

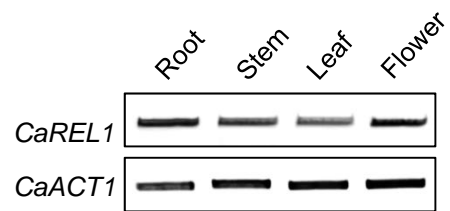
Supplementary data

Pepper CaREL1, a ubiquitin E3 ligase, regulates drought tolerance via the ABA-signalling pathway

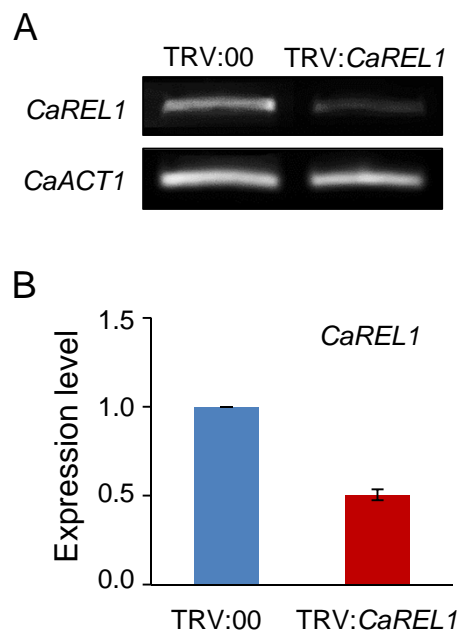
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Supplementary Table S1. Sequences of primers used in this study

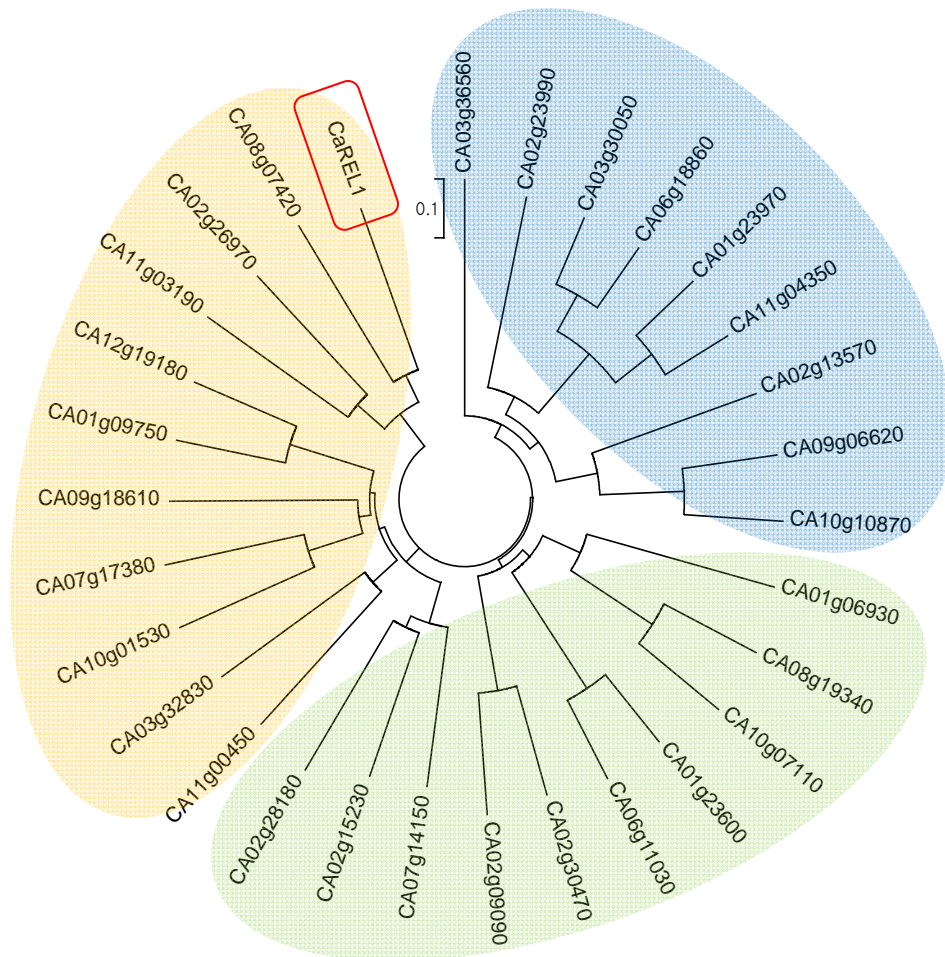
Primer name	Primer sequence (5'-3')
For cloning	
<i>CaREL1</i>	Forward: ATGGGTAATTGTTGCTGCTG Reverse: TCCATCGATTGCAGGGTTA
<i>CaREL1^{C205S/C208S}</i>	Forward: CGTTTCCTGATCACTGACGGGGCTGGTTTCACCTTCTCT Reverse: AGAGAAGTGAAACCAGCCCCGTCAGTGATCAGGAAACG
For RT-PCR	
<i>CaREL1</i>	Forward: CTCGAGCATCTCATCATGTCACAGC Reverse: TCTAGAAGTTTCACTGTTTGTTTCTTGA
<i>CaACT1</i>	Forward: GACGTGACCTAACTGATAACCTGAT Reverse: CTCTCAGCACCAATGGTAATAACTT
<i>Actin8</i>	Forward: CAACTATGTTCTCAGGTATTGCAGA Reverse: GTCATGGAAACGATGTCTCTTTAGT
<i>NCED3</i>	Forward: ACATGGAAATCGGAGTTACAGATAG Reverse: AGAAACAACAAACAAGAAACAGAGC
<i>DREB2A</i>	Forward: CTACAAAGCCTCAACTACGGAATAC Reverse: AAACCTCGGATAGAGAATCAACAGTC
<i>RAB18</i>	Forward: GGAAGAAGGGAATAACACAAAAGAT Reverse: GCGTTACAAACCCTCATTATTTTTTA
<i>RD20</i>	Forward: TGGTTTCTATCTAAAGAAGCTGTG Reverse: ATACAAATCCCCAACTGAATAACA
<i>RD29B</i>	Forward: GTTGAAGAGTCTCCACAATCACTTG Reverse: ATACAAATCCCCAACTGAATAACA
<i>RD29A</i>	Forward: CACAATCACTTGGCTCCACTGTTG Reverse: ACCTAGTAGCTGGTATGGAGGAACT
<i>KIN2</i>	Forward: TGTTAACTTCGTGAAGGACAAGAC Reverse: ACAACAACAAGTACGATGAGTACGA
<i>ABI1</i>	Forward: GTTTGGGATGTAATGACGGATG Reverse: TGAAGTGAAGGCAGAGAGGGTCC
<i>ERD1</i>	Forward: CCACCGACTCCTCTCTGCTT Reverse: AAGGGAGATTCCGAGATATGAAGA



Supplementary Figure S1. RT-PCR analysis of *CaREL1* expression in various tissues of pepper plants.



Supplementary Figure S2. RT-PCR (A) and qRT-PCR (B) analysis of *CaREL1* expression in the leaves of pepper plants transfected with the empty vector control (TRV:00) or *CaREL1*-silenced constructs (TRV:*CaREL1*). The expression levels were measured 0 h after detachment. The *Actin1* gene was used as an internal control..



Supplementary Figure S3. Multiple alignment of amino acids in the CaREL1 protein and its homologous pepper proteins was performed using ClustalW2.