

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

### **At-RS31 orchestrates hierarchical cross-regulation of splicing factors and integrates alternative splicing with TOR-ABA pathways**

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## SUPPLEMENTAL FIGURES

### Fig. S1

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### **At-RS31-GFP fusion protein expressed in transgenic plants used in the individual-nucleotide resolution crosslinking and immunoprecipitation (iCLIP)**

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(a) Reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) analysis confirming the expression of *RS31::RS31-GFP* in the *rs31-1* mutant background.

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(c) RT-PCR analysis of *At-RS31* paralog *At-RS31a*. In the *rs31-1* mutant background, the alternative splicing pattern of *At-RS31a* is shifted toward the reference isoform encoding the full-length protein. Complementation with *RS31::RS31-GFP* restores the splicing pattern of *At-RS31a* to the state closely resembling that of *A. thaliana* wild type plants.

Transcript models are visualized using the Boxify tool (<https://boxify.boku.ac.at/>). The regions spanning from the translational start codon to either the stop codon or premature termination codon are depicted in black. The arrowhead indicates the T-DNA insertion site in the *rs31-1* mutant (SALK\_021332 line). Black arrows represent the positions of primers used in the RT-PCRs. Alternative splicing isoforms (AS) and reference transcripts (ref) encoding full-length proteins are indicated to the right of the gel images. Irrelevant PCR samples are masked with white rectangles.

## Fig. S6

### **Immunopurification of At-RS31 protein–RNA complexes from ultraviolet crosslinked RS31::RS31-GFP and 35S::GFP plants and preparation of individual-nucleotide resolution crosslinking and immunoprecipitation (iCLIP) libraries**

(a, b) Autoradiograms of RS31-GFP (A) and GFP protein-RNA complexes (B) used for library preparation. The regions above the RS31-GFP and GFP proteins containing the co-precipitated RNAs, which were cut out for library preparation, are indicated by the red boxes. The positions of the markers are indicated. GFP – green fluorescent protein.

(c, d) Preparation of iCLIP libraries by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) amplification. The numbers of PCR cycles are indicated. The lengths of the cDNAs correspond to the size of the PCR

product minus the length of the P3/P5Solexa primers and the barcode (128 nucleotides (nt) in total). For each replicate, the low (L), medium (M) and high (H) molecular weight PCRs were combined according to their relative concentrations.

### **Fig. S7**

#### **Genome-wide distribution of crosslink sites**

Localization of the crosslink sites of RS31-GFP (red) and GFP alone (green) throughout the *Arabidopsis thaliana* chromosomes (Chr) for each biological replicate. The screenshot was created using the Integrative Genomics Viewer (Robinson *et al.*, 2011). GFP – green fluorescent protein.

### **Fig. S8**

#### **Sequence logo of At-RS31 binding sites enriched upstream of 5' splice sites**

Sequence logo from aligned RS31-GFP binding sites, which were enriched upstream of 5' splice sites.

### **Fig. S9**

#### **RNAcompete analysis of the *Arabidopsis thaliana* At-RS31 protein**

RNAcompete assay was performed for the full-length At-RS31 protein (a-d) and its truncated version containing RNA recognition motifs (RRMs) only (e-h).

(a) and (e) Top ten 7-mers for At-RS31 and At-RS31RRMs. Corresponding Z-scores for Set A, Set B, and the average of Set A and Set B (All data) are shown.

(b) and (f) Correlation between 7-mers Z-scores from Set A and Set B.

(c) and (g) Alignment of the top ten 7-mers for Set A, Set B, and Set A+B (All data).

(d) and (h) RNA-binding motifs of At-RS31 and At-RS31RRMs. Logos derived from the top ten 7-mers shown in (a) and (e). Sequence logos are generated by WebLogo at <https://weblogo.berkeley.edu/>.

### Fig. S10

#### **Reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) analyses of differential alternative splicing events in genes with At-RS31 binding sites identified by individual-nucleotide resolution crosslinking and immunoprecipitation (iCLIP)**

RT-PCR analyses of differential alternative splicing (DAS) events in *rs31-1* mutant, 35S::RS31 overexpression and *Arabidopsis thaliana* wild-type (wt) plants were performed for genes with At-RS31 binding sites identified by iCLIP. Transcript models for the genes visualized using Boxify tool <https://boxify.boku.ac.at/>. Regions from translational start codon to stop codon or premature termination codon are shown in black. Red arrowheads show positions of At-RS31 binding sites. Blue squares below the transcript models represent primers used in the RT-PCRs, their positions were identified by Boxify. DAS events and reference transcripts (ref) encoding the full-length proteins are indicated to the right of the gels. RI - retained intron; EI – exitron; AA – alternative acceptor / alternative 3' splice site; AD - alternative donor / alternative 5' splice site. *UBQ1* was used as a loading control.

### Fig. S11

#### **Reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) analyses of differential alternative splicing in genes encoding RNA binding proteins and splicing factors, including Serine/Arginine-rich (SR) proteins**

RT-PCR analysis was conducted to examine differential alternative splicing (DAS) events in *rs31-1* mutant, 35S::RS31 overexpression, and *Arabidopsis thaliana* wild-type (wt) plants, focusing on genes encoding RNA binding proteins and splicing factors, including SR proteins. Transcript models for these genes are visualized using the Boxify tool (<https://boxify.boku.ac.at/>). Regions, spanning from the translational start codon to the stop codon or premature termination codon, are depicted in black. Blue squares beneath the transcript models represent the positions of primers used in the RT-PCR experiments, as determined by Boxify. Red arrowheads denote the locations of At-RS31 binding sites identified by individual-nucleotide resolution crosslinking and immunoprecipitation (iCLIP). DAS events and reference transcripts (ref) encoding the full-length proteins are indicated to the right of the gel images. AA – alternative acceptor / alternative 3' splice site; AD – alternative donor / alternative 5' splice site; CE – cassette exon / exon skipping; EI – exitron; RI - retained intron. The loading control used was *UBQ1*.

## **Fig. S12**

### **Example of At-RS31 and Target of Rapamycin (TOR) pathway shared target MCM3 MINICHROMOSOME MAINTENANCE 3 (AT5G46280)**

Integrated genome viewer tracks are shown for RNA sequencing read coverage in *rs31-1*, 35S::RS31 and *Arabidopsis thaliana* wild-type plants and for individual-nucleotide resolution crosslinking and immunoprecipitation (iCLIP) crosslinks for RS31-GFP and GFP control. The related tracks have the same scale. Transcript models are visualized using Boxify tool <https://boxify.boku.ac.at/>. Regions from translational start codon to the reference stop codon or a premature termination codon are shown in black. Dashed rectangle denotes region undergoing differential alternative splicing in 35S::RS31 or *rs31-1* in comparison to wild-type plants. GFP – green fluorescent protein.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY TABLES**

### **Table S1**

#### **Oligonucleotides used in this study**

RT-PCR - reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction; GST - glutathione S-transferase; iCLIP - individual-nucleotide resolution crosslinking and immunoprecipitation; EI – exitron; RI – retained intron

### **Table S2**

#### **Individual-nucleotide resolution crosslinking and immunoprecipitation (iCLIP) read statistics**

Table of read, called peak and binding site counts for each sample and processing step. GFP – green fluorescent protein.

