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#### 26 Abstract:

27 Auxin-mimic herbicides chemically mimic the phytohormone indole-3-acetic-acid (IAA). 28 Within the auxin-mimic herbicide class, the herbicide fluroxypyr has been extensively used to 29 control an agronomically problematic Great Plains tumbleweed, kochia (Bassia scoparia). A 30 2014 field survey for herbicide resistance in kochia populations across Colorado identified a 31 putative fluroxypyr resistant population that was assessed for response to five different 32 herbicides representing four different herbicide modes of action. These included fluroxypyr and 33 dicamba (auxin-mimics), atrazine (photosystem II inhibitor), glyphosate (EPSPS inhibitor), and 34 chlorsulfuron (acetolactate synthase inhibitor). The greenhouse screen identified that this kochia 35 population was resistant to fluroxypyr and chlorsulfuron, but sensitive to glyphosate, atrazine, and dicamba. This population was designated Flur-R. Subsequent dose response studies 36 determined that 75% of the Flur-R population survived 628 g as ha<sup>-1</sup> of fluroxypyr (4× the label 37 application rate in wheat fallow, which is 157 g as  $ha^{-1}$  at 1×). Flur-R was 40 times more 38 resistant to fluroxypyr than a susceptible population (J01-S) collected from the same field survey 39  $(LD_{50} 720 \text{ and } 20 \text{ g ae ha}^{-1}, \text{respectively})$ . Auxin-responsive gene expression increased following 40 fluroxypyr treatment in Flur-R, J01-S, and in a dicamba-resistant, fluroxypyr-susceptible line 41 42 9425 in an RNA-sequencing experiment. In Flur-R, several transcripts with molecular functions 43 for conjugation and transport were constitutively higher expressed, such as glutathione S-44 transferases (GSTs), UDP-glucosyl transferase (GT), and ATP binding cassette transporters (ABC transporters). After analyzing metabolic profiles over time, both Flur-R and J01-S rapidly 45 converted  $[^{14}C]$ -fluroxypyr ester, the herbicide formulation applied to plants, to  $[^{14}C]$ -fluroxypyr 46 47 acid, the biologically active form of the herbicide, and three unknown metabolites. Formation and flux of these metabolites was faster in Flur-R than J01-S, reducing the concentration of 48 49 phytotoxic fluroxypyr acid. One unique metabolite was present in Flur-R that was not present in 50 the J01-S metabolic profile. Gene sequence variant analysis specifically for auxin receptor and signaling proteins revealed the absence of non-synonymous mutations affecting auxin signaling 51 and binding in candidate auxin target site genes, further supporting our hypothesis that non-target 52 53 site metabolic degradation is contributing to fluroxypyr resistance in Flur-R.

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55 Key Words: Herbicide Resistance, NTSR, Synthetic Auxin

### 56 Significance Statement:

57 Herbicide resistance is an ever-present issue in weeds of cropping and rangeland systems. 58 By understanding genetic mechanisms of resistance in individual cases of herbicide resistance, 59 we can extrapolate important information such as how quickly resistance to a specific herbicide 60 can spread. Every characterized herbicide resistance mechanism contributes to a working 61 database used to address herbicide resistance in an agricultural or open-space setting. Knowing 62 the exact mechanism of resistance helps researchers and industry members understand why 63 herbicide applications are failing, and if resistant plants can still be controlled with other 64 herbicide modes of action. In kochia line Flur-R, there is strong evidence to support a non-target 65 site resistance mechanism, specifically herbicide degradation via increased enzymatic activity. 66 Increased fluroxypyr degradation represents a novel resistance mechanism to fluroxypyr in the 67 weed Bassia scoparia.

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#### 69 **1. Introduction:**

70 Kochia (Bassia scoparia) is an invasive, annual, broadleaf tumbleweed that is 71 problematic in agronomic settings, open spaces, and rangeland in the U.S., specifically across the 72 Great Plains. Herbicides, chemicals used to control unwanted plants, are the most prescribed 73 method for kochia control in the U.S. Herbicide resistance in kochia is widespread, with 74 resistance reported to multiple modes of action including ALS inhibitors (Group 2), glyphosate 75 (Group 9), auxin-mimics (Group 4), and atrazine (Group 5), as well as cross-resistance to more 76 than one Group 4 auxin-mimic herbicide (Geddes et al. 2021a; Kumar et al. 2019a; Kumar et al. 77 2019b). Furthermore, multiple resistance is increasingly common, where one population that is 78 simultaneously resistant to more than one mode of action (Varanasi et al. 2015). The prevalence 79 of glyphosate, atrazine, and ALS inhibitor resistant kochia has resulted in increased use of auxin-80 mimic herbicides for kochia management, mainly dicamba and fluroxypyr, in no-till fallow, 81 wheat, and corn in the Great Plains region (Kumar et al. 2019b). While auxin-mimics have been 82 used for more than 70 years, the evolution of resistance to this mode of action has lagged behind 83 other herbicide modes of action (Busi et al. 2018). Despite this lag, recent evidence suggests that 84 auxin-mimic resistance and multiple resistance in kochia is increasing (Geddes et al. 2022). Nine 85 reports of auxin-mimic resistance across six U.S. states and two Canadian provinces have

86 described resistance in kochia populations as either resistant to dicamba alone, or resistant to 87 both dicamba and fluroxypyr (Geddes et al. 2021b; Heap 2021; Jha et al. 2015; Kumar et al. 88 2019a). These herbicides mimic the phytohormone indole-3-acetic-acid (IAA) because they are 89 chemically similar and induce auxin response gene transcription following application in weeds 90 (Grossmann 2010; McCauley et al. 2020; Pettinga et al. 2018; Xu et al. 2022) (Figure 1). 91 IAA is an auxin plant growth hormone that is responsible for gravitropism and response 92 to light stimuli; however, it impacts several other growth phenotypes as well (Zhao 2010). While 93 auxins are involved in many cellular processes and signaling with other phytohormones, their 94 function can be understood at the cellular level to primarily coordinate cell elongation (Perrot-95 Rechenmann 2010). In plants, auxin homeostasis is tightly regulated through a suite of 96 biosynthesis pathways, cellular transport, feedback inhibition, oxidation and conjugation 97 (Rosquete et al. 2012). When IAA reaches high levels in the plant, polar auxin carriers such as 98 Pin-formed (PIN) efflux transporters, ATP binding cassettes (ABC class B) and Auxin resistant-99 1/like AUX1s influx carriers (AUX/LAX) help maintain IAA homeostasis and gradients (Cho 100 and Cho 2013). Because the auxin-mimic herbicide fluroxypyr is chemically similar to and 101 behaves like IAA, it is hypothesized that PIN, ABCs and AUX/LAX are able to direct the flow 102 of fluroxypyr throughout the plant. In addition, fluroxypyr is a weak acid that can translocate in 103 the plant based on its pKa and log Kow. Fluroxypyr also binds to Auxin signaling F-box 5, a 104 member of the Transport inhibitor response1/Auxin signaling F-box (TIR1/AFB) receptor family 105 (Lee et al. 2014). When applied, fluroxypyr and IAA act to stabilize the complex formed 106 between AFB5 and the auxin dependent transcriptional regulator Indole-3-acetic acid inducible 107 (Aux/IAA) proteins. Upon creation of this coreceptor-ligand complex, Aux/IAA proteins are 108 ubiquitinated, degraded, and no longer negatively regulate Auxin Response Factors (ARF). 109 These ARF proteins are seated on the Auxin Response Element (AuxRE) in auxin mediated gene 110 promotors (Teale et al. 2006).

In Arabidopsis, plants treated with IAA or auxin-mimic herbicide (2,4-D) showed expression of early response genes such as Aux/IAAs and small auxin-up RNAs (SAURs). Other auxin induced genes included 1-aminocyclopropane-1 synthase (ACS), the first committed step in ethylene production and GH3, an auxin homeostasis gene. These genes were transcribed within minutes of high auxin perception (Guilfoyle 1999; Paponov et al. 2008; Raghavan et al. 2005). Many other phytohormone responses are also regulated by auxin perception, such as

Cytokinin oxidase (CXK6), brassinosteroid biosynthesis gene BAS1, and several gibberellin
related genes. Regulation of multiple hormone related genes suggests that the relationship
between phytohormones and auxin response is complex (Paponov et al. 2008). When the auxinmimic herbicide fluroxypyr is applied to a plant, the resulting phenotypic response is stemtwisting, thickening, and lack of new growth at the meristem.

122 Herbicide resistance is categorized as either target site or non-target site (Gaines et al. 123 2020). Target site resistance is defined as a change (either in conformation or in expression) in a 124 herbicide target protein. These changes often decrease herbicide binding affinity or in the case of 125 overexpression, make it so the entire target protein pool is unable to be entirely inhibited 126 (Murphy and Tranel 2019). LeClere et al. (2018) reported resistance to the auxin-mimic 127 herbicide dicamba in kochia was due to the target-site mutation Gly127Asn in IAA16, which affects the formation of the coreceptor-ligand complex. More recently, Figueiredo et al. (2022b) 128 129 characterized a 27-nucleotide deletion in the degron tail region of the gene encoding Aux/IAA2 130 that confers 2,4-D and dicamba resistance in Indian hedge mustard (Sisymbrium orientale). This deletion also affects formation and stability of the co-receptor-ligand complex. Non-target site 131 132 resistance is broadly recognized as all other methods unrelated to target site resistance and is 133 often exemplified by metabolic detoxification of an herbicide, herbicide sequestration, or a 134 variant in a metabolism catalyzing enzyme which may have a downstream effect by reducing the 135 efficacy of the herbicide (Delye 2013). Reduced translocation of 2,4-D via auxin transport 136 proteins was reported by Goggin et al. (2019) in wild radish (Raphanus raphanistrum). A 2,4-D 137 resistant population of waterhemp (Amaranthus tuberculatus) rapidly metabolized 2,4-D via 138 CYP450 5-OH hydroxylation and subsequent amino acid and sugar conjugation reactions, which 139 produced less phytotoxic metabolites that lost auxin signaling activity (Figueiredo et al. 2022a; 140 Figueiredo et al. 2018). With both target site and non-target site resistance mechanisms described 141 for auxin-mimic resistance (Todd et al. 2020), both possibilities are investigated in this study. 142 Our research objectives were to (1) distinguish the application rate at which the 143 fluroxypyr resistant kochia line (Flur-R) is resistant using a herbicide dose response, (2) 144 determine whether fluroxypyr resistant kochia has any differences in absorption, 145 translocation, or metabolism of fluroxypyr, and (3) identify potential candidate genes that 146 may contribute to fluroxypyr resistance in Flur-R using RNA sequencing and alignment to the kochia genome assembly (Hall et al. 2023). 147

148 In our work, a kochia population that was resistant to fluroxypyr converted fluroxypyr-149 ester into fluroxypyr-acid and subsequent metabolites at a faster rate than a susceptible line. 150 Furthermore, the resistant line produced a metabolite that was not detected in the susceptible 151 line. The results from an RNA-seq fluroxypyr-induced differential expression analysis show 152 increased transcript expression of cellular transporters, cytochrome P450 monooxygenases 153 (CYP450), glutathione s-transferases (GSTs) and UDP-glucosyl transferase (GTs) in the resistant 154 plants. Taken together, these data suggest that metabolic detoxification of fluroxypyr may be the 155 mechanism of fluroxypyr resistance in Flur-R.

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#### 157 2. Materials and Methods

158 2.1 Plant Materials

159 In 2014, 171 kochia (*Bassia scoparia*) populations were collected from a field survey 160 conducted in eastern Colorado (Westra et al. 2019). These populations were screened at a single 161 doses of dicamba, fluroxypyr, and glyphosate to test for resistance. One population, Flur-R, was found to have a few individuals (<2%) surviving a single fluroxypyr dose of 157 g as  $ha^{-1}$  (label 162 rate for use in wheat) (Starane Ultra, Dow Agrosciences, Indianapolis, IN). Survivors at 157g ae 163 164 ha<sup>-1</sup> were selected and allowed to bulk pollinate. After two more generations of selection at both 157g ae ha<sup>-1</sup> and 314 g ae ha<sup>-1</sup>, the surviving individuals were cross-pollinated. The progeny of 165 these plants were found to be uniformly resistant to 314g ae ha<sup>-1</sup> fluroxypyr. During the bulking 166 167 stages, groups of three to four plants were planted in one gallon pots and covered with a 168 pollination bags to allow for cross-pollination. Seed was harvested per pot, hand threshed and 169 cleaned using an air-column blower. Seeds were stored at 4 C and planted in the spring in a 170 greenhouse maintained at 25 C with a 16 h photoperiod. An inbred dicamba resistant/fluroxypyr 171 susceptible population (9425) homozygous for a G127N mutation in the IAA16 gene (LeClere et 172 al. 2018; Preston et al. 2009) and a fluroxypyr susceptible field population from the 2014 eastern 173 Colorado field study (J01-S) (Westra et al. 2019) were included in the dose response and single 174 dose screening as susceptible controls.

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176 2.2 Fluroxypyr and Dicamba Dose Response

Seeds of Flur-R, J01-S, and 9425 were planted in 1.5 cm<sup>2</sup> 280-count plug flats. Plants
were sub-irrigated and thinned down to one plant per cell. When plants were approximately 4-5

cm tall, uniform seedlings were transplanted to  $4 \text{ cm}^2$  plastic pots containing SunGro potting mix 179 180 (American Clay Works Supply, Denver, CO). Plants kept in the greenhouse under conditions 181 previously described. They were sub-irrigated once a week for three weeks until the plants 182 reached 10 cm height. A randomized complete block design was used for each dose, with one 183 plant per pot, four plants per dose and three replications for a total of 12 treated plants. The dose 184 response for fluroxypyr included the following eight rates: 0, 20, 40, 80, 157, 314, 628, and 1,256 g ae ha<sup>-1</sup> fluroxypyr (Starane Ultra, Corteva Agrisciences, Indianapolis, IN). The dicamba 185 doses included 0, 35, 70, 140, 280 (1x), 560, 1120, and 2240 g ae ha<sup>-1</sup> (Engenia, BASF, Research 186 187 Triangle Park, NC) mixed with Induce (NIS, 0.25% v/v, Helena Agri-Enterprises, LLC, 24330 US-34 Greely, CO 80631). Applications were made with a DeVries Generation 4 Research 188 189 Track Sprayer (DeVries Manufacturing, Hollandale, MN, 86956) equipped with a TeeJet (TeeJet 190 Technologies, 1801 Business Park drive, Springfield, IL) 8002EVS nozzle calibrated to deliver 187 L ha<sup>-1</sup>. Plant height was measured by recording the distance in centimeters from the soil 191 192 surface to the newest leaf in the apical meristem before treating and was measured again 30 days 193 after treatment. Survival (dead or alive) was also recorded 30 days after treatment. An individual 194 was considered "dead" if it displayed severe epinasty, stem thickening, yellowing, and had no 195 new growth at the axillary or primary meristems after 30 days. An individual was considered 196 "alive" if it displayed minimal to no epinasty or stem thickening, had no yellowing, and had new 197 growth at the axillary or primary meristems after 30 days. Percent survival was chosen for 198 fluroxypyr resistance assessment because while percent change in height can accurately 199 differentiate between resistant and susceptible plants, for this population it did not accurately 200 represent an actively growing plant in the individuals where axillary meristem growth was the 201 primary source of regrowth.

