Supplementary Figures

Supplemental Figure 1. Quantitation of Co-Amplified PCR Products and Coverage Plots for NMD Candidate Genes Displayed in Figure 1.

(A) Ratio of splicing variants derived from genes *At5g53180* and *At4g36960* as determined by Bioanalyzer quantitation of co-amplified cDNA products (mean values +SD, n = 3).

(B) Gene models showing the alternatively spliced regions. For further details of gene models refer to legend of Figure 1.

(C) Coverage plots showing aligned reads from RNA-seq data for the regions displayed in **(B)**. Reads in the altered regions are shown in black, other reads in gray.

Supplemental Figure 2. Gene Models, Coverage Plots, and Splice Ratio Analyses for AS Events Randomly Chosen for FDR Testing of Differential Testing *lba1 upf3-1* versus Wild Type.

(A-I) For each gene, partial gene model depicting the alternatively spliced region (top panel), representative coverage plots for control and NMD-impaired samples (middle panel), and, lower panel, either gel pictures showing coamplified RT-PCR products corresponding to splicing variants shown above and quantitation via Bioanalyzer **(A-H)**, or determination of splicing variant ratio via RT-qPCR **(I)**. Details of gene models as described in legend to Figure 1. Quantitative data are mean values of triplicates + SD, except CHX sample for *At1g28660* **(G)**, for which a duplicate has been analyzed (individual data points displayed as dots and mean value as bar). **(I)** Ratio determination based on RTqPCR analysis of individual variants SI, SII, and SIII. This randomly selected AS event referred to splice forms SII and SIII, while SI corresponds to the representative gene model in the TAIR10 annotation. Besides the ratio SIII/SII, ratios for either isoform relative to SI were determined, revealing that both SII and SIII increase upon NMD impairment and thus are NMD targets.

(J) RT-PCR aiming at coamplification of the two predicted splicing variants derived from *At2g27720* resulted only in a single band corresponding to SI.

Supplemental Figure 3. Venn Diagrams and Numbers of AS Events Changed upon NMD Impairment Using Different Stringency Cutoffs.

(A-C) Size proportional Venn diagrams of significantly altered AS events and gene numbers (in parentheses, left panel) and tables with the corresponding event and gene numbers and subgroups (right panel). Depicted are comparisons of *lba1 upf3-1*, single mutants and CHX treatment with cutoff values of p <= 0.1 for all datasets **(A)**, FDR <= 0.1 for all datasets **(B)**, and of *lba1 upf3-1* and CHX treatment (FDR <= 0.1) and the two single mutants with p <= 0.1 (**C**, and Figure 3A). Asterisks provide information on statistical significance of the overlaps. Removed contradictory events had significant, opposite changes in two samples.

** $p < 2 \times 10^{-5}$ * $p < 0.05$ **Supplemental Figure 4.** Gel Pictures, Gene Models, and Complete Sets of Coverage Plots for the AS Events Shown in Figure 3D and Control Events not Linked to NMD.

(A-D) Alternative splicing events shown in Figure 3D. Upper panel shows representative gel pictures of RT-PCR products for *At1g11650* **(A)**, *At5g17550* **(B)**, *At1g58080* **(C)**, and *At2g30260* **(D)** used for quantitation (Figure 3D). "M" indicates DNA ladder in 100 bp increments. Bands corresponding to splicing variants SI and SII are indicated and the corresponding partial gene models are displayed below gel pictures. Details of gene models as described in legend to Figure 1. Lower panel shows coverage plots derived from RNA-Seq data for representative samples.

(E, F) Alternative splicing events of genes *At3g17609* and *At3g23280* leading to two major splice forms, both of which have been shown to encode a protein (Sibout et al., 2006; Carvalho et al., 2012), and thus are not expected to be linked to NMD. Setup and details of display as described for **(A-D)**.

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Supplemental Figure 5. Correlation of 3' UTR Lengths in Double Mutant and Wild Type Isoforms with the Predicted Significance of Differential Transcript Expression.

All events tested as differentially expressed for wild type vs. *lba1 upf3-1* having a p-value < 1 were sorted by p-value and displayed along the x-axis. Red and green dots show 3' UTR lengths of *lba1 upf3-1* and wild type isoforms, respectively. Linear regression lines of the 3' UTR representing the tendency along the significance axis are depicted in black solid and dashed for the double mutant and wild type isoforms, respectively.

Supplemental Figure 6. Gene Models, Coverage Plots, and Representative Gel Pictures for the AS Events Shown in Figures 5B and 5C.

(A, B) Tested candidates belong to the GO terms "signaling" **(A)** and "posttranslational protein modification" **(B)**. Display details as described in previous legends.

Supplemental Figure 7. Gel Pictures and Quantification of Transcript Variants for AS Events Shown in Figure 6 under Osmotic Stress Conditions.

RT-PCR analysis and quantification as described in legend to Figure 6. Two biological replicates (Rep1 and Rep2) have been analyzed and ratios of SII/SI are normalized to the corresponding mock samples.

Supplemental Figure 8. Determination of Full-Length Sequences for Two of the Identified, Transcribed Intergenic Regions using RACE.

