

Table S1. The contribution of metabolites in seedling leaves to the first principal component (PC1) and the second principal component (PC2).

| Metabolite Name | PC1 | PC2 |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|
| thymidine | -0.12 | 0.28 |
| deoxyguanosine | -0.09 | 0.23 |
| deoxycytidine | -0.17 | 0.21 |
| CMP | -0.09 | 0.16 |
| cytosine | -0.12 | 0.15 |
| 5-methylcytosine | -0.13 | 0.13 |
| tartaric acid | -0.09 | 0.12 |
| deoxyadenosine | -0.12 | 0.09 |
| betaine aldehyde | -0.09 | 0.08 |
| glucose-6p | 0.09 | 0.07 |
| arginine | -0.06 | 0.07 |
| fucose | 0.09 | 0.06 |
| xylose | 0.10 | 0.04 |
| stearic acid | 0.10 | 0.04 |
| oleic acid | 0.06 | 0.04 |
| guanosine | -0.05 | 0.04 |
| glutamate | 0.10 | 0.03 |
| glyceric acid | 0.09 | 0.03 |
| serine | 0.10 | 0.02 |
| GlcNAc-1p | 0.10 | 0.02 |
| phosphatidylcholine | 0.10 | 0.02 |
| sucrose | 0.08 | 0.02 |
| dCDP | 0.07 | 0.02 |
| homoserine | 0.07 | 0.02 |
| malic acid | 0.07 | 0.02 |
| phosphorylcholine | 0.07 | 0.02 |
| phosphatidylcholine | 0.07 | 0.02 |
| ascorbic acid | -0.11 | 0.02 |
| glutamine | 0.11 | 0.01 |
| threonine | 0.06 | 0.01 |
| cytidine | -0.12 | 0.01 |
| N-acetyl-l-aspartic acid | 0.18 | 0.00 |
| choline | 0.06 | 0.00 |
| dTMP | -0.09 | 0.00 |
| galactarate | -0.1 | 0.00 |
| dCMP | 0.14 | -0.01 |
| phenylalanine | 0.08 | -0.01 |
| kaempferol 3-o-rutinoside | -0.07 | -0.01 |
| succinate | 0.10 | -0.02 |
| tyrosine | 0.06 | -0.02 |
| apigenin | -0.05 | -0.02 |
| glucosamine | 0.08 | -0.03 |
| 3'-AMP | -0.06 | -0.03 |
| arabinose | -0.07 | -0.03 |
| dAMP | -0.09 | -0.03 |
| alpha-ketoglutaric acid | 0.10 | -0.04 |

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| o-Acetyl-l-serine | -0.07 | -0.04 |
| ACC | -0.12 | -0.04 |
| glucarate | -0.05 | -0.06 |
| vitexin | 0.11 | -0.08 |
| GlcNAc | 0.09 | -0.09 |
| AMP | 0.11 | -0.11 |
| GABA | -0.04 | -0.11 |
| allantoin | -0.07 | -0.12 |
| cystine | -0.12 | -0.15 |
| tryptophan | -0.09 | -0.18 |
| asparagine | -0.09 | -0.21 |

CMP, cytidine 5'-monophosphate; dTMP, deoxythymidine 5'-phosphate; dAMP, 2'-deoxyadenosine 5'-monophosphate; 3'-AMP, adenosine 3'-monophosphate; dCDP, 2'-deoxycytidine diphosphate; dCMP, 2'-deoxycytidine 5'-monophosphate; AMP, adenosine monophosphate; ACC, 1-aminocyclopropane-1-carboxylic acid; GABA, 4-acetamidobutyric acid; GlcNAc, N-acetyl-D-glucosamine; GlcNAc-1p, N-acetyl-glucosamine-1-phosphate.

Table S2. Relative contents and fold changes of metabolites in seeding leaves under alkali treatment.

| Compound Name | Platform | Relative Concentration | | Fold Change | P Value |
|------------------|----------|------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------|---------|
| | | CK | AS | Log ₂ ^(AS/CK) | |
| Nucleotide | | | | | |
| deoxycytidine | pos | 0.12 | 1.94 | 3.97 | <0.01 |
| 5-methylcytosine | pos | 0.2 | 1.06 | 2.43 | <0.01 |
| cytidine | pos | 0.14 | 0.7 | 2.38 | <0.05 |
| cytosine | pos | 0.24 | 1.16 | 2.30 | <0.01 |
| thymidine | neg | 0.46 | 2.14 | 2.23 | <0.05 |
| dTMP | neg | 0.04 | 0.1 | 1.55 | <0.05 |
| CMP | pos | 0.19 | 0.55 | 1.49 | <0.01 |
| deoxyadenosine | pos | 2.14 | 10.87 | 2.34 | <0.05 |
| dAMP | neg | 0.01 | 0.03 | 1.52 | <0.05 |
| deoxyguanosine | neg | 0.41 | 1.13 | 1.45 | <0.01 |
| allantoin | neg | 1.22 | 2.59 | 1.08 | <0.05 |
| 3'-AMP | neg | 0.04 | 0.06 | 0.84 | <0.05 |
| guanosine | pos | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.73 | <0.05 |
| dCDP | neg | 0.03 | 0.02 | -0.45 | <0.05 |
| dCMP | pos | 0.21 | 0.05 | -2.05 | <0.01 |
| AMP | neg | 0.19 | 0.07 | -1.37 | <0.05 |
| Flavonoid | | | | | |
| kaempferol | pos | 0.13 | 0.27 | 1.03 | <0.01 |
| 3-o-rutinoside | | | | | |
| apioside | neg | 0.18 | 0.36 | 0.98 | <0.01 |
| apigenin | pos | 0.49 | 0.82 | 0.76 | <0.05 |
| vitexin | pos | 0.15 | 0.06 | -1.34 | <0.05 |
| Others | | | | | |
| betaine aldehyde | pos | 0.28 | 0.80 | 1.51 | <0.05 |
| Amino acid | | | | | |
| ACC | pos | 0.02 | 0.11 | 2.60 | <0.05 |
| cystine | pos | 0.01 | 0.06 | 2.26 | <0.01 |

