

Small RNA derived from the virulence modulating region of the *Potato spindle tuber viroid* silences *callose synthase* genes of tomato plants

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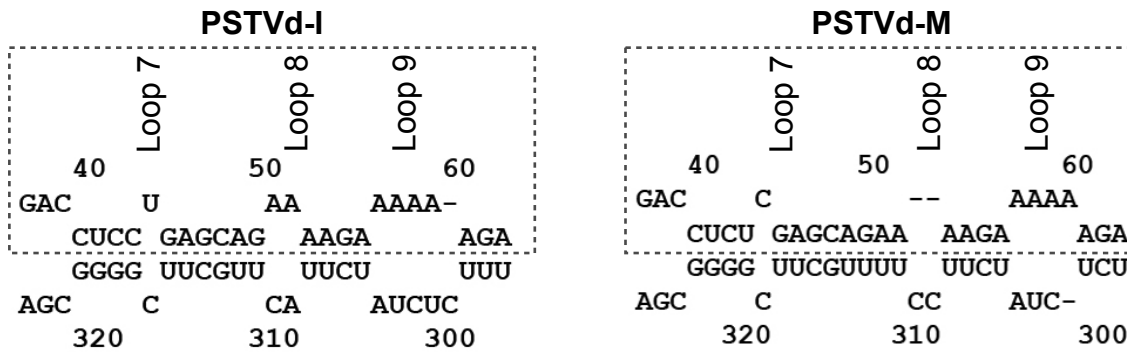
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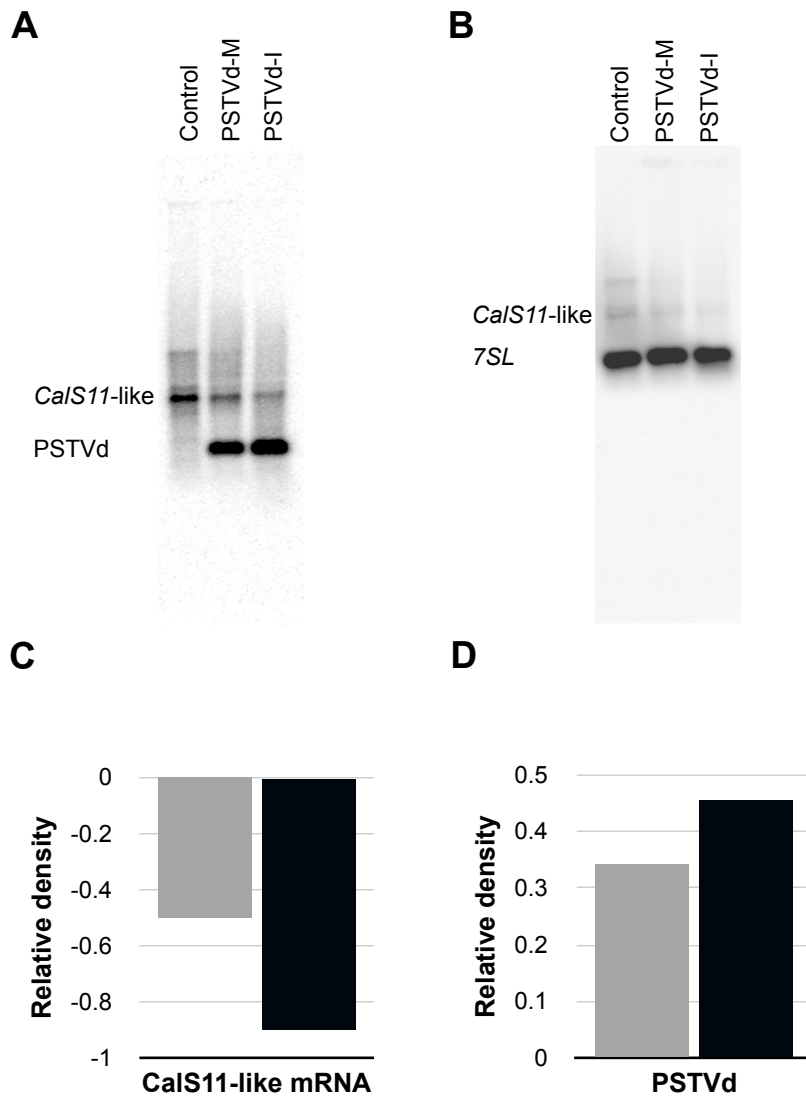
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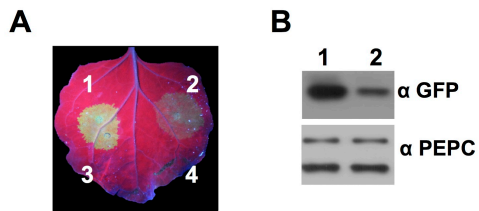
Supplemental Figure 1. Thermodynamically predicted secondary structure of PSTVd variants.

