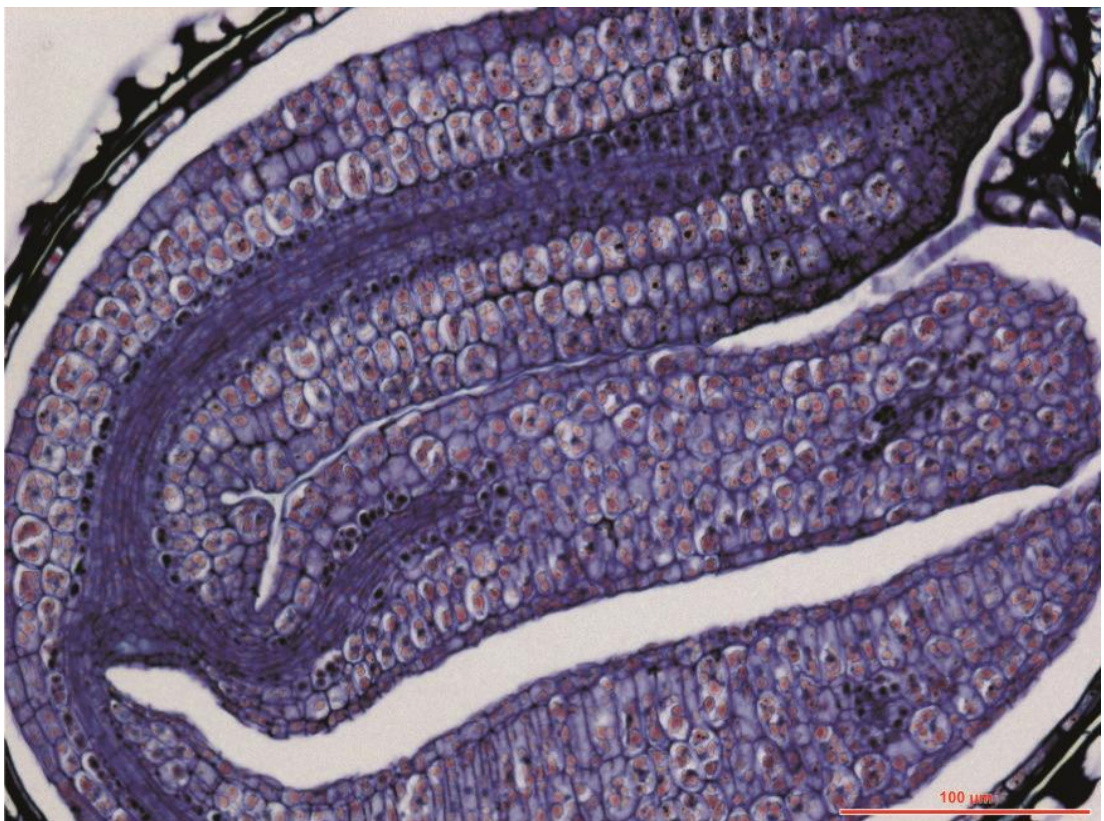
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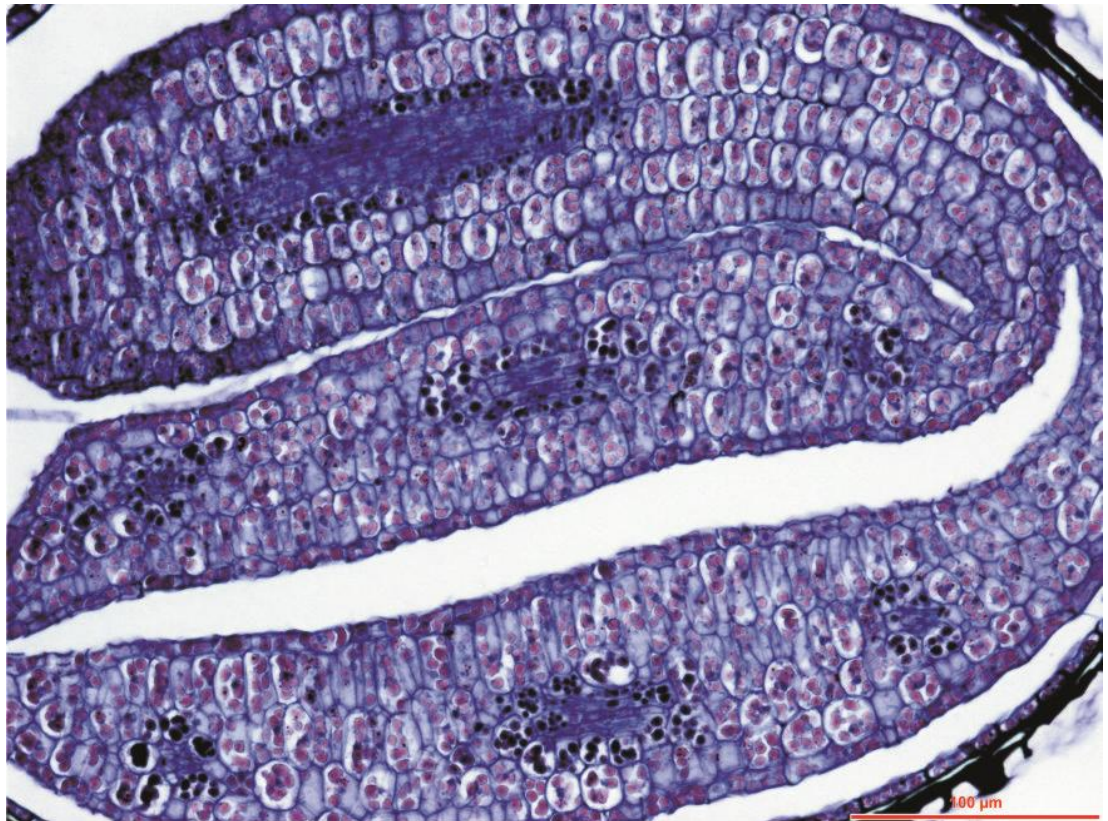
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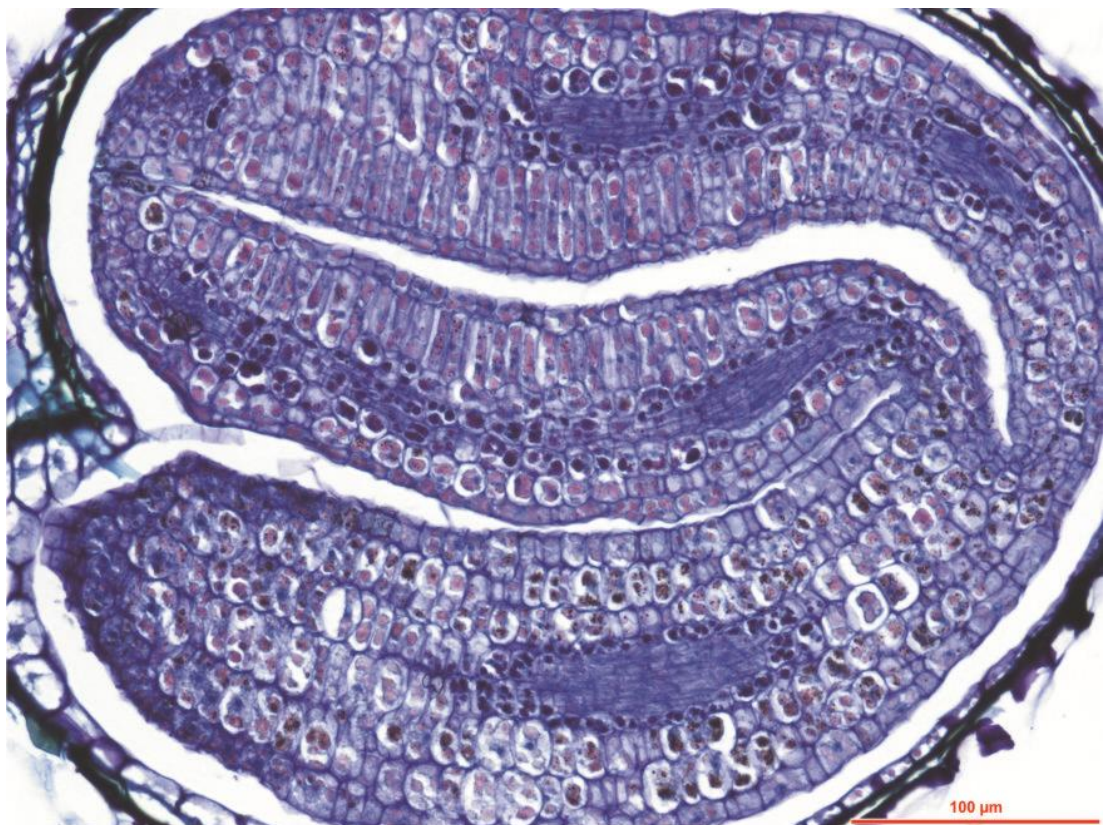
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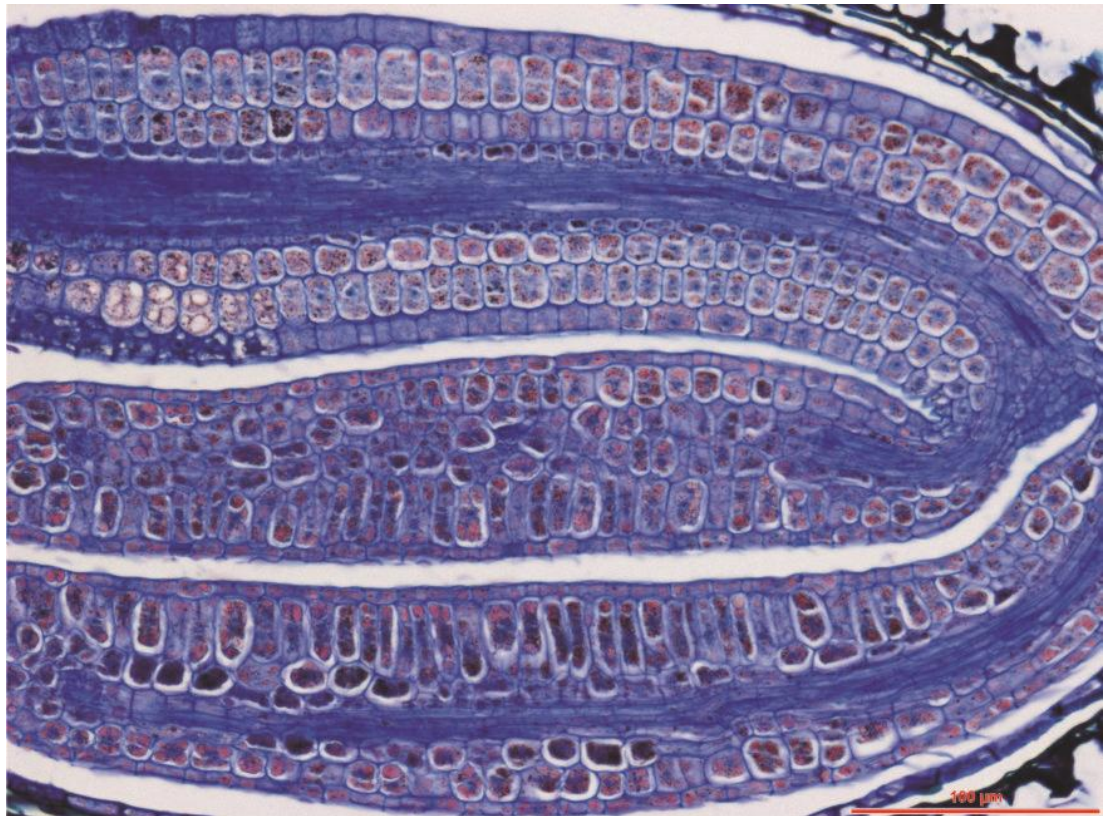
