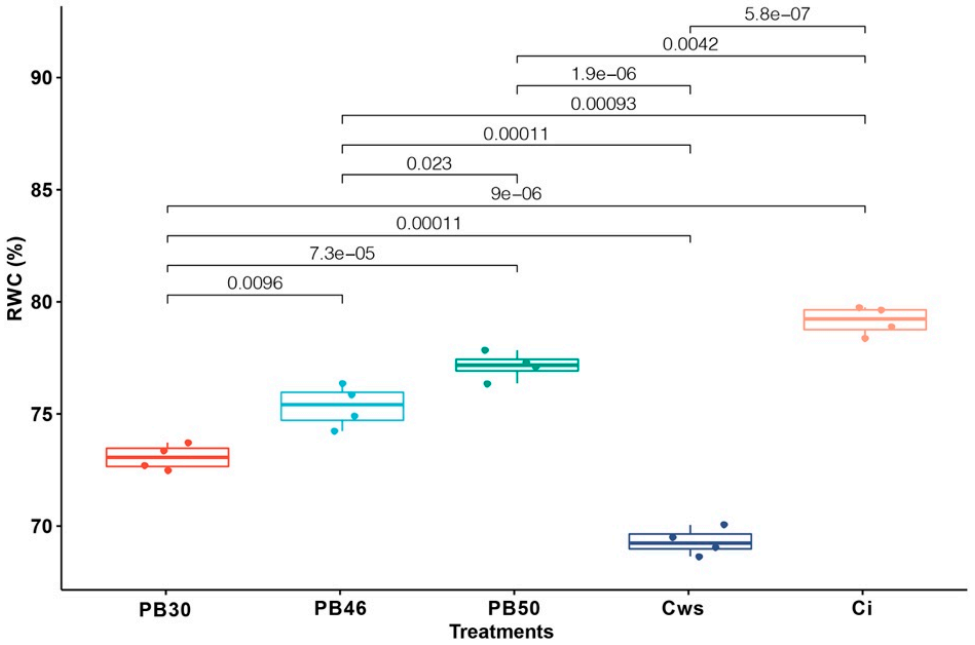

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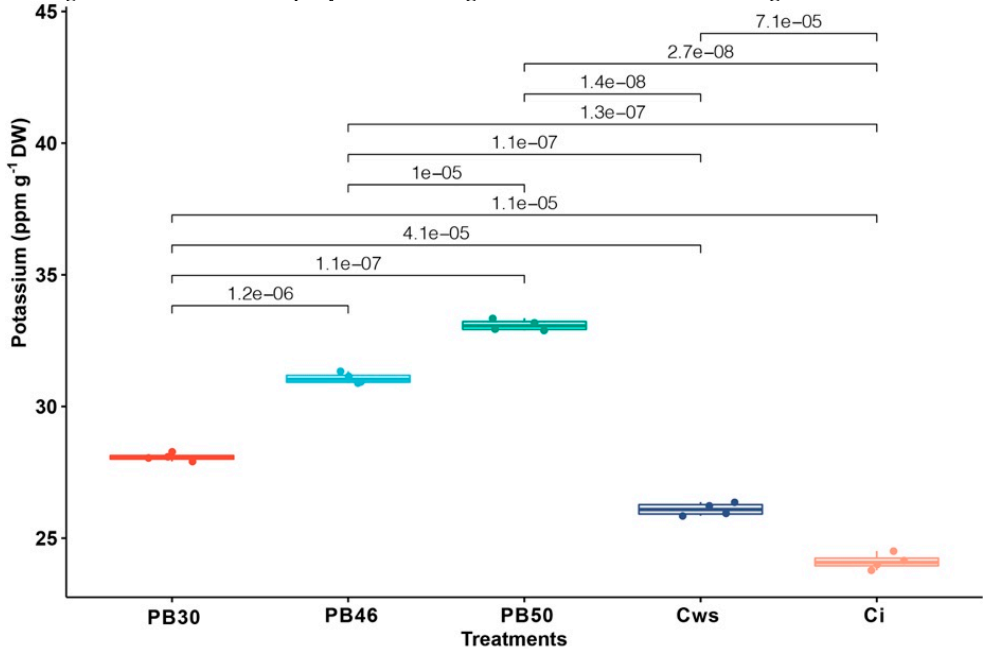

