Supplementary Information

miR2118-dependent U-rich phasiRNA production in rice anther wall development

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Supplementary Figure 1. Variation of the *mir2118* mutant lines.

a. Table of identified deletion and/or insertion mutations at seven miR2118 family loci of a gene editing mutant. This mutant (T₀) demonstrated complete sterility, and therefore this line was not used for further experiments. **b.** Schematic structure of miR2118 gene clusters (a-n) at chromosome 4. Light blue arrows represent the forward and reverse primers to detect deletions of the miR2118 loci. **c.** Origins of three *mir2118*-deleted lines, *mi-1*, *mi-2*, and *mi-3*. **d.** PCR analysis detects long deletion in the *mir2118* mutants using the primers shown in (**b**). **e.** A Venn-diagram for genetic variations identified among *mi-1*, *mi-2*, and *mi-3*. **f.** Table for identified genetic variations in the 21*PHAS* body at 1kb upstream and downstream in the clusters of three *mir2118* lines. NB means "Nipponbare" genome used as control.

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Table. Segregation rate of <i>mir2118</i> in BCF ₂ population					
	WT/H (+/+; +/-)	homozygous (-/-)		X-squared	<i>p-</i> value
mi-1	48	20		0.70588	0.4008
mi-2	41	9		1.3067	0.253
mi-3	35	8		0.93798	0.3328



t-test, * *p*-value < 0.05, *** *p*-value < 0.001

Supplementary Figure 2. Segregation and fertility of mir2118.

a. Table showing the segregation rate of offspring from heterozygous *mi-1, mi-2,* and *mi-3*. The mutants were backcrossed once to Nipponbare, and the F2 populations were analyzed (BCF2). The deletion showed Mendelian inheritance in three *mir2118* lines using chi-square test. (WT: wild type from siblings, H: heterozygous, and -/-: homozygous). **b.** Fertility of *mir2118* under long day (LD) and short day (SD) conditions. Homozygous mutants (-/-) demonstrated sterility in *mi-1, mi-2,* and *mi-3*; wild-type (siblings) and heterozygotes of *mi-1, mi-2,* and *mi-3* set seeds under SD and LD conditions. Bar represents mean \pm S.D. (N=3 or 4).* *p*<0.05, *** *p*<0.001, Student's *t*-test.



Supplementary Figure 3. Developmental expression of genes at miR2118-deleted regions.

a. Schematic structure of miR2118 loci and genes predicted at the cluster in chromosome 4. **b.** qPCR analysis of two genes that were identified in RAP-DB and/or MSU, and *pre-miR2118o* at different developmental stages in wild-type. P1, P3, P5, and P7: 1cm, 3cm, 5cm and 7cm panicles, A: 0.5 mm anthers (Stage 2). Bar represents mean \pm S.D. (N=3).



t-test, LD: *p*-value= 0.1416, SD: *p*-value= 0.2646



Supplementary Figure 4. Growth of *mir2118* under SD and LD conditions.

a. *mir2118* mutants grown under SD and LD conditions. **b.** Plant height of *mi-1* and *mi-2* in SD and LD (86 days). Each bar represents mean \pm S.D. (N=3). No statistically significant differences were found between WT and *mi-1* or *mi-2* using Student's *t*-tests.



Supplementary Figure 5. Completion of homologous chromosome synapsis in PMC of *mir2118.* **a-f.** Immuno-staining of pollen mother cells (PMC) at Stages 1 (**a**, **d**), Stage 2 (**b**, **e**), and Stage 3 (**c**, **f**) of WT (**a-c**) and *mi-2* (**d-f**) stained with PAIR2 (red) and ZEP1 (green) antibodies. DAPI staining is shown in blue. ZEP1 elongates along with homologous chromosome pairs. Yellow bars show 10 μ m. **g.** Frequency of PMCs in the 0.4 mm to 0.6 mm anther at Stages 1 to 3.



