

Table S5 - Analysis of variance for the traits plant height and petiole length, number of roots, petiole length, and number of leaves within the treatments. T1 = 1B5 + para-film; T2 = 1B5 + gauze; T3 = 1B5 + PVC; T4 = ½B5 + para-film; T5 = ½B5 + gauze; T6 = ½B5 + PVC.

SV	Mean Square					
	DF	Plant height	Petiole length	Length of the largest root	Number of roots	Number of leaves
Treatments	5	308.21**	78.47**	0.2906 <sup>ns</sup>	0.01042*	0.000005236*
Residue	114	31.57	9.70			
Mean		17.80	9.27			
CV (%)		31.55	33.58			

DF (degrees of freedom). MS (Mean Square). ns – non-significant by F-test.

\* significant at 5% probability by F-test. CV – coefficient of variation in percentage.