

1 **Article title: The AP2/ERF transcription factor TOE4b regulates photoperiodic**
2 **flowering and grain yield per plant in soybean**

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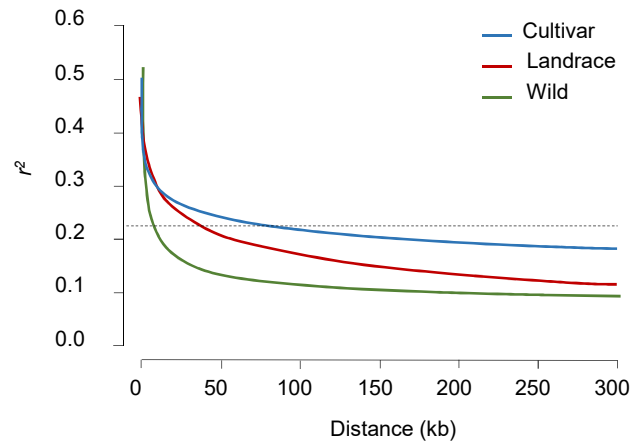


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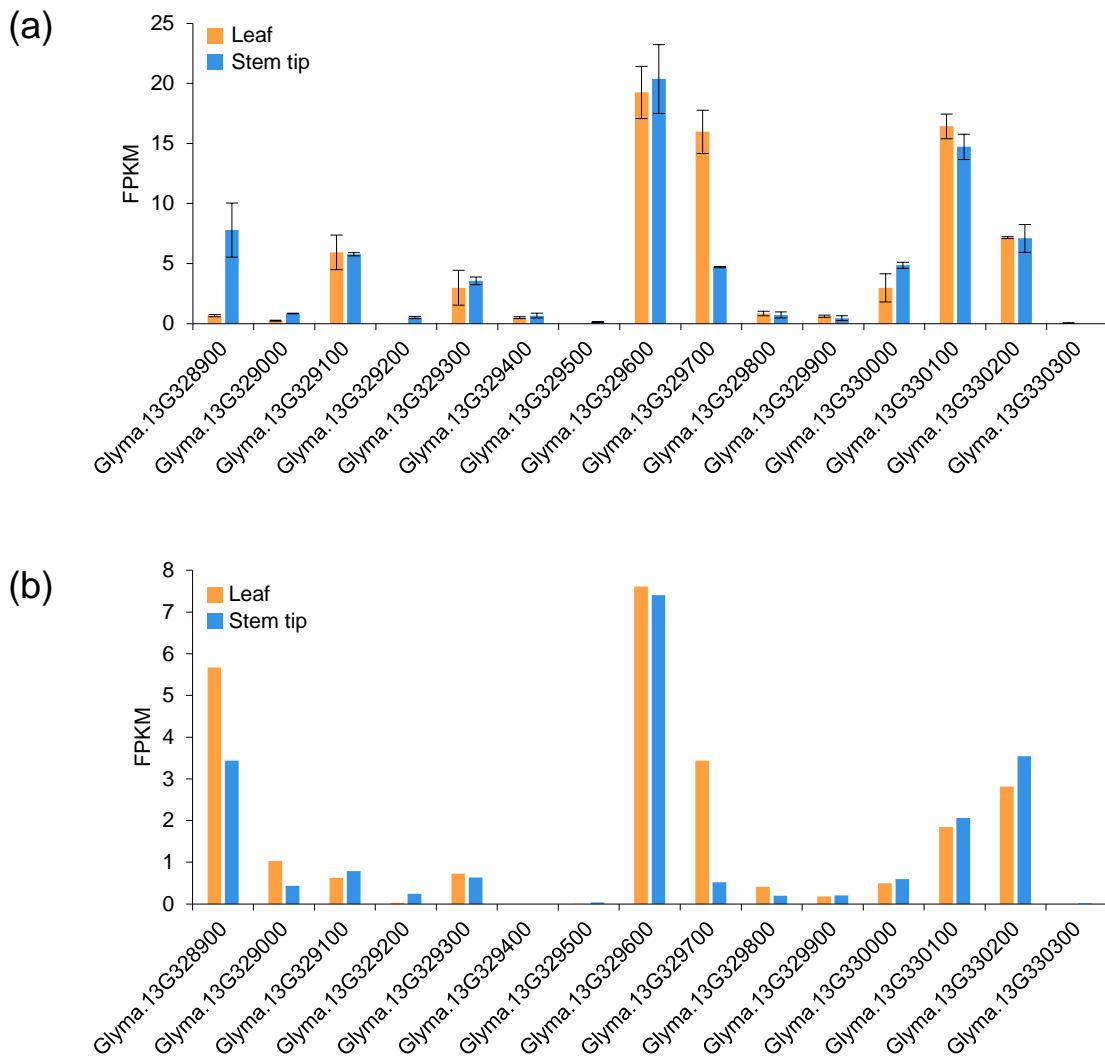


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Reference Genome W82	Haplotype										Number
<i>TOE4b</i>	H1	G	T	G	C	G	C	C	A	C	1189
	H2	G	A	G	A	G	C	C	A	C	69
	H3	G	T	A	C	G	C	C	A	C	52
