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(54) **PROTEINS IMPARTING BORON-TOLERANCE AND GENES THEREOF**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The present invention provides genes and proteins having possibilities to generate plants having tolerance against excessive boron, which can confer a boric acid tolerance to organisms. 5 types of genes that can confer a boric acid tolerance to yeast, such as AtPAB2, AtRBP47c', AtRPS20B, AtMYB13 and AtMYB68, AtRBP45a, AtRBP45b, AtRBP45c, AtRBP45d, AtRBP47a, AtRBP47b, AtRBP47c, AtUBP1a, AtUBP1b and AtUBP1c which were found by expressing several genes of higher plant *Arabidopsis thaliana* in yeast that is a organism model of eukaryote. Further, a key to the toxicity mechanism of boric acid exists in the specific inhibition of splicing, and a gene related to enhancement of splicing efficiency also confers a boric acid tolerance.

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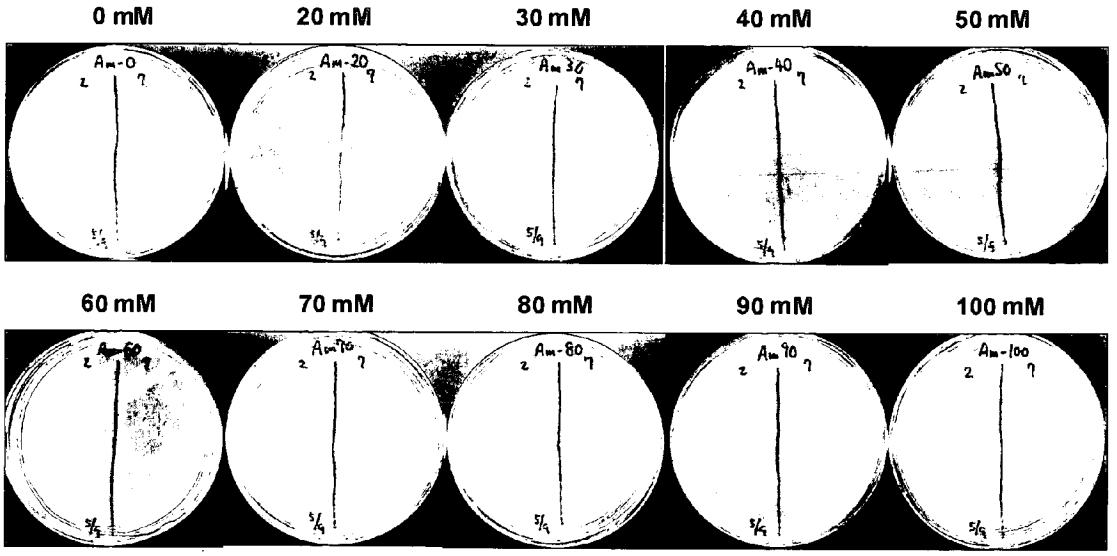
FIG. 1



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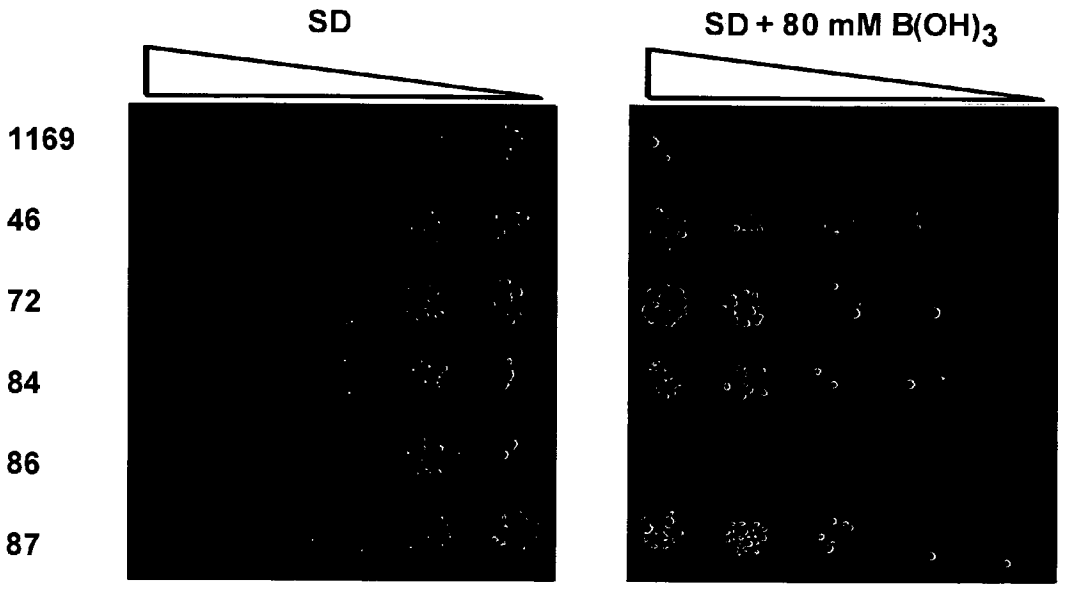

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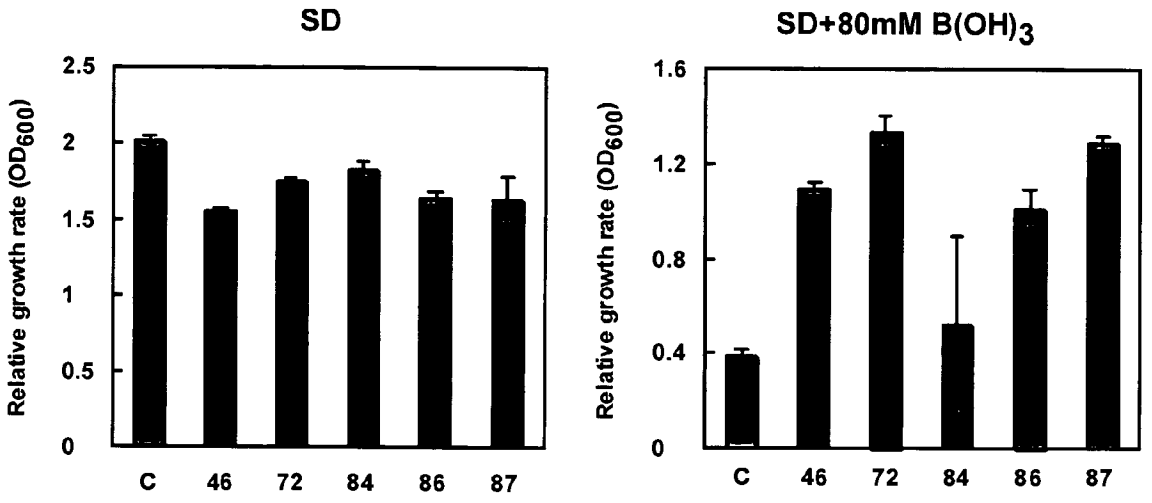
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SD+80mM B(OH)3
Relative growth rate (OD600)
2.5
2
1.5
1
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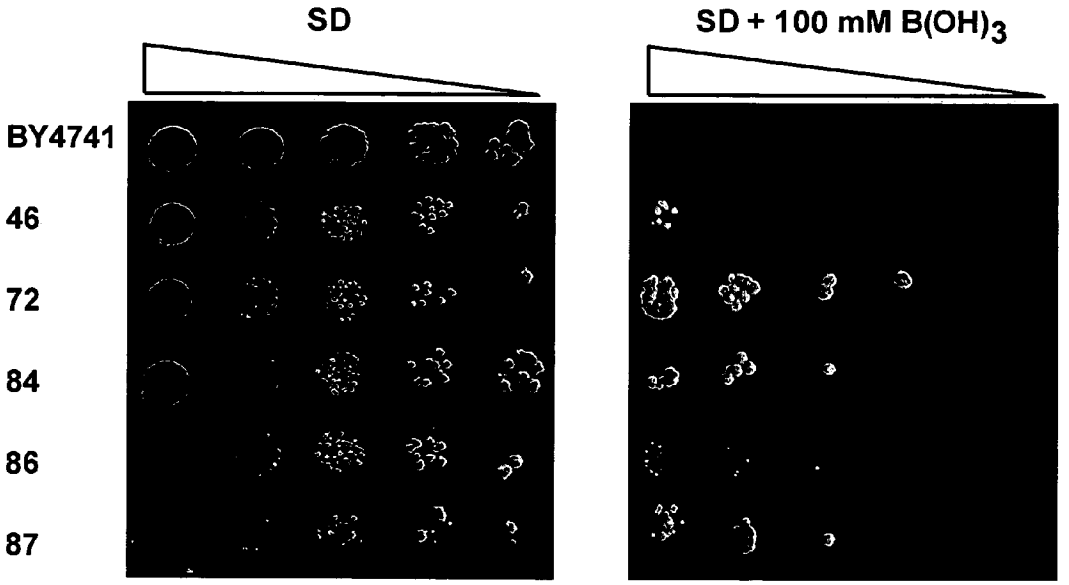
0
1.6
1.2
0.8
0.4
C
46
72
84
86
87

FIG. 4



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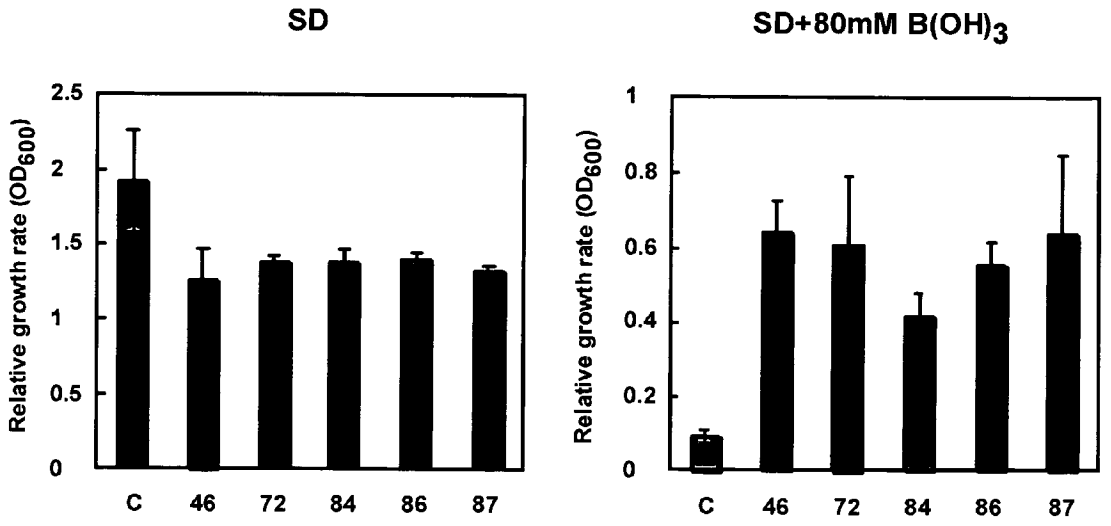
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SD+80mM B(OH)3
Relative growth rate (OD600)
2.5
2
1.5
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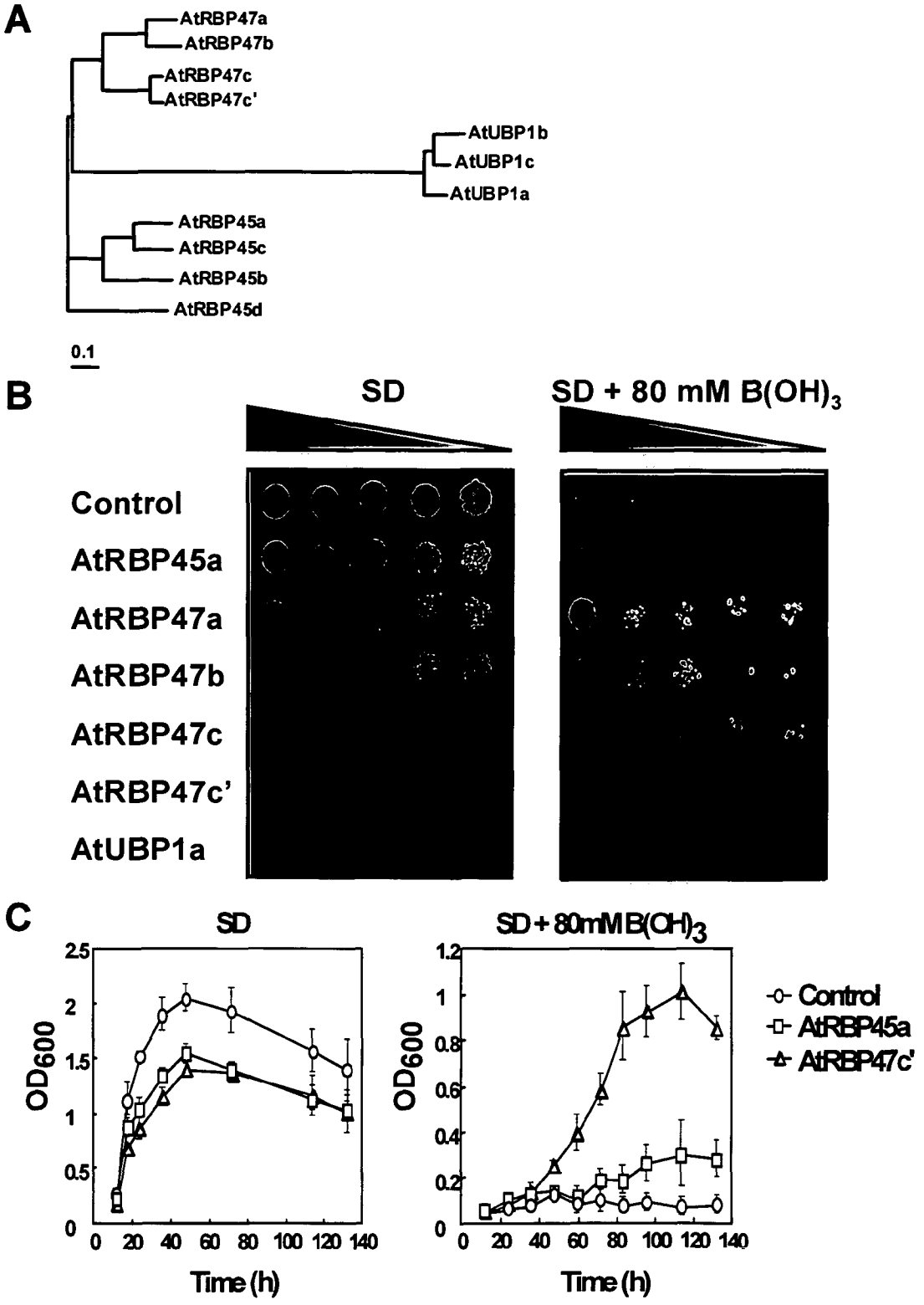
C
46
72
84
86
87

FIG. 6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AtRBP45b
AtRBP45d
0.1
B
SD
SD + 80 mM B(OH)3
Control
AtRBP45a
AtRBP47a
AtRBP47b
AtRBP47c
AtRBP47c'
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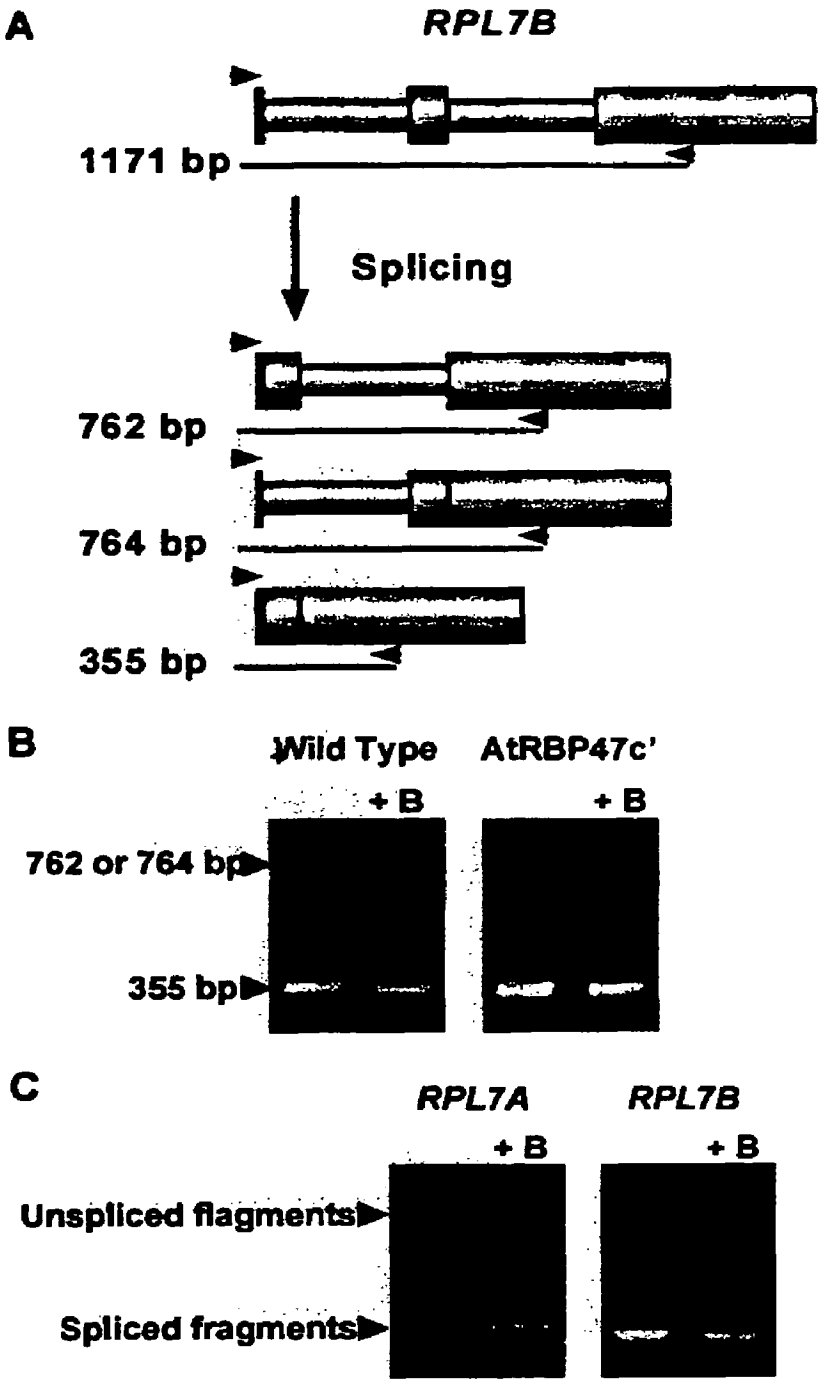
Fig.7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Splicing
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AtRBP47c'
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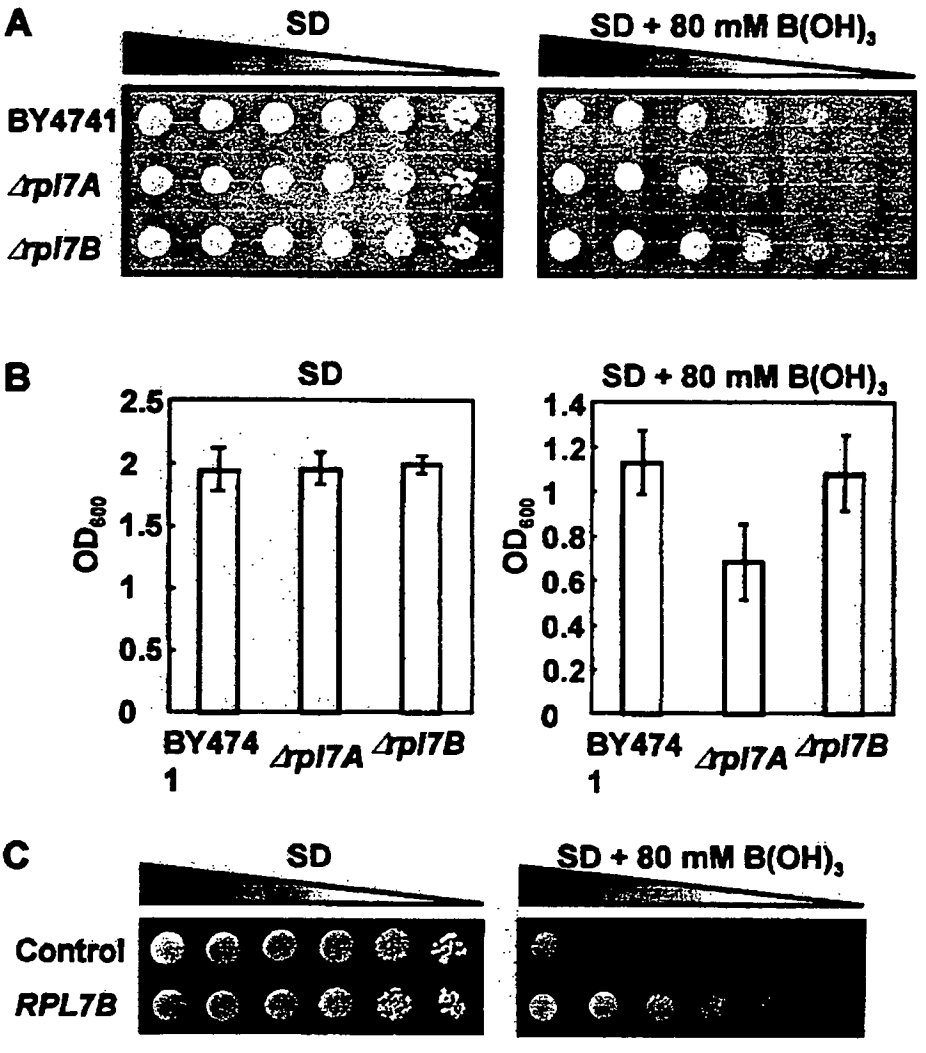
+ B
Unspliced flagments
Spliced fragments

