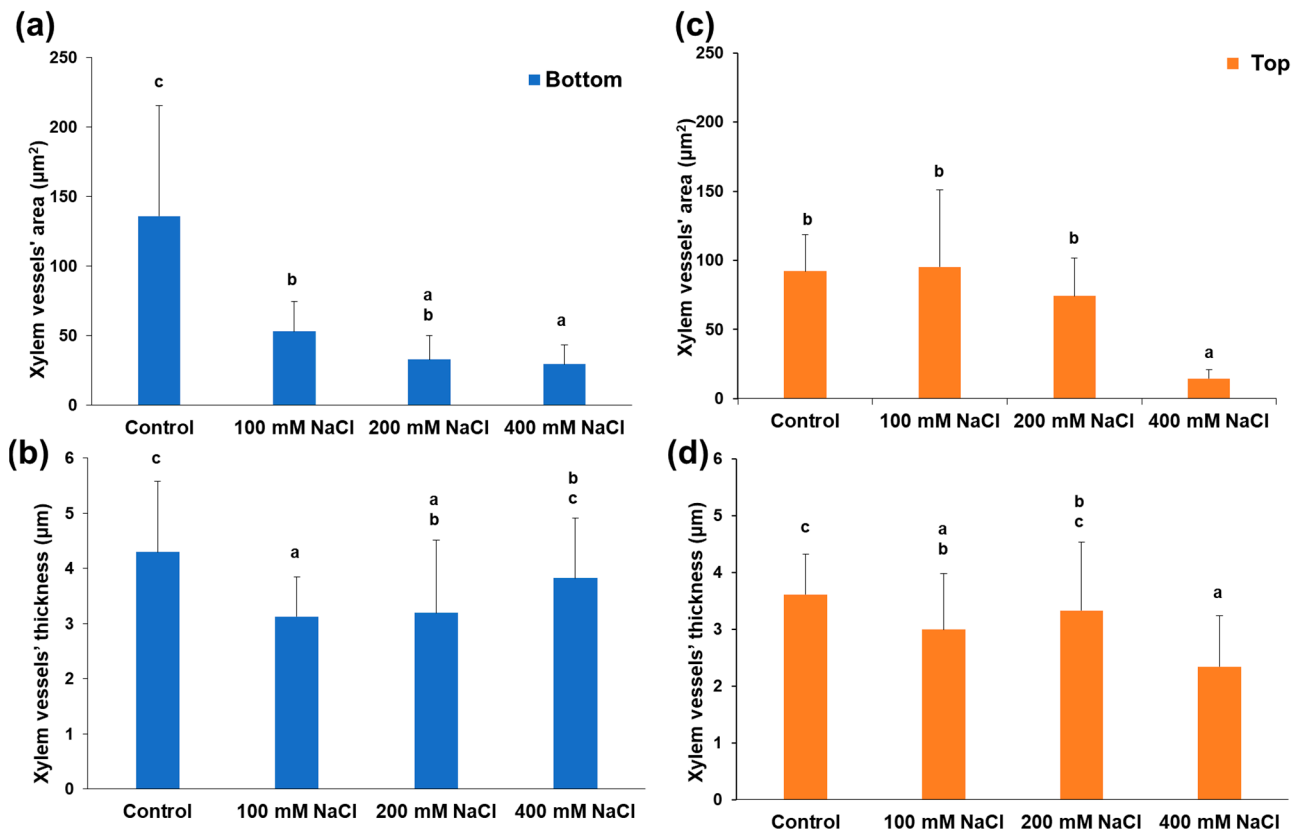


**Figure S1.** Schematic representation of the sampling procedure and samples' abbreviations used. The sampled leaflets are colored and indicated with arrows. Purple: top terminal leaflet, yellow: top lateral leaflets, aquamarine: bottom terminal leaflet, red: bottom lateral leaflets.

