

Figure S1. Phylogenetic tree of plants miR156 sequences. vvi. *Vitis vinifera*; smo. *Selaginella moellendorffii*; osa. *Oryza sativa*; csn. *Camellia sinensis*; ath. *Arabidopsis thaliana*; gma. *Glycine max*; mtr. *Medicago truncatula*; nta. *Nicotiana tabacum*; bna. *Brassica napus*; pab. *Picea abies*; ppt. *Physcomitrella patens*.

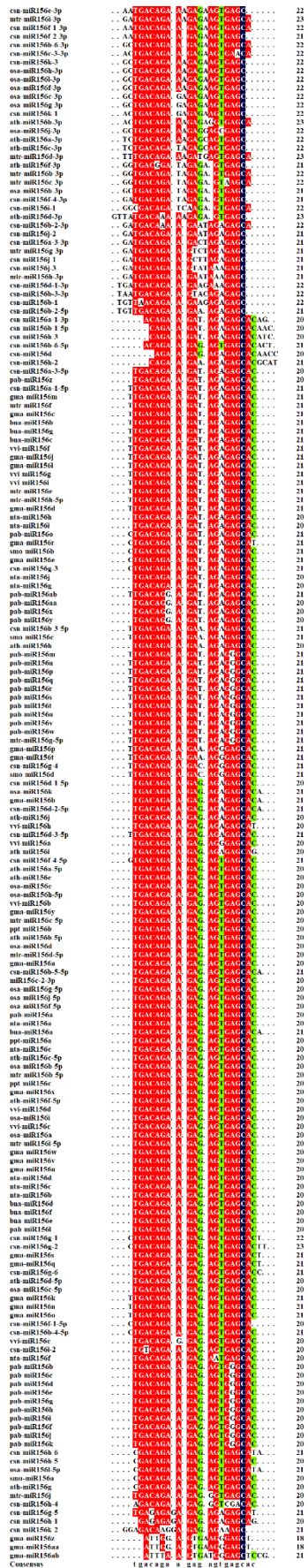


Figure S2. Sequence alignment analysis of miR156s. Different highlight colors represent different homology levels of sequence. Black. $\geq 100\%$; Red. $\geq 75\%$; Green. $\geq 50\%$.

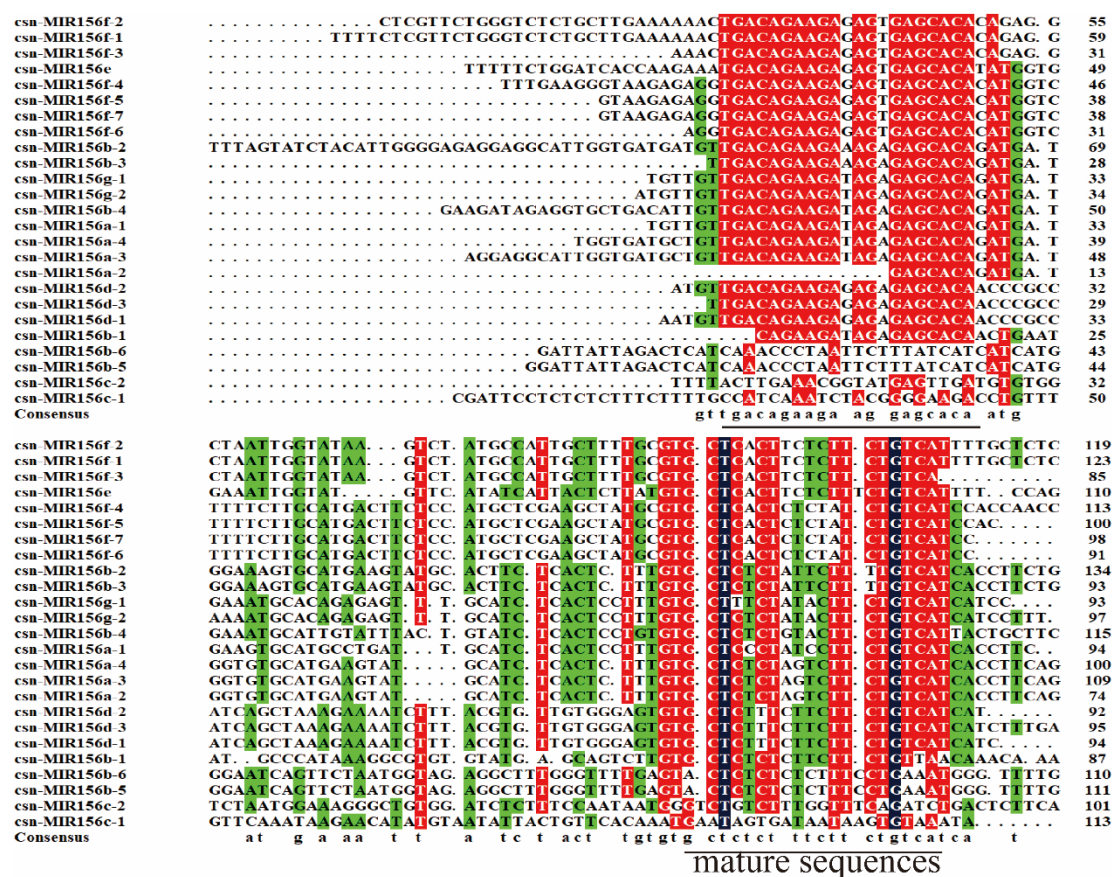


Figure S3. Sequences alignment among *C. sinensis* pre-miR156s. Different highlight colors represent different homology levels of sequence. Black, ≥100%; Red, ≥75%; Green, ≥50%.