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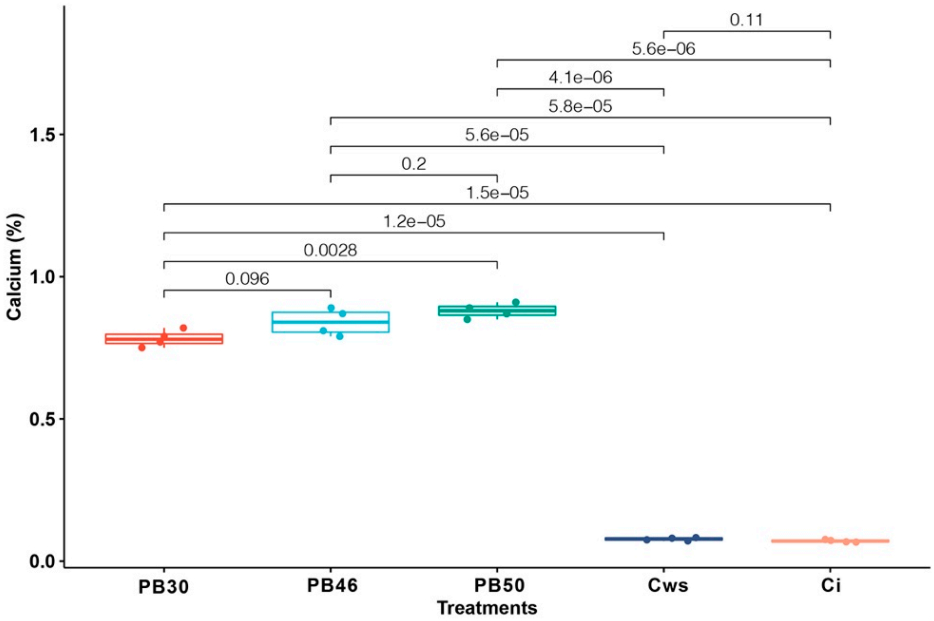

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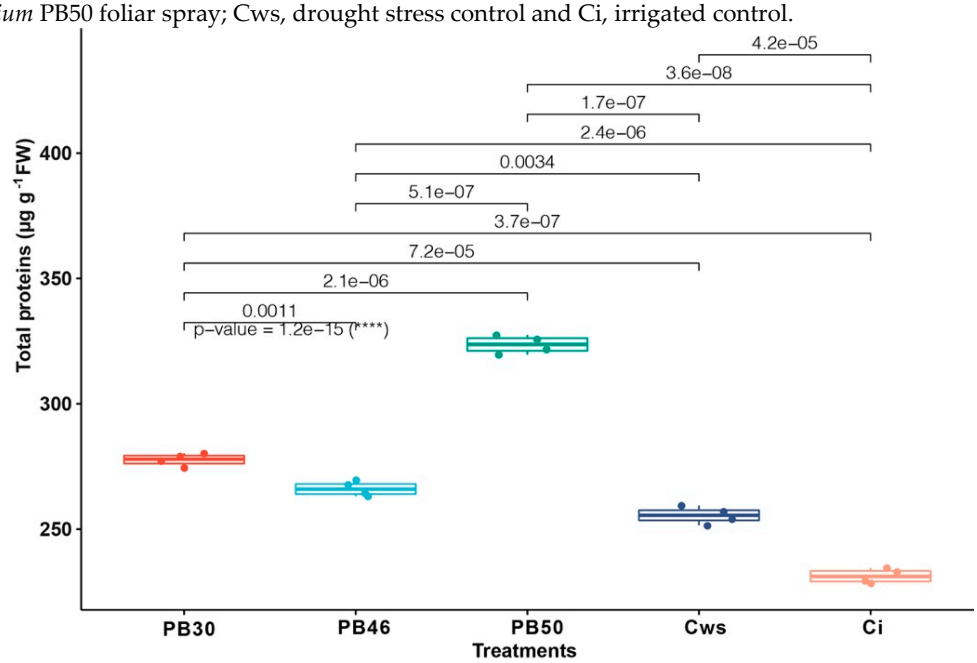

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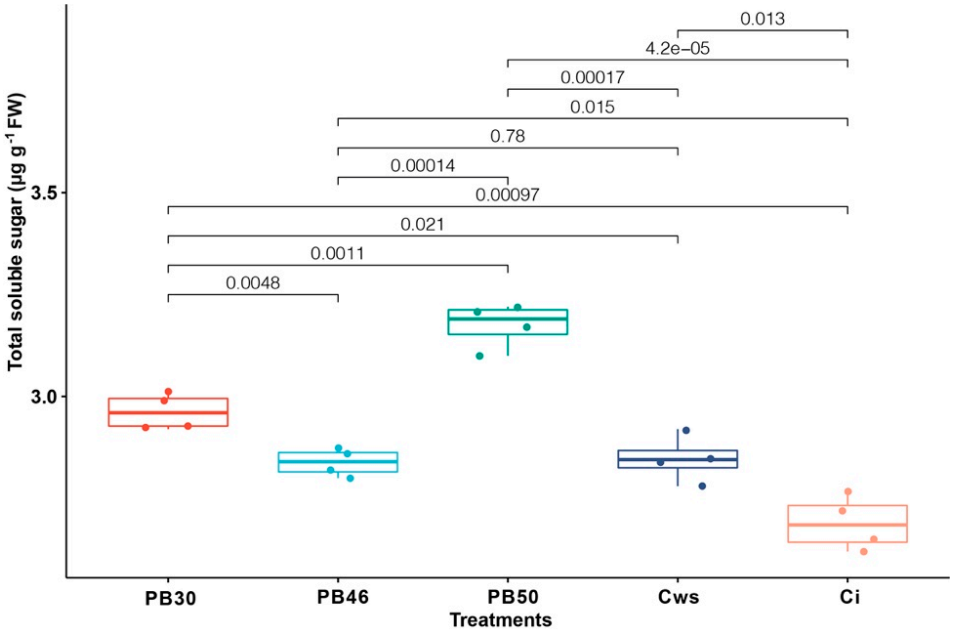

