

**Supplementary Table S1.** Primers used for qRT PCR and screening of SSH library

<b>Gene name</b>	<b>Primer pair F/R (5'-3')</b>
<b>Reference gene</b>	
Actin ( <i>ScACT</i> ) (JS807771)	F 5'-GAGAGGTTACATGTTCACCAC-3' R 5'-CTGATATCCACATCACACTTC-3'
<b>Candidate genes<sup>a</sup></b>	
$\gamma$ -glutamylcysteine synthetase ( <i>ScCAD2</i> ) (JS807772)	F 5'-GAYATGACAGCTGACTGGAC-3' R 5'-TGTCCCCAYTYTCCATKGT-3'
Heavy metal translocating P-type ATPase ( <i>ScHMA1</i> ) (JS807773)	F 5'-GCATTAGCWRMWGCTGATATTGG-3' R 5'-CATCWGCAAGAACRGCTGCCCAA-3'
Metallothionein ( <i>ScMT2B</i> ) (JS807774)	F 5'-TGCAAGAKGTACCCTGACHTG-3' R 5'-TCATTTTRCARGTGCADGGRTRGCA-3'
Metallothionein ( <i>ScMT3</i> ) (JS807775)	F 5'-ATGTCTAGCAMCTGCCRCA-3' R 5'-GTGCAGKTRGTGCARGTGCA-3'
Metal tolerance protein ( <i>ScMTP1</i> ) (JS807776)	F 5'-CTGGTGAACATCATAATGGCT-3' R 5'-GCAGATCAGATCAATTATCTTCC-3'
O-acetylserine lyase ( <i>ScOAS1</i> ) (JS807777)	F 5'-AGAGTGCCTGATTGAGCC-3' R 5'-GCACTTTCAACCGTTCTAC-3'
Phytochelatin synthase 1 ( <i>ScPCSI</i> ) (JS807778)	F 5'-TGTMRGGAAACWTGYGTGAAATG-3' R 5'-GAAGGAACCAGCACATCAA-3'
Phytochelatin synthase 2 ( <i>ScPCS2</i> ) (JS807779)	F 5'-TGTMRGGAAACWTGYGTGAAATG-3' R 5'-TCTTTGATMCCWGACCACGT-3'
Serine-o-acetyl transferase ( <i>ScSAT1</i> ) (JS807780)	F 5'-GACGGWGTGTTGATTGGAGC-3' R 5'-ATATAATCTGACCATCVGAKATA-3'
Zrt-Irt-like protein ( <i>ScZIP6</i> ) (JS807781)	F 5'-GGCTCTGTTGGTTGATTTA-3' R 5'-GCAATGCAGCCGCCAAGA-3'
<b>SSH library genes<sup>b</sup></b>	
Cell wall-associated kinase-like ( <i>ScWAKL1</i> )	F 5'-CAAGGGACTTTAGGCTACTTGG-3' R 5'-TCCCCTAACAAAGTATCCGTCT-3'
Heavy metal-associated domain-containing protein ( <i>ScHMAD1</i> )	F 5'-ACAAAATACTGCTATACCCAC-3' R 5'-CTTGATGTCGTAGCCTTCTC-3'-3'
Metallothionein ( <i>ScMT2A</i> )	F 5'-ACATACCCGCATCCATTGC-3' R 5'-TCAGTTTCCAAGTAAAATCCC-3'
Mitochondrial copper transporter ( <i>ScMCT1</i> )	F 5'-CAAAAAATAGTGCTCAGGGTGCAG-3' R 5'-TGCCCAACTTTCTTCTCAACCT-3'
Pectin methylesterase ( <i>ScPME1</i> )	F 5'-TGTCCAGACATGGCTTAGCGCT-3' R 5'-CTCCCATCCCTGGCCACCAC-3'
Polyphenol oxidase ( <i>ScPPO3</i> )	F 5'-GATTGGCTTAATGCCTCATTC-3' R 5'-CTGCTTTTTGCTTCTCGATTTC-3'
Predicted expressed membrane protein ( <i>ScPMP1</i> )	F 5'-GCCAACAATAGCAGAAAGGATAG-3' R 5'-CTCAGGGTTTCACTAAGTCGCT-3'
Rapid alkalisation factor-like ( <i>ScRALFL1</i> ) <sup>c</sup>	F 5'-TCAGCGATATTGCGTGGCTCCAC-3' R 5'-TCAAGATCCACTCGATCCAGC-3'
Thaumatococin/Osmotin-like protein 21 ( <i>ScTOL21</i> )	F 5'-GACCCTGTACCGCTACCATCG-3' R 5'-AGGCAGCCAACCTTGAAATCC-3'
Thylakoid membrane phosphoprotein ( <i>ScTMP14</i> )	F 5'-GAAGATAGCTCGCAATGTTATG-3' R 5'-CAATCTCAAAAACCCAGGAATC-3'
<b>Primers for differential screening</b>	
M13	F 5'-GTAAAACGACGGCCAGT-3' <sup>d</sup> R 5'-CAGGAAACAGCTATGAC-3'

