

# **Comparison of fiber genes expression in wild and lint-less mutant cotton**



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# Cotton

- ✓ Cotton accounts for >60 % of total **yarn** production worldwide, making it the most important **raw material** for the textile industry.
- ✓ Its cellulose fibers are valued for their **strength** and their ability to **absorb moisture** (water absorption capacity 65%), **skin friendly** and **thermoprotection**.
- ✓ Cotton fiber is nothing but **elongated cells** of the seed coat epidermis
- ✓ **Pure cellulose: Primary cell wall 1ng/mm on set of secondary cell wall 130ng/mm**

• Cellulose	80-90%
• Hemi-cellulose & Pectins	4-6%
• Waxes and Fat	0.5 – 1.0%
• Proteins	0.0 – 1.5%
• Ash	1.0 – 1.8%

# Fiber strength is..

**Cotton fiber length/strength are the key factors in determining fiber quality in the textile industry throughout the world.**

**Fiber strength is more likely to withstand breakage during the manufacturing process.**

**Strength measurements are documented in terms of grams per tex (g/tex)**

**A tex unit = weight in grams of 1000 meters of fiber.**

**g/tex = The force in grams required to break a tex unit**



## Degree of Strength

**Very Strong**

**Strong**

**Average**

? **Intermediate**

? **Weak**

## HVI Strength (grams per tex)

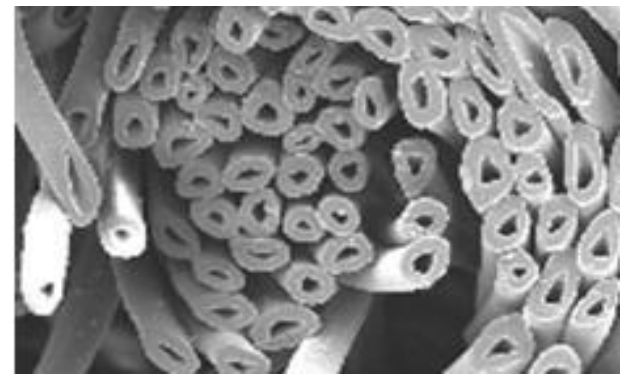
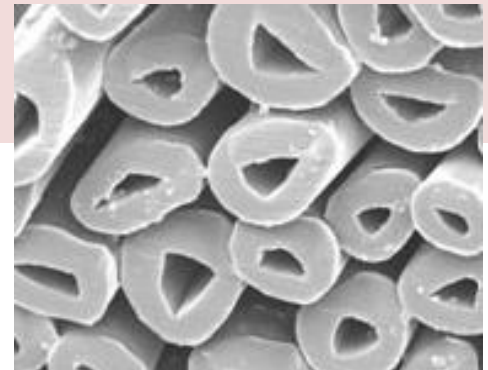
**32 & above**

**29 -30**

**26 – 28**

**24 – 25**

**23 & below**

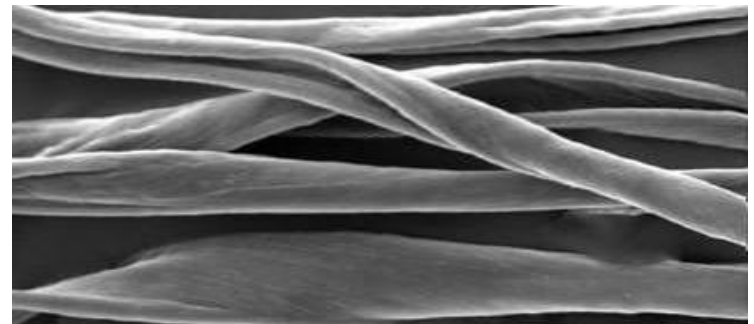
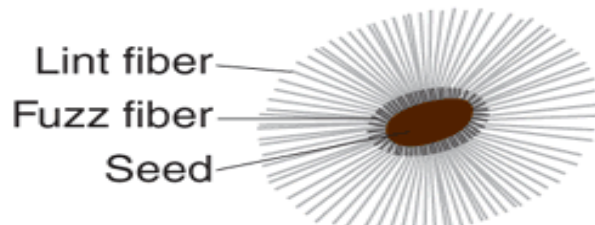


# Requirement of textile industry !!

S. No.	Species	Available Fiber strength (g/tex)	Required (g/tex)
1.	<i>G. hirsutum</i>	18-25	30 - 35
2.	<i>G. arboreum</i>	14-20	25-30
3.	<i>G. barbadense</i>	45-52	Source