Fig8.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OD600
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2
1.5
1
0.5
0
1.4
1.2
1
0.8
0.6
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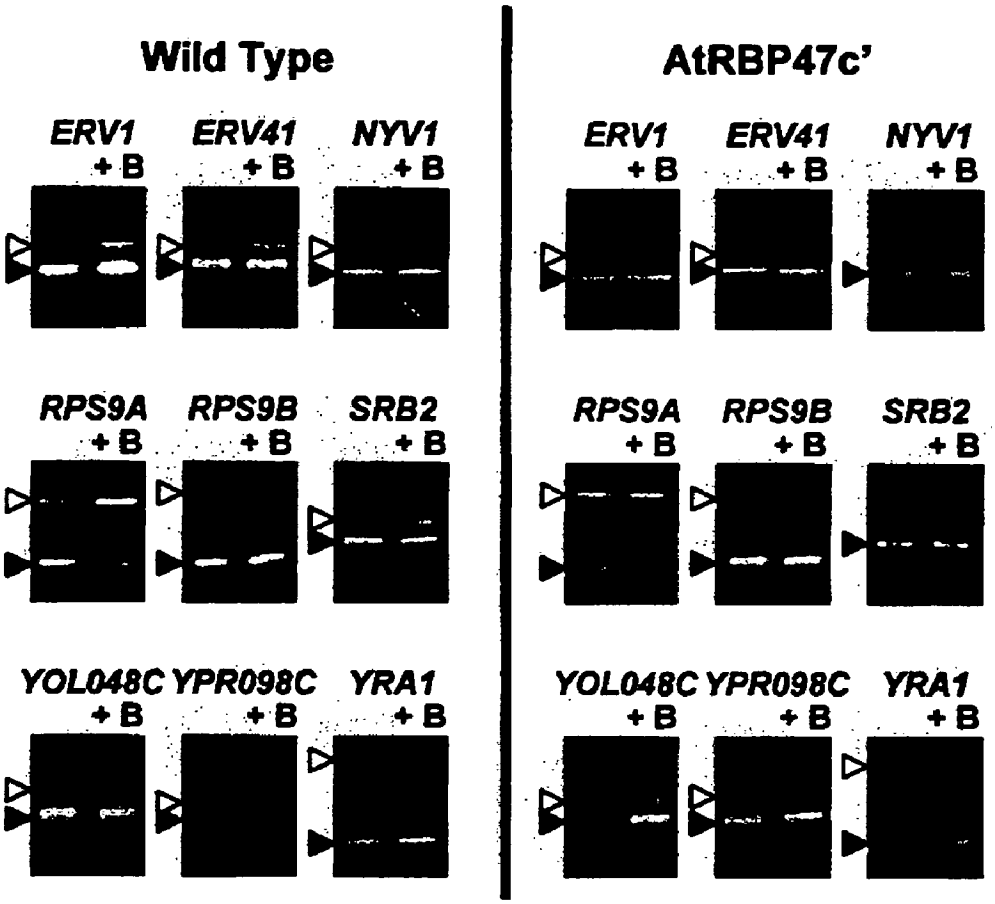
Fig.9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ERV41
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+B
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+B
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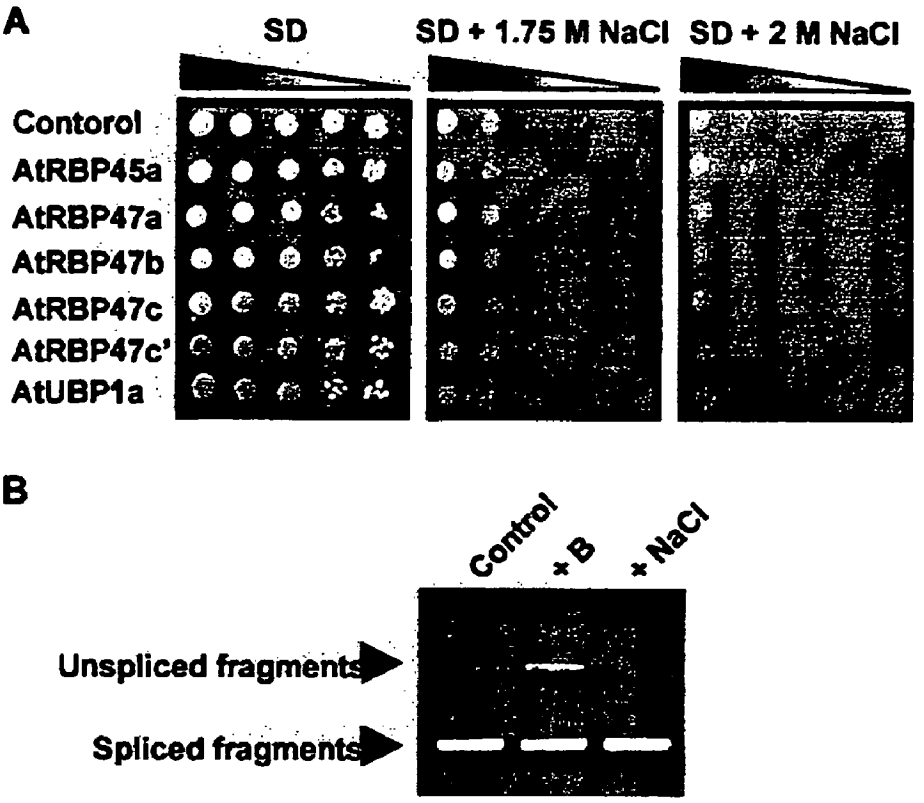
+B

Fig.10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SD + 2 M NaCl
Contorol
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AtRBP47c
AtRBP47c'
AtUBP1a
B
Control
+B
+NaCl
Unspliced fragments
Spliced fragments

PROTEINS IMPARTING BORON-TOLERANCE AND GENES THEREOF

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

This application is a continuation-in-part application of international patent application Serial No. PCT/JP2005/004553 filed Mar. 15, 2005, which published as international publication No. WO 20050/087928 on Sep. 22, 2005, which claims priority to Japanese patent application Serial No. JP 2004-073324 filed Mar. 4, 2004.

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FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a protein conferring a boric acid tolerance in *Arabidopsis thaliana* and a gene thereof, a recombinant vector containing the gene, a transformant introduced with the recombinant vector, and a screening method of a gene conferring a boric acid tolerance.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Boron is one of the essential trace elements for higher plants (e.g., see nonpatent document 1). As boron also has toxicity, by over ingesting it, plant growth is inhibited and animal dies of acute intoxication. Boron exists in uncharged molecule state in soil solution. Therefore, boron eluviates with relative ease and boron deficiency is easily developed in agricultural crops. Lowering of yield point and quality in agriculture caused by boron deficiency is reported in 130 varieties in 80 or more countries worldwide including Japan (e.g., see nonpatent document 2). Boron is also known to have a restricted range of optimal concentration compared with other elements, and has little difference between the concentrations at which deficiency symptoms develop and excess symptoms develop. Therefore, the quantity adjustment of boron fertilizer application in agriculture is considered to be difficult. Especially, when boron is fertilized excessively, removal of the boron is difficult and crop production in the agricultural land would be affected. Further, as boron is contained in tap water, damages caused-by excessive boron often become a problem in drylands when irrigated agriculture is performed. In addition to agricultural lands over-fertilized with boron in this way, land areas with high concentration of boron are found worldwide. Countries having such areas have an important agenda for taking measures against damages caused by excessive boron in agricultural policy. Further, as boron is also present in agents for treating metal surface and bleaches, wastewater from factories using these agents and bleaches contains boron in appreciable quantities. Although lethal dose of boron for human is 15-20 mg, it is known that various disorders involving digestive organs and nervous systems are developed with less than the lethal dose of boron. At present, the amount of boron contained in wastewater from factories is becoming an issue.

Recently, a role of boron in plants has been elucidated. It was elucidated that boron bridges pectic polysaccharides in cell walls (e.g., see nonpatent document 3), and showed that the crossbridges are essential for plant growth (e.g., see nonpatent document 4). This is the first knowledge regarding the physiological function of boron at a molecular level in plants. On the other hand, many unclear points remains to be elucidated in the boron transportation mechanism in plants. It was thought for a long time that boron enters into cells by passive diffusion of lipid bilayer, and is transported in plant body by transpiration stream (e.g., see nonpatent document 5). In the meantime, it was known that nutrient conditions of boron, which are suited for growth, differ significantly among species and cultivars. Although absorption, translocation and difference of use efficiency were exemplified as possible causes, molecules of the contributing factors were unknown. In recent years, transportation via channels has been proposed (e.g., see nonpatent document 6), but the evidence was only in vitro experiments using an expression system or a membrane vesicle in Xenopus laevis oocytes, and it was not shown whether these channel molecules were involved in the boron transportation in actual individual plants. Further, the presence of active transport by a transporter was suggested from absorption experiments in roots of sunflower roots (e.g., see nonpatent document 7), however, the responsible transporter was not identified.

The present inventors isolated an efflux boron tolerance protein BOR1 from a plant model, *Arabidopsis thaliana* for the first time in animate nature (e.g., see patent document 1). It is thought that BOR1 is responsible for an active boron transportation to vessels under nutrient conditions of lower boron (e.g., see nonpatent document 8). Further, YNL275w of yeast, aside from BOR1 is known as tolerance being responsible for boron transportation (e.g., see nonpatent document 9).

Further, as described above, Boron (B) is an essential trace nutrient for plants (e.g., see nonpatent document 10) and animals (e.g., see nonpatent document 11), but toxic at high concentrations (e.g., see nonpatent documents 12 and 13) . Naturally occurring soils containing high concentration of B are distributed across the world and human activities such as fertilization with B, fossil combustion, and irrigation using B-containing water created an environment of high boron concentration (e.g., see nonpatent documents 12 and 13).

Symptoms of B toxicity in plants include chlorosis in leaf margin (e.g., see nonpatent document 13) and fruit disorder and/or bark necrosis (e.g., see nonpatent document 14). Excess B reduces the yield and quality of crops. B toxicity is a major obstruction of agricultural production worldwide. B is also toxic to animals and microorganisms at high concentration. The lethal dose of B is estimated to be about 140 mg/kg for adults and about 270 mg/kg for infants (.e.g., see nonpatent documents 15 and 16) . Long term-high B intake leads to poor appetite, nausea, weight loss, and decreased sexual activity for humans (e.g., see nonpatent document 17). At present, the acceptable safe intake of B for adults is suggested to be 13 mg per day (e.g., see nonpatent document 18). B has been contained in food preservatives for its sterilization effect on microorganisms (e.g., see nonpatent document 19) . In addition, B has been used as insecticides for many years, especially against cockroaches (e.g., see nonpatent document 20).

In the last several decades since B toxicity has been recognized, a number of studies were conducted to investigate toxic effects of B. Those were mostly physiological studies. For example, in soybean leaves, the activity of allantoate amidohydrolase is decreased by boric acid (e.g., see nonpatent

document 21). The inhibitions of malate dehydrogenase and isocitrate dehydrogenase activities by B were observed in *Chara corallina* (e.g., see nonpatent document 22). A negative correlation between placental B levels and delta-aminolevulinic acid dehydratase activities involved in synthesis of porphobilinogen (an intermediate of porphyrin synthesis) in newborns has been also reported (e.g., see nonpatent document 23).

Solubilized borates are thought to play a major role in B toxicity. Boric acids in cells are partially converted into borates due to the higher internal pH. When boric acids with high concentration are supplied to cells, intracellular borate concentration rises to form borate complexes with a variety of cis-diol containing intracellular molecules. These cis-diols containing molecules include NAD^+, ATP, S-Ado Met, RNA and several sugars (e.g., see nonpatent documents 24 and 25). Since these molecules are used as coenzymes and/or substrates for a number of enzymes, binding of borates is likely to induce loss of function or alteration of enzyme activities, inhibition of biochemical reactions, and finally metabolic disorders. Despite of the accumulation of biochemical and physiological analysis and speculation related to the toxic effect of B, molecular mechanism of B toxicity that leads to cell death has not been elucidated.

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

By introducing a gene that confers a boric acid tolerance to yeast into a plant, it has possibilities to generate plants having tolerance against excessive boron. It is thought that plant having boron tolerance can contribute to increase crop yields in places suffering from damages caused by excessive boron. Further, algae or bacteria wherein these genes have been introduced and boron tolerance has increased can be used to absorb boron contained in industrial water and to remove it, thus contributing to environmental cleanup. The present invention may provide a gene or protein conferring a boric acid tolerance to organisms, which has possibilities to generate plants having tolerance against excessive boron. Further, the present invention may provide a method for screening a gene conferring a boric acid tolerance effectively, by elucidating the toxicity mechanism of boric acid.

The present inventors devoted themselves to solve the above object and found 5 types of genes that can confer a boric acid tolerance to yeast, that is, AtPAB2, AtRBP47, AtRPS20B, AtMYB13 and AtMYB68, by expressing several genes of the higher plant *Arabidopsis thaliana* in yeast, which is an organism model of eukaryote. The present invention has been thus completed based on this knowledge. Further, the present inventors found that a key toxicity mechanism of boric acid exists in specific inhibition of splicing, and a gene related to enhancement of splicing efficiency also confers a boric acid tolerance, thus have completed the present invention.

That is, the present invention relates to (1) a DNA encoding a protein that may have an activity of conferring a boric acid tolerance and may consist of the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28

or 30; (2) a DNA encoding a protein that may consist of the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28 or 30 and has an activity of conferring a boric acid tolerance; (3) a gene DNA conferring a boric acid tolerance, which may consist of the base sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27 or 29 or a complementary sequence thereof; (4) a DNA encoding a protein that consists of a base sequence wherein one or a few bases may be deleted, substituted or added in the base sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27 or 29, and may have an activity of conferring a boric acid tolerance; (5) a DNA encoding a protein that may hybridize with the DNA according to "3" under stringent conditions and may have an activity of conferring a boric acid tolerance; (6) a protein that may have an activity of conferring a boric acid tolerance, which may consist of the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28 or 30; (7) a protein consisting of an amino sequence wherein one or a few amino acids may be deleted, substituted or added in the amino sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28 or 30; and may have an activity of conferring a boric acid tolerance; (8) a recombinant vector including the DNA according to any one of "1" to "5", which may express a protein conferring a boric acid tolerance; (9) a transformant wherein the recombinant vector according to "8" is introduced, which may express a protein conferring a boric acid tolerance; (10) the transformant according to "9" wherein the transformant may be yeast; (11) the transformant according to "9" wherein the transformant may be a plant; (12) a method for screening a gene conferring a boric acid tolerance, which may comprise the steps of transforming a YNL275w-disrupted yeast which is deficient in and not expressing YNL275w gene by using a gene library, culturing the obtained transformed YNL275w-disrupted yeast in medium containing boric acid, and measuring/evaluating an activity of conferring a boric acid tolerance of the transformed YNL275w-disrupted yeast; (13) a method for screening a gene conferring a boric acid tolerance wherein an enhancement level of splicing efficiency may be measured/evaluated by targeting a specific inhibition of splicing by boric acid; (14) the method for screening a gene conferring a boric acid tolerance according to "13", which may comprise the steps of expressing a test substance in yeast cells, culturing the expressed test substance in the presence of boric acid, and measuring/evaluating an improvement level of a specific inhibition of splicing by boric acid in an intron-containing gene in yeast, as an enhancement level of splicing efficiency; (15) the method for screening a gene conferring a boric acid tolerance according to "14" wherein the gene containing intron in yeast may be a gene RPL7B in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* genome; (16) use of the DNA according to any one of "1" to "5" as a gene conferring a boric acid tolerance; (17) use of the DNA according to any one of "1" to "5" for producing a plant or yeast conferred a boric acid tolerance; (18) use of the protein according to "6" or "7" as a protein having an activity of conferring a boric acid tolerance; and (19) use of the protein according to "6" or "7" for producing a plant or yeast conferred a boric acid tolerance.

