

Supplementary figures and tables:

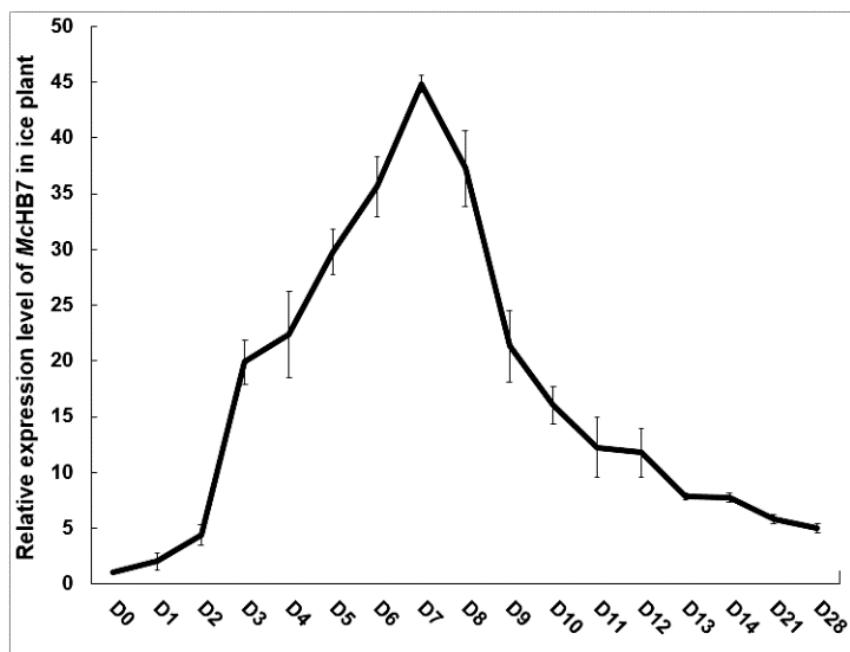


Figure S1. Relative expression level of *McHB7* gene in infiltrated ice plant leaves; D0-D28, The infiltrated leaves from day 0 to day 28.



Figure S2. Original gel and Western images of the results shown in different main Figures.

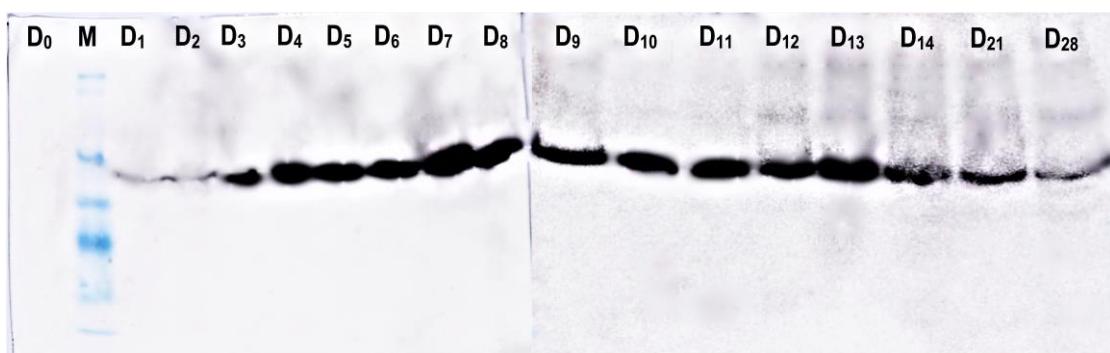


Figure 1C. Western blot analysis of extracted proteins from the ice plant leaves 1–3.

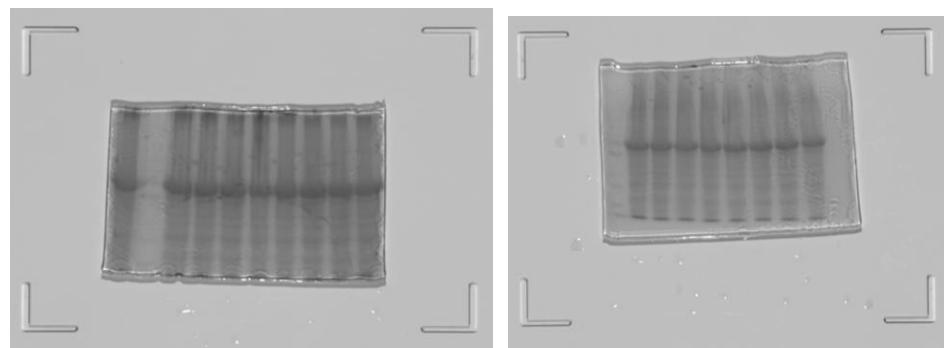


Figure 1E. Western blot of transgenic ice plant leaves from day 0 (D0) to day 28 (D28).

