

Supporting Information

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SI Materials and Methods

Bacterial Strains. SL44 has a deletion of the *nodD1-nodABC* region (1). The *exoA* strain (Rm7031) is described in ref. 2. The *exoX* (MB801), *lpsB* (R1A6), and *ndvB* (B587) mutants are described in refs. 3 and 4.

A. rhizogenes–Mediated Hairy Root Transformations. Modifications to the protocol described in ref. 5 are as follows.

We found that transformation efficiency was increased if the plants were first placed on modified Fahraeus medium containing 1 mM α -aminoisobutyric acid (AIB) without selection for 7 days. All emergent roots were removed and plants were transferred to selective media with no ethylene inhibitor and either 25 mg/L kanamycin (remained on selective media for 17–21 days) or 10 mg/L hygromycin (for 10 days). Plants remained on selective media until roots reached ≈ 2.5 cm (we found that less time was often needed for Jemalong A17 than for Jemalong). Plants were then transferred to 1/2 \times Gamborg's B5 Basal Salt medium (Sigma) with 1% agar to recover from antibiotic selection. For confocal microscopy studies, 300 mg/mL Augmentin (Research Products International) and 500 mg/L Cefotaxime (Sigma) were added to the B5 medium to reduce the amount of *A. rhizogenes* carryover. Plants remained on B5 for 1 week and were then transferred to buffered nodulation medium (BNM) (6) containing 0.1 μ M aminoethoxyvinylglycine (AVG).

Quantitative RT-PCR. To prepare template for qRT-PCR, RNA was DNase-treated by using DNase-free turbo (Ambion). 35 PCR cycles using actin-specific primers (Table S2) were used to check for DNA contamination after DNase treatment. The DNase-treated RNA was used in single-stranded cDNA synthesis with SuperScript III (Invitrogen) and oligo(dT) primer (Invitrogen). 25 PCR cycles were used to check for successful cDNA synthesis. Template concentration per reaction was determined empirically based on relative abundance of the transcript of each *FLOT*; each template was run at two different concentrations. Template quantification was done at the level of total RNA; an internal actin control in each PCR controlled for differences in efficiency of cDNA synthesis. Actin was amplified from cDNA made from 2.5 ng and 7.5 ng of RNA; *FLOT2*, *FLOT3*, and *FLOT4* were amplified from cDNA made from 7.5 and 25 ng of RNA; *FLOT1* was amplified by using cDNA made from 25 and 75 ng of total RNA. qPCR was performed by using the DyNamo Flash SYBR Green qPCR kit (Finnzymes).

Artificial miRNA Construct Design. The amiRNA web-based designer described in ref. 7 (<http://wmd2.weigelworld.org>) cross-references with available *Medicago* EST databases. The full-length sequence for the desired *FLOT* target was entered as the “target gene,” and available ESTs for that target were entered as “accepted off-targets.” The suggested amiRNAs were BLASTed against the available *M. truncatula* genome to ensure that there were no off-target sequences that are absent from the available EST library. The pRS300 plasmid (8) was used as a template to create the amiRNA hairpin with an intron.

Hairy Root Time Course. To determine whether regulation of *FLOTs* was altered in hairy roots, we assayed *FLOT* expression levels in uninoculated and inoculated *M. truncatula* cv. Jemalong seedlings transformed with the amiRNA empty vector construct EX117 (Table S3) at 1, 4, 7, 14, and 21 dpi. Plants were grown as described above and inoculated with 1/2 \times BNM or Rm1021 in 1/2 \times BNM. Plants were harvested just below the callus at the appropriate time point and flash-frozen in liquid nitrogen. Three independent replicates of the entire time course were performed; each time point sample was a pool of the 10 plants from a single plate. RNA was isolated with a yield of approximately 50–100 μ g per 10 plants.

