

SUPERMAN regulates floral whorl boundaries through control of auxin biosynthesis

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1st Editorial Decision

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As you will see, the referees appreciate your work. However, they also think that a lot more insight is needed to make your manuscript a strong candidate for publication here. I won't list the specific issues the referees note, as all reports are very clear and constructive, and the lack of insight seems straightforward to address given the referees' comments.

Should you be able to address the criticisms of all referees in full, we could consider a revised manuscript. I should remind you that it is EMBO Journal policy to allow a single round of revision only and that, therefore, acceptance or rejection of the manuscript will depend on the completeness of your responses in this revised version and on strong support from all referees. I do realize that addressing all the referees' criticisms will require a lot of additional time and effort. I would therefore understand if you wish to publish the manuscript rapidly elsewhere, in which case please let us know so we can withdraw it from our system.

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We generally allow three months as standard revision time, but I can extend the revision to six months. As a matter of policy, competing manuscripts published during this period will not negatively impact on our assessment of the conceptual advance presented by your study. However,

we request that you contact the editor as soon as possible upon publication of any related work, to discuss how to proceed.

Thank you for the opportunity to consider your work for publication. I look forward to your revision.

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This manuscript by Xu and colleagues explores the mechanism by which the SUPERMAN (SUP) gene acts in the establishment of the whorl 3 / whorl 4 boundary of the flower. It provides data to demonstrate that the sup phenotype is linked to a non-cell autonomous action on the flower stem cell niche and that this effect is mediated by auxin. It further shows that SUP acts on auxin by regulating 2 YUCCA genes involved in auxin biosynthesis, a regulation that involves repression by recruitment of PcG proteins CLF and TFL2 by SUP to the promoter. The data presented are interesting and the molecular mechanism identified potentially of high interest to understand how a boundary gene functions. They is some overlap with the accompanying manuscript but the two papers are complementary enough to justify two manuscripts.

However, there are a number of major issues with the logic of the manuscript and the type of data presented:

1- At the moment the manuscript (that is very lengthy) is made of two parts, one on a demonstration that SUP acts on stem cells (largely redundant with the accompanying manuscript) and another one

on how SUP might act through regulation of biosynthesis of auxin. It is not really clear how the two are really connected notably because data on auxin concerns mostly the boundary itself where new organs are supposed to come from (which is not really demonstrated). How is this linked to an enlargement of the stem cell niche (and FM)? There is a need for clarification here as I am not convinced the two are really connected and the authors themselves state at the end of the manuscript that "Future studies may indicate whether the reduction of auxin in FMs contributes to a larger meristem size". This probably requires to study in more detail the spatial characteristics of the auxin action (using GUS for the YUCCA reporters preclude from having a clear idea of this).

2- The paper uses a genomic approach (microarray) to identify targets of SUP and hardly anything is said on the results obtained besides the fact that PIN3,4 and YUC1,4 have been identified (plus a few others). A detailed description of the targets is required (and a description of the statistical procedure used for the analysis that is missing in the manuscript) with a full analysis of the GO enrichments in target lists. From the manuscript, it is impossible to say whether the analysis was pointing to auxin (backed up with statistics). The authors do not cite a paper in JXB from Nibau et al 2010 in which a link is made with auxin and CK. This could be enough to justify looking into auxin, not to mention the well known role of auxin on floral organ initiation and development.

3- The regulation of target genes by recruitment of PcG is very interesting but it would be much more pertinent to provide data showing that it is a general mechanism of SUP action. The authors have all the genetic material and looking at histone methylation at the genome level is now largely accessible.