Supplementary Figure 6. Reduction of miR2118 expression in *mir2118*.

a and **b**. The expression levels of twelve mature miR2118s in WT, *mi-1*, and *mi-2*, as detected in small RNA-sequences. Expressions of eight miR2118bn, d, fjm, g, hk, i, I, and o were reduced in the 0.5 mm anthers of *mi-1* and *mi-2*. Small RNA-sequence was performed with two replicates for each sample. RPM; Reads per million. **c**. Read counts of 21-nt phasiRNA expressed in the anthers of the WT and *mir2118* mutants. The read counts demonstrated the two replicates of each sample. Statistically significant differences were found in anthers (Stage 2) between WT and *mi-1* or *mi-2* using chi-square test.



Supplementary Figure 7. qPCR analysis of two phasiRNAs at different anther developmental stages in WT and *mi-1*.

PhasiRNAs at PHAS324 (a) and PHAS798 (b) were decreased in mi-1 during the anther development from Stage 1 to Stage 6. Data are mean \pm S.D. of three technical replicates.



Supplementary Figure 8. 24-nt phasiRNA clusters in anther.

Venn-diagram showing overlapping 24-nt phasiRNA clusters in WT, *mi-1*, and *mi-2* in anther. Loss of miR2118 did not strongly affect the production of 24-nt phasiRNAs.



Supplementary Figure 9. Expression of *OsAGO1* subfamilies during vegetative and reproductive development.

qPCR analysis of AGO1 genes in different rice tissues. No statistically significant differences were found in anthers (Stage 2) between WT and *mi-1* or *mi-2* using Student's *t*-tests. Data are mean \pm S.D. of three biological replicates.



Supplementary Figure 10. In situ hybridization of OsAGO1c in the anther. AGO1c expression was not detected at Stage 1. Negative control (N.C.). Bars show $10\mu m$.





Hd3a

55

mi-2_SD

75

WT LD

95

■ *mi-2*_LD

115

3

2

1

0

35

WT SD

45

Hd3a/ubq









Supplementary Figure 11. Expression of photoperiodic genes in *mir2118* mutant.

a. Expression of *Ehd1*, *Hd1*, *Hd3a*, *OsMFT1*, *RFT1*, and *OsMDAS50* in *mi-2* and WT under SD and LD conditions. Expression levels of the flowering genes were not affected in *mi-2*. Leaves were collected from *mi-2* and WT plants at 35, 45, 55, 75, 95, and 115 days (ZT0) under short-day (SD) and long-day (LD) conditions. Data are mean \pm S.D. of three biological replicates. **b.** Expression of *PSM1T* in 0.5mm anthers (at Stage 2) in WT, and *mir2118* plants under SD conditions.

		Stigma numbers	
	2	3	4
WT	158	4	0
mi-1	115	16	5
mi-2	108	26	2

Supplementary Table 1. Stigma numbers of WT, *mi-1* and *mi-2*

Fisher's Exact Test for Count Data

mi-1, *p*-value = 9.182e-05

mi-2, *p*-value = 4.066e-07

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P (♀)	×	P (්)	flower numbers	fertile seeds	%
WT	×	WT	48	24	50
WT	×	WT	38	21	55
mi-3	×	WT	31	1	3 ***
mi-1	×	WT	48	4	8 ***
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WT	×	mi-1	34	2	6 ***

Supplementary Table 2. Pollination of WT pollen to *mir2118* floweres or *mir2118* pollen to WT flowers

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	0.5mm anthers					
	WT_A1	WT_A2	<i>mi-1</i> _A1	<i>mi-1</i> _A2	<i>mi</i> -2_A1	mi-2_A2
Input	9063663	14910428	5728785	6975046	8353559	4283352
mapped	5740964	9625588	3781495	4392294	4675912	2662278

Supplementary Table 3. Summary of small RNAs reads mapped on the rice genome

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Supplementary Table 4. Primer sequences used in this study