For data analysis, the response variable "Percent Survival" was created by transformingbinary data according to the equation:

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$$Y = \left(\frac{N_1}{N_{total}}\right) * 100 [1]$$

205 Where *Y* is the percent survival at each calculated dose,  $N_I$  is the number of individuals marked 206 as "alive" according to the parameters above.  $N_{total}$  is the number of individuals per rate. 207 The response variable "Percent Change in Height" over 30 days was normalized using the 208 following equation:

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$$Y = (X_{\Delta Height} / A_{Avg}) * 100 [2]$$

210 Where Y is the change in height as a percent of the 0 g as ha<sup>-1</sup> rate for each population.  $X_{\Delta Height}$ 

- is the change in height in centimeters for an individual from day 0 to 30 days, and  $A_{Avg}$  is the
- average change in height for individuals at the 0 g as  $ha^{-1}$  rate for the population being measured.
- 213 The model used by the drm package in R did not converge for the J01-S or 9425 lines using

214 "Percent Change in Height (% control)" as a response variable due to the non-sigmoidal behavior

- of the curve, so "Percent Survival" data were analyzed using a three-parameter log-logistic
- 216 model (Knezevic et al. 2007), which was the best model by a lack-of-fit test from the drc
- 217 package in R (R Core Team 2020) with the equation:

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$$Y = \frac{d}{1 + exp \left[ b \left( \log \left[ (x - \log) \left( e \right) \right] \right) \right]} [3]$$

where *Y* is the percent survival 30 days after treatment, *d* is the upper limit parameter, *b* is the regression slope, *x* is the dose of either fluroxypyr or dicamba in g ae ha<sup>-1</sup> and *e* is the dose at which 50% mortality is achieved (Table 1). The data were averaged per treatment and the standard error of the mean is presented per dose. "Rate" and "Population" were used as predictor variables and the experiment was repeated.

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## 225 2.3 Glyphosate, Atrazine, and Chlorsulfuron Single Rate Screening

Flur-R and J01-S seeds were planted in 4 cm<sup>2</sup> plastic pots containing SunGro potting 226 227 mix. Plants were sub-irrigated and thinned down to one plant per cell and kept at greenhouse 228 conditions previously described. When plants were approximately 7 cm in height, plants were 229 treated with one of the following herbicides (n=72 plants per herbicide): atrazine (Aatrex 4L, 230 Syngenta, Greensboro, NC, 2240 g ai ha<sup>-1</sup>, 1% crop oil concentrate), chlorsulfuron (Telar XP, Bayer CropScience, St. Louis, MO, 137 g ai ha<sup>-1</sup>), or glyphosate (RoundUp Powermax, 231 232 Monsanto Company, St. Louis, MO, 870 g ae ha<sup>-1</sup>, 2% w/v ammonium sulfate). All treatments were applied with the same equipment and nozzle type described above. Survival (dead or alive) 233 234 was assessed 30 days after treatment. In a *post hoc* analysis, a random number generator was 235 used to assign each of the 72 individuals to one of three blocks with n=24 to serve as replicates. 236 Standard error of the mean was calculated using the standard deviation from this analysis.

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## 238 2.4 Kompetitive allele specific PCR (KASP)

Approximately 200 mg of meristem tissue was harvested from 20 individuals each of
Flur-R and 5 individuals for the mutant and wild type checks. Flur-R individuals were verified as

resistant by spraying with 157 g ae ha<sup>-1</sup> fluroxypyr. Tissue was put into a 1.5 mL Eppendorf tube 241 242 and flash frozen in liquid nitrogen. DNA extraction protocol was adapted from Aboul-Maaty and 243 Oraby (2019) using the established CTAB method. DNA purification was checked using a NanoDrop2000 and diluted to 5 ng uL<sup>-1</sup>. The FAM fluorophore (in bold) was added to the 244 245 forward primer specific to the G127N *IAA16* double mutation (allele specific sequence in italics) 246 endowing a protein change from wildtype GWPPV to NWPPV in kochia described by LeClere et 247 al. (2018) (5'GAAGGTGACCAAGTTCATGCTTGTTCTTCAGGACACAAGTTGTAAA) 248 and the HEX fluorophore (in bold) was added to the forward primer specific to the wild type 249 sequence (in italics) 250 (5'GAAGGTCGGAGTCAACGGATTTGTTCTTCAGGACACAAGTTGTAGG). One 251 universal reverse primer (5'AGTTTGATCATCGGACGTCTTCTT) and the forward primers 252 were designed with IDT PrimerQuest. The KASP protocol and specific mix ratios are published

on protocols.io at dx.doi.org/10.17504/protocols.io.dm6gpj9njgzp/v1. Fluorescence was

recorded at the end of every cycle. Fluorescence at the 35<sup>th</sup> cycle was used for the allelic

discrimination data. Data were plotted using GraphPad Prism version 8.4.2. Genotypes were

assigned manually as homozygous wildtype, homozygous mutant, or heterozygous.

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## 258 2.5 Plant Material for Fluroxypyr Absorption, Translocation, and Metabolism

Seeds from Flur-R and J01-S were sown into plug flats filled with SunGro potting mix and grown on a light shelf under 700  $\mu$ mol m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> of light at 25 C. When the plants reached 3-4 cm tall, 50 seedlings from each line were washed of soil in the roots and transplanted into a 25 mL Eppendorf tube filled with silica sand and fertilized with three granules of Osmocote. Uniform plants that were 4-5 cm tall and had recovered from transplanting were used in all subsequent absorption, translocation and metabolism experiments.

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#### 266 2.6 Fluroxypyr Absorption and Translocation

Flur-R (n=24) and J01-S (n=24) plants were sprayed with 157 g ae ha<sup>-1</sup> fluroxypyr using a track sprayer as described in section 2.2. The third and fourth youngest leaves were protected from the broadcast application using aluminum foil. Immediately after applying fluroxypyr, the covered leaves of were treated with five 1  $\mu$ L drops of the spray solution spiked with 3.1 kBq [<sup>14</sup>C]-fluroxypyr. Absorption and translocation were monitored over a 196 h time course, with

time points at 6, 12, 24, 48, 96 and 192 hours after treatment (HAT). Four Flur-R and four J01-S

273 were harvested at each timepoint. Treated leaves were removed and washed in 5 mL 90% water,

274 10% methanol, and 0.5% non-ionic surfactant. The leaf wash was mixed with 10 mL scintillation

cocktail (Ecoscint XR) and radioactivity was measured using a liquid scintillation counter (LSC)

276 (TRI-CARB 2300TR, Packard Instruments Co., USA). Roots were washed with 5 mL water.

277 Root wash and the silica sand rinse solution were vortexed for 3 seconds, and 1 mL of the root

278 wash and sand rinse mixture was added to 10 mL scintillation cocktail to measure root

279 exudation. Plants were sectioned and separated as follows: above treated leaves, treated leaves,

280 below treated leaves, and root biomass. Each separate plant part was dried and oxidized using a

281 biological oxidizer (Model OX500, R. J. Harvey Instrument Co., USA). The released <sup>14</sup>C-CO<sub>2</sub>

282 was collected by a <sup>14</sup>C trapping cocktail (OX161, R.J. Harvey Instrument Co., USA).

Radioactivity was quantified by LSC. One individual per timepoint was left intact, dried, and
used for phosphor imaging (Typhoon Trio, GE Healthcare). Dried plants were separated and
oxidized in the same manner as described above after imaging.

The experiment was repeated. Percent absorption and translocation was calculated as follows from Figueiredo et al. (2018) and maximum percent absorption was determined using a method described by Kniss et al. (2011) in R.

$$\%H_{abs} = [({}^{14}C \text{ ot}) / ({}^{14}C \text{ ot} + {}^{14}C \text{ wl})] \times 100$$
  
$$\%H_{tr} = 100 - [({}^{14}C \text{ al}) / ({}^{14}C \text{ al} + {}^{14}C \text{ ot}) \times 100]$$

289 Where "% $H_{abs}$ " is percent absorption of [<sup>14</sup>C]-fluroxypyr ester, "<sup>14</sup>C ot" is the sum DPM from the 290 oxidation of all plant parts and "<sup>14</sup>C ot + <sup>14</sup>C wl" is the sum DPM from the oxidation of all plant 291 parts and counts washed from the treated leaf. For herbicide translocation studies, "% $H_{tr}$ " is 292 percent translocation of [<sup>14</sup>C]-fluroxypyr ester out of the treated leaf through the rest of the plant, 293 "<sup>14</sup>C al" is the DPM [<sup>14</sup>C]-fluroxypyr ester counted in the treated leaf.

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#### 295 2.7 Fluroxypyr Metabolism

Fluroxypyr metabolism was evaluated by treating Flur-R and J01-S plants as perviouly
described. Plants were sprayed with fluroxypyr while two leaves were protected from the spray
solution. Those protected leaves were then treated with five 1 μL drops of the spray solution
spiked with 25 kBq [<sup>14</sup>C]-fluroxypyr. The time course was the same as previously described with
four repetitions per timepoint. Treated leaves were removed and washed as previously described.

301 The washed treated leaves were placed back with the remaining whole-plant tissue and flash 302 frozen in liquid nitrogen. Whole plants were then finely ground in a glass test tube with liquid 303 nitrogen and a glass rod. Five mL extraction solution (90% water, 9% acetonitrile, 1% acetic 304 acid) was added to each tube and samples were shaken for 30 min. The extraction solution was 305 transferred to a 0.45  $\mu$ m filter tube which was rinsed with an additional 5 mL extraction buffer 306 and centrifuged at  $\sim 2600 \times g$  for 10 min to separate liquid from ground plant material. The 307 extraction buffer that passed through the 0.45 µm filter was transferred to a C-18 cartridges 308 preconditioned with 1 mL 100% acetonitrile (Waters Co., Sep-Pak Plus). Using a vacuum 309 manifold, the extraction buffer was pulled throught the solid phase extraction cartridge. Bond 310 solutes were eluted from the C18 cartridge with 5 mL 100% acetonitrile and samples were then 311 evaporated to dryness in a fume hood. Solvent A (500 µL) consisting of 10% acetonitrile and 1% 312 formic acid was added to each tube. Each sample was filtered through 25 µm nylon filters 313 (Nalgene) into an injection vial with a 500  $\mu$ L insert. High Pressure Liquid Chromatography 314 (HPLC) (Hitachi Instruments, Inc.,) was used to separate radiolabelled fluroxypyr-ester, 315 fluroxypyr acid and metabolites.. The HPLC was equipped with a C-18 column (4.6 mm by 150 316 mm column, Zorbax Eclipse XDB-C18, Agilent Technologies) and inline radio-detector 317 (FlowStar LB 513, Berthold Technologies GmbH & Co.) with a YG-150-U5D solid scintillation 318 flow cell (150 µL). The injection volume was 200 µL. Radiolabelled fluroxypyr-ester had a 319 retention time of 9.8 min, while fluroxypyr acid had a retention time of 2.8 minutes (protocol 320 published on protocols.io at dx.doi.org/10.17504/protocols.io.kqdg39yopg25/v1).

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# 322 2.8 Plant Material and Treatment for RNA Sequencing

323 Seeds from lines Flur-R, 9425, and J01-S were treated as described above, in similar growing conditions. When the plants reached 7-10 cm tall, 20 of the most uniform seedlings 324 325 from each line were treated as follows: All plants were sprayed with water and 0.01 g meristem 326 tissue was harvested for the untreated RNA-sequencing timepoint. Tissue was flash frozen in liquid nitrogen. The same twenty plants per line were treated 24 h later with 157 g ae ha<sup>-1</sup> 327 328 fluroxypyr, the labeled rate to control kochia. Approximately 0.01 g of meristem tissue was 329 harvested at 3 and 10 h after fluroxypyr treatment for the remaining two RNA-sequencing 330 timepoints. Herbicide and water applications were made with a track sprayer as described in 331 section 2.2. All plants were in the vegetative stage, except for one Flur-R individual and three

J01-S individuals, which were in the early flowering stage at the time of tissue harvest. After 30
days, resistance response was measured and four individuals per timepoint per line were selected
for RNA-sequencing.

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## 336 2.9 RNA Extraction, Sequencing and Quantification

337 The RNA-sequencing experiment was conducted first by extracting total RNA following 338 the protocols in the QIAGEN RNeasy plant mini kit in six batches containing two individuals of 339 each line to minimize batch effects. The kit was used to extract RNA from the top three fully 340 expanded apical meristem leaves of Flur-R, 9425, and J01-S of 5-7 cm tall kochia at 0, 3, and 10 h after 157 g ai ha<sup>-1</sup> fluroxypyr treatment. Final elution volume was 30 µL. Total RNA samples 341 were diluted to a range of 500-10,000 pg  $\mu L^{-1}$  for quality check using an Agilent ScreenTape. 342 343 Samples that had a RIN score above 6 were submitted to BGI Technologies for quality check 344 following their sample submission guidelines. Following quality check by BGI, 30 samples were 345 used for sequencing. From the total RNA, mRNA enrichment was performed by rRNA 346 depletion. Reverse transcription of the mRNA was performed with random N6 primers followed 347 by end repair and A-tail and adapter ligation to the fragments. After PCR amplification, single 348 strand separation and single-strand circularization were conducted to sequence paired end 100 349 base pair fragments with the BGISEQ sequencing platform. In total, 2.8 billion reads were 350 produced, resulting in 92-97 million 100 bp reads per sample.

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### 352 2.10 Differential Expression and Variant Analysis

353 Individual fasta files were uploaded to the remote research computing resource 354 SUMMIT (Jonathon Anderson 2017) and files were quality checked with FastQC (version 355 0.11.9). Adapters were trimmed by BGI Bioinformatics company after sequencing and quality 356 check. Reads were aligned to the Bassia scoparia coding sequence version 2 (Hall et al. 2023) 357 using HISAT2 (version 2.2.0 (Kim et al. 2019)). Reads were assigned to features using 358 featureCounts in the Subread package (version 2.0.1, Liao et al. 2014). Differential expression 359 was conducted with resultant reads for each gene feature using the DESeq2 package (version 360 1.28.1) in the statistical software R (version 4.0.2 (R Core Team 2020)). Reads were transformed 361 to logarithmic fold change log2 and compared across biological replicates for each population. 362 For each population, the untreated condition was compared to either the 3 or 10 h timepoint to

determine expression. Mean normalized counts per gene, an adjusted pvalue of < 0.05, and log2</li>
fold change > 0.5 were the pre-filtering parameters used by DESeq2 for optimal significant
genes below the false discovery rate (FDR) of <0.05.</li>

366 Sorted and indexed bam files were run through the variant calling software Platypus 367 (version 0.8.1 (Rimmer et al. 2014)) to detect single and mono-nucleotide polymorphisms, short 368 and long indels, as well as chromosome rearrangement. The output file was used with the 369 software SnpEff (version 4.3 (Cingolani et al. 2012)) to annotate the variants called from 370 Platypus and to provide effect predictions. Specific genes annotated with involvement in the 371 auxin signaling pathway or metabolic herbicide resistance were targeted for variant analysis by 372 checking chosen genes against a merged variant file for all individuals of each population. 373 Presence or absence of variants were validated with Integrative Genomics Viewer (IGV) 374 (Robinson et al. 2017). 375

#### 376 **3. Results**

### 377 *3.1 Fluroxypyr and Dicamba Dose Response*

378 Flur-R was confirmed to be fluroxypyr resistant based on change in height (Figure 2A) 379 and percent survival (Figure 2B) at 30 days after treatment (DAT), with 75% survival up to 628 g ae ha<sup>-1</sup> of fluroxypyr (Figure 2B). Flur-R was approximately 40 times more resistant than the 380 381 susceptible population J01-S and 36 times more resistant than 9425 (Table 1). The population 382 9425, which was previously reported to be fluroxypyr resistant (LeClere et al. 2018) was 383 subsequently shown to have weak fluroxypyr resistance (Wu et al. 2020). Our results show 9425 had less than 25% survival at 157 g ae ha<sup>-1</sup> fluroxypyr (Figure 2B) and had similar reduction in 384 385 height as the known susceptible population J01-S (Figure 2A). The LD<sub>50</sub> ratios for J01-S and 386 9425 were not statistically different from 1, indicating that 9425 is not resistant to fluroxypyr at 387 field rates. Furthermore, Flur-R was susceptible to dicamba (Figure 2C), with 8% survival at 70 g ae ha<sup>-1</sup> and an LD<sub>50</sub> of 56 g ae ha<sup>-1</sup>. Flur-R is approximately seven times more susceptible than 388 9425 to dicamba (Table 1). 389

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391 *3.2 Glyphosate, Atrazine, and Chlorsulfuron Single Rate Screening* 

392 No Flur-R or J01-S individuals survived glyphosate (870 g ae ha<sup>-1</sup>) or atrazine (2240 g ai 393 ha<sup>-1</sup>) treatments; however, 94% ( $\pm$  0.5%) of the Flur-R population and 7% ( $\pm$  0.5%) of J01-S

individuals survived chlorsulfuron (137 g ai ha<sup>-1</sup>). This indicates that there is multiple resistance
in this fluroxypyr resistant population. Two target site mutations were identified in a SNP
analysis of RNA-sequencing data that confer ALS resistance, including a proline 197 to
threonine mutation and a tryptophan 574 to leucine mutation in the *ALS* gene (Tranel and Wright
2002) (SI Figure 1).

