

Table 3 Correlation indexes and ranking of leaf structure indexes

Category	Index	Correlation index	Order in category
1	Leaf thickness	0.727	1
1	Thickness of palisade tissue	0.660	4
1	Thickness of spongy tissue	0.722	2
1	Tissue structure looseness	0.643	3
1	Thickness of upper epidermis	0.522	5
1	Thickness of lower epidermis	0.346	6
2	Stomatal density	1.000	1
3	Palisade tissue-spongy tissue ratio	0.487	1
3	Tissue structure tightness	0.467	2
3	Stomatal size	0.052	3