

**Table S1.** Increment and reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> assimilation (An), stomatal conductance (gs) and intrinsic water-use efficiency (An/gs) between initial and final mean values (experimental time period) of stress treatment in seven bottle gourd landraces.

| Landrace | Trait | Means values |            | Increment<br>(%) | Reduction<br>(%) |
|----------|-------|--------------|------------|------------------|------------------|
|          |       | Initial time | Final time |                  |                  |
| Osorno   |       | 17.16        | 2.6        | -                | 84.8             |
| Chépica  |       | 17.86        | 3.23       | -                | 81.9             |
| Illapel  |       | 10.3         | 1.96       | -                | 81.0             |
| Aurora   | An    | 12.73        | 2.13       | -                | 83.3             |
| BG-48    |       | 14.03        | 7.73       | -                | 44.9             |
| BG-67    |       | 16.96        | 1.5        | -                | 91.2             |
| GC       |       | 18.76        | 6.23       |                  | 66.8             |
| Osorno   |       | 0.25         | 0.04       | -                | 84.0             |
| Chépica  |       | 0.25         | 0.04       | -                | 84.0             |
| Illapel  |       | 0.11         | 0.03       | -                | 72.7             |
| Aurora   | gs    | 0.15         | 0.02       | -                | 86.7             |
| BG-48    |       | 0.17         | 0.06       | -                | 64.7             |
| BG-67    |       | 0.25         | 0.03       | -                | 88.0             |
| GC       |       | 0.27         | 0.05       |                  | 81.5             |
| Osorno   |       | 4.27         | 0.83       | -                | 80.6             |
| Chépica  |       | 4.43         | 0.87       | -                | 80.4             |
| Illapel  |       | 2.43         | 0.63       | -                | 74.1             |
| Aurora   | E     | 2.97         | 0.57       | -                | 81.0             |
| BG-48    |       | 3.23         | 1.23       | -                | 61.9             |
| BG-67    |       | 4.53         | 0.70       | -                | 84.5             |
| GC       |       | 5.00         | 1.20       | -                | 76.0             |
| Osorno   |       | 73.3         | 57.3       | -                | 21.8             |
| Chépica  |       | 69.9         | 75         | 7.3              | -                |
| Illapel  |       | 90           | 58.4       | -                | 35.1             |
| Aurora   | WUEi  | 86.7         | 76         | -                | 12.3             |
| BG-48    |       | 86.5         | 113.8      | 31.6             | -                |
| BG-67    |       | 67.2         | 45.8       | -                | 31.8             |
| GC       |       | 71.9         | 107.2      | 49.1             | -                |

**Table S2.** Results of contrast test comparing the mean values difference between well-watered (WW) and water deficit (WD) condition for stomatal conductance (gs).

| Genotypes | Estimate (WW-WD) | S.E <sup>a</sup> | p-value |
|-----------|------------------|------------------|---------|
| Aurora    | 0.08             | 0.05             | 0.1221  |
| BG-48     | 0.12             | 0.05             | 0.0215  |
| BG-67     | 0.08             | 0.05             | 0.1267  |
| Chepica   | 0.04             | 0.05             | 0.4780  |
| GC        | 0.31             | 0.05             | <.0001  |
| Illapel   | 0.10             | 0.02             | 0.0439  |
| Osorno    | 0.06             | 0.01             | 0.2056  |

<sup>a</sup>S.E= Standard Error.**Table 3.** Results of contrast test comparing the mean values difference between well-watered (WW) and water deficit (WD) condition for transpiration (E).

| Genotypes | Estimate (WW-WD) | S.E <sup>a</sup> | p-value |
|-----------|------------------|------------------|---------|
| Aurora    | 1.17             | 0.55             | 0.0419  |
| BG-48     | 1.70             | 0.55             | 0.0043  |
| BG-67     | 1.43             | 0.55             | 0.0141  |
| Chepica   | 0.67             | 0.55             | 0.2333  |
| GC        | 3.23             | 0.55             | <.0001  |
| Illapel   | 1.77             | 0.55             | 0.0032  |
| Osorno    | 1.00             | 0.55             | 0.0783  |

<sup>a</sup>S.E= Standard Error.**Table 4.** Results of contrast test comparing the mean values difference between well-watered (WW) and water deficit (WD) condition for intrinsic water use efficiency (WUEi).

