

Supplementary Material

Alternative oxidase gene family in *Hypericum perforatum* L.: characterization and expression at the post-germinative phase

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1 Supplementary Figures and Tables

1.1 Supplementary Figures

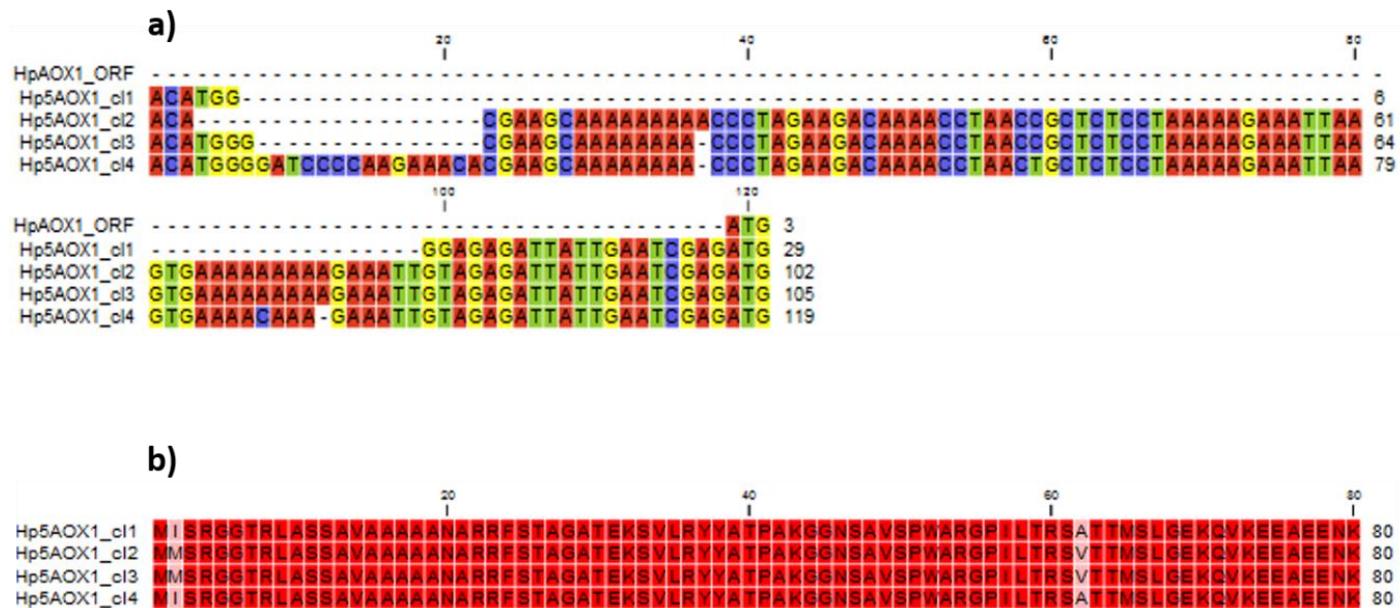


Figure S1. Alignment of the four isolated sequences corresponding to 5'end of *HpAOX1* gene. The sequences correspond to the region from the primer adapter until ATG codon (included in the alignment). **a)** Alignment of the nucleotide sequences; **b)** Alignment of the corresponding putative translated peptide where no alternative ATG codon was identified.

