

**Table S1.** Gene-specific primer pairs used in this study

| <b>Gene</b>                                     | <b>Primers (5' to 3')</b>  |
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| <b><u>For protein expression construct</u></b>  |  |
| <i>ALKBH6</i>                                   | Forward: GGATCCATGGAGTTAGAGAGATTCAGG<br>Reverse: GTCGACGAATCTGAAGAGATTTTACG  |
| <b><u>For genomic DNA PCR</u></b>               |  |
| <i>ALKBH6</i>                                   | Forward: TCATTCTCTGTCTTGTTGATGCC<br>Reverse: CCAAAGCTTCAGCTTCATTAACG<br>Forward: TTCCTCCACGGCATTAGCGATAG<br>Reverse: ACGGACTTTGGGAAGTAGACGGC |
| <b><u>For RT-PCR</u></b>                        |  |
| <i>ALKBH6</i>                                   | Forward: TCAAGATGGACCCGCTTACTTTCC<br>Reverse: ACGGACTTTGGGAAGTAGACGGC  |
| <b><u>For quantitative real-time RT-PCR</u></b> |  |
| <i>ALKBH6</i>                                   | Forward: TGTCTCTTGGCTCACCTGTTGT<br>Reverse: ACGGACTTTGGGAAGTAGACGGC  |
| <i>RD29A</i>                                    | Forward: CGGAGGAAATTATTCCACCAGGGA<br>Reverse: ACAGAATGAGCCGGTGCATCGTG  |
