Supporting Information Appendix

Germline Replications and Somatic Mutation Accumulation are Independent of Vegetative Lifespan in Arabidopsis

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Sequence analysis

We first mapped all reads to a slightly modified reference genome (TAIR10 + T-DNA) using BWA (version 0.5.9-r16) [\(1\)](#page-4-0) with default parameters. The aligned reads were then filtered for quality ≥ 30 and uniqueness. Samtools (version $0.1.18$) [\(2\)](#page-4-1) was used for conversions and to remove duplicated alignments. Alignments were then combined with GATK (version 1.6.5) [\(3\)](#page-4-2) using the UnifiedGenotyper and IndelRealigner functions to minimize single-alignment artifacts. Identification of large structural variants, particularly the T-DNA insertion site, was performed by breakdancer (version 0.0.1r81) [\(4\)](#page-4-3). A mask was generated for each individual with the following filtering rules:

- Coverage ≥ 20 and ≤ 1000
- At least 5 bp calls with a quality ≤ 30
- No pericentromeric regions (S4 Table)
- No repetitive region (defined as not more than 4 repeats of a word length up to 3 bp)

The final mask is the intersection of all individual masks, and only SNPs not masked were considered in further analysis. As we were specifically interested in novel SNPs arising during MMR-deficient growth, we subtracted all SNPs present in the F1 MSH2+/- founder line.

Calling ratios

Our experimental design necessitated to reliably identify heterozygous SNPs. As our founding plant was also an F1 hybrid of a wild type Col0 and an MMR mutant, we binned SNPs identified in this plant based on their allele ratios. Bins were set at 50±5, and then with further steps of 10, and ten SNPs from each bin were randomly selected for validation by Sanger sequencing. Additionally, as this founder line was sequenced twice, we validated the 23 SNPs that were called in one sequencing run but not the other. Despite the high

sequence coverage, we found that only the first bin, covering allele ratios of 45-55%, provided a low false error rate (SI Appendix, Fig. S7). Further analysis of the actual allele ratios demonstrated that the false positive rate rose from roughly 10% to over 50% outside of the range 50±10%. We attribute the large error observed below 40% to hidden duplications (see below). We therefore set a boundary of allele ratios between 0.4 and 0.6, inside which SNPs would be considered heterozygous. Allele ratios above 0.9 were considered homozygous.

Following the completion of all sequences, we re-analyzed the calling ratio profile of all samples (SI Appendix, Fig. S8). We observed that the MSH2 samples had a roughly bimodal distribution, with peaks around 0.5 and 0.25. The lower peak likely represents duplication events for the following reasons. First, the majority of the SNPs called with these allele ratios are located close to our masked pericentromeric regions. Second, nearly all of these SNPs (with the exceptions presented in SI Appendix, Table S5) are present in more than one sample. Third, these SNPs are often found in clusters ranging in size from hundreds of base pairs up to 15 kb. We have however not specifically tested whether these SNPs do represent duplications. Importantly, we queried the SNPs from all samples that fell outside of our pre-determined range, and found that, even when setting the range of allele ratios to 0.15-0.85, there was no dramatic change in the number of SNPs between LD and SD (SI Appendix, Table S5) and the difference between the two growth conditions remains insignificant (Fisher's exact test, P=0.4624).

Sequencing error

In order to estimate the technical error in sequencing, we used the same filtering steps that produced our combined mask, and additionally filtered for loci where the same base is called in all samples, and no sample contains more than 20% alternate calls. With this set, we calculate an average technical error of 0.21%, which can be further subdivided into roughly 4 classes (SI Appendix, Fig. S9). This is a lower bound of our error rate, as it

only includes base calling errors during sequencing. Several other error sources exist, particularly PCR amplification during library generation.

Mutation rate

The average number of new heterozygous SNPs in our population is 31.8, which would yield a simple mutation rate of 6.5x10-7/site/generation. However, this mutation rate should minimally be adjusted for our technical error rates. Our samples have an average coverage of 120, with a range from 10 to 230, our SNPs were called between a range of allele ratios from 0.4-0.6 (which is also the range used for error estimation), and the total number of sites is 97,165,755.

