

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

### Targeted mutagenesis in plants using Cas9 RNA-guided endonuclease

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## Material and methods

### Construction of Cas9 and sgRNA expressing plasmids

Cas9 was PCR-amplified with primers Cas9GWF and Cas9STR using the clone described in Mali *et al.*<sup>1</sup> as a template. The resulting PCR product was cloned into the pENTR/D-TOPO vector (Life Technologies). The entry clone was subsequently recombined into the GW-compatible destination vector pK7WGF2<sup>2</sup> using the LR clonase (Life Technologies) to produce the 35Sp::GFP-Cas9 construct.

The Arabidopsis U6 promoter used in this study is the consensus sequence of the 3 U6 promoter variants present in the Arabidopsis genome<sup>3</sup>. The AtU6p clone was synthesised with Genescrypt (**Supplementary Fig. 2**). The promoter was PCR-amplified with primers U6p\_GGAG\_f and U6p\_CAAAT\_r and cloned into a level 0 vector<sup>4</sup> via the BbsI cut-ligation using the Golden Gate (GG) cloning method. The sgRNA was PCR-amplified using primers PDS\_gRNA1\_BsaI\_f and gRNA\_AGC\_G\_BsaI\_r (PDS locus) or primers gRNA\_T1\_GFP\_BsaI\_f and gRNA\_AGC\_G\_BsaI\_r (GFP) using the plasmid gRNA\_GFP\_T1 described in Mali *et al.*<sup>1</sup> as a template. The resulting PCR product was cloned into the pICH86966 vector (kindly provided by S. Marillonnet, based on the modular cloning system described in Weber *et al.*<sup>4</sup> under the AtU6p via the BsaI cut-ligation using the GG method. Both Cas9 and gRNA\_GFP\_T1 plasmids<sup>1</sup> were obtained from Addgene.

### Transient gene expression in *N. benthamiana* and Cas9 intracellular localisation

Transient expression was performed using the AGL1 strain of *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* as described in Bos *et al.*<sup>5</sup>. GFP-Cas9 was localised in the leaf tissue of *N. benthamiana* 2 days post infiltration using the Leica SP5 confocal microscope in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

### Detection of Cas9-induced indels in plant genomic DNA

GFP-Cas9 and sgRNA carrying the guide sequence matching a site within the *PDS* gene of *N. benthamiana* were transiently co-expressed in the *N. benthamiana* leaf tissue. The tissue was harvested at 2 days post infiltration and the genomic DNA extracted using the DNeasy Plant Mini kit (Qiagen). 100 ng of the genomic DNA was then digested with the MlyI restriction enzyme. Upon digesting the reaction mix was desalting using Sepharose CL-6B (Sigma) and then added as a template into a PCR reaction performed with primers PDS\_MlyIF and PDS\_MlyIR and the Phusion DNA polymerase (New England Biolabs). The resulting PCR band was cloned into the pCR™-Blunt II-TOPO vector (Life Technologies). Plasmids from individual *Escherichia coli* colonies were sequenced using standard primers M13 forward and M13 reverse. Amplicons with mutated MlyI sites were recovered only when the Cas9 and sgRNA constructs were co-expressed (**Figure 1** and **Supplementary Fig. 3**) but weak bands can be occasionally observed in the negative controls probably due to incomplete digestion. To ensure that the amplicons indeed contain DNA fragments resistant to MlyI digestion, we performed a partial digestion of the genomic DNA with MlyI followed by a second MlyI digestion of the amplicons as shown in **Supplementary Fig. 4**.

## Transformation of *Nicotiana benthamiana*

Leaves of 3-4 weeks *N. benthamiana* plants were co-infiltrated with *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* AGL1 strains carrying GFP-Cas9 and the sgRNA as described above. The leaves were harvested 3 days later and surface sterilised by brief dipping into 70% ethanol and then immersing into 1% fresh sodium hypochlorite with a few drops of Tween 20 to act as a surfactant for 20-25 minutes. Leaves were then rinsed in sterile water and cut into 1-2 cm squares. Leaf squares were put on the selection medium (1X Murashige and Skoog basal salt mixture, 1X Gamborg's B5 vitamins, 3% Sucrose, 0.59g/L MES, 1.0mg/L BAP, 0.1mg/l NAA, 0.4% Agargel pH 5.7, 100 µg/ml kanamycin and 320 µg/ml timentin). Explants were subcultured onto fresh media every 7-10 days for around 1-2 months until the appearance of the first shoots. Shoots were removed with a sharp scalpel and planted into the rooting media (½ strength Murashige and Skoog medium, 0.5% Sucrose, 0.25% Gelrite pH 5.8, 100 µg/ml kanamycin and 320 µg/ml timentin).

