

## **Supplementary information**

### **Knockdown of the partner protein OsNAR2.1 for high-affinity nitrate transport represses lateral root formation in a nitrate-dependent manner**

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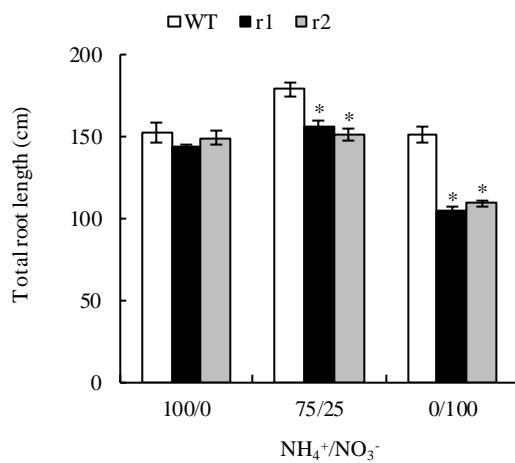
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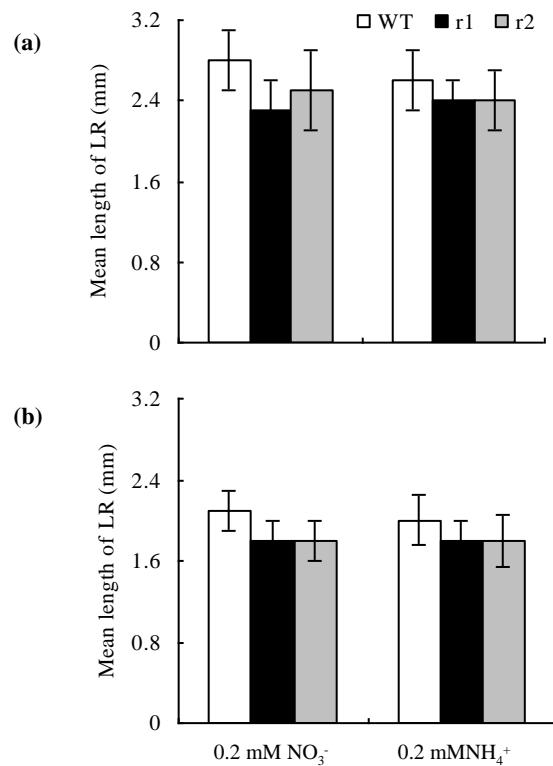
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**SupplementaryTable S1 The primers for qRT-PCR of OsPIN family genes**

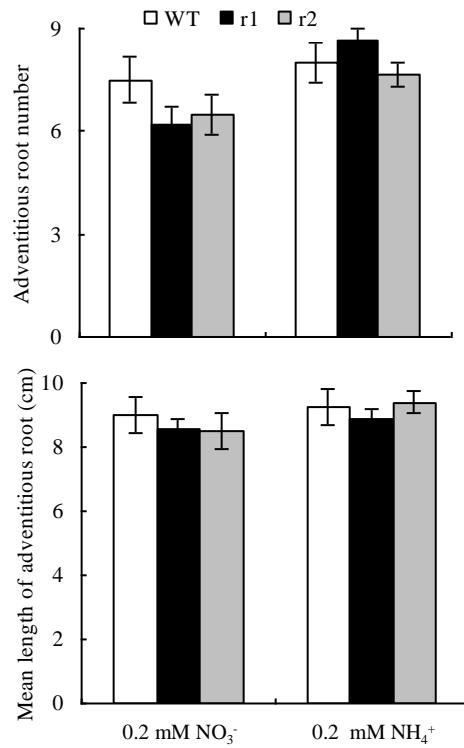
Gene	Primer sequence
<i>OsPIN1a</i>	5'-TCATCTGGTCGCTCGTCTGC-3' 5'-CGAACGTGCCACCTGTTC-3'
<i>OsPIN1b</i>	5'-TGCACCCTAGCATTCTCAGCA-3' 5'-CCCTCCTCCCAAATTCTACTT-3'
<i>OsPIN1c</i>	5'-CCGTCAGGTTCCCTCGTGGGT-3' 5'-TCACGGCTGTGCTCAGAATG- 3'
<i>OsPIN1d</i>	5'-GATTCCGACGTGTCGCTCGCTCG-3' 5'-GTCGGGTTCCGCGACGACTGCA-3'
<i>OsPIN2</i>	5'-CAACACCTACTCCAGCCTC-3' 5'-TGGACCAGTCAAGAACCTC-3'
<i>OsPIN5a</i>	5'-GGGGCTGGTGCTAAAGTCG-3' 5'-TGAGGTTAGGGCTGCCTGTATG-3'
<i>OsPIN5b</i>	5'-GGGCAGCAGGAGAGGGTGATAG-3' 5'-GAATCGGCAGAGAGATCAATGT-3'
<i>OsPIN5c</i>	5'-CTTCACCGCCGACCAAGTGCAC-3' 5'-GTGATGCACCAACGAGAACCCGC-3'
<i>OsPIN8</i>	5'-GTTCCACTATATGTAGCTATGATAC-3' 5'-CAGTCAAACTCTCTGCACAGC-3'
<i>OsPIN9</i>	5'-GATACAAGATAGCGTCGTTCTC-3' 5'-ATGATGTCTCGTGGACCT-3'
<i>OsPIN10a</i>	5'-GTTGGATTGAGATAGGCTGAGGAG-3' 5'-ATGGCGACGAAGCGGTTGAT-3'
<i>OsPIN10b</i>	5'-TCCGATGCAGGGTTAGGC-3' 5'-AGGATGGTAGCGTGGAGGTT-3'



**Supplementary Figure S1.** Root morphology of the wild-type (WT) and *osnar2.1* knockdown lines (r1 and r2) under three NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>/NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> ratios at a total N concentration of 0.2 mM. Total root length was measured after the seedlings were grown for 1 wk in hydroponic media containing three ratios of NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>/NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>. Values are means  $\pm$  SE ( $n = 6$ ). \*,  $P < 0.05$  (ANOVA) comparing WT plants and two mutant lines in the same treatment.



**Supplementary Figure S2.** Mean length of lateral root (LR) in seminal (a) and adventitious (b) roots in wild-type (WT) and *osnar2.1* knockdown lines (r1 and r2). Rice seedlings were grown for 1 wk in hydroponic media containing 0.2 mM  $\text{NO}_3^-$  or  $\text{NH}_4^+$ . Values are means  $\pm$  SE ( $n=6$ ).



**Supplementary Figure S3.** Adventitious root number and mean adventitious root length in the wild-type (WT) and *osnar2.1* knockdown lines (r1 and r2). Rice seedlings were grown for 1 wk in hydroponic media containing 0.2 mM  $\text{NO}_3^-$  or  $\text{NH}_4^+$ . Values are means  $\pm$  SE ( $n=6$ ).