## Data S1. Approximate cost calculation and time required for the shoot-tip culture method

## A. One-time cost of reusable consumables for experiment with 5 replications:

Magenta boxes- 11 EUR

**Cut end of falcon tubes - 1.5 EUR** 

## B. Cost of non-reusable consumables for experiment with 5 replications:

 $\frac{1}{2}$  conc. MS buffer  $- \sim 5-10$  cents

$$U-^{13}C$$
 glucose - ~ 40 EUR

Parafilm- ~10-15 cents

## C. Time required for the shoot-tip set-up:

Autoclaving of the magenta boxes & clean bench UV sterilization: 1-2 hours

**Shoot-tip isolation -** ~2 mins

**Shoot-tip sterilization -** 12 mins

**Shoot-tip system set-up -** ~5 mins