# Synergy between the anthocyanin and RDR6/SGS3/DCL4 siRNA pathways expose hidden features of *Arabidopsis* carbon metabolism

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Supplementary Figure 1. Flow chart to identify EMS mutagenized mutations as *tt19* mutant suppressors on anthocyanin restoration using whole genome re-sequencing.



**Supplementary Figure 2. Whole genome re-sequencing of bulked segregants of all eight** *tt19* **suppressor lines.** The *y*-axis indicates the allelic frequencies of a pool of 50 pigmented seedlings (represented by red and pink circles where two samples were used or pink circle where only one sample was used) or 50 non-pigmented seedlings (represented by blue circles) at genome locations (*x*-axis) corresponding to each of the five *Arabidopsis* chromosomes (one in each line). The *tt19-8* S2, S4, and S5 samples comprise of only sequenced pools of pigmented seedlings. Green bars highlighted the candidate regions contain causative mutations. Candidate SNPs in *tt19* suppressors S1, S2, S4, and S8 are located at the bottom arm of chromosome 3. For S3, S5, S6, and S7, two candidate SNPs were in the upper arm of chromosome 5.



Supplementary Figure 3. Anthocyanin accumulation phenotype of 4-day-old seedlings grown in AIC for various single and double mutants. The % values correspond to the amounts of anthocyanins in methanol extracts with respect to Col-0 (100%) estimated by  $A_{532}$  and normalized to dry weight. Similar anthocyanin induced results were obtained from at least three independently repeated experiments. Bar, 400 µm.

## 2 weeks old 3 weeks old 4 weeks old 6 weeks old 8 weeks old Col-0 tt19-8 rdr6-11 sgs3-11 dcl4-2e *tt19-8* S2 *tt19-8* S4 tt19-8 S5 tt19-8 S7 *tt19-8* S8 PAP1-D tt19-8 PAP1-D

#### Plant age

Supplementary Figure 4. Anthocyanin accumulation in plants of various ages harboring the various *tt19-8* suppressor alleles as well as the reference and *PAP1-D* alleles. Visible anthocyanin accumulation was observed at the base of the inflorescence stem in the *rdr6-11*, *sgs3-11* and *decl4-e2* single mutant plants, and in the *tt19* suppressor lines S2 and S8 at around four weeks after germination, but never in *tt19-8* plants. At six weeks, anthocyanin pigmentation was detected in lines S4 and S5. No obvious anthocyanin pigmentation was observed in adult plants of *tt19-8* S7. White arrows in four- or six-week old plants indicate the sites where anthocyanin accumulated in Col-0, *rdr6-11*, *sgs3-11*, *dcl4-2e*, *tt19-8* S2, *tt19-8* S4, *tt19-8* S5, *tt19-8* S8, and *PAP1-D*.

Col-0	PAP1-D	rdr6-11	rdr6-15
sgs3-11	sgs3-14	dcl4-2e	dcl4-2t
tt19-8	<i>tt19-8</i> S1	<i>tt19-8</i> S2	<i>tt19-8</i> S4
<i>tt19-8</i> S5	<i>tt19-8</i> S7	<i>tt19-8</i> S8	
tt19-8 rdr6-11	tt19-8 rdr6-15	tt19-8 sgs3-11	tt19-8 sgs3-14
tt19-8 dcl4-2e	tt19-8 dcl4-2t	tt19-8 PAP1-D	

Supplementary Figure 5. Phenotypes of seed coat colors in Col-0 and various mutant alleles. Bar,  $200\ \mu m.$ 



**Supplementary Figure 6.** Anthocyanin profiles of Col-0 and *tt19* suppressors. Four dayold seedlings were grown in AIC, anthocyanins were extracted and separated by HPLC. (a) Anthocyanin HPLC profile of Col-0 seedlings, in which major peaks were confirmed by LC-MS/MS. (b) Distribution of anthocyanin peaks compared among Col-0 and various mutants. Dashed lines from left to right correspond to the peaks (A8, A10, A11, A3, A5, A7, and A9) indicate in (a). Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Figure 7. Accumulation of *Arabidopsis* flavonoids in Col-0 and *tt19* suppressors. A summary of this figure (without the pathway) is provided as Fig. 3. The accumulation of all pathway intermediates and final products were quantified by LC-MS/MS against authentic standards of known concentration in 4-day-old seedlings grown in AIC for each of the genotypes indicated. The experiments were performed in biological triplicate. The error bars represent the standard deviation of the average. The stars indicate a statistically (paired two-tailed *t*-test) significant (\* P < 0.05, \*\* P < 0.01, and \*\*\* P < 0.001) difference to Col-0. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Figure 8. Metabolic pathway cloud plot representation of metabolic alterations in *tt19* suppressor lines. The results correspond to pairwise comparisons between the *tt19* suppressor lines *tt19-8* S2 (a), S4 (b), S5 (c), S7 (d), S8 (e), and Col-0 (f) with *tt19-8*. The plots show the results of dysregulated pathways after statistical significance filtering (*P*-value < 0.05) for each aligned feature. Each colored circle displays a predictive pathway with the radius of the circle representing the size of the pathway (*x*-axis for the percentage of overlapped metabolites and *y*-axis for statistical significance). Significantly dysregulated candidate pathways are shown on the upper right portion of the plot. Note: Some of the pathways with italics do not necessarily exist in plants.