### **Table S3**

#### **Coordinates of At-RS31 binding sites identified by individual-nucleotide resolution crosslinking and immunoprecipitation (iCLIP) in *Arabidopsis thaliana***

Table with genomic coordinates of RS31-GFP binding sites with the corresponding PureClip scores. Controls (GFP) are subtracted. Identifiers of associated protein-coding and non-coding

(labeled NC) genes, as well as the position of the binding sites in the transcript regions (5' UTR, CDS, intron, 3' UTR) are indicated. Chr - chromosome; 5' UTR and 3' UTR - 5' and 3' untranslated regions; CDS - coding sequence.

#### **Table S4**

##### **At-RS31 target transcripts identified by individual-nucleotide resolution crosslinking and immunoprecipitation (iCLIP) in *Arabidopsis thaliana***

The gene annotation version was taken from Araport11, but only the reference gene models were considered. Controls (GFP) are subtracted. AGI - Arabidopsis Genome Initiative; 5' UTR and 3' UTR - 5' and 3' untranslated regions; CDS - coding sequence.

#### **Table S5**

##### **Functional enrichment analysis**

Functional enrichment analysis of *Arabidopsis thaliana* At-RS31 iCLIP targets, differentially alternatively spliced (DAS) and differentially expressed (DEG) genes in the *rs31-1* mutant and *35S::RS31* overexpressing plants was performed using g:Profiler (Kolberg *et al.*, 2023) at <https://biit.cs.ut.ee/gprofiler/gost>. Version e110\_eg57\_p18\_4b54a898. Term sources include the Gene Ontology (GO) for BP (biological process), MF (molecular function) and CC (cellular component) categories, as well as KEGG (Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes) pathways. Adjusted p-values were calculated using the g:SCS multiple testing correction method implemented in g:Profiler. iCLIP - individual-nucleotide resolution crosslinking and immunoprecipitation.

#### **Table S6**

##### **Distances from transcription start sites to At-RS31 binding sites in *Arabidopsis thaliana***

The positional relationship of At-RS31 binding sites to transcription start sites (TSS) was mapped through intersecting the annotated genomic TSS locations (Zhang *et al.*, 2022). The most 5' TSS for each gene was chosen. Columns with the suffix '1' refer to TSS coordinates and annotation, and columns with the suffix '2' refer to the corresponding At-RS31 binding site coordinates and annotation. Chr – chromosome; AGI - Arabidopsis Genome Initiative; BS dist – distance in nucleotides to a binding site.



## Table S7

### Regions upstream of 5' splice sites containing At-RS31 binding sites in *Arabidopsis thaliana*

Coordinates of RS31-GFP binding sites extended to 21 nucleotides, enriched upstream of 5' splice sites. AGI - Arabidopsis Genome Initiative; 5' UTR and 3' UTR - 5' and 3' untranslated regions; CDS - coding sequence.

## Table S8

### Differential alternative splicing analysis for At-RS31 mutant and overexpression plants

Differential alternative splicing (DAS) analysis was performed in the *rs31-1* mutant, 35S::RS31 overexpressing plants compared to *Arabidopsis thaliana* wild-type (WT) controls using RNA-seq data. DAS events were obtained and quantified using Whippet (Sterne-Weiler *et al.*, 2018), which calculates the probability of differential splicing based on a Bayesian framework. DAS events with a probability  $\geq 0.9$  and an absolute delta percent-spliced-in ( $|\Delta\text{PSI}|$ )  $\geq 0.1$  were considered to be significant.

The table includes gene expression differences in DAS genes based on the adjusted p-value  $< 0.05$  ( $|\text{L2FC}| > 1$  not required), with p-values corrected for multiple testing using the Benjamini–Yekutieli method. Classification of DAS genes as RNA-binding proteins or splicing factors (SF-RBP) or transcription factors (TF) was based on lists from (Calixto *et al.*, 2018). At-RS31 iCLIP peak occurrences, their coordinates, and their locations relative genic features are based on data shown in Tables S3 and S4.

AA - alternative acceptor; AD - alternative donor; CE – cassette exon / exon skipping; EI – exitron; RI - retained intron; AGI - Arabidopsis Genome Initiative; TPM – transcripts per million; iCLIP - individual-nucleotide resolution crosslinking and immunoprecipitation; 5utr and 3utr - 5' and 3' untranslated regions; CDS - coding sequence; NA – not applicable.

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### Transcription factors modulated by At-RS31

The table shows transcription factors (TF) undergoing differential alternative splicing (DAS) and differential expression (DE) in the *rs31-1* mutant, *35S::RS31* overexpressing plants compared to *Arabidopsis thaliana* wild-type controls. TF gene list is based on (Calixto *et al.*, 2018). Details on DAS and DE in TF genes are shown in Tables S8 and S9. At-RS31 binding sites in DAS and DE TF genes are based on iCLIP data shown in Tables S3 and S4. AGI - Arabidopsis Genome Initiative; iCLIP - individual-nucleotide resolution crosslinking and immunoprecipitation.

**Table S11**

### Shared targets of At-RS31 and the Target of Rapamycin (TOR) pathway in *Arabidopsis thaliana*

The table summarizes At-RS31 iCLIP binding sites and differential alternative splicing (DAS) events in the *rs31-1* mutant and *35S::RS31* overexpressing plants in genes related to the TOR pathway. It includes genes that show DAS under TOR inhibition (TOR DAS) (Riegler *et al.*, 2021), genes encoding proteins regulated by TOR-dependent phosphorylation (TOR phosphoproteins) (Van Leene *et al.*, 2019; Scarpin *et al.*, 2020), and genes encoding proteins interacting with the TOR complex (TOR interactors) (Jamsheer K *et al.*, 2022). AGI - Arabidopsis Genome Initiative; iCLIP - individual-nucleotide resolution crosslinking and immunoprecipitation; ΔPSI - delta percent-spliced-in; AS – alternative splicing; AA – alternative acceptor / alternative 3' splice site; AD – alternative donor / alternative 5' splice site; CE – cassette exon / exon skipping; EI – exon; and

RI - retained intron; CDS – coding sequence; UTR – untranslated region; NMD – nonsense-mediated mRNA decay; PTC – premature termination codon; NA - not applicable.

