

Figure S1. Gene Expressions of Rice MAGO and Y14 under Different Types of Stresses.

(A-D) Gene expression in response to hormonal treatments. BR, brassinolide; GA3, gibberellic acid; ABA, abscisic acid; and IAA, indole acetic acid. (E-H) Gene expression in response to abiotic stresses indicated. *OsACTIN1* was used as an internal control. Expression data were expressed as results of three independent biological samples were. The expression for each gene without treatment was set to 1. The average expression and the standard deviation are presented. A two-tailed *t*-test was used to determine the significance of means. * indicates $P < 0.05$ and ** indicate $P < 0.01$.

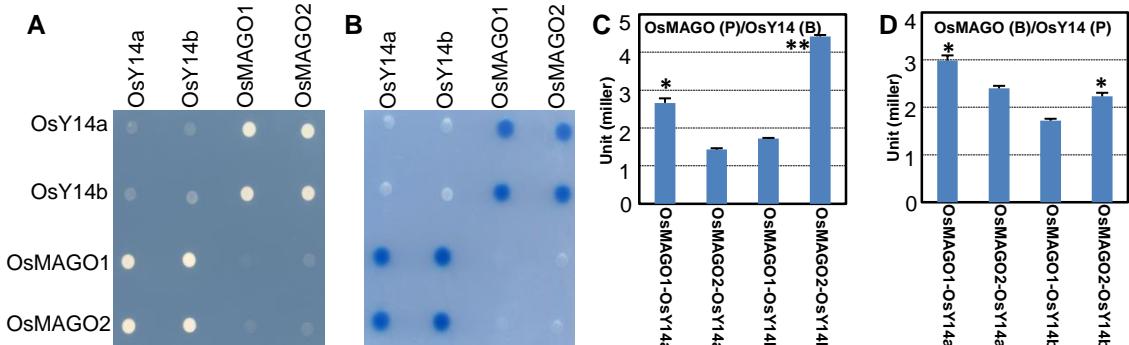


Figure S2. Interaction of Rice MAGO and Y14 Proteins in Yeast.

(A) Yeast cell growth on a high-stringency selective plate (SD/-Trp-His-Leu-Ade). (B) Non-lethal β -galactosidase assay. The expressed prey proteins (AD) are indicated above and the bait proteins (BD) to the left of the panels. (C and D) The interaction strength of OsMAGO1/2 and OsY14a/b using ONPG as substrate. P: prey; B: bait. The experiments were repeated three times. The average enzyme activity and the standard deviation are presented. The significance was evaluated by two-tailed t-test. * indicates $P < 0.05$, and ** indicate $P < 0.01$.