## Measurements of the mutation rate

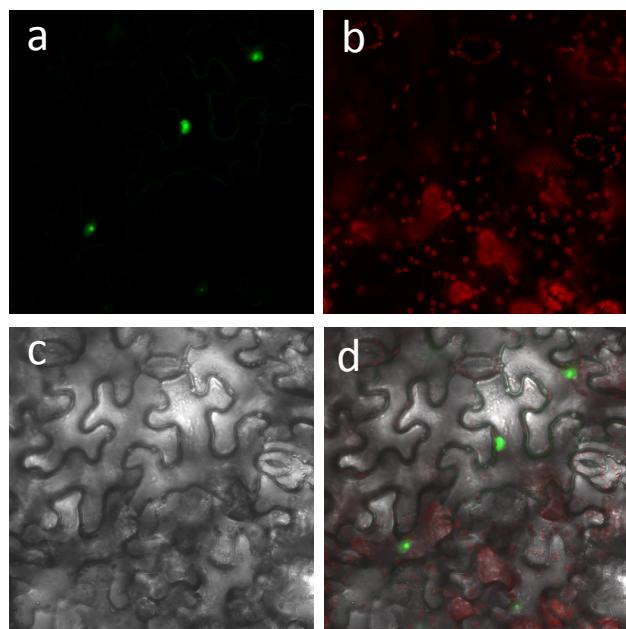
In order to estimate the rate of Cas9/sgRNA-induced mutations in the *PDS* locus we used the method described by Qi *et al.*<sup>6</sup>. The PCR product amplified on the non-digested genomic DNA as a template was digested with MlyI and run on a gel. The intensity of non-saturated bands was quantified using the ImageJ software (<http://rsb.info.nih.gov/ij>). The mutation rate was calculated by dividing the intensity of the uncut band by the total intensity of all bands in a given lane.

## Analysis of potential off-targets

In order to select potential off-targets, we searched the *N. benthamiana* genome database using the NCBI BLASTN online tool against the sgRNA target site within the *PDS* gene (GCCGTTAATTGAGAGTC CA). The search returned 98 potential off-target loci. We then picked 44 out of 98 off-targets with varying numbers of bases (10-18) matching the *PDS* target sequence (**Supplementary Table 1**). The 44 off-target sequences were selected based on the following two criteria: 1) presence of a MlyI site within a sequence and 2) absence of additional MlyI sites in close proximity (<50 bp) to the off-target site. Primers were designed to amplify the potential off-target loci across the off-target site. Out of the 44 loci amplified, 18 gave a PCR band of expected size without non-specific bands. We then proceeded further with these 18 loci (**Supplementary Table 2**). First, we tested if we could amplify the loci using MlyI-digested genomic DNA extracted from the leaf tissue expressing Cas9+sgRNA(*PDS*) or Cas9 alone. For 12 out of 18 loci it was possible to amplify a PCR product using the MlyI-digested genomic DNA and for the 1 out of 12 loci a weak band was observed only in the case of the Cas9+sgRNA(*PDS*) sample indicating potential off-target activity (**Supplementary Fig. 7c**). Nevertheless, in all 18 cases the PCR products could be digested by MlyI (**Supplementary Fig. 7a-c**), while the PCR product from the positive control (*PDS*) showed clear resistance to MlyI digestion (**Supplementary Fig. 7d**).

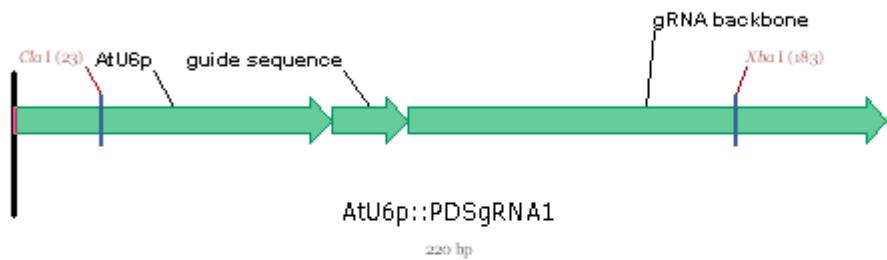
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**Supplementary Figure 1. Cas9 localises to plant nuclei.**

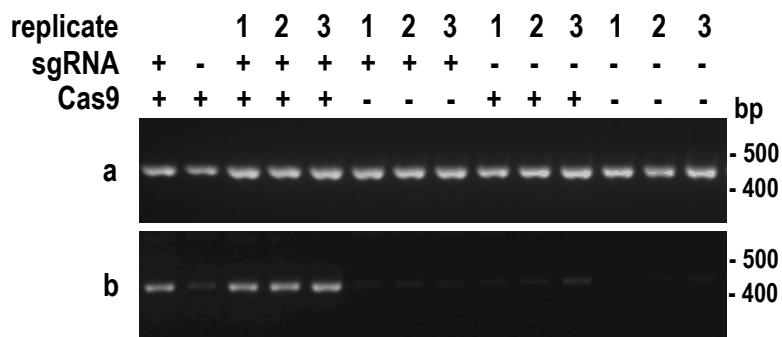
GFP-Cas9 was expressed in *N. benthamiana* leaf tissue and visualised 2 days post infiltration. (a) GFP. (b) Plastids autofluorescence. (c) Bright field. (d) Overlay of (a), (b) and (c).