## **Table S12**

### **Contingency tables for statistical analysis of gene overlaps**

The statistical significance of gene overlaps was assessed using a hypergeometric-based tool available at [http://nemates.org/MA/progs/overlap\\_stats.html](http://nemates.org/MA/progs/overlap_stats.html). This tool calculates a representation factor, defined as the ratio of observed overlap to expected overlap, and determines a p-value using the hypergeometric (Fisher's exact) test or, for very large sets, a normal approximation. In our analyses, the p-value was obtained from the hypergeometric test comparing each subset to the 33,602 *Arabidopsis thaliana* genes in TAIR10. Only tables for significant overlaps are shown. ABA – abscisic acid; DAS – differential alternative splicing; DE – differential expression; iCLIP - individual-nucleotide resolution crosslinking and immunoprecipitation; TOR – Target of Rapamycin; TORC1 - Target of Rapamycin Complex 1.

## **Table S13**

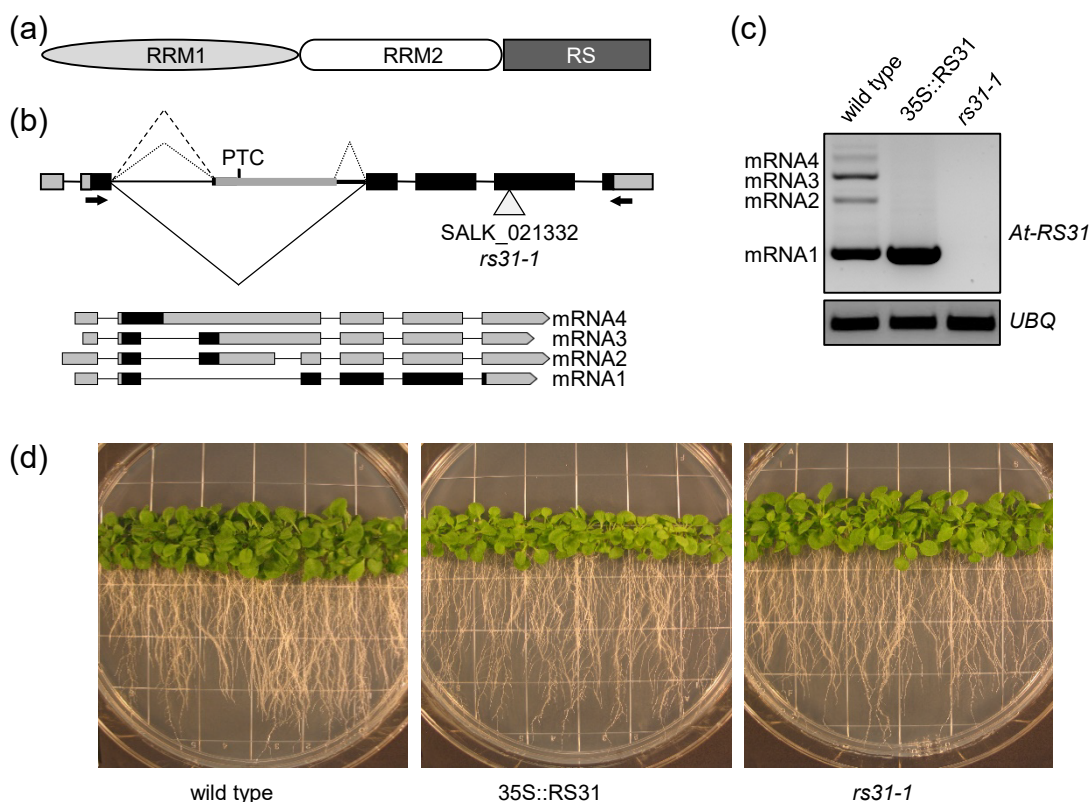
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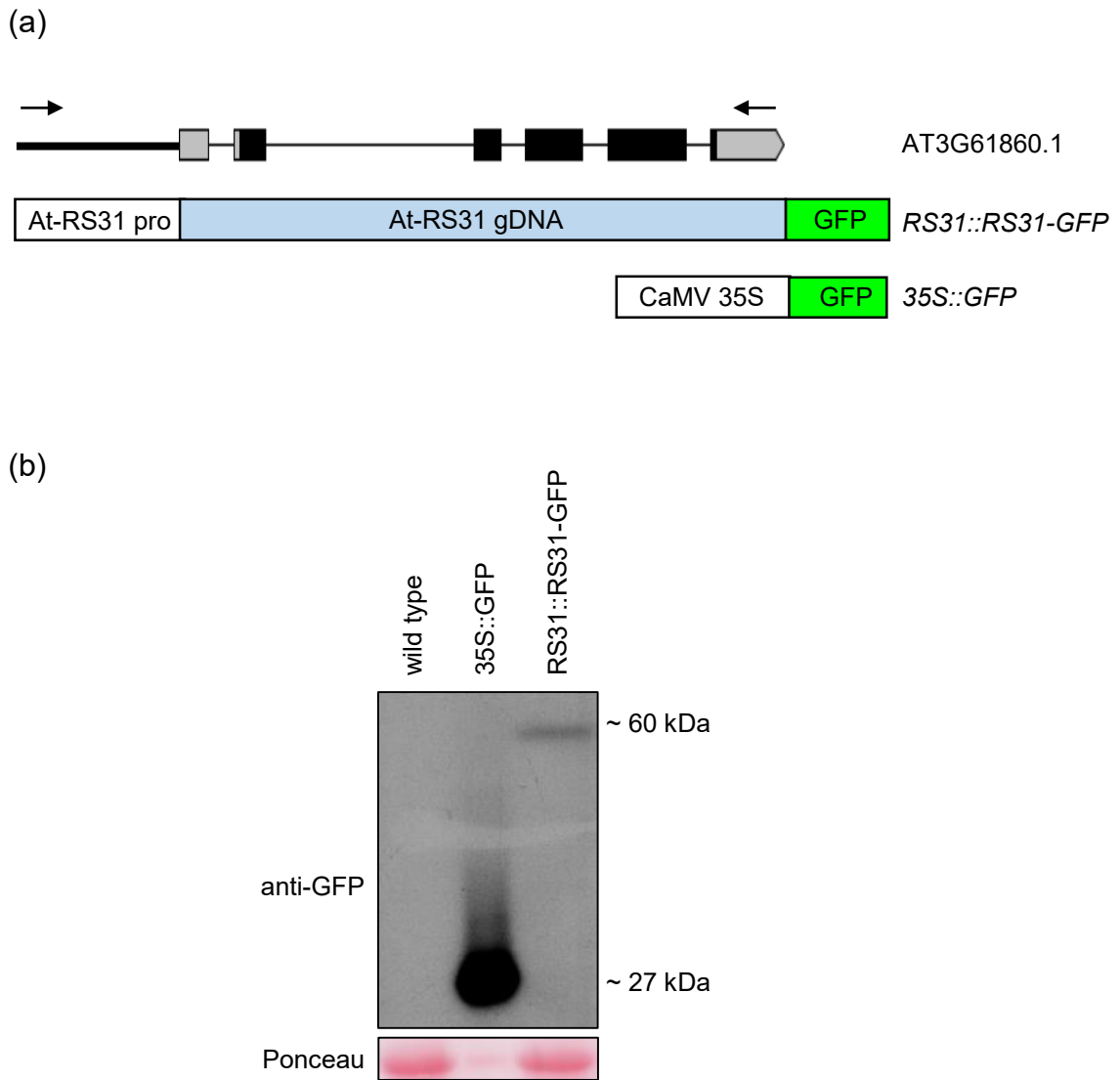
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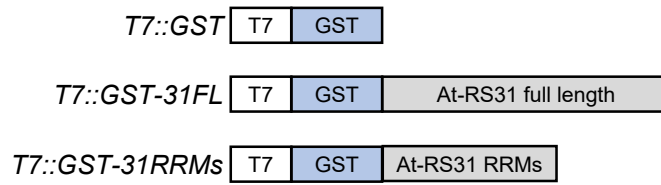