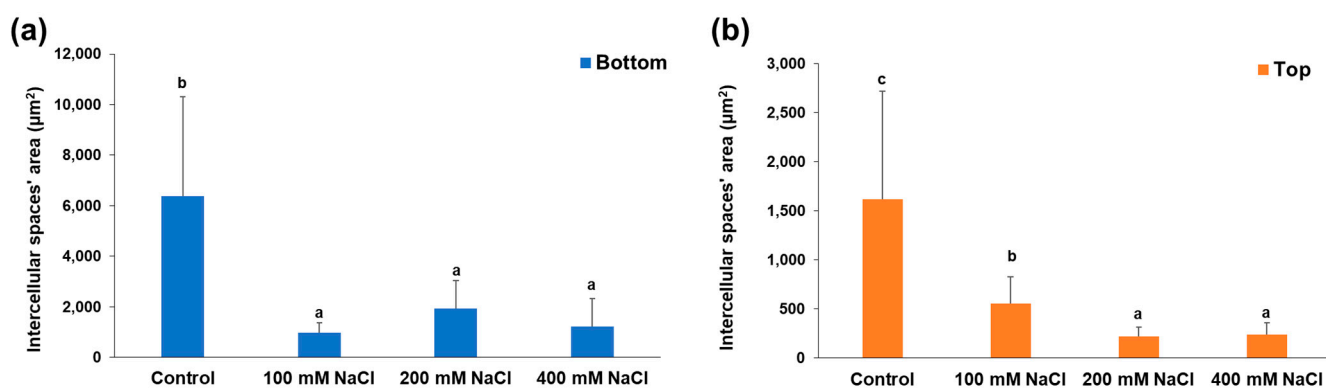
**Table S1.** List of primers used in the study with details of amplicons' size and amplification efficiency.

Gene	Solyc. code	Primer Fwd (5'→3')	Primer Rev (5'→3')	Amplic. size (bp)	Amplif. efficiency
<i>4CL</i>	Solyc12g094520.1	CGTAGACCAATTCGGTTTCC	GATTTTCCCGCTATGTGCTC	81	1.90
<i>4CL3</i>	Solyc03g097030.2	TCATGTGGCTCTGTGATTCG	CAGTGGCTTCATCGTCATTG	145	1.92
<i>ANS</i>	Solyc08g080040	AAGTTGGAGGCATGGAAGAC	GTTCTGGTTGGGGACATTG	72	1.92
<i>AP2C</i>	Solyc02g093150.2	AAACGGAGACACTTGGCAAC	ACGGCGGCTCTTCTTAATAG	86	1.90
<i>AREB2</i>	Solyc11g044560.1	TGCAGAGACAGGGTCTTTG	CTGCCCAAAGTTTGATCCTC	134	1.92
<i>CHI1</i>	Solyc05g052240	GAAGAAGAGGAAGAAGCACTCG	ATCTTGCCTCCAGAAGC	70	1.93
<i>CHI2</i>	Solyc05g010320	GGAGTTGGAACATTCAGTCG	CGTCAAGGGCAAGATCATAG	91	1.90
<i>Cyclo</i>	Solyc07g025390.2	GCTAAGAACGCTGGACCTAATG	TGGGTGTGCCTTTCTGAATG	183	1.90
<i>ERFB1</i>	Solyc05g052040.1	GAATGATGACGGAATTGTAATGAAGA	TTCCACAATCCCAAATTGAAGA	101	1.93
<i>ERFD2</i>	Solyc12g056590.1	CATAAAGCCGCCAGAGTTTG	TGACAATCTGGCGTTCTCAG	132	2.00
<i>EXPA18</i>	Solyc06g076220.2	GTGTGGAGCGTGTTTTGAG	GTTTGGGAGAGCAAAGTTGG	119	1.91
<i>EXPA4</i>	Solyc09g010860.2	GATGGCAAATGGTGTCTTCC	CCGTCATCGTTTGGTAAAGC	92	1.92
<i>EXPA5</i>	Solyc02g088100.2	CGCCCTCATTTTGATCTCTC	AATTCCTCCGCTTCTTCTGC	111	1.93
<i>FLA10</i>	Solyc10g005960.1	AACGGTGTGTTGTCCTGGAG	CCCATGATACTCAAGCAACG	100	1.92
<i>FLA11</i>	Solyc11g069250.1	CCTTCTGGTCCAACAAACATC	CATCCCATCCCTTGATTG	138	2.03