An intronic sequence is depicted in yellow, the longest putative ORF for each of the two intergenic regions is marked in red (predicted start and stop codons are in bold) and experimentally determined 5' and 3' ends are boxed in blue. Based on the RACE procedure, transcripts from both intergenic regions contain a 5' cap structure and a polyA tail. Furthermore, transcripts from both loci are derived from the minus strand.

Intergenic region 869

Intergenic region 881

Supplemental Figure 9. DNA Oligonucleotides Used for Detection of Splicing Variants and Splicing Isoform Sequences as Revealed by Sequencing.

Oligonucleotides

Oligonucleotides for genotyping of *Arabidopsis* **mutants**

Oligonucleotides for co-amplification

Oligonucleotides for RT-qPCR

Oligonucleotides for RLM-RACE

Sequences

Primer binding sites are marked in bold letters; alternative regions are underlined.

At4g36960

Primer: DNA8/DNA9

Alternative splicing event: 7059

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SII
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CAGAGAAAGG GTCTTGCCAG TTTAGGGCAT CCTTGTGGGT GAGAGAGCGA TTGAGAGATT TCAAAAGGTC AGTGTGTGAG TTTTCGAATT TTCACAATGA ATCTAAAAAA AGAAGATAAA TTTAGTTTCA TTTGTTTCTT AATCGGAGAG AAATTTGTAT GCCCCAAAAA CAAAAATGAT GAATTGGTGT TTGATGATGA TAATTGTGTG TGAGAAAGAG ATGTGCTTGT GGTTTGCAGG AGGAAGAGGA AGATACGAGT GTGAGAGAGA TTTAGAGGGA GAGAAGAAAG AGAGATTCCT TTTGAGTGTG TTAGGGTTTC ATTTCCTCTG CAGATCTACA TTTATCTCTT CTCATGGAAC GGAAGCTTGT GGTTTTGGGA ATCCCGTGGG ATATTGATTC CGATGGGCTT AAGGATTA**CA TGTCAAAATT TGGAGACTTG**

At1g11650

Primer: DNA10/DNA11 Alternative splicing event: 10271 SI **GTGCTATGAC GGAGATGAAT GG**CGTTCCTT GTTCTACTAG ACCTATGAGA ATTGGTCCCG CTGCTAGCAA GAAAGGTGTA ACTGGTCAAA GAGATTCATA CCAGAGCTCT GCTGCAGGGG TAACAACTGA TAATGATCCA AATAACACA**A CTGTTTTTGT TGGTGGATTA GATG** SII **GTGCTATGAC GGAGATGAAT GG**CGTTCCTT GTTCTACTAG ACCTATGAGA ATTGGTCCCG CTGCTAGCAA GAAAGGTGTA ACTGGTCAAA GAGGGGAGTC AAGAGGCTCT CTATCATCTT GAGGCCTGGA ACTGATATTC AGCTGAAATG GTTATCTCCT TATTGAGTGC CCATGCTTAG ATTCATACCA GAGCTCTGCT GCAGGGGTAA CAACTGATAA TGATCCAAAT AACACA**ACTG TTTTTGTTGG TGGATTAGAT G**

At5g17550

Primer: DNA12/DNA13

Alternative splicing event: 9364

SI

TGAGGAAGAG AGACTCGAGA ATATGGCCAA CGATACTCAC ACCGATGACT TAGACGAGCT TCTCGATAGT GCCTTGGATG ATTTCAAGGA TCTTAATCTT ACTCAAAGAA ATGGAGGGGT TAAGAAAGAA GAGGGTGATA AAAAAGAGAC AGAGTCATTG CCAAGTGGGG TTCA**AGGTCT TGGAATGGGG TTAC**

SII

TGAGGAAGAG AGACTCGAGA ATATGGCCAA CGATACTCAC ACCGATGACT TAGACGAGCT TCTCGATAGT AATAATTTCC TAACGAATTT TAATTTGATT TGATAACATG TTCACCAATT CTAGGTGATT GGTGAAAAAC GTTTTTGTTC TTGTGGGTTC GTTTTCTATA ATTTAGAATT CTGGGTCTTT CTCAGGTGCC TTGGATGATT TCAAGGATCT TAATCTTACT CAAAGAAATG GAGGGGTTAA GAAAGAAGAG GGTGATAAAA AAGAGACAGA GTCATTGCCA AGTGGGGTTC A**AGGTCTTGG AATGGGGTTA C**

At1g58080

Primer: DNA14/DNA15

Alternative splicing event: 16583

SI

CTGTCACCTG TCTATTGCGA TTCCAAACTA TGGGATATTT GAGAATATAA ATTCTCTGAA GGAGCTAGCG CAAATGCCCC AATGGAGTGG AGAGAGACCC TTACGCTTAG CTACTGGCTT CACTTATCTC GGCCCCAAAT TTATGAAAGA AAATGGCATA AAGCATGTGG TGTTTTCAAC TGCAGACGGA GCACTGGAGG CAGCTCCAGC GATGGGGATA GCTGATGCC**A TTTTGGATCT TGTGAGTAGT GGT**

SII

CTGTCACCTG TCTATTGCGA TTCCAAACTA TGGGATATTT GAGAATATAA ATTCTCTGAA GGAGCTAGCG CAAATGCCCC AATGGAGTGA AGAGAGACCC TTACGCTTAG CTACTGGCTT CACTTATGTA TGATGAGTTA CAGATTCTTC TTTGCTCGGC CCCAAATTTA TGAAAGAAAA TGGCATAAAG CATGTGGTGT TTTCAACTGC AGACGGAGCA CTGGAGGCAG CTCCAGCGAT GGGGATAGCT GATGCC**ATTT TGGATCTTGT GAGTAGTGGT**