Protein Localization. pCH010 was constructed in two steps by first inserting eGFP (with added 5' EcoRI and XmaI sites) into the BamHI/XbaI sites of pJG159; then the NPTII ORF was amplified from the pHELLSGATE8 vector and inserted into the XhoI site in pJG159. pJG159 is a small (7.8 kb) binary vector that was constructed by J. Griffiths (unpublished) by a three-way ligation of inserts A and B from pEGAD (9) (Table S3) and the SphI/XhoI fragment from pCAMBIA1300 (www.cambia.org). To create insert A (Sph-RB-P35S-RI), pEGAD was amplified with primers oJG346/347 and 348/349 followed by overlap extension-PCR with oJG346/349. Insert B (RI-nosT-P35S-XhoI) was amplified from pEGAD with oJG350/351. pQDN03 was constructed by replacing GFP in pDG71 (10) with mCherry (Table S5). FM4-64 was dissolved in 0.1 M phosphate buffer (pH 7.0) to a final concentration of 20 μ M and kept on ice until use (11). The GFP/FM4-64 experiment was imaged on a system described in ref. 12 with the same excitation settings listed above for GFP/RFP and 1,000-ms exposures. Typical exposure times were 1,000 ms for GFP, 500 ms for mCherry, and 1,000 ms for FM4-64.

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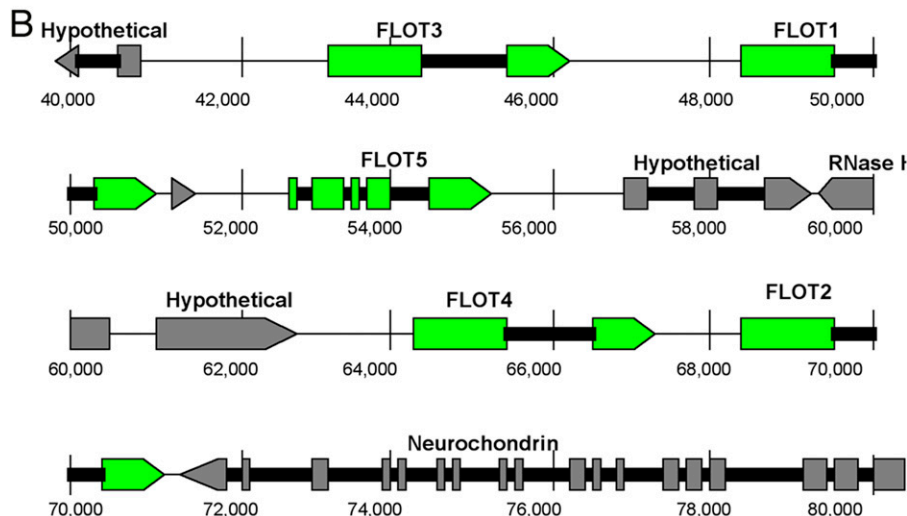
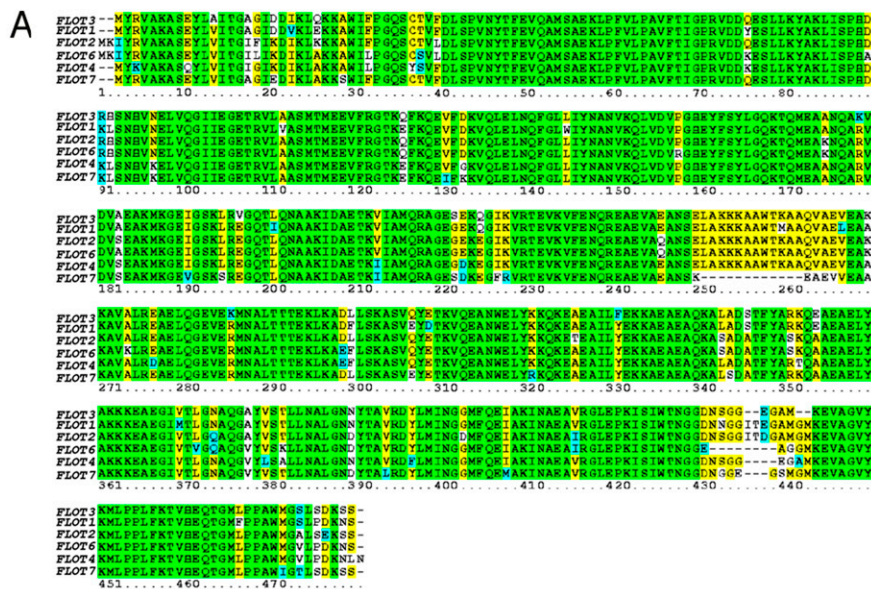