To estimate the false positive rate due to technical sequencing error, the error frequency is divided by 3, as the same base must be called in each case. The expected error is then 3 times the error of a binomial distribution between the calling ratios for heterozygous SNPs. Even if our coverage had been as low as 10 at all loci, this error rate would predict one miscalled base across the 97 MB genome. Our true false positive rate is much higher however as our measured error rate does not include any errors derived from upstream steps during library generation. In validation of 65 SNPs across all samples, Sanger sequencing identified the reference base in one case, for a false positive rate of 1.5%.

In contrast, the false negative rate is combinatorial, as we have considered heterozygous SNPs those with a calling ratio between 0.4 and 0.6. In this case, the error rate is the area of a binomial distribution outside our calling ratio. This error rate ranges from 34% for a coverage of 10, to 0.2% with a coverage of 230. Over our total coverage range, we estimate the false negative rate of be 8%. The technical error rate is ignored in this case, as it is insignificantly small. Secondly, an expanded range of calling ratios would be expected to reduce this error, while at the same time increase the false positive error rate. In conclusion, we estimate our mutation rate as follows. The experimentally determined mutation rate of 31.8, times the false negative rate of 1.08, times 2 due to outcrossing, divided by the total number of sites, resulting in a mutation rate of 7x10-7/site/generation.

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	Leaves			Flowering		
	average	SD		average	SD	
	10.3	1,3	35	35,5	2,1	
SD	74.5	18,3	24	91,3	8,2	21

Table S1. Growth characteristics of plants grown in long day (LD) and short day (SD) conditions. Number of leaves produced and days before bolting.

Fig. S1. Relationship between telomere shortening and DNA replication. (A) The diagram illustrates the end replication problem by depicting replication of a hypothetical linear chromosome with two telomeres (replication of only a single chromosomal DNA strand is shown for simplicity). DNA polymerases synthesize DNA in a 5' to 3' direction and require a primer for initiation of synthesis. Removal of the RNA primer from the last Okazaki fragment on the telomere replicated by the lagging strand mechanism leaves a gap that cannot be filled, producing a single stranded G-overhang. The telomere replicated by the leading strand mechanism is synthesized to the end of the template strand, forming a blunt end. This blunt end is subject to further 5' to 3' post-replicative nucleolytic processing, forming a smaller Goverhang also on this telomere. Thus, in the absence of telomerase, which normally extends the G-overhangs, telomeres are subjected to a replication dependent shortening that is proportional to the gaps left after DNA processing and removal of the last Okazaki RNA primer. (B) Calculation of telomere loss (ΔL) after one round of DNA replication based on Goverhang structure. This estimate is based on an existing model of telomeric DNA loss to fit known parameters in Arabidopsis [\(5\)](#page-4-4). Post-replicative resection of leading telomeres in Arabidopsis is greatly reduced $(Y= 0.4 \text{ nt})$ [\(6\)](#page-4-5). Estimates of G-overhangs at lagging telomeres (X) are in the range of 20-30 nt [\(7\)](#page-4-6). The following equations can be used to calculate the rates of telomere shortening on the left and right chromosomal arms:

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\Delta L_{\text{left arm}} = \left(\frac{(L-Y)+L}{2}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{(L-Y)+(L-Y-Y)+(L-X)+L}{4}\right) = (L-0.5Y) \cdot (L-0.75Y-0.25X) = 0.25Y+0.25X
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\Delta L_{\text{right arm}} = \left(\frac{L+(L-X)}{2}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{L+(L-X)+(L-X-Y)+(L-X)}{4}\right) = (L-0.5X) \cdot (L-0.75X-0.25Y) = 0.25X+0.25Y
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$\Delta L_{\text{all telomeres}} = 0.25X+0.25Y$

At the low end of G-overhang estimates, with a Y of 0 and X of 20, we calculate an average loss of 5 bp/division. For high end values, we use a Y of 4 and an X of 30, for a loss of 8.5 bp/division, providing a rough average of 7 bp/division telomeric DNA loss.

Fig. S2. Loss of telomeric DNA represented as individual plants used in this study. Two of the short day plants (SD1 and SD2) followed very closely the telomere loss curves of the long day plants. One plant (SD5) showed additional telomeric DNA loss during early vegetative growth but telomeres in the progeny had lost roughly the same amount of telomeric DNA as LD plants. SD3 and SD4 both displayed excessive loss during vegetative growth and the progeny had also lost roughly 100 bp more telomeric DNA than the LD plants and the three other SD plants. When tested on an individual basis, the difference between LD and SD plants is not significant (Student's t-test, $P = 0.14$).

