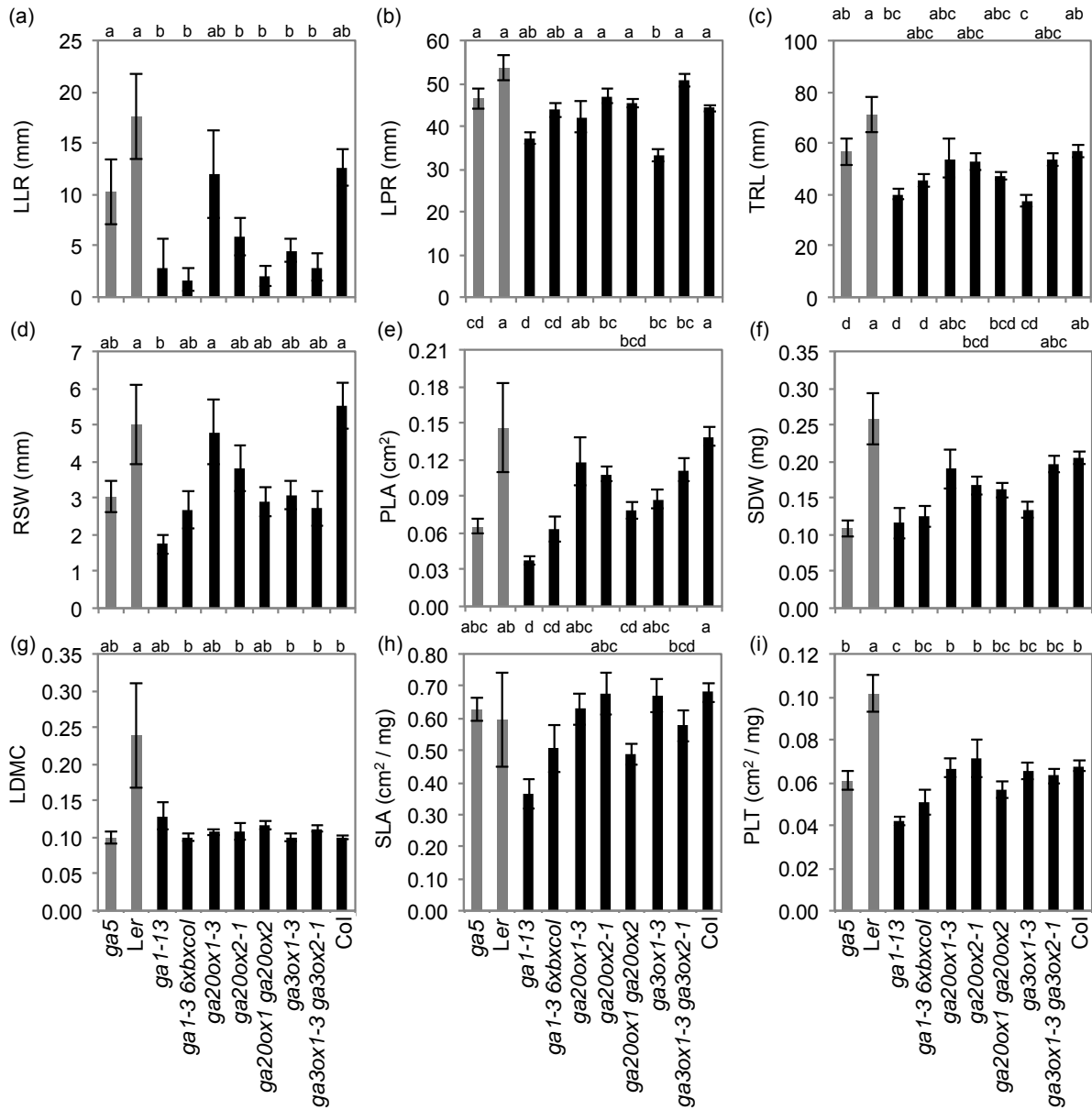


## SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

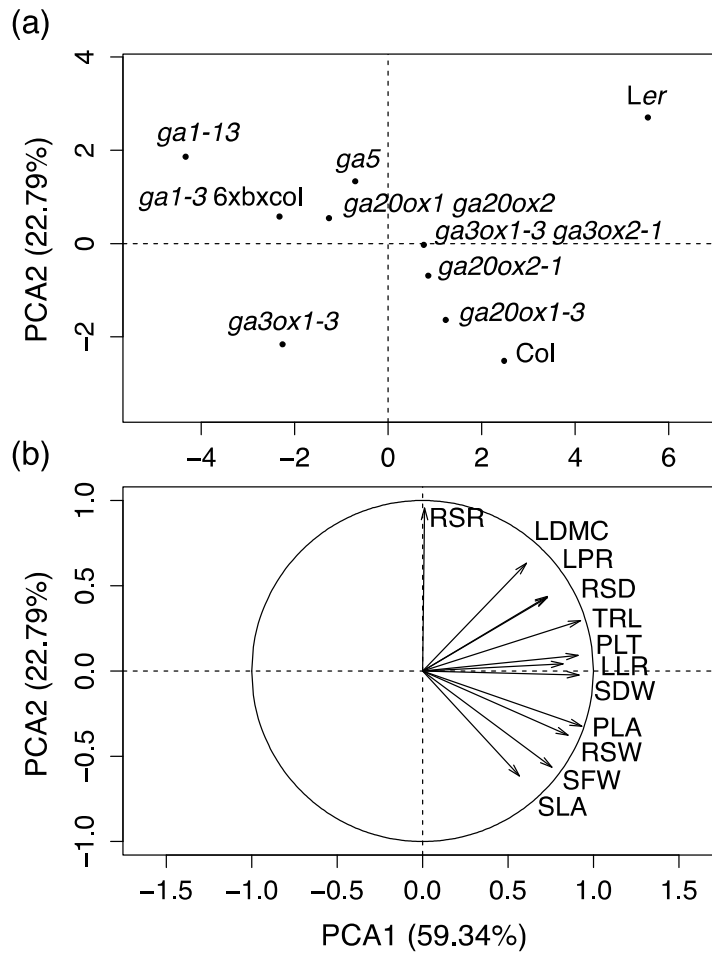
**Table S1. Growth percentage under sorbitol (relative to control) among *A. thaliana* GA biosynthesis mutants in different shoot and root related traits.** Seedlings were grown *in vitro* (1% agar with 1/3 Hoagland solution, evaluated 18 days after germination). Values in parenthesis indicate the propagation of uncertainty (n = 5 – 12 for sorbitol, n = 6 – 12 for control). NA = Not applicable.

Genotypes	LPR	LLR	TRL	RSD	RSW	PLA	RSR	SFW	SDW	SLA	LDMC	PLT
<i>ga5</i>	71.8 (5.3)	99.1 (34.4)	76.7 (9.5)	71.8 (5.4)	112.8 (16.1)	81.8 (10.0)	101.9 (12.7)	69.9 (9.4)	114.0 (9.9)	70.7 (6.5)	164.5 (21.0)	118.7 (13.3)
<i>Ler</i>	72.7 (7.6)	43.2 (24.1)	65.4 (10.6)	72.8 (7.6)	62.4 (22.9)	88.7 (26.3)	61.8 (26.7)	91.1 (32.4)	73.6 (13.5)	112.5 (26.1)	61.2 (30.4)	93.2 (11.9)
<i>ga1-13</i>	92.5 (5.3)	NA NA	85.9 (6.3)	92.5 (5.6)	91.7 (21.1)	81.4 (12.2)	118.1 (10.1)	76.8 (8.7)	86.4 (17.8)	82.5 (14.1)	114.8 (16.2)	105.6 (13.7)