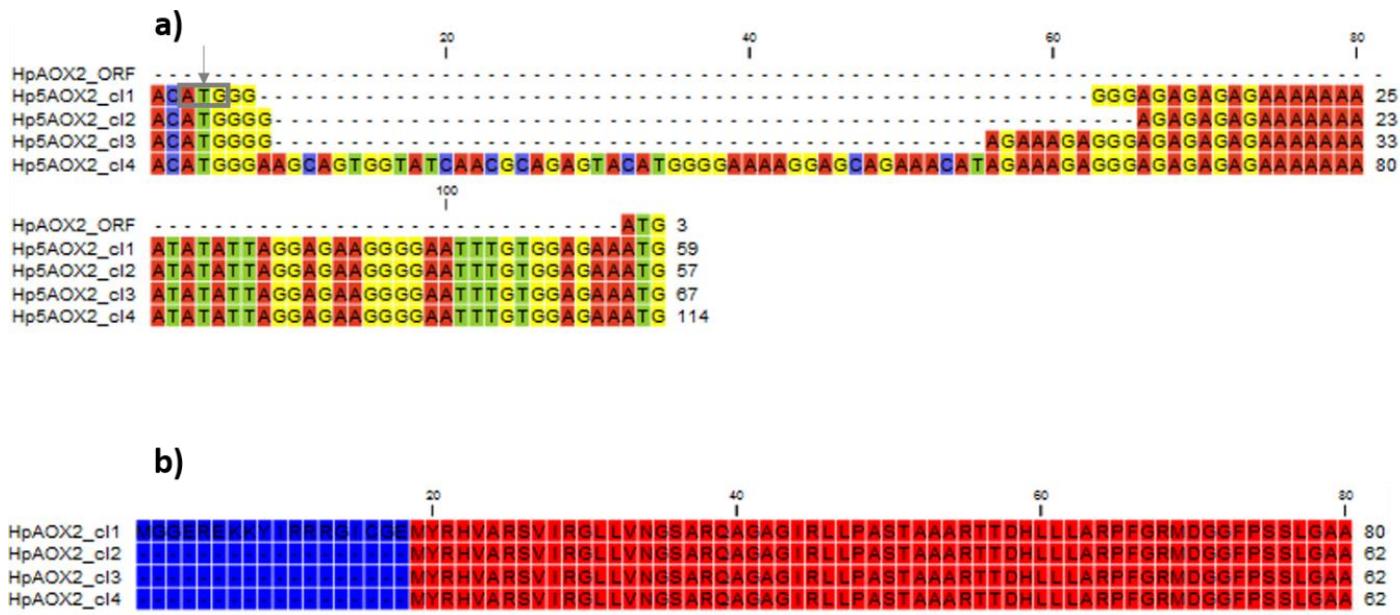


Figure S2. Alignment of the four isolated sequences corresponding to 5'end of *HpAOX2* gene. The sequences correspond to the region from the primer adapter until ATG codon (included in the alignment). **a)** Alignment of the nucleotide sequences; **b)** Alignment of the corresponding putative translated peptide where an alternative ATG codon was identified in the sequence HpAOX2_cl1 (region in blue).

