

Expression of Chlorophyllase Is Not Induced during Autumnal Yellowing in *Ginkgo biloba*

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Autumnal tints are one of the most fascinating natural phenomena, but the molecular mechanism of chlorophyll (Chl-)degradation in deciduous trees has not been fully understood. In this study, from the leaves of *Ginkgo biloba*, chlorophyllase-homologous *GbCLH* was cloned by RT-PCR with degenerated primers. The expression of *GbCLH* in different yellowing stages was analyzed by Northern hybridization. The expression level of *GbCLH* was highest in green leaves and significantly declined during the process of leaf yellowing. These results suggested that *GbCLH* should be involved in chlorophyll-homeostasis in *Ginkgo biloba*.

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