

S3 Table. The mean root surface area (cm²) for different root lasses and the mean proportion (%) of taproot to total root surface area.

Cotyledon excision	Nursery fertilization	Lateral and fibrous root surface area (cm²)	Taproot surface area (cm²)	Total root surface area (cm²)	Proportion of taproot (%)
Nil	Low NF	28.38	55.56	83.94	66
Slight	Low NF	37.39	58.40	95.79	61
Intermediate	Low NF	32.83	58.79	91.62	64
Extreme	Low NF	23.23	48.55	71.78	68
Nil	High NF	43.42	77.98	121.40	64
Slight	High NF	30.01	51.14	81.15	63
Intermediate	High NF	34.41	64.59	99.00	65
Extreme	High NF	30.83	60.90	91.73	66