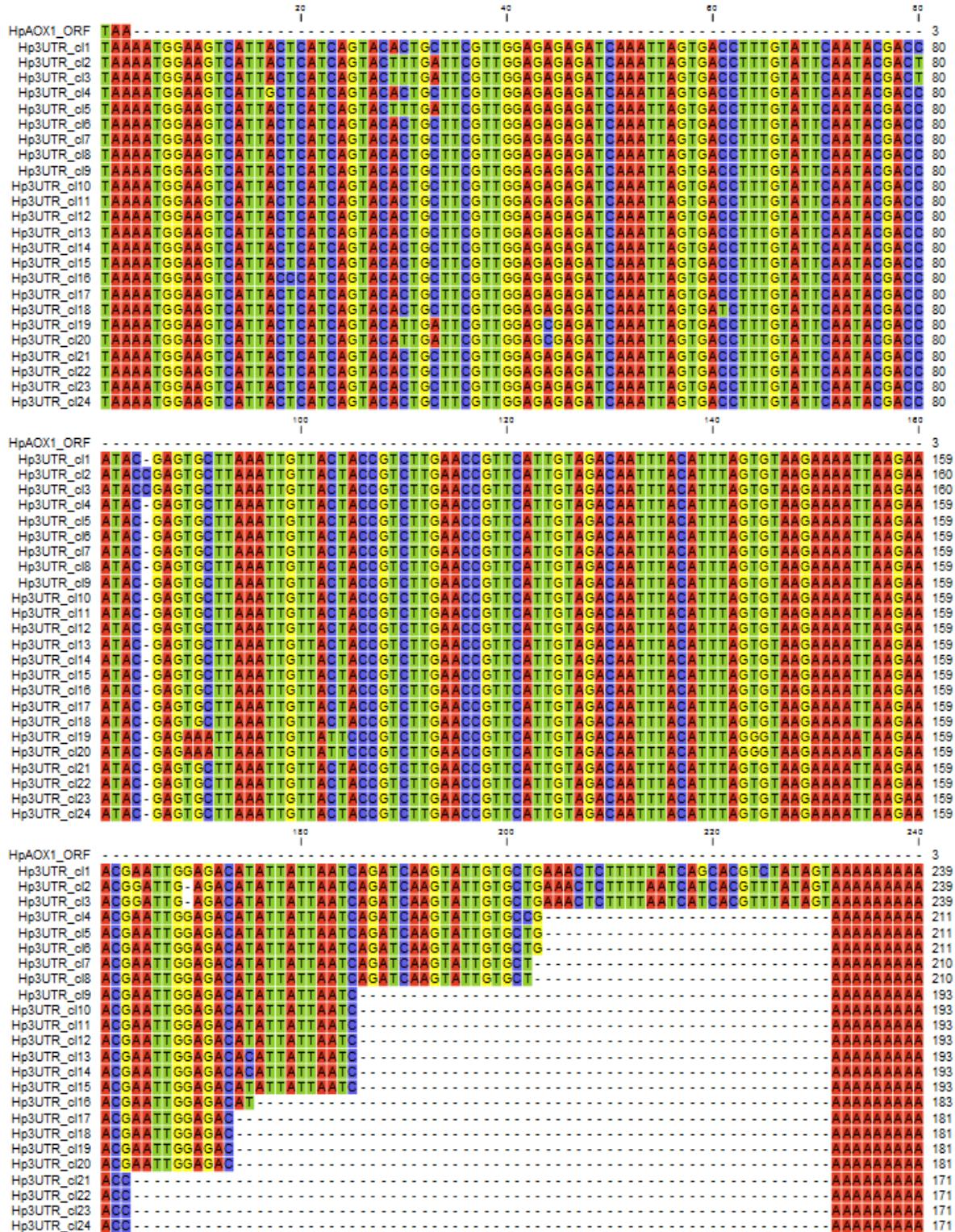


Figure S3. Alignment of the twenty four isolated sequences corresponding to 3'end of *HpAOX1* gene. The sequences correspond to the region from the stop codon (TAA, included in the alignment) to the poly(A)-tail (only nine common adenines are represented).

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 GCGGTTGC 160

M I S R G G T R L A S S A V A

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 TACTCCGG 240

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A M M L E T V A A V P G M V G G M L L H C K S L R R

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F E H S G G W I K T L L D E A E N E R M H L M T F M E

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V A K P K W Y E R A L V F T V Q G A F F N I Y F L G Y

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Figure S4. Nucleotide and deduced amino acid sequences of cDNA encoding *Hypericum perforatum* L. alternative oxidase 1 (*HpAOX1*, acc. no. EU330415.1). ▼ indicates the position of the three introns, * indicates stop codon.

ACATGGGAAGCAGTGGTATCAACGCAGAGTACATGGGAAAAGGAGCAGAACATAGAAAGAGGGAGAGAG
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▼
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P K V T R E D G T D W P W N C F M P W E S Y R T D T S

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I D L T K H H V P K T F L D K F A Y W T V K I L R I P

▼
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G G M L L H L R S L R K F E Q T G G W V K A L L E E A

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Q G L F F N A Y F V I Y L V S P K L A H R V T G Y L

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▼
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Y H *

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Figure S5. Nucleotide and deduced amino acid sequences of cDNA encoding *Hypericum perforatum* L. alternative oxidase 2 (*HpAOX2*, acc. no. EU330413.1). ▼ indicates the position of the three introns, * indicates stop codon.