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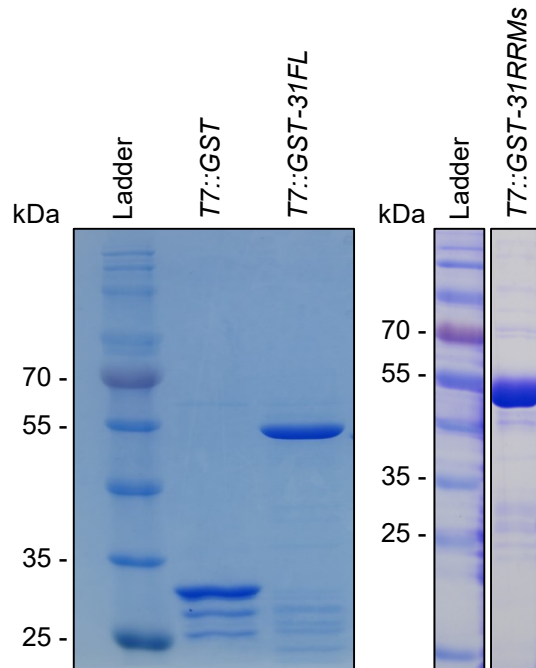
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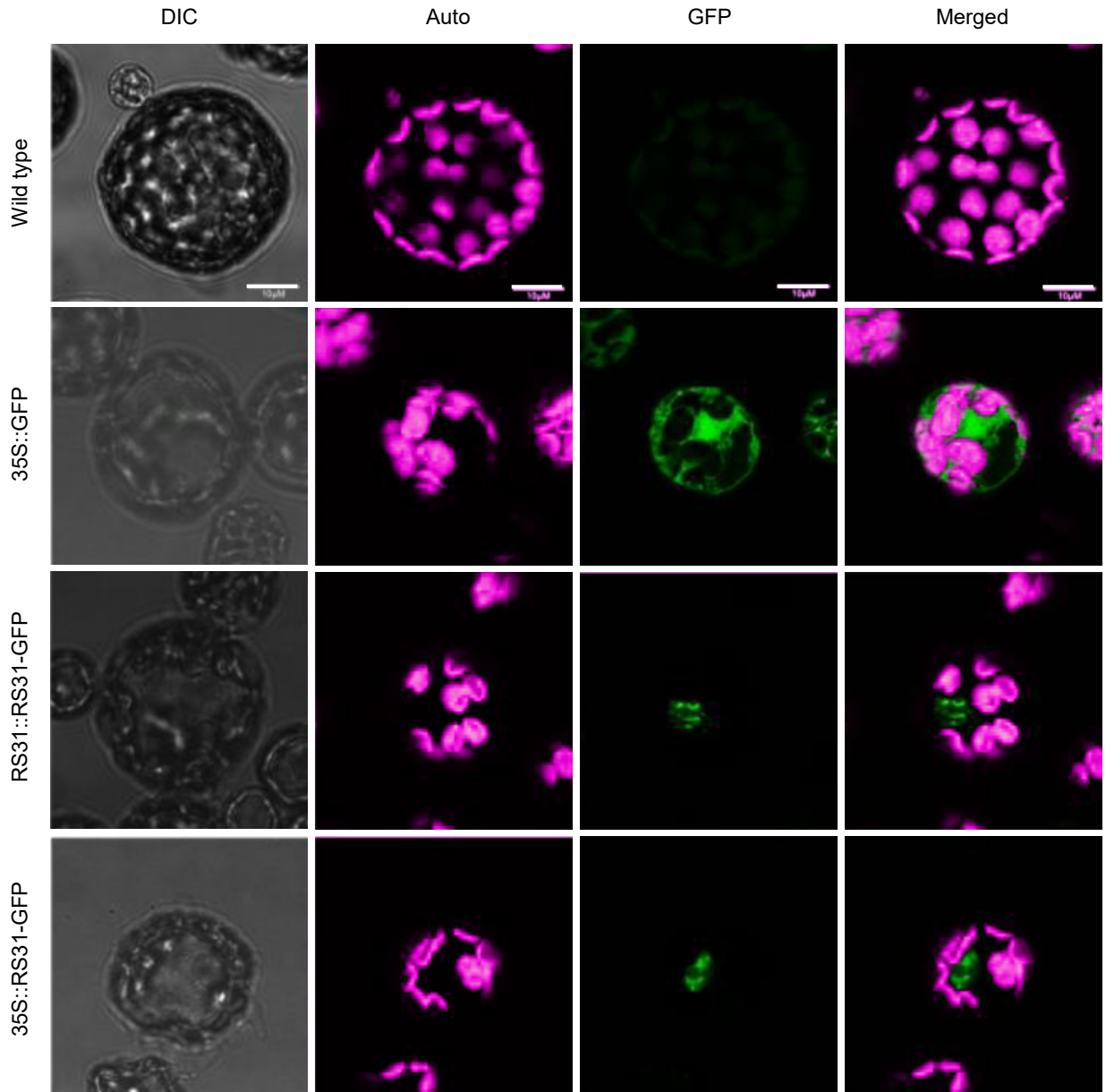
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**Fig. S3 Glutathione S-transferase (GST)-tagged At-RS31 proteins used for RNAcompete**

