

**Table S1** Distribution of small RNAs along the *r* gene

Cross	Region	No. of small RNAs	Length (bp)	No. of sequencings	No. of small RNA/bp per sequencing
<i>r</i> -unpaired (experimental)	Upstream	106	400	3	0.0883
	Target	4848	3467	3	0.4661
	Downstream	50	288	3	0.0579
<i>r</i> -paired (control)	Upstream	29	400	2	0.0363
	Target	313	3467	2	0.0451
	Downstream	18	288	2	0.0313