

Electronic Supplementary Information

Attenuated total reflection Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy for the prediction of hormone concentrations in plants

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Table S1: Lighting conditions within each Snijder cabinet

<i>Light Quality</i>	‘Light’ Groups: LC, LD, LN and LLN	‘Shade’ Groups: SC, SD, SN and SLN
<i>PFD-R_(700-780 nm)</i>	72.51	49.28
<i>PFD-FR_(600-700 nm)</i>	12.89	116.5
<i>photosynthetic photon flux density PPF_(400- 700 nm)</i>	189.8	124.7
<i>PFD-UV_(380-400 nm)</i>	0.5677	0.4402
<i>PFD-B_(400-500 nm)</i>	33.93	21.58
<i>PFD-G_(500-600 nm)</i>	83.40	53.87
<i>peak wavelength λ_p / nm</i>	545	741
<i>peak wavelength value $\lambda_p V / mWm^{-2}nm^{-1}$</i>	827.7	576.0
<i>Irradiance</i>	43.2	45.8
<i>Illuminance/ lux.</i>	15128	9617

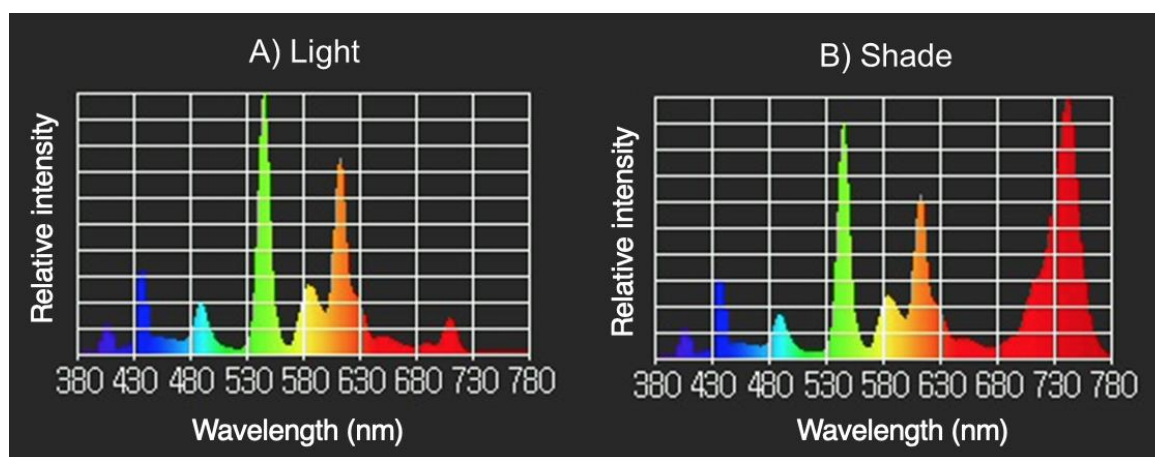
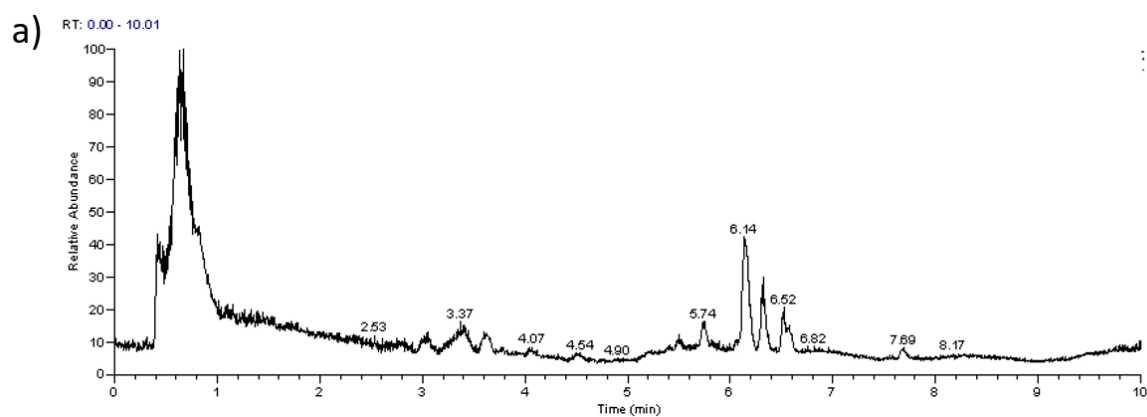


Figure S1: Spectra from a) ‘Light’ b) ‘Shade’ cabinets, providing red: far-red ratios of 5.6 and 0.4 respectively.

Table S2: Reagents used for Hoagland's solution. Full strength Hoagland's solution was made using 100 mL of solution A, 100 mL of solution B and 10 mL of solution C in 10 L of deionised water.

<i>Solution</i>	Reagent	Concentration/ gL⁻¹
<i>A (100 mL)</i>	NH ₄ NO ₃	8.000
	Ca(NO ₃) ₂ ·4H ₂ O	82.600
	KNO ₃	35.700
<i>B (100 mL)</i>	KNO ₃	5.000
	KH ₂ PO ₄	27.400
	MgSO ₄ ·7H ₂ O *added first	24.600
	MnSO ₄ ·5H ₂ O	0.053
	H ₃ BO ₃	0.140
	CuSO ₄ ·5H ₂ O	0.015
	(NH ₄) ₆ Mo ₇ O ₂₄ ·4H ₂ O	0.008
	ZnSO ₄ ·7H ₂ O	0.060
<i>C (10 mL)</i>	Fe-EDTA	36.71



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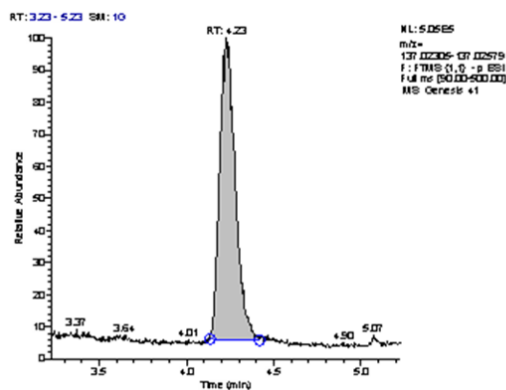


Figure S2: Total ion current and mass chromatogram (m/z 137.02442) for salicylic acid.