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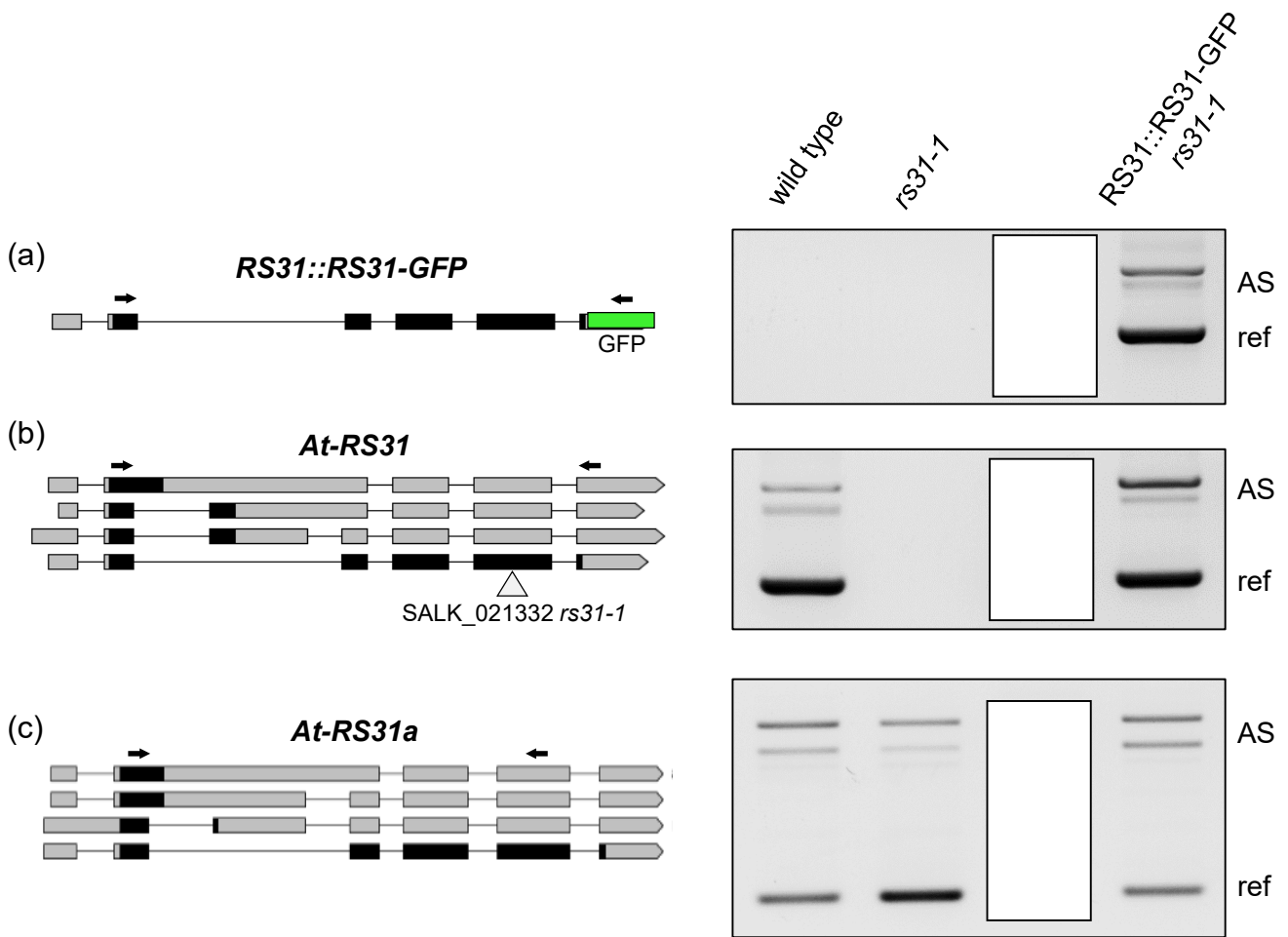
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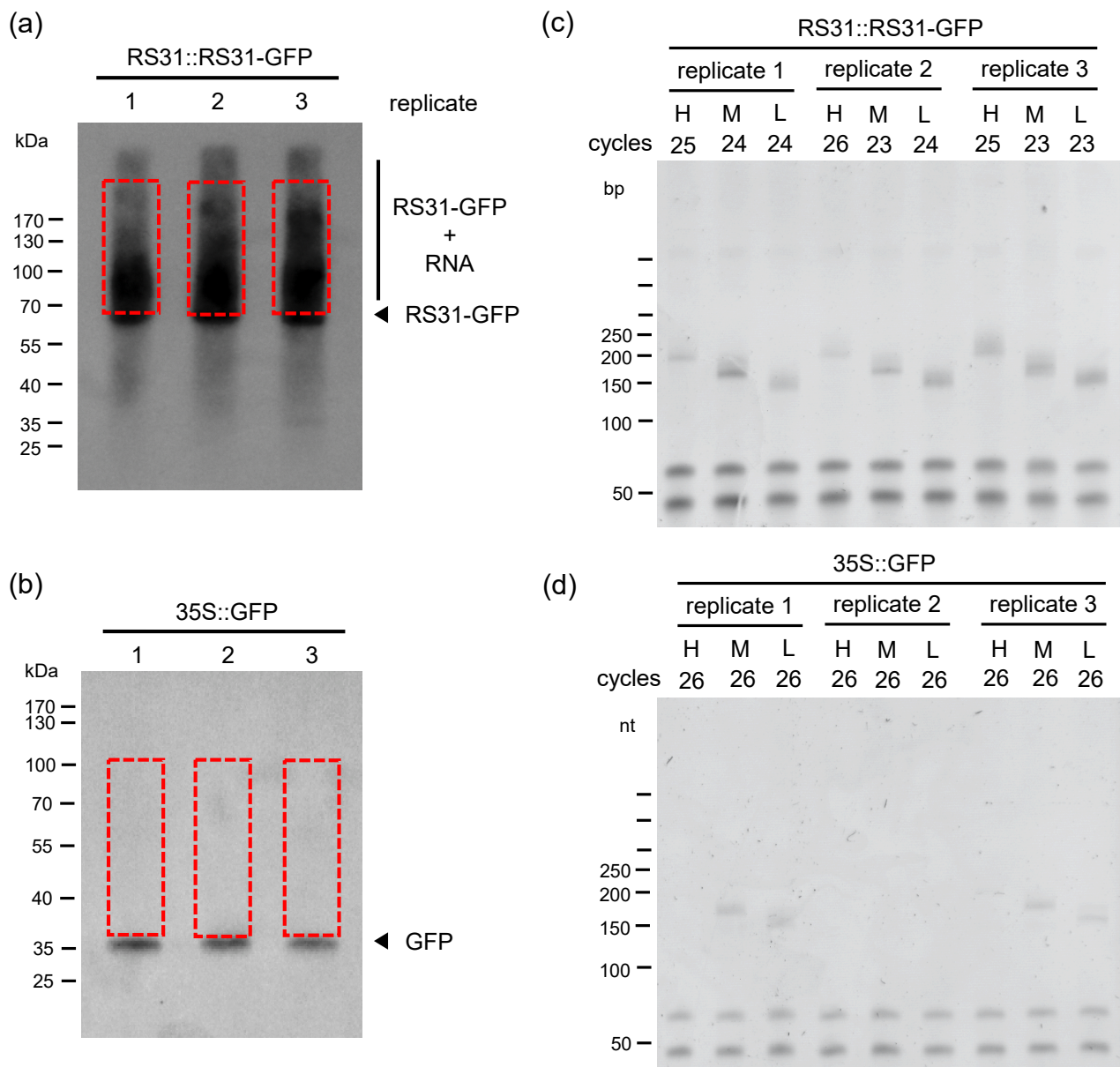
**Fig. S5 Expression of *At-RS31-GFP* fusion protein and its effect on alternative splicing of *At-RS31* paralog *At-RS31a* in the *rs31-1* mutant background**

(a) Reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) analysis confirming the expression of *RS31::RS31-GFP* in the *rs31-1* mutant background.