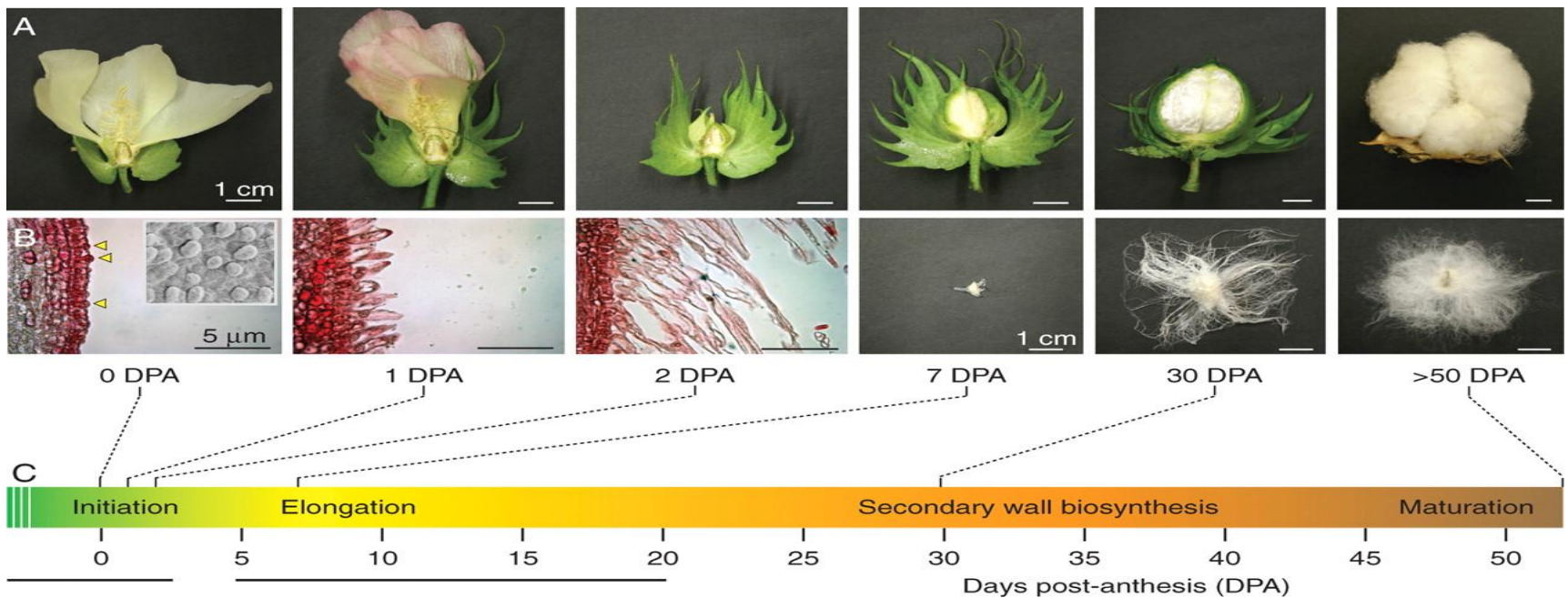
How to improve it...??  
How to fill the gap...??

Cellulose biosynthesis



Molecular approach would help us to solve this perceived problem.....





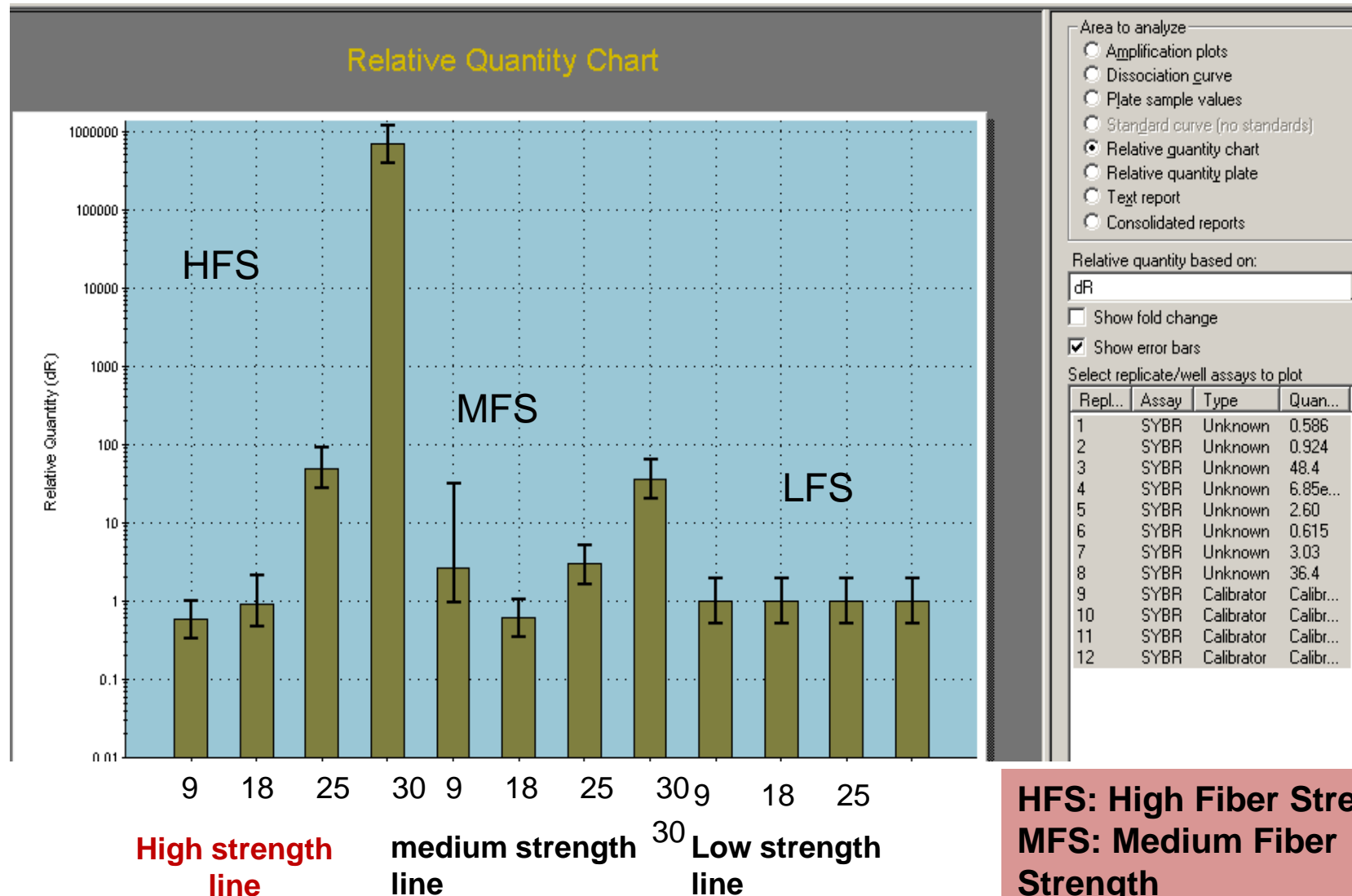
- Fiber development consists of four overlapping stages (initiation, elongation, secondary cell wall biosynthesis, and maturation),
- Fiber initiation is characterized by trichome protrusion and enlargement on the epidermal surface that occurs from 3 days before anthesis to 3 dpa.
- Only 25–30% of epidermal cells differentiate into the mature long-fiber cells, whereas others may develop into short fibers called fuzz (5–6 mm in length).

