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Generation and analysis of an *Eucalyptus globulus* cDNA library constructed from seedlings subjected to low temperature conditions

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 Abbreviations:
 4CL: CoA ligase

 AUX/IAA: auxin/indole-3-acetic acid
 bZIP: basic leucine zip

 C3H: p-coumarate 3-hydroxylase
 C4H: 4-hydroxylase

 CAD: cinnamyl alcohol dehydrogenase
 CCR: cinnamyl alcohol dehydrogenase

 CCR: cinnamyl CoA reductase
 CCoAOMT: caffeoyl-CoA 3-O-methyltransferase

 ESTs: expressed sequence tags
 F5H: ferulate 5-hydroxylase

 GO: gene ontology
 HCT: hydroxycinnamoyltransferase

 PAL: phenylalanine ammonia lyase
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Eucalyptus globulus is the most important commercial temperate hardwood in the world because of its wood properties and due to its characteristics for biofuel production. However, only a very low number of expressed sequence tags (ESTs) are publicly available for this tree species. We constructed a cDNA from E. globulus seedlings subjected to low temperature and sequenced 9,913 randomly selected clones, generating 8,737 curated ESTs. The assembly produced 1,062 contigs and 3,879 singletons forming a Eucalyptus unigene set. Based on BLASTX analysis, 89.3% of the contigs and 88.5% of the singletons had significant similarity to known genes in the non-redundant database of GenBank. The Eucalyptus unigene set generated is a valuable public resource that provides an initial model for genes and regulatory pathways involved in cell wall biosynthesis at low temperature.

Forests cover nearly 30% of the earth surface, nearly 4 billion hectares, serving multiple functions including conservation of biological diversity, renewing the oxygen supply of the atmosphere, preventing soil erosion and supplying pulp and wood (FAO, 2005). Forest tree breeding aims to improve the quality of trees by the selection of individuals with desirable traits that will later be used to produce trees with improved genotype. Genetic improvement programs such as controlled cross-pollination breeding have been used since the 1950s. Nevertheless, phenotype assessment is a complex process due to the long generation times of woody species (Grattapaglia, 2004). It is within the context of reducing this time-frame that functional genomics has become a powerful tool in forestry.

In the last few years functional genomics has been used extensively for gene discovery in species whose genomes have not been completely sequenced. A cost-effective and rapid way to obtain new data from an organism is through partial sequencing of randomly selected cDNA clones (Braütigam et al. 2005). The resulting collection of expressed sequence tags (ESTs) reveals a portion of genes in an organism expressed under a particular condition. Using this approach, several traits have been analyzed in trees, such as wood formation (Allona et al. 1998; Sterky et al. 1998; Israelsson et al. 2003) or cold tolerance (Nanjo et al. 2004; Sterky et al. 2004). Unfortunately, these studies have focused on gene expression profiles having a direct effect on the particular trait studied, without expanding the range of effects that the set condition might have on other metabolic pathways. In fact, cold stress in poplar cuttings (Populus tremula x Populus tremuloides cv. Mush1) has been shown to produce variations in parameters such as sucrose concentration and lignin content, illustrating the direct effect of cold conditions on wood quality (Hausman et al. 2000).

The amount and type of lignin and cellulose are important

in the timber and pulp industry as they have a direct effect on the chemical properties of the wood produced by the tree (Jung and Ni, 1998; Fukushima, 2001; Plomion et al. 2001). For the production of biofuels, cellulose needs to be separated from lignin so it can be made available for enzyme hydrolysis. Therefore, several research groups have studied different ways by which to modify lignin and cellulose content on the plant cell wall. As a result, various studies have shown a co-regulation of these two compounds (Hu et al. 1999; Li et al. 2003; Rastogi and Dwivedi, 2006). For instance, the down-regulation of a single lignin biosynthetic gene resulted in a decrease of lignin production by the plant, while exhibiting an increase in cellulose production (Hu et al. 1999). Hence, the modification of plant cell wall composition in trees may provide a way to engineer wood for biofuel production.