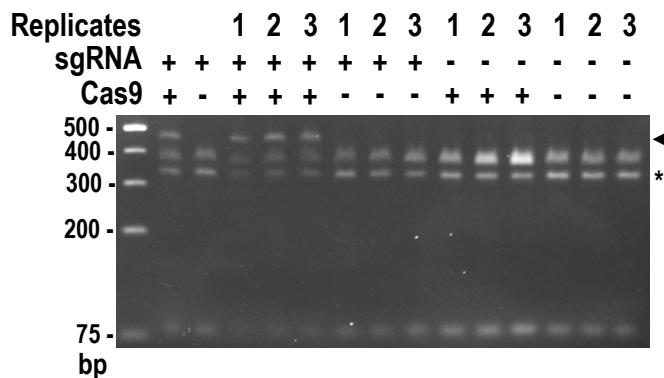
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AATAAGGCTAGTCGTTATCAACTGAAAAAGTGGCACCGAGTCGGTGTCTTTCTAGACC  
CAGCTTCTTGTACAAAGTTGGCATTACGCT

**Supplementary Figure 2. Description of the U6p::sgRNA construct.**

Arabidopsis U6 promoter sequence is shown in **blue**; the guide sequence is shown in **red**; the sgRNA backbone sequence is shown in **green**

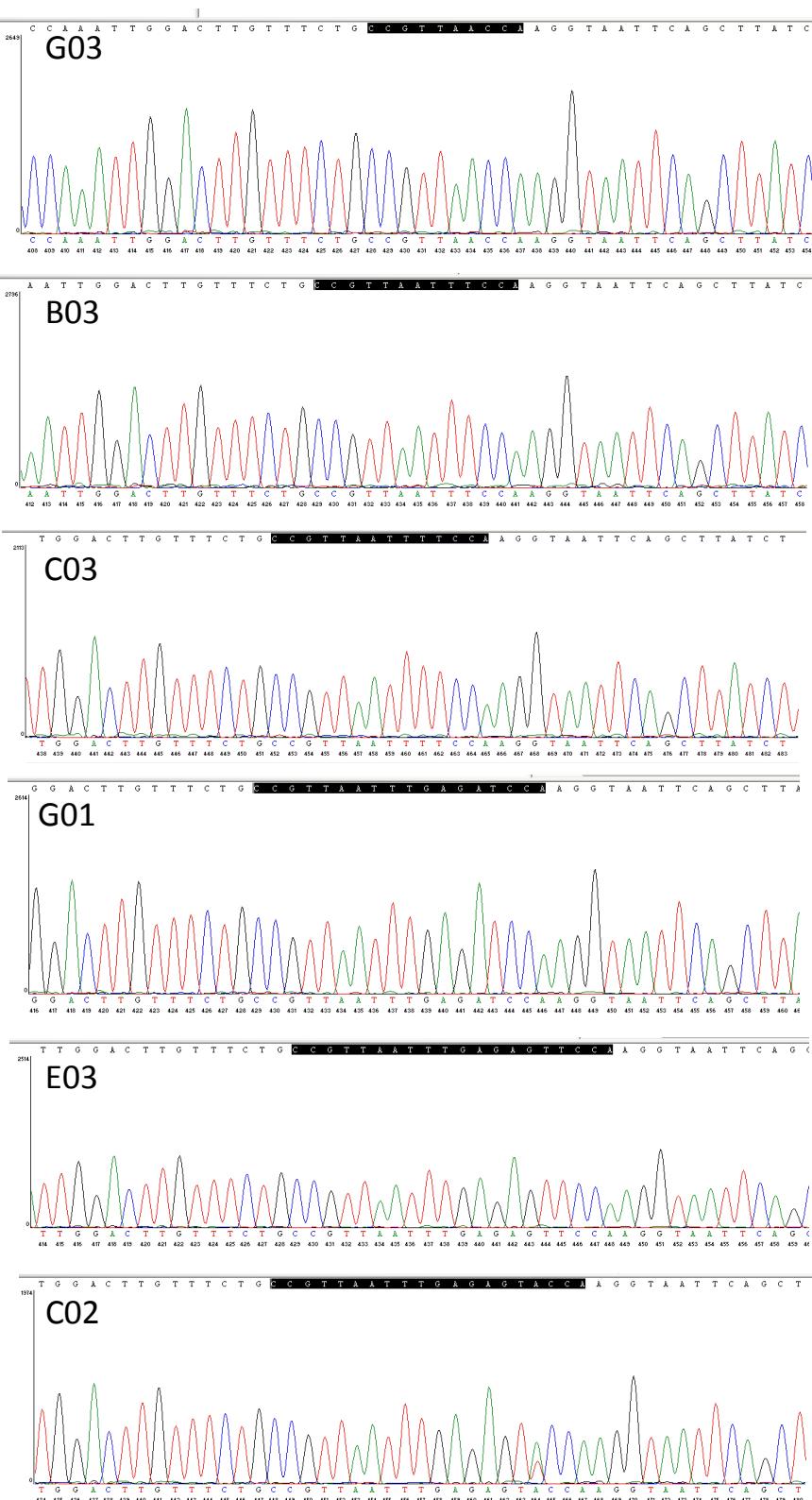


**Supplementary Figure 3. Replicates of the experiment presented in Figure 1.**  
The PCR was done with undigested genomic DNA (a) or MspI-digested genomic DNA (b). In the case of the pre-digested genomic DNA, co-expression of both Cas9 and sgRNA results in markedly increased levels of the amplicon. A total of three independent replicates (1-3) are shown.