<i>FLA2</i>	Solyc07g048090.1	AGTCCCTTGCCTTTTCCAC	ATAAGTTCCCTCCAGCCAAG	105	1.99
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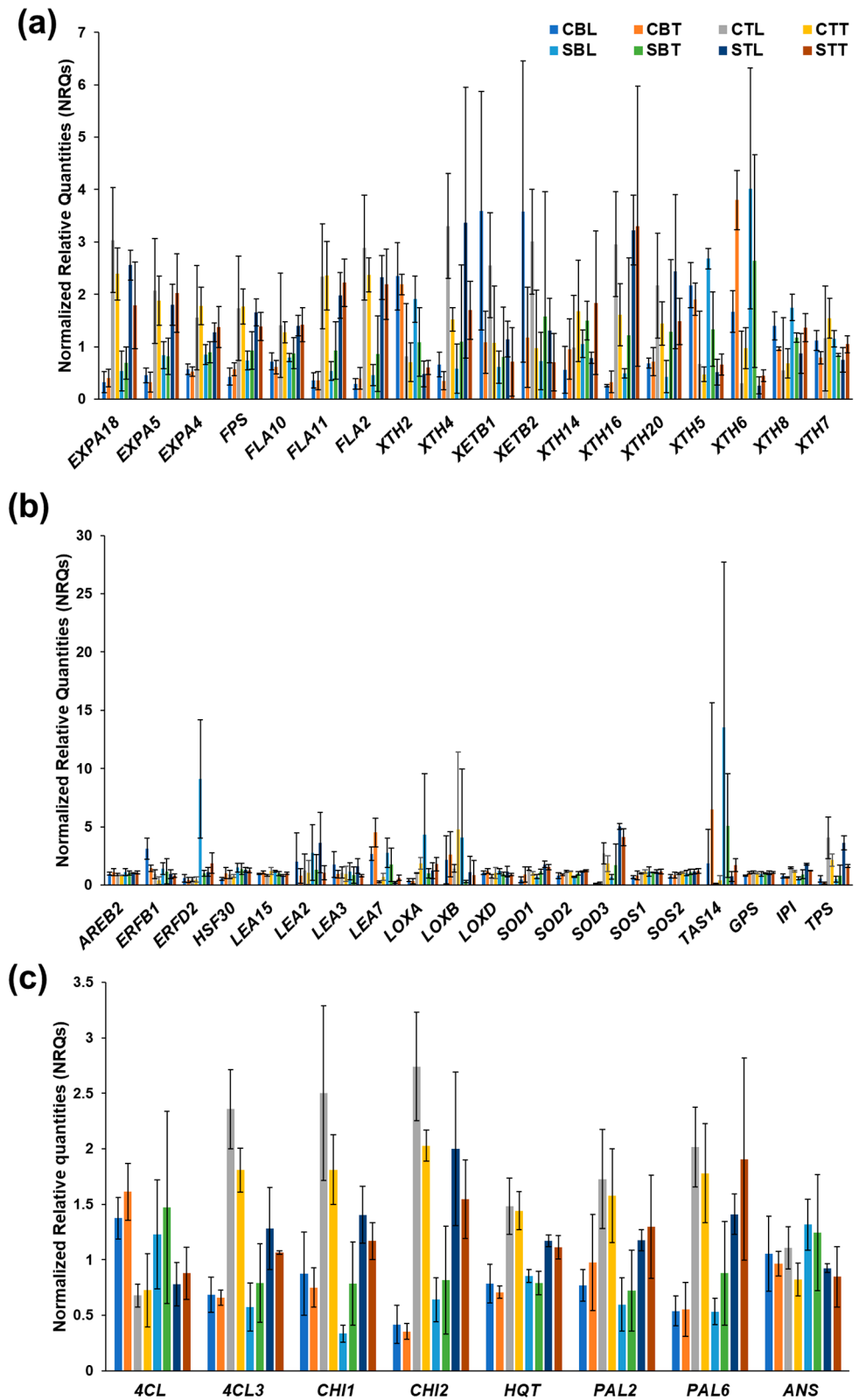
<i>FUL1</i>	Solyc06g069430.2	GTTTTGCCACAACAACCTGGACTC	CTTGCTGCTGTGAAGAACTACC	106	1.91
<i>GPS</i>	Solyc08g023470.2	TGTGATGGGAAATAAGCTAGCTGTA	ACACATGCTCGGGAAAGCA	60	1.93
<i>HQT</i>	Solyc07g005760.2	CCAATGGCTGGAAGATTAGG	GCCTCAACAAACAAAACACC	83	1.90
<i>HSF30</i>	Solyc08g062960.2	CCTGACAGATGGGAATTTGC	CAAGCACCAGATCCTTGTTG	119	1.90
<i>IPI</i>	Solyc04g056390.2	TGTCCCAGTTGACCAGTTCATT	TTCCCGTCAGATGGAGCTTT	63	1.98
<i>LEA2</i>	Solyc01g095140.2	GGTCTCGCTATTGATCTTCCAG	CTTCTTGTTTGTACCGTTCC	112	1.98
<i>LEA3</i>	Solyc01g095150.2	AGGGACATTGGAGGAGATTG	AGAGGGGAATGGTGATGTTG	94	1.96
<i>LEA7</i>	Solyc02g084840.2	AAATTGCCAGGAGGTCACAG	AGTGCCTTCCATGCCATAAC	81	2.00
<i>LEA15</i>	Solyc08g015690.2	GGGCTTCATCCAGGATATTG	GGGTTTGGGTTCCTCACAAG	146	1.94
<i>LOXA</i>	Solyc08g014000.2	GGCTGAAATGGAAACACCAC	GGATACTGCCCCGAAATTGAC	99	1.97
<i>LOXB</i>	Solyc01g099190.2	GTCTTTGGGTGGAATTGTGG	GCCATCAACAACCTGAAGCAC	127	1.92
<i>LOXD</i>	Solyc03g122340.2	GCTTCAGGTTTTTCCACCAG	GCATCCAAAGCCTCTTGAAC	126	1.93
<i>PAL2</i>	Solyc05g056170.2	AGTGATTGGGTGATGGAAGG	TTTTGTAGGGCTGCACCTTG	110	1.91
<i>PAL6</i>	Solyc10g086180.1	TGAGACGTTGAATGCTGAGG	AGCCAAACCAGAACCAACAG	121	1.89
<i>SAND</i>	Solyc03g115810.2	GATTCAAGGGTCTGTTTGC	TCATCAGGGTGAAGAGATGC	89	2.01
<i>SOD1</i>	Solyc01g067740.2	AACCTGGACTTCATGGCTTC	CCAGCAGGATTGTAATGTGG	88	1.98
<i>SOD2</i>	Solyc03g062890.2	GCAATCCAATGGTGTTACCC	AGTGGAATTGCAGCCGTTAG	112	1.96
