

Supporting Information

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SI Materials and Methods

Materials, Growth Conditions, and Treatments. All plants are in *Columbia* background. The *pMP::MP-GFP* transgenic line is a generous gift from Dolf Weijers (Laboratory of Biochemistry, Wageningen University, Wageningen, The Netherlands) (1). For phenotype and some quantitative RT-PCR (qRT-PCR) analyses, seeds were grown on Murashige and Skoog (MS) agar plate (with 2% sucrose) (2) with ethanol or various concentrations of 2,4-D or 5 μ M dexamethasone (DEX). To construct *35S::iaaM-HA*, the *iaaM* gene fused with 3 \times HA epitope was amplified into pHB vector (3). *35S::iaaL-HA* transgenic plants and the quadruple mutant *tir1 afb1 afb2 afb3* were as described (4). The *taa1 tar1 tar2* (CS16419) mutant was obtained from the Arabidopsis Biological Resource Center at Ohio State University. *MP Δ III/IV* (domain III/IV is deleted) (5) was amplified into pCambia1300 with 35S promoter driving the fusion with the hormone-binding domain of the rat glucocorticoid receptor (5). For *pXVE::bdl* construction, a gain-of-function form of *bdl* was generated and inserted into the pER10 vector (6). For β -estradiol treatment, *pXVE::bdl* seeds were grown on MS agar plate with 0.1% DMSO (as control) or 10 nM β -estradiol, respectively. The weak *mp* allele *mp^{S379}* (1) corresponds to SALK_021319. For time-course assay, the fusion gene *LUC-NLS-sGFP* was constructed to be driven by 511 bp upstream of *TMM* gene in pCambia1300 with nos terminator, and the resulting construct was introduced into *arf5-1/+*. The WT-like and *arf5-1/-* siblings segregated from *pTMM::LUC-NLS-sGFP;arf5-1/+* were used for analysis. For transient expression analysis, 2-d-old seedlings were transiently treated with 150 nM 2,4-D for indicated time. To construct *pSTOMAGEN::LUC*, a 2-kb fragment directly upstream of the ATG of the *STOMAGEN* gene fused with *firefly* luciferase gene was cloned into pCambia1300, and the resulting construct was introduced into *arf5-1/+* to generate *pSTOMAGEN::LUC;arf5-1/+* transgenic lines. For constructing *pSTOMAGEN::GUS*, a 2-kb fragment directly upstream of the ATG of the *STOMAGEN* gene was amplified into pEarlyGate 164 (7), which carries a β -glucuronidase gene, and the resulting vector was introduced into *arf5-1/+* to generate *pSTOMAGEN::GUS;arf5-1/+* transgenic lines. The *pMP::MP-MYC-HA* fusion was generated by placing 6 \times MYC-3 \times HA epitope at the 3' end of genomic *MP* fragment in pCambia1300 with a nos terminator. The construct was introduced into *arf5-1/+* and complements the rootless mutant phenotype. For all analyses, seedlings were grown on MS medium with 2% sucrose under continuous white light of $\sim 90 \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ at 24 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. For *STOMAGEN-RNAi* construction, miR319 backbone was used to construct artificial miRNA targeting *STOMAGEN* (8, 9) and the resulting construct was introduced into *arf5-1/+*. The WT-like and *arf5-1/-* siblings segregated from *STOMAGEN-RNAi;arf5-1/+* transgenic lines were used for analysis. For *pXVE::MP-Myc* and *pXVE::MP* construction, PCR-amplified fragments encoding MP-Myc and MP were inserted into the pER10 vector, respectively (6). For β -estradiol treatment, transgenic *pXVE::MP-Myc* and *pXVE::MP* seedlings were treated with DMSO or 10 μ M β -estradiol overnight, respectively.