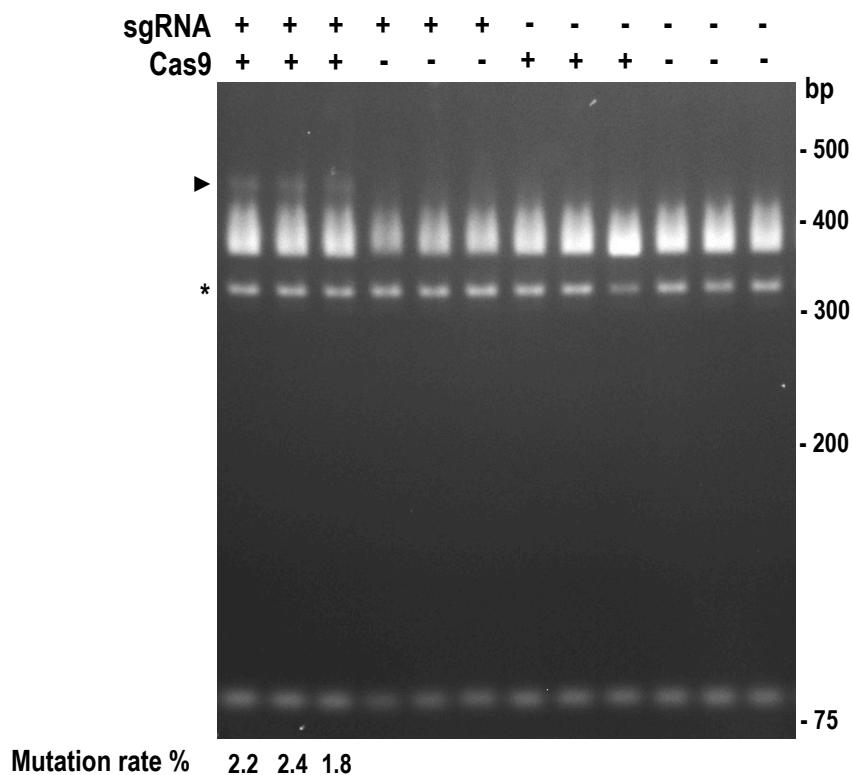


**Supplementary Figure 4.** PCR products amplified on genomic DNA partially digested with MlyI are resistant to MlyI digestion only when Cas9 and sgRNA are co-expressed in plant tissue.

The arrow head indicates the MlyI- resistant band; the asterisk indicates the band resulting from MlyI star activity. A total of three independent replicates (1-3) are shown.



**Supplementary Figure 5. Representative sequence chromatograms of Cas9-induced indels in the *Nicotiana benthamiana* genome.**  
Regions highlighted in black belong to the target site within the *PDS* gene.



**Supplementary Figure 6. Mutation rate replicates.**

The PCR was done with the undigested genomic DNA as a template. Resulting amplicons were then digested with MlyI. The band intensity was quantified with the ImageJ software. The arrowhead indicates the MlyI- resistant band; the asterisk indicates the band resulting from the star activity of MlyI.

