



## *In silico* identification of known osmotic stress responsive genes from *Arabidopsis* in soybean and *Medicago*

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### Abstract

Plants experience various environmental stresses, but tolerance to these adverse conditions is a very complex phenomenon. The present research aimed to evaluate a set of genes involved in osmotic response, comparing soybean and medicago with the well-described *Arabidopsis thaliana* model plant. Based on 103 *Arabidopsis* proteins from 27 categories of osmotic stress response, comparative analyses against Genosoja and *Medicago truncatula* databases allowed the identification of 1,088 soybean and 1,210 *Medicago* sequences. The analysis showed a high number of sequences and high diversity, comprising genes from all categories in both organisms. Genes with unknown function were among the most representative, followed by transcription factors, ion transport proteins, water channel, plant defense, protein degradation, cellular structure, organization & biogenesis and senescence. An analysis of sequences with unknown function allowed the annotation of 174 soybean and 217 *Medicago* sequences, most of them concerning transcription factors. However, for about 30% of the sequences no function could be attributed using *in silico* procedures. The establishment of a gene set involved in osmotic stress responses in soybean and barrel medic will help to better understand the survival mechanisms for this type of stress condition in legumes.

**Key words:** osmotic stress, stress-responsive genes, *Glycine max*, *Medicago truncatula*.

### Introduction

In the course of evolution, plants have acquired a myriad of developmental and metabolic strategies to cope with the adverse effects of environmental stresses during vegetative growth and reproduction (Parry *et al.*, 2005), making stress tolerance a complex phenomenon.

Stress perception and the immediate induction of signals that culminate in adaptive responses are key steps leading to plant stress tolerance. Tolerance stress differences between genotypes or different developmental stages of a single genotype may arise from peculiarities in signal perception and transduction mechanisms (Chinnusamy *et al.*, 2004). Under osmotic stress conditions diverse sets of physiological responses are activated, including metabolic and defense systems used to sustain growth and for survival.

The stress-inducible genes are classified into two major groups: one of them protects the plant directly against stresses, whereas the other regulates gene expression and signal transduction (Valliyodan and Nguyen, 2006).

Because plant tolerance against osmotic stress is a complex multigenic trait, a demand exists for genome wide analysis, including 'omics' approaches suitable for uncovering important gene sets involved in this important process (Hirayama and Shinozaki, 2010).

After the 'sequencing era', genetic information was then available for several non-model plants, including some legume species, a group that exhibits unique features, such as the ability to carry the nodulation process. Nitrogen fixation mediated by nodule activities abolishes the need for external nitrogen sources from fertilizers, while providing the so-called 'green manuring' that enriches the soil. Moreover, some legumes, such as soybean, barrel medic and cowpea, are important economic crops that provide humans with food, livestock for feeding purposes, and industry with raw materials (Graham and Vance, 2003).

Soybean is an example of a non-model plant with plentiful transcriptome information available. Among available databases, the Genosoja platform connects public and restricted data, providing 60,747 unigenes (Nascimento *et al.*, 2012, this issue).

The identification of candidate genes in soybean and barrel medic will provide additional evidence of the response mechanisms for osmotic stresses in Fabaceae, yielding useful information for crop improvement. As osmotic stress cannot be solved solely via remedial land management, tolerant crops - able to maintain cellular turgor and osmotic balance - may contribute significantly to reduce this economic burden. The key to plant engineering for osmotic tolerance lies in the knowledge of the underlying mechanisms of plant adaptive responses (Hariadi *et al.*, 2011).

In the present work the main categories of osmotic stress genes known from *A. thaliana* were identified in the soybean (Genosoja Project) and barrel medic (*M. Truncatula* database) transcriptomes through an *in silico* approach, in order to contribute to a better understanding of the early molecular adaptation to osmotic (drought and salinity) stress in both leguminous plants.

## Materials and Methods

In a previous study based on 7,000 *Arabidopsis* genes, Seki *et al.* (2002) identified 103 coding genes distributed over 27 functional categories (Table 1) whose expression increased more than five times in response to osmotic stress. The protein sequences of these stress-inducible

genes were obtained at the RIKEN *Arabidopsis* Full-Length Clone Database, and used as query sequences.

After this step, a local bank with the retrieved sequences was generated in order to make searches for similar sequences against the Genosoja platform (Nascimento *et al.*, 2012) and the *M. truncatula* database (Quackenbush *et al.*, 2000) using the tBLASTn algorithm (Altschul *et al.*, 1990) with a cut-off of  $1e^{-05}$ . The results were annotated in other local databank for further analyses and for comparisons among studied organisms and literature information. In view of the different number of seed sequences per category, the results obtained from each category and organism were normalized. The soybean and *Medicago* genes with unknown function were submitted to the AutoFACT program (Koski *et al.*, 2005), and annotated according to the data available in the largest functional annotation databanks (KEGG, COG, PFAM, SMART, nr). This step was performed in order to categorize these sequences and assign function to them, based on a comparative analysis.

