

**Supplementary Table S1** Sequences of primers used for DNA cloning, construction of subcellular localization vectors, construction of heterologous expression vectors, construction of Y2H vectors and quantitative RT-PCR of *CsMYB5b* in tea plants.

Purpose	Gene name	Primer name	Primer sequence (5'-3')
DNA cloning	<i>CsMYB5b</i>	<i>CsMYB5b</i> -F	<b>ATGGGTAGGAGACCTTGTTG</b>
		<i>CsMYB5b</i> -R	TTATTGATCTTGAAGCCAATC
	<i>CsTT8</i>	<i>CsTT8</i> -F	<b>ATGGAGGCGCCGCCGAGTAG</b>
		<i>CsTT8</i> -R	TCAGTTCTGGGGTATTATTG
	<i>CsWD40</i>	<i>CsWD40</i> -F	ATGGAGAATTTCGAGCCAAG
		<i>CsWD40</i> -R	TCAAACCTTTCAGAAGCTGCA
subcellular localization	<i>CsMYB5b</i>	<i>CsMYB5b</i> -GFP-F	GGGGACAAGTTTGTACAAAAAAGCAG GCT <b>ATGGGTAGGAGACCTTGTTG</b>
		<i>CsMYB5b</i> -GFP-R	GGGGACCACTTTGTACAAGAAAGCTG GGTCTTGATCTTGAAGCCAATC
Construction of heterologous expression vectors	<i>CsMYB5b</i>	<i>CsMYB5b</i> -attb-F	GGGGACAAGTTTGTACAAAAAAGCAG GCT <b>ATGGGTAGGAGACCTTGTTG</b>
		<i>CsMYB5b</i> -attb-R	GGGGACCACTTTGTACAAGAAAGCTG GGTTTATTGATCTTGAAGCCAATC
Construction of Y2H vectors	<i>CsMYB5b</i>	<i>CsMYB5b</i> -EcoR I -F	<u>CGGAATTCGATGGGTAGGAGACCTTGTT</u>
		<i>CsMYB5b</i> -HindIII-R	G
	<i>CsTT8</i>	<i>CsTT8</i> -EcoR I -F	<u>CCAAGCTTGGTTATTGATCTTGAAGCCAA</u>
		<i>CsTT8</i> -BamH I -R	<u>CGGAATTCATGGAGGCGCCGCCGAGTAG</u>
	<i>CsWD40</i>	<i>CsWD40</i> - BamH I -F	<u>CGGGATCCTCAGTTCTGGGGTATTATTG</u>
		<i>CsWD40</i> - Sal I -R	G <u>CGGGATCCGTATGGAGAATTCGAGCCAA</u> G GAGTCGACTCAAACCTTTCAGAAGCTG
Quantitative RT-PCR	<i>CsMYB5b</i>	<i>CsMYB5b</i> -qRT-F	CCTAGTCCGTACCAAGGCATCA
		<i>CsMYB5b</i> -qRT-R	GATATGTCATCGCCAGGATCTG
	<i>CsGAPDH</i>	<i>CsGAPDH</i> -qRT-F	TTGGCATCGTTGAGGGTCT
		<i>CsGAPDH</i> -qRT-R	CAGTGGGAACACGGAAAGC

**Supplementary Table S2** Expression analysis of the selected MYB transcription factors (Subgroup 5, 6, 7) in the tea plant treated by sucrose.

Gene ID	Gene Length	log <sub>2</sub> Ratio (9h-Sucrose / 9h-Control)	Type	Subgroups No.
TEA004608.1	921	0.68	R2R3	5
TEA027333.1	903	2.13	R2R3	5
TEA002308.1	933	2.38	R2R3	5
TEA031375.1	885	4.03	R2R3	5
TEA014311.1	879	2.14	R2R3	5
TEA011004.1	612	1.93	R2R3	6
TEA018834.1	741	1.04	R2R3	6
TEA009412.1	1170	1.12	R2R3	7

**Supplementary Table S3** Sequences of primers used for quantitative RT-PCR in transgenic tobacco.

Purpose	Gene name	Primer name	Primer sequence (5'-3')	
Quantitative RT-PCR	<i>NtDFR</i>	<i>NtDFR</i> -qRT- F	GCGAAAGGGAGGTATATGTGCTC	
		<i>NtDFR</i> -qRT- R	TGCTTGTCCCTCGGTACTCAGTA	
	<i>NtANS</i>	<i>NtANS</i> -qRT- F	ACTACTACCCCAAATGTCCCAAC	
		<i>NtANS</i> -qRT- R	CCGTTACCCACTGTCCTTCATAGA	
	<i>NtANR1</i>	<i>NtANR1</i> -qRT- F	CTTGAAGGGTATGCAGATGTT	
		<i>NtANR1</i> -qRT- R	GCAGAGCAAACATATCGTCCAG	
	<i>NtANR2</i>	<i>NtANR2</i> -qRT- F	AGCGTGTCGTTTTGACCTCATC	
		<i>NtANR2</i> -qRT- R	CCAATTAGACTCATCCACGACG	
	<i>NtLAR</i>	<i>NtLAR</i> -qRT- F	GCAGCAGAAGACTATAGAACTGT	
		<i>NtLAR</i> -qRT- R	G	
	<i>NtActin</i>	<i>NtActin</i> -qRT- F	CATGTGTTAGAGCTGCAACTACAC	
		<i>NtActin</i> -qRT- R	TAGAAACCCCAAGTACCCTCG	
				TGCTTTCTTCGTCCCATCAG