Thermodynamically predicted secondary structure of PSTVd-I and PSTVd-M by mfold (Zuker, 2003). The structures at the VMRs are shown for comparison. The boxed region indicates the VMR sequence.



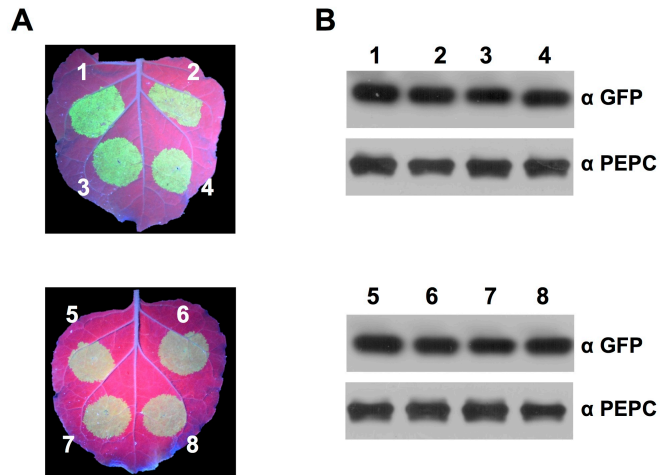
Supplemental Figure 2. RNA gel blot analysis of *CalS11-like* mRNA in PSTVd infected tomato plants.

Total RNA from plants infected with PSTVd-M or PSTVd-I was extracted at 14 dpi and subjected to RNA gel blot using probes against the **(A)** *CalS11-like* mRNA and PSTVd, or **(B)** the 7SL RNA as an internal control. \bar{U}^{PSTVd} blot signals for *CalS11-like* mRNA and PSTVd were quantified and expressed as relative densities in **(C)** and **(D)**, respectively.



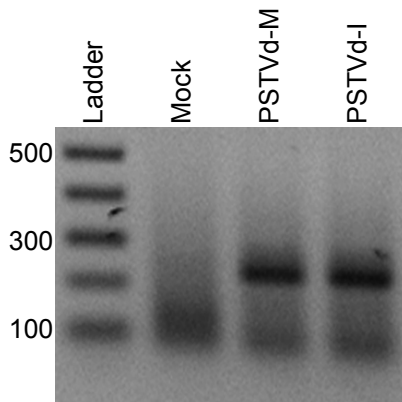
Supplemental Figure 3. Demonstration of feasibility of amiRNA technique.

(A) *N. benthamiana* leaves were agro-infiltrated with (1), empty pBIN61 vector plus GFP:UPF1; (2), amiR:UPF1 plus GFP:UPF1. Three dpi, leaves were photographed under UV illumination. **(B)** *N. benthamiana* leaves were agro-infiltrated with the same combination as in (A). Three dpi, total protein extracts were subjected to immune-blotting with anti-GFP (top panel) and anti-PEPC (lower panel) antibodies.



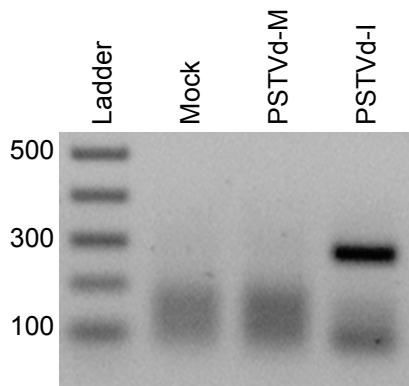
Supplemental Figure 4. Evaluation of effect of vd-sRNA:amiRNAs on GFP.

(A) *N. benthamiana* leaves were agro-infiltrated with pBIN61-GFP together with (1), empty pBIN61 vector (EV); (2), amiR:M39; (3), EV; (4), amiR:I39; (5), EV; (6), amiR:M40; (7), EV; (8), amiR:I40. At three dpi, leaves were photographed under UV illumination. **(B)** *N. benthamiana* leaves were agro-infiltrated with the same combinations as in (A). Three dpi, total protein extracts were subjected to immune-blotting with anti-GFP (top panel) and anti-PEPC (lower panel) antibodies.