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#### 400 *3.3 KASP*

401 Kompetitive allele specific PCR (KASP) was used to genotype individuals using allelic 402 discrimination to determine whether or not Flur-R individuals contained the G127N IAA16 403 mutation reported by LeClere et al. (2018). Specific fluorophore sequences were assigned to 404 each forward primer, which generated a fluorescent signal to determine which allele was present in the kochia DNA sample. Relative Fluorescence Units (RFU) were measured to determine 405 406 which of the fluorophore sequences amplified for each sample (Figure 3A). Of the twenty 407 verified fluroxypyr-resistant individuals tested from the Flur-R population, 10 individuals 408 displayed high RFU for the HEX labeled primer, indicating they had a homozygous wildtype 409 genotype. There were six individuals that displayed approximately equal RFU for both alleles, 410 indicating heterozygous individuals for G127N IAA16. Two known susceptible wild type 411 controls were included (kochia lines J01-S, 7710), as well as one homozygous mutant resistant 412 control (9425). These results indicate that the asparagine-127 IAA16 mutant allele is not essential 413 for fluroxypyr resistance, as most individuals were homozygous for the wildtype glycine-127 414 IAA16 allele and were resistant to fluroxypyr. The dicamba resistance asparagine-127 IAA16 415 allele is present and segregating in the Flur-R population.

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## 417 3.4 Fluroxypyr Absorption, Translocation, and Metabolism

We investigated differences in  $[^{14}C]$ -fluroxypyr ester absorption and translocation between fluroxypyr-resistant line Flur-R and fluroxypyr-susceptible J01-S. For each of the two lines, two meristem leaves per individual were treated with  $[^{14}C]$ -fluroxypyr ester. Differential absorption and translocation were investigated by partitioning all individuals into four plant sections. Radioactivity was quantified in each section using biological oxidation and liquid scintillation counting. Maximum percent absorption of ~3.33 kBq  $[^{14}C]$ -fluroxypyr ester for Flur-R was 91.99% (±3.14), and for J01-S was 85% (±3.13). Percent recovery of radioactivity

425 was >75% for all samples, except two samples per line at 192h which were  $\geq$ 50%. No significant 426 differences in maximum absorption between Flur-R and J01-S were found (pvalue = 0.155) 427 (Figure 4A). The time (h) after treatment in which 90% of the herbicide is absorbed based on the 428 model in R was not statistically different between 12 h ( $\pm$  2.15) for Flur-R, and 9.7 h ( $\pm$  2.34) for J01-S (pvalue = 0.47). There were no differences in translocation of  $[^{14}C]$ -fluroxypyr ester 429 from the treated leaf to the rest of the plant between Flur-R and J01-S (Figure 4B and C). 430 Whole plant metabolites were extracted for  $[^{14}C]$ -fluroxypyr ester metabolism studies. 431 Analysis of metabolites was conducted using an HPLC equipped with a C18 column. [<sup>14</sup>C]-432 433 fluroxypyr ester and acid standards were analyzed using an HPLC to determine retention time. Analysis of the proportion of  $[^{14}C]$ -fluroxypyr ester in each population showed a significant 434 difference at 12 h. The overall proportion of  $[^{14}C]$ -fluroxypyr ester was lower in Flur-R than J01-435 S, supporting rapid conversion from the  $[^{14}C]$ -fluroxypyr ester to biologically active  $[^{14}C]$ -436 fluroxypyr acid or other [<sup>14</sup>C]-fluroxypyr metabolites (Figure 5). In Flur-R, the high amount of 437 438 <sup>14</sup>C]-fluroxypyr acid at 12 h was significantly reduced by 48 h, showing rapid conversion from 439 to other fluroxypyr metabolites (Figure 5B). At 96 h and 192 h, the proportion of unknown 440 metabolites numbered 4 and 2 were higher or uniquely present in Flur-R compared to J01-S 441 (Figure 5D and F). This suggests that formation and flux of these metabolites is catalyzed by a 442 process that is more active in Flur-R than J01-S and may play a role in reducing concentrations of phytotoxic  $[^{14}C]$ -fluroxypyr acid. 443

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### 445 3.5 Differential Expression Analysis

446 To analyze the transcriptome of Flur-R, we sequenced RNA from 4 plants each of 447 fluroxypyr resistant Flur-R, and two fluroxypyr susceptible lines J01-S and 9425. BGI Seq was 448 used to obtain between 91 and 95 million clean reads per sample (BGI Bioinformatics, San Jose, 449 CA). Q20 scores were between 96–98%. Alignment was made to the coding sequence of the 450 Bassia scoparia genome assembly version 2 (Hall et al. 2023) using HISAT2 (version 2.1.0), and 451 alignment ranged between 59 - 63% for all individuals. Percent unmapped reads ranged between 452 46-51%, and percent uniquely mapped genes ranged from 43-48%. Approximately 4% of 453 reads were multi-mapped (SI Table 1). Following alignment and differential expression with 454 DESeq2, a Wald test was used to obtain p-values, which were adjusted using the Benjamini-455 Hochberg method. Filtering parameters included samples with an adjusted p-value < 0.05 and

456  $\log 2$  fold change > 0.5. The false discovery rate (FDR) was < 0.05. We identified 231 unique

- 457 genes that had higher expression in Flur-R compared to both 9425 and J01-S at the untreated
- 458 timepoint (Figure 6). Because we identified differential metabolism in Flur-R, we explored the
- 459 hypothesis that genes related to herbicide metabolism may have differential regulation or be
- 460 highly expressed at the untreated timepoint in Flur-R. Of these 231 highly expressed genes in
- 461 Flur-R at the untreated timepoint, there were six ABC transporters of both class B and G,
- 462 including genes homologous to *ABCG31-like* (*Bs.00g217020.m01*), two similar ABCB28
- 463 annotated genes (*Bs.00g454440.m01*, *Bs.00g282300.m01*), two isoforms of *ABCG34*
- 464 (*Bs.00g184080.m01*, *Bs.00g184080.m02*), and *ABCG29* (*Bs.00g251290.m01*). There were five
- 465 CYP450 annotated genes between two families, the CYP71 family (*CYP82D47*
- 466 [*Bs.00g486870.m01*], *CYP96A15* [*Bs.00g541440.m01*], *CYP71D10/11* [*Bs.00g051830.m01*],
- 467 Ent-kaurene oxidase [Bs.00g184110.m01],) and the CYP85 family (CYP90C1/D1
- 468 [*Bs.00g245700.m01*]). Several types of glucosyltransferases were expressed, such as UDP-
- 469 glucosyltransferase 73B2 (Bs.00g142060.m01), two isoforms of UDP-glucuronosyl/UDP-
- 470 glucosyltransferase 89A2-like (*Bs.00g480980.m01*, *Bs.00g480980.m02*), and UDP-
- 471 glycosyltransferase 87A1 (*Bs.00g061050.m01*) (Table 2).
- 472 When analyzing the treated timepoints within Flur-R, J01-S, and 9425, 188 (3 h after
- treatment [HAT] vs untreated) and 300 genes (10 HAT vs untreated) were upregulated in
- 474 response to fluroxypyr treatment in all three lines (Figure 7A and B). Of those shared
- 475 upregulated genes, auxin responsive genes encoding proteins such as GH3.2
- 476 (*Bs.00g477580.m01*), Ethylene responsive transcription factors, Small auxin-up RNAs (SAURs),
- 477 Aux/IAAs, and ACS (*Bs.00g478760.m01*) were among them, indicating that all three kochia
- 478 lines perceived fluroxypyr and had transcriptional activation of these auxin responsive genes
- following fluroxypyr treatment (SI Figure 2). The Ethylene responsive transcription factors,
- 480 *GH3*, and *ACS* were in the top 20 genes with the highest fold change through the 3 HAT vs
- 481 untreated and 10 HAT vs untreated timepoints in Flur-R, J01-S, and 9425 (Tables 3, 4, 5). Two
- 482 isoforms of the IAA cellular transporter PIN were upregulated in 9425 at 10 HAT
- 483 (*Bs.00g190770.m01* and *Bs.00g190770.m02*), but the response in Flur-R and J01-S did not meet
- the differential expression filtering criteria and therefore the response was not statistically
- 485 different following fluroxypyr treatment (Figure 8). Within the Flur-R line at 3 HAT vs
- untreated, there were 278 uniquely upregulated genes and 303 at 10 HAT vs untreated (Figure

487 7A and B). Some unique auxin-induced genes such as SAURs and ARF11 were upregulated in

488 Flur-R, but six additional ABC transporters of class G, two ABC transporters of class C, one

489 ABC transporter of class A, six additional UDP-glucosyltransferases (GTs), and three sugar

490 transporters were upregulated following fluroxypyr treatment (expression data not shown).

491 CYP450s *CYP81B2* (*Bs.00g431990.m01*), *CYP82D47*, and *CYP71A9* (*Bs.00g241110.m01*) were

492 induced by fluroxypyr treatment, as well as four Glutathione s-transferases (GSTs) in Flur-R at 3

and 10 HAT compared to the untreated timepoint.

When the downregulated 3 and 10 HAT timepoints were contrasted with the untreated timepoint within each line, Flur-R, J01-S, and 9425 identified 104 and 718 common fluroxypyr downregulated genes for the 3 and 10 HAT vs untreated timepoints, respectively (Figure 7C and D). Twelve of these shared genes were related to photosystem I and II at 10 HAT. Transcripts encoding key proteins related to photosynthetic electron transport such as Chlorophyll A-B binding protein (*Bs.00g240870.m01, Bs.00g240870.m02*) and ATP synthase

500 (*Bs.00g432500.m01*) were downregulated in all three lines and were present in the top 20

501 downregulated genes for all three lines (Tables 6, 7, 8). Two chlorophyll biosynthesis regulator

502 genes encoding Early light induced protein-1 (*Bs.00g421070.m01*, *Bs.00g420960.m01*) were

503 uniquely downregulated and among the genes with the highest downregulation in both

susceptible lines. These proteins play a role in preventing oxidative stress and excess

accumulation of free chlorophyll (Hutin et al. 2003). Additionally, four Cellulose synthase genes

506 (*Bs.00g015170.m01*, *Bs.00g015170.m02*, *Bs.00g056700.m01*, *Bs.00g260720.m01*) were

507 downregulated in both susceptible lines and are of interest due to the role cellulose plays in cell

wall structural support. Genes uniquely downregulated at 10 HAT in Flur-R included two

additional photosystem II subunit genes (*Bs.00g059220.m01*, *Bs.00g338570.m01*) as well as

510 genes encoding several synthases such as Terpene synthase (*Bs.00g074880.m01*), Polyprenyl

511 synthetase (*Bs.00g449610.m01*), Strictosidine synthase (*Bs.00g057800.m01*),

512 Phosphomethylpyrimidine synthase (*Bs.00g253210.m01*), Aminodeoxychorismate (ADC)

513 synthase (*Bs.00g135570.m01*), and ABA biosynthesis gene *NCED2* (*Bs.00g024060.m01*).

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515 *3.6 Variant Analysis* 

516 Our decision criteria to determine resistance-conferring sequence variant candidates were
517 that all four Flur-R individuals from the RNA-seq experiment must have the variant. The

518 candidate variant also must be absent in the two S lines (9425 and J01-S). Of the 147 genes 519 annotated as CYP450s in the kochia genome, there were no unique variants in the Flur-R line. 520 There were 37 genes annotated as having an Aux/IAA domain or function, and 21 genes with an 521 ARF domain or function. Of these genes, three genes contained a nonsynonymous mutation or a 522 deletion. ARF19/7 (Bs.00g057730.m01), one of five transcriptional activators in the ARF family, 523 had two nonsynonymous mutations (Gly446Ser; Leu486Ile) and two single codon deletions (SI 524 Figure 3A). A protein annotated as ARF3 (Bs.00g076170.m01) also known as ETTIN (ETT) 525 showed one nonsynonymous homozygous variant (Leu293Ser), where three J01-S individuals 526 were heterozygous for the variant found in Flur-R, one was homozygous, and the remaining four 527 9425 were wildtype. Aux/IAA4-like (Bs.00g107340.m01) displayed one nonsynonymous variant 528 (Glu52Arg) in a non-conserved region 6-10 bases N terminal of the Aux/IAA Domain II 529 described by Ramos et al. (2001) (SI Figure 3B). We also determined there were no variants in 530 any proteins annotated as AFB or TIR1 proteins that were unique to Flur-R and met our specified 531 criteria, and there were no mutations in the 18 LRR rich C terminus where Aux/IAA and auxin 532 are reported to bind (Villalobos et al. 2012).

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#### 534 **4. Discussion and Conclusion**

535 Both fluroxypyr resistant line Flur-R and two susceptible lines 9425 and J01-S had up-536 regulation of auxin regulated genes in response to fluroxypyr that was similar to the auxin mimic 537 herbicide gene expression response in Arabidopsis (Gleason et al. 2011; Goda et al. 2004). The 538 increased expression of auxin responsive genes following fluroxypyr treatment suggests that 539 fluroxypyr is being perceived similarly by all three lines and supports our findings that target-site 540 variants found in Aux/IAA4 and ARF19/7 are likely not the cause of the fluroxypyr resistance 541 response in Flur-R. Specifically in ARF19/7, the identified variants are predicted to have no 542 significant effect on fluroxypyr binding due to their position in the variable middle region 543 described by Ulmasov et al. (1999) (SI Figure 3A). Although we did find a Flur-R homozygous 544 variant in ARF3, the region boundaries of ARF3 are unlike most other ARFs in that it does not 545 contain Domain III/IV, two key domains for interaction with Aux/IAA proteins relating to auxin 546 gene expression. ARF3 does function in some auxin related pathways (reviewed by Liu et al. 547 (2014)) but the protein has been described to function as a repressor of several proteins causing 548 inhibition of cytokinin activity, a plant hormone that often partners with IAA (Zhang et al. 2018).

While we cannot be certain that the variant in *ARF3* does not contribute indirectly to fluroxypyr resistance or affect cytokinin levels in the plant, due to the ARF3 described function, there is stronger support for metabolism being the underlying cause of resistance. Additionally, if variants were found that affected auxin-mimic perception or binding, such as the *IAA16* Gly127Asn mutation described by LeClere et al. (2018), the expected auxin-response gene expression would likely not be induced as reported by Pettinga et al. (2018) in the 9425 line when tested with the auxin-mimic herbicide dicamba.

556 The translocation data suggest that fluroxypyr, being primarily in its acid form based on 557 the 6 h metabolism results, is moving symplastically throughout the plant as a phloem mobile 558 herbicide (Schober et al. 1986). Transcripts for two IAA transporter (PIN) isoforms were 559 upregulated in the susceptible lines 9425 and J01-S when treated with fluroxypyr, suggesting that 560 PINs can transport fluroxypyr in a similar manner to the transport of IAA. Based on the lack of 561 differences in translocation between Flur-R and J01-S, these two identified PIN transporters are 562 not moving phytotoxic fluroxypyr acid throughout the resistant or susceptible plants at a 563 different rate. Other transporters such as ATP binding cassettes (ABCs) in class B can move 564 multiple substrates including xenobiotics. Some members of this large protein family serve as 565 auxin transporters (Cho and Cho 2013). ABC transporters from both class B and G were 566 upregulated in Flur-R following fluroxypyr treatment, none of which have been individually 567 implicated in herbicide resistance. Several class G transporters are involved in auxin homeostasis 568 and other phytohormone transport, cellular detoxification of heavy metals, and pathogen 569 resistance (Dhara and Raichaudhuri 2021; Gräfe and Schmitt 2021). The functional suite of ABC 570 class G transporters in kochia is yet to be fully described, though cellular export of fluroxypyr 571 conjugates is not outside the scope of known activity for class G transporters.