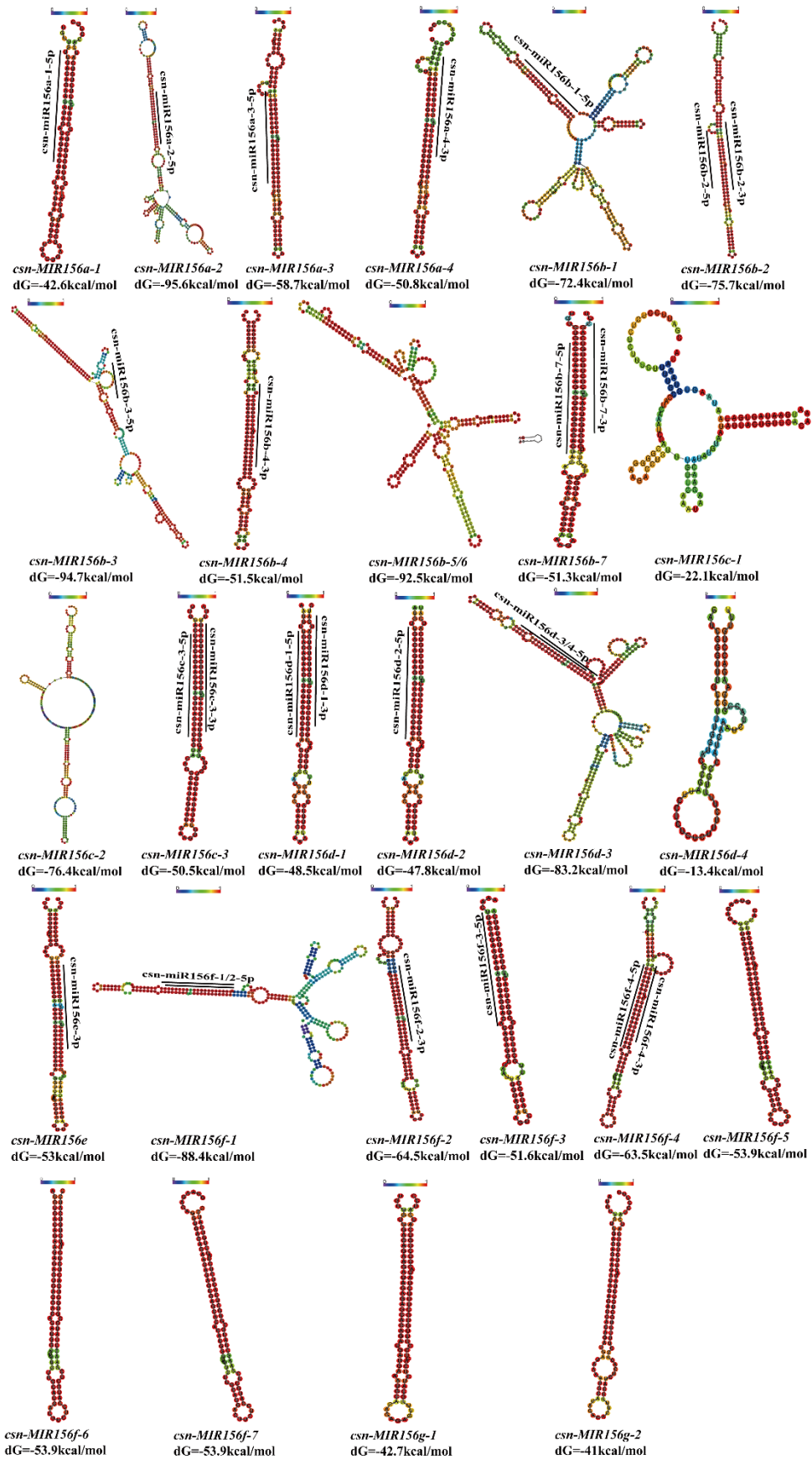


Figure S4. Stem-loop structures of csn-MIR156s in *C. sinensis*. The mature miRNA sequences are marked with a black line.

