

The spliceosome-associated protein CWC15 promotes miRNA biogenesis in Arabidopsis

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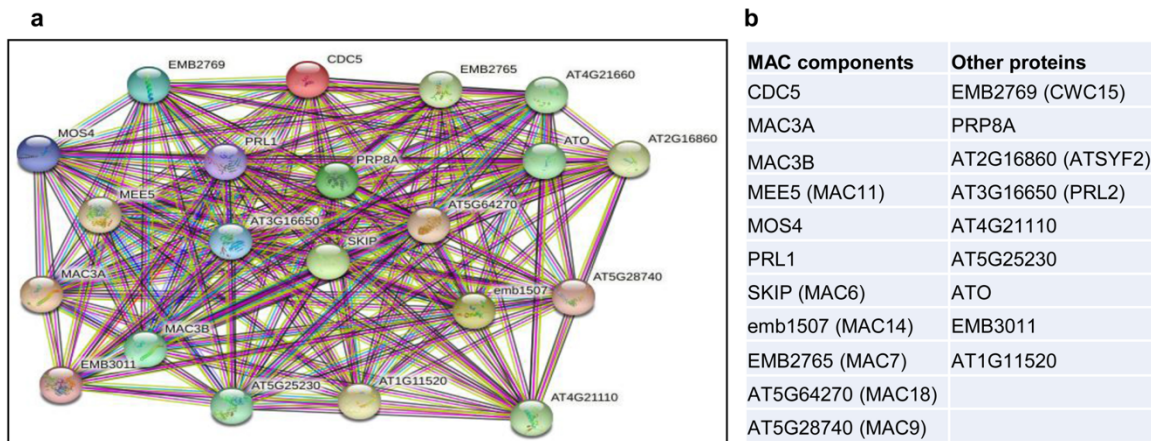
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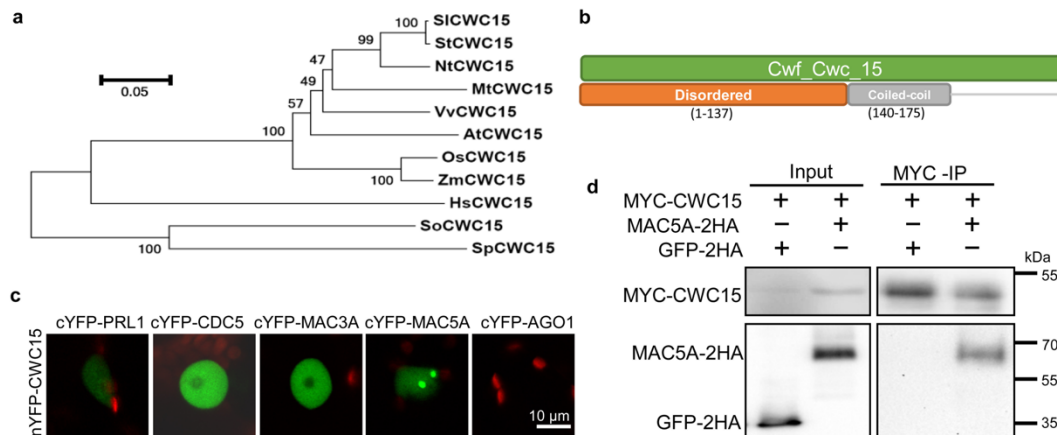
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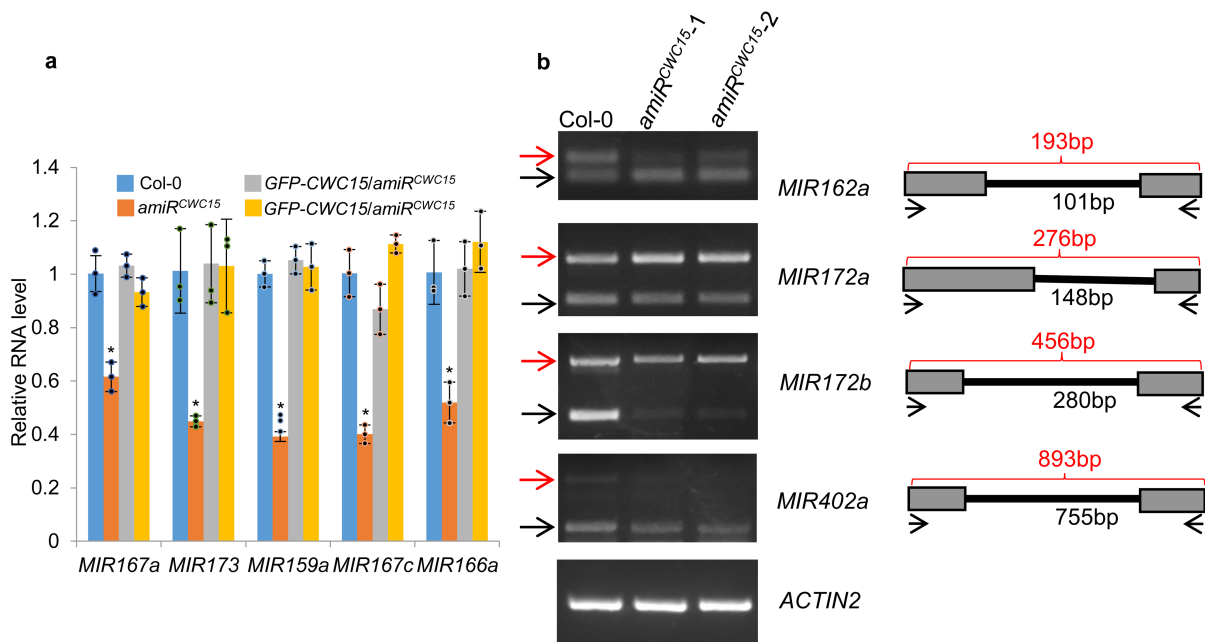
Supplementary Figure 1. Functional gene network of CDC5. Related to Figure 1. a Diagram of functional network of CDC5. The network was constructed using STRING program with a high confidence score of 0.7. Nodes and lines indicate genes and functional links, respectively. Line color indicates the type of interaction evidence. Light green: text mining; magenta: experimental data; light blue: association in curated databases; black: co-expression. **b** List of genes involved in RNA metabolism in the CDC5 functional gene network. The genes were listed based on their confidence score from high to low. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



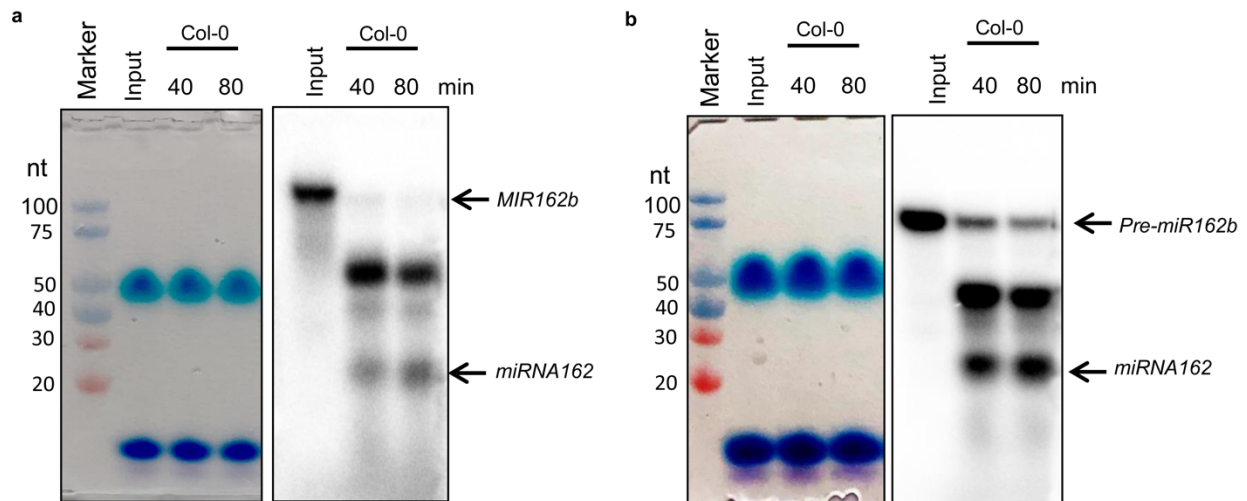
Supplementary Figure 2. CWC15 is a conserved MAC-associated protein. Related to Figure 1. **a** An unrooted phylogenetic tree of the Cwf_Cwc_15 domain-containing proteins from human, yeast and different plants (Accession numbers: HsCWC15, NP_001350300.1; SoCWC15, XP_013017451.1; SpCWC15, CAA21276.1; SicCWC15, XP_004248344.1; NtCWC15, XP_016459936.1; StCWC15, KAH0721869.1; VvCWC15, CAN74281.1; MtCWC15, XP_003608715.1; OsCWC15, XP_015644216.1; ZmCWC15, NP_001149090.1). **b** Domain architecture of CWC15 