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Figure S6. Multiple alignment of translated amino acid sequences of previously reported AOX proteins from, *Arabidopsis thaliana* (AtAOX1a_AT3G22370, AtAOX1b_AT3G22360, AtAOX1c_AT3G27620, AtAOX1d_AT1G32350 and AtAOX2_AT5G64210), *Theobroma cacao* (TcAOX1_TC03G031300 and TcAOX2_TC02G011670) *Carica papaya* (CpAOX2_CP00042G00490), *Manihot esculenta* (MeAOX2_ME10292G00060), *Ricinus communis* (RcAOX2_RC30063G00030) and AOX from *Hypericum perforatum* (HpAOX1_EU330415.2 and HpAOX2_EU330413.2). The alignment was performed using CLC Main Workbench 6.7.1 software. The data were retrieved from public web-based database Plaza v2.5, freely available at http://bioinformatics.psb.ugent.be/plaza/versions/plaza_v2_5/. Amino acids residues differing are shown in red, deletions are shown by minus signs. The putative mitochondrial transit peptides (mTP) are shown in blue boxes. The sites of two conserved cysteins (CysI and CysII) involved in dimerization of the AOX protein by S–S bond formation (Umbach and Siedow, 1993) are indicated in dark grey boxes. Helices α 1 and α 4, which form the hydrophobic region on the AOX molecular surface and are involved in membrane binding, are shown in red; helices α 2, α 3, α 5 and α 6, which form the four-helix bundle accommodating the diiron center, are shown in green (Moore et al. 2013). Amino acids residues that coordinate the diiron center (E, glutamate and H, histidine) and those that interact with the inhibitor are in yellow and light pink boxes, respectively.

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TCAC TAA

Figure S7. Genomic sequence of *Hypericum perforatum* L. alternative oxidase 1 (HpAOX1, acc. no. KU674355). Exons are in yellow, stop codon in pink, repetitive sequences in red, pre-miRNA sequences in grey. In blue there is the second predicted pre-miRNA sequence which is two base pairs shorter and was predicted as in reverse sequence.

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Figure S8. Genomic sequence of HpAOX2 (acc. no. KU674356). Exons are in yellow, stop codon in pink, repetitive sequences in red, predicted LTR region homologous of a *Cassandra* MT-LTR retrotransposon sequence in green.

