

EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN

Definition of experimental and control groups

Number within each group

Assay carried out by core lab or investigator's lab?

Acknowledgement of authors' contributions

SAMPLE

Description

Volume/mass of sample processed

Microdissection or macrodissection

Processing procedure

If frozen - how and how quickly?

If fixed - with what, how quickly?

Sample storage conditions and duration (especially for FFPE samples)

Experimental design is described in materials and methods. Two lab members carried out all the procedures in our lab.

Whole seedlings plants of ten days-old grown *in vitro*, in media supplemented with or without 50 μ M of MeJA, were collected in 2mL Eppendorf® tubes and immediately frozen in liquid nitrogen. All samples were stored at -80°C in a lab freezer during no more than a week before they were processed.

NUCLEIC ACID EXTRACTION

Procedure and/or instrumentation

Name of kit and details of any modifications

Source of additional reagents used

Details of DNase or RNase treatment

Contamination assessment (DNA or RNA)

Nucleic acid quantification

Instrument and method

Purity (A260/A280)

Yield

RNA integrity method/instrument

RIN/RQI or Cq of 3' and 5' transcripts

Electrophoresis traces

Inhibition testing (Cq dilutions, spike or other)

All samples were frozen-grinded and the RNA was isolated using Trizol®. The protocol of extraction was according to manufacture's procedures sheet. The RNA was then resuspended in 20 μ L of DEPC ddH₂O. RNA obtained was treated with DNase I RNase free (Fermentas), and samples were checked on a 2% agarose gel stained with ethidium bromide. Contamination was assessed by a no RT control in the qPCR reaction.

RNA quantification was performed using a Thermo Nanodrop and 1 μ L of each sample was analyzed. The A260/280 and the A260/230 ratios were between 1,9 and 2 for all samples. An average of 1500 μ g/ μ L was obtained for all of them.

The RNA integrity was checked on a 2% agarose gel stained with ethidium bromide.

REVERSE TRANSCRIPTION
Complete reaction conditions
Amount of RNA and reaction volume
Priming oligonucleotide (if using GSP) and concentration
Reverse transcriptase and concentration
Temperature and time
Manufacturer of reagents and catalogue numbers
Cqs with and without RT
Storage conditions of cDNA

cDNA was synthesized using RevertAid™ Premium First Strand cDNA Synthesis Kit (Fermentas) from 2 μ g of RNA. Random hexamers were used. All the procedures were according to the manufacture's recommendations.

For all cDNAs, Cq values were about: ACT: 23.39; ELF: 21.46; PDF1.2: 27.31; VSP1: 24.65; COI1: 25.64; ASA1: 24.64; MYC2: 24.99; PAP1: 29.09; PAP2: 29.84. Without RT no amplification was detected.

All cDNA samples were stored at -80°C.

qPCR TARGET INFORMATION
If multiplex, efficiency and LOD of each assay.
Sequence accession number
Location of amplicon
Amplicon length
<i>In silico</i> specificity screen (BLAST, etc)
Pseudogenes, retropseudogenes or other homologs?
Sequence alignment
Secondary structure analysis of amplicon
Location of each primer by exon or intron (if applicable)
What splice variants are targeted?

Multiplex qPCR was not performed.

The sequence accession numbers are:

ASA1: NM_120655; COI1: NM_129552 ; PAP1: NM_104541; PAP2: NM_105310; MYC2: NM_102998 ; VSP1: NM_122387 ; ACT2: NM_112764; ACT8: NM_103814; EF1 α : NM_125432.

Amplicon lengths are: ACT2: 108 bp; ACT8: 107 bp; EF1 α : 76 bp MYC2: 76 bp; VSP1: 65 bp; ASA1: 140 bp; COI1: 91 bp; PAP1: 627 bp; PAP2: 448 bp.

Primers were designed using Primer Express[®]. Specificity was checked performing BLAST. They were mapped in exons (where possible spanning an intron) or UTR regions. No splice variants were targeted.

qPCR OLIGONUCLEOTIDES
Primer sequences
RTPrimerDB Identification Number
Probe sequences
Location and identity of any modifications
Manufacturer of oligonucleotides
Purification method