<i>SOD3</i>	Solyc11g066390.1	CTCCTGGAGATGAAATCCGT	AAGTGCTCGTCCAACAACCTG	134	1.90
<i>SOS1</i>	Solyc01g005020.2	AAGGAAAGCGAGGAAGAAGG	TCGGAGAACCTGAGGAAATG	78	1.90
<i>SOS2</i>	Solyc12g009570.1	CAAGAATTGAGGGGGTAACG	AAAAGGGAAGGGGCTACTTG	82	1.90
<i>TAS14</i>	Solyc02g084850.2	CGGCAATCAAGACCAAATG	TCCATATTCTCCACCAGTGC	145	1.93
<i>TPS</i>	Solyc12g006570.1	CAACTCCCAACTTGCACAACA	CCCTCACAATGCCATCTTTAATT	68	1.93
<i>XETB1</i>	Solyc12g017240.1	GCAGCAGCTATCTGTTCTTGC	AGGTAACCGTTGCATCTTGG	83	1.93
<i>XETB2</i>	Solyc07g056000.2	GTTCAACAACCACGAAGCAC	TGTGTAGCCCAATCATCAGC	96	1.89
<i>XTH14</i>	Solyc09g008320.2	AATCTCTGGGTCCTAATCACC	CCACTGCCTGAATTTCTATCAAG	77	1.91
<i>XTH16</i>	Solyc07g052980.2	GCTTGTTGAAGGTGACTCTGC	ATTGTGGGTGGTCCATCTG	70	1.92
<i>XTH2</i>	Solyc07g009380.2	CGAAAACGGGCAACTTCTTA	CTGACCCCCACCGAAGATAAA	164	1.92
<i>XTH20</i>	Solyc07g006870.2	GCACTGTCACCGCATACTATTTG	GCTCTCTATCACCTTTGCCTTG	138	2.08
<i>XTH4</i>	Solyc11g065600.1	TGATGTGCCTTTTTGGAACA	AGCAGTGACAACACCAGCAG	199	1.91
<i>XTH5</i>	Solyc01g081060.2	GTGCGAGATTGATCCAGTTG	GATGACGATGTCCGTGGTG	86	1.96
<i>XTH6</i>	Solyc11g066270.1	CCCCTTCACCTGGCTACTATC	TGATGTTGAGGACCCCAAAG	88	1.91
<i>XTH7</i>	Solyc02g091920.2	ATGTCCACGGAAAAGGTGAC	GAGAACACGGCTTGATGATG	109	1.91
<i>XTH8</i>	Solyc04g008210.1	CCTTCATGGCTTATTCAGTGC	AAATGCAACCACCACTCCAG	70	1.92