| <i>RD29B</i>                                    | Forward: TCCTGTCGTGTCTTCTGACCACAC<br>Reverse: TCGCTTCCCAGTCCGATGTTTCC  |
| <i>CBF2</i>                                     | Forward: GGTCTTGACATGGAGGAGGAGACC<br>Reverse: CAACATCGCCTTTCATCCATA  |
| <i>SUS</i>                                      | Forward: TAAGCTCTTCCATGACAAGGAGA<br>Reverse: AAGGTGTGTTGCAGAGTGTTGA  |
| <i>HSP70</i>                                    | Forward: GGGCACGAACAAAGGACAAC<br>Reverse: GCCCAGCTCCTTGGTACATT   |
| <i>ABA1</i>                                     | Forward: GAACGTACTATAAAGGGAGAAGG<br>Reverse: CTGAGACGAAGGGATCACAAT   |
| <i>ABA2</i>                                     | Forward: CTAAACTCGCTTTGGCTCATT<br>Reverse: CGCTACATCATCAACCGTCAG   |
| <i>ABA3</i>                                     | Forward: TTTGCTGGGATGACAATGAT<br>Reverse: CCTTCCACTGACGACGGTTC   |
| <i>NCED3</i>                                    | Forward: TAAAAACCGTTGGTCGGTTC<br>Reverse: CGACGTCCGGTGATTTAGTT   |
| <i>ABI1</i>                                     | Forward: AGAGTGTGCCTTTGTATGGTTA<br>Reverse: CATCCTCTCTCTACAATAGTTCGCT  |