## Results and Discussion

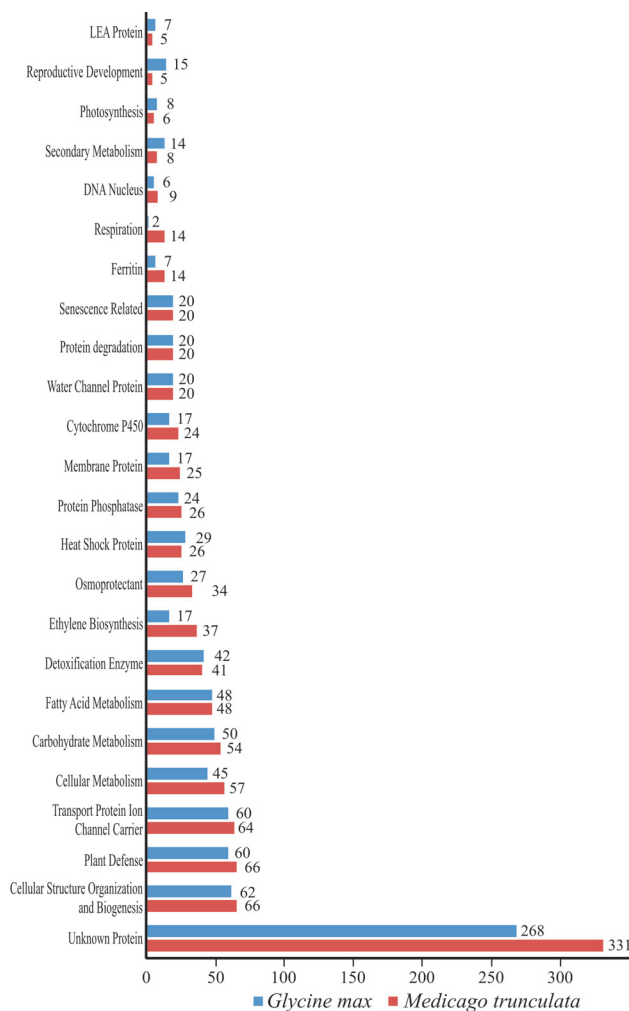
The stress-inducible gene products were classified into two main groups: (I) those that are at the front line of defense, protecting the plant against adverse conditions and (II) those that regulate genic expression and signal transduction in the stress response (Seki *et al.*, 2003). The first group included proteins that probably act in the protection of plant cells from dehydration, such as the enzymes required for the biosynthesis of various osmoprotectants, LEA proteins, antifreeze proteins, chaperones and detoxification enzymes. The second group included signaling mol-

**Table 1** - Functional categories procured and respective seed-sequence number. Abbreviation: TF = Transcription Factor.

Functional category	# Seed sequence	Functional category	# Seed sequence
bZIP TF	1	WRKY TF	2
Photosynthesis	1	Osmoprotectant	3
Signaling	1	ZincFinger TF	3
Reproductive development	1	Detoxification enzyme	2
Respiration	1	Cellular metabolism	3
DNA nucleus	1	DREB and ERF TF	2
Ferritin	1	Ethylene biosynthesis	2
LEA protein	1	Cytochrome P450	2
MYB TF	1	Fatty Acid metabolism	4
Homeodomain TF	1	Heat Shock protein	2
Membrane protein	2	Kinase protein	2
Senescence-related	1	Carbohydrate metabolism	6
Degradation protein	1	Plant defense	4
Secondary metabolism	1	Transport protein ion channel carrier	4
Water channel protein	1	Cellular struct. organiz. and biogenesis	5
NAC TF	2	Unknown protein	37
Protein phosphatase	2		
Total			103

ecules such as transcription factors and protein kinases, among others (Seki *et al.*, 2003). Twenty-seven categories of these two groups classified according to Seki *et al.* (2002) were analyzed, resulting in 1,088 (soybean) and 1,210 (*Medicago*) sequences (Table S1, supplementary material). In both genomes the ‘unknown protein’ category was the most representative (Figure 1), with 268 candidates for soybean and 331 for *Medicago*, followed by ‘cellular structure organization and biogenesis’, ‘plant defense’ and ‘transport protein ion channel carrier’ categories (Figure 1).

The highest number of sequences for genes with ‘unknown function’ - a very common category in expression essays regarding osmotic stress response in plants – attracting great interest from researchers, since those genes represent a clear source of new candidates for breeding purposes. Previous studies highlighted the importance of analyzing the role of stress-induced genes, not only for a further understanding of the molecular mechanisms of stress tolerance in higher plants, but also for improving crop performance using gene manipulation (Seki *et al.*, 2002).



**Figure 1** - Main categories of Group I stress-inducible genes (protective molecules), indicating the number of orthologs identified in *Glycine max* and *Medicago truncatula*.

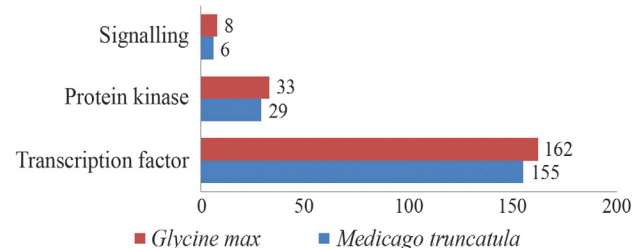
Osmotic stress greatly affects cells both at the micro (*i.e.*, membrane structure), and at the macro level (*i.e.* the physiology of the whole plant), with results that reflect the variety of responses involved in the acquisition of tolerance. At the microcellular level, the activation of genes in the categories ‘cellular structure, organization and biogenesis’ (soybean: 62; *Medicago*: 66) and ‘transport protein ion channel carrier’ (soybean: 64; *Medicago*: 60) was observed, showing the importance of the maintenance of cellular structures and of the control of ion exchange with the environment.

Furthermore, we observed the activation of genes in the category ‘plant defense’ (soybean: 66; *Medicago*: 60), indicating the presence of a cross-talk process between pathways, a common mechanism in plants under stressful conditions. In addition to stress-specific adaptive responses, plants also share responses that protect them from more than one type of stress (Seki *et al.*, 2002; DeFalco *et al.*, 2010; Nuruzzaman *et al.*, 2010), a response also observed in cowpea, another Fabaceae member (Kido *et al.*, 2011).