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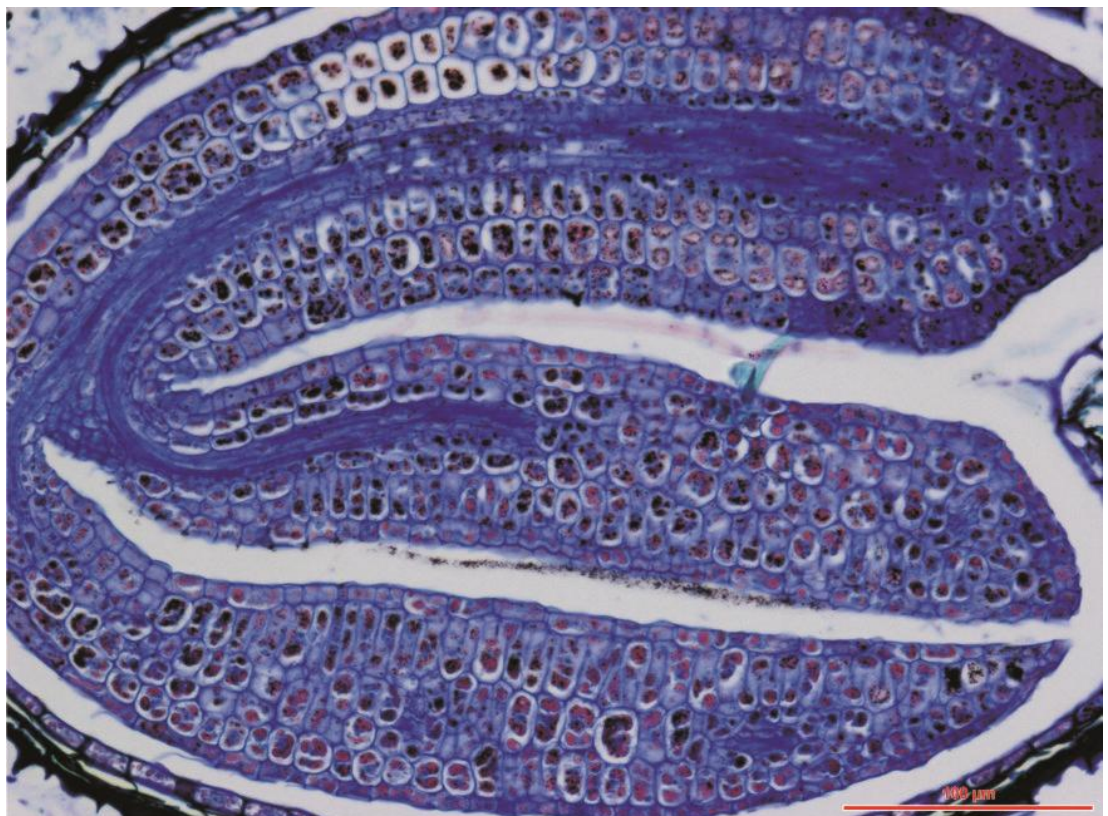
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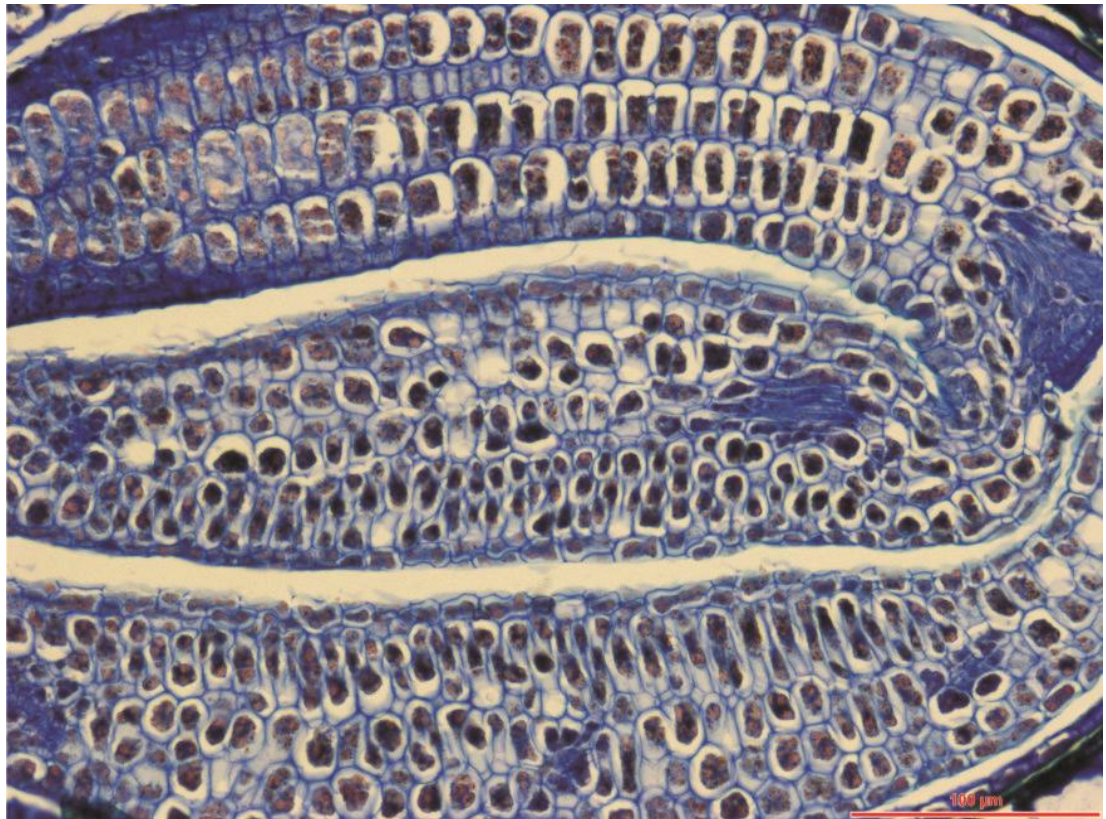
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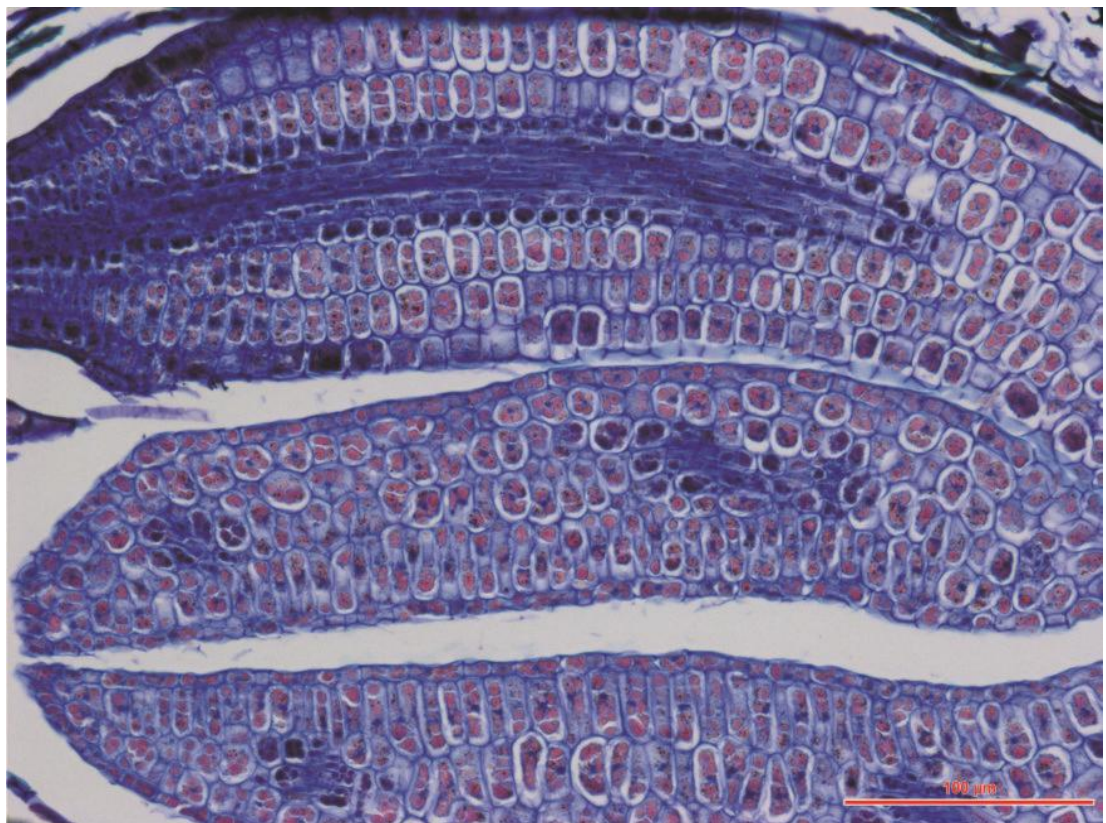
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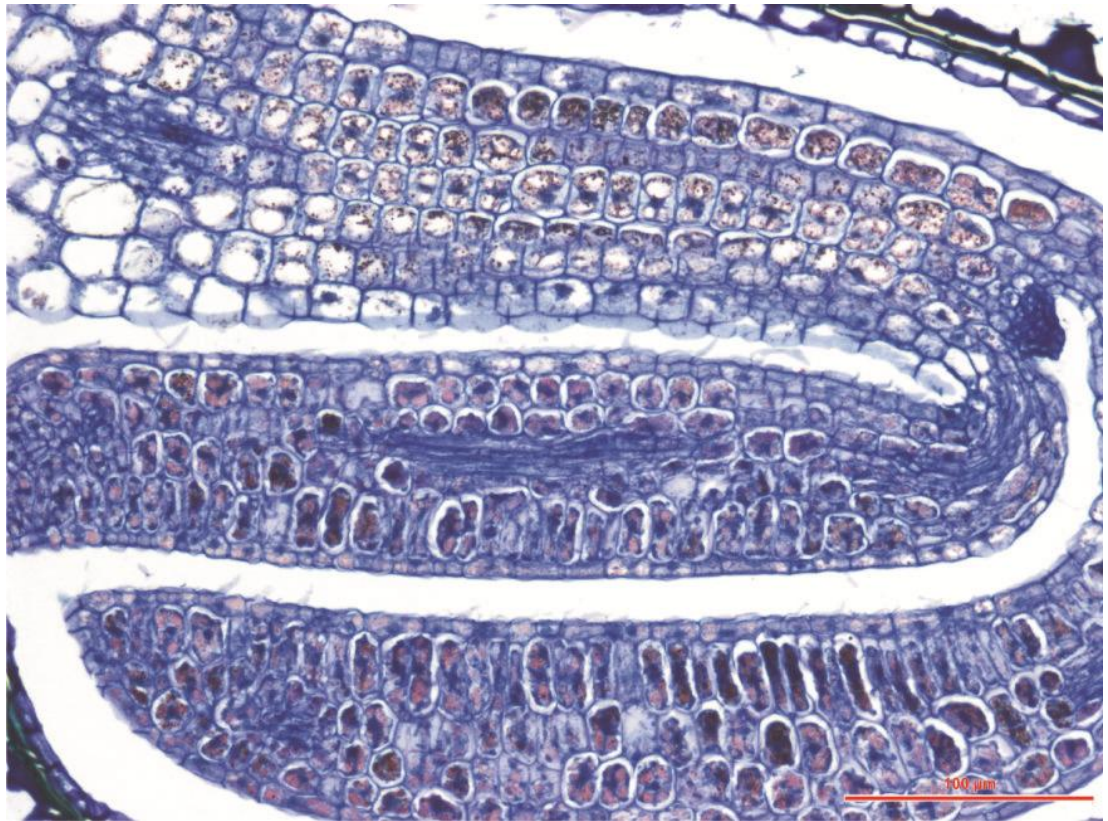