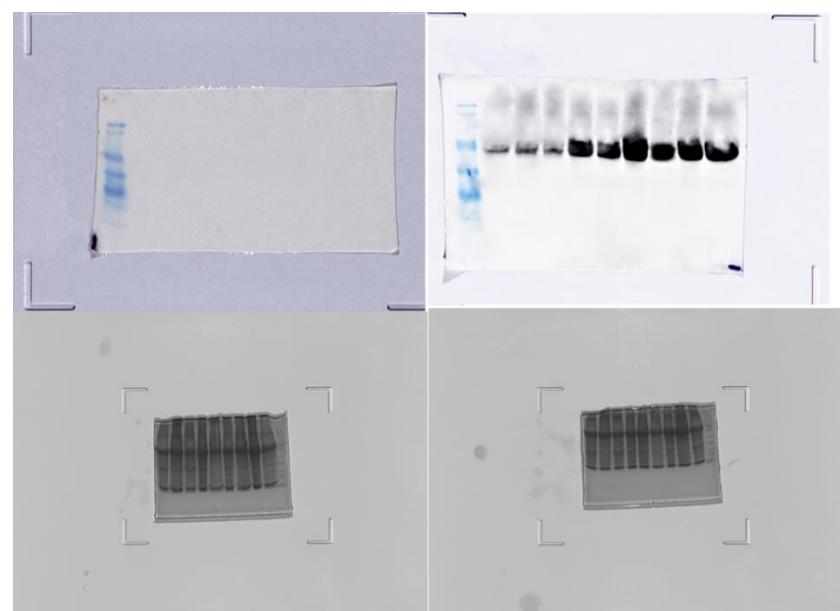


Figure 2D. *McHB7* protein levels in the OE under control and drought stress compared with WT.

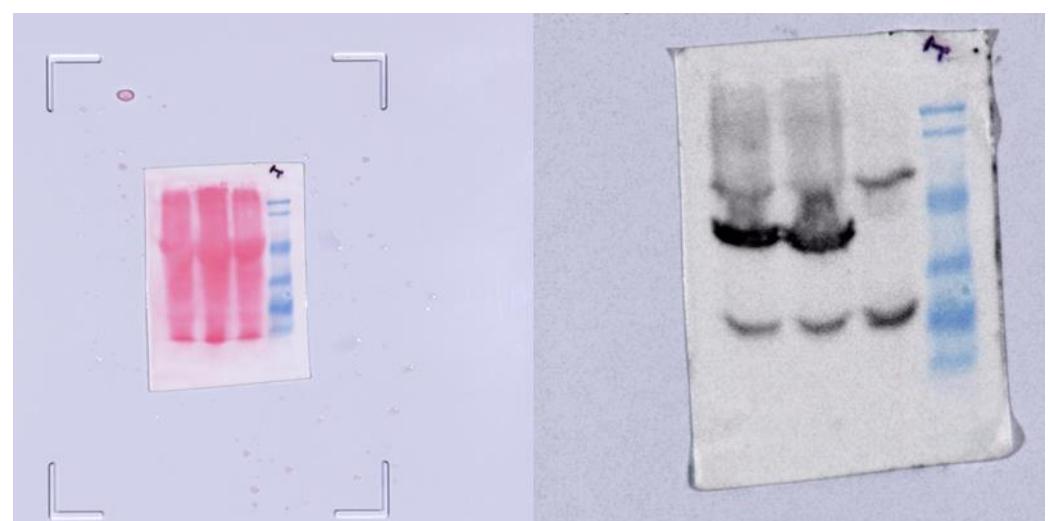


Figure 7A. IP result with the *McHB7* bait.

