

**Additional file 3:** Relative content of primary metabolites obtained from seeds GC-MS analysis and ( $\log_{10}$ ) fold change in the autopolyploid lines. Mass spectral searching utilized the algorithm incorporated in the Xcalibur® data system and finally normalized by the internal standard ribitol. MP = main product, BP = by product. Asterisks represent significant changes in metabolite content ( $P < 0.01$ ) according to ANOVA. Fold change represents the ( $\log_{10}$ ) change in the relative content of each metabolite between the autopolyploid lines and their respective control lines

	Metabolites	2n Average	$\pm$ SE	4n Average	$\pm$ SE	Significance	( $\log_{10}$ ) 4n fold change	3n Average	$\pm$ SE	6n Average	$\pm$ SE	Significance	( $\log_{10}$ ) 6n fold change
Sugars	<b>Glucose MP</b>	374.20	16.86	168.09	11.59	*	-0.35	351.89	17.78	262.48	8.24	*	-0.13
	<b>Glucose BP</b>	28.14	1.41	11.76	0.74	*	-0.38	26.96	1.48	19.88	0.79	*	-0.13
	<b>Fructose MP</b>	184.45	9.07	86.58	5.50	*	-0.33	199.28	9.62	193.57	6.12		-0.01
	<b>Fructose BP</b>	128.68	6.00	59.97	4.10	*	-0.33	139.19	6.98	136.59	4.65		-0.01
	<b>myo-Inositol</b>	191.45	15.39	133.08	8.22	*	-0.16	503.91	13.86	525.84	10.39	*	0.02
	<b>Glucopyranose</b>	0.22	0.01	0.12	0.02	*	-0.25	0.13	0.01	0.09	0.00	*	-0.15
	<b>Sucrose</b>	701.12	25.98	471.57	22.13	*	-0.17	685.49	12.64	341.37	8.66	*	-0.30
	<b>Isomaltose</b>	0.66	0.04	0.47	0.04	*	-0.14	0.99	0.03	0.78	0.06	*	-0.10
	<b>Raffinose</b>	277.80	15.12	234.87	16.23		-0.07	264.57	10.08	105.86	5.26	*	-0.40
	<b>Ribose MP</b>	1.57	0.13	3.33	0.17	*	0.33	2.02	0.07	4.87	0.16	*	0.38
	<b>Ribose BP</b>	0.39	0.04	0.44	0.03		0.06	0.37	0.01	0.60	0.02	*	0.21
	<b>Galacturonate</b>	0.22	0.01	0.19	0.01		-0.08	0.18	0.01	0.22	0.03		0.07
Amino acids	<b>Threonate</b>	1.19	0.06	0.87	0.05	*	-0.14	0.51	0.02	0.38	0.02	*	-0.12
	<b>Pyroglutamate</b>	3.92	0.69	7.06	1.68		0.26	7.37	0.50	15.26	3.94		0.32
	<b>Aspartate</b>	0.49	0.13	0.57	0.06		0.07	2.62	0.12	1.79	0.14	*	-0.16
TCA cycle	<b>Valine</b>	5.72	0.29	6.24	0.61		0.04	8.72	0.20	6.27	0.37	*	-0.14
	<b>Malate</b>	9.95	0.78	9.53	0.95		-0.02	6.25	0.33	8.44	0.36	*	0.13
	<b>Fumarate</b>	1.48	0.44	1.27	0.36		-0.07	0.31	0.07	0.44	0.14		0.15
	<b>Citrate</b>	6.37	1.45	7.18	1.89		0.05	39.61	5.29	79.79	11.20	*	0.30
Organic acids	<b>Succinate</b>	0.11	0.01	0.11	0.01		0.00	0.05	0.00	0.04	0.00		-0.07
	<b>Maleic acid</b>	0.13	0.03	0.12	0.03		-0.04	0.05	0.01	0.08	0.01		0.23
	<b>Phosphoric acid</b>	18.16	0.64	20.29	1.13		0.05	17.67	0.66	24.59	1.76		0.14
	<b>Gluconic acid</b>	0.51	0.03	0.99	0.11	*	0.29	1.58	0.12	3.36	0.23	*	0.33
	<b>Itaconic acid</b>	0.08	0.01	0.14	0.02		0.24	0.19	0.09	0.49	0.20		0.40
	<b>Pyruvic acid</b>	0.69	0.07	0.84	0.08		0.08	0.89	0.02	0.85	0.03		-0.02
	<b>Nicotinic acid</b>	2.51	0.13	2.26	0.19		-0.04	1.87	0.06	1.78	0.09		-0.02
Saturated fatty acids	<b>Caffeic acid</b>	0.03	0.00	0.04	0.01		0.06	0.04	0.00	0.05	0.00		0.01
	<b>Nonanoic acid (C9:0)</b>	0.55	0.04	0.78	0.11		0.15	0.48	0.04	0.43	0.05		-0.05
	<b>Decanoic acid (C10:0)</b>	0.18	0.04	0.16	0.02		-0.05	0.14	0.02	0.10	0.01		-0.17
	<b>Dodecanoic acid (C12:0)</b>	0.22	0.01	0.22	0.01		0.00	0.24	0.01	0.23	0.01		-0.01
	<b>Tetradecanoic acid (C14:0)</b>	0.38	0.02	0.39	0.03		0.02	0.34	0.02	0.32	0.01		-0.02
	<b>Hexadecanoic acid (C16:0)</b>	9.95	0.54	9.68	0.66		-0.01	8.48	0.25	7.87	0.20		-0.03
	<b>Octadecanoic acid (C18:0)</b>	3.25	0.15	3.31	0.25		0.01	2.99	0.09	2.89	0.09		-0.01
	<b>Arachidic acid (C20:0)</b>	0.17	0.02	0.15	0.01		-0.05	0.16	0.01	0.16	0.01		0.01