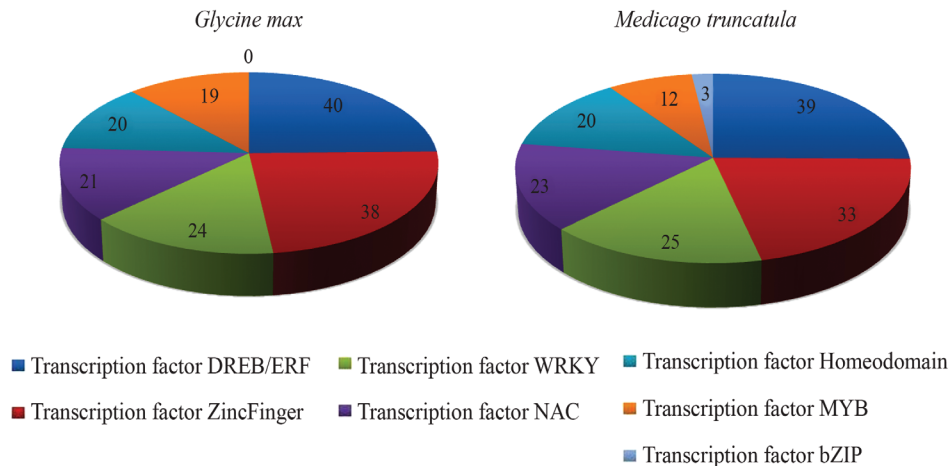
Amongst the candidates of the second group of responses, composed of genes involved in signal transduction and regulation of expression (203 in soybean and 190 in *Medicago*; Figure 2), the category transcription factor (TF) was the most prevalent, representing up to 80% in soybean and 82% in *Medicago* (Figure 2). The high number of transcription factors suggests that transcriptional regulation is an important mechanism in the signal transduction triggered by osmotic stresses in both legumes.

A surprising result was the absence of a bZIP representative in the soybean database, while in *Medicago* this category was represented by three candidates (Figure 3). This transcription factor has been identified in many plants and is known to participate in various responsive pathways, including abiotic stress response.

Among the transcription factors, the DREB/ERF and Zinc-finger families had the highest number of sequences (Figure 3). This result was expected, since from more than 1,600 transcription factors encoded by *A. thaliana*, 9% are members of the DREB/ERF-like family (Dietz *et al.*, 2010). Due to the versatility of functions that the zinc finger family may have, as well as the variety of their structural proteins, the obtained result was expected. According to



**Figure 2** - Percentage of stress-inducible genes (Group II), including cell signaling factors identified in *Glycine max* and *Medicago truncatula*.

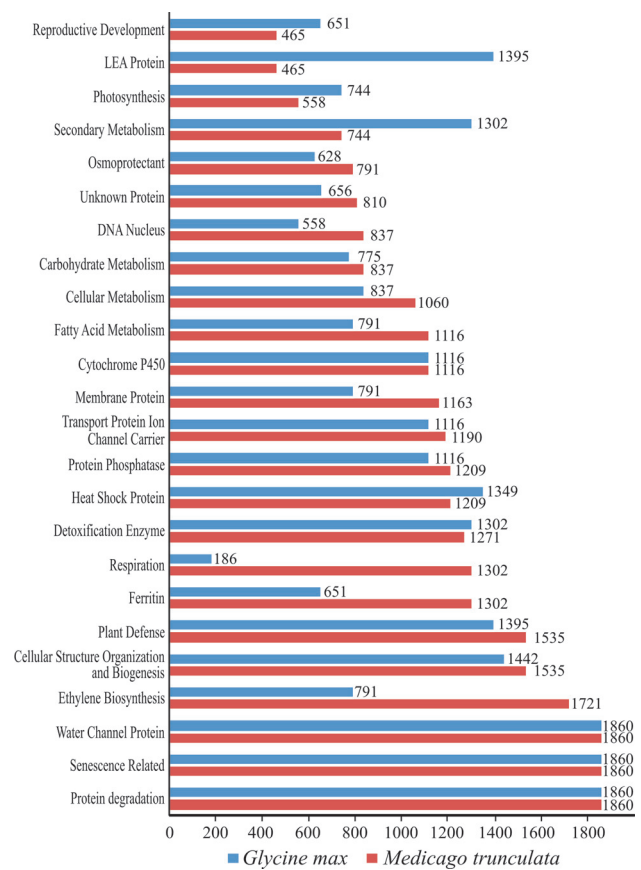


**Figure 3** - Graphic representation of transcription factors identified in *Glycine max* and *Medicago truncatula*.

Takatsuji (1998), plants seem to have adopted preexisting prototype zinc-finger motifs, generating new zinc-finger domains to adapt them to various regulatory processes. The zinc finger domain can be present in a number of transcription factors and play critical roles in interactions with other molecules. Mutations in some of the genes coding for zinc-finger proteins have been found to cause profound developmental aberrations or defective responses to environmental cues (Takatsuji, 1998). Zinc finger proteins are required for key cellular processes including transcriptional regulation, development, pathogen defense, and stress responses (Ciftci-Yilmaz and Mittler, 2008). A recent study of rice showed that the C2H2-type zinc finger family alone was represented by 189 members and demonstrated that at least 26 of them respond to different environmental stresses (Agarwal *et al.*, 2007). Moreover, Gong *et al.* (2010), in a study on transcriptional regulation in drought-tolerant tomato genotypes, also identified and characterized the zinc-finger family as the main activated group during the drought response.

It is important to note that the number of seed-sequences used in the search was different for each category; the ‘unknown protein’ category, for example, was represented by 37 sequences, while the ‘bZIP transcription factor’ category comprised a single sequence. Thus, it was expected that the more abundant orthologous categories would be those obtained through comparative searches with the categories composed of more query sequences.

As for the remainder, after normalizing the results, proportionally the most representative categories (7% each) were: ‘water channel proteins’, ‘protein degradation’ and ‘senescence-related’ (Figure 4). Without doubt, all categories analyzed may contribute to an improvement in osmotic tolerance, although some functions are more relevant than others. Proteins associated with ion channels and water channels are essential in the acquisition of resistance in the presence of soluble salts and water shortages, the former controlling the entry and exit of ions such as  $\text{Na}^+$ , which are



**Figure 4** - Number of gene candidates from Group I for *Medicago truncatula* and *Glycine max*, after data normalization.

toxic in high concentrations, and the latter controlling water loss to the environment. Besides these proteins, those falling into the category ‘protein degradation’ are required for protein turnover and recycling of essential amino acids, while ‘senescence-related’ genes are key components in the abiotic stress response, with genes controlling subcellular changes that lead to tolerance (Seki *et al.*, 2002).