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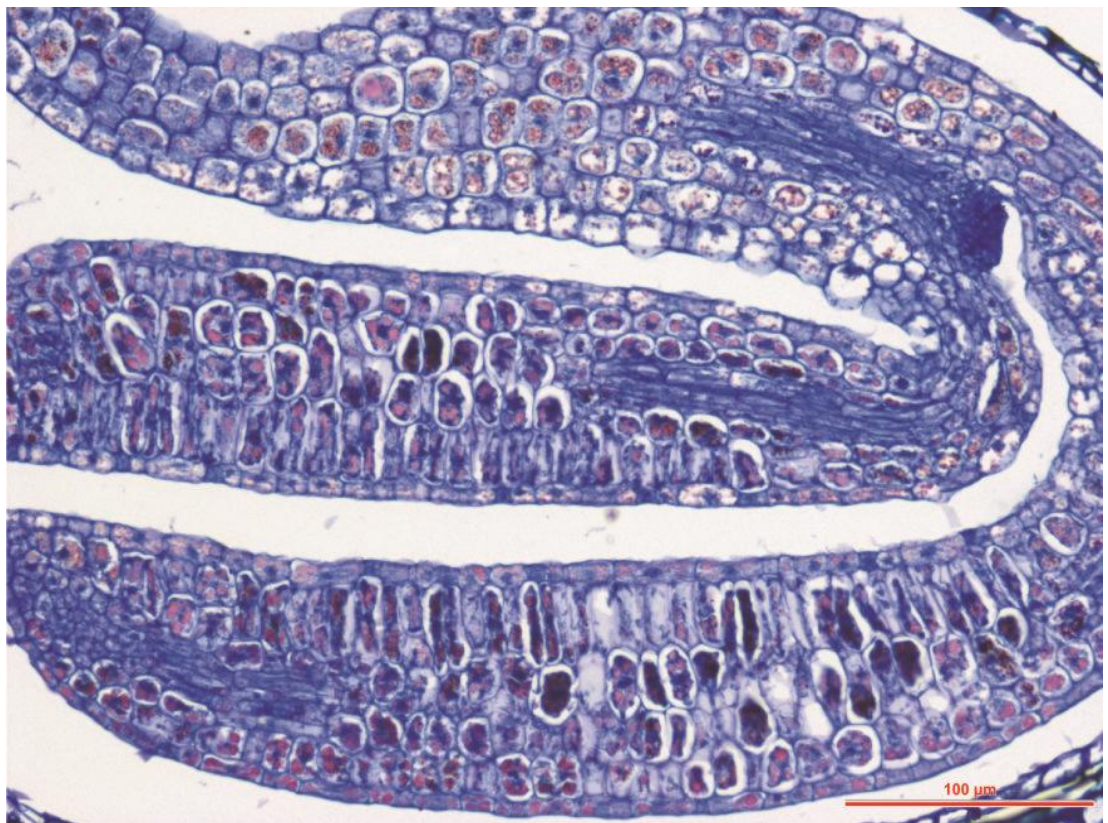
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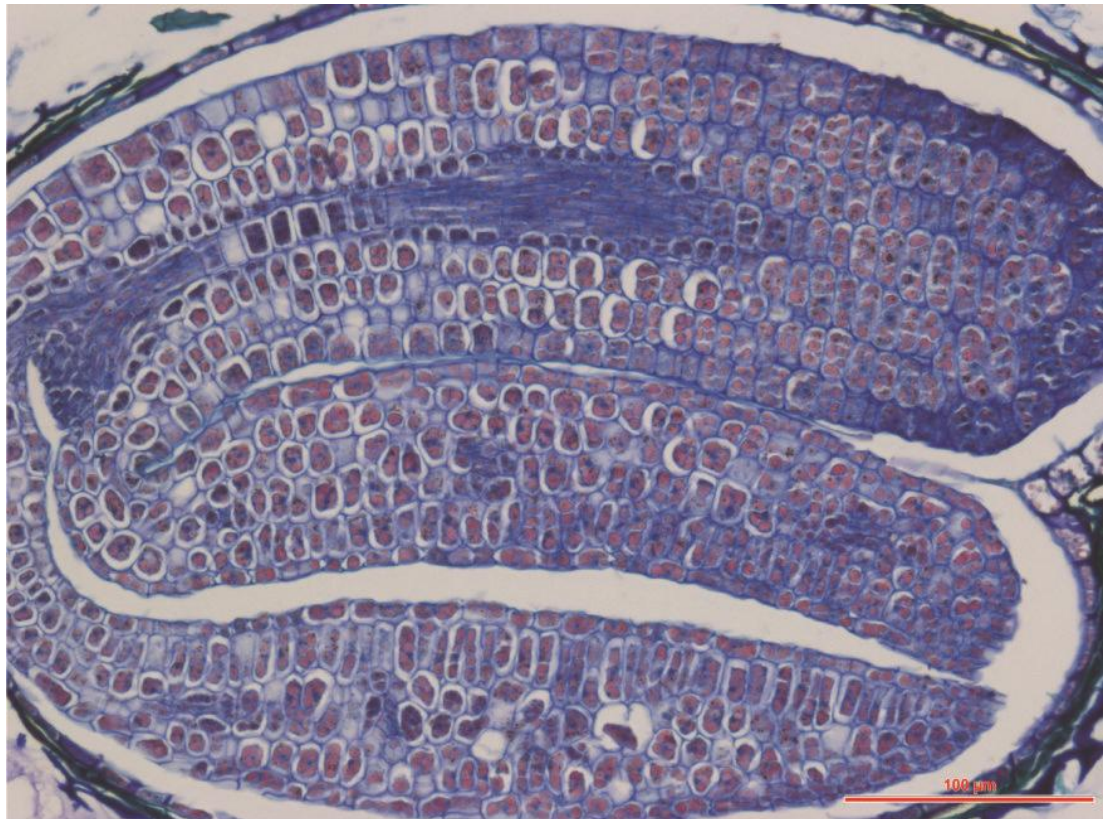
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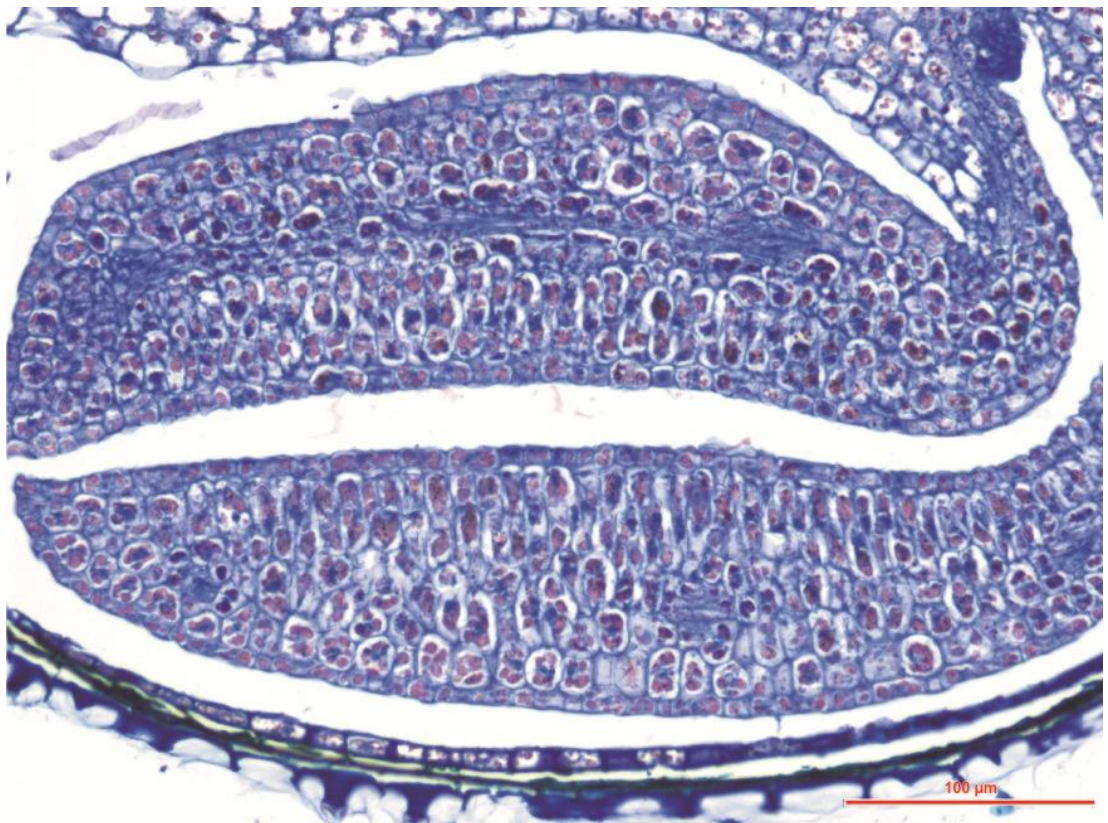
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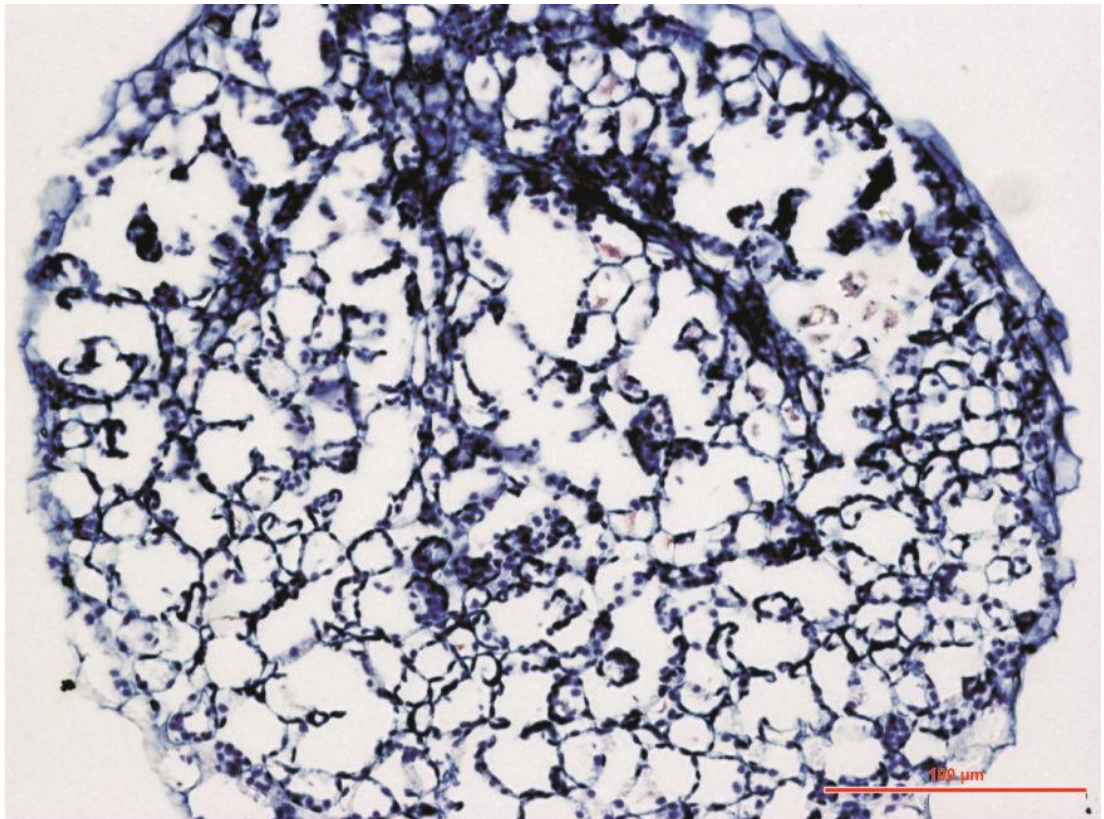
