



Figure S1. A) Monthly precipitation (mm) and mean temperature (°C) during the experimental period (December 2015 to May 2016); B) Dry weight of the aerial plant part (g/plant) of *Sanguisorba minor* in relation to substrate type; C) Dry weight of roots (g/plant) of *Sanguisorba minor* in relation to substrate type; D) Relative chlorophyll content (SPAD values) in leaves of *Sanguisorba minor* in relation to substrate type. Error bars indicate standard deviation of the means. Small letters indicate significant differences between means according to Tukey's HSD test ($P < 0.05$).

