

Table S1. Primers used in this study

Primer name	Sequence	Usage
Slt2-myc-5	GGATCCATGGCCGATCTCCAGGGA	Cloning the CDS of Slt2 to construct Slt2::Myc
Slt2-myc-3	GATATCTTACCTCCTAGATGCATCCA	
pGBKT7-Slt2-5	GGGAATTCATGGCCGATCTCCAGGG	Cloning the CDS of Slt2 for Yeast two-hybrid
pGBKT7-Slt2-3	GGGGATCCTTACCTCCTAGATGCAT	
BrlA-ChIP-5	AGTTGCCAGGCTCCAAGCTG	ChIP-qPCR analysis of <i>BrlA</i>
BrlA-ChIP-3	ATATGGAAGATGGGATGGGAC	
AbaA-ChIP-5	TTGGTGTGCTGGACCCGCTCA	ChIP-qPCR analysis of <i>AbaA</i>
AbaA-ChIP-3	TCAAGATCTATCTACACAGC	
5'RACE-F	AAGCTTGGCGTAATCCATCTCGAGCATGTG GTCGTAGT	5'RACE analysis of <i>BrlA</i>
3'RACE-F	GATTACGCCAAGCTTCACACAGCCTATCCG GATCCGAG	3'RACE analysis of <i>BrlA</i>
EMSA-BrlA- <i>BM2</i> -F	CTCGACTCTTGACTCTCTCGACCAGACTCT TGACTCTTGACGCTCGACT	Bio-labeled/unlabeled probes for EMSA analysis
EMSA-BrlA- <i>BM2</i> -R	AGTCGAGCGTCAAGAGTCAAGAGTCTGGT CGAGAGAGTCAAGAGTCGAG	
EMSA-AbaA- <i>BM2</i> -F	TGCCCCGTTGGGTTTTACGACAAGACCTTC ATTGGCCGGAGCTCTCGTCT	Bio-labeled/unlabeled probes for EMSA analysis
EMSA-AbaA- <i>BM2</i> -R	AGACGAGAGCTCCGGCCAATGAAGGTCTT GTCGTAAAACCCAACGGGCA	
RNS1-S306A-mutant-F	CAGAGGAAACGCTCCCTACATGGACACGC AGCG	Substituting the Ser-306 to alanine in RNS1 protein.
RNS1-S306A-mutant-R	GAGGCGTACCTGTGCCCC	
BrlA-RT-F-1	CGACTACCATCGAGATT	RT-PCR analysis for <i>BrlA</i> α and <i>BrlA</i> β
BrlA-RT-R-1	CGAAAAGAGGACGGACG	
BrlA-RT-F-2	CACACAGCCTATCCGGATCC	
BrlA-RT-R-2	ATCATTTTTTCGATGGGCGCG	
AbaA-RT-F	CATTCTTAGCATGGCGGTGC	RT-PCR analysis of <i>AbaA</i>
AbaA-RT-R	TGCTACCAGCTCTCTCGAGT	
WetA-RT-F	CGAAATAGGAAAGCAGCCGC	RT-PCR analysis of <i>WetA</i>
WetA-RT-R	GTCATCACACTGCCCATGGA	
RNS1-RT-5	CCGACATCAAGCAGGACATG	RT-PCR analysis of RNS1
RNS1-RT-3	CTTGTTCTTGATGCCTCGGG	

Act-RT-F	TCCTGACGGTCAGGTCATC	Reference gene for qRT-PCR analysis
Act-RT-R	CACCAGACATGACGATGTTG	
Tef-RT-F	CTGGTACAAGGGTTGGGAGA	Reference gene for qRT-PCR analysis
Tef-RT-R	TACACATCCTGGAGGGGAAG	

Table S2. Relative germination inhibition of the WT strain, the mutant *ΔRnsI* and the complemented strain *C-ΔRnsI* under the four abiotic stresses.

Strains	UV radiation	Hyperosmotic	Oxidative stress	Congo red
WT	0.18±0.07 ^a	0.38±0.02 ^a	0.04±0.01 ^a	0.33±0.01 ^a
<i>ΔRnsI</i>	0.14±0.05 ^a	0.34±0.05 ^a	0.07±0.03 ^a	0.25±0.04 ^a
<i>C-ΔRnsI</i>	0.25±0.05 ^a	0.35±0.03 ^a	0.06±0.05 ^a	0.31±0.03 ^a

Note: within each column, different letters represent significant difference ($P < 0.05$, Tukey's test One-way ANOVA).