At2g30260

Primer: DNA16/DNA17 Alternative splicing event: 30373 SI **CACCGAATCA ATCAATCTAC ATC**CAAAACC TCAACGAAAG GATCAAGAAA GAGGAATTGA AGAGATCTCT TTACTGTTTG TTCTCTCAGT TTGGGAGGAT ACTTGATGTG GTTGCTTTGA AGACTCCGAA GCTCCGAGGA CAAGCTTGGG TTACTTTTAG TGAAGTCACT GCTGCTGGTC ATGCTGTTCG TCAGATGCAA AATTTTCCCT TCTATGATAA ACC**AATGCGC TTACAATATG CAA**

SII

CACCGAATCA ATCAATCTAC ATCCAAAACC TCAACGAAAG GATCAAGAAA GAGGTTTGGG AGGATACTTG ATGTGGTTGC TTTGAAGACT CCGAAGCTCC GAGGACAAGC TTGGGTTACT TTTAGTGAAG TCACTGCTGC TGGTCATGCT GTTCGTCAGA TGCAAAATTT TCCCTTCTAT GATAAAC**CAA TGCGCTTACA ATATGCAA**

At4g04350

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Primer: DNA18/DNA19
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Alternative splicing event: 34651

SI

AGGTTTGGCA TATCAGGCTG AAGTACCGGT CAATTGGTGC CCGGCTCTTG GTACTGTTTT GGCCAATGAA GAAGTGGTGG ATGGTGTTAG TGAGCGTGGT GGCCACCCGG TTATAAGAAA GCCGATGAGG CAATGGATGC TGAAGATTAC TGCGTACGCT GATCGTCTTC TAGAAGATTT GGACGAGCTT GAGTGGCCTG AAAGTATAAA GGA**AATGCAA AGAAACTGGA TAGGAAG** SII **AGGTTTGGCA TATCAGGCT**G AAGTACCGGT CAATTGGTGC CCGGCTCTTG GTACTGTTTT

GGCCAATGAA GAAGTGGTGG ATGGTGTTAG TGAGCGTGGT GGCCACCCGG TTATAAGAAA GTGACATTGT TTATTACCAA GCAGCCGATG AGGCAATGGA TGCTGAAGAT TACTGCGTAC GCTGATCGTC TTCTAGAAGA TTTGGACGAG CTTGAGTGGC CTGAAAGTAT AAAGGA**AATG CAAAGAAACT GGATAGGAAG**

At4g16990

Primer: DNA20/DNA21 Alternative splicing event: 12996 SI **AAGCGAAAAT GGATGCGAG**C TCTAGCAGAG GTAGCACATC TAGCCGGAGA AGATCTTCGG AACTGGCGTA GCGAAGCAGA AATGCTTGAA AATATCGCCA AGGATGTTTC AAACAAACTC TTCCCCCCAT CAAATAATTT CA**GTGACTTC GTCGGGATTG AA** SII **AAGCGAAAAT GGATGCGAG**C TCTAGCAGAG GTAGCACATC TAGCCGGAGA AGATCTTCGG AACTGATAAG TTTCAGGTGG GTAAACTTCC GATAAGTGAT TGTCGGAACA GTGTGTATGA GGATTAAACA CAGAGAAAGA TCGTGTGGTG ATTGTAGTGT CGGTAAACAA GTTTTTAAAG CCTCCCAGCT GTAATGTATC AACCGTCGGA AAGGGGTGGG TCCCACGAGC CTGAGTAAAG ACGCGTAGCG AAGCAGAAAT GCTTGAAAAT ATCGCCAAGG ATGTTTCAAA CAAACTCTTC

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At3g58760

SII

GGCTCCAGAG GTTTATAGGA ATGAAGAGTA TGATACAAAA GTAGATGTAT TCTCTTTCGC TTTAATCTTA CAAGAGAATG TTGTTTTGTG GGTTAACAAA ACCTAACAGA TGATAGAAGG TTGTGAACCA TTTCATGAGA TAGAAGACCG CGAAGTTCCT AAAGCATATA TTGAAGATGA ACGTCCACCA TTCAATGCTC CAACAAGATC ATATCCTTTC GGGTTACAAG AGCTAATCCA GGATTGTT**GG GACAAAGAAG CATCAAAAAG**

At1g79600

Primer: DNA 24/DNA25 Alternative splicing event: 28255 SI **CTCGTCTCGG ACCTACTTTT** GTTAAATTGG GTCAAGGTTT GTCCACCCGA CCCGACCTCT GTCCACCCGA TTACCTTGAA GAACTTGCAG AGCTTCAGGA TGCTTTGCCA ACCTTCCCTG ATGCAGAGGC ATTTGCTTGC ATTGAGAGAG AGTTGGATTT GTCGCTAGAG ACCATTTTCT CGTCTGTATC TCCTGAGCCA ATCGCAGCAG CTAGTCTTGG CCAGGTTTAC AAAGCTCAGC TGAGGTATTC AGGTCAGGTT GTTG**CTGTCA AAGTTCAACG CCCT** SIII

