

**Supplementary Data 2.** *Amphimedon* miRNAs. miRNA (red) and miRNA\* (blue) are highlighted. All sequences mapping to locus are included, together with predicted fold. Scaffold and coordinate values reference the *Amphimedon* assembly<sup>16</sup>. The location of each miRNA with respect to predicted genes (intergenic or overlapping) is indicated, together with the gene identifier for any overlapping genes. The three columns to the right of each sequence are: (i) length of sequence, (ii) number of reads for that sequence, and (iii) number of matches to the genome.

Shared 5' Terminus ..... ACCUCUCCAUCAUGCAUGACA.....  
.....ACCUCUCCAUCAUGCAU.....

Shared 3' Terminus	.....ACCUCUCCAUCUAUGCAUG.....	18	8	1
	.....ACCUCUCCAUCUAUGCAUGA.....	19	26	1
	.....ACCUCUCCAUCUAUGCAUGAC.....	20	587	1
	.....UCCAUCAUGCAUGACA.....	16	1	2
	.....CUCCAUCAUGCAUGACA.....	17	2	2
	.....UCUCCAUCUAUGCAUGACA.....	18	3	1
	.....CUCUCCAUCUAUGCAUGACA.....	19	6	1
	.....CCUCUCCAUCUAUGCAUGACA.....	20	23	1
	.....CACCUCCUCCAUCUAUGCAUGACA.....	22	15	1
	.....UCACCUCCUCCAUCUAUGCAUGACA.....	23	2	1
Subsequence	.....CCUCUCCAUCUAUGCAUGAC.....	19	11	1
	.....CUCUCCAUCUAUGCAUGAC.....	18	2	1
	.....UCUCCAUCUAUGCAUGAC.....	17	1	1
	.....CUCCAUCAUGCAUGAC.....	16	1	2
	.....UCCAUCAUGCAUGAC.....	15	1	4
Others	.....UCAUGUAUUGGGAGGG.....	17	4	1
	.....UCAUGUAUUGGGAGGGG.....	18	26	1
	.....UCAUGUAUUGGGAGGGGA.....	19	509	1
	.....UCAUGUAUUGGGAGGGGAG.....	20	1031	1
	.....UCAUGUAUUGGGAGGGGAGA.....	21	1086	1
	.....UCAUGUAUUGGGAGGGGAGAGA.....	23	1	1
	.....CAUGUAUUGGGAGGGGAGA.....	18	4	1
	.....CAUGUAUUGGGAGGGGAG.....	19	13	1
	.....CAUGUAUUGGGAGGGGAGA.....	20	11	1
	.....AUGUAUUGGGAGGGGAGA.....	17	4	1
	.....AUGUAUUGGGAGGGGAG.....	18	9	1
	.....AUGUAUUGGGAGGGGAGA.....	19	6	1
	.....UGUAUUGGGAGGGGAGA.....	16	1	1
	.....UGUAUUGGGAGGGGAGA.....	18	1	1
	.....GUUAUUGGGAGGGGAGA.....	15	1	1
	.....GUUAUUGGGAGGGGAG.....	16	1	1
	.....GUUAUUGGGAGGGGAGA.....	17	4	1
	.....AUUGGGAGGGGAGA.....	15	2	2
	.....GACUUUAAGGAGUAGC.....	16	1	1
	.....CACCUCCUCCAUCUAUGCAUGAC.....	21	15	1

miR-2016

AGGUGAUCAAGAGGCCACUGUAUGAUUGGGCUUGGUUCGGCAGAUGAAUAAAAGAGAUUAAGUUUUUUCUCCCCUUAAAAGAACAGACAUAGCGAACUUCUAAAUCUGCGUGCUAGCUUAUACAGGGCACAGACGUCCACAGAGU