Other important concerns that needs to be addressed:

- "However, STM expression domain appears larger in sup than in the wild type (Figure S2)": this claim requires a quantification.
- P8 "The ectopic CUC2 expression in sup did not totally overlap with the SUP expression region, indicating the change of CUC2 expression is an indirect effect of the sup mutation. " : I do not understand this. If a protein acts non-cell autonomously, overlap in expression does not say anything on how direct the regulation is. The authors need to revise their reasoning.
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- P10 when identifying the auxin-related targets: the authors discard PIN3/4 because their results are not fully consistent but transport regulation makes a lot of sense for obtaining a spatio-temporal specificity in an auxin-mediated regulation. The authors actually discuss it at the end of the discussion without even mentioning again that they identified the two putative targets. A better justification for not analyzing these two genes is required and they need to be mentioned in the discussion.
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- CLF and PcG proteins have been involved in regulation of the stem cell niche activity in the flower (direct regulation of AG). Mentioning this would add an interesting dimension to the discussion.

More minor comments:

- Ref 22 needs to be completed
- P7 when discussing non-cell autonomy: the authors seems to suggest that if the SUP protein was moving that would argue against non-cell autonomy. This needs to be rephrased.
- P10 "biotic and abiotic stress": how does this relate to what is shown on Fig 3A?

Additional correspondence

28 July 2017

Thank you very much for your very helpful handing of our manuscript. I discussed with the co-authors on all the comments from reviewers, and we found that most of them are very constructive and helpful to validate our story. We have made a revision plan. It includes two rounds of genetic

crossing of transgenic lines, which takes ~5 months. We plan to resubmit the manuscript in Jan 2018, if everything works fine. Thus, please extend our revision time to six months..

Additional correspondence

28 July 2017

Many thanks for your message and for outlining the revision time to me. We will extend the revision time in our system accordingly.

1st Revision - authors' response

12 February 2018

Response to Reviewers

We would like to thank the reviewers for their helpful comments on our manuscript. To fully address them, we have conducted, over the past 6 months, all the experiments the reviewers suggested. We also added, as requested, new information and discussion points throughout the manuscript.

In brief, we have measured by LC/MS auxin levels in WT and *sup-5* floral buds at early developmental stages, confirming the negative regulation of auxin biosynthesis by SUP. To further investigate the rescue of the *sup-5* mutant phenotype in response to the auxin inhibitor PCIB, we have analyzed the activity of the auxin reporter *DR5* after the treatment and found it to be reduced. Furthermore, we confirmed that *yuc4* can partially rescue *sup-5* and that the *yuc1 yuc4* double mutant is epistatic to *sup-5*. Using GUS reporters, we detected ectopic expression of *YUC1/4* in *sup* mutant flowers. We further quantified the expression levels of *YUC1/4* GUS reporters with or without coding region, confirming that the region covered by the repressive H3K27me3 mark is involved in transcriptional repression. We also validated the physical interaction between SUP and CLF *in vivo*. As requested, we have added text to discuss the function of the interaction of SUP with CLF/TFL2. We also incorporated data from chemical treatments to show that, in addition to auxin biosynthesis, polar auxin transport is important for the defects of *sup-5* mutant flowers. A detailed list of changes and a point-by-point response to the reviewers' comments are given below.

Reviewers' comments:

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Response: As requested, we have conducted this experiment and provide photos of the *DR5* and *CUC2* reporters in *sup-5* flowers after PCIB treatment in Supplemental Figure S6. While the *DR5* reporter showed the expected reduction after the treatment (Figure S6C-D), *CUC2* expression was not reversed to a more WT-like expression pattern but instead ectopically induced at 4-6 hours after the PCIB treatment (Figure S6A-B). This indicates that *CUC2* expression is not directly proportional to auxin levels, as previously proposed by Heisler et al. (2005) *Curr. Biol.* **15**, 1899-911. We are now specifically discussing this result in the manuscript.

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Response: In collaboration with H. Sakakibara's group at RIKEN (Japan), we have measured IAA levels in wild-type and *sup* mutant flowers at an early developmental stage. In agreement with our observation that *YUC1/4* are up-regulated in *sup*, we found that IAA levels are significantly higher in *sup* when compared to wild-type flowers. The new results are shown in Figure 3D and a description of the methods used was added to the Materials and Methods section.