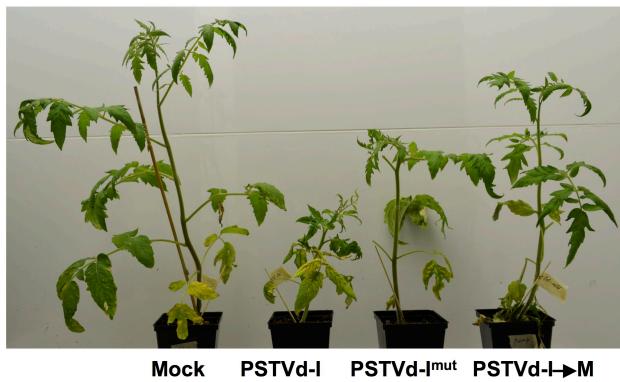
Supplemental Figure 5. 5' RLM-RACE products obtained with primers targeting the *Ca/S11-like* mRNA.

Total RNA was purified from mock-infected tomato plants, or plants infected with PSTVd-M or PSTVd-I, as indicated. Nested PCR products obtained from 5' RLM-RACE using primers targeting the *Ca/S11-like* mRNA were separated by 2.0% agarose gel electrophoresis.



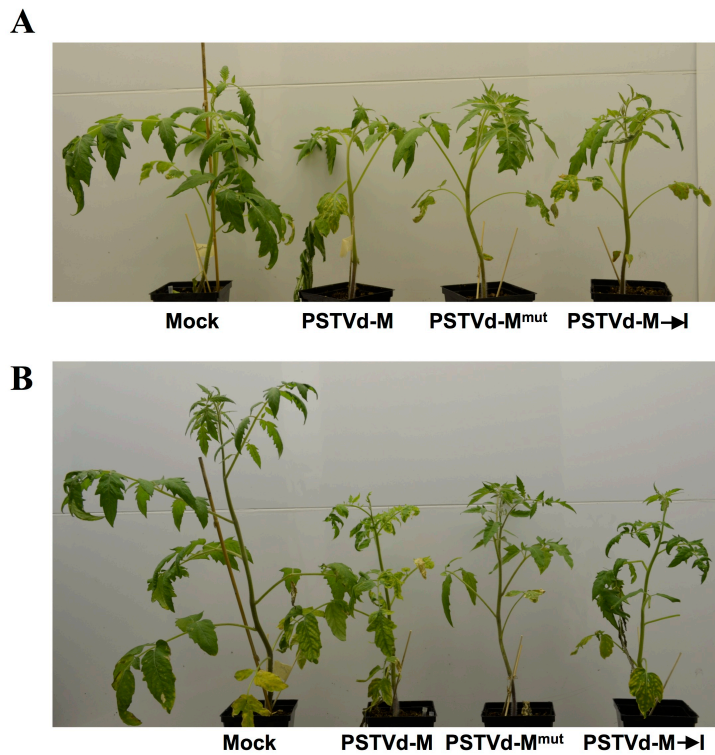
Supplemental Figure 6. 5' RLM-RACE products obtained with primers targeting the *Ca/S12-like* mRNA.

Total RNA was purified from mock-infected tomato plants, or plants infected with PSTVd-M or PSTVd-I, as indicated. Nested PCR products obtained from 5' RLM-RACE using primers targeting the *Ca/S12-like* mRNA were separated by 2.0% agarose gel electrophoresis.



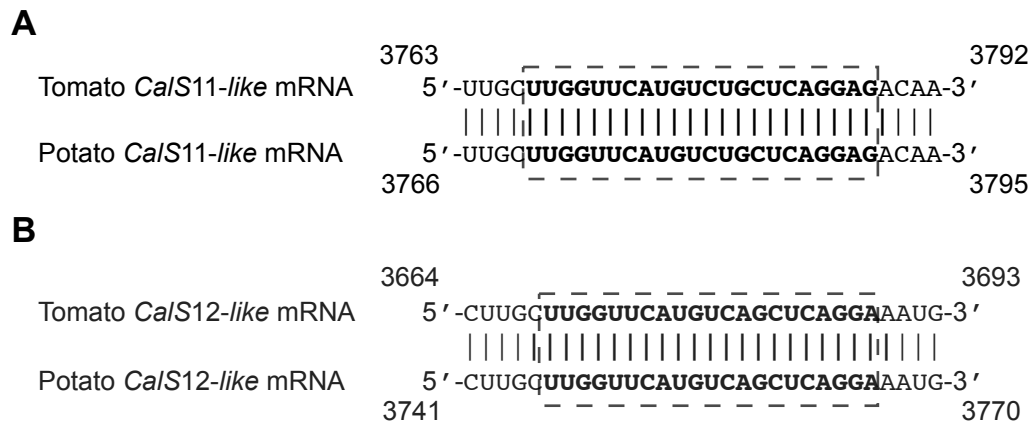
Supplemental Figure 8. Effect of PSTVd-I mutants on tomato plants at 21 dpi.