## RIL mapping population CICR, Nagpur

Gene expression analysis was carried out with selected genes through qPCR (*GhcesA1*, *GhcesA2*, *GhcesA7*, *GhcesA8*, *Ghcobl4*, *Ghfla3* and *GhMT1*) using RIL mapping population to establish correlation with fibre strength.

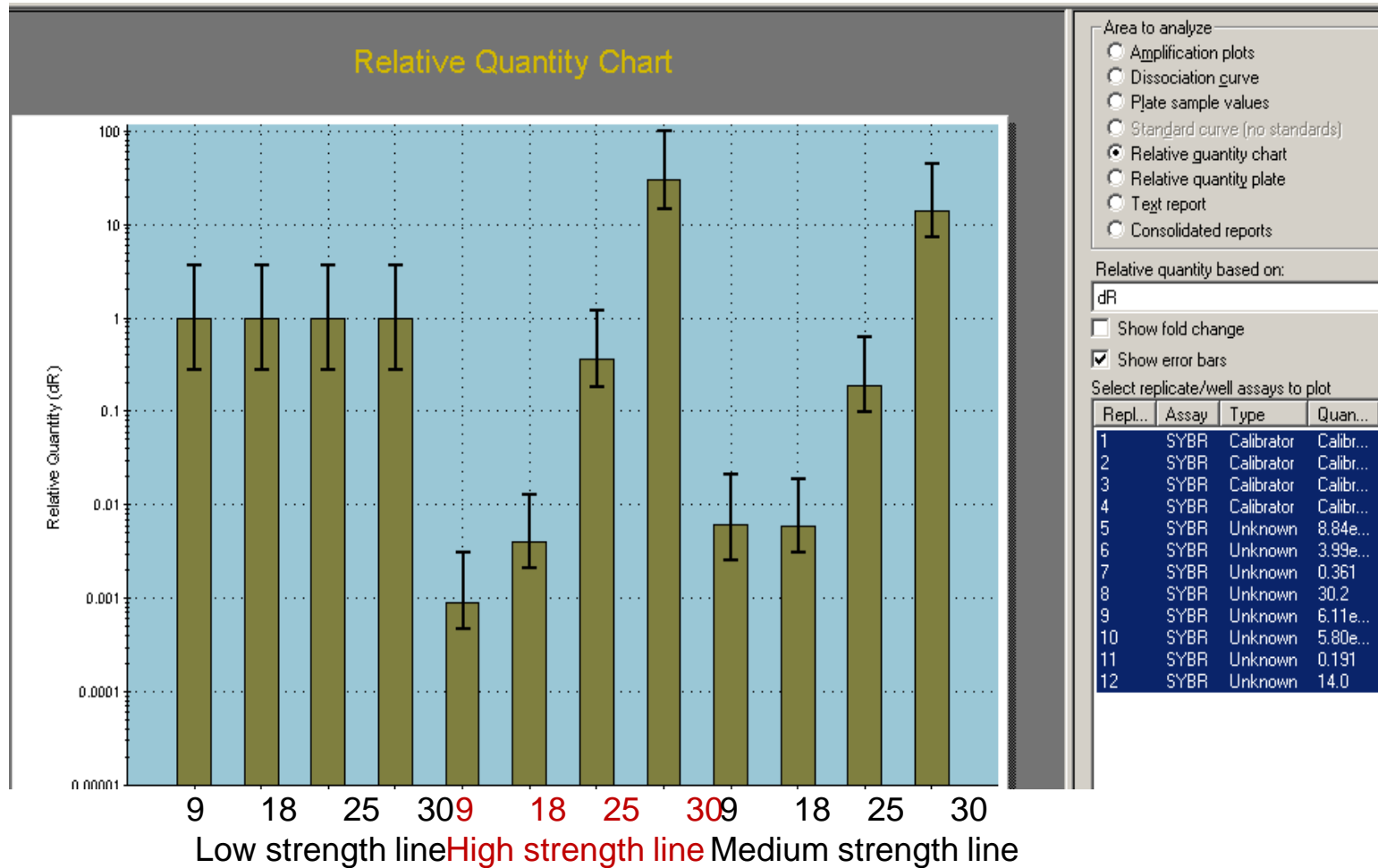
Among them *GhcesA1*, *GhcesA2*, *Ghfla3* and *Ghcobl4* were showed strong association and higher gene expression during secondary wall synthesis.