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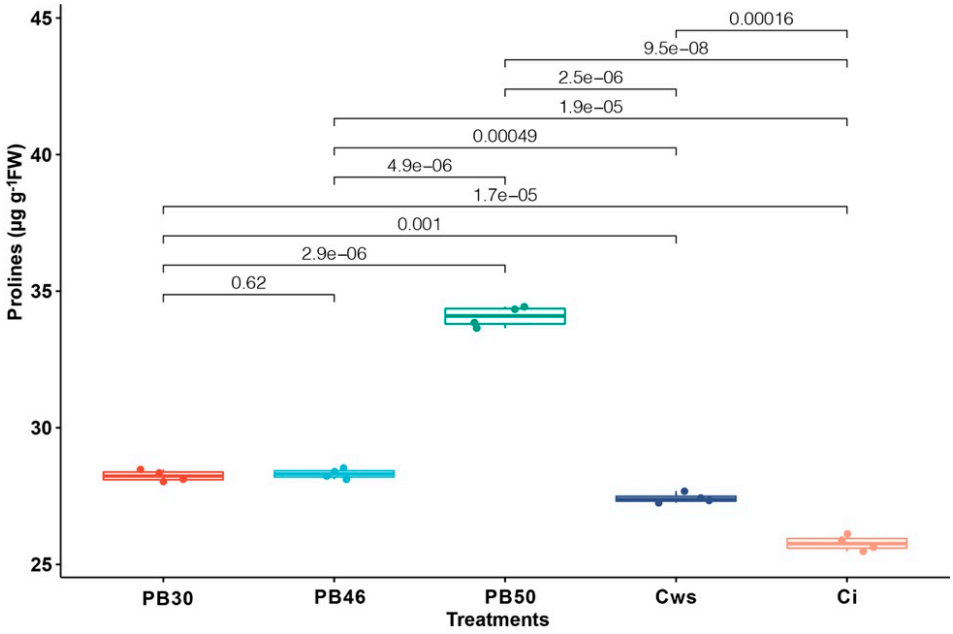

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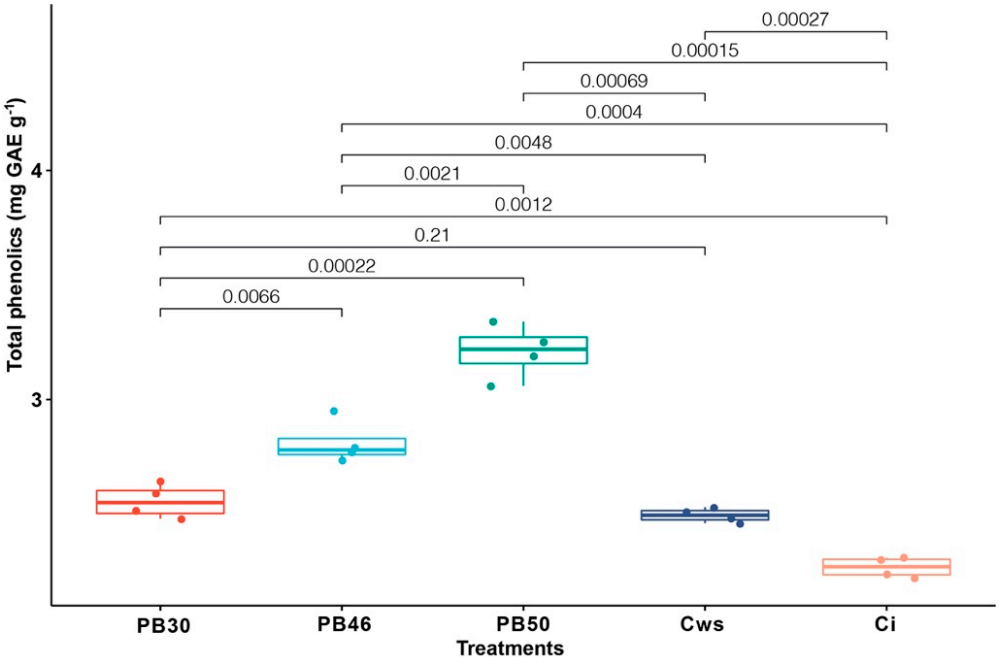

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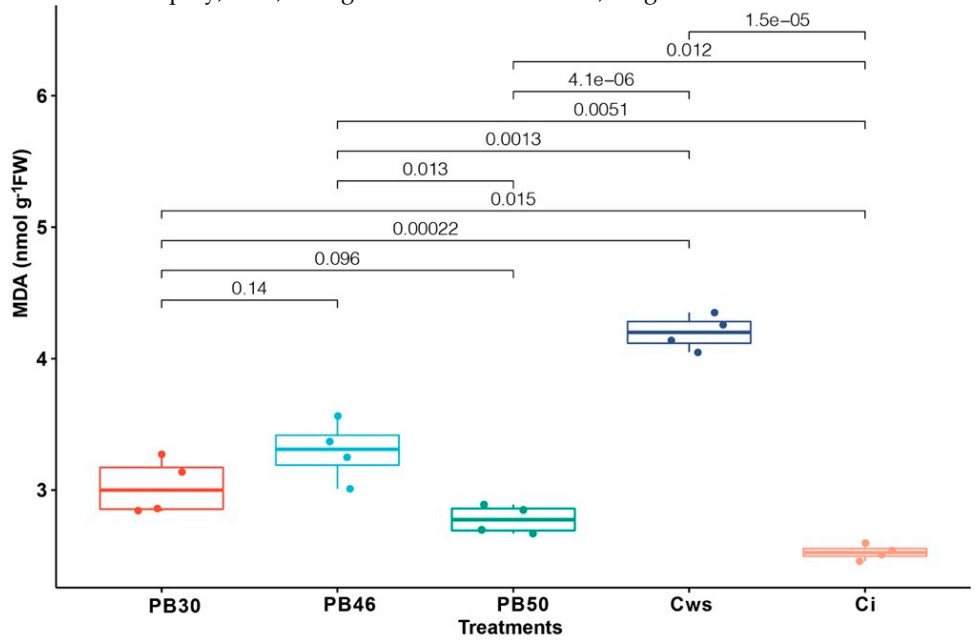

