

Tuning *LeSPL-CNR* expression by SlymiR157 affects tomato fruit ripening

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Supplementary Figure 2 | Viral delivery of mature SlymiR157 delays tomato fruit ripening. (a) PVX-based *Mr* VIGS vectors PVX/SlymiR156 and PVX/SlymiR157. Genome organization (166K, 25K 12K, 8K and coat protein (CP)) of PVX are indicated. (b) PVX delivery of mature SlymiR157 postponed ripening of AC fruits. Ripening delayed sectors and pericarp in dissected fruits are green or yellow. (c) Expression of SlymiR156 from PVX/SlymiR156 did not affect normal ripening, but enhanced the process of softening after breaker and the red ripe stages. Mock- or empty PVX-treated

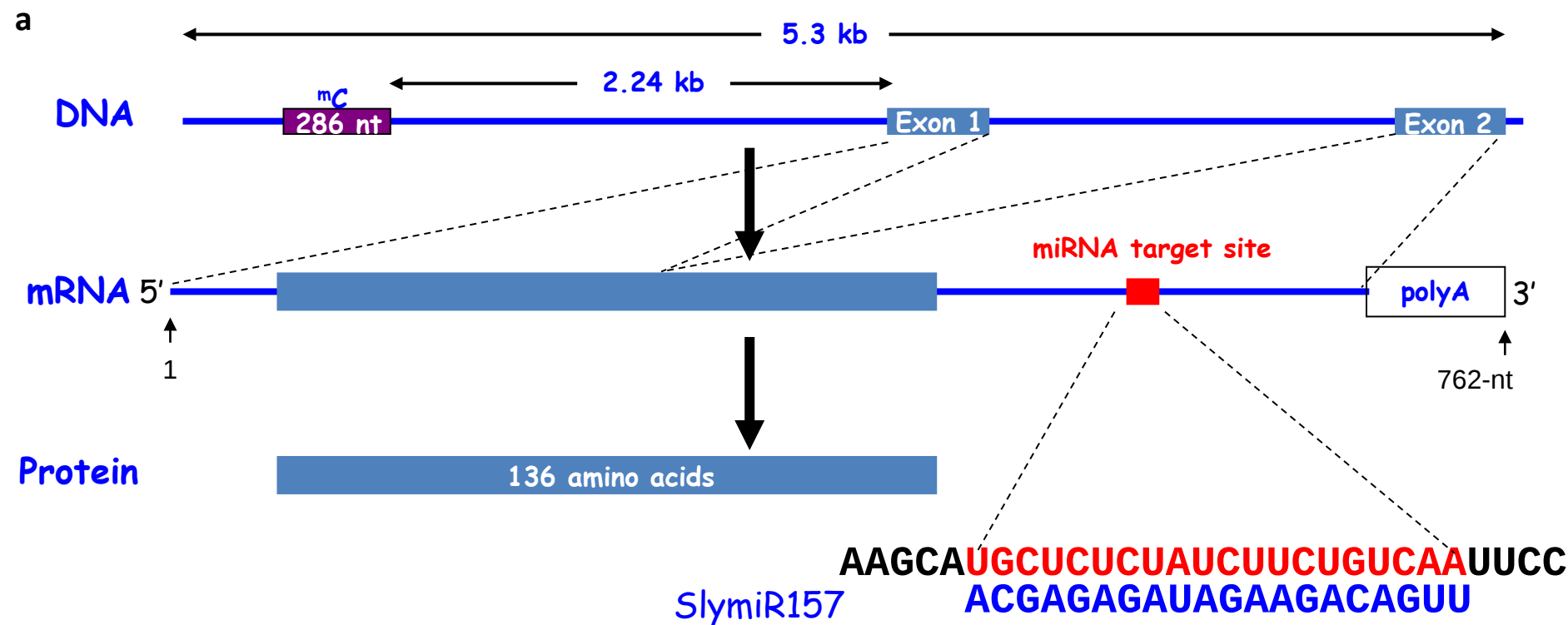
AC fruits ripened normally. Photographs were taken at 8, 11, or 14 days after breaker (Br +8, Br + 11, or Br + 14).

Supplementary Table 1 Primers for construction of Mr and Sir VIGS and miRNA:GFP reporter vectors