# Quantitative RT-PCR for expression analysis of gene *GhCesA1* at different stages in different fiber strength using *Actin* as endogenous control



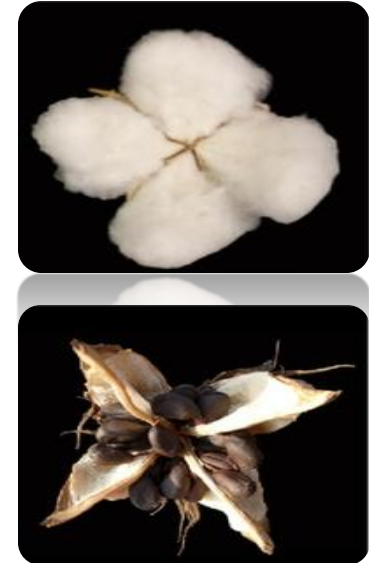
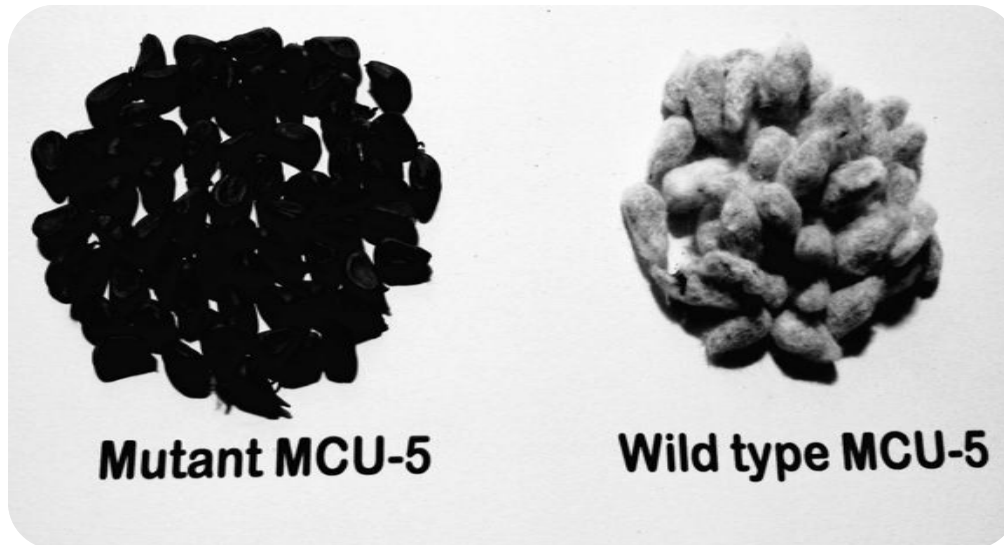
**HFS: High Fiber Strength**  
**MFS: Medium Fiber Strength**  
**LFS: Low Fiber Strength**

# Quantitative RT- PCR for expression analysis of gene *GhCesA2* at different stages in different fiber strength length





# Gene expression validation in mutant MCU-5 and wild type MCU-5 genotype



Plant material: Leaf, Square, ovule from 10dpa and ovule from 20 dpa - mutant and wild type MCU-5 genotype

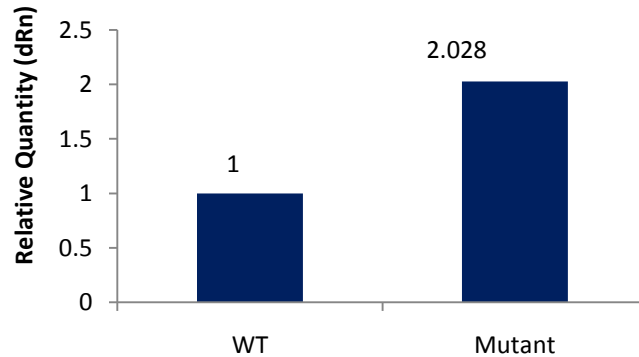
## **Genes for RT PCR:**

- GhcesA1, GhcesA2, GhcesA7, Ghfla3 , Ghcobl4,

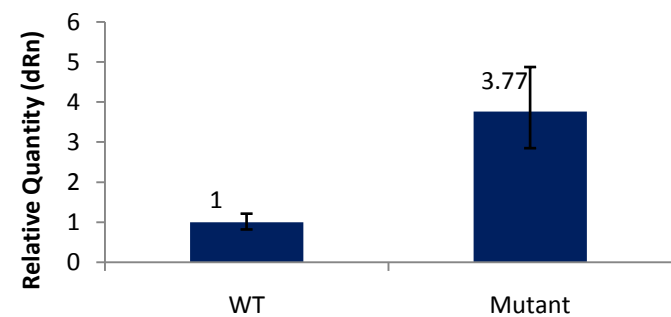
- This mutant provides an excellent model system to study the molecular mechanisms of cotton fiber elongation.
- Quantitative real time PCR (qRT-PCR) were used to evaluate differentially expressed genes (DEGs) in the lint-less mutant compared to the wild-type.