<i>ga20ox1-3</i>	87.1 (10.3)	5.7 (36.0)	69.0 (14.1)	87.5 (10.1)	48.8 (19.3)	68.6 (17.3)	131.8 (11.8)	62.6 (13.3)	88.2 (14.1)	75.9 (8.8)	151.4 (22.7)	112.8 (11.5)
<i>ga20ox2-1</i>	71.8 (5.0)	NA NA	63.8 (7.0)	71.0 (4.9)	45.0 (16.9)	59.3 (7.6)	107.0 (10.5)	65.9 (6.6)	73.6 (7.0)	80.9 (12.3)	107.6 (14.5)	83.4 (13.9)
<i>ga20ox1 ga20ox2</i>	77.9 (4.1)	NA NA	74.4 (4.4)	78.0 (4.0)	59.0 (16.8)	49.3 (10.6)	187.2 (99.5)	53.7 (3.3)	64.6 (6.7)	75.0 (11.3)	150.1 (57.8)	115.2 (41.4)
<i>ga3ox1-3</i>	77.5 (6.4)	20.1 (25.1)	70.7 (7.8)	78.1 (6.6)	48.6 (13.9)	67.3 (10.7)	98.3 (6.6)	80.7 (5.7)	96.1 (8.0)	70.6 (9.4)	120.3 (13.2)	83.2 (8.8)
<i>ga3ox1-3 ga3ox2-1</i>	71.9 (4.3)	NA NA	68.0 (5.1)	71.9 (4.2)	68.0 (18.5)	44.1 (8.7)	109.0 (9.7)	66.7 (5.8)	74.3 (5.5)	60.9 (8.6)	110.2 (8.6)	67.1 (6.3)
Col	80.5 (3.5)	8.8 (14.0)	64.6 (4.6)	80.6 (3.5)	39.7 (11.4)	73.5 (6.8)	116.5 (5.9)	70.5 (3.9)	80.1 (4.1)	92.9 (7.5)	114.8 (6.4)	105.4 (6.5)

