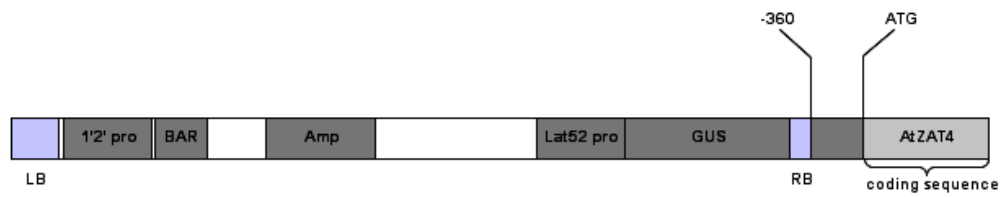


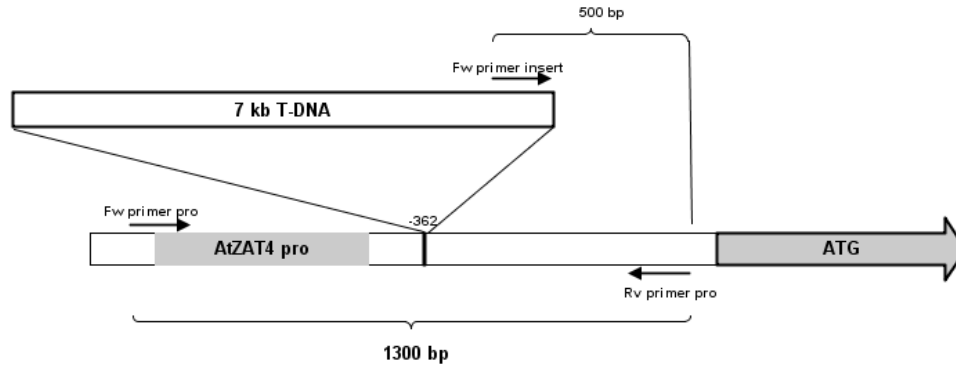


**Figure S1.** Multiple sequence alignment of deduced amino acid sequences of AtZAT4 and others C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> zinc-finger proteins (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>-ZFPs). The multiple alignment was done by using the MEGA X software (version 11.0) with ClustalW, and default parameters. Alignment editing was performed in BioEdit (version 7.2). Identification of conserved domains was performed in InterProScan, NLStradamus, and by previous literature. AtZAT4 C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>-zinc finger domains, the Nuclear Localization Sequence, and the EAR motif are underlined in red, green, and yellow, respectively. For details, see the Materials and Methods section.

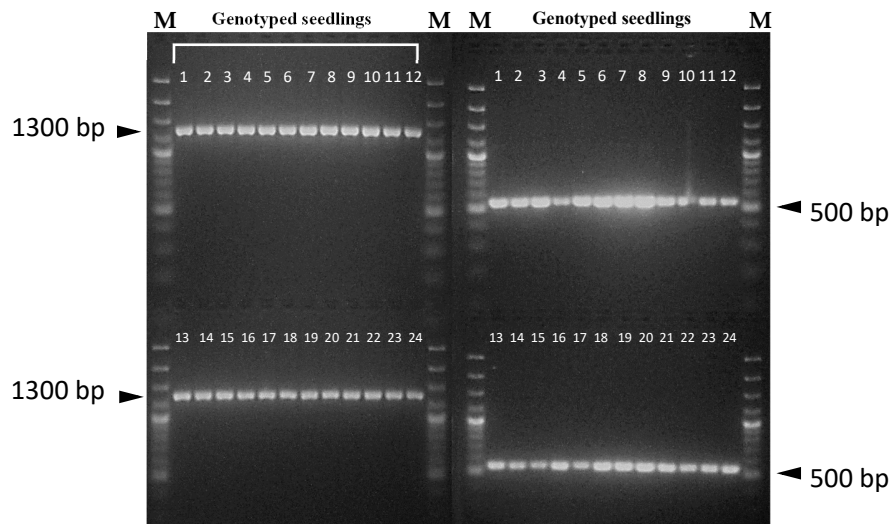


**Figure S2.** Proportional schematic representation of T-DNA insertion into the *Arabidopsis thaliana* genome and inside the *AtZAT4* promoter region. The T-DNA is the vector pCSA110, which carries the resistance to phosphinothricin gene (BAR; controlled by the 1'2' promoter), the ampicillin resistance gene (Amp), and the GUS marker gene (controlled by Lat52 promoter). RB and LB, right and left border of the T-DNA, respectively.

(A)



(B)



**Figure S3.** *Atzat4* (+/-) mutant genotyping from *Arabidopsis thaliana*. (A) Graphical representation of T-DNA insertion site and primers binding sites. Primer pro: primer promoter *AtZAT4* (pro*AtZAT4*), primer insert: primer T-DNA (pCSA110), see Table S1. (B) PCR products from 24 genotyped *A. thaliana* seedlings. The 1300 bp band represents the non-disrupted promoter and the 500 bp band indicated the T-DNA presence. M: 100 bp plus (Thermo Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA).

**Table S1.** Nucleotide sequence of primers used in RT-qPCR and in genotyping analyses.

Gene	Primer sequence (5'→3')	Annealing temperature (°C)
<i>AtZAT4</i>	F: ACGGAAGTAACATCGGAGCAGGAA	60
	R: CCCGAATCACGCAAAGTCTGTTGT	60
<i>AtF-box</i>	F: TTTCGGCTGAGAGGTTCGAGT	60
	R: GATTCCAAGACGTAAAGCAGATCAA	60
pCSA110	F: ATTGATGAAACTGCTGCTGT	58
	R: GGTGATACATATCCAGCCAT	58
pro <i>AtZAT4</i>	F: GAGATCTAGAGGTTTGGCACCACCAT	57
	R: CGACGAGCTCGTACAGAACAGAGATA	57