Additional File 4. Values used to calculate the frequency of loss-of-function mutation by EMS treatment

Spontaneous reversion frequency of C/G to T/A transition	10 ⁻⁷ ~10 ⁻⁸ per base pair per plant ^{a, b}
Specificity of C/G to T/A transition in EMS mutagenesis	~100% °
Fold increase of C/G to T/A transition by EMS treatment	26 ~ 370 fold ^b
Mutation rate for C or G base	3.7 X 10 ⁻⁵ ~ 2.6 X 10 ⁻⁶ per base pair per plant
GC content in coding sequence	44.1% ^d
Average gene size	1900 bp ^d
Expected mutation rate in EMS mutagenesis	3.1 X 10 ⁻² ~ 2.2 X 10 ⁻³ per gene
% ratio of non-silent (missense and nonsense) mutation in EMS mutagenesis	53.6% ^c
Expected frequency of non-silent mutation in EMS mutagenesis	1.7 X 10 ⁻² ~ 1.2 X 10 ⁻³ per gene

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