

Figure S1 (A) Diagrams of the nuclotide and deduced amino acid sequences of GhPLP2. Nuclotide sequence and deduced amino acid sequence of GhPLP2. **(B)** The red area is the patatin domain.

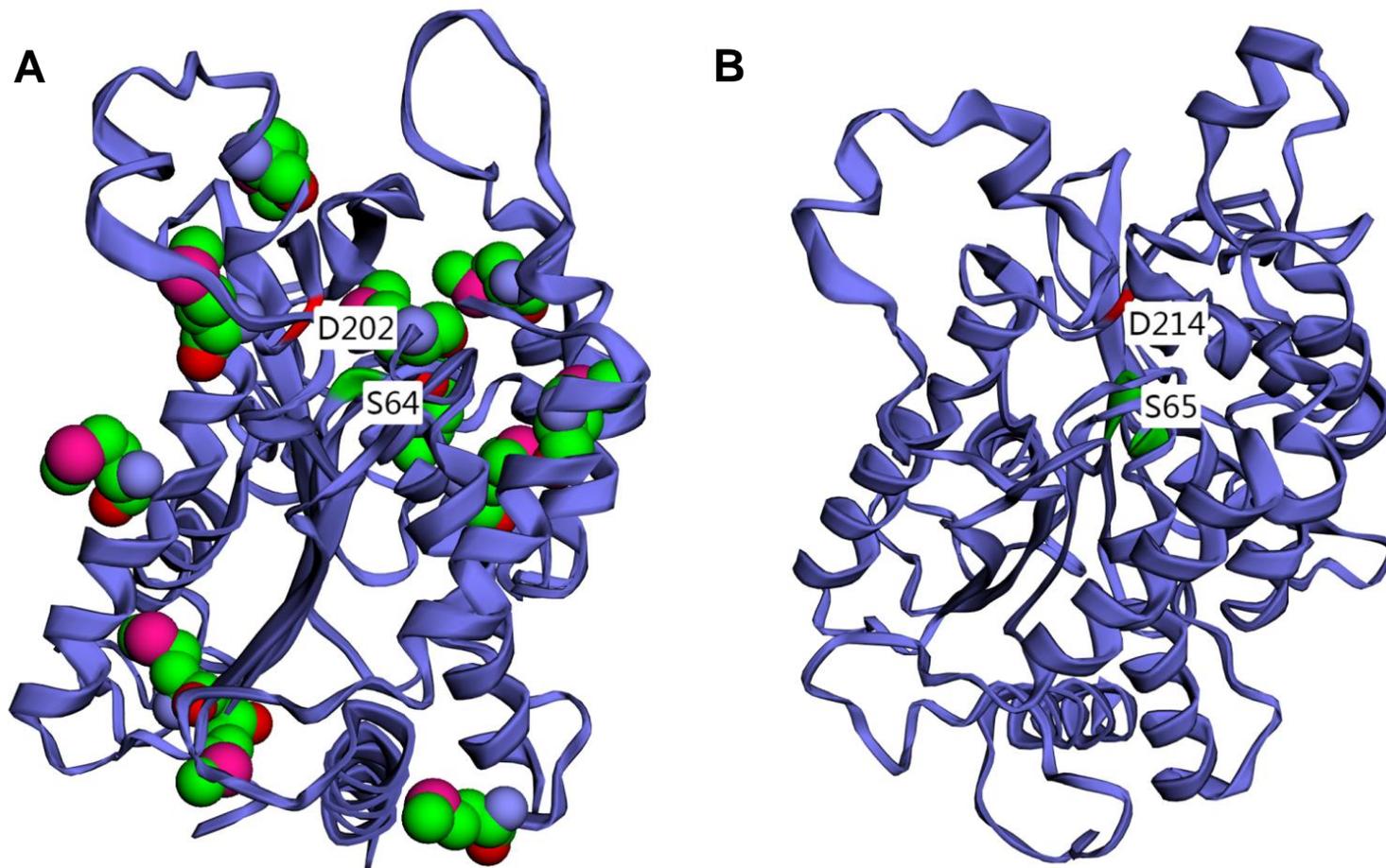


Figure S2 Structure predictions of GhPLP2 and SeMet Patatin (40.22% similarity). (A) The crystal structure of SeMet Patatin (PDB number:1oxw.1.B) . Amino acids Ser (S64) and Asp (D202) are highlighted. (B) Modelings of GhPLP2 protein. Amino acids Ser (S65) and Asp (D214) are highlighted. The active sites composed of Ser-Asp catalytic dyad responsible for its LAH activity.

