





**Figure S2.** qRT-PCR validation of differentially expressed genes. mRNA expressions from qRT-PCR are shown by line graphs on the top and values are shown on the right Y-axis as relative expression ( $2^{-\Delta\Delta Ct}$ ). mRNA expressions from RNA-Seq are shown by bar graphs on the bottom and values are shown on the left Y-axis as log<sub>2</sub> (normalised reads number). a, b - indicate the significant difference in the relative expression of mRNAs detected via qRT-PCR at P<0.05; A, B - indicate significant difference in the expression of mRNAs detected from RNA-seq at FDR <0.05. Data are presented as Mean±Standard deviation.