<sup>a</sup> Primers were designed as degenerate using D=A/G/T; H=A/C/T; K=G/T; M=A/C; R=A/G; V=A/C/G; W=A/T; Y=C/T

<sup>b</sup> Primers specific for the *S. caprea* genes identified in the SSH library screening

<sup>c</sup> Reverse primer located in 3'UTR region which was obtained by 3'RACE from the initial SSH library fragment

<sup>d</sup> M13-F was used for sequencing the inserts of the selected clones







221	G-1-H10a	JK747703	POPTR_0012s07620	scaffold 12	AC216684.1		Regulation of transcription	MOT2 transcription factor; contains Zinc finger, C3HC4 type (RING finger)
222	G-1-H10b	JK747704	POPTR_0013s12890	scaffold 13	AC213156.1		Unknown	Unknown
223	G-1-H12	JK747705	POPTR_0004s22900	scaffold 4	AC216689.1		Regulation of protein metabolism	Ubiquitin family protein
224	G-2-A2	JK747706	POPTR_0016s01720	scaffold 16	XM_002338972.1		Development	Protease inhibitor/seed storage/lipid transfer protein family
225	G-2-B3	JK747707	POPTR_0006s04560	scaffold 6	EF147170.1		Methane metabolism	Esterase D
226	G-2-C3	JK747708	POPTR_0010s06190	scaffold 10	EF148588.1		Photosynthesis	Photosystem II core complex protein psbY
227	G-2-C9	JK747709	POPTR_0003s19210	scaffold 3	XM_002336095.1		Photosynthesis	Protein rich family protein
228	G-2-D3a	JK747710	POPTR_0200s00220	scaffold 200	AC182663.2		Kinase activity (molecular function)	Serine/threonine protein kinase
229	G-2-D3b	JK747711	POPTR_0008s13180	scaffold 8	XM_002311481.1		Carbohydrate metabolism	Phosphohexomutase
230	G-2-D4	JK747712	POPTR_0017s01640	scaffold 17	XM_002305206.1		Disease resistance	Expressed protein in <i>A. thaliana</i> (At4g25690, At5g52550, At4g25670)
231	G-2-D8	JK747713	POPTR_0001s27320	scaffold 1	XM_002298396.1		Cell wall modification	Cellulose synthase
232	G-2-E7	JK747714	POPTR_0006s28640	scaffold 6	XM_002309666.1		Disease resistance	CC-NBS-LRR Resistance Protein
233	G-2-E8	JK747715	POPTR_0005s13330	scaffold 5	XM_002307255.1		Kinase activity (molecular function)	Serine/threonine protein kinase, Pto-like kinase
234	G-2-F7	JK747716	POPTR_0004s04630	scaffold 4	XM_002305882.1		Oxidation-reduction process	Microsomal glutathione s-transferase
235	G-2-F8	JK747717	POPTR_0015s11500	scaffold 15	XM_002321704.1		Lipid metabolic process	Serine palmitoyltransferase
236	G-2-H1	JK747718	POPTR_0017s04300	scaffold 7	XM_002323670.1		Unknown	Expressed protein
237	G-2-H4	JK747719	POPTR_0001s12390	scaffold 1	-		Unknown	Endomembrane-associated protein
238	G-2-H12	JK747720	POPTR_0001s41780	scaffold 1	XM_002330356.1	M-11-C10, M-12-E2, M-13-E9, M-16-F2	Photosynthesis	Chlorophyll A-B binding protein (Lhcb3)
239	G-3-A2	JK747721	POPTR_0002s22220	scaffold 2	XM_002301546.1	M-15-D9, C-5-D5, C-5-E7, C-6-A4, G-3-F10	Photosynthesis	Chlorophyll A-B binding protein Lhcb2-2