572 In Flur-R, abscisic acid (ABA) biosynthesis gene NCED2 transcript expression decreased 573 over a 10 h time period, contrasting the results from the two susceptible lines in which NCED6 574 transcripts had increased expression at 3 h in all three lines (Figure 8). The implications of 575 decreased *NCED2* expression in the resistant line are currently unknown, though some reports 576 show an increased level of response from NCED genes following various auxin-mimic 577 applications (Kraft et al. 2007; McCauley et al. 2020; Raghavan et al. 2005). Among these ABA 578 related downregulated genes, seven subunits of Photosystem I and four subunits of Photosystem 579 II are downregulated in all three lines following fluroxypyr application suggesting that

fluroxypyr may affect light energy harvesting as part of its mechanism of action. These findingsare consistent with the findings of McCauley et al. (2020).

582 Of the five CYP450s constitutively expressed in Flur-R compared to either 9425 or J01-583 S, CYP71D10/11 has been implicated in metabolic herbicide resistance to fenoxaprop-p-ethyl 584 (Bai et al. 2020). Other CYP450s in the CYP71 family have been described as shikimate and 585 shikimate intermediate modifiers (Jun et al. 2015), including Ent-kaurene oxidase (CYP701 586 subfamily) which functions in gibberellin biosynthesis; its overexpression causes partial 587 resistance to plant growth retardant uniconazole-P (Miyazaki et al. 2011). CYP81B2 588 (Bs.00g431990.m01) in transgenic tobacco metabolized the phenylurea herbicide chlortoluron 589 after the application of auxin-mimic 2,4-D. The same study also identified its involvement in 590 secondary metabolite biosynthesis (Ohkawa et al. 1999). The other two treatment induced CYP450s in Flur-R, CYP82D47 and CYP71A9-like, have no described role in herbicide 591 592 resistance, however, there are a significant number of CYP450s involved in herbicide 593 metabolism in the CYP71 family, to which they both belong (Gion et al. 2014; Siminszky et al. 594 1999; Xiang et al. 2006).

The final constitutively expressed CYP450 in the Flur-R line, *CYP90C1/D1*, belongs to the CYP85 family which is implicated in modification of cyclic terpenes and sterols in brassinosteroid, abscisic acid and gibberellin biosynthesis (Jun et al. 2015; Ohnishi et al. 2006; Ohnishi et al. 2012). It is not unusual for CYP450s to be multifunctional (Bernhardt 2006), and their function can often be attributed to the selectivity of some herbicides, extensively reviewed by Dimaano and Iwakami (2021).

601 We investigated fluroxypyr resistance using herbicide physiology experiments as well as 602 RNA-sequencing and identified metabolic detoxification as a plausible explanation of fluroxypyr 603 resistance in kochia line Flur-R. Two of the four metabolites are accounted for, having been 604 reported by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA 2010). The action of conjugation by 605 GSTs or GTs may explain one of the two remaining undescribed metabolites presented, which 606 were both rapidly converted from fluroxypyr acid throughout the time course in Flur-R. Given 607 the high expression of five GSTs and eight GTs in both untreated and treatment induced 608 conditions, formation of secondary metabolic structures is possible. Following CYP450 activity 609 via O-glucosylation, fluroxypyr-tripeptide GST or -sugar conjugates can be catalyzed by GST or 610 UDP-glucosyl transferase (Ludwig-Müller 2011). GSTs and GTs can glycosylate plant hormones

and xenobiotics to influence bioactivity, transport, solubility and can be pumped out of the cell

via ABC transporters (Li et al. 2001; Moons 2005). Subsequent sequestration of the non-

613 phytotoxic herbicide via ABC transporter may also play a role in the resistance response in Flur-

614 R, though more work is needed to fully understand the metabolic response following fluroxypyr

615 application in Flur-R.

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#### 617 **5. Future Work**

618 Future work elucidating the fluroxypyr resistance mechanism involves *in vitro* and *in* 619 vivo testing of the five candidate GSTs, eight GTs, and eight CYP450s. Metabolite identification 620 via LCMS/MS is crucial next step to determine the metabolic path of the fluroxypyr molecule. 621 Other future studies include genetic mapping of fluroxypyr resistance via test crosses and either Quantitative Trail Loci (QTL) or bulk-segregant analysis with resistant Flur-R and susceptible 622 623 J01-S, which will provide chromosomal location of resistance gene(s) (Montgomery et al. 2023). 624 Biochemical studies using P450 and GST inhibitors will indicate whether the enhanced 625 fluroxypyr metabolism can be reversed. Metabolic information paired with mapping and ongoing 626 inheritance studies will be a strong contribution to the understanding of auxin-mimic resistance 627 and characterization of fluroxypyr resistance in this population of kochia. Identifying causal 628 resistance genes in auxin-mimic resistant kochia populations will allow us to document the 629 evolution of new resistance genes and predict patterns of gene flow, following the model set by 630 Ravet et al. (2021) for gene flow of glyphosate resistance in kochia. 631

# 632 Data Availability:

The data underlying this article are available in the Gene Expression Omnibus at

- https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE179578, and can be accessed
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#### FIGURES

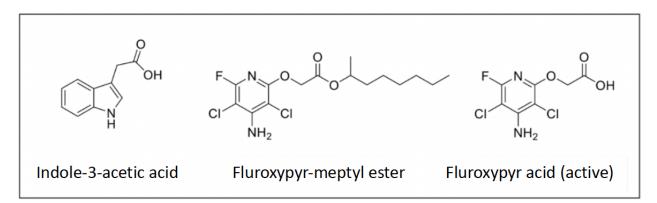


Figure 1: Chemical structure of indole-3-acetic acid (IAA), fluroxypyr-meptyl ester (fluroxypyrester) included in the formulated commercial products, and fluroxypyr-acid, the biologically active form of the herbicide. Deesterification of fluroxypyr-meptyl ester frees the carboxyl group shown in fluroxypyr-acid, which plays a key role in plant perception related to the auxin signaling pathway in relation to the ring structure found throughout auxin-mimic herbicide chemistry.

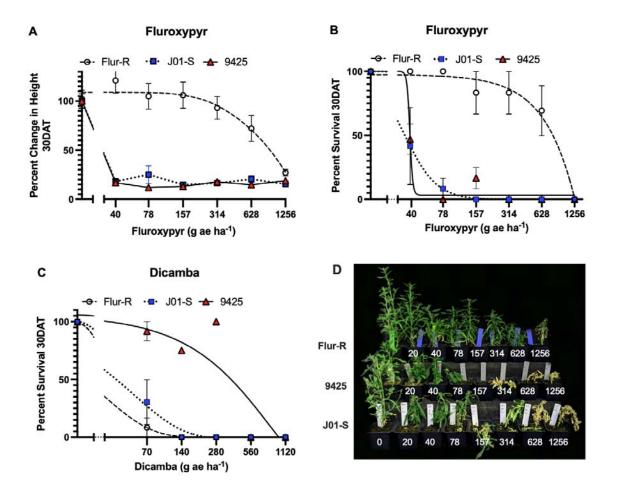


Figure 2: Dose response data for (A, B) fluroxypyr (no adjuvant) and (C) dicamba (+ 0.25% NIS) demonstrated fluroxypyr resistance and dicamba sensitivity in fluroxypyr resistant line Flur-R. X-axis is represented in a log10 scale. A. Percent change in height as a percent of the untreated control 30 days after treatment with fluroxypyr showed a 25% reduction in height in Flur-R at 628 g ae ha<sup>-1</sup> (four times the label rate of 157 g ae ha<sup>-1</sup>). B. Percent survival for Flur-R with greater than 70% survival to fluroxypyr at 628 g ae ha<sup>-1</sup> (LD<sub>50</sub> = 720, p= <0.001). The population 9425 was susceptible to fluroxypyr (LD<sub>50</sub> = 20 g ae ha<sup>-1</sup>, p <0.001). C. Flur-R was susceptible to dicamba (LD<sub>50</sub> = 56 g ae ha<sup>-1</sup>, p <0.001) and the known dicamba-resistant line, 9425, was resistant to dicamba up to 280 g ae ha<sup>-1</sup>. Error bars represent SEM. D. Singular plants represent the average line response at each dose of fluroxypyr where 157 g ae ha<sup>-1</sup> represents the label rate.

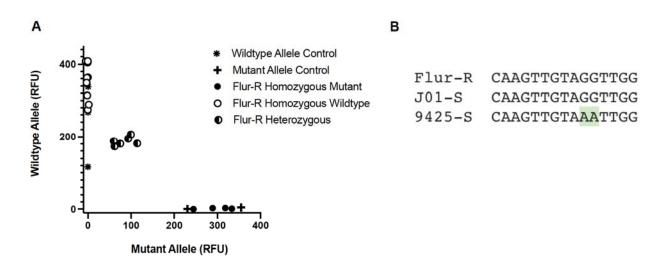


Figure 3: A. KASP assay with fluroxypyr resistant individuals sprayed with 157 g ai ha<sup>-1</sup> fluroxypyr. Wildtype allele control lines were fluroxypyr and dicamba susceptible line 7710 and J01-S. Mutant allele control was homozygous dicamba resistant line 9425. B. Consensus sequenced based on KASP and previously published sequencing data at the mutation point of interest in J01-S, Flur-R and dicamba resistant line 9425 conferring resistance to dicamba as reported by LeClere et al. 2018. The mutation from GG to AA confers a G127N change.

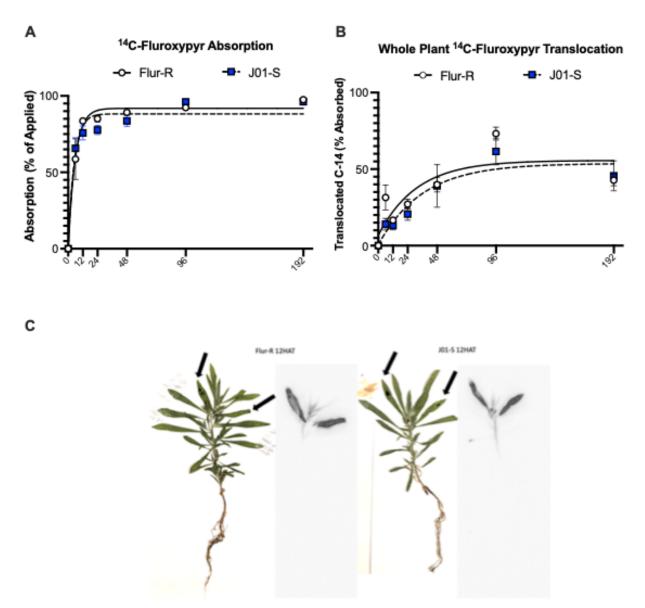


Figure 4. Whole plant absorption (A) and translocation (B) of fluroxypyr on resistant Flur-R line and susceptible line J01-S assessed over 6, 12, 24, 48, 96, and 192 h after treatment with [<sup>14</sup>C]-fluroxypyr ester. The absorption and translocation graphs depict mean percent absorption as percent of applied radiation and mean percent translocation as percent of absorbed radiation to account for slight variation in application rates, with error bars representing SEM. There were no differences in absorption or translocation of [<sup>14</sup>C]-fluroxypyr ester between Flur-R and J01-S. C. Pressed plant and phosphor-images showed translocation of [<sup>14</sup>C]-fluroxypyr ester in Flur-R (left) and J01-S (right) at 12 h, the time at which max absorption was at 90% in both lines. The black arrows mark the two treated meristem leaves on each individual. The phosphor image to the right of each pressed plant photo shows early-stage translocation of [<sup>14</sup>C]-fluroxypyr ester.

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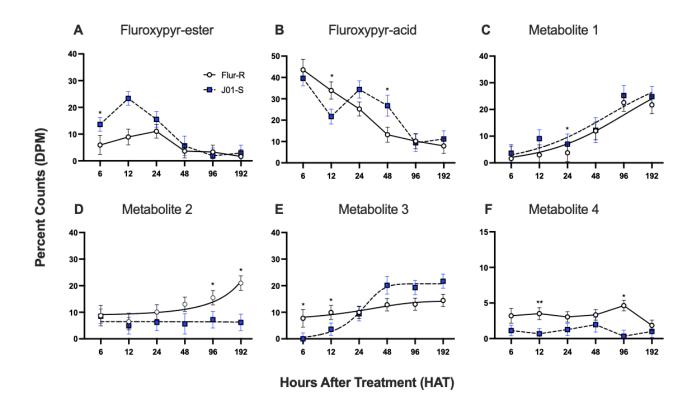


Figure 5. HPLC fluroxypyr parent and metabolite profiles over a 192 h time-course in fluroxypyr resistant kochia (*Bassia scoparia*) line Flur-R and fluroxypyr susceptible J01-S. A. Parent compound, [<sup>14</sup>C]-fluroxypyr ester (9.5 min retention). B. Biologically active compound, [<sup>14</sup>C]-fluroxypyr acid (7.7 min retention). C. Unknown metabolite 1 (4.5 min retention). D. Unknown metabolite 2 (5.8 min retention). E. Unknown metabolite 3 (6.4 min retention). F. Unknown metabolite 4 (7.2 min retention). \* P<0.05, \*\* P≤0.005, error bars represent SEM.

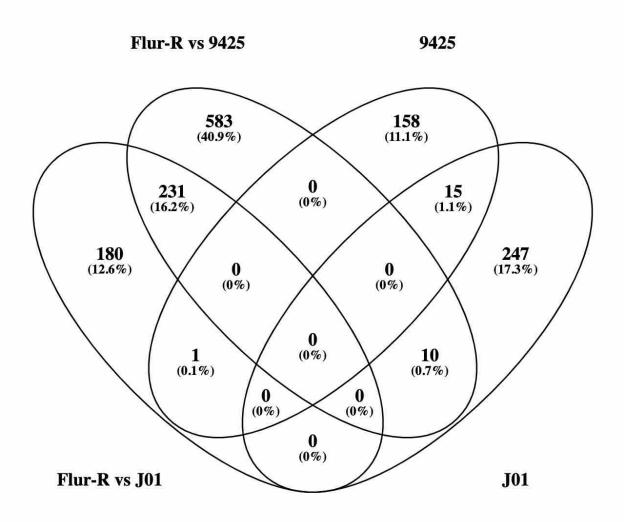


Figure 6. Venn diagram of upregulated genes between the untreated condition in Flur-R compared to both untreated conditions in fluroxypyr susceptible lines 9425-S and J01-S in DESeq2 (Flur-R vs 9425; Flur-R vs J01). Genes upregulated in both 9425-S and J01-S compared to Flur-R in DESeq2 are represented by their singular line name in the diagram (J01, 9425). Overlapping ovals represent genes that are commonly expressed at the untreated condition between comparisons.

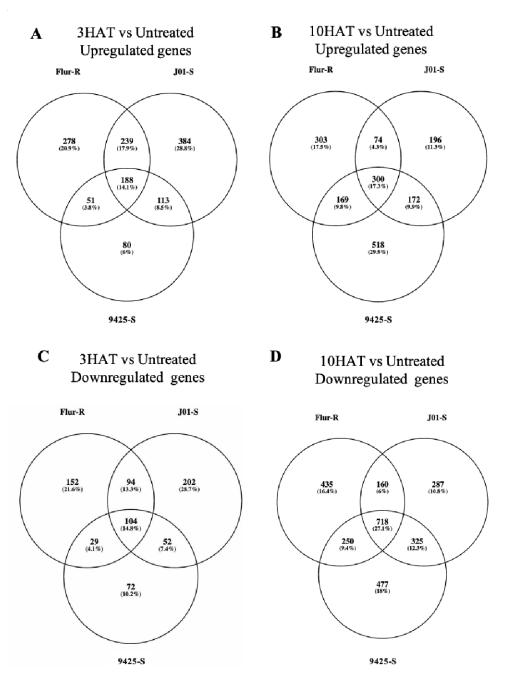


Figure 7. Number of transcripts that were either up or down regulated between the untreated condition and either 3 or 10 h after treatment (HAT) with fluroxypyr in fluroxypyr-resistant line Flur-R and susceptible lines 9425 and J01-S. A. Shared and uniquely upregulated genes at 3 HAT among and between all three lines. B. Shared and uniquely upregulated genes at 10 HAT among and between all three lines. C. Shared and uniquely downregulated genes at 3 HAT among and between all three lines. D. Shared and uniquely downregulated genes at 10 HAT among and between all three lines. D. Shared and uniquely downregulated genes at 10 HAT among and between all three lines.