# RT-PCR and qPCR analysis *GhcesA1* in mutant and wild type MCU-5 genotype

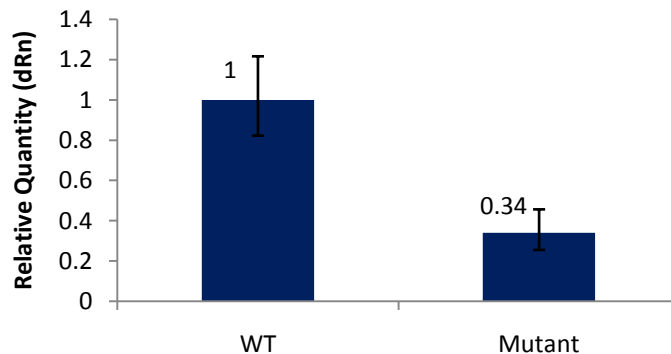
Relative *CesA1* expression in **Leaf (L)**  
MCU5 WT vs Mutant



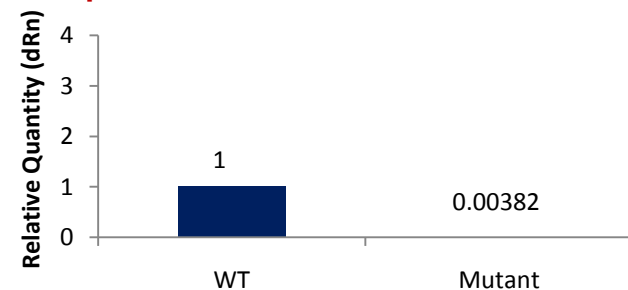
Relative *CesA1* expression in **Square (s)**  
MCU5 WT vs Mutant



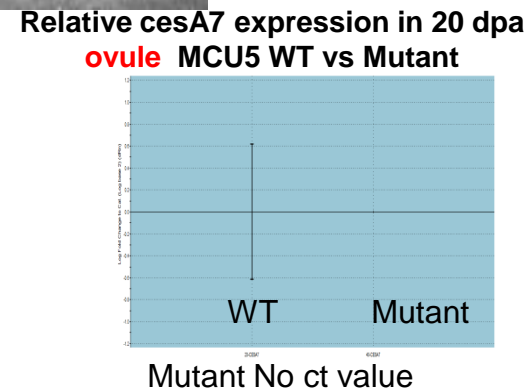
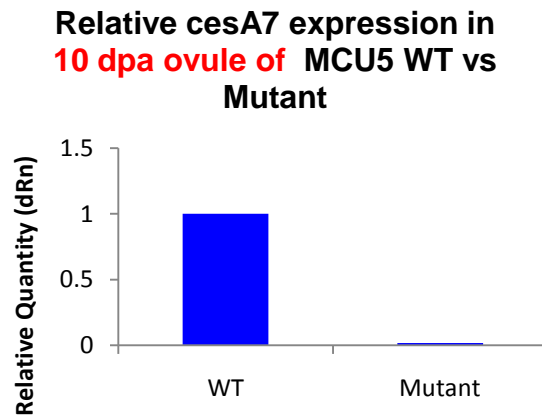
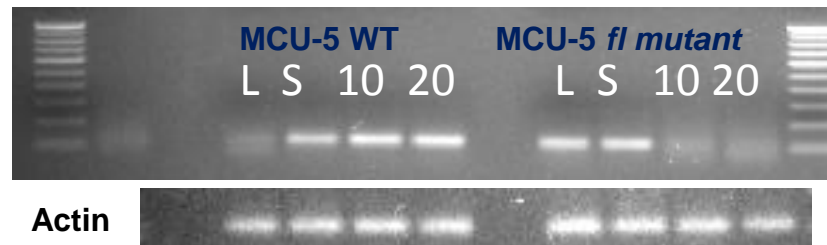
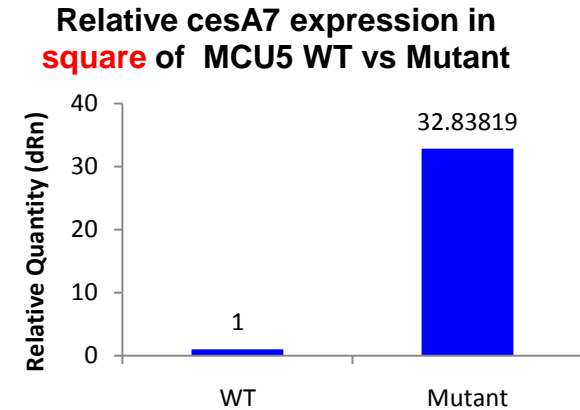
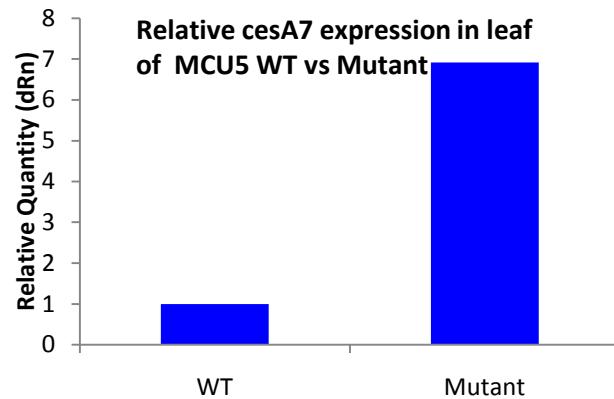
Relative *CesA1* expression in **10 dpa**  
**ovule** of MCU5 WT vs Mutant