Table S3: Hormone descriptions and molecular ion masses

<i>Hormone class</i>	Abbreviation	Hormone	Molecular formula	[M-H]⁻
<i>Ethylene precursor</i>	ACC	1-Aminocyclopropane-1-carboxylic acid	C ₄ H ₇ NO ₂	100.04040
<i>Cytokinins</i>	t-Z	<i>trans</i> -Zeatin	C ₁₀ H ₁₃ N ₅ O	218.10473
	t-ZR	<i>trans</i> -Zeatin riboside	C ₁₅ H ₂₁ N ₅ O ₅	350.14699
	iP	Isopentenyladenine	C ₁₀ H ₁₃ N ₅	202.10982
<i>Gibberellins</i>	GA1	Gibberellin A1	C ₁₉ H ₂₄ O ₆	347.15001
	GA3	Gibberellin A3	C ₁₉ H ₂₂ O ₆	345.13436
	GA4	Gibberellin A4	C ₁₉ H ₂₄ O ₅	331.15510
<i>Auxins</i>	IAA	Indole-3-acetic acid	C ₁₀ H ₉ NO ₂	174.05605
<i>Abscisic acid</i>	ABA	Abscisic acid	C ₁₅ H ₂₀ O ₄	263.12888
<i>Salicylates</i>	SA	Salicylic acid	C ₇ H ₆ O ₃	137.02442
<i>Jasmonates</i>	JA	Jasmonic acid	C ₁₂ H ₁₈ O ₃	209.11832

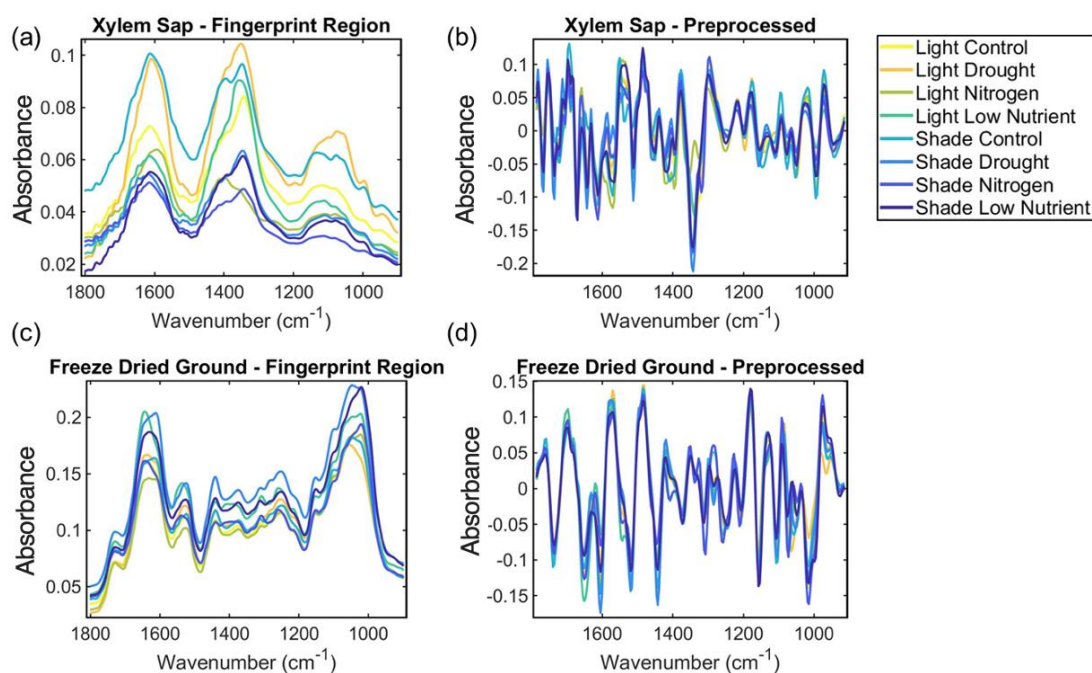


Figure S3: (a) Raw and (b) pre-processed class means spectra in the fingerprint region from xylem sap, (c) Raw and (d) pre-processed (Savitzky–Golay 2nd differentiation, $n=9$, and vector normalisation) class means spectra in the fingerprint region from freeze-dried ground leaves. Each class is grouped by treatment; Light Control (LC), Light Drought (LD), Light Nitrogen (LN), Light Low Nitrogen (LLN), Shade Control (SC), Shade Drought (SD), Shade Nitrogen (SN) and Shade Low Nitrogen (SLN).