Tomato plants exhibiting symptoms after being mock inoculated or inoculated with the PSTVd-I mutants, PSTVd-I^{mut} and PSTVd-I→M, as indicated at 21 dpi.



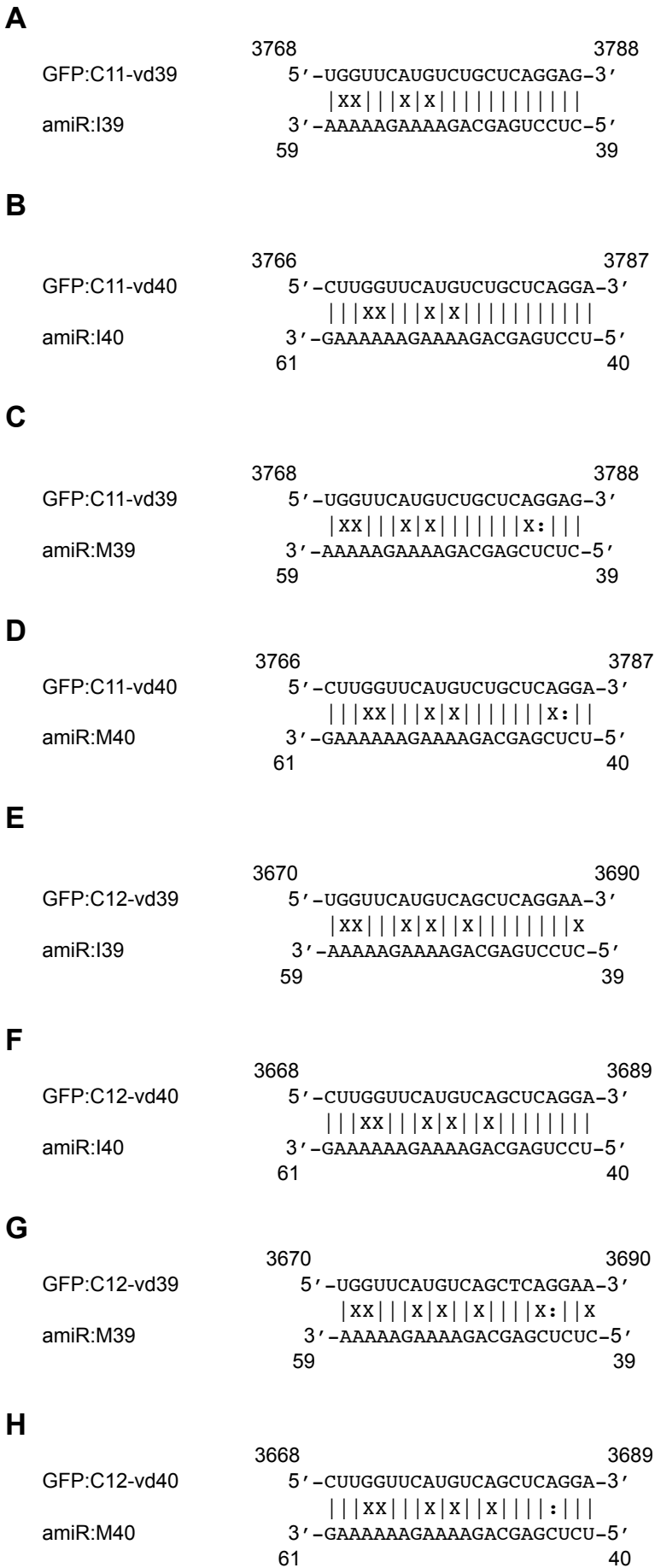
Supplemental Figure 9. Effect of PSTVd-M mutants on tomato plants at 14 and 21 dpi.

PSTVd-M mutants obtained by altering nucleotides from positions 47-50 (PSTVd-M^{mut}) and by interchanging the VMRs (PSTVd-I→M) were inoculated onto tomato plants in order to analyze the effect of vd-sRNA on the phenotype. **(A)** and **(B)** show symptoms induced by PSTVd-M, PSTVd-M^{mut} and PSTVd-M→I at 14 and 21 dpi, respectively, compared to mock-inoculated plants.



Supplemental Figure 10. Alignment of the PSTVd-sRNA binding sites of the tomato *Ca/S* genes against the potato *Ca/S* genes.

The sequences encompassing the PSTVd-sRNA binding sites of the tomato *Ca/S* genes were aligned against the potato *Ca/S* genes in order to determine the possibility of RISC-mediated degradation of this target by PSTVd-sRNA. Identical sequences were found at the vd-sRNA binding sites of **(A)** *Ca/S11-like* and **(B)** *Ca/S12-like*. Bold letters inside the box represent the target sequence.



