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CI	=	Chilling injury
CO	=	Catechol oxidase
Ct	=	Cycle threshold
CV	=	Cultivar
CTAB	=	Hexadecyltrimethylammonium bromide
EDTA	=	Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid
Hsp	=	Heat shock protein
HW	=	Hot water
LOX	=	Lipoxygenase
MDA	=	Malondialdehyde
POD	=	Peroxidase
PPO	=	Polyphenol oxidase
PVPP	=	Polyvinyl polypyrrolidone
RT-PCR	=	Reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction
SFA	=	Saturated fatty acid
TBA	=	Thiobarbituric acid
UFA	=	Unsaturated fatty acid