Table S4: SVM parameters for classification

	Cost	Gamma (γ)	Number of support vectors (N_{SV})
<i>Xylem Sap</i>	31.6228	3.1623	314
<i>Freeze-dried ground leaves</i>	100	3.1623	194

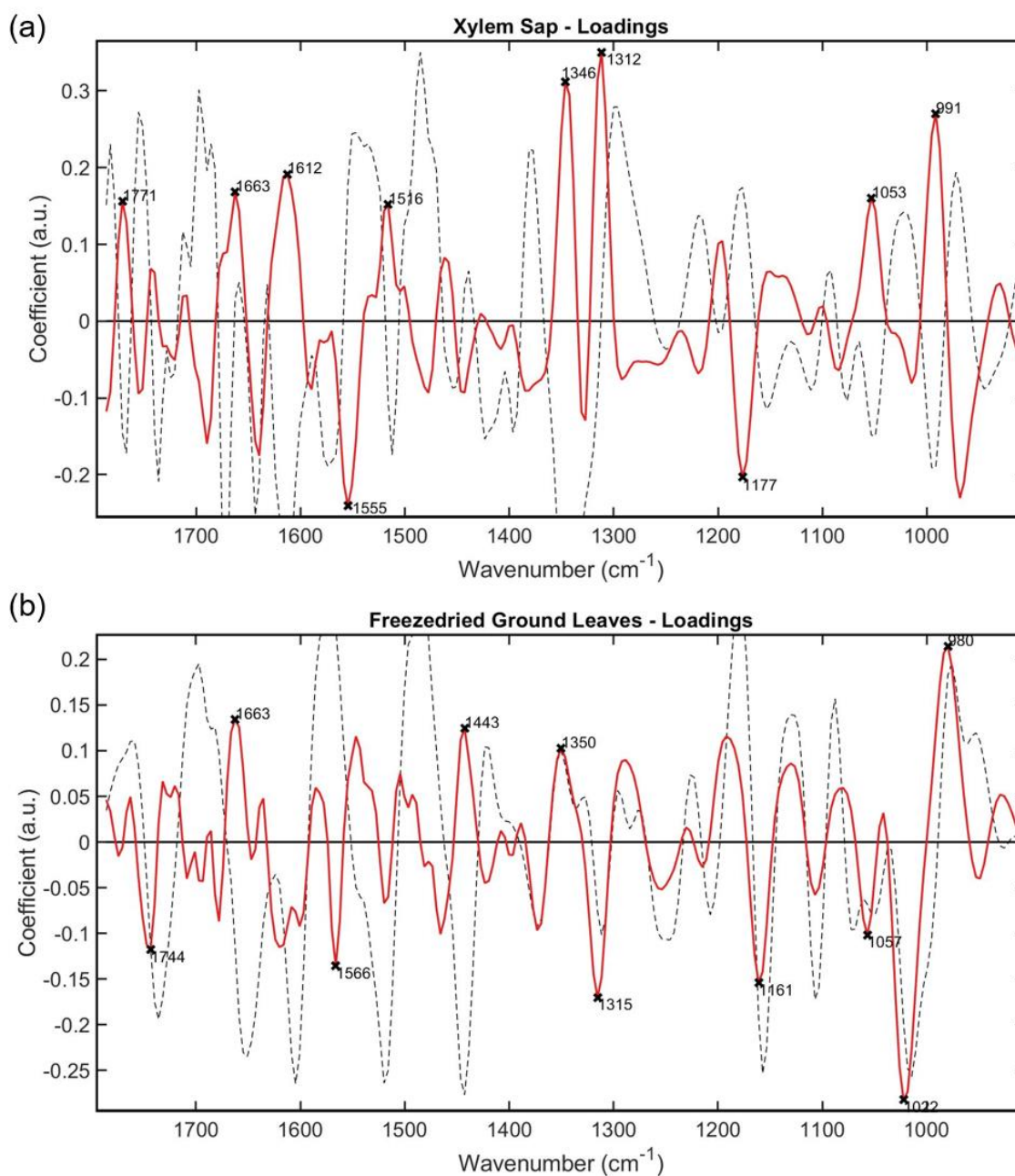


Figure S4: Loadings from spectra of a) xylem sap and b) freeze-dried ground leaf samples. These are the key wavenumbers which differentiate spectral profiles of different treatment groups from one another. The red line represents the PCA loadings and the black-dashed line represents the total mean spectrum, scaled to fit.

Table S5: PCA-loadings and biomarkers: key wavenumbers and compounds, which differentiate ATR-FTIR spectral profiles of plants from different growth conditions for both xylem sap and freeze-dried ground sample types.

Sample Type	Wavelength / cm	Tentative Molecular Assignment	Reference
Xylem sap	1770.65	ν_1 symmetric stretching of C=O in the carboxylic acid of pectin or ester bond of triacylglycerol	(Nozahic and Amziane, 2012)
	1662.64	The N-C=O group of proteins. Amide I vibrations, specifically associated with disordered secondary structures or turns.	(Belfer <i>et al.</i> , 1998; Shivu <i>et al.</i> , 2013)
	1612.49	Amide I	(Jin <i>et al.</i> , 2018)
	1554.62	C-N stretching and N-H bending (Amide II vibration); C-O-O ⁻ asymmetric stretching of proteins and glutamate	(Moskal <i>et al.</i> , 2019)
	1516.05	Amide II vibrations of proteins	(Talari <i>et al.</i> , 2017)
	1346.31	Cellulose	(Gorzsas, 2020)
	1311.59	Amide III vibrations of proteins	(Talari <i>et al.</i> , 2017)
	1176.58	C-O stretch vibration of tannins	(Falcão and Araújo, 2013)
	1053.13	Starch, ν C-O and δ C-O of carbohydrates	(Talari <i>et al.</i> , 2017; Jin <i>et al.</i> , 2018)
	991.41	C-O ribose	(Camilo L. M. Morais <i>et al.</i> , 2017)
Freeze-dried ground leaves	1743.53	Ester C=O stretch: triglycerides	(Talari <i>et al.</i> , 2017)
	1662.52	The N-C=O group of proteins. Amide I vibrations, specifically associated with disordered secondary structures or turns.	(Belfer <i>et al.</i> , 1998; Shivu <i>et al.</i> , 2013)
	1566.09	N-H bending; C-N stretching (Amide II band of proteins)	(Rana <i>et al.</i> , 2018)
	1442.65	Pectin	(Sharma and Uttam, 2018)
	1350.08	Phosphodiester stretching bands region (for absorbances due to starch)	(Talari <i>et al.</i> , 2017)
	1315.36	Cellulose	(Sharma and Uttam, 2018)
	1161.06	C-OH groups of serine, threonine and tyrosine of proteins, C-O stretching and hydrogen bonding	(Talari <i>et al.</i> , 2017)
	1056.92	Stretching C-O deoxyribose	(Talari <i>et al.</i> , 2017)
	1022.2	Starch	(Talari <i>et al.</i> , 2017)
	979.769	C-OH stretching of secondary alcohols and C-O-C vibrations of polysaccharides	(Ajitha <i>et al.</i> , 2015)

