

Supplemental Table S1. List of primers used.

Primer	Sequence	Purpose of primers
Full-AP2 For (P1)	5' ATGTGGGATCTAAACGACGC 3'	Amplification of <i>BnAP2</i> gene and for probe preparation
Full-AP2 Rev (P2)	5' TTAAGAAGGTCTCATGAGAG 3'	
AP2-260 Rev (P3)	5' CGAGGAAAGCTCGACCCGGG 3'	RT-PCR of <i>BnAP2</i> gene as reverse primer, P1 as forward primer
Actin For (P4)	5' TGTATGTTGCTATCCAGGCT 3'	Amplification of <i>actin</i> gene as internal control gene
Actin Rev (P5)	5' GTGAGAATCTTCATCAGGGA 3'	
AP2 For (P6)	5' ACCAGATCTATGTGGGATCTAAACGACGC3'	Construction of restorer vector
AP2 Rev (P7)	5' GGCAGATCTAGAAGGTCTCATGAGAG3'	
△C1 Rev (P8)	5' CCAGAATTCGAGAATCCTCCTCCGCCATG3'	Construction of various C-terminal <i>BnAP2</i> deletion mutants, P6 as the forward primer
△C2 Rev (P9)	5' GTCGAATTCGTTTCCCAAACCTCAAATCGA3'	
△C3 Rev (P10)	5' GTCGAATTCATAAACATACTTTTTGCCTA3'	
△C4 Rev (P11)	5' CCGGAATTCCTTCATGTCATTATCATAAT3'	
△C5 Rev (P12)	5' GGCGAATTCCTAGGTCCGACTGAGAGAACT3'	
AP2△N For (P13)	5' TAAGGATCCAGTTCTCTCAGTCGGACCTA3'	Construction of N-ter <i>BnAP2</i> deletion mutant
AP2△N Rev (P14)	5' GGCGAATTCCTTAAGAAGGTCTCATGAGAG3'	
AP2i For (P15)	5' ACAGAATTCATGTGGGATCTAAACGACGC3'	Construction of <i>BnAP2</i> RNAi vector
AP2i Rev (P16)	5' TAAGGTACCAACTCCTTGACCTTGGTCCA3'	
R-AP2i For (P17)	5' GGCTCTAGAATGTGGGATCTAAACGACGC3'	
R-AP2i Rev (P18)	5' CACAGATCTAACTCCTTGACCTTGGTCCA3'	
NPT II For (P19)	5' GATGGATTGCACGCAGGTTTC3'	Amplification of NPT II gene
NPT II Rev (P20)	5' CTTGGACGCACGTTAGGTAG3'	
35S For (P21)	5' AGAATGCTAACCCACAGATG3'	Amplification of 35S gene
35S Rev (P22)	5' GGATAGTGGGATTGTGCGTC3'	

The restriction enzyme sites added at the 5' end of primer sequences are underlined