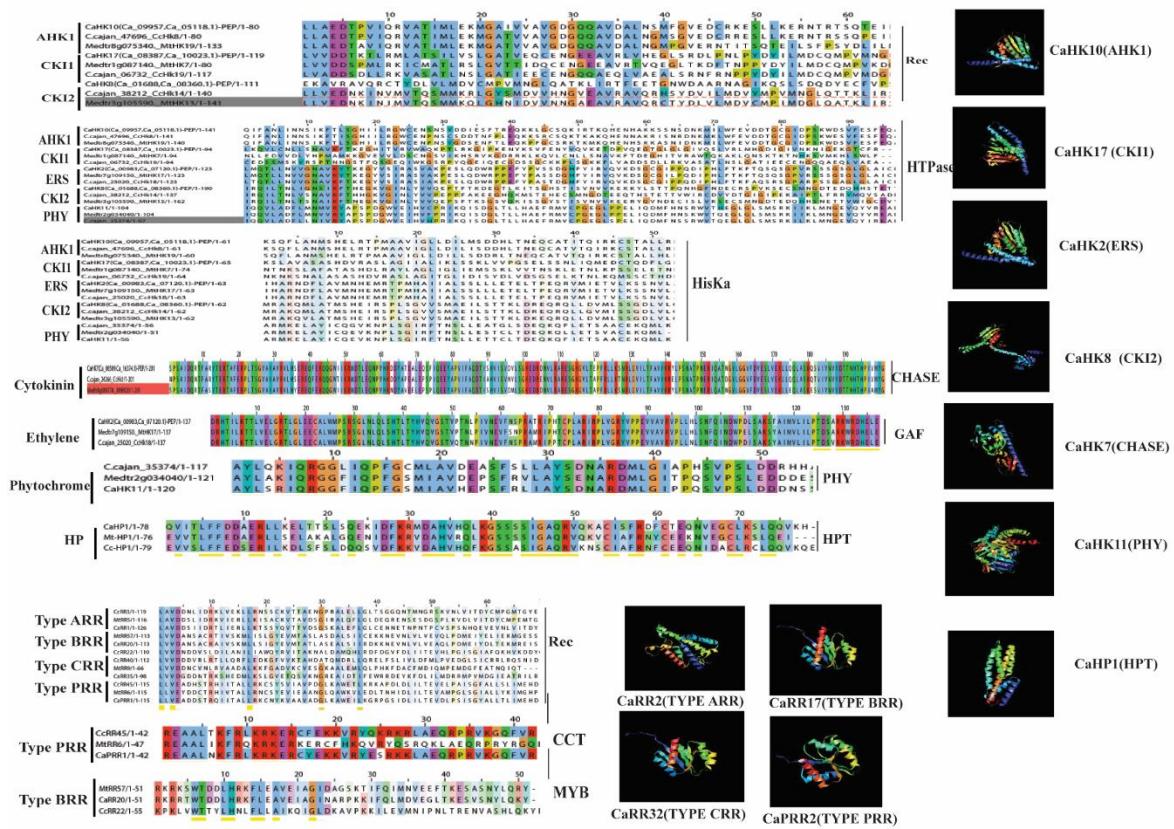
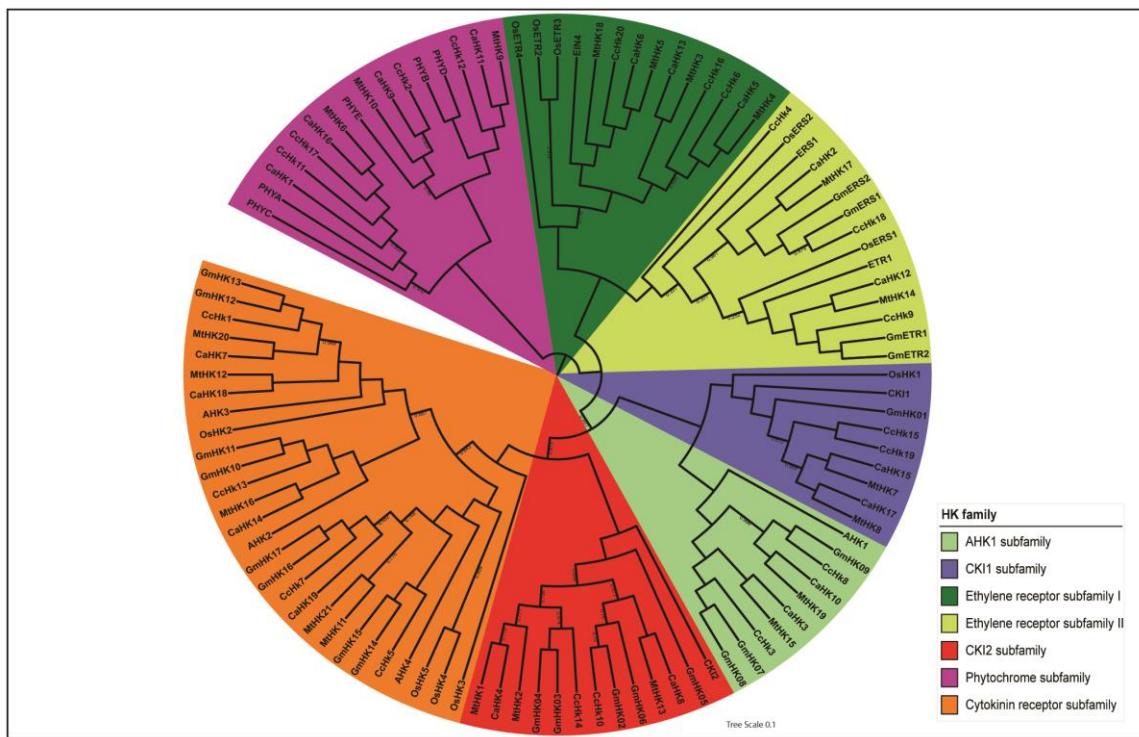


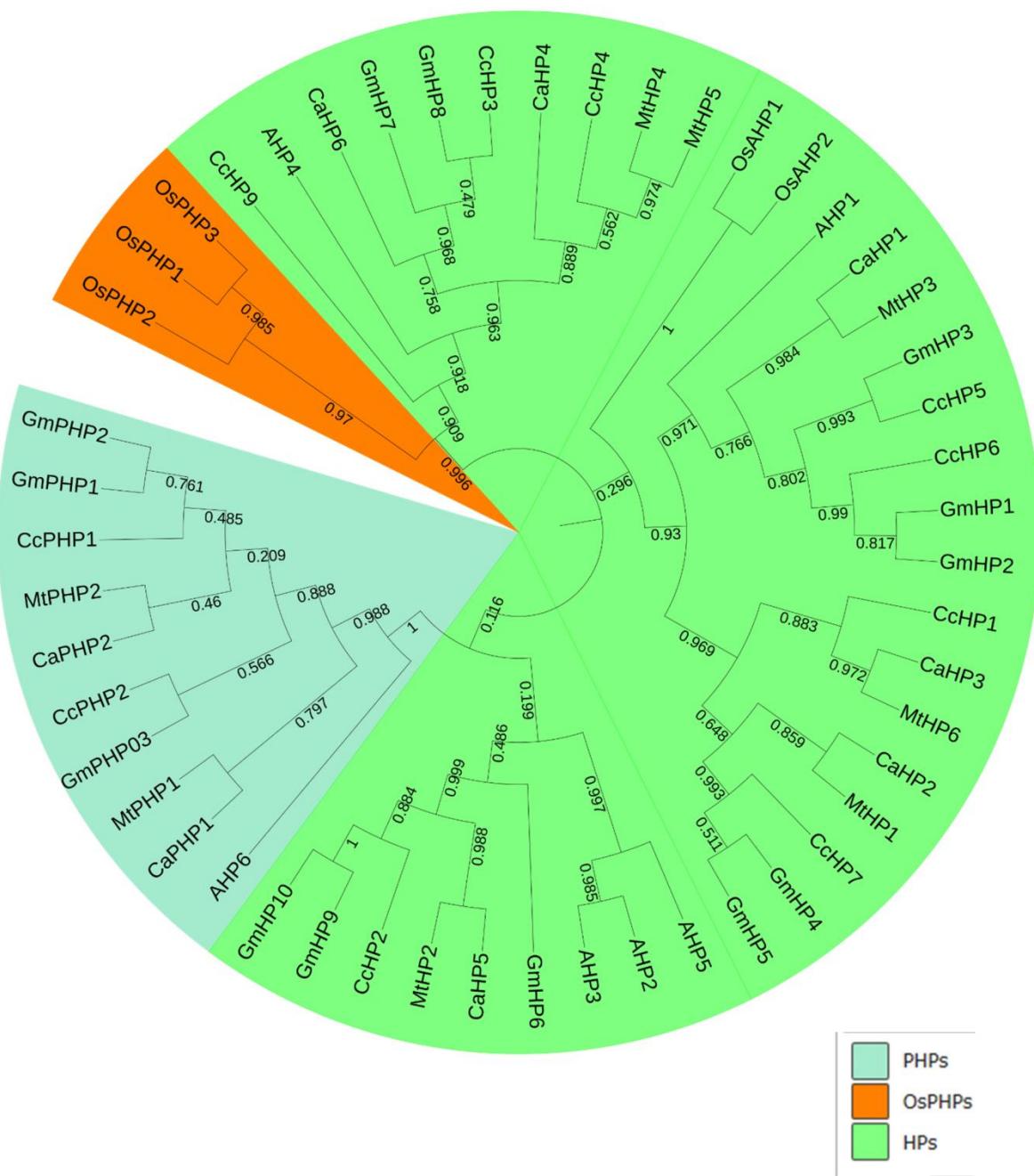
Supplemental Fig. 1. Phylogenetic classification