

1 **Table SII: Primers used for RT-qPCR gene expression studies**

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Name	Gene	Function	Forward	Reverse	Reference
<i>Actin</i>	Os03g50890	Actin	GCGTGGACAAAGTTTTCAA CCG	TCTGGTACCCTCATCAGGCAT C	-
<i>CHI7</i>	Os06g51050	chitinase	CAATGCACACGAGATTGTG A	CCGCATTGTGTTAACGTCCA	Kaku et al, 2006
<i>PR5</i>	Os08g04580	CsAtPR5, putative, expressed	TTGGCTTCTGTCTGCTTGA A	AGCTGCATCAACCATGCTAA	-
<i>EXP</i>	Os06g11070	Expressed protein	TCCATCTGCTCCCGTTGTT GTG	AAAGAGTTCGCCACCAACCGT C	(Caldana et al., 2007)
<i>NHI</i>	Os01g09800	Regulatory protein NPR1, putative, expressed	CCTGATGGTTGCCTTCTGT C	ATTCAAGCACTTGTATTACAC CTC	(Chern et al., 2005)
<i>OsFLS2</i>					
<i>OsMADS26</i>	Os08g02070	Transcription factor activity	GCTCGGAGATGGCTATTCCTTC	GACTTCCTGCGGGAACCTG TC	(Shinozuka et al., 1999)
<i>PBZ1</i>	Os12g36880	Probenazole induced protein PBZ1/PR10	CCGGGCACCATCTACACC	CCTCGATCATCTTGAGCATGC	(Midoh and Iwata, 1996; Swarbrick et al., 2008)
<i>POX223</i>	Os07g48020	Peroxidase 2 precursor, putative, expressed	ACGACGCCAACGCCTTC	CTTCCAGCAACGAACGCATCC	(Vergne et al., 2007)
<i>Rab21</i>	AK109096	Rice dehydrin	TGTGTGATCGGTGTTTCGA T	CCACACGCGCACTTACATAC	(Claes et al., 1990; Quilis et al., 2008)
<i>Salt</i>	AF001395	Salt-stress-induced protein	CCCCATTGTCTGTGTACGT G	GGGATTAGTTGCCCATGGAT	(Oh et al., 2005; Quilis et al., 2008)
<i>WRKY28</i>		Os06g44010	CGCCGATGAACTTTGCTC	CCACCTTGGCACGTGTAGA	Delteil et al, 2012

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