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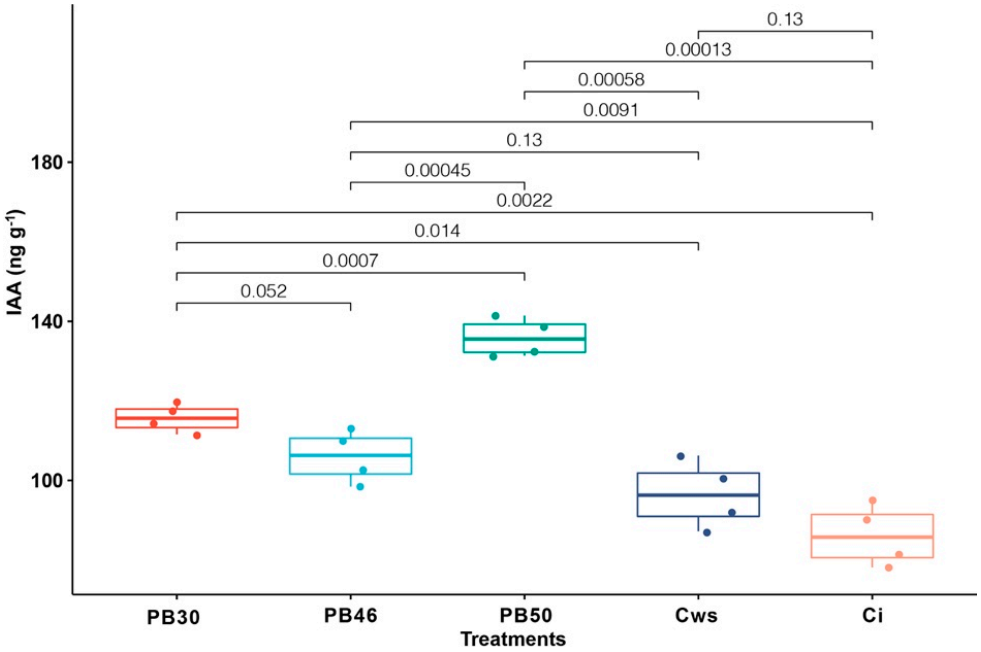

Figure S9: Indole acetic acid (IAA), in rice leaves of different treatment, as well as statistically (ANOVA) significant differences between treatments (ANOVA, p<0.000) after 10 days of drought stress.
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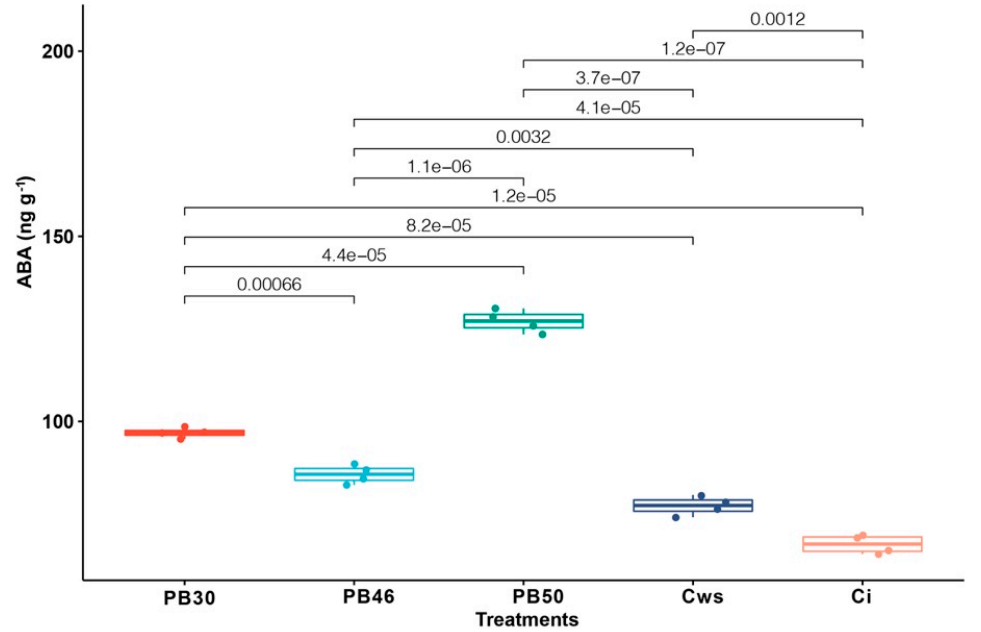