(b) RT-PCR analysis of *At-RS31* expression using primers that amplify both the endogenous *At-RS31* and the *RS31::RS31-GFP* transgene. The splicing pattern and expression level of *RS31::RS31-GFP* in the *rs31-1* mutant background closely resemble those of the endogenous *At-RS31* in *Arabidopsis thaliana* wild type plants.

(c) RT-PCR analysis of *At-RS31* paralog *At-RS31a*. In the *rs31-1* mutant background, the alternative splicing pattern of *At-RS31a* is shifted toward the reference isoform encoding the full-length protein. Complementation with *RS31::RS31-GFP* restores the splicing pattern of *At-RS31a* to the state closely resembling that of *A. thaliana* wild type plants.

Transcript models are visualized using the Boxify tool (<https://boxify.boku.ac.at/>). The regions spanning from the translational start codon to either the stop codon or premature termination codon are depicted in black. The arrowhead indicates the T-DNA insertion site in the *rs31-1* mutant (SALK\_021332 line). Black arrows represent the positions of primers used in the RT-PCRs. Alternative splicing isoforms (AS) and reference transcripts (ref) encoding full-length proteins are indicated to the right of the gel images. Irrelevant PCR samples are masked with white rectangles.



**Fig. S6 Immunopurification of At-RS31 protein–RNA complexes from ultraviolet crosslinked RS31::RS31-GFP and 35S::GFP plants and preparation of individual-nucleotide resolution crosslinking and immunoprecipitation (iCLIP) libraries**

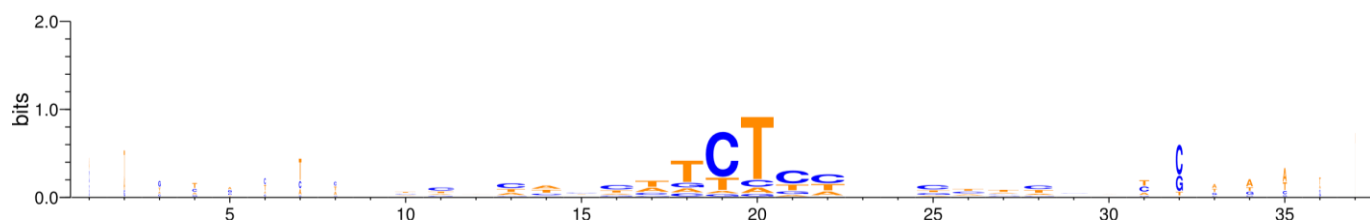
(a, b) Autoradiograms of RS31-GFP (A) and GFP protein-RNA complexes (B) used for library preparation. The regions above the RS31-GFP and GFP proteins containing the co-precipitated RNAs, which were cut out for library preparation, are indicated by the red boxes. The positions of the markers are indicated. GFP – green fluorescent protein.

(c, d) Preparation of iCLIP libraries by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) amplification. The numbers of PCR cycles are indicated. The lengths of the cDNAs correspond to the size of the PCR product minus the length of the P3/P5Solexa primers and the barcode (128 nucleotides (nt) in total). For each replicate, the low (L), medium (M) and high (H) molecular weight PCRs were combined according to their relative concentrations.



**Fig. S7 Genome-wide distribution of crosslink sites**

Localization of the crosslink sites of RS31-GFP (red) and GFP alone (green) throughout the *Arabidopsis thaliana* chromosomes (Chr) for each biological replicate. The screenshot was created using the Integrative Genomics Viewer (Robinson et al., 2011). GFP – green fluorescent protein.



**Fig. S8 Sequence logo of At-RS31 binding sites enriched upstream of 5' splice sites**

Sequence logo from aligned RS31-GFP binding sites, which were enriched upstream of 5' splice sites.

## At-RS31 full length

## At-RS31 RRM3

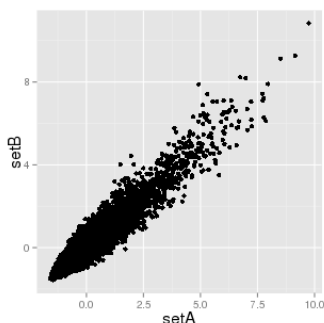
(a)

Top 7-mers by Z-score

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GACAGAA	9.14755284449185	GACAGAA	9.27243790507922	GACAGAA	9.36072587766696
CAGACGA	8.50855234719359	CAGACGA	9.1375585102785	CAGACGA	8.996355988504
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ACAGAGA	7.87333291792667	ACAGAGA	8.18965609681787	ACAGAGA	7.69229533255235
ACAGACA	7.78258728517426	ACAGACA	7.90491070779412	ACAGACA	7.68078891499983
CAGACAA	7.76746301304886	CAACAGG	7.89741740808296	CAACAGG	7.6501051348598
AUUCAGA	7.7334334007667	CAGACAG	7.43283282599158	CAGACAG	7.62709229975477
GACAGAC	7.7183091286413	AUUCAGC	7.42159287642486	AUUCAGC	7.48901528912459
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(b)

7-mer scatter plot



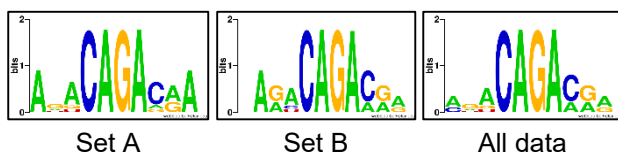
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Aligned top 7-mers

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---ACAGACA---	---ACAGACG---	---ACAGACG---
---ACAGACG---	---AUUCAGC---	---ACAGAAG---
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(d)

Motif



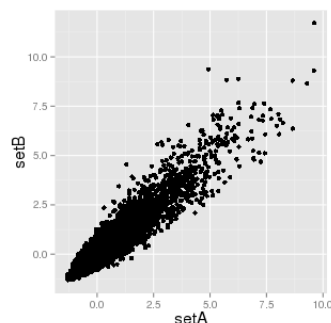
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Top 7-mers by Z-score

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CAGAACAA	8.65021360953369	UUCAGAC	8.89074787835494	CAGACAA	8.85468049484039
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(f)

7-mer scatter plot



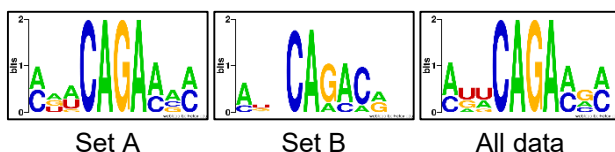
(g)

Aligned top 7-mers

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---UUCAGACA---	---CAGACAG	---CAGACAA
---ACAGACA---	AUUCAGA---	AUUCAGA---
CAGCAGA---	AUUCAGA---	---UUCAGAC---
CAACAGG---	---UUCAGAC---	---UUCAGAA---
AUUCAGA---	---CAGACGC	---CAGAACAA
---UUCAGAA---	---CAACCCAG	---CAGACGC
---CAGAACAA	---CAACCCG	---CAGAACG
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(h)