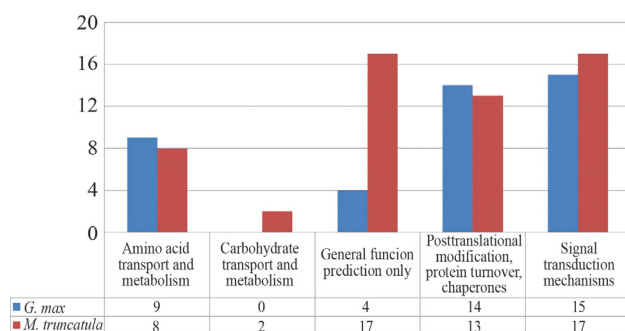
**Table 2** - Sequence description annotated according to the COG (Cluster of Orthologous Groups) functional category in *Glycine max* and *Medicago truncatula*.

COG functional category	Sequence description	Sequence amount	
		<i>G. max</i>	<i>M. truncatula</i>
Amino acid transport and metabolism	Amino acid permease	9	8
Carbohydrate transport and metabolism	Beta-galactosidase	0	2
General function prediction only	Patatin	4	17
Posttranslational modification, protein turnover, chaperones	DnaJ-like protein	14	13
Signal transduction mechanisms	Universal Stress Protein (USP) family protein	15	17
Total		42	57

While the normalized results evidenced similar amounts of data in the most representative categories for both organisms, in some categories there were significant variations in the number of sequences between both leguminous species (Figure 4); this difference was even greater than 50% for the categories ‘Reproductive development’ (soybean: 1,395; *Medicago*: 465), ‘Ferritin’ (soybean: 651; *Medicago*: 1,392), ‘Respiration’ (soybean: 186; *Medicago*: 1,302) and ‘Ethylene biosynthesis’ (soybean: 791; *Medicago*: 1.721). Nevertheless, this variation may be related to the conditions under which the data were generated and deposited, as well as to the number of sequences available in the respective databases. Additionally, species-specific features could be responsible for these variations, to a lesser extent.

Regarding the category ‘Unknown Protein’, screened candidates from soybean (268) and *Medicago* (331) were subjected to the AutoFACT program in order to assign function to these sequences, allowing the recognition of the function of 174 and 217 sequences, respectively.

As a result, 42 and 57 *G. max* and *M. truncatula* were categorized according to the COG (Cluster of Orthologous Groups) functional database in five categories (Table 2; Figure 5). Within each category, the annotation revealed that they present the same description as the matched sequences deposited in the databank. For example, the ‘Amino acid transport and metabolism’ functional category was represented just by ‘Amino Acid Permease’ sequences (Ta-

**Figure 5** - Categorization of soybean and *Medicago* ‘unknown category’ candidates based on COG (Cluster of Orthologous Groups) functional database.**Table 3** - Description of sequences with unknown function after AutoFACT analysis.

Description	<i>G. max</i>	<i>M. truncatula</i>
Amino acid permease	7	4
ATP binding / kinase / protein serine/threonine kinase	0	3
Auxin-responsive GH3 product [ <i>Glycine max</i> ]	2	8
BTB/POZ domain-containing protein	0	2
Calcium ion binding	2	4
Calmodulin binding	10	14
CCT_2 domain containing protein	4	5
Copper ion binding / electron transporter	4	1
Cu-binding-like domain containing protein	4	10
Dev_Cell_Death domain containing protein	9	17
DFL1 (DWARF IN LIGHT 1)	1	0
DnaJ-like protein [ <i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> ]	3	2
F-box family protein	5	4
Heat shock protein binding	3	4
Herpes_BLLF1 domain containing protein	1	0
Hydroxyproline-rich glycoprotein family protein	0	1
IFRD1; interferon-related developmental regulator 1	8	0
Indole-3-acetic acid-amido synthetase GH3.17, putative	3	5
NAC Transcription Factor	4	10
Nucleic acid binding / transcription factor	18	14
Patatin B2 precursor, putative	1	0
PHI-1 (PHOSPHATE-INDUCED 1)	19	20
Plastocyanin-like domain-containing protein	0	1
RCI2A (RARE-COLD-INDUCIBLE 2A)	0	2
SMC_N multi-domain protein	1	3
SPX domain-containing protein	2	0
Stress-inducible protein	0	2
Tify domain containing protein	8	12
Triacylglycerol lipase	5	5
Uncharacterized protein family/Unassigned protein/Protein of unknown function	94	114
Universal stress protein (USP) family protein	1	3
Zinc finger family protein	7	4

ble 2). Two candidates of *Medicago*, which were functionally classified into the ‘Carbohydrate transport and metabolism’ category, were also annotated on the KEGG database as involved in the beta-galactosidase pathway (Galactose Metabolism Glycan Structure – degradation), (Table 2).

The remaining previously ‘unknown’ sequences were annotated as shown in Table 3. The analysis through AutoFACT allowed a function assignment to 132 and 160 soybean and *Medicago* sequences, respectively. In general, the highest number of sequences was categorized as transcription factors, essential genes participating in the transcriptional regulation of plants. Although it was possible to record more than 65% of the sequences, 35% of ‘unknown’ soybean and 34% of ‘unknown’ *Medicago* sequences remained without their putative function identified. These are relevant data to be worked out in future functional studies, since they may represent new genes not yet described and unique to legumes.

In conclusion, even in the absence of libraries restricted to osmotic stress in the Genosoja databank, this study indicated that most of the genes involved in the osmotic stress pathways were expressed by the non-stressed soybean and *Medicago* libraries at least in a baseline way. The data also revealed that soybean and *Medicago* are a rich source of stress-responsive candidates, which can be also applied to improve soybean and other legumes. It also highlights the existence of significant diversity for most genes, useful for comparative physiological essays. The obtained data are available for gene-targeted functional evaluation using qRT-PCR, as well as other biotechnological approaches. The molecular differences detected between the compared libraries will permit the identification of important candidates by additional approaches including PCR walking, as previously done for other crops (e.g. Coemans *et al.*, 2005).