protein. **c** *BiFC analysis* of CWC15 with MAC proteins PRL1, CDC5, MAC3A and MAC5A. Paired cYFP- and nYFP-fusion proteins were co-expressed in tobacco leaves. Green color indicates the BiFC signal detected by a confocal microscopy at 48 h after infiltration. Scale bar = 10 μ m. **d** Co-IP between MYC-CWC15 and MAC5A-2H. MAC5A-2HA and GFP-2HA were co-expressed with MYC- CWC15 in tobacco leaves, respectively. IPs were performed using anti-MYC antibodies. MAC5A-2HA, GFP-2HA and MYC-CWC15 were detected by western blot. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



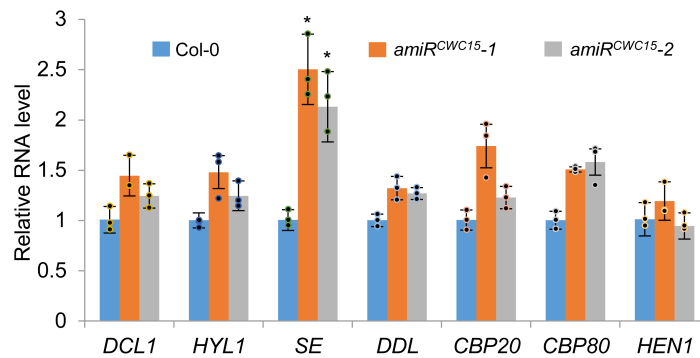
Supplementary Figure 3. Expression analysis and phenotypes of transgenic plants. Related to Figure 1. a RT-PCR analysis of transgenic plants harboring artificial miRNA *amiR^{CWC15}*. *CWC15* transcripts were detected by semi-quantitative RT-PCR. *ACTIN2* served as the internal control. **b** Phenotypes of *amiR^{CWC15}* and *amiR^{CWC15}* harboring *pCWC15::GFP-CWC15*. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



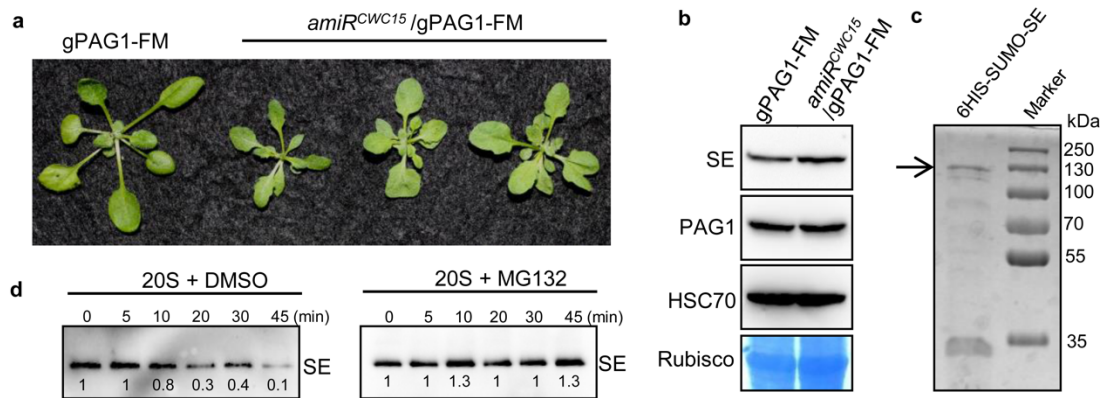
Supplementary Figure 4. Pri-miRNA analyses in various genotypes. Related to Figure 2. a The levels of pri-miRNAs in *PCWC15::GFP-CWC15/amiR^{CWC15}* transgenic plants were detected by RT-qPCR. The levels of pri-miRNAs were normalized to *ACTIN2*. Error bars indicate SD from three biological replicates (n=3) and data are presented as mean values +/- SD. Asterisks indicate significantly reduced expression based on P value (two tailed unpaired t-test; $P < 0.01$): MIR167a, 