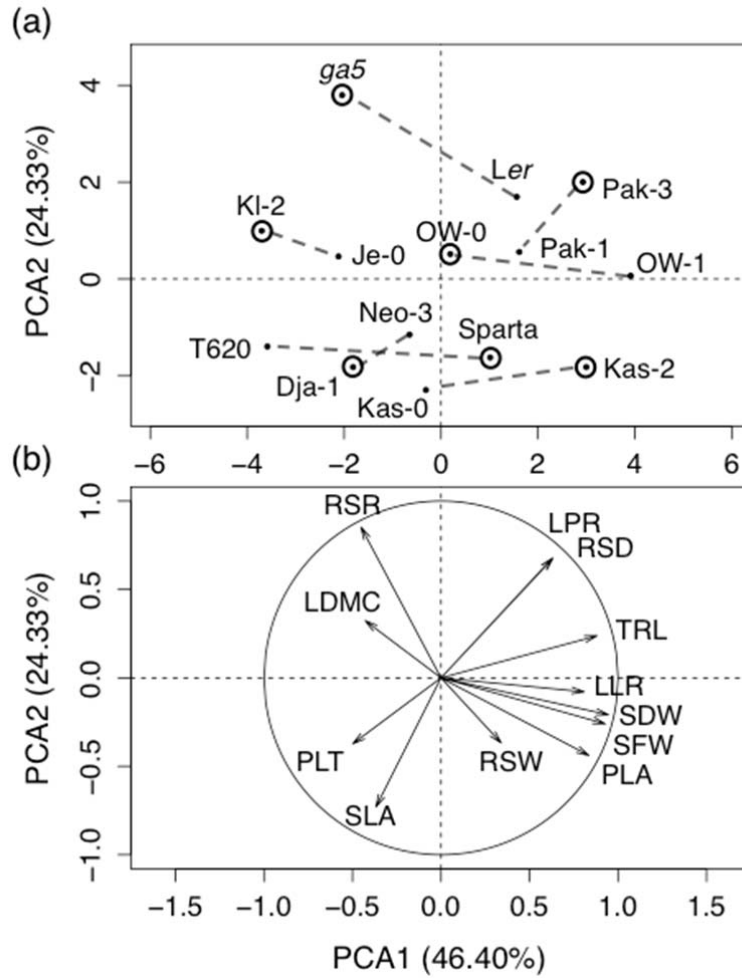
**Fig. S1. Phenotypes of *A. thaliana* GA biosynthesis mutants.** Means ( $\pm$  standard errors,  $n = 4 - 12$ ) of shoot and root traits in different GA biosynthesis mutants and their corresponding wild type controls, grown *in vitro* (1% agar with 1/3 Hoagland solution, evaluated 18 days after germination). All mutants are in Col background except *ga5*, which has the *Ler* background. Different colours indicate near isogenic comparisons. The letters above each panel indicate the results of a *post-hoc* Tukey's HSD test where means with different letters are significantly different ( $P < 0.05$ ).