Stomatal Phenotype Analyses. Cotyledons of 8-d-postgermination seedlings were transiently preserved in 5% (wt/vol) NaOH solution at 100 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for ~ 10 s, washed with distilled water, and placed in the clear solution (glycerol/chloral hydrate/water, 1:8:1, vol/wt/vol) overnight or for a few days. Two images at 200 \times magnification

(0.2 mm^2) were captured per cotyledon using Leica DM2500 microscope with Nomarski optics.

RNA Isolation and Quantitative RT-PCR. Total RNAs were isolated using a RNeasy Plant kit (Qiagen). cDNA was reverse-transcribed using iScript cDNA Synthesis kit (Bio-Rad). SYBR Premix Ex Taq II (TaKaRa) was used for qPCR on a CFX96 Real-Time System (Bio-Rad). *STOMAGEN*-specific signal was normalized relative to *ACTIN2* expression.

GUS Staining. GUS staining was performed as previously described (8) with minor modifications. Briefly, the plants were fixed with 90% acetone at 4 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for at least 7 h, then washed with 64 mM Na_2HPO_4 , 36 mM KH_2PO_4 , and finally stained in wash solution with 10 mM EDTA, 0.5 mM $\text{K}_3\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$, 0.5 mM $\text{K}_4\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$, 0.1% (vol/vol) Triton-100, 10% methanol, and 1 $\text{mg}\cdot\text{mL}^{-1}$ X-Gluc (DMF) at 37 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 30 min to 1 h.

ChIP Assay. ChIP was performed with 2 g of 7-day postgermination (dpg) seedlings (dark-adapted overnight at 6 dpg) of *pMP::MP-MYC-HA* and WT according to the methods described previously (10) with minor modifications. Briefly, seedlings were harvested in dim green safe light and fixed in fixation buffer [0.4 M sucrose, 10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0), 1% formaldehyde, 5 mM β -mercaptoethanol] by vacuum infiltration at 4 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. Glycine was added to a final concentration of 0.125 M to stop the reaction under vacuum. Then seedlings were rinsed with water, ground into fine powder in liquid nitrogen, and homogenized in extraction buffer I [0.4 M sucrose, 10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0)], filtered through four layers of Miracloth and centrifuged at 2,880 $\times g$ for 20 min at 4 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. Pellet was then resuspended in extraction buffer II [0.25 M sucrose, 10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0), 10 mM MgCl_2 , 1% Triton-X 100, 5 mM β -ME, 1 mM Pefabloc (Roche Diagnostics), Complete Protease Inhibitor Cocktail (Roche Diagnostics)], centrifuged at 13,400 $\times g$ for 10 min, resuspended in nuclei lysis buffer [50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0), 10 mM EDTA, 1% SDS, 1 mM Pefabloc, Complete Protease Inhibitor Cocktail]. Chromatin extracts were sonicated to ~ 300 - to 1,000-bp fragments with a sonicator (VCX 750; Sonics) and centrifuged at 12,000 rpm for 10 min. Soluble chromatin extracts were diluted in 10 \times ChIP dilution buffer [1.1% Triton-X 100, 1.2 mM EDTA, 16.7 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0), 167 mM NaCl, 1 mM Pefabloc, complete protease inhibitor cocktail], incubated with anti-HA antibody (1:2,000, sc-7392; Santa Cruz) for 3 h, then immunoprecipitated with Dynabeads Protein G (10 μL ; Life Technologies) saturated previously with salmon sperm DNA and BSA. Immunocomplexes were then washed with four different buffers: low-salt buffer [150 mM NaCl, 0.1% SDS, 1% Triton X-100, 2 mM EDTA, 20 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0)] once, high-salt buffer [500 mM NaCl, 0.1% SDS, 1% Triton X-100, 2 mM EDTA, 20 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0)] twice, LiCl wash buffer [0.25 M LiCl, 1% Nonidet P-40, 1% sodium deoxycholate, 2 mM EDTA, 20 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0)] twice, and TE [1 mM EDTA, 10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0)] once on ice each for 10 min. The bound chromatin fragments were eluted with elution buffer (1% SDS, 0.1 M NaHCO_3) and reversed by incubating at 65 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ overnight. The mixture was treated with Proteinase-K to remove proteins. The genomic DNA was purified by phenol/chloroform/isoamyl alcohol (25:24:1) and ethanol precipitation. The resulting DNA was used for qPCR. IP/input was calculated by comparing the C_t values between immunoprecipitate and input. The NC1 fragment in the *STOMAGEN*

coding region and the NC2 fragment in the chromatin adjacent to 3' UTR region of *STOMAGEN* gene were used as controls.