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Response: We fully agree with the reviewer and tested the transcription levels of the *GUS* gene in the *GUS* reporter lines (Supplemental Figure S11F). We have confirmed that the transcriptional level is correlated well with the *GUS* staining, indicating that the coding region covered by high levels of H3K27me3 has a negative effect for transcription. SUP was reported to bind to DNA regions with the AGT core motif, by its single Cys₂-His₂ zinc finger domain, and two basic regions located on either side (Dathan N. et al., (2002) *Nucleic Acids Res.*, **30**(22):p4945–4951). SUP binds to wide regions of *YUC1/4* genome, and thus it is difficult to predict potential binding sites as the high frequent presence of the AGT motif. Notably, a recent genome-wide analysis identified both CLF and TFL2 are essential for H3K27me3 mark spreading (Wang et al., (2016) *PLoS Genet*, **12**(1): p. e1005771). We added the statement in the discussion on the possibility of SUP involving in the spreading of H3K27me3 mark at *YUC1/4*.

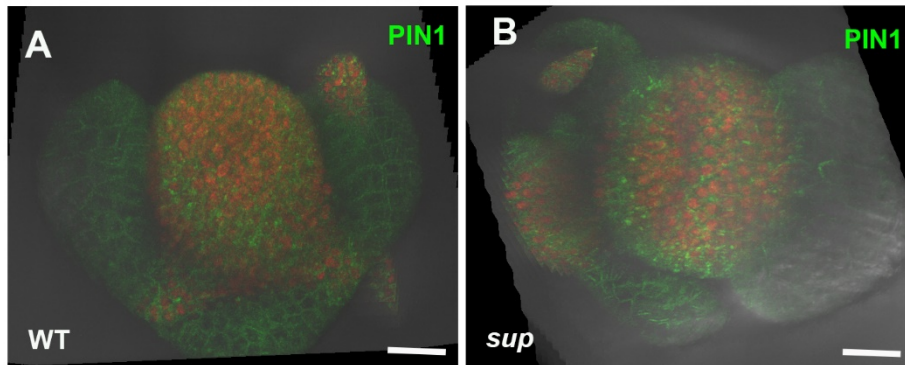
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The 2,4-dichlorophenoxy acetic acid (2,4-D) and the naphthalene-1-acetic acid (NAA) are two most frequently used synthetic auxins. 2,4-D is poorly transported by auxin efflux carriers, while NAA enters cells predominantly by diffusion and its accumulation level is controlled by efflux carriers (Delbarre *et al.*, (1996) *Planta*, 198, pp. 532-541). Therefore, we treated the plants with optimal concentration of NAA. The application of NAA (100 μ M) could not rescue *sup-5 yuc1* to *sup-5*-like based on morphology and *DR5* reporter. We also noticed the same NAA treatment on *sup-5* can partially rescue the carpel morphology but not the stamen number (please see below). We hypothesized that the change of localized biosynthesis is responsible for the *sup* morphology but it can not be achieved by exogenous auxin application. Eventually we have decided not to include this negative data in the manuscript, since it still contains various different interpretation and may confuse readers. However, we are happy to add them back in if the reviewer feels that they should be presented.