0.001531; MIR173, 0.003627; MIR159a, 0.000575; MIR167c, 0.000386; MIR166a, 0.003994. **b** Intron-retention of pri-miRNAs analyzed by RT-PCR. Upper arrows indicate the unspliced transcripts. Lower arrows indicate the intron-spliced transcripts. *ACTIN2* served as the loading control. Three replicates were performed and one representative figure was shown for each PCR amplification. Diagram shows the partial regions of several intron-containing pri-miRNAs. Arrows indicate primers used for PCR. The numbers in red indicate the length of PCR products without intron splicing. The numbers in black show the intron length. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



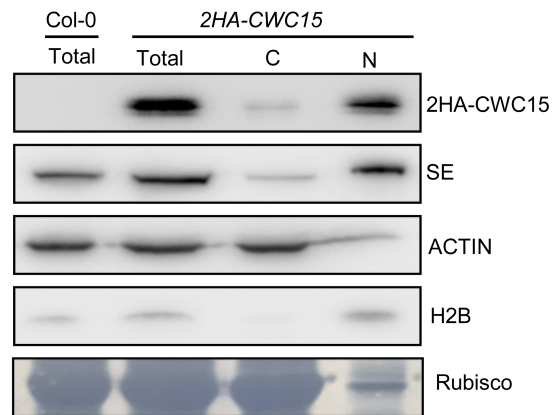
Supplementary Figure 5. Related to Figure 4. Processing of *MIR162b* and *pre-miR162b* in proteins extracts from inflorescences of Col. The reactions were stopped at various time points as indicated in the picture. The size difference between *MIR162b* and *pre-pri-miR162b* processing intermediates reflects the fact that *miR162b* is processed from loop-to-base. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Figure 6. Related to Figure 5. The effects of *amiR^{CWC15}* on the transcript levels of key genes involved in miRNA biogenesis determined by RT-qPCR. *ACTIN2* was used as a control. Error bars indicate standard deviation (SD) from three biological replicates (n=3) and data are presented as mean values +/- SD. Asterisks indicate significantly increased SE expression based on P value (two tailed unpaired t-test; P < 0.01): 0.002067/ 0.005966. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Figure 7. Related to Figure 5. *In vitro* reconstitution assays of 6xHis-SUMO-SE protein degradation via 20S proteasome. a The morphological phenotypes of Col and *amiR^{CWC15}* containing *pPAG1::PAG1-FM*. **b** SE and PAG1-FM were detected in Col and *amiR^{CWC15}* containing *pPAG1::PAG1-FM* by western blot. Rubisco stained with Coomassie brilliant blue and HSC70 was used as loading control. **c** Purified 6xHis-SUMO-SE proteins resolved in SDS-PAGE. **d** The degradation of 6xHis-SUMO-SE via 20S proteasome prepared from Col and *amiR^{CWC15}* containing *pPAG1::PAG1-FM* plants. The reaction mixture was applied with either dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO) or 50 μ M MG132 and stopped at the indicated time intervals. The numbers below the gels indicate the relative mean signals of SE proteins at different time points that were normalized to those of the proteins at time 0, where the value was arbitrarily assigned a value of 1. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Figure 8. Detection of HA-CWC15 in the nuclear and cytoplasmic protein fractions. N: nuclear fraction; C: cytoplasmic fraction. Western blot analysis was conducted with an anti-HA, anti-SE, anti-ACTIN or anti-H2B antibodies. Rubisco stained with Coomassie brilliant blue and H2B detected by anti-H2B antibody were used as controls for the cytoplasmic- and nuclear-specific fractions, respectively. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

Supplementary Table 1: DNA oligos used in this study.

