

1 **Organization, genomic targeting and assembly of three distinct SWI/SNF**
2 **chromatin remodeling complexes in *Arabidopsis***

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28 and assembly of three distinct SWI/SNF chromatin remodeling complexes in
29 *Arabidopsis*

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31 **Abstract**

32 Switch defective/sucrose non-fermentable (SWI/SNF) complexes are evolutionarily
33 conserved multi-subunit machines that play vital roles in chromatin architecture
34 regulation for modulating gene expression via sliding or ejection of nucleosomes in
35 eukaryotes. In plants, perturbations of SWI/SNF subunits often result in severe
36 developmental disorders. However, the subunit composition, pathways of assembly,
37 and genomic targeting of the plant SWI/SNF complexes remain undefined. Here, we
38 reveal the organization, genomic targeting and assembly of three distinct *Arabidopsis*
39 SWI/SNF complexes: BRAHMA-Associated SWI/SNF complexes (BAS), SPLAYED-
40 Associated SWI/SNF complexes (SAS) and MINUSCULE-Associated SWI/SNF
41 complexes (MAS). We show that BAS complexes are equivalent to human ncBAF,
42 whereas SAS and MAS complexes evolve in multiple subunits unique to plants,
43 suggesting a plant-specific functional evolution of SWI/SNF complexes. We further
44 demonstrate overlapping and specific genomic targeting of the three plant SWI/SNF
45 complexes on chromatin and reveal that SAS complexes are necessary for the correct
46 genomic localization of the BAS complexes. Finally, we define the role of core module
47 subunit in the assembly of the plant SWI/SNF complexes and highlight that ATPase
48 module subunit is required for global complex stability and the interaction of core
49 module subunits in SAS and BAS complexes in *Arabidopsis*. Together, our work
50 highlights the divergence of SWI/SNF chromatin remodelers during the eukaryote
51 evolution and provides a comprehensive landscape for understanding the plant
52 SWI/SNF complexes organization, assembly, genomic targeting, and function.

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61 **Introduction**

62 Switch defective/sucrose non-fermentable (SWI/SNF) complexes are chromatin
63 remodelers that play essential roles in modulating chromatin architecture to enable
64 DNA accessibility and gene expression in an ATP-hydrolysis-dependent manner
65 (Clapier and Cairns, 2009; Ho and Crabtree, 2010; Hargreaves and Crabtree, 2011;
66 Ryan and Owen-Hughes, 2011; Clapier et al., 2017). These complexes are multi-
67 subunit machineries, including one ATPase catalytic subunit and multiple additional
68 regulatory core subunits, evolutionarily conserved among yeasts, animals and plants (Ho
69 and Crabtree, 2010; Sarnowska et al., 2016). In *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, there are
70 two sub-families of SWI/SNF remodelers, Swi/Snf and RSC. The yeast Swi/Snf
71 complex consists of 12 proteins, which was the first chromatin remodeler discovered
72 (Smith et al., 2003; Dutta et al., 2017), whereas the RSC complex is composed of 16
73 proteins (Wagner et al., 2020). The two sub-complexes contain three common
74 subunits, ARP7/9 and Rtt102, and the other subunits are specialized in the two sub-
75 complexes (Dutta et al., 2017; Wagner et al., 2020). In humans, the subunits of
76 SWI/SNF complexes are combinatorially assembled into three classes of complexes:
77 canonical BAF (cBAF), polybromo-associated BAF (PBAF), and non-canonical BAF
78 (ncBAF) (Gatchalian et al., 2018; Mashtalir et al., 2018). These three SWI/SNF sub-
79 complexes share a set of core subunits, such as SMARCA2/SMARCA4, SMARCC1/2,
80 SMARCD, ACTL6A/B, and BCL7A/B/C, but are distinguished by the inclusion of
81 subtype-specific ones: i.e., DPF1, DPF2, ARID1A, and ARID1B for cBAF; PBRM1,
82 PHF10, ARID2, and BRD7 for PBAF; and BRD9 and GLTSCR1/1L for ncBAF
83 (Gatchalian et al., 2018; Mashtalir et al., 2018).

84 In the flowering plant *Arabidopsis thaliana*, through genetic and molecular studies,
85 a number of SWI/SNF subunits have been identified, including four ATPases
86 (BRAHMA (BRM), SPLAYED (SYD), MINUSCULE 1 (MINU1), and MINU2; four
87 SWI3 subunits (SWI3A-SWI3D); two SWI/SNF associated proteins 73 (SWP73A and
88 SWP73B); two actin-related proteins (ARP4 and ARP7); a single SNF5 subunit called
89 BUSHY (BSH); an ARID paralog LEAF AND FLOWER RELATED (LFR) (Wagner
90 D, 2002; Farrona et al., 2004; Hurtado et al., 2006; Mlynarova et al., 2007; Wang et al.,

91 2009; Sang et al., 2012). In addition, we recently biochemically isolated novel subunits
92 of the BRM-containing SWI/SNF complexes in *Arabidopsis*, including two BRM-
93 interacting proteins (BRIP1 and BRIP2) and three bromodomain-containing proteins,
94 BRD1, BRD12, and BRD13 (Yu et al., 2020; Yu et al., 2021). More recently, MINU-
95 containing SWI/SNF complexes were also reported (Diego-Martin et al., 2022). Plant
96 SWI/SNF subunits serve critical roles in cell differentiation, development, and response
97 to various environmental signals, and their mutations result in severe defects in leaf
98 development, root stem cell maintenance, flower patterning and timing, embryo
99 development, and vegetative to adult phase transition (Sarnowska et al., 2005; Ho and
100 Crabtree, 2010; Li et al., 2015; Wu et al., 2015; Yang et al., 2015; Zhao et al., 2015;
101 Sarnowska et al., 2016; Xu et al., 2016). However, owing in large part to limitations in
102 understanding plant SWI/SNF subunit composition, the mechanisms by which these
103 mutations alter plant SWI/SNF complexes function on chromatin and subsequently lead
104 to impaired development and responses to environmental stimulus remain unknown.
105 Particularly, how many different types of SWI/SNF sub-complexes are presented in
106 plants and the subunit composition of each sub-complexes is unclear. Finally, how the
107 activities and genomic targeting of different SWI/SNF subtypes are coordinated with
108 each other to regulate chromatin structure and gene expression is also poorly
109 understood.

110 Another significant barrier to our mechanistic understanding of the functions of
111 SWI/SNF complexes lies in the need for more information regarding the role of each
112 subunit in complex assembly. Recent studies have begun to reveal the assembly steps
113 of the subunits of SWI/SNF complexes. It was reported that mammalian SWI/SNF
114 complex assembly is triggered by the formation of the initial BAF core that is composed
115 of two SMARCC and one SMARCD subunits. This initial core then acts as a platform
116 for independent docking of the subcomplex-specific subunits to form the core module.
117 Finally, the core module recruits the ATPase SMARCA2/4 to finalize complex
118 assembly (Gatchalian et al., 2018; Mashtalir et al., 2018). In line with this model, the
119 removal of core module subunits SMAECCs resulted in near-complete degradation of
120 all three SWI/SNF complexes components, whereas removal of the ATPase module

121 does not disrupt the formation of the core module (Mashtalir et al., 2018; Michel et al.,
122 2018; Pan et al., 2019). Thus, the core module is required for assembly toward fully
123 formed SWI/SNF complexes in mammalian, but the ATPase module is the last to be
124 incorporated into SWI/SNF complexes and, therefore, not necessary for the core
125 module assembly in mammals (Mashtalir et al., 2018; Michel et al., 2018; Pan et al.,
126 2019). In *Arabidopsis*, our recent studies showed that BRIP1/2 and BRD1/2/13, the
127 homologs of human ncBAF core module subunits GLTSCR1/1L and BRD9, are
128 required for the assembly of SWI/SNF complexes (Yu et al., 2020). However, whether
129 plant ATPases use the same strategy as their mammalian counterparts or a different one
130 for complex assembly and thus the underlying mechanisms are still unknown.

131 In this study, we examined the organization, genomic targeting, and assembly of
132 the three non-redundant final form *Arabidopsis* SWI/SNF complexes: BRAHMA-
133 Associated SWI/SNF complexes (BAS), SPLAYED-Associated SWI/SNF complexes
134 (SAS) and MINUSCULE-Associated SWI/SNF complexes (MAS). BAS complexes
135 are equivalent to human ncBAF, whereas SAS and MAS complexes evolve in multiple
136 subunits unique to plants, suggesting a plant-specific functional evolution of SWI/SNF
137 complexes. We further demonstrate both overlapping and specific genomic targeting of
138 the three plant SWI/SNF complexes on chromatin and reveal a requirement of SAS
139 complexes for the correct genomic localization of the BAS complexes. Finally, by
140 focusing on the SAS and BAS complexes, we define the role of core module subunit in
141 the assembly of the plant SWI/SNF complexes and unexpectedly establish that ATPase
142 module subunit (SYD and BRM) is required for the stability and interaction of core
143 module subunits in SAS and BAS complexes in *Arabidopsis*. Together, these studies
144 highlight the divergence of SWI/SNF chromatin remodelers during the eukaryote
145 evolution and lay the groundwork for comprehensive understanding the plant SWI/SNF
146 complexes organization, assembly, genomic targeting, and function.

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148 **Results**

149 ***Arabidopsis* has three biochemically distinct SWI/SNF sub-complexes**

150 To comprehensively define the potential plant SWI/SNF sub-complexes, their subunits

151 organization and assembly, we started by performing immuno-purification followed by
152 mass spectrometry analysis (IP-MS) using stable transgenic *Arabidopsis* lines that
153 expressed a green fluorescent protein (GFP)-tagged ATPase subunit, BRM (Li et al.,
154 2016), SYD (Shu et al., 2021) or MINU2 (this study), driven by its native promoter in
155 corresponding null mutant background. This analysis revealed that the three ATPases
156 were constituted into three distinct sub-assemblies (Figure 1 A-B, and Supplemental
157 Figure S1, A-C). Specifically, we found that the BRM-containing complexes uniquely
158 lack core, evolutionarily conserved ARID paralog, LFR, incorporate selective paralogs
159 (that is, SWI3C but not SWI3A/B/D, and SWP73A) and contain a set of complex-
160 specific subunits that are not shared by SYD- or MINU-complex, the GLTSCR1/1L
161 paralogs (BRIP1/2) and BRD1/2/13. In contrast, the SYD-containing complexes
162 selectively contain paralog SWI3D but not SWI3A/B/C, and include a complex-
163 specific subunit, encoded by *SYD sub-SWI/SNF Interacting Protein 1/2/3* (*SSIPI*,
164 *SSIPI2*, or *SSIPI3*). Finally, consistent with the recent report (Diego-Martin et al., 2022),
165 the MINU-containing complexes do not contain the GIF2 subunit (SS18 paralogs)
166 found in both BRM- and SYD-containing complexes, incorporate selective paralogs
167 (that is, SWI3A/B but not SWI3C and SWI3D) and include a number of complex-
168 specific subunits, including BSH, BRD5, SHH2, TPF1/2, OPF1/2, PSA1, and PSA2.

169 To further confirm the three distinct SWI/SNF sub-complexes in *Arabidopsis*, we
170 generated transgenic lines stably expressing GFP-tagged subunits specific to the BRM-
171 complexes, the SYD-complexes, or the MINU-complexes or subunits shared by the
172 three sub-complexes. We then identified proteins that co-purified with each subunit by
173 mass spectrometry. Silver staining of proteins isolated from transgenic lines stably
174 expressing GFP-tagged SWI3C, SWI3D and SWI3A again demonstrated three distinct
175 SWI/SNF sub-complexes in *Arabidopsis* (Figure 1C and Supplemental Figure S1D).
176 Furthermore, mass-spectrometry showed that SWI3C, BRIP2, BRD1, and SWP73A
177 immunoprecipitation enriched the identical subunits immunoprecipitated by BRM,
178 whereas none of the SYD-specific or MINU-specific subunits were co-
179 immunoprecipitated, indicating that they are unique components to the BRM-
180 containing complexes (Figure 1B and Supplemental Figure S1E). Likewise, the

181 immunoprecipitation of SYD-specific or MINU-specific subunits did not catch
182 subunits unique to the other two subcomplexes (Figure 1B and Supplemental Figure
183 S1E). In contrast, SWP73B and BCL7B, the shared subunits by the three sub-
184 complexes, immunoprecipitated all the subunits found in the three sub-complexes
185 (Figure 1B and Supplemental Figure S1E). Together, these immunoprecipitation data
186 demonstrate the existence of three concurrently-expressed plant SWI/SNF family sub-
187 complexes that have specific subunits and are separately assembled on a mutually
188 exclusive catalytic subunit, BRM, SYD, or MINUs. We therefore termed these three
189 plant SWI/SNF sub-complexes as BAS (BRM-associated SWI/SNF complex), SAS
190 (SYD-associated SWI/SNF complex), and MAS (MINU-associated SWI/SNF
191 complex), respectively (Figure 1C).

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193 **Comparison of SWI/SNF sub-complexes among yeast, human and *Arabidopsis***

194 SWI/SNF complexes are multi-protein machineries evolutionally conserved among
195 yeasts, animals, and plants (Ho and Crabtree, 2010; Sarnowska et al., 2016). We
196 compared the three distinct plant SWI/SNF complexes with the mammalian SWI/SNF
197 complexes and identified several plant-specific properties in SWI/SNF complexes. First,
198 in humans, the three different types of SWI/SNF sub-complexes, BAF, PBAF and
199 ncBAF, shared the same ATPases (BRM/BRG1) and initial BAF core subunits (two
200 SMARCC and one SMARCD). However, in *Arabidopsis*, SAS, MAS and BAS each
201 used different ATPases and SMARCCs homologs. Specifically, the SAS complex
202 contained SYD ATPase and SWI3D, the MAS complex included MINU1/2 ATPases
203 and SWI3A/B, while BRM ATPase and SWI3C specifically presented in the BAS
204 complex (Figure 2A). Second, plant SWI/SNF complexes uniquely lacked core,
205 metazoan-conserved subunits such as SMARCE1 and pBRM1, but selectively evolved
206 in plant-specific subunits that are not found in metazoan and yeast, including PSA1,
207 PSA2, SHH2, SSIP1, SSIP2, and SSIP3 (Figure 2A). Third, the BAS complexes are
208 equivalent to the mammalian ncBAF because they contain the identical paralog
209 subunits (Yu et al., 2020; Yu et al., 2021). However, comparison of the subunit
210 compositions of the SAS and MAS sub-complexes with those of human BAF

211 complexes suggested that the SAS and MAS are plant-specific. Indeed, SAS complexes
212 did not contain any PHD domain or bromodomain proteins that are signatures of
213 mammalian PBAF and cBAF, but had three plant-specific proteins SSIP1/2/3 whose
214 functions in the SAS remain to be investigated. In terms of MAS complexes, although
215 they had PHD domain proteins TPF1/2 and OPF1/2 that are homologous to PHF10
216 subunits in PBAF and DPF1/2/3 in cBAF and contain BRD5 protein that is homologous
217 to the PBAF-specific subunit BRD7, they lacked homologous subunits of PBRM1 and
218 SS18, which are specialized subunits in PBAF and cBAF, respectively. In contrast, the
219 MAS complexes contained several subunits (SHH2, PSA1, and PSA2) that are
220 specifically presented in plants. Based on these comparisons, we propose that the
221 SWI/SNF sub-complexes in different kingdoms came from an ancestral BAF complex.
222 This ancestor BAF complex was firstly evolved into an ncBAF complex that has been
223 preserved in three kingdoms by integrating the GLTSCR domain-containing subunits.
224 Meanwhile, the ancestral BAF complex integrated different new subunits and discarded
225 several original ones to evolve into the PBAF and cBAF sub-complexes in animals and
226 fungi, as well as two plant-specific sub-complexes, SAS and MAS (Figure 2B).

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228 **Differential localization of the *Arabidopsis* SWI/SNF sub-complexes, SAS, MAS,
229 and BAS on chromatin**

230 To further characterize the three distinct plant SWI/SNF assemblies and to determine
231 whether the differences of their subunit compositions may result in differential genomic
232 targeting, we performed a comprehensive genome-wide mapping of SAS, MAS and
233 BAS sub-complexes by performing chromatin immunoprecipitation-sequencing (ChIP-
234 seq) using the stable expression transgenic plants, including pan-plant-SWI/SNF
235 subunits (SWP73B and BCL7A/B) and complex specific subunits SYD and SWI3D for
236 SAS, MINU2, SWI3A and BSH for MAS, and BRM, SWP73A and SWI3C for BAS
237 (Supplemental Figure S2A). The ChIP-seq data of other BAS-specific subunits
238 BRIP1/2 and BRD1/2/13 were previously described (Yu et al., 2020; Yu et al., 2021).

239 Consistent with biochemical results, subcomplex-specific subunits peaks
240 comprised subsets of all pan-subunits peaks (Figure 3A and Supplemental Figure S2,

241 A and B). The target genes of the three ATPases, SYD, MINU2 and BRM, showed
242 significant overlaps ($n = 4,093$); however, they also exhibited specific binding sites,
243 especially for MINU2 ($n = 4,433$) (Figure 3B). Similar results were shown for the other
244 complex-specific subunits, such as SWI3D for SAS, SWI3A for MAS and SWI3C for
245 BAS (Supplemental Figure S2C). Hierarchical clustering performed on ChIP-seq read
246 density over the merged set of peaks across all ChIPs identified distinct, complex-
247 specific enrichment on chromatin (Figure 3C and Supplemental Figure S2D). Indeed,
248 SAS and MAS complexes were accumulated near transcription start sites (TSSs)
249 relative to BAS complexes, which were substantially more enriched over gene bodies
250 (Figure 3, D-E and Supplemental Figure S2E). Consistently, SYD and MINU2 located
251 more frequently over the promoters of the target genes in comparison to BRM, which
252 showed a preference for binding over exons and introns (Figure 3, F and G). Similarly,
253 when we examined the enrichment patterns of other complex-specific subunits, we
254 found that they exhibited similar distributions with their corresponding ATPases. For
255 instance, the BAS specific subunits SWI3C, BRIP1/2 and SWP73A, like BRM, showed
256 more enrichment over gene bodies compared with SWI3D and SWI3A (Supplemental
257 Figure S2, F and G). Surprisingly, when comparing the binding summit of SWI3C with
258 that of BRM, we found that the SWI3C summit was obviously shifted towards the TSSs,
259 reflecting the different occupancies between SWI3C and the BRM ATPase within the
260 BAS sub-complexes (Supplemental Figure S2, H and I). In this regard, one possible
261 explanation is that the BAS sub-complexes contain three BRDs (BRD1/2/13) in their
262 core module that can recognize histone acetylation on chromatin and a BRM in their
263 ATPase module that may bind acetylated histones and DNA through its C-terminal
264 bromodomain and AT-hook domain, respectively (Zhao et al., 2018; Yu et al., 2021).
265 Supporting this notion, we found that the width of BAS complexes peaks was
266 significantly larger than that of SAS and MAS complexes (Figure 3, E and H).

