**Supporting Information**

Table S1 Primers used in molecular analyses.

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| ***ESK1*-f (AT3G55990)** | TCAGAACTGGAGATGGCAAC |
| ***ESK1*-r** | ACCATTGATTCCCATTGGTT |
| ***ICE1*-f (AT3G26744)** | GCACAGCCTACTCTGTTCCA |
| ***ICE1*-r** | CCAGAAACCTCAATCCCAGT |
| ***CBF1*-f (AT4G25490)** | TGAGACGTGTGATACGACGA |
| ***CBF1*-r** | TCCCAAACATTGTCTCCTCA |
| ***CBF3*-f (AT4G25480)** | TCCCTTCTGCCATATTAGCC |
| ***CBF3*-r** | TATTTACACGGCGGAACAGA |
| ***ACT2*-f (AT3G18780)** | CCTCAAAGACCAGCTCTTCC |
| ***ACT2*-r** | CAAGACTTCTGGGCATCTGA |
| ***Tublin*-f (AT5G23860)** | GCACGAAAGAAGTTGACGAA |
| ***Tublin*-r** | TTTCAGACCTGTTGGTGGAA |