E. globulus is considered the most important temperate hardwood plantation species in the world due to its combination of wood properties suitable for the pulp and paper industry (Jones et al. 2002; Grattapaglia, 2004). This tree species has fast growth rates and an ability to adapt to a broad range of geographic locations (ranging from latitude 35°S to 42°S), even though its growth rate diminishes due to frost conditions (Jones et al. 2002; Miranda and Pereira, 2002). Most importantly, *Eucalyptus* has been listed as one of the candidate biomass energy crops by the U.S. Department of Energy (U.S. Department of Energy, 2007). Nevertheless, public genomic information from E. globulus is limited. In fact, an analysis of publicly available E. globulus ESTs at the GenBank EST repository (by July 06, 2007) registered only 3,953 ESTs for E. globulus compared to the mostly represented tree, Pinus taeda (329,469 ESTs). Thus, in this study we provide and describe the first publicly available cDNA library from cold-treated E. globulus seedlings, paying particular attention to genes predicted to be involved in cell wall biosynthesis and the transcription factors suggested to be involved in their regulation).

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Plant material

E. globulus seeds were germinated in a soil mixture and grown in a culture cabinet with a 16 hrs day/8 hs night photoperiod at a temperature of 21°C. The library was constructed from 3-month old *Eucalyptus globulus* plants maintained at 4°C degrees for 30 min. After cold treatment, *E. globulus* leaves were collected and frozen in liquid nitrogen until use.

RNA extraction and cDNA library construction

Total RNA was extracted according to the method described by Chang and collegues (Chang et al. 1993). RNA integrity was confirmed by gel electrophoresis and 1

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Figure 1. Functional categorization of *E. globulus* **unigenes.** (a) Schematic representation of the functional categorization process. (b-d) Distribution of *E. globulus* unigenes across GO catego ries. Parent categori es and their percentages are shown in bold, su b-categories and the number of deduced proteins is shown in parenthesis.

mg was quantified using a RNA standard (Invitrogen, Cat 15620-016). Poly (A) mRNA was isolated from total RNA with the Stratagene Poli (A) Quick mRNA Isolation Kit (Stratagene, La Jolla, CA, USA). cDNA was prepared and cloned using the vector pExpress I exploiting the Not I and Eco RV restriction sites. The cDNA library was not normalized, *i.e.* no attempt was made to reduce the redundancy of highly expressed transcripts.

EST sequencing, filtering and assembly

In total, 9,913 bacterial colonies were randomly picked and single-pass sequence reactions performed. These sequences were analyzed using Phred base calling software (with Q>20) (Ewing et al. 1998). All traces were subjected to a trimming process for the removal of ribosomal RNA, poly (A) tails, low-quality sequences, vector and adapter regions. Sequences with 94% of identity over 40 or more nucleotides were assembled using the CAP3 software (Huang and Madan, 1999).

Unigene function assignment and categorization

The unigene set was classified and analyzed according to gene ontology (GO) terms (Ashburner et al. 2000) across functional categories. The complete unigene set was compared against the protein non-redundant database using BLASTX (Altschul et al. 1997) and analyzed with the InterProScan program (Zdobnov and Apweiler, 2001) to assign a putative function. GO terms were extracted from the best hits obtained from the BLASTX comparison against SwissProt-Trembl database (Fleischmann et al. 1999) (E-value < E-15 and >70% of alignment coverage) and compared to the InterProScan GO suggestions. All the GO assignments were curated manually (Ashburner et al. 2000). The unigene dataset was compared to other *Eucalyptus* cDNA libraries available in Genbank through BlastN program using an e-value cutoff of E-5.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Analysis of E. globulus cDNA library



Figure 2. Reduction of total sulfide in effluent from a Figure 2. Simplified scheme of the enzymes proposed to be involved in lignin bio synthesis. Green a rrows represent predicted *E. globulus* enzyme mediated reactions w hose sequences are available in GenBank. Blue arrows represent sequences from other *Eucalyptus* species available in GenB ank. Red a rrows represent reactions catalyzed by enzymes that had not been previously described for any *Eucalyptus* species. Bold arrows correspond to sequences found in our *E. globulus* library th at were n ot previously described for this species. Accesion numbers for *E. globulus* enzymes. P AL: phenylalanine a mmonia ly ase [GenBank: AF16 7487]; CCR: cinnamo yl CoA red uctase [GenBank: DQ084797 -DQ084795, GenB ank: AH0154889]; CAD: cinnam yl alcohol dehy drogenase [GenBan k: AF109157, AF038561 an d O64969], COM T: caffeic acid *O*-methyltransferase [GenBank: Q9 SWC2] and CCo AOMT: caffeo yl-CoA 3- *O*-methyltransferase [GenBank: AD50443 and AAC2619 1). Accesion numbers for Eucal yptus enzymes, C4H: trans-cinnamate 4-h ydroxylase [GenBank: AF149713, F5H: ferulate 5-hydroxylase [GenBank: AJ24909 3; AF1497 13-AF149715] and 4C L: 4-coumarate: CoA ligase [GenBank: NC_0 03070, D Q147001, AJ244010, AF149715, AF149714 and AF149713]. reduction reactor by sulfur oxidizing bacteria.