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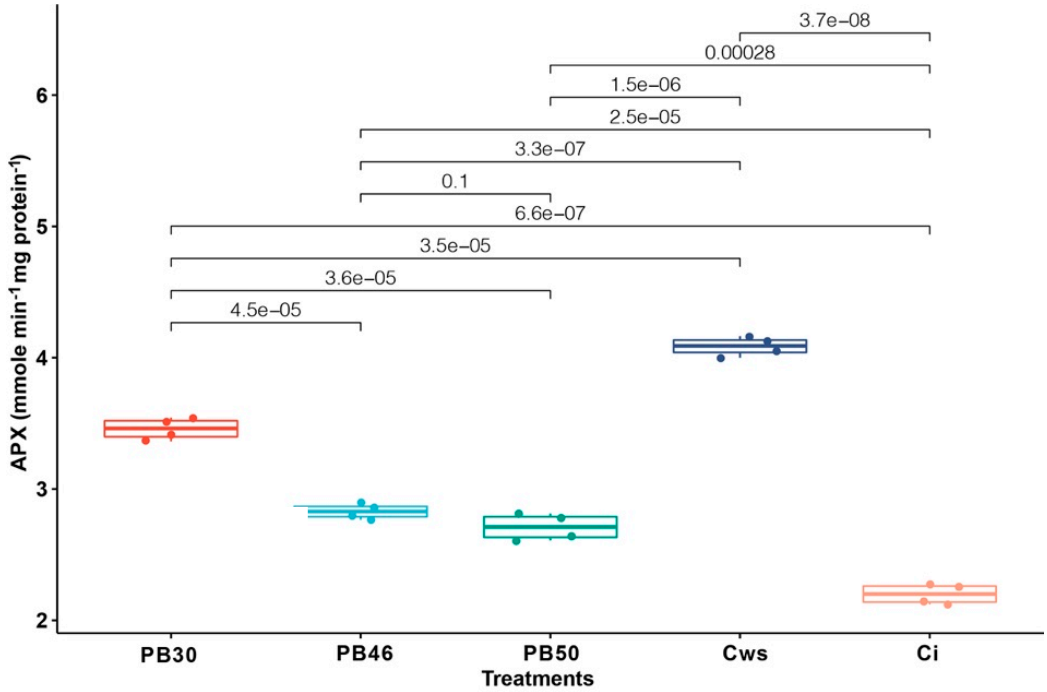

Figure S11: Ascorbate peroxidase (APX) in rice leaves of different treatment, as well as statistically (ANOVA) significant differences between treatments (ANOVA, p<0.000) after 10 days of drought stress.
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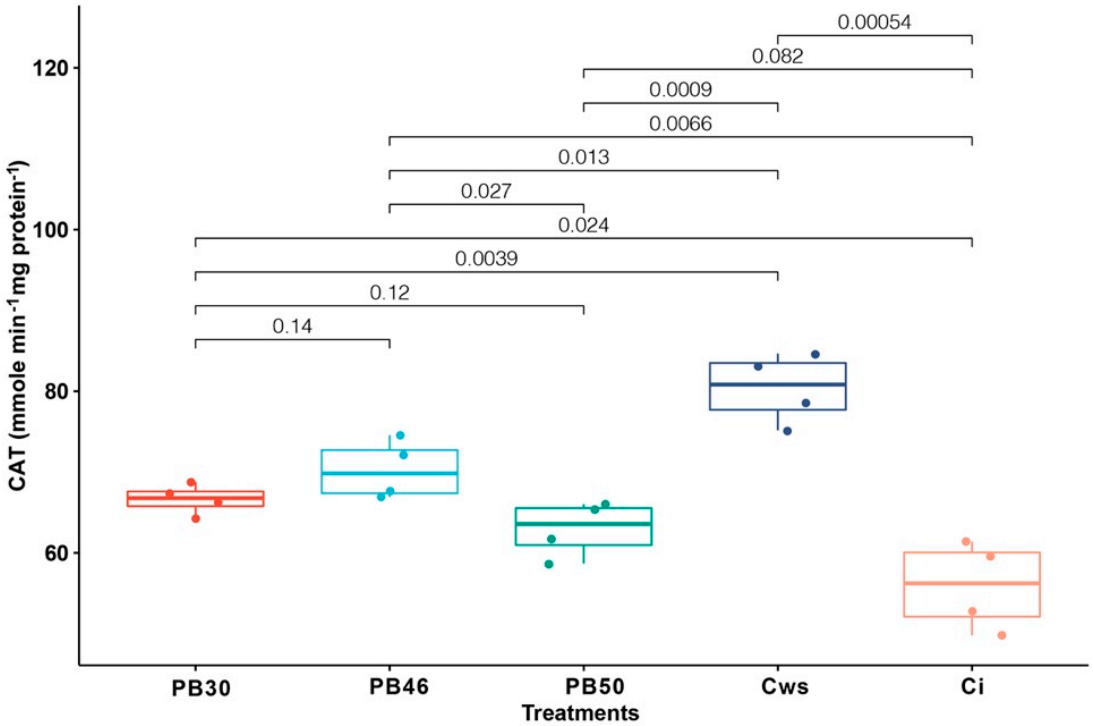