Motif



**Fig. S9 RNAcompete analysis of the *Arabidopsis thaliana* At-RS31 protein**

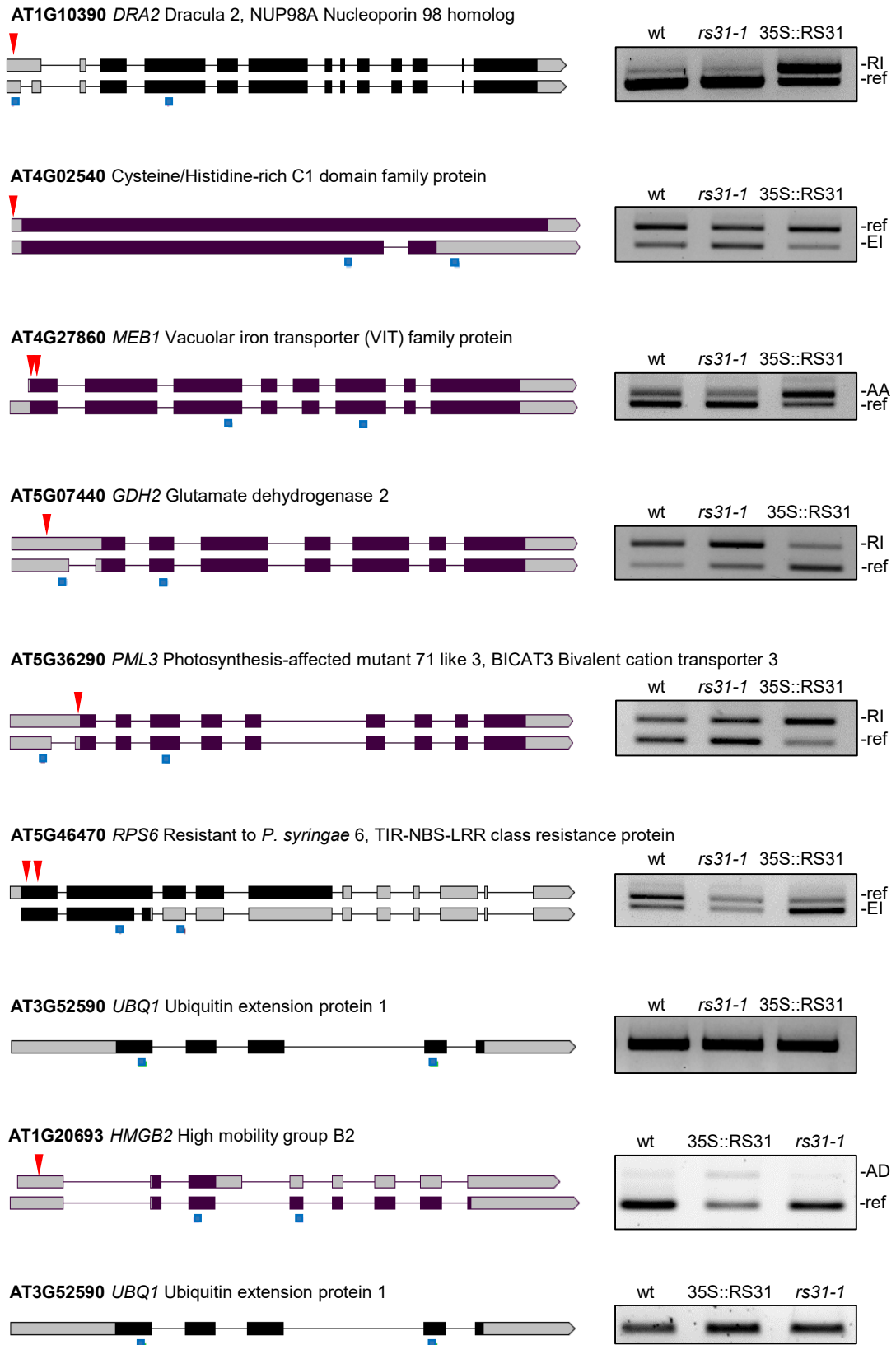
RNAcompete assay was performed for the full-length At-RS31 protein (a-d) and its truncated version containing RNA recognition motifs (RRMs) only (e-h).

(a) and (e) Top ten 7-mers for At-RS31 and At-RS31RRMs. Corresponding Z-scores for Set A, Set B, and the average of Set A and Set B (All data) are shown.

(b) and (f) Correlation between 7-mers Z-scores from Set A and Set B.

(c) and (g) Alignment of the top ten 7-mers for Set A, Set B, and Set A+B (All data).

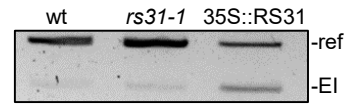
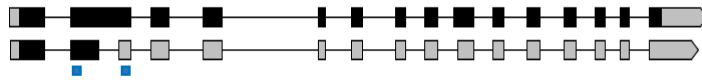
(d) and (h) RNA-binding motifs of At-RS31 and At-RS31RRMs. Logos derived from the top ten 7-mers shown in (a) and (e). Sequence logos are generated by WebLogo at <https://weblogo.berkeley.edu/>.



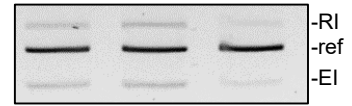
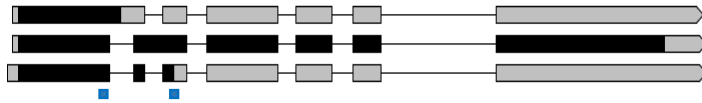
**Fig. S10** Reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) analyses of differential alternative splicing events in genes with At-RS31 binding sites identified by individual-nucleotide resolution crosslinking and immunoprecipitation (iCLIP)

**Fig.10 (continued):** RT-PCR analyses of differential alternative splicing (DAS) events in *rs31-1* mutant, 35S::RS31 overexpression and *Arabidopsis thaliana* wild-type (wt) plants were performed for genes with At-RS31 binding sites identified by iCLIP. Transcript models for the genes visualized using Boxify tool <https://boxify.boku.ac.at/>. Regions from translational start codon to stop codon or premature termination codon are shown in black. Red arrowheads show positions of At-RS31 binding sites. Blue squares below the transcript models represent primers used in the RT-PCRs, their positions were identified by Boxify. DAS events and reference transcripts (ref) encoding the full-length proteins are indicated to the right of the gels. RI - retained intron; EI – exitron; AA – alternative acceptor / alternative 3' splice site; AD - alternative donor / alternative 5' splice site. *UBQ1* was used as a loading control.