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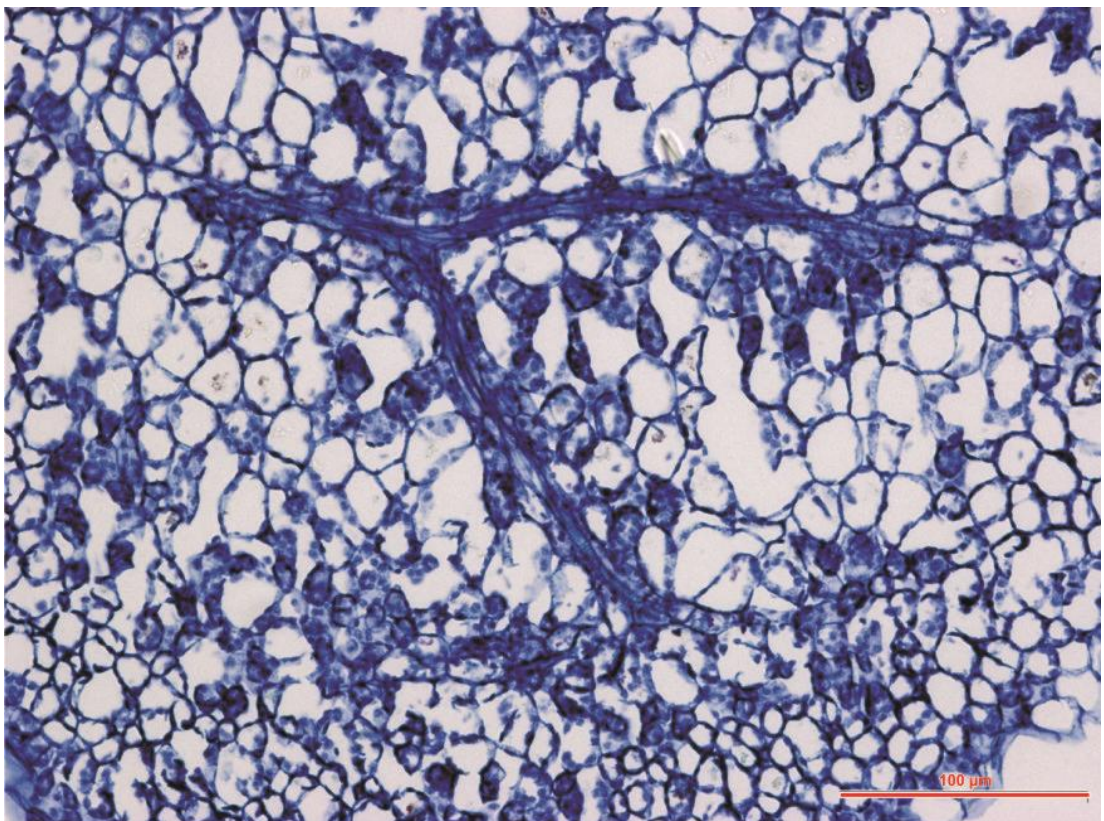
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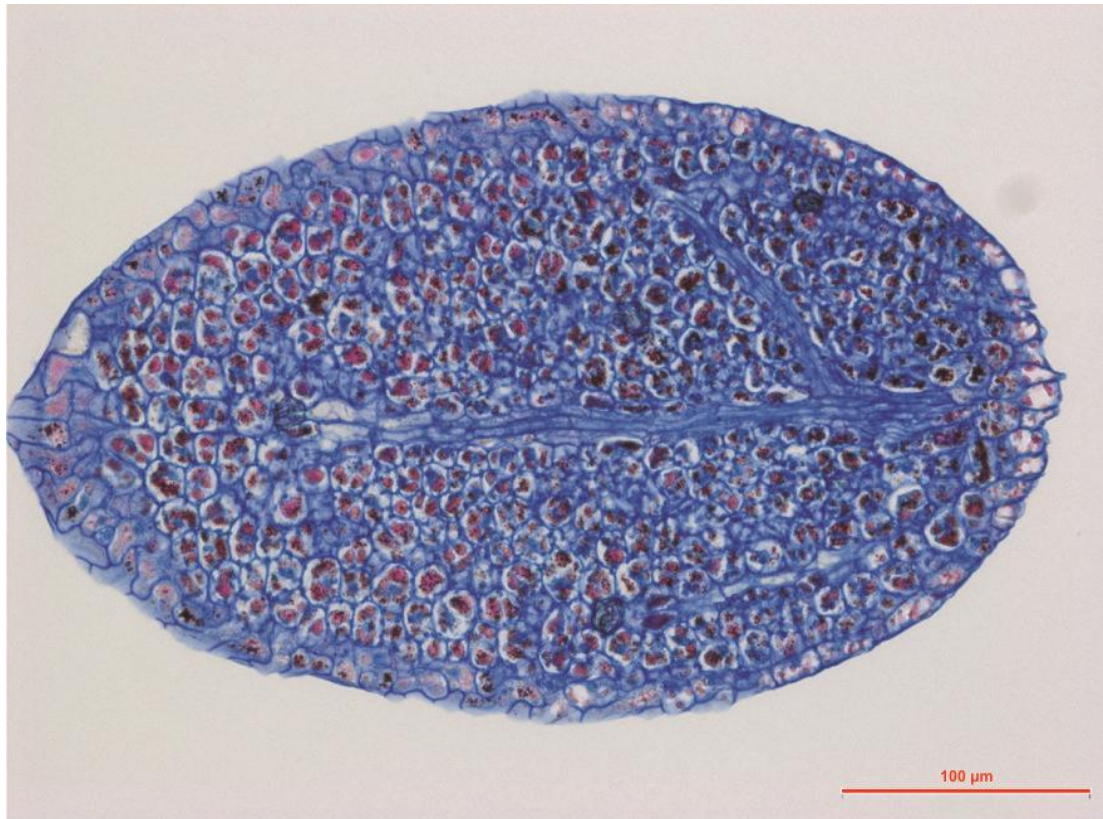
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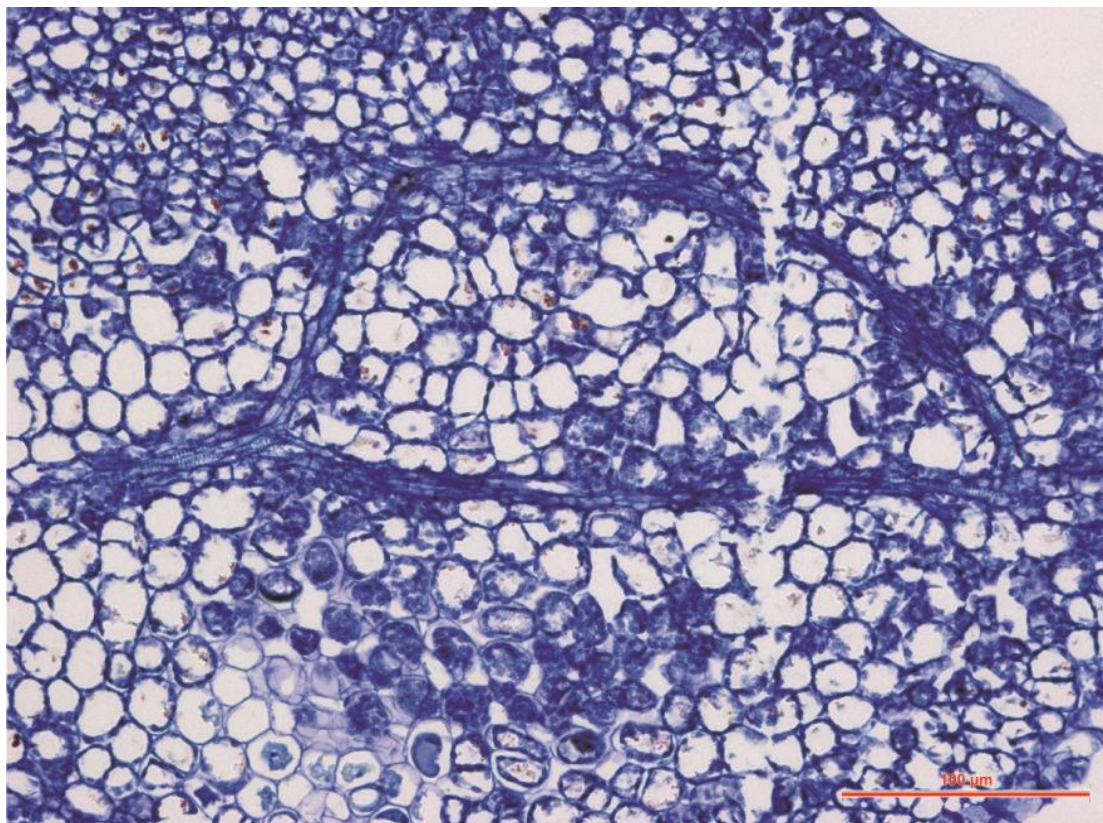
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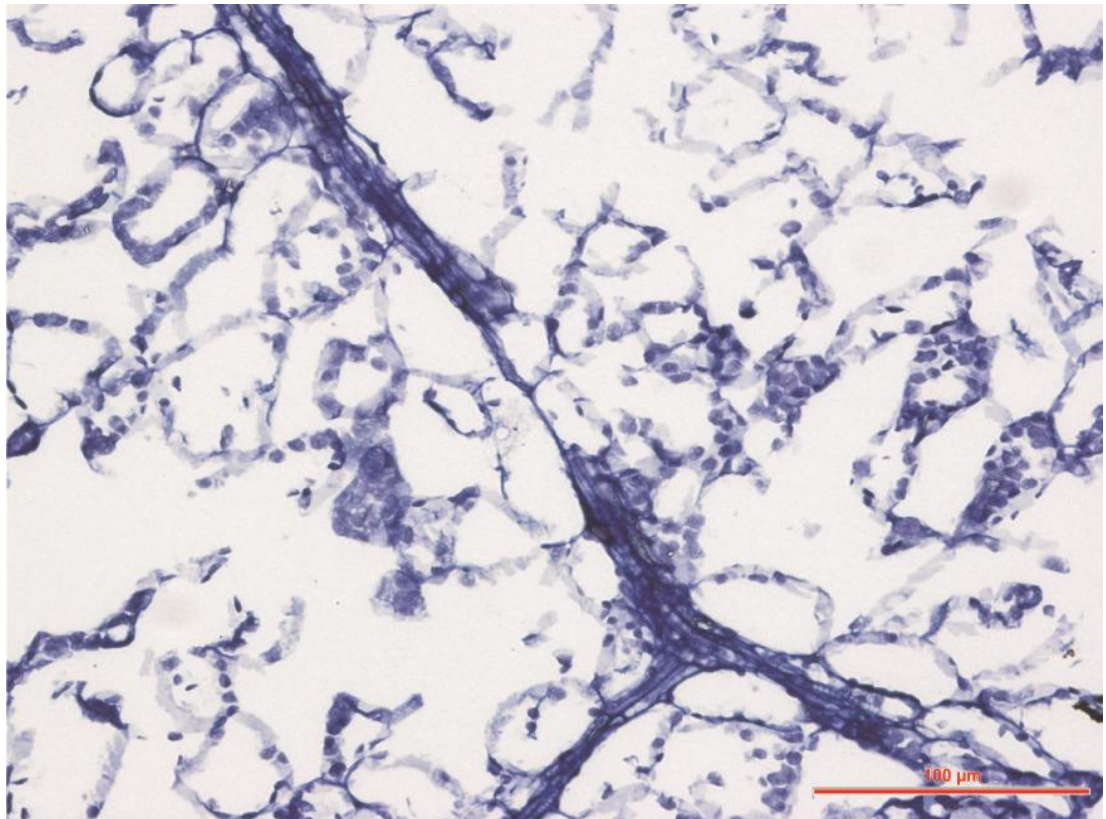