	H4	G	T	G	C	A	C	C	A	C	283
	H5	C	T	G	A	G	C	C	A	C	4
	H6	G	A	G	A	G	C	C	C	C	1
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	H8	G	T	G	C	G	C	A	A	C	1
	H9	G	T	G	C	G	C	C	C	C	6
	H10	G	T	G	C	G	C	C	A	A	5
CDS nt # in W82	245	283	306	328	715	841	848	958	1086		
AA # in W82	82	95	102	110	239	281	283	320	362		
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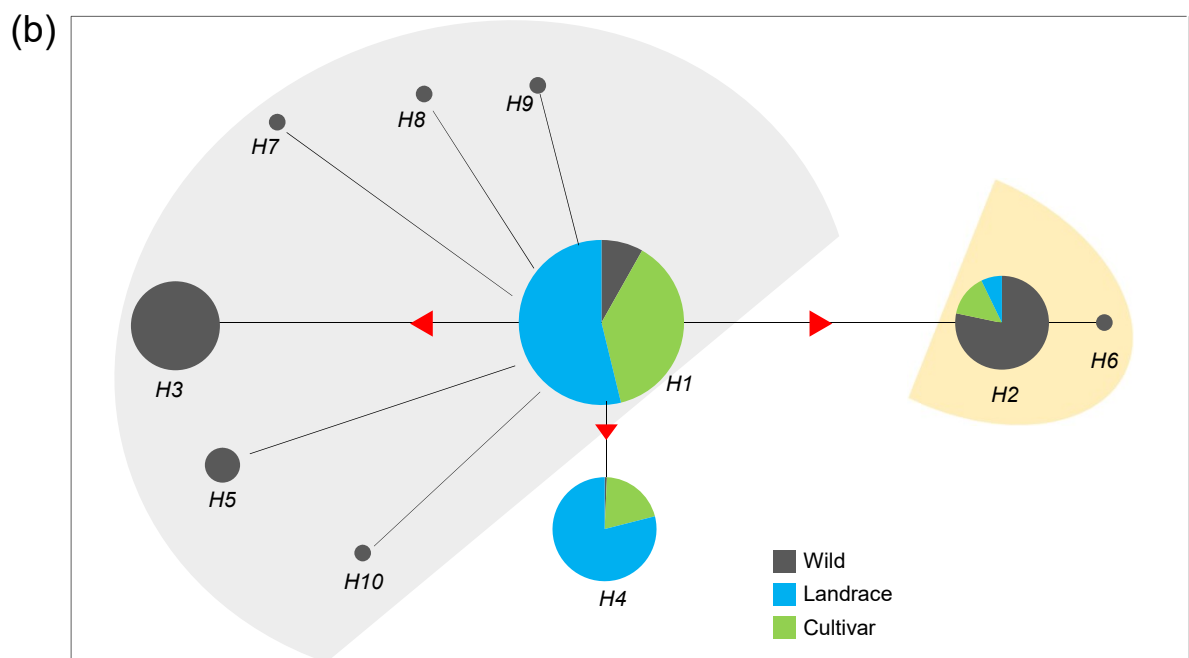


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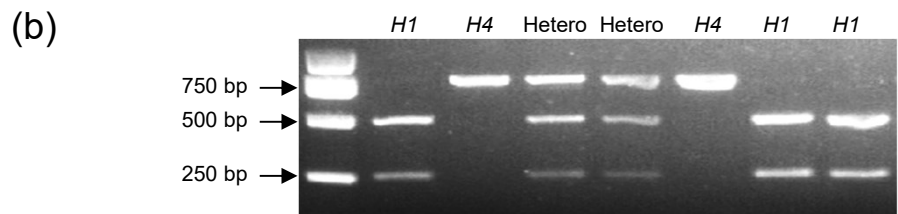
