



**Supplementary information Figure S3** Evolutionary relationships of ZF (zinc-finger motif)-containing PP2Cs. Sequence blast against existing sequenced genomes using *Arabidopsis* PP2CA as query identified another fifty-six ZF-containing PP2CAs, all from plants. PP2CA is highlighted in yellow. The evolutionary history was inferred using the Neighbor-Joining method (Saitou & Nei, 1987). The evolutionary distances

were computed using the Poisson correction method and are presented in the units of the number of amino acid substitutions per site. All positions containing gaps and missing data were eliminated. There were a total of 171 positions in the final dataset. The optimal tree with the sum of branch length of 3.38593550 is shown. Evolutionary analyses were conducted in MEGA5 (Tamura et al, 2011). The tree is drawn to scale, with branch lengths in the same units as those of the evolutionary distances used to infer the phylogenetic tree.

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