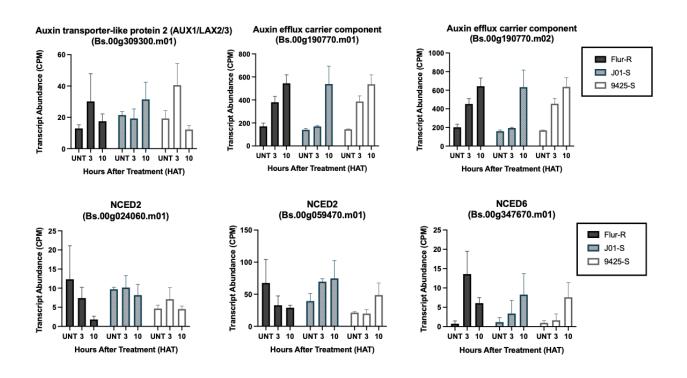


Figure 8. Expression profiles for auxin induced influx and efflux transporters and NCED in fluroxypyr-resistant kochia (*Bassia scoparia*) Flur-R, susceptible J01-S, and susceptible 9425 following differential expression analysis of RNA-Seq data. X-axis treatments: untreated, 3 h after treatment (HAT), and 10 HAT grouped by kochia line. Normalized counts on the y-axis were a result of the DESeq2 function and model fitting in R package "DESeq2". Both isoforms of the auxin efflux carrier component were upregulated in response to fluroxypyr in the 9425 line. There were no differences in expression for the Aux/LAX transporter. NCED6 was induced at both 3 HAT and 10 HAT in Flur-R, while NCED2 was downregulated in Flur-R.

**TABLES** 

Table 1. Parameters for fluroxypyr dose-response data in kochia (Bassia scoparia) populations Flur-R, 9425, and J01-S. Parameters of 2

the fluroxypyr and dicamba dose-responses for percent survival parameters are described in Equation 3 for Flur-R, fluroxypyr 3

sensitive line J01-S and fluroxypyr sensitive/dicamba resistant line 9425. Flur-R shows a significant resistance factor ratio (R/S) of 36 4

and 40 relative to 9425 and J01, respectively. (b,d) Lower and upper limits of regression parameters, respectively.  $(LD_{50})$  The dose (g 5 6

ae ha<sup>-1</sup>) of fluroxypyr where 50% mortality occurs for each population. (R/S) The ratio of resistant LD<sub>50</sub> to either susceptible LD<sub>50</sub> and

associated p-values. 7

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|                       | Fluroxypyr     |                |                |       |         | Dicamba        |                |                  |     |         |  |
| Line                  | b              | d              | $LD_{50}$      | R/S   | P-value | b              | d              | LD <sub>50</sub> | R/S | P-value |  |
|                       | ( <u>±</u> SE) | ( <u>±</u> SE) | ( <u>±</u> SE) |       |         | ( <u>±</u> SE) | ( <u>±</u> SE) | ( <u>±</u> SE)   |     |         |  |
| g ae ha <sup>-1</sup> |                |                |                |       |         |                |                |                  |     |         |  |
| Flur-R                | 7.3            | 94.5 (3.6)     | 720 (110.3)    | 36-40 | < 0.001 | 7.4 (5.2)      | 100.0 (4.9)    | 56 (8.5)         |     |         |  |
|                       | (8.4)          |                |                |       |         |                |                |                  |     |         |  |
| 9425                  | 8.5            | 100.0 (8.8)    | 20             |       |         | 85.1 (10.0)    | 91.7 (2.72)    | 415 (10.0)       | 6-7 | < 0.001 |  |
|                       | (37.7)         |                | (1.5)          |       |         |                |                |                  |     |         |  |
| J01-S                 | 3.1            | 100.0 (8.8)    | 18             |       |         | 9.3 (8.5)      | 100.0 (4.93)   | 64 (5.4)         |     |         |  |
|                       | (1.8)          |                | (2.7)          |       |         |                |                |                  |     |         |  |

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Table 2. Genes with higher expression at the untreated timepoint in kochia (*Bassia scoparia*) line Flur-R compared to 9425 and J01-S lines at the untreated timepoint. Raw normalized counts and Log2 fold change for highly expressed ABC transporters, UDP glucosyltransferases, and cytochrome P450 monooxygenases in the fluroxypyr-resistant population Flur-R compared to either susceptible population 9425 or J01-S. Genes which are higher expressed in Flur-R compared to both susceptible populations and are denoted with  $\dagger$  and represented with the normalized count and fold change comparison to 9425. Log2 Fold Change was calculated in DESeq2, log2 fold change standard error and adjusted *p*-value were also calculated in DESeq2. The Wald-test obtained *p*-values were adjusted using the Benjamini-Hochberg method. The FDR was < 0.05.

| 1                 | Mean of normalized |       | Fold   | Log2 Fold                               | P-value  |   |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------|--------|---|----------|---|
| Gene ID           | counts             |       | Change | e Change ( $\pm$ SE) (adjusted) Gene De |          | Gene Description                                |
|                   | Flur-R             | 9425  |        |   |          |   |
| Bs.00g184080.m02  | 2258               | 3     | 753    | 9.70 (0.75)                             | 1.85E-32 | ABC-G 34 Isoform 2                              |
| Bs.00g184080.m01  | 2147               | 3     | 716    | 9.63 (0.75)                             | 9.86E-32 | ABC-G 34 Isoform 1                              |
| Bs.00g217020.m01† | 63                 | 0     | 63     | 8.98 (2.85)                             | 1.31E-06 | ABC-G 31-like                                   |
| Bs.00g142060.m01  | 38                 | 0     | 38     | 8.02 (2.81)                             | 6.52E-05 | UDP-glucosyltransferase 73B2 related            |
| Bs.00g184110.m01  | 133                | 2     | 67     | 6.24 (0.96)                             | 3.59E-08 | CYP701 subfamily (Ent- Kaurene Oxidase)         |
| Bs.00g282300.m01† | 108                | 6     | 18     | 5.18 (1.47)                             | 0.0028   | ABC-G 28-like                                   |
|                   |                    |       |        |   |          | UDP-glucuronosyl/UDP-glucosyltransferase 89A2-  |
| Bs.00g480980.m01† | 510                | 14    | 36     | 5.01 (0.63)                             | 2.11E-11 | like  |
|                   |                    |       |        |   |          | UDP-glucuronosyl/UDP-glucosyltransferase 89A2-  |
| Bs.00g480980.m03† | 538                | 15    | 36     | 4.99 (0.63)                             | 2.72E-11 | like  |
| Bs.00g541440.m01  | 232                | 10    | 23     | 4.21 (0.72)                             | 2.00E-06 | CYP96A15  |
| Bs.00g051830.m01  | 233                | 5     | 47     | 4.03 (1.48)                             | 0.0231   | CYP71D10/11                                     |
| Bs.00g454440.m01† | 276                | 52    | 5      | 2.28 (0.44)                             | 0.0003   | Putative ABC-B 28-like                          |
| Bs.00g061050.m01  | 6018               | 1187  | 5      | 2.08 (0.59)                             | 0.027    | UDP-glycosyltransferase 87A1 related            |
| Bs.00g251290.m01  | 1462               | 341   | 4      | 1.98 (0.38)                             | 0.0008   | ABC-G 29-like                                   |
|                   |                    |       |        |   |          | CYP90C1/D1 (3-Epi-6-Deoxocathasterone 23-       |
| Bs.00g245700.m01  | 417                | 114   | 4      | 1.72 (0.40)                             | 0.0113   | Monooxygenase)                                  |
|                   | Flur-R             | J01-S |        |   |          |   |
| Bs.00g486870.m01  | 1847               | 61    | 31     | 4.85 (0.55)                             | 1.29E-13 | CYP82D47-like                                   |
| Bs.00g142720.m01  | 8246               | 3606  | 2      | 1.17 (0.15)                             | 0.0001   | 7-deoxyloganetin glucosyltransferase-like 85A23 |

| Table 3. Top 20 upregulated genes in fluroxypyr-resistant kochia (Bassia scoparia) line Flur-R at 3 h after treatment (HAT) and 10 HAT |
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| compared to the untreated timepoint. Fold change was calculated using the mean of normalized counts, which was produced using the      |
| DESeq2 package in R. Log2 Fold Change was calculated in DESeq2, log2 fold change standard error and adjusted p-value were also         |
| calculated in DESeq2. The Wald-test obtained <i>p</i> -values were adjusted using the Benjamini-Hochberg method. The FDR was < 0.05.   |

| Gene ID                         | Mean of normalized counts |                  | Fold Change | Log2 Fold Change ( $\pm$ SE) | P-value  | Gene Description                   |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|-------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------|
|                                 | Flur-R Untreated          | Flur-R 3HAT      |             |                              |          |                                    |
| Bs.00g016210.m01 <sup>j</sup> † | 0.71                      | 607              | 855         | 5.30 (0.39)                  | 1.59E-14 | Precursor of CEP13/CEP14           |
| Bs.00g306100.m01                | 8                         | 383              | 48          | 4.79 (0.33)                  | 2.84E-28 | Transcription Factor, MADS-Box     |
| Bs.00g477580.m01 <sup>°</sup> † |                           |                  |             | 4.63 (0.40)                  | 1.22E-35 | GH3 Family Protein                 |
| Bs.00g523550.m01                | 20                        | 1131             | 57          | 4.57 (0.380                  | 8.34E-24 | Reverse Transcriptase Zinc-Binding |
|                                 |                           |                  |             |                              |          | Domain                             |
| Bs.00g418990.m01                | 34                        | 1534             | 45          | 4.48 (0.37)                  | 3.11E-23 | Ethylene-Responsive Transcription  |
| Bs.00g010340.m01                | 1187                      | 24154            | 20          | 4.43 (0.28)                  | 3.94E-42 | Factor<br>Membrane Attack Complex  |
| D8.00g010340.11101              | 1107                      | 24134            | 20          | 4.43 (0.28)                  | J.74E-42 | Component/Perforin (MACPF)         |
|                                 |                           |                  |             |                              |          | Domain                             |
| Bs.00g435130.m01                | 34                        | 1425             | 42          | 4.11 (0.39)                  | 2.77E-19 | Proton-Dependent Oligopeptide      |
| -                               |                           |                  |             |                              |          | Transporter Family                 |
| Bs.00g315820.m01                | 242                       | 7163             | 30          | 4.03 (0.37)                  | 2.01E-18 | Amino Acid Transporter             |
| Bs.00g520970.m01                | 4                         | 791              | 198         | 3.98 (0.47)                  | 3.34E-13 | Uncharacterized Protein            |
| Bs.00g419000.m01 <sup>a</sup>   | 4                         | 1779             | 445         | 3.99 (0.49)                  | 3.20E-11 | Dehydration-Responsive Element-    |
|                                 |                           |                  |             |                              |          | Binding Protein 1A-Related         |
| Bs.00g315840.m01                | 184                       | 5117             | 28          | 3.92 (0.38)                  | 1.28E-16 | Amino Acid Transporter             |
| Bs.00g301780.m01                | 650                       | 24203            | 37          | 3.90 (0.40)                  | 2.28E-17 | ABC Transporter G Family Member    |
| D 00 007440 01                  | 17                        | 5 4 <del>7</del> | 22          | 2 00 (0 10)                  | 5 OCE 14 | 40                                 |
| Bs.00g087440.m01                | 17                        | 547              | 32          | 3.88 (0.40)                  | 5.86E-14 | Amino Acid Transporter             |
| Bs.00g181270.m02 <sup>a</sup>   | 150                       | 5353             | 36          | 3.87 (0.42)                  | 4.17E-14 | Protein NLP6-Related               |
| Bs.00g257560.m01                | 1                         | 330              | 330         | 3.85 (0.45)                  | 3.93E-11 | C2 Domain (Calcium/Lipid-Binding   |
|                                 | _                         |                  |             |                              |          | Domain, Calb)                      |
| Bs.00g200680.m01                | 1                         | 80               | 80          | 3.85 (0.42)                  | 2.58E-07 | Uncharacterized Protein            |
| Bs.00g244620.m01                | 75                        | 1873             | 25          | 3.85 (0.34)                  | 7.44E-20 | Uncharacterized Protein            |
| Bs.00g301770.m01                | 65                        | 2253             | 35          | 3.82 (0.40)                  | 3.74E-16 | ABC Transporter G Family Member    |
| D 00 100010 01                  | 2                         | 10.6             | 10          | 2 70 (0 10)                  | 0.000 10 | 40                                 |
| Bs.00g428240.m01                | 3                         | 126              | 42          | 3.78 (0.42)                  | 3.22E-10 | Extended Synaptotagmin-Related     |

| Bs.00g036810.m01                | 750              | 16564     | 22   | 3.73 (0.36) | 1.72E-17 | Protein Phosphatase 2C             |
|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------|------|-------------|----------|------------------------------------|
|                                 |                  | Flur-R 10 |      |             |          |                                    |
|                                 | Flur-R Untreated | HAT       |      |             |          |                                    |
| Bs.00g016210.m01 <sup>j</sup> † | 0.71             | 2485      | 4007 | 7.43 (0.36) | 9.28E-23 | Precursor of CEP13/CEP14           |
| Bs.00g477580.m01 <sup>°</sup> † | 67               | 29708     | 443  | 6.01 (0.41) | 6.01E-57 | GH3                                |
| Bs.00g239120.m01 <sup>k</sup>   | 7                | 1135      | 162  | 5.82 (0.39) | 1.82E-33 | Aquaporin Transporter              |
| Bs.00g168520.m01 <sup>k</sup>   | 35               | 3260      | 93   | 5.25 (0.35) | 1.44E-36 | Cold Regulated Protein 27          |
| Bs.00g168520.m02 <sup>d</sup>   | 37               | 3298      | 89   | 5.41 (0.38) | 1.41E-43 | Cold Regulated Protein 27          |
| Bs.00g107600.m01                | 13               | 2990      | 230  | 5.21 (0.43) | 7.35E-34 | Barwin-like endoglucanases         |
| Bs.00g370370.m01                | 3                | 495       | 65   | 5.14 (0.41) | 1.50E-22 | Ethylene-Responsive Transcription  |
| -                               |                  |           |      |             |          | Factor 13 Related                  |
| Bs.00g431740.m01                | 33               | 4437      | 134  | 5.12 (0.44) | 2.94E-27 | Heme-Dependent Peroxidases         |
| Bs.00g057300.m01                | 0.34             | 142       | 418  | 5.06 (0.49) | 3.98E-08 | CYP71D10-like                      |
| Bs.00g217150.m01                | 6                | 1485      | 248  | 4.92 (0.44) | 4.39E-28 | Bet v I/Major Latex Protein        |
| Bs.00g122020.m01                | 42               | 16883     | 393  | 4.88 (033)  | 2.86E-36 | Uncharacterized Protein            |
| Bs.00g261130.m01                | 43               | 6160      | 143  | 4.83 (0.33) | 1.71E-23 | Bet v I/Major Latex Protein        |
| Bs.00g291860.m01                | 0                | 153       | 153  | 4.78 (0.47) | 7.06E-11 | Secoisolariciresinol Dehydrogenase |
| Bs.00g478760.m01 <sup>h</sup>   | 1                | 930       | 930  | 4.48 (0.46) | 5.42E-19 | 1-Aminocyclopropane-1-Carboxylate  |
|                                 |                  |           |      |             |          | Synthase 4 Related                 |
| Bs.00g282410.m01                | 6                | 730       | 122  | 4.43 (0.45) | 2.22E-19 | Cysteine-Rich Repeat Secretory     |
|                                 |                  |           |      |             |          | Protein 38                         |
| Bs.00g056520.m01                | 532              | 16588     | 31   | 4.39 (0.33) | 5.82E-31 | Alanine Dehydrogenase/Pyridine     |
|                                 |                  |           |      |             |          | Nucleotide Transhydrogenase        |
| Bs.00g370420.m01                | 0.37             | 76        | 205  | 4.35 (0.45) | 5.86E-07 | Uncharacterized Protein            |
| Bs.00g422990.m01 <sup>d</sup>   | 4681             | 137203    | 29   | 4.28 (0.32) | 4.34E-32 | 4-Hydroxyphenylpyruvate            |
|                                 |                  |           |      |             |          | Dioxygenase-like                   |
| Bs.00g020740.m01                | 5                | 709       | 142  | 4.27 (0.48) | 1.40E-16 | WRKY Transcription Factor          |
| Bs.00g148640.m01 <sup>m</sup>   | 1158             | 32325     | 28   | 4.26 (0.30) | 7.67E-36 | 2-Oxoisovalerate Dehydrogenase     |
|                                 |                  |           |      |             |          | Subunit Alpha 2                    |