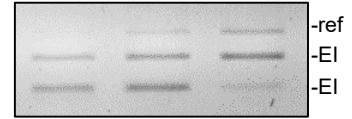
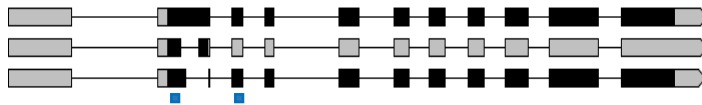
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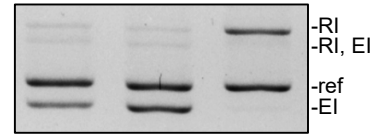
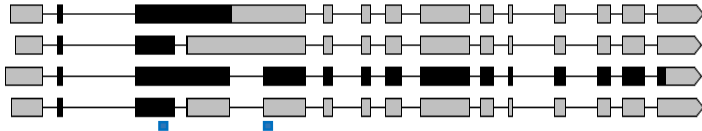
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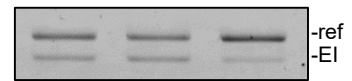
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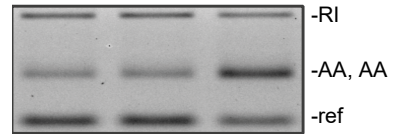
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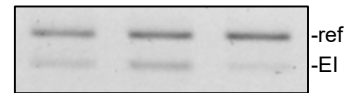
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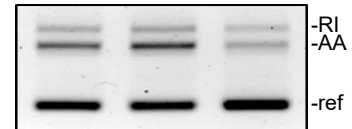
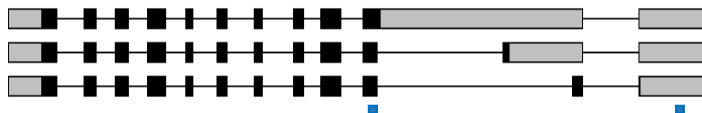
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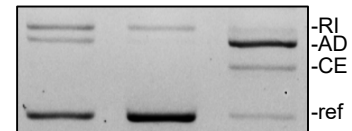
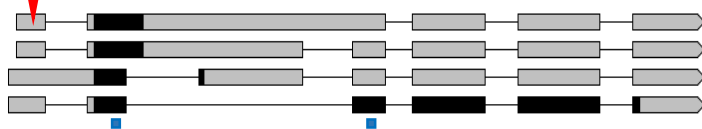
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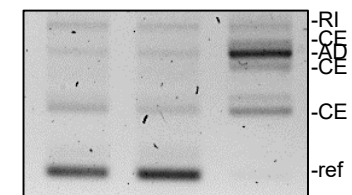
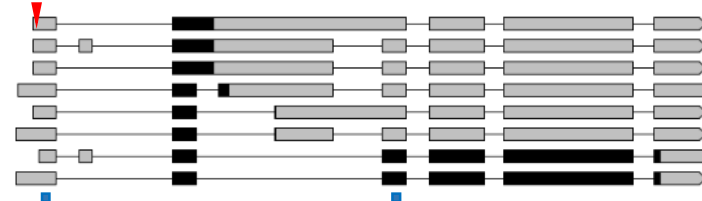
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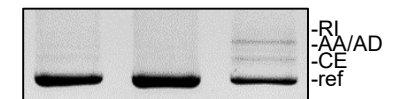
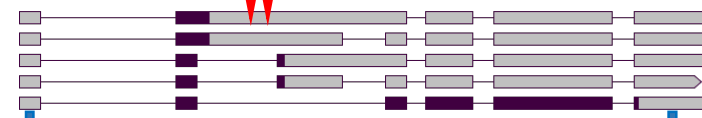
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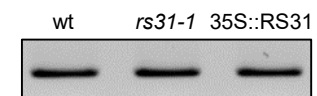
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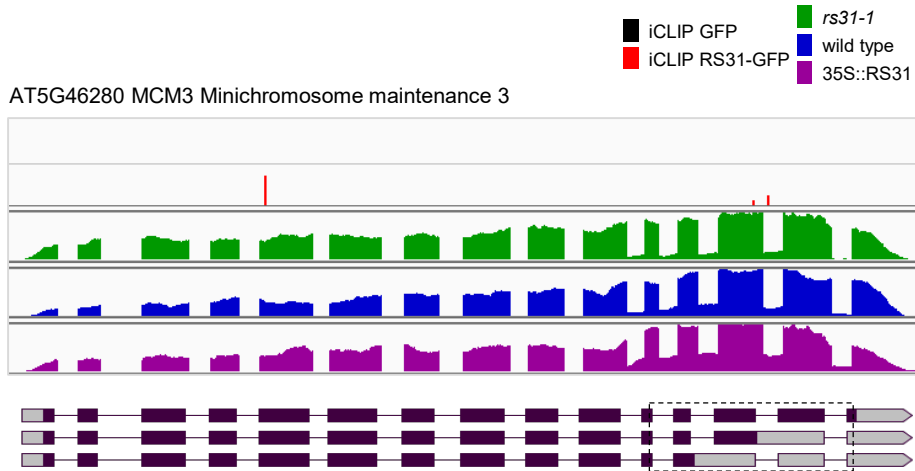
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**Fig. S11 Reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) analyses of differential alternative splicing in genes encoding RNA binding proteins and splicing factors, including Serine/Arginine-rich (SR) proteins**

RT-PCR analysis was conducted to examine differential alternative splicing (DAS) events in *rs31-1* mutant, 35S::RS31 overexpression, and *Arabidopsis thaliana* wild-type (wt) plants, focusing on genes encoding RNA binding proteins and splicing factors, including SR proteins. Transcript models for these genes are visualized using the Boxify tool (<https://boxify.boku.ac.at/>). Regions, spanning from the translational start codon to the stop codon or premature termination codon, are depicted in black. Blue squares beneath the transcript models represent the positions of primers used in the RT-PCR experiments, as determined by Boxify. Red arrowheads denote the locations of At-RS31 binding sites identified by individual-nucleotide resolution crosslinking and immunoprecipitation (iCLIP). DAS events and reference transcripts (ref) encoding the full-length proteins are indicated to the right of the gel images. AA – alternative acceptor / alternative 3' splice site; AD – alternative donor / alternative 5' splice site; CE – cassette exon / exon skipping; EI – exitron; RI - retained intron. The loading control used was *UBQ1*.



**Fig. S12 Example of At-RS31 and Target of Rapamycin (TOR) pathway shared target MCM3 MINICHROMOSOME MAINTENANCE 3 (AT5G46280)**

Integrated genome viewer tracks are shown for RNA sequencing read coverage in *rs31-1*, 35S::RS31 and *Arabidopsis thaliana* wild-type plants and for individual-nucleotide resolution crosslinking and immunoprecipitation (iCLIP) crosslinks for RS31-GFP and GFP control. Transcript models are visualized using Boxify tool <https://boxify.boku.ac.at/>. Regions from translational start codon to the reference stop codon or a premature termination codon are shown in black. Dashed rectangle denotes region undergoing differential alternative splicing in 35S::RS31 or *rs31-1* in comparison to wild-type plants. GFP – green fluorescent protein.