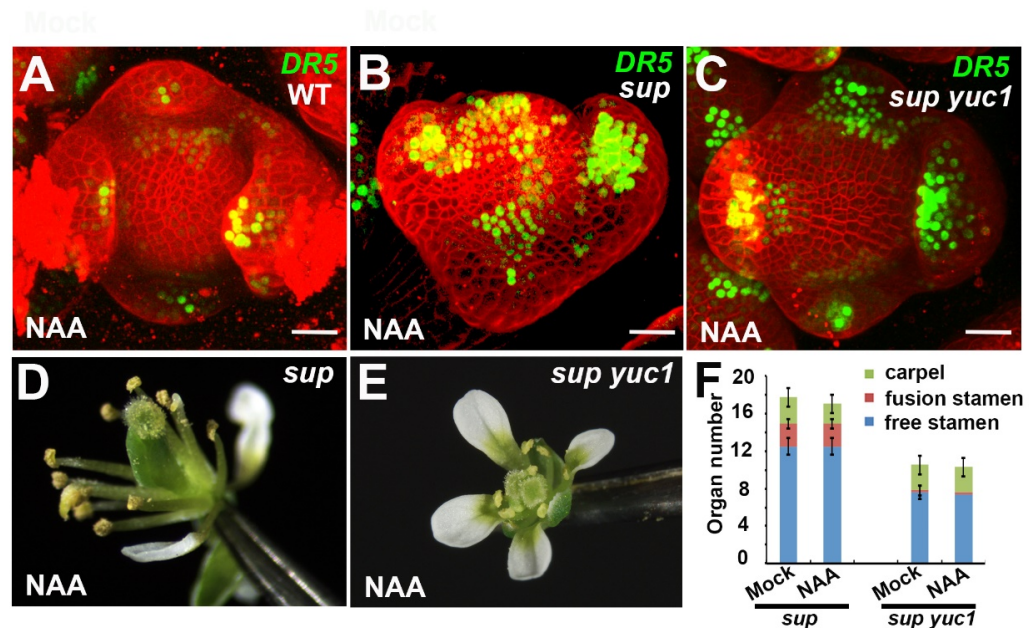


Figure Sx. The application of NAA cannot rescue *sup-5 yuc1* to *sup-5*-like phenotype

(A-C) The pattern of *pDR5rev::3xVENUS-N7* in WT (A), *sup-5* (B) and *sup-5 yuc1* (C) 4-6 hours after the NAA application.

(D) The NAA application at stage 4 can rescue the carpel of *sup-5* only.

(E) The NAA application cannot rescue *sup-5 yuc1* to *sup-5*-like phenotype.

(F) The statistics analysis of floral organ number to show there are no significant ($p > 0.05$) between the mock and NAA treated *sup-5 yuc1*.

Scale bars, 20 μ m in (A-C).

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Response: As requested, we now show images of *DR5* in *sup-5* flowers after PCIB treatment in Supplemental Figure S6. We found that the *DR5* signal is greatly reduced in *sup* 4-6 hours after the PCIB treatment, which is consistent with the observed rescue of *sup-5* through PCIB.

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Response: As requested, we added a brief explanation of the *ap1 cal p35S::API-GR* system and made numerous changes throughout the manuscript to be more specific about naming controls.

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Response: We initially tried *in situ* hybridization analysis of *YUC1/4* mRNA expression in inflorescences and realized that the signal is quite low in young floral buds. Since *in situ* hybridization is not suitable for widely-expressed genes at low levels, we chose the more sensitive *GUS* reporter to visualize the change of *YUC1/4* expression in *sup*. We now state this specifically in the text.

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6. Can authors provide *SD* bars for all samples in Fig 2J and 4J. Also, can authors add *wt* control in with its corresponding *SD* values (Fig4J).

Response: We have done this, as requested. For Figure 4, we have replaced the original Figure 4G-I with new data (Figure 4G-H) to quantitatively show that both *yuc1* and *yuc4* can partially rescue *sup-5*. A wild-type flower is displayed at Figure 4G.

General:

1. Figure 5H is mentioned in the text when the authors actually refer to 4H

Response: We have corrected this.

2. Page 12: relatively can be deleted, as it is implied by ... higher than... (*YUC1* expression was relatively higher than that of *YUC4*, which is consistent with previous reports)

Response: We have deleted this, as requested.

Referee #3:

This manuscript by Xu and colleagues explores the mechanism by which the SUPERMAN (SUP) gene acts in the establishment of the whorl 3 / whorl 4 boundary of the flower. It provides data to demonstrate that the sup phenotype is linked to a non-cell autonomous action on the flower stem cell niche and that this effect is mediated by auxin. It further shows that SUP acts on auxin by regulating 2 YUCCA genes involved in auxin biosynthesis, a regulation that involves repression by recruitment of PcG proteins CLF and TFL2 by SUP to the promoter. The data presented are interesting and the

molecular mechanism identified potentially of high interest to understand how a boundary gene functions. There is some overlap with the accompanying manuscript but the two papers are complementary enough to justify two manuscripts.