<sup>a</sup> Shared between J01-S 3 HAT and Flur-R 3 HAT top 20 upregulated genes

<sup>c</sup> Shared between 9425-S 10 HAT, J01-S 10 HAT and Flur-R 3/10 HAT top 20 upregulated genes

<sup>d</sup> Shared between 9425-S 10 HAT, Flur-R 3 HAT upregulated top 20 upregulated genes <sup>h</sup> Shared between 9425-S 3 HAT, Flur-R 10 HAT and J01-S 10 HAT top 20 upregulated genes <sup>j</sup> Shared between 9425-S 10 HAT, Flur-R 3 HAT /10 HAT and J02-S 10 HAT top 20 upregulated genes

<sup>k</sup> Shared between 9425-S 10 HAT, Flur-R 10 HAT and J01-S 10 HAT top 20 upregulated genes

<sup>m</sup> Shared between 9425-S 10 HAT and Flur-R 10 HAT top 20 upregulated genes

† Shared between Flur-R 3 HAT/10 HAT top 20 upregulated genes

Table 4. Top 20 upregulated genes in fluroxypyr-susceptible kochia (*Bassia scoparia*) line J01-S at 3 h after treatment (HAT) and 10 HAT compared to the untreated timepoint. Fold change was calculated using the mean of normalized counts which was produced using the DESeq2 package in R. Log2 Fold Change was calculated in DESeq2, log2 fold change standard error and adjusted *p*-value were also calculated in DESeq2. The Wald-test obtained *p*-values were adjusted using the Benjamini-Hochberg method. The FDR was <0.05.

| Gene ID                       | Mean of norm    |             | Fold Change | Log2 Fold Change ( $\pm$ SE) | P-value  | Gene Description  |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------------|----------|---|
|                               | J01-S Untreated | J01-S 3 HAT |             |                              |          |   |
| Bs.00g058350.m01              | 4               | 3428        | 763         | 7.33 (0.40)                  | 2.01E-40 | NADH Oxidoreductase-Related                                   |
| Bs.00g144030.m01              | 173             | 40872       | 237         | 6.42 (0.44)                  | 1.39E-37 | Glycoside Hydrolase, Family 16                                |
| Bs.00g487370.m01              | 3               | 694         | 247         | 5.84 (0.46)                  | 1.66E-17 | Alpha/Beta Hydrolase Fold                                     |
| Bs.00g397110.m01              | 0               | 494         | 494         | 5.46 (0.51)                  | 1.71E-09 | Zinc Finger, RING/FYVE/PHD-Type                               |
| Bs.00g435120.m01              | 31              | 2720        | 87          | 5.44 (0.37)                  | 2.45E-36 | Proton-Dependent Oligopeptide<br>Transporter Family           |
| Bs.00g419000.m01 <sup>a</sup> | 0               | 762         | 762         | 5.43 (0.53)                  | 4.51E-10 | AP2/ERF   |
| Bs.00g122020.m01†             | 20              | 10546       | 515         | 5.43 (0.46)                  | 4.17E-37 | Uncharacterized Protein                                       |
| Bs.00g142660.m01              | 232             | 13906       | 60          | 5.39 (0.32)                  | 6.56E-47 | Exordium-Like   |
| Bs.00g430680.m01              | 5               | 8380        | 1847        | 5.38 (0.53)                  | 2.75E-25 | Protein Phosphatase 2C Family                                 |
| Bs.00g167370.m01              | 23              | 2527        | 110         | 5.23 (0.48)                  | 2.31E-18 | Elo, Fatty Acid Acyl Transferase-Related                      |
| Bs.00g058830.m01              | 337             | 54400       | 162         | 5.20 (0.50)                  | 5.41E-20 | Harbinger Transposase-Derived Nuclease Domain                 |
| Bs.00g415260.m01              | 328             | 31294       | 95          | 5.12 (0.46)                  | 4.78E-21 | WRKY Domain   |
| Bs.00g361960.m01              | 24              | 1628        | 67          | 4.96 (0.43)                  | 1.07E-20 | Gibberellin 2-Beta-Dioxygenase 4                              |
| Bs.00g428250.m02              | 34              | 5275        | 154         | 4.87 (0.52)                  | 7.13E-16 | C2 Domain (Calcium/Lipid-Binding Domain, Calb)                |
| Bs.00g244130.m01              | 100             | 15352       | 154         | 4.70 (0.51)                  | 3.15E-17 | Protein TIFY 11A-Related                                      |
| Bs.00g181270.m02 <sup>a</sup> | 74              | 6520        | 88          | 4.65 (0.49)                  | 2.26E-16 | Uncharacterized Protein                                       |
| Bs.00g428250.m01              | 34              | 4864        | 142         | 4.64 (0.53)                  | 5.42E-14 | Extended Synaptotagmin-Related                                |
| Bs.00g512260.m01 <sup>i</sup> | 552             | 20157       | 37          | 4.63 (0.42)                  | 9.41E-18 | Glyoxalase/Fosfomycin<br>Resistance/Dioxygenase Domain        |
| Bs.00g228950.m01              | 2               | 333         | 207         | 4.56 (0.55)                  | 1.44E-07 | Dehydration-Responsive Element-<br>Binding Protein 1a-Related |
| Bs.00g481180.m01              | 11              | 762         | 70          | 4.55 (0.46)                  | 1.44E-15 | Malectin-Like Carbohydrate-Binding<br>Domain                  |

|                               | J01-S Untreated | J01-S 10 HAT |      |             |          |   |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|------|-------------|----------|---|
| Bs.00g122020.m01*             | 20              | 13981        | 683  | 6.76 (0.41) | 3.41E-61 | Uncharacterized Protein                                 |
| Bs.00g016210.m01 <sup>j</sup> | 2               | 1874         | 811  | 6.29 (0.43) | 2.46E-24 | Precursor of CEP13/CEP14                                |
| Bs.00g176460.m01              | 7               | 1155         | 173  | 5.88 (0.39) | 3.91E-32 | At-Hook Motif Nuclear-Localized Protein 27              |
| Bs.00g218880.m01              | 3               | 529          | 183  | 5.30 (0.43) | 3.47E-17 | D-Arabinono-1,4-Lactone Oxidase                         |
| Bs.00g168520.m01 <sup>k</sup> | 43              | 3475         | 80   | 5.23 (0.40) | 6.91E-31 | Cold Regulated Protein 27                               |
| Bs.00g168520.m02 <sup>k</sup> | 42              | 3334         | 78.7 | 5.08 (0.42) | 1.54E-27 | Cold Regulated Protein 27                               |
| Bs.00g176480.m01              | 1               | 295          | 511  | 5.07 (0.46) | 6.62E-07 | At-Hook Motif Nuclear-Localized Protein 27              |
| Bs.00g239120.m01 <sup>k</sup> | 6               | 1088         | 176  | 4.96 (0.49) | 3.49E-18 | Aquaporin Tip3-1-Related                                |
| Bs.00g478760.m01 <sup>h</sup> | 2               | 793          | 457  | 4.70 (0.49) | 3.96E-14 | 1-Aminocyclopropane-1-Carboxylate<br>Synthase 4-Related |
| Bs.00g112620.m01              | 7               | 731          | 110  | 4.56 (0.47) | 8.44E-17 | Lipase/Lipooxygenase Domain                             |
| Bs.00g044610.m01 <sup>1</sup> | 263             | 9925         | 37.7 | 4.54 (0.35) | 1.05E-29 | Uncharacterized Protein                                 |
| Bs.00g304090.m01 <sup>g</sup> | 154             | 4039         | 26.3 | 4.28 (0.31) | 7.03E-32 | AP2/ERF Domain  |
| Bs.00g477580.m01 <sup>c</sup> | 279             | 45370        | 162  | 4.28 (0.50) | 7.01E-23 | Indole-3-Acetic Acid-Amido Synthetase<br>GH3.2-Related  |
| Bs.00g112710.m01              | 416             | 34778        | 83.5 | 4.24 (0.48) | 7.24E-20 | Lipoxygenase, C-Terminal                                |
| Bs.00g275080.m01              | 2               | 376          | 228  | 4.23 (0.48) | 5.48E-11 | Heme-Dependent Peroxidases                              |
| Bs.00g364070.m01              | 380             | 9639         | 25.4 | 4.22 (0.36) | 2.28E-22 | NAC Domain-Containing Protein 10-<br>Related            |
| Bs.00g422990.m01 <sup>d</sup> | 3600            | 120541       | 33.5 | 4.15 (0.40) | 8.07E-20 | 4-Hydroxyphenylpyruvate Dioxygenase                     |
| Bs.00g359220.m02 <sup>n</sup> | 12              | 14262        | 1145 | 4.10 (0.58) | 4.71E-22 | Proteinase Inhibitor I13                                |
| Bs.00g520060.m01              | 448             | 8022         | 17.9 | 3.93 (0.24) | 1.18E-46 | B-Box Domain Protein 26-Related                         |
| Bs.00g058370.m01              | 1               | 152          | 131  | 3.92 (0.47) | 3.23E-07 | Metacaspase-4-Related                                   |

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<sup>c</sup> Shared between 9425-S 10 HAT, J01-S 10 HAT and Flur-R 3/10 HAT top 20 upregulated genes

<sup>d</sup> Shared between J01-S 10 HAT and Flur-R 10 HAT top 20 upregulated genes <sup>g</sup> Shared between 9425-S 3 HAT and J01-S 10 HAT top 20 upregulated genes

<sup>h</sup> Shared between 9425-S 3 HAT, Flur-R10 HAT and J01-S 10 HAT top 20 upregulated genes
 <sup>i</sup> Shared between J01-S 3 HAT and 9425-S 3 HAT upregulated top 20
 <sup>j</sup> Shared between 9425-S 10 HAT, Flur-R 3/10 HAT and J01-S 3 HAT/10 HAT top 20 upregulated genes

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>k</sup> Shared between 9425-S 10 HAT, Flur-R 10 HAT and J01-S 10 HAT top 20 upregulated genes
<sup>1</sup> Shared between 9245-S 3 HAT/10 HAT and J01-S 10 HAT top 20 upregulated genes
<sup>n</sup> Shared between 9425-S 10 HAT and J01-S 10 HAT top 20 upregulated genes
<sup>†</sup> Shared between J01-S 3 HAT/10 HAT top 20 upregulated genes

Table 5. Top 20 upregulated genes in fluroxypyr-susceptible kochia (*Bassia scoparia*) line 9425 at 3 h after treatment (HAT) and 10 HAT compared to the untreated timepoint. Fold change was calculated using the mean of normalized counts which was produced using the DESeq2 package in R. Log2 Fold Change was calculated in DESeq2, log2 fold change standard error and adjusted *p*-value were also calculated in DESeq2. The Wald-test obtained *p*-values were adjusted using the Benjamini-Hochberg method. The FDR was <0.05.

| Gene ID                       | Mean of norma  | alized counts | Fold Change | Log2 Fold Change ( $\pm$ SE) | P-value  | Gene Description   |
|-------------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|----------|--|
|                               | 9425 Untreated | 9425 3 HAT    | _           |                              |          |  |
| Bs.00g044610.m01 <sup>1</sup> |                |               |             |                              |          |  |
| Ť                             | 188            | 9324          | 50          | 4.69 (0.32)                  | 3.31E-39 | Uncharacterized Protein  |
| Bs.00g301680.m01              | 973            | 17616         | 18          | 3.73 (0.27)                  | 8.83E-32 | Auxin-Responsive Protein IAA15<br>Histidine Kinase/HSP90-Like ATPase           |
| Bs.00g174320.m01†             | 39             | 664           | 17          | 3.36 (0.31)                  | 6.95E-19 | Superfamily  |
| Bs.00g050510.m01              | 150            | 1971          | 13          | 3.36 (0.26)                  | 1.40E-24 | Cytochrome P450 734A1<br>Multi Antimicrobial Extrusion                         |
| Bs.00g229060.m01              | 84             | 2342          | 28          | 3.34 (0.41)                  | 1.90E-11 | Protein/Protein Detoxification 50  |
| Bs.00g107340.m01              | 474            | 5929          | 13          | 3.34 0.24)                   | 5.55E-30 | Auxin-Responsive Protein IAA1-Related  |
| Bs.00g293750.m01              | 16             | 283           | 18          | 3.32 (0.34)                  | 6.03E-14 | Uncharacterized Protein<br>1-Aminocyclopropane-1-Carboxylate                   |
| Bs.00g478760.m01 <sup>h</sup> | 7              | 583           | 83          | 3.31 (0.44)                  | 3.80E-13 | Synthase 4-Related   |
| Bs.00g506330.m01              | 49             | 1128          | 23          | 3.27 (0.41)                  | 4.61E-10 | Chaperone J-Domain Superfamily   |
| Bs.00g044350.m01              | 605            | 9804          | 16          | 3.14 (0.36)                  | 7.06E-12 | Uncharacterized Protein  |
| Bs.00g512260.m01 <sup>i</sup> | 100            | 4635          | 46          | 3.13 (0.47)                  | 1.83E-05 | Lactoylglutathione Lyase Glyoxalase I  |
| Bs.00g305330.m01              | 79             | 2260          | 29          | 3.06 (0.45)                  | 5.39E-07 | Cytochrome P450 76c1-Related   |
| Bs.00g357520.m01              | 2              | 88            | 41          | 2.96 (0.42)                  | 2.21E-07 | Late Embryogenesis Abundant Protein<br>Signal Transduction Response Regulator, |
| Bs.00g364640.m01              | 641            | 7072          | 11          | 2.94 (0.31)                  | 4.70E-13 | Receiver Domain  |
| Bs.00g304090.m01 <sup>g</sup> | 196            | 2097          | 11          | 2.91 (0.30)                  | 1.87E-14 | AP2/ERF Transcription Factor ERF/PTI6  |
| Bs.00g204690.m01              | 249            | 4008          | 16          | 2.90 (0.41)                  | 1.21E-07 | Zinc Finger, RING/FYVE/PHD-Type  |
| Bs.00g048560.m01              | 768            | 8441          | 11          | 2.88 (0.31)                  | 4.70E-13 | Auxin-Responsive Protein IAA29<br>Linoleate 9S-Lipoxygenase 5,                 |
| Bs.00g112660.m01              | 352            | 9548          | 27          | 2.87 (0.42)                  | 7.59E-10 | Chloroplastic  |
| Bs.00g415260.m01              | 263            | 9451          | 36          | 2.86 (0.47)                  | 3.22E-06 | WRKY Transcription Factor 46-Related   |

