

Supplementary material

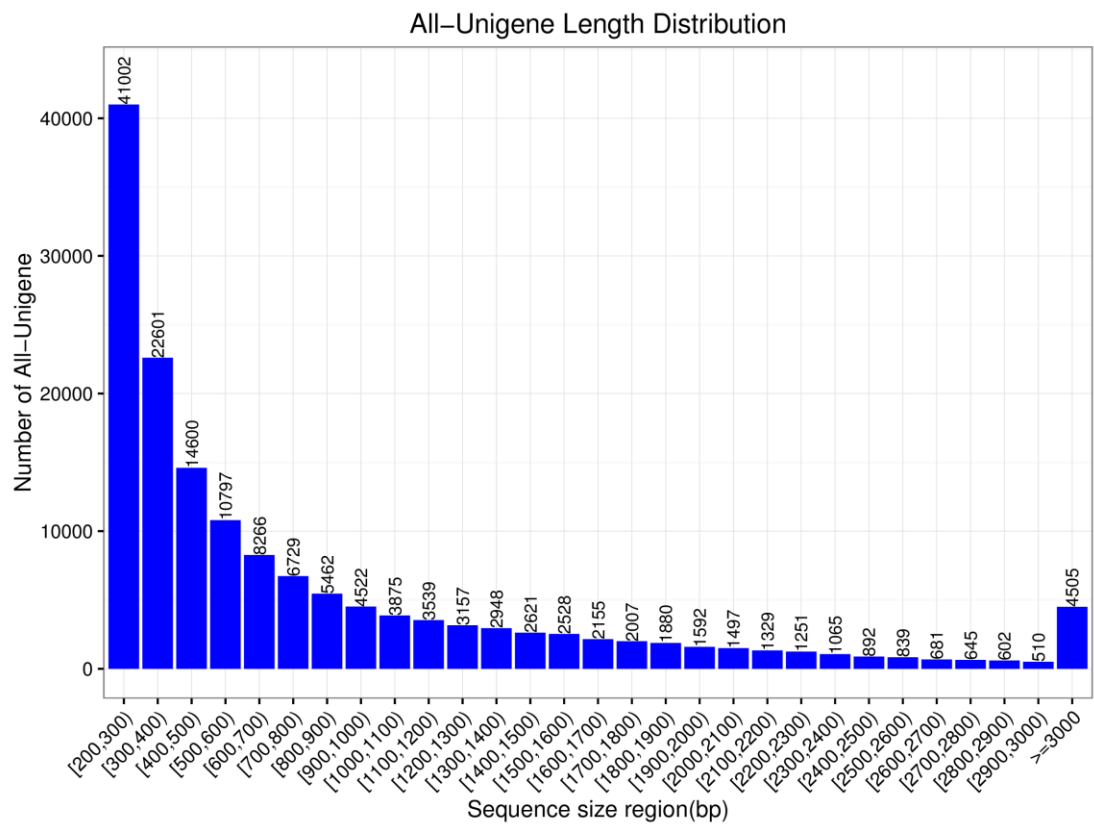


Fig. S1: Length distribution of the *Camellia sinensis* unigenes