267 Next, we want to assess whether the three sub-complexes could mutually regulate
268 their binding positions on chromatin. To this end, we examined the genomic occupancy
269 of the BAS complexes upon the loss of the SAS, and vice versa. We introduced the loss-
270 of-function *syd-5* mutant into the *BRM-GFP* transgenic line (*pBRM:BRM-GFP brm-1*

271 *syd-5*) and loss-of-function *brm-1* mutant into the *SYD-N-GFP* transgenic line
272 (*pSYD:SYD-N-GFP syd-5 brm-1*) and then performed ChIP-seq assays. We found that
273 the SYD occupancy density was decreased upon BRM mutation at the genes that are
274 co-targeted by BRM and SYD, but the average occupancy intensity of BRM was almost
275 the same in the *syd-5* background compared with WT (Figure 3, I-K). However, in the
276 absence of SYD, the BRM binding position appeared to have a significant shift (from
277 gene body to TSS) at BRM-SYD co-target genes (Figure 3, I and K), implying that SAS
278 sub-complexes enable BAS sub-complexes to bind to chromatin accurately.

279 Motif analyses revealed a significant central enrichment of the three sub-
280 complexes over known transcription factor motifs, including NAC, bZIP, bHLH, BES1,
281 BZR1, FAR1 and TCP. However, BRM preferentially localized to Trihelix and
282 AP2EREBP and specifically localized to HSF, NLP and ABI3VP1 (Figure 3L). In
283 addition, MINU2 specifically localized to C2C2COlike (Figure 3L). These results
284 imply specialized roles for SAS, MAS and BAS complexes at the corresponding motifs.
285 Furthermore, Gene Ontology (GO) enrichment analysis of the three ATPases and core
286 subunits (SWI3D, SWI3A and SWI3C) showed enrichment of shoot system
287 development, response to light stimulus, growth, and flower development
288 (Supplemental Figure S2J and Supplemental Figure S3). Of note, MAS sub-complex
289 core members MINU2 and SWI3A were particularly enriched in many biological
290 pathways different from BAS and SAS sub-complex, such as embryo development,
291 mRNA processing, chromatin organization and DNA methylation (Figure 3M,
292 Supplemental Figure S2J and Supplemental Figure S3). When we further analyzed the
293 enrichment signals of SAS, MAS, and BAS on the genes involved in DNA methylation
294 regulation, we found that MINU2 and SWI3A, the MAS-specific subunits, were
295 significantly enriched on these genes, while the SAS and BAS showed less or no
296 enrichment (Supplemental Figure S4). Collectively, these data suggested a potential
297 specific role for the MAS sub-complexes in the regulation of DNA methylation.

298 We previously showed that BAS complexes subunits BRM and BRD1/2/13
299 preferentially occupied active histone modification markers (Zhao et al., 2018; Yu et
300 al., 2021). In humans, all three BAF subcomplexes were localized to active enhancers

301 and promoters (H3K27ac and H3K4me1) (Michel et al., 2018). When we analyzed the
302 enrichment signals of the active markers (H3K9ac, H3K27ac, H4K5ac, H4K8ac,
303 H3K4me2, H3K4me3, and H3K36me3) and the repressive markers (H3K27me3) at the
304 peaks that are occupied by SYD, MINU2 or BRM, we found that the MINU2 and BRM
305 binding peaks enriched by the active histone marks but are depleted of the repressive
306 one (Supplemental Figure S5A). In contrast, the peaks center of SYD lacked the active
307 markers but showed the highest H3K27me3 enrichment signals among the three
308 ATPases (Supplemental Figure S5A). Moreover, SYD peaks displayed a weak Pol II
309 enrichment relative to MINU2 and BRM peaks (Supplemental Figure S5A). When we
310 repeated this analysis using the sub-complexes co-binding peaks and their unique
311 binding peaks, we observed that the active markers were significantly enriched on the
312 co-binding peaks of SYD-MINU2-BRM, as well as on the MINU2 unique and BRM
313 unique peaks, but were almost not enriched on the SYD unique peaks (Supplemental
314 Figure S5B and C). However, there is a strong enrichment of H3K27me3 signals on the
315 SYD unique peak. Moreover, the same results were obtained when we used the complex
316 specific subunit peaks for the analysis (Supplemental Figure S6). Together, these
317 results demonstrate plant SWI/SNF complex-specific chromatin localization and
318 indicate a specialized enrichment of SAS over the repressive chromatin regions, which
319 has not been observed in human SWI/SNF complexes.

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321 **SWI3D subunit acts in the SAS complexes to regulate genome-wide gene 322 expression**

323 Our biochemical data above suggested that among the four SMARCC paralogs in plants,
324 SWI3D is selectively incorporated into the SAS complexes but not the MAS and BAS
325 complexes (Figure 1). To determine whether SWI3D is functionally relevant to the SAS
326 complexes, we compared the morphological phenotypes between *syd-5* and *swi3d-1*
327 loss-of-function mutants and observed that the two mutant seedlings showed
328 extraordinarily identical phenotypes, including root length, leaf shape, and plant growth
329 status (Figure 4, A and B) (Sarnowski et al., 2005; Shu et al., 2021). Moreover, we
330 introduced the *swi3d-1* into the *syd-5* and found that the *swi3d-1 syd-5* double mutants

331 displayed the same phenotypes as *syd-5* and *swi3d-1* single mutants, showing that loss
332 of SWI3D did not enhance the phenotypes of *syd-5* null mutant. Thus, SWI3D function
333 selectively in the SAS complexes with SYD to regulate the plant development
334 processes.

335 To corroborate these findings, we analyzed RNA-sequencing (RNA-seq) data
336 comparing the transcriptome of *swi3d-1* mutants with that of *syd-5*, *brm-1*, and *minu1-*
337 *2 minu2-1* mutant seedlings. This global transcriptional profiling revealed similar
338 effects on gene expression between *swi3d-1* and *syd-5* mutants, whereas loss of BRM
339 or MINU1/2 (BAS- and MAS-ATPase, respectively) resulted in discordant
340 transcriptional effects (Figure 4C). Indeed, approximately 80% of the 1,834 upregulated
341 and 1,640 downregulated genes in *swi3d-1* (1,462 and 1,306, respectively) exhibited
342 the same direction of mis-regulation in *syd-5* mutants (Figure 4, D and E). The
343 transcriptome of *swi3d-1* was strongly positively correlated with that of mutants *syd-5*
344 (correlation coefficient $R^2 = 0.9291$) (Figure 4F). Furthermore, genes mis-regulated in
345 *syd-5* or *swi3d-1* significantly overlapped with SYD target genes (Supplemental Figure
346 S7). Moreover, the SYD target genes misregulated in *swi3d-1* showed a very high
347 overlap with those misregulated in *syd-5* mutants (Figure 4G). GO term analysis
348 showed that genes regulated by SYD and SWI3D are involved in regulating
349 development of tissues and organs and responding to wounding and auxin (Figure 4, H
350 and I). Together, these data demonstrate that SWI3D and SYD are in the same complex
351 to regulate gene expression in *Arabidopsis*.

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353 **SWI3D is required for the assembly and integrity of SAS sub-complexes**

354 In mammals, the assembly of the SWI/SNF complexes is initiated by the formation of
355 a “core module” that is constituted by two SMARCC and one SMARCD subunits. This
356 initial trimer then acts as a platform for docking of other subunits for assembly toward
357 fully formed SWI/SNF complexes (Mashtalir et al., 2018). Because *Arabidopsis*
358 SWI3D is a paralog of SMARCCs in mammals (Figure 2A), we thought to
359 biochemically evaluate the effects of SWI3D loss on SAS protein complex assembly
360 and integrity. To this end, we introduced the *SYD-GFP* transgene into the *swi3d-1*

361 mutant background and assessed the abundance and integrity of SAS complexes using
362 immunoprecipitation. The loss of SWI3D did not significantly change the messenger
363 RNA levels of *SYD-GFP* (Figure 5A) but resulted in substantially reduced protein
364 abundance of SYD-GFP (Figure 5, B-D). Furthermore, immunoprecipitation of SYD-
365 GFP followed by mass spectrometry analysis showed that loss of SWI3D resulted in
366 significantly reduced peptides corresponding to SYD and near-complete degradation of
367 SAS sub-complex components (Figure 5, E and F). Notably, the protein level of BRM,
368 the BAS ATPase, showed no change in the *swi3d-1* background compared to WT
369 (Supplemental Figure S8), confirming the specific downregulation of the SAS integrity
370 by SWI3D mutation. Together, these data demonstrate a crucial role for the core module
371 subunit SWI3D in the stabilization of the SAS sub-complexes and imply that SWI3D
372 may be a part of the core module that is also necessary for the assembly of SWI/SNF
373 complexes in *Arabidopsis*.

374 We next performed ChIP-seq assays comparing the genome-wide occupancy of
375 SYD in WT with that in *swi3d-1* to assess the impact of SWI3D loss on the genome-
376 wide targeting of the SAS complexes. In line with our biochemical findings, we
377 observed substantial attenuation in SAS complex occupancy on the genome. The
378 numbers of SYD-associated genomic sites and corresponding genes were extremely
379 decreased in *swi3d-1* compared to WT (Figure 5G). Consistently, the occupancy of
380 SYD on the target genes was nearly disrupted in *swi3d-1* (Figure 5, H and I).
381 Furthermore, at more than 90% of SYD binding sites, we found a marked reduction in,
382 or elimination of, SYD occupancy in the absence of SWI3D, while only 29 loci showed
383 an increase (Figure 5J). Independent ChIP-qPCR confirmed the reduction of SYD
384 occupancy at individual loci in *swi3d-1* (Figure 5, K and L). These data indicate that
385 SWI3D loss disrupts SYD occupancy on chromatin and target gene expression.

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387 **The SANT and SWIRM assoc_1 domain of SWI3D are required for the stability**
388 **of SAS sub-complexes**

389 We next sought to identify specific regions on SWI3D that uniquely underlie its
390 function in SAS complex stability maintenance. SWI3D contains five conserved

391 domains, including SWIRM, ZnF, SANT, RPT1 and SWIRM_assoc_1. We generated
392 individual domain-truncated SWI3D fragments tagged by GFP and stably expressed
393 them in the *swi3d-1* mutant background (Figure 6A). Deletion of the SWIRM, ZnF and
394 PRT1 domains did not affect the ability of SWI3D to rescue the *swi3d-1* mutant
395 phenotypes (Figure 6B), indicating that they are dispensable for SWI3D, at least under
396 our growth conditions. In contrast, the deletion of SWIRM_assoc_1 caused a complete
397 failure to restore the morphological defects of *swi3d-1*, while SWI3D truncation lacking
398 the SANT domain only partially recovered the phenotypes (Figure 6B). These data
399 highlight the importance of the SANT and SWIRM_assoc_1 domains of SWI3D in
400 SAS complexes function.

401 To understand the role of SANT and SWIRM_assoc_1 in the SAS complexes, we
402 examined the protein levels of the truncated SWI3Ds. We observed that the deletion of
403 the SANT domain resulted in a reduction in the level of SWI3D protein, and the deletion
404 of the SWIRM_assoc_1 domain led to a failure to accumulate SWI3D protein (Figure
405 6C). Notably, the decrease in their protein contents was not caused by the reduction of
406 their transcription levels (Supplemental Figure S9A). Interestingly, the SANT and
407 SWIRM_assoc_1 domains are evolutionary conserved in different eukaryotes,
408 suggesting that their role in modulating SWI3D protein abundance could possibly be a
409 conserved function (Supplemental Figure S9B). To further elaborate on this, we
410 performed yeast two-hybrid (Y2H) assays to test which domain(s) of SWI3D interacts
411 with the SYD (Figure 6D). We found that only the SANT domain, but not the other
412 domains, is required for interaction with SYD ATPase and serves as a SAS binding
413 domain (Figure 6E). Together, these results demonstrate that the SWI3D SANT domain
414 is a SAS-complex-binding domain that underlies the critical role of SWI3D in the
415 assembly of the SAS complexes.

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417 **The SYD ATPase module is required for the stability of the core module of the SAS**
418 **sub-complex**

419 Our data so far showed that the core module subunit SWI3D of SAS complexes plays
420 a vital role in regulating the integrity of the complex. In mammals, recent studies

421 indicated that loss of ATPases results in a specific disruption of the ATPase module but
422 has no effect on the assembly of the core module (Mashtalir et al., 2018; Pan et al.,
423 2019). However, our above data showed that in Arabidopsis, disruption of SWI3D-SYD
424 interaction by deleting the SWI3D SANT domain leads to a decrease in SWI3D protein
425 abundance. We therefore speculated that, in contrast to their human paralogs, ATPase
426 subunits in plants might be required to stabilize the core module.

427 To test this possibility, we introduced the loss-of-function *syd-5* mutant into the
428 *SWI3D-GFP* transgenic line. Surprisingly, we found that the SWI3D-GFP protein levels
429 were dramatically decreased in the absence of the SYD ATPase (Figure 7A); however,
430 the expression level of *SWI3D-GFP* mRNA did not change significantly (Figure 7B).
431 Furthermore, we conducted IP-MS experiments and found that in *syd-5* mutants, both
432 the core module subunits (such as SWP73B and LFR) and the ATPase module subunits
433 (such as ARP4/7 and BCL7A/B) were not co-immunoprecipitated (Figure 7C). These
434 results indicate that the ATPase in SAS sub-complexes play an essential role in the
435 stability of the core module. To test whether the requirement of ATPase for the stability
436 of the complex is not restricted to SAS complexes but a widespread phenomenon for
437 plant SWI/SNF complexes, we examined the consequences of BRM loss on the stability
438 of SWI3C core module subunit in BAS complexes. We introduced the loss-of-function
439 *brm-1* mutant into the *SWI3C-GFP* transgenic line and performed IP-MS assays. Upon
440 the loss of BRM, SWI3C barely immunoprecipitated ATPase module subunits ARP4/7
441 and BCL7A/B and less effectively immunoprecipitated the core subunit BRIP1/2,
442 BRD1/13 and SWP73B (Supplemental Figure S10). Together, these data demonstrate
443 that the ATPase module enables the full assembly of the core module of Arabidopsis
444 SWI/SNF complexes, a plant-specific feature distinct from animal SWI/SNFs.

445 Finally, we tested the genomic binding of SWI3D in the *syd-5* mutants. ChIP-seq
446 results showed that compared with the enrichment signals of SWI3D in the wild-type
447 background, the number and the signal intensity of SWI3D binding peaks in the genome
448 decreased sharply in *syd-5* (Figure 7, D-G). Independent ChIP-qPCR confirmed the
449 reduction of SWI3D occupancy at individual loci in *syd-5* mutant (Figure 7, H and I).
450 However, a subset of genomic sites was still occupied by SWI3D in the absence of SYD

451 ATPase (Figure 7D, E). Interestingly, we found that the SYD-independent SWI3D
452 binding sites were more accessible than the SYD-dependent SWI3D binding sites
453 (Supplemental Figure S11), possibly underscoring the different dependencies on the
454 SYD ATPase in SAS genomic targeting.

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456 **Discussion**

457 In this study, we demonstrate that *Arabidopsis* has three distinct SWI/SNF sub-
458 complexes (SAS, MAS, and BAS), each containing complex-specific subunits that
459 probably define their identity (Figures 1 and 2). We also comprehensively compared
460 the chromatin binding profiles for the three sub-complexes relative to defined
461 chromatin features (Figure 3). The SAS, MAS, and BAS sub-complexes showed
462 differential occupancy patterns on target genes, associated unique cis-motifs, and
463 localized to chromatin with different histone modifications, possibly underlying
464 complex-specific functions. Moreover, the loss of SAS complexes results in a
465 unexpected shift of the BAS occupancy from gene body to TSSs, providing new
466 insights into our understanding of how the genomic targeting of different SWI/SNF
467 sub-complexes is coordinated for chromatin structure regulation. Finally, our work
468 found a mutual dependency of the core module and the ATPase module of SAS in their
469 assembly for maintaining the integrity of the complex in plants.

470 In the past two decades, numerous investigations on plant SWI/SNF complexes
471 subunits have revealed various phenotypes caused by the perturbation of the subunits.
472 However, due to the lack of information regarding to the subunit composition of plant
473 SWI/SNF complexes, our understanding to the mechanisms by which these subunits
474 regulate plant development and responses to environment stimulus has been severely
475 affected. Moreover, *in vitro* protein-protein interaction assays may not identify
476 endogenous, physiologically relevant complex-specific subunits. For example,
477 previous yeast-two-hybrid assays showed the interaction between SWI3D and BRM
478 (Bezhani et al., 2007). Here, our biochemical data demonstrated that SWI3C, but not
479 SWI3D, is a BAS-specific subunit (Figure 1), which elaborates the similar phenotypes
480 between *swi3c* and *brm* mutants, rather than between *swi3c* and *syd* or *minu* mutants

481 (Wagner D, 2002; Archacki et al., 2009; Sang et al., 2012). Consistently, we found that
482 the phenotype and transcriptome of *swi3d-1* are reminiscent of *syd-5*, in support of the
483 notion that SWI3D and SYD are in the SAS complexes. Moreover, the *swp73a* single
484 mutant showed no phenotypes compared with the wild-type, but the *swp73b* single
485 mutation caused severe alterations in the development of vegetative and reproductive
486 organs (Sacharowski et al., 2015; Huang et al., 2021). Our data showed that SWP73B
487 exists in all three SWI/SNF sub-complex, but SWP73A only belongs to the BAS sub-
488 complexes. Thus, in the *swp73a* mutant, SWP73B could act in the three sub-complexes
489 to maintain plant growth and development. However, in the absence of SWP73B, both
490 SAS and MAS sub-complexes were disintegrated, explaining the strong developmental
491 disorders. Overall, our data underscore the importance of comprehensively defining the
492 subunits composition of the complexes to illustrate subunit functions within the context
493 of sub-complexes.