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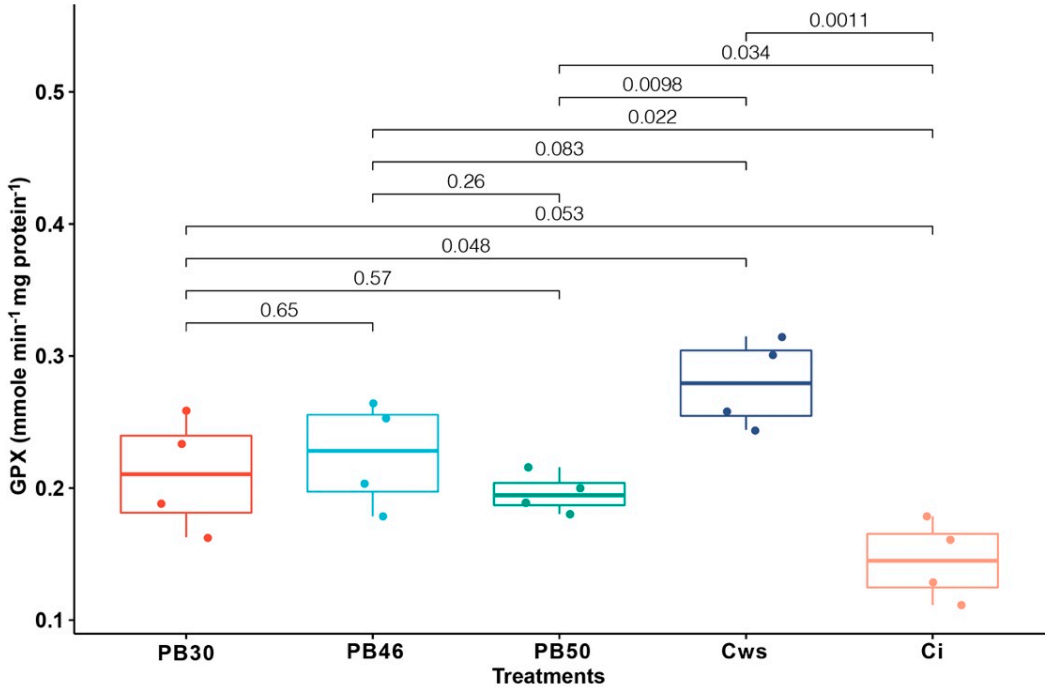

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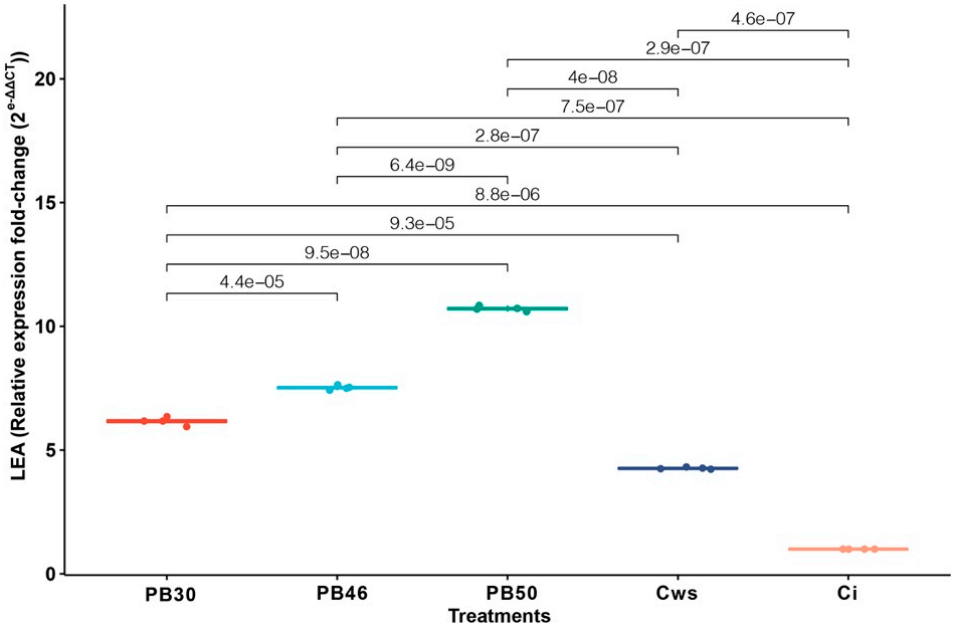