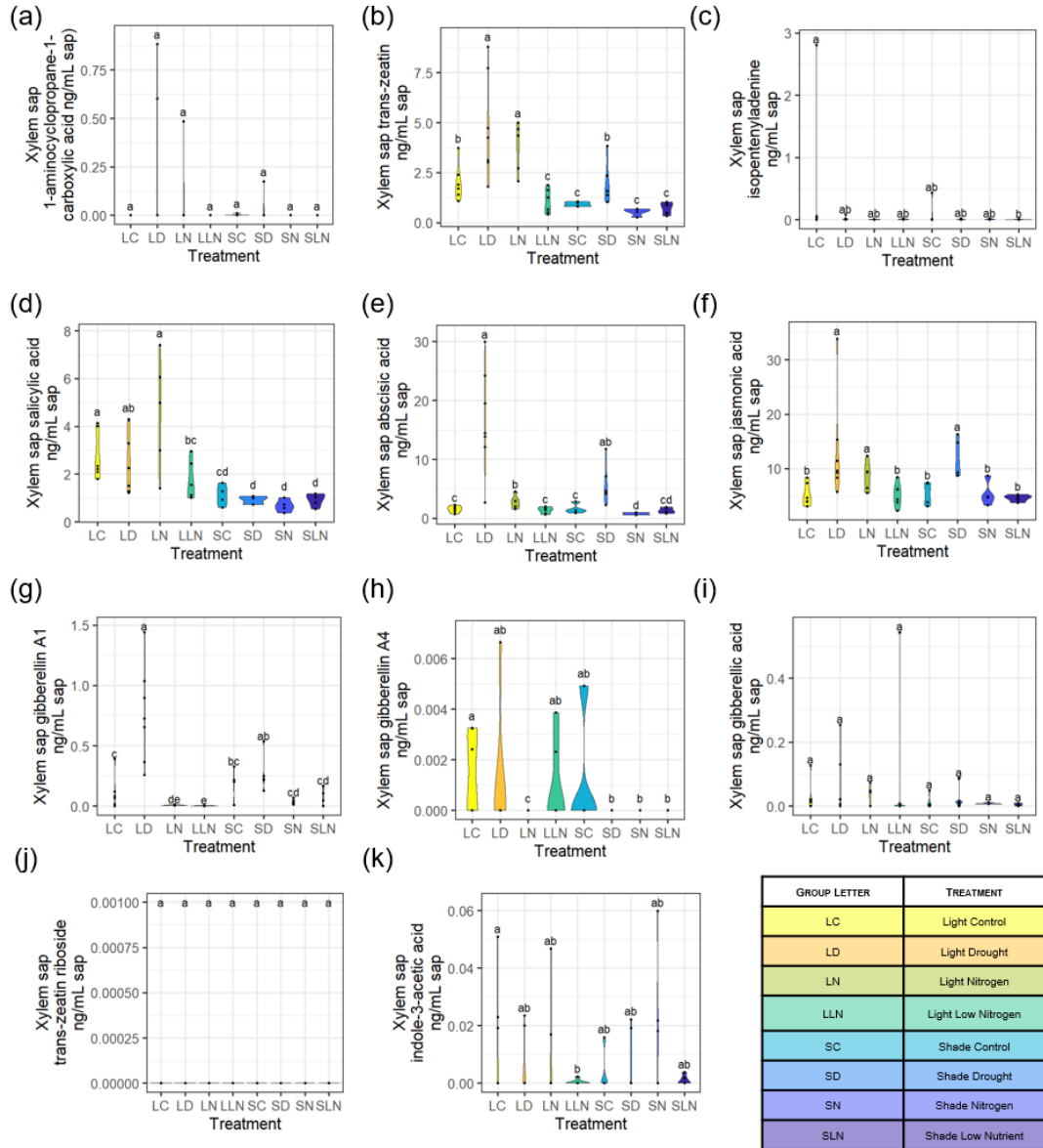


Figure S5: Hormone profiles from xylem sap measured using UHPLC– HRMS in $\text{ng}\cdot\text{ml}^{-1}$ sap for a) 1-amino-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid (ACC), b) *trans*-Zeatin (*tZ*), c) isopentenyl-adenine (*iP*), d) salicylic acid (*SA*), e) abscisic acid (*ABA*), f) jasmonic acid (*JA*), g) gibberellin A1 (*GA*₁), gibberellin A4 (*GA*₄), gibberellic acid (*GA*₃), *trans*-zeatin riboside (*tZR*), and indole-3-acetic acid (*IAA*). *ABA* concentration was highest in the drought categories; LD had $\sim 17 \text{ ng}\cdot\text{ml}^{-1}$ sap of *ABA* compared with SD which had $\sim 7 \text{ ng}\cdot\text{ml}^{-1}$ sap, whilst the other categories ranged between ~ 1 and $3 \text{ ng}\cdot\text{ml}^{-1}$ sap. Shade plants had lower xylem *SA* levels than light ones, in the range of $0.7\text{--}1.1 \text{ ng}\cdot\text{ml}^{-1}$ sap compared with $1.6\text{--}4.5 \text{ ng}\cdot\text{ml}^{-1}$ sap respectively. Xylem sap levels of *GA*₁ were approximately three times higher in LD than most other treatment groups, although this was not significantly different to the other drought category, SD, due to high variation.