240	G-3-B2	JK747722	POPTR_0010s14740	scaffold 10	XM_002314878.1		Regulation of transcription	Basic helix-loop-helix (bHLH) family protein
241	G-3-B3	JK747723	POPTR_0003s16160	scaffold 3	XM_002333900.1		no hit	Unknown
242	G-3-C2	JK747724	POPTR_0006s01060	scaffold 6	XM_002307833.1		Photosynthesis	Plastocyanin-like Protein
243	G-3-C5	JK747725	POPTR_0002s24070	scaffold 2	XM_002302988.1	M-E-A5	Photosynthesis	Photosystem I reaction center subunit XI
244	G-3-C11	JK747726	POPTR_0001s09570	scaffold 1	XM_002299511.1	C-2-C9	Disease resistance	Thaumatin family protein
245	G-3-D11	JK747727	POPTR_0005s26040	scaffold 5	XM_002307686.1		Development	Gibberellin-regulated protein (GASA family)
246	G-3-E2	JK747728	POPTR_0001s14310	scaffold 1	XM_002299246.1	M-12-G6, G-1-A7	Secondary metabolism	Naringenin chalcone synthase
247	G-3-E10	JK747729	POPTR_0008s15060	scaffold 10	XM_002311580.1		Circadian rhythm	Expressed protein
248	G-3-F7	JK747730	POPTR_0007s13810	scaffold 7	XM_002333293.1	M-16-A10	Regulation of protein metabolism	Serine Carboxypeptidase
249	G-3-F10	JK747731	POPTR_0002s22220	scaffold 2	XM_002301546.1	M-15-D9, C-5-D5, C-5-E7, C-6-A4, G-3-A2	Photosynthesis	Chlorophyll A-B binding protein Lhcb2-2
250	G-3-G7	JK747732	-	-	AC210554.1		no hit	Unknown
251	G-3-H3	JK747733	POPTR_0001s15740	scaffold 1	CT028217.1		Nucleic acid metabolic process (RNA)	RNA binding protein
252	G-3-H5a	JK747734	POPTR_0018s12810	scaffold 18	XM_002324605.1		Protein binding	WD-40 repeat family protein
253	G-3-H5b	JK747735	POPTR_0016s11610	scaffold 16	XM_002322910.1		Carbohydrate metabolism	Fructose 1,6 bisphosphatase
254	G-3-H10	JK747736	POPTR_0004s09910	scaffold 4	CT029820.1	M-E-A7, MT-B-2, MT-B-3, M-E-B11, M-2-D6, M-14-A7, M-16-D9	Carbon fixation	Rubisco
255	G-4-B4	JK747737	POPTR_0009s04850	scaffold 9	XM_002314080.1		Regulation of transcription	Zn-finger (C2H2 type) family protein
256	G-4-C2	JK747738	POPTR_0014s07950	scaffold 14	XM_002320758.1	M-19-E10	Carbohydrate metabolism	Glycosyl hydrolase family 14
257	G-4-C8	JK747739	POPTR_0006s03720	scaffold 6	XM_002307936.1		Regulation of transcription	hZIP transcription factor
258	G-4-D3a	JK747740	POPTR_0013s07230	scaffold 13	XM_002319730.1		Other catalytic activity	Transferase
259	G-4-D3b	JK747741	POPTR_0013s10350	scaffold 13	XM_002327260.1		Other catalytic activity	Phosphorylase
260	G-4-D5	JK747742	POPTR_0015s10100	scaffold 16	XM_002334150.1		Oxidation-reduction process	NADPH-dependent oxidoreductase
261	G-4-D10	JK747743	POPTR_0018s01390	scaffold 18	XM_002324244.1		Unknown	Expressed protein
262	G-4-E2a	JK747744	POPTR_0004s09910	scaffold 4	CU228156.1		Carbon fixation	Rubisco
263	G-4-E2b	JK747745	-	-	-		no hit	Mitochondrial DNA
264	G-4-E3	JK747746	POPTR_0006s28350	scaffold 6	EF489041.1		Regulation of transcription	CONSTANS-like protein 2, GATA-4/5/6 transcription factors