The analysis of the 9,913 sequence-reads resulted in the generation of 1,062 contigs and 3,879 singletons (4,941 unigenes) (Figure 1). The fraction of sequences represented by more than one cDNA was 60.9%, providing an estimate of library redundancy. Based on BLASTX analysis, 89.3% of the contigs and 88.5% of the singletons had a significant similarity to known genes in the non-redundant database (Altschul et al. 1997). As for contigs, their composition ranged from 2 to 118 ESTs. The deepest contigs were considered highly represented unigenes. Those contigs with more than 50 ESTs are shown as Table 1 (contigs with 20 or more ESTs are included as Supplementary data 1).

Overall, 541 unigenes were assigned to biological processes, 449 to cellular component and 493 to molecular function categories. This is a low number of assignments compared to other libraries generated in different studies of trees (*Pinus*: 5474, 5064 and 5886 respectively; Poplar: 6158, 5751 and 6622 respectively; Spruce: 1697, 1467 and 2188 respectively) (Quackenbush et al. 2000). We suggest that this is due to low average similarity between our database and the uniprot sequences database, in addition to

the low alignment coverage obtained (we used both parameters to make the assignments). We focused our analyses on the physiological processes (431) being the most represented process related to cellular metabolism, with 48 unigenes related to alcohol metabolism, 95 unigenes associated to amines and aminoacid derivative metabolism, 116 unigenes involved in transport and 164 related to biosynthetic processes.

The most represented molecular functions corresponded to binding and catalytic activities. The unigenes allocated to binding activity were associated with ion binding (130) and nucleic acids binding (62). Furthermore, 114 unigenes were associated with enzymes involved in redox reactions related to lignin biosynthesis and 88 with transferase activities, including enzymes involved in lignin and cellulose biosynthesis.

Genes predicted to be involved in wood formation

The EST database was screened for sequences with significant similarity to genes involved in the biosynthesis

Number ESTs	Contigs length (nt)	Assigned function	Relative organism	Similarity (%)	Accession number (GI)
118	1604	Plastidic aldolase	Nicotiana paniculata	94.8	4827253
86	1509	Chloroplast latex aldolase-like protein	Manihot esculenta	90.9	56122688
81	979	Ribulose-1,5-bisphosphate carboxylase/oxygenase small subunit	Panax ginseng	93.2	77157637
80	1693	Ribulose-1,5-bisphosphate coarboxylase/oxygenase activase precursor	Malus x domestica	93.1	415852
73	1590	Glyceraldehydes-3-phosphate dehydrogenase A subunit	Glycine max	87.8	77540210
51	1721	AAA ATPase, central region; homeodomain- like	Medicago truncatula	89.1	92870561

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of lignin monomers and cellulose. All of the genes known to participate in the lignin biosynthetic pathway are represented in our cDNA library. Two of the predicted gene p-coumarate 3-hydroxylase (C3H) and products. CoA:shikimate/ auinate hydroxycinnamoyltransferase (HCT) had not been described previously in any Eucalyptus species. However, genes encoding trans-cinnamate 4hydroxylase (C4H), ferulate 5-hydroxylase (F5H) and 4coumarate: CoA ligase (4CL) had been described in other Eucalyptus species but not in E. globulus (Harakava, 2004). The remainder of the genes found had been previously described for E. globulus and published in GenBank, including phenylalanine ammonia lyase (PAL), cinnamoyl CoA reductase (CCR), cinnamyl alcohol dehydrogenase (CAD), caffeic acid O-methyltransferase (COMT) and caffeoyl-CoA 3-O-methyltransferase (CCoAOMT) (Figure 2) (Supplementary data 2).

