

**S2 Table. Initial data for the amount of seedling emergence.** Thirty acorns with different intensities of excision were sown in each try and a total of 450 acorns were initially employed for each excision treatment. This table corresponds to Fig 2A, but partitioned into replications.

Excision treatments	Trays	Time schedule for seedling emergence recording									total
		2.26./0 d	2.29./3 d	3.6./10d	3.13./17d	3.20./24d	3.27./31d	4.2./38d	4.9./45d	4.16./52d	
Nil	1	Sowing	0	0	10	8	3	0	2	0	23
Nil	2	Sowing	0	0	10	9	3	0	1	0	23
Nil	3	Sowing	0	1	13	9	2	0	2	0	27
Nil	4	Sowing	0	0	10	9	3	0	0	0	22
Nil	5	Sowing	0	1	10	9	2	0	1	1	24
Nil	6	Sowing	0	0	10	9	3	0	1	0	23
Nil	7	Sowing	0	1	13	9	3	0	0	0	26
Nil	8	Sowing	0	1	10	9	2	0	1	1	24
Nil	9	Sowing	0	0	10	9	3	0	1	0	23
Nil	10	Sowing	0	0	10	7	3	0	2	1	23
Nil	11	Sowing	0	1	10	9	2	0	1	0	23
Nil	12	Sowing	0	1	12	9	3	0	0	1	26
Nil	13	Sowing	0	0	10	9	3	0	3	0	25
Nil	14	Sowing	0	1	10	9	2	0	2	0	24
Nil	15	Sowing	0	0	10	9	2	0	1	0	22
Nil	<b>total</b>	/	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>358</b>
Slight	1	Sowing	0	0	13	5	1	0	0	0	19
Slight	2	Sowing	0	0	17	5	2	0	1	0	25
Slight	3	Sowing	0	1	15	6	2	0	0	0	24
Slight	4	Sowing	0	1	17	6	2	2	1	0	29

<b>Slight</b>	5	Sowing	0	1	16	5	0	0	2	0	24
<b>Slight</b>	6	Sowing	0	2	17	8	2	1	0	0	30
<b>Slight</b>	7	Sowing	0	1	14	6	4	0	1	0	26
<b>Slight</b>	8	Sowing	0	2	17	5	2	1	0	0	27
<b>Slight</b>	9	Sowing	0	1	17	6	2	0	0	0	26
<b>Slight</b>	10	Sowing	0	1	15	6	6	0	0	0	28
<b>Slight</b>	11	Sowing	0	2	19	3	2	1	0	0	27
<b>Slight</b>	12	Sowing	0	1	18	5	3	0	0	0	27
<b>Slight</b>	13	Sowing	0	2	17	5	1	0	0	0	25
<b>Slight</b>	14	Sowing	0	0	20	4	0	0	0	0	24
<b>Slight</b>	15	Sowing	0	1	17	5	2	0	0	0	25
<b>Slight</b>	<b>total</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>386</b>
<b>Intermediate</b>	1	Sowing	0	2	14	7	4	0	0	0	27
<b>Intermediate</b>	2	Sowing	0	3	14	6	3	0	0	0	26
<b>Intermediate</b>	3	Sowing	0	5	15	7	2	0	0	0	29
<b>Intermediate</b>	4	Sowing	0	3	14	8	0	1	0	0	26
<b>Intermediate</b>	5	Sowing	0	1	17	7	3	0	0	0	28
<b>Intermediate</b>	6	Sowing	0	0	14	7	2	0	0	0	23
<b>Intermediate</b>	7	Sowing	0	3	15	5	2	0	1	0	26
<b>Intermediate</b>	8	Sowing	0	4	16	7	1	1	0	0	29
<b>Intermediate</b>	9	Sowing	0	2	14	8	3	0	0	0	27
<b>Intermediate</b>	10	Sowing	0	3	17	7	2	0	0	0	29
<b>Intermediate</b>	11	Sowing	0	4	14	9	3	0	0	0	30
<b>Intermediate</b>	12	Sowing	0	2	13	8	2	0	0	0	25
<b>Intermediate</b>	13	Sowing	0	4	16	7	2	0	1	0	30

<b>Intermediate</b>	14	Sowing	0	3	13	6	5	0	0	0	27
<b>Intermediate</b>	15	Sowing	0	2	14	7	3	0	0	0	26
<b>Intermediate</b>	<b>total</b>	/	<b>0</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>408</b>
<b>Extreme</b>	1	Sowing	0	2	12	4	4	0	0	0	22
<b>Extreme</b>	2	Sowing	0	1	18	5	3	0	1	0	28
<b>Extreme</b>	3	Sowing	0	1	16	2	5	1	0	0	25
<b>Extreme</b>	4	Sowing	0	1	12	5	4	0	1	0	23
<b>Extreme</b>	5	Sowing	0	0	17	5	4	0	0	0	26
<b>Extreme</b>	6	Sowing	0	1	17	4	5	0	0	0	27
<b>Extreme</b>	7	Sowing	0	1	13	5	4	0	0	0	23
<b>Extreme</b>	8	Sowing	0	3	11	5	4	0	1	0	24
<b>Extreme</b>	9	Sowing	0	1	14	6	2	0	0	0	23
<b>Extreme</b>	10	Sowing	0	0	17	4	5	0	1	0	27
<b>Extreme</b>	11	Sowing	0	1	18	5	4	0	1	0	29
<b>Extreme</b>	12	Sowing	0	0	16	5	4	0	0	0	25
<b>Extreme</b>	13	Sowing	0	1	17	7	3	0	1	0	29
<b>Extreme</b>	14	Sowing	0	2	17	5	4	0	0	0	28
<b>Extreme</b>	15	Sowing	0	0	17	6	2	0	1	0	26
<b>Extreme</b>	<b>total</b>	/	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>385</b>