## Supplementary figure 3.



**Figure S3.** Developmental phenotypes of aca mutant plants. **A.** Photographs present inflorescence height and root growth of the indicated genotypes including the tilling allele aca8Q70\*. **B.** Measurement of primary root growth of 8 days old seedlings, and **C.** number of lateral roots per cm primary root of 14 days old in vitro-grown seedlings of the indicated genotypes. Error bars indicate standard error based on n = 25 samples, asterisks indicate significant differences at p<0.01 based on T-test. **D.** Detailed view on the stem cell area of Col-0 wild type and aca8 aca10 mutant root apical meristems, 3 days after germination. Starch granules in columella cells are visible as pink dots. Note the presence of starch granules in columella stem cells in the aca8 aca10 meristem (arrow) as sign of perturbation of stem cell identity. For root phenotypic analysis, starch granules in the columella root cap were visualized with 1% Lugol solution (MERC, Germany). Seedlings were stained for 3 min, rinsed with water, cleared with chloral hydrate and analyzed using differential interference contrast optics on a Olympus BX53 light microscope and imaged using a Nikon DS-Fi1 digital camera (Lee et al., 2007).