494 One particularly unexpected result is that the ATPase module (SYD or BRM) is
495 required for global complex stability and the interaction of core module subunits in
496 SAS and BAS complexes in *Arabidopsis*. Previous biochemical and structural studies
497 in humans showed that the mammalian ATPase module is the last to be incorporated
498 into SWI/SNF complexes and therefore not required for the core module assembly
499 (Mashtalir et al., 2018; Michel et al., 2018; Pan et al., 2019). Thus, our studies suggest
500 an alternative, plant-specific assembly pathway in SWI/SNF complexes, further
501 suggesting the separation and divergence of SWI/SNF complexes in eukaryotes.

502 Intriguingly, PAS1, PAS2, SHH2 and SSIP1/2/3 exist as conversed, plant-specific
503 SWI/SNF subunits, suggesting an evolutionarily conserved function for those subunits
504 that could not be appreciated by conventional sequence conservation analyses. Future
505 functional and mechanistic characterization of those subunits would provide novel
506 insight into the roles of plant SWI/SNF complexes in chromatin regulation.
507 Furthermore, compared to SAS and BAS, the MAS sub-complexes showed a
508 preferential occupancy at genes involved in the regulation of DNA methylation (Figure
509 3M, Supplemental Figure 3 and 4). Previous studies have indicated that SWI3B, which
510 we found to be a MAS-specific subunit, acts to promote DNA methylation at a subset

511 of genomic regions (Yang et al., 2020). Moreover, the MAS complexes contain an
512 SHH2 subunit, whose paralog, SHH1, functions as a core component of RNA-directed
513 DNA methylation by assisting in the recruitment of Pol IV (Law et al., 2013; Zhang et
514 al., 2013). Together, these observations imply that the MAS sub-complexes may play a
515 specialized role in regulating DNA methylation, which warrants future investigation.

516 A recent study demonstrated that the abundance of SWI/SNF complexes in human
517 cells is not static but can be dynamically altered as a response to environmental changes
518 (Tran et al., 2022). For example, the protein levels of PBAF-specific subunits ARID2
519 and PBRM1, and of ncBAF-specific subunit BRD9 are downregulated in response to
520 hypoxic stresses, while all cBAF-specific members are retained. Here, our GO analysis
521 of the three plant SWI/SNF sub-complexes revealed varying degrees of enrichments in
522 defense response to bacterium, response to salt stress, immune system process, response
523 to light stimulus and cellular response to phosphate starvation and so on. Thus, we
524 speculate that the abundances of the three plant SWI/SNF sub-complexes may be
525 dynamic rather than static in response to multifarious environmental signals for timely
526 and precisely regulation of gene expression.

527 Finally, our proteomic analysis showed that some homologous subunits in SAS,
528 MAS, or BAS are mutually exclusive in the complexes. For example, for SAS
529 complexes, the three SSIPs (SSIP1, SSIP2, SSIP3) are separately incorporated into the
530 SAS complexes (Figure 1B). Similarly, OPF1, the MAS-specific subunit, did not exist
531 in the OPF2-containing MAS complexes (Diego-Martin et al., 2022). Finally, BAS-
532 specific subunit BRIP1 cannot co-immunoprecipitated with BRIP2, and BRD1 cannot
533 co-immunoprecipitated with BRD2 and BRD13 (Figure 1B). These observations
534 suggest that the existence of multiple subunit paralogs across these three distinct SWI/
535 SNF sub-complexes may result in further diversification. Based on the multiple subunit
536 paralogs across the three SWI/SNF sub-complexes, we calculated the full set of possible
537 combinations (Supplemental Figure S12), in which there are at least 36 possible
538 combinations of SAS sub-complexes, 288 possible combinations of MAS sub-
539 complexes, and 144 possible combinations of BAS sub-complexes.

540 In summary, the illustration of three plant SWI/SNF complexes by our work

541 provides a critical foundation for further structural and functional characterization of
542 this family of plant chromatin remodeling complexes that play crucial roles in
543 regulating plant development and signaling responses through chromatin modulation.
544 Our results highlight and reinforce the power of examining the organization, assembly
545 and genomic targeting to advance our mechanistic understanding of SWI/SNF-
546 mediated chromatin remodeling in plants.

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548 MATERIALS AND METHODS

549 Plant materials and growth conditions

550 Transfer DNA insertion lines, *minu2-1* (SALK_057856), *swi3a-3* (SALK_068234), *bsh*
551 (SALK_058513), *syd-5* (SALK_023209), *swi3d-1* (SALK_100310), *swp73a-2*
552 (SALK_083920), *swp73b-1* (SALK_113834), *ssip2-1* (SALK_109947), *ssip3-1*
553 (SALK_010574), *bcl7a-1* (SALK_027934) and *bcl7b-1* (SALK_029285) were
554 obtained from the Arabidopsis Biological Resource Center (ABRC). Mutants *brm-1*
555 (SALK_030046), *pBRM:BRM-GFP brm-1* and *pSYD:SYD-N-GFP syd-5* transgenic
556 plants were previously described (Li et al., 2016; Shu et al., 2021). Primers used for
557 genotyping are listed in Supplementary Table 1.

558 For RT-qPCR/RNA-seq, ChIP-qPCR/ChIP-seq and IP-MS assays, *Arabidopsis*
559 seeds were sterilized with 20% sodium hypochlorite solution for 15 mins, washed with
560 sterile water five times, and then stratified at 4 °C in darkness for three days. Seeds
561 were then sown on ½ Murashige and Skoog (MS) medium containing 1% sucrose and
562 0.6% agar. For phenotypic analysis, seeds were sown on a mixture of soil and
563 vermiculite (1:1). Seedlings were grown under long-day conditions (16 h light/8 h dark)
564 at 22 °C.

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566 Generation of transgenic plants

567 Full-length genomic regions of *SWI3A*, *SWI3B*, *SWI3C*, *SWI3D*, *SWP73A*, *BSH*,
568 *MINU2*, *SSIP1*, *SSIP2*, *SSIP3*, *SWI3DΔSWIRM*, *SWI3DΔZnF*, *SWI3DΔSANT*,
569 *SWI3DΔRPT1* and *SWI3DΔSWIRM_assoc_1*, driven by their native promoters were
570 cloned into *pCAMBIA1302* vector by using ClonExpress Ultra One Step Cloning Kit

571 (Vazyme, Cat. No. C115-01) and ClonExpress MultiS One Step Cloning Kit (Vazyme,
572 Cat. No. C113-01). Full-length genomic regions of *BCL7A*, *BCL7B* and *SWP73B*,
573 driven by their native promoters were amplified from genomic DNA by PCR, then
574 cloned into the *pDONR221* vector by BP reaction (Invitrogen), and further subcloned
575 into the destination plasmid *pMDC107* (Curtis and Grossniklaus, 2003) by LR reaction
576 (Invitrogen). The constructs were introduced into *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* strain
577 *GV3101* and were then used to transform corresponding single mutant or WT (e.g.,
578 *SWI3B*, *SWI3C* and *SSIP1*) plants using the floral dip method (Clough and Bent, 1998).
579 To obtain *BRM-GFP brm-1 syd-5* and *BRM-GFP brm-1 swi3d-1* transgenic plant, the
580 *BRM-GFP brm-1* transgenic plant was crossed with *syd-5* and *swi3d-1* single mutant.
581 Similar like this, the *SYD-N-GFP syd-5* transgenic plant was crossed with *brm-1* single
582 mutant to obtain *SYD-N-GFP syd-5 brm-1* transgenic plant, the *SYD-N-GFP syd-5*
583 transgenic plant was crossed with *swi3d-1* single mutant to obtain *SYD-N-GFP syd-5*
584 *swi3d-1* transgenic plant, the *SWI3C-GFP* transgenic plant was crossed with *brm-1*
585 single mutant to obtain *SWI3C-GFP brm-1* transgenic plant and the *SWI3D-GFP*
586 *swi3d-1* transgenic plant was crossed with *syd-5* single mutant to obtain *SWI3D-GFP*
587 *swi3d-1 syd-5* transgenic plant. Primers used for constructing are listed in
588 Supplementary Table 1.

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590 **Y2H assay**

591 The full-length or truncated coding regions of SYD or SWI3D were cloned into
592 *pGADT7* (AD) or *pGBT7* (BD). Then the AD and BD plasmids were co-transformed
593 into the yeast strain *AH109* and spread on the medium that lacking leucine (Leu) and
594 tryptophan (Trp) (SD-Leu/-Trp). Positive colonies on SD-Leu/-Trp medium were
595 further picked up and dropped on the selection medium lacking adenine (Ade), histidine
596 (His), Leu and Trp (SD-Leu/-Trp/Ade/His). Primers used for constructing are listed in
597 Supplementary Table 1.

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599 **Confocal microscopy**

600 The GFP signals from the root tips of transgenic plants were observed using the
601 LSM880 microscope. The average fluorescence intensity of the GFP signals were
602 calculated by the Histo function of the LSM880 microscope.

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604 **Co-immunoprecipitation and mass spectrometry (IP-MS)**

605 For IP-MS, about 5 g of 14-day-old seedlings under long-day conditions were harvested
606 and ground to a fine powder in liquid nitrogen. Then, the powers were collected and
607 homogenized in 10 ml of lysis buffer (50 mM HEPES [pH 7.5], 300 mM NaCl, 10 mM
608 EDTA, 1% Triton X-100, 0.2% NP-40, 10% glycerol, 2 mM DTT, 1× Complete
609 Protease Inhibitor Cocktail (Roche)) at 4°C for 30 min. After centrifugation at 11,000
610 rpm and 4 °C for 15 min (twice), the supernatant was diluted by equal volume dilution
611 buffer (50 mM HEPES [pH 7.5], 10 mM EDTA, 10% glycerol, 2 mM DTT, 1×
612 Complete Protease Inhibitor Cocktail (Roche)) and then incubated with GFP_trap beads
613 (Cat. No. KTSM1301) at 4 °C for 3 h with gently rotation. Beads were then washed
614 three times with washing buffer (50 mM HEPES [pH 7.5], 150 mM NaCl, 10 mM
615 EDTA, 0.2% Triton X-100, 0.1% NP-40, 10% glycerol). Proteins were eluted in SDS
616 loading buffer and incubated at 55°C for 10 min, followed by immunoblotting or silver
617 staining.

618 For mass spectrometry, the immunoprecipitated proteins were eluted using 0.2 M
619 glycine solution (pH 2.5), and then subjected to reduction with dithiothreitol, alkylation
620 with iodoacetamide and digested with trypsin (Thermo Fisher, Cat. No. 90057, MS
621 grade). The samples were analyzed on a Thermo Scientific Q Exactive HF mass
622 spectrometer. Spectral data were searched against the TAIR10 database using Protein
623 Prospector 4.0. Two or three biological replicates were included in the IP-MS analysis.
624 Raw data were searched against the TAIR10. Default settings for Label-free
625 quantitation (LFQ) analysis using MaxQuant (Tyanova et al., 2016a) and Perseus
626 (Tyanova et al., 2016b) software were applied to calculate the LFQ intensities with
627 default settings.

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629 **Nuclear protein extraction**

630 For nuclear protein extraction, 0.2 g of 14-day-old seedlings grown on 1/2 MS medium
631 was ground to fine powder in liquid nitrogen to extract the nucleoproteins. Nuclei were
632 isolated following the ChIP protocol (Li et al., 2016) without tissue fixation. Briefly,
633 nuclear proteins were released by incubating the nuclei preparation in 200 ml of lysis
634 buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl, 10 mM EDTA, 1% SDS, and 1× protease inhibitors) for 3h
635 at 4°C. Then, the extract was diluted with equal volume of ChIP dilution buffer (16.7
636 mM Tris-HCl [pH 8.0], 167 mM NaCl, and 1.1% Triton X-100) and centrifuged at
637 15,000 g for 10 min at 4°C to remove debris, followed by immunoblotting.

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639 **Immunoblotting**

640 Proteins were loaded onto 4%-20% gradient protein gels (GenScript, SurePAGE, Cat.
641 No. M00655) and 4%-20% Precast Protein Plus Gel (Yeasen, Cat. No. 36256ES10) at
642 120 V for 2 h. A wet transformation was performed at 90 V for 90 min in ice-cold
643 transfer buffer. After that, the membranes were blocked in 5% non-fat milk at room
644 temperature for 1 h on a shaking table (60 rpm). Finally, the blocked membranes were
645 incubated in the corresponding antibodies solutions at room temperature for another 3
646 h. The following antibodies were used: anti-GFP (Abcam, Cat. No. ab290, 1:10,000
647 dilution), anti-H3 (Proteintech, Cat. No. 17168-1-AP, 1:10,000 dilution). The
648 intensities of blotting signals were quantified using ImageJ software (v.1.50i).
649 Uncropped scans of immunoblotting results are shown in Supplementary Figure 13.

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651 **Silver staining**

652 For silver staining, samples were run on a 4%-20% gradient protein gels (GenScript,
653 SurePAGE, Cat. No. M00655) and stained with Fast Silver Stain Kit (Beyotime, Cat.
654 No. P0017S) according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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656 **RNA isolation, RT-qPCR and RNA-seq analyses**

657 Total RNA was extracted from 14-day-old *Arabidopsis* seedlings grown under long-
658 day conditions using the HiPure Unviersal RNA Mini Kit (MAGEN, Cat. No. R4130)
659 according to the manufacturer's instructions. FOR RT-qPCR, 1 µg RNA was used for

660 DNase digestion and reverse transcription using HiScript III 1st Strand cDNA
661 Synthesis Kit (+gDNA wiper) (Vazyme, Cat. No. R312-01). The transcribed cDNA
662 underwent qPCR assays were performed using ChamQ Universal SYBR qPCR Master
663 Mix (Vazyme, Cat. No. Q711-02) in the StepOne Plus (Applied Biosystems). Results
664 were repeated with three biological replicates. Quantification was analyzed with the
665 relative $-\Delta\Delta Ct$ method (Livak and Schmittgen, 2001). *ACTIN2* were served as the
666 control for mRNA analyses. The sequences of primers used are listed in Supplementary
667 Table 1.

668 For RNA-seq analyses, RNA from three biological replicates were sequenced
669 separately at Novogene (sequencing method: nova-seq PE150). After removal of
670 adapters and low-quality reads, the clean reads were mapped to the TAIR10
671 Arabidopsis genome using TopHat (v2.1.1) with default settings (Kim et al., 2013),
672 except that a minimum intron length of 20 base pairs (Snelders et al.) and a maximum
673 intron length of 4,000 bp were required. Mapped reads were then assembled according
674 to the TAIR10 version of genome annotation using Cufflinks (v.2.1.1) with default
675 settings (Trapnell et al., 2012). For analysis of differential expression, the assembled
676 transcripts from three independent biological replicates in WT and other mutants (*syd-*
677 *5* and *swi3d-1*) were included and compared using Cuffdiff (v.2.1.1) with default
678 settings (Trapnell et al., 2012). Finally, genes with at least 1.5-fold change in expression
679 ($P < 0.05$) were considered differentially expressed (see Supplementary Table 2 for
680 details). To calculate the significance of the overlap of two groups of genes drawn from
681 the set of genes, the total number of genes in the Arabidopsis genome used was 34,218
682 (27,655 coding and 6,563 non-coding genes) according to EnsemblPlants
683 (<http://plants.ensembl.org/index.html>).

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685 **ChIP and ChIP-seq analysis**

686 ChIP experiments were performed as previously described (Gendrel et al., 2005; Li et
687 al., 2016; Yu et al., 2021) with minor changes. In brief, 14-day-old seedlings (0.5 g for
688 each biological replicate) grown on $\frac{1}{2}$ -strength MS medium under long-day conditions
689 were fixed using 1% formaldehyde under a vacuum for 15 min and then ground into a

690 fine powder in liquid nitrogen. The chromatin was sonicated into 300-500 bp fragments
691 using a Bioruptor sonicator with a 30/45-s on/off cycle (27 total on cycles).
692 Immunoprecipitation was performed using 1 μ l of anti-GFP (Abcam, Cat. No. ab290)
693 plus 40 μ l Agarose beads (Abcam, Cat. No. 16-157) at 4 °C overnight. Next day, the
694 beads were washed subsequently with low-salt buffer, high-salt buffer, ChIP wash
695 buffer and TE buffer, and then the immunoprecipitated chromatin were eluted with
696 Elution buffer. Finally, after the eluate subsequently subjected to reverse crosslinks,
697 RNase digestion and Proteinase K digestion, the DNA was purified by
698 phenol/chloroform/isoamyl. ChIP-qPCR was performed with three biological
699 replicates, and the results were calculated as a percentage of input DNA according to
700 the Champion ChIP-qPCR user manual (SABioscience). The primers used for ChIP-
701 qPCR are listed in Supplementary Table 1.

702 For ChIP-seq, 1 g of seedlings was used, and the ChIPed DNA was purified using
703 the MinElute PCR purification kit (Qiagen, Cat. No. 28004). Libraries were constructed
704 with 2ng of ChIPed DNA using the VAHTS Universal DNA Library Prep Kit for
705 Illumina V3 (Vazyme Biotech, Cat. No. ND607), VAHTSTM DNA Adapters set3-set6
706 for Illumina (Vazyme Biotech, Cat. No. N805) and VAHTS DNA Clean Beads
707 (Vazyme Biotech, Cat. No. N411-02) according to the manufacturer's protocol. High-
708 throughput sequencing was performed at Novagene (sequencing method: NovaSeq-
709 PE150).