However, there are a number of major issues with the logic of the manuscript and the type of data presented:

1. *At the moment the manuscript (that is very lengthy) is made of two parts, one on a demonstration that SUP acts on stem cells (largely redundant with the accompanying manuscript) and another one on how SUP might act through regulation of biosynthesis of auxin. It is not really clear how the two are really connected notably because data on auxin concerns mostly the boundary itself where new organs are supposed to come from (which is not really demonstrated). How is this linked to an enlargement of the stem cell niche (and FM)? There is a need for clarification here as I am not convinced the two are really connected and the authors themselves state at the end of the manuscript that "Future studies may indicate whether the reduction of auxin in FMs contributes to a larger meristem size". This probably requires to study in more detail the spatial characteristics of the auxin action (using GUS for the YUCCA reporters preclude from having a clear idea of this).*

Response: We have shortened the manuscript by removing the redundant information throughout the text.

We agree with the reviewer that we do not yet fully understand how auxin regulates floral meristems.

However, in the revised manuscript, we provided data from several different experiments that support the notion that ectopic auxin biosynthesis in the SUP expression domain is responsible for the enlarged floral meristem size in *sup* mutant flowers: (1) stem cell number is increased in the FMs of *sup* mutants, which is in agreement with the increased number of reproductive floral organs; (2) DR5 activity is up-regulated in the SUP expression domain; (3) Auxin levels are increased in *sup* mutant floral buds relative to the wild type; (4) YUC1/YUC4 are de-repressed in *sup* mutant flowers; (5) YUC1/4 genes are required for the *sup* mutant phenotypes; (6) The IAM-treated *pSUP::IAAH* transgenic flower mimic *sup* mutants. (7) We newly added information that auxin transport may also play an important role; treatments with the auxin-transport inhibitor NPA can rescue the *sup* mutant phenotype. To specifically address the comment, we have added this discussion to the text.

2. *The paper uses a genomic approach (microarray) to identify targets of SUP and hardly anything is said on the results obtained besides the fact that PIN3,4 and YUC1,4 have been identified (plus a few others). A detailed description of the targets is required (and a description of the statistical procedure used for the analysis that is missing in the manuscript) with a full analysis of the GO enrichments in target lists. From the manuscript, it is impossible to say whether the analysis was pointing to auxin (backed up with statistics). The authors do not cite a paper in JXB from Nibau et al 2010 in which a link is made with auxin and CK. This could be enough to justify looking into auxin, not to mention the well known role of auxin on floral organ initiation and development.*

Response: We have re-analyzed the microarray data. Genes showing a 2-fold change in expression within a 95% confidence interval were considered to be differentially expressed and are presented in Supplementary Table 3. We have analyzed Gene Ontology term enrichments using the agriGO software version 1.2 (<http://bioinfo.cau.edu.cn/agriGO/>). Enriched GO terms were further refined by REVIGO (<http://revigo.irb.hr/>) to reduce redundancy and to visualize results. While there is no significant enrichment for up-regulated genes, for down-regulated genes, 8 GO terms were significantly enriched, which were then classified into 3 of superclusters based on their relatedness by REVIGO, including "hormone metabolism" and "response to endogenous stimulus" (Figure 3A). The previous *p35S::SUP* study [24] as well as our reporter assays suggest that SUP may function in the auxin signaling pathway. Thus, the supercluster of "hormone metabolism", which contains 3 hormone-related GO biological processes: hormone metabolism, $P_{FDR}=0.00039$; regulation of hormone level, $P_{FDR}=0.0011$; auxin synthesis, $P_{FDR}=0.0042$ (Figure 3A), was further inspected. There are total 17 genes in the category of "hormone metabolism". Among these, 12 genes belong to "regulation of hormone level", and interestingly, 8 of these 12 genes are listed under "auxin synthesis" as well (Table S1). Among these 8 genes, three participated in auxin biosynthesis: YUC flavin monooxygenases YUC1/4 and a TRP-a-transferase TRYPTOPHAN AMINOTRANSFERASE RELATED 2 (TAR2).