CTCGTCTCGG ACCTACTTTT GTTAAATTGG GTCAAGGTTT GTCCACCCGA CCCGACCTCT GTCCACCCGA TTACCTTGAA GAACTTGCAG AGCTTCAGAG GCATTTGCTT GCATTGAGAG AGAGTTGGAT TTGTCGCTAG AGACCATTTT CTCGTCTGTA TCTCCTGAGC CAATCGCAGC AGCTAGTCTT GGCCAGGTTT ACAAAGCTCA GCTGAGGTAT TCAGGTCAGG TTGTTG**CTGT CAAAGTTCAA CGCCCT**

SIV

CTCGTCTCGG ACCTACTTTT GTTAAATTGG GTCAAGGTTT GTCCACCCGA CCCGACCTCT GTCCACCCGA TTACCTTGAA GAACTTGCAG AGCTTCAGTG TCTAAGTAGG ATGCTTTGCC AACCTTCCCT GATGCAGAGG CATTTGCTTG CATTGAGAGA GAGTTGGATT TGTCGCTAGA GACCATTTTC TCGTCTGTAT CTCCTGAGCC AATCGCAGCA GCTAGTCTTG GCCAGGTTTA CAAAGCTCAG CTGAGGTATT CAGGTCAGGT TGTTG**CTGTC AAAGTTCAAC GCCCT**

At3g66654

Primer: DNA26/DNA27 Alternative splicing event: 12107 SI **CAATCTCCAC GATTCCTCTC TT**CTCTCTAA CTTCCAGAGA CAAG**TTGTAT CCCTCGTTTG CTTTC** SII **CAATCTCCAC GATTCCTCTC TT**CTCTCTAA CTTCCAGGTC TTTGGATTTC TATAGAAAGA AAGATCTGTT TATTATTTGA TTGGAACATG ATAAGCTGCT CCGTTTCTCA TATCCACTTT TGTTCAATTT ATTTCAATTT GATCGATAAT TGGAAAAGTA CTGGATCTGG TGTATCGGAA GTTACCGGTC AAGCTATGTA TGAACCCTTG TGATATTTTC ACATGCGTTT ATTCATTCAA ATATGCTAGA TTTTTAATCT GGTCAATACG TGATATCAGG GTTTCTTCAG TTGGAGACAA G**TTGTATCCC TCGTTTGCTT TC** SIII **CAATCTCCAC GATTCCTCTC TT**CTCTCTAA CTTCCAGTAC TGGATCTGGT GTATCGGAAG TTACCGGTCA AGCTATGTAT GAACCCTTGT GATATTTTCA CATGCGTTTA TTCATTCAAA TATGCTAGAT TTTTAATCTG GTCAATACGT GATATCAGGG TTTCTTCAGT TGGAGACAAG

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Supplemental Data. Drechsel et al. (2013). Plant Cell 10.1105/tpc.113.115485

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At5g65720

Primer: DNA28/DNA29

Alternative splicing event: 9015

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At1g28660

Primer: DNA30/DNA31 Alternative splicing event: 16281 SI **TGCCTCATCT TCTCGTGATT G**CAGAGAGAT GCTTGGAGAC TCGCTGATAC TCATGGGAGA GATTGGAGGT AACGACTTTT TTTACCCATC CTCCGAAGGC AAAAGTATCA ATGAAACCAA ACTACAGGAT TTGATCATCA AAGCTATTTC TTCTGCAATT GTGGATTTGA TCGCTTTAGG GGGCAAAACA TTTTTGGTAC CCGGAGGCTT CCCAGCAGGA TGTTCCGCAG CGTGTCTTAC TC**AATATCAG AACGCGACAG AAG** SII **TGCCTCATCT TCTCGTGATT G**CAGAGAGAT GCTTGGAGAC TCGCTGATAC TCATGGGAGA GATTGGAGGA TTTGATCGCT TTAGGGGGCA AAACATTTTT GGTACCCGGA GGCTTCCCAG

CAGGATGTTC CGCAGCGTGT CTTACTC**AAT ATCAGAACGC GACAGAAG**

At4g17370

Primer: DNA32/DNA33 Alternative splicing event: 6670

SI

AAGGCAGAGA CTTTGGTAAT GTCAAGATGG TAGCAATCCG AGAACATAGA TTCCCTTTCT TGGTTAAGGT GAACAACTGG AATAGATTCA ATGTGAACAC TGGAGGGACC TTAGTGGAGA AATGCTGCCA CTTCTTTGAT CTAATGAGGC TCTTTGCCGG TGCAAATCCT GTCTGTGTGA TGGCTTCTGG AGGCATGGAT GTGAACCACA AGGATGAAGT TTATGGTGG**A AAGGTGCCTG ATATAATTGA T**

SII

AAGGCAGAGA CTTTGGTAAT GTCAAGATGG TAGCAATCCG AGAACATAGA TTCCCTTTCT TGGTTAAGGT AGGCTTAAAC AAGATGGGAC TATGTGTAGT GTTTACGCTT CACATTTTTA TATGATTGCT GAGAGAACAC ATCACTAGGT GAACAACTGG AATAGATTCA ATGTGAACAC TGGAGGGACC TTAGTGGAGA AATGCTGCCA CTTCTTTGAT CTAATGAGGC TCTTTGCCGG TGCAAATCCT GTCTGTGTGA TGGCTTCTGG AGGCATGGAT GTGAACCACA AGGATGAAGT TTATGGT**GGA AAGGTGCCTG ATATAATTGA T**