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Total cloned: 37606

shared 5' end with miRNA: 12659 shared 3' end with miRNA: 519

Scaffold: Contig13514 Coordinates: 90512-90665 Strand: Minus Location: Intergenic

miRNA

Shared 5' Terminus	.....UAGAUUGGGCUUJGGUCGGCAGA.....	22	24016	2
	.....UAGAUUGGGCUUJGGUC.....	15	4	2
	.....UAGAUUGGGCUUJGGUC.....	16	47	2
	.....UAGAUUGGGCUUJGGUCJCG.....	17	33	2
	.....UAGAUUGGGCUUJGGUCJCG.....	18	1090	2
	.....UAGAUUGGGCUUJGGUCJCGC.....	19	558	2
	.....UAGAUUGGGCUUJGGUCJCGCA.....	20	1807	2
	.....UAGAUUGGGCUUJGGUCJCGCAG.....	21	8946	2
	.....UAGAUUGGGCUUJGGUCJCGCAGU.....	23	173	2
	.....UAGAUUGGGCUUJGGUCJCGCAGU.....	24	1	2

Shared 3' Terminus

	.....GGCUJUGGUUCGGCAGA.....	15	9	2
	.....GGGCUJUGGUUCGGCAGA.....	16	45	2
	.....UGGCUJUGGUUCGGCAGA.....	17	69	2
	.....UAGGGCUJUGGUUCGGCAGA.....	18	74	2
	.....AUAGGGCUJUGGUUCGGCAGA.....	19	13	2
	.....GAUAGGGCUJUGGUUCGGCAGA.....	20	49	2
	.....AGAUAGGGCUJUGGUUCGGCAGA.....	21	260	2

Subsequence

	.....AGAUUGGGCUJUGGU.....	15	1	2
	.....AGAUUGGGCUJUGGUJCG.....	16	2	2
	.....AGAUUGGGCUJUGGUJCG.....	17	14	2
	.....AGAUUGGGCUJUGGUJCGC.....	18	10	2
	.....AGAUUGGGCUJUGGUJCGCA.....	19	27	2
	.....AGAUUGGGCUJUGGUJCGCAG.....	20	107	2
	.....GAUUGGGCUJUGGUJCGCAG.....	16	2	2
	.....GAUUGGGCUJUGGUJCGCAG.....	18	5	2
	.....GAUUGGGCUJUGGUJCGCAG.....	19	38	2
	.....AUUGGGCUJUGGUJCGCAG.....	16	1	2
	.....AUUGGGCUJUGGUJCGCAG.....	17	4	2
	.....AUUGGGCUJUGGUJCGCAG.....	18	18	2
	.....UAGGGCUJUGGUJCGCAG.....	15	4	2
	.....UAGGGCUJUGGUJCGCAG.....	16	9	2
	.....UAGGGCUJUGGUJCGCAG.....	17	53	2
	.....UGGGCUJUGGUJCGCAG.....	15	3	2
	.....UGGGCUJUGGUJCGCAG.....	16	83	2
	.....GGGCUJUGGUJCGCAG.....	15	2	2

Others

	.....AGAUUGGGCUJUGGUUCGGCAGA.....	22	1	2
	.....GAUUGGGCUJUGGUUCGGCAGA.....	21	1	2
	.....GGCUJUGGUUCGGCAGA.....	16	1	2
	.....GAGAUUAAGUUUUUUCU.....	19	1	1
	.....UGCUGUCCAGUCUUAUAC.....	18	1	1
	.....UGCUGUCCAGUCUUAUAC.....	20	2	1
	.....UGCUGUCCAGUCUUAUAC.....	21	9	1
	.....UGCUGUCCAGUCUUAUAC.....	22	7	1
	.....GCUGUCCAGUCUUAUAC.....	19	2	1
	.....GCUGUCCAGUCUUAUAC.....	20	2	1
	.....GCUGUCCAGUCUUAUAC.....	21	1	1
	.....UGGUCCAGUCUUAUAC.....	18	1	1