**Plant 2** *MlyI*

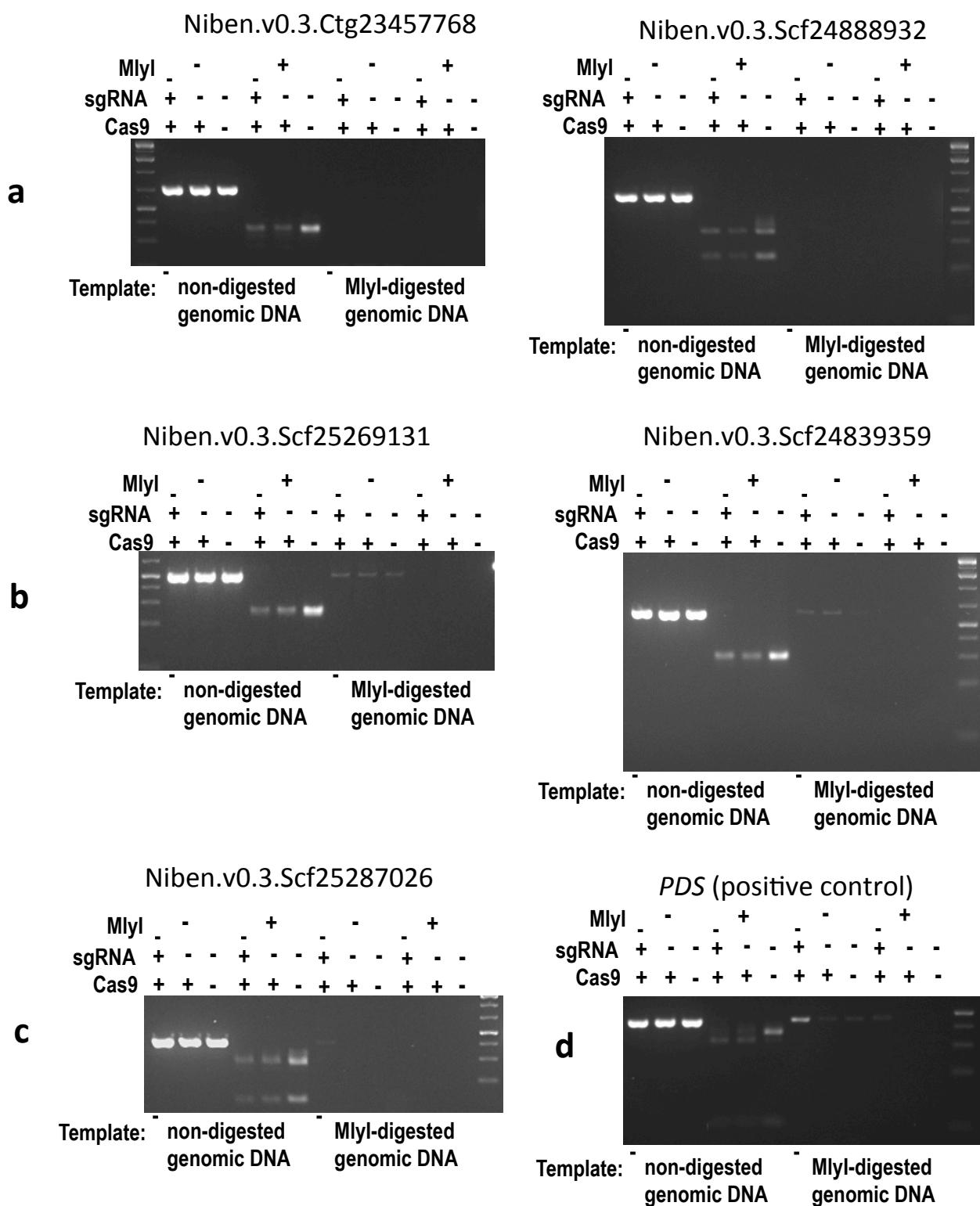
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m2-1 AATGCCCAAATTGGACTTGTTCCT **GCCGTTAATTGAGA** --**CCA** AGGTAATT CAGCTTATCTTGAGCTCGAGGTC -2

**Plant 3** *MlyI*

PDS AATGCCCAAATTGGACTTGTTCCT **GCCGTTAATTGAGAGT-CCA** AGGTAATT CAGCTTATCTTGAGCTCGAGGTC  
m3-1 AATGCCCAAATTGGACTTGTTCCT **GCCGTTAATT-----T-CCA** AGGTAATT CAGCTTATCTTGAGCTCGAGGTC -5  
m3-2 AATGCCCAAATTGGACTTGTTCCT **GCCGTTAATTG-----T-CCA** AGGTAATT CAGCTTATCTTGAGCTCGAGGTC -4  
m3-3 AATGCCCAAATTGGACTTGTTCCT **GCCGTTAATTGAGAG-CCA** AGGTAATT CAGCTTATCTTGAGCTCGAGGTC -1  
m3-4 AATGCCCAAATTGGACTTGTTCCT **GCCGTTAATTGAGAGTCCA** AGGTAATT CAGCTTATCTTGAGCTCGAGGTC +1 T

### Supplementary Figure 7. Mutations detected in the *PDS* locus of transgenic *Nicotiana benthamiana* plants.

DNA fragments produced by PCR amplification using the *MlyI*-digested genomic DNA from transgenic *N. benthamiana* plants 2 and 3 (**Fig. 2b**) were cloned into the pCR™-Blunt II-TOPO vector and sequenced. In the case of the plant 2, only one mutant allele (m2-1) has been found in 5 out of 5 sequenced clones. In the case of the plant 3, four different mutant alleles have been found: m3-1 (1 out of 8 sequenced), m3-2 (1 out of 8 sequenced), m3-3(2 out of 8 sequenced) and m3-4 (4 out 8 sequenced). The sequence within *PDS* targeted by the sgRNA is shown in red whereas the mutations are shown in blue.



**Supplementary Figure 8. Examples of restriction-site loss assays with potential off-targets.**

Analysis examples of potential off-targets from groups 1 (a), 2 (b) and 3 (c) (Supplementary Table 1). The *PDS* positive control is shown in (d).

**Supplementary Table 1. Complete list of off-sites identified for the *PDS* target sequence in the *Nicotiana benthamiana* genome.**

The MlyI restriction site is shown in blue; mismatching bases are shown in red.