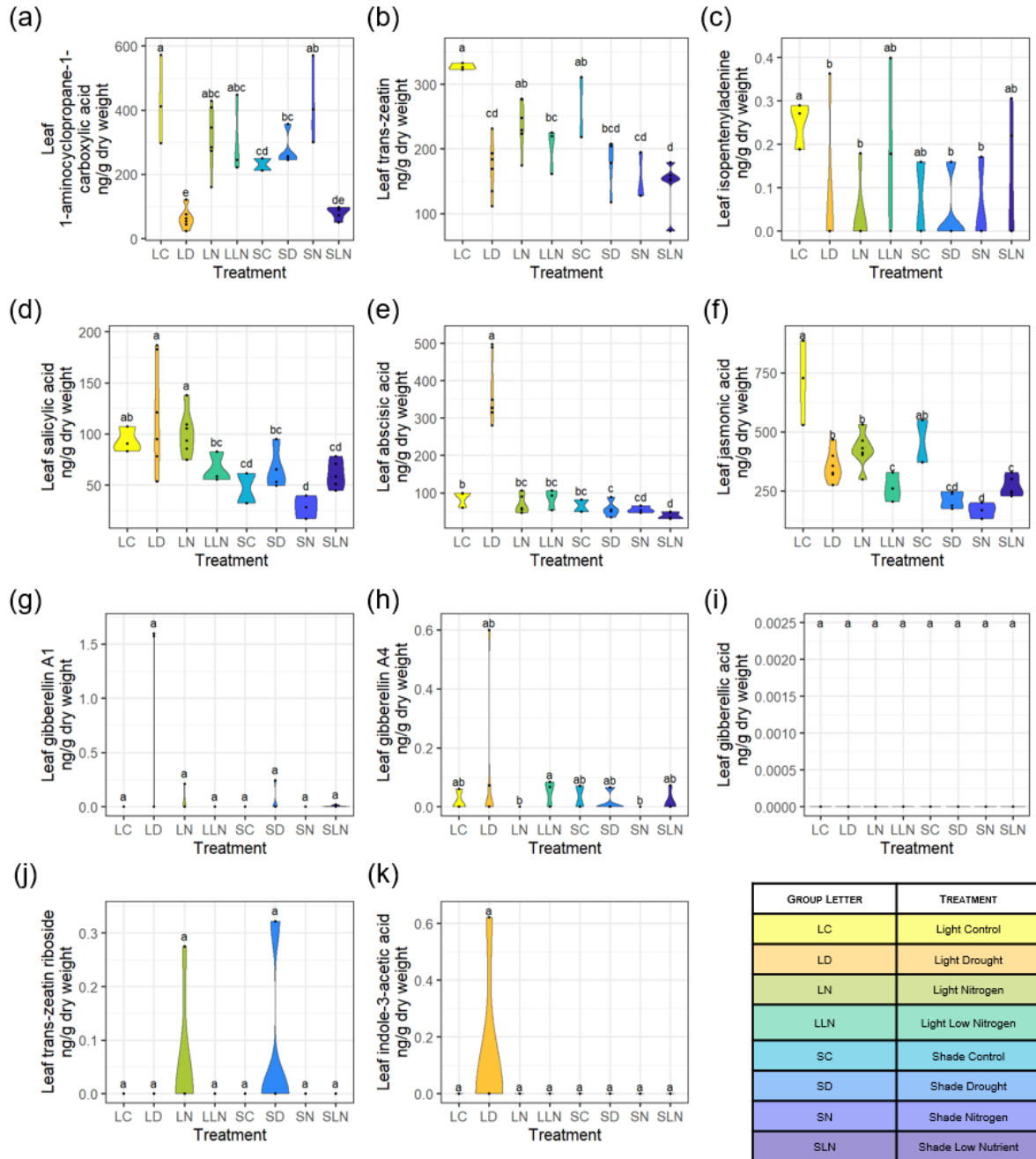


Figure S6: Hormone profiles from freeze-dried ground leaves measured using UHPLC–HRMS in $\text{ng}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$ dry weight for a) 1-amino-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid (ACC), b) *trans*-Zeatin (tZ), c) isopentenyl-adenine (iP), d) salicylic acid (SA), e) abscisic acid (ABA), f) jasmonic acid (JA), g) gibberellin A1 (GA_1), gibberellin A4 (GA_4), gibberellic acid (GA_3), *trans*-zeatin riboside (tZR), and indole-3-acetic acid (IAA). Leaf ABA levels (Figure S5) were approximately quadruple in LD than those of the other categories. Plants grown under LC treatment category registered approximately 4.5-fold higher of leaf tZ than those in SLN. Leaf JA concentration was significantly higher in the light control group LC ($\sim 710 \text{ ng}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$ dry weight) compared to all other groups (ranging $170\text{--}420 \text{ ng}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$ dry weight), except the shade control group SC ($\sim 460 \text{ ng}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$ dry weight). The highest iP hormone concentration was found in leaves of category LC, at $0.25 \text{ ng}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$ dry weight. This value was significantly higher compared to groups LD, LN, SD, SN (ranging $0.03\text{--}0.6 \text{ ng}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$ dry weight), with the other groups falling in between.