By introducing a gene that confers a boric acid tolerance of the present invention into a plant, it has possibilities to generate plants having tolerance against excessive boron. It is thought that plant having boron tolerance can contribute to increase crop yields in places suffering from damages caused by excessive boron. Algae or bacteria wherein these genes have been introduced and boron tolerance has increased can be used to absorb boron contained in industrial water and to remove it, thus contributing to environmental cleanup.

Accordingly, it is an object of the invention to not encompass within the invention any previously known product, process of making the product, or method of using the product such that Applicants reserve the right and hereby disclose a disclaimer of any previously known product, process, or method. It is further noted that the invention does not intend to encompass within the scope of the invention any product, process, or making of the product or method of using the product, which does not meet the written description and enablement requirements of the USPTO (35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph) or the EPO (Article 83 of the EPC), such that Applicants reserve the right and hereby disclose a disclaimer of any previously described product, process of making the product, or method of using the product.

It is noted that in this disclosure and particularly in the claims and/or paragraphs, terms such as "comprises", "comprised", "comprising" and the like can have the meaning attributed to it in U.S. Patent law; e.g., they can mean "includes", "included", "including", and the like; and that terms such as "consisting essentially of" and "consists essentially of" have the meaning ascribed to them in U.S. Patent law, e.g., they allow for elements not explicitly recited, but exclude elements that are found in the prior art or that affect a basic or novel characteristic of the invention.

These and other embodiments are disclosed or are obvious from and encompassed by, the following Detailed Description.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The following detailed description, given by way of example, but not intended to limit the invention solely to the specific embodiments described, may best be understood in conjunction with the accompanying drawing, in which:

FIG. **1** is a set of pictures showing the results of performance test of boric acid tolerance using yeast strain 1169. Yeast strain 1169 was transformed with pYES2 "2" and pYES2-BORI "7". Each yeast was streaked in SD solid medium containing 0 to 100 mM boric acid. The results after culturing at 26.5° C. for 16 days are shown.

FIG. **2** is a set of pictures showing the growth results of yeast strain 1169 in excessive boric acid medium. Yeast strain 1169 was transformed with 46, 72, 84, 86 and 87. Each yeast was spotted in SD medium containing 80 mM boric acid after the liquid culture. The spots were diluted by 1/5 at a time from left to right. The results after culturing at 26.5° C. for 9 days are shown.

FIG. **3** is a set of graphs showing the results of boric acid tolerance test of yeast strain 1169 in liquid medium. Yeast strain 1169 was transformed with 46, 72, 84, 86 and 87. Each yeast was subcultured to an OD_{600} of 0.1 in SD medium containing 80 mM boric acid after the liquid culture. The values of OD_{600}were measured after culturing at 30° C. for 4 days. The experiments of the test were performed in triplicate. The mean of the measurements and the standard deviation are shown using graph.

FIG. **4** is a set of pictures showing the growth results of yeast strain BY4741 in excessive boric acid medium. Yeast strain BY4741 was transformed with 46, 72, 84, 86 and 87. Each yeast was spotted on SD medium containing 100 mM boric acid after the liquid culture. The spots were diluted by 1/5 at a time from left to right. The results after culturing at 26.5° C. for 10 days are shown.

FIG. **5** is a set of graphs showing the results of boric acid tolerance test of yeast strain BY4741 in liquid medium. Yeast

strain BY4741 was transformed with 46, 72, 84, 86 and 87. Each yeast was subcultured to an OD_{600} of 0.1 in SD medium containing 80 mM boric acid after the liquid culture. The values of OD_{600} were measured after culturing at 30° C. for 4 days. The experiments of the test were performed 3 times. The mean of the measurements and the standard deviation are shown using graphs.

FIG. **6** is a set of pictures and graphs showing the results of boric acid tolerance test for AtRBP47c'-related genes-transformed yeast cells. (A) Phylogenetic tree of AtRBP47c'-related family proteins. The dendrogram indicates relative evolutionary distance among the AtRBP47c'-related family proteins and was prepared by using NJ method. The bar indicates the genetic distance for 0.1 amino acid substitutions/site. (B) Boric acid tolerance in solid medium. Yeast cells were grown to an OD_{600} of 1.0, serially diluted, and then 10 μl of the diluent was spotted in SD plate added with 0 or 80 mM boric acid. The growth was recorded after culturing for 10 days. Yeast cells transformed with an empty pFL61 vector were used as a control. (C) Boric acid tolerance in liquid medium. Yeast cells were grown to an OD_{600} of 1.0, and then diluted to an OD_{600} of 0.1 in SD medium added with 0 or 80 mM boric acid. The diluted yeast cells were cultured at 30° C. and the values of OD_{600} in indicated time after the dilution were recorded. Vertical bars represent the standard deviation of the mean±the mean of three replicate measurements.

FIG. **7** is a figure showing the effect of boric acid on slicing. (A) Schematic representations of splicing of RPL7B. Three types of mRNA can be generated from pre-mRNA of RPL7B by splicing. Arrowheads indicate the locations of primers used for RT-PCR. (B) The effect of boric acid on splicing of RPL7B. Yeast cells were grown to an OD_{600} of 1.0, and then boric acid was added to reach 80 mM at final concentrations. 24 hours later, the yeast cells were harvested and total RNA was isolated. cDNA was synthesized from the total RNA and was used a, a template for splicing analysis by PCR. In this analysis, yeast strain BY4741 (Wild Type) transformed with empty pFL61 vector or AtRBP47c'-expression vector (AtRBP47c') was used. (C) The effect of boric acid on splicing of RPL7A. Splicing of RPL7A was analyzed by RT-PCR in BY4741 transformed with pFL61.

FIG. **8** is a set of pictures and graphs showing the results of boric aid tolerance test for RPL7A- or RPL7B-disrupted yeast cells. (A) Boric acid tolerance in solid medium. Yeast cells were grown to an OD_{600} of 1.0, serially diluted, and then 10 μl of the diluent was spotted in SD plate added with 0 or 80 mM boric acid. The growth was recorded after culturing for 7 days. (B) Boric acid tolerance in liquid medium. Yeast cells were grown to an OD_{600} of 1.0, and then diluted to an OD_{600} of 0.1 in SD medium added with 0 or 80 mM boric acid. The diluted yeast cells were cultured at 30° C. for 21 hours (SD) and 60 hours (SD+80 mM boric acid) after the dilution, and then the values of OD_{600} were recorded. Vertical bars represent the standard deviation of the mean±the mean of three replicate measurements. Δrpl7a and Δrpl7b represent RPL7A-disruption mutant (Y04443) and RPL7B-disruption mutant (Y01094), respectively. (C) The effect of over-expression of RPL7B on boric acid tolerance in RPL7A-disrupted yeast. Yeast cells were grown to an OD_{600} of 1.0, serially diluted, and then 10 μl of the diluent was spotted in SD plate added with 0 or 80 mM boric acid. The growth was recorded after culturing for 5 days. Yeast cells transformed with an empty pDR195 vector were used as a control.

FIG. **9** is a set of pictures showing the effect of boric acid on splicing of genes containing noncanonical branchpoint sequences. Yeast were grown to an OD_{600} of 1.0, and then boric acid was added to reach 80 mM at final concentrations. 24 hours later, the yeast cells were harvested, and total RNA was isolated to use as a template for splicing analysis by PCR. In this analysis, yeast strain BY4741 (Wild Type) transformed with empty pFL61 vector or AtRBP47c'-expression vector (AtRBP47c') was used. White and black arrowheads indicate unspliced and spliced fragments, respectively.

FIG. **10** is a set of pictures showing the effects of salt on growth of AtRBP47c'-related genes-transformed yeast cells and on splicing of RPL7B. (A) Salt tolerance in solid medium. Yeast cells were grown to an OD_{600} of 1.0, serially diluted, and then 10 μl of the diluent was spotted in SD plate containing 0, 1.75 or 2 M NaCl. The growth was recorded after culturing for 7 days. Yeast cells transformed with an empty pFL61 vector were used as a control. (B) The effect of salt on splicing of RPL7B. Yeast cells were grown to an OD_{600} of 1.0, and then NaCl or boric acid was added to reach 2 M or 80 mM at final concentrations, respectively. 24 hours later, the yeast cells were harvested and total RNA was isolated. cDNA was synthesized from the total RNA and was used as a template for splicing analysis by PCR.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

As for a gene DNA of the present invention, it is not especially limited as long as it is a gene conferring a boric acid tolerance consisting of the following: (A) a DNA encoding a protein that has an activity of conferring a boric acid tolerance and consists of the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28 or 30; (B) a DNA encoding a protein that consists of the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28 or 30 and has an activity of conferring a boric acid tolerance; (C) a gene DNA conferring a boric acid tolerance, which consists of the base sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27 or 29 or a complementary sequence thereof; (D) a DNA encoding a protein that consists of a base sequence wherein one or a few bases are deleted, substituted or added in the base sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27 or 29, and has an activity of conferring a boric acid tolerance; or (E) a DNA encoding a protein that hybridizes with a DNA conferring a boric acid tolerance which consists of the base sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27 or 29 under stringent conditions and has an activity of conferring a boric acid tolerance.

Further, as for a protein of the present invention, it is not especially limited as long as the protein is the following: (A) a protein having an activity of conferring a boric acid tolerance, which consists of the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28 or 30; or (B) a protein Insisting of an amino sequence wherein one or a few amino acids are deleted, substituted or added in the amino sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28 or 30; and having an activity of conferring a boric acid tolerance. Here, the term "a gene conferring a boric acid tolerance" relates to a gene that can confer a boric acid tolerance to a living organism, and the term "a protein conferring a boric acid tolerance" relates to a protein that can confer a boric acid tolerance to a living organism.

The above-mentioned phrase "a protein which has an activity of conferring a boric acid tolerance" relates to a protein having an activity that can confer tolerance against boric acid in a living organism such as yeast and plant, and the yeast and plant highly-expressing the protein can be grown even in the presence of boric acid in high concentration.

AtPAB2 gene as a gene conferring a boric acid tolerance consisting of the base sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 1, AtPAB2 as a protein conferring a boric acid tolerance consisting of the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 2, AtRBP47c' gene as a gene conferring a boric acid tolerance consisting of the base sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 3, AtRBP47c' as a protein conferring a boric acid tolerance consisting of the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 4, AtRPS20B gene as a gene conferring a boric acid tolerance consisting of the base sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 5, AtRPS20B as a protein conferring a boric acid tolerance consisting of the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 6, AtMYB13 gene as a gene conferring a boric acid tolerance consisting of the base sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 7, AtMYB13 as a protein conferring a boric acid tolerance consisting of the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 8, AtMYB68 gene as a gene conferring a boric acid tolerance consisting of the base sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 9, AtMYB68 as a protein conferring a boric acid tolerance consisting of the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 10, AtRBP45a gene as a gene conferring a boric acid tolerance consisting of the base sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 11, AtRBP45a as a protein conferring a boric acid tolerance consisting of the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 12, AtRBP45b gene as a gene conferring a boric acid tolerance consisting of the base sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 13, AtRBP45b as a protein conferring a boric acid tolerance consisting of the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 14, AtRBP45c gene as a gene conferring a boric acid tolerance consisting of the base sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 15, AtRBP45c as a protein conferring a boric acid tolerance consisting of the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 16, AtRBP45d gene as a gene conferring a boric acid tolerance consisting of the base sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 17, AtRBP45d as a protein conferring a boric acid tolerance consisting of the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 18, AtRBP47a gene as a gene conferring a boric acid tolerance consisting of the base sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 19, AtRBP47a as a protein conferring a boric acid tolerance consisting of the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 20, AtRBP47b gene as a gene conferring a boric acid tolerance consisting of the base sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 21, AtRBP47b as a-protein conferring a boric acid tolerance consisting of the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 22, AtRBP47c gene as a gene conferring a boric acid tolerance consisting of the base sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 23, AtRBP47c as a protein conferring a boric acid tolerance consisting of the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 24, AtUBP1a gene as a gene conferring a boric acid tolerance consisting of the base sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 25, AtUBP1a as a protein conferring a boric acid tolerance consisting of the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 26, AtUBP1b gene as a gene conferring a boric acid tolerance consisting of the base sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 27, AtUBP1b as a protein conferring a boric acid tolerance consisting of the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 28, AtUBP1c gene as a gene conferring a boric acid tolerance consisting of the base sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 29, AtUBP1c as a protein conferring a boric acid tolerance consisting of the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 30, can be exemplified respectively.

The above-mentioned phrase "an amino sequence wherein one or a few amino acids are deleted, substituted or added" relates to an amino sequence wherein, for example, any number of 1 to 20, preferably 1 to 15, more preferably 1 to 10, furthermore preferably 1-5 amino acids are deleted, substituted or added. Further, the above-mentioned phrase "a base sequence wherein one or a few bases are deleted, substituted or added" relates to a base sequence wherein, for example, any number of 1 to 20, preferably 1 to 15, more preferably 1 to 10, furthermore preferably 1 to 5 bases are deleted, substituted or added.

For example, a DNA, which consists a base sequence wherein one or a few bases are deleted, substituted or added (mutated DNA), can be produced by any methods such as chemical synthesis, genetic engineering method and mutagenesis, which are known to those skilled in the art. Specifically, a mutated DNA can be obtained by introducing a mutation into a DNA that consists of the base sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 1, 3, 5, 7 or 9, with the use of methods such as a method of allowing to contact and react an agent to be a mutagen, a method of irradiating ultraviolet and a genetic engineering method. Site-specific mutagenesis which one of the genetic engineering methods is a useful method that can introduce a specific mutant into a specific site, and can be performed according to methods described previously such as Molecular Cloning, A laboratory Manual, 2nd Ed., Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor, NY, 1989 (hereinafter, abbreviated as "Molecular Cloning 2nd Ed."); Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, Supplement 1-38, John Wiley & Sons (1987-1997). By expressing this mutated DNA with the use of a suitable expression system, a protein encoded by an amino sequence wherein one or a few amino acids are deleted, substituted or added can be obtained.

The above-mentioned phrase "a base sequence which hybridizes under stringent conditions" relates to a base sequence obtained by using methods such as colony hybridization, plaque hybridization, and Southern blotting, with the use of nucleic acids such as DNA and RNA as a probe. Specifically, DNA that can be identified by hybridizing by using a filter-immobilized DNA derived from a colony or a plaque, or a fragment thereof, at 65° C. in the presence of 0.7-1.0 M NaCl; by washing the filter under the condition of 65° C. with the use of SSC solution of approximately 0.1-2.0-fold concentration (one-fold concentration of SSC solution is composed of 150 MM NaCl and 15 mM sodium citrate); can be exemplified. Hybridization can be performed according to the method described in Molecular Cloning 2nd Ed. and the like.

For example, as a DNA that can hybridize under stringent conditions, a DNA having above a certain level of homology with a base sequence of DNA used as a probe can be exemplified, and a DNA having, for example, 60% or more, preferably 70% or more, more preferably 80% or more, furthermore preferably 90% or more, especially preferably 95% or more, most preferably 98% or more of homology, can be exemplified.

Methods for obtaining and preparing genes of the present invention are not especially limited; and it can be prepared by isolating the desired genes through preparing a suitable probe or primer based on the base sequence information shown by SEQ ID NO: 1, 3, 5, 7 or 9, or the amino sequence information shown by SEQ ID NO: 2, 4, 6, 8 or 10 disclosed in the present specification, and screening a cDNA library wherein the presence of the genes are expected with the use of the above probe or primer; or by chemical synthesis according to ordinary methods.

Specifically, a gene of the present invention can be obtained by preparing a cDNA library from *Arabidopsis thaliana* from where the gene of the present invention was isolated, according to ordinary methods; and selecting the desired clone with the use of a specific and appropriate probe for the gene of the present invention. As the origin of the above cDNA, a variety of cells and tissues derived from the

above plant can be exemplified; and further, isolation of all RNA from these cells or tissues, purification and isolation of mRNA, obtaining cDNA and the cloning thereof, and the like, can all be performed according to ordinary methods. As for a method for screening genes of the present invention from a cDNA library, for example, methods which are generally used by those skilled in the art such as methods described in Molecular Cloning 2nd Ed., and the like, can be exemplified.

Furthermore, a mutated gene or homologous gene of the present invention which consists of the base sequence shown by any one of the above (B) to (F) can be isolated, with the use of a DNA fragment having, the base sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 1, 3, 5, 7 or 9, or part thereof, by screening a homolog of the DNA under appropriate conditions from other organisms and the like. Furthermore, it can be prepared by the above-mentioned methods for preparing the mutated DNA.

Methods for obtaining and preparing proteins of the present invention are not especially limited, and any one of the following proteins can be used: a natural occurring protein, a chemical synthetic protein, or a recombinant protein prepared by transgenesis. When obtaining a natural occurring protein, a protein of the present invention can be obtained from the cells or tissues expressing the protein, by combining appropriately the methods of isolation/purification of protein. When preparing a protein by chemical synthesis, for example, a protein of the present invention can be synthesized according to chemical synthesis such as Fmoc method (fluorenylmethyloxycarbonyl method) and tBoc method (t-butyloxycarbonyl method). Further, a protein of the present invention can be also synthesized with the use of various types of peptide synthesizer being marketed. When preparing a protein by transgenesis, a protein of the present invention can be prepared by introducing a DNA that consists of a base sequence encoding the protein into a preferable expression system. Among the above methods, preparation by transgenesis which manipulation is relatively easy and by which a large amount of preparation can be available, is preferable.

For example, when preparing a protein of the present invention by transgenesis, known methods including ammonium sulfate or ethanol precipitation, acid extraction, anion or cation exchange chromatography, phosphocellulose chromatography, hydrophobic interaction chromatography, affinity chromatography, hydroxyapatite chromatography and lectin chromatography, and preferably high-performance liquid chromatography are used for collecting and purifying the protein from cell culture. Particularly, as for a column to use for affinity chromatography, for example, by using a column bound with antibodies such as monoclonal antibodies against a protein of the present invention; when a normal peptide tag is added to the above protein of the present invention, by using a column bound with certain materials that have an affinity for the peptide tag, purified products of these proteins can be obtained. Further, when a protein of the present invention is expressed on a cell membrane, purified preparations can be obtained by performing the above purification treatment after allowing to act a cell membrane catabolic enzyme.