At2g46700

Primer: DNA40/DNA41 Alternative splicing event: 12039

SI

GTCATACTTG TTCTGGCCGT GGTAAGAAGG GAGATATTAA GGATCATCCT ATTGCTGTCA AGATCATCTC CAAGGCTAAG ATGACAACAG CAATTGCAAT TGAAGATGTT CGCAGGGAGG TGAAGTTACT GAAATCATTA TCTGGACACA AATATTTAAT CAAATATTAT GATGCATGTG AGGACGCCAA TAACGTATAC ATAGTCA**TGG AGTTGTGTGA TGGTGGA**

At5g20840

Primer: DNA42/DNA43

Alternative splicing event: 14231

SI

AGTGTCAAAG AGTGATATGA TTGCATTGCA ACATTCTAGC GTGCTTTGCA ACACTGCAAA TTTAAGAGAC GAGAACAGGT ACAAGAGACT CCTGTGTATG GTGGACCTTA CGAAAGACTT CTTTTTCAGC TATTCTTACA ATATAATGCG AAGTTTCCAG A**AGAATATAT GCGACCATGA GAGT**

SII

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SIII

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SIII

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At3g19980

Primer: DNA46/DNA47 Alternative splicing event: 12227 SI **AATATTACAC TTTTGCGCGG AA**ATCATGAA AGTAGGCAGC TAACGCAGGT GTATGGTTTC TATGACGAAT GCCAGAGGAA GTATGGTAAC GCTAATGCGT GGCGATATTG CACAGATGTT TTTGACTATC TTACCCTGTC AGCTATTATA GATGGC**ACAG TTCTATGTGT TCACGGT** SII **AATATTACAC TTTTGCGCGG AA**ATCATGAA AGTAGGCAGC TAACGCAGGG TTTTGAAAGT TCTGATTTTG TACTACATGT GGCAATGTCA TGTCAGATGT AGACATCGAT GTTAGCTAAG ATGCATTTTA TGTGAATCAA GTATTGGAAA GCTAATTTCA GAAGGTGTAT GGTTTCTATG ACGAATGCCA GAGGAAGTAT GGTAACGCTA ATGCGTGGCG ATATTGCACA GATGTTTTTG ACTATCTTAC CCTGTCAGCT ATTATAGATG GC**ACAGTTCT ATGTGTTCAC GGT**

At2g42500

Primer: DNA48/DNA49 Alternative splicing event: 11984 SII **GAAACCATGA AAGTCGTCAG ATT**ACTCAGG TTTATGGATT TTATGATGAA TGTCTACGAA AGTACGGCAA CGCAAATGTT TGGAAAATCT TTACAGACCT CTTCGACTAT TTTCCTCTGA CAGCCTTGTA TTATTTGGAA CCAAAGTAGT ACTTTTGTAC TGTGCTGTCG TATTTCTTTT GCTAGTGTCA CATCAACTGC AAGACGTTAG TATTCTGAAA AATGCAAAGA ATGGAGATCT GTTATATATG GAAGATTTCA TGTTGAGTCA GAAATATTTT GCCTTCATGG TGGATTATCT CCATCTATCG AGACCCTTGA CAACATAAGG AATTTTGATC G**AGTTCAAGA AGTGCCCCAT** *At4g35230* Primer: DNA50/DNA51 Alternative splicing event: 13461 SI **CTAAGAAATG GAAGAGTGAC ACC**TGAAAGT GTTACGTATA GCTTTGGAAC TGTCCTTCTG GATTTGCTTA GCGGAAAACA CATCCCTCCA AGCCATGCTC TCGATATGAT ACGAGGCAAG AATATTATTC TGTTGATGGA TTCACACCTC GAAGGAAAGT TCTCAACAGA AGAGGCTACT GTAGTG**GTCG AACTCGCCTC TCAATG** SII **CTAAGAAATG GAAGAGTGAC ACC**TGAAAGT GTTACGTATA GCTTTGGAAC TGTCCTTCTG GATTTGCTTA GCGGAAAACA CATCCCTCCA AGCCATTTAT GTGAAGCTCT CGTAGTAGGT CATTGACCAT GGTTTCTAGA AACTGTATAA TACTGCTCTG TCATCATCTC TCTTGAAATT AGCTAAGATA TGTGCCACGC TCTTGTTCTT TAACCACTGT CTATCAGATT TAGCTCTCAA TATGTATTAT GGGCAAGGCT CTCGATATGA TACGAGGCAA GAATATTATT CTGTTGATGG ATTCACACCT CGAAGGAAAG TTCTCAACAG AAGAGGCTAC TGTAGTG**GTC GAACTCGCCT CTCAATG**

Supplemental Table 1. Numbers of Alternative Splicing Events and Corresponding Gene Fractions as Depicted in Figure 3.

Supplemental Table 2. Types of AS Events Detected in Different Samples.

Total numbers and fractions of AS events detected in various samples **(A)**, mutually exclusively detected in indicated comparisons **(B)**, and uniquely found in indicated control and NMD-impaired samples **(C)**.