of various crop species and distribution of TCS members



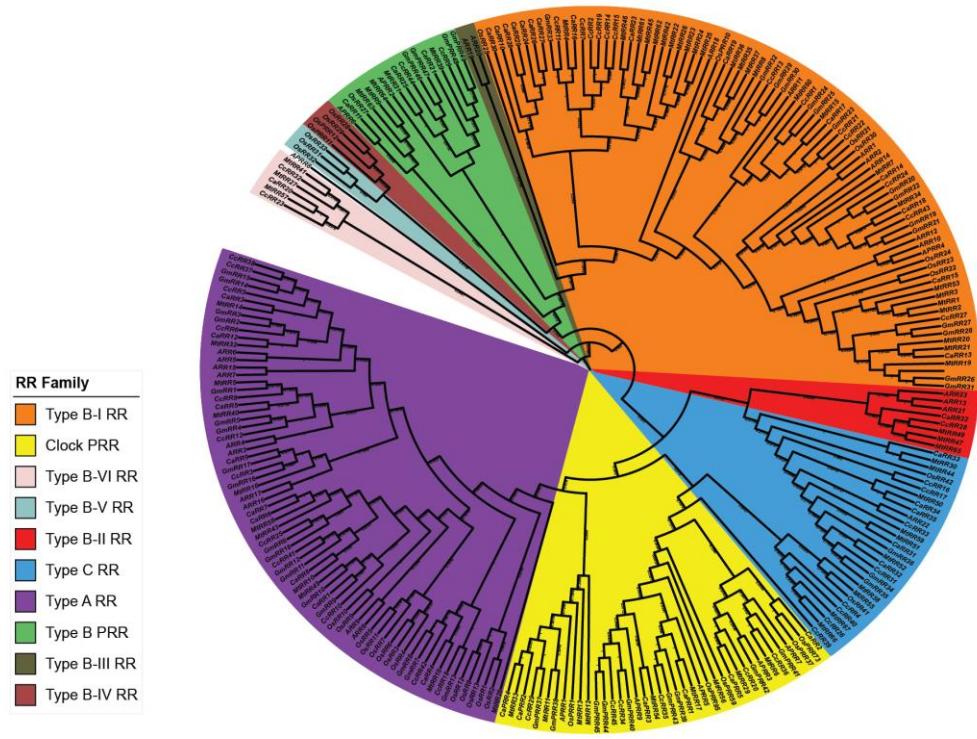
Supplemental Fig. 2. Domain arrangement and structural organisation. The multiple alignment of conserved domain and 3-dimensional structure of representative proteins from histidine kinase, histidine phosphotransferases and response regulator family.