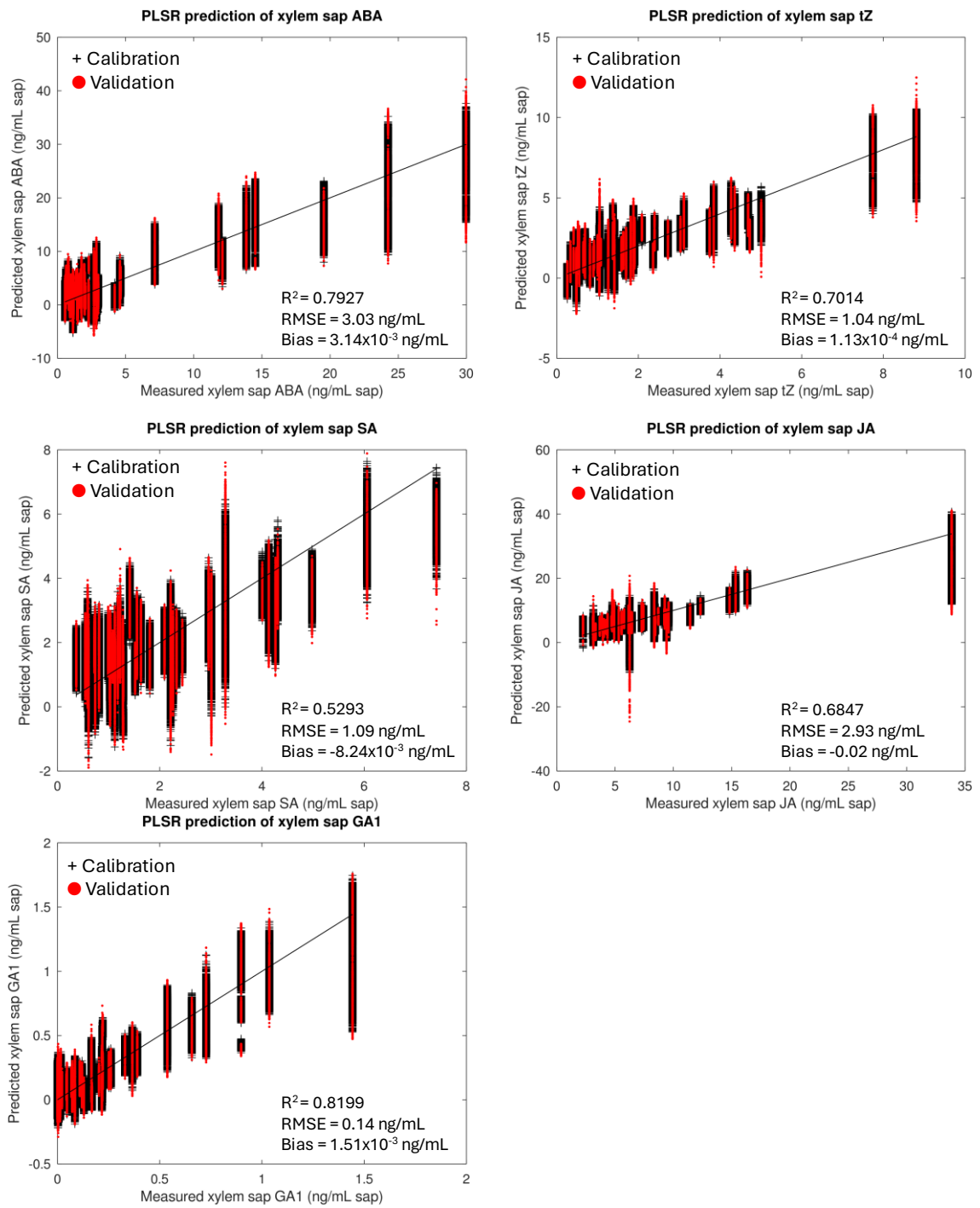


Figure S7: PLS regression graphs for prediction of plant hormones from xylem sap. Validation was performed by Monte-Carlo cross-validation with 20% of samples left-out for validation during 1000 iterations. All models were built using 10 latent variables.

