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LIST OF SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

A	Alpha
AB	Advance backcross
ABA	Abscisic acid
AP	Alkaline phosphatase
At	*Arabidopsis thaliana*
ß	Beta
BAC	Bacterial artificial chromosome
BLAST	Basic Local Alignment Search Tool
bp	Base pair(s)
BSA	Bovine serum albumin
cDNA	Complementary deoxyribonucleic acid
CLV1	*CLAVATA1 Receptor Kinase*
CTAB	Cetyl Trimethyl Ammonium Bromide
cv.	Cultivar
DCL1	DICER-like1
DEPC	Diethyl pyrocarbonate
dH_2O	Distilled water
DIG	Digoxigenin
DMSO	Dimethyl sulphoxide
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid
dNTP	Deoxynucleotide 5’ triphosphate

dsRNA	Double-stranded RNA
DTT	Dithiothreitol
E. coli	*Escherichia coli*
EDTA	Ethylenediamine tetra-acetic acid
eEF-1α	Eukaryotic elongation factor 1-alpha
et al .	*et alii*/ and others
EST	Expressed sequence tag
FLS2	Flagellin Sensitive2
g	Gram
gi	NCBI GenInfo Indentifier
GUS	Beta-glucuronidase
hr	Hour
hpt	Hygromycin phosphotransferase
hpRNA	Hairpin RNA
i.e.	*id est*/that is
IPTG	Isopropyl ß-D-1-thiogalactopyranoside
IR	Inverted repeat
kb	Kilobase pairs
L	Litre
LB	Luria-Bertani
LRR	Leucine-rich repeat
M	Molar
MAS	Marker-assisted selection

Mb	Megabase pairs
MCS	Multiple cloning site
mg	Milligram
µl	Microlitre
µg	Microgram
M	Mutant
min	Minute
miRNA	Micro RNA
ml	Millilitre
mM	Millimolar
mRNA	Messenger RNA
MS	Murashige and Skoog
NERICA	New Rice for Africa
ng	Nanogram
no.	Number
NOSt	*Nopaline synthase* terminator
*npt*II	Neomycin Phosphotransferase
nt	Nucleotide
OD	Optical density
ORF	Open reading frame
OsI	*Oryza sativa* ssp. *indica*
OsJ	*Oryza sativa* ssp. *japanica*
Oruf	*Oryza rufipogon*

PCI	Phenol: chloroform: isoamyl alcohol
PCL	Physical Containment Level
PCR	Polymerase chain reaction
PTGS	Post-transcriptional gene silencing
PVP	Polyvinylpyrrolidone
QTL	Quantitative trait locus
RAP-DB	Rice Annotation Project Database
RDR	RNA dependent RNA polymerase
RE	Restriction enzymes
RFLP	Restriction fragment length polymorphism
RISC	RNA-induced silencing complex
RKN	Receptor-like kinase
RLK	Receptor-like protein kinase
RLM-RACE	RNA Ligase Mediated Rapid Amplification of cDNA Ends
RM	Rice marker
RNA	Ribonucleic acid
RNAi	RNA interference
RPK1	Receptor-Like Protein Kinase1
rpm	Revolutions per minute
RT-PCR	Reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction
qRT-PCR	Quantitative reverse transcriptionpolymerase chain reaction
SDS	Sodium dodecyl sulfate
sec	Second(s)

siRNA	Short-interfering RNA
SMART	Simple Modular Architecture Research Tool
SNP	Single nucleotide polymorphism
ssp.	Subspecies
SSR	Simple sequence repeat
ssRNA	Single-stranded RNA
SRK	*S*-locus receptor kinase
ta-siRNA	Trans-acting siRNA
TBE	Tris-EDTA buffer
TIGR	The Institute for Genomic Research
TILLING	Targeting induced local lesions in genomes
Tris	Tris-hydroxymethyl amino methane
U	Weiss unit
UBQ	Ubiquitin
UTR	Untranslated region
UV	Ultraviolet
VIGS	Virus-induced gene silencing
v/v	Volume per volume
w/v	Weight per volume
× g	Times gravity
°C	Degrees Celsius
%	Percentage
#	Line