710 ChIP-seq data analysis was performed as previously described (Yu et al., 2020; Yu
711 et al., 2021). In brief, raw data was trimmed by fastp with following parameters: “-g -q
712 5 -u 50 -n 15 -l 150”. The clean data was mapped to the *Arabidopsis thaliana* reference
713 genome (TAIR10) using Bowtie2 with the default settings (Langmead and Salzberg,
714 2012). Only perfectly and uniquely mapped reads were used for further analysis. A
715 summary of the number of reads for each sample is given in Supplementary Tables 3
716 and 4. MACS 2.0 (Feng et al., 2012) was used for peak calling with the following
717 parameters: “gsize = 119,667,750, bw = 300, q = 0.05, nomodel, extsize = 200.” The
718 aligned reads were converted to wiggle (wig) formats, and bigwig files were generated
719 by bamCoverage with “-bs 10” and “-normalize using RPKM (reads per kilobase per

720 million)" in deepTools (Ramirez et al., 2016). The data were imported into the
721 Integrative Genomics Viewer (IGV) (Robinson et al., 2011) or Integrated Genome
722 Browser (IGB) (Freese et al., 2016) for visualization. Only peaks that were present in
723 both biological replicates (irreproducible discovery rate ≥ 0.05) were considered for
724 further analysis. To annotate peaks to genes, ChIPseeker was used with default settings
725 (Yu et al., 2015). Differential occupancy was determined using DiffBind with default
726 settings (Ross-Innes et al., 2012). Venn diagrams were created using Venny (v.2.1)
727 (<https://bioinfogp.cnb.csic.es/tools/venny/index.html>) to compare overlaps between
728 different groups of genes. ComputeMatrix and plotProfile (Ramírez et al., 2016) were
729 used to compare the mean occupancy density (details are shown in each corresponding
730 figure legends).

731 To analyze read density and correlation between different ChIP-seq samples, we
732 performed spearman correlation analysis. Reads density was analyzed over the merged
733 set of binding sites across all ChIPs using multiBigwig-Summary function from
734 deepTools. The heatmap of spearman correlation was generated by PlotCorrelation
735 function in deepTools (Ramírez et al., 2016). Peak overlaps were analyzed by Bedtools
736 intersect function.

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738 **Gene ontology analysis**

739 Gene Ontology (GO) enrichment analysis was performed using the DAVID
740 Bioinformatics Resources (<https://david.ncifcrf.gov/>) and plotted at HIPLOT ([hiplot-academic.com](https://hiplot.academic.com)).
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743 **Phylogenetic analysis**

744 The amino acid sequences of orthologs proteins of SWI3D in different species were
745 downloaded from UniProt database and used for phylogenetic analysis. The
746 phylogenetic tree was constructed with MEGA11 (Tamura et al., 2021) using the
747 neighbor-joining method with 1000 bootstrap replicates and the Poisson model.

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749 **Data availability**

750 The ChIP-seq and RNA-seq datasets have been deposited in the Gene Expression
751 Omnibus under accession no. GSE218841 and GSE218842, respectively. The mass
752 spectrometry proteomics data have been deposited in the Integrated Proteome
753 Resources under the dataset identifier IPX0005495000. The BRD1, BRD2, and BRD13
754 ChIP-seq data and *brm-1* RNA-seq data were downloaded from GEO under accession
755 no. GSE161595. BRIP1 and BRIP2 ChIP-seq data were downloaded from GEO under
756 accession no. GSE142369. The H3K27me3 ChIP-seq data were downloaded from GEO
757 under accession no. GSE145387. The H3K4me3 ChIP-seq data were downloaded from
758 GEO under accession no. GSE183987. The H3K4me1 and H3K4me2 ChIP-seq data
759 were downloaded from DDBJ databases under the accession number DRA010413. The
760 H3K36me3 ChIP-seq data and *minu1-2 minu2-1* RNAseq data were downloaded from
761 GEO under accession no. GSE205112. The H3K9me1 ChIP-seq data were downloaded
762 from GEO under accession no. GSE146948. The H3K9ac, H3K27ac, H4K5ac and
763 H4K8ac ChIP-seq data were downloaded from GEO under accession no. GSE183987.

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765 **ACCESSION NUMBERS**

766 Accession numbers of genes reported in this study include: AT2G46020 (*BRM*),
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796 Figure legends

797 **Figure 1 Three distinct SWI/SNF sub-complexes in *Arabidopsis*.** **A**, Volcano plots
798 displaying SWI/SNF subunits that are enriched in GFP immunoprecipitations from
799 BRM-GFP, SYD-GFP, MINU2-GFP relative to GFP from two independent
800 experiments. *P* values were calculated by two-tailed Student's t-test. Subunits of the
801 *Arabidopsis* SWI/SNF complexes are highlighted using green dots (BRM unique
802 subunits), blue dots (SYD unique subunits), magenta dots (MINU unique subunits) and
803 black dots (BRM, SYD and MINU2 shared subunits). **B**, Heatmap showing the mean
804 $\log_2(\text{PSM}+1)$ values (from two biological replications) of SWI/SNF complex subunits
805 identified by IP-MS in BRM, SWI3C, BRIP2, BRD1, SWP73A, SYD-N, SWI3D,
806 SSIP1/2/3, MINU2, SWI3A, SWI3B, BSH, SWP73B and BCL7B. **C**, Diagrams
807 showing the organization of BAS, SAS and MAS complexes, respectively. Sliver-
808 stained gels of GFP immunoprecipitations from SWI3C-GFP, SWI3D-GFP and
809 SWI3A-GFP were shown. The specific subunits of each sub-complex were marked with

810 different colors, and the common subunits of different sub-complexes were marked
811 with gray.

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813 **Figure 2 Comparison of subunit composition of SWI/SNF complexes in**
814 *Saccharomyces cerevisiae, Homo sapiens and Arabidopsis thaliana*. **A**, SWI/SNF
815 sub-complex components in the three species. The *SMARC* names correspond to
816 lineage-specific subunits previously identified (Hernández-García et al., 2022) and the
817 characters in brackets represent different protein modules. **B**, Diagrams displaying the
818 subunits composition of different SWI/SNF sub-complexes in eukaryotes. The specific
819 subunits of each complex were highlighted by different colors, and the common
820 subunits of different sub-complexes of the same species were marked with gray.

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822 **Figure 3 SAS, MAS and BAS sub-complexes show differential binding patterns in**
823 **genome-wide**. **A**, Venn diagrams displaying statistically significant overlaps among
824 genes occupied by SYD, MINU2 or BRM with those by SWP73B. *P* values were
825 calculated by the hypergeometric test. **B**, Venn diagram displaying statistically
826 significant overlaps among genes occupied by SYD, MINU2 and BRM. *P* values were
827 calculated by the hypergeometric test. **C**, Heatmap representing correlations between
828 normalized ChIP-seq reads over a merged set of all SWI/SNF subunit peaks. **D**, SYD,
829 MINU2, and BRM complex ChIP-seq read density distribution over the TSS and 2.5
830 kb into the gene body at their target genes. **E**, IGV views of ChIP-seq signals of SYD,
831 MINU2 and BRM at representative genes. The dash lines indicated the peak summits. **F**,
832 Pie charts showing the distribution of SYD, MINU2 and BRM peaks at genic and
833 intergenic regions in the genome. **G**, Metagene plot and heatmap display the
834 distribution of SYD, MINU2 and BRM peaks at genic and intergenic regions in the
835 genome. Green arrows and dashed boxes indicate the gene body. **H**, Violin plots
836 depicting the \log_{10} (peak length) of SYD, MINU2 or BRM at their corresponding peaks.
837 *P* values are from two-tailed Mann-Whitney *U* test. **I**, Metagene plot showing the mean
838 occupancy of SYD or BRM at their co-target genes. **J**, Violin plots depicting the \log_2
839 (no. of reads within ± 0.5 kb of TSS of BRM-GFP and SYD-GFP at their co-target

840 genes, P values were determined by the two-tailed Mann-Whitney U test. **K**, IGV views
841 of ChIP-seq signals of BRM and SYD at representative genes. The diagrams underneath
842 indicate gene structure. The y-axis scales represent shifted merged MACS2 tag counts
843 for every 10-bp window. **L**, Heatmap of CentriMo log adjusted p-values for top motifs
844 returned by MEME-ChIP analysis for each ChIP-seq experiment. P-values were
845 calculated using binomial test. The sequence covering 250 bp (SYD and MINU2) or
846 400 bp (BRM) on either side of each peak summit were used. **M**, Gene ontology
847 analysis of MINU2 specific targets genes.

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849 **Figure 4 SWI3D and SYD co-regulate gene expression.** **A**, root length of 7-day-old
850 seedlings. Scale bars, 1 cm. Lowercase letters indicate significant differences between
851 genetic backgrounds, as determined by the post hoc Tukey's HSD test. The number of
852 "n = " indicates the number of plants that were used. Data are presented as mean \pm
853 s.d.. **B**, Left, leaf phenotype of 21-day-old seedlings. Scale bars, 1 cm. Right, seedlings
854 phenotype of 40-day-old seedlings. Scale bars, 10 cm. **C**, Heatmap showing
855 hierarchical clustering of differentially expressed genes in different mutants (total mis-
856 regulated genes, 7,216). **D-E**, Venn diagrams showing statistically significant overlaps
857 between genes up- or downregulated in *syd-5* and those in *swi3d-1*. $P = 0$,
858 hypergeometric test. **F**, Scatterplot of log2-fold change values over WT of *syd-5* versus
859 *swi3d-1* at genes that were differentially expressed in *syd-5*. The line of best fit is shown
860 in red, with adjusted R value indicated. Dots are mean values from three biologically
861 independent experiments. **G**, Venn diagrams showing statistically significant overlaps
862 between the mis-regulated genes targeted by SYD in *swi3d-1* and SYD directs regulated
863 genes. P values were determined by hypergeometric test. **H-I**, Gene ontology analysis
864 of genes co-up- or co-down-regulated in *syd-5* and *swi3d-1*.

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866 **Figure 5 SWI3D is essential in maintaining SAS sub-complex integrity.** **A**, The
867 mRNA levels of *SYD-N-GFP* were determined by RT-qPCR in WT and *swi3d-1*
868 background. *ACTIN2* was amplified as an internal control. Error bars are presented as

869 mean values \pm s.d. from three biological replicates. **B**, Immunoblot analysis showing
870 the relative protein levels of SYD-N-GFP in WT and *swi3d-1*. The numbers at the
871 bottom represent amounts normalized to the loading control, histone H3. WT was used
872 as a GFP-free control. **C**, Confocal images of root tips showing nuclear localization of
873 the SYD-N-GFP fusion protein in a WT and a *swi3d-1* background, respectively. The
874 red fluorescent signal is derived from propidium iodide staining. **D**, Box plot showing
875 the average fluorescence intensity of SYD-N-GFP in WT and *swi3d-1* mutants. The “*n*
876 =” indicates the number of roots used. The boxes indicate the first and third quartiles,
877 and the lines in the boxes indicate median values. Significant differences were
878 determined by unpaired, two-tailed Student’s *t*-test. **E**, Unique peptide numbers of SAS
879 sub-complex subunits identified by IP-MS in *SYD-N-GFP* under WT and *swi3d-1*
880 background. **F**, Heatmap showing the unique peptides values of representative SAS
881 sub-complex subunits identified by IP-MS in *SYD-N-GFP* under WT and *swi3d-1*
882 background. **G**, Number of SYD binding sites (number of peaks or genes) in the WT
883 and *swi3d-1* background. **H** and **I**, Metagene plot (**H**) and heatmap (**I**) represented the
884 mean density of SYD occupancy at all SYD-occupied sites in *swi3d-1* compared with
885 WT. The average SYD binding signals within 3 kb genomic regions flanking SYD peak
886 summits were shown. **J**, Fold change (log2) in SYD occupancy between WT and *swi3d-1*
887 background. Occupancy changes with false discovery rate (FDR) < 0.05 are
888 highlighted. FDR values are multiple test-corrected Wilcoxon test *P* values, two
889 biological replicates. **K**, ChIP-qPCR validation of SYD occupancy at representative
890 target genes using ChIP DNA samples independent from those used for ChIP-seq. The
891 *AT2G22560* was used as the negative control. Error bars are presented as mean values
892 \pm s.d. from two biological replicates. Unpaired, two-tailed Student’s *t*-test. **L**, IGV
893 views of SYD occupancy at selected loci in the WT and *swi3d-1* background. The *y*-
894 axis scales represent shifted merged MACS2 tag counts for every 10 bp window.
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896 **Figure 6 The SANT and SWIRM assoc-1 domain are required for maintaining the**
897 **stability of SWI3D protein.** **A**, Schematic illustration of the SWI3D protein and its
898 truncated versions. **B**, Leaf phenotype of 21-day-old seedlings. Scale bars, 1 cm. **C**,

899 Western blot analysis using an anti-GFP antibody shows the accumulation of SWI3D
900 protein and its truncated versions. For each plot, the antibody used is indicated on the
901 left, and the sizes of the protein markers are indicated on the right. H3 serves as a
902 loading control. **D**, Schematic illustration of the the N-terminal of SYD protein, SWI3D
903 and the different truncated versions of SWI3D. **E**, Y2H assay to examine the direct
904 interaction between SYD and SWI3D. Growth of transformed yeast on permissive SD-
905 Ade-His-Leu-Trp medium indicate interaction.

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907 **Figure 7 The ATPase module is required for stability of the core module.** **A**,
908 Immunoblot analysis showing the relative protein levels of SWI3D-GFP in WT and
909 *syd-5* background. The numbers at the bottom represent amounts normalized to the
910 loading control, histone H3. WT was used as a GFP-free control. **B**, The mRNA levels
911 of SWI3D-*GFP* were determined by RT-qPCR in WT and *syd-5* background. *ACTIN2*
912 was amplified as an internal control. Error bars are presented as mean values \pm s.d. from
913 three biological replicates. **C**, Unique peptide numbers of SAS sub-complex subunits
914 identified by IP-MS in *SWI3D-GFP* under WT and *syd-5* background. **D**, Number of
915 SWI3D binding sites (number of peaks or genes) in the WT and *syd-5* background. **E**
916 and **F**, Metagene plot (**E**) and heatmap (**F**) represented the mean density of SWI3D
917 occupancy at all SWI3D-occupied sites in *syd-5* compared with WT. The average
918 SWI3D binding signals within 3 kb genomic regions flanking SWI3D peak summits
919 were shown. **G**, Fold change (log2) in SWI3D occupancy between WT and *syd-5*
920 background. Occupancy changes with false discovery rate (FDR) < 0.05 are highlighted.
921 FDR values are multiple test-corrected Wilcoxon test *P* values, two biological replicates
922 per ChIP. **H**, ChIP-qPCR validation of SWI3D occupancy at representative target genes
923 using ChIP DNA samples independent from those used for ChIP-seq. The *AT2G22560*
924 was used as the negative control. Error bars are presented as mean values \pm s.d. from
925 two biological replicates. Unpaired, two-tailed Student's *t*-test. **I**, IGV views of SWI3D
926 occupancy at selected loci in the WT and *syd-5* background. The *y*-axis scales represent
927 shifted merged MACS2 tag counts for every 10 bp window.

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929 **Supplemental Figure 1 Immuno-purification of three distinct SWI/SNF sub-**
930 **complexes in *Arabidopsis*. A-C,** Heatmaps showing the $\log_2(\text{PSM}+1)$ values of
931 SWI/SNF complex subunits identified by IP-MS in BRM, SYD and MINU2. **D,** Sliver-
932 stained gel of GFP immunoprecipitations from SWI3C-GFP, SWI3D-GFP and SWI3A-
933 GFP. WT or *pACTIN2:GFP* were used as a control. **E,** Volcano plots displaying that
934 SWI/SNF subunits are enriched in GFP immunoprecipitations from corresponding
935 subunit from two or three independent experiments. *P* values were calculated by two-
936 tailed Student's t-test. The pan-SWI/SNF subunit and complex specific subunits were
937 shown in different colors.

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939 **Supplemental Figure 2 Differential binding of SAS, MAS and BAS sub-complexes**
940 **on chromatin. A,** Schematic of subunits selected for ChIP-seq: SYD and SWI3D
941 (SAS-specific), MINU2, SWI3A and BSH (MAS-specific), BRM, SWI3C and
942 SWP73A (BAS-specific) and SWP73B and BCL7A/B (pan-SWI/SNF) subunits. **B,**
943 Venn diagrams displaying statistically significant overlaps among genes occupied by
944 SWI3D, SWI3A or SWI3C with those by SWP73B. **C,** Venn diagrams displaying
945 statistically significant overlaps among genes occupied by SWI3A, SWI3C and SWI3D.
946 **D,** Matrix depicting spearman correlation coefficients between ChIP-seq datasets,
947 calculated using the bin mode (bin size = 1,000). **E,** At the top, ChIP-seq read density
948 distribution over the TSS and 2.5 kb into the gene body at their co-target genes. At the
949 bottom, heatmap showing the mean occupancy signals of SYD, MINU2 and BRM. **F-**
950 **G,** Pie charts (F), metagene plot (G) and heatmap (G) showing the distribution of
951 SWI3A, SWI3C, SWI3D, SWP73A, BRIP1 and BRIP2 peaks at genic and intergenic
952 regions in the genome. Green arrows and dashed boxes indicate the gene body. **H,**
953 Metagene plot representations of the mean occupancy of SYD, SWI3D, MINU2,
954 SWI3A, BRM and SWI3C at SYD-MINU2-BRM co-target genes. **I,** Metagene plot
955 representations of the mean occupancy of SYD, SWI3D, MINU2, SWI3A, BRM and
956 SWI3C at SWI3D-SWI3A-SWI3C co-target genes. **J,** Heatmap showing Gene
957 ontology analysis of BRM, SYD and MINU2 targets genes.

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959 **Supplemental Figure 3 Unique target genes bound by SWI3A.** **A**, Gene ontology
960 analysis of SWI3A unique target genes. **B**, Gene ontology analysis of SWI3A, SWI3C
961 and SWI3D target genes.

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963 **Supplemental Figure 4 The MAS sub-complex showed a preference for binding to**
964 **genes involved in the regulation of DNA methylation.** **A**, Partial list of MINU2 target
965 genes related to DNA methylation. **B-C**, Metagene plots displaying the mean
966 occupancy of MINU2, BRM and SYD at the 416 genes involved in the regulation of
967 DNA methylation. The 416 genes list were obtained by searching the GO term
968 “Methylation” at <http://geneontology.org/>. **D-G**, IGV views of ChIP-seq signals of
969 MINU2, SWI3A, BRM, SWI3C, SYD and SWI3D at representative genes.

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971 **Supplemental Figure 5 The MAS and BAS sub-complex, but not SAS sub-complex,**
972 **show a significant overlap with activate histone modification markers.** **A**, Metagene
973 plots displaying the ChIP-seq signals of different histone modifications at SYD,
974 MINU2 and BRM binding peaks. **B**, Metagene plots displaying the ChIP-seq signals of
975 different histone modifications at SYD-MINU2-BRM co-binding and their specific
976 binding peaks.