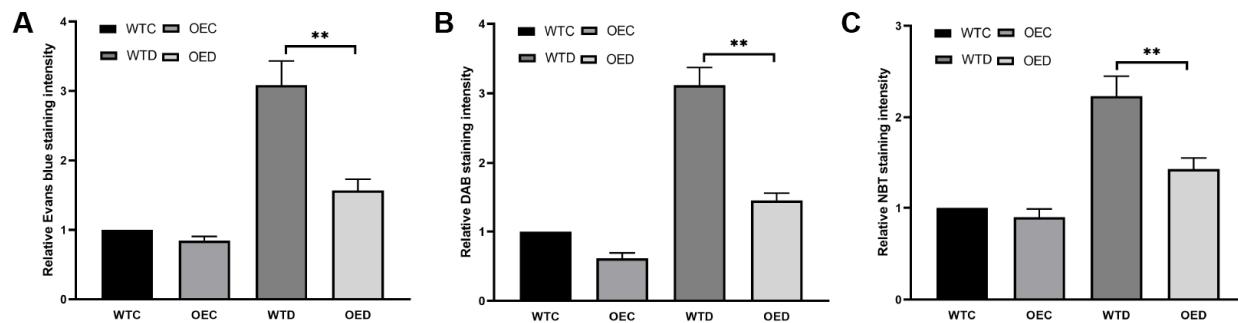


Figure S3. Data analysis of Evans blue, DAB and NBT staining corresponding to Figure 3H; (A) Relative Evans blue staining intensity; (B) Relative DAB staining intensity; (C) Relative NBT staining intensity.

Supplementary Table S1. List of primers, their sequences and purpose for this study.

| Primer Name | Primer Sequence (5'-3') | Purpose |
|-------------|---|---|
| fMcHB7F | CGCGGATCCATGATGTATGAAGAAGGAGAA | |
| fMcHB7R | CGGTCTAGATCAGGCGCTTGTACATCGTCATCCTGTAG-TCTCCGCCTTATCGTCATCGTCTTATAATCTCCGCCTTGTACATCGTCATCCTGTAGCTCCTGAGTCTCGCCCCGACCAAAATTCCCACCATTG | For the construction of <i>McHB7-pCAMBIA1300-FLAG</i> |
| McPIP1;2F | GATGCCAAGAGGAGTGTAG | Internal primers used for RT-qPCR |
| McPIP1;2R | GTTCCAGTGATTGGATGGTT | |
| rtMcHB7F | CGAGACGAACAGCAATAATAGT | Primers for <i>McHB7</i> quantification by RT-qPCR |
| rtMcHB7R | CTTCACACACATCGCATTTCT | |
| AD-McHB7F | GGAATTCATGATGTATGAAGAAGGAGAA | Primers used for the construction of <i>AD-McHB7</i> for yeast one-hybrid assay |
| AD-McHB7R | CGAGCTCTCACGACCAAAATTCCCACCA | |
| p1F | AGCTTACGTAACGTAACGTAGAGCT | Primers used for the construction of <i>pAbAi-ACGTA</i> |
| p1R | TTACGTTACGTTACGTG | |
| P2F | AGCTT TGT CAT GT CAT GT CAG AGCT | Primers used for the construction of <i>pAbAi-TGTCA</i> |
| P2R | TTGACATGACATGACAG | |
| P3F | AGCTTGTCTGTCTGTCTGGAGCT | Primers used for the construction of <i>pAbAi-TGTCG</i> |
| P3R | TCGACACGACACGACAG | |
| P4F | AGCTTCACATCACATCACATGAGCT | Primers used for the construction of <i>pAbAi-CACAT</i> |
| P4R | TATGTGATGTGATGTGG | |
| BD-McHB7F | CCATGGCCATGATGTATGAAGAAGGAGAA | Primers used for the construction of <i>BD-McHB7</i> for transactivation assay |
| BD-McHB7R | GTCGACTCACGACCAAAATTCCCACCA | |
| BD-McHB7aF | CCATGGCCATGATGTATGAAGAAGGAGAA | Primers used for the construction of <i>BD-McHB7a</i> |
| BD-McHB7aR | GTCGACTCTCTGTCATCATCTTCTT | |
| BD-McHB7bF | CCATGGCCGATTAGCGACGATCAAGTG | Primers used for the construction of <i>BD-McHB7b</i> |
| BD-McHB7bR | GTCGACTCACGACCAAAATTCCCACCA | |
| BD-McHB7cF | CCATGGCCATGATGTATGAAGAAGGAGAA | Primers used for the construction of <i>BD-McHB7c</i> |
| BD-McHB7cR | GTCGACCTTGTAAAGGAGCCCTTTGTT | |
| BD-McHB7dF | CCATGGCCAAGCAGCTAGAGCACGAGTAT | Primers used for the construction of <i>BD-McHB7d</i> |
| BD-McHB7dR | GTCGACTCACGACCAAAATTCCCACCA | |
| BD-McHB7eF | CCATGGCCATGATGTATGAAGAAGGAGAA | Primers used for the construction of <i>BD-McHB7e</i> |
| BD-McHB7eR | GTCGACATTTCAACTTCTGTATCTG | |
| BD-McHB7fF | CCATGGCCATAGCGCGAGGAAGGGAGAA | Primers used for the construction of <i>BD-McHB7f</i> |
| BD-McHB7fR | GTCGACTCACGACCAAAATTCCCACCA | |