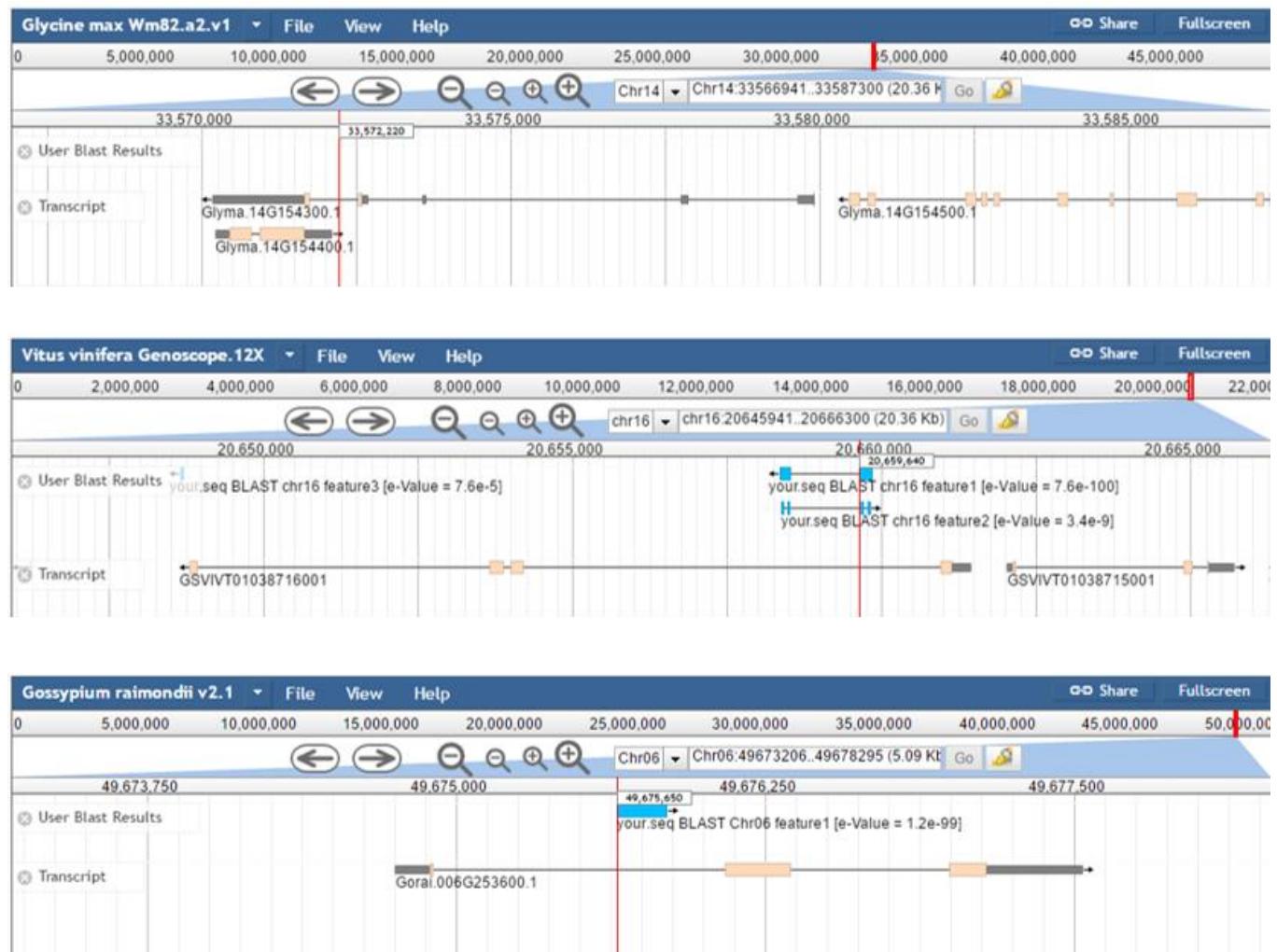


Figure S9. Genome mapping showing the location of the pre-miRNA sequences that encode the homologous miRNAs.

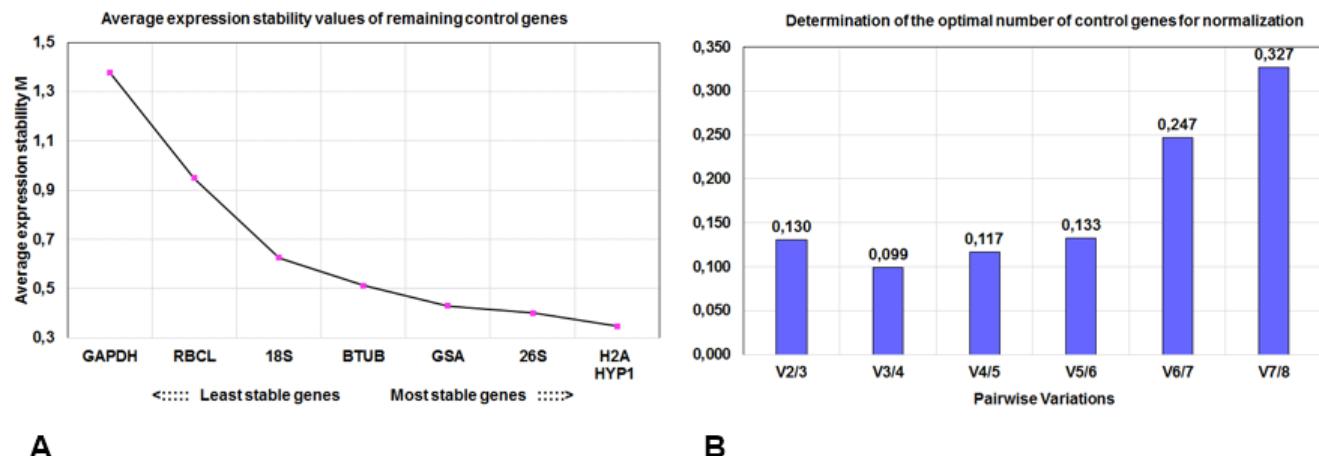


Figure S10. Expression stability analysis of candidate reference genes by GeNorm algorithm. **(A)** Average expression stability M. **(B)** Determination of the optimal number of reference genes for normalization by pairwise variation (V).