| Off-target locus       | Sequence of the off-target site        | Number of matching bases | MlyI site: | Tested? |
|------------------------|--|--------------------------|------------|---------|
| Niben.v0.3.Scf25001368 | GGTGTAAATTGA <b>GAGTCAT</b>            | 16                       | Yes        | Yes     |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf24984291 | TTGGTTAATTGA <b>GAGTC</b> TA           | 16                       | Yes        | Yes     |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf25296596 | GCCGT <b>CA</b> ATTGA <b>GAGTC</b> TG  | 17                       | Yes        | Yes     |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf25265859 | GCCGTTAATT <b>AA</b> <b>GAGTC</b> TG   | 17                       | Yes        | Yes     |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf24888932 | ACTTG <b>A</b> ATTGA <b>GAGTC</b> CA   | 15                       | Yes        | Yes     |
| Niben.v0.3.Ctg23457768 | TGCTT <b>TA</b> ATTGA <b>GAGTC</b> GG  | 15                       | Yes        | Yes     |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf25215920 | TCTT <b>TTA</b> ATTGA <b>GAGTC</b> CCT | 16                       | Yes        | Yes     |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf25013025 | TTAA <b>AA</b> ATTGA <b>GAGTC</b> CA   | 15                       | Yes        | Yes     |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf25296544 | CTTT <b>TTA</b> ATTGA <b>GAGTC</b> TT  | 14                       | Yes        | Yes     |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf25295436 | ATAAAA <b>A</b> ATTGA <b>GAGTC</b> CA  | 14                       | Yes        | Yes     |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf25293111 | GAGC <b>TTA</b> ATTGA <b>GAGTC</b> AT  | 15                       | Yes        | Yes     |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf25269131 | AATT <b>TTA</b> ATTGA <b>GAGTC</b> GT  | 14                       | Yes        | Yes     |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf25264778 | TCAA <b>TA</b> ATTGA <b>GAGTC</b> CA   | 16                       | Yes        | Yes     |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf25249221 | AATT <b>TTA</b> ATTGA <b>GAGTC</b> TA  | 15                       | Yes        | Yes     |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf25179005 | AATT <b>TTA</b> ATTGA <b>GAGTC</b> TA  | 15                       | Yes        | Yes     |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf25159671 | GTA <b>ATA</b> ATTGA <b>GAGTC</b> CA   | 16                       | Yes        | Yes     |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf24839359 | GGTT <b>TTA</b> ATTGA <b>GAGTC</b> AG  | 15                       | Yes        | Yes     |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf25287026 | ATCAA <b>AA</b> ATTGA <b>GAGTC</b> CA  | 15                       | Yes        | Yes     |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf25193839 | AGG <b>TTA</b> ATTGA <b>GAGTC</b> AA   | 16                       | Yes        | No      |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf25145763 | GGAG <b>TTA</b> ATTGA <b>GAGTC</b> AT  | 16                       | Yes        | No      |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf25118108 | AAGC <b>TTA</b> ATTGA <b>GAGTC</b> CT  | 15                       | Yes        | No      |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf25101348 | TAGA <b>TTA</b> ATTGA <b>GAGTC</b> CC  | 15                       | Yes        | No      |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf25000492 | ATCC <b>TTA</b> ATTGA <b>GAGTC</b> CC  | 16                       | Yes        | No      |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf24897441 | CTCATT <b>CTA</b> AT <b>GAGTC</b> TA   | 10                       | Yes        | No      |
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| Niben.v0.3.Scf25279608 | CTGG <b>GT</b> ATTGA <b>GAGTC</b> CT   | 15                       | Yes        | No      |
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| Niben.v0.3.Scf25043710 | ACTCG <b>TA</b> ATTGA <b>GAGTC</b> CT  | 15                       | Yes        | No      |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf24913622 | TCTC <b>TTA</b> ATTGA <b>GAGTC</b> AA  | 16                       | Yes        | No      |

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|------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|---------|
| Niben.v0.3.Scf24912538 | TCTCCAATTGAGAGTC                | 15                       | Yes        | No      |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf24901695 | AAAGAAAATTGAGAGTC               | 15                       | Yes        | No      |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf24858152 | GGATTTAATTGAGAGTC               | 16                       | Yes        | No      |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf24828564 | TAATTAAATTGAGAGTC               | 14                       | Yes        | No      |
| Niben.v0.3.Ctg22385253 | GAGCTTAATTGAGAGTC               | 15                       | Yes        | No      |
| Niben.v0.3.Ctg21326560 | CAACTTAATTGAGAGTC               | 14                       | Yes        | No      |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf25104628 | GCCGTTAATTGAGAGAT               | 18                       | No         | No      |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf25042327 | GTGTTAATTGAGAGTA                | 15                       | No         | No      |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf24806379 | GGTGTAAATTGAGAGTA               | 15                       | No         | No      |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf25041266 | GGTGTAAATTGAGAGTG               | 15                       | No         | No      |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf24855208 | CCTGTTAATTGAGAGTG               | 15                       | No         | No      |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf25028504 | AGTGTAAATTGAGAGTT               | 14                       | No         | No      |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf24593869 | CTTGTAAATTGAGAGTT               | 14                       | No         | No      |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf25297445 | ATAGTTAATTGAGAGTT               | 14                       | No         | No      |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf24977871 | ATAGTTAATTGAGAGTTT              | 14                       | No         | No      |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf25284598 | ATGGTTAATTGAGAGTT               | 14                       | No         | No      |
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| Niben.v0.3.Scf24814834 | GTCGTTAATTGAGAGATAC             | 15                       | No         | No      |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf25268972 | GCCGTTAATTGAGAGACATT            | 15                       | No         | No      |