Relative *CesA1* expression in **20 dpa**  
**ovule** of MCU5 WT vs Mutant

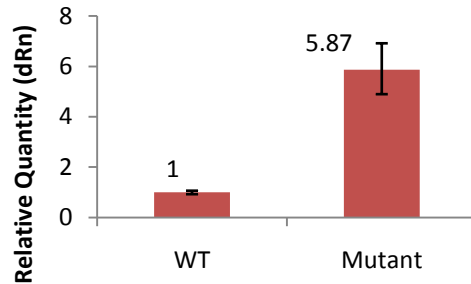


# RT-PCR and qPCR analysis *GhcesA7* in mutant and wild type MCU-5 genotype

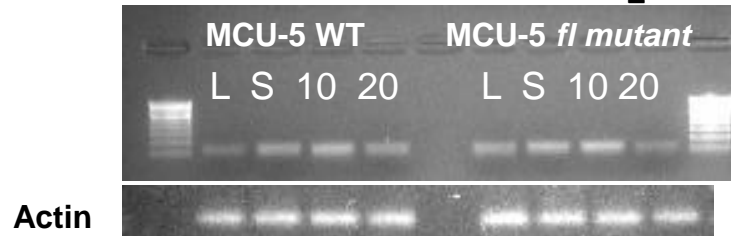
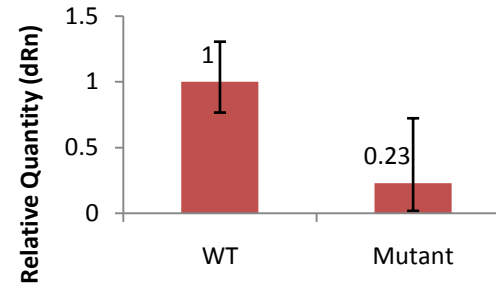


# RT-PCR and qPCR analysis *GhCOBL4* in mutant and wild type MCU-5 genotype

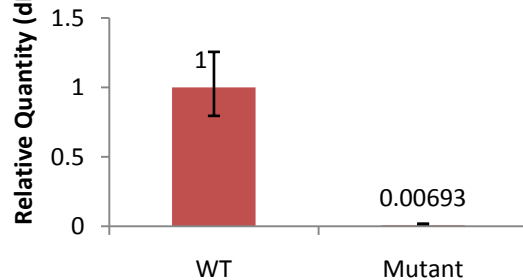
Relative *cobl4* expression in  
**leaf** MCU5 WT vs Mutant



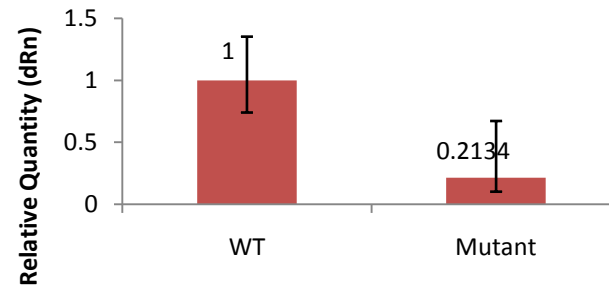
Relative *cobl4* expression in  
**Square** MCU5 WT vs  
Mutant



Relative *cobl4* expression in 10  
dpa **ovule** MCU5 WT vs Mutant

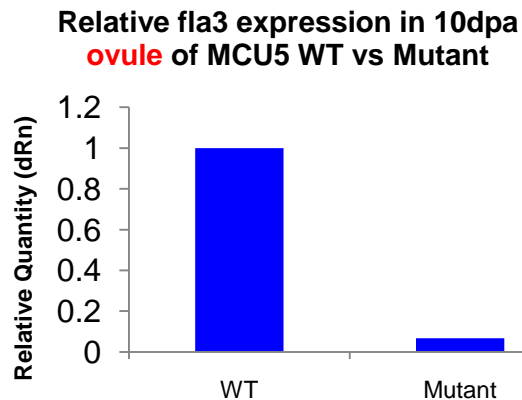
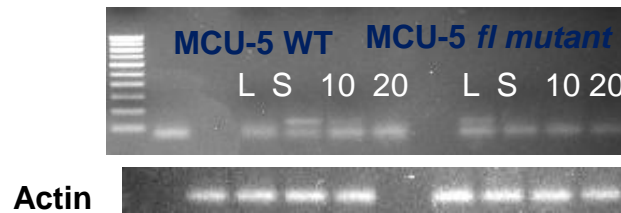
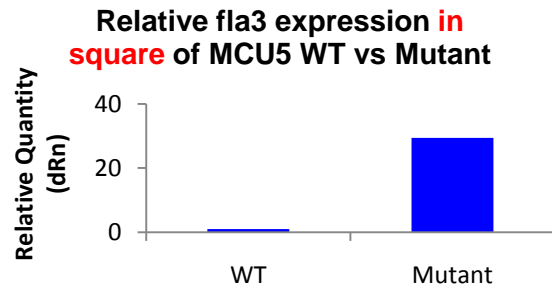


