

**Table S1** Relative standard deviation (RSD) (absolute co-efficient of variation) between plant species.

	GH	GT	PL	CE	CBM
	RSD%	RSD%	RSD%	RSD%	RSD%
<b>Group 1: Green algae</b>	4.88207	5.28067	9.79540	3.25097	15.17131
	335	996	98	246	14
<b>Group 2: Lycophytes and bryophytes</b>	2.05345	0.90480	27.1660	10.2780	2.642406
	889	126	388	46	08
<b>Group 3: Monocots</b>	8.70570	6.78586	37.6825	6.56672	13.82906
	272	237	923	43	14
<b>Group 4: Eudicots</b>	5.44328	3.75275	11.8457	4.90940	8.403296
	404	016	336	62	11