We have updated the Material and Methods, Figure 3A and Table S1, and Results section to reflect the new analysis. The JXB paper by Nibau et al. is also cited in this context, as requested.

3. *The regulation of target genes by recruitment of PcG is very interesting but it would be much more pertinent to provide data showing that it is a general mechanism of SUP action. The authors have all the genetic material and looking at histone methylation at the genome level is now largely accessible.*

Response: We agree that this would be useful (and in fact, we intend to do this in the future) but feel that this would go beyond the scope of the present manuscript where we decided to specifically focus on the interaction of SUP with the auxin biosynthetic pathway.

Other important concerns that needs to be addressed:

1. *"However, STM expression domain appears larger in sup than in the wild type (Figure S2)": this claim requires a quantification.*

Response: As requested, we have quantified the expression domain of *STM* at stage 5 and updated the data in the legend for Supplemental Figure S2A-B. We also added new images to Supplemental Figure S2 C-D to show that *STM* promoter activity is maintained beyond stage 10 in *sup*, consistent with the delayed termination of stem cell activity.

2. *P8 "The ectopic CUC2 expression in sup did not totally overlap with the SUP expression region, indicating the change of CUC2 expression is an indirect effect of the sup mutation. " : I do not understand this. If a protein acts non-cell autonomously, overlap in expression does not say anything on how direct the regulation is. The authors need to revise their reasoning.*

Response: As requested, we have modified the sentence to now read: "In *sup*, *CUC2* expression was also observed in the FM region (Figure S4B and D), in a domain where *SUP* is not normally expressed, suggesting that *CUC2* is not a direct target of *SUP*." We also added high-resolution images of *CUC2* to Supplemental Figure S4.

3. *P9 when using PCIB: the authors should use DR5 and DII-VENUS to analyze the effect of the treatment and understand how the rescue occurs.*

Response: We have analyzed *DR5*, *DII-VENUS* and *CUC2* (the latter in response to a request from reviewer 1; see above) reporter lines in *sup-5* and wild-type flowers after PCIB treatment. We noticed that *DR5* expression is markedly reduced in *sup-5* at 4-6 hours after the PCIB treatment, which is consistent with the observed rescue of *sup-5* by PCIB. In contrast, we did not detect clear differences for *DII-VENUS* perhaps because any effect on its activity would be indirectly caused by the PCIB treatment. We have provided the images of *DR5* (and *CUC2*) at the Supplemental Figure S6.

4. *Fig 2H-J and corresponding text P9: the control is said to be the untreated wild-type. A wild-type control treated with IAM is needed.*

Response: We agree, did the experiment and have added this control to Figure 2J.

5. *P10 when identifying the auxin-related targets: the authors discard PIN3/4 because their results are not fully consistent but transport regulation makes a lot of sense for obtaining a spatio-temporal specificity in an auxin-mediated regulation. The authors actually discuss it at the end of the discussion without even mentioning again that they identified the two putative targets. A better justification for not analyzing these two genes is required and they need to be mentioned in the discussion.*

Response: We fully agree with the reviewer that polar auxin transport may also be important for *SUP*'s function in floral meristem regulation. We tested the effects that treatments with the polar auxin transport inhibitor N-1-naphthylphthalamic acid (NPA) have on *sup* mutant flowers and found that the application of NPA at stage 4-6 can partially rescue both the carpel morphology and stamen number defects (Supplemental Figure S13). This suggests that after the depression of *YUC1/4*, auxin transport is required to bring about morphological defects. As already described above (see our reply to Question 5 from Referee #1), we determined the expression pattern of two auxin efflux carrier-coding genes, *PIN1* and *PIN3*, in *sup-5* and wild-type flowers but did not detect any clear differences at the levels of reporter expression.