Fig. S1. Alignment of predicted amino acid sequences of FLOTs and arrangement of *FLOT1-5* within a single BAC. (A) Sequences were aligned using CLUSTALW available from SDSC Biology Work Bench (<http://workbench.sdsc.edu>). Conserved residues between all FLOTs are highlighted green, residues conserved between four or more sequences are yellow, and similar residues are blue. Note change in FLOT4 Cys35 to Tyr (residue 37 as numbered). (B) BAC CT009553 (mth2-115c19) (IMGAG, <http://www.medicago.org/genome/IMGAG/>).

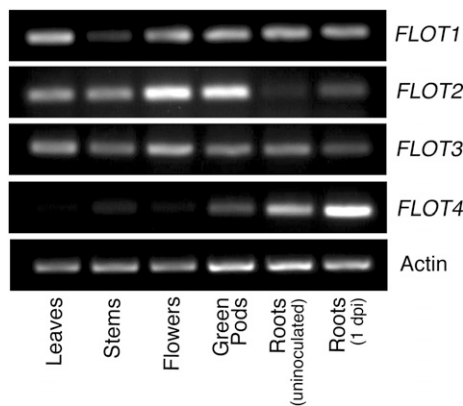


Fig. S2. Expression of *FLOT1-4* in different plant tissues. Semiquantitative RT-PCR was conducted to monitor expression of *FLOT1-7* in leaves, stems, flowers, green pods. Actin primers were used to monitor total input of cDNA. 25 rounds in amplification were used to amplify actin, 30 cycles for *FLOT2,3* and 4 and 35 cycles for *FLOT1*. Expression of *FLOT5,6*, and 7 was not detectable after 35 cycles.

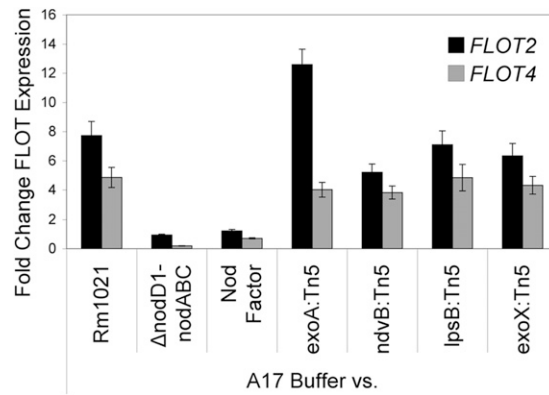


Fig. S3. Expression of *FLOT2* and *FLOT4* in response to polysaccharide mutants. Bacterial mutants in lipopolysaccharide biosynthesis (*lpsB*:Tn5), cyclic β -1,2-glucan synthesis (*ndvB*:Tn5) and exopolysacchride biosynthesis (*exoA*:Tn5 and *exoX*:Tn5) cause up-regulation of *FLOT2* and *FLOT4* at 1 dpi.

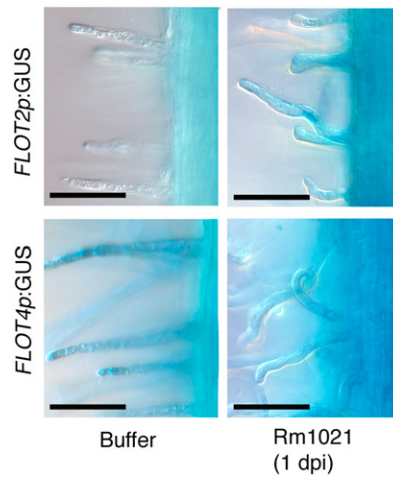


Fig. S4. *FLOT2* and *FLOT4* are expressed in inoculated root hairs. *M. truncatula* cv Jemalong A17 plants were transformed to generate hairy roots expressing *FLOT2* and *4* promoter-GUS fusions; GUS activity is shown for buffer- and Rm1021-inoculated roots at 1 dpi. Ten transgenic lines were observed for each construct at each time point. (Scale bars: 30 nm.) A representative sample at the indicated time points is shown.