(B) Mutually exclusive

(C) Unique to experiment

Supplemental Table 3. Comparison of Previously Published Analysis of Coupled Alternative Splicing-NMD from Kalyna et al. (2012) with RNA-Seq Data from this Work.

Table provides information on gene identifier, primer pairs to analyze corresponding events in Kalyna et al (2012), corresponding AS event number from this work as well as minimum (Min) p-value for testing *lba1 upf3-1* versus WT and CHX versus mock treatment. "n.d." indicates that AS event was not detected in our analysis. The list includes AS events that were significantly changed in *upf1-5*, *upf3-1*, and upon CHX treatment **(A)**, in the two mutants, but not upon CHX treatment **(B)**, and AS events that were not changing upon NMD impairment **(C)** in the work from Kalyna et al. (2012).

Supplemental Table 4. Impact of AS on the Presence of Protein Domains for Candidate Genes from GO Terms "Signaling" and "Posttranslational Protein Modification".

Table provides for the selected candidate genes ID, name, and TAIR description. Furthermore, domains detected by PROSITE (Sigrist et al., 2012) in SPI-encoded proteins and the position of the PTC in the corresponding SPII-derived, hypothetical protein variants are given.

Supplemental Experimental Methods

For adapter ligation, indices 10 and 13 were used. Final PCR enrichment was performed with half the sample volume running 14 PCR cycles. Resulting libraries were either directly subjected to Illumina sequencing (Illumina, San Diego, USA) or gel-purified. In the latter case, samples were separated on a 2% agarose TAE gel and fragments in the size range of 250 to 350 bp were extracted from the gel using MinElute columns (Qiagen).

Cluster generation was performed according to the manufacturer's instructions using a Cluster Station (Illumina) or cBot (Illumina) with reagents from TruSeq Single Read Cluster Generation Kits v5 (Illumina) or cBot Truseq Single Read Cluster Generation Kit v5 (Illumina), respectively. For sequencing, one lane per sample was used. About 800,000 raw clusters per mm2 on the flow-cell surface were generated with 8 to 10pM solutions of denatured DNA. Sequencing was carried out according to the manufacturer's recommended protocols on a Genome Analyzer GAIIx (Illumina) using the TruSeq SBS Sequencing Kit v5 (36 cycle) (Illumina). Sequencing control software was SCSversion2.8 and RTA1.8.7. Sequencing runs were performed at 100 bp cycles.

Supplemental Computational Methods

Pre-processing of the Illumina raw data and alignment

The sequencing reads were converted to fastq file format using the SHORE pipeline version 4.1 (Ossowski et al., 2008) with standard settings under the application profile mRNA and disabled Illumina filter. The reads were subsequently aligned to the TAIR10 reference genome sequence of *A. thaliana* using the PALMapper spliced alignment tool in its most recent version 0.5 (Jean et al., 2010; http://raetschlab.org/suppl/palmapper). The spliced alignment was performed against the reference genome with the ability to use annotated as well as to discover new splice junctions. Junction information from the TAIR10 annotation was used for alignment. A detailed list of command line parameters is available below, the genome index as well as splice site predictions are available at: http://www.raetschlab.org/suppl/nmd.

To increase sensitivity, unmappable reads were allowed to be trimmed down to a length of at least 40 nts.

PALMapper command line parameters:

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-M 6 -G 1 -E 6 -l 15 -L 25 -K 8 -C 35 -I 25000 -NI 2 
-SA 100 -CT 50 -a -S-seed-hit-cancel-threshold 10000 
-report-map-read 
-report-spliced-read 
-report-map-region 
-report-splice-sites 0.9 
-filter-max-mismatches 0
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-filter-max-gaps 0 
-filter-splice-region 5 
-qpalma-use-map-max-len 1000 
-f bamn -threads 2 -polytrim 40 
-qpalma-prb-offset-fix 
-min-spliced-segment-len 15 
-junction-remapping-coverage 5 
-junction-remapping-min-spliced-segment-len 15 
-junction-remapping <JUNCTION_GFF> 
-score-annotated-splice-sites <JUNCTION_GFF> 
-qpalma-indel-penalty 1
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Alignment post-processing

The alignments were sorted and indexed with SAMtools (Li et al., 2009). For further disambiguation, multiply-mapped reads were resolved using the MMR tool from the RNAgeeq toolbox that globally smoothes the alignment coverage based on a local variance minimization. The implementation is available from http://www.bioweb.me/MMR.

Augmentation of the annotation and construction of a splicing graph

Preliminary to the annotation of alternative events, the TAIR10 annotation was transformed into a splicing graph representation, with each vertex of the graph representing an exon and each edge representing an intron connecting two exons. Based on the read evidence from the combination of all alignments, this splicing graph was augmented using the software SplAdder. For example, if the RNA-Seq alignments show a high number of reads that map to two exons that are not adjacent within any annotated transcript isoform (and thus have no connecting edge in the splicing graph), a new edge would be added to the splicing graph to represent a newly identified intron. Similar criteria are applied to add intron retentions or alternative exon ends to the splicing graph. SplAdder was used with the following confidence criteria, putting restrictions on the RNA-Seq alignments used for augmentation:

The remaining parameters were left in their respective default configuration. The software SplAdder is available by the authors upon request. Future versions will be integrated into the RNA-geeq toolbox (http://www.bioweb.me/rnageeq).

