

**Figure S5** Mean  $\pm$  SE relative expression of *mir-279* and *mir-317* in the control  $w^{1118}$ , Canton-S and the *mir-279C* and *mir-317C* hypomorph lines. The miRNA hypomorphs had significantly lower expression than the control line. We assayed the Canton-S line twice so that the qRT-PCR run for each miRNA mutant line was conducted in parallel to the control line. The miRNA hypomorph lines had significantly lower expression than their controls (Wilcox rank sum, W = 31, P = 0.041 for *mir-279* and W = 33, P = 0.015 for *mir-317*). The standard curves for the miRNA qPCR probes ran from 0.5-0.00016 ng total RNA with a 1:5 serial dilution and had the following  $R^2$  and slope values: miR-279:  $R^2 = 0.9866$ , slope = -2.6378; mir-317:  $R^2 = 0.9828$ , slope = -2.4508; mir-2S:  $R^2 = 0.9942$ , slope = -3.2352.

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