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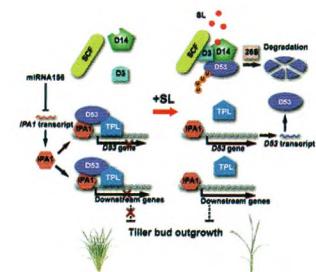
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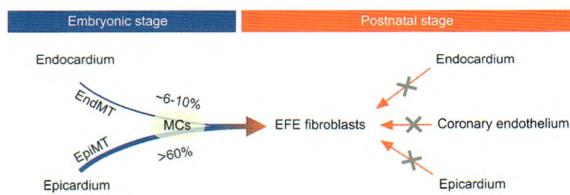
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Perception of strigolactone leads to D53 degradation by the proteasome system, which in turn derepresses IPA1-regulated gene expression, resulting in strigolactone response and rice tillering suppression. See page 1128-1141 by Xiaoguang Song *et al.* for details.



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