Supplemental Figure 11. Duplexes predicted to be formed by complexes of amiRNAs and GFP-expressing reporter constructs.

(A) amiR:I39 plus GFP:C11-vd39; (B) amiR:I40 plus GFP:C11-vd40; (C) amiR:M39 plus GFP:C11-vd39; (D) amiR:M40 plus GFP:C11-vd40; (E) amiR:I39 plus GFP:C12-vd39; (F) amiR:I40 plus GFP:C12-vd40; (G) amiR:M39 plus GFP:C12-vd39 and, (H) amiR:M40 plus GFP:C12-vd40.

Supplemental Table 1. Predicted duplex formation between tomato *CaIS11-like* mRNA targets and all possible vd-sRNA derived from the VMR of PSTVd variants.

Viroid	Position on viroid (nt)	<i>CaIS11</i> gene/vd-sRNA alignment	vd-sRNA binding site	ΔG	% pair
PSTVd-I	39-59 (21)	5' -UGGUUCAUGUCUGCUCAGGAG-3' 3' -AAAAAGAAAAGACGAGUCCUC-5' * *** * *****	3664-3684	-27.9	80.9
	39-60 (22)	5' -UUGGUUCAUGUCUGCUCAGGAG-3' 3' -AAAAAGAAAAGACGAGUCCUC-5' ** *** * *****	3663-3684	-28.3	81.8
	39-61 (23)	5' -CUUGGUUCAUGUCUGCUCAGGAG-3' 3' -GAAAAAGAAAAGACGAGUCCUC-5' *** *** * *****	3662-3684	-29.8	82.6
	39-62 (24)	5' -GCUUGGUUCAUGUCUGCUCAGGAG-3' 3' -AGAAAAAGAAAAGACGAGUCCUC-5' *** *** * *****	3661-3684	-31.3	79.2
	40-60 (21)	5' -UUGGUUCAUGUCUGCUCAGGA-3' 3' -AAAAAGAAAAGACGAGUCCU-5' ** *** * *****	3663-3683	-26.4	80.9
	40-61 (22)	5' -CUUGGUUCAUGUCUGCUCAGGA-3' 3' -GAAAAAGAAAAGACGAGUCCU-5' *** *** * *****	3662-3683	-27.8	81.8
	40-62 (23)	5' -GCUUGGUUCAUGUCUGCUCAGGA-3' 3' -AGAAAAAGAAAAGACGAGUCCU-5' *** *** * *****	3661-3683	-29.4	78.3
	40-63 (24)	5' -UGCUUGGUUCAUGUCUGCUCAGGA-3' 3' -AAGAAAAAGAAAAGACGAGUCCU-5' * *** ** * *****	3660-3683	-29.4	79.2
	39-59 (21)	5' -UGGUUCAUGUCUGCUCAGGAG-3' 3' -AAAAAGAAAAGACGAGCUCUC-5' * *** * ***** **	3664-3684	-22.1	71.4
	39-60 (22)	5' -UUGGUUCAUGUCUGCUCAGGAG-3' 3' -AAAAAGAAAAGACGAGCUCUC-5' ** *** * ***** **	3663-3684	-22.5	72.7
PSTVd-M	39-61 (23)	5' -CUUGGUUCAUGUCUGCUCAGGAG-3' 3' -GAAAAAGAAAAGACGAGCUCUC-5' *** *** * ***** **	3662-3684	-23.9	73.9
	39-62 (24)	5' -GCUUGGUUCAUGUCUGCUCAGGAG-3' 3' -AGAAAAAGAAAAGACGAGCUCUC-5' *** *** * ***** **	3661-3684	-25.5	70.8
	40-60 (21)	5' -UUGGUUCAUGUCUGCUCAGGA-3' 3' -AAAAAGAAAAGACGAGCUCU-5' ** *** * ***** **	3663-3683	-20.5	71.4
	40-61 (22)	5' -CUUGGUUCAUGUCUGCUCAGGA-3' 3' -GAAAAAGAAAAGACGAGCUCU-5' *** *** * ***** **	3662-3683	-22.0	72.7
	40-62 (23)	5' -GCUUGGUUCAUGUCUGCUCAGGA-3' 3' -AGAAAAAGAAAAGACGAGCUCU-5' *** *** * ***** **	3661-3683	-23.5	69.6
	40-63 (24)	5' -UGCUUGGUUCAUGUCUGCUCAGGA-3' 3' -AAGAAAAAGAAAAGACGAGCUCU-5' * *** ** * ***** **	3660-3683	-23.5	70.8

Supplemental Table 2. Details of the primers used in the RT-qPCR reactions for the evaluation of both the PSTVd titer and the *callose synthase* gene expression.