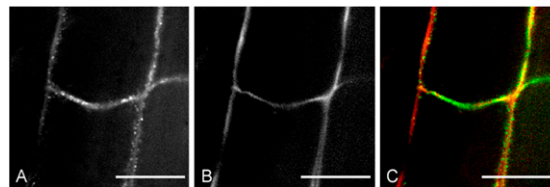


Fig. S5. *FLOT2* and *FLOT4* localize to membrane-associated puncta. We generated A17 hairy roots expressing 35S:*FLOT2*::GFP or *FLOT4*p:*FLOT4*::GFP. Transgenic roots were visualized using a spinning disk confocal microscope (scale bars: 15 μ m). At least six transgenic lines were observed for each treatment. Representative images are shown. (A) 35S:*FLOT2*::GFP in root cells is punctate. (B) FM4-64 membrane-associated dye. (C) Colocalization of *FLOT2*::GFP puncta (green) and FM4-64 (red).

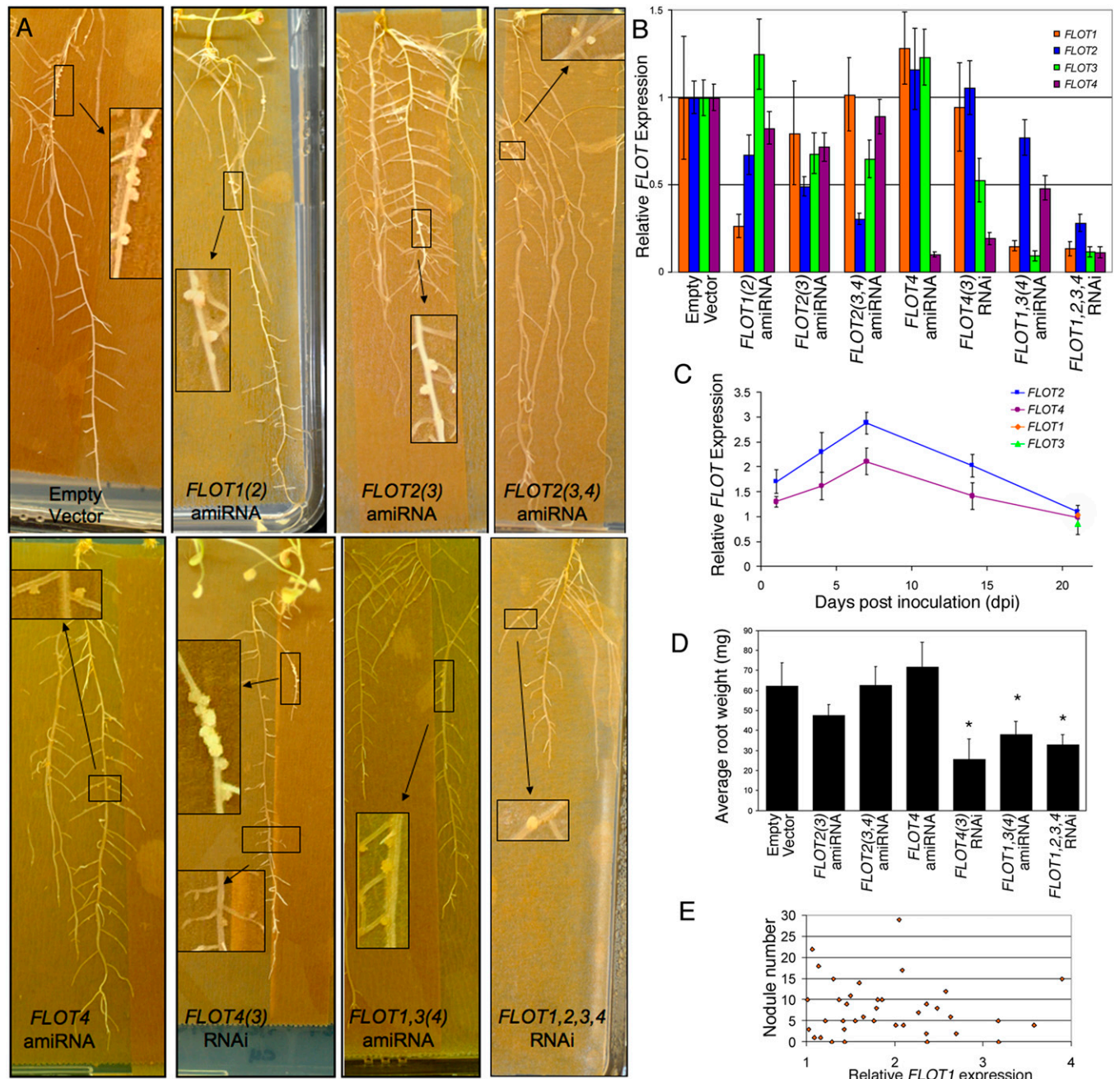


Fig. S6. Root and nodule phenotypes of roots transformed with amiRNA and RNAi constructs, expression of *FLOT1-4* in hairy root time course, and silencing data for *FLOT1*. (**A**) A representative plant for amiRNA and RNAi constructs described in this study is shown. Nodules that formed in silenced lines were small and white (with the exception of *FLOT1+3(4)* amiRNA line). Note smaller overall roots in *FLOT3*-silenced lines, shorter primary roots in *FLOT2*-silenced lines and increase in short secondary lateral roots in *FLOT4*-silenced lines. (**B**) Silencing data including the data for *FLOT1* and one additional construct that primarily targets *FLOT1* (*FLOT1(2)* amiRNA). Gene expression of *FLOTs* in individual hairy roots expressing the indicated RNAi or amiRNA construct was assessed using qRT-PCR, normalized to an internal actin control and then to expression in control plants (average of at least 10 roots). Constructs are designated by their primary target gene(s); numbers in parentheses show genes that have partial but significant ($P < 0.05$) reduction in expression due to cross silencing. (**C**) Hairy root timecourse. *Jemalong* seedlings were transformed using *A. rhizogenes* with the amiRNA empty vector to generate hairy roots. Plants were inoculated with *S. meliloti* Rm1021 or $1/2\times$ BNM and harvested at the indicated time. qRT-PCR was performed to analyze expression of *FLOT2* and *FLOT4* at all time points; *FLOT1* and *FLOT3* expression were monitored at 21 dpi only. Expression of each gene is normalized to an actin internal control; the ratio of inoculated to uninoculated plants is shown. Error bars are standard error of the ratio. (**D**) Average root weight of silenced lines. The ten plants per construct used to count infection events (Fig. 4 A–G) were weighed. Error bars represent standard error; pair-wise t tests were done to determine significance (*, $P < 0.05$). (**E**) Linear regressions were conducted on plants described in Fig. S4B to determine whether a correlation exists between expression of *FLOTs* and nodule number. *FLOT1* expression does not correlate with nodule number (P slope = 0.9).

Table S1. Summary of the *FLOT* gene family

Gene name	EST (TIGR)	Affymetrix probe set (expressed?)	BAC ID (IMGAG, GenBank)	Genomic location (position, cM)	chromosome	Number of exons	Estimated spliced mRNA size
<i>FLOT1</i>	BF644444	Mtr.5691.1 (No)	Mth2-115c19, CT009553	3 (71.8)		2	1,434 bp
<i>FLOT2</i>	EX527915		Mth2-115c19, CT009553	3 (71.8)		2	1,440 bp
<i>FLOT3</i>	TC139669	Mtr.45231.1 (Yes)	Mth2-115c19, CT009553	3 (71.8)		2	1,422 bp
<i>FLOT4</i>	TC133140, TC127236	Mtr.11786.1 (Yes), Mtr.42072.1 (Yes)	Mth2-115c19, CT009553	3 (71.8)		2	1,425 bp
<i>FLOT5</i>	TC126348		Mth2-115c19, CT009553	3 (71.8)		5	?
<i>FLOT6</i>	AW574030	Mtr.3447.1 (No)	Mth2-193c3, AC161241	1 (49.4)		2	1,416 bp
<i>FLOT7</i>	TC117648	Mtr.10214.1 (No)	Mth2-135j6, AC151528	1 (43.9)		2-3	?
<i>FLOT7</i>			Mth2-58k14, AC174291	Unanchored		2-3	?

