



**Figure S1** The GC content of masiRNAs vs. DNA. Unlike certain plants, small RNAs generated from *Neurospora* (during meiotic silencing) do not have a significantly higher GC content than that of the genomic region. Intervals of 500 nt from the *r*-target (unpaired) region (9281458–9284924; 3467 bp in total) are shown. The weighted mean is used to calculate the GC content of masiRNAs.