In addition, a protein consisting of an amino acid sequence wherein one or a few amino acids are deleted, substituted or added in the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28 or 30, or a protein consists of the amino acid sequence having 60% or more of homology with the amino acid shown by SEQ ID NO: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28 or 30 can be prepared or obtained conveniently by those skilled in the art according to the base sequence information shown by SEQ ID NO: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27 or 29 which shows one of the examples of the base sequences encoding the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28 or 30 respectively. For example, a homolog of a DNA having the base sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27 or 29, or part thereof can be isolated from organisms other than *Arabidopsis thaliana* by screening under appropriate conditions with the use of the DNA as a probe. A protein encoded by the homolog DNA can be prepared by integrating into an expression vector to express in an appropriate host after cloning a full length of the homolog DNA.

As for a recombinant vector of the present invention, it is not especially limited as long as it is a recombinant vector that contains the above gene of the present invention and can express a protein conferring a boric acid tolerance, and a recombinant vector of the present invention can be constructed by integrating the gene of the present invention appropriately into an expression vector. As for an expression vector, a vector that can self-replicate in host cells or can be integrated in chromosomes of host cells, is preferable; moreover, vectors which contain regulatory sequences such as promoter, enhancer and terminator at a position where a gene of the present invention can be expressed, can be used preferably. As for an expression vector, an expression vector for yeast, an expression vector for plant cells, an expression vector for bacteria, an expression vector for animal cells and the like can be used; however, a recombinant vector using an expression vector for yeast or expression vector for plant cells is preferable.

As for an expression vector for yeast, pYES2 (Invitrogen), YEp13 (ATCC37115), YEp24 (ATCC37051), Ycp50 (ATCC37419), pHS19 and pHS15 can be exemplified. As for a promoter for yeast, PHO5 promoter, PGK promoter, GAP promoter, ADH promoter, GAL1 promoter, GAL10 promoter, heat shock protein promoter, MFα1 promoter and CUP1 promoter can be specifically exemplified.

As for an expression vector for plant cells, plasmids such as Ti plasmid (Tumor inducing plasmid), pSPORT1, pT7Blue-T vector, pIG121-Hm [Plant Cell Report, 15, 809-814(1995)], pBI121 [EMBO J. 6, 3901-3907(1987)], or plant viral vectors such as tobacco mosaic virus, cauliflower mosaic virus and geminivirus can be exemplified. As for a promoter for plant cells, cauliflower mosaic virus 35S promoter [Mol.Gen. Genet (1990) 220, 389-392] and ribulose bisphosphate carboxylase small subunit promoter can be exemplified, and as for a terminator, nopaline synthase gene terminator can be exemplified.

Further, as for a transformant of the present invention, it is not especially limited as long as it is a transformant wherein the above recombinant vector of the present invention is introduced and which expresses a protein conferring a boric acid tolerance. Transgenic yeasts, transgenic plants (cells, tissues, individuals), transgenic bacteria, transgenic animals (cells, tissues, individuals), can be exemplified, while transgenic yeasts and transgenic plants (cells, tissues, individuals) are preferable.

As for a host yeast to use for producing a transgenic yeast, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae, Schizosaccharomyces prombe, Kluyveromyces lactis, Trichosporon pullulans* and *Schwanniomyces alluvius* can be exemplified. As for a method for introducing a recombinant vector to host yeast, for example, electroporation, spheroplast method and lithium acetate method can be exemplified.

As for a host plant (cell, tissue, individual) to use for producing a transgenic plant (cell, tissue, individual), species is not especially limited, and it can be appropriately selected from plants such as flowers and ornamental plants, fruit plants, vegetables, root crops, cereals, foliage plants and trees

including fruit trees, for example, plants belonging to Solanaceae, Poaceae, Brassicaceae, Asteraceae, Pedaliaceae, Oleaceae, Myrtaceae, Rosaceae, Leguminosae, Palmae or rubiaceae, and cultured cells and tissues thereof (seed, callus and the like) To produce a transgenic plant, a method for introducing a gene DNA of the present invention into genomic DNA within plant cells, by introducing the above recombinant vector into plant cells with the use of the recombinant vector of the present invention containing a gene of the present invention can be used. Transformation of a plant can be performed by appropriately using known methods such as leaf disk cocultivation method, electroporation, *Agrobacterium* method and particle gun method, according to species of the plant. Other methods for producing transgenic plant, including a method by directly incorporating a recombinant vector of the present invention into a receptor cell can be also used, by physically or chemically enhancing the permeability of plant cells.

As for a method for screening a gene conferring a boric acid tolerance of the present invention is not especially limited as long as it is a method for measuring/evaluating an activity of conferring a boric acid tolerance of the transformed YNL275w-disrupted yeast by transforming a YNL275w-disrupted yeast which is deficient in and not expressing YNL275w gene with the use of a gene library such as a variety of plants or yeasts, and by culturing the obtained transformed YNL275w-disrupted yeast in medium containing boric acid. As for a measurement/evaluation of an activity of conferring a boric acid tolerance, a measurement/evaluation of a level of growth/proliferation of transgenic yeast in culture medium containing boric acid can be exemplified. Further, as for a YNL275w-disrupted strain, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* strain 1169 (Winzeler, E. A.; Shoemaker, D. D.; Astromoff, A.; Liang, H.; Anderson, K.; Andre, B.; Bangham, R.; Benito, R.; Boeke, J. D.; Bussey, H., Chu, A. M.; Connelly, C.; Davis, K.; Dietrich, F.; Dow, S. W.; El Bakkoury, M.; Foury, F.; Friend, S. H.; Gentalen, E.; Giaever, G.; Hegemann, J. H.; Jones, T.; Laub, M.; Liao, H.; Liebundguth, N.; Lockhart, D. J.; Lucau-Danila, A.; Lussier, M.; M'Rabet, N.; Menard, P.; Mittmann, M.; Pai, C.; Rebischung, C.; Revuelta, J. L.; Riles, L.; Roberts, C. J.; Ross-MacDonald, P.; Scherens, B.; Snyder, M.; Sookhai-Mahadeo, S.; Storms, R. K.; Veronneau, S.; Voet, M.; Volckaert, G.; Ward, T. R.; Wysocki, R.; Yen, G. S.; Yu, K. X.; Zimmermann, K.; Philippsen, P.; Johnston, M.; Davis, R. W. (1999) Functional characterization of the *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* genome by gene deletion and parallel analysis. Science 285: 901-906) can be preferably exemplified. As for yeast to use for screening, it is not limited to YNL275w-disrupted strains, and wild types can be used.

Further, as for a screening method of a gene conferring a boric acid tolerance of the present invention, a method for measuring/evaluating an enhancement level of splicing efficiency can be exemplified, for example, a method for measuring/evaluating an improvement level of a specific inhibition of splicing by boric acid in an intron-containing gene in yeast by expressing a test substance in yeast cells and culturing the expressed test substance in the presence of boric acid, as an enhancement level of splicing efficiency, can be exemplified. As for an intron-containing gene in yeast, specifically RPL7B gene (SEQ ID NO: 33) which is a gene encoding large subunit protein of essential ribosome in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* genome, can be exemplified. The improvement level of specific inhibition of splicing by boric acid can be measured, for example, by RT-PCR, and at that time, AtRBP47c' gene, which is a gene conferring a boric acid tolerance is preferably used as a positive control.

In the present invention, use of (a method for) using the above DNA of the present invention as a gene conferring a boric acid tolerance, use of (a method for) using the above DNA of the present invention for producing plants or yeast conferred a boric acid tolerance, use of (a method for) using the above protein of the present invention as a protein having an activity of conferring a boric acid tolerance, and use of (a method for) using the above protein of the present invention for producing plants or yeast conferred a boric acid tolerance are included. Therefore, using the above gene conferring a boric acid tolerance and the above protein having an activity of conferring a boric acid tolerance (protein conferring a boric acid tolerance) for producing plants or yeast conferred a boric acid tolerance are included in the embodiments of the present invention.

The invention will now be further described by way of the following non-limiting examples which further illustrate the invention, and are not intended, nor should they be interpreted to, limit the scope of the invention.

EXAMPLES

Example 1

1.1. Test Yeasts and Plasmids

As for yeasts, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* strain 1169 (purchased from Research Genetics) and *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* strain BY4741 (purchased from Research Genetics) are used. Genotypes for strain 1169 are MATa, his3Δ1, leu2Δ0, met15Δ0, ura3Δ0, YNL275w, kanMX4; and MATa, his3Δ1, leu2Δ0, met15Δ0, ura3Δ0 for strain BY4741 respectively. As for plasmids, pYES2 (purchased from Invitrogen Genetics) and pFLM61 (provided from Dr. Nicolaus von Wiren in Hohenheim University, Germany; Minet M., Dufour M. -E., and Lacroute F. (1992) Complementation of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* auxotrophic mutants by *Arabidopsis thaliana* cDNAs. Plant J. 2, 417-422) were used. pFL61 was used to produce an *Arabidopsis thaliana* expression library. Boric acid tolerance test on yeast-strain 1169

The performance of boric acid tolerance in the used yeast strain 1169 was evaluated. A single colony of yeast strain 1169 which was transformed with pYES2 and pYES2-BOR1 (to which inserted CDS of BOR1, a boron tolerance gene of *Arabidopsis thaliana* downstream of GAL1 promoter of pYES2 vector) was picked by a platinum loop, and shaking cultured to an OD_{600} of around 1.0 in SD liquid medium. The culture solution was respectively streaked in SD solid medium containing 0, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90 or 100 mM boric acid, and cultured at 26.5° C. for 16 days. It was then evaluated whether or not the yeast can form colony in each medium.

1.2. Screening of Genes Conferring Boric Acid Tolerance

Yeast strain 1169 was transformed with lithium acetate method with the use of *Arabidopsis thaliana* expression library (provided from Dr. Nicolaus von Wiren in Hohenheim University, Germany; Schaaf G., Catoni E., Fits M., Schwacke R., Schneider A., von Wiren N., and Frommer W.B. (2002) A putative role for the vacuoler calcium/manganese proton antiporter AtCAX2 in heavy metal detoxification. Plant Biol. 4; 612-618). The transgenic yeast was streaked in SD medium added 80 mM boric acid (6.7 g/l yeast nitrogen base without amino acids, 5 g/l ammonium sulfate, 20 g/l glucose, 2 g/l histidine, 2 g/l methionine, 3 g/l leucine, 20 g/l agar, pH 5.5) and cultured at 26.5° C. After 10 to 14 days, plasmids were collected from the yeast that formed a colony.

The collected plasmids were introduced into yeast again and the repeatability of the performance of boric acid tolerance was identified.

1.3. Boric Acid Tolerance Tests

Spot assays and tests in liquid culture were performed. Spot assays were performed by the following procedures. Each of the yeast was shaking cultured to an OD_{600} of 0.5-1.0 at 30° C. in SD liquid medium. Each yeast culture was diluted until the values of OD_{600} are equal in SD medium. 1/5, 1/25, 1/125 or 1/625 diluted diluent which values of OD_{600} are equal was prepared for each yeast culture medium. Each diluent was spotted with 5 μl at a time by pipetman (Gilson) in SD solid medium with boric acid, and in SD solid medium without boric acid as a control. It was also spotted from left to right to lower the concentration for the same. The plate spotted yeast was cultured at 30° C. for around 10 days and growth states of the yeast were observed.

Test in liquid culture was performed as follows. Each yeast was shaking cultured to an OD_{600} of around 1.0 at 30° C. in SD medium. Each culture medium was subcultured in SD solid medium with boric acid, and in SD solid medium without boric acid as a control, to an OD_{600} of 0.1, and shaking cultured at 30° C., then the values of OD_{600} were measured every 24 hours.

1.4. Sequences of Genes Conferring Boric Acid Tolerance

Analysis of the base sequences of 6 cDNA clones obtained by screening was performed as follows. The base sequences were analyzed by performing sequence reaction using fluorescent dye-terminator terminator, with the use of ABI 310 genetic analyzer. A gene encoding the base sequences was identified by BLAST search of TAIR (see the website for The Arabidopsis Information Resource) from the obtained base sequences.

1.5. Screening Results of Genes Conferring Boric Acid Tolerance

First, the performance of boric acid tolerance in yeast strain 1169 used in the present experiments was evaluated. The yeast 1169 was transformed with pYES2 and pYES2-BOR1. pYES2 and pYES2-BOR1 were used for the transformation, because these vectors retain URA3 that is the same one as vector pFL61, which is used in the *Arabidopsis thaliana* expression library that is used for the following screening, as a selection marker. Further, in SD medium, as the expression of BOR1 gene of pYES-BOR1 is not induced, the same level of boric acid tolerance as in transformant of pYES2 should be induced. The yeasts transformed with pYES2 and pYES2-BOR1 were named "2" and "7", respectively. "2" and "7" were shaking cultured in SD liquid medium, and streaked in SD solid medium containing 0, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90 or 100 mM boric acid. As a result, it was revealed that the transformant by either vector could not also be grown in SD medium containing 80 mM or more of boric acid (FIG. **1**).

To isolate ones inferring a boric acid tolerance, *Arabidopsis thaliana* genes that can grow the yeast in SD medium containing 80 mM boric acid by expressing the genes in yeast strain 1169 were searched in the present experiment. Therefore, around 1.2 million yeasts transformed in *Arabidopsis thaliana* expression library were streaked in SD medium containing 80 mM boric acid. As a result, 6 transgenic yeasts: 46, 66, 72, 84, 86 and 87 that induce tolerance against 80 mM boric acid were obtained. The performances of boric acid tolerance in transgenic yeasts: 46, 72, 84, 86 and 87 by spot assays are shown in FIG. **2** (Since 66 encodes the same gene as 46 does, it is shown in the following, only the result of 46 is shown) . Yeast strain 1169 can hardly form colony in SD medium containing 80 mM boric acid, as it is shown in the upper half of FIG. **2**. On the other hand, any of these transgenic yeasts could form more colonies compared to 1169 strain. Next, test in liquid culture was performed. In the liquid culture, 46, 72, 86 and 87 showed around 3-fold growth potential compared to strain 1169 in boric acid medium, as shown in FIG. **3**. However, 84 had variable growth rates and no significant difference was observed compared to strain 1169 in boric acid tolerance. Further, these genes could confer a boric acid tolerance when they were introduced into yeast strain BY4741 as well as when they were introduced into 1169 strains. The results from spot assays are shown in FIG. **4**, and the results from liquid culture are shown in FIG. **5**. When they were introduced into strains BY4741, in all of the transformed yeasts, significant differences were also observed in boric acid tolerance in the liquid culture (FIG. **5**).

1.6. Sequences of Genes Conferring Boric Acid Tolerance

6 base sequences of the cDNA clones obtained from screening were determined, and genes encoding them were identified by BLAST searches. As a result, it was revealed that 46 and 66, 72, 84, 86, and 87 matched AtPAB2, AtMYB68, AtMYB13, AtRPS20B, and AtRBP47, respectively. The respective sequences of the genes are shown in the following sequence listing. AtPAB2, AtMYB13 and AtMYB68, AtRPS20, and AtRBP47 are genes encoding polyA-binding protein, Myb-like transcription factor, ribosomal protein, and RNA-binding protein, respectively.

Example 2

2.1. Yeast Strains and Screening

Saccharomyces cerevisiae strain BY4741 (MATa his3D1 leu2D0 met15D0 ura3D0), Y01169 (MATa his3D1 leu2D0 met15D0 ura3D0 YNL275W::kanMX4), Y04443 (MATa his3D1 leu2D0 met15D0 ura3D0 YGL076C::kanMX4), and Y01094 (MATa his3D1 leu2D0 met15D0 ura3D0 YPL198W::kanMX4), were used in this study. Strains: Y01169, Y04443, and Y01094 were constructed from BY4741 by insertional mutagenesis (Winzeler et al., 1999) and obtained from EUROSCARF.

Yeast competent cells were transformed with an *Arabidopsis thaliana* cDNA library cloned in the expression plasmid pFL61(Minet et al., 1992) by using the lithium acetate method (Gietz and Schiestl, 1995). The strain Y01169 was used as a host because it lacks YNL275W (hereinafter, referred to as BOR1), an efflux B transporter, and sensitive to boric acid compared with the corresponding wild type strain (data not shown). Transformants were screened on SD solid medium (Sherman, 1991) containing 80 mM boric acid at 26.5° C. SD medium contained 2% glucose, 0.67% yeast nitrogen base without amino acids, 0.05% ammonium sulfate, and the amino acids (20 mg/L His, 30 mg/L Leu, and 20 mg/L Met), which are required for the growth of the mutant, and the pH was adjusted to 5.5 with Tris. Agar (2% w/v) was added for making the solid medium. Colony formation of the nontransformed Y01169 (Δbor1) cells was completely suppressed by addition of 80 mM boric acid. Among the transformed cells, those that formed colonies on media containing 80 mM boric acid after two-week incubation at 26.5° C. were selected and their tolerance were confirmed by testing their growth in the presence of 80 mM boric acid. To confirm that the phenotype was conferred by the plasmids, plasmids were isolated from the positive isolates and re-transformed into the yeast strain Y01169. Tolerant isolates were subjected to fluoro-orotic acid-induced plasmid loss (Boeke, J. D., LaC-

route, F., & Fink, G. R. (1984) Mol. Gen. Genet. 197, 345-346) to select only those clones showing plasmid-dependent boric acid tolerance.

2.2. Construction of Plasmids

ORF sequences of AtRBP47c"-related genes and RPL7B (see SEQ ID NO: 34) were amplified by PCR using the primer sets listed in Table 1. The amplified products were sub-cloned into pGEM-T easy vector (Promega). These plasmids were treated with NotI, and the resultant ORF fragments of AtRBP45a, AtRBP47b, AtRBP47c, AtRBP47c' and AtUBP1 were cloned into the NotI site of the pFL61 expression vector (Minet et al., 1992), and the ORF fragments of RPL7B were cloned into the NotI site of the pDR195 expression vector (Rentsch et al., 1995). pFL61 And pDR195 carry PGK and PMA1 promoters for expression, respectively.

