

Table. S2. Petal anatomical parameters of 'Tongzimian'

Stages	Petal thickness	Upper epidermis cells
I	74.636~97.532	107.998 ~ 221.996
	87.831 ± 7.059	164.613 ± 37.642
	e	c
II	78.057~98.412	291.145 ~ 460.896
	89.946 ± 6.140	370.229 ± 47.256
	e	c
III	199.905~222.11	497.998 ~ 1531.993
	214.847 ± 5.599	1012.646 ± 279.924
	d	b
IV	210.368~256.314	1170.000 ~ 2989.001
	239.988 ± 12.966	2148.121 ± 561.104
	c	a
V	273.233~356.21	1456.321 ~ 3107.998
	317.063 ± 24.650	2169.888 ± 448.574
	a	a
VI	247.257 298.563	1197.000 ~ 3219.000
	279.677 ± 13.379	2221.718 ± 604.984
	b	a

Notes: Different lowercase letters indicate significant differences ($P < 0.05$, ANOVA).

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Lower epidermis cells	Parenchyma tissue	
	Thickness (μm)	cells (μm ²)
125.998 ~ 267.995	48.503 ~ 72.500	70.000 ~ 304.000
180.979 ± 34.192	61.400 ± 7.111	192.884 ± 63.459
d	e	d
241.365 ~ 407.546	52.502 ~ 76.296	104.000 ~ 462.000
330.511 ± 42.788	65.715 ± 5.276	283.137 ± 95.002
d	e	d
548.998 ~ 1061.995	126.194 ~ 164.246	757.998 ~ 2309.944
740.490 ± 135.900	146.025 ± 10.961	1290.275 ± 493.123
c	d	c
1082.00 ~ 1987.001	144.170 ~ 194.258	1456.320 ~ 3804.001
1498.242 ± 234.327	160.780 ± 13.310	2188.980 ± 617.148
a	c	ab
602.00 ~ 1888.999	191.379 ~ 280.00	1455.999 ~ 3611.997
1228.132 ± 340.943	244.771 ± 24.103	2501.082 ± 576.843
b	a	a
791.00 ~ 1896.00	163.487 ~ 273.381	1290.000 ~ 3400.00
1345.528 ± 360.912	202.062 ± 24.239	2041.179 ± 548.1721
ab	b	b

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