Table S3. 16S rRNA gene copy number in soils.

 Gene copy number

Initial 4.6 x 108 ± 5.6 x 107

Vegetative bulk 3.4 x 108 ± 1.3 x 108

Vegetative rhizosphere 4.6 x 108 ± 1.1 x 108

Flowering bulk 5.2 x 108 ± 1.5 x 108

Flowering rhizosphere 4.9 x 108 ± 2.2 x 108

Mature bulk 2.0 x 108 ± 7.0 x 106

Mature rhizosphere 2.5 x 108 ± 9.1 x 107