Table S2. List of SNPs identified in this study. Methylation data is from the average of three sequence tracks from [\(8\)](#page-4-7).

Fig. S3. Ratio of mutations in different sequence contexts. The msh2 category represents a combination of LD and SD data, spontaneous is from the spontaneous mutation rate determined by (9) and chance refers to the fraction of bases in each category from our masked genome.

Fig. S4. EdU Labeling of aerial portions of plants.

Left, Middle: While labeling of roots was consistently strong, labeling of aerial portions of seedling was highly variable, as demonstrated by these two seedlings (left and middle panels) which were pulsed under the same conditions and fluorescently labeled on the same slide 24 hr after the initial pulse. Right: An 8d old SAM with labeling in the lower stem (indicated by arrow) and in the L3 layer of the SAM (asterisk). Strong staining was observed in the lower stem at all time-points, and was usually an indicator of whether EdU uptake had occurred during the EdU pulse. Plants that lacked EdU staining were counted as unstained in our analysis.

Fig. S5. Analysis of PETRA accuracy. (A) represents the original analysis used to measuring telomere shortening, $(B-D)$ are the same sample run on three gels. $(E-G)$ the products are from the same primer extension but different PCR reactions. Calculated lengths of each product and the standard deviation are given in Table S3. The average overall standard deviation is 31.7 bp. To test for specific errors arising due to individual steps of the procedure, we tested standard deviations within the samples after each of the three steps with Fisher's exact tests and nested ANOVAs, all of which produced insignificant results. Therefore, we cannot point to a single experimental step as being primarily responsible for the differences we observe. However, we conclude from the low overall standard deviation, that PETRA is an accurate and precise measure of telomere lengths of individual chromosome arms.

Table S3. Quantification of the data in Fig. S5. Calculated sizes for each tissue across all seven gels, the average, and standard error.

Fig. S6. PETRA analysis of complicated telomere patterns. (A) Samples where telomeres at homologous chromosome arms exhibit different length. In this case the large (~2.5 kb) and small $(\sim 1.7kb)$ PCR products are treated as two independent sets. (B) Samples in which telomeres produce multiple bands that exhibit sudden changes in their size in comparison to a neighboring sample indicate rapid telomere deletion events (10), which are caused by homologous recombination and not by the end replication problem. As previously reported, TRD occurred more often in telomeres longer than 2 kb (10). Telomere shortening occurred primarily as a gradual loss of telomeric DNA over time, which is consistent with the loss of telomeric DNA via the end replication problem. Occasional TRD events appeared as sudden loss of large amounts (more than 500 bp) of telomeric DNA in a short developmental window, usually between two vegetative developmental tissues. Further, in all cases, TRD affected only a subset of telomeres within the tissue – as telomere shortening should be roughly equal in all telomeres, TRD events identified in this way were excluded.

Table S4. Locations of centromeric and pericentromeric areas excluded in our analysis. The coordinates are given in MB and refer to TAIR10.

Fig. S7. Validation of heterozygous SNPs in different calling ratio bins. SNPs were randomly selected from each bin (based on the M0 calls) and verified by Sanger sequencing. The yaxis represents the % of SNPs called by our pipeline that were verified as heterozygous SNPs. M0 and M1 refer to two independent sequencing dataset of the MSH2^{+/-} founder plant.

Fig. S8. Histogram of calling ratios for mutations called by our pipeline across all samples. Green represents calls we considered homozygous, orange heterozygous, and red mutations were ignored in our analysis.

Table S5. Calling ratios of additional SNPs identified with extended thresholds (0.15-0.85). The bolded number in parentheses next to the sample name indicates the total number of mutations identified by extending the calling ratio threshold.

Fig. S9. Technical sequencing error frequency by erroneous base-calling errors. At each base-calling error, the base on the left side is the most likely correct base and the base on the right is the erroneous base; this can be seen as directional error. The error frequency per transition is relative to all bases where the missing fraction to the total technical error frequency are the indels. These frequencies can be grouped into certain ranges, and this pattern is shown on the right side.