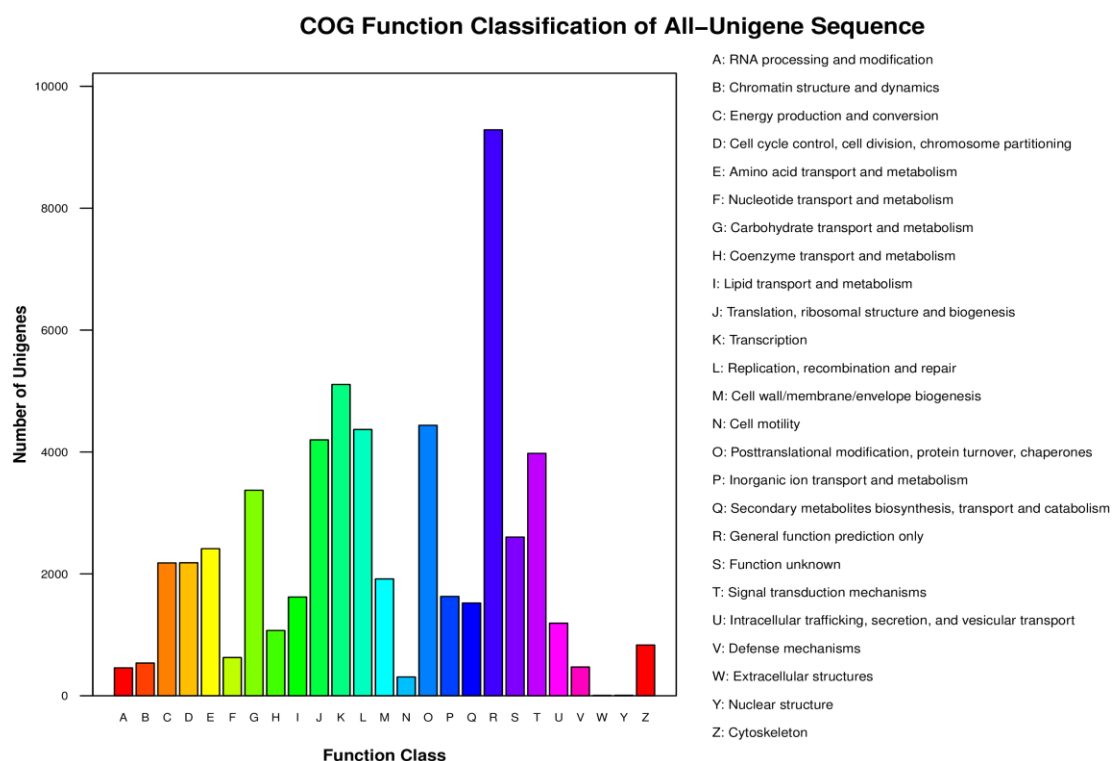
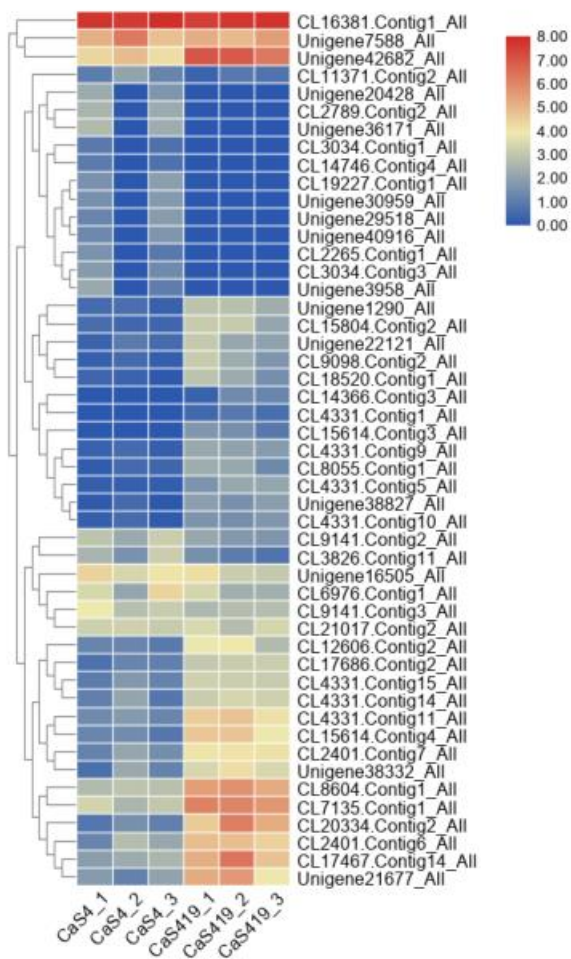
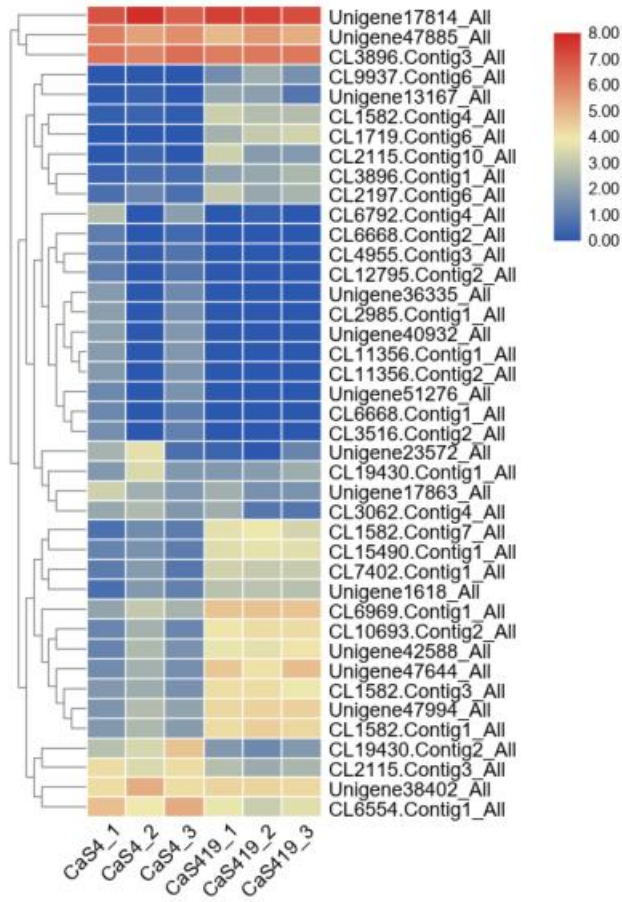