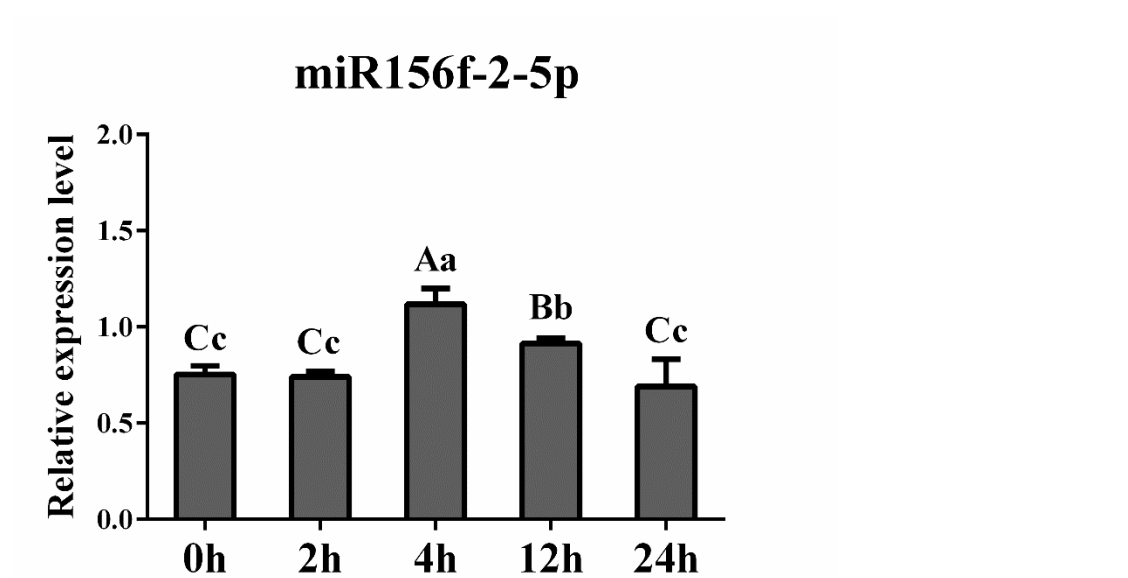


Figure S5. Expression patterns of the *csn-miR156f-2-5p* at 0 h, 2 h, 4 h, 12 h, and 24 h after 15% PEG treatment. Data were the mean of three independent replicates \pm standard deviation (SD). Different lowercase letters indicate significant differences ($p < 0.05$); different uppercase letters indicate highly significant differences ($p < 0.01$).

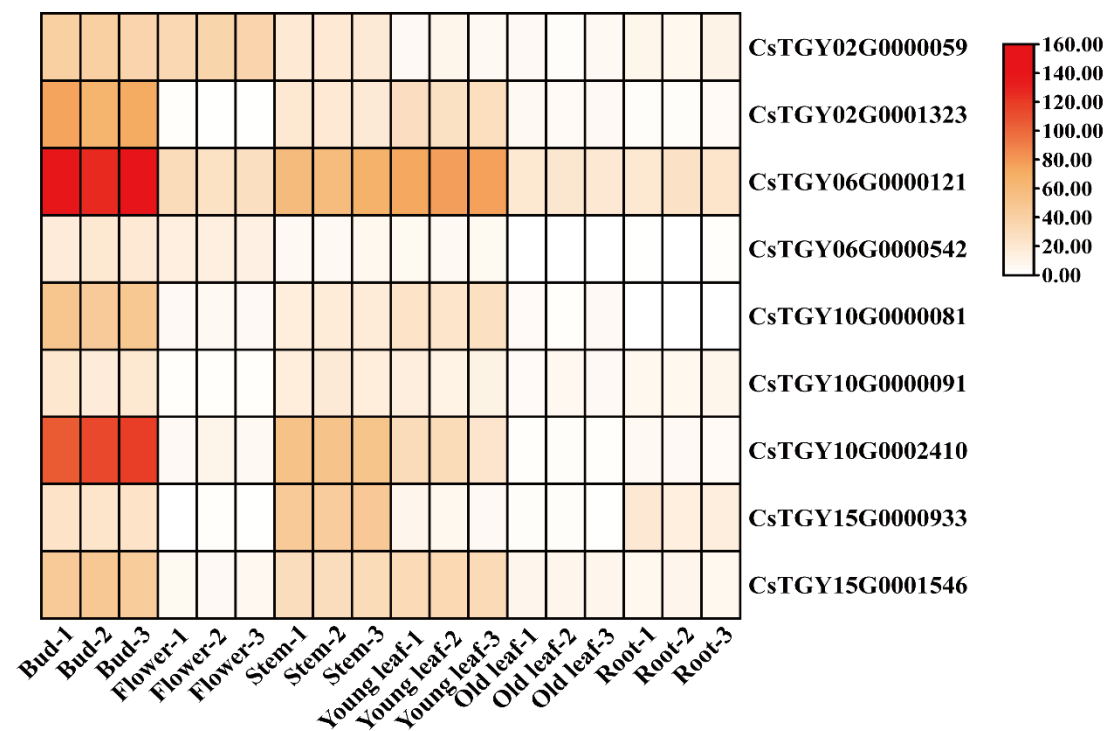


Figure S6. Tissue-specific gene expression patterns of nine *SPL* genes targeted by *csn-miR156f-2-5p* in bud, flower, stem, leaf, and root.