The identified candidates are also being monitored in further expression assays carried out in the Genosoja project (considering contrasting combinations of tolerant and susceptible plants under drought stress as compared with their negative control in a time frame) providing a more complete picture of genes involved in osmotic stress response and useful for breeding and biotechnological purposes.

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### Internet Resources

- RIKEN Arabidopsis Full-Length Clone Database, <http://www.brc.riken.go.jp/lab/epd/catalog/cdnaclone.html> (May, 2011)
- Genosoja platform, <http://bioinfo03.ibi.unicamp.br/soja/> (May, 2011)
- Medicago truncatula* database, <http://www.medicago.org/> (May, 2011)

### Supplementary Material

The following online material is available for this article:

Table S1 - Identified candidates among abiotic stress responsive gene categories in soybean and *Medicago* genomes.

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**Table S1** - Identified candidates among abiotic stress responsive gene categories in soybean and *Medicago* genomes based on selected arabidopsis seed sequences, as well as number of other hits, e-value and score, against the respective database of *Medicago truncatula* (Mt) and *Glycine max* (Gm).

Arabidopsis Information		Blast Result					
Category	Query Sequence	Best Hit	Organism	Other Hits	E-value	Score	
bZIP Transcription Factor	At1g42990	Mt_bZIP_1	<i>M. truncatula</i>	2	7,00 e-12	67.4	
	At3g10740	Mt_Carb_Met_1	<i>M. truncatula</i>	7	0.0	959	
		Gm_Carb_Met_1	<i>G. max</i>	8	0.0	947	
Carbohydrate Metabolism	At3g06500	Gm_Carb_Met_2	<i>G. max</i>	7	6,00 e-121	430	
		Mt_Carb_Met_2	<i>M. truncatula</i>	6	0.0	788	
	At3g60130	Gm_Carb_Met_3	<i>G. max</i>	2	8,00 e-76	280	
		Mt_Carb_Met_3	<i>M. truncatula</i>	5	1,00 e-107	386	
	At5g18670	Gm_Carb_Met_4	<i>G. max</i>	3	1,00 e-166	582	
		Mt_Carb_Met_4	<i>M. truncatula</i>	3	8,00 e-141	496	
	At3g04240	Gm_Carb_Met_5	<i>G. max</i>	19	0.0	919	
		Mt_Carb_Met_5	<i>M. truncatula</i>	17	0.0	1166	
	At2g43820	Gm_Carb_Met_6	<i>G. max</i>	5	5,00 e-98	353	
		Mt_Carb_Met_6	<i>M. truncatula</i>	10	2,00 e-106	382	
Cellular Metabolism	At3g53180	Gm_Cell_Met_1	<i>G. max</i>	1	8,00 e-83	304	
		Mt_Cell_Met_1	<i>M. truncatula</i>	7	9,00 e-175	610	
	At3g45300	Gm_Cell_Met_2	<i>G. max</i>	4	2,00 e-60	229	
		Mt_Cell_Met_2	<i>M. truncatula</i>	7	6,00 e-153	536	
	At2g39210	Gm_Cell_Met_3	<i>G. max</i>	14	2,00 e-156	352	
		Mt_Cell_Met_3	<i>M. truncatula</i>	8	1,00 e-91	333	
	At2g42970	Gm_Cell_Met_4	<i>G. max</i>	2	3,00 e-91	331	
		Mt_Cell_Met_4	<i>M. truncatula</i>	11	7,00 e-145	510	
	At1g68620	Gm_Cell_Met_5	<i>G. max</i>	19	1,00 e-38	155	
		Mt_Cell_Met_5	<i>M. truncatula</i>	19	7,00 e-40	159	
Cellular Structure Organization and Biogenesis	At1g03220	Gm_Cell_Stru_Org_Biog_1	<i>G. max</i>	16	4,00 e-110	394	
		Mt_Cell_Stru_Org_Biog_1	<i>M. truncatula</i>	19	4,00 e-145	510	
	At3g10720	Gm_Cell_Stru_Org_Biog_2	<i>G. max</i>	7	1,00 e-123	437	
		Mt_Cell_Stru_Org_Biog_2	<i>M. truncatula</i>	7	1,00 e-87	318	
	At5g62350	Gm_Cell_Stru_Org_Biog_3	<i>G. max</i>	16	1,00 e-47	184	
		Mt_Cell_Stru_Org_Biog_3	<i>M. truncatula</i>	18	9,00 e-47	182	
	At5g20230	Gm_Cell_Stru_Org_Biog_4	<i>G. max</i>	19	7,00 e-21	95.9	
		Mt_Cell_Stru_Org_Biog_4	<i>M. truncatula</i>	18	1,00 e-22	102	
	Cytochrome P450	At2g34500	Gm_Cytoch_P450_1	<i>G. max</i>	11	2,00 e-101	365
			Mt_Cytoch_P450_1	<i>M. truncatula</i>	12	0.0	684
At3g26220		Gm_Cytoch_P450_2	<i>G. max</i>	4	2,00 e-85	311	
	Mt_Cytoch_P450_2	<i>M. truncatula</i>	10	8,00 e-97	350		
Detoxification Enzyme	At2g31570	Gm_Detox_Enz_1	<i>G. max</i>	14	4,00 e-43	169	
		Mt_Detox_Enz_1	<i>M. truncatula</i>	17	9,00 e-40	157	
	At2g29450	Gm_Detox_Enz_2	<i>G. max</i>	19	4,00 e-51	196	
		Mt_Detox_Enz_2	<i>M. truncatula</i>	19	2,00 e-50	194	



