

### A. pri-miR171a (U21\_38648)

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          10          20          30          40
U      U          U A      C      -      A-|      G      GA
CACUA GAUGUUGGC CG CUCA UCAG ACC  CGCCG AGG  G
GUGUA CUAUAACCG GC GAGU AGUC UGG  GCGGC UCU  C
C      U          U C      U      U      U      CG^      G      AC
          90          80          70          60          50

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### B. Mature miR171 sequences

<b>hvu-miR171a</b>	ugauugagccgugccaauauc
<b>hvu-miR171b</b>	ugauugagccgcgccaauauc
<b>ath-miR171a</b>	ugauugagccgcgccaauauc
ath-miR171b/c	uugagccgugccaauaucacg
<b>osa-miR171a</b>	ugauugagccgcgccaauauc
<b>osa-miR171b-f</b>	ugauugagccgugccaauauc
osa-miR171g	gaggugagccgagccaauauc
osa-miR171h	gugagccgaaccaauaucacu
osa-miR171i	ggauugagccgcgucaauauc

**Additional file 1. miR171 precursor and mature sequences.** Information retrieved from miRBase (release-17) and Schreiber *et al.*, 2011 [34]. (A) *pri-miR171a* secondary structure obtained using MFOLD (<http://mfold.rna.albany.edu>), red letters indicate mature miRNA sequence. (B) mature miR171 sequences found in *Hordeum vulgare* (hvu), *Arabidopsis thaliana* (Ath) and *Oryza sativa* (Osa).