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|------------------------|--|--------------------------|------------|---------|
| Niben.v0.3.Scf25214375 | GCCGTTAATTGAGA <b>ACATT</b>                  | 15                       | No         | No      |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf25261529 | GCCGTTAATTGAG <b>TATCGA</b>                  | 17                       | No         | No      |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf25115392 | <b>ACCGTTAATTGAGAACC</b> <b>GC</b>           | 15                       | No         | No      |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf24711774 | <b>TCCGTTAATTGAGAG</b> <b>CGGC</b>           | 15                       | No         | No      |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf25074954 | <b>ACCGTTAATTGAGA</b> <b>TAGGT</b>           | 14                       | No         | No      |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf25294133 | GCCGTTAATTGAG <b>GTATAA</b>                  | 15                       | No         | No      |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf24884557 | GCCGTTAATTGAG <b>TTGTTA</b>                  | 15                       | No         | No      |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf25092660 | <b>CCCGTTAATTGAGA</b> <b>TGTAC</b>           | 14                       | No         | No      |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf25051318 | <b>ACCGTTAATTGAGAG</b> <b>GTAA</b>           | 16                       | No         | No      |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf24814356 | <b>TCCGTTAATTGAGAG</b> <b>GAAT</b>           | 15                       | No         | No      |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf25293162 | <b>TGCA</b> <b>TTAATTGAGAGTC</b> <b>GG</b>   | 15                       | Yes        | No      |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf25205360 | <b>TGCT</b> <b>TTAATTGAGAGTC</b> <b>GG</b>   | 15                       | Yes        | No      |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf24809183 | GCCTTTAATTGAG <b>GAGTC</b> <b>GC</b>         | 17                       | Yes        | No      |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf25282254 | <b>ACCGTTAATTGAG</b> <b>TAGTCCG</b>          | 17                       | No         | No      |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf25117869 | <b>ACCCCGAATTTGAG</b> <b>GAGTC</b> <b>CA</b> | 16                       | Yes        | No      |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf24847789 | <b>AAGCCC</b> <b>AATTTGAGAGTC</b> <b>CA</b>  | 14                       | Yes        | No      |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf25017618 | <b>CGACAA</b> <b>AATTTGAGAGTC</b> <b>CA</b>  | 14                       | Yes        | No      |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf24999762 | <b>TTTTGAAATTTGAGAGTC</b> <b>CA</b>          | 14                       | Yes        | No      |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf25023216 | GCCGAAATTTGAG <b>GAGTC</b> <b>CA</b>         | 18                       | Yes        | No      |
| Niben.v0.3.Scf24878949 | <b>ATAGT</b> <b>GAATTTGAGAGTC</b> <b>CA</b>  | 16                       | Yes        | No      |

**Supplementary Table 2. Summary of the off-target analysis.**

The MlyI restriction site is shown in blue; mismatching bases are shown in red.

| Group | Off-target locus       | Sequence of the off-target site       | Number of matching bases | Results of the analysis for the off-target activity  |
|-------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| 1     | Niben.v0.3.Scf25001368 | GGTGTAAATTGA <b>GAGTCAT</b>           | 16                       | No amplification on the MlyI-digested genomic DNA (Supplementary Fig. 6a)  |
|       | Niben.v0.3.Scf24984291 | TTGGTTAATTGA <b>GAGTC TA</b>          | 16                       |  |
|       | Niben.v0.3.Scf25296596 | GCCGT <b>C</b> AATTGA <b>GAGTC TG</b> | 17                       |  |
|       | Niben.v0.3.Scf25265859 | GCCGTTAATT <b>AA</b> <b>GAGTC TG</b>  | 17                       |  |
|       | Niben.v0.3.Scf24888932 | <b>ACTTG</b> AAATTGA <b>GAGTC CA</b>  | 15                       |  |
|       | Niben.v0.3.Ctg23457768 | TGCTTTAATTGA <b>GAGTC GG</b>          | 15                       |  |
| 2     | Niben.v0.3.Scf25215920 | TCTTTTAATTGA <b>GAGTC CT</b>          | 16                       | Amplification on the MlyI-digested genomic DNA but there is no increased level of the amplicon in the case of Cas9 + sgRNA as compared to the Cas9 negative control. The amplicon is digested by MlyI. (Supplementary Fig. 6b)       |
|       | Niben.v0.3.Scf25013025 | <b>TTAAA</b> TAATTGA <b>GAGTC CA</b>  | 15                       |  |
|       | Niben.v0.3.Scf25296544 | CTTTTTAATTGA <b>GAGTC TT</b>          | 14                       |  |
|       | Niben.v0.3.Scf25295436 | <b>ATAAAA</b> AATTGA <b>GAGTC CA</b>  | 14                       |  |
|       | Niben.v0.3.Scf25293111 | <b>GAGC</b> TTAATTGA <b>GAGTC AT</b>  | 15                       |  |
|       | Niben.v0.3.Scf25269131 | <b>AATT</b> TTAATTGA <b>GAGTC GT</b>  | 14                       |  |
|       | Niben.v0.3.Scf25264778 | <b>TCAATA</b> AATTGA <b>GAGTC CA</b>  | 16                       |  |
|       | Niben.v0.3.Scf25249221 | <b>AATT</b> TTAATTGA <b>GAGTC TA</b>  | 15                       |  |
|       | Niben.v0.3.Scf25179005 | <b>AATT</b> TTAATTGA <b>GAGTC TA</b>  | 15                       |  |
|       | Niben.v0.3.Scf25159671 | <b>GTAATA</b> AATTGA <b>GAGTC CA</b>  | 16                       |  |
| 3     | Niben.v0.3.Scf24839359 | GGTTTTAATTGA <b>GAGTC AG</b>          | 15                       | Amplification on the MlyI-digested genomic DNA and there is slightly increased level of the amplicon in the case of Cas9 + sgRNA as compared to the Cas9 negative control. The amplicon is digested by MlyI. (Supplementary Fig. 6c) |
|       | Niben.v0.3.Scf25287026 | <b>ATCAAA</b> AATTGA <b>GAGTC CA</b>  | 15                       |  |