Name	Sequence (5'-3')	Application
Primers for constructs		
a159CWC15-BglII-F	agatcttgatctgacgatggaagATGGCGTTGGTtCCCATAAACA TGAGTTGAGCAGG	pBTEX1300-amiRCWC15
a159CWC15-PSTI-R	ctgcagATGATGGCGTTGGTAACCCATAAAGAAGAGTA AAAGCCATTA	pBTEX1300-amiRCWC15
a159-CWC15-IFPSTI-R	AAAGCAGGGCATGCCTGCAGATGTCGCGGCTCACA CAAC	pBTEX1300-amiRCWC15
PCWC15-PBAeGFM-F	TTGGATCCGGTCTAGAGTAGGATTAAGTAGGAAGTC ATGTG	<i>pCWC15::eGFP-CWC15</i>
PCWC15-PBAeG-IF-R	TGCTCACCATTCTAGAATCAACCAAGATCGAGATAA GGACG	<i>pCWC15::eGFP-CWC15</i>
CWC15-PAB35SGIF-F	GCTGTACAAGCTCGAGATGACGACTGCAGCACGA	<i>pCWC15::eGFP-CWC15</i>
CWC15-PAB35SGIF-R	GTTAATTAAGAACCCGGGTCACTTCATGTATCTATG CAGGA	<i>pCWC15::eGFP-CWC15</i>
CWC15-PBAFMIF-F	AGGACTTGGGCTCGAGAATGACGACTGCAGCACGA	<i>p35S::FM-CWC15</i>
CWC15-PBAFMIF-R	GTTAATTAAGAACCCGGGTCACTTCATGTATCTATG CAGGA	<i>p35S::FM-CWC15</i>
N2HA-CWC15-F	tccttagaccgggATGACGACTGCAGCACGACC	pBTEX1300-2HA-CWC15
N2HA-CWC15-R	AAAGCAGGGCATGCCTGCAGCCCGGGTCACTTCATG TATC	pBTEX1300-2HA-CWC15
HYL1-IFKpnI-F	TTTGGAGAGGACAGGGTACCATGACCTCCACTGATG TTTCC	<i>p35S::HYL1-2HA</i>
HYL1-IFStuI-R	GTCGTATGGGTAAGGCCTTGCCTGGCTTGCTTCTGT C	<i>p35S::HYL1-2HA</i>
SE-IFKpnI-F	TTTGGAGAGGACAGGGTACCATGGCCGATGTTAATC TTCCT	<i>p35S::SE-2HA</i>
SE-IFStuI-R	GTCGTATGGGTAAGGCCTCAAGCTCCTGTAATCAAT AACGG	<i>p35S::SE-2HA</i>
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PAG1-StuI-R	GTCGTATGGGTAAGGCCTGTCAGCATCCATCTCCTC G	<i>p35S::PAG1-2HA</i>
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PAB1-StuI-R	GTCGTATGGGTAAGGCCTCTCGACTTCAGCAAGGT	<i>p35S::PAB1-2HA</i>
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PRP4KA-eGFMIF-SmaI-R	GTTAATTAAGAACCCGGGTCACTTGCCAGTGATGAA TGGGT	<i>p35S::FM-PRP4KA</i>
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miR173-forward	GTTGGCTTCGCTTGCAGAGAG	Stem-loop qPCR
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miR159a-forward	CGGCGGTTTGGATTGAAGGGA	Stem-loop qPCR
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miR167c-Forward	GTTGGCTAAGCTGCCAGCATG	Stem-loop qPCR
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miR156a-Forward	GCGGCGGTGACAGAAGAGAGT	Stem-loop qPCR
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Universal	GTGCAGGGTCCGAGGT	Stem-loop qPCR
Primers for RT-qPCR		
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qAPS3-1F	GCGGCGGATTTGCCGAGAGT	RT-qPCR
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qPHV-1R	TCTCGACATCTGCGATTCTG	RT-qPCR
qARLPK1-1F	TTATTAGGAGATGTCTGAAGGAT	RT-qPCR
qARLPK1-1R	TCATTTCTGATCTCTTCAAGCT	RT-qPCR
Primers for ChIP qPCR		
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cMIR159a-R	GAACAGGTGGGTGCATCTGAA	ChIP-qPCR
cMIR173-F	ACTTAAAGCGGCGGTCTCA	ChIP-qPCR
cMIR173-R	GGGTTTATTTGTGAGAAGAAGATCA	ChIP-qPCR
cMIR172b-F	AGGAGAAAAGCAGTGGGATA	ChIP-qPCR
cMIR172b-R	CCTTGGATTCTGTGAGTT	ChIP-qPCR
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cMIR168a-R	TATTTGGAAAAGATTAGAACAGCG	ChIP-qPCR
Probe sequence for Northern blot		
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miR167	T+AGA+TCA+TGT+TGG+CAG+TTT+CA	Northern blot
miR172	AT+GCA+GCA+TCA+TCA+AGA+TTC+T	Northern blot
miR319	GGG+AGC+TCC+CTT+CAG+TCC+AA	Northern blot
miR390	G+GCG+CTA+TCC+CTC+CTG+AGC+TT	Northern blot
miR173	G+TGA+TTT+CTC+TCT+CGA+AGC+GAA	Northern blot
U6	TCATCCTTGCGCAGGGGCCA	Northern blot
Primers for <i>in vitro</i> RNA processing assay		
T7miR162b-p3	TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGAAAGAGTGAAGTCGCT GGAG	Pri-miR162b Probe
miR162b-p4	CATGAAGAGCAAGCAGCGCTGGATGC	Pri-miR162b Probe
T7-premiR162bF	TAATACGACTCACTATAGGAGGCAGCGGTTTCATCGA TC	Pre-miR162b Probe
premiR162bR	CTGGATGCAGAGGTTTATCGATC	Pre-miR162b Probe