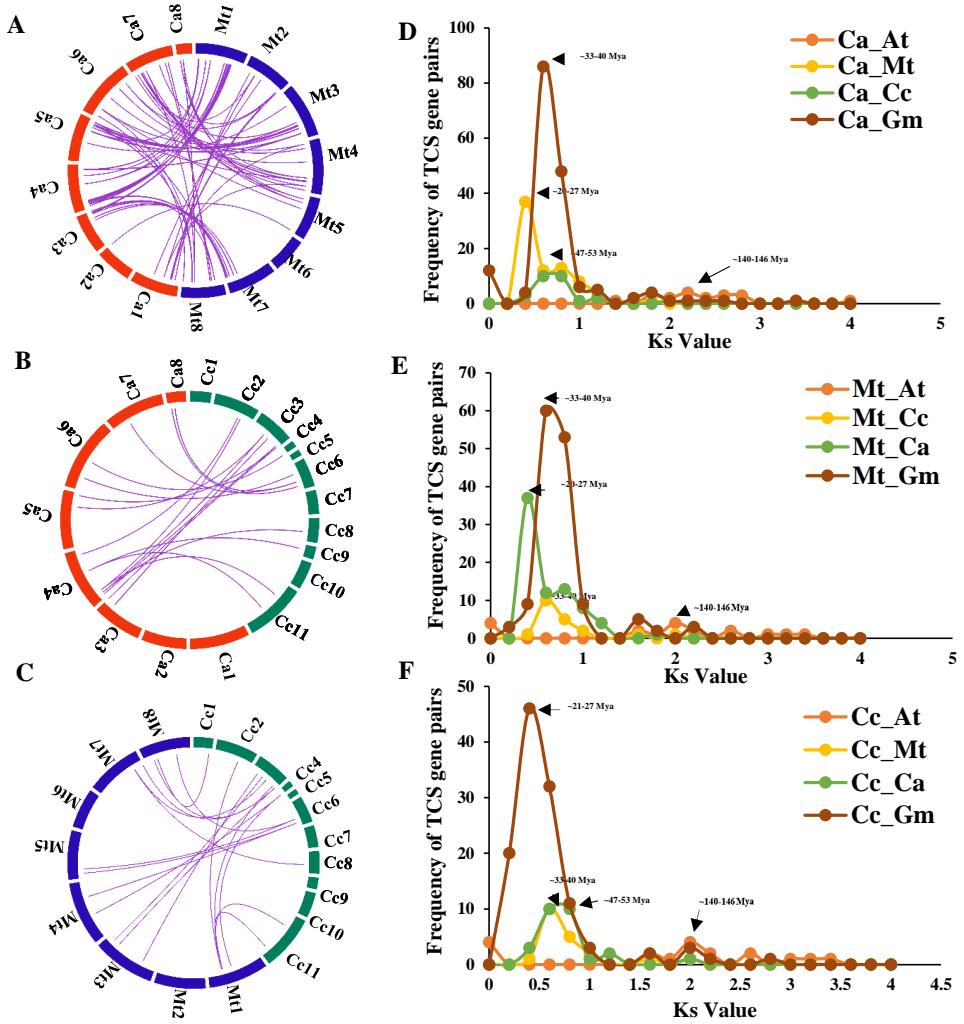
Supplemental Fig. 3. Phylogenetic analysis of HKs. Phylogenetic relationships of histidine kinase family proteins from chickpea, *Medicago*, *C. cajan*, soybean, rice and Arabidopsis. The bootstrap values are depicted as numerical values.