The assembly of the C3H and HCT ESTs showed that two isoforms of their gene-products are represented in our cDNA library. C3H and HCT participate in the process of converting p-coumaryl CoA into caffeoyl-CoA, resulting in the production of coniferyl (G) and sinapyl (S) lignin units. Down-regulation of C3H in transgenic alfalfa plants and Arabidopsis mutants resulted in a significant difference in lignin composition due to an alteration in the number and nature of the monolignol monomers (Franke et al. 2002; Ralph et al. 2006). The characterization of the Arabidopsis reduced epidermal fluorescence (ref8) mutant defective in C3H suggested that the genetic modification of this gene may not be appropriate for the reduction of lignin content in forest species because the mutant plants generated exhibited vascular collapse, developmental abnormalities and increased susceptibility to pathogen attack (Boerjan et al. 2003; Cooke et al. 2004).

Three unigenes exhibited similarity to known cellulose synthase genes. Analysis of their predicted domains by InterProScan revealed that all of them contained the cellulose synthase domain that is composed of three aspartic residues and a QXXRW motif, playing a significant role in the catalytic activity of this enzyme (Krauskopf et al. 2005). However, the zinc finger domains (IPR001841 and IPR011011) present in cellulose synthase proteins were not found in our sequences since the sequences were not full-length. The deduced *E. globulus* proteins were compared with the ones previously described for *E. grandis* (Ranik and Myburg, 2006) as no sequences were available for *E. globulus* (Supplementary data 3).

Transcription factors involved in wood formation

Of the 56 transcription factor families described in *Arabidopsis* and 63 in rice (Guo et al. 2005; Gao et al. 2006), 11 of them were represented in our library: auxin/indole-3-acetic acid (AUX/IAA) family, B3 family, basic/helix-loop-helix (bHLH) family, basic leucine zip (bZIP) family, GRAS family, homeodomain-leucine zipper (HD-Zip) (HB) family, heat shock family (HSF), MYB family, WRKY family. Transcription factors families such as AUX/IAA, MYB and HD containing domains (zinc finger proteins and homeodomain-leucine zipper) regulate the expression of genes that participate in xylem development and secondary wall formation (lignin and cellulose biosynthesis) (Oh et al. 2003; Cánovas et al. 2004).

Many of the genes encoding the enzymes of general phenylpropanoid metabolism, such as PAL, C4H, 4CL, COMT and CAD contain conserved motifs within their promoters that are recognized by plant MYB transcription factors (Tamagnone et al. 1998). Twelve members of the MYB family were found in our library. Some of them had a best BLASTX hit with *GOLDEN2-like 1* gene, *LHY-CCA1-like 5* gene and *DIVARICATA* gene. The coverage of the sequences with their best BLASTX hit ranged from 25% and 100%. Two *E. gunnii* MYB transcription factors sequences were found in GenBank [GenBank: AJ576023-AJ576024] (Goicoechea et al. 2005). Based on BLASTN

analysis, these sequences were different from the ones obtained in our library. Others families less represented in our library belonged to the ZF family and bZIP (with seven members each), WRKY family (five members with coverage of their best BLASTX hit between 12% and 50%) and one member of the AUX/IAA family, (Supplementary data 4).

In addition, the data gathered through these analyses was compared with the few existing *Eucalyptus* cDNA libraries currently found in GenBank. The comparison was made against *Eucalyptus gunnii* (8,538 ESTs), *Eucalyptus globulus subsp. bicostata* (2,685 ESTs), *Eucalyptus grandis* (1,574 ESTs) and *Eucalyptus globulus 'blue gum'* (1,266 ESTs). BlastN comparisons against our *E. globulus* database revealed a low level of similarity between our sequenced library and the available datasets. The number of sequences that have at least one match with E-values better than 1E-5 for each library were 1,335 ESTs for *E. gunnii* (15%), 464ESTs for *E. globulus subsp. bicostata* (17%), 267 for *E. grandis* (17%) and 261 ESTs for *E. globulus 'blue gum'* (17%).

