**Supplementary Table I.** Rate of dark respiration in the light (Rd) and values of  $CO_2$  compensation point ( $\Gamma$ ) were determined as described by Häusler et al. (1999).  $CO_2$  assimilation rates were measured at 22°C, relative humidity of 50% and limited PFDs (40, 80 and 120 µmol m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>) under lower ambient  $CO_2$  concentrations (50, 80, 100 and 200 µmol mol<sup>-1</sup>). Values are presented as mean ± SE of determination on five individual plants per line, with four to five weeks old at identical developmental stages, using fully developed source leaves.

	Rd [µmol CO <sub>2</sub> m <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> ]	Г [µmol mol-1]
RL 25	1.36±0.14	38.03±1.93
RL 40	1.44±0.14	37.78±2.06
WT	1.31±0.19	35.69±1.67