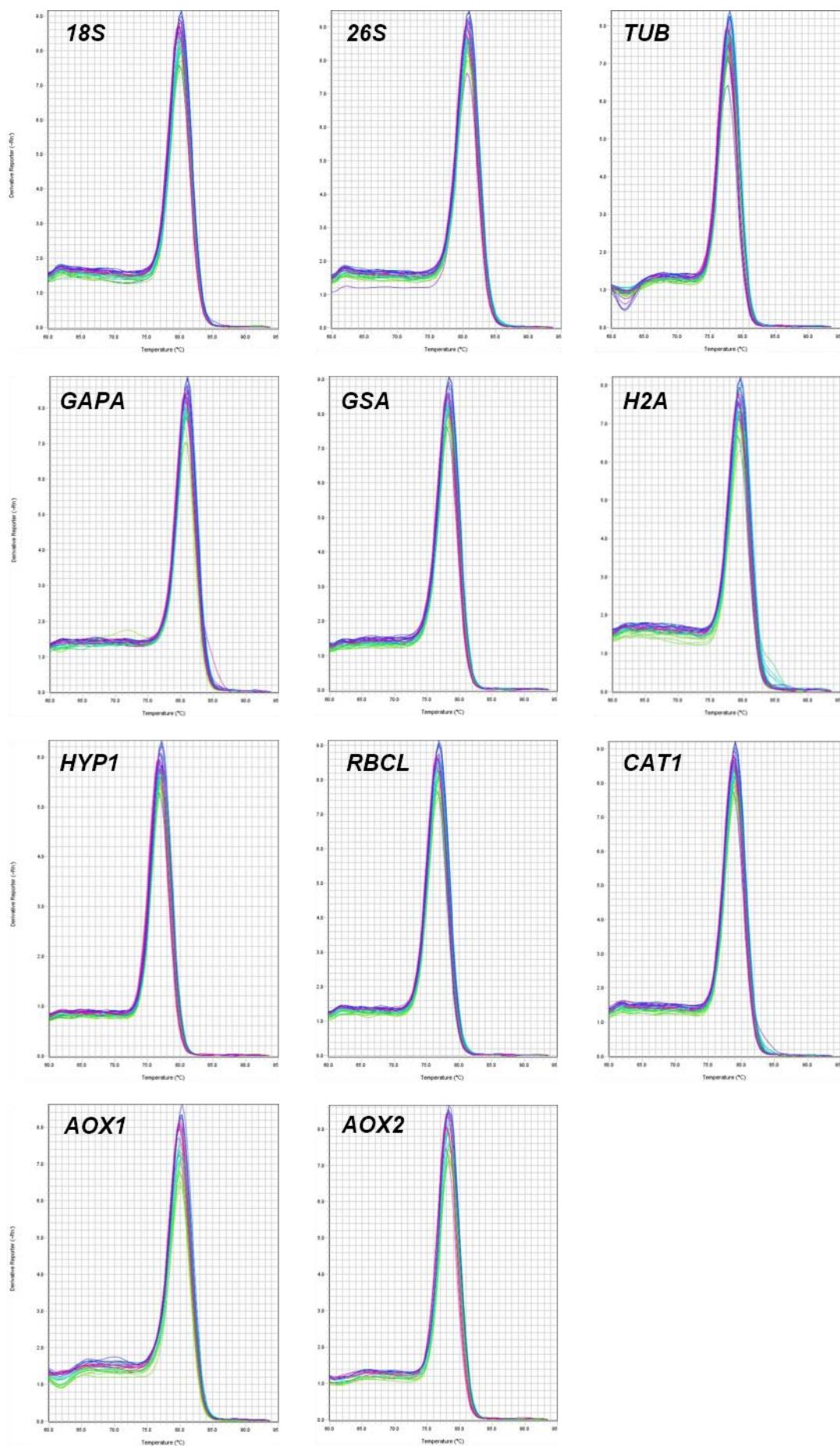


Figure S11. Melting curves of the genes analyzed showing specific peaks.