miR-2017  
 AAUGGAUGAGGGAUUAGGUACACGGGGUAUGGUAGUUCUCCAGCAAGGAAUUAUUAAAAGGUCAUUUAAGCACUACCUGUGCACCUUGUGGCCAACCUAUCCAUAC  
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 Total cloned: 1725 shared 5' end with miRNA: 891 shared 3' end with miRNA: 31  
 Scaffold: Contig13219 Coordinates: 71849-71963 Strand: Minus Location: Intergenic  
 miRNA  
 Shared 5' Terminus ..... UACCUUGUGCACCUUGUGGCCA.....  
 ..... UACCUUGUGCACCUUGUG.....  
 ..... UACCUUGUGCACCUUGUGUG.....  
 ..... UACCUUGUGCACCUUGUGUGC.....  
 ..... UACCUUGUGCACCUUGUGGCC.....  
 ..... UACCUUGUGCACCUUGUGCCCC.....  
 ..... UACCUUGUGCACCUUGUGGCCAA.....  
 Shared 3' Terminus ..... UGUGCACCUUGUGGCCA.....  
 ..... CCUGUGCACCUUGUGCCC.....  
 ..... ACCUGUGCACCUUGUGGCCA.....  
 ..... CUACCUGUGCACCUUGUGGCCA.....  
 Subsequence ..... ACCUGUGCACCUUGUG.....  
 ..... ACCUGUGCACCUUGUGUGC.....  
 ..... ACCUGUGCACCUUGUGGCC.....  
 ..... CCUGUGCACCUUGUGGCC.....  
 ..... CUGUGCACCUUGUGGCC.....  
 Others ..... AGUACACGGGUUAUGG.....  
 ..... AGUACACGGGUUAUGGG.....  
 ..... AGUACACGGGUUAUGGU.....  
 ..... AGUACACGGGUUAUGGGUA.....  
 ..... AGUACACGGGUUAUGGUJAG.....  
 ..... AGUACACGGGUUAUGGUJAGU.....  
 ..... GUACACGGGUUAUGGG.....  
 ..... GUACACGGGUUAUGGGUAG.....  
 ..... GUACACGGGUUAUGGUJAGU.....  
 ..... UACACGGGUUAUGGGU.....  
 ..... UACACGGGUUAUGGUJAG.....  
 ..... UACACGGGUUAUGGUJAGU.....  
 ..... UACACGGGUUAUGGUJAGUG.....  
 ..... ACACGGGUUAUGGUJAG.....  
 ..... ACACGGGUUAUGGUJAGU.....  
 ..... CAACGGGUUAUGGUJAGU.....  
 ..... ACACGGGUUAUGGUJAGU.....  
 ..... ACACGGGUUAUGGUJAGU.....  
 ..... CGGGGUUAUGGUJAGU.....  
 ..... GCUUCCAGCAAGGAAUUA.....  
 ..... CUACCUGUGCACCUUGUGGCC.....

AAAGUGAUACGGGUUJUGCCGUCUGA..	23	1171
AAAAGUGAUACGGGUUJUGCCGUCAG..	24	4
Shared 3' Terminus		
.GAUCGGGUUJUGCCGUCUG..	17	11
.UGAUCGGGUUJUGCCGUCUG..	18	6
.GUGAUACGGGUUJUGCCGUCUG..	19	3
.AGUUAUCGGGUUJUGCCGUCUG..	20	11
.AAUGUAUCGGGUUJUGCCGUCUG..	21	25
Subsequence		
.AAUGUAUCGGGUUGC..	15	1
.AAUGUAUCGGGUUGGCC..	16	3
.AAUGUAUCGGGUUJUGCCGU..	18	2
.AAUGUAUCGGGUUJUGCCGUC..	19	4
.AAUGUAUCGGGUUJUGCCGUU..	20	29
.AGUGAUACGGGUUGCCGU..	17	3
.AGUGAUACGGGUUGGCCGU..	18	1
.AGUGAUACGGGUUGCCGUU..	19	5
.GUGAUACGGGUUGCCGUU..	18	3
.GAUCGGGUUJUGCCGUU..	16	1
Others		
.AAUGUAUCGGGUUJUGCCGUUGA..	22	8
.AGUGAUACGGGUUJUGCCGUUGA..	21	3
.GUGAUACGGGUUJUGCCGUUGA..	20	1
.UGAUCGGGUUJUGCCGUUGA..	19	1
.GAUCGGGUUJUGCCGUUGA..	18	1
.UAGAGAAGGCUCUGGUCA..	19	1
.CACCGUAGCUUJGCUCA..	16	4
.CACCGUAGCUUJGCUCAC..	17	39
.CACCGUAGCUUJGCUCACU..	18	23
.CACCGUAGCUUJGCUCACUU..	19	29
.CACCGUAGCUUJGCUCACUUA..	20	30
.CACCGUAGCUUJGCUCACUUAG..	21	393
.CACCGUAGCUUJGCUCACUAGA..	22	416
.CACCGUAGCUUJGCUCACUAGAA..	23	1
.AC CGGUAGCUUJGCUCA..	15	2
.AC CGGUAGCUUJGCUCACU..	18	1
.AC CGGUAGCUUJGCUCACUU..	19	1
.AC CGGUAGCUUJGCUCACUUAG..	20	11
.AC CGGUAGCUUJGCUCACUUAGA..	21	12
.CGGUAGCUUJGCUCACUU..	17	2
.CGGUAGCUUJGCUCACUU..	18	2
.GGUAGCUUJGCUCACUUAG..	18	1
.ACGUUJGCUCACUUAGA..	16	1