Figure S14: Relative gene expression of *LEA* in rice leaves of different treatment, as well as statistically (ANOVA) significant differences between treatments (ANOVA, p<0.000) after 10 days of drought stress.
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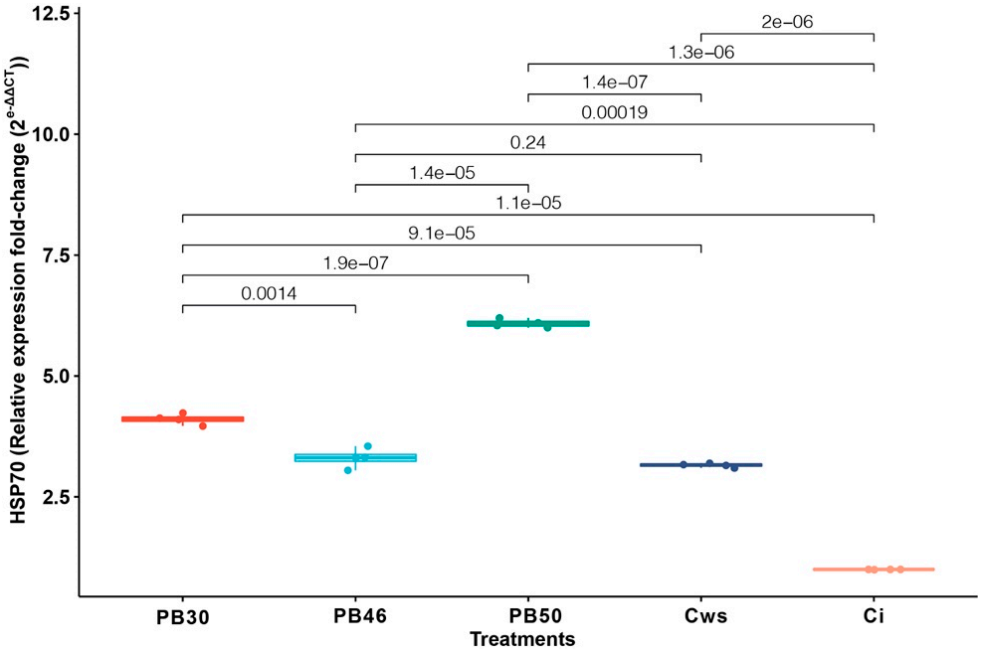

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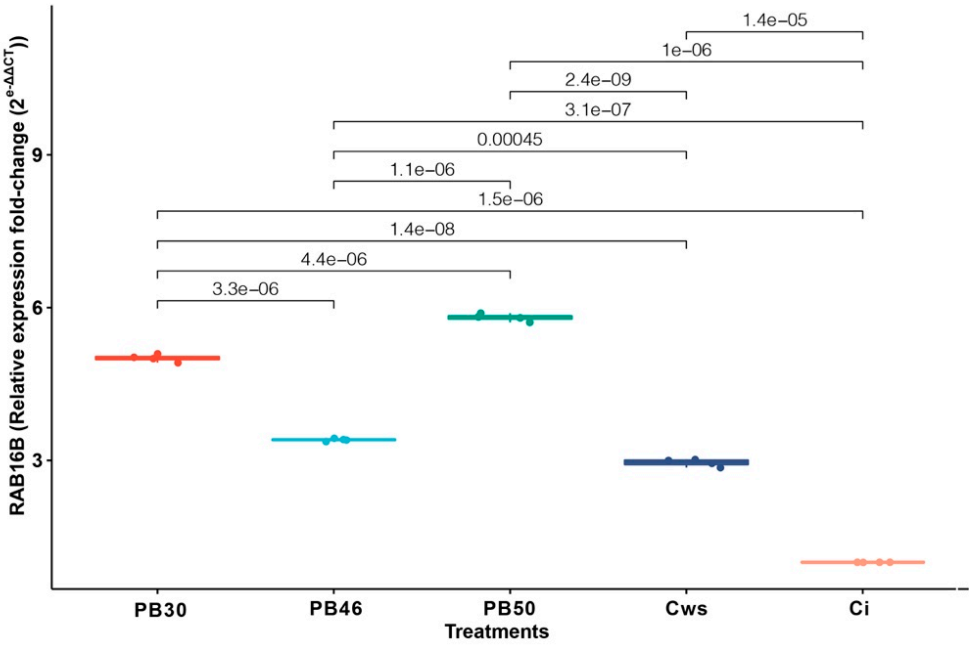

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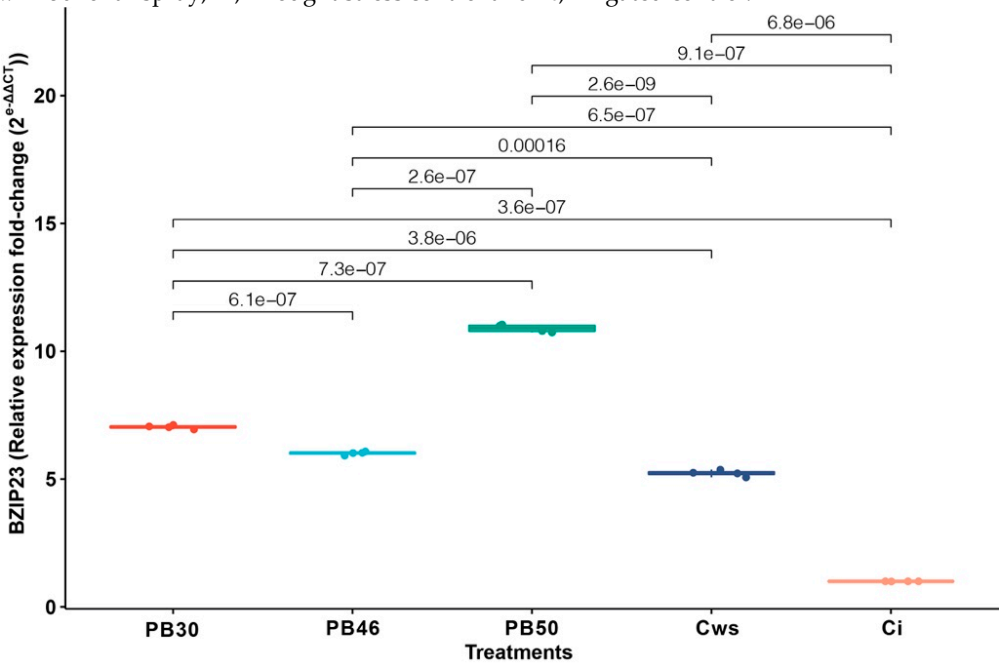