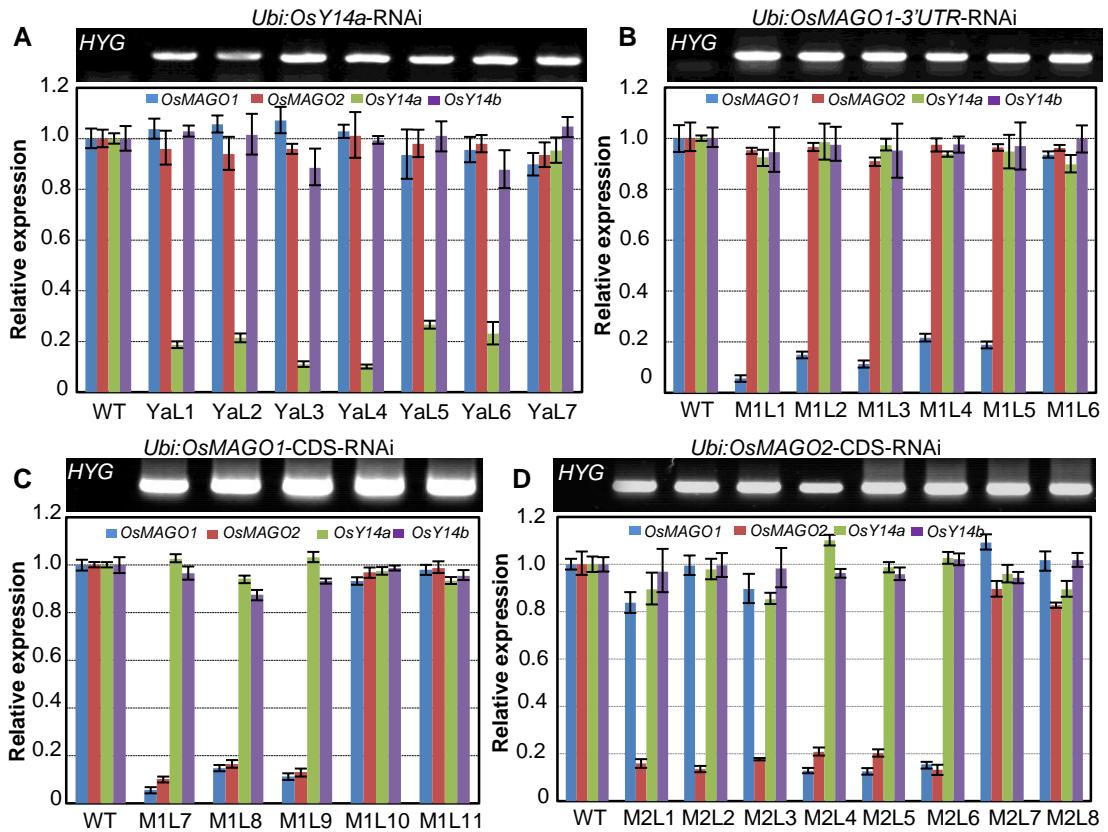


Figure S3. Genotyping Analyses of the RNAi Transgenic Rice Plants.

(A) *Ubi:OsY14a-RNAi*. (B) *Ubi:OsMAGO1-3'UTR-RNAi*. (C) *Ubi:OsMAGO1-CDS-RNAi*. (D) *Ubi:OsMAGO2-CDS-RNAi*. *OsACTIN1* was used as an internal control. The expressions were detected with three independent biological samples. The expression for each gene in wild-type was set to 1. The average expression and the standard deviation are presented. Hygromycin resistant gene (*HYG*) expression was determined by RT-PCR.

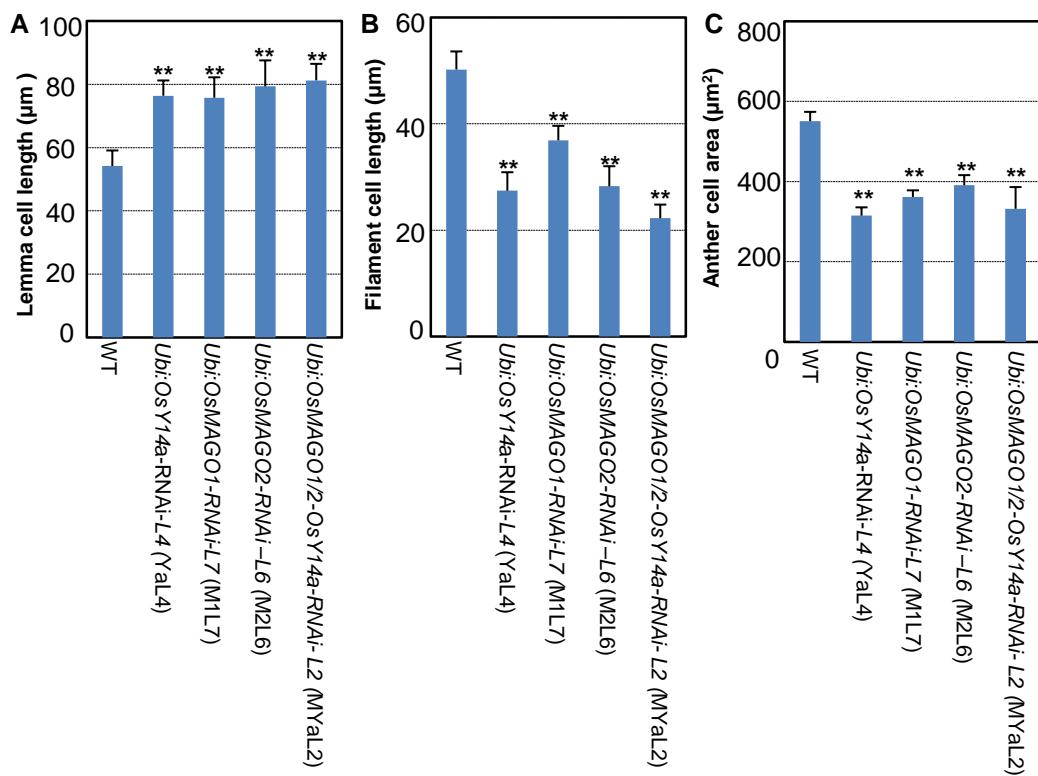


Figure S4. Variation in Cell Size in the Wild Type and Transgenic Rice Plants.

(A) Cell length of lemma. (B) Cell length of filament. (C) Cell area of anther. A two-tailed *t*-test was used determine the significance of means. ** indicate $P < 0.01$.

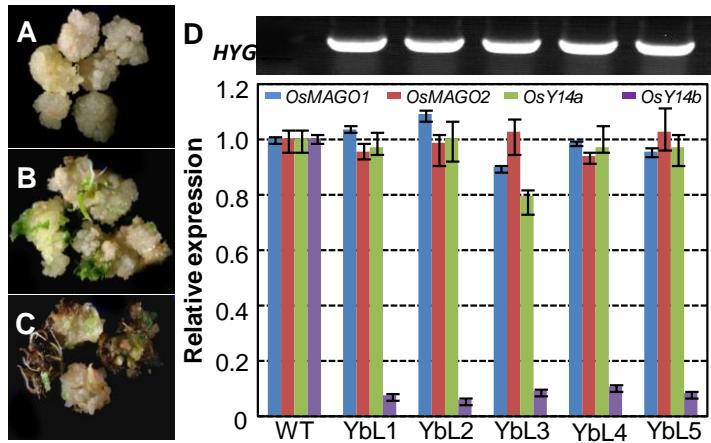


Figure S5. *Ubi:OsY14b*-RNAi Transgenic Rice Plants.