265	G-4-E11a	JK747747	POPTR_0001s42970	scaffold 1	XM_002316979.1		Photosynthesis and unknown	Photosystem II 10 kDa polypeptide
266	G-4-E11b	JK747748	POPTR_0001s02570	scaffold 1	XM_002326482.1		Unknown	Expressed protein
267	G-4-F4	JK747749	POPTR_0019s03150	scaffold 19	XM_002325285.1	G-4-H4	Lipid metabolic process	Ca-independent phospholipase A2
268	G-4-G6	JK747750	POPTR_0274s00200	scaffold 274	XM_002301507.1		Amino acid metabolism	S-Adenosylmethionine synthetase
269	G-4-G8a	JK747751	POPTR_0007s12060	scaffold 7	XM_002310151.1		Resistance to abiotic stress	Cold acclimation WCOR413-like protein (stress-responsive protein in <i>O. sativa</i> )
270	G-4-G8b	JK747752	POPTR_0019s14100	scaffold 19	XM_002325648.1		Photosynthesis	Photosynthetic electron transfer c (plastoquinol-plastocyanin reductase)
271	G-4-G12	JK747753	POPTR_0003s02140	scaffold 3	XM_002327366.1		Unknown	Expressed protein in <i>A. thaliana</i> (At1g15780, At1g15770)
272	G-4-H1	JK747754	POPTR_0013s01640	scaffold 13	EF148733.1		Development	Dormancy/auxin associated family protein
273	G-4-H4	JK747755	POPTR_0001s25760	scaffold 1	XM_002299778.1	G-4-F4	Lipid metabolic process	Phospholipase
274	G-5-A6	JK747756	POPTR_0015s06060	scaffold 15	EF147148.1	G-5-D8	Regulation of protein metabolism	Ubiquitin conjugating enzyme E2
275	G-5-D1	JK747757	POPTR_0015s11580	scaffold 15	XM_002321706.1		Other catalytic activity	Acyl carrier Zn finger protein
276	G-5-D8	JK747758	POPTR_0004s18090	scaffold 4	XM_002305483.1	G-5-A6	Regulation of protein metabolism	Ubiquitin conjugating enzyme E2
277	G-5-E1	JK747759	POPTR_0004s08380	scaffold 4	XM_002305849.1	C-3-D9	Cellular nitrogen compound metabolism	Glutamine synthetase
278	G-5-E5	JK747760	POPTR_0001s06710	scaffold 1	EF145750.1		Energy homeostasis	NADH dehydrogenase
279	G-5-E12	JK747761	POPTR_0018s12260	scaffold 18	XM_002308339.1		Regulation of protein metabolism	Ring finger and protease associated domain-containing
280	G-5-F1	JK747762	POPTR_0001s24840	scaffold 1	XM_002299832.1		Regulation of transcription	MYB transcription factor
281	G-5-F5a	JK747763	POPTR_0003s09830	scaffold 3	CU225687.1		Photosynthesis	Phosphoribulokinase
282	G-5-F5b	JK747764	POPTR_0005s23590	scaffold 5	CT029295.1		Kinase activity	Chlorophyllase
283	G-5-F9a	JK747765	POPTR_0001s25410	scaffold 1	XM_002298294.1		Cytoskeleton organization	Tubulin beta chain
284	G-5-F9b	JK747766	POPTR_0008s04590	scaffold 8	XM_002311086.1		Energy homeostasis	Adenylate kinase
285	G-5-G5	JK747767	POPTR_0014s13710	scaffold 14	AC208048.1		Energy homeostasis	Acyl-CoA synthetase
286	G-5-G7	JK747768	POPTR_0002s04410	scaffold 2	XM_002302033.1		Nucleic acid metabolic process (DNA)	Histone H1
287	G-5-H10	JK747769	POPTR_0016s12090	scaffold 1	XM_002323530.1		Signaling	Histidine-containing phosphotransfer protein

