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## **Supplementary Table**

**Table.** Salt tolerance of 12 rice cultivars under salt stress (6% NaCl) after three weeks.

No.	Cultivar name	SES	Survival rate (%)
1	VNR20	7.34d	29.8e
2	Dai Thom 8	6.85cd	43.1d
3	VD20	7.53d	39.5de
4	OM6976	5.46c	57.2c
5	OM9577	3.61b	82.6a
6	OM9921	3.98b	81.3a
7	OC10	4.63d	48.9d
8	AGPPS103	2.95ab	83.5a
9	AGPPS138	3.57b	77.1b
10	AGPPS114	2.03a	84.7a
11	IR29	8.32e	11.3e
12	Pokkali	3.84b	68.9bc

IRRI standard evaluation scoring (SES) system based on the visual symptoms of salt stress injury of rice at seedling stage

Score	Symptom observation	Salt tolerant level
1	Normal growth, no leaf symptoms	Highly tolerant
3	Growth nearly nomal, but leaf tips or few leaves whitish and rolled	Tolerant
5	Growth severely reduced, most leaves are rolled, only a few elongating	Moderately tolerant
7	Growth completely ceases, most leaves dry, some plants dying	Sensitive
9	Almost all plants dead or dying	Highly sensisive