(A-C) Callus on MS medium with hygromycin for 2, 6 weeks and 2 months. (D) Gene expression of *OsMAGO1*, *OsMAGO2*, *OsY14a* and *OsY14b* in different *Ubi:OsY14b*-RNAi callus (green points, randomly picked as YbL1-YbL5). Expression of the gene resistance to hygromycin (*HYG*) was checked by RT-PCR. *OsACTIN1* was used as an internal control. Three-time PCR based on one biological sample were performed. The expression for each gene in wild-type was set to 1. The average expression and the standard deviation are presented. The results indicate a lethal effect of downregulating *OsY14b*.

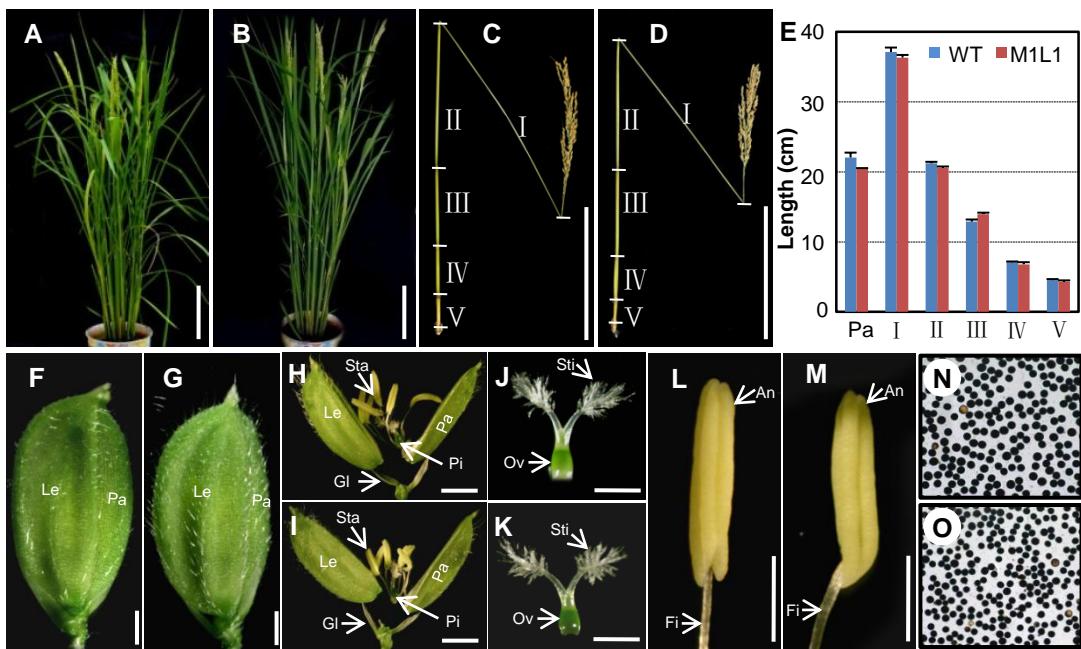


Figure S6. Phenotype of *OsMAGO1-3'UTR-RNAi* Transgenic Rice Plants.

(A and B) Rice plant at heading stage of wild-type (WT) and *OsMAGO1-3'UTR-RNAi* line 1 (M1L1). Bars = 20 cm. (C and D) Internodes and panicle of wild-type (WT) and M1L1 after seed maturation. Bars = 20 cm. (E) Size quantification of the internode (I to V, where I is the uppermost) and panicle (Pa) between WT and M1L1. (F and G) Floret of WT and M1L1. Bars = 1 mm. (H and I) Artificial opened floret of WT and M1L1. Bars = 1 mm. (J and K) Pistil of WT and M1L1. Bars = 1 mm. (L and M) Stamen of WT and M1L1. Bars = 1 mm. Glumes (Gl), lemma (Le), palea (Pa), stamen (Sta), anther (An), filament (Fi), pistil (Pi), stigma (Sti) and ovary (Ov) are indicated in F-M. (N and O) The I_2 -KI staining pollen grains of the WT and M1L1.