Location, size, gene structure, and available ESTs for putative *M. truncatula* flotillin-like genes are shown. Data were compiled from the Noble foundation (<http://bioinfo.noble.org/gene-atlas/>), GenBank (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Genbank/>), the International *Medicago* Genome Annotation Group (IMGAG, <http://www.medicago.org/genome/IMGAG/>), and the *M.t.* Gene Index (<http://compbio.dfci.harvard.edu/tgi/cgi-bin/tgi/gimain.pl?gudb=medicago>).

Table S2. Primers and constructs described in this study: PCR and qPCR primers to monitor *FLOT* expression

Experiment	Intended target	Fig.	Primer name	Primer sequence
qPCR	Actin	1, 4A, S4	chh256	CACGAGACCACCTACAACCTCT
			chh257	GGACTTAGAAGCACTTCCTGT
qPCR	<i>FLOT1</i>	1, 4A, S4	chh250	CTGAGCTTGAGGCTGCTAAAG
			chh251	TTAGCCTCTTGACCTTAGTGTC
qPCR	<i>FLOT2</i>	1, 4A, S4	chh234	CAAGAGCTTTTCTCAGATAAGGC
			chh237	ACTGATGGTGCCATGGGTATG
qPCR	<i>FLOT3</i>	1, 4A, S4	chh244	AGTTGGCCAAAAGAAGGCTG
			chh247	TTAGCCTCTTGACCTTAGTTTC
qPCR	<i>FLOT4</i>	1, 4A, S4	chh241	TGCGTCTGCTAATGCTTTCTGTG
			chh243	CCGAAGTTGAGGCTGCCAAAG
PCR/expression	<i>FLOT1</i>		chh073	TATGACATAGTAGTAGTTTG
			chh068	ATGTACCGGGTAGCAAAGCA
PCR/expression	<i>FLOT2</i>		chh258	AGTCGAGGCGAAGAAGGCTGT T
			chh259	AGTCTCTTTCTGTTTCTGTACAGC
PCR/expression	<i>FLOT2</i>		chh067	ATGAAAATTTACCGGGTCGCG
			chh074	TCAGGCATGTATGATCAGTA
PCR/expression	<i>FLOT3</i>		chh068	ATGTACCGGGTAGCAAAGCA
			chh075	TGCATCTCCTAATTAAGACTT
PCR/expression	<i>FLOT4</i>		chh068	ATGTACCGGGTAGCAAAGCA
			chh076	GCCAAAATAAAATCCACAAT
PCR/expression	<i>FLOT5</i>		chh090	GTGGGACTTCATCGGTAGC
			chh091	CCTAATACTTGCAATGCATCAT
PCR/expression	<i>FLOT6</i>		chh067	ATGAAAATTTACCGGGTCGCG
			chh077	CTACTATAAACCTCTAAACCC
PCR/expression	<i>FLOT6</i>		chh252	GGGTGAAGCAGGTGGTATG
			chh253	CTACTACTATAAACCTCTAAACCC
PCR/expression	<i>FLOT6</i>		chh254	AGGCGAAGAAGGCTGTGAAAC
			chh255	ACCCCTTGAGCTTGCCAAC
PCR/expression	<i>FLOT7/8</i>		chh230	GTAGTTTAGTAATTTAGTAGTTAAG
			chh231	TCAAAGAGAGGCTGAAGTGGCTGAGG
PCR/expression	<i>FLOT7/8</i>		chh231	TCAAAGAGAGGCTGAAGTGGCTGAGG
			chh107	AGTCTCTTTCTGTTTCTGT