In conclusion, a unigene set of approximately 4900 unigenes was obtained from our *E. globulus* cDNA library. Analysis of its content has provided valuable data for the future metabolic engineering of plant cell walls by identifying new potential targets that will allow future modification for biofuel production and industrial use. In addition, our results will be useful for comparative genomic studies among hardwoods and softwoods.

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APPENDIX SUPLEMENTARY DATA

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118	1604	plastidic aldolase	Nicotiana paniculata	94.8	4827253
86	1509	chloroplast latex aldolase-like protein	Manihot esculenta	90.9	56122688
81	979	ribulose-1 5-bisnbosnbate carboxylase/oxygenase small subunit	Panax ginseng	93.2	77157637
80	1693	ribulose-1,5-bisphosphate carboxylase/oxygenase activase precursor	Malus x domestica	93.1	415852
73	1590	divceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase A subunit	Glycine max	87.8	77540210
51	1721	AAA ATPase, central region: Homeodomain-like	Medicago truncatula	89.1	92875540
49	1320	dvceraldehvde-3-phosphate dehvdrogenase B subunit	Glycine max	79.5	77540212
47	1051	Ferritin-related	Medicago truncatula	86.7	92870561
45	951	alvcolate oxidase	Mesembryanthemum crystallinum	97.4	1773330
43	1085	unnamed protein product type I (CAB-21) (LHCP)	Nicotiana tabacum	96.7	19823
41	940	serine-glvoxvlate aminotransferase	Spirodela polvrrhiza	84.6	74229863
39	1068	thi	Citrus sinensis	85.1	2582665
36	1468	putative galactinol synthase	Pisum sativum	83.2	541885
35	916	myo-inositol 1-phosphate synthase (MI-1-P) synthase (IPS)	Sesamum indicum	94.0	9858816
33	1346	catalase	Soldanella alpina	97.9	2462661
32	1368	oxygen evolving enhancer protein 1 precursor	Bruguiera gymnorrhiza	88.8	9229957
32	1261	glycine hydroxymethyltransferase methylase	Solanum tuberosum	95.6	438247
31	1286	galactinol synthase, isoform GoIS-1	Ajuga reptans	83.6	5608497
31	961	BURP domain-containing protein	Bruguiera gymnorrhiza	59.0	14422444
28	1118	ferredoxinNADP(+) reductase	Nicotiana tabacum	90.3	2225993
27	1761	S-adenosylmethionine decarboxylase	Ipomoea nil	82.9	1498080
27	2319	PAPS-reductase-like-protein	Catharanthus roseus	85.7	12831474
26	1256	Phosphoribulokinase, chloroplast precursor	Mesembryanthemum crystallinum	92.7	125578
25	1192	AlaT1	Vitis vinifera	95.4	71842524
24	975	polyubiquitin	Pinus sylvestris	96.1	1332579
23	843	S-adenosylmethionine decarboxylase	Prunus persica	58.0	47232488
23	1119	putative RNA binding protein	Arabidopsis thaliana	84.7	3850621
23	1320	translation elongation factor 1A-9	Gossypium hirsutum	95.4	74486744
23	1214	AT4g04640	Arabidopsis thaliana	85.4	7267222
22	1074	OJ000223_09.15	Oryza sativa (japonica cultivar- group)	91. <mark>1</mark>	38346061
21	1038	aminomethyltransferase system T protein	Arabidopsis thaliana	95.3	15221119
21	1066	NADPH-protochlorophyllide oxidoreductase	Cucumis sativus	90.5	2244614
21	1288	carbonic anhydrase	Vigna radiata	79.5	8954289
21	956	NAD-dependent epimerase/dehydratase family protein-like protein	Solanum tuberosum	93.7	82400136
20	1979	P-Protein-like protein precursor	Arabidopsis thaliana	84.5	7270248
20	934	S-adenosylmethionine decarboxylase	Prunus persica	86.7	47232488
20	1155	sedoheptulose-1,7-bisphosphatase precursor	Oryza sativa (indica cultivar-group)] cultivar-group)	91.8	27804772
20	1238	Malate dehydrogenase, glyoxysomal precursor	Citrullus Ianatus	83.3	126894
20	1857	Transketolase, C-terminal-like	Medicago truncatula	88.4	92892666

 a Temperature incubation at 30°C, b Initial pH at 7. μ : mean value and standard deviation of three determinations.