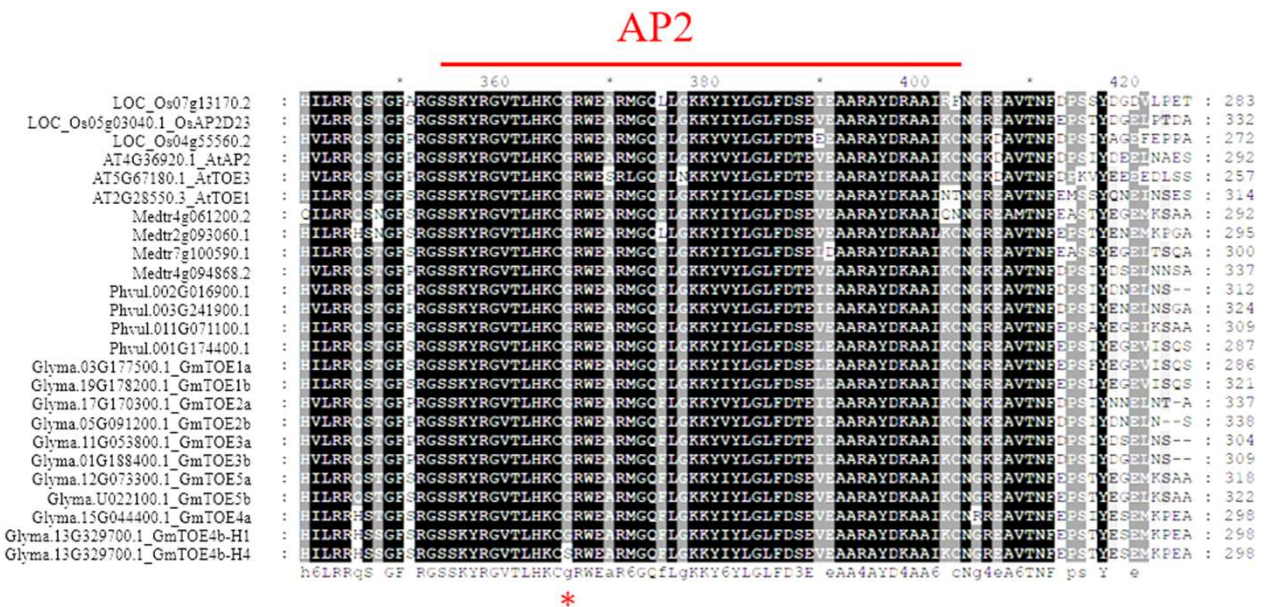
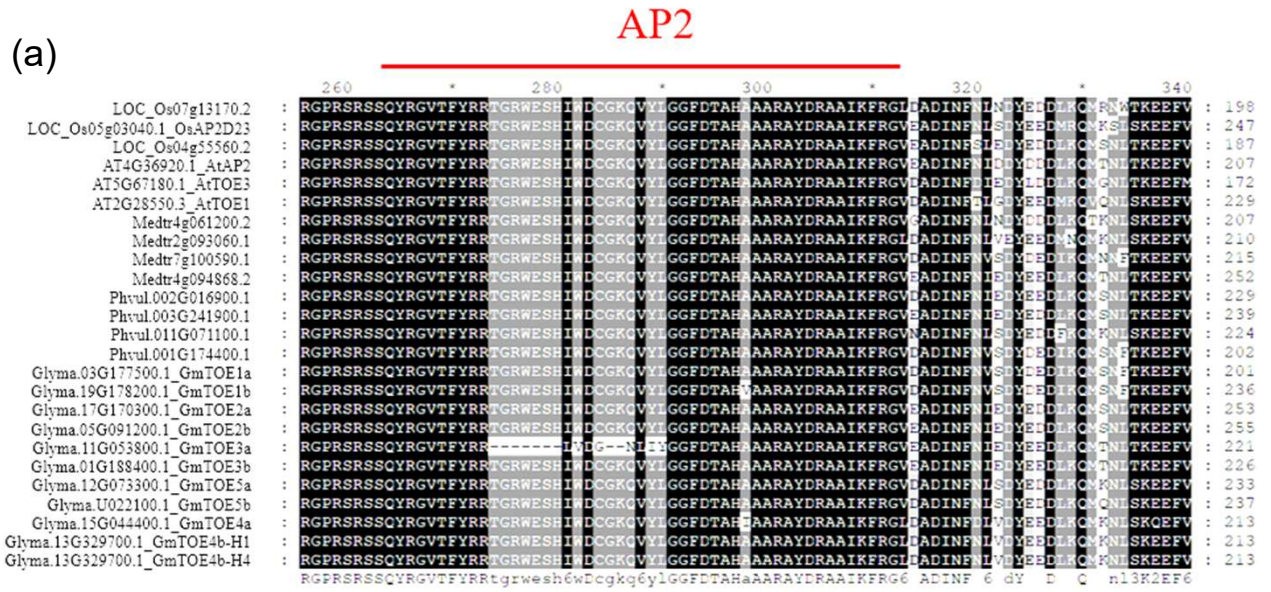


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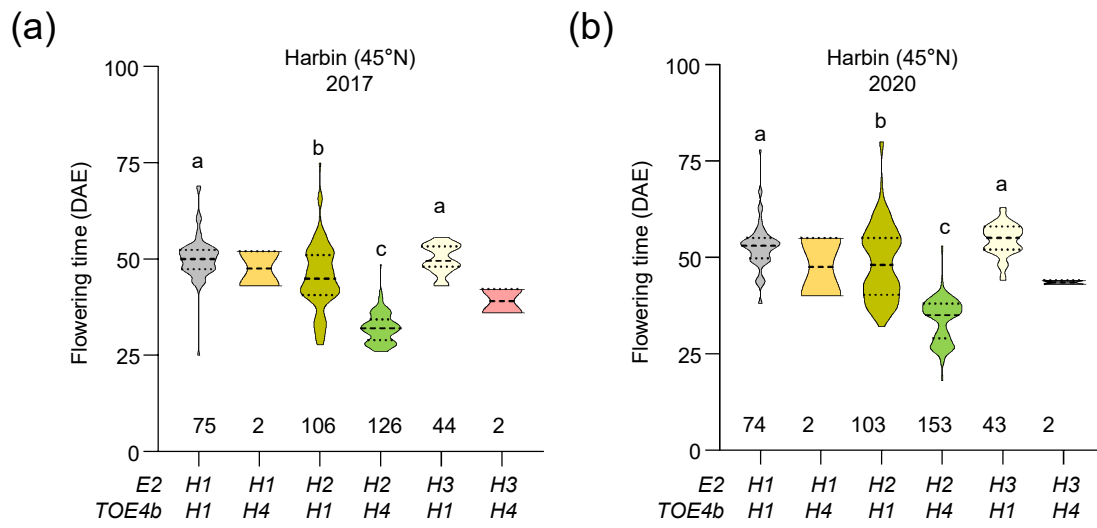


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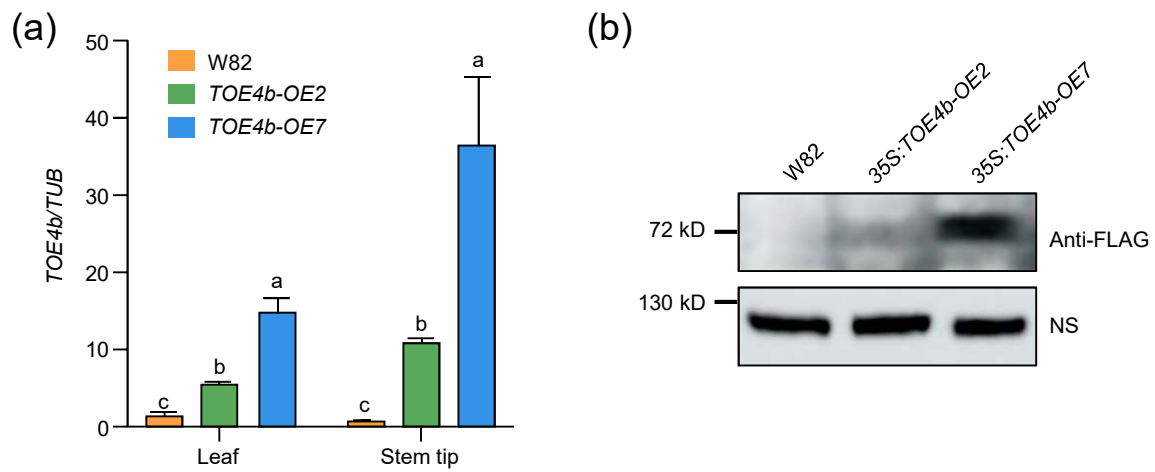