Fig. S3: Histogram presentation of the COG classification of all unigenes. In total, 56,330 unigenes showing significant homology to the COGs database are grouped into at least 25 categories. The capital letters in x-axis indicate the COG categories as listed on the right and the y-axis indicates the number of unigenes in each category.

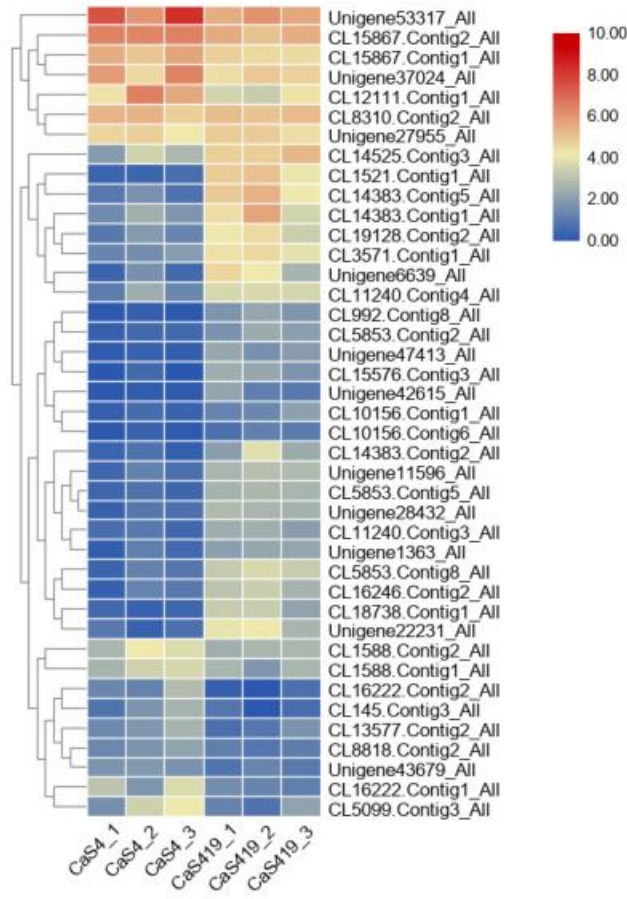
A



B



C



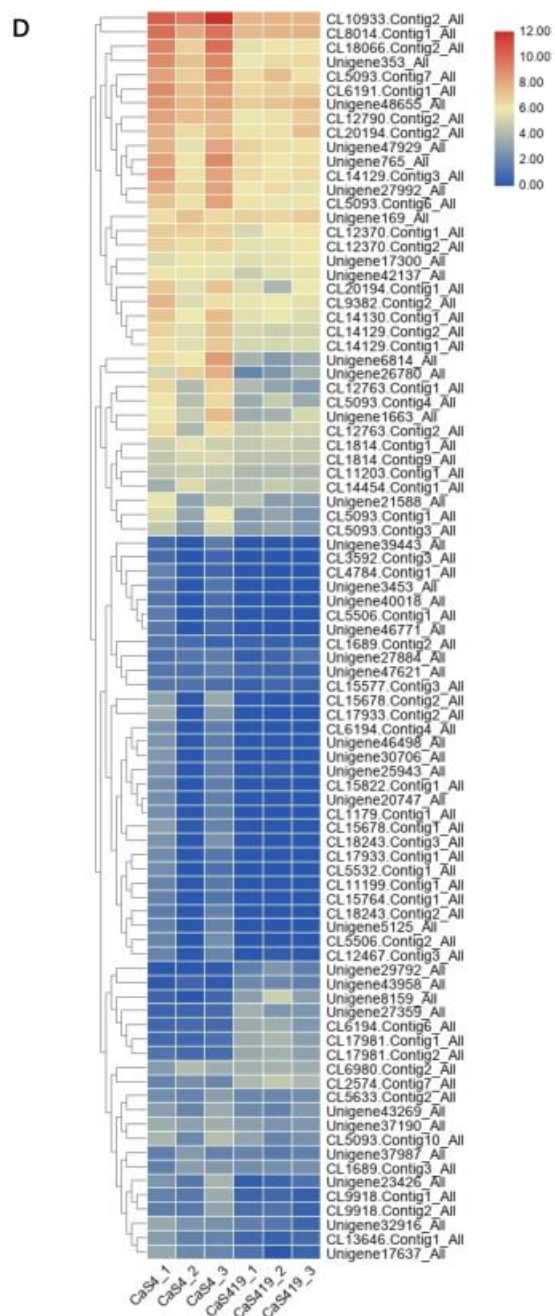


Fig. S4: All DEGs encoding the WRKY (A), bZIP (B), MYB(C) and ERF (D). Transcription factors were hierarchically clustered and mapped using the FPKM values. Colours indicate log₂ transformed FPKM values. Green indicates low expression, and red indicates high expression.

Table S1: The primer sequences and amplicon characteristics used for qRT-PCR

| Unigene ID | Forward primer (5'-3') | Reverse primer (5'-3') |
|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| CL182.Contig14_All | TACTCTGGCATTCGGTTCG | TTGAGCGTTTCTCCGTTGG |
| CL15670.Contig2_All | CAAGCGAAAAGCATCCAAGG | CCCGACGAATAAGGTAGCG |
| CL1377.Contig9_All | ACACCCAGCGTCTACTTTT | TCACGAGCCAGCCGTCCAG |
