

**Supplemental Table 1.** Primers used in this study

Gene/Probe	Primer set	Sequence (5' to 3')
Pri-miR399a	Forward	TGGCAGGAAACCATTACTTAGATCT
	Reverse	TCACTAATTAAGCAATGCATAAAGAGA
Pri-miR399b	Forward	AGGTCCTTTACTTCCAAATATACACATACA
	Reverse	TCGATCATCGGAAATTTTCGA
Pri-miR399c	Forward	TCTTTCTATTGGCAGGCGACTT
	Reverse	AATAGTCAAGAACACAAAAGATACAAATAGC
Pri-miR399d	Forward	TTACTGGGCGAATACTCCTATGG
	Reverse	ATTTTACTTGCATATCTAGCCAATGC
Pri-miR399e	Forward	AGTGGAAAGTTGATGACCCTTATATGTT
	Reverse	TGGCAGAGGAAAATGATGAGAA
Pri-miR399f	Forward	TGTGGTGAGCTCTCTGCCAA
	Reverse	TGGCGCAAGAGAATTACCG
At2g33770 ( <i>PHO2/UBC24</i> )	Forward	AGGTTTGAAGCTCCACCCTCA
	Reverse	CCCAAGATGTGATTGGAGTTCC
At4g05320 ( <i>UBQ10</i> )	Forward	GGCCTTGTATAATCCCTGATGAATAAG
	Reverse	AAAGAGATAACAGGAACGGAAACATAGT
<i>N. tobacco Actin</i> Accession no. AB158612	Forward	TGGATCTTGCTGGTCGTGATC
	Reverse	TCCGTCAAGATTTTCATCAAACA
<i>N. benthamiana PHO2</i> Accession no. EU375892	Forward	TGGCTCTGCTGGGCAAA
	Reverse	CAAACAGCGGAACTTCACGAT
Mature miR399d	RT	GTCGTATCCAGTGCAGGGTCCGAGGTATTTCGCA CTGGATACGACCGGGGC
	Forward	CCGCTGCCAAAGGAGATT
	Reverse	GTGCAGGGTCCGAGGT
	TaqMan <sup>®</sup> probe	(6FAM)TGCCCCGGTCGTAT(MGB)
<i>GFP:GUS</i>	Forward	TCCGCCCTGAGCAAAGAC
	Reverse	TCCAGCAGGACCATGTGATC
Antisense probe (ASP)	Forward	AGTTTCAGCTGACCGTTGCT
	Reverse	TAATACGACTCACTATAGGCCTAATACGACTAAT AGTTTAGACGCCTTGATGAGAAA
Sense probe (SP)	Forward	ATTTAGGTGACACTATAGACTAATACGACTAATA
	Reverse	GTTTCAGCTGACCGTTGCT AGTTTAGACGCCTTGATGAGAAA