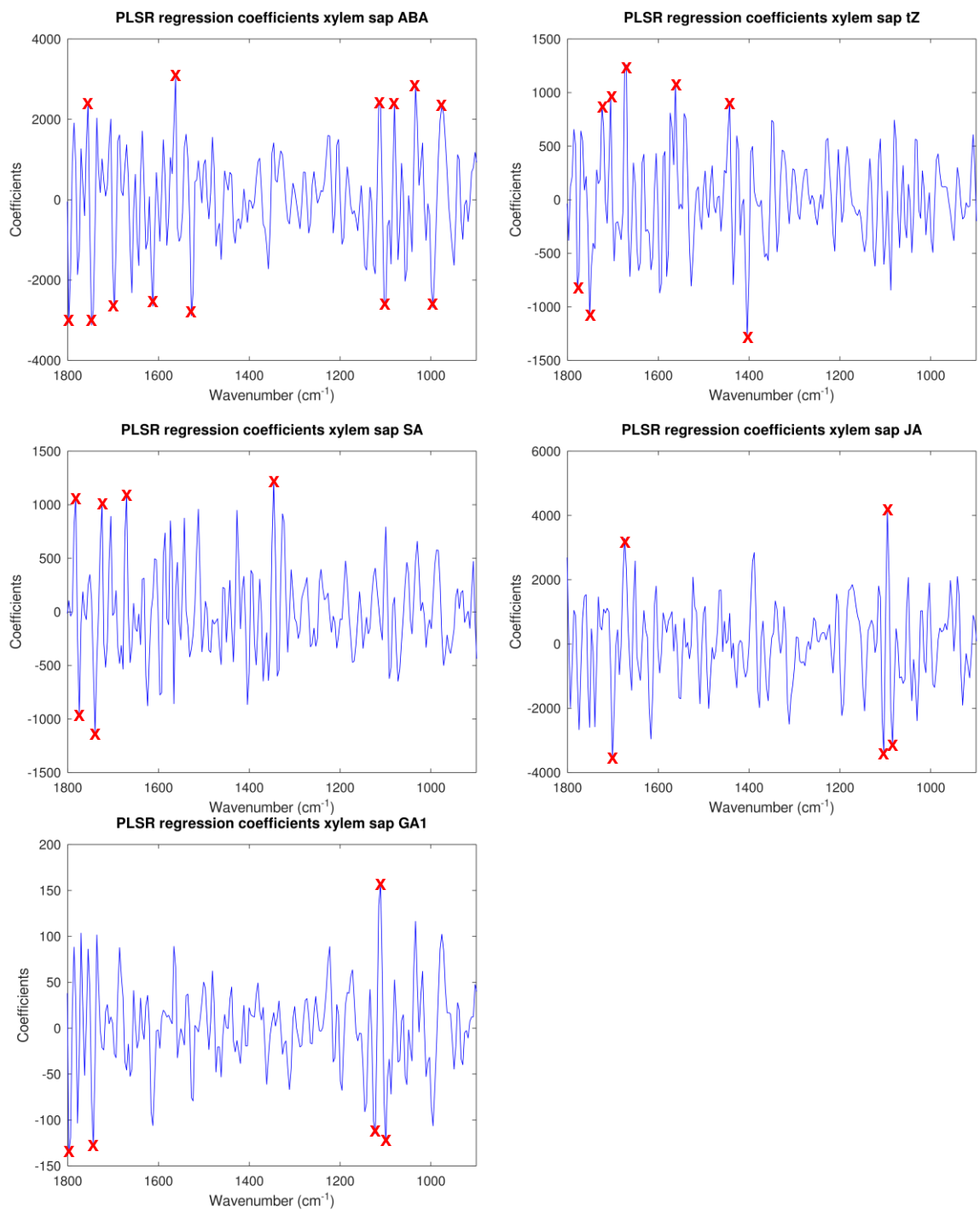


Figure S8: PLSR regression coefficients for prediction of plant hormones from xylem sap. Main wavenumbers are marked with a red X.

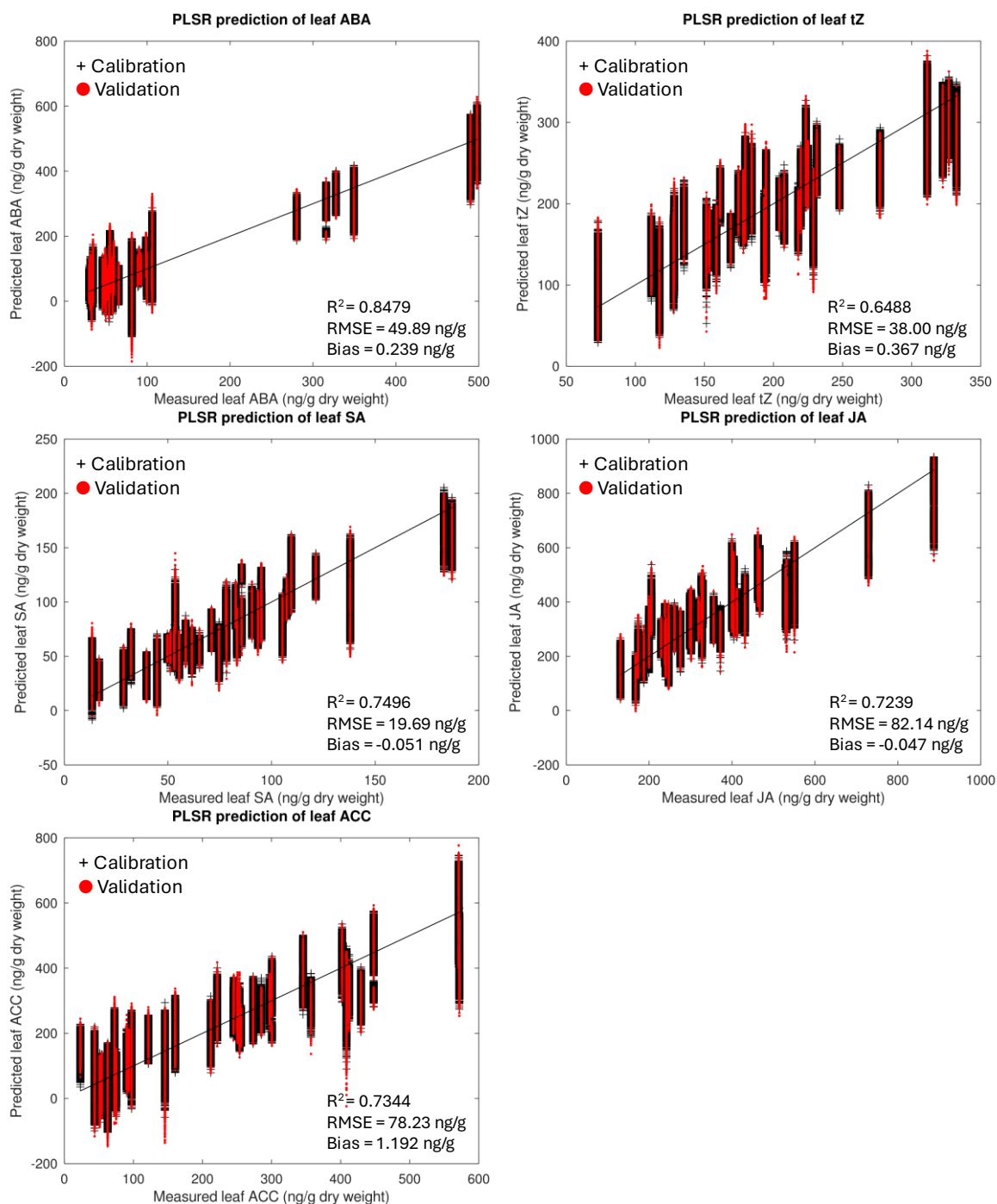


Figure S9: PLS regression graphs for prediction of plant hormones from freeze-dried ground leaves. Validation was performed by Monte-Carlo cross-validation with 20% of samples left-out for validation during 1000 iterations. All models were built using 10 latent variables.