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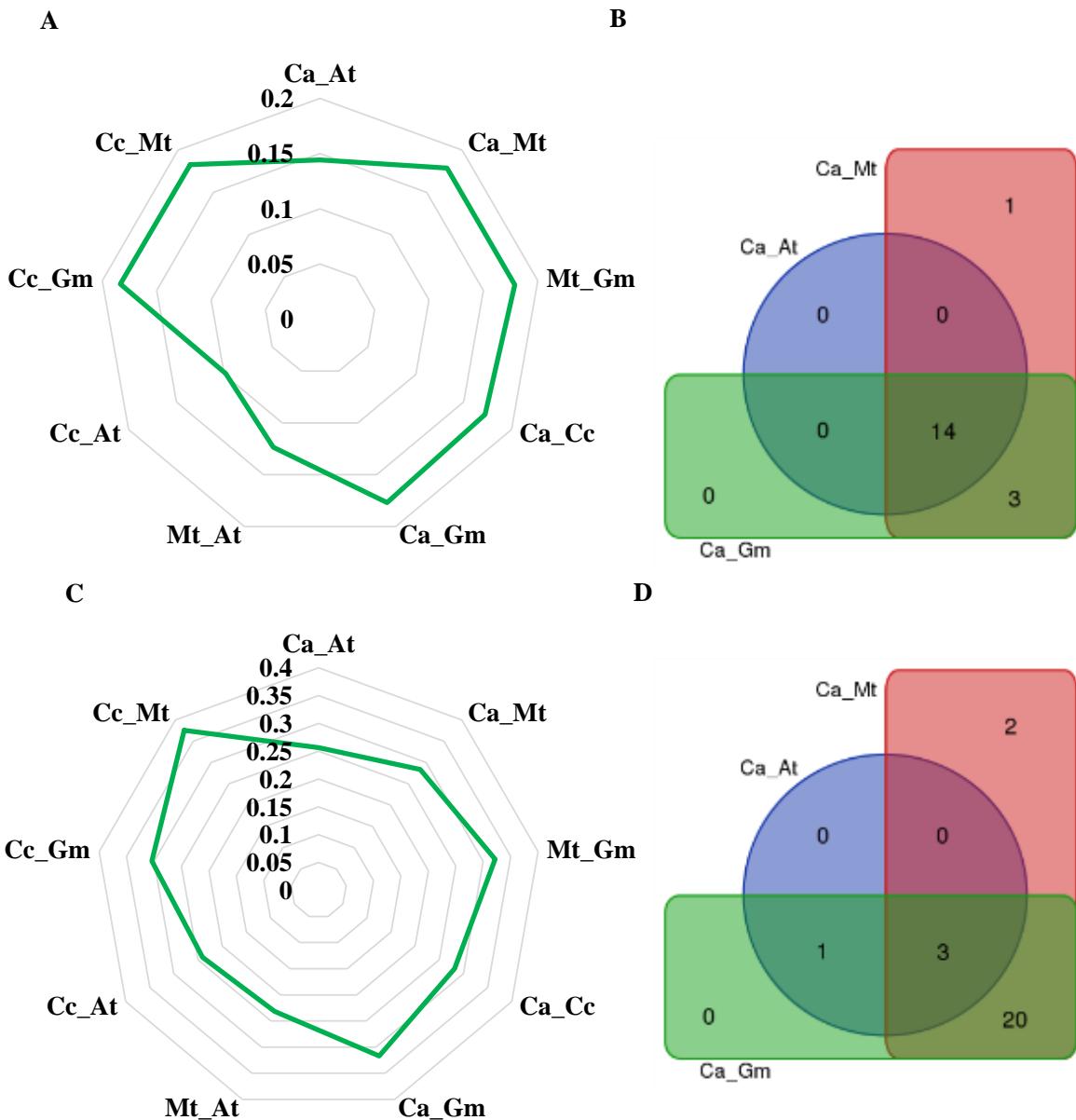


Supplemental Fig. 5. Phylogenetic analysis of RRs. The phylogenetic tree classified the response regulator family into TypeA RR, TypeB RR, TypeC RR and PseudoRR subfamily. The bootstrap values are depicted as numerical values.