A

TRV:00 *TRV:GhPLP2* *TRV:GhCLA*

B

TRV:00 *TRV:GhPLP2*

TRV:00 *TRV:GhCLA*

GhPLP2

GhCLA

GhUBQ

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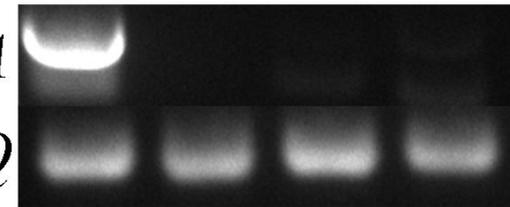
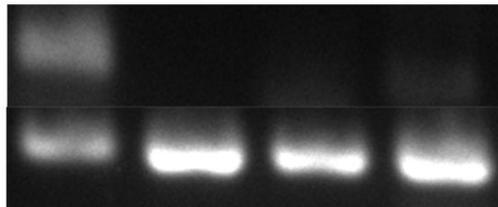


Figure S3 Gene silencing in cotton plants by VIGS. (A) The phenotypes of *TRV:00*, *TRV:GhPLP2*, *TRV:GhCLA* cotton plants. (B) The expression of *GhPLP2* and *GhCLA* in the control and silenced cotton were analyzed by semi-quantitative RT-PCR. *GhUBQ* was used as a reference gene. The experiments were performed with three repeats and showed similar results.