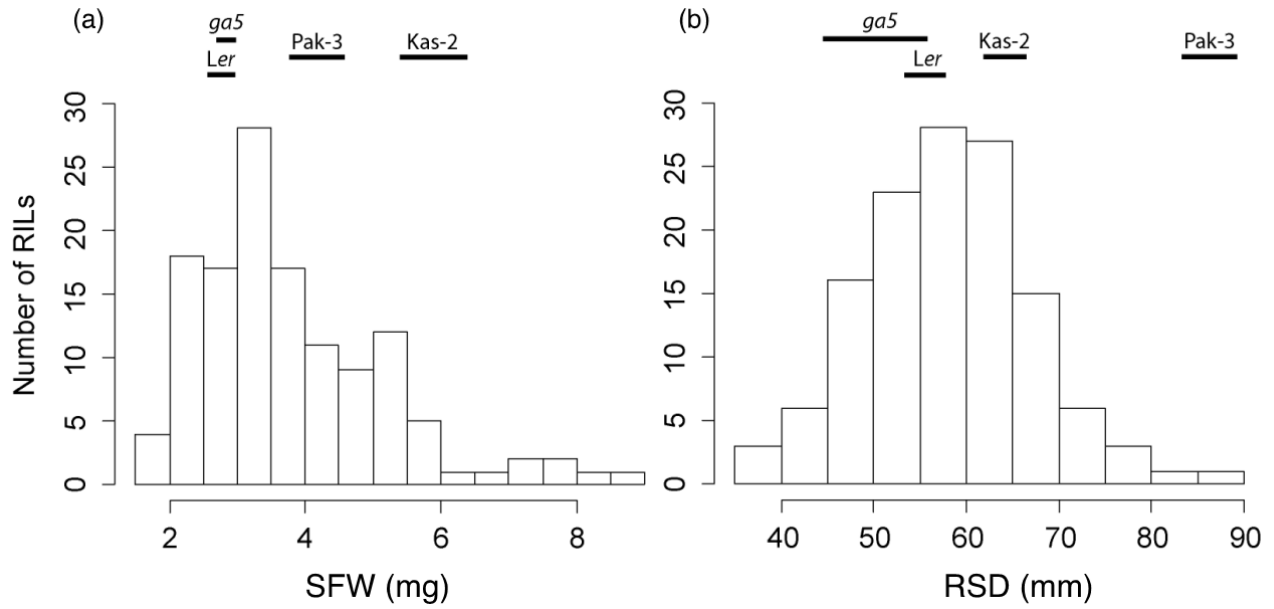
**Fig. S2. Principal Component Analysis (PCA) and correlations for shoot and root related traits.** PCA of GA biosynthesis *A. thaliana* mutants and their corresponding wild type controls, based on the combined data of different shoot and root phenotypes of plants grown *in vitro* (a; 1% agar with 1/3 Hoagland solution). Variables factor map (b) is shown. All mutants are in Col background except for *ga5*, which has *Ler* background.



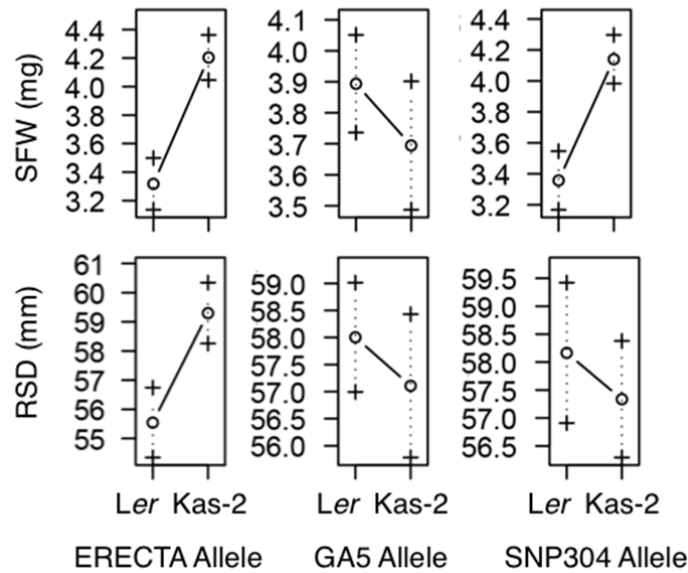
**Fig. S3. Principal Component Analysis (PCA) and correlations for shoot and root related traits.** PCA of 13 *A. thaliana* accessions and the *ga5* mutant (*Ler* background), based on the combined data of different shoot and root phenotypes of plants grown *in vitro* (a; 1% agar with 1/3 Hoagland solution, evaluated 18 days after germination). Variables factor map (b) are shown. Accessions connected by dotted lines indicate genetically related pairs, e.g. *ga5* vs *Ler* (*GA5*). The symbol ⊙ indicates semi-dwarf accessions.