| <i>ABI5</i>                                     | Forward: CAATAAGAGAGGGATAGCGAACGAG<br>Reverse: CGTCCATTGCTGTCTCCTCCA   |
| <i>SnRK2D</i>                                   | Forward: TTGTTATGGAATATGCTGCTGGTGG<br>Reverse: TCAGATCCCGATGGCATATTTGC   |
| <i>SnRK2E</i>                                   | Forward: AACTCCTGCTTAATCGTCCTAGAG<br>Reverse: TTTCTGAAATTCCTTGGTCCTCG  |
| <i>SnRK2I</i>                                   | Forward: GCAATGCAGGACGGTTTAGTGAAG<br>Reverse: TTAATCGAGGAGCAGGACTTCCATC  |
| <i>SnRK2-6</i>                                  | Forward: TTTGTTGCTGACCCTGCAAAGAGG<br>Reverse: TCTTCTATGCTTTGGCCCGGTTGA   |
| <i>ABF3</i>                                     | Forward: GGTTGATGATGTCTGGAAGGAGC<br>Reverse: CCCTAACCACACCAGCCCTGA   |
| <i>PYR1</i>                                     | Forward: GCGAACACATCAACGGAAAG<br>Reverse: CCAGATCCGATTCTCTTTCTCG   |

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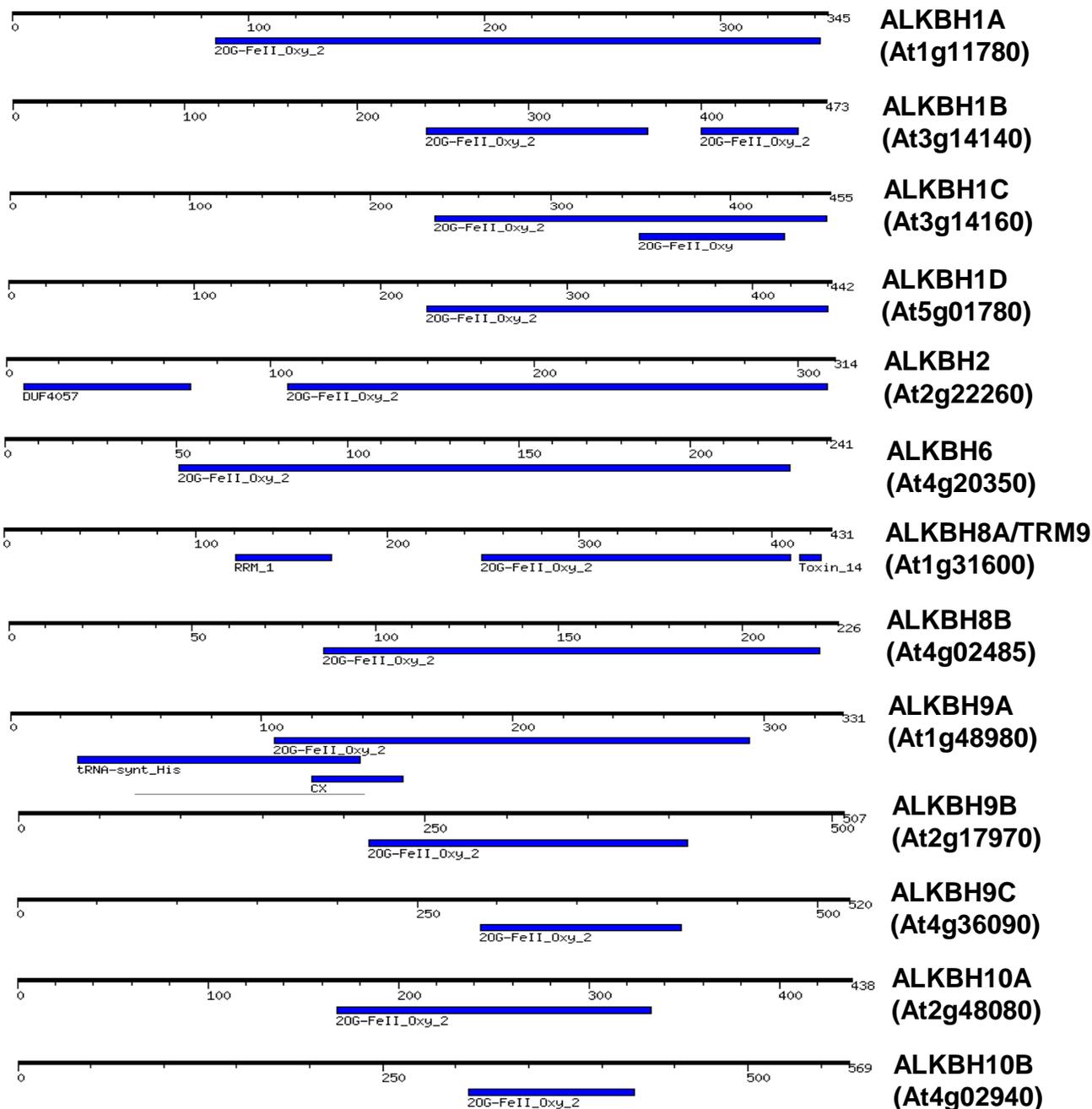
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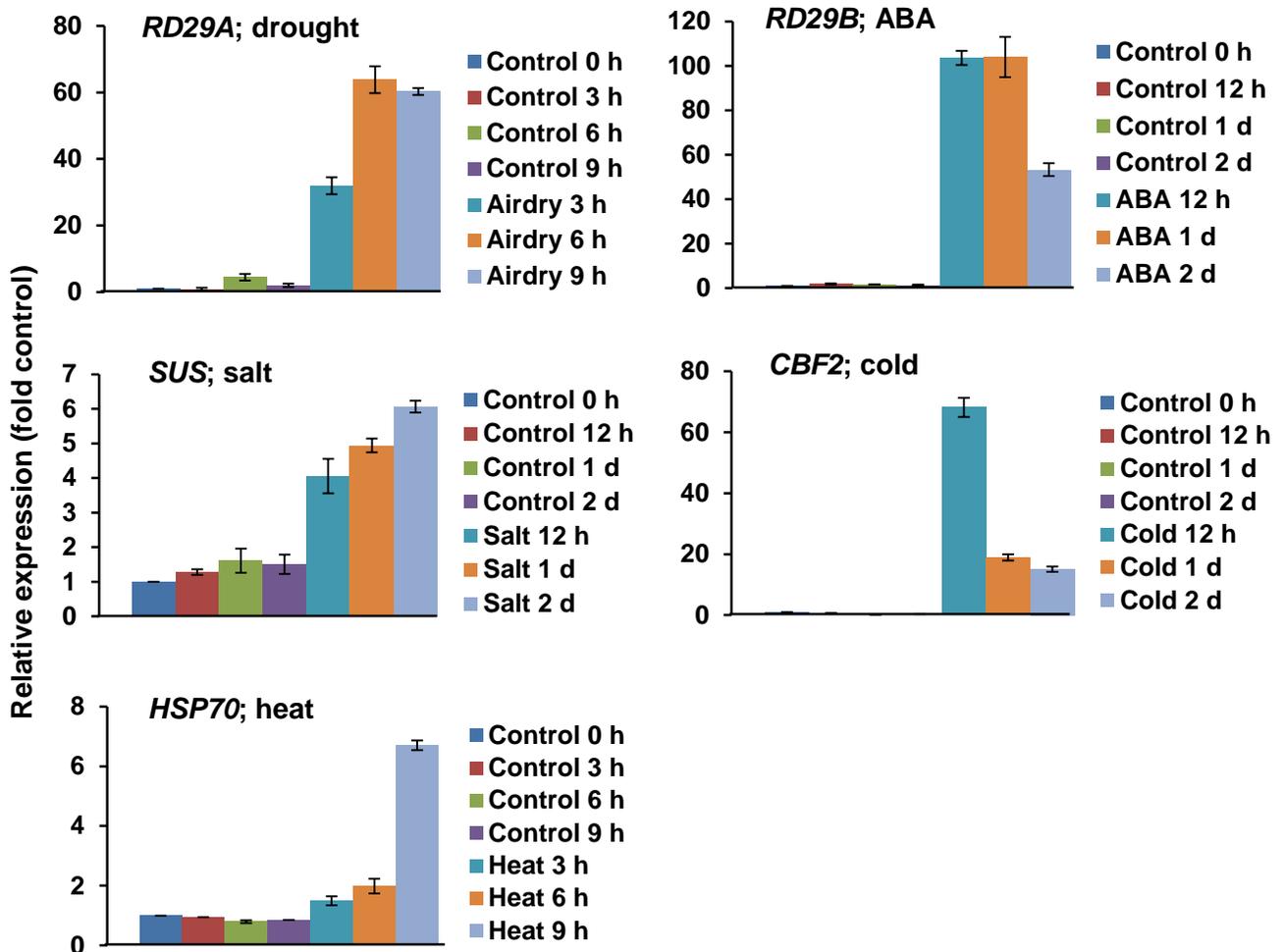
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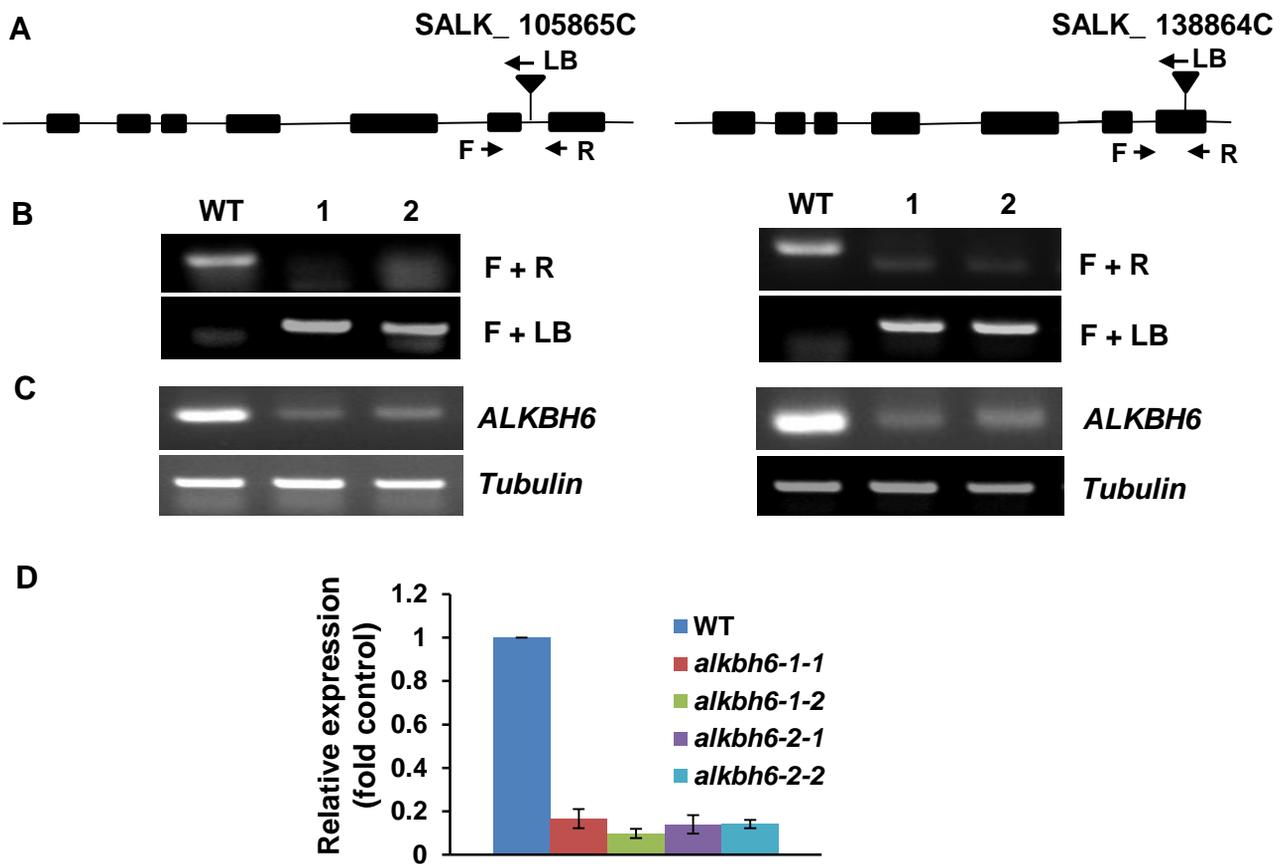