Target	Forward primer (5' -3')	Reverse primer (5' -3')
<i>Potato spindle tuber viroid</i> (PSTVd) ^a	PSTVd-231F (GCCCCCTTTGCGCTGT)	PSTVd-296R (AAGCGTTCTCGGGAGCTT)
<i>CalS11-like</i> mRNA	CalS-11F (GAAGGACGAGAGAGAGATATGG)	CalS-11R (CTGAAGCAGAATCAAGGAACG)
<i>CalS12-like</i> mRNA	CalS-12F (TGAGGAGGCACTGAAAATGAGG AAC)	CalS-12R (CGGATTTTCAGGGGTTGGCT)
<i>Ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme (UBC)</i> ^{b,c}	UBC-F (GCAATCTTCTTCGATCCGGT)	UBC-R (GCTACAGAACACCAAGCAGA)
<i>Transducing/WD40 repeat family protein</i> ^{b,c}	WD40rfp-F (ATAAGCTCCCTGGACACAC)	WD40rfp-R (CCTCACCTTCTTCTCAAATCTC)
<i>ARF-like GTPase family protein (ASAR1)</i> ^{b,c}	ASAR1-F (GGAGGTGTTTATGTGCAGTATT)	ASAR1-R (CCAGACGGGAAAAAATAGTTGT)

^aBoonham et al., 2005,

^bDekkers et al., 2012,

^chouse-keeping genes

Supplemental Table 3. Details of the primers used for constructing amiRNAs on the osa-MIR528 backbone.

Osa-MIR528 amiRNA construct	Name of the primer	Primer Sequence (5' -3')
ami-UPF1	U15F	tcttagactgtagcagcagcagTTTGAATTAACTGATGGGCCcaggagattc agtttgaa
	U15R	gaggatccgcctagcagcaggaaCTTGAATTAACTGATGGGCTagagagg caaaagttaa
amiR:I39	PSTVd-I39- 59F	tcttagactgtagcagcagcagCTCCTCAGCTGAAAAGAAAAAcaggagattc agtttgaa
	PSTVd-I39- 59R	gaggatccgcctagcagcaggaaCTCCTGAGCAGAAAAGAAAAAagagagg caaaagttaa
amiR:I40	PSTVd-I40- 61F	tcttagactgtagcagcagcagTCCTGTGCACAAAAGAAAAAGcaggagat tcagttgaa
	PSTVd-I40- 61R	gaggatccgcctagcagcaggaaTCCTGAGCAGAAAAGAAAAAGagagagg gcaaaagttaa
amiR:M39	PSTVd- M39-59F	tcttagactgtagcagcagcagCTCTCCAGCTGAAAAGAAAAAcaggagattc agtttgaa
	PSTVd- M39-59R	gaggatccgcctagcagcaggaaCTCTCGAGCAGAAAAGAAAAAagagagg caaaagttaa
amiR:M40	PSTVd- M40-61F	tcttagactgtagcagcagcagTCTCGTGCACAAAAGAAAAAGcaggagat tcagttgaa
	PSTVd- M40-61R	gaggatccgcctagcagcaggaaTCTCGAGCAGAAAAGAAAAAGagagagg gcaaaagttaa

*Bam*HI (ggatcc) and *Xba*I (tctaga) sites are used in PCR primers for cloning of amplified products into pCambia-1300.

Capital letters in the primers indicates amiRNA sequence of vd-sRNA.

^aModified from Yan et al., 2012

Supplemental Table 4. Oligonucleotides of the predicted target sequence of the *CalS11-like* mRNA used as inserts in to the binary vector pBIN61-GFP.

Target	Construct	Oligonucleotide 1 ^a (5' - 3')	Oligonucleotide 2 ^b (5' - 3')	amiRNA construct
UPF1	GFP:UPF1	gatccCTTGAATTAAGCTG TGGGCTc	ccgggAGCCCATCAGTTTA ATTCAAGg	ami-UPF15 ^c
	GFP:C11- vd39	gatccCTCCTGAGCAGACA TGAACCAc	ccgggTGGTTCATGTCTGC TCAGGAGg	amiR:M39, amiR:I39
CalS11	GFP:C11- vd40	gatccTCCTGAGCAGACAT GAACCAAGc	ccgggCTTGGTTCATGTCT GCTCAGGAg	amiR:M40, amiR:I40
	GFP:C12- vd39	gatccTTCCTGAGCTGACA TGAACCAc	ccgggTGGTTCATGTCAGC TCAGGAAg	amiR:M39, amiR:I39
CalS12	GFP:C12- vd40	gatccTCCTGAGCTGACAT GAACCAAGc	ccgggCTTGGTTCATGTCA GCTCAGGAg	amiR:M40, amiR:I40

^a Lower case nucleotides at the 5' end of the oligonucleotide is similar to the *Bam*HI restricted site and a single nucleotide at the 3' end is similar to the product obtained after *Xma*I restriction digestion.