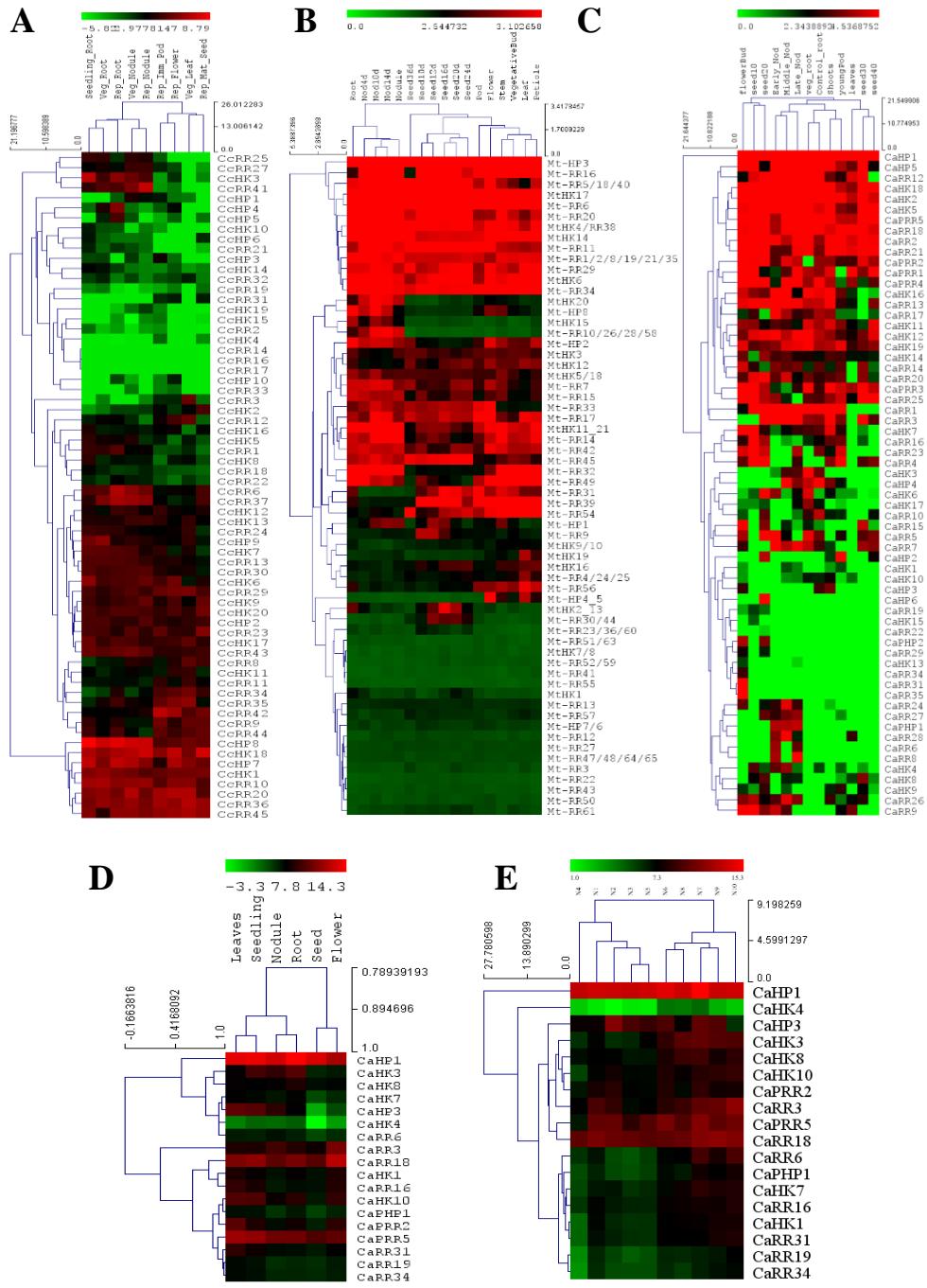


Supplemental Fig. 6. Synteny and collinearity analysis of TCS members among legumes.