Supplementary Figure 9. Sugar accumulation in Col-0 and *tt19* suppressors. Measurement correspond to levels of sucrose (a), glucose (b), and anthocyanins (c) in 4-day-old *Arabidopsis* seedlings. Seedlings were grown in AIC (3% sucrose, clear columns) or water (H<sub>2</sub>O, shaded columns) for each of the genotypes with metabolite quantification performed by LC-MS/MS against authentic standards of known concentration and absorbance at 532 nm (normalized per mg of dry weight). The experiments were performed in biological triplicate and the error bars represent the standard deviations of the averages. The stars indicate a statistically (paired two-tailed *t*-test) significant (\* P < 0.05, \*\* P < 0.01, and \*\*\* P < 0.001) difference to Col-0 within the same treatment group. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.





Supplementary Figure 10. AtGSTF5 is not involved in anthocyanin accumulation in *tt19* mutant suppressors. (a) The mapped reads of RNA-seq analysis across AtGSTF5 region were compared among Col-0, tt19-8, and tt19 suppressors. (b) Phylogenetic tree between Arabidopsis Theta and Phi family, constructed using the neighbor-joining method. Differential expression levels of genes in the GSTT and GSTF family were represented as fold changes between tt19 suppressors and tt19-8. (c) RT-qPCR analysis to measure AtGSTF5 mRNA levels (normalized to ACT2 mRNAs) among Col-0, tt19-8, tt19 suppressors, and AtGSTF5 overexpressed transgenic lines. n = 6, 5, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6 biological replicates. (d) AtGSTF5 structure with two guide DNA target sites for CRISPR. Red color highlights two target sites, and green underlines indicate PAM sequences. Site-specific mutations in tt19 suppressor lines were confirmed by sequencing. The nucleotide changes (dashes indicate deletions and blue lowercase letters mean insertions) in two target sites were calculated on the right side of each sequence. (e) Anthocyanin levels were measured as  $A_{532}$  of 4-day-old seedlings in AIC of Col-0, tt19-8, tt19-8 overexpressed GSTF5, tt19 suppressors, and tt19 suppressors with AtGSTF5 CRISPR lines. The experiments were performed in biological triplicate. The error bars represent the standard deviation of the average. The stars indicate a statistically (paired two-tailed *t*-test) significant (\*\* P < 0.01 and \*\*\* P < 0.001) difference to wild-type Col-0. ns, not significant. Source data underlying Supplementary Figure 10b, 10c, and 10e are provided as a Source Data file.

#### **Cluster 2** nucleotide biosynthetic process e phosphate biosynthetic process ribonucleotide metabolic process protein catabolic process cellular protein catabolic process ribonucleotide biosynthetic process ribose phosphate biosynthetic process response to cadmium ion protein localization to organelle establishment of protein localization to organelle proteolysis involved in cellular protein catabolic process accharide metabolic process hexose metabolic process 1.301122e-22 glucose metabolic process 2.602244e-22 pyrimidine-containing compound metabolic process-• 6e-22 pyrimidine-containing compound biosynthetic process pyrimidine nucleotide metabolic process Count • • 100 pyrimidine nucleotide biosynthetic process 125 pyrimidine ribonucleotide metabolic process . pyrimidine ribonucleotide biosynthetic process 0.04 0.07 0.08 0.05 0.06 GeneRatio