Primer	Sequence
PAP1 F[1]	TTGGTTCCTGAAGCGACGAC
PAP1 R[1]	GTCAAAAGCCAAGGTGTCCC
PAP2 F[1]	TTGGTTCCTGAAGCGACGAC
PAP2 R[1]	CAACGTCAAACGCCAAAGTG
VSP1 F[2]	CACTGTCGAGAATCTCAAGGCTG
VSP1 R[2]	CGTTTGGCTTGAGTATGAGATGC
ASA1 F[3]	GTAGAGAAGCTTATGAACATCGA
ASA1 R[3]	GGTGCACCACTAACTGTTCCCAC
MYC2 F[4]	TCATACGACGGTTGCCAGAA
MYC2 R[4]	AGCAACGTTTACAAGCTTTGATTG
COI1 F	CCATTGTACGCTTATCCAAAAGTG
COI1 R	CTGTCAAGGACCTCTAGACCC
ACTIN2/8 F	GGTAACATTGTGCTCAGTGGT
ACTIN2/8 R	AACGACCTTATCTTCATGCTG
EF1 α F	TGAGCACGCTCTTCTTGCTTTCA
EF1 α R	GGTGGTGGCATCCATCTTGTTACA

All primers were synthesized by Sigma-Aldrich. No modifications were selected. All were fully deprotected and desalted.

qPCR PROTOCOL
Complete reaction conditions
Reaction volume and amount of cDNA/DNA
Primer, (probe), Mg ⁺⁺ and dNTP concentrations
Polymerase identity and concentration
Buffer/kit identity and manufacturer
Exact chemical constitution of the buffer

Additives (SYBR Green I, DMSO, etc.)
Manufacturer of plates/tubes and catalog number
Complete thermocycling parameters
Reaction setup (manual/robotic)
Manufacturer of qPCR instrument

All qPCR reaction had a volume of 20 μ L with 1 μ L of cDNA at a concentration of 600ng/ μ L. Primers concentration was 0.2 μ M. The buffer used was Power SYBR Green PCR Master Mix (Applied Biosystems).

MicroAmp® Optical 96-Well Reaction Plates were used.

Thermocycling parameters were:

50°C 2 min

95°C 10 min

95°C 15 sec|

60°C 1 min | 40 cycles

95°C 10 sec|

60°C 20 sec| Dissociation step

95°C 15 sec|

The reaction setup was manual and the qPCR instrument was an ABI PRISM® 7000 Sequence Detection System.

qPCR VALIDATION
Evidence of optimisation (from gradients)
Specificity (gel, sequence, melt, or digest)
For SYBR Green I, Cq of the NTC
Standard curves with slope and y-intercept
PCR efficiency calculated from slope
Confidence interval for PCR efficiency or standard error
r ² of standard curve
Linear dynamic range
Cq variation at lower limit
Confidence intervals throughout range
Evidence for limit of detection
If multiplex, efficiency and LOD of each assay.

The specificity of the amplification products have been confirmed by size estimations on a 1.5% agarose gel and by analyzing their melting curves. Without a template, no Cq could be determined since it never passed the threshold line.

Gene	Efficiency	Slope	Y-Intercept	R
ASA1	1.885	0.275	-4.359	0.99
MYC2	1.875	0.273	-1.584	0.99
VSP1	1.819	0.260	-4.056	0.99
PAP1	1.711	0.233	-5.208	0.99
PAP2	1.693	0.299	-4.837	0.99
COH1	1.829	0.262	-4.303	0.99
ACT 2/8	1,903	0,279	-0,877	0.99
EF1 α	1,777	0,248	-0.183	0.99

DATA ANALYSIS
qPCR analysis program (source, version)
Cq method determination
Outlier identification and disposition
Results of NTCs
Justification of number and choice of reference genes
Description of normalisation method
Number and concordance of biological replicates
Number and stage (RT or qPCR) of technical replicates
Repeatability (intra-assay variation)
Reproducibility (inter-assay variation, %CV)
Power analysis
Statistical methods for result significance
Software (source, version)
Cq or raw data submission using RDML

The results were analyzed using the linregPCR software. The program determines baseline fluorescence and does a baseline subtraction. Then a Window-of-Linearity is set and PCR efficiencies per sample are calculated. With the mean PCR efficiency per amplicon, the Cq value per sample and the fluorescence threshold set to determine the Cq, the starting concentration per sample, expressed in arbitrary fluorescence units, is calculated.

Justification of number and choice of reference genes: these 3 genes have shown robust results in previous experiments in our lab.

Description of normalization method: 3 endogenous reference genes

Number and concordance of biological replicates: 3

Number and stage (RT or qPCR) of technical replicates: each plate had 3 technical replicates per gene and genotype.

Repeatability (intra-assay variation): Results showed an average 0.5 units of variation between technical replicates with a maximum of less than 1 unit.