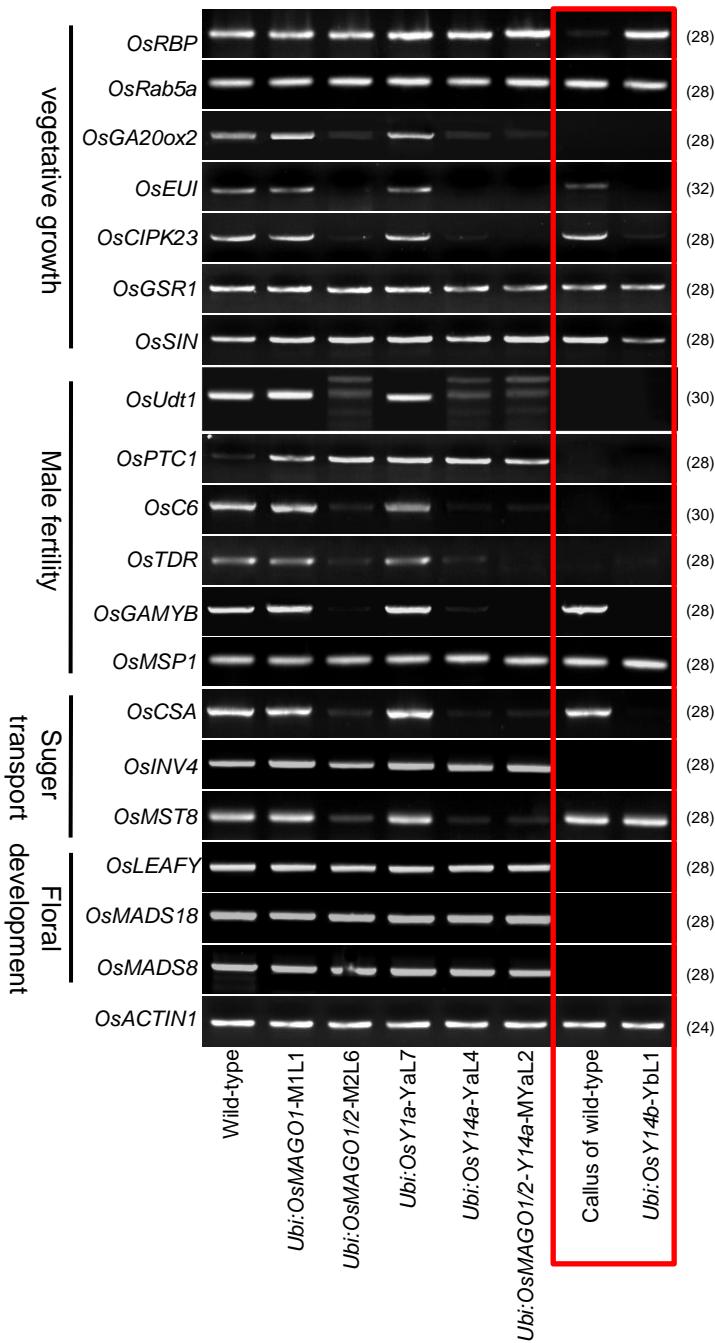


Figure S7. Gene Expression Profiles in the Transgenic Rice Plants.

Expression of 20 genes as indicated was revealed using RT-PCR in different genotypes indicated. The primers for each gene basically flank the whole coding region. The amplification cycle for each gene was given in the parenthesis. In *Ubi:OsY14b* line, callus was used to isolate the total RNA and wild-type callus was used as a control for all gene expression. In other backgrounds, the panicles were sampled for expression analyses with an exception of *OsGA20ox2* and *OsGSR1* sampled from flag leaves of these lines. The gene expression in callus of wild-type and *Ubi:OsY14b* are boxed in red. The information of these genes is presented in Table S4.