TABLE 1

(SEQ ID NOS 35-48, respectively, in order of appearance)

Gene	Primer sequences
AtRBP45a	5'-AAAAAGCAGGCTTAATGCAGCAACCACCGTCAAACGC C-3'
	5'-AGAAAGCTGGGTTTCACTGACGTTGCTGCTGATAGT T-3'
AtRBP47a	5'-AAAAAGCAGGCTTAATGCAGACACCAAACAACAACGG T-3'
	5'-AGAAAGCTGGGTTTCAAGAAGCTCCCGGGACTGCAG C-3'
AtRBP47b	5'-AAAAAGCAGGCTTAATGCAGACAACCAACGGCTCAGA T-3'
	5'-AGAAAGCTGGGTTTCAATTCTCCCCATGATAGTTGT T-3'
AtRBP47c	5'-AAAAAGCAGGCTTAATGGCAGACGTCAAGATTCAATC C-3'
	5'-AGAAAGCTGGGTTTCAGCTAACTTGTTGCTGATGAC C-3'
AtRBP47c'	5'-AAAAAGCAGGCTTAATGGCAGACGTCAAGGTTCAATC C-3'
	5'-AGAAAGCTGGGTTTCAGCTAACTTGTTGCTGATGAC C-3'
AtUBP1a	5'-AAAAAGCAGGCTTAATGCAGAATCAAAGGCTTATTAA G-3'
	5'-AGAAAGCTGGGTTTTACTGATAGTACATGAGCTGCT G-3'
RPL7B	5'-AAAAAGCAGGCTTAATGTCCACTGAAAAAATCTT-3'
	5'-AGAAAGCTGGGTTTTAGTTCATAGCCTTAACCA-3'

2.3. Boric Acid Tolerance Assays

For boric acid tolerance assay of AtRBP47c"-related family genes, the expression plasmids were introduced into the *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* strain BY4741. As controls, empty vectors without insert were also introduced into BY4741. The transformants were grown to stationary phase in the SD liquid medium, and then cell densities of the cultures were adjusted to OD_{600}=1.0. These cell density-adjusted cultures were diluted to 1/5, 1/25, 1/125, and 1/625 with the SD liquid medium and 10 μL of diluted cultures were dropped on the SD solid medium with or without 80 mM boric acid and incubated at 30° C. for 7 days.

For analysis in liquid culture, the transformants were grown to stationary phase in the SD liquid medium, and then diluted in the SD liquid medium with or without 80 mM boric acid to adjust the value of OD_{600} to 0.1 for the performance test of high concentration boric acid tolerance.

For analysis of boric acid tolerance of Δrpl7a (Y04443) and Δrpl7b (Y01094) mutants, SD medium containing 2% glucose, 0.67% yeast nitrogen base without amino acids, and 0.05% ammonium sulfate was used, adjusting to pH 5.5 with Tris, and the required amino acids (20 mg/L His, 30 mg/L Leu, 20 mg/L Met, and 20 mg/L Ura) were added. The mutants were obtained from EUROSCARF. To further examine the role of RPL7B in boric acid tolerance, RPL7B was over-expressed in the yeast strain Y04443. Boric acid tolerance assays were carried out as described above.

2.4 Detection of Unspliced Transcripts by RT-PCR

Yeast cells were grown to exponential phase (OD_{600}=0.5-1.0) in SD liquid medium, and then boric acid was added to be 80 mM at final concentration. After 24h incubation at 30° C., one-ml of samples were taken, and the cells were collected by centrifugation, frozen in liquid nitrogen, and stored at −80° C. until use.

Total RNA was extracted from the yeast cells by using an RNeasy Mini Kit (Qiagen), and 1 μg of total RNA was reverse-transcribed by using MuLV reverse-transcriptase (Applied Biosystems) and oligo $(dT)_{16}$ primer. One-fifteenth of the RT products was subjected to PCR with the following cycle: 40-50 times at 94° C. for 30 sec, 45° C. for 30 sec, and 72° C. for 1 min. PCR was carried out with a Smart Cycler (Cepheid) using a DNA polymerase, Ex taq (Takara) . Primer sets used in this analysis are listed in Table 2, which is published as expanded information on the PNAS web site. Amplified transcripts were separated on 2% agarose gel and detected after staining with Etd bromide.

TABLE 2

(SEQ ID NOS 49-134, respectively, in order of appearance)

Gene	Primer sequences	
SNR17A	5'-AATCTGTGTCGACGTACTTC-3'	(Forward)
	5'-AGAAGTACATAGGATGGGTC-3'	(Reverse)
SNR17B	5'-AAAAATTGTCGACGTACTTC-3'	(Forward)
	5'-AAAGGAAGTTATCACAATTG-3'	(Reverse)
YBR230C	5'-CCAGCATCTATGTCTGCAAC-3'	(Forward)
	5'-CGTATCTGGAGTAGTATTTC-3'	(Reverse)
VMA10	5'-GCAAGGTATACAAAGCAGAA-3'	(Forward)
	5'-TCATCCTTTTTCTTCTCTGC-3'	(Reverse)
SEC27	5'-GACACGATGAAGTTGGATAT-3'	(Forward)
	5'-TGACTGTCAAATCATCACTG-3'	(Reverse)
YNL050C	5'-CAGTATAAAAATGTCTGAAT-3'	(Forward)
	5'-TGGTTGATTATTTCTTCTTC-3'	(Reverse)
RPL7B	5'-ATCAACGTCATAATGTCCAC-3'	(Forward)
	5'-TACCAGAGTTGATTCTTGTC-3'	(Reverse)
MUD1	5'-ACCTAAAGAAACCATGTCAG-3'	(Forward)
	5'-TATCAAGGTTGTACGTTTCG-3'	(Reverse)
SNC1	5'-ATGTACAGTCTAAGTCAAGG-3'	(Forward)
	5'-GACTAAAGTGAACAGCAATG-3'	(Reverse)
POP8	5'-GAGAATGGCAATATTTCAAG-3'	(Forward)
	5'-TGTTCTTCTTCTTCCATTAC-3'	(Reverse)
ARP2	5'-TGGACCCACATAATCCAATT-3'	(Forward)
	5'-TTTCGAACATTACCTCACAC-3'	(Reverse)
CNB1	5'-GTGGATGGTCTTTTAGAAGA-3'	(Forward)
	5'-AACTCCTCGAAACTTAAACG-3'	(Reverse)

TABLE 2-continued

(SEQ ID NOS 49-134, respectively, in order of appearance)

Gene	Primer sequences	
RPS22B	5'-TATTGAGACCTTCTTCCAAG-3'	(Forward)
	5'-AAGATTTTACCGGAAACGTG-3'	(Reverse)
YML025C	5'-GACGATAAAAAGAAATTTGGTG-3'	(Forward)
	5'-CTCAAAGCGTTGTTGAAAG-3'	(Reverse)
TUB3	5'-GAGAGAGGTCATTAGTATTA-3'	(Forward)
	5'-TTTTCTAATAACAGGGAACC-3'	(Reverse)
STO1	5'-GTTTAATAGAAAAAGAAGAGGAG-3'	(Forward)
	5'-TAGTTCATCAACTAAAAACATGG-3'	(Reverse)
RPS16A	5'-AGCTGTCCCAAGTGTTCAA-3'	(Forward)
	5'-ACCCTTACCACCGAATTTC-3'	(Reverse)
SAR1	5'-GTTGGGATATTTTTGGTTGG-3'	(Forward)
	5'-AAAGGAACGTCCTTCAATTC-3'	(Reverse)
PM140	5'-AACAAGCTGTTCAGGTTAGA-3'	(Forward)
	5'-GGTTTGTGATTATCATCAGG-3'	(Reverse)
RPL7A	5'-AATTAAAGATCACAATGGCCG-3'	(Forward)
	5'-CTTGGTAACTTTGACGAATG-3'	(Reverse)
YBL091C-A	5'-CAGAAAAGCTGGTGTTCAAG-3'	(Forward)
	5'-TGATTCTGCATCGTGGTTTC-3'	(Reverse)
RPL19A	5'-TTGATTAAGAACTCCAAAGC-3'	(Forward)
	5'-TCTTCTCAAGACACGTAATC-3'	(Reverse)
PCH2	5'-AGATGAGGTTGAAGCAATAG-3'	(Forward)
	5'-CAAGGGCAATTTCCTTATTG-3'	(Reverse)
RPS9B	5'-TAAGACTAAGCAACAATGCC-3'	(Forward)
	5'-AAACCCAACTTGTAGACTTG-3'	(Reverse)
YBR230C	5'-GCATCTCATAATATGTCTGC-3'	(Forward)
	5'-TTGTTGCTAAGACTGTAGAG-3'	(Reverse)
YDR381C-A	5'-CAAATCCATTTCAAAATATAGG-3'	(Forward)
	5'-CTCCTCCTATCTAAAAAACC-3'	(Reverse)
YRA1	5'-AAGAAGAGTTGGTAAGCAAG-3'	(Forward)
	5'-CACCGTTTTTGAATGTGATG-3'	(Reverse)
UBC8	5'-AGCGTAATACGAAAGATGAG-3'	(Forward)
	5'-AGCTTCGTTATTCAAGGGAT-3'	(Reverse)
MND1	5'-GTATCATAAACATTCAACAATG-3'	(Forward)
	5'-CGGATCTGTTGTTTATTCTC-3'	(Reverse)
MER3	5'-AAACAAAGTTTGATCGCCTG-3'	(Forward)
	5'-TCGTGCTCAAACATTTCTTC-3'	(Reverse)
ERV1	5'-AAAATGACGGATAATCCACC-3'	(Forward)
	5'-TTCAAAGTCTTTAGCACACC-3'	(Reverse)
SRB2	5'-CAATCCATCATGGGAAAATC-3'	(Forward)
	5'-CTTGGACGACAAAATAGTGT-3'	(Reverse)
MOB1	5'-AGGACTTCAATTTCCATGTC-3'	(Forward)
	5'-AGTGTCATCTCCACAATTTG-3'	(Reverse)
RPS21A	5'-GAAAACGATAAGGGCCAATT-3'	(Forward)
	5'-CGTTCTTTAACAAACCATCG-3'	(Reverse)
NYV1	5'-TACCAAATGAAACGCTTTAATG-3'	(Forward)
	5'-TCTTCATGGAAAGAGTCTAG-3'	(Reverse)
YLR211C	5'-ATGGAATGAGTACTTTAGCG-3'	(Forward)
	5'-CTTCATTTCCGAGTTTTTGG-3'	(Reverse)
TAD3	5'-AATAGAAAATCGGCTTCTGC-3'	(Forward)
	5'-TATTTGATCATTGGGGTTGC-3'	(Reverse)

TABLE 2-continued

(SEQ ID NOS 49-134, respectively, in order of appearance)

Gene	Primer sequences	
ERV41	5'-GATTGAAGACATTTGATGCG-3'	(Forward)
	5'-TCGCCACTAACTCTATTTAC-3'	(Reverse)
SPO1	5'-ACCATTTCAGGTACAATGTC-3'	(Forward)
	5'-CTTCGGAAATATCGAATTCC-3'	(Reverse)
YOL048C	5'-CTGAAACGATACCAACAATG-3'	(Forward)
	5'-TTTGTGGTTTAGGCAATACC-3'	(Reverse)
RPS9A	5'-ATACAAAAGTATACAACATGCC-3'	(Forward)
	5'-TTTCCAAGAAATCTTCGACC-3'	(Reverse)
CIN2	5'-CTTTACTGCGAAGATAAAGG-3'	(Forward)
	5'-GCCACTATAATCTGTTGTTG-3'	(Reverse)
YRP098C	5'-TCAAAACTACGGCTCATTTG-3'	(Forward)
	5'-TGAACAAAAGACTCAATCCG-3'	(Reverse)

2.4. Salt Tolerance Assays

Salt tolerance assay were carried out as in the above-described. boric acid tolerance assays, except that SD media containing 1.75 M or 2 M NaCl were used.

2.5. Accession Numbers

The GenBank accession numbers for the sequences described in Example 2 are as follows: *Arabidopsis thaliana* sequences AtRBP45a, MN124872; AtRBP45b, MN101037; AtRBP45c, MN118834; AtRBP45d, MN121940; AtRBP47a, MN103848; AtRBP47b, MN112800; AtRBP47c, MN103642; AtRBP47c', MN103643; AtUBP1a, MN104285; AtUBP1b, MN101598; AtUBP1c, MN112266; and *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* sequences RPL7A, X62627; RPL7B, Z73554.

2.6. Result of Isolation of *Arabidopsis thaliana* cDNA Clones that Confer High Boric Acid Tolerance to Yeast

Saccharomyces cerevisiae strain Y01169 was transformed with an *Arabidopsis thaliana* cDNA expression library (Minet, M., Dufour, M. -E., & Lacroute, F. (1992) Plant J. 2, 417-422) and the transformants were selected on dishes containing 80 mM of boric acid. Boric acid at this concentration completely suppressed the formation of colonies of Y01169 cells even after two-week incubation at 26.5° C. In this screening, several colonies of yeast which showed enhanced boric acid tolerances were isolated. It was shown that one of the cDNA clones encodes an RNA binding protein, AtRBP47c'.

2.7. Expression of AtRBP47c'-Related Genes from *Arabidopsis thaliana* Confers Boric Acid Tolerance to Yeast

AtRBP47c' has three RNA recognition motifs (RRM). In *Arabidopsis thaliana* genome, there are eleven genes encoding a protein which has three RRMs and 100 or more of sequence identity scores to AtRBP47c' in BLASTP program. The phylogenetic tree of these AtRBP47c'-related family proteins is shown in FIG. **6**A.

To investigate whether or not the expression of these *Arabidopsis thaliana* genes confers a boric acid tolerance to yeast, ORF sequences corresponding to 6 genes AtRBP45a, AtRBP47a, AtRBP47b, AtRBP47c, AtRBP47c', and AtUBP1a) were cloned into pFL61 expression vector. The plasmids were introduced into the yeast strain BY4741 and boric acid tolerances of these transformants were investi-

gated. As shown in FIG. **6**B, all of the 6 constructs conferred the ability to the yeast strains to grow on 80 mM boric acid-containing SD solid medium to varying extents. To compare the level of boric acid tolerances among those transformants, their growth rates in the presence of boric acid were analyzed in liquid culture. All transformants showed faster growth rate than the control. In the graph, the AtRBP47c'-expressing line showed the fastest growth rate (FIG. **6**C).

2.8. Boric Acid Treatment Inhibits Splicing of RPL7B, but not RPL7A, in Yeast

The present inventors found that the over-expression of AtRBP47c'-related genes conferred a boric acid tolerance. Although roles of these genes in *A. thaliana* are still unknown, similar genes in other plant species were characterized. *Nicotiana plumbaginifolia* RBP45 (Simpson, C. G., Jennings, S. N., Clark, G. P., Thow, G., & Brown, J. W. S. (2004) Plant J. 37, 82-91) and UBP1 (Lambermon, M. H., Simpson, G. G., Wieczorek Kirk, D. A., Hemmings-Mieszczak, M., Klahre, U., & Filipowicz, W. (2000) EMBO J. 19, 1638-1649) were shown to enhance splicing efficiency. This led the present inventors to investigate the effect of boric acid on splicing of randomly selected 20 intron-containing genes in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* by RT-PCR. Among the 6317 nuclear genes in the *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* genome, only 231 genes contain introns (see the website for the Munich Information Center for Protein Sequences. Among the 20 genes investigated, the increase by boric acid treatment in the accumulation of unspliced fragments compared to that of spliced fragments was observed in RPL7B, a gene encoding an essential ribosomal large subunit protein. This suggests that the splicing of RPL7B was inhibited in boric acid-treated yeast (FIG. **7**B).

The RPL7B contains two introns. The size of unspliced fragments indicated that these fragments were derived from splicing of either one of the first and second introns (see FIG. **7**A). To determine which intron is more susceptible to boric acid, the unspliced fragments were cloned and DNA sequences of the eight clones were determined. Six and two clones contained the first intron and the second intron, respectively. This suggests that inhibition occurs both at the first and the second introns and the first intron is more susceptible to high boric acid than the second one. The results also indicate that one of the two introns were correctly spliced, i.e., those unspliced fragments did not derive from genome DNA contamination but from the reverse transcription reaction of RNA.

Moreover, the inhibition of splicing of RPL7B by boric acid was not observed in yeast expressing AtRBP47c' (FIG. **7**B) . This result suggest that AtRBP47c' elevate splicing efficiency of RPL7B in the presence of high boric acid. It is possible that enhancement of splicing efficiency may be the cause of boric acid tolerance in yeast.

RPL7B has a paralog, RPL7A (SEQ ID NO: 32), in the yeast genome. RPL7A gene (SEQ ID NO: 31) also has two introns as in RPL7B gene. The effect of boric acid on the splicing of RPL7A was examined. The splicing inhibition by boric acid was not observed unlike in the case of RPL7B (FIG. **7**C).

2.9. Disruption of RPL7A in Yeast Reduces Boric Acid Tolerance

RPL7A and RPL7B Double Disruption Mutant is Lethal (see the website for the *Saccharomyces* Genome Database), indicating that RPL7 proteins are essential for yeast growth. Considering the differential sensitivity of boric acid to splicing between the two genes, it is possible that the boric acid tolerances of RPL7A- and RPL7B-disruption mutants differ. The Δrpl7b (Y01094) showed a similar level of boric acid tolerance to the wild type *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, whereas a boric acid tolerance of the Δrpl7a (Y04443) was lower than the wild type (FIG. **8**A). The difference in a boric acid tolerance was also evident in liquid culture (FIG. **8**B). These results suggest that the inhibition of RPL7B splicing by boric acid is caused by reduction in a boric acid tolerance of Δrpl7a.

2.10. Expression of Intronless RPL7B in RPL7A-Disrupted Yeast Increases Boric Acid Tolerance

If the reduction in a boric acid tolerance of Δrpl7a is due to the reduction in the level of RPL7 protein by inhibition of RPL7B splicing, expression of intronless RPL7B cDNA should increase the tolerance of Δrpl7a.

It was examined whether the expression of intronless RPL7B in Δrpl7a increases boric acid tolerance. ORF sequence of RPL7B was cloned into pDR195 expression vector. The plasmid was then introduced into the Δrpl7a and a boric acid tolerance in the transformant was investigated. As shown in FIG. **8**C, the expression of intronless RPL7B increased boric acid tolerance in Δrpl7a. This result indicates that the inhibition of RPL7B splicing is the cause of growth cessation by highly concentrated boric acid in Δrpl7a.

2.11. Analysis of Splicing Inhibition in Genes Containing Noncanonical Branchpoint Sequences by Boric Acid Treatment

RPL7B has a noncanonical branchpoint sequence in its first intron (see Table 3). 28 genes containing such noncanonical branchpoint sequences among 231 nuclear intron-containing genes were found. Among the 28 genes, increase in the level of unspliced fragments by boric acid treatment compared to that of spliced fragments was observed in nine genes (FIG. **9**). These genes are ERV1, ERV41, NYV1, RPS9A, RPS9B, SRB2, YOL048C, YPR098C, and YRA1.