**Figure S2.** Measures of the xylem vessels' (a-b) area and thickness (c-d) in bottom and top leaflets. Bottom area [ $F(3,52)=21.94$ ,  $p$ -value=0.000]; Top area [ $X^2(3)=23.24$ ,  $p$ -value=0.000]; Bottom thickness [ $F(3,124)=8.46$ ,  $p$ -value=0.000]; Top thickness [ $X^2(3)=17.46$ ,  $p$ -value = 0.000]. A compact letter display [26] is used to indicate the significance between groups of samples.



**Figure S3.** Measures of the intercellular spaces in the spongy parenchyma of bottom (a-d) bottom and top leaflets (e-h). Bottom intercellular spaces [ $X^2(3)=15.42$ ,  $p$ -value=0.001]; Top intercellular spaces [ $F(3,35)=22.36$ ,  $p$ -value=0.000]. A compact letter display [26] is used to indicate the significance between groups of samples.



**Figure S4.** Graph of the expression data shown in Figure 7a. The values are normalized relative quantities (NRQs)  $\pm$  standard deviation ( $n=3$ ). The statistical significance is provided in Table S2. CBL/SBL= control/salt-stressed bottom lateral leaflet; CBT/SBT= control/salt-stressed bottom terminal leaflet; CTL/STL= control/salt-stressed top lateral leaflet; CTT/STT= control/salt-stressed top terminal leaflet.

**Table S2.** Statistical significance of the expression data shown in Figure S2. The character in italics refer to the letters assigned with the non-parametric test (Kruskal-Wallis followed by Dunn's post-hoc test), while the others indicate those assigned with the parametric test (one-way ANOVA followed by Tukey's post-hoc test). A compact letter display [26] is used to indicate the significance between groups of samples.