6. *P12: the authors compare YUC translational and translational to demonstrate a need for the coding region of the YUC genes. This experiment does not support their conclusion at all. The GUS activity from a translational fusion is regulated by post-transcriptional mechanisms. The authors*

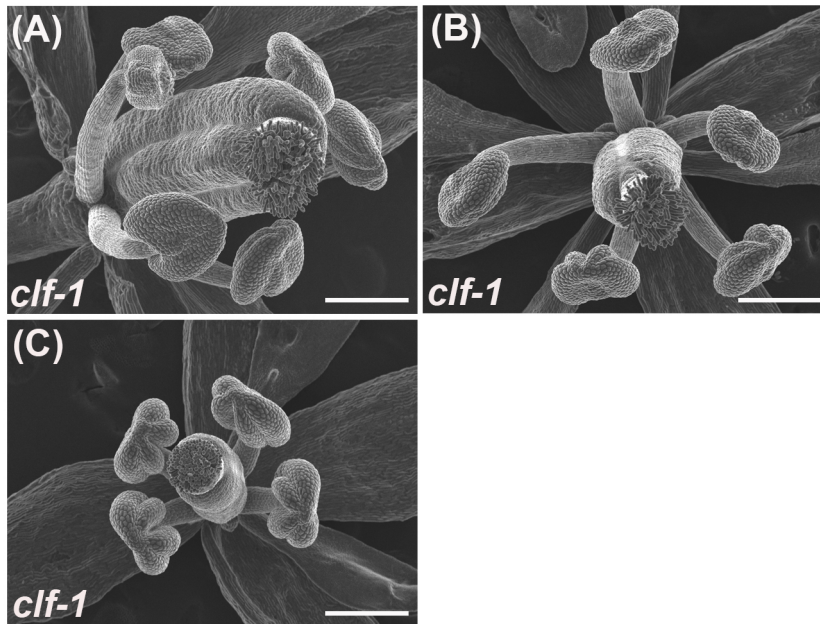
need another approach to approach the problem (mutation of some of the sequences?) and this is an important part of the analysis.

Response: We agree with the reviewer and tested the transcription level of *GUS* in the *GUS* reporter lines by Q-PCR (Supplemental Figure S10F). We confirmed that the transcription level correlates with the *GUS* staining, indicating the coding region that is covered by H3K27me3 has the negative effect for transcription. We also carefully analyzed the reporter lines in the *sup* mutant background. SUP was reported to bind to DNA regions with the AGT core motif, by its single Cys₂-His₂ zinc finger domain, and two basic regions located on either side (Dathan N. et al., (2002) *Nucleic Acids Res.*, **30**(22):p4945–4951). SUP binds the wider regions of *YUC1* and *YUC4* loci, and thus it was not possible to do mutagenesis-type approach for the binding sites as the high frequent presence of the AGT motif. Recent genome-wide analysis identified both CLF and TFL2 are essential for H3K27me3 mark spread (Wang et al., (2016) *PLoS Genet*, **12**(1): p. e1005771). We have included the argument in the discussion about the possibility whether SUP is also involved in the spreading of H3K27me3 mark at *YUC1/4*. We hope that these amendments are satisfactory.

7. CLF and PcG proteins have been involved in regulation of the stem cell niche activity in the flower (direct regulation of AG). Mentioning this would add an interesting dimension to the discussion.

Response: We fully agree with the reviewer and have added the discussion about the function of the interaction of SUP with CLF/TFL2.

The analysis of the genetic interaction between *sup-5* and *clf-1* is complicated by the multi-functionality of CLF. CLF has been shown to be involved in the repression of *AG* and *STM* (Schubert et al. (2006) *EMBO J.* **25**, 4638-49), the AG-dependent repression of *WUS* in floral meristems (Liu et al. (2011) *Plant Cell* **23**, 3654-70), as well as in other processes during plant development, including PIN-dependent establishment of auxin maxima (Gu et al. (2014) *Mol. Plant.* **7**, 977-88). Accordingly, we occasionally observed a reduced number of stamens, and an increased carpel number in *clf-1*, which could be associated with *WUS* activity (see images below).



More minor comments:

1- Ref 22 needs to be completed

Response: We have corrected this mistake.

2. P7 when discussing non-cell autonomy: the authors seems to suggest that if the SUP protein was moving that would argue against non-cell autonomy. This needs to be rephrased.