TABLE 3

	5′ splice site	Branchpoint	3′ splice site
Consensus sequence	GUAUGU	UACUAAC	YAG
First intron	GUAUGU	U**C**CUAAC	UAG
Second intron	GUAUGU	UACUAAC	UAG

Table 3 shows three consensus sequences, 5' splice site, branchpoint, and 3' splice site, that were recognized in yeast. A transition point from A to G in branchpoint of the first intron is represented by white letter in black background. Y represents pyrimidine ribonucleotides (C or U).

The effects of over-expression of AtRBP47c' on the splicing inhibition of those genes by boric acid was analyzed. As shown in FIG. **9**, the level of splicing inhibition of NYV1 and SRB2 was impaired in yeast expressing AtRBP47c'. NYV1

and SRB2 encode v-SNARE protein and RNA polymerase II holoenzyme protein, respectively. These results strongly suggest that the mechanism of conferring a boric acid tolerance to yeast by over-expression of AtRBP47c' is the enhancement of splicing efficiency.

2.12. Effects of Salt Treatment are Different from those of Boric Acid Treatment

Over-expression of splicing factor genes confers salt tolerance to yeast and/or plants (Forment, J., Naranjo, M. A., Roldan, M., Serrano, R., & Vicente, O. (2002) Plant J. 30, 511-519, 2002; Serrano, R., Gaxiola, R., Rios, G., Forment, J., Vicente, O., & Ros, R. (2003) Monatsh. Chem. 134, 1445-1464). It was examined whether AtRBP47c'-related genes also confer salt tolerance to yeast. All six AtRBP47c'-related genes tested in this study did not increase the salt tolerance in yeast (FIG. **10**A). Furthermore, inhibition of splicing of RPL7B was not observed in cells exposed to high salt (FIG. **10**B) . These results suggest that AtRBP47c'-related genes do not function in salt tolerance and that inhibition of RPL7B splicing is likely to be unique to boric acid treatment.

2.13. Discussion

AtRBP47c' was isolated from *Arabidopsis thaliana* as a gene that confers a boric acid tolerance to yeast cells by yeast complementation. In yeast genome, there are seven genes encoding a protein-which has three RRMs and 100 or more of sequence identity scores to AtRBP47c' in BLASTP program. Among these genes, the most similar gene to AtRBP47c' is NAM8. Although NAM8 was originally isolated as a suppressor of mitochondrial splicing deficiencies (Ekwall, K., Kermorgant, M., Dujardin, G., Groudinsky, O., & Slonimski, P. P. (1992) Mol. Gene. Genet.233, 136-144), subsequent analysis showed that NAM8 interacts with U1snRNA and that NAM8 is indispensable for efficient 5' splice site recognition when this process is impaired as a result of the presence of noncanonical 5' slice sites (Gottschalk, A, Tang, J., Puig, O., Salgado, J., Neubauer, G., Colot, H. V., Mann, M., Seraphin, B., Rosbash, M., Luhrmann, R., & Fabrizio, P. (1998) RNA 4, 374-393.; Puig, O., Gottschalk, A., Fabrizio, P., & Seraphin, B. (1999) Gene. Dev. 13, 569-580). From these observations, it was hypothesized that AtRBP47c' might play a similar role with NAM8 in a boric acid tolerance. However, over-expression of NAM8 did not confer a boric acid tolerance to yeast and NAM8-disrupted mutants were tolerant to boric acid as well as wild type, indicating that AAtRBP47c' has possibilities to be involved in an another step of splicing processes and/or other reaction(s) in boric acid tolerance.

In this study, it was found that boric acid could inhibit splicing of RPL7B among randomly selected 20 genes in yeast (FIG. **7**B) . By analysis of the DNA sequence in the first intron of this gene, it became clear that the first intron has a transition in the consensus sequence of the branchpoint. As shown in Table 1, the second A in the branchpoint consensus sequence is converted to G in the first intron of RPL7B. The binding of branchpoint bridging protein (BBP) to the branchpoint is a critical step in splicing progression (Abovich and Rosbash, 1997). Affinity between BBP and branchpoint sequence is known to be an important factor for splicing efficiency (Champion-Arnaud, et al., 1995). It has been reported that especially, this type of transition from A to G in second nucleotide of branchpoint sequence showed an approximately 10% decrease in the affinity with BBP (Berglund, J. A., Chua, K., Abovich, N., Reed, R., & Rosbash, M. (1997) Cell 89, 781-787). Therefore, it is likely that RPL7B is one of the genes with low splicing efficiency.

It is reported that the second step of splicing is inhibited by boric acid treatment in HeLa cell in vitro splicing system (Shomron, N., & Ast, G. (2003) FEBS Lett. 552, 219-224). The second step of splicing is a process in which the treated 3' end of an exon is ligated to 5' end of the next exon. Considering that boric acid binds to cis-diol in ribose (Ralston, N. V. C., & Hunt, C. D. (2000) FASEB J. 14, A538; Nicholas et al., 2001; Ricardo, A., Carrigan, M. A., Olcott, A. N., & Benner, S. A. (2004) Science 303, 196), it is likely that the ligation reaction in second step of splicing is inhibited by the binding of boric acid to the 3' end of an exon. The above Shomron and Ast (2003) has been reported that inhibition of splicing by boric acid at the second step is a general phenomenon, as five different mRNA precursors exhibited a similar pattern of inhibition. In that case, inhibition of the splicing in yeast should occur similarly with all introns. However, among the 20 genes tested in the initial step of this study, the only gene in which inhibition was observed was RPL7B (FIG. **7**B).

A possible explanation of this specific inhibition is as follows. The inhibition of splicing in the second step by boric acid takes place with all intron-containing genes in yeast. At this step, intron-including splicing intermediates, which should be rapidly degraded when the splicing progresses normally, accumulate. The accumulation of intermediates inhibits normal turnover. In such a situation, genes having introns with low splicing efficiency are likely to be more susceptible to the inhibition of splicing by boric acid. As one of such genes, a gene containing a noncanonical branchpoint sequence such as RPL7B can be exemplified. This speculation was verified by analysis of the inhibition of splicing by high boric acid on other genes having the same feature (FIG. **9**). In the analysis, it was found that high boric acid treatment inhibits splicing of nine genes containing noncanonical branchpoint sequences except for RPL7B. This result clearly indicates that one of the toxic mechanisms of boric acid is inhibition of splicing of genes having introns with low splicing efficiency. Moreover, it was found that the splicing inhibitions of two genes among those nine genes were impaired by over-expression of AtRBP47c' (FIG. **9**). This result suggests that a boric acid tolerance by over-expression of AtRBP47c' may be achieved by the enhancement of splicing efficiency of part of genes among many genes of which splicing is inhibited during high boric acid treatment. Hence, splicing inhibition of a limited number of genes might be a cause of growth inhibition.

The AtRBP47c'-related proteins have three RRMs. RNA binding activity of RBP45, RBP47, and UBP1 of *N. plumbaginifolia* has been confirmed. All of these proteins tend to bind with U-rich sequence (Lambermon, M. H., Simpson, G. G., Wieczorek Kirk, D. A., Hemmings-Mieszczak, M., Klahre, U., & Filipowicz, W. (2000) EMBO J. 19, 1638-1649: Lorkovic, Z. J., Wieczorek Kirk, D. A., Klahre, U., Hemmings-Mieszczak, M., & Filipowicz, W. (2000). RNA 6, 1610-1624). Moreover, deletion analysis of RBP45 in *N. plumbaginifolia* indicated that at least two RRMs are required for interaction with RNA (Lorkovic et al., 2000). Although an RRM was thought to be involved in RNA binding, it was shown that an RRM of a certain protein participates in interaction with other proteins (Kielkopf, C. L., Lucke, S., & Green, M. R. (2004) Gene Dev. 18, 1513-1526). Especially, yeast $U2AF^{65}$, a splicing factor containing three RRMs, is reported that the third RRM is bound to BBP (Rain, J. C., Rafi, Z., Rhani, Z., Legrain, P., & Kramer, A. (1998) RNA 4, 551-565). These results suggest that AtRBP47c' may also interact with BBP. Furthermore, analysis of RBP7B first intron and SRB2 intron sequences revealed that there are U-rich sequences at the 3' side of the branchpoint. Taking the results together, it was hypothesized that AtRBP47c' stabilizes the interaction of BBP with branchpoint and the U-rich

sequence of the branchpoint by binding with BBP, and as a result, the efficiency of splicing is increased.

It is reported that splicing is also inhibited by salt stress. Furthermore, over-production of several splicing factors such as SR protein have been also reported to increase salt tolerance in yeast and plants (Forment, J., Naranjo, M. A., Roldan, M., Serrano, R., & Vicente, O. (2002) Plant J. 30,511-519, 2002; Serrano, R., Gaxiola, R., Rios, G., Forment, J., Vicente, O., & Ros, R. (2003) Monatsh. Chem. 134, 1445-1464). In the present study, however, over-expression of AtRBP47c'-related genes did not confer salt tolerance to yeast (FIG. **10**A), and inhibition of splicing of RPL7B was not detected after salt treatment (FIG. **10**B). These results suggest that the mechanism of splicing inhibition is different between salt treatment and boric acid treatment.

Example 2 is the first report showing that the key of the toxic mechanisms of boric acid is the specific inhibition of splicing and that genes involved in enhancement of splicing efficiency lead to the boric acid tolerance. However, the toxic mechanisms other than the inhibition of splicing should exist, since-toxic effect of boric acid is observed in the prokaryotes in which splicing are not performed.

The invention is further described by the following numbered paragraphs:

1. A DNA encoding a protein that has an activity of conferring a boric acid tolerance and consists of the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28 or 30.

2. A DNA encoding a protein that consists of the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28 or 30 and has an activity of conferring a boric acid tolerance.

3. A gene DNA conferring a boric acid tolerance, which consists of the base sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27 or 29 or a complementary sequence thereof.

4. A DNA encoding a protein that consists of a base sequence wherein one or a few bases are deleted, substituted or added in the base sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27 or 29, and has an activity of conferring a boric acid tolerance.

5. A DNA encoding a protein that hybridizes with the DNA according to paragraph 3 under stringent conditions and has an activity of conferring a boric acid tolerance.

6. A protein having an activity of conferring a boric acid tolerance, which consists of the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28 or 30.

7. A protein consisting of an amino sequence wherein one or a few amino acids are deleted, substituted or added in the amino sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28 or 30; and having an activity of conferring a boric acid tolerance.

8. A recombinant vector including the DNA according to any one of paragraphs 1 to 5, which can express a protein conferring a boric acid tolerance.

9. A transformant wherein the recombinant vector according to paragraph 8 is introduced, which can express a protein conferring a boric acid tolerance.

10. The transformant according to paragraph 9 wherein the transformant is yeast.

11. The transformant according to paragraph 9 wherein the transformant is a plant.

12. A method for screening a gene conferring a boric acid tolerance, comprising the steps of transforming a YNL275w-disrupted yeast which is deficient in and not expressing YNL275w gene by using a gene library, culturing the obtained transformed YNL275w-disrupted yeast in a medium containing boric acid, and measuring/evaluating an activity of conferring a boric acid tolerance of the transformed YNL275w-disrupted yeast.

13. A method for screening a gene conferring a boric acid tolerance wherein an enhancement level of splicing efficiency is measured/evaluated by targeting a specific inhibition of splicing by boric acid.

14. The method for screening a gene conferring a boric acid tolerance according to paragraph 13, comprising the steps of expressing a test substance in yeast cells, culturing the expressed test substance in the presence of boric acid, and measuring/evaluating an improvement level of a specific inhibition of splicing by boric acid in an intron-containing gene in yeast, as an enhancement level of splicing efficiency.

15. The method for screening a gene conferring a boric acid tolerance according to paragraph 14 wherein the gene containing intron in yeast is a gene RPL7B in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* genome.

16. Use of the DNA according to any one of paragraphs 1 to 5 as a gene conferring a boric acid tolerance.

17. Use of the DNA according to any one of paragraphs 1 to 5 for producing a plant or yeast conferred a boric acid tolerance.

18. Use of the protein according to paragraph 6 or 7 as a protein having an activity of conferring a boric acid tolerance.

19. Use of the protein according to paragraph 6 or 7 for producing a plant or yeast conferred a boric acid tolerance.

Having thus described in detail preferred embodiments of the present invention, it is to be understood that the invention defined by the above paragraphs is not to be limited to particular details set forth in the above description as many apparent variations thereof are possible without departing from the spirit or scope of the present invention.

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Gly Tyr Met Pro Ser Gly Ala Phe Thr Arg Ser Glu Gly Asp Thr Ile
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Asp Leu Lys Gln Pro Phe Ser Glu Phe Gly Glu Ile Val Ser Val Lys
                325                 330                 335

Ile Pro Val Gly Lys Gly Cys Gly Phe Val Gln Phe Val Asn Arg Pro
            340                 345                 350

Asn Ala Glu Glu Ala Leu Glu Lys Leu Asn Gly Thr Val Ile Gly Lys
        355                 360                 365

Gln Thr Val Arg Leu Ser Trp Gly Arg Asn Pro Ala Asn Lys Gln Pro
    370                 375                 380

Arg Asp Lys Tyr Gly Asn Gln Trp Val Asp Pro Tyr Tyr Gly Gly Gln
385                 390                 395                 400

Phe Tyr Asn Gly Tyr Gly Tyr Met Val Pro Gln Pro Asp Pro Arg Met
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Lys Asn Leu Glu Lys Val Cys Thr Asp Leu Val Arg Gly Ala Lys Asp
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65                  70                  75                  80

Asp Arg Phe Glu Leu Arg Val His Lys Arg Val Ile Asp Leu Phe Ser
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            20                  25                  30

Gly His Pro Asn Trp Arg Ala Leu Pro Lys Leu Ala Gly Leu Leu Arg
        35                  40                  45

Cys Gly Lys Ser Cys Arg Leu Arg Trp Ile Asn Tyr Leu Arg Pro Asp
    50                  55                  60

Ile Lys Arg Gly Asn Phe Thr Pro His Glu Glu Asp Thr Ile Ile Ser
65                  70                  75                  80

Leu His Gln Leu Leu Gly Asn Arg Trp Ser Ala Ile Ala Ala Lys Leu
                85                  90                  95

Pro Gly Arg Thr Asp Asn Glu Ile Lys Asn Val Trp His Thr His Leu
            100                 105                 110
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Lys Lys Arg Leu His His Ser Gln Asp Gln Asn Asn Lys Glu Asp Phe
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Val Ser Thr Thr Ala Ala Glu Met Pro Thr Ser Pro Gln Gln Gln Ser
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Ser Ser Ser Ala Asp Ile Ser Ala Ile Thr Thr Leu Gly Asn Asn Asn
145                 150                 155                 160

Asp Ile Ser Asn Ser Asn Lys Asp Ser Ala Thr Ser Ser Glu Asp Val
                165                 170                 175

Leu Ala Ile Ile Asp Glu Ser Phe Trp Ser Glu Val Val Leu Met Asp
            180                 185                 190

Cys Asp Ile Ser Gly Asn Glu Lys Asn Glu Lys Lys Ile Glu Asn Trp
        195                 200                 205

Glu Gly Ser Leu Asp Arg Asn Asp Lys Gly Tyr Asn His Asp Met Glu
    210                 215                 220

Phe Trp Phe Asp His Leu Thr Ser Ser Ser Cys Ile Ile Gly Glu Met
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Gly Thr Gly Gly Asn Trp Ile Ala Leu Pro Gln Lys Ile Gly Leu Arg
        35                  40                  45

Arg Cys Gly Lys Ser Cys Arg Leu Arg Trp Leu Asn Tyr Leu Arg Pro
    50                  55                  60

Asn Ile Lys His Gly Gly Phe Ser Glu Glu Glu Asp Asn Ile Ile Cys
65                  70                  75                  80

Asn Leu Tyr Val Thr Ile Gly Ser Arg Trp Ser Ile Ile Ala Ala Gln
                85                  90                  95

Leu Pro Gly Arg Thr Asp Asn Asp Ile Lys Asn Tyr Trp Asn Thr Arg
            100                 105                 110

Leu Lys Lys Lys Leu Leu Asn Lys Gln Arg Lys Glu Phe Gln Glu Ala
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Arg Met Lys Gln Glu Met Val Met Met Lys Arg Gln Gln Gln Gly Gln
    130                 135                 140

Gly Gln Gly Gln Ser Asn Gly Ser Thr Asp Leu Tyr Leu Asn Asn Met
145                 150                 155                 160

Phe Gly Ser Ser Pro Trp Pro Leu Leu Pro Gln Leu Pro Pro Pro His
                165                 170                 175

His Gln Ile Pro Leu Gly Met Met Glu Pro Thr Ser Cys Asn Tyr Tyr
            180                 185                 190

Gln Thr Thr Pro Ser Cys Asn Leu Glu Gln Lys Pro Leu Ile Thr Leu
        195                 200                 205

Lys Asn Met Val Lys Ile Glu Glu Glu Gln Glu Arg Thr Asn Pro Asp
    210                 215                 220

His His His Gln Asp Ser Val Thr Asn Pro Phe Asp Phe Ser Phe Ser
225                 230                 235                 240

Gln Leu Leu Leu Asp Pro Asn Tyr Tyr Leu Gly Ser Gly Gly Gly Gly
                245                 250                 255

Glu Gly Asp Phe Ala Ile Met Ser Ser Ser Thr Asn Ser Pro Leu Pro
            260                 265                 270

Asn Thr Ser Ser Asp Gln His Pro Ser Gln Gln Gln Glu Ile Leu Gln
        275                 280                 285

Trp Phe Gly Ser Ser Asn Phe Gln Thr Glu Ala Ile Asn Asp Met Phe
    290                 295                 300

Ile Asn Asn Asn Asn Asn Ile Val Asn Leu Glu Thr Ile Glu Asn Thr
305                 310                 315                 320

Lys Val Tyr Gly Asp Ala Ser Val Ala Gly Ala Ala Val Arg Ala Ala
                325                 330                 335

Leu Gly Gly Gly Thr Thr Ser Thr Ser Ala Asp Gln Ser Thr Ile Ser
            340                 345                 350

Trp Glu Asp Ile Thr Ser Leu Val Asn Ser Glu Asp Ala Ser Tyr Phe
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20 25 30