Table S4. Primers and constructs described in this study: amiRNA construct primers (Figs. 4 and 5 and Fig. S5)

Construct (original)	Construct (this study)	Intended target	Primer name	Primer sequence
		pRS300	amiRNA-A	CACCCTGCAAGGCGATTAAGTTGGGTAAC
			amiRNA-B	GCGGATAACAATTTACACAGGAAACAG
EX101		FLOT 1–4	chh287	gaTCAAGTGCACAATCCCCTATtctctctttgtattcc
			chh288	gaATAGGGGATTGTGACACTTGAAtcaagagagaatcaatga
			chh289	gaATCGGGGATTGTGCACTTGTtcaaggtcgatgatg
			chh290	gaACAAGTGACACAATCCCCGATtctacatatattctct
EX102	FLOT1,3 (4) amiRNA	FLOT 1–4	chh291	gaTTTCACTTCAGTTCTCACTTAtctctctttgtattcc
			chh292	gaTAAGTGAGAACTGAAGTGAAAtcaagagagaatcaatga
			chh293	gaTACGTGAGAACTGTAGTGAATtcaaggtcgatgatg
			chh294	gaATTCACCTACAGTTCTCAGTAtctacatatattctct
EX103		FLOT2	chh295	gaTTTAACGTGATTGGAGTCCCtctctctttgtattcc
			chh296	gaCGGGACTCCAATCACGTTAAAtcaagagagaatcaatga
			chh297	gaCGAGACTCCAATCTCGTTAATtcaaggtcgatgatg
			chh298	gaATTAACGAGATTGGAGTCTCGtctacatatattctct
EX104		FLOT2	chh299	gaTGGTCCAAGACAGTGCACGGTtctctctttgtattcc
			chh300	gaACCGTGCAGTCTTGGACCAAtcaagagagaatcaatga
			chh301	gaACAGTGCAGTGCATGGACCTtcaaggtcgatgatg
			chh302	gaAGGTCCATGACAGTGCAGTGTtctacatatattctct
EX105	FLOT2(3) amiRNA	FLOT2	chh303	gaTTTCTCGGCACTCATAGCTGtctctctttgtattcc
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			chh305	gaCGCGCTATGAGTGGCGAGAAAtcaaggtcgatgatg
			chh306	gaATTCTCGCCACTCATAGCGGtctacatatattctct
EX106		FLOT3	chh307	gaTACTAGTGAATCTCAGACGTtctctctttgtattcc
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			chh309	gaCAAGTCTGAGATTGACTAGTtcaaggtcgatgatg
			chh310	gaAACTAGTCAATCTCAGACTTtctacatatattctct
EX107	FLOT2(3,4) amiRNA	FLOT3	chh311	gaTACTAGTGAATCTCAGACAGTtctctctttgtattcc
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			chh313	gaCGCGTCTGAGATTGACTAGTtcaaggtcgatgatg
			chh314	gaAACTAGTCAATCTCAGACGCGtctacatatattctct
EX108		FLOT1	chh315	gaTAAATATTCATGACCCGCGACtctctctttgtattcc
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			chh317	gaGTAGCGGGTCATGTATATTTtcaaggtcgatgatg
			chh318	gaAAAATATACATGACCCGCTACTtctacatatattctct
EX109		FLOT1	chh319	gaTATTGAAGCAACGAGGACGCGtctctctttgtattcc
			chh320	gaCGCGTCTCGTTGCTTCAATAtcaagagagaatcaatga
			chh321	gaCGAGTCTCGTTGGTTCAATtcaaggtcgatgatg
			chh322	gaAATTGAACCAACGAGGACTCGtctacatatattctct
EX110	FLOT4 (amiRNA)	FLOT4	chh323	gaTAAAGGTGTAATTTACAGGCGtctctctttgtattcc
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			chh325	gaCGACTGTAATTTAGACCTTTtcaaggtcgatgatg
			chh326	gaAAAAGGTCTAATTTACAGTCTtctacatatattctct
EX111		FLOT4	chh327	gaTGCACTTAGATACACCCGTTtctctctttgtattcc
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