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### Sample-size estimation

- You should state whether an appropriate sample size was computed when the study was being designed
- You should state the statistical method of sample size computation and any required assumptions
- If no explicit power analysis was used, you should describe how you decided what sample (replicate) size (number) to use

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For high-throughput sequencing experiments, we did not employ power analysis to decide on the number of replicates.

Information on the number of replicates used for each experiment reported can be found in the following manuscript sections:

**HyperTRIBE** (results reported in Figures 1-4): Figure 1 and its legend; Methods.

**Smartseq-2** (results reported in Figures 5 and 7): Figure 5 and its legend.

**mRNA-seq** (results reported in Figure 7 supplement 1): Methods

**Small RNA-seq** (results reported in Figure 8): Methods

In general, high-throughput sequencing experiments use 3 biological replicates as a standard for the trade-off between number of replicates and sequencing depth. This is based on experience, not rigorous statistical calculation. For **Smartseq-2** and **mRNA-seq**, we followed this standard (i.e. 3 biological replicates).

For **HyperTRIBE**, we used 5 different replicates, because we decided to use independent transgenic lines as our replicates to avoid line-specific artifacts, as described in Methods. For this reason, we anticipated that 1, or in the worst of scenarios, 2 samples may be outliers due to transgenic line-specific effects, and therefore decided on using 5 lines to have a high chance of having at least 3 usable replicates. Subsequent analysis showed no indication of outliers in the newly generated datasets, hence all 5 five replicates of all groups were used. Of note, 1 out of the 5 samples had been removed from the *ect2-1 ECT2-FLAG-ADAR* group (see accompanying manuscript), and therefore was also not used here for the significance calling pipeline for single vs. triple mutant background comparisons.

For **small RNA-seq**, 2 biological replicates were used. 3 replicates would have been preferred, but only two of each group (wild type and *ect2/ect3/ect4* triple mutant) could be included in this experiment for quite trivial practical reasons related to the number of slots available for library preparation and in the sequencing lane.



### Replicates

- You should report how often each experiment was performed
- You should include a definition of biological versus technical replication
- The data obtained should be provided and sufficient information should be provided to indicate the number of independent biological and/or technical replicates
- If you encountered any outliers, you should describe how these were handled
- Criteria for exclusion/inclusion of data should be clearly stated
- High-throughput sequence data should be uploaded before submission, with a private link for reviewers provided (these are available from both GEO and ArrayExpress)

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Information on the number of times each experiment was performed can be found in methods or/and the legend to figure reporting the results of the experiment. Microscopy was performed on several seedlings of independent lines in different sessions, and the photographs shown are those that better represent the common features observed among all the roots studied. The terms "experiment", "biological replicate", and technical replicate as used in this paper are defined in the Methods section. Outliers were not identified in this work, and hence no exclusion of collected data was done in this work. High-throughput sequencing data have been uploaded to the European Nucleotide Archive (accession number PRJEB44359) and are publicly available, hence no private access token is needed.



### Statistical reporting

- Statistical analysis methods should be described and justified
- Raw data should be presented in figures whenever informative to do so (typically when N per group is less than 10)
- For each experiment, you should identify the statistical tests used, exact values of N, definitions of center, methods of multiple test correction, and dispersion and precision measures (e.g., mean, median, SD, SEM, confidence intervals; and, for the major substantive results, a measure of effect size (e.g., Pearson's r, Cohen's d)
- Report exact p-values wherever possible alongside the summary statistics and 95% confidence intervals. These should be reported for all key questions and not only when the p-value is less than 0.05.

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Statistical analyses are explained in Methods, and, where appropriate, briefly described in legends. Where appropriate, p-values are given in the Results sections describing the results in question.

(For large datasets, or papers with a very large number of statistical tests, you may upload a single table file with tests, Ns, etc., with reference to sections in the manuscript.)

### Group allocation

- Indicate how samples were allocated into experimental groups (in the case of clinical studies, please specify allocation to treatment method); if randomization was used, please also state if restricted randomization was applied
- Indicate if masking was used during group allocation, data collection and/or data analysis

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Group allocation does not apply to this study, other than in the most obvious sense:  
- plants of a specific genotype are treated as a group

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- Include code used for data analysis (e.g., R, MatLab)
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### Code

Relevant code is available at

[https://github.com/sarah-ku/targets\\_arabidopsis](https://github.com/sarah-ku/targets_arabidopsis)

and

<https://github.com/Gregor-Mendel-Institute/nanoPARE>

### Source data

#### Figures 1-4:

HyperTRIBE sequencing data have been deposited in the European Nucleotide Archive (accession number PRJEB44359)

#### Figure 5, panel C:

Source image files of the western blot and stained membrane have been uploaded to the eLife webpage.

#### Figure 5 panels E-G; Figure 5-supplement 2 and Figure 7

Smartseq-2 data have been deposited in the European Nucleotide Archive (accession number PRJEB44359).

#### Figure 7, supplement 1

mRNA-seq data have been deposited in the European Nucleotide Archive (accession number PRJEB44359).

#### Figure 8

Small RNA-seq data have been deposited in the European Nucleotide Archive (accession number PRJEB44359).