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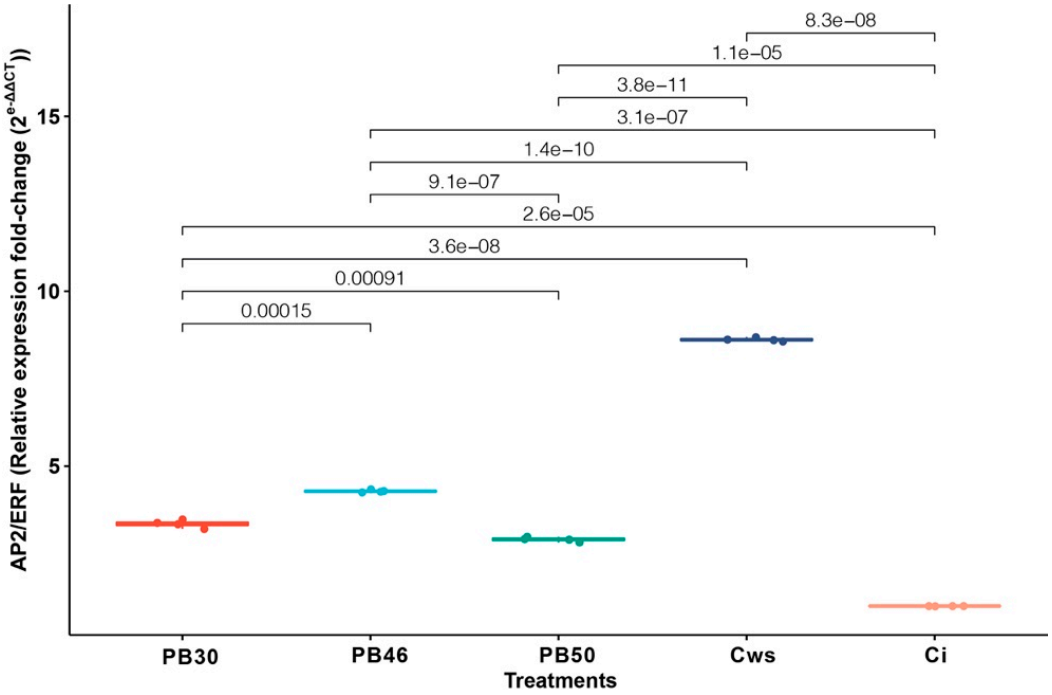

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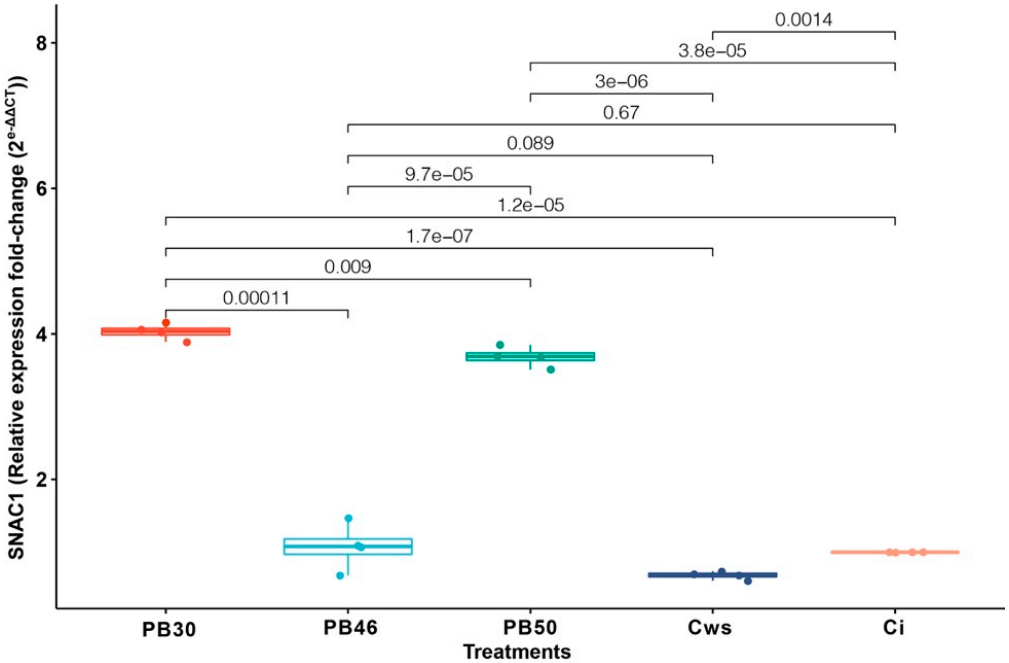

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