Recombinant Protein Purification and EMSA. For cloning MBP-MP and His-MP-DBD (residues 120–274), fragments encoding MP and MP-DBD were introduced into pMAL-c2X (New England BioLabs) and pET32a, respectively. MBP-MP and MBP were expressed in *Escherichia coli* (strain BL21), purified with amylose resin (NEB), and ultrafiltrated into TBS solution plus 10% glycerol. His-MP-DBD was expressed in *E. coli* (strain BL21), purified with Ni-NTA resin and ultrafiltrated into TBS solution plus 10% glycerol.

For the EMSA assay, a kit was used with 200 ng of MBP or MBP-MP and 20 fmol biotin-labeled probes, according to the manufacturer's instructions (Thermo Scientific).

DNA-Protein Pull-Down Assay. DNA-protein pull-down assay was performed as described previously (11, 12) with modifications. Briefly, 10 pmol biotin-labeled probes were first incubated with 10 μ L streptavidin magnetic beads (Thermo Scientific) for 2 h in a buffer [10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5), 50 mM KCl, 5 mM MgCl₂, 2.5% glycerol, 0.05% Nonidet P-40], then the free probes were washed out with the buffer. The probes-bound beads were incubated with 200 ng MBP or MBP-MP proteins unless otherwise stated in 100 μ L of the same buffer supplemented with 5 μ g fragmented salmon sperm DNA and 10 μ g BSA for 1 h, then washed three times with 1 mL buffer for each time. The precipitates were eluted in SDS loading buffer and subjected to Western blot analysis with anti-MBP monoclonal antibody (NEB). For competition, 100 ng MBP or MBP-MP were pre-incubated with 100 pmol unlabeled probes in 100 μ L of buffer supplemented with 5 μ g fragmented salmon sperm DNA and 10 μ g BSA for 1 h, then the mixture was incubated with 10 pmol biotin-labeled probes-bound streptavidin magnetic beads (10 μ L) for 1 h. After three washes with 1 mL buffer for each time, the

precipitates were eluted in SDS loading buffer and subjected to Western blot analysis with anti-MBP monoclonal antibody (NEB).

Luciferase and Dual-Luciferase Assays. For luciferase activity assay in *Arabidopsis*, seedlings were harvested and homogenized in 100 μ L lysis buffer (Promega), centrifuged, and then 10 μ L supernatant was incubated with 50 μ L substrate solution for 10 s and the luciferase activity was recorded for 10 s by GloMax 20/20 Luminometer (Promega). Simultaneously, 3 μ L supernatant was used for Bradford assay to determine protein amount. The ratio of luciferase activity to total protein amount was calculated and presented.

For dual-LUC assays, 2-kb or 1-kb fragments directly upstream of the ATG of the *STOMAGEN* or *ARR15* genes were cloned into pGreen0800-LUC, which carries both *renilla* (REN) driven by 35S promoter and *firefly luciferases* (*LUC*) genes (13). Deleted and mutated *STOMAGEN* promoter fragments were directly introduced into pGreen0800-LUC except that the fragment with deletion of the –500-bp region was first fused with minimal 35S (m35S), and mutation fragments were generated by site-directed mutagenesis in pBluescript SK+ vector. Effector constructs were generated by introducing CFP and MP-CFP into pKYL71, respectively. *Agrobacteria* (GV3101) harboring effector constructs (including 35S-CFP, 35S-MP-CFP) or reporter constructs were adjusted to OD₆₀₀ = 0.6 in MS medium with 200 μ M acetosyringone and 10 mM MES (pH 5.6), left at room temperature for 3 h, and a mixture of *Agrobacteria* harboring effector and reporter (MS medium/effector/reporter = 2:2:1, vol/vol/vol) was introduced into 3- to 4-wk-old tobacco (*Nicotiana benthamiana*) leaves by infiltration. After 40–48 h, leaves were collected for the dual-LUC assay.