Relative *cobl4* expression in 20  
dpa **ovule** MCU5 WT vs Mutant

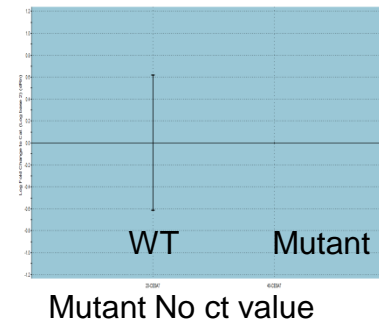




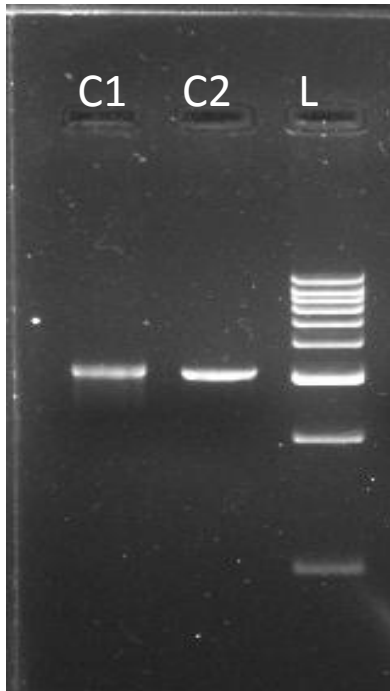
# RT-PCR and qPCR analysis *Ghfla3* in mutant and wild type MCU-5 genotype



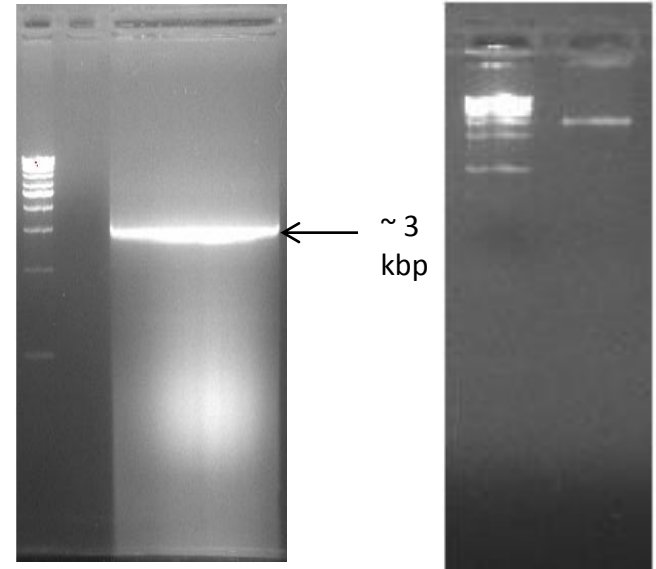
Relative *fla3* expression in 20 dpa **ovule** MCU5 WT vs Mutant