Gene Name	Best Blastx Hit	Score	E-value	Coverage	Domains
EgPAL1	PAL Daucus carota	387	8e-113	29.09%	IPR001106 IPR008948 PF00221
EgPAL2	PAL Camellia sinensis	306	8e-82	29.13%	IPR001106 IPR008948 PF00221
EgPAL3	PAL Citrus limon	278	2e-73	25.76%	IPR001106 IPR008948 PF00221
EgC4H	C4H Populus kitakamiensis	482	3e-142	53.07%	IPR001128 IPR002401 PF00067
Eg4CL1	4CL Populus balsamifera subsp. trichocarpa x Populus deltoides	246	6e-64	33.16%	IPR000873 PF00501
Eg4CL2	4CL Eucalyptus camaldulensis	260	4e-68	36.95%	IPR000873 PF00501
EgHCT1	HCT Nicotiana tabacum	331	4e-89	49.66%	IPR003480 IPR02458
EgHCT2	HCT Oryza sativa (japonica cultivar-group)	186	1e-45	45.13%	IPR003480 IPR02458
EgC3H1	C3H-1 Ocimum basilicum	249	3e-72	29.49%	IPR001128 IPR002401 PF00067
EgC3H2	C3H Ocimum basilicum	375	1e-102	44.41%	IPR001128 IPR002401 PF00067
EgCOMT	COMT Eucalyptus gunnii	451	1e-125	63.66%	IPR001077 PF00891 IPR011991
EgCCoAOMT1	CCoAOMT Plantago major	96.7	6e-19	47.27%	IPR002935 PF01596
EgCCoAOMT2	CCoAOMT Ammi majus	121	2e-26	42.32%	IPR002935 PF01596
EgCCR1	CCR Eucalyptus gunnii	443	1e-123	63.00%	IPR001509 PF01370
EgCCR2	CCR Arabidopsis thaliana	256	5e-67	61.68%	IPR001509 PF01370
EgF5H1	F5H Camptotheca acuminata	539	1e-151	69.26%	IPR001128 IPR002401 PF00067
EgF5H2	F5H Camptotheca acuminata	126	8e-28	14.00%	IPR001128 IPR002401 PF00067
EgCAD1	CAD Eucalyptus globulus	530	1e-149	88.76%	IPR002085 IPR002328 IPR011032
EgCAD2	CAD Arabidopsis thaliana	220	4e-56	57.91%	IPR001509

Supplementary data 2. Analysis of *E. globulus* unigenes corresponding to enzymes involved in wood formation.

Gene Name	Best Hit with E. grandisi	Best Blastx Hit	Score	E-value	Coverage	Domains
EgCesA1	EgrCesA5	CesA Populus tremula x Populus tremuloides	400	1e-110	24.11%	IPR005150 PF03552
EgCesA2	No EgrCesA related	CesA Medicago truncatula	238	2e-62	28.34%	IPR005150 PF03552
EgCesA3	EgrCesA4	CesA4 Eucalyptus grandis	309	9e-83	17.4%	IPR005150 PF03552

Supplementary data 3. Analysis of *E. globulus* cellulose synthase unigenes.