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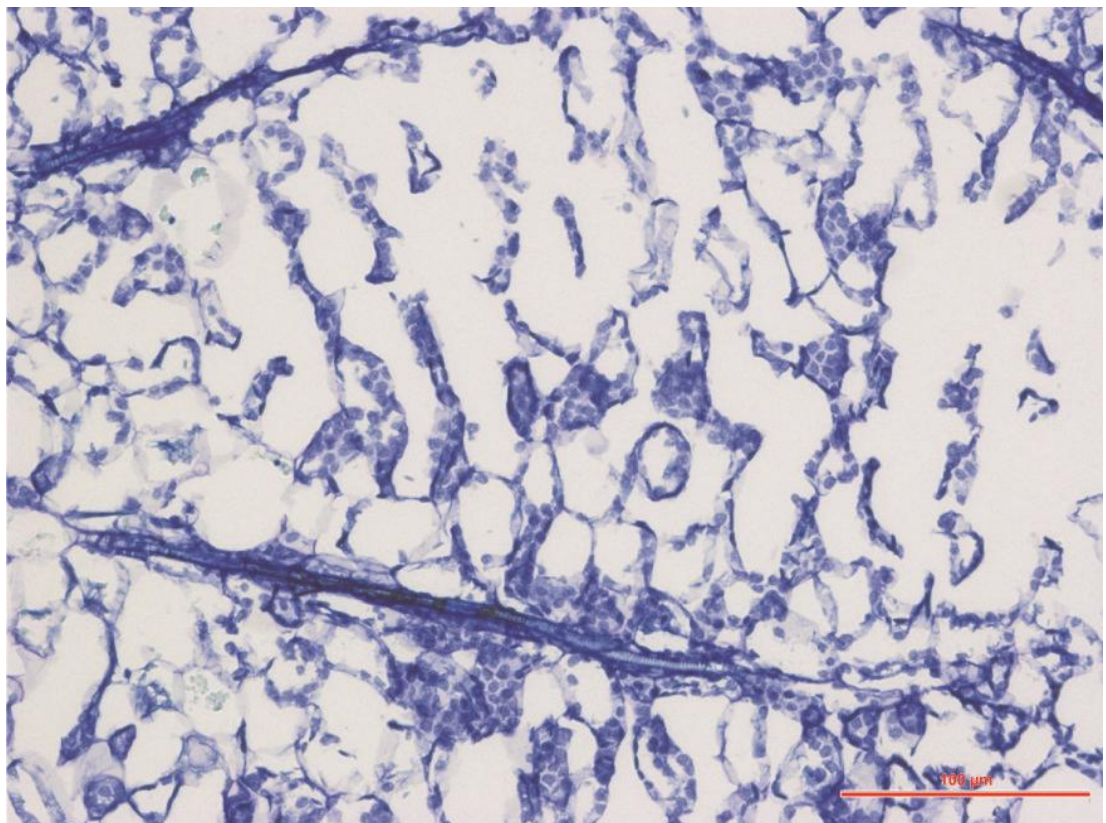
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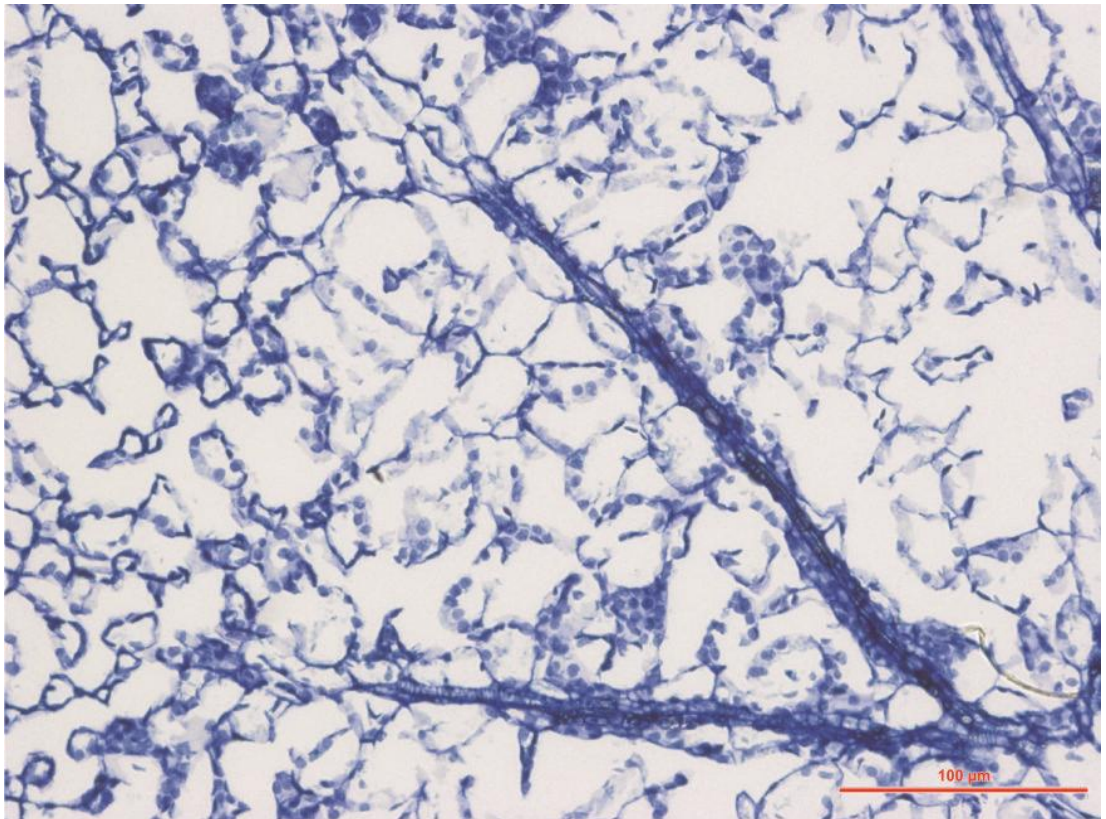
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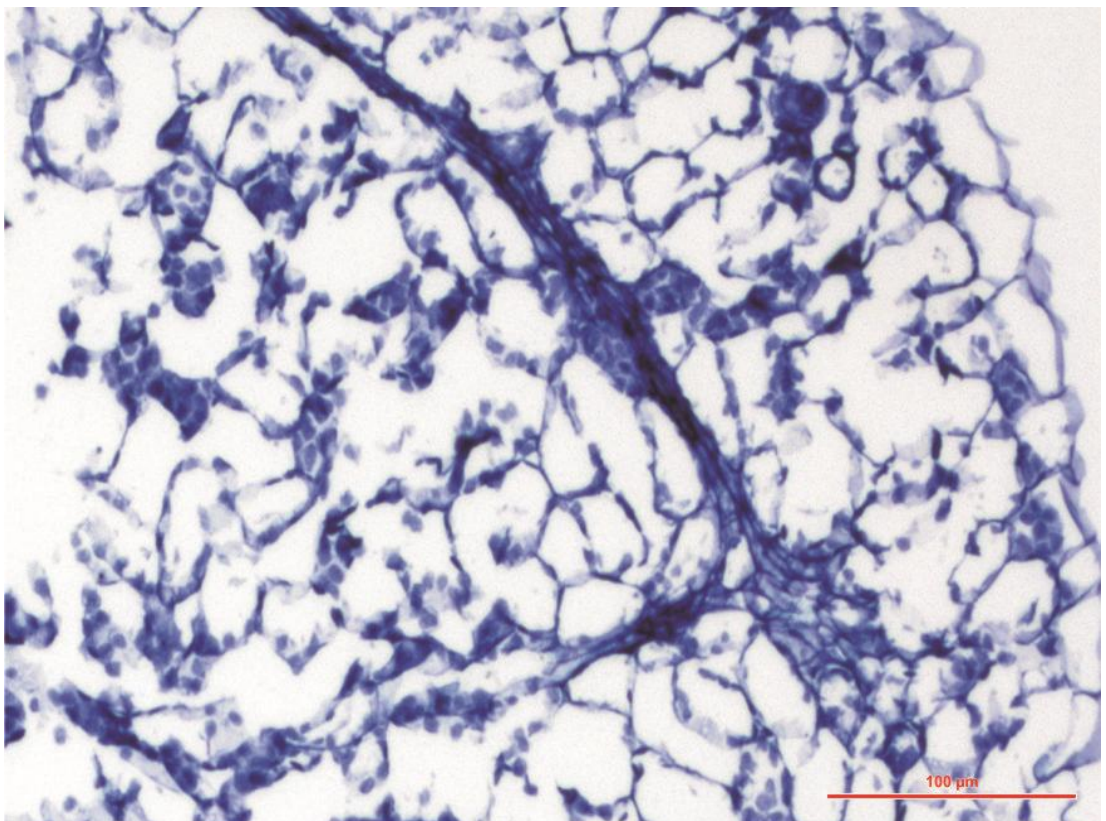
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Annex C. Summarised GC-MS data

