**Supplementary Material**



**Supplementary Figure S1.** Comparison between pith color (ordered classes) and pith brightness (continuous greyscale) in *Polygonum* *×bohemicum*. Different letters represent significant differences (P-value < 0.05) according to a pairwise Wilcoxon test with a false discovery rate correction (BY).



**Supplementary Figure S2.** Reference scales of pith brightness and color classes usable in the field to assess rhizome resprouting capacity in *Polygonum* *×bohemicum*. Arrows point to the mean pith brightness of each pith color class.