(A-C). Segmentally duplicated pairs in **(A)** chickpea-*Medicago* (Ca-Mt), **(B)** chickpea-pigeonpea (Ca-Cc) and **(C)** *Medicago*-pigeonpea (Mt-Cc) visualized by Circos **(D-F)**. Graphs represent Ks values plotted against number of segmentally duplicated pairs for estimating time of divergence between the legumes and non-legumes (Arabidopsis), **(D)** chickpea, **(E)** *Medicago* and **(F)** *Cajanus cajan*. The Y-axis indicates the frequency of TCS gene pairs and the horizontal axis indicates the Ks values. Arrows are indicating the time of divergence in million year ago (Mya).



Supplemental Fig. 7. Evolutionary analysis of TCS members. **(A-B).** Spider web indicates pair-wise comparison of median values of Ka/Ks ratio of (A) HKs and (B) RRs. **(C-D).** Venn diagram denotes the pair-wise comparison of number of (C) HKs and (D) RRs in chickpea with *Arabidopsis* (Ca-At), chickpea with *M. truncatula* (Ca-Mt), chickpea with *Glycine max* (Ca-Gm), chickpea with Pigeonpea (Ca-Cc), *M. truncatula* with *Arabidopsis* (Mt-At), *M. truncatula* with *Glycine max* (Mt-Gm), Pigeonpea with *M. truncatula* (Cc-Mt), Pigeonpea with *Glycine max* (Cc-Gm) and Pigeonpea with *Arabidopsis* (Cc-At).



Supplemental Fig. 8. Digital spatiotemporal and stress-responsive expression analyses of TCS members and qRT-PCR based validation. (A-C). The digital expression analysis in different tissues of (A) chickpea, (B) *Medicago* and (C) *C. cajan*. (D) Heat map denotes the qRT-PCR based expression analysis of TCS members in different chickpea tissues. (E) Heat map denotes the qRT-PCR based expression analysis of TCS members in different nodule-specific stages (N1-1HPI, N2-3HPI, N3-6HPI, N4-12HPI, N5-24HPI, N6-3DPI, N7-7DPI, N8-14DPI, N9-21DPI, N10-28DPI). The experiments were carried out in triplicates and expressed as means \pm S.E.

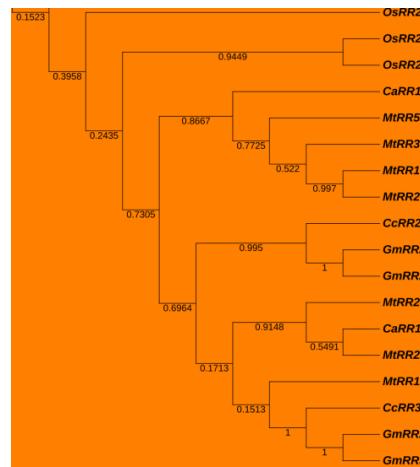
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Supplemental Fig. 9. CaRR13 sequence, domain and homology. (A) The nucleotide and the amino acid length of the *CaRR13* gene and protein. (B) The Type-B RR clade representing clustering of CaRR13 in a legume specific clade. (C) Marked functional domains and DNA binding segment of CaRR13 protein. (D) Percent identity of CaRR13 protein with *Medicago* homologs MtRR20 and 21.