Anti-MP Antibody Generation. The recombinant MP-specific fragment (residues 526–775) in middle region domain was used to immunize rabbit to generate anti-MP polyclonal antibody.

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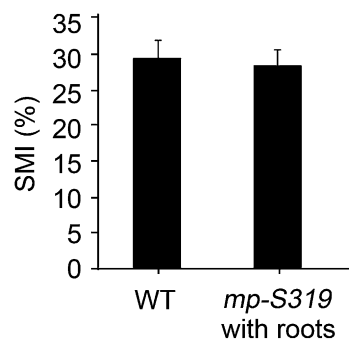


Fig. S1. There are no significant differences between the stomata and meristemoid indexes (SMIs) of WT and that of *mp-S319* homozygote with roots. The SMIs obtained from 8-d-old seedlings of WT and *mp-S319* homozygotes with roots segregated from *mp-S319* heterozygote. Data are means \pm SDs ($n = 10$).

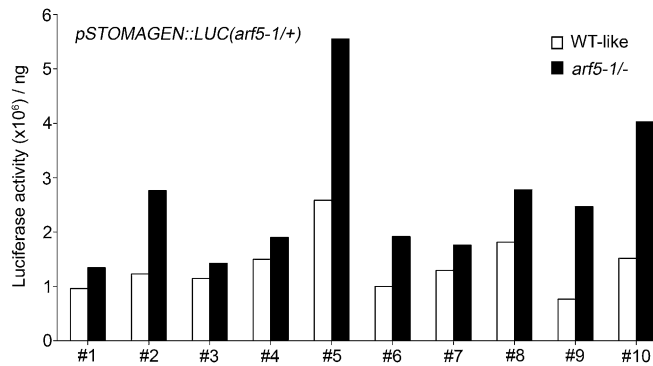


Fig. S2. Luciferase activities are higher in *arf5-1* than in WT-like progenies of *pSTOMAGEN::LUC;arf5-1/+* transgenic seedlings. Ten independent *pSTOMAGEN::LUC;arf5-1/+* lines were randomly selected. WT-like and *arf5-1*⁻ (rootless) seedlings were harvested from individual lines and subjected to analyses, respectively. Luciferase activities relative to total protein amount were calculated and presented.

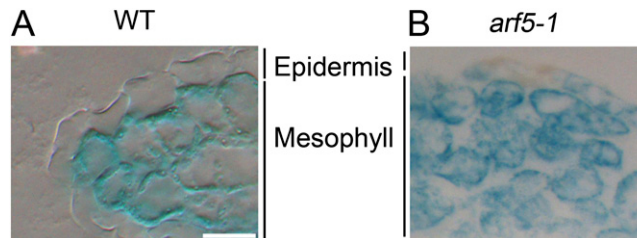


Fig. S3. GUS staining of *pSTOMAGEN::GUS* cotyledons. (A and B) Cross-section of the cotyledons of 7-dpg *pSTOMAGEN::GUS* seedlings show GUS activity in WT mesophyll (A) and in mesophyll and epidermis of *arf5-1*. (Scale bar: 20 μ m.)