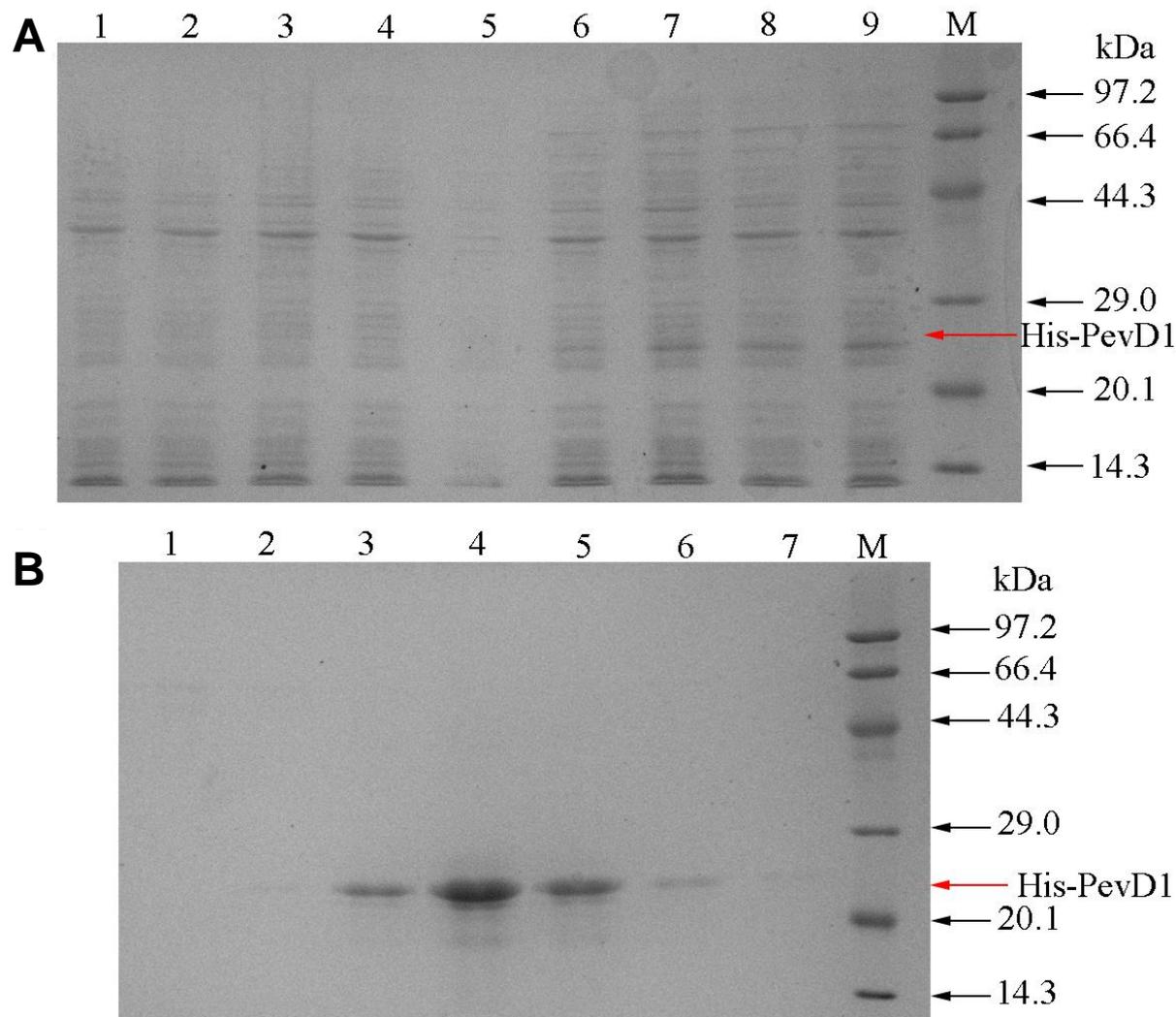


Figure S4 Purification of recombinant PevD1 protein. (A) Induced proteins were analyzed by SDS-PAGE. 1-4, pET-28a empty vector was induced at 5,10,15,20h. 5-9, pET-28a-PevD1 was induced at 0,5h,10h,15h,20h. 0.1 mM IPTG, 22 °C, 200 rpm. M molecular mass markers (kDa) (B) Purification of recombinant PevD1. M protein molecular weight marker. 1-7, different elution proteins.