Extraction and filtering of alternative splicing events

With the splicing graph defined and augmented with SplAdder, it is straightforward to define and extract alternative splicing events. We distinguish four different AS events: exon skip (ES), intron retention (IR), alternative five prime site (A5), and alternative three prime site (A3). All events are defined on the splicing graph as follows: ES are all cycles in the graph that have length three. IR are pairs of nodes where one node start coincides with a third node's start and the other node's stop coincides with the same third node's stop. A3 (A5) are all node pairs, that share a common start (stop) and are both connected to a common third node. To clean the list of potential AS events from duplicates, all AS events were made unique on their inner event coordinates, keeping the event with the longest flanking region, e.g. if two ES events existed that contain the same cassette exon and the same introns but differ in length of the flanking exons, the longer ES event was kept for processing. An analogous procedure was applied to the remaining AS event types.

Read counting and test for differential transcript expression

For read counting and differential testing, we used scripts implemented in the differential testing toolbox rDiff (Drewe et al., 2013, previous version in Stegle et al., 2010). To do this, each alternative event is decomposed into different sets of exonic segments supporting either one or the other isoform of the event; expression in segments that are the same in both isoforms are used for normalization but not for differential testing. Each aligned read was assigned to one of the differential segment sets resulting in a read count for each of the two isoforms. After library size normalization, a p-value for differential isoform expression was computed with a Negative Binomial test (Anders and Huber, 2010, Drewe et al., 2013). The variance function for the Negative Binomial Test describing the biological variance of the experiment was previously estimated on the two replicates of the double mutant alignments. As the replicates for each condition were sequenced in two separate sequencing runs, for each condition one replicate was taken from the first and a second one from the second sequencing run, addressing for possible (artifactual) differences between the single sequencing runs. To correct for multiple testing bias, the p-values were transformed into False Discovery Rate (FDR) values using the method of Benjamini and Hochberg (Benjamini and Hochberg, 1995). To compute a direction of the tested difference, the normalized counts for the tested condition were compared. If the counts in the second condition in a test setting condition 1 vs. condition 2 were higher, the event was called an UP event and a DOWN event otherwise. The p-value of the respective other direction was set to 1 in each case. Exonic and intronic counts were interpreted such that UP and DOWN can be read as the accumulation and depletion of the longer of both event isoforms, respectively.

Test for differential gene expression

The differential gene expression was analyzed using the DESeq package for the R Bioconductor Suite (Anders and Huber, 2010). An alignment was counted for the expression of a gene, if it overlapped to at least one exonic position of this gene. To address for biological variance, the same replicates as for the differential isoform expression test have been used in DESeq.

Calling expressed genes

Following the procedure used and described in Gan et al. (2011), we assumed that the number of reads per gene observed by chance follow a Poisson distribution with the probability of no mapped read per gene e^{-λ} with a fixed rate λ . Based on this model, we computed for each gene a p-value of observing the respective count value by chance. After correction for multiple testing (Benjamini and Hochberg, 1995), we chose a maximum q-value of 0.05 as cutoff for calling a gene "expressed".

Ranking of the event list

A common list of all events was ranked by the FDR value for the differential transcript expression test WT vs. *lba1 upf3-1*. For the ranking, the minimum over both directions of the test was used. To identify significantly differential events, an FDR threshold of 0.1 (10%) was applied. See Supplemental Figure 2 online for an experimental validation of the estimated false discovery rate.

The list was further analyzed by incorporating the test results of WT vs. both single mutants individually. Then, an event was considered significantly differentially expressed and consistent with the experiment design, if it showed both an FDR less than 0.1 and one of the tests WT vs. single mutant had a p-value less than 0.1 in the same direction as the test of WT vs. *lba1 upf3-1*. A similar combination for the test control vs. Cycloheximide (CHX) treated plants has been computed and the same FDR threshold of 0.1 was applied. Both rankings were combined into a common list "All NMD".

Venn visualization and permutation test

The events showing significant test results in several tests were visualized in Venn diagrams. All Venn diagrams were drawn in scale to the set sizes they represent. As UP and DOWN events have been combined in the diagrams, contradictory events have been removed. An event was counted as contradictory, if the different test directions resulted in different overlap assignments. To evaluate if significantly more events could be counted in the overlaps of the different tests than expected, we performed a permutation test on the ranked list, randomly permuting the p-values in both lists and counting the events in the overlap. The permutations have been repeated 50,000 times, resulting in a minimum p-value of 0.00002 ($2x10^{-5}$).

Identification of expressed intergenic loci

We generated initial regions by searching for areas in the genome that were continuously covered by read alignments. This coverage was not only defined on exonic alignment positions but also on positions spanned by spliced reads. To initially define the regions, we did not filter the reads.

We then trimmed regions from both ends until we found read coverage greater or equal to 2. We further discarded a region if it was located within 500 nts distance of any TAIR10 annotated gene or was overlapping a repetitive region with more than 5% of its positions.

Differential expression of new loci

For the remaining regions we counted the number of reads without mismatches for each of the six sets "WT", "*lba1*", "*upf3-1*", "*lba1 upf3-1*", "Mock", and "CHX", merging the respective replicates.