#### **Cluster 1**









**Supplementary Figure 11. Dot plots of GO term enrichment analyses on the six clusters shown in Fig. 4a.** The GO processes with the 20 largest gene ratios in each cluster are plotted in order of gene ratio. Dot sizes represent the number of the significantly differential-expressed genes under each process and dot colors represent the *p*-adjusted values. The hypergeometric test was performed one-side with all subontologies, meaning biological process, molecular function, and cellular component. For enrichment analysis, a Benjamini-Hochberg correction was applied with a cutoff of 0.05. In cluster 2, 15 genes (At4g26850, At3g04120, At3g27300, At3g55440, At1g23190, At4g37870, At3g47800, At5g13110, At2g01140, At5g42740, At3g08590, At1g79550, At1g42970, At4g38970, and At3g43190) were enriched under the GO term *monosaccharide/hexose/glucose metabolic process* with two genes (At3g04120 and At4g38970) were also upregulated in *rdr6-11* mutant.



Supplementary Figure 12. Small RNA-seq analysis for Col-0 and *tt19* suppressor lines. (a) Accumulation of total aligned reads of 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24 nt small RNAs derived from MIRNA, TAS loci, transposon elements (TEs), and protein coding genes seedlings grown in AIC. The experiments were performed in biological triplicate and the error bars represent the standard deviation of the average. (b) TT19 affects the expressions of five miRNAs (miR158b, miR161.2, miR167a-5p, miR399c-5p, and miR164b-5p). Open circles represent each biological sample and bars indicate the average of biological triplicates. The stars indicate a statistically (paired two-tailed *t*-test) significant (\* P < 0.05, \*\* P < 0.01, and \*\*\* P < 0.001) difference. (c) Genome browser view of the mapped reads derived from RNA-seq across the SUS4 region, compared between Col-0, tt19-8, and tt19-8 S2. The siRNA (siR6611) sequence aligned with the target sequence of SUS4 is indicated. Base pairing is denoted by "|", mismatches with ": ". (d) Proposed model for a synergistic effect between the *tt19-8* mutant and the RDR6-SGS3-DCL4 system on the cleavage of a PPR gene (At1g62930) by a miRNA (miR161.2) and a tasiRNA derived from TAS2, resulting in the regulation of SUS4 mRNA accumulation by *PPR* gene-derived siR6611cleavage. Source data underlying Supplementary Figure 12a and 12b are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Figure 13. Flavonoid levels in Col-0 and *tt19* suppressor lines. Measurement of quercetin (a), kaempferol (b), cyanidin (c), naringenin (d), sucrose (e), and glucose (f) accumulation in 4-day-old Col-0, *rdr6-15*, *tt5-4*, and *tt5-4 rdr6-15* seedlings. The seedlings were grown in AIC for three days and applied with 100  $\mu$ M of naringenin/quercetin/kaempferol, respectively. The metabolite quantifications were performed by LC-MS/MS against authentic standards of known concentration. The experiments were performed in biological triplicate and the error bars represent the standard deviations of the averages. Different letters indicate significant differences between genotypes based on one-way ANOVA with Tukey's Honest Significant Difference test (*P* < 0.05). Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

tt19 allele	Alternate name	Ecotype	Mutagen	Description of mutation	Phenotypes
tt19-1 <sup>1,2</sup>		Col-0	Ion beam irradiation	Inversion (~1000 kb) at intron 2	Pale brown seed coats; Reduction of anthocyannins in seedlings
tt19-2 <sup>3</sup>		Col-0	Ion beam irradiation	Translocation (~16.7 kb) at position -53	
tt19-3 <sup>3</sup>			EMS	Missense, Ile to Phe at amini acid 70	
<i>tt19-4</i> <sup>3</sup>	sk36391	Col-4	T-DNA	Missense, Trp to Leu at amini acid 205	Abolishes seed coat pigmentation; Normal anthocyanin levels in vegetative tissues
tt19-5 <sup>3</sup>	sk4945	Col-4	T-DNA	Deletion (4 bp at 420-423), frameshift	
tt19-6 <sup>3</sup>	sk20780	Col-4	T-DNA	Insertion in first exon	
tt19-7 <sup>4</sup>		Col-0	EMS	Splice defect (donor loss between exon2/intron 2)	Light brown seed coat immediately after harvest, and seed coats become darker over time and indistinguishable from wild-type; Reduction of anthocyannins in seedlings
tt19-8 <sup>5,6</sup>	SALK_105779	Col-0	T-DNA	Insertion in second intron	Pale brown seed coats; Reduction of anthocyannins in seedlings