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978 **Supplemental Figure 6** Metagene plots displaying the ChIP-seq signals of different
979 histone modifications at SWI3D, SWI3A and SWI3C binding peaks.

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981 **Supplemental Figure 7 Analysis of the overlaps between SYD target genes and**
982 **mis-regulated genes in *syd-5* or *swi3d-1*.** **A**, Venn diagrams displaying the overlap
983 between the genes occupied by SYD and mis-regulated genes in *syd-5*. **B**, Venn
984 diagrams displaying the overlap between the genes occupied by SYD and mis-regulated
985 genes in *swi3d-1*.

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987 **Supplemental Figure 8 Loss of SWI3D did not affect BRM protein level.**
988 Immunoblot analysis showing the relative protein levels of BRM-GFP in a WT and

989 *swi3d-1* background. WT was used as a GFP-free control.

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991 **Supplemental Figure 9 The SANT and SWIRM assoc-1 domain of SWI3D are**
992 **conserved in eukaryotes.** **A**, The mRNA levels of *SWI3D-GFP* were determined by
993 RT-qPCR in different truncated versions of SWI3D. *ACTIN2* was amplified as an
994 internal control. Error bars are presented as mean values \pm s.d. from three biological
995 replicates. Lowercase letters indicated significant differences between genetic
996 backgrounds, as determined by the *post hoc* Tukey's HSD test. **B**, The phylogenetic
997 tree and genes structure of SWI3D was constructed using the amino-acid sequences
998 from different species, including *Amborella trichopoda*, *Physcomitrella patens*,
999 *Arabidopsis thaliana*, *Oryza sativa Japonica*, *Zea mays*, *Homo sapiens*, *Drosophila*
1000 *melanogaster*, *Caenorhabditis elegans*, *Schizosaccharomyces pombe*, *Chlamydomonas*
1001 *reinhardtii*, *Selaginella moellendorffii*, *Populus trichocarpa*, *Sorghum bicolor*. The
1002 conserved domains were predicted at the online tool SMART: <https://smart.embl.de>.

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1004 **Supplemental Figure 10 The ATPase of BAS sub-complex is essential to the**
1005 **stability of the core module.** **A**, Unique peptide numbers of BAS sub-complex
1006 subunits identified by IP-MS in *SWI3C-GFP* under WT and *brm-1* background. **B**,
1007 Heatmap showing the $\log_2(\text{PSM}+1)$ values of representative BAS sub-complex
1008 subunits identified by IP-MS in *SWI3C-GFP* under WT and *brm-1* background.

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1010 **Supplemental Figure 11 The residual peaks of SWI3D enriched at high chromatin**
1011 **accessibility regions.** **A**, Venn diagram displaying the overlap SWI3D peaks that lost
1012 and maintained in *syd-5* mutant background. **B**, Metagene plot and heatmap
1013 representing the mean density of the ATAC-seq signals of WT at SWI3D peaks that lost
1014 and maintained in *syd-5*.

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1016 **Supplemental Figure 12 The possible combinations of the SAS, MAS and BAS sub-**
1017 **complexes.**

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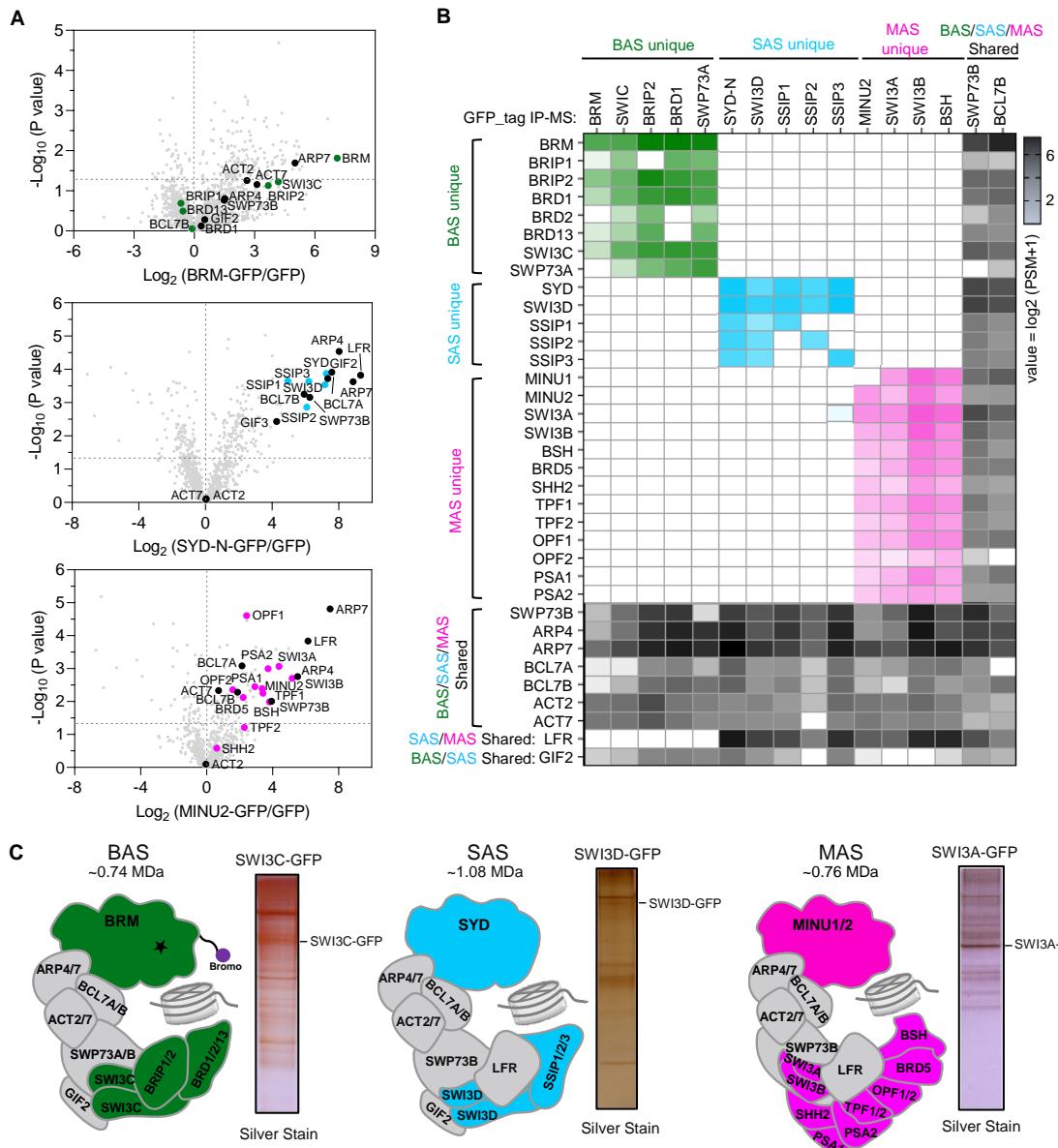


Figure 1 Three distinct SWI/SNF sub-complexes in *Arabidopsis*. **A**, Volcano plots displaying SWI/SNF subunits that are enriched in GFP immunoprecipitations from BRM-GFP, SYD-GFP, MINU2-GFP relative to GFP from two independent experiments. P values were calculated by two-tailed Student's t-test. Subunits of the *Arabidopsis* SWI/SNF complexes are highlighted using green dots (BRM unique subunits), blue dots (SYD unique subunits), magenta dots (MINU unique subunits) and black dots (BRM, SYD and MINU2 shared subunits). **B**, Heatmap showing the mean $\log_2(\text{PSM}+1)$ values (from two biological replications) of SWI/SNF complex subunits identified by IP-MS in BRM, SWI3C, BRIP2, BRD1, SWP73A, SYD-N, SWI3D, SSIP1/2/3, MINU2, SWI3A, SWI3B, BSH, SWP73B and BCL7B. **C**, Diagrams showing the organization of BAS, SAS and MAS complexes, respectively. Silver-stained gels of GFP immunoprecipitations from SWI3C-GFP, SWI3D-GFP and SWI3A-GFP were shown. The specific subunits of each sub-complex were marked with different colors, and the common subunits of different sub-complexes were marked with gray.

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	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>		<i>Homo sapiens</i>			<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>		
	Swi/Snf	RSC	cBAF	PBAF	ncBAF	BAS (ncBAF)	SAS	MAS
SMARCA2/4	Snf2	Sth1	BRM/BRG1	BRM/BRG1	BRM/BRG1	BRM	SYD	MINU1/MINU2
SMARCB	Snf5	Sfh1	BAF47	BAF47				BSH
SMARCC	Swi3	Rsc8	BAF155 BAF170	BAF155 BAF170	BAF155 BAF170	SWI3C	SWI3D	SWI3A SWI3B
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SMARCE			BAF57	BAF57				
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SMARCG	Swp82	Rsc7	DPF1/2/3	PHF10				TPF1/2, OPF1/2
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SMARCI				BRD7	BRD9	BRD1/2/13		BRD5
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Plant specific								PSA1(P)
								PSA2(Q)
								SHH2 (R)
Yeast specific								SSIP1/2/3 (S)
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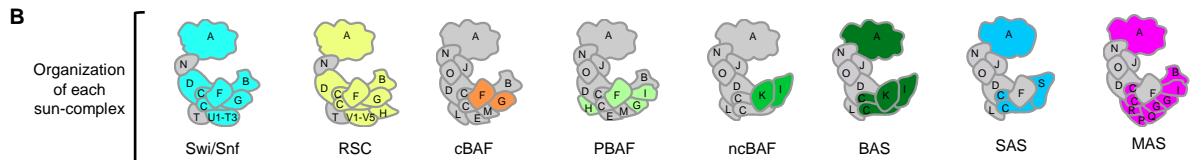


Figure 2 Comparison of subunit composition of SWI/SNF complexes in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, *Homo sapiens* and *Arabidopsis thaliana*. A, SWI/SNF sub-complex components in the three species. The SMARC names correspond to lineage-specific subunits previously identified (Hernández-García et al., 2022) and the characters in brackets represent different protein modules. **B**, Diagrams displaying the subunits composition of different SWI/SNF sub-complexes in eukaryotes. The specific subunits of each complex were highlighted by different colors, and the common subunits of different sub-complexes of the same species were marked with gray.

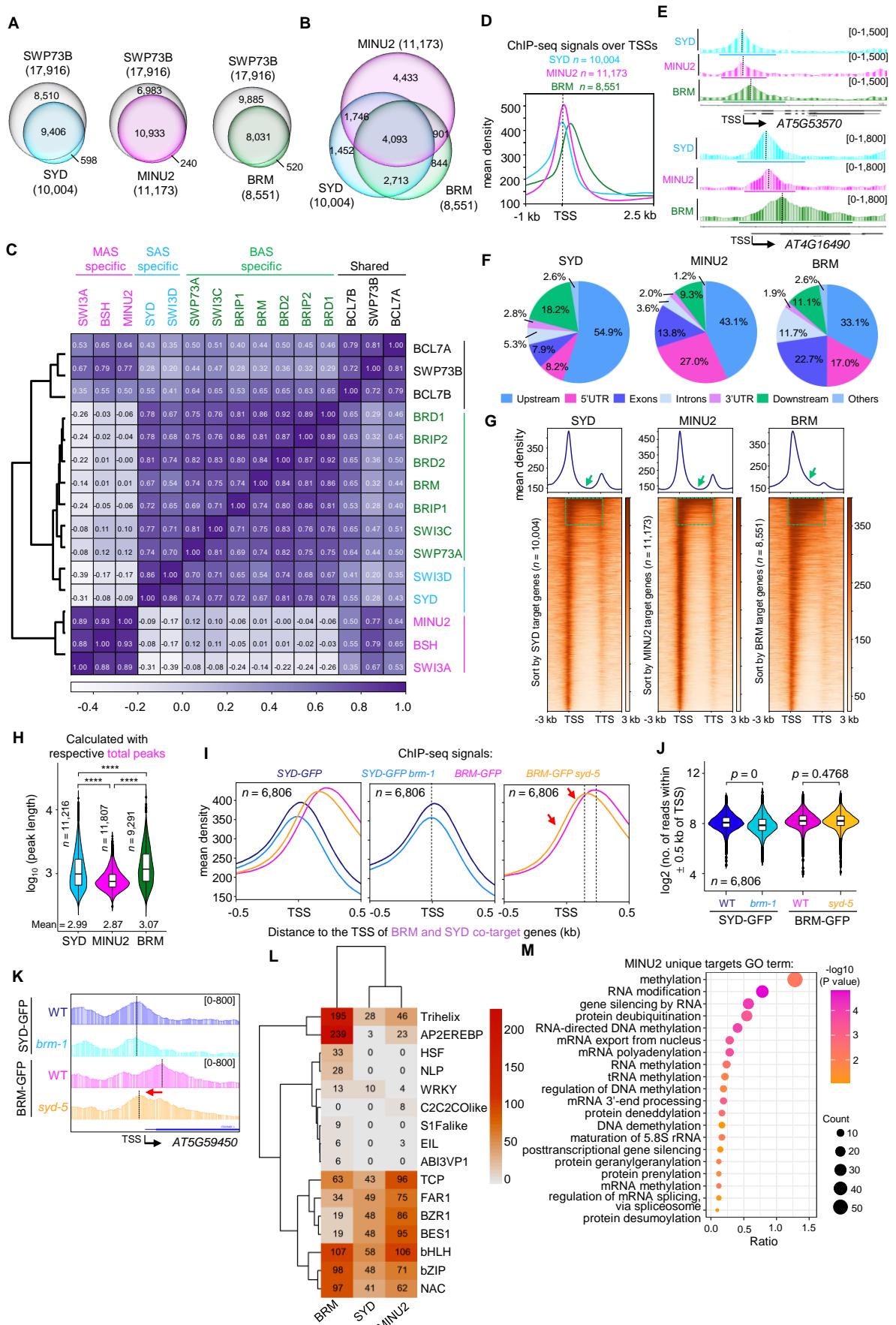


Figure 3 SAS, MAS and BAS sub-complexes show differential binding patterns in genome-wide. **A**, Venn diagrams displaying statistically significant overlaps among genes occupied by SYD, MINU2 or BRM with those by SWP73B. *P* values were calculated by the hypergeometric test. **B**, Venn diagram displaying statistically significant overlaps among genes occupied by SYD, MINU2 and BRM. *P* values were calculated by the hypergeometric test. **C**, Heatmap representing correlations between normalized ChIP-seq reads over a merged set of all SWI/SNF subunit peaks. **D**, SYD, MINU2, and BRM complex ChIP-seq read density distribution over the TSS and 2.5 kb into the gene body at their target genes. **E**, IGV views of ChIP-seq signals of SYD, MINU2 and BRM at representative genes. The dash lines indicated the peak summits. **F**, Pie charts showing the distribution of SYD, MINU2 and BRM peaks at genic and intergenic regions in the genome. **G**, Metagene plot and heatmap display the distribution of SYD, MINU2 and BRM peaks at genic and intergenic regions in the genome. **H**, Violin plots depicting the \log_{10} (peak length) of SYD, MINU2 or BRM at their corresponding peaks. *P* values are from two-tailed Mann-Whitney *U* test. **I**, Metagene plot showing the mean occupancy of SYD or BRM at their co-target genes. **J**, Violin plots depicting the \log_2 (no. of reads within ± 0.5 kb of TSS of BRM-GFP and SYD-GFP at their co-target genes, *P* values were determined by the two-tailed Mann-Whitney *U* test. **K**, IGV views of ChIP-seq signals of BRM and SYD at representative genes. The diagrams underneath indicate gene structure. The y-axis scales represent shifted merged MACS2 tag counts for every 10-bp window. **L**, Heatmap of CentriMo log adjusted p-values for top motifs returned by MEME-ChIP analysis for each ChIP-seq experiment. P-values were calculated using binomial test. The sequence covering 250 bp (SYD and MINU2) or 400 bp (BRM) on either sides of each peak summit were used. **M**, Gene ontology analysis of MINU2 specific targets genes.

