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Vernalisation mediated LncRNA-like gene expression in Beta vulgaris

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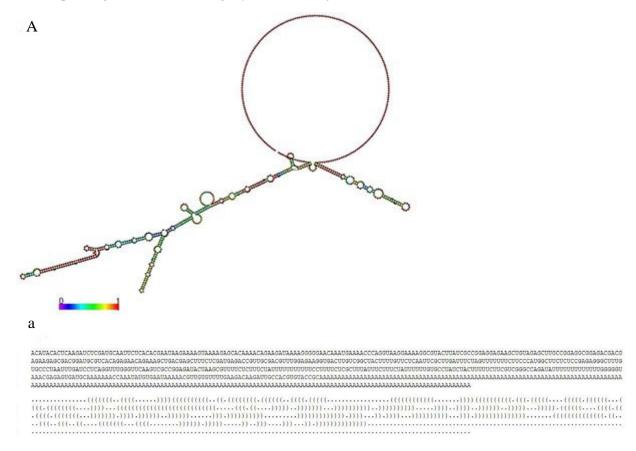
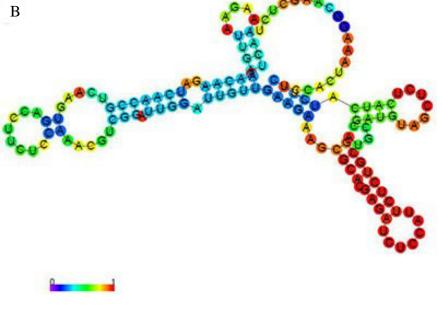
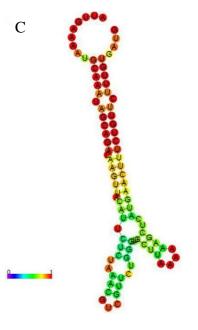


Fig. S1. Predicted secondary structure of *Arabidopsis COOLAIR* with the 'double stem-and-loop' structure and the optimal secondary structure in dot-bracket notation.



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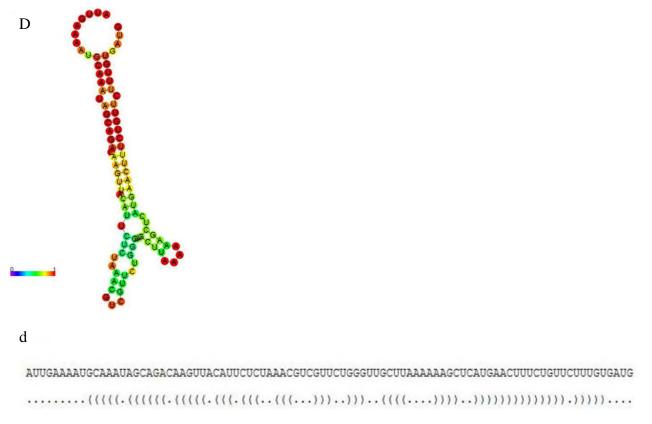
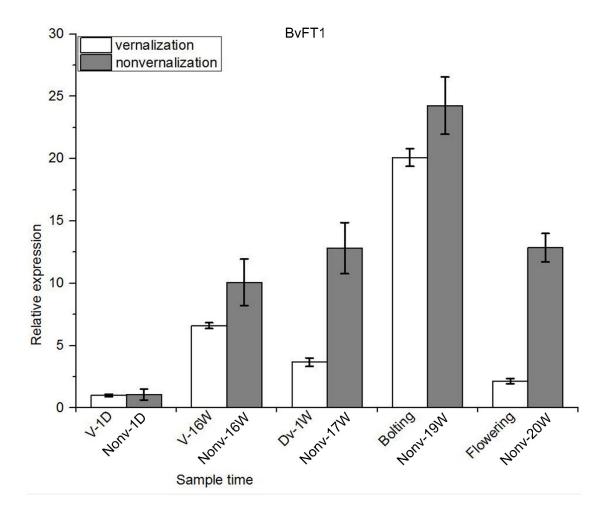


Fig. S2. Predicted secondary structure of *Beta vulgaris* PREDICTED: *CAULIFLOWER A, AGL15X2* and *AGL15X1* (B,C,D) and the optimal secondary structure in dot-bracket notation (b,c,d) with *Arabidopsis thaliana COOLAIR* on the website (http://rna.tbi.univie.ac.at/cgi-bin/RNAfold.cgi).



BvFT1 represses flowering and its down-regulation is crucial for the vernalisation response in sugar beets (Pin *et al.* 2010). *BvFT1* upregulated reaching a peak at the nonv-19w time point comparing to others then downregulated seriously not only in the vernalisation but also in the nonvernalisation sugar beets.

Fig. S3. Expression pattern of BvFT1 in leaves analysed by RT-qPCR at five different time points, including V-1D., the Vernalisation 1 day; V-16W., Vernalisation 16 weeks; Dv-1W., Devernalisation 1 week; Bolting and Flowering periods and the corresponding nonvernalisation materials. The white bar denotes vernalized samples and the gray bar denotes the nonvernalised samples. BvICDH was used as the internal control. Error bars, mean \pm s.e. (n = 3).

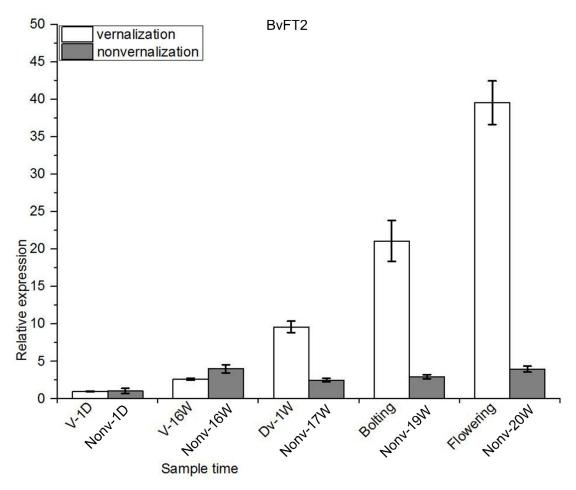


Fig. S4. Expression pattern of BvFT2 in leaves analysed by RT-qPCR at five different time points, including V-1D., the Vernalisation 1 day; V-16W., Vernalisation 16 weeks; Dv-1W., Devernalisation 1 week; Bolting and Flowering periods and the corresponding nonvernalisation materials. The white bar denotes the vernalized and the gray bar denotes the nonvernalised materials. BvICDH was used as the internal control. Error bars, mean \pm s.e. (n = 3).