	At5g44070	Gm_Detox_Enz_3	<i>G. max</i>	6	4,00 e-107	374
		Mt_Detox_Enz_3	<i>M. truncatula</i>	2	1,00 e-95	346
DNA Nucleus	At2g18050	Gm_DNA_Nuc_1	<i>G. max</i>	5	3,00 e-11	63.2
		Mt_DNA_Nuc_1	<i>M. truncatula</i>	8	1,00 e-11	65.1
DREB/ERF Transcription Factor	At1g22190	Gm_DREB_ERF_TF_1	<i>G. max</i>	19	2,00 e-41	164
		Mt_DREB_ERF_TF_1	<i>M. truncatula</i>	18	2,00 e-37	152
	At4g17500	Gm_DREB_ERF_TF_2	<i>G. max</i>	19	6,00 e-33	136
		Mt_DREB_ERF_TF_2	<i>M. truncatula</i>	19	2,00 e-52	202
Ethylene Biosynthesis	At5g43450	Gm_Ethyl_Bios_1	<i>G. max</i>	7	1,00 e-112	402
		Mt_Ethyl_Bios_1	<i>M. truncatula</i>	19	4,00 e-106	380
	At1g17020	Gm_Ethyl_Bios_2	<i>G. max</i>	8	5,00 e-61	230
		Mt_Ethyl_Bios_2	<i>M. truncatula</i>	16	7,00 e-101	363
Fatty Acid Metabolism	At1g73480	Gm_Fatty_Acid_Met_1	<i>G. max</i>	14	6,00 e-96	347
		Mt_Fatty_Acid_Met_1	<i>M. truncatula</i>	18	5,00 e-26	115
	At4g09760	Gm_Fatty_Acid_Met_2	<i>G. max</i>	8	3,00 e-94	340
		Mt_Fatty_Acid_Met_2	<i>M. truncatula</i>	6	3,00 e-124	441
	At1g73920	Gm_Fatty_Acid_Met_3	<i>G. max</i>	3	2,00 e-58	222
		Mt_Fatty_Acid_Met_3	<i>M. truncatula</i>	1	3,00 e-134	446
	At1g07720	Gm_Fatty_Acid_Met_4	<i>G. max</i>	19	2,00 e-92	335
		Mt_Fatty_Acid_Met_4	<i>M. truncatula</i>	19	8,00 e-168	586
Ferritin	At5g01600	Gm_Ferritin_1	<i>G. max</i>	6	1,00 e-85	311
		Mt_Ferritin_1	<i>M. truncatula</i>	13	1,00 e-87	318
Heat Shock Protein	At3g46230	Gm_HSF_1	<i>G. max</i>	19	2,00 e-51	197
		Mt_HSF_1	<i>M. truncatula</i>	19	1,00 e-51	198
	At1g16030	Gm_HSF_2	<i>G. max</i>	8	0.0	996
		Mt_HSF_2	<i>M. truncatula</i>	5	0.0	994
Homeodomain Transcription Factor	At2g35940	Gm_Homeodom_TF_1	<i>G. max</i>	19	8,00 e-88	320
		Mt_Homeodom_TF_1	<i>M. truncatula</i>	19	4,00 e-116	415
LEA Protein	At4g02380	Gm_LEA_1	<i>G. max</i>	6	6,00 e-09	55.5
		Mt_LEA_1	<i>M. truncatula</i>	4	2,00 e-07	50.4
Membrane Protein	At5g54170	Gm_Memb_Prot_1	<i>G. max</i>	7	1,00 e-116	415
		Mt_Memb_Prot_1	<i>M. truncatula</i>	6	3,00 e-113	332
	At1g30360	Gm_Memb_Prot_2	<i>G. max</i>	8	6,00 e-44	174
		Mt_Memb_Prot_2	<i>M. truncatula</i>	17	0.0	855
MYB Transcription Factor	At1g01060	Gm_MYB_TF_1	<i>G. max</i>	18	8,00 e-57	217
		Mt_MYB_TF_1	<i>M. truncatula</i>	11	4,00 e-25	112
NAC Transcription Factor	At5g63790	Gm_NAC_TF_1	<i>G. max</i>	10	1,00 e-89	325
		Mt_NAC_TF_1	<i>M. truncatula</i>	11	4,00 e-91	330
	At4g27410	Gm_NAC_TF_2	<i>G. max</i>	9	2,00 e-95	344
		Mt_NAC_TF_2	<i>M. truncatula</i>	10	2,00 e-94	341
Osmoprotectant	At2g47180	Gm_Osmoprot_1	<i>G. max</i>	4	2,00 e-142	500
		Mt_Osmoprot_1	<i>M. truncatula</i>	4	3,00 e-157	550
	At1g09350	Gm_Osmoprot_2	<i>G. max</i>	-	2,00 e-11	65.5
	At1g60470	Gm_Osmoprot_3	<i>G. max</i>	-	5,00 e-09	57.8
		Mt_Osmoprot_2	<i>M. truncatula</i>	-	9,00 e-16	80.9