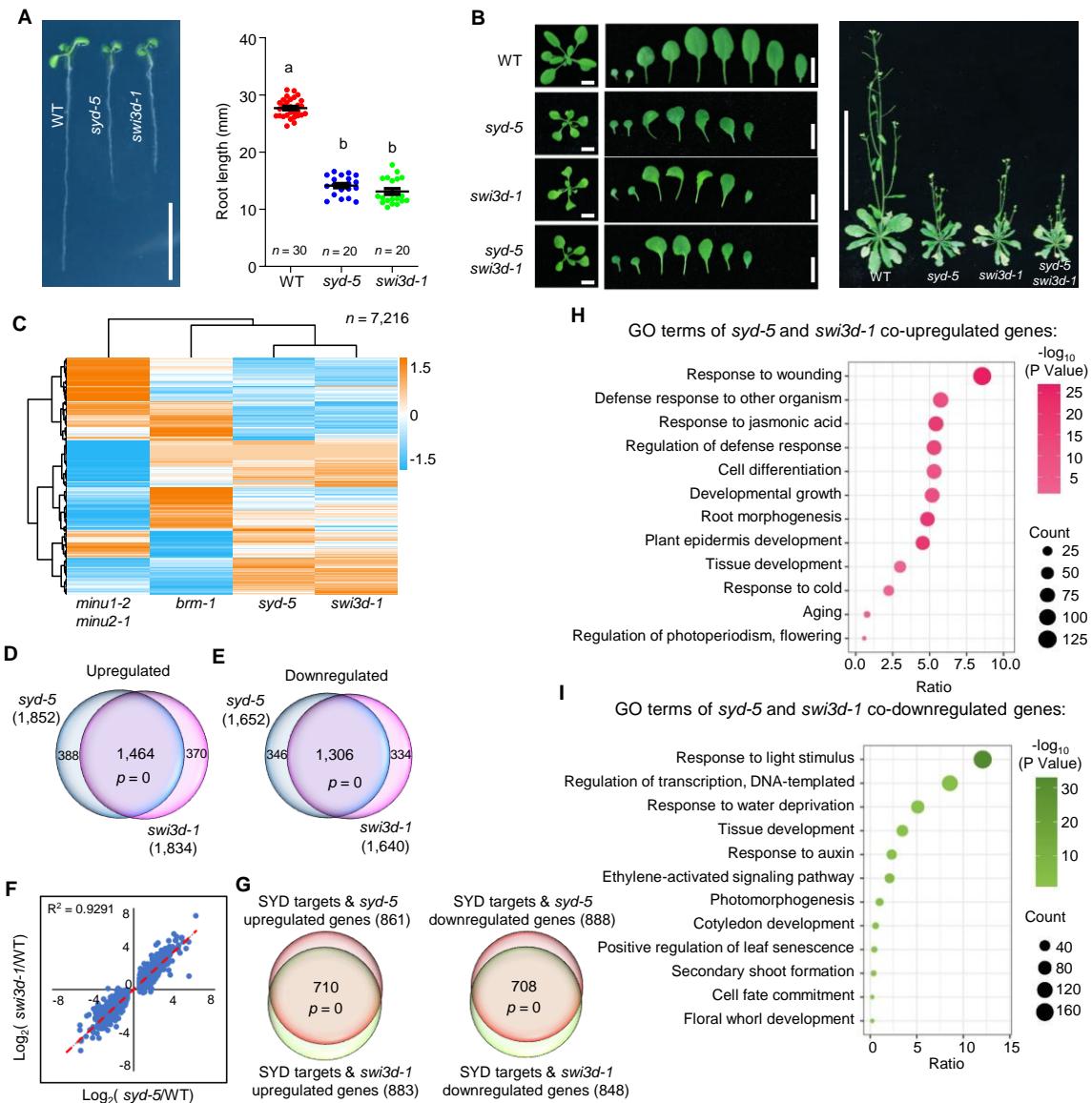


Figure 4 SWI3D and SYD co-regulate gene expression. **A**, root length of 7-day-old seedlings. Scale bars, 1 cm. Lowercase letters indicate significant differences between genetic backgrounds, as determined by the post hoc Tukey's HSD test. The number of “n = ” indicates the number of plants that were used. Data are presented as mean \pm s.d.. **B**, Left, leaf phenotype of 21-day-old seedlings. Scale bars, 1 cm. Right, seedlings phenotype of 40-day-old seedlings. Scale bars, 10 cm. **C**, Heatmap showing hierarchical clustering of differentially expressed genes in different mutants (total misregulated genes, 7,216). **D-E**, Venn diagrams showing statistically significant overlaps between genes up- or downregulated in *syd-5* and those in *swi3d-1*. $P = 0$, hypergeometric test. **F**, Scatterplot of log2-fold change values over WT of *syd-5* versus *swi3d-1* at genes that were differentially expressed in *syd-5*. The line of best fit is shown in red, with adjusted R value indicated. Dots are mean values from three biologically independent experiments. **G**, Venn diagrams showing statistically significant overlaps between the mis-regulated genes targeted by SYD in *swi3d-1* and SYD directs regulated genes. P values were determined by hypergeometric test. **H-I**, Gene ontology analysis of genes co-up- or co-down-regulated in *syd-5* and *swi3d-1*.

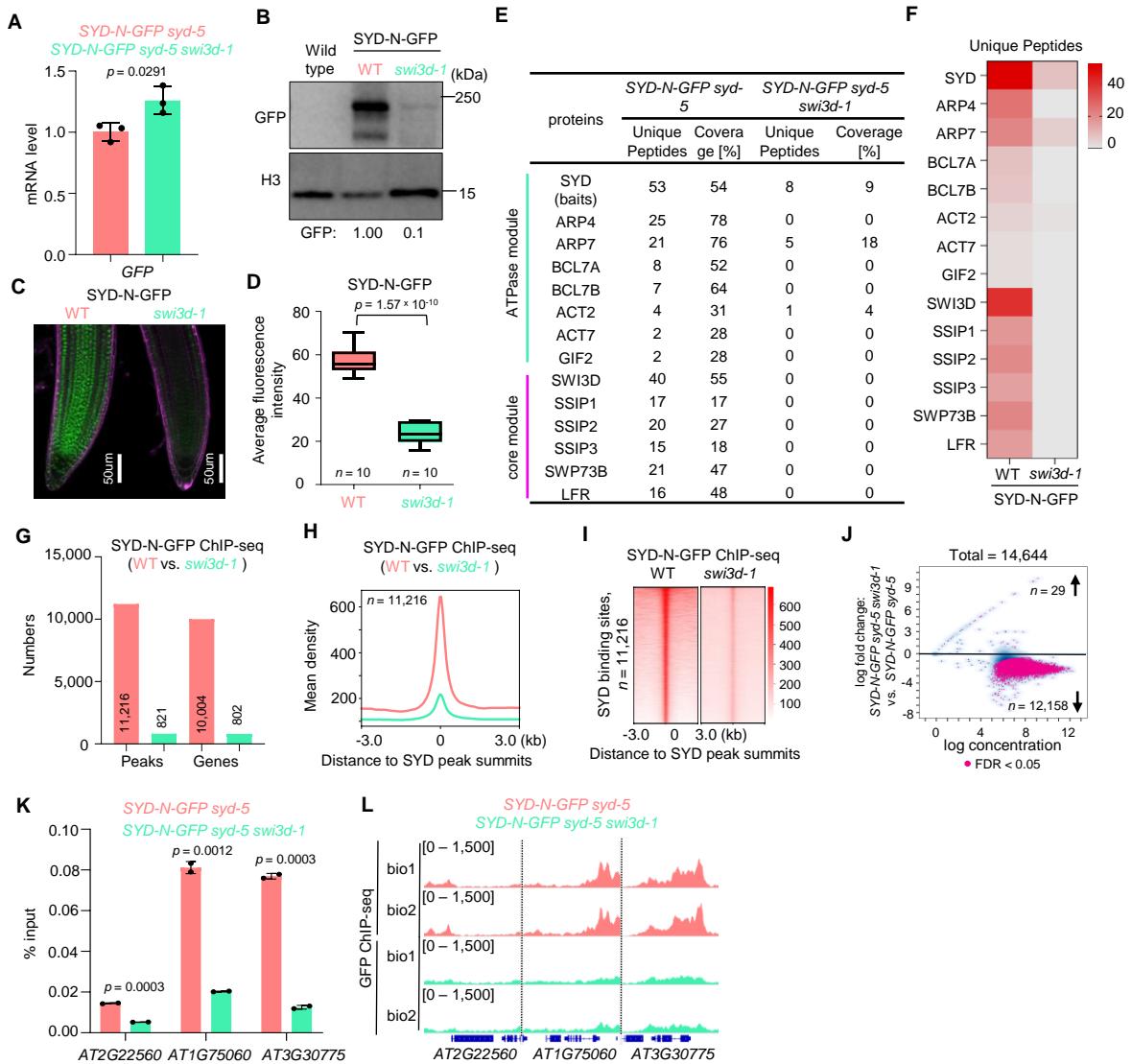


Figure 5 SWI3D is essential in maintaining SAS sub-complex integrity. **A**, The mRNA levels of *SYD-N-GFP* were determined by RT-qPCR in WT and *swi3d-1* background. *ACTIN2* was amplified as an internal control. Error bars are presented as mean values \pm s.d. from three biological replicates. **B**, Immunoblot analysis showing the relative protein levels of SYD-N-GFP in WT and *swi3d-1*. The numbers at the bottom represent amounts normalized to the loading control, histone H3. WT was used as a GFP-free control. **C**, Confocal images of root tips showing nuclear localization of the SYD-N-GFP fusion protein in a WT and a *swi3d-1* background, respectively. The red fluorescent signal is derived from propidium iodide staining. **D**, Box plot showing the average fluorescence intensity of SYD-N-GFP in WT and *swi3d-1* mutants. The “*n* = ” indicates the number of roots used. The boxes indicate the first and third quartiles, and the lines in the boxes indicate median values. Significant differences were determined by unpaired, two-tailed Student’s *t*-test. **E**, Unique peptide numbers of SAS sub-complex subunits identified by IP-MS in *SYD-N-GFP* under WT and *swi3d-1* background. **F**, Heatmap showing the unique peptides values of representative SAS sub-complex subunits identified by IP-MS in *SYD-N-GFP* under WT and *swi3d-1* background. **G**, Number of SYD binding sites (number of peaks or genes) in the WT and *swi3d-1* background. **H** and **I**, Metagene plot (**H**) and heatmap (**I**) represented the mean density of SYD occupancy at all SYD-occupied sites in *swi3d-1* compared with WT. The average SYD binding signals within 3 kb genomic regions flanking SYD peak summits were shown. **J**, Fold change (log2) in SYD occupancy between WT and *swi3d-1* background. Occupancy changes with false discovery rate (FDR) < 0.05 are highlighted. FDR values are multiple test-corrected Wilcoxon test *P* values, two biological replicates. **K**, ChIP-qPCR validation of SYD occupancy at representative target genes using ChIP DNA samples independent from those used for ChIP-seq. The *AT2G22560* was used as the negative control. Error bars are presented as mean values \pm s.d. from two biological replicates. Unpaired, two-tailed Student’s *t*-test. **L**, IGV views of SYD occupancy at selected loci in the WT and *swi3d-1* background. The y-axis scales represent shifted merged MACS2 tag counts for every 10 bp window.

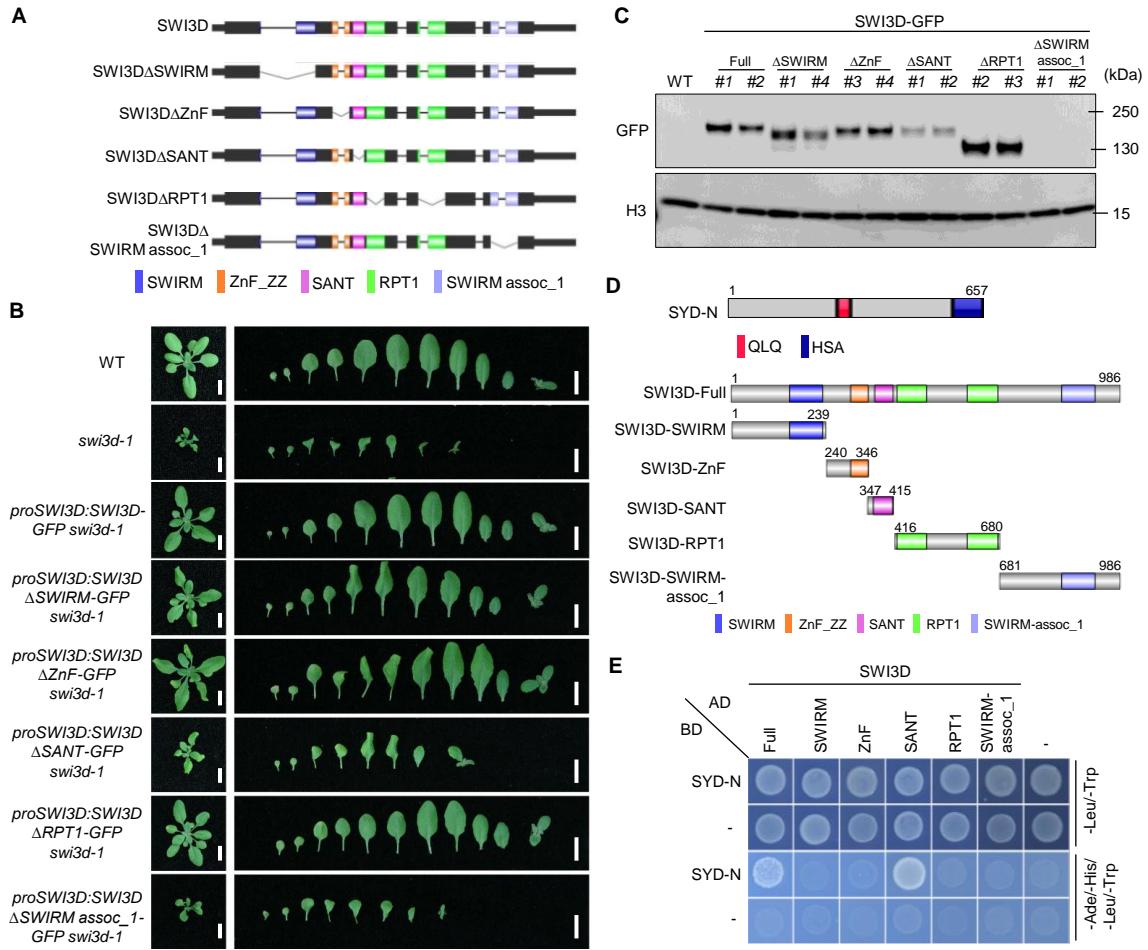


Figure 6 The SANT and SWIRM assoc-1 domain are required for maintaining the stability of SWI3D protein. A, Schematic illustration of the SWI3D protein and its truncated versions. B, Leaf phenotype of 21-day-old seedlings. Scale bars, 1 cm. C, Western blot analysis using an anti-GFP antibody shows the accumulation of SWI3D protein and its truncated versions. For each plot, the antibody used is indicated on the left, and the sizes of the protein markers are indicated on the right. H3 serves as a loading control. D, Schematic illustration of the the N-terminal of SYD protein, SWI3D and the different truncated versions of SWI3D. E, Y2H assay to examine the direct interaction between SYD and SWI3D. Growth of transformed yeast on permissive SD-Ade-His-Leu-Trp medium indicate interaction.

