

**Additional file 12.** Recovery phenotype from stress treatments of OsMYB55 transgenic maize. (a) Wild type (WT) and transgenic plants (P1, P4 and P5) grown under control conditions (see methods) or subjected to high temperature (42 °C / 35 °C, day/night cycle) for five days. Picture was taken seven days after shifting heat-treated plants back to normal temperatures (29 °C / 23 °C, day/night cycle). Control plants were watered and maintained at normal temperatures during the whole experiment. (b) WT and transgenic plants subjected to water withholding for five days and then recovered by watering for seven days.