1.2 Supplementary Tables

Table S1. Primer sequences used in *HpAOX* genes isolation.

Gene	Aim	Primer sequence (5'-3')	Ta (°C)
<i>HpAOX1</i>	3'RACE-PCR	Fw: GCAGGGCGCCTTCTTCAACATCTAC	58
	5'RACE-PCR	Rev: CATCAAAGTGCATCCGCTCGTTCTCT	68
	Whole gene	Fw: CCTAACTGCTCTCCTAAAAAGA Rev: CTCTCTCCAACGAAGCAATG	55
<i>HpAOX2</i>	3'RACE-PCR	Fw: AAGCTCGCTCACAGGGTAACAGG	55
	5'RACE-PCR	Rev: GAACAGCCCCTGACGATAAGAACCC	68
	Whole gene	Fw: AGAAGGGATTGTGGAG Rev: CAACACAAGCTGAAGTAAGAAC	60

Ta: annealing temperature, Fw: forward, Rev: reverse.

Table S2. Eudicot plant species used in the NJ analysis.

O	F	Species	Accession number
<i>Brassicaceae</i>	<i>Brassicaceae</i>	<i>Arabidopsis lyrata</i>	AL1G33660 AL3G24680 AL3G24690 AL5G06730 AL0G08000 AL8G30860
		<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>	AT1G32350 AT3G22360 AT3G22370 AT3G27620 AT5G64210
		<i>Boechera stricta</i>	Bostr.19424s0421.1 Bostr.19424s0422.1 Bostr.3359s0124.1 Bostr.0568s0383.1
		<i>Brassica rapa</i>	Bra010153 Bra001865 Bra031351 Bra023835 Bra037768
		<i>Capsella grandiflora</i>	Cagra.1189s0011.1 Cagra.1189s0012.1 Cagra.5575s0007.1 Cagra.3957s0019.1 Cagra.0248s0102.1
		<i>Capsella rubella</i>	Carubv10014065m Carubv10019557m Carubv10009739m Carubv10026681m
		<i>Eutrema salsugineum</i>	Thhalv10021013m Thhalv10009342m Thhalv10005697m
		<i>Thellungiella parvula</i>	TP3G20130 TP3G20140 TP2G27270
		<i>Carica papaya</i>	evm.model.supercontig_8.29 evm.model.supercontig_42.47
		<i>Citrullus lanatus</i>	CL10G07420
<i>Fabaceae</i>	<i>Fabaceae</i>	<i>Cucumis melo</i>	CM00136G00010
		<i>Cucumis sativus</i>	Cuesa.398150.1
		<i>Glycine max</i>	GM04G14800 GM08G07690 GM08G07700 GM05G24455
		<i>Lotus japonicus</i>	LJ2G020780 LJ4G005280 LJ4G005290
		<i>Medicago truncatula</i>	MT5G026620 MT5G070680 MT5G070870 MT5G070880
		<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i>	Phvul.002G127100.1 Phvul.002G209100.1 Phvul.002G209200.1