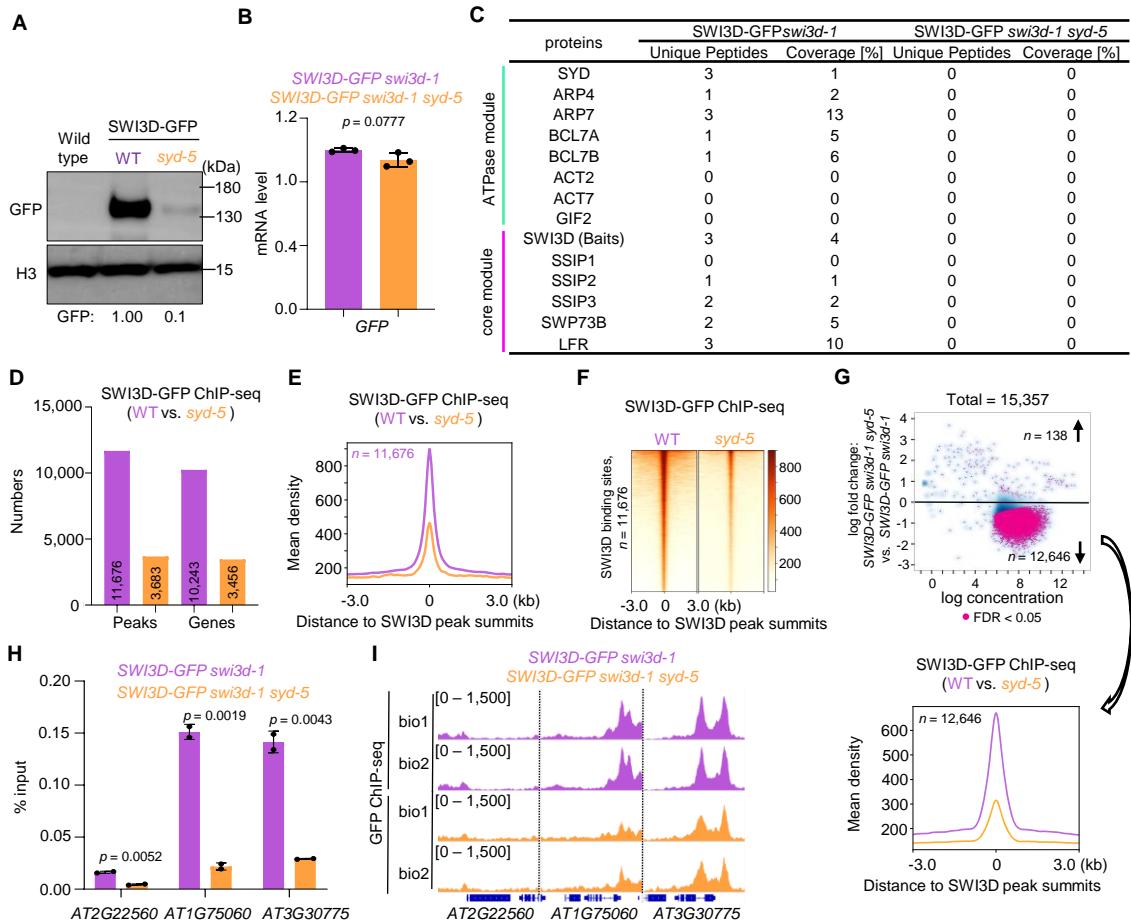
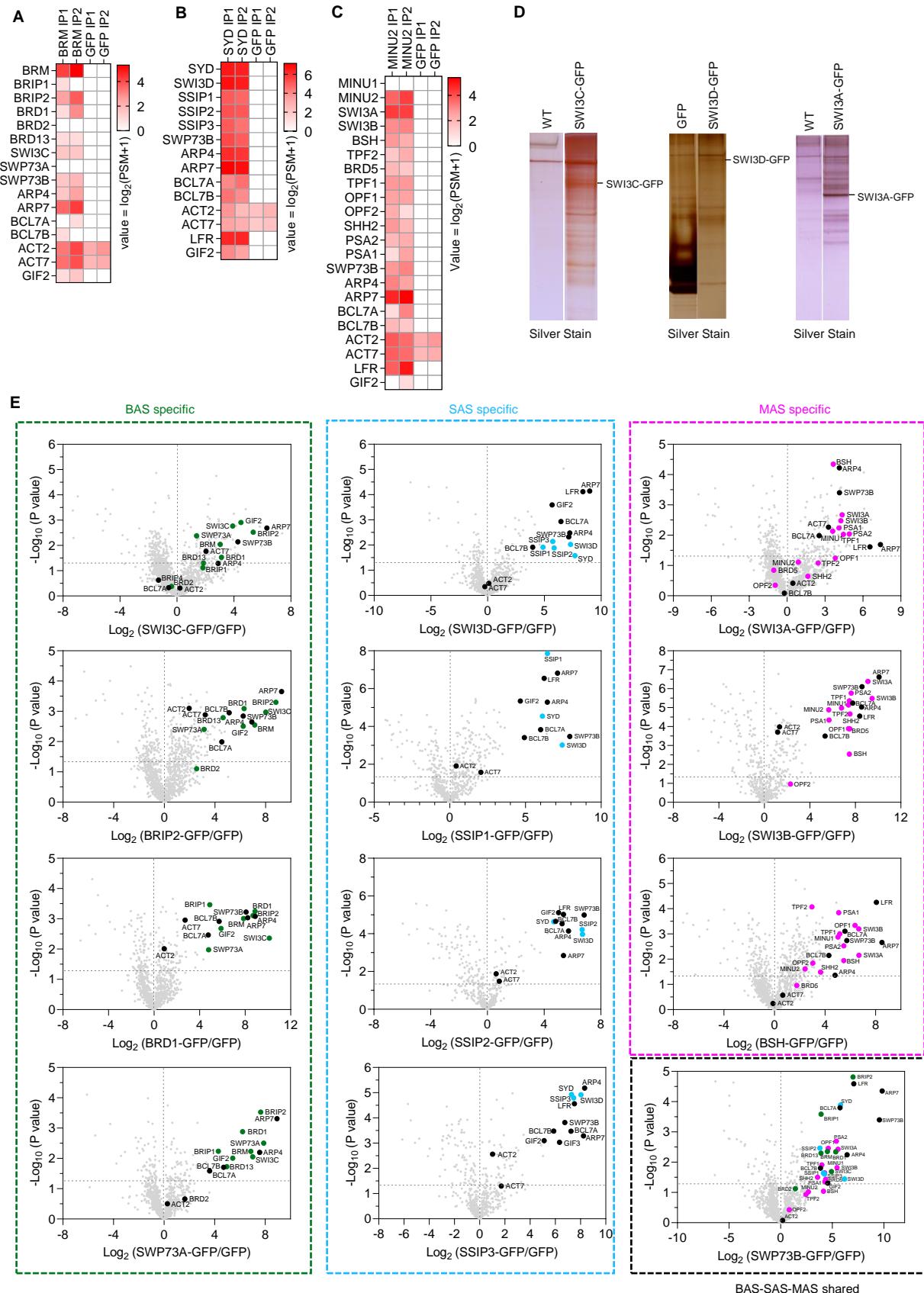
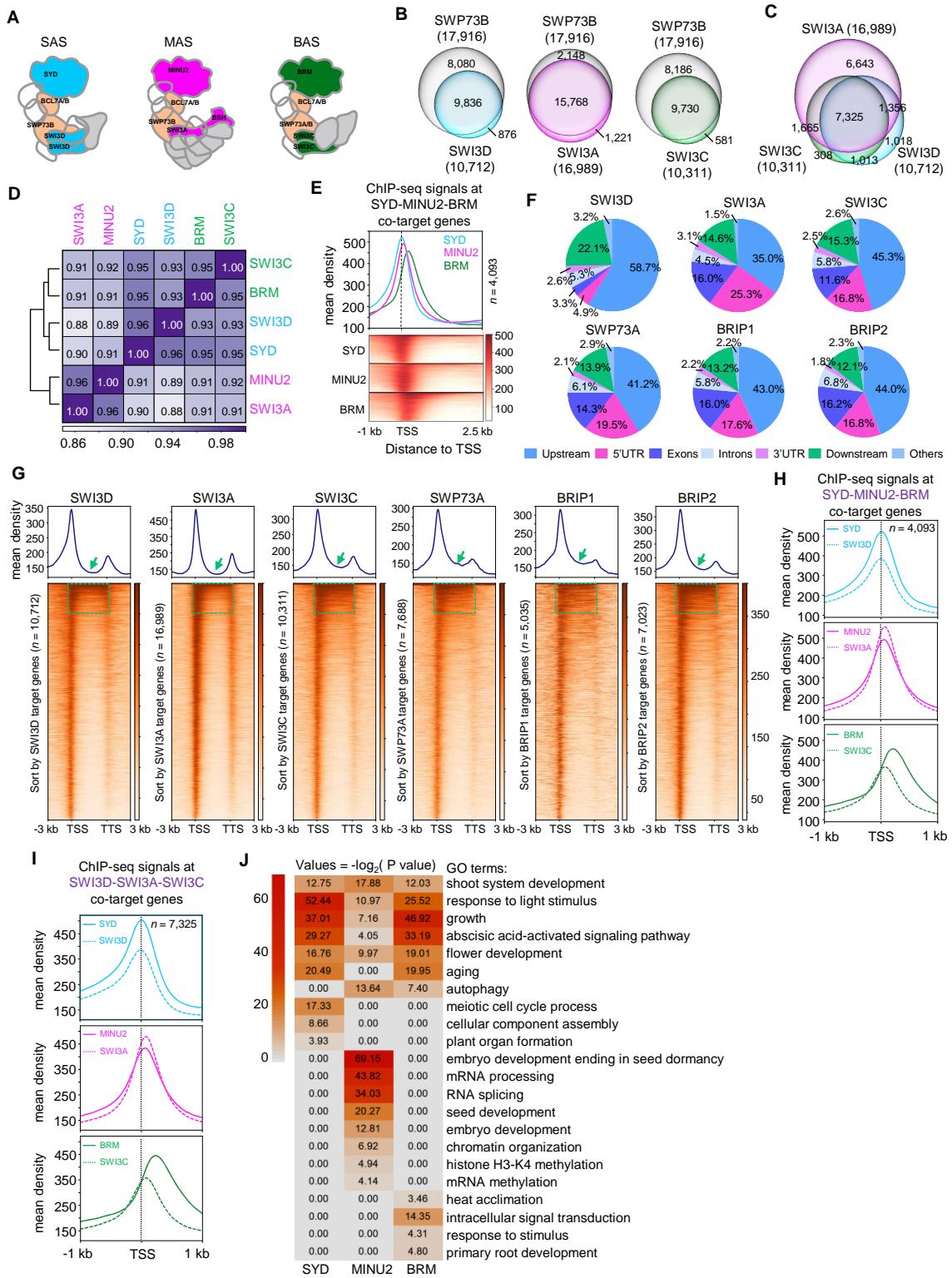


Figure 7 The ATPase module is required for stability of the core module. **A**, Immunoblot analysis showing the relative protein levels of SWI3D-GFP in WT and *syd-5* background. The numbers at the bottom represent amounts normalized to the loading control, histone H3. WT was used as a GFP-free control. **B**, The mRNA levels of SWI3D-GFP were determined by RT-qPCR in WT and *syd-5* background. *ACTIN2* was amplified as an internal control. Error bars are presented as mean values \pm s.d. from three biological replicates. **C**, Unique peptide numbers of SAS sub-complex subunits identified by IP-MS in *SWI3D-GFP* under WT and *syd-5* background. **D**, Number of SWI3D binding sites (number of peaks or genes) in the WT and *syd-5* background. **E** and **F**, Metagene plot (E) and heatmap (F) represented the mean density of SWI3D occupancy at all SWI3D-occupied sites in *syd-5* compared with WT. The average SWI3D binding signals within 3 kb genomic regions flanking SWI3D peak summits were shown. **G**, Fold change (log2) in SWI3D occupancy between WT and *syd-5* background. Occupancy changes with false discovery rate (FDR) < 0.05 are highlighted. FDR values are multiple test-corrected Wilcoxon test *P* values, two biological replicates per ChIP. **H**, ChIP-qPCR validation of SWI3D occupancy at representative target genes using ChIP DNA samples independent from those used for ChIP-seq. The *AT2G22560* was used as the negative control. Error bars are presented as mean values \pm s.d. from two biological replicates. Unpaired, two-tailed Student's *t*-test. **I**, IGV views of SWI3D occupancy at selected loci in the WT and *syd-5* background. The y-axis scales represent shifted merged MACS2 tag counts for every 10 bp window.

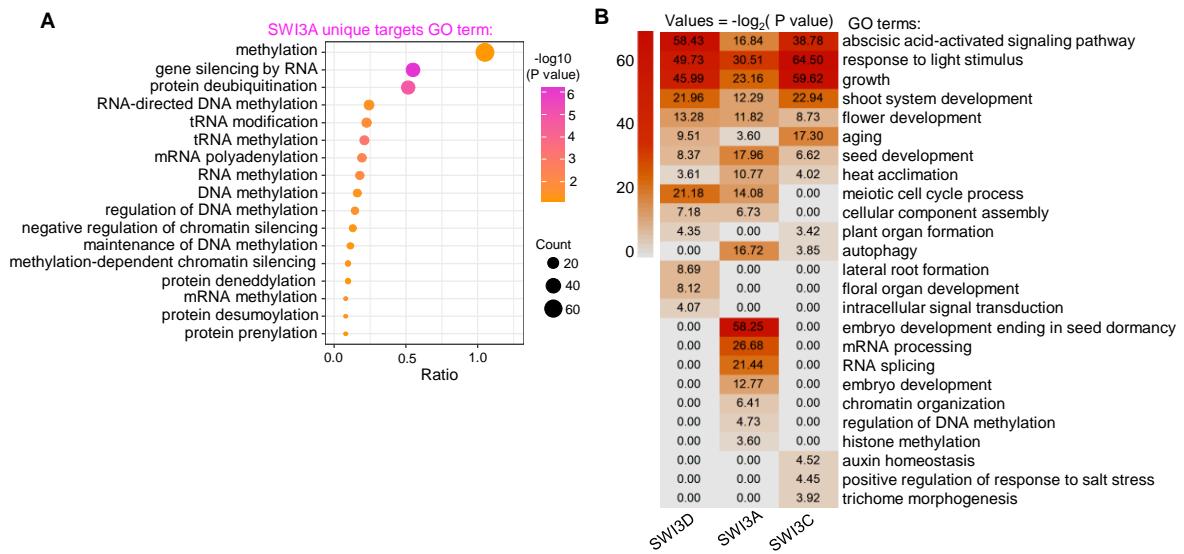


Supplemental Figure 1 Immuno-purification of three distinct SWI/SNF sub-complexes in Arabidopsis. **A-C**, Heatmaps showing the $\log_2(\text{PSM}+1)$ values of SWI/SNF complex subunits identified by IP-MS in BRM, SYD and MINU2. **D**, Silver-stained gel of GFP immunoprecipitations from SWI3C-GFP, SWI3D-GFP and SWI3A-GFP. WT or *pACTIN2:GFP* were used as a control. **E**, Volcano plots displaying that SWI/SNF subunits are enriched in GFP immunoprecipitations from corresponding subunit from two or three independent experiments. *P* values were calculated by two-tailed Student's t-test. The pan-SWI/SNF subunit and complex specific subunits were shown in different colors.

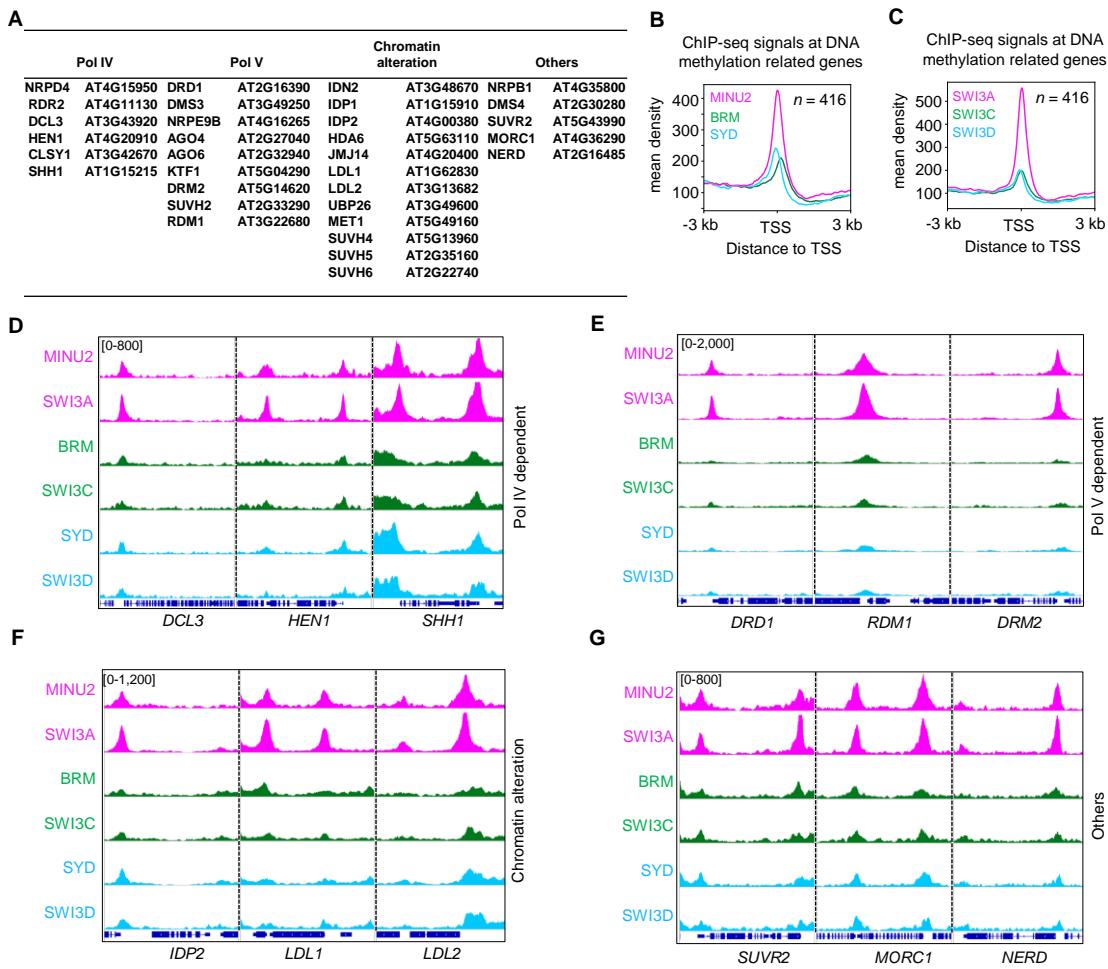


Supplemental Figure 2 Differential binding of SAS, MAS and BAS sub-complexes on chromatin.

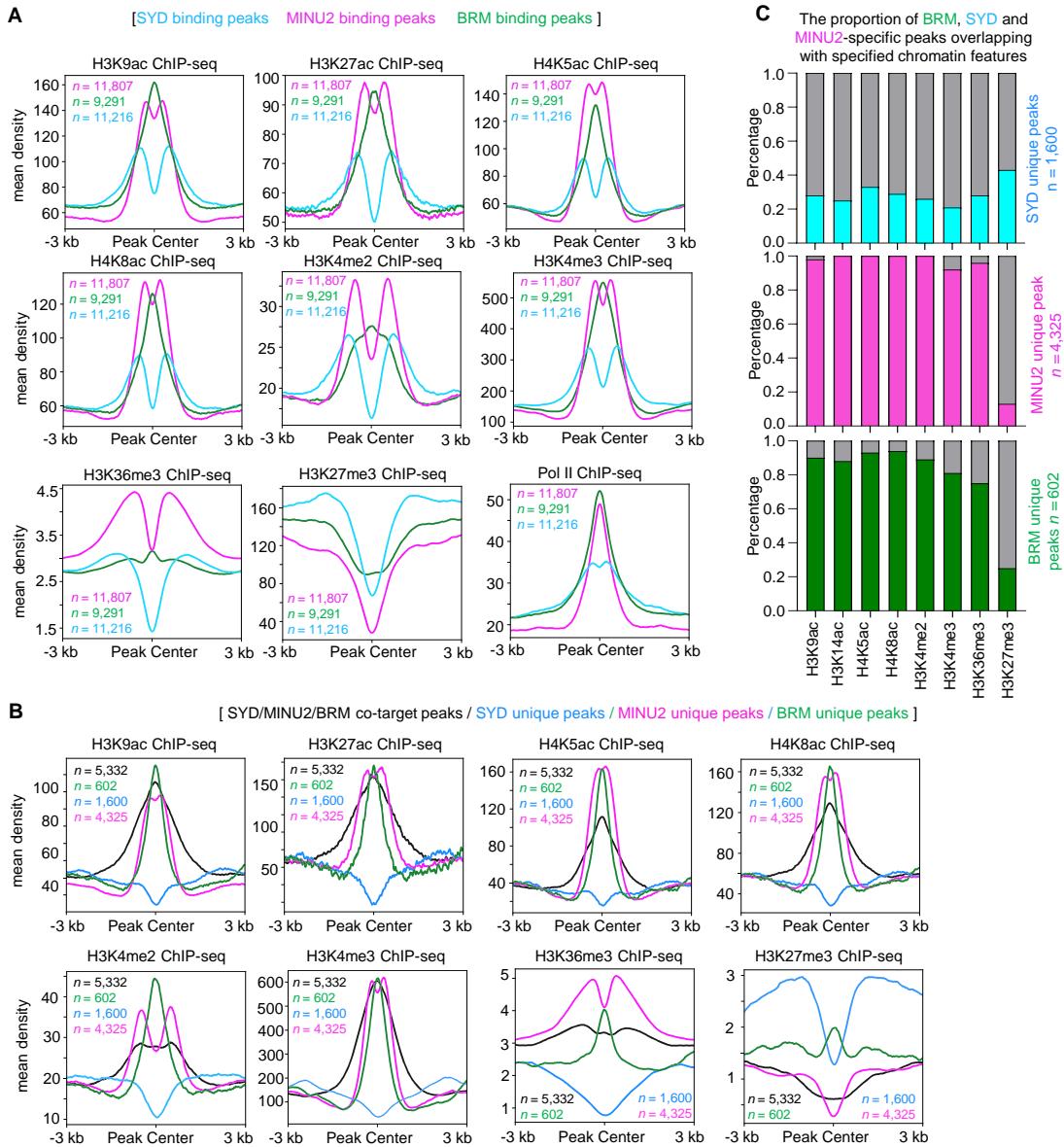
A, Schematic of subunits selected for ChIP-seq: SYD and SWI3D (SAS-specific), MINU2, SWI3A and BSH (MAS-specific), BRM, SWI3C and SWP73A (BAS-specific) and SWP73B and BCL7A/B (pan-SWI/SNF) subunits. **B**, Venn diagrams displaying statistically significant overlaps among genes occupied by SWI3D, SWI3A or SWI3C with those by SWP73B. **C**, Venn diagrams displaying statistically significant overlaps among genes occupied by SWI3A, SWI3C and SWI3D. **D**, Matrix depicting spearman correlation coefficients between ChIP-seq datasets, calculated using the bin mode (bin size = 1,000). **E**, At the top, ChIP-seq read density distribution over the TSS and 2.5 kb into the gene body at their co-target genes. At the bottom, heatmap showing the mean occupancy signals of SYD, MINU2 and BRM. **F-G**, Pie charts (F), metagene plot (G) and heatmap (G) showing the distribution of SWI3A, SWI3C, SWI3D, SWP73A, BRIP1 and BRIP2 peaks at genic and intergenic regions in the genome. **H**, Metagene plot representations of the mean occupancy of SYD, SWI3D, MINU2, SWI3A, BRM and SWI3C at SYD-MINU2-BRM co-target genes. **I**, Metagene plot representations of the mean occupancy of SYD, SWI3D, MINU2, SWI3A, BRM and SWI3C at SWI3D-SWI3A-SWI3C co-target genes. **J**, Heatmap showing Gene ontology analysis of BRM, SYD and MINU2 targets genes.