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Best Blast Hit	Related Organism Oryza sativa (japonica cultivar-group)] cultivar-group)]	Score 130	E-value 1e-28	Coverage 30.8%	Domains IPR001005 IPR006447 IPR009057
MYB transcription factor LHY-CCA1-like5	Arabidopsis thaliana	241	5e-62	90.1%	IPR012287 IPR001005 IPR006447 IPR009057 IPR012287
GPRI1 (GOLDEN2-LIKE 1); transcription factor	Arabidopsis thaliana	239	2e-61	77.9%	IPR000183 IPR001005 IPR006447 IPR009057
MYB-like transcription factor DIVARICATA	Antirrhinum majus	328	2e-88	73.9%	IPR001005 IPR006447 IPR009057 IPR012287
MYB-like transcription factor 6	Gossypium raimondii	288	2e-76	103.1%	IPR001005 IPR009057 IPR012287
MYB11	Malus x domestica	230	4e-59	50.3%	IPR001005 IPR009057 IPR012287
MYBR2	Malus × domestica	75.9	2e-12	41.6%	No related InterPro
MYB-like DNA-binding protein	Catharanthus roseus	95.5	2e-18	24.4%	No related
transcription factor MYB1	Malus xiaojinensis	88.6	2e-16	47.0%	No related InterPro
MYB, DNA-binding	Medicago truncatula	78.6	2e-13	28.3%	No related
MYB transcription factor LHY-CCA1-like5	Arabidopsis thaliana	147	5e-34	35.5%	IPR001005 IPR006447 IPR009057 IPR012287
MYB-related protein	Arabidopsis thaliana	218	2e-55	48.8%	IPR001005 IPR009057 IPR012287
IAA18; transcription factor	Arabidopsis thaliana	55.5	2e-06	33.3%	No related
Transcriptional factor B3	Medicago truncatula	102	2e-20	32.7%	IPR003340
Transcriptional factor B3	Medicago truncatula	188	2e-46	22.7%	No related InterPro
bZIP transcription factor protein	Capsicum annuum	75.1	3e-12	45.5%	IPR004827 IPR008917 IPR011618
Putative ripening-related bZIP protein	Vitis vinifera	171	3e-41	38.7%	No related InterPro
bZIP transcription factor ZIP-2	Nicotiana tabacum	80.5	7e-14	32.9%	IPR004827 IPR008917
Putative ripening-related bZIP protein	Vitis vinifera	123	7e-27	37.4%	No related InterPro
ATBZIP60	Arabidopsis thaliana	82	2e-14	61.7%	IPR004827 IPR008917 IPR011618
Putative ripening-related bZIP protein	Vitis vinifera	176	9e-43	45.2%	No related InterPro
Putative ripening-related bZIP protein	Vitis vinifera	84.3	6e-15	16.3%	No related InterPro
GRAS transcription factor	Medicago truncatula	67.8	5e-10	10.2%	No related
GRAS transcription factor	Medicago truncatula	252	9e-66	33.4%	IPR005202
ATHB-7	Arabidopsis thaliana	142	2e-32	33.3%	IPR000047 IPR001358 IPR003108 IPR009057 IPR012287
Heat shock transcription factor	Phaseolus acutifolius	272	1e-71	60.7%	IPR000232 IPR002341 IPR011991
WRKY9; transcription factor	Arabidopsis thaliana	127	1e-27	75.4%	IPR003657
Putative WRKY-type DNA binding protein	Glycine max	380	1e-104	50.5%	IPR003657
Putative WRKY4 transcription factor	Vitis aestivalis Modisore truncatula	74.3	4e-12	34.4%	InterPro
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Supplementary data 4. Analysis of *E. globulus* unigenes corresponding to transcription factors.

Putative WRKY4 transcription factor	Vitis aestivalis	240	5e-62	66.6%	IPR003657
Putative zinc finger transcription factor	Oryza sativa (japonica cultivar-group)cultivar-group	242	1e-62	35.1%	IPR000571
Putative zinc finger transcription factor	Oryza sativa (japonica cultivar-group)cultivar-group	243	4e-63	35.1%	IPR000571
Zinc finger protein	Malus x domestica	134	3e-30	26.1%	IPR007087
Zinc finger protein, putative	Arabidopsis thaliana	137	1e-30	52.4%	IPR000315
putative zinc finger protein	Oryza sativa (japonica cultivar-group)cultivar-group	133	9e-30	73.5%	IPR007087
Putative zinc finger transcription factor	Oryza sativa (japonica cultivar-group)cultivar-group	225	2e-57	31.3%	IPR000571
Zinc finger protein-like	Arabidopsis thaliana	123	6e-27	5.4%	IPR003349
Zinc finger protein, putative	Plasmodium falciparum 3D7	60.1	8e-08	28.8%	IPR002653
Putative zinc finger transcription factor	Oryza sativa (japonica cultivar-group)cultivar-group	239	9e-62	34.8%	IPR000571
Zinc finger protein, putative	Arabidopsis thaliana	109	2e-22	21.6%	IPR000315 IPR002906
Zinc finger protein, putative	Arabidopsis thaliana	152	1e-35	36.3%	IPR000315
Putative zinc finger transcription factor	Oryza sativa (japonica cultivar-group)cultivar-group	218	2e-55	28.4%	IPR000571