	CBL	CBT	CTL	CTT	SBL	SBT	STL	STT
<i>4CL3</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>ab</i>	<i>ab</i>
<i>CHI1</i>	bc	ab	d	cd	a	ab	bcd	bcd
<i>FLA11</i>	a	a	b	b	a	ab	b	b
<i>FLA2</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>ab</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>cd</i>	<i>abc</i>	<i>abc</i>	<i>cd</i>	<i>bcd</i>
<i>EXPA5</i>	a	a	b	b	ab	ab	b	b
<i>PAL6</i>	a	a	b	b	a	ab	b	b
<i>CHI2</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>bc</i>	<i>ab</i>	<i>ab</i>	<i>bc</i>	<i>abc</i>
<i>EXPA18</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>ab</i>
<i>TPS</i>	<i>ab</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>bc</i>	<i>ab</i>	<i>ab</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>abc</i>
<i>XTH4</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>ab</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>ab</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>ab</i>
<i>EXPA4</i>	a	a	c	c	ab	ab	bc	bc
<i>FPS</i>	a	ab	d	d	abc	bcd	d	cd
<i>FLA10</i>	a	a	c	bc	ab	abc	c	c
<i>SOD2</i>	<i>ab</i>	<i>abc</i>	<i>cd</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>abcd</i>	<i>bcd</i>	<i>c</i>
<i>HQT</i>	ab	a	d	d	abc	ab	cd	bcd
<i>PAL2</i>	abc	abc	c	bc	a	ab	abc	abc
<i>SOD1</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>abc</i>	<i>bcd</i>	<i>abc</i>	<i>ab</i>	<i>abcd</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>cd</i>
<i>IP1</i>	<i>ab</i>	<i>ab</i>	<i>cd</i>	<i>abcd</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>abc</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>bcd</i>
<i>XTH20</i>	<i>ab</i>	<i>ab</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>abc</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>abc</i>	<i>bc</i>	<i>abc</i>
<i>SOD3</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>ab</i>	<i>bcd</i>	<i>abcd</i>	<i>abc</i>	<i>abcd</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>cd</i>
<i>XTH16</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>ab</i>	<i>ab</i>	<i>ab</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>
<i>ANS</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>
<i>AREB2</i>	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
<i>LOXD</i>	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
<i>LEA15</i>	<i>ab</i>	<i>bc</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>bc</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>abc</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>abc</i>
<i>GPS</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>
<i>SOS1</i>	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
<i>SOS2</i>	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
<i>XTH7</i>	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
<i>HSF30</i>	a	ab	ab	ab	b	b	b	ab
<i>XTH14</i>	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
<i>LOXB</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>
<i>LEA2</i>	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
<i>LEA3</i>	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
<i>4CL</i>	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
<i>XTH8</i>	bc	abc	a	ab	c	bc	abc	bc
<i>ERFB1</i>	b	b	ab	a	ab	ab	ab	ab
<i>XTH2</i>	c	bc	abc	abc	bc	abc	a	ab
<i>XTH5</i>	<i>bc</i>	<i>abc</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>abc</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>ab</i>
<i>XETB1</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>
<i>XETB2</i>	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
<i>ERFD2</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>
<i>LEA7</i>	c	c	a	ab	c	bc	a	ab

<b><i>XTH6</i></b>	<b><i>abc</i></b>	<b><i>c</i></b>	<b><i>ab</i></b>	<b><i>abc</i></b>	<b><i>bc</i></b>	<b><i>bc</i></b>	<b><i>a</i></b>	<b><i>ab</i></b>
<b><i>LOXA</i></b>	<b><i>a</i></b>	<b><i>a</i></b>	<b><i>ab</i></b>	<b><i>bc</i></b>	<b><i>bc</i></b>	<b><i>abc</i></b>	<b><i>abc</i></b>	<b><i>c</i></b>
<b><i>TAS14</i></b>	<b><i>ab</i></b>	<b><i>ab</i></b>	<b><i>a</i></b>	<b><i>ab</i></b>	<b><i>b</i></b>	<b><i>ab</i></b>	<b><i>ab</i></b>	<b><i>ab</i></b>

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