**APPENDIX S10.** SSR validation using PCR. We designed primers based on the de novo assemblies of the three *Brachypodium sylvaticum* genotypes and *B. distachyon* genome sequence v1.2. From our sequenced transcriptome assemblies, we identified a putative SSR to be a CTG repeat in contigs Brasy-CorV1T113346, Brasy-EspV1T98857, Brasy-GreV1T116317, and the Bradi5g11660.1 gene locus. We then tested these primers and demonstrated the potential of SSR sequences for use as genetic markers in various *B. sylvaticum* genotypes. Forward: GGAGAAACCAGCACATGAAGTCG and Reverse: GCCGTGCGGAAGTGAAAGGGT primers were used for PCR validation.