Supplemental Figure 3 Unique target genes bound by SWI3A. A, Gene ontology analysis of SWI3A unique target genes. B, Gene ontology analysis of SWI3A, SWI3C and SWI3D target genes.

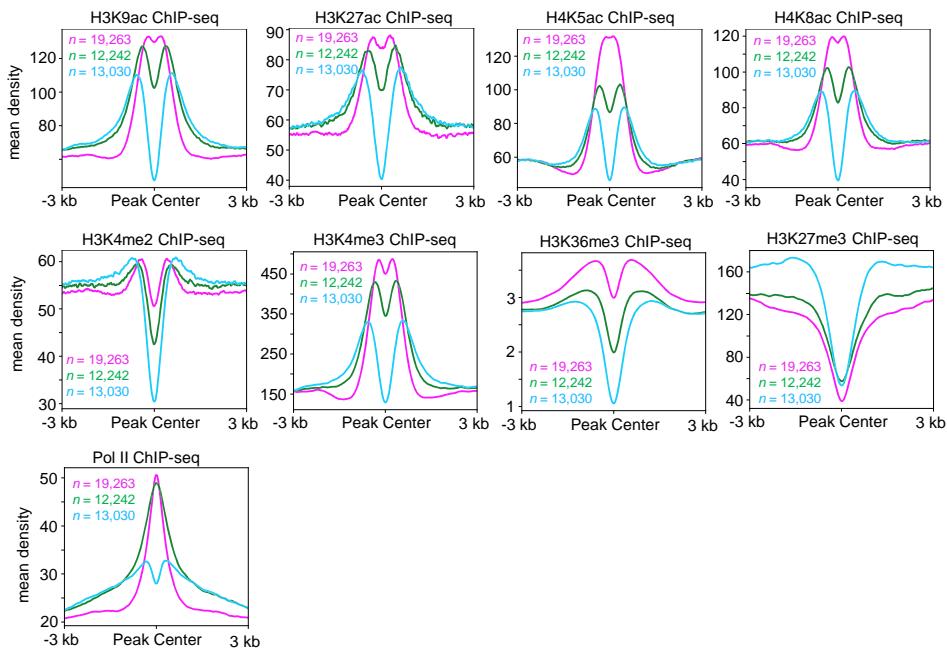


Supplemental Figure 4 The MAS sub-complex showed a preference for binding to genes involved in the regulation of DNA methylation. **A**, Partial list of MINU2 target genes related to DNA methylation. **B-C**, Metagene plots displaying the mean occupancy of MINU2, BRM and SYD at the 416 genes involved in the regulation of DNA methylation. The 416 genes list were obtained by searching the GO term “Methylation” at <http://geneontology.org/>. **D-G**, IGV views of ChIP-seq signals of MINU2, SWI3A, BRM, SWI3C, SYD and SWI3D at representative genes.

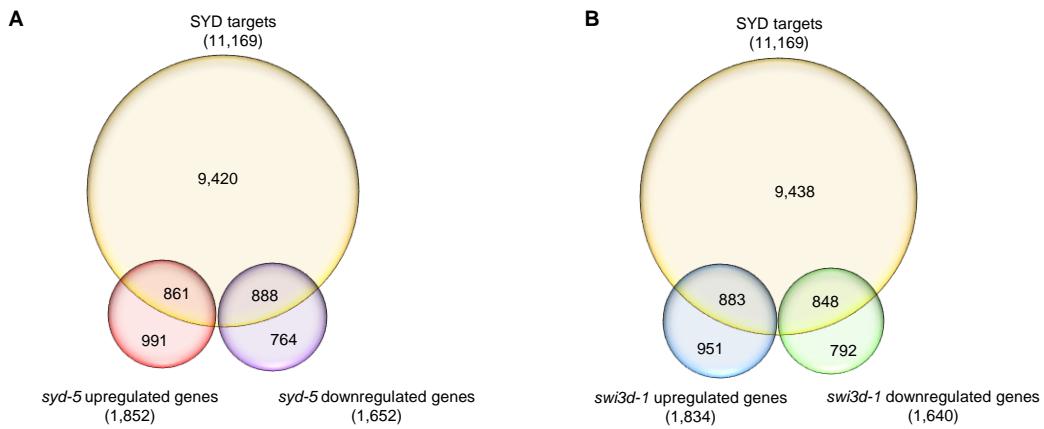


Supplemental Figure 5 The MAS and BAS sub-complex, but not SAS sub-complex, show a significant overlap with activate histone modification markers. **A**, Metagene plots displaying the ChIP-seq signals of different histone modifications at SYD, MINU2 and BRM binding peaks. **B**, Metagene plots displaying the ChIP-seq signals of different histone modifications at SYD-MINU2-BRM co-binding and their specific binding peaks. **C**, Histogram reflecting proportion of SAS-, MAS-, and BAS- specific peaks overlapping with specified chromatin features.

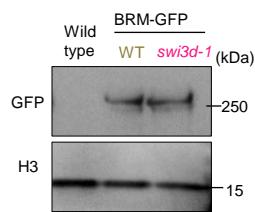
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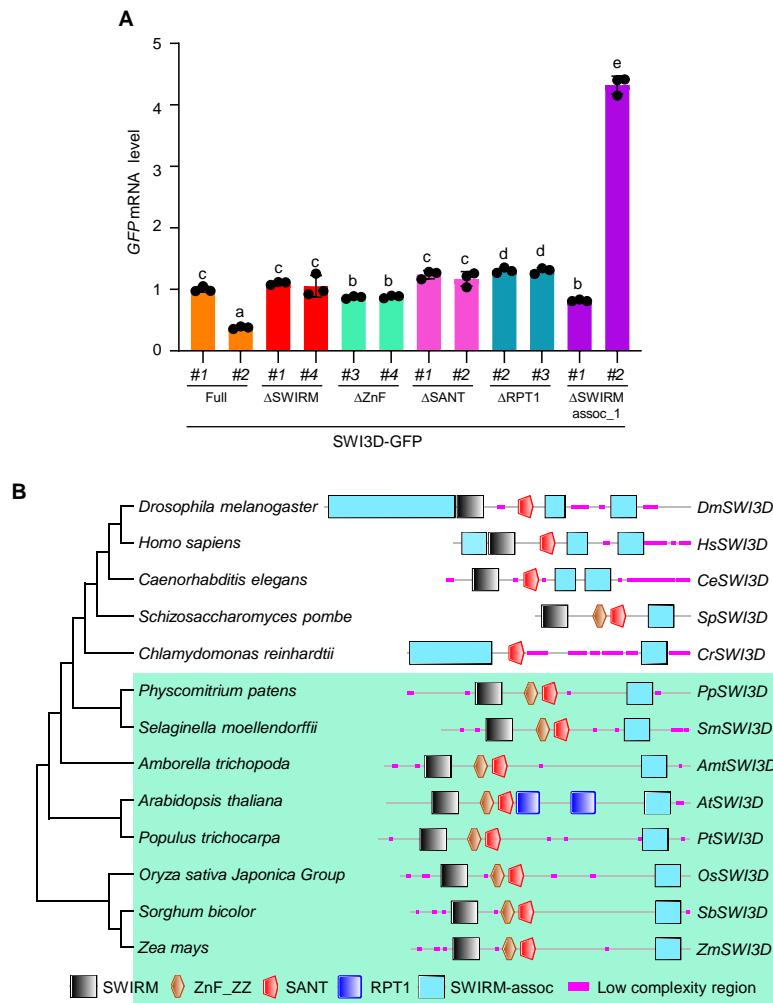
Supplemental Figure 6 Metagene plots displaying the ChIP-seq signals of different histone modifications at SWI3D, SWI3A and SWI3C binding peaks.



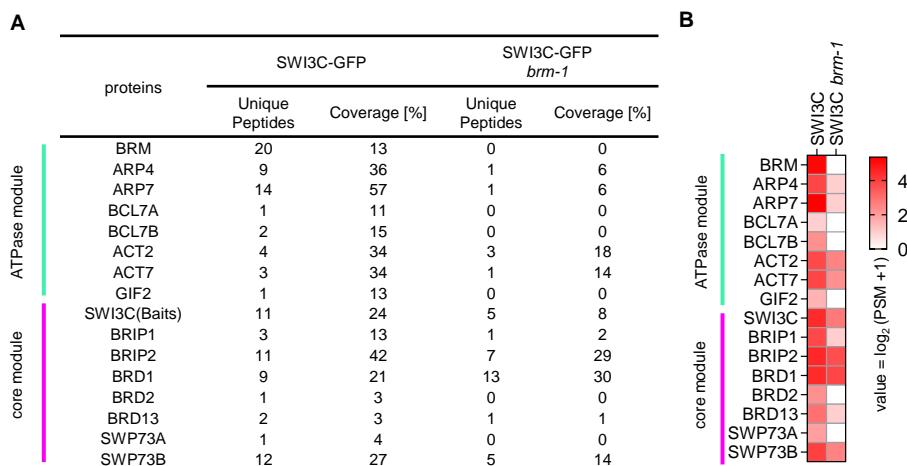
Supplemental Figure 7 Analysis of the overlaps between SYD target genes and mis-regulated genes in *syd-5* or *swi3d-1*. **A**, Venn diagrams displaying the overlap between the genes occupied by SYD and mis-regulated genes in *syd-5*. **B**, Venn diagrams displaying the overlap between the genes occupied by SYD and mis-regulated genes in *swi3d-1*.



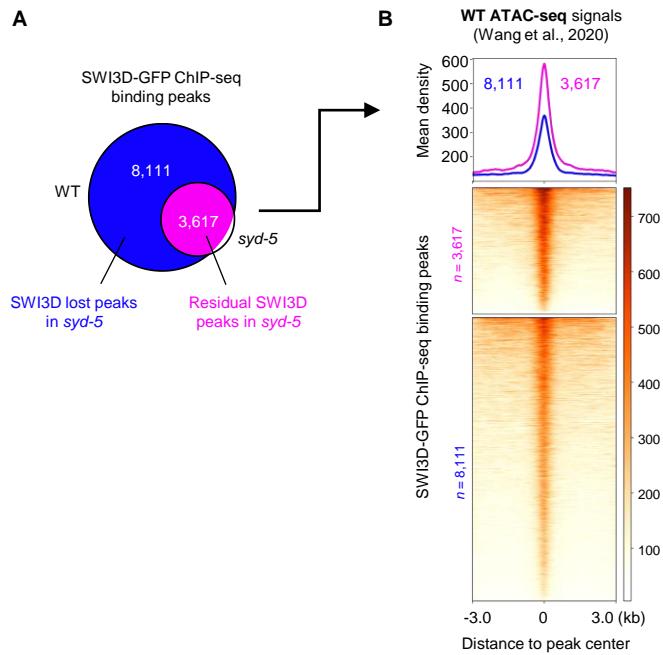
Supplemental Figure 8 Loss of SWI3D did not affect BRM protein level. Immunoblot analysis showing the relative protein levels of BRM-GFP in a WT and *swi3d-1* background. WT was used as a GFP-free control.



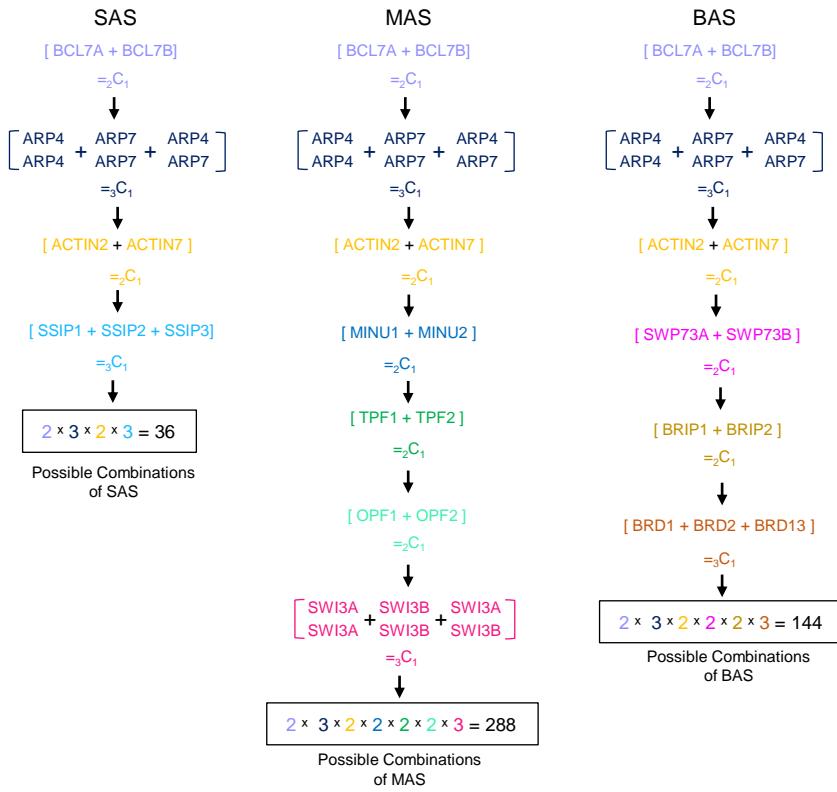
Supplemental Figure 9 The SANT and SWIRM assoc-1 domain of SWI3D are conserved in eukaryotes. **A**, The mRNA levels of *SWI3D-GFP* were determined by RT-qPCR in different truncated versions of SWI3D. *ACTIN2* was amplified as an internal control. Error bars are presented as mean values \pm s.d. from three biological replicates. Lowercase letters indicated significant differences between genetic backgrounds, as determined by the *post hoc* Tukey's HSD test. **B**, The phylogenetic tree and genes structure of SWI3D was constructed using the amino-acid sequences from different species, including *Amborella trichopoda*, *Physcomitrella patens*, *Arabidopsis thaliana*, *Oryza sativa Japonica*, *Zea mays*, *Homo sapiens*, *Drosophila melanogaster*, *Caenorhabditis elegans*, *Schizosaccharomyces pombe*, *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii*, *Selaginella moellendorffii*, *Populus trichocarpa*, *Sorghum bicolor*. The conserved domain were predicted at the online tool SMART: <https://smart.embl.de>.



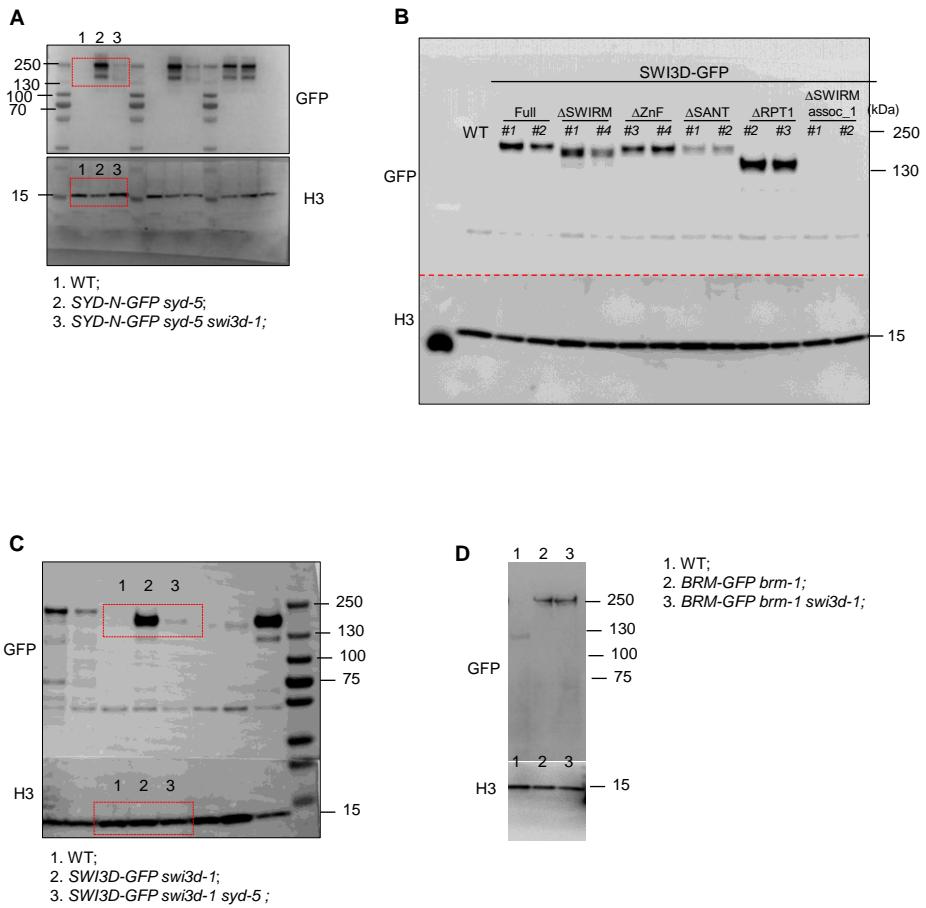
Supplemental Figure 10 The ATPase of BAS sub-complex is essential to the stability of the core module. **A**, Unique peptide numbers of BAS sub-complex subunits identified by IP-MS in *SWI3C-GFP* under WT and *brm-1* background. **B**, Heatmap showing the $\log_2(\text{PSM} + 1)$ values of representative BAS sub-complex subunits identified by IP-MS in *SWI3C-GFP* under WT and *brm-1* background.



Supplemental Figure 11 The residual peaks of SWI3D enriched at high chromatin accessibility regions. **A**, Venn diagram displaying the overlap SWI3D peaks that lost and maintained in *syd-5* mutant background. **B**, Metagene plot and heatmap representing the mean density of the ATAC-seq signals of WT at SWI3D peaks that lost and maintained in *syd-5*.



Supplemental Figure 12 The possible combinations of the SAS, MAS and BAS sub-complexes.



Supplemental Figure 13 Gel source data. A, Western blot related to Figure 5B. **B**, Western blot related to Figure 6 C. **C**, Western blot related to Figure 7A. **D**, Western blot related to Supplemental Figure 8.