O	F	Species		Accession number
		<i>Gossypium raimondii</i>	<i>Malvales</i>	Gorai.008G296600.1 Gorai.012G142200.1 Gorai.005G220400.1 Gorai.005G220500.1
				TC03G031300 TC02G011670
		<i>Theobroma cacao</i>	<i>Malvaceae</i>	Lus10035670 Lus10005372 Lus10020523
		<i>Linum usitatissimum</i>	<i>Lina</i>	PT03G09340 PT12G01430 PT12G01440 PT15G01960
				SapurV1A.1470s0080.1 SapurV1A.0346s0170.1 SapurV1A.0377s0140.1 SapurV1A.0377s0150.1 SapurV1A.3352s0030.1 SapurV1A.0894s0160.1
		<i>Populus trichocarpa</i>	<i>Malniehiales</i>	ME10292G00060
				RC30063G00030
		<i>Salix purpurea</i>	<i>Salicaceae</i>	Aqua_105_00003.1 Aqua_043_00024.1 Aqua_008_00134.1 Aqua_033_00110.1
				FV5G29310 FV5G21950
		<i>Manihot esculenta</i>	<i>Ranunc</i>	MD00G028680 MD00G081720 MD13G026910 MD16G016620
				Prufe.5G018700.1 Prufe.1G061800.1 Prufe.1G061900.1 Prufe.1G061400.1
		<i>Ricinus communis</i>	<i>R</i>	Ciclev10001766m Ciclev10003687m Ciclev10028835m
				orange1.1g037339m orange1.1g019765m orange1.1g020532m
		<i>Aquilegia coerulea Goldsmith</i>	<i>Rosales</i>	Solyc08g005550 Solyc08g075540 Solyc08g075550 Solyc01g105220
				PGSC0003DMT400019708 PGSC0003DMT400019707 PGSC0003DMT400047562 PGSC0003DMG400012558
		<i>Fragaria vesca</i>	<i>Rosaceae</i>	ATR_00038G01180 ATR_00048G01570
				BV5G19180 BV9G03180
		<i>Malus domestica</i>	<i>Rutaceae</i>	Kalax.0453s0008.1 Kalax.1476s0004.1 Kalax.0496s0017.1 Kalax.0907s0011.1 Kalax.0414s0014.1
				Kalanchoe laxiflora
		<i>Amborella trichopoda</i>	<i>Solanaceae</i>	
		<i>Beta vulgaris</i>	<i>Solanaceae</i>	

	D	d	<i>Mimulus guttatus</i>	Migut.J01127.1 Migut.E01358.1 Migut.N01067.1
	E	e	<i>Eucalyptus grandis</i>	Eucgr.E01214.1 Eucgr.E01213.1 Eucgr.I02663.1
	F	f	<i>Vitis vinifera</i>	VV02G09030 VV02G09050 VV00G00110

O: order, F: family; C: *Caricaceae*, Curcubi: *Curcubitales*, Curc: *Curcubitaceae*, Lina: *Linaceae*, E: *Euphorbiaceae*, Ranun: *Ranunculales*, R: *Ranunculaceae*, A: *Amborellales*, B: *Caryophyllale*, C: *Saxifragales*, D: *Lamiales*, E: *Myrales*, F: *Vitales*, a:*Amborellaceae*, b:*Amarantaceae*, c:*Crassulaceae*, d:*Phrymaceae*, e:*Myrtaceae*, f:*Vitaceae*.

In grey the AOX2 sequences.

Table S3. Monocot plant species used in the NJ analysis.

Species	Accession number
<i>Brachypodium distachyon</i>	BD3G52505 BD5G20540 BD5G20547 BD5G20557
<i>Hordeum vulgare</i>	CAJW010038523 CAJW011587016 CAJW010099492
<i>Musa acuminata</i>	GSMUA_Achr5G03810_001 GSMUA_Achr6G01170_001 GSMUA_Achr6G01300_001 GSMUA_Achr1G27800_001
<i>Oryza brachyantha</i>	OB02G22630 OB02G36280 OB04G30980 OB04G30990
<i>Oryza glaberrima</i>	ORGLA02G0249500 ORGLA04G0206000 ORGLA04G0206100
<i>Oryza sativa</i>	BGIOSGA008063 BGIOSGA005788 BGIOSGA014421 BGIOSGA014422
<i>Sorghum bicolor</i>	SB04G030820 SB06G027410 SB06G027420 SB06G027430
<i>Zea mays</i>	ZM02G05480 ZM02G05490 ZM02G05500 ZM05G37570