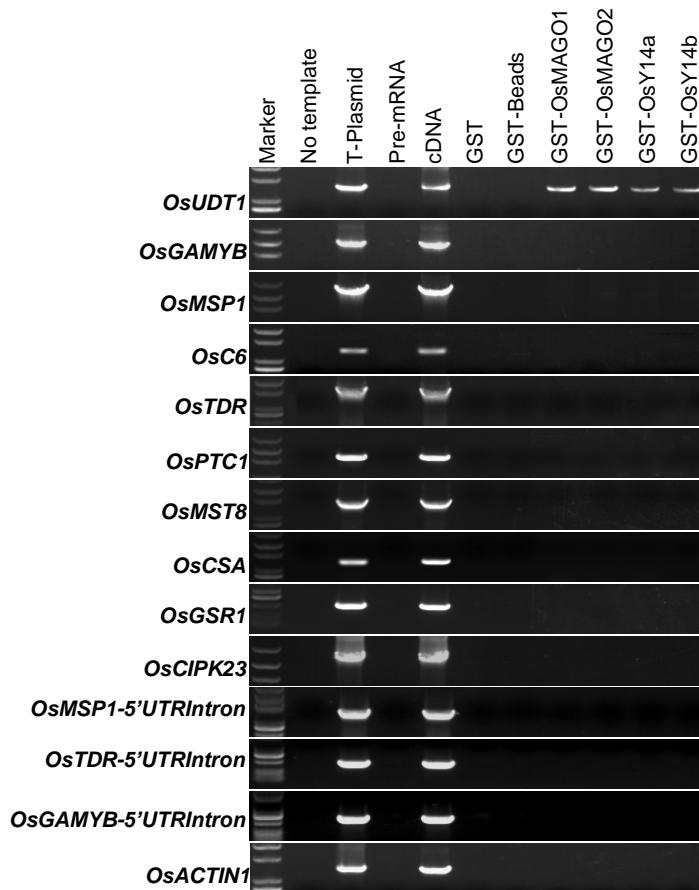


Figure S8. Rice MAGO and Y14 Specifically Bind to the *OsUDT1* Pre-mRNA. Saturated RT-PCR of different cDNAs indicated from the GST-MAGO and GST-Y14 beads. The “No template” and “pre-mRNA” were as negative controls, and plasmids and the corresponding cDNAs were used as positive controls. 1 µg GST, Glutathione beads (GST-Beads), GST-MAGO and GST-Y14, were separately incubated with 250 ng different pre-mRNAs indicated.

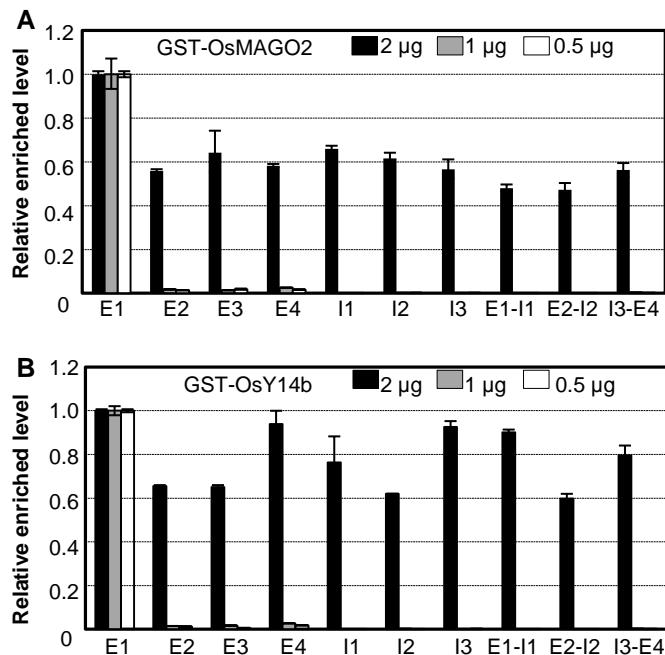


Figure S9. OsMAGO2 and OsY14b Proteins Bind to the *OsUDT1* Pre-mRNA. (A and B) Pre-mRNA competitive binding assays. The mixture of each exon (E) and intron (I) pre-mRNA fragment (125ng each) was incubated with the indicated concentrations of GST-OsMAGO2 (A) or GST-Y14b (B). Relative enriched level of the bound pre-mRNA was shown by qRT-PCR assays. The bound E1 pre-mRNA level was set to 1. Each experiment was performed with three independent samples, and error bars represent standard deviations.

Table S1. Transformation of Rice RNAi Lines.

RNAi construct	Callus number	Resistant callus (HYG ⁺)	Transformation efficiency (%)	Resistant seedlings
<i>Ubi:OsY14a</i>	95	8	8.42	48
<i>Ubi:OsY14b</i>	405	33	8.15	0
<i>Ubi:OsMAGO1-3'UTR</i>	167	15	8.98	45
<i>Ubi:OsMAGO1-CDS</i>	310	19	6.13	57
<i>Ubi:OsMAGO2-CDS</i>	285	18	6.32	72
<i>Ubi:OsMAGO1-CDS-OsY14a</i>	102	9	8.82	36

Table S2. Phenotypic Variations in RNAi Transgenic Rice Plants.