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|--------------------------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| asparagine | pos | 0.20 | 0.60 | 1.62 | <0.01 |
| tryptophan | pos | 0.02 | 0.05 | 1.37 | <0.01 |
| o-acetyl-l-serine | neg | 0.02 | 0.05 | 1.03 | <0.01 |
| arginine | pos | 0.05 | 0.09 | 0.84 | <0.05 |
| GABA | pos | 2.42 | 3.83 | 0.66 | <0.01 |
| tyrosine | pos | 0.21 | 0.18 | -0.26 | <0.05 |
| threonine | neg | 0.53 | 0.44 | -0.27 | <0.05 |
| homoserine | pos | 3.00 | 2.28 | -0.39 | <0.01 |
| phenylalanine | pos | 0.59 | 0.43 | -0.45 | <0.01 |
| serine | pos | 0.20 | 0.10 | -1.02 | <0.01 |
| glutamate | neg | 0.28 | 0.13 | -1.16 | <0.05 |
| glutamine | neg | 2.78 | 1.15 | -1.28 | <0.01 |
| N-acetyl-l-aspartic acid | neg | 0.27 | 0.02 | -3.69 | <0.01 |
| Carbohydrate | | | | | |
| arabinose | pos | 0.24 | 0.49 | 1.00 | <0.05 |
| glucosamine | neg | 0.25 | 0.16 | -0.67 | <0.05 |
| fucose | pos | 0.05 | 0.03 | -0.77 | <0.05 |
| GlcNAc | neg | 0.05 | 0.03 | -0.84 | <0.05 |
| glucose-6p | neg | 0.08 | 0.04 | -0.93 | <0.05 |
| GlcNAc-1p | neg | 0.06 | 0.03 | -1.01 | <0.01 |
| sucrose | neg | 7.00 | 3.19 | -1.14 | <0.01 |
| xylose | pos | 0.41 | 0.17 | -1.25 | <0.01 |
| Organic acid | | | | | |
| ascorbic acid | neg | 0.10 | 0.36 | 1.90 | <0.01 |
| galactarate | neg | 0.51 | 1.65 | 1.70 | <0.05 |
| tartaric acid | neg | 0.07 | 0.19 | 1.35 | <0.01 |
| glucarate | neg | 0.06 | 0.11 | 0.78 | <0.05 |
| malic acid | neg | 7.22 | 5.64 | -0.36 | <0.01 |
| glyceric acid | neg | 0.08 | 0.05 | -0.81 | <0.01 |
| succinate | neg | 1.17 | 0.64 | -0.88 | <0.01 |
| alpha-ketoglutaric acid | neg | 0.03 | 0.01 | -1.20 | <0.05 |
| Fatty acids | | | | | |
| oleic acid | pos | 1.20 | 1.06 | -0.17 | <0.05 |
| stearic acid | pos | 0.14 | 0.06 | -1.16 | <0.01 |
| Lipid | | | | | |
| choline | pos | 19.96 | 16.20 | -0.30 | <0.05 |
| phosphorylcholine | pos | 1.72 | 1.27 | -0.44 | <0.05 |
| phosphatidylcholine | pos | 2.13 | 0.98 | -1.12 | <0.05 |

The relative concentration of each metabolite is the average of UHPLC-Triple-TOF-MS data from four biological replicates. The fold changes were calculated using the formula $\log_2^{(AS/CK)}$. CK: Control, AS: Alkali stress. Relative contents values were increased 10 times in each treatment. Significant differences between control and alkali stress were determined with the *T-test* and marked as $P < 0.05$ and $P < 0.01$. dTMP, deoxythymidine 5'-phosphate; CMP, cytidine 5'-monophosphate; dAMP, 2'-deoxyadenosine 5'-monophosphate; 3'-AMP, adenosine 3'-monophosphate; dCDP, 2'-deoxycytidine diphosphate; dCMP, 2'-deoxycytidine 5'-monophosphate; AMP, adenosine monophosphate; ACC, 1-aminocyclopropane-1-carboxylic acid; GABA, 4-acetamidobutyric acid; GlcNAc, N-acetyl-D-glucosamine; GlcNAc-1p, N-acetyl- glucosamine-1-phosphate.