	At3g57520	Gm_Osmoprot_4	<i>G. max</i>	8	9,00 e-155	543
		Mt_Osmoprot_3	<i>M. truncatula</i>	9	0.0	865
	At5g20830	Gm_Osmoprot_5	<i>G. max</i>	10	0.0	1410
		Mt_Osmoprot_4	<i>M. truncatula</i>	17	0.0	1384
Photosynthesis	At4g15530	Gm_Photosynt_1	<i>G. max</i>	7	6,00 e-143	504
		Mt_Photosynt_1	<i>M. truncatula</i>	5	0.0	1102
	At3g55430	Gm_Plant_Defen_1	<i>G. max</i>	19	6,00 e-86	313
		Mt_Plant_Defen_1	<i>M. truncatula</i>	19	2,00 e-133	472
Plant Defense	At4g13580	Gm_Plant_Defen_2	<i>G. max</i>	19	4,00 e-42	166
		Mt_Plant_Defen_2	<i>M. truncatula</i>	19	1,00 e-67	252
	At2g40000	Gm_Plant_Defen_3	<i>G. max</i>	-	1,00 e-53	206
		Mt_Plant_Defen_3	<i>M. truncatula</i>	5	9,00 e-130	459
	At5g06860	Gm_Plant_Defen_4	<i>G. max</i>	18	6,00 e-109	389
		Mt_Plant_Defen_4	<i>M. truncatula</i>	19	2,00 e-100	362
Protein degradation	At1g47128	Gm_Prot_Degrad_1	<i>G. max</i>	19	0.0	634
		Mt_Prot_Degrad_1	<i>M. truncatula</i>	19	7,00 e-161	330
	At2g31880	Gm_Prot_Kinase_1	<i>G. max</i>	15	7,00 e-166	309
Protein Kinase		Mt_Prot_Kinase_1	<i>M. truncatula</i>	14	9,00 e-114	407
	At5g25110	Gm_Prot_Kinase_2	<i>G. max</i>	16	5,00 e-146	242
		Mt_Prot_Kinase_2	<i>M. truncatula</i>	13	3,00 e-143	504
	At4g26080	Gm_Prot_Phosphat_1	<i>G. max</i>	13	3,00 e-108	387
Protein Phosphatase		Mt_Prot_Phosphat_1	<i>M. truncatula</i>	13	7,00 e-98	353
	At3g11410	Gm_Prot_Phosphat_1	<i>G. max</i>	9	1,00 e-50	196
		Mt_Prot_Phosphat_1	<i>M. truncatula</i>	11	2,00 e-91	332
	At5g56750	Gm_Reprod_Develop_1	<i>G. max</i>	14	3,00 e-162	566
Reproductive Development		Mt_Reprod_Develop_1	<i>M. truncatula</i>	4	5,00 e-74	274
	At3g22370	Gm_Reprod_Develop_2	<i>G. max</i>	1	3,00 e-142	500
		Mt_Reprod_Develop_2	<i>M. truncatula</i>	13	9,00 e-143	502
Secondary Metabolism	At2g38240	Gm_Second_Metabol_1	<i>G. max</i>	13	3,00 e-67	251
		Mt_Second_Metabol_1	<i>M. truncatula</i>	7	1,00 e-125	445
Senescence-Related	At5g13170	Gm_Senesc_Relat_1	<i>G. max</i>	19	4,00 e-69	257
		Mt_Senesc_Relat_1	<i>M. truncatula</i>	19	1,00 e-74	275
Signalling	At5g33380	Gm_Siganlling_1	<i>G. max</i>	7	8,00 e-57	215
		Mt_Siganlling_1	<i>M. truncatula</i>	5	2,00 e-43	171
	At1g58360	Gm_Transp_Prot_Ion_1	<i>G. max</i>	19	4,00 e-116	414
		Mt_Transp_Prot_Ion_1	<i>M. truncatula</i>	19	1,00 e-180	629
Transport Protein Ion Channel Carrier	At1g08930	Gm_Transp_Prot_Ion_2	<i>G. max</i>	19	3,00 e-81	298
	At5g20380	Gm_Transp_Prot_Ion_3	<i>G. max</i>	5	5,00 e-93	337
		Mt_Transp_Prot_Ion_2	<i>M. truncatula</i>	12	1,00 e-86	317
	At2g22500	Gm_Transp_Prot_Ion_4	<i>G. max</i>	13	2,00 e-117	417
		Mt_Transp_Prot_Ion_3	<i>M. truncatula</i>	10	1,00 e-112	402
Unknown Protein	At5g22290	Gm_Unknown_1	<i>G. max</i>	7	6,00 e-42	167
		Mt_Unknown_1	<i>M. truncatula</i>	11	4,00 e-62	234
	At1g11210	Mt_Unknown_2	<i>M. truncatula</i>	-	8,00 e-11	64.3
	At1g15430	Gm_Unknown_2	<i>G. max</i>	3	5,00 e-28	120