Gene for silencing	Lines	Plant height (cm)	Floret length (mm)	Anther length (μm)	Filament length (μm)	Pollen maturation (%)	Seed setting rate (%)
	WT	104.97±2.31	6.99±0.17	2780.39±111.81	2330.99±133.32	95.89	93.27±0.5
OsY14a	YaL1	62.13±2.25**	7.50±0.25**	2268.13±143.41**	1947.10±120.90**	21.64**	15.43±0.43**
	YaL2	62.13±3.12**	7.45 ±0.19**	2213.83±145.24**	1954.83±135.42**	22.37**	17.63±0.42**
	YaL3	63.25±3.12**	7.47 ±0.16**	2238.25±120.28**	1978.34±123.35**	24.85**	15.34±0.61**
	YaL4	62.55±2.22**	7.52±0.23**	2179.16±113.51**	1953.19±125.92**	25.62**	10.35±0.42**
	YaL5	62.39±2.21**	7.39 ±0.19**	2272.59±156.28**	1898.85±135.12**	24.75**	10.21±0.36**
	YaL6	64.67±3.21**	7.43 ±0.13**	2225.37±125.13**	1918.12±123.38**	21.59**	14.12±0.33**
	YaL7	103.54±2.30	6.98±0.12	2785.12±121.51	2332.21±103.23	95.49	92.15±0.19
OsY14b	Transgenic plants were not generated indicating that the importance of OsY14b in embryonic organogenesis.						
OsMAGO1 3'UTR	M1L1	102.5±2.46	6.98±0.14	2735.62±125.36	2369.38±162.62	96.12	94.33±0.25
	M1L2	103.13±2.59	6.88±0.15	2719.54±131.32	2354.32±156.32	95.23	95.14±0.21
	M1L3	102.25±2.36	6.95±0.13	2752.32±151.25	2338.26±167.23	96.25	92.65±0.34
	M1L4	103.55±2.28	7.03±0.15	2746.98±136.24	2312.36±151.21	96.54	93.78±0.46
	M1L5	101.40±2.54	7.11±0.16	2769.12±127.63	2321.65±165.84	95.21	91.12±0.18
	M1L6	104.67±2.42	6.98±0.16	2783.25±121.21	2331.09±113.22	95.43	94.63±0.37
OsMAGO1 CDS	M1L7	67.97±2.21**	7.42±0.17**	2474.84±121.83**	1970.80±127.45**	20.83**	12.54±0.32**
	M1L8	68.33±3.15**	7.35±0.43*	2413.83±118.84**	2003.93±117.45**	32.61**	17.96±0.25**
	M1L9	68.17±3.18**	7.39±0.15**	2435.27±108.32**	1985.64±105.37**	22.45**	13.36±0.46**
	M1L10	104.88±3.21	7.00±0.13	2753.31±100.11	2325.94±126.12	93.24	93.45±0.62
	M1L11	105.02±3.25	7.01±0.15	2782.63±103.23	2333.14±106.31	96.02	92.55±0.49
OsMAGO2 CDS	M2L1	na	na	na	na	93.12	92.35±0.36
	M2L2	na	na	na	na	92.35	93.66±0.43
	M2L3	na	na	na	na	94.53	91.86±0.56
	M2L4	63.61±2.55**	7.59±0.26**	2206.15±120.96**	1932.96±188.27**	12.88**	11.55±0.21**
	M2L5	64.52±2.36**	7.69±0.29**	2212.34±120.98**	1858.01±281.05**	13.56**	11.95±0.25**
	M2L6	62.45±2.70**	7.73±0.25**	2195.63±110.22**	1862.25±256.62**	12.43**	9.37±0.34**
	M2L7	101.32±2.37	7.02±0.18	2769.95±100.93	2315.96±113.25	94.62	94.33±0.43
	M2L8	102.65±2.33	6.95±0.23	2778.69±102.65	2328.12±124.63	94.73	93.74±0.32
(OsMAGO1-CDS-OsY14a)	MYaL1	52.93±2.88**	7.56±0.21**	1725.22±49.54**	1852.22±77.38**	10.32**	9.22±0.32**
	MYaL2	55.13±2.63**	7.62 ±0.15**	1722.36±54.32**	1836.33±69.86**	5.49**	8.35±0.21**
	MYaL3	57.25±2.32**	7.48 ±0.13**	1698.65±54.36**	1795.22±83.59**	7.86**	10.23±0.64**
	MYaL4	53.55±2.25**	7.61±0.12**	1702.33±49.59**	1802.34±75.63**	6.43**	10.59±0.33**
	MYaL5	54.39±2.35**	7.39 ±0.11**	1695.21±51.20**	898.85±66.652**	15.92**	11.33±0.25**
	MYaL6	64.65±2.42**	7.45 ±0.16**	1688.87±59.63**	1798.12±59.87**	12.59**	12.72±0.54**
	MYaL7	101.54±2.52	7.12±0.09	2654.28±69.61	2302.15±59.64	90.03	91.99±0.38

Transgenic plants with obvious phenotype are showed by overstriking letters and numbers, while the WT and WT-like transgenic plants are in normal. CDS, coding regions. 3'UTR, 3' untranslated regions. WT, wild-type. na, not analyzed. T-tests, * P < 0.05, ** P < 0.01.

Table S3. Ovary Fertility Comparison between the Wild-Type and Transgenic Rice Plants.

	WT	<i>Ubi:OsY1 4a-YaL4</i>	<i>Ubi:OsMAGO 1-CDS-M1L7</i>	<i>Ubi:OsMAGO 2-CDS-M2L6</i>	<i>Ubi:OsMAGO1- CDS-OsY14a- MYaL2</i>	<i>Ubi:OsMAGO1- 3'UTR-M1L1</i>
Ovary fertility (%)	68.63	65.37	67.21	64.39	61.38	69.33
Number	N=118	N=109	N=112	N=125	N=115	N=117

Table S4. Gene Information Used in Expression Studies.