Gln Met Gln Leu Ser Ala Ala Pro Leu Gly Gln His Gln Tyr Gly Ile
35 40 45

Gly Ser Gln Asn Pro Gly Ser Ala Ser Asp Val Lys Ser Leu Trp Ile
50 55 60

Gly Asp Leu Gln Gln Trp Met Asp Glu Asn Tyr Ile Met Ser Val Phe
65 70 75 80

Ala Gln Ser Gly Glu Ala Thr Ser Ala Lys Val Ile Arg Asn Lys Leu
85 90 95

Thr Gly Gln Ser Glu Gly Tyr Gly Phe Ile Glu Phe Val Ser His Ser
100 105 110

Val Ala Glu Arg Val Leu Gln Thr Tyr Asn Gly Ala Pro Met Pro Ser
115 120 125

Thr Glu Gln Thr Phe Arg Leu Asn Trp Ala Gln Ala Gly Ala Gly Glu
130 135 140

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Lys Arg Phe Gln Thr Glu Gly Pro Asp His Thr Ile Phe Val Gly Asp
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Leu Ala Pro Glu Val Thr Asp Tyr Met Leu Ser Asp Thr Phe Lys Asn
                165                 170                 175

Val Tyr Gly Ser Val Lys Gly Ala Lys Val Val Leu Asp Arg Thr Thr
            180                 185                 190

Gly Arg Ser Lys Gly Tyr Gly Phe Val Arg Phe Ala Asp Glu Asn Glu
        195                 200                 205

Gln Met Arg Ala Met Thr Glu Met Asn Gly Gln Tyr Cys Ser Thr Arg
    210                 215                 220

Pro Met Arg Ile Gly Pro Ala Ala Asn Lys Asn Ala Leu Pro Met Gln
225                 230                 235                 240

Pro Ala Met Tyr Gln Asn Thr Gln Gly Ala Asn Ala Gly Asp Asn Asp
                245                 250                 255

Pro Asn Asn Thr Thr Ile Phe Val Gly Gly Leu Asp Ala Asn Val Thr
            260                 265                 270

Asp Asp Glu Leu Lys Ser Ile Phe Gly Gln Phe Gly Glu Leu Leu His
        275                 280                 285

Val Lys Ile Pro Pro Gly Lys Arg Cys Gly Phe Val Gln Tyr Ala Asn
    290                 295                 300

Lys Ala Ser Ala Glu His Ala Leu Ser Val Leu Asn Gly Thr Gln Leu
305                 310                 315                 320

Gly Gly Gln Ser Ile Arg Leu Ser Trp Gly Arg Ser Pro Asn Lys Gln
                325                 330                 335

Ser Asp Gln Ala Gln Trp Asn Gly Gly Gly Tyr Tyr Gly Tyr Pro Pro
            340                 345                 350

Gln Pro Gln Gly Gly Tyr Gly Tyr Ala Ala Gln Pro Pro Thr Gln Asp
        355                 360                 365

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Ala Gly Ala Ala Pro Pro Pro Pro Gln Met Trp Asn Pro Gln Ala Ala
35 40 45

Ala Pro Pro Ser Val Gln Pro Thr Thr Ala Asp Glu Ile Arg Thr Leu
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Trp Ile Gly Asp Leu Gln Tyr Trp Met Asp Glu Asn Phe Leu Tyr Gly
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Cys Phe Ala His Thr Gly Glu Met Val Ser Ala Lys Val Ile Arg Asn
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Lys Gln Thr Gly Gln Val Glu Gly Tyr Gly Phe Ile Glu Phe Ala Ser
100 105 110

His Ala Ala Ala Glu Arg Val Leu Gln Thr Phe Asn Asn Ala Pro Ile
115 120 125

Pro Ser Phe Pro Asp Gln Leu Phe Arg Leu Asn Trp Ala Ser Leu Ser
130 135 140

Ser Gly Asp Lys Arg Asp Asp Ser Pro Asp Tyr Thr Ile Phe Val Gly
145 150 155 160

Asp Leu Ala Ala Asp Val Thr Asp Tyr Ile Leu Leu Glu Thr Phe Arg
165 170 175

Ala Ser Tyr Pro Ser Val Lys Gly Ala Lys Val Val Ile Asp Arg Val
180 185 190

Thr Gly Arg Thr Lys Gly Tyr Gly Phe Val Arg Phe Ser Asp Glu Ser
195 200 205

Glu Gln Ile Arg Ala Met Thr Glu Met Asn Gly Val Pro Cys Ser Thr
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Arg Pro Met Arg Ile Gly Pro Ala Ala Ser Lys Lys Gly Val Thr Gly
225 230 235 240

Gln Arg Asp Ser Tyr Gln Ser Ser Ala Ala Gly Val Thr Thr Asp Asn
245 250 255

Asp Pro Asn Asn Thr Thr Val Phe Val Gly Gly Leu Asp Ala Ser Val
260 265 270

Thr Asp Asp His Leu Lys Asn Val Phe Ser Gln Tyr Gly Glu Ile Val

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His Val Lys Ile Pro Ala Gly Lys Arg Cys Gly Phe Val Gln Phe Ser
    290                 295                 300

Glu Lys Ser Cys Ala Glu Glu Ala Leu Arg Met Leu Asn Gly Val Gln
305                 310                 315                 320

Leu Gly Gly Thr Thr Val Arg Leu Ser Trp Gly Arg Ser Pro Ser Asn
                325                 330                 335

Lys Gln Ser Gly Asp Pro Ser Gln Phe Tyr Tyr Gly Gly Tyr Gly Gln
            340                 345                 350

Gly Gln Glu Gln Tyr Gly Tyr Thr Met Pro Gln Asp Pro Asn Ala Tyr
        355                 360                 365

Tyr Gly Gly Tyr Ser Gly Gly Gly Tyr Ser Gly Gly Tyr Gln Gln Thr
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Pro Gln Ala Gly Gln Gln Pro Pro Gln Gln Pro Pro Gln Gln Gln Gln
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35 40 45

Trp Asn Gln Gln Ser Ala Pro Ser Ser Gly Gln Pro Gln Gln Gln Gln
50 55 60

Tyr Gly Gly Gly Gly Ser Gln Asn Pro Gly Ser Ala Gly Glu Ile Arg
65 70 75 80

Ser Leu Trp Ile Gly Asp Leu Gln Pro Trp Met Asp Glu Asn Tyr Leu
85 90 95

Met Asn Val Phe Gly Leu Thr Gly Glu Ala Thr Ala Ala Lys Val Ile
100 105 110

Arg Asn Lys Gln Asn Gly Tyr Ser Glu Gly Tyr Gly Phe Ile Glu Phe
115 120 125

Val Asn His Ala Thr Ala Glu Arg Asn Leu Gln Thr Tyr Asn Gly Ala
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Pro Met Pro Ser Ser Glu Gln Ala Phe Arg Leu Asn Trp Ala Gln Leu
145 150 155 160

Gly Ala Gly Glu Arg Arg Gln Ala Glu Gly Pro Glu His Thr Val Phe
165 170 175

Val Gly Asp Leu Ala Pro Asp Val Thr Asp His Met Leu Thr Glu Thr
180 185 190

Phe Lys Ala Val Tyr Ser Ser Val Lys Gly Ala Lys Val Val Asn Asp
195 200 205

Arg Thr Thr Gly Arg Ser Lys Gly Tyr Gly Phe Val Arg Phe Ala Asp
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Glu Ser Glu Gln Ile Arg Ala Met Thr Glu Met Asn Gly Gln Tyr Cys
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Ser Ser Arg Pro Met Arg Thr Gly Pro Ala Ala Asn Lys Lys Pro Leu
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Thr Met Gln Pro Ala Ser Tyr Gln Asn Thr Gln Gly Asn Ser Gly Glu
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Ser Asp Pro Thr Asn Thr Thr Ile Phe Val Gly Ala Val Asp Gln Ser
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Asn Lys Gln Thr Gln Pro Asp Gln Ala Gln Tyr Gly Gly Gly Gly Gly
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Tyr Tyr Gly Tyr Pro Pro Gln Gly Tyr Glu Ala Tyr Gly Tyr Ala Pro
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Pro Pro Gln Asp Pro Asn Ala Tyr Tyr Gly Gly Tyr Ala Gly Gly Gly
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ggagatttag cacctgatgt tacagattat cttcttcaag agacattccg tgttcattat 420

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Tyr Trp Val Asp Glu Asn Tyr Leu Thr Ser Cys Phe Ser Gln Thr Gly
35 40 45

Glu Leu Val Ser Val Lys Val Ile Arg Asn Lys Ile Thr Gly Gln Pro
50 55 60

Glu Gly Tyr Gly Phe Ile Glu Phe Ile Ser His Ala Ala Ala Glu Arg
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Gly Pro Asp His Ser Ile Phe Val Gly Asp Leu Ala Pro Asp Val Thr
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Asp Tyr Leu Leu Gln Glu Thr Phe Arg Val His Tyr Ser Ser Val Arg
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Gly Ala Lys Val Val Thr Asp Pro Ser Thr Gly Arg Ser Lys Gly Tyr
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Gly Phe Val Lys Phe Ala Glu Glu Ser Glu Arg Asn Arg Ala Met Ala
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Glu Met Asn Gly Leu Tyr Cys Ser Thr Arg Pro Met Arg Ile Ser Ala
            180                 185                 190

Ala Thr Pro Lys Lys Asn Val Gly Val Gln Gln Gln Tyr Val Thr Lys
        195                 200                 205

Ala Val Tyr Pro Val Thr Val Pro Ser Ala Val Ala Ala Pro Val Gln
    210                 215                 220

Ala Tyr Val Ala Pro Pro Glu Ser Asp Val Thr Cys Thr Thr Ile Ser
225                 230                 235                 240

Val Ala Asn Leu Asp Gln Asn Val Thr Glu Glu Glu Leu Lys Lys Ala
                245                 250                 255

Phe Ser Gln Leu Gly Glu Val Ile Tyr Val Lys Ile Pro Ala Thr Lys
            260                 265                 270

Gly Tyr Gly Tyr Val Gln Phe Lys Thr Arg Pro Ser Ala Glu Glu Ala
        275                 280                 285

Val Gln Arg Met Gln Gly Gln Val Ile Gly Gln Gln Ala Val Arg Ile
    290                 295                 300

Ser Trp Ser Lys Asn Pro Gly Gln Asp Gly Trp Val Thr Gln Ala Asp
305                 310                 315                 320

Pro Asn Gln Trp Asn Gly Tyr Tyr Gly Tyr Gly Gln Gly Tyr Asp Ala
                325                 330                 335

Tyr Ala Tyr Gly Ala Thr Gln Asp Pro Ser Val Tyr Ala Tyr Gly Gly
            340                 345                 350

Tyr Gly Tyr Pro Gln Tyr Pro Gln Gln Gly Glu Gly Thr Gln Asp Ile
        355                 360                 365

Ser Asn Ser Ala Ala Gly Gly Val Ala Gly Ala Glu Gln Glu Leu Tyr
    370                 375                 380

Asp Pro Leu Ala Thr Pro Asp Val Asp Lys Leu Asn Ala Ala Tyr Leu
385                 390                 395                 400

Ser Val His Ala Ser Ala Ile Leu Gly Arg Pro Met Trp Gln Arg Thr
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caacatcacc agagtcagca gcagccacgc ggtggatctg gtggtgatga tgtcaagact    360

ctttgggttg gtgatcttct tcattggatg gatgagactt atctccatac ctgtttctct    420

cacaccaatg aggtttcttc tgtgaaagtt atacgcaaca agcaaacttg tcaatctgaa    480

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Pro Pro Gln Gln Gln Gln Gln Gln Gln Trp Gln Gln Gln Gln Gln Trp
        35                  40                  45

Met Ala Ala Met Gln Gln Tyr Pro Ala Ala Ala Met Ala Met Met Gln
    50                  55                  60

Gln Gln Gln Met Met Met Tyr Pro His Pro Gln Tyr Ala Pro Tyr Asn
65                  70                  75                  80

Gln Ala Ala Tyr Gln Gln His Pro Gln Phe Gln Tyr Ala Ala Tyr Gln
                85                  90                  95

Gln Gln Gln Gln Gln His His Gln Ser Gln Gln Gln Pro Arg Gly Gly
            100                 105                 110

Ser Gly Gly Asp Asp Val Lys Thr Leu Trp Val Gly Asp Leu Leu His
        115                 120                 125

Trp Met Asp Glu Thr Tyr Leu His Thr Cys Phe Ser His Thr Asn Glu
    130                 135                 140

Val Ser Ser Val Lys Val Ile Arg Asn Lys Gln Thr Cys Gln Ser Glu
145                 150                 155                 160
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Gly Tyr Gly Phe Val Glu Phe Leu Ser Arg Ser Ala Ala Glu Glu Ala
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Leu Gln Ser Phe Ser Gly Val Thr Met Pro Asn Ala Glu Gln Pro Phe
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Arg Leu Asn Trp Ala Ser Phe Ser Thr Gly Glu Lys Arg Ala Ser Glu
        195                 200                 205

Asn Gly Pro Asp Leu Ser Ile Phe Val Gly Asp Leu Ala Pro Asp Val
    210                 215                 220

Ser Asp Ala Val Leu Leu Glu Thr Phe Ala Gly Arg Tyr Pro Ser Val
225                 230                 235                 240

Lys Gly Ala Lys Val Val Ile Asp Ser Asn Thr Gly Arg Ser Lys Gly
                245                 250                 255

Tyr Gly Phe Val Arg Phe Gly Asp Glu Asn Glu Arg Ser Arg Ala Met
            260                 265                 270

Thr Glu Met Asn Gly Ala Phe Cys Ser Ser Arg Gln Met Arg Val Gly
        275                 280                 285

Ile Ala Thr Pro Lys Arg Ala Ala Ala Tyr Gly Gln Gln Asn Gly Ser
    290                 295                 300

Gln Ala Leu Thr Leu Ala Gly Gly His Gly Gly Asn Gly Ser Met Ser
305                 310                 315                 320

Asp Gly Glu Ser Asn Asn Ser Thr Ile Phe Val Gly Gly Leu Asp Ala
                325                 330                 335

Asp Val Thr Glu Glu Asp Leu Met Gln Pro Phe Ser Asp Phe Gly Glu
            340                 345                 350

Val Val Ser Val Lys Ile Pro Val Gly Lys Gly Cys Gly Phe Val Gln
        355                 360                 365

Phe Ala Asn Arg Gln Ser Ala Glu Glu Ala Ile Gly Asn Leu Asn Gly
    370                 375                 380

Thr Val Ile Gly Lys Asn Thr Val Arg Leu Ser Trp Gly Arg Ser Pro
385                 390                 395                 400

Asn Lys Gln Trp Arg Ser Asp Ser Gly Asn Gln Trp Asn Gly Gly Tyr
                405                 410                 415

Ser Arg Gly Gln Gly Tyr Asn Asn Gly Tyr Ala Asn Gln Asp Ser Asn
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Met Tyr Ala Thr Ala Ala Ala Ala Val Pro Gly Ala Ser
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<210> SEQ ID NO 21
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<400> SEQUENCE: 21

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atggctgcca tgcaatatcc accagcggcg gcgatgatga tgatgcagca gcaacagatg    180

ctgatgtatc ctcatcaata tgttccgtat aatcaaggtc cttatcagca gcatcatcct    240

cagcttcacc aatacgggtc ttatcaacag caccagcacc agcaacacaa ggctattgac    300

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gagacttatc tccattcttg cttttctcac accggcgagg tttcttctgt gaaagttata    420

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gcaacaatat ttgttggcgg cattgaccct gatgttattg atgaagacct cagacaacct   1020

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Thr Pro Pro Asn Gln Gln Thr Pro Pro Pro Pro Gln Gln Trp Gln Gln
            20                  25                  30

Gln Gln Gln Gln Gln Gln Gln Trp Met Ala Ala Met Gln Tyr Pro Pro
        35                  40                  45

Ala Ala Ala Met Met Met Met Gln Gln Gln Gln Met Leu Met Tyr Pro
    50                  55                  60

His Gln Tyr Val Pro Tyr Asn Gln Gly Pro Tyr Gln Gln His His Pro
65                  70                  75                  80

Gln Leu His Gln Tyr Gly Ser Tyr Gln Gln His Gln His Gln Gln His
                85                  90                  95

Lys Ala Ile Asp Arg Gly Ser Gly Asp Asp Val Lys Thr Leu Trp Val
            100                 105                 110

Gly Asp Leu Leu His Trp Met Asp Glu Thr Tyr Leu His Ser Cys Phe
        115                 120                 125

Ser His Thr Gly Glu Val Ser Ser Val Lys Val Ile Arg Asn Lys Leu
    130                 135                 140

Thr Ser Gln Ser Glu Gly Tyr Gly Phe Val Glu Phe Leu Ser Arg Ala
145                 150                 155                 160

Ala Ala Glu Glu Val Leu Gln Asn Tyr Ser Gly Ser Val Met Pro Asn
                165                 170                 175

Ser Asp Gln Pro Phe Arg Ile Asn Trp Ala Ser Phe Ser Thr Gly Glu
            180                 185                 190

Lys Arg Ala Val Glu Asn Gly Pro Asp Leu Ser Val Phe Val Gly Asp
        195                 200                 205

Leu Ser Pro Asp Val Thr Asp Val Leu Leu His Glu Thr Phe Ser Asp
    210                 215                 220

Arg Tyr Pro Ser Val Lys Ser Ala Lys Val Val Ile Asp Ser Asn Thr
225                 230                 235                 240
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Gly Arg Ser Lys Gly Tyr Gly Phe Val Arg Phe Gly Asp Glu Asn Glu
                245                 250                 255

Arg Ser Arg Ala Leu Thr Glu Met Asn Gly Ala Tyr Cys Ser Asn Arg
            260                 265                 270

Gln Met Arg Val Gly Ile Ala Thr Pro Lys Arg Ala Ile Ala Asn Gln
        275                 280                 285

Gln Gln His Ser Ser Gln Ala Val Ile Leu Ala Gly Gly His Gly Ser
    290                 295                 300

Asn Gly Ser Met Gly Tyr Gly Ser Gln Ser Asp Gly Glu Ser Thr Asn
305                 310                 315                 320

Ala Thr Ile Phe Val Gly Gly Ile Asp Pro Asp Val Ile Asp Glu Asp
                325                 330                 335

Leu Arg Gln Pro Phe Ser Gln Phe Gly Glu Val Val Ser Val Lys Ile
            340                 345                 350

Pro Val Gly Lys Gly Cys Gly Phe Val Gln Phe Ala Asp Arg Lys Ser
        355                 360                 365

Ala Glu Asp Ala Ile Glu Ser Leu Asn Gly Thr Val Ile Gly Lys Asn
    370                 375                 380

Thr Val Arg Leu Ser Trp Gly Arg Ser Pro Asn Lys Gln Trp Arg Gly
385                 390                 395                 400

Asp Ser Gly Gln Gln Trp Asn Gly Gly Tyr Ser Arg Gly His Gly Tyr
                405                 410                 415