	Mt_Unknown_3	<i>M. truncatula</i>	7	1,00 e-31	132
At1g55280	Gm_Unknown_3	<i>G. max</i>	-	9,00 e-34	140
	Mt_Unknown_4	<i>M. truncatula</i>	-	6,00 e-39	157
At1g63720	Gm_Unknown_4	<i>G. max</i>	5	2,00 e-20	95.5
	Mt_Unknown_5	<i>M. truncatula</i>	1	2,00 e-28	122
At1g69890	Gm_Unknown_5	<i>G. max</i>	1	2,00 e-76	281
	Mt_Unknown_6	<i>M. truncatula</i>	7	2,00 e-66	248
At1g76600	Gm_Unknown_6	<i>G. max</i>	1	4,00 e-16	80.5
	Mt_Unknown_7	<i>M. truncatula</i>	2	1,00 e-14	75.9
At2g26560	Gm_Unknown_7	<i>G. max</i>	4	3,00 e-124	441
	Mt_Unknown_8	<i>M. truncatula</i>	19	3,00 e-147	518
At2g32240	Gm_Unknown_8	<i>G. max</i>	1	2,00 e-39	160
	Mt_Unknown_9	<i>M. truncatula</i>	2	2,00 e-67	254
At2g38820	Gm_Unknown_9	<i>G. max</i>	14	2,00 e-56	214
	Mt_Unknown_10	<i>M. truncatula</i>	19	3,00 e-81	298
At2g41190	Gm_Unknown_10	<i>G. max</i>	15	1,00 e-61	233
	Mt_Unknown_11	<i>M. truncatula</i>	11	6,00 e-50	154
At3g17800	Gm_Unknown_11	<i>G. max</i>	12	6,00 e-79	290
	Mt_Unknown_12	<i>M. truncatula</i>	9	1,00 e-87	320
At4g21570	Gm_Unknown_12	<i>G. max</i>	13	3,00 e-106	380
	Mt_Unknown_13	<i>M. truncatula</i>	4	4,00 e-58	202
At4g25670	Gm_Unknown_13	<i>G. max</i>	3	5,00 e-29	123
	Mt_Unknown_14	<i>M. truncatula</i>	1	1,00 e-25	112
At4g27520	Gm_Unknown_14	<i>G. max</i>	7	7,00 e-20	94.0
	Mt_Unknown_15	<i>M. truncatula</i>	12	3,00 e-30	129
At4g30650	Gm_Unknown_15	<i>G. max</i>	6	2,00 e-13	70.1
	Mt_Unknown_16	<i>M. truncatula</i>	6	4,00 e-18	86.3
At4g38060	Gm_Unknown_16	<i>G. max</i>	-	9,00 e-18	84.7
	Mt_Unknown_17	<i>M. truncatula</i>	3	2,00 e-15	77.8
At5g02020	Gm_Unknown_17	<i>G. max</i>	1	8,00 e-10	58.2
	Mt_Unknown_18	<i>M. truncatula</i>	3	2,00 e-07	50.8
At5g42050	Gm_Unknown_18	<i>G. max</i>	8	8,00 e-66	246
	Mt_Unknown_19	<i>M. truncatula</i>	17	2,00 e-70	262
At5g50100	Gm_Unknown_19	<i>G. max</i>	1	3,00 e-60	197
	Mt_Unknown_20	<i>M. truncatula</i>	1	2,00 e-46	181
At3g61060	Gm_Unknown_20	<i>G. max</i>	19	5,00 e-102	366
	Mt_Unknown_21	<i>M. truncatula</i>	19	2,00 e-101	365
At4g37390	Gm_Unknown_21	<i>G. max</i>	5	0.0	510
	Mt_Unknown_22	<i>M. truncatula</i>	12	0.0	754
At5g630160	Gm_Unknown_22	<i>G. max</i>	3	3,00 e-20	95.1
	Mt_Unknown_23	<i>M. truncatula</i>	4	5,00 e-32	134
At5g43260	Mt_Unknown_24	<i>M. truncatula</i>	1	3,00 e-36	146
At1g76650	Gm_Unknown_23	<i>G. max</i>	1	4,00 e-11	63.5
	Mt_Unknown_25	<i>M. truncatula</i>	5	6,00 e-25	109
At1g29395	Mt_Unknown_26	<i>M. truncatula</i>	-	2,00 e-40	161

	At2g40140	Gm_Unknown_24	<i>G. max</i>	19	1,00 e-161	565
		Mt_Unknown_27	<i>M. truncatula</i>	19	5,00 e-153	537
	At4g36040	Gm_Unknown_25	<i>G. max</i>	20	1,00 e-28	121
		Mt_Unknown_28	<i>M. truncatula</i>	19	2,00 e-26	114
	At4g33050	Gm_Unknown_26	<i>G. max</i>	9	1,00 e-59	225
		Mt_Unknown_29	<i>M. truncatula</i>	14	7,00 e-74	273
	At5g09440	Gm_Unknown_27	<i>G. max</i>	18	3,00 e-87	317
		Mt_Unknown_30	<i>M. truncatula</i>	19	2,00 e-79	291
	At1g19180	Gm_Unknown_28	<i>G. max</i>	9	9,00 e-38	152
		Mt_Unknown_31	<i>M. truncatula</i>	14	3,00 e-23	105
	At1g17380	Gm_Unknown_29	<i>G. max</i>	1	4,00 e-11	64.3
		Mt_Unknown_32	<i>M. truncatula</i>	1	7,00 e-14	74.3
	At1g02660	Gm_Unknown_30	<i>G. max</i>	4	4,00 e-59	224
		Mt_Unknown_33	<i>M. truncatula</i>	5	7,00 e-168	587
	At2g21620	Gm_Unknown_31	<i>G. max</i>	2	6,00 e-66	245
		Mt_Unknown_34	<i>M. truncatula</i>	1	2,00 e-65	244
	At1g27760	Gm_Unknown_32	<i>G. max</i>	7	2,00 e-126	448
		Mt_Unknown_35	<i>M. truncatula</i>	1	6,00 e-107	384
	At1g63010	Gm_Unknown_33	<i>G. max</i>	4	3,00 e-77	285
		Mt_Unknown_36	<i>M. truncatula</i>	3	8,00 e-89	324
	At2g41640	Gm_Unknown_34	<i>G. max</i>	1	1,00 e-56	216
		Mt_Unknown_37	<i>M. truncatula</i>	2	9,00 e-160	559
	At1g11360	Gm_Unknown_35	<i>G. max</i>	14	5,00 e-67	249
		Mt_Unknown_38	<i>M. truncatula</i>	19	1,00 e-59	225
Water Channel Protein	At2g37180	Gm_Water_Chan_1	<i>G. max</i>	19	2,00 e-116	414
		Mt_Water_Chan_1	<i>M. truncatula</i>	19	3,00 e-115	410
WRKY Transcription Factor	At2g30250	Gm_WRKY_TF_1	<i>G. max</i>	10	4,00 e-65	244
		Mt_WRKY_TF_1	<i>M. truncatula</i>	15	3,00 e-62	235
	At5g13080	Gm_WRKY_TF_2	<i>G. max</i>	12	9,00 e-43	167
		Mt_WRKY_TF_2	<i>M. truncatula</i>	8	1,00 e-40	161
	At2g19580	Gm_ZF_TF_1	<i>G. max</i>	7	9,00 e-31	129
Zinc Finger Transcription Factor		Mt_ZF_TF_1	<i>M. truncatula</i>	15	4,00 e-32	134
	At5g59820	Gm_ZF_TF_2	<i>G. max</i>	11	1,00 e-24	107
	At2g31380	Gm_ZF_TF_3	<i>G. max</i>	17	7,00 e-68	252
		Mt_ZF_TF_2	<i>M. truncatula</i>	16	4,00 e-67	250