**Supplementary Table 3. Primers used in this study.**

| <b>Primer name</b> | <b>Primer sequence</b>                                       |
|--------------------|--|
| U6p_GGAG_f         | GAGGAAGACAA GGAG TGATCAAAAGTCCCAC                            |
| U6p_CAAT_r         | GAGGAAGACAA CAAT CGCTATGTCGACTC                              |
| PDS_gRNA1_Bsalf    | TGTGGTCTCAATTGCCGTTAATTGAGAGTCCAGTTTAGAG<br>CTAGAAATAGCAAG   |
| gRNA_T1_GFP_Bsalf  | TGTGGTCTCAATTG TGAACCGCATCGAGCTGAA<br>GTTTAGAGCTAGAAATAGCAAG |
| gRNA_AGCG_Bsalr    | TGTGGTCTCA AGCG TAATGCCAACTTGTAC                             |
| Cas9GWF            | CACCATGGACAAGAAGTACTCCATTG                                   |
| Cas9STR            | TCACACCTCCTCTTCTTCTT   |
| PDS_MlyIF          | GCTTGCTTGAGAAAAGCTCTC  |
| PDS_MlyIR          | ACATAACAAATTCTTGCAGC   |
| M13 forward        | GTTGAAAACGACGCCAGT   |
| M13 reverse        | CAGGAAACAGCTATGACC   |
| 25215920F          | TTGGTCCTAAGTACAATAGCTGGT                                     |
| 25215920R1         | TCGCTCCTGTGTCAACTTCA   |
| 25013025F          | GGGTTGGCAGTTACAGTTGAA  |
| 25013025R          | GTGTTGAAGGCAGTGGAGAT   |
| 25001368F1         | TTAGCATTGAATGGGTCCAGG  |
| 25001368R          | GCCTCCAACCCACCATAAA  |
| 24984291F          | TCTTGCCAGGATGTAATTAAGA                                       |
| 24984291R          | GCACATAGGAGTAATAGTGGGTGA                                     |

**Supplementary Table 3. Primers used in this study (continued)**

| <b>Primer name</b> | <b>Primer sequence</b>     |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 25296596F          | GTATCACCCCAAGACCAAGC       |
| 25296596R          | TGTTCAACTATGCTTGTTATTCC    |
| 25296544F          | AAGAGAGGTCCCCTCCATT        |
| 25296544R          | CAAAGGC GGAGCTACAAAAA      |
| 25295436F          | TCAATGTTCTGGGGAAAG         |
| 25295436R          | CCAGCCTTGGTCTGTCCATA       |
| 25293111F          | GAGATCTTATGTTGGACATGTGA    |
| 25293111R1         | TCATTATATCAGAGCTGGTATCT    |
| 25287026F          | TGTGAAAAGAAACTAGCTAACTGGAA |
| 25287026R1         | CTCCATATGCCCTCTTACAG       |
| 25269131F          | CCATAGTGGTGGAGCCCATGA      |
| 25269131R1         | TTATGGTTTCACTAATATTATGCA   |
| 25265859_1F        | ATTTCAATTATGCTTGTTATTCC    |
| 25265859_1R        | CCAATTCCAAGCTTGTAACC       |
| 25264778_2F        | CTTCCGGGATCGAATCAATA       |
| 25264778_2R        | AATTCAAATCAAAGGTGGGAAT     |
| 25249221F          | CTGTATGGCGCCAGCTT          |
| 25249221R          | TGTTGAGCTTAGCTTCCATTG      |
| 25179005F          | CGCGACTTCTGGATGATAA        |
| 25179005R          | GCTTCGTCGTGTGGTAAGTTC      |

**Supplementary Table 3. Primers used in this study (continued)**

| <b>Primer name</b> | <b>Primer sequence</b>   |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 25159671F          | CTTCCGGGATCGAATCAATA     |
| 25159671R          | TTCAAATCATCGGTGGGAGT     |
| 24888932F          | GCAACATGAAGTTAGTTGAGCA   |
| 24888932R          | GGGGCAGAACGTAATTAGCAG    |
| 24839359F          | ATCAGACCTGGGGTACAA       |
| 24839359R          | GGTTAGTTCACTGATCGTCTAAGG |
| 23457768F          | TCCTGTAATTTCTTGATTG      |
| 23457768R          | TTCCCCCTTCTTGAGTTCCA     |