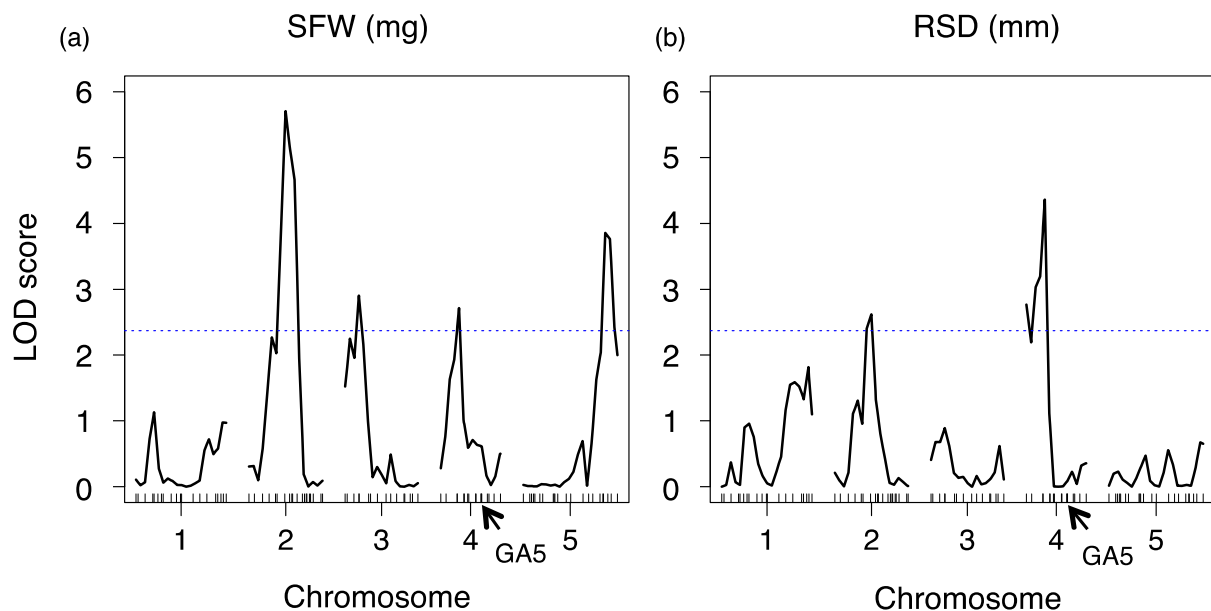
**Fig. S4. Frequency distribution for shoot fresh weight (SFW) and root system depth (RSD) in the *Ler* × *Kas-2* mapping population grown *in vitro*.** The SFW (a) and RSD (b) were evaluated in 125 recombinant inbred lines (RILs); six seedlings were sown per genotype. The medium contained: 0.8% Agar, 1/2 MS, pH 5.8. The experiment was evaluated 21 days after germination. The horizontal black bars denote the phenotype of the parental lines and two additional genotypes (mean values ± standard error).



