**Table S1:** **Specific primers of watermelon GRAS genes used for qRT-PCR.**

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| **GRAS genes** | **Specific primers** |
| ClGRAS2 | GATTTCGAGCGGTAAGGTTAGG  CTCAACCTCGGACCTTCATTT |
| ClGRAS18 | CTTTGCTCAAGCGGTACAAAC  CCACCACCTTCTTCTTCTTCTC |
| ClGRAS28 | TTCCGAGATCGAGGCAAATTAT  TCGAAGTACGATGCGGTAAAG |
| ClGRAS33 | TCTGTCACGGAACCAGTTAATC  GCACAAGCACAAAGCATCTC |