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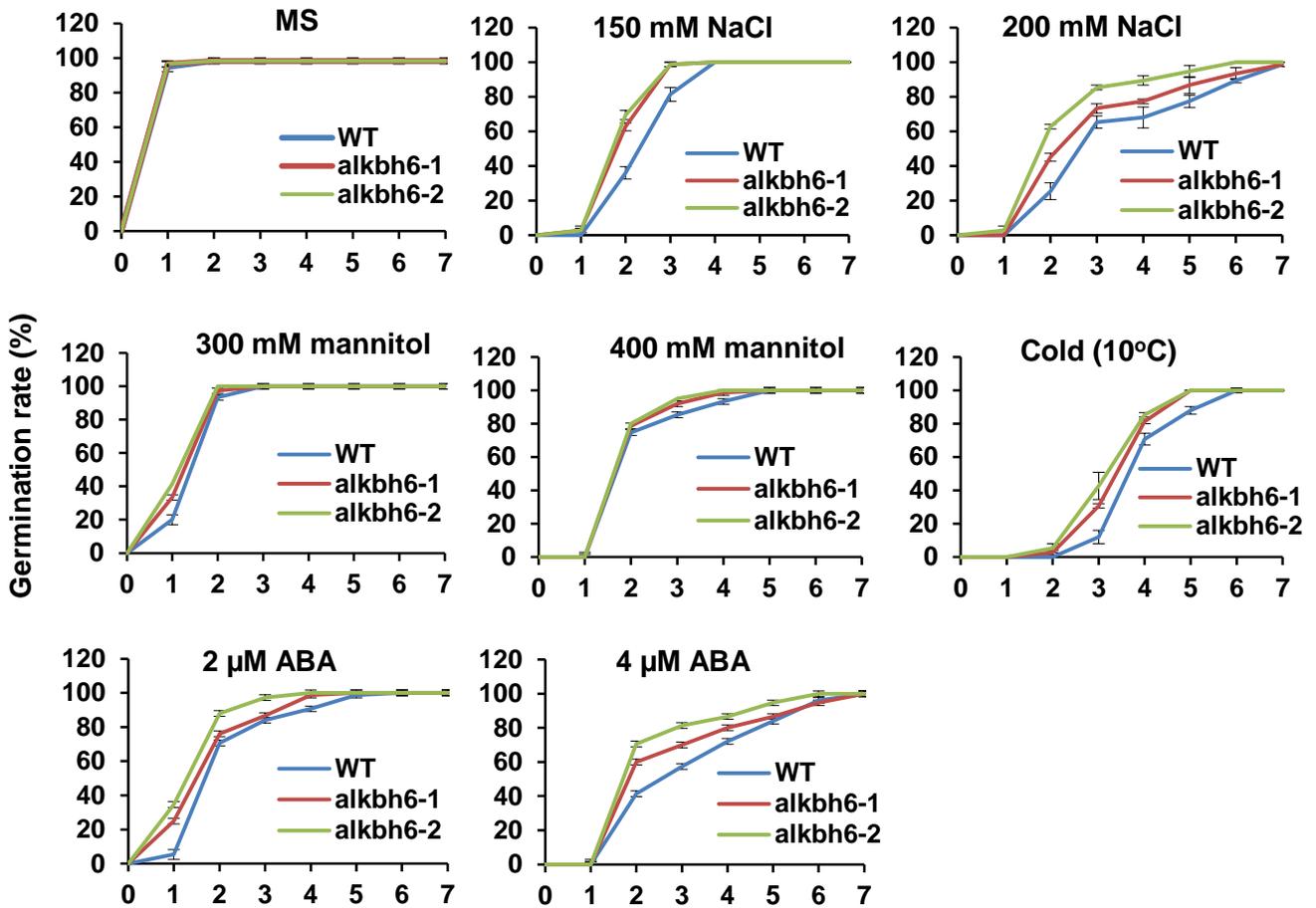


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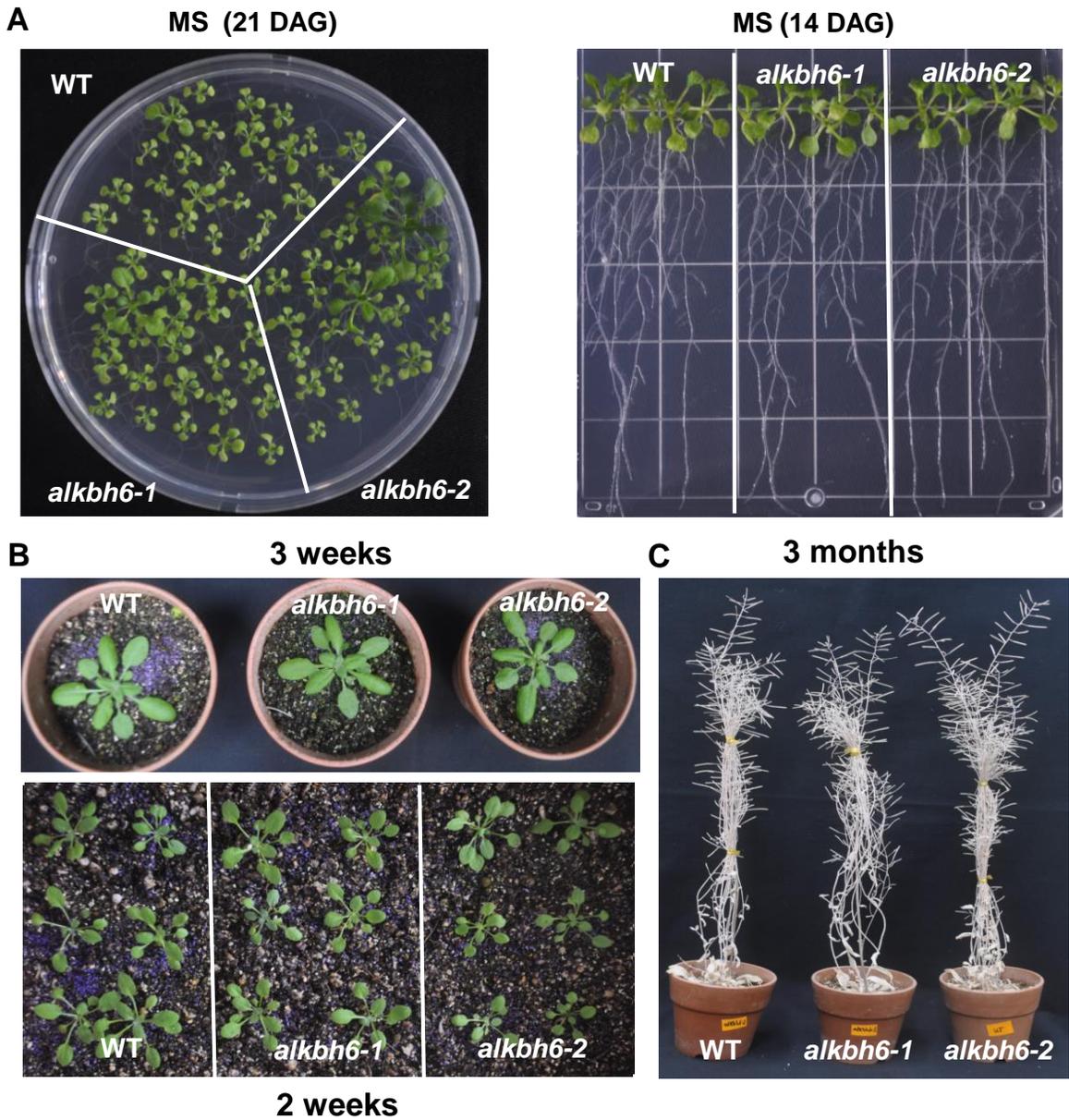


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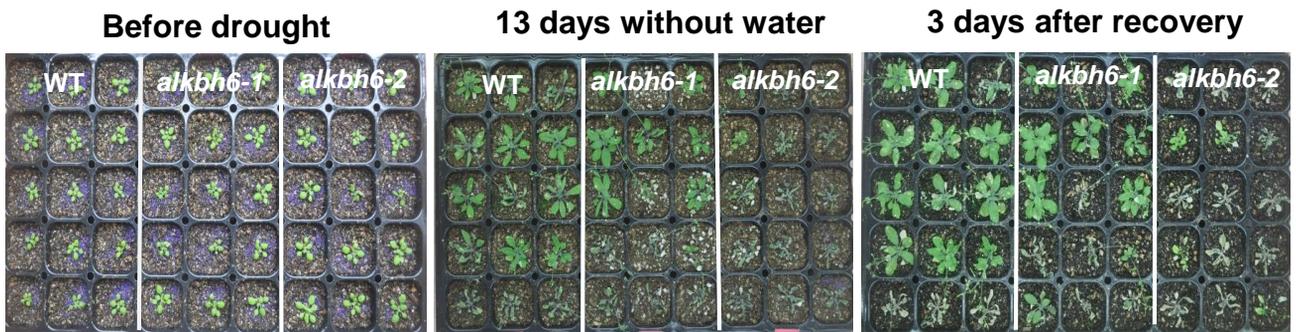
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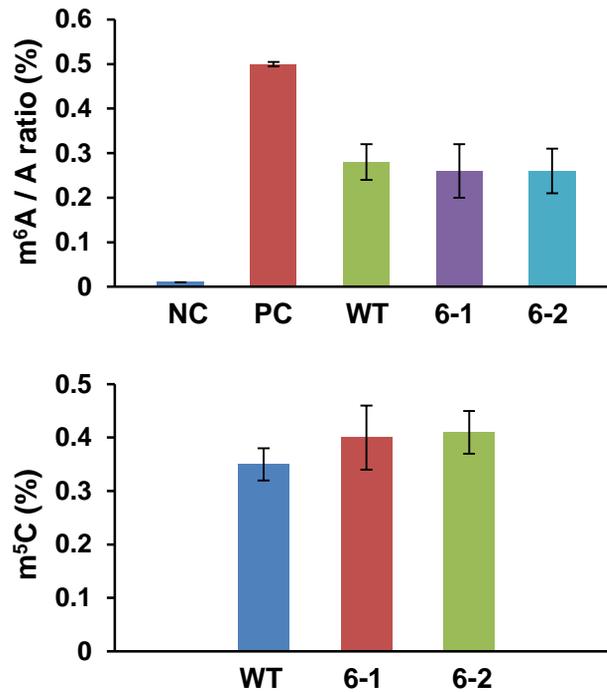
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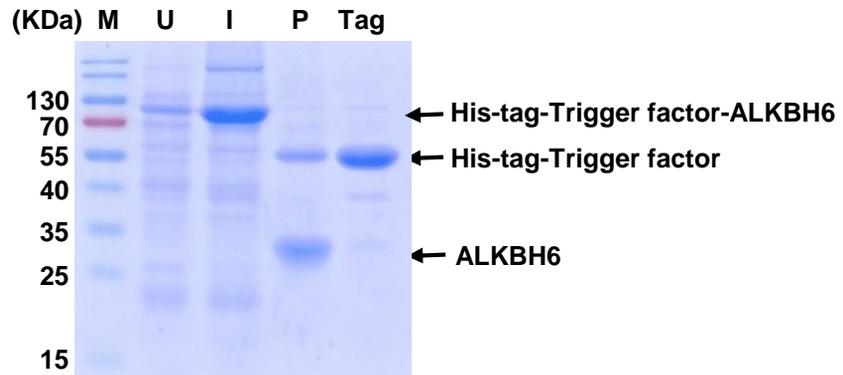
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