**Supplementary Table S3.** Genes from the SSH screening selected for qPCR.

Accession No. (NCBI)	Gene	Gene name	Biological process and/or molecular function	Best hit in <i>P. trichocarpa</i> <sup>a</sup>	Best hit in NCBI tBLASTx <sup>a</sup>	Found in library
JK747484	Cell wall-associated kinase-like	<i>ScWAKL1</i>	Kinase activity	POPTR_0004s20330 (88 %, E = 2e-142)	XM_002325658.1 (100 %, E = 2e-64)	1
JK747700	Heavy metal-associated domain- containing protein	<i>ScHMAD1</i>	Metal ion transport	POPTR_0016s00850 (75 %, E = 9e-29)	EF147807.1 (72 %, E = 4e-22)	1
JK747640	Metallothionein MT2A	<i>ScMT2A</i>	Metal ion transport	POPTR_0001s24660 (83 %, E = 5e-38)	XM_002299837.1 (84 %, E = 4e-43)	1
JK747577	Mitochondrial copper transporter	<i>ScMCT1</i>	Metal ion transport	POPTR_0006s00390 (84 %, E = 9e-30)	XM_002307806.1 (81 %, E = 1e-57)	1
JK747496	Pectin methylesterase	<i>ScPME1</i>	Cell wall modification	POPTR_0014s14720 (85 %, E = 0)	CU224046.1 (85 %, E = 5e-86)	4
JK747507	Polyphenol oxidase	<i>ScPPO3</i>	Oxidation-reduction process	POPTR_0011s04710 (92 %, E = 0)	XM_002316596.1 (92 %, E = 0)	2
JK747629	Predicted transmembrane protein	<i>ScPMP1</i>	Unknown	POPTR_0019s13860 (86 %, E = 1e-86)	XM_002314845.1 (92 %, E = 9e-117)	1
JK747486	Rapid alkalization factor-like	<i>ScRALFL1</i>	Signaling	POPTR_0125s00200 (81 %, E = 1e-80)	EF148634.1 (93 %, E = 2e-30)	120
JK747627	Thaumatococcus/Osmotin-like protein	<i>ScTOL21</i>	Disease resistance	POPTR_0001s09030 (89 %, E = 3e-108)	XM_002299511.1 (90 %, E = 6e-95)	2
JK747523	Thylakoid membrane phosphoprotein	<i>ScTMP14</i>	Photosynthesis	POPTR_0014s10200 (92 %, E = 4e-76)	XM_002320200.1 (93 %, E = 0)	10

<sup>a</sup> Values in brackets represent % homology and expectation value