

Appendix

Osmostress enhances the activating phosphorylation of MAPK Hog1 by mono-phosphorylated MAP2K Pbs2

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NaCl

Molarity (M)	x_w	γ_w	a_w	Π (MPa)
0.2	0.9928	1.0008	0.9936	0.89
0.3	0.9892	1.0010	0.9902	1.35
0.4	0.9856	1.0013	0.9869	1.81
0.6	0.9785	1.0017	0.9802	2.76
0.8	0.9715	1.0019	0.9734	3.72
1.0	0.9645	1.0020	0.9664	4.70
1.2	0.9575	1.0019	0.9593	5.71
1.4	0.9506	1.0016	0.9521	6.75
1.6	0.9437	1.0011	0.9447	7.83
1.8	0.9369	1.0002	0.9371	8.94

Sorbitol

Molarity (M)	x_w	γ_w	a_w	Π (MPa)
0.4	0.9925	0.9998	0.9922	1.07
0.8	0.9842	0.9995	0.9838	2.25
1.2	0.9751	0.9990	0.9741	3.61
1.6	0.9654	0.9981	0.9636	5.11
2.0	0.9543	0.9966	0.9510	6.91
2.4	0.9422	0.9941	0.9367	9.01

Appendix Figure S1. Conversion of NaCl and sorbitol solute concentration (molarity, M) to osmotic pressure (MPa).

Osmotic pressure was calculated according to the following formulas.

$$\Pi = -(RT/V_w) \ln(a_w)$$

$$a_w = \gamma_w x_w$$

where Π is osmotic pressure (Pascal); R is the Gas constant ($8.3145 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$); T is the absolute temperature (298.15 K at $25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$); V_w is the molar volume of H_2O (18.01 cm^3); a_w is water activity of the solution (*i.e.*, chemical potential of the solvent water); γ_w is the activity coefficient of the solvent water; and x_w is the mole fraction of the solvent water. x_w , γ_w and/or a_w were obtained by interpolation of the data in the literature (Comesaña *et al.*, 2001, Fontana Jr, 2007, Koohyar *et al.*, 2013, Ninni *et al.*, 2000, Zhang & Han, 1996).

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