Construct	Primer sequence (5'-3')	Gene or fragment amplified	Use
PVX/pre-SlymiR157	F: CGGGGGATCGATTTTGACAGAAGATAGA (<i>ClaI</i>) R: TACATACGGCCGATGACGGAAGCATAGA (<i>EagI</i>)	pre-SlymiR157	PCR cloning pre-SlymiR157 into the <i>ClaI</i> and <i>EagI</i> sites of PVX
PVX/SlymiR157	F: CGATTGACAGAAGATAGAGAGCAC (<i>ClaI/EagI</i>) R: GGCCGTGCTCTCTATCTTCTGTCAAT (<i>EagI/ClaI</i>)	SlymiR157	Cloning mature SlymiR157 into the <i>ClaI</i> and <i>EagI</i> sites of PVX
PVX/SlymiR156	F: CGATGACAGAAGAGAGTGAGCAC (<i>ClaI/EagI</i>) R: GGCCGTGCTCACTCTCTTCTGTCTAT (<i>EagI/ClaI</i>)	SlymiR156	Cloning mature SlymiR156 into the <i>ClaI</i> and <i>EagI</i> sites of PVX
TRV/pre-SlymiR157	F: GCGGGGTACCTTTTGACAGAAGATAGA (<i>KpnI</i>) R: TTGGGGTCTAGAATGACGGAAGCATAGA (<i>XbaI</i>)	pre-SlymiR157	PCR cloning pre-SlymiR157 into the <i>KpnI</i> and <i>XbaI</i> sites of TRV
PVX/mLeSPL-CNR	F: CCTCACATCGATTAGGAACTAACAATGGGAAGGGA (<i>ClaI</i>) R: GATGCTCGGCCGTCAGCCCAAATTTCTCCATGAGAG (<i>EagI</i>)	Nonsense-mutated <i>LeSPL-CNR</i>	PCR cloning mLeSPL-CNR into the <i>ClaI</i> and <i>EagI</i> sites of PVX
PVX/SlymiR157Tar::GFP	F: CGATATGGTGCTCTCTATCTTCTGTCAAC (<i>ClaI/EagI</i>) R: GGCCGTTGACAGAAGATAGAGAGCACCATAT (<i>EagI/ClaI</i>)	SlymiR157 target site	Cloning SlymiR157 target sequence into the <i>ClaI</i> and <i>EagI</i> site of PVX/GFP
PVX/SlymiR157::GFP	F: CGATATGTTGACAGAAGATAGAGAGCACC (<i>ClaI/EagI</i>) R: GGCCGGTGCTCTCTATCTTCTGTCAACATAT (<i>EagI/ClaI</i>)	SlymiR157	Cloning SlymiR157 into the <i>ClaI</i> and <i>EagI</i> site of PVX/GFP
PVX/mSlymiR157::GFP	F: CGATATGT-GACAGAA-ATAGAGAGCACC (<i>ClaI/EagI</i>) R: GGCCGGTGCTCTCTAT-TTCTGTC-ACATAT (<i>EagI/ClaI</i>)	SlymiR157 target site	Cloning mutated SlymiR157 into the <i>ClaI</i> and <i>EagI</i> site of PVX/GFP

Supplementary Table 2 Primers for quantitative and semi-quantitative RT-PCR detection and genome walking

Primer	Sequences (5' - 3')	Gene or fragment amplified	Annealing temperature	Detection	Orgin
LeSPL-CNR-F	TGGAAACTAACAAATGGGAAGGG	LeSPL-CNR	58°C	qRT-PCR for LeSPL-CNR RNA	LeSPL-CNR
LeSPL-CNR-R	GGCGATGGTATGGCTTGG				
LeMADS-RIN-F	AAGGAACCCAAACTTCATCAG	LeMADS-RIN	58°C	qRT-PCR for LeMADS-RIN RNA	LeMADS-RIN
LeMADS-RIN-R	TTGTCCCAAATCCTCACCTA				
LeHB1-F	CTACGACGAGCAGTCACCG	LeHB1	58°C	qRT-PCR for LeHB1 RNA	LeHB1
LeHB1-R	GGAACCATACAGCCACCT				
SIAP2a-F	GGAGTATGAATCCGATGAAGGT	SIAP2a	58°C	qRT-PCR for SIAP2a RNA	SIAP2a
SIAP2a-R	CGATTCCAAATTGTGGTCTT				
SITAGL1-F	GCAATAACTCCCTGCCTGTA	SITAGL1	55°C	qRT-PCR for SITAGL1RNA	SITAGL1
SITAGL1-R	AGATGAAGAGCCTTGACCC				
SlymiR157-F	TATGATGGAATGCTGCTGC	Pre-SlymiR157	58°C	qRT-PCR for pre-miR157 RNA	Pre-SlymiR157
SlymiR157-R	GCATAGAGAGCACAAATGAAGT				
PVX-F	CAGTGTGGCTTGCAAACCTAG	PVX::pre-SlymiR157	58°C	qRT-PCR for recombinant PVX::pre-SlymiR157 RNA	PVX/pre-SlymiR157
SlymiR157-R	GCATAGAGAGCACAAATGAAGT				
PVX-F	CAGTGTGGCTTGCAAACCTAG	PVX::SlymiR157 RNA	58°C	qRT-PCR for recombinant PVX::SlymiR157 RNA	PVX/SlymiR157
PVX/SlymiR157-R	GGCCGTGCTCTCTATCTTCTGTCAAT				
SlymiR157	TTGACAGAAGATAGAGAGCACA	pre-SlymiR157/mature SlymiR157	58°C	qRT-PCR and genome walking	SlymiR157
SlymiR156a	TTGACAGAAGATAGAGAGCAAA	SlymiR156a	58°C	qRT-PCR	SlymiR156a
PVX-F	CAGTGTGGCTTGCAAACCTAG	PVX::SlymiR157Tar::GFP	58°C	Semi qRT-PCR for recombinant	PVX/pre-SlymiR157Ts::GFP
GFP-R	TTTGTGTCCAAGATGTTCCATCTTC	PVX::SlymiR157::GFP		PVX::pre-SlymiR157Tar::GFP RNA	
		PVX::mSlymiR157::GFP			
		PVX::GFP			



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- Tomato SlymiR157
 - Tomato SlymiR157a
 - Arabidopsis miR157
 - Nicotiana benthamiana* miR157
 - Tomato SlymiR156
 - Arabidopsis miR156
 - Glycine max* miR156
 - Populus tricharpa* miR156
 - Selaginella moellendorffii* miR156
 - Rice miR156
 - Medicago truncatula* miR156
 - Zea mays* miR156

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Supplementary Figure 2 (Hong)