Table 1. The list of 75 identified compounds

No.	Identified compounds	MEAN FIs / Ps										SE					
		mature	12 HAS	24 HAS	36 HAS	48 HAS	72 HAS	96 HAS	mature	12 HAS	24 HAS	36 HAS	48 HAS	72 HAS	96 HAS		
1.	adipic acid	1,47	2,71	1,34	0,96	1,71	1,01	0,80	0,72	1,23	0,45	0,14	0,61	0,15	0,08		
2.	alanine	0,79	0,64	1,53	1,91	0,81	1,56	4,98	0,14	0,03	0,38	0,74	0,16	0,33	4,34		
3A.	alpha-tocopherol	1,05	1,06	1,18	1,13	1,05	0,90	0,61	0,14	0,09	0,20	0,15	0,07	0,25	0,12		
3B.	alpha-tocopherol minor	1,49	0,51	0,98	1,41	1,48	1,42	1,10	NA	NA	0,11	0,31	0,17	0,47	0,13		
4.	aspartic acid	1,01	1,85	1,11	1,66	1,52	1,32	1,32	0,06	0,19	0,14	0,11	0,10	0,12	0,20		
5.	benenic acid	0,98	0,93	0,98	0,95	1,12	1,03	1,01	0,03	0,03	0,04	0,06	0,10	0,16	0,14		
6.	benzoate	0,98	1,19	1,16	1,44	1,42	0,80	1,98	0,11	0,08	0,04	0,37	0,11	0,09	1,09		
7.	beta-glucopyranose 1,6-anhydro	1,03	1,15	1,12	1,08	1,04	0,90	1,01	0,12	0,07	0,18	0,18	0,20	0,12	0,07		
8.	c15:0 fatty acid	1,10	0,76	0,87	1,10	1,08	1,03	1,20	0,20	0,08	0,33	0,44	0,10	0,14	0,41		
9.	c20:0 fatty acid	1,01	0,84	0,90	0,82	1,05	1,08	1,09	0,09	0,16	0,10	0,13	0,11	0,22	0,54		
10.	capric acid	0,93	0,73	0,80	0,88	0,92	0,98	1,05	0,07	0,08	0,06	0,04	0,14	0,24	0,25		
11.	citramalic acid	0,88	0,88	0,87	0,89	0,92	0,88	1,00	0,13	0,11	0,14	0,04	0,07	0,13	0,17		
12.	citrate	1,23	1,40	1,69	1,50	0,94	1,56	0,96	0,43	0,26	0,23	0,32	0,15	0,30	0,15		
13.	citrulline	1,08	1,54	1,46	1,15	0,96	1,08	1,29	0,17	0,31	0,26	0,19	0,08	0,12	0,18		
14.	cysteine	0,81	1,03	0,67	1,13	0,90	1,16	0,82	0,05	0,18	0,13	0,18	0,15	0,06	0,09		
15.	dodecanoic acid	1,52	0,82	0,76	1,06	1,02	1,76	1,10	0,49	0,12	0,20	0,18	0,12	0,71	0,11		
16.	ergosterol	0,99	1,08	0,89	0,97	1,02	1,06	0,98	0,09	0,10	0,08	0,10	0,04	0,14	0,08		
17A.	fructose1	0,86	1,11	1,15	0,95	0,90	0,74	1,34	0,06	0,13	0,22	0,11	0,08	0,14	0,08		
17B.	fructose2	0,88	1,11	1,18	0,93	0,91	0,74	1,41	0,06	0,14	0,21	0,11	0,07	0,14	0,13		
18.	fumaric acid	0,72	0,81	1,00	1,02	0,87	1,18	2,16	0,04	0,10	0,15	0,14	0,03	0,07	0,50		
19.	gluconic acid lactone	0,93	1,05	0,87	1,13	1,00	0,85	0,84	0,07	0,13	0,06	0,07	0,07	0,12	0,16		
20A.	glucose1	1,03	1,51	1,41	0,77	1,03	0,99	1,31	0,17	0,38	0,28	0,17	0,22	0,43	0,20		
20B.	glucose2	1,01	1,56	1,48	0,83	1,12	0,64	1,54	0,13	0,35	0,30	0,19	0,26	0,22	0,39		
21.	glucose-1-phosphate (degradation product)	0,90	1,13	1,01	1,25	1,03	1,33	0,87	0,07	0,07	0,08	0,25	0,09	0,10	0,09		
22.	glutamate	0,94	1,14	1,33	1,67	1,29	1,48	1,69	0,04	0,14	0,18	0,05	0,16	0,18	0,31		
23.	glutamine	0,74	1,28	1,08	1,36	0,85	1,08	1,04	0,13	0,08	0,17	0,15	0,16	0,11	0,14		
24.	glutaric acid	0,80	1,17	1,03	0,89	0,92	0,83	1,05	0,10	0,34	0,10	0,06	0,06	0,05	0,09		
25.	glycerate	0,82	0,93	1,13	1,12	1,03	1,30	0,99	0,12	0,11	0,16	0,07	0,05	0,14	0,09		
26.	glycerol	0,95	0,83	1,18	0,78	1,44	0,94	1,06	0,01	0,09	0,11	0,21	0,38	0,12	0,17		

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		mature		12	24	36	48	72	96	mature		12	24	36	48	72	96				
		HAS	HAS	HAS	HAS	HAS	HAS	HAS	HAS	HAS	HAS	HAS	HAS	HAS	HAS	HAS	HAS				
27.	glyceroliphosphate alpha	0,85	1,33	1,05	1,08	1,71	1,26	1,26	1,38	1,09	0,12	0,06	0,15	0,18	0,13	0,09					
28A.	glycine	0,70	1,05	1,23	1,24	1,24	0,93	0,93	1,38	0,87	0,04	0,16	0,20	0,13	0,08	0,11					
28B.	glycine minor	0,82	0,79	1,56	1,18	1,18	0,74	0,74	0,93	0,93	0,10	0,06	0,24	0,06	0,10	0,12					
29.	glycolic acid	0,90	0,85	1,13	1,10	0,88	0,88	0,94	0,91	0,91	0,06	0,12	0,10	0,31	0,04	0,08					
30.	heptadecanoic acid	1,06	0,77	0,82	0,85	0,85	1,06	0,85	1,21	1,21	0,12	0,05	0,24	0,23	0,08	0,11					
31.	hexanoic acid	1,00	0,74	0,83	0,70	0,97	0,97	0,97	0,61	0,69	0,31	0,14	0,12	0,06	0,24	0,13					
32.	hydroxybenzoate	0,79	0,79	0,95	0,70	0,78	0,78	0,89	0,92	0,92	0,07	0,07	0,13	0,02	0,07	0,14					
33.	indole-3-acetonitrile	1,20	1,03	1,05	0,96	0,72	0,72	1,25	0,85	0,85	0,23	0,14	0,05	0,10	0,09	0,11					
34.	inositol myo-	0,81	1,28	1,22	1,40	1,11	1,11	0,75	1,15	1,15	0,07	0,08	0,15	0,08	0,07	0,02					
35.	inositol-2P	1,23	0,90	1,04	1,25	1,40	1,40	1,18	0,90	0,90	0,38	0,17	0,08	0,02	0,28	0,14					
36.	isogalactinol	1,03	1,01	1,11	1,33	1,19	1,19	1,32	0,89	0,89	0,11	0,08	0,09	0,12	0,09	0,10					
37.	isoleucine	0,90	0,94	1,16	1,65	0,95	0,95	1,36	0,62	0,62	0,10	0,02	0,24	0,04	0,14	0,07					
38.	isopropyl beta-D-thiogalactopyranoside	1,01	0,92	1,36	1,19	0,93	0,93	1,06	0,78	0,78	0,30	0,18	0,25	0,17	0,14	0,22					
39.	isoribonic acid (put.)	0,94	1,09	0,97	0,89	1,06	1,06	1,37	1,40	1,40	0,07	0,18	0,16	0,08	0,12	0,37					
40.	isosinapinic acid	0,71	1,22	1,16	1,24	1,08	1,08	1,04	1,22	1,22	0,07	0,15	0,11	0,31	0,03	0,11					
41.	itaconic acid	0,77	0,87	0,99	0,94	0,92	0,92	0,95	0,94	0,94	0,03	0,13	0,17	0,08	0,07	0,13					
42.	lactic acid RI 192920	0,87	0,74	1,05	0,89	0,84	0,84	0,70	0,74	0,74	0,04	0,19	0,05	0,12	0,12	0,09					
43.	leucine	0,97	0,90	1,23	1,56	0,92	0,92	1,29	0,80	0,80	0,11	0,05	0,16	0,08	0,13	0,12					
44.	lignoceric acid	1,10	0,97	0,90	1,03	1,10	1,10	1,16	1,12	1,12	0,07	0,05	0,12	0,08	0,12	0,19					
45.	lysine	0,76	0,80	0,96	1,50	1,04	1,04	1,08	0,76	0,76	0,12	0,20	0,31	0,31	0,15	0,17					
46.	malic acid	0,89	0,99	1,61	1,62	1,33	1,33	1,66	1,26	1,26	0,06	0,12	0,09	0,07	0,14	0,08					
47.	methionine	0,95	1,36	1,34	1,55	0,85	0,85	1,19	0,84	0,84	0,12	0,10	0,20	0,18	0,11	0,09					
48.	myristic acid	0,94	0,85	0,88	0,87	1,03	1,03	0,98	1,08	1,08	0,13	0,05	0,13	0,23	0,11	0,07					
49.	nicotinic acid	1,09	1,08	1,13	1,28	1,23	1,23	0,93	1,10	1,10	0,12	0,06	0,06	0,20	0,07	0,20					
50A.	octadecanol	0,92	1,14	0,79	0,94	0,96	0,96	0,78	1,29	1,29	0,12	0,16	0,05	0,04	0,21	0,32					
50B.	octadecenoic acid1	0,85	0,94	0,61	0,85	0,93	0,93	0,82	1,59	1,59	0,15	0,11	0,12	0,22	0,11	0,12					
51.	octadecenoic acid2	0,91	0,95	0,81	0,76	0,96	0,96	0,77	1,14	1,14	0,08	0,08	0,05	0,08	0,04	0,23					
52.	octanol	1,01	0,80	0,78	0,97	0,98	0,98	0,96	0,74	0,74	0,24	0,15	0,08	0,09	0,23	0,49					
53.	oxalic acid	0,54	0,90	1,03	0,96	0,84	0,84	0,84	1,06	1,06	0,04	0,13	0,29	0,19	0,17	0,20					
54.	oxamic acid	0,57	1,21	1,06	0,78	0,92	0,92	0,93	0,62	0,62	0,15	0,32	0,21	0,05	0,08	0,06					
55.	oxoprolone	0,96	0,91	0,95	0,98	1,04	1,04	1,02	1,29	1,29	0,05	0,09	0,07	0,22	0,06	0,26					
56.	palmitic acid	1,03	0,86	0,94	0,89	1,00	1,00	0,95	1,12	1,12	0,08	0,03	0,07	0,15	0,11	0,16					
57.	pelargonic acid	1,29	0,69	0,82	1,08	0,93	0,93	1,17	0,91	0,91	0,25	0,07	0,07	0,13	0,13	0,39					