## Supplementary Table 1. Summary of the current *tt19* mutant alleles.

Primer Name	Sequence	Purpose	
tt19-8_geno_LP	TCAAAAGTGGTTGTTGGGAAG	Genotype T-DNA	
tt19-8_geno_RP	TATCCGAAATCTCTTCCCACC	insertion in tt19-8	
rdr6-11_geno_F	TACTGTCCCTGGCGATCTCT	Genotype mutation in	
rdr6-11_geno_R	GGAACCTCAGTGTCAACCTCG	rdr6-11	
rdr6-15_geno_LP	GGTTCTCCCTTTTTCGCATAC	Genotype T-DNA	
rdr6-15_geno_RP	GCTGCAAAATAAGCACAAAGC	insertion in rdr6-15	
sgs3-11_geno_F	CGTGTTAATGCATCTGTTATGT	Genotype mutation in	
sgs3-11_geno_R	GATGAAGCTTGACACTTCCT	sgs3-11	
sgs3-14_geno_LP	AAATTTGGAGTCCAGAATCGG	Genotype T-DNA	
sgs3-14_geno_RP	CAAAGCATCGGAATCATTCTC	insertion in sgs3-14	
dcl4-2e_geno_F	GCTAGAGCCACACATGAAATG	Genotype mutation in	
dcl4-2e_geno_R	TCATCATGTGGAAGCCTAGAAC	dcl4-2e	
dcl4-2t_geno_LP	TTTGCCAGTCTTACAAGTGGG	Genotype T-DNA	
dcl4-2t_genoRP	GAGGCACCATATAGCAGCTTG	insertion in dcl4-2t	
tds4-4_geno_LP	CTGCTTTGAAAGAAGGCACAC	Genotype T-DNA	
tds4-4_geno_RP	AGCCGGAGAAGAGTTTTTCAG	insertion in tds4-4	
tt5-4_geno_LP	GTGGCTATATGGAAACAATTAGGG	Genotype T-DNA	
tt5-4_geno_RP	CTTTATTCTCCACTTGAGTACCGC	insertion in tt5-4	
tt19 S1/8_geno_F	CTGGTACAGAACTGCTGATGAT	Genotype mutation in	
tt19 S1/8_geno_R	CCCATCGGTTAATATGCTCTTC	tt19-8 S1/8	
tt19 S2_geno_F	GTCTTGGGTAATTGATTGCTTT	Genotype mutation in tt19-8 S2	
tt19 S2_geno_R	TTAGAGACGCTGAGCAAGAA		
tt19 S4_geno_F	CTAGCATTCTCAGCCAATCAAC	Genotype mutation in tt19-8 S4	
tt19 S4_geno_R	CTGACTGAAGACAACATCCC		
tt19 S5_geno_F	CGTGTTAATGCATCTGTTATGT	Genotype mutation in tt19-8 S5	
tt19 S5_geno_R	GATGAAGCTTGACACTTCCT		
tt19 S7_geno_F	CTTATTTTATGCACAAACTAGGTATGG	Genotype mutation in	
tt19 S7_geno_R	GTTATCAAGTGAAATGAGATCATACC	tt19-8 S7	
Actin2_F	TGCCAATCTACGAGGGTTTC	RT-qPCR for Actin2	
Actin2_R	TTCTCGATGGAAGAGCTGGT		
PAP1_F	CGACTGCAACCATCTCAATG	RT-qPCR for PAP1	
PAP1_R	TGTCCCCCTTTTCTGTTGTC		
GSTF5_F	TGACCAGAAGAAGCCGAGTT	RT-qPCR for GSTF5	
GSTF5_R	CCCAGGTCAGTGTTGATGTG		
GSTF5-DT1-BsF	ATATATGGTCTCGATTGGTCCCAGTTTTCCTAGACGGTT		
GSTF5-DT1-F0	TGGTCCCAGTTTTCCTAGACGGTTTTAGAGCTAGAAATAGC	Constructs for two guide DNAs of GSTF5	
GSTF5-DT2-R0	AACGTACATGGCTCGCGTTTATCAATCTCTTAGTCGACTCTAC		
GSTF5-DT2-BsR	ATTATTGGTCTCGAAACGTACATGGCTCGCGTTTATCAA		
GSTF5_CRISPR_F	ATGGGTTCCTCCATATTATTGGTTTTG	Genotype indels in	
GSTF5_CRISPR_R	5_CRISPR_R ATGGACAGTCGCTATGTATTCAGATAT		

## Supplementary Table 2. List of primers.

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