| Bs.00g290110.m01  | 336            | 3706        | 11  | 2.85 (0.35) | 7.53E-10 | Uncharacterized Protein   |
|---|----------------|-------------|-----|-------------|----------|---|
| -   | 9425 Untreated | 9425 10 HAT |     |             |          |   |
|   |                |             |     |             |          | Member of 'GDXG' Family of Lipolytic                            |
| Bs.00g427230.m01  | 28             | 5143        | 183 | 6.20        | 1.09E-37 | Enzymes   |
| Bs.00g168520.m01 <sup>k</sup>   | 46             | 4282        | 94  | 5.64        | 6.80E-40 | Cold Regulated Protein 27                                       |
| Bs.00g168520.m02 <sup>k</sup>   | 53             | 4276        | 81  | 5.44        | 1.36E-35 | Cold Regulated Protein 27<br>Histidine Kinase/HSP90-Like ATPase |
| Bs.00g174320.m01 <sup><math>\dagger</math></sup><br>Bs.00g044610.m01 <sup>1</sup> | 39             | 2571        | 66  | 5.40        | 1.17E-53 | Superfamily   |
| Ť   | 188            | 10766       | 57  | 5.07        | 3.35E-49 | Uncharacterized Protein   |
| Bs.00g261820.m01  | 0              | 77          | 77  | 4.93        | 4.95E-07 | Pectin Lyase Fold/Virulence Factor                              |
| Bs.00g016210.m01 <sup>j</sup>   | 2              | 1675        | 988 | 4.87        | 9.19E-22 | Precursor of CEP13/CEP14  |
| Bs.00g413330.m01  | 620            | 71783       | 116 | 4.85        | 4.01E-22 | Cystathionine Gamma-Lyase                                       |
| m   |                |             |     |             |          | 2-Oxoisovalerate Dehydrogenase Subunit                          |
| Bs.00g148640.m01 <sup>m</sup>   | 660            | 27633       | 42  | 4.71        | 1.26E-34 | Alpha 2, Mitochondrial<br>Allergen V5/TPX-1-Related, Conserved  |
| Bs.00g305280.m01  | 0              | 52          | 52  | 4.65        | 1.41E-05 | Site  |
| Bs.00g142300.m01  | 0              | 48          | 48  | 4.58        | 2.08E-05 | Pectin Lyase Fold/Virulence Factor                              |
| -   |                |             |     |             |          | Gibberellin-Regulated   |
| D 00 177 (00 01   | 0              | 1106        | 510 | 1.50        | 1 475 25 | GASA/GAST/SNAKIN Family Protein-                                |
| Bs.00g477660.m01  | 9              | 4426        | 510 | 4.56        | 1.47E-25 | Related<br>Proteinase Inhibitor I13, Potato Inhibitor I         |
| Bs.00g359220.m02 <sup>n</sup>   | 41             | 15538       | 383 | 4.56        | 1.16E-25 | Superfamily   |
| Bs.00g239120.m01 <sup>k</sup>   | 2              | 1207        | 619 | 4.54        | 5.71E-14 | Aquaporin TIP3-1-Related  |
| Bs.00g208750.m01  | 287            | 11553       | 40  | 4.52        | 1.72E-25 | CASP-Like Protein 1E1-Related                                   |
| Bs.00g430360.m01  | 60             | 2663        | 44  | 4.44        | 7.76E-24 | Protein Early Flowering 4                                       |
| Bs.00g100040.m01  | 3              | 789         | 228 | 4.43        | 5.81E-09 | Bet V I/Major Latex Protein                                     |
| C   |                |             |     |             |          | Indole-3-Acetic Acid-Amido Synthetase                           |
| Bs.00g477580.m01 <sup>c</sup>   | 92             | 39708       | 431 | 4.41        | 8.98E-30 | GH3.2-Related   |
| Bs.00g526000.m01  | 228            | 9711        | 43  | 4.40        | 4.47E-21 | NAC Domain  |
| Bs.00g447890.m01  | 0              | 73          | 73  | 4.36        | 6.43E-07 | Pectinesterase  |

<sup>c</sup> Shared between 9425-S 10 HAT, J01-S 10 HAT and Flur-R 3 HAT/10 HAT top 20 upregulated genes <sup>g</sup> Shared between 9425-S 3 HAT and J01-S 10 HAT top 20 upregulated genes

<sup>h</sup> Shared between 9425-S 3 HAT, Flur-R 10 HAT and J01-S 10 HAT top 20 upregulated genes <sup>I</sup> Shared between 9425-S 3 HAT and J01-S 3 HAT top 20 upregulated genes

<sup>j</sup> Shared between 9425-S 10 HAT, Flur-R 3 HAT /10 HAT and J01-S 3 HAT/10 HAT top 20 upregulated genes

<sup>k</sup> Shared between 9425-S 10 HAT, Flur-R 10 HAT and J01-S 10 HAT top 20 upregulated genes

<sup>1</sup>Shared between 9245-S 3 HAT/10 HAT and J01-S 10 HAT top 20 upregulated genes

<sup>m</sup> Shared between 9425-S 10 HAT and Flur-R 10 HAT top 20 upregulated genes

<sup>n</sup> Shared between 9425-S 10 HAT and J01-S 10 HAT top 20 upregulated genes

\* Shared between 9425-S 3 HAT/10 HAT top 20 upregulated genes

Table 6. Top 20 downregulated genes in fluroxypyr resistant kochia (*Bassia scoparia*) line Flur-R at 3 h after treatment (HAT) and 10 HAT compared to the untreated timepoint. Fold change was calculated using the mean of normalized counts which was produced using the DESeq2 package in R. Log2 Fold Change was calculated in DESeq2, log2 fold change standard error and adjusted *p*-value were also calculated in DESeq2. The Wald-test obtained *p* values were adjusted using the Benjamini-Hochberg method. The FDR was <0.05.

| <0.05.                          |                  |                  |             |                        |          |  |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|------------------------|----------|--|
| Gene ID                         | Mean of norma    | alized counts    | Fold Change | Log2 Fold Change (±SE) | Pvalue   | Gene Description                             |
|                                 | Flur-R Untreated | Flur-R 3 HAT     | _           |                        |          |  |
| Bs.00g258890.m01†               | 136              | 2                | -66         | -3.96 (0.44)           | 5.28E-11 | LRR  |
| Bs.00g104620.m01 <sup>e</sup> † | 7356             | 172              | -43         | -3.64 (0.43)           | 4.34E-13 | Protein Kinase                               |
| Bs.00g354480.m01 <sup>r</sup>   | 4017             | 217              | -19         | -3.35 (0.37)           | 4.39E-13 | SAM Dependent Carboxyl<br>Methyltransferase  |
| Bs.00g370120.m01 <sup>r</sup>   | 197              | 7                | -29         | -3.19 (0.45)           | 2.63E-08 | Lipid Binding Domain                         |
| Bs.00g362240.m01                | 574              | 29               | -20         | -3.16 (0.42)           | 7.22E-09 | Bicarbonate Transporter                      |
| Bs.00g195790.m01 <sup>b</sup>   | 234              | 10               | -24         | -3.10 (0.44)           | 2.63E-08 | Proton Dependent Oligopeptide<br>Transporter |
| Bs.00g056860.m01                | 127              | 1                | -95         | -3.01 (0.48)           | 1.48E-06 | Peptidase/Proteinase Inhibitor I9            |
| Bs.00g119650.m01                | 1565             | 66               | -24         | -2.97 (0.44)           | 4.39E-08 | Nicotianamine Synthase                       |
| Bs.00g251440.m01 <sup>r</sup>   | 687              | 51               | -13         | -2.97 (0.37)           | 3.33E-10 | Multicopper Oxidase                          |
| Bs.00g126000.m01 †              | 66186            | 1694             | -39         | -2.94 (0.47)           | 3.76E-08 | NADH Cytochrome B5 Reductase                 |
| Bs.00g123470.m01                | 475              | 38               | -13         | -2.92 (0.37)           | 3.95E-10 | Glycoside Hydrolase                          |
| Bs.00g264170.m01 <sup>r</sup>   | 5895             | 687              | -9          | -2.87 (0.23)           | 6.32E-23 | Glycoside Hydrolase                          |
| Bs.00g195800.m01                | 205              | 14               | -15         | -2.82 (0.42)           | 3.44E-07 | Proton Dependent Oligopeptide<br>Transporter |
| Bs.00g403960.m01 †              | 36087            | 2902             | -12         | -2.75 (0.39)           | 1.81E-08 | Carotenoid Oxygenase                         |
| Bs.00g528960.m01 <sup>r</sup>   | 1273             | 96               | -13         | -2.73 (0.40)           | 1.24E-07 | Auxin-Inducible                              |
| Bs.00g348080.m01                | 965              | 77               | -13         | -2.73 (0.40)           | 9.58E-08 | Uncharacterized Protein                      |
| Bs.00g420960.m01 <sup>p</sup>   | 1713             | 12               | -148        | -2.65 (049)            | 1.28E-08 | Chlorophyll A-B Binding Protein              |
| Bs.00g421070.m01 <sup>p</sup>   | 2101             | 12               | -177        | -2.63 (0.49)           | 4.44E-09 | Chlorophyll A-B Binding Protein              |
| Bs.00g429620.m01                | 67               | 4                | -16         | -2.63 (0.44)           | 2.53E-05 | Multicopper Oxidase                          |
| Bs.00g372170.m02                | 220              | 11               | -20         | -2.62 (0.46)           | 6.13E-06 | Uncharacterized Protein                      |
|                                 | Flur-R Untreated | Flur-R 10<br>HAT | _           |                        |          |  |

| Bs.00g253530.m01 <sup>u</sup>   | 3988   | 31   | -131 | -6.56 (0.29) | 2.06E-91  | Tetratricopeptide-Like Helical<br>Domain Superfamily        |
|---------------------------------|--------|------|------|--------------|-----------|---|
| Bs.00g240870.m01 <sup>u</sup>   | 389614 | 3606 | -108 | -6.40 (0.26) | 1.25E-104 | Chlorophyll A-B Binding Protein                             |
| Bs.00g240870.m02 <sup>u</sup>   | 246956 | 2360 | -105 | -6.35 (0.27) | 5.04E-101 | Chlorophyll A-B Binding Protein                             |
| Bs.00g060850.m01 <sup>u</sup>   | 59810  | 959  | -62  | -5.34 (0.36) | 1.12E-37  | Thiamine Thiazole Synthase                                  |
| Bs.00g126000.m01†               | 66186  | 447  | -148 | -5.12 (0.50) | 4.64E-19  | NADH-Cytochrome B5 Reductase                                |
| Bs.00g258890.m01†               | 136    | 1    | -126 | -5.10 (0.48) | 1.28E-14  | Tyrosine-Protein Kinase, Active<br>Site                     |
| Bs.00g205780.m01                | 1166   | 26   | -44  | -4.99 (0.32) | 8.66E-41  | Cytochrome P450 90A1  |
| Bs.00g133350.m02                | 459    | 11   | -44  | -4.88 (0.34) | 8.43E-35  | Serine Protease Family S10 Serine<br>Carboxypeptidase       |
| Bs.00g104620.m01 <sup>e</sup> † | 7356   | 100  | -73  | -4.81 (0.45) | 7.39E-21  | Phosphoenolpyruvate Carboxylase<br>Kinase 1-Related         |
| Bs.00g133350.m01                | 507    | 12   | -41  | -4.69 (0.36) | 3.06E-28  | Peptidase S10, Serine<br>Carboxypeptidase                   |
| Bs.00g192330.m01                | 293420 | 9287 | -32  | -4.60 (0.31) | 1.24E-37  | Magnesium-Chelatase, Subunit H                              |
| Bs.00g279710.m01 <sup>f</sup>   | 7847   | 165  | -48  | -4.59 (0.42) | 6.82E-20  | Aerolysin-Like Toxin  |
| Bs.00g299020.m01                | 794    | 16   | -50  | -4.58 (0.44) | 9.29E-19  | O-Acyltransferase WSD1                                      |
| Bs.00g116620.m01                | 2862   | 91   | -31  | -4.54 (0.31) | 2.96E-37  | Coenzyme Q-Binding Protein<br>Coq10                         |
| Bs.00g480400.m01 <sup>v</sup>   | 498    | 8    | -62  | -4.52 (0.49) | 4.12E-14  | Plc-Like Phosphodiesterase                                  |
| Bs.00g206320.m01                | 10980  | 18   | -609 | -4.48 (0.58) | 5.73E-15  | Cytochrome P450 Superfamily                                 |
| Bs.00g058520.m01 <sup>u</sup>   | 1710   | 65   | -26  | -4.47 (0.26) | 1.29E-47  | Acyl-CoA N-Acyltransferases                                 |
| Bs.00g205800.m01                | 868    | 23   | -38  | -4.45 (0.41) | 1.42E-19  | Cytochrome P450 90A1  |
| Bs.00g403960.m01†               | 36087  | 952  | -38  | -4.45 (0.38) | 4.49E-23  | Carotenoid Cleavage Dioxygenase<br>4, Chloroplastic-Related |
| Bs.00g471400.m01                | 279    | 6    | -43  | -4.44 (0.43) | 3.69E-17  | Voltage-gated potassium channels                            |
|                                 |        |      |      |              |           |   |

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<sup>e</sup> Shared between J01-S 3 HAT and Flur-R 3 HAT/10 HAT top 20 downregulated genes

<sup>f</sup> Shared between J01-S 10 HAT and Flur-R 10 HAT top 20 downregulated genes

<sup>p</sup> Shared between 9425-S 3 HAT, J01-S 3 HAT and Flur-R 3 HAT top 20 downregulated genes

<sup>r</sup> Shared between 9425-S 3 HAT and Flur-R 3 HAT top 20 downregulated genes

<sup>v</sup> Shared between 9425-S 10 HAT and Flur-R 10 HAT top 20 downregulated genes

\* Shared between Flur-R 3 HAT/10 HAT top 20 downregulated genes

Table 7. Top 20 downregulated genes in fluroxypyr susceptible kochia (*Bassia scoparia*) line J01-S at 3 h after treatment (HAT) and 10 HAT compared to the untreated timepoint. Fold change was calculated using the mean of normalized counts which was produced using the DESeq2 package in R. Log2 Fold Change was calculated in DESeq2, log2 fold change standard error and adjusted *p*-value were also calculated in DESeq2. The Wald-test obtained *p*-values were adjusted using the Benjamini-Hochberg method. The FDR was <0.05.