Gene name	Accession No. Of CDS (Phytozome)	Sequence length (bp)	Exon number	Intron number	Largest intron length (bp)	Near centrosome area
<i>OsRBP</i>	LOC_Os12g01916.1	3986	4	3	2163 (2)	no
<i>OsRBA5A</i>	LOC_Os12g43550.1	2922	6	5	859 (3)	no
<i>OsGA20OX2</i>	LOC_Os01g66100.1	2827	3	2	1471 (2)	no
<i>OsEUI</i>	LOC_Os05g40384.1	9784	2	1	7874 (1)	no
<i>OsCIPK23</i>	LOC_Os07g05620.1	4075	14	13	595 (2)	no
<i>OsGSR1</i>	LOC_Os06g15620.1	475	2	1	104 (1)	no
<i>OsS/N</i>	LOC_Os03g22510.1	330	1	0	0	no
<i>OsUDT1</i>	LOC_Os07g36460.1	1830	4	3	521 (2)	no
<i>OsPTC1</i>	LOC_Os09g27620.1	2215	3	2	101 (2)	no
<i>OsC6</i>	LOC_Os11g37280.1	1067	2	1	591 (1)	no
<i>OsTDR</i>	LOC_Os02g02820.1	2987	8	7	337 (1)	no
<i>OsGAMYB</i>	LOC_Os01g59660.1	3946	4	3	1257 (2)	no
<i>OsMSP1</i>	LOC_Os01g68870.2	6977	4	3	2091 (2)	no
<i>OsCSA</i>	LOC_Os01g16810.1	1217	2	1	81 (1)	no
<i>OsINV4</i>	LOC_Os04g33720.1	2461	6	5	223 (1)	no
<i>OsMST8</i>	LOC_Os01g38670.1	2084	4	3	291 (2)	no
<i>OsLEAFY</i>	LOC_Os04g51000.1	3014	3	2	1555 (2)	no
<i>OsMADS8</i>	LOC_Os09g32948.1	6032	8	7	2606 (1)	no
<i>OsMADS18</i>	LOC_Os07g41370.1	4955	8	7	2726 (1)	no
<i>OsACTIN</i>	LOC_Os03g50885.1	1558	4	3	249 (2)	no

Sequence length ranges from the putative transcription initiation site to the stop codon. The "no" indicates the gene is not near the centrosome. The location of the largest intron in each gene is given in parenthesis.

Table S5. List of Primers Used in the Present Study.