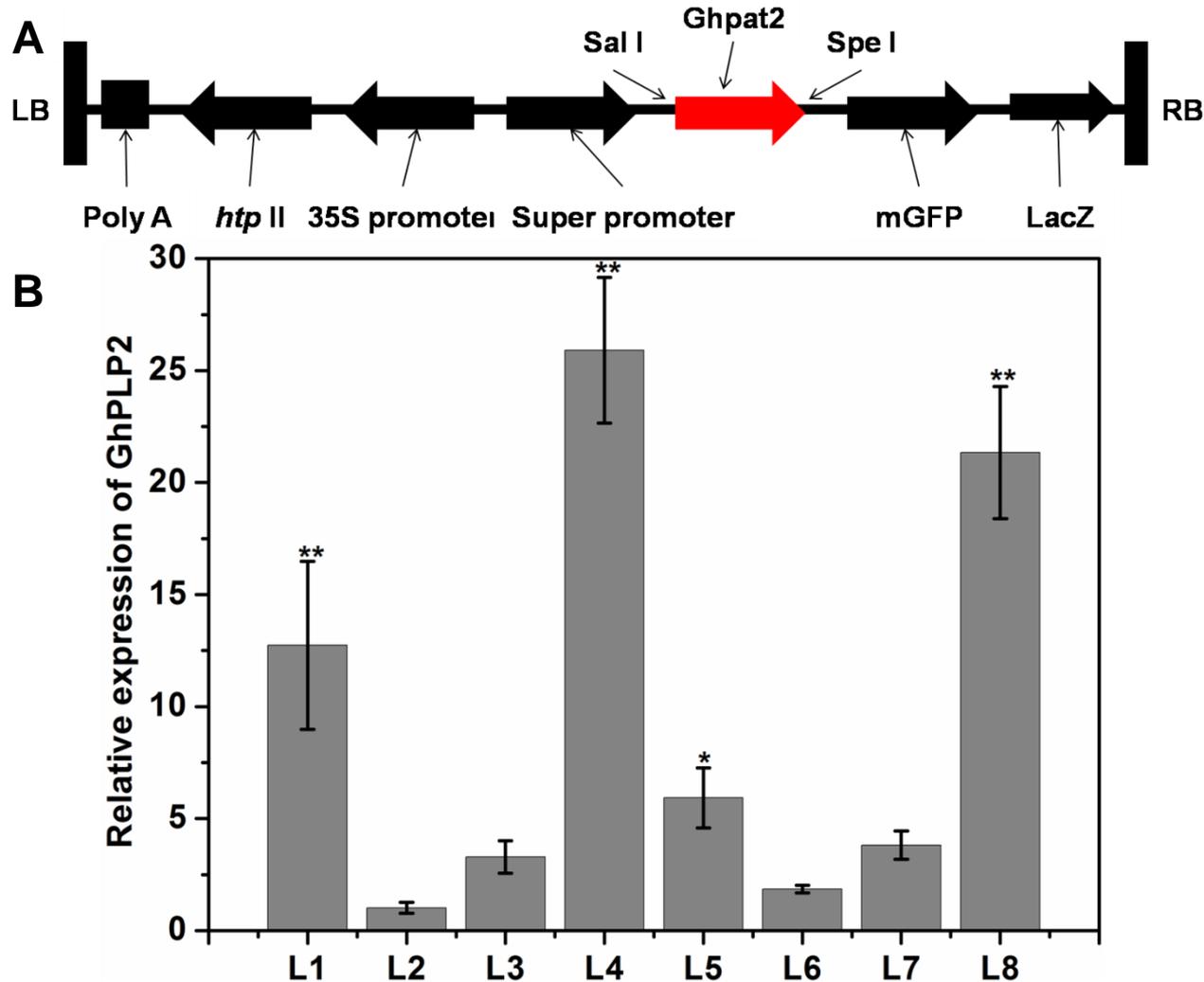


Figure S5 Genetic transformation of *Arabidopsis* with *GhPLP2* and quantitation of transgenic lines. (A) Outline of the super-pCAMBIA1300 transformation vector with *GhPLP2* under the control of CaMV 35S promoter. (B) Transcript levels of *GhPLP2* was analysed by RT-qPCR in transgenic *Arabidopsis* lines relative to the line with the lowest expression (L2). *AtEF1 α* was employed as an internal standard. Data were collected from three independent biological samples. Error bars represent standard error. Asterisks indicate a significant difference (* $P < 0.05$, ** $P < 0.01$, Student's t-test).

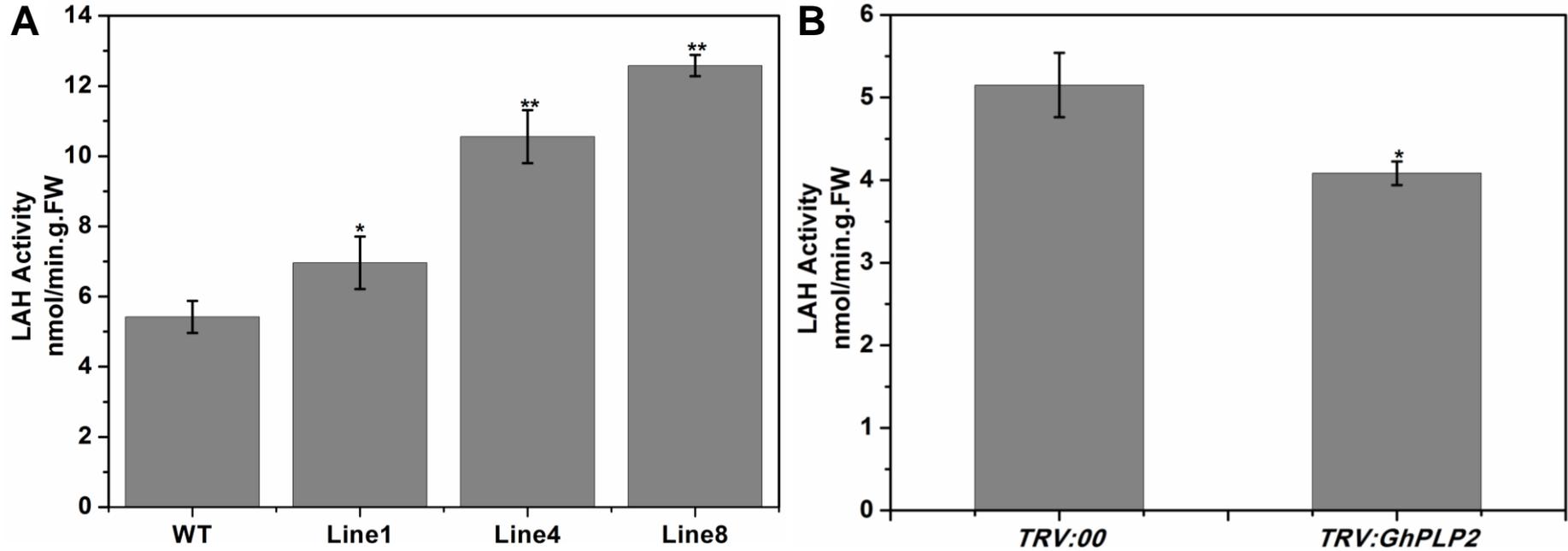


Figure 6 The endogenous LAH activity of crude proteins from different genotypes plants were detected using p-nitrophenyl palmitate (pNPP). (A) The endogenous LAH activity of crude proteins from *GhPLP2*-transgenic *Arabidopsis*. (B) The endogenous LAH activity of crude proteins from *TRV:00* and *TRV:GhPLP2* cotton plants. Datas were collected from three independent biological replicates. Error bars represent standard error. Asterisks indicate a significant difference (* $P < 0.05$ and ** $P < 0.01$, Student's t-test).