

**Figure S3 Alignment of *Arabidopsis thaliana* MYB4 (AtMYB4), *Gingko biloba* MYB GbMYBR1) and all MYB4-like copies from *Picea abies* (Pa)**

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GbMYBR1      MGRSPMCSKVGLGLNKGAWTVEEDNLLIKYFQTHDEGGWKSVPKAGLKRCKGKSCRLRW
Pa_AtMYB4-like3  MGRAPCCSKV--GLNRRGRWTAEEDEILTKYIQTHGEGS-WRSLPQNAGLLRCGKSCRLRW
Pa_AtMYB4-like1  MGRGPCCANG--DRNKGAWTREEDDRLIQYIQAHGEGC-WRSLPNAAGLLRCGKSCRLRW
AtMYB4       MGRSPCEKA--HTNKGAWTKEEDERLVAYIKAHGEGC-WRSLPKAAGLLRCGKSCRLRW
Pa_AtMYB4-like2  MGRSPCEKS--HTNKGAWTKEEDDRLIAHTRAHGEGC-WRSLPKDAGLLRCGKSCRLRW
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GbMYBR1      MNYLRPNIKRGNISPDSEDLIIRLHGLLGNRWALIAGRIPGRTDNEIKNYWYTTLSKRVA
Pa_AtMYB4-like3  INYLRSDVKRGNICKEEELIIRLHTLLGNRWSLIAGRMFGRTDNEIKNYWNTHISKLA
Pa_AtMYB4-like1  INYLRLNLRGDFSEDEDLIILKLHALLGNRWSLIAGRIPGRTDNEIKNYWNSYIKKLI
AtMYB4       INYLRPDLKRGNFTEDEDELIIKLHSLGNKWSLIAGRIPGRTDNEIKNYWNTHIREKLI
Pa_AtMYB4-like2  INYLRPDLKRGNFSEDEDELIIKLHSLGNKWSLIAGRIPGRTDNEIKNYWNSHIKKLI
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GbMYBR1      LKGNEAKEHKTYPMKRSRGHSACKQLIMPDSNTKMQDL--LSASPTRKELEVSTNQSLS-
Pa_AtMYB4-like3  NRGIDTATHKPLGVEAEIFIQAKPSIITNVRNTSLNDIKPVRCSNIEAMVCSIDSALKK
Pa_AtMYB4-like1  SMGVDPLNHRPFQKNSRHRPSASGNVGEPTARSRE-----IVPDDFFHCPELSTKK
AtMYB4       NRGIDPTSHRPIQES-SASQDSKPTQLEPVTSTINIS--FTSAPKVETFHESISFPGK-
Pa_AtMYB4-like2  SRGLDFGSHRPLCFP-HHNNTTSPSRPAPDHEFFAFQN--LKTPEITDFFQQRSES---
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GbMYBR1      -----ESVVSNTDDVRTDSNVQSGSPGLQEIRASRIFLPSFRGNQV
Pa_AtMYB4-like3  ISKSSKKRSVWKEKQMPFEEQIPSGQSSCESSCSGNLSSPDLMAACCNPPSC--DQV
Pa_AtMYB4-like1  -----SDQVSDAASGLAR-----KELPRFNLNLELLLSI-----
AtMYB4       -----SEKISMLTFKEEKDECPVQEKFPDLNLELLRISLPD-----
Pa_AtMYB4-like2  -----SPIVPEASDA-----EEHPDLNLELLCISLPS-----
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                EAR – suppression domain

GbMYBR1      SSHSELMAP-----ANPMIESNIDRKLFSLVDDYLSVSTELSLG
Pa_AtMYB4-like3  KKLSFEKTPCQDRSTDHVLYREIKEEDCNSDDPVNSSKLWEESFNSINILNSDMENMMFG
Pa_AtMYB4-like1  -----TRPSIHAAGKEAVVNSEQGESNLSECKGYL
AtMYB4       -----DVDRLQGHGKSTTPRCFKCSLGMINGMECR
Pa_AtMYB4-like2  -----NSPPRREESFQRL-----

GbMYBR1      FSGMNCV-----SKFSTNSHNLYLMGSSLSNTDHHMPCGDQSVCRDQYRWMT-----
Pa_AtMYB4-like3  YLETEVELFGCLADPPMPAPNADEGNMETLSSDADYNTEDELWSTFLSNSEKTTLPSPSS
Pa_AtMYB4-like1  CRHGECPP-----PQSPTDG-----
AtMYB4       CGRMRCDV-----VGGSSKGSDMSNGFDFLGLAKKETTSLLGFRSLEMK-----
Pa_AtMYB4-like2  -----

GbMYBR1      ---
Pa_AtMYB4-like3  LSA
Pa_AtMYB4-like1  ---
AtMYB4       ---
Pa_AtMYB4-like2  ---

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R2 – DNA binding domain is highlighted in yellow.

R3 – DNA binding domain is highlighted in green.

bHLH binding motif – Indicated by red box.

C1 motif – Highlighted in pink.

EAR – Suppression domain is highlighted in light blue (which comprises part of the C2 motif).

Alternative EAR domain in Pt\_AtMYB4-like1, Pt\_AtMYB4-like3, Pt\_AtMYB4-like4 and Pa\_AtMYB4-like1 are marked with box and, bold and underlined.

Zinc-finger motif – Highlighted in dark blue (C3 motif).

C4 motif – Highlighted in grey. The GY/FDFLGI motif is indicated by black box.