| CL10933.Contig2_All | GCGGTAGACATTGACGGAG | AAAGCAGGGAAC TGGGCAT |
| CL15867.Contig2_All | TCCGAAGACGAGGAAACAC | TCCTCTGCCGTCCTTCCTG |
| CL11642.Contig3_All | GGCTTCATTTGGGAGTTCA | GGCTTCATTTGGGAGTTCA |
| CL14810.Contig2_All | TTGCTCCCATAGAGTCCCA | CCAACGAAAACCACTGAT |
| Unigene32202_All | CGGTAGTTCCGTAGCAGGT | GCCCCAAGAAGCATCAAACAT |
| CL938.Contig2_All | TCGGTGACTTTGTGGTGGA | TGAGGATGAAGGCGGTGGT |
| CL290.Contig15_All | CCGCTGTCTGTCTCCTTAC | TCGTCTATGGTAACGCCTC |

Table S2: Summary for the *Camellia sinensis* transcriptome

| Parameters | Values |
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| Total number of raw reads | 318,515,326 |
| Total number of clean reads | 317,609,528 |
| Total number of clean nucleotides (bp) | 47,641,429,200 |
| Average Read Length (bp) | 150 |
| Total number of contigs | 154,097 |
| Total length of contigs (bp) | 127,232,652 |
| Mean length of contigs (bp) | 825 |
| Total number of unigenes | 154,097 |
| Total length of unigenes (bp) | 127,233,270 |
| Mean length of unigenes | 826 |
| N50 | 1,349 |