No.	Identified compounds	MEAN FIs / Ps										SE					
		mature		12	24	36	48	72	96	mature		12	24	36	48	72	96
		HAS	HAS	HAS	HAS	HAS	HAS	HAS	HAS	HAS	HAS	HAS	HAS	HAS	HAS	HAS	HAS
58.	phenylalanine	0,76	1,08	1,07	1,36	0,85	0,84	0,90	0,06	0,07	0,10	0,13	0,04	0,05	0,05	0,05	
59.	phosphate	0,92	1,02	1,13	1,23	0,99	1,26	1,03	0,13	0,13	0,08	0,25	0,07	0,08	0,11	0,11	
60.	picolinic acid	0,71	1,15	0,68	0,86	0,96	0,86	1,00	0,10	0,19	0,15	0,09	0,10	0,11	0,14	0,14	
61.	proline	0,85	1,07	1,40	1,57	1,08	1,42	0,55	0,05	0,12	0,24	0,08	0,14	0,19	0,11	0,11	
62.	propanedioic acid 2-ethyl (put.)	0,73	0,95	1,03	1,13	1,02	0,88	0,86	0,11	0,21	0,18	0,16	0,09	0,16	0,13	0,13	
63.	rhamnose	1,00	1,03	1,02	1,44	0,77	0,87	0,73	0,14	0,14	0,16	0,23	0,08	0,13	0,08	0,08	
64.	serine	0,93	1,25	1,19	1,29	0,96	1,02	1,06	0,13	0,05	0,13	0,02	0,08	0,08	0,08	0,08	
65.	sinapinic acid	1,04	1,20	1,13	1,24	1,14	0,85	0,96	0,11	0,14	0,07	0,16	0,03	0,05	0,07	0,07	
66.	sitosterol	0,95	1,09	1,06	1,01	1,04	1,08	1,00	0,07	0,08	0,11	0,11	0,02	0,17	0,09	0,09	
67.	sorbitol	0,88	1,16	0,71	0,95	0,99	1,19	0,99	0,06	0,36	0,15	0,18	0,09	0,23	0,15	0,15	
68.	stearic acid	1,02	0,81	0,87	0,95	0,95	0,79	1,01	0,09	0,06	0,03	0,05	0,20	0,12	0,10	0,10	
69.	succinic acid	1,36	1,07	1,05	1,07	0,87	1,23	1,31	0,55	0,21	0,12	0,16	0,05	0,19	0,07	0,07	
70.	sucrose	0,88	1,17	1,06	1,13	1,05	0,69	0,67	0,11	0,13	0,14	0,13	0,09	0,09	0,21	0,21	
71.	threonine	0,85	1,24	1,20	1,48	1,05	1,14	1,12	0,08	0,09	0,14	0,08	0,08	0,09	0,24	0,24	
72.	tryptophane	0,84	0,89	0,93	1,09	1,02	0,66	0,41	0,08	0,11	0,05	0,03	0,12	0,03	0,11	0,11	
73.	tyrosine	0,81	1,19	1,19	1,67	0,93	0,90	0,79	0,05	0,14	0,13	0,07	0,11	0,07	0,06	0,06	
74.	urea	1,28	0,84	1,10	1,24	1,18	0,83	1,57	0,21	0,10	0,20	0,24	0,11	0,14	0,54	0,54	
75.	valine	0,85	1,12	1,31	1,50	1,05	1,28	0,94	0,06	0,08	0,26	0,06	0,10	0,15	0,07	0,07	

Legend:

MEAN FIs/Ps – ratio of mean values of hybrids to mean values of parental lines from the peak area detected in GC-MS

HAS – hours after sowing

N/A – only one or two biological replicates analysed

Red marks: over 30% increase of the compound level in hybrids**Blue marks:** over 30% decrease of the compound level in hybrids

Table 2. The list of the 103 compounds classified according to their chemical group only

No.	Chemical Class	MEAN FIs / Ps										SE									
		mature	12 HAS	24 HAS	36 HAS	48 HAS	72 HAS	96 HAS	mature	12 HAS	24 HAS	36 HAS	48 HAS	72 HAS	96 HAS						
1.	acid001	0,71	0,87	0,89	1,20	1,49	0,88	0,87	0,09	0,05	0,22	0,26	0,37	0,10	0,08						
2.	acid002	0,84	1,08	0,81	1,03	0,98	0,85	1,12	0,11	0,04	0,02	0,05	0,09	0,04	0,12						
3.	acid003	1,04	0,92	1,07	1,00	0,95	0,85	1,18	0,18	0,17	0,11	0,02	0,09	0,11	0,14						
4.	acid004	0,99	0,77	0,94	0,86	1,04	1,07	0,88	0,06	0,10	0,10	0,05	0,11	0,24	0,11						
5.	acid005	0,95	0,88	1,81	1,67	0,70	0,79	0,99	0,06	0,04	0,30	0,20	0,05	0,05	0,04						
6.	acid006	0,99	0,84	0,93	1,06	1,01	0,77	1,01	0,08	0,03	0,22	0,31	0,03	0,04	0,08						
7.	acid007	0,65	0,81	1,23	0,94	0,81	0,99	1,24	0,06	0,06	0,18	0,05	0,13	0,04	0,32						
8.	acid008	1,02	0,80	0,73	0,82	0,89	0,81	0,89	0,07	0,04	0,11	0,15	0,09	0,12	0,14						
9.	acid009	0,70	0,99	1,01	0,91	0,79	1,12	1,11	0,11	0,21	0,07	NA	0,06	0,05	0,12						
10.	acid010	1,01	0,99	0,87	1,12	1,25	1,02	1,07	0,11	0,05	0,09	0,04	0,16	0,14	0,06						
11.	acid014	1,71	1,91	1,06	1,93	0,62	0,85	1,01	0,67	0,69	0,21	0,15	0,23	0,28	0,39						
12.	amino acid001	0,86	1,21	0,78	1,17	1,01	0,85	1,03	0,04	0,01	0,02	0,16	0,10	0,12	0,16						
13.	amino acid002	0,85	1,17	0,79	1,14	0,99	0,82	1,01	0,01	0,00	0,01	0,14	0,06	0,10	0,16						
14.	amine001	0,64	0,80	1,17	1,12	0,85	0,53	0,95	0,13	0,08	0,34	0,26	0,11	0,16	0,19						
15.	amine002	1,07	0,80	1,15	1,09	0,89	0,59	1,09	0,03	0,08	0,23	0,24	0,12	0,11	0,20						
16.	amine003	0,98	0,90	1,18	1,21	0,92	0,86	0,86	0,08	0,15	0,11	0,13	0,12	0,24	0,19						
17.	amine004	1,01	0,90	1,05	0,93	1,11	0,78	0,66	0,18	0,09	0,08	0,09	0,21	0,01	0,16						
18.	amine005	1,05	0,82	1,02	0,89	0,88	0,80	0,99	0,26	0,10	0,11	0,03	0,07	0,10	0,09						
19.	amine006	0,78	0,81	1,01	0,77	1,02	1,14	0,28	0,19	0,12	0,16	0,07	0,19	0,30	0,08						
20.	amine007	0,63	1,05	0,91	1,02	1,16	0,95	1,00	0,06	0,20	0,28	0,42	0,21	0,11	0,26						
21.	amine008	1,06	1,00	1,08	1,46	1,24	0,70	0,58	0,36	0,02	0,07	0,42	0,04	0,13	0,20						
22.	amine009	0,82	1,77	1,57	1,54	1,54	2,09	0,74	0,20	0,36	0,38	0,73	0,81	0,58	0,17						
23.	amine010	4,38	0,80	0,61	0,93	10,17	0,79	0,97	2,90	0,08	0,14	0,03	9,46	0,15	0,15						
24.	amine011	0,85	0,77	1,36	0,85	1,29	1,00	0,66	0,09	0,06	0,21	0,07	0,40	0,20	0,13						
25.	amine013	0,92	0,62	1,00	0,98	1,02	0,90	0,90	0,15	0,14	0,21	0,20	0,06	0,11	0,19						
26.	amine014	0,94	1,02	0,85	0,82	1,01	0,78	0,99	0,12	0,26	0,13	0,10	0,08	0,15	0,15						
27.	amine015	0,73	1,03	0,96	1,00	1,16	0,98	0,72	0,10	0,33	0,22	0,12	0,24	0,22	0,11						
28.	amine016	0,44	1,32	0,95	0,84	0,91	0,92	0,68	0,10	0,36	0,22	0,15	0,30	0,10	0,18						
29.	amine017	0,81	0,82	0,75	0,78	1,09	0,65	1,25	0,08	0,01	NA	NA	0,11	0,06	0,37						
30.	amine018	0,94	1,39	1,07	1,21	1,48	1,89	1,30	0,11	0,24	0,16	0,17	0,37	0,23	0,62						
31.	amine019	0,93	1,81	1,79	1,69	1,27	1,19	1,10	0,13	0,43	0,20	0,09	0,20	0,18	0,18						
32.	amine022	0,85	1,15	0,96	1,06	1,38	1,41	0,95	0,06	0,11	0,11	0,10	0,26	0,09	0,07						