| Gene ID                         | Mean of norma   |             | Fold Change | Log2 Fold Change ( $\pm$ SE) | P-value  | Gene Description  |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------------|----------|---|
|                                 | J01-S Untreated | J01-S 3 HAT |             |                              |          |   |
| Bs.00g420960.m01 <sup>p</sup>   | 2805            | 114         | -25         | -7.08 (0.43)                 | 3.21E-37 | Early Light-Induced Protein 1,<br>Chloroplastic-Related<br>Early Light-Induced Protein 1, |
| Bs.00g421070.m01 <sup>p</sup>   | 3659            | 129         | -28         | -6.40 (0.46)                 | 1.24E-31 | Chloroplastic-Related<br>Phosphoenolpyruvate Carboxylase                                  |
| Bs.00g104620.m01 <sup>e</sup> † | 6485            | 87          | -74         | -5.07 (0.37)                 | 1.81E-33 | Kinase 1-Related  |
| Bs.00g518390.m01°               | 1330            | 91          | -15         | -4.38 (0.45)                 | 8.59E-17 | Chalcone/Stilbene Synthase<br>S-Adenosyl-L-Methionine-Dependent                           |
| Bs.00g383340.m01 <sup>q</sup> † | 62541           | 614         | -102        | -4.23 (0.38)                 | 5.29E-22 | Methyltransferase<br>S-Adenosyl-L-Methionine-Dependent                                    |
| Bs.00g383340.m02 <sup>q</sup> † | 63412           | 627         | -101        | -4.22 (0.38)                 | 6.99E-22 | Methyltransferase   |
| Bs.00g479050.m01                | 1337            | 71          | -19         | -4.00 (0.37)                 | 2.08E-19 | Multicopper Oxidase, Type 1, 2, 3<br>Carboxyvinyl-Carboxyphosphonate                      |
| Bs.00g150590.m01                | 19150           | 874         | -22         | -3.52 (0.23)                 | 6.20E-37 | Phosphorylmutase, Chloroplastic   |
| Bs.00g417520.m01                | 3342            | 727         | -5          | -3.51 (0.46)                 | 1.48E-09 | Cytochrome P450 86a7<br>Haloacid Dehalogenase-Like  |
| Bs.00g196880.m01                | 12374           | 621         | -20         | -3.40 (0.29)                 | 7.21E-22 | Hydrolase Domain-Containing Protein<br>Glucose-Methanol-Choline                           |
| Bs.00g228740.m01                | 3131            | 464         | -7          | -3.36 (0.43)                 | 4.71E-10 | Oxidoreductase<br>BTB/POZ Domain-Containing Protein                                       |
| Bs.00g488230.m02 <sup>s</sup>   | 493             | 30          | -16         | -3.27 (0.39)                 | 4.26E-11 | Dot3  |
| Bs.00g091650.m01                | 5414            | 1641        | -3          | -3.24 (0.40)                 | 1.94E-10 | Cytochrome P450 77A4-Related  |
| Bs.00g179870.m01                | 560             | 21          | -27         | -3.20 (0.48)                 | 1.00E-07 | Thioredoxin-LIK<br>BTB/POZ Domain-Containing Protein                                      |
| Bs.00g488230.m01 <sup>s</sup>   | 589             | 39          | -15         | -3.15 (0.38)                 | 3.15E-11 | DOT3  |
| Bs.00g124100.m01                | 25716           | 1786        | -14         | -3.14 (0.37)                 | 1.34E-11 | Multi Antimicrobial Extrusion Protein<br>Proton-Dependent Oligopeptide                    |
| Bs.00g195790.m01 <sup>b</sup>   | 661             | 34          | -20         | -3.11 (0.53)                 | 1.62E-06 | Transporter Family  |

| Bs.00g247060.m01                | 1115                    | 125                 | -9   | -3.08 (0.36) | 3.19E-11  | Major Facilitator Protein<br>Peptidase S10, Serine |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------|--------------|-----------|--|
| Bs.00g418430.m01                | 2076                    | 95                  | -22  | -3.05 (0.24) | 3.85E-24  | Carboxypeptidase                                   |
| Bs.00g310680.m01                | 4294<br>J01-S Untreated | 815<br>J01-S 10 HAT | -5   | 3.02 (0.39)  | 3.14E-09  | Aquaporin transporter                              |
| Bs.00g237950.m01                | 31050                   | 185                 | -168 | -6.11 (0.47) | 2.24E-29  | Purine and Uridine Phosphorylases                  |
| <b>D</b> 3.00g237750.11101      | 51050                   | 105                 | -100 | -0.11 (0.47) | 2.24L-27  | S-Adenosyl-L-Methionine-Dependent                  |
| Bs.00g383340.m01 <sup>q</sup> † | 62541                   | 614                 | -102 | -5.98 (0.34) | 5.59E-55  | Methyltransferase                                  |
|                                 |                         |                     |      |              |           | S-Adenosyl-L-Methionine-Dependent                  |
| Bs.00g383340.m02 <sup>q</sup> † | 63412                   | 627                 | -101 | -5.97 (0.34) | 7.93E-55  | Methyltransferase                                  |
| Bs.00g060850.m01 <sup>u</sup>   | 61097                   | 963                 | -63  | -5.71 (0.25) | 7.00E-96  | Thiamine Thiazole Synthase                         |
| D = 0.0 = 252520 = 0.01         | 2200                    | 51                  |      | 5 (1 (0 20)  | 2015 50   | Tetratricopeptide-Like Helical Domain              |
| Bs.00g253530.m01 <sup>u</sup>   | 3380                    | 51                  | -66  | -5.61 (0.30) | 2.91E-59  | Superfamily<br>Phosphoenolpyruvate Carboxylase     |
| Bs.00g104620.m01 <sup>e</sup> † | 6485                    | 87                  | -74  | -5.57 (0.33) | 7.03E-51  | Kinase 1-Related                                   |
| 20100810102011101               | 0.00                    | 0,                  | , .  |              | 100201    | Glucose-6-Phosphate/Phosphate                      |
| Bs.00g002550.m01 <sup>t</sup>   | 6898                    | 56                  | -123 | -5.53 (0.50) | 1.28E-19  | Translocator 2, Chloroplastic                      |
| Bs.00g058520.m01 <sup>u</sup>   | 2423                    | 35                  | -69  | -5.51 (0.36) | 1.50E-39  | Acyl-CoA N-Acyltransferase                         |
| Bs.00g279710.m01 <sup>f</sup>   | 25350                   | 388                 | -65  | -5.38 (0.41) | 1.01E-26  | Aerolysin-Like Toxin                               |
| Bs.00g240870.m01 <sup>u</sup>   | 407872                  | 5349                | -76  | -5.26 (0.45) | 3.48E-22  | Chlorophyll A-B Binding Protein                    |
| Bs.00g240870.m02 <sup>u</sup>   | 265402                  | 3480                | -76  | -5.24 (0.46) | 1.70E-21  | Chlorophyll A-B Binding Protein                    |
| Bs.00g236450.m01                | 13388                   | 387                 | -35  | -4.88 (0.24) | 4.84E-72  | Protein Proton Gradient Regulation 5               |
| 20100820010011101               | 10000                   | 007                 |      |              |           | Photosystem I Reaction Center Subunit              |
| Bs.00g115330.m01                | 71272                   | 1829                | -39  | -4.85 (0.34) | 7.75E-34  | Iv A, Chloroplastic-Related                        |
| Bs.00g020870.m01                | 209812                  | 6578                | -32  | -4.69 (0.28) | 3.26E-46  | Chlorophyll A/B Binding Protein                    |
|                                 |                         |                     |      |              |           | Granule-Bound Starch Synthase 1,                   |
| Bs.00g412900.m01                | 18823                   | 572                 | -33  | -4.65 (0.31) | 1.54E-39  | Chloroplastic/Amyloplastic                         |
| Bs.00g476760.m01                | 699                     | 11                  | -62  | -4.63 (0.50) | 4.10E-14  | Z -3-Hexen-1-Ol Acetyltransferase                  |
| Bs.00g527540.m01                | 7607                    | 68                  | -112 | -4.47 (0.58) | 7.97E-10  | Proteinase Inhibitor I3, Kunitz Legume             |
| Bs.00g472680.m01                | 1623                    | 58                  | -28  | -4.35 (0.36) | 3.49E-23  | Uncharacterized Protein                            |
| Bs.00g383860.m01                | 33142                   | 1574                | -21  | -4.31 (0.15) | 7.02E-130 | Fructose-1,6-Bisphosphatase-Related                |
| Bs.00g055990.m01                | 635                     | 21                  | -30  | -4.28 (0.40) | 3.67E-19  | Uncharacterized Protein                            |

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<sup>e</sup> Shared between 9425-S 3 HAT, J01-S 3 HAT/10 HAT and Flur-R 3 HAT/10 HAT top 20 downregulated genes

<sup>f</sup> Shared between J01-S 10 HAT and Flur-R 10 HAT top 20 downregulated genes

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Table 8. Top 20 downregulated genes in fluroxypyr susceptible kochia (*Bassia scoparia*) line 9425 at 3 hours after treatment (HAT) and 10HAT compared to the untreated timepoint. Fold change was calculated using the mean of normalized counts which was produced using the DESeq2 package in R. Log2 Fold Change was calculated in DESeq2, log2 fold change standard error and adjusted *p*-value were also calculated in DESeq2. The Wald-test obtained *p*-values were adjusted using the Benjamini-Hochberg method. The FDR was <0.05.

| Gene ID                             | Mean of norma  | lized counts | Fold Change | Log2 Fold Change ( $\pm$ SE) | Pvalue      | Gene Description                                       |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|------------------------------|-------------|--|
|                                     | 9425 Untreated | 9425 3 HAT   |             |                              |             |  |
| Bs.00g518390.m01°*                  | 4504           | 68           | 67          | -5.06                        | 1.80E-41    | Chalcone/Stilbene Synthase                             |
|                                     |                |              |             |                              |             | Early Light-Induced Protein 1,                         |
| Bs.00g421070.m01 <sup>p</sup>       | 1918           | 8            | 238         | -3.69                        | 1.06E-14    | Chloroplastic-Related                                  |
|                                     |                |              |             |                              |             | Early Light-Induced Protein 1,                         |
| Bs.00g420960.m01 <sup>p</sup>       | 1557           | 7            | 210         | -3.61                        | 9.55E-14    | Chloroplastic-Related                                  |
| D 00 5400 01                        | 2275           | 00           | 2.1         | 2.20                         | 1 1 5 5 1 1 | Oxoglutarate/Iron-Dependent                            |
| Bs.00g543360.m01                    | 2375           | 98           | 24          | -3.38                        | 1.15E-11    | Dioxygenase  |
| $D_{a} = 00 = 282240 = 0.1^{9}$     | 13230          | 691          | 19          | -3.31                        | 1.70E-12    | S-Adenosyl-L-Methionine-Dependent                      |
| Bs.00g383340.m01 <sup>q</sup>       | 15250          | 091          | 19          | -5.51                        | 1.70E-12    | Methyltransferase<br>S-Adenosyl-L-Methionine-Dependent |
| Bs.00g383340.m02 <sup>q</sup>       | 13404          | 701          | 19          | -3.31                        | 1.82E-12    | Methyltransferase                                      |
| <b>D</b> 5.00 <u>5</u> 505540.11102 | 13404          | /01          | 17          | 5.51                         | 1.021 12    | S-Adenosyl-L-Methionine-Dependent                      |
| Bs.00g354480.m01 <sup>r</sup>       | 1542           | 87           | 18          | -3.25                        | 1.69E-11    | Methyltransferase                                      |
| Bs.00g370120.m01 <sup>r</sup>       | 364            | 8            | 45          | -3.20                        | 6.65E-09    | CRAL-TRIO Lipid Binding Domain                         |
| <b>D</b> 5.00 <u>6</u> 570120.11101 | 501            | 0            | 15          | 5.20                         | 0.051 07    | Early Light-Induced Protein 1,                         |
| Bs.00g268300.m01 <sup>+</sup>       | 724            | 5            | 140         | -3.16                        | 2.50E-10    | Chloroplastic-Related                                  |
|                                     |                |              |             |                              |             | Serine-Threonine/Tyrosine-Protein                      |
| Bs.00g364920.m01                    | 453            | 37           | 12          | -3.13                        | 1.87E-15    | Kinase, Catalytic Domain                               |
|                                     |                |              |             |                              |             | BTB/POZ Domain-Containing Protein                      |
| Bs.00g488230.m01 <sup>s</sup>       | 532            | 38           | 14          | -3.11                        | 2.63E-12    | DOT3   |
|                                     |                |              |             |                              |             | BTB/POZ Domain-Containing Protein                      |
| Bs.00g488230.m02 <sup>s</sup>       | 447            | 37           | 12          | -3.02                        | 1.55E-12    | DOT3   |
| D 00 475240 01                      | 170            | 20           | 12          | 2.05                         | 1 435 00    | Camp-Response Element Binding                          |
| Bs.00g475340.m01                    | 478            | 38           | 13          | -2.95                        | 1.42E-09    | Protein-Related  |
| Bs.00g528960.m01 <sup>r</sup>       | 880            | 51           | 17          | -2.89                        | 1.17E-07    | Auxin_Inducible  |
| Bs.00g180610.m01                    | 1127           | 60           | 19          | -2.86                        | 1.87E-07    | Glycoside Hydrolase Family 1                           |
| Bs.00g251440.m01 <sup>r</sup>       | 1535           | 140          | 11          | -2.81                        | 4.78E-10    | Multicopper Oxidase, Type 2                            |
| Bs.00g396960.m01                    | 646            | 57           | 11          | -2.70                        | 3.62E-08    | UDP-Glycosyltransferase/Glycogen                       |
| 6                                   |                |              |             |                              |             |  |

|                               |                  |             |     |       |                      | Phosphorylase  |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-------------|-----|-------|----------------------|--|
| Bs.00g420270.m01              | 1575             | 133         | 12  | -2.67 | 2.39E-06             | Glucose-Methanol-Choline<br>Oxidoreductase                       |
| Bs.00g104620.m01 <sup>e</sup> | 1497             | 106         | 12  | -2.67 | 2.39E-00<br>9.72E-07 | Serine/Threonine-Protein Kinase                                  |
| Bs.00g264170.m01 <sup>r</sup> | 11365            | 1301        | 9   | -2.66 | 9.72E-07<br>1.13E-10 | Beta-Glucosidase 1-Related                                       |
| D3.00g204170.1101             | 9425-S Untreated | 9425 10 HAT | 7   | -2.00 | 1.15E-10             | Deta-Olucosidase 1-Kelated                                       |
|                               |                  |             |     |       |                      | Glucose-6-Phosphate/Phosphate                                    |
| Bs.00g002550.m01 <sup>t</sup> | 10014            | 41          | 242 | -6.95 | 3.36E-47             | Translocator 2, Chloroplastic                                    |
| Bs.00g518390.m01°†            | 4504             | 21          | 213 | -6.94 | 7.61E-75             | Chalcone/Stilbene Synthase, C-Terminal                           |
| Bs.00g240870.m01 <sup>u</sup> | 419016           | 3501        | 120 | -6.09 | 2.32E-35             | Chlorophyll A-B Binding Protein                                  |
| Bs.00g240870.m02 <sup>u</sup> | 274431           | 2301        | 119 | -6.09 | 4.32E-35             | Chlorophyll A-B Binding Protein                                  |
| Bs.00g058520.m01 <sup>u</sup> | 3828             | 37          | 103 | -6.08 | 4.85E-49             | Acyl-CoA N-Acyltransferase                                       |
| Bs.00g060850.m01 <sup>u</sup> | 105278           | 1179        | 89  | -5.75 | 2.70E-36             | Thiamine Thiazole Synthase                                       |
|                               | 2725             | 10          |     | 5 (2) | 1.005.05             | Tetratricopeptide-Like Helical Domain                            |
| Bs.00g253530.m01 <sup>u</sup> | 3725             | 49          | 76  | -5.63 | 1.99E-37             | Superfamily  |
| Bs.00g535160.m01              | 480              | 4           | 110 | -5.57 | 2.65E-21             | WAT1-Related Protein   |
| Bs.00g124870.m01              | 18471            | 116         | 160 | -5.33 | 8.61E-16             | Lipoxygenase   |
| Bs.00g480400.m01 <sup>v</sup> | 684              | 8           | 85  | -5.33 | 1.31E-20             | PLC-Like Phosphodiesterase                                       |
| Bs.00g418430.m01              | 3350             | 46          | 73  | -5.33 | 6.52E-27             | Peptidase S10, Serine Carboxypeptidase                           |
| Bs.00g535430.m01              | 143              | 1           | 108 | -5.30 | 7.70E-15             | Cyclin_A_B_D_E   |
|                               |                  |             |     |       |                      | Chalcone/Stilbene Synthase, Polyketide                           |
| $D_{a} = 00 - 519020 - 0001$  | 721              | 2           | 412 | -5.13 | 1.43E-12             | Synthase, Type III,  |
| Bs.00g518030.m01              | /21              | 2           | 412 | -5.15 | 1.43E-12             | Hydroxymethylglutaryl-CoA Synthase<br>Glyceraldehyde-3-Phosphate |
| Bs.00g055200.m01              | 754              | 15          | 51  | -5.06 | 7.48E-28             | Dehydrogenase-Like   |
| Bs.00g535430.m02              | 121              | 1           | 92  | -5.05 | 2.97E-13             | Cyclin_A_B_D_E   |
| Bs.00g249240.m01              | 212              | 2           | 117 | -5.02 | 5.87E-13             | Uncharacterized Protein  |
| Bs.00g268300.m01 <sup>+</sup> | 724              | 4           | 171 | -5.01 | 6.54E-14             | Early Light-Induced Protein 1                                    |
|                               |                  |             |     |       |                      | Proton-Dependent Oligopeptide                                    |
| Bs.00g435140.m01              | 1573             | 29          | 55  | -4.95 | 4.56E-22             | Transporter Family   |
| Bs.00g136920.m01              | 1931             | 16          | 123 | -4.92 | 1.48E-13             | Cupin_1  |
| Bs.00g478150.m01              | 781              | 6           | 138 | -4.90 | 1.45E-11             | Glycoside Hydrolase Family 17                                    |

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