^b Five nucleotides at 5' end of the is oligonucleotides are similar to the *Xma*I restriction enzyme digestion product whereas single nucleotide at 3' end is similar to the product obtained after *Bam*HI restriction digestion.

^cModified from Yan et al., 2012

Upper case nucleotide sequences in the oligonucleotide represent target nucleotides.

Supplemental Table 5. Details of the primers used for the 5' RLM-RACE experiment used to prove RISC-mediated cleavage site of the *CaIS11-like* mRNA.

Primer name	Target gene	Primer sequence (5' -3')	Primer binding site	Expected amplicon size (bp)
RNA adapter ^a		GUUCAGAGUUCUACAGUCCGACG AUC		
RACE For primer ^a		AATGATACGGCGACCACCGACAGG TTCAGAGTTCTAC AGTCCGA	5'- end of the cleaved mRNA	
RACE nFor primer ^a		CCGACAGGTTTCAGAGTTCTAC		
CaIS11-RACE R	<i>CaIS11-</i> like mRNA	CATCCCTTCCCTTACCCACT	4001-4020 ^b	252
CaIS11-RACE nR		GTGGGTAACATTGCCACCTC	3967-3986 ^b	218

^aNavarro et al., 2012

^bGenBank Acc. No. XM_004232828

Supplemental Table 6. Predicted duplexes formed between the tomato *CaIS12-like* mRNA targets and all possible vd-sRNAs derived from the VMR of PSTVd variants.

Viroid	Position on viroid (nt)	<i>CaIS12</i> gene/vd-sRNA alignment	vd-sRNA binding site	ΔG	% pair
PSTVd-I	39-59 (21)	5' -UGGUUCAUGUCAGCUCAGGAA-3' 3' -AAAAAGAAAAGACGAGCUCUC-5' * *** * ** ***** **	3670-3690	-22.0	71.4
	39-60 (22)	5' -UUGGUUCAUGUCAGCUCAGGAA-3' 3' -AAAAAGAAAAGACGAGCUCUC-5' ** *** * ** ***** **	3669-3690	-22.4	72.7
	39-61 (23)	5' -CUUGGUUCAUGUCAGCUCAGGAA-3' 3' -GAAAAAGAAAAGACGAGCUCUC-5' *** *** * ** ***** **	3668-3690	-23.9	73.9
	39-62 (24)	5' -GCUUGGUUCAUGUCAGCUCAGGAA-3' 3' -AGAAAAAGAAAAGACGAGCUCUC-5' *** *** * ** ***** **	3667-3690	-25.4	70.8
	40-60 (21)	5' -UUGGUUCAUGUCAGCUCAGGA-3' 3' -AAAAAGAAAAGACGAGCUCUC-5' ** *** * ** ***** **	3669-3689	-21.5	76.2
	40-61 (22)	5' -CUUGGUUCAUGUCAGCUCAGGA-3' 3' -GAAAAAGAAAAGACGAGCUCUC-5' *** *** * ** ***** **	3668-3689	-22.9	77.3
	40-62 (23)	5' -GCUUGGUUCAUGUCAGCUCAGGA-3' 3' -AGAAAAAGAAAAGACGAGCUCUC-5' *** *** * ** ***** **	3667-3689	-24.4	73.9
	40-63 (24)	5' -UGCUUGGUUCAUGUCAGCUCAGGA-3' 3' -AAGAAAAAGAAAAGACGAGCUCUC-5' * *** *** * ** ***** **	3666-3689	-24.4	75
PSTVd-M	39-59 (21)	5' -UGGUUCAUGUCAGCUCAGGAA-3' 3' -AAAAAGAAAAGACGAGCUCUC-5' * *** * ** ***** **	3670-3690	-16.2	66.7
	39-60 (22)	5' -UUGGUUCAUGUCAGCUCAGGAA-3' 3' -AAAAAGAAAAGACGAGCUCUC-5' ** *** * ** ***** **	3669-3690	-16.6	68.2
	39-61 (23)	5' -CUUGGUUCAUGUCAGCUCAGGAA-3' 3' -GAAAAAGAAAAGACGAGCUCUC-5' *** *** * ** ***** **	3668-3690	-18.0	69.6
	39-62 (24)	5' -GCUUGGUUCAUGUCAGCUCAGGAA-3' 3' -AGAAAAAGAAAAGACGAGCUCUC-5' *** *** * ** ***** **	3667-3690	-19.6	66.7
	40-60 (21)	5' -UUGGUUCAUGUCAGCUCAGGA-3' 3' -AAAAAGAAAAGACGAGCUCUC-5' ** *** * ** ***** **	3669-3689	-15.6	66.7
	40-61 (22)	5' -CUUGGUUCAUGUCAGCUCAGGA-3' 3' -GAAAAAGAAAAGACGAGCUCUC-5' *** *** * ** ***** **	3668-3689	-17.1	68.2
	40-62 (23)	5' -GCUUGGUUCAUGUCAGCUCAGGA-3' 3' -AGAAAAAGAAAAGACGAGCUCUC-5' *** *** * ** ***** **	3667-3689	-18.6	65.2
	40-63 (24)	5' -UGCUUGGUUCAUGUCAGCUCAGGA-3' 3' -AAGAAAAAGAAAAGACGAGCUCUC-5' * *** *** * ** ***** **	3666-3689	-18.6	66.7