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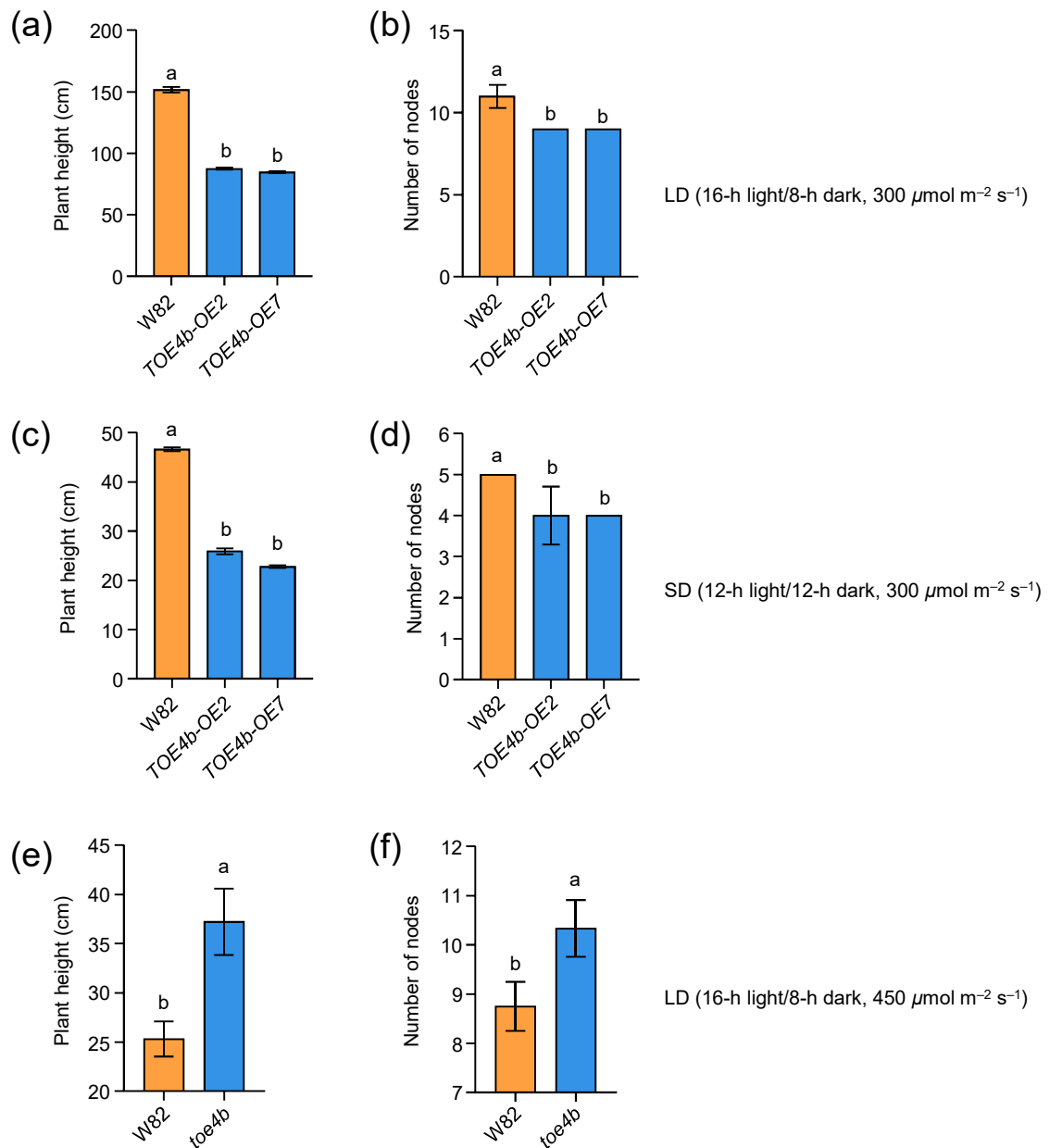


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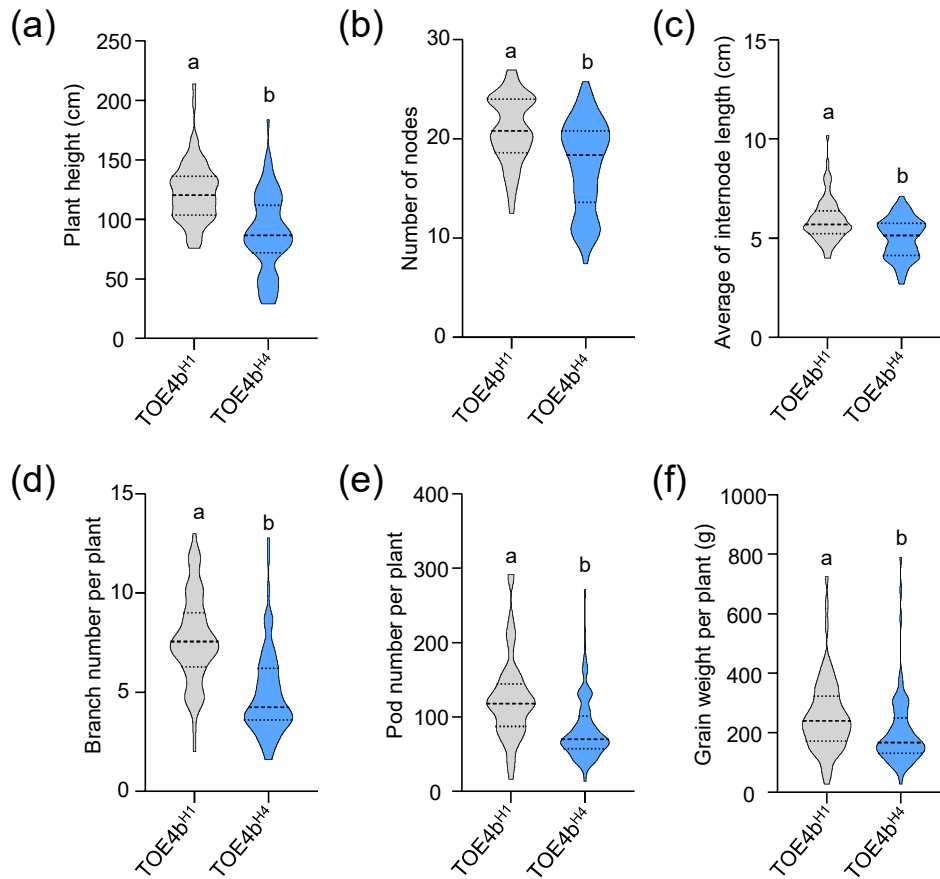


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