# Cloning of CesA1 and A2 gene from *Gossypium hirsutum*

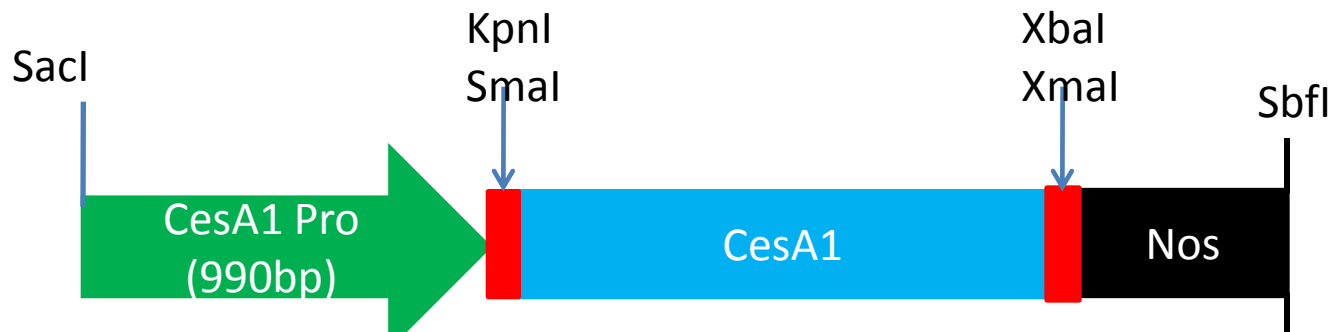


Agarose gel electrophoresis for CESA 2 gene product for gel extraction

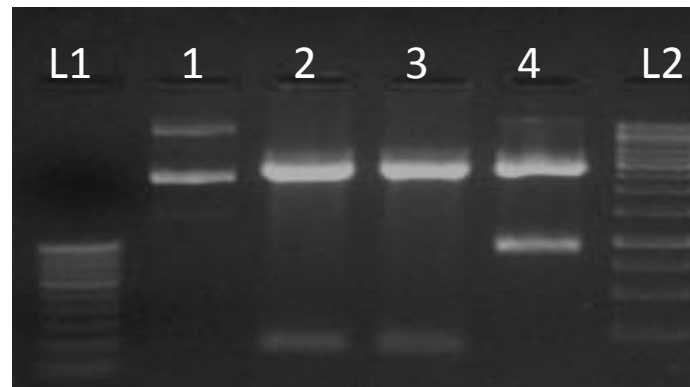
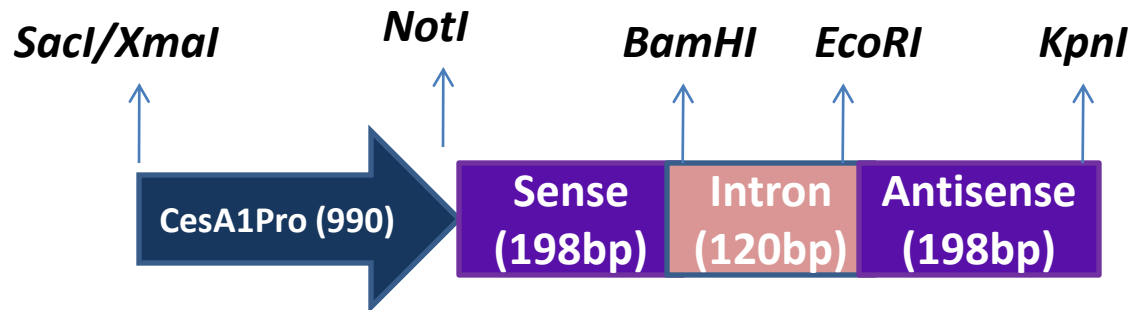


## Amplification of GhcesA1

After gel extraction and purification CesA2 gene product



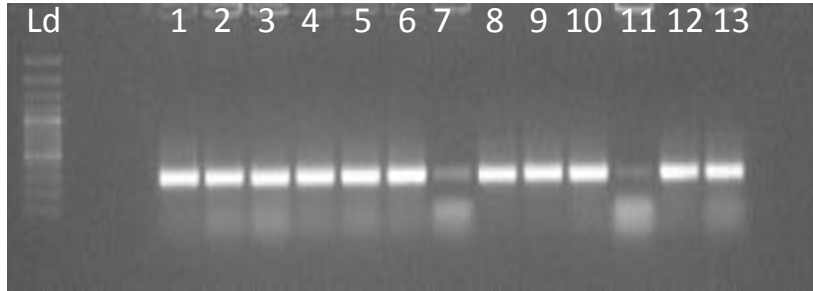
# *GhCesA1*



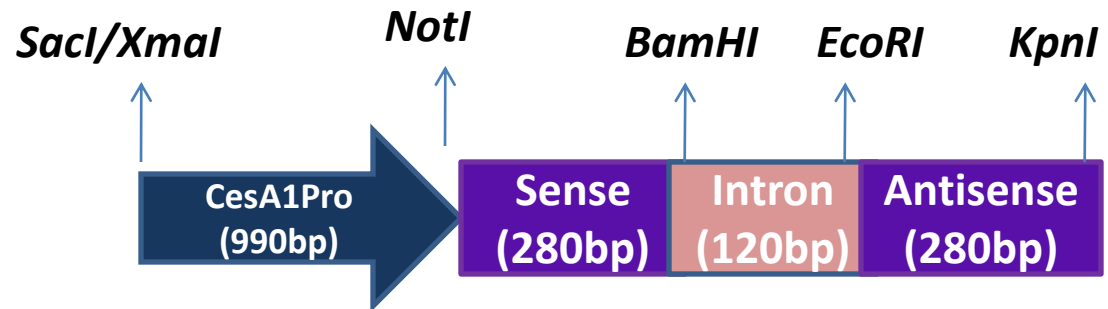
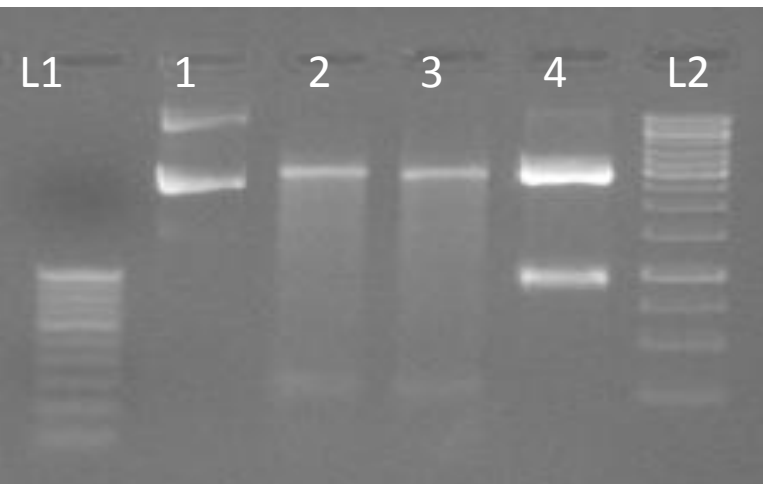
L1= (100bp)

1= uncut Pbsk, 2= Digested with *SacI* and *BamHI*, 3=Digested with *EcoRI* and *KpnI*  
4=Digested with *XmaI* and *NotI*, L2= 1Kb Ladder

# GhcesA2



Colony PCR  
L=Ladder Colonies no.=1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13



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Thank you