| Genotypes | Estimate (WW-WD) | S.E <sup>a</sup> | p-value |
|-----------|------------------|------------------|---------|
| Aurora    | 7.34             | 21.66            | 0.7374  |
| BG-48     | -28.87           | 21.66            | 0.1933  |
| BG-67     | 23.40            | 21.66            | 0.2893  |
| Chepica   | 23.97            | 21.66            | 0.2779  |
| GC        | -60.58           | 21.66            | 0.0092  |
| Illapel   | 32.86            | 21.66            | 0.1405  |
| Osorno    | 23.01            | 21.66            | 0.2971  |

<sup>a</sup>S.E= Standard Error.**Table 5.** Results of contrast test comparing the mean values difference between well-watered (WW) and water deficit (WD) condition for instantaneous water use efficiency (WUEins).

| Genotypes | Estimate (WW-WD) | S.E <sup>a</sup> | p-value |
|-----------|------------------|------------------|---------|
| Aurora    | 0.87             | 1.14             | 0.4001  |
| BG-48     | -0.86            | 1.10             | 0.4073  |
| BG-67     | 1.28             | 2.46             | 0.2191  |
| Chepica   | 1.38             | 2.84             | 0.1872  |
| GC        | -1.86            | 5.17             | 0.0789  |
| Illapel   | 2.34             | 8.19             | 0.0294  |

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|--------|------|------|--------|
| Osorno | 1.35 | 2.72 | 0.1967 |
|--------|------|------|--------|

<sup>a</sup>S.E= Standard Error.

**Table 6.** Results of contrast test comparing the mean values difference between well-watered (WW) and water deficit (WD) condition for intercellular CO<sub>2</sub> concentration (Ci).

| Genotypes | Estimate (WW-WD) | S.E <sup>a</sup> | p-value |
|-----------|------------------|------------------|---------|
| Aurora    | -26.67           | 36.72            | 0.4738  |
| BG-48     | 22.67            | 36.72            | 0.3055  |
| BG-67     | -49.33           | 36.72            | 0.1899  |
| Chepica   | -54.00           | 36.72            | 0.1526  |
| GC        | 77.67            | 36.72            | 0.0435  |
| Illapel   | -80.67           | 36.72            | 0.0365  |
| Osorno    | -42.67           | 36.72            | 0.2551  |

<sup>a</sup>S.E= Standard Error.

**Table 7.** Results of contrast test comparing the mean values difference between well-watered (WW) and water deficit (WD) condition for CO<sub>2</sub> assimilation.

| Genotypes | Estimate (WW-WD) | S.E <sup>a</sup> | p-value |
|-----------|------------------|------------------|---------|
| Aurora    | 5.60             | 1.86             | 0.0055  |
| BG-48     | 4.80             | 1.86             | 0.0155  |
| BG-67     | 5.33             | 1.86             | 0.0078  |
| Chepica   | 4.63             | 1.86             | 0.0190  |
| GC        | 7.37             | 1.86             | 0.0005  |
| Illapel   | 10.23            | 1.86             | <0.0001 |
| Osorno    | 4.17             | 1.86             | 0.0334  |

**Table 8.** Origin and geographical coordinates of seven bottle gourd genotypes evaluated under well-watered and water deficit conditions.

| Genotype        | Origin (country and region) | Geographical coordinates                 |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|--|
| BG-48           | South Africa Kgohloane      | (23 ° 47'39.76 " S; 29 ° 22'13.45 " E)   |
| BG-67           | South Africa Ga-Rapitsi     | (23 ° 35'48.37 " S; 29 ° 06 '25 .08 " E) |
| GC (commercial) | South Africa Kwazulu-Natal  | (29 ° 45'19.98" S; 29 ° 17'36.60 " E)    |
| Illapel         | Chile Coquimbo Region       | (31 ° 35'28.58 " S; 70 ° 45'55.67 " O)   |
| Chépica         | Chile O'Higgins Region      | (34 ° 23'50.69 " S; 71 ° 07'21.91 " O)   |
| Osorno          | Chile Los Lagos Region      | (39 ° 22'31.44 " E; 72 ° 36'28.69 " OE)  |
| Aurora          | Commercial                  | NA                                       |