For each region we performed 8 directional binomial tests for increased and decreased number of read alignments in 3 WT vs. mutant pairs and "Mock" vs. "CHX". The Null hypothesis of the test was independent random assignment of reads to the different sets with a probability according to the differing total numbers of read alignments in the two sets.

We reported regions as significant, if the Bonferroni corrected p-values were smaller than 0.01.

Transcript identification

For each region we ran MITIE (Behr et al., 2013) to infer transcripts. While intron boundaries are very accurately defined by spliced reads the transcription start and end sites are difficult to detect directly from RNA-seq data. We identified potential transcript boundaries based on a binomial test. The test statistic compared read-start- and read-end-counts in consecutive fixed size windows to detect transcript starts and ends, respectively. We performed the test in a sliding window approach along the complete locus. MITIE then identified potentially overlapping transcripts using the RNA-seq alignments based on mixed integer optimization. Thereby, it selects transcript such that the read coverage can be well explained in a quantitative way. Due to the very low read coverage near the true transcript ends, this approach tends to slightly underestimate the transcript length.

Visualization in GBrowse

All alignments and annotation tracks have been visualized within a customized version of GBrowse2 (http://gbrowse.cbio.mskcc.org/gb/gbrowse/NMD2013/). Additional information display for splice junction support counts and differential testing was made available through customized GBrowse plugins. The respective tracks can be chosen via the register "Select Tracks".

NMD feature analysis

To analyze for characteristic NMD features, the events have been incorporated into the representative gene models defined by the TAIR10 genome annotation. An event was integrated into the respective representative isoform, if its inner event coordinates were overlapping with at least one position to the annotated isoform. Here, the inner event coordinates describe the first exon-intron boundary after the start and the last intron-exon boundary before the end of the event. If an event was located within an intergenic region, fell completely into an intron, or event start and stop were located in different introns spanning one or several exons, the event was discarded from integration. However, only a small percentage of events had to be excluded following these criteria.

When the event could be integrated into the representative isoform, the two event isoforms were extended by the remaining exons of the representative isoform, generating two long event isoforms. Note that neither of the two long event isoforms has to be identical to the representative isoform nor to any other annotated isoform. However, many of the created isoforms have a corresponding annotated isoform.

An event was further excluded from analysis, if CDS information was not available in the annotation or both isoforms lost the annotated CDS start site. Again, only a small fraction of events had to be excluded based on that filter criterion. An overview of the number of events excluded by certain filtering criteria is provided in Supplemental Data Set 2A online.

Subsequent, each event was assigned one of the three CDS-type groups: 5' UTR, CDS, or 3' UTR. If the inner event coordinates (as defined above) overlapped to one of the UTRs it was assigned to this UTR. No event overlapped both UTRs. The remaining events were assigned to CDS.

The two isoforms of each event were assigned one of the labels "Control" and "delta (∆) NMD" based on the direction of the differential test, defining the longer isoform showing an UP behavior in the test as ∆ NMD, as an accumulation upon NMD impairment was expected.

Based on the CDS-type assigned to the events, following NMD features have been evaluated:

5' UTR:

- existence of upstream open reading frame (uORF)
- ‐ uORF > 35 amino acids
- ‐ uORF overlapping annotated start codon

CDS:

- existence of premature termination codon (PTC) causing the 3' UTR to be longer than 347 nts
- splice junction more than 50 nts downstream of stop codon

3' UTR:

- ‐ 3' UTR longer than 347 nts
- splice junction more than 50 nts downstream of stop codon

To assess PTCs, we searched for the first in frame stop codon, starting at the annotated CDS start. A comparison to the annotated stop revealed the PTC. Further, we searched for upstream open reading frames (uORFs) by searching the longest ORF starting in the annotated 5' UTR in a different reading frame than the annotated CDS start.

The assessment of lengths of UTRs, uORFs and isoforms as well as the distance calculation of downstream splice junctions is straightforward.

Event combination analysis

A possible drawback of the single event integration strategy above is the possibility, that combinations of events correct the reading frame shift and abolish the PTC introduced by a single event. To evaluate the extent of such "rescue" events, we took all significantly altered events per gene and created all possible combinations that could be integrated into the representative isoform. A

combination was deemed possible, if the alternative exonic positions of the two events were not overlapping and could thus be combined in a single isoform. The events have been integrated in a way such that the tested direction of accumulation was consistent. The generated isoforms have been analyzed in the same manner as the single integration events.

3' UTR length tendency estimation

For analyzing the trend of the 3' UTR length in the NMD targeted isoforms vs. the WT isoforms based on the predicted significance, all events overlapping to CDS or 3' UTR were taken into account. Based on the p-values of the directed test WT vs. *lba1 upf3-1*, all event isoforms were assigned one of the labels "Control" and "∆ NMD", asserting two different labels per event. Subsequently, the events were sorted by ascending p-value. Correlations of the 3' UTR lengths of the events were computed as rank correlation coefficients after Spearman. Significance of the correlation was inferred using the "corr" function provided in the MATLAB statistics toolbox. To visualize the tendency of 3' UTR lengths based on the p-values, the UTR lengths were smoothed by a sliding window approach, replacing each 3' UTR length with the geometric mean of its 50 successors and predecessors. All computations were done for both the "Control" and the "∆ NMD" isoforms sets independently.

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