Primer	Sequences
miP2118 gono torgotting (GT)	
miP2118 aPNA	04474004470004000470
	CAATAGGAATGGGAGGCATC
<u>qPCR</u>	
Ubq-F	ATCAAGAACTAGAGCGTCACTC
Ubq-R	GCTGAAGCATCCAGCACAGTA
Os04g0435300 F	TATAGTTTGCTCTTCAGCCATGCGC
Os04g0435300 R	AGTACCTATATATACGCCTCTCACC
Os04g0435475 F	GCCATTGTTTGCACTTTTGCACTAC
Os04g0435475 R	TCTTGTCCTGAAACTCTGAAACCAG
WT_An_PHAS_324 qPCR F	tctagggttagcaacagcacagtg
WT_An_PHAS_324 qPCR R	ggcaaaagctagggactggttg
<i>WT_An_PHAS_1586</i> qPCR F	gccattgccatgtttgttggactttg
<i>WT_An_PHAS_1586</i> qPCR R	ctgcaatgtgacatggaggtgaatc
AGO1a qPCR F	GAAAGTTTCCACTCTGTCTGCGGG
AGO1a qPCR R	AGTAGTACCCGTTGTCCAACTGG
AGO1b qPCR F	AGCACCGGTGAGAGTTCTGGAG
AGO1b qPCR R	CACCTGGATGGTGTGAACCTTG
AGO1c qPCR F	AGCTGCAGCTGCAACTCTCCATC
AGO1c qPCR R	TTCCACCAGGATCTGGAGCCT
AGO1d qPCR F	AGGAGCACTGCATTACTGGTAGTG
AGO1d qPCR R	GATTCAGCTCACATCCAGACGAAC
<i>OsMFT1</i> qPCR F	GACCTAGCTAGCTAATAAGCCATC
<i>OsMFT1</i> qPCR R	CCACATAAACGACGACATGATATGG
OsMADS50 -F	CAGGCCAGGAATAAGCTGGAT
OsMADS50 -R	TTAGGATGGTTTGGTGTCATTGC
Ehd1 -F	TGCAAATGGCGCTTTTGAT
Ehd1 -R	ATATGTGCTGCCAAATGTTGCT
RFT1-F	TGACCTAGATTCAAAGTCTAATCCTT
<i>RFT1-</i> R	TGCCGGCCATGTCAAATTAATAAC
Hd3a -F	GCTCACTATCATCATCCAGCATG
Hd3a -R	CCTTGCTCAGCTATTTAATTGCATAA
Hd1-F	TCAGCAACAGCATATCTTTCTCATCA
Hd1-R	TCTGGAATTTGGCATATCTATCACC
<i>PSM1T</i> qPCR F	caaatactggaacacagtcatcag
<i>PSM1T</i> qPCR R	catggacaattggtgataccaggc
small RNA qPCR	
<i>miR159b</i> F qPCR	tttggattgaagggagctctg
phasi324 F qPCR	CTGTGCTGTTGCTAACCCTAG
phasi798 F qPCR	TCATAGACTGTGTAAGCTGCT
ISH probe	
AGO1b ISH F	AGCACCGGTGAGAGTTCTGGAG
AGO1b ISH R	GCTGAAACTGTTGTTGGACTTGTCC
AGO1c ISH F	AGCTGCAGCTGCAACTCTCCATC
AGO1c ISH R	GGCATCCACAGGTTGTTCCTGAG
AGO1d ISH F	AGGAGCACTGCATTACTGGTAGTG
AGO1d ISH R	GCTCATGTGGAGCATCCATTGCTTG
MEL1 ISH F	GCATTGTCTCAAGCAGAGTTAAGGC
MEL1 ISH R	CCTGAAATCACCAAATACCG
osa-miR2118fjm	5DiGN/TAGGAATGGGAGGCATCAGGAA/3DiGN
miRCURY LNA (negative control)	5DiGN/GTGTAACACGTCTATACGCCCA/3DiGN

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