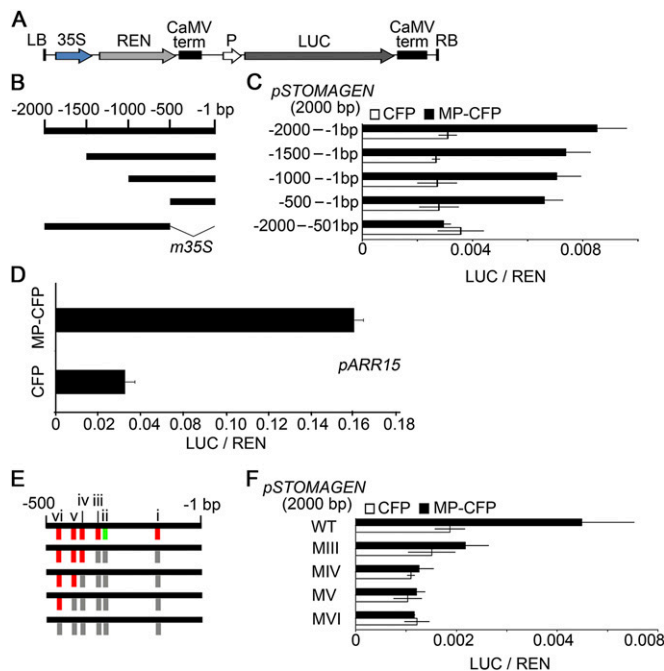


Fig. S4. Auxin response elements (AuxREs) within the -500 -bp region mediate MP regulation of *STOMAGEN* expression in tobacco. (A) The construct for dual-LUC assay. P indicates the site for promoter insertion. LUC and REN represent *firefly* and *renilla* luciferase, respectively. (B, C, E, and F) Dual-LUC assay showing MP regulation of *STOMAGEN* promoter in tobacco leaves. *m35S*, minimal 35S promoter. (E, *i*–*vi*) AuxREs at different positions. The gray boxes denote mutated AuxREs (GCCA or GAGCCA). WT and MIII–MVI (F) indicate wild-type promoter and promoters with 3–6 mutated AuxREs corresponding to E, respectively. (D) Dual-LUC assay showing MP regulation of *ARR15* promoter in tobacco leaves. Data are means \pm SDs ($n = 4$, C) or ($n = 3$, D and F).

