**S3 Table Primers used for qRT-PCR of silenced plants or over expression plants**

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| **Name** | **Forward primer sequence (5’-3’)** | **Reverse primer sequence(5’-3’)** |
| *Ubiquitin* | AAGACGAAGAACAAGGTGAA | GCTCGGATACGATTGATAAC |
| *Actin* | AGTGGTCGTACAACCGGTATTGT | GATGGGCATGAGGAAGAGAGAAAC |
| *GhFLS2* | GAGTTATCTCGGAAAGTTCAAAGC | GATCGGAGATGAAGTGACCCA |
| *GhWRKY2* | TGTTCGCACAAATCCTTCTG | AGGCTTGGCACTACACTTGG |
| *GhWRKY29* | TTCAGATACAACGCAAGATGGTC | GGCTCCAATGTAAGTGGTTCG |
| *GhWRKY13* | TGGGAACCAAGAAAAGTAGTGG | CGCCCTTCGTAGGTGGTAAT |
| *GhCYP71D* | TCAACGAGGAAGGAGGTGCTA | CCCCAAAACCATTCTCAAAGTC |
| *GhCYP736* | TAGAACAGGGGAAGTCAACGAA | CTTGGAATTAGCAAAGGTAGAGGA |
| *GhHTC* | TATGGCAGAGTGGAGTTACCGA | GGTTTGTGATTTGTGGTCCGT |
| *GhSKIP35* | GAGTGTCTAGTGGAAGAGGGTAATG | CTGGAAGTAGCGGCAGTGAG |