Supplemental Table 7. Details of the primers used for the 5' RLM-RACE experiment used to prove the RISC-mediated cleavage site of the *CaIS12-like* mRNA.

Primer name	Primer sequence (5' -3')	Primer binding site^a	Expected amplicon size (bp)
CaIS12-RACE R	CTTGTTCTCCATTGCCACTGG	3962-3982	317
CaIS12-RACE nR	CCCAACATCCCTTCCTTTGC	3908-3927	262

^aGenBank Acc. No. XM_004243304

Supplemental Table 8. Details of the oligonucleotides used to generate, by PCR, both PSTVd mutants and chimeric constructs.

Primer	Sequence (5' -3')	Remark
PSTVd-81F	CAGGGATCCCCGGGAAACCTGGAG CG	Forward primer
PSTVd-I ^{mut}	CCCGGGGATCCCTGAAGCGCTCCTCC GAGCCGCTTCTTTTTCTTT <u>agacCTC</u> AGGAGGTC	Nucleotide sequence of PSTVd-I is mutated at position 47-50. Used in combination of PSTVd-81F to obtain monomer PSTVd-I ^{mut} .
PSTVd-M ^{mut}	CCCGGGGATCCCTGAAGCGCTCCTCC GAGCCGCCATTCTTTTTCTTT <u>agacCT</u> CGAGAGGTC	Nucleotide sequence of PSTVd-M is mutated at position 47-50. Used in combination of PSTVd-81F to obtain monomer PSTVd-M ^{mut} .
PSTVd-I→M	CCCGGGGATCCCTGAAGCGCTCCTCC GAGCCGCTTCTTTTTCTTT <u>CTGCT</u> <u>Cga</u> GAGGTC	Nucleotide sequence of PSTVd-I is mutated at position 42 and 43. Used in combination of PSTVd-81F to obtain monomeric PSTVd-I→M.
PSTVd-M→I	CCCGGGGATCCCTGAAGCGCTCCTCC GAGCCGCCATTCTTTTTCTTT <u>CTGCT</u> <u>TCag</u> GAGGTC	Nucleotide sequence of PSTVd-M is mutated at position 42 and 43. Used in combination of PSTVd-81F to obtain monomeric PSTVd-M→I.

Bold letter indicate *Bam*HI endonuclease cleavage site.

Small letters indicates the mutated nucleotides.

Underlined letters indicates sRNA sequence.

Supplemental Table 9. Details of the oligonucleotides used to amplify, by PCR, the *CalS11-like* and *CalS12-like* mRNA of tomato.

Primer name	Primer sequence (5'-3')	Primer binding site	Target gene
<i>CalS11</i> -F	CAGAGGTGATGCAGTTCAAAC	3599-3619 ^b	<i>CalS11-like</i>
<i>CalS11</i> -RACE R ^a	AATGATACGGCGACCACCGACAGG TTCAGAGTTCTAC AGTCCGA	4001-4020 ^b	
<i>CalS11</i> -RACE nR ^a	CCGACAGGTTTCAGAGTTCTAC	3967-3986 ^b	
<i>CalS12</i> -F	CGTGGTGATGCAGTTCAGAC	3502-3521 ^c	
<i>CalS12</i> -RACE R ^a	CTTGTTCTCCATTGCCACTGG	3962-3982 ^c	
<i>CalS12</i> -RACE nR ^a	CCCAACATCCCTTCCTTTGC	3908-3927 ^c	

^aPrimers used for 5'-RLM RACE

^bGenBank Acc. No. XM_004232828

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