Table S1. Primers used in this study

Purpose or construct name	Oligonucleotide	Sequence (5' > 3')
RT-qPCR	ACT2-S	AAGCTGGGGTTTTATGAATGG
	ACT2-AS	TTGTCACACACAAGTGCATCAT
	STOMAGEN-S	TAGGGTCGACAGCACCAACTTGTC
	STOMAGEN-AS	TCATTTCCCTCGACTGGAACCTGCT
ChIP-qPCR	NC1-S	ATACGGTCTCCCTTCTCCCA
	NC1-AS	TAAATCCATTGTTCCCTGTC
	NC2-S	TTCGCCAATAGCGTTATCAAG
	NC2-AS	CCACCATCATTCACCATCATC
	1-S	TGTTCCCTTGTCCACATACTTATTTG
	1-AS	AGATGTATACCAATCCTTCCGTTT
	2-S	CAATGTTTTGATGCTCTAGAAGGT
	2-AS	GCAAAGAATTAAAGAGAGATAGG
	3-S	AAGTTCATACGAGTTCAAAGAGGAG
	3-AS	AACATGTCCAACTGTTTTCTATAGACG
	4-S	ATTTAGTTGCCGACAAAAGTAAC
	4-AS	TCCTACACTCTGTCTCCCTATC
	5-S	GTGTGCACAAACCTCACCATTA
	5-AS	ACCAAATGTTGTGGAGAGAGATAAG
EMSA	P1-S	AAGGTTGTACCATGACATCCCTGCTAGACACATGTCTCTCTCCCTAT- CTCTCTTTAATTCT
	P1-AS	AGAATTAAGAGAGATAGGGAGAGAGACATGTGTCTAGCAGGATGT- CATGGTACAACCTT
	P2-S	ATCATGTAGACAACACTCTAGCTAGAGAAGCTCTAGCATCGTCTATA- GAAAACAGTTTGGACATGTTTTTGC
	P2-AS	GCAAAAACATGTCCAACTGTTTTCTATAGACGATGCTAGAGCTTCT- CTAGCTAGAGTGTGTCTACATGAT
	P3-S	GCCGACAAAAGTAACATAAATTTGTAATTATTAGATGTAAGACAG- GAGATGAGATAGGGAGACAAGAG
	P3-AS	CTCTTGTCTCCCTATCTCATCTCCTGTCTTACATCTAATAATTACAA- ATTATTAGTTACTTTTTGTCCGGC
	P3-m-S	GCCGCCAAAAGTAACATAAATTTGTAATTATTAGATGTAAGCCA- GGAGATGAGATAGGGAGCCAAGAG
	P3-m-AS	CTCTTGGCTCCCTATCTCATCTCCTGGCTTACATCTAATAATTACA- AATTATTAGTTACTTTTTGGCCGGC
	P4-S	CCATTAGATGATAAGTAGAAGACAAAACCTTACAGCCAAACAGGCAAA- CTTATCTCTCTCC
	P4-AS	GGAGAGAGATAAGTTTGCCCTGTTTGGCTGTAAGTTTTGTCTTCTACT- TATCATCTAATGG
constructs		
pER10-bdl	BDL-1-S	CCCCTCGAGATGCGTGGTGTGTGTCAGAAT
	BDL-1-AS	GGACTAGTCTAAACAGGGTTGTTCTTGTCTATCC
	BDL-m-S	AAGTCAAGTGGTAGGATGGTCACCAATTGGGTTACACAG
	BDL-m-AS	CTGTGTAACCAATTGGTGACCATCTACCACTTGACTT
pCambia1300-nos	nos-S	GCCGGATCCGAATTCATGGGCCACTAGTTCGTTCAAACATT- TGGAATAAAG
	nos-AS	GGCCAATTGGCTGTCGAGGGGGGATCAATTCCC
pCambia1300-pTMM-LUC-NLS-sGFP	TMM-PRO-S	CCCAAAGCTTGTGTGCTCCATGGGCATGT
	TMM-PRO-AS	AAACTGCAGTCTTAGTTGTTGTTGTTGTGTAATG
	LUC-S	AAACTGCAGGGCGCCATGGAAGACGCCAAAAACATAAAG
	LUC-AS	GGGGTCACCTAGGCCATGGGGCCCCACGGCGATCTTCCGCCCTTCTT
	NLS-sGFP-S	AGGGGGCCCCAAAGAAGAAGAGAAGGTGGAAGATCCAATGAGTA- AAG GAGAAGAACTTTTC
	sGFP-AS	GTATCCTAGGTTACAGCTCAGATCTTTTA
pCambia1300-pSTOMAGEN-LUC	STOMAGEN-PRO-1-S	GGGGTCGACTAGAAAAGATTTGATTCCCTAAACA
	STOMAGEN-PRO-1-AS	GCCGGATCCCTCTACTTCTTCTTCTTCTT
pEarlyGate 164-pSTOMAGEN-GUS	STOMAGEN-PRO-2-S	CACCTAGAAAAGATTTGCTTCCCTAAACA
	STOMAGEN-PRO-2-AS	GGACTAGTTCTCTACTTCTTCTTCTTCTTGCCT
70S-MP-CFP	MP-1-S	TCCCCCGGGATGATGGCTTCATTGTCT
	MP-1-AS	GGACTAGTTGAAACAGAAGTCTTAAGATCGTTAATG
pGreen0800-pSTOMAGEN-LUC	STOMAGEN-PRO-S	GGGGTCGACTAGAAAAGATTTGATTCCCTAAACA
	STOMAGEN-PRO-AS	GGACTAGTTCTCTACTTCTTCTTCTTCTTGCCT
pGreen0800-pARR15-LUC	ARR15-PRO-S	GGGGTCGACTCGACGATTTCTCACAAACC
	ARR15-PRO-AS	GGACTAGTTGTTTTCTCTCGGGAAAGTAAACA