Response: We have modified the paragraph as requested.

3. P10 "biotic and abiotic stress": how does this relate to what is shown on Fig 3A?

Response: To address this point, we have re-analyzed the data from the transcriptomics experiments and modified Figure 3A and the Material and Methods section accordingly.

2nd Editorial Decision

12 March 2018

Thank you for submitting a revised version of your manuscript. The manuscript has now been seen by the three original referees, who find that their main concerns have been addressed and are now in favour of publication of the manuscript. There remain only a few minor mainly editorial issues that have to be addressed before I can extend formal acceptance of the manuscript.

1. Please implement the final textual clarifications requested by referee #3.

2nd Revision - authors' response

25 March 2018

Referee's comments:

Referee #3 (Remarks to the Author):

The revised manuscript has been streamlined and the authors have addressed adequately most of my concerns.

Q1: However the authors have overlooked one of my comments on the connection between stem cell regulation and stamen number regulation. There might be something I did not get but the manuscript often describes both cell autonomous and non-cell autonomous effects of SUP without clearly separating them. This blurs the message and could be easily addressed. The data in the manuscript (such as the one with DR5) clearly shows that extra stamens arise in the whorl 3/4 boundary, indicating that the regulation is cell autonomous while the one on the stem cells is clearly non cell-autonomous (the revised manuscript is much more convincing on this aspect). This is never really stated anywhere and is rather important when authors look at complementation of the sup phenotype with auxin-producing transgenics or drugs. I think they should clarify this in the manuscript as it would help the reader to fully understand their findings.

Response: Thank you for your comments. Our work presents that SUP cell-autonomously represses auxin biosynthesis, leading to a non-cell autonomous effect in the floral meristem (FM) at the spatial and temporal aspects. Our data show that both cell-autonomous and non-cell-autonomous effects contribute to the increase in stamen number in *sup*:

- (1) local derepression of auxin biosynthesis/class B gene expression (Prunet et al, 2017 PNAS) causes the formation of a few extra stamens at the boundary between whorls 3 and 4
- (2) as these extra stamens emerge, they form a new boundary with the FM, but this boundary lacks SUP function, which causes the ectopic expression of YUCCAs and class B genes, and the formation of more extra stamens. It's an iterative phenotype.
- (3) the increase in the number and prolonged maintenance of floral stem cells replenish the FM, and allow for the consecutive production of several whorls of extra stamens.

We have clarified the importance of both cell-autonomous and non-cell-autonomous effects in the results and discussion.

This clarification effort should include:

Q2- the introduction: the section on Page 4 that starts with "the number and position of floral organs ..." is really confusing and the link between boundary regions and WUS/CLV3 difficult to understand. The connection to the previous section on floral indeterminacy is also not clear and this participate to blurring the message.

Response: We thank the reviewer for the suggestions and comments. In the introduction, we have added one sentence "FM activity is associated with the number of floral organs" in the second section on floral indeterminacy, to make the second and third sections better connected. In the third

section, we reviewed the knowledge about the relationship between boundary gene and auxin, and auxin's function in meristem regulation. We have modified the third section to make the logic flow smoother.

Q3- The first section of results that starts with "To better understand the role of SUP in FM regulation, we first tested whether the formation of supernumerary stamens in *sup* mutants is associated with WUS function" but no conclusion is reached on this question. The authors should make sure that the logic they follow is clear in this section and probably in the following ones on that aspect.

Response: We have made the logic flow smoother. To make the conclusion clearer, we also have changed it to "*wus-1* is fully epistatic to *sup*, suggesting that the *sup* phenotype of supernumerary stamens is dependent on *WUS* function".

Q4- In the results clearly stating what part of the phenotype are related to cell autonomous and non-cell autonomous effects.

Response: Thank you. Please see the A1.

A more minor comment:

Q5- Fig 3A is difficult to read and the p-values should be added on the figure.

Response: We have enlarged the font size, changed the color of the words, and added the p-values in the Figure 3A. We thank the reviewer for all the suggestions and comments.

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