mRNA	.....UGGUAGUGUGUCUUUCGGA.....	21	9844
Shared 5' Terminus	.....UGGUAGUGUGUCUUU.....	16	173
	.....UGGUAGUGUGUCUUU.....	17	7
	.....UGGUAGUGUGUCUUUC.....	18	34
	.....UGGUAGUGUGUCUUUCG.....	19	109
	.....UGGUAGUGUGUCUUUCGAA.....	20	3468
	.....UGGUAGUGUGUCUUUCGAA.....	22	65
Shared 3' Terminus	.....GUGUGUCUUUCGGA.....	15	1
	.....AGUGUGUCUUUCGGA.....	16	4
	.....UAGUGUGUCUUUCGGA.....	17	1
	.....GUAGUGUGUCUUUCGGA.....	18	2
	.....GGUAGUGUGUCUUUCGGA.....	19	3
	.....GGGUAGUGUGUCUUUCGGA.....	20	125
	.....CUGGUAGUGUGUCUUUCGGA.....	22	5
Subsequence	.....GGGUAGUGUGUCUUU.....	15	1
	.....GGGUAGUGUGUCUUUCG.....	18	3
	.....GGGUAGUGUGUCUUUCG.....	19	70
	.....GGUAGUGUGUCUUUCG.....	17	1
	.....GGUAGUGUGUCUUUCG.....	18	1
	.....GUAGUGUGUCUUUCG.....	17	1
	.....UAGUGUGUCUUUCG.....	16	2
Others	.....CUGGUAGUGUGUCUUUCG.....	21	5
	.....GGGUAGUGUGUCUUUCGAA.....	21	5
	.....CGGAAGGCCAUACUAACCCAGC.....	21	5
	.....AAGGCCAUACUAACCCAGC.....	18	1

miRNA	.....	UGGUGGUCCGGUGUUUCGUGGA	21	5381	1
Shared 5' Terminus	.....	UGGUGGUCCGGUGUUU.....	15	5	1
	.....	UGGUGGUCCGGUGUUUC.....	16	15	1
	.....	UGGUGGUCCGGUGUUUCG.....	17	17	1
	.....	UGGUGGUCCGGUGUUUCGU.....	18	52	1
	.....	UGGUGGUCCGGUGUUUCGU.....	19	81	1
	.....	UGGUGGUCCGGUGUUUCGU.....	20	1985	1
	.....	UGGUGGUCCGGUGUUUCGU.....	22	1	1
Shared 3' Terminus	.....	GGUCGGUGUUUCGUGGA	17	6	1

	.....UGGUCGGUGUUUCGUUGA.....	18	17	1
	.....GUUGUCGGUGUUUCGUUGA.....	19	2	1
	.....GGUGGUCCGGUGUUUCGUUGA.....	20	25	1
Subsequence	.....GGUGGUCCGGUGUUUCGUUGG.....	19	12	1
	.....GUUGUCGGUGUUUCGUUG.....	18	1	1
	.....UGGUCCGGUGUUUCGUUG.....	16	1	1
	.....UGGUCCGGUGUUUCGUUG.....	17	4	1
	.....GGUCGGUGUUUCGUUGG.....	16	2	1
Others	.....CAUGGAUAUCGGCACCCA.....	19	1	1
	.....CAUGGAUAUCGGCACCAU.....	20	8	1
	.....CAUGGAUAUCGGCACCAUC.....	21	25	1
	.....UGGAUAUCGGCACCA.....	17	1	1