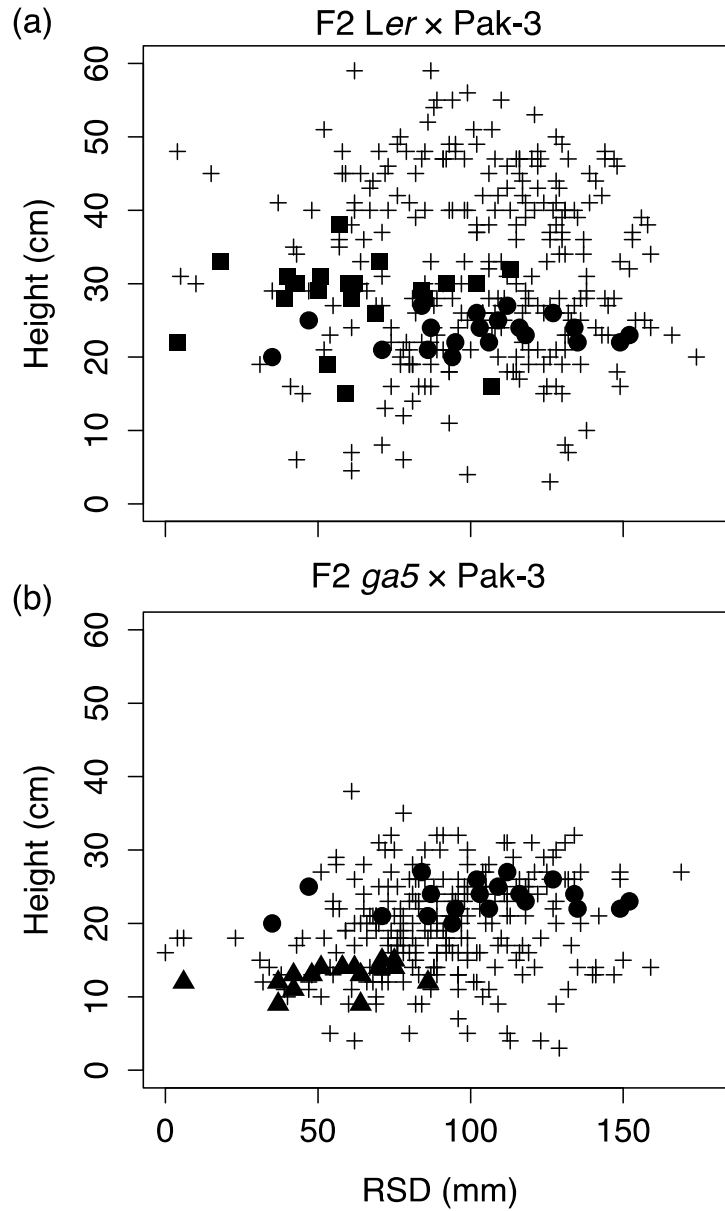
**Fig. S5.** Mean values of shoot fresh weight (SFW) and root system depth (RSD) in the *Ler* × *Kas-2* mapping population sorted by the parental alleles using the markers *ERECTA*, *GA5* and *SNP304*. The phenotypes were evaluated in 125 recombinant inbred lines; six seedlings were sown per genotype. Means ± standard errors are shown.



**Fig. S6.** QTL maps for shoot fresh weight (SFW) and root system depth (RSD) in the *Ler* × *Kas-2* mapping population grown *in vitro*. The phenotypes were evaluated in 125 recombinant inbred lines; six seedlings were sown per genotype. The medium contained: 0.8% Agar, 1/2 MS, pH 5.8. The experiment was evaluated 21 days after germination. The horizontal dotted line shows the significance threshold by running 1000 permutations. Position of the *GA5* marker is indicated with an arrow.



**Fig. S7. Long Pak-3 root system depth occurs independently from the *ga5* inactive allele.** Correlations between plant height (scored two weeks after flowering in greenhouse conditions) and root system depth (RSD, scored 28 days after sowing *in vitro*, medium 0.8% Agar, 1/2 MS, pH 5.8) in different F2 populations (+, *Ler* × Pak-3  $n = 270$ , *ga5* × Pak-3  $n = 250$ ), *Ler* (filled square,  $n = 22$ ), *ga5* (filled triangle,  $n = 17$ ), and Pak-3 (filled circle,  $n = 20$ ).



**Fig. S8. Osmotic stress response (growth percentage under sorbitol relative to control) among *A. thaliana* accessions.** a) Growth percentages for shoot fresh weight (SFW) and b) root system depth (RSD) representing variation among genotypes. Seedlings were grown *in vitro* (1% Agar with 1/3 Hoagland, evaluated 18 days after germination). Growth percentages were obtained using mean values (sorbitol/control)  $\pm$  propagation of uncertainties ( $n = 3 - 11$  for sorbitol,  $n = 6 - 12$  for control). Vertical dotted lines separate semi-near isogenic comparisons. The symbol  $\odot$  indicates semi-dwarf accessions.