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		mature	12 HAS	24 HAS	36 HAS	48 HAS	72 HAS	96 HAS	mature	12 HAS	24 HAS	36 HAS	48 HAS	72 HAS	96 HAS						
33.	amine023	0,85	1,26	1,55	1,22	1,30	1,13	1,46	0,11	0,14	0,04	0,13	0,24	0,06	0,42						
34.	amine024	0,89	1,02	1,51	1,03	1,06	0,86	1,32	0,09	0,15	0,32	0,09	0,10	0,06	0,09						
35.	amine025	1,02	1,06	1,10	0,94	1,19	1,31	1,17	0,13	0,16	0,12	0,09	0,13	0,28	0,25						
36.	amine026	0,99	1,02	1,34	0,83	2,40	1,19	0,44	0,34	0,29	0,49	0,23	0,08	0,27	0,01						
37.	amine027	0,74	0,98	0,92	0,86	0,97	1,00	0,66	0,18	0,19	0,13	0,05	0,19	0,23	0,13						
38.	amine028	1,35	0,91	0,80	0,95	0,82	0,81	0,87	0,26	0,10	0,03	0,04	0,11	0,13	0,07						
39.	amine029	1,26	0,87	0,86	0,93	0,78	0,82	0,87	0,21	0,10	0,04	0,03	0,11	0,15	0,04						
40.	cho001	0,92	0,74	1,04	1,14	0,94	0,73	0,94	0,11	0,08	0,10	0,34	0,05	0,05	0,03						
41.	cho002	0,95	1,04	1,13	1,23	1,02	1,24	0,67	0,28	0,21	0,09	0,29	0,17	0,30	0,17						
42.	cho003	1,05	1,19	1,00	1,07	1,14	0,92	0,79	0,08	0,08	0,07	0,09	0,09	0,06	0,07						
43.	cho005	0,93	1,15	0,87	1,26	0,93	0,84	0,95	0,15	0,07	0,06	0,26	0,03	0,04	0,09						
44.	cho006	1,25	0,95	0,82	1,05	0,93	0,96	0,87	0,20	0,06	0,14	0,06	0,06	0,13	0,17						
45.	cho007	1,11	0,88	1,00	1,62	0,87	1,09	0,75	0,32	0,03	0,21	0,61	0,07	0,23	0,07						
46.	cho008	1,03	1,02	0,90	1,40	0,89	0,99	1,03	NA	0,13	0,06	0,23	0,10	0,12	0,23						
47.	cho009	0,73	0,78	0,94	0,86	0,90	0,73	1,03	0,02	0,14	0,26	0,00	0,04	0,09	0,18						
48.	cho010	1,37	1,12	1,05	0,87	0,82	1,62	0,88	0,52	0,07	0,13	0,08	0,05	0,38	0,40						
49.	cho011	1,05	1,05	0,99	0,88	0,96	1,58	1,00	0,17	0,08	0,10	0,06	0,08	0,17	0,35						
50.	cho012	1,71	1,00	1,06	0,93	0,88	1,47	0,94	0,74	0,07	0,08	0,10	0,09	0,23	0,37						
51.	cho013	1,00	1,24	1,57	0,79	1,01	1,17	0,75	0,04	0,08	0,40	0,08	0,12	0,44	0,36						
52.	cho014	0,89	1,31	1,24	0,86	0,99	1,29	1,10	0,08	0,18	0,14	0,11	0,13	0,67	0,37						
53.	cho015	0,51	1,53	0,85	1,28	0,75	0,81	0,89	0,07	0,54	0,50	0,19	0,09	0,03	0,19						
54.	cho016	0,90	1,09	1,09	1,03	1,16	1,05	0,71	0,20	0,11	0,20	0,07	0,16	0,17	0,29						
55.	cho017	0,86	1,13	1,11	0,99	0,96	0,91	0,97	0,06	0,06	0,14	0,09	0,03	0,09	0,07						
56.	cho018	0,94	1,10	1,10	0,78	0,88	0,69	1,05	0,12	0,10	0,26	0,16	0,13	0,07	0,21						
57.	cho019	0,71	1,20	1,32	1,50	1,01	1,45	0,82	0,17	0,20	0,28	0,39	0,24	0,42	0,25						
58.	cho020	0,95	1,09	1,11	0,81	0,86	0,75	1,04	0,11	0,11	0,26	0,17	0,12	0,08	0,25						
59.	cho021	0,87	1,17	1,11	1,29	0,98	1,47	0,78	0,27	0,21	0,09	0,33	0,20	0,29	0,15						
60.	cho022	1,35	1,41	1,25	0,85	1,04	1,28	0,85	0,44	0,18	0,13	0,12	0,15	0,64	0,42						
61.	cho023	1,31	0,92	1,23	1,26	1,06	1,24	0,61	0,58	0,31	0,16	0,26	0,19	0,28	0,14						
62.	cho024	0,93	1,12	1,21	1,07	0,95	0,81	0,74	0,22	0,07	0,14	0,11	0,05	0,03	0,06						
63.	cho025	0,77	0,73	0,77	1,04	0,93	0,78	1,07	0,10	0,08	0,21	0,25	0,08	0,36	0,06						
64.	cho026	0,88	1,02	1,10	1,29	0,99	1,16	0,74	0,29	0,27	0,19	0,42	0,18	0,29	0,20						
65.	cho027	0,83	1,26	1,04	1,18	0,96	1,13	0,78	0,21	0,25	0,21	0,27	0,16	0,21	0,17						

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		mature	12 HAS	24 HAS	36 HAS	48 HAS	72 HAS	96 HAS	mature	12 HAS	24 HAS	36 HAS	48 HAS	72 HAS	96 HAS		
66.	cho028	0,88	0,93	1,08	1,17	0,87	1,20	0,75	0,32	0,26	0,23	0,32	0,15	0,37	0,22		
67.	cho029	0,91	1,31	0,64	1,04	0,80	0,54	1,31	0,14	0,26	0,05	0,17	0,05	0,04	0,51		
68.	cho030	0,92	1,15	1,25	1,41	1,17	1,31	0,77	0,29	0,25	0,15	0,32	0,23	0,31	0,27		
69.	cho031	0,86	0,88	1,04	1,00	0,78	0,79	1,02	0,21	0,09	0,13	0,10	0,05	0,09	0,29		
70.	cho032	0,95	1,07	0,83	0,96	0,97	0,82	1,15	0,02	0,14	0,08	0,14	0,07	0,06	0,28		
71.	cho033	1,00	0,78	0,74	1,19	1,13	0,61	3,83	0,13	0,08	0,07	0,33	0,43	0,15	2,35		
72.	cho034	1,06	1,33	1,73	1,84	1,68	1,35	1,22	0,28	0,06	0,19	0,22	0,09	0,17	0,15		
73.	cho035	0,83	1,23	1,30	1,60	1,19	0,98	0,76	0,03	0,49	0,31	0,38	0,23	0,29	0,09		
74.	cho036	1,16	0,89	0,77	1,45	1,02	0,75	0,90	0,26	0,17	0,10	0,35	0,36	0,13	0,15		
75.	cho037	1,02	1,26	0,96	1,06	0,96	0,70	0,98	0,02	0,11	0,05	0,12	0,18	0,11	0,18		
76.	cho038	0,72	0,71	0,69	0,55	0,54	0,54	0,65	0,14	0,04	0,08	0,08	0,06	0,01	0,04		
77.	cho039	0,89	1,09	0,87	1,51	1,40	1,68	0,86	0,13	0,06	0,19	0,47	0,24	0,40	0,23		
78.	cho040	0,83	0,82	2,89	0,71	0,92	0,87	0,98	0,10	0,01	2,16	0,22	0,34	0,11	0,15		
79.	cho041	1,60	0,93	1,39	2,31	0,97	0,79	0,55	0,67	0,22	0,56	1,19	0,29	0,32	0,17		
80.	cho042	0,86	1,07	0,85	1,20	0,82	0,99	3,06	0,11	0,12	0,10	0,33	0,12	0,16	1,37		
81.	cho043	1,27	1,47	1,13	1,25	1,54	1,16	1,01	0,20	0,41	0,19	0,31	0,30	0,18	0,27		
82.	cho044	1,46	2,07	1,19	1,80	1,24	0,88	0,64	0,61	0,92	0,19	0,99	0,14	0,17	0,15		
83.	cho045	0,99	0,94	0,88	1,13	0,89	1,53	0,86	0,18	0,20	0,16	0,41	0,13	0,15	0,09		
84.	cho046	0,80	1,70	0,79	2,57	2,24	0,88	0,82	0,11	0,47	0,12	1,35	1,63	0,14	0,03		
85.	cho047	1,09	1,16	1,72	1,19	1,44	1,67	0,87	0,23	0,40	0,70	0,07	0,32	0,54	0,07		
86.	cho048	0,98	0,83	1,29	0,78	1,06	1,32	1,15	0,03	0,08	0,32	0,03	0,12	0,19	0,26		
87.	cho051	1,28	1,05	0,96	1,49	1,46	0,75	0,76	0,50	0,28	0,38	0,22	0,58	0,05	0,00		
88.	cho052	3,55	1,24	0,72	1,19	0,99	0,59	0,62	2,38	0,28	0,27	0,09	0,19	0,20	0,10		
89.	cho054	1,07	0,94	0,98	1,75	1,41	0,67	0,58	0,23	0,30	0,26	0,66	0,39	0,11	0,22		
90.	cho055	1,03	0,97	0,96	1,24	1,12	0,78	0,58	0,12	0,12	0,08	0,23	0,26	0,11	0,03		
91.	cho056	1,08	0,81	1,00	1,42	1,44	0,74	0,65	0,24	0,20	0,22	0,42	0,48	0,23	0,10		
92.	cho057	0,92	0,85	1,53	1,68	1,69	0,77	0,98	0,12	0,10	0,49	0,73	0,63	0,20	0,30		
93.	cho058	0,98	0,94	4,31	1,55	1,68	0,95	0,98	0,11	0,14	2,16	0,82	NA	0,05	0,38		
94.	cho060	0,86	0,81	0,88	1,08	0,98	0,40	0,92	0,07	0,12	0,09	0,23	0,27	0,07	0,24		
95.	cho062	1,17	1,09	0,98	1,11	1,39	0,77	0,95	0,11	0,34	0,28	0,13	0,25	0,18	0,34		
96.	cho063	1,15	1,12	1,28	0,97	1,34	0,75	0,52	0,22	0,12	0,30	0,11	0,41	0,14	0,08		
97.	cho065	0,86	0,94	1,03	1,05	0,98	0,84	1,23	0,07	0,10	0,13	0,12	0,09	0,09	0,46		
98.	cho066	0,97	1,07	0,98	0,66	1,35	0,85	0,62	0,14	0,08	0,23	0,18	0,63	0,23	0,05		

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		mature		12	24	36	48	72	96	mature		12	24	36	48	72	96		
		HAS	HAS	HAS	HAS	HAS	HAS	HAS	HAS	HAS	HAS	HAS	HAS	HAS	HAS	HAS	HAS		
99.	cho067	0,81	1,01	0,91	1,38	1,31	0,84	0,69	0,04	0,14	0,15	0,34	0,35	0,07	0,11				
100.	cho069	2,23	1,95	1,27	1,82	2,80	0,88	0,89	0,77	0,60	0,27	0,26	1,82	0,27	0,37				
101.	indol deriv001	0,88	1,16	1,15	1,01	0,86	1,48	0,86	0,20	0,24	0,15	0,08	0,18	0,28	0,06				
102.	indol deriv002	0,33	1,62	1,49	0,80	0,96	1,68	0,47	0,10	0,50	0,50	0,16	0,34	0,48	0,06				
103.	indol deriv003	1,64	1,23	0,78	1,38	1,68	1,18	1,66	0,64	0,09	NA	0,35	0,08	0,01	NA				

Legend:

MEAN F1s/Ps – ratio of mean values of hybrids to mean values of parental lines from the peak area detected in GC-MS

HAS – hours after sowing

N/A – only one or two biological replicates analysed

Red marks: over 30% increase of the compound level in hybrids

Blue marks: over 30% decrease of the compound level in hybrids

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