Usage	Gene name	Forward sequences (5'-3')	Reverse sequences (5'-3')
RNA-binding	OsUDT1	GAGTTTGAGACTTGAGGCTGC	AGTGTCTCAGATGCTTGGAAAC
	OsGAMYB	ATGTATCGGGTGAAGAGCGAGAG	TTTGAATTCTGACATTTCACAGGC
	OsGAMYB-5UTRIntron	TGTTCTTGGGAATTCTGGC	CTACACCGGAAAATTGGAAAG
	OsMSP1	TCCAATAGTTCTGGCTTTCATCCCTG	CATGCCCTGGAGACGGTCAACCACAG
	OsMSP1-5UTRIntron	GGTGAAGCGAGGTTCTGGAC	TTGAACATGTAATGGCCGAAC
	OsC6	AGCTAGCTCAAGCTCTAATCCAC	CATATATACTCAGGCAGATGGAGC
	OsTDR	TGATCACCACATGGGAAGAGGAG	CAATCAAACGCGAGGTAAATGCAGG
	OsTDR-5UTRIntron	GAAGGTATCTTCTTCTCTGC	CTACAGTGACACATGAAAGC
	OsPTC1	ATGGCGCTTAAGATGGTATCATCAG	TGAGCAGCGCTCAGCTCCATG
	OsMST8	ATGGCCGGCGGCCTAGACGGCAG	GCAATGGATCGATGTTAGCCAGCAG
	OsCSA	ATGGCTCACGAGATGATGGGT	CGTCGGCGTAAATCATGTCGC
	OsGSR1	TAAGTCCTAACCCACCCAAAC	AAGGCATGCATCTTAGGGC
	OsCIPK23	GATCTGAGAGGGACAGGGAG	GTTCCTGGCTGGTTATCTAC
	OsUDT1-Exon1	AGTTTGAGACTTGAGGCTGC	CTTGGTGATCTGGCACGAC
	OsUDT1-Exon2	ATGAGCAAGGAGGCCACCTTG	CTGATAATGGGGCTTCAG
	OsUDT1-Exon3	GGTCAGGTGGAATTGATCTC	CTCGATGGTGAAGAAAATCTC
	OsUDT1-Exon4	GTGAAGGGTGAGCAGGATGTTG	AGTGTCTCAGATGCTTGGAAAC
RT-PCR for gene expression	OsUDT1-Exon1-Intron1	AAGAACCTGGAGGCCAGCGG	TTCCAGAGAATCGAGAGAGGG
	OsUDT1-Exon2-Intron2	CTTGGGAGAAGCAAGGCAGCG	TGTTCAGAATTAGCTCCAGGG
	OsUDT1Intron3-Exon4	ATTGCATGTAGATTTCGCTG	AGTGTCTCAGATGCTTGGAAAC
	OsRBP	GAGGTGGGAATGGACATGCCGC	CTACTCCTTACGACCCCTAGCG
	OsRAB5A	ATCCCCTCATCCGATCTGAATC	GTGTCACATACTCCACACTTG
	OsGA20OX2	ATGGACTCCACCGCCCGCTCG	CCAGGTGAAGTCCGGGTAGTGCTG
	OsEUI	GAAAGAGAGAGTAGGCTGCC	TGTTAGACTCCGGCGCGATGAC
	OsCIPK23	GATCTGAGAGGGACAGGGAG	GTTCCTGGCTGGTTATCTAC
	OsGSR1	TAAGTCCTAACCCACCCAAAC	AAGGCATGCATCTTAGGGC
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	OsPTC1	ATGGCGCTTAAGATGGTATCATCAG	CTCCGGCTGAAGCACGACAG
	OsC6	AGCTAGCTCAAGCTCTAATCCAC	CATATATACTCAGGCAGATGGAGC
	OsTDR	ATGGGAAGAGGAGACCACCTG	ACTTCGTCGTGGTAGTGCTCTCC
RT-PCR	OsGAMYB	ATGTATCGGGTGAAGAGCGAGAG	TTTGAATTCTGACATTTCACAGGC
	OsMSP1	TCCAATAGTTCTGGCTTTCATCCCTG	CATGCCCTGGAGACGGTCAACCACAG
	OsINV4	ATGGCGACGGCGAGGGCGAGGGCC	CTACTCCTCCGCGTTCATCTCGG
	OsCSA	ATGGCTCACGAGATGATGGGT	CGTCGGCGTAAATCATGTCGC
	OsMST8	ATGGCCGGCGGCCATGACCGAC	TCATACTGTGGAGGTAAATCTCGAC
	OsLEAFY	ATGGATCCCAACGATGCCCTCTCG	TCTCCGGCGAGCTTAGAACAAAGGG
	OsMADS8	ACTCCTCGCACACTTCGGAATTCC	ATGTAGCCAGCAGATTCAATTACG
	OsMADS18	ATGGGGAGAGGGCCGGTGCAG	TCATGTGTGACTTGTCCGGAG
	OsACTIN1	ATGGCTGACGCCAGGGATATCC	GAAGCATTCTGTGCACAATGG
	Hygromycin	GTCGTCCATCACAGTTGCC	TGACATTGGGAGTTAGCG
qRT-PCR for identification of transgenics	OsMAGO1	GAGGATGACAGCAACTGGCG	CGTTCCCCATCACGATCTCC
	OsMAGO2	CCGGAGGATCATCCAGGAGTC	CACGAAACATTTGACATCTCG
	OsY14a	GAAGGATGGATTGTGCTAGTC	GCATTCTAAAGCACCATCATCAC
	OsY14b	GGCGATCTGGACTCCACCTC	CTCAGTCAGTACAACAGCCTC
	OsACTIN1	AGGCTCCTCTAACCCCAAGGC	GACACCATCACCAAGAGTCAAACAC
	OsMAGO1-3UTR	TAGGTACCAACTAGTGCCTTCACTGGTAAATTG	AGGGATCGAGCTCTGCCAAAAGGATGAAAGAAGC
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	OsY14b	TAGGTACCAACTAGTGGATATGCATTAGTTGAATATG	AGGGATCGAGCTCGGAAGATATACACCCATAC
	OsMAGO1	ATCCATGGCGACGGTGGCCGGC	ATACTAGTAGATTGAATAGGCTTGTCTTG
Subcellular Localization	OsMAGO2	ATTCTAGATGGCGACGGGCGGCCGC	ATGGTACCAAGATTGAATAGGCTTGTCTTG
	OsY14a	ATCCATGGCTCGGGTACCAACG	GCACTAGTGTATCTCTCGGTGGGGATC
	OsY14b	AACCATGGCGGGCGGGAGGACG	ATACTAGTACATGTCAGGCAAGCCTG
	OsMAGO1	ATTCTAGAATGGCGACGGTGGCCGGCG	ATACTAGTAGATTGAATAGGCTTGTCTTG
BiFC	OsMAGO2	ATTCTAGAATGGCGACGGGCGGCC	ATACTAGTAGATTGAATAGGCTTGTCTTG
	OsY14a	ATTCTAGAATGGCTCGGGTACCAACG	GCACTAGTGTATCTCTCGGTGGGGATC
	OsY14b	ATTCTAGAATGGCGGGCGGGAGGACG	ATACTAGTACATGTCAGGCAAGCCTG