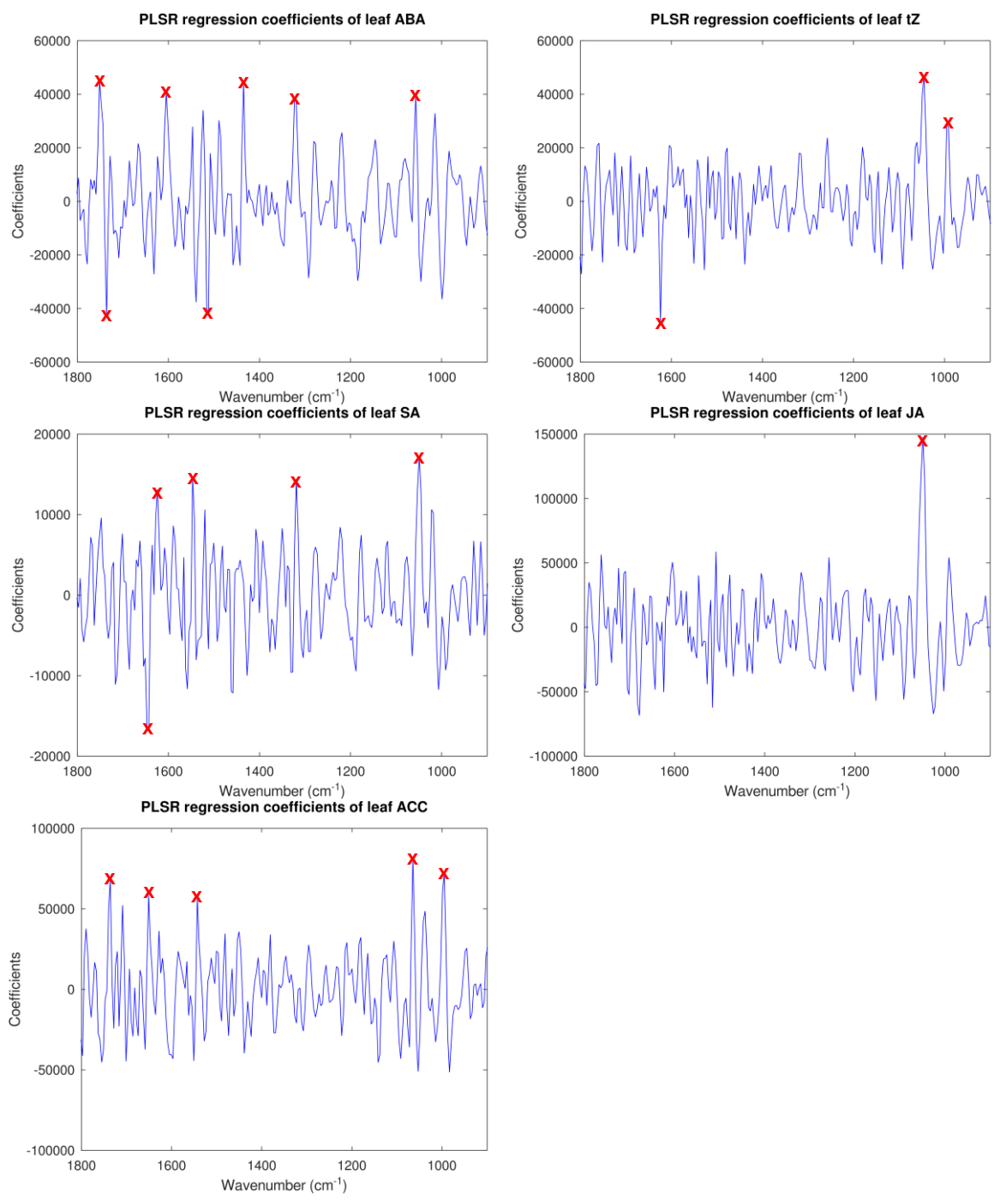


Figure S10: PLSR regression coefficients for prediction of plant hormones from freeze-dried ground leaves. Main wavenumbers are marked with a red X.

Xylem Sap Number of LVs	tz	iP	GA1	GA3	GA4	IAA	ABA	JA	SA
Light Control	6	8	9	NA	6	6	8	7	7
Light Drought	9	4	10	9	NA	NA	10	10	9
Light Nitrogen	6	4	8	5	NA	NA	6	5	5
Light Low Nutrient	7	7	9	NA	NA	NA	9	7	10
Shade Control	7	6	5	5	NA	NA	4	4	4
Shade Drought	3	NA	5	7	NA	NA	5	7	7
Shade Nitrogen	7	7	7	5	NA	6	7	6	7
Shade Low Nutrient	7	NA	7	NA	NA	NA	7	6	6

FDG Leaves Number of LVs	ACC	tz	ABA	JA	SA
Light Control	5	5	7	5	5
Light Drought	7	7	7	6	9
Light Nitrogen	8	8	9	7	7
Light Low Nutrient	5	4	4	5	5
Shade Control	3	5	2	4	4
Shade Drought	5	5	5	5	4
Shade Nitrogen	4	4	4	5	3
Shade Low Nutrient	7	6	6	8	6

Table S6: Number of latent variables (LVs) used to build the PLSR models between different types of treatment and hormone levels for xylem sap and freeze-dried ground (FDG) leaves. Higher number of LVs represents higher model complexity.