Asn Asn Gly Gly Gly Tyr Ala Asn His His Asp Ser Asn Asn Tyr His
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<210> SEQ ID NO 23
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cctcatcaga tgatgtacgc gccgccgccg ttcccacctt atcatcagta tccgaatcac    240

caccaccttc accatcaatc tcgtggtaat aagcatcaaa acgcttttaa tggtgagaat    300

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gctagtttta gcaccggtga gaagcggtta gagaacaatg gacctgatct ctctattttc    600

gtgggggatt tgtcaccaga tgtttcggat aatttgttgc acgagacctt ctctgagaag    660

tatccgtcgg ttaaagctgc gaaagttgtc cttgatgcta atactggtag gtcaaagggg    720

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            20                  25                  30

Pro Ala Lys Glu Glu Glu Asn Gln Pro Lys Thr Ser Pro Thr Pro Pro
        35                  40                  45

Pro His Trp Met Arg Tyr Pro Pro Thr Val Ile Ile Pro His Gln Met
    50                  55                  60

Met Tyr Ala Pro Pro Pro Phe Pro Pro Tyr His Gln Tyr Pro Asn His
65                  70                  75                  80

His His Leu His His Gln Ser Arg Gly Asn Lys His Gln Asn Ala Phe
                85                  90                  95

Asn Gly Glu Asn Lys Thr Ile Trp Val Gly Asp Leu His His Trp Met
            100                 105                 110

Asp Glu Ala Tyr Leu Asn Ser Ser Phe Ala Ser Gly Asp Glu Arg Glu
        115                 120                 125

Ile Val Ser Val Lys Val Ile Arg Asn Lys Asn Asn Gly Leu Ser Glu
    130                 135                 140

Gly Tyr Gly Phe Val Glu Phe Glu Ser His Asp Val Ala Asp Lys Val
145                 150                 155                 160

Leu Arg Glu Phe Asn Gly Thr Thr Met Pro Asn Thr Asp Gln Pro Phe
                165                 170                 175

Arg Leu Asn Trp Ala Ser Phe Ser Thr Gly Glu Lys Arg Leu Glu Asn
            180                 185                 190

Asn Gly Pro Asp Leu Ser Ile Phe Val Gly Asp Leu Ser Pro Asp Val
        195                 200                 205

Ser Asp Asn Leu Leu His Glu Thr Phe Ser Glu Lys Tyr Pro Ser Val
    210                 215                 220

Lys Ala Ala Lys Val Val Leu Asp Ala Asn Thr Gly Arg Ser Lys Gly
225                 230                 235                 240

Tyr Gly Phe Val Arg Phe Gly Asp Glu Asn Glu Arg Thr Lys Ala Met
                245                 250                 255

Thr Glu Met Asn Gly Val Lys Cys Ser Ser Arg Ala Met Arg Ile Gly
            260                 265                 270

Pro Ala Thr Pro Arg Lys Thr Asn Gly Tyr Gln Gln Gln Gly Gly Tyr
        275                 280                 285

Met Pro Asn Gly Thr Leu Thr Arg Pro Glu Gly Asp Ile Met Asn Thr
    290                 295                 300

Thr Ile Phe Val Gly Gly Leu Asp Ser Ser Val Thr Asp Glu Asp Leu
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305                 310                 315                 320

Lys Gln Pro Phe Asn Glu Phe Gly Glu Ile Val Ser Val Lys Ile Pro
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Val Gly Lys Gly Cys Gly Phe Val Gln Phe Val Asn Arg Pro Asn Ala
            340                 345                 350

Glu Glu Ala Leu Glu Lys Leu Asn Gly Thr Val Ile Gly Lys Gln Thr
        355                 360                 365

Val Arg Leu Ser Trp Gly Arg Asn Pro Ala Asn Lys Gln Pro Arg Asp
    370                 375                 380

Lys Tyr Gly Asn Gln Trp Val Asp Pro Tyr Tyr Gly Gly Gln Phe Tyr
385                 390                 395                 400

Asn Gly Tyr Gly Tyr Met Val Pro Gln Pro Asp Pro Arg Met Tyr Pro
                405                 410                 415

Ala Ala Pro Tyr Tyr Pro Met Tyr Gly Gly His Gln Gln Gln Val Ser
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acttgccgta gtgtgtatgc tggaaacatt catacgcagg tcacagagat tcttcttcaa    240

gagatttttg caagtactgg tcctattgaa agctgtaaac tcatcagaaa ggataagtca    300

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aacggaaggc atatatttgg acagcctatg aaagttaatt gggcgtatgc aactggtcaa    420

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gatgctcaaa ctgccataaa tgagatgaat ggtaaatggg taagtagcag acagatcaga    660

tgcaactggg cgacaaaagg tgctactttt ggcgaggaca aacatagctc tgatggaaaa    720

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            20                  25                  30

Ser Leu Tyr His Pro Gly Val Met Ala Pro Pro Gln Met Glu Pro Leu
        35                  40                  45

Pro Ser Gly Asn Leu Pro Pro Gly Phe Asp Pro Thr Thr Cys Arg Ser
    50                  55                  60

Val Tyr Ala Gly Asn Ile His Thr Gln Val Thr Glu Ile Leu Leu Gln
65                  70                  75                  80

Glu Ile Phe Ala Ser Thr Gly Pro Ile Glu Ser Cys Lys Leu Ile Arg
                85                  90                  95

Lys Asp Lys Ser Ser Tyr Gly Phe Val His Tyr Phe Asp Arg Arg Cys
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Ala Ser Met Ala Ile Met Thr Leu Asn Gly Arg His Ile Phe Gly Gln
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Pro Met Lys Val Asn Trp Ala Tyr Ala Thr Gly Gln Arg Glu Asp Thr
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Ser Ser His Phe Asn Ile Phe Val Gly Asp Leu Ser Pro Glu Val Thr
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Asp Ala Ala Leu Phe Asp Ser Phe Ser Ala Phe Asn Ser Cys Ser Asp
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Ala Arg Val Met Trp Asp Gln Lys Thr Gly Arg Ser Arg Gly Phe Gly
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Phe Val Ser Phe Arg Asn Gln Gln Asp Ala Gln Thr Ala Ile Asn Glu
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Met Asn Gly Lys Trp Val Ser Ser Arg Gln Ile Arg Cys Asn Trp Ala
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Thr Lys Gly Ala Thr Phe Gly Glu Asp Lys His Ser Ser Asp Gly Lys
225                 230                 235                 240

Ser Val Val Glu Leu Thr Asn Gly Ser Ser Glu Asp Gly Arg Glu Leu
                245                 250                 255

Ser Asn Glu Asp Ala Pro Glu Asn Asn Pro Gln Phe Thr Thr Val Tyr
            260                 265                 270

Val Gly Asn Leu Ser Pro Glu Val Thr Gln Leu Asp Leu His Arg Leu
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Phe Tyr Thr Leu Gly Ala Gly Val Ile Glu Glu Val Arg Val Gln Arg
    290                 295                 300

Asp Lys Gly Phe Gly Phe Val Arg Tyr Asn Thr His Asp Glu Ala Ala
305                 310                 315                 320

Leu Ala Ile Gln Met Gly Asn Ala Gln Pro Phe Leu Phe Ser Arg Gln
                325                 330                 335

Ile Arg Cys Ser Trp Gly Asn Lys Pro Thr Pro Ser Gly Thr Ala Ser
            340                 345                 350

Asn Pro Leu Pro Pro Pro Ala Pro Ala Ser Val Pro Ser Leu Ser Ala
        355                 360                 365

Met Asp Leu Leu Ala Tyr Glu Arg Gln Leu Ala Leu Ala Lys Met His
    370                 375                 380

Pro Gln Ala Gln His Ser Leu Arg Gln Ala Gly Leu Gly Val Asn Val
385                 390                 395                 400
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<210> SEQ ID NO 27
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<400> SEQUENCE: 28

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            20                  25                  30

Pro Pro Gln Ile Glu Pro Ile Pro Ser Gly Asn Leu Pro Pro Gly Phe
        35                  40                  45

Asp Pro Ser Thr Cys Arg Ser Val Tyr Val Gly Asn Ile His Ile Gln
    50                  55                  60

Val Thr Glu Pro Leu Leu Gln Glu Val Phe Ala Gly Thr Gly Pro Val
65                  70                  75                  80
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Glu Ser Cys Lys Leu Ile Arg Lys Glu Lys Ser Ser Tyr Gly Phe Val
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His Tyr Phe Asp Arg Arg Ser Ala Gly Leu Ala Ile Leu Ser Leu Asn
            100                 105                 110

Gly Arg His Leu Phe Gly Gln Pro Ile Lys Val Asn Trp Ala Tyr Ala
        115                 120                 125

Ser Gly Gln Arg Glu Asp Thr Ser Ser His Phe Asn Ile Phe Val Gly
    130                 135                 140

Asp Leu Ser Pro Glu Val Thr Asp Ala Met Leu Phe Thr Cys Phe Ser
145                 150                 155                 160

Val Tyr Pro Thr Cys Ser Asp Ala Arg Val Met Trp Asp Gln Lys Thr
                165                 170                 175

Gly Arg Ser Arg Gly Phe Gly Phe Val Ser Phe Arg Asn Gln Gln Asp
            180                 185                 190

Ala Gln Thr Ala Ile Asp Glu Ile Thr Gly Lys Trp Leu Gly Ser Arg
        195                 200                 205

Gln Ile Arg Cys Asn Trp Ala Thr Lys Gly Ala Thr Ser Gly Glu Asp
    210                 215                 220

Lys Gln Ser Ser Asp Ser Lys Ser Val Val Glu Leu Thr Ser Gly Val
225                 230                 235                 240

Ser Glu Asp Gly Lys Asp Thr Thr Asn Gly Glu Ala Pro Glu Asn Asn
                245                 250                 255

Ala Gln Tyr Thr Thr Val Tyr Val Gly Asn Leu Ala Pro Glu Val Ser
            260                 265                 270

Gln Val Asp Leu His Arg His Phe His Ser Leu Gly Ala Gly Val Ile
        275                 280                 285

Glu Glu Val Arg Val Gln Arg Asp Lys Gly Phe Gly Phe Val Arg Tyr
    290                 295                 300

Ser Thr His Val Glu Ala Ala Leu Ala Ile Gln Met Gly Asn Thr His
305                 310                 315                 320

Ser Tyr Leu Ser Gly Arg Gln Met Lys Cys Ser Trp Gly Ser Lys Pro
                325                 330                 335

Thr Pro Ala Gly Thr Ala Ser Asn Pro Leu Pro Pro Pro Ala Pro Ala
            340                 345                 350

Pro Ile Pro Gly Phe Ser Ala Ser Asp Leu Leu Ala Tyr Glu Arg Gln
        355                 360                 365

Leu Ala Met Ser Lys Met Ala Gly Met Asn Pro Met Met His His Pro
    370                 375                 380

Gln Gly Gln His Ala Phe Lys Gln Ala Ala Met Gly Ala Thr Gly Ser
385                 390                 395                 400

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Tyr Tyr Gln


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ctgtttggac agcctatcaa agtcaattgg gcgtatgcca ctggtcagag ggaagataca    420

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gccattaatg agatgaatgg taagtggtta agtagcagac aaatcagatg caactgggcc    660

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Ala Met Met Gln Gln Gln Ala Leu Met Gln Gln His Ser Leu Tyr His
            20                  25                  30

Pro Gly Val Leu Ala Pro Pro Gln Leu Glu Pro Val Pro Ser Gly Asn
        35                  40                  45

Leu Pro Pro Gly Phe Asp Pro Ser Thr Cys Arg Ser Val Tyr Val Gly
    50                  55                  60

Asn Ile His Thr Gln Val Thr Glu Pro Leu Leu Gln Glu Ile Phe Thr
65                  70                  75                  80

Ser Thr Gly Pro Val Glu Ser Ser Lys Leu Ile Arg Lys Asp Lys Ser
                85                  90                  95

Ser Tyr Gly Phe Val His Tyr Phe Asp Arg Arg Ser Ala Ala Leu Ala
            100                 105                 110

Ile Leu Ser Leu Asn Gly Arg His Leu Phe Gly Gln Pro Ile Lys Val
        115                 120                 125

Asn Trp Ala Tyr Ala Thr Gly Gln Arg Glu Asp Thr Ser Ser His Phe
    130                 135                 140

Asn Ile Phe Val Gly Asp Leu Ser Pro Glu Val Thr Asp Ala Thr Leu
145                 150                 155                 160

Tyr Gln Ser Phe Ser Val Phe Ser Ser Cys Ser Asp Ala Arg Val Met
                165                 170                 175
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Trp Asp Gln Lys Thr Gly Arg Ser Arg Gly Phe Gly Phe Val Ser Phe
            180                 185                 190

Arg Asn Gln Gln Asp Ala Gln Thr Ala Ile Asn Glu Met Asn Gly Lys
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Trp Leu Ser Ser Arg Gln Ile Arg Cys Asn Trp Ala Thr Lys Gly Ala
    210                 215                 220

Thr Ser Gly Asp Asp Lys Leu Ser Ser Asp Gly Lys Ser Val Val Glu
225                 230                 235                 240

Leu Thr Thr Gly Ser Ser Glu Asp Gly Lys Glu Thr Leu Asn Glu Glu
                245                 250                 255

Thr Pro Glu Asn Asn Ser Gln Phe Thr Thr Val Tyr Val Gly Asn Leu
            260                 265                 270

Ala Pro Glu Val Thr Gln Leu Asp Leu His Arg Tyr Phe His Ala Leu
        275                 280                 285

Gly Ala Gly Val Ile Glu Glu Val Arg Val Gln Arg Asp Lys Gly Phe
    290                 295                 300

Gly Phe Val Arg Tyr Asn Thr His Pro Glu Ala Ala Leu Ala Ile Gln
305                 310                 315                 320

Met Gly Asn Thr Gln Pro Tyr Leu Phe Asn Arg Gln Ile Lys Cys Ser
                325                 330                 335

Trp Gly Asn Lys Pro Thr Pro Pro Gly Thr Ala Ser Asn Pro Leu Pro
            340                 345                 350

Pro Pro Ala Pro Ala Pro Val Pro Gly Leu Ser Ala Ala Asp Leu Leu
        355                 360                 365

Asn Tyr Glu Arg Gln Leu Ala Leu Ser Lys Met Ala Ser Val Asn Ala
    370                 375                 380

Leu Met His Gln Gln Gly Gln His Pro Leu Arg Gln Ala His Gly Ile
385                 390                 395                 400

Asn Ala Ala Gly Ala Thr Ala Ala Met Tyr Asp Gly Gly Phe Gln Asn
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aacatcattc aagctaagcg tgatgccaag gctgctggtt cctactacgt cgaagctcaa    240

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<211> LENGTH: 244
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<213> ORGANISM: Saccharomyces cerevisiae

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20 25 30

Arg Lys Ala Ala Asn Lys Glu Lys Arg Ala Ile Ile Leu Glu Arg Asn
35 40 45

Ala Ala Tyr Gln Lys Glu Tyr Glu Thr Ala Glu Arg Asn Ile Ile Gln
50 55 60

Ala Lys Arg Asp Ala Lys Ala Ala Gly Ser Tyr Tyr Val Glu Ala Gln
65 70 75 80

His Lys Leu Val Phe Val Val Arg Ile Lys Gly Ile Asn Lys Ile Pro
85 90 95

Pro Lys Pro Arg Lys Val Leu Gln Leu Leu Arg Leu Thr Arg Ile Asn
100 105 110

Ser Gly Thr Phe Val Lys Val Thr Lys Ala Thr Leu Glu Leu Leu Lys
115 120 125

Leu Ile Glu Pro Tyr Val Ala Tyr Gly Tyr Pro Ser Tyr Ser Thr Ile
130 135 140

Arg Gln Leu Val Tyr Lys Arg Gly Phe Gly Lys Ile Asn Lys Gln Arg
145 150 155 160

Val Pro Leu Ser Asp Asn Ala Ile Ile Glu Ala Asn Leu Gly Lys Tyr
165 170 175

Gly Ile Leu Ser Ile Asp Asp Leu Ile His Glu Ile Ile Thr Val Gly
180 185 190

Pro His Phe Lys Gln Ala Asn Asn Phe Leu Trp Pro Phe Lys Leu Ser
195 200 205

Asn Pro Ser Gly Gly Trp Gly Val Pro Arg Lys Phe Lys His Phe Ile
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Gln Gly Gly Ser Phe Gly Asn Arg Glu Glu Phe Ile Asn Lys Leu Val
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Lys Ser Met Asn

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aaggctatga actaa 735

<210> SEQ ID NO 34
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<213> ORGANISM: Saccharomyces cerevisiae

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20 25 30

Arg Lys Ala Ala Asn Lys Glu Lys Arg Ala Ile Ile Leu Glu Arg Asn
35 40 45

Ala Ala Tyr Gln Lys Glu Tyr Glu Thr Ala Glu Arg Asn Ile Ile Gln
50 55 60

Ala Lys Arg Asp Ala Lys Ala Ala Gly Ser Tyr Tyr Val Glu Ala Gln
65 70 75 80

His Lys Leu Val Phe Val Val Arg Ile Lys Gly Ile Asn Lys Ile Pro
85 90 95

Pro Lys Pro Arg Lys Val Leu Gln Leu Leu Arg Leu Thr Arg Ile Asn
100 105 110

Ser Gly Thr Phe Val Lys Val Thr Lys Ala Thr Leu Glu Leu Leu Lys
115 120 125

Leu Ile Glu Pro Tyr Val Ala Tyr Gly Tyr Pro Ser Tyr Ser Thr Ile
130 135 140

Arg Gln Leu Val Tyr Lys Arg Gly Phe Gly Lys Ile Asn Lys Gln Arg
145 150 155 160

Val Pro Leu Ser Asp Asn Ala Ile Ile Glu Ala Asn Leu Gly Lys Tyr
165 170 175

Gly Ile Leu Ser Ile Asp Asp Leu Ile His Glu Ile Ile Thr Val Gly
180 185 190

Pro His Phe Lys Gln Ala Asn Asn Phe Leu Trp Pro Phe Lys Leu Ser
195 200 205

Asn Pro Ser Gly Gly Trp Gly Val Pro Arg Lys Phe Lys His Phe Ile
210 215 220

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Lys Ala Met Asn

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<400> SEQUENCE: 46

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What is claimed is:

1. A method for conferring boric acid tolerance to a yeast comprising:

i) introducing the DNA of SEQ ID NO: 3 operably linked to a promoter into the yeast;

ii) culturing the yeast in the presence of boric acid and expressing the DNA of SEQ ID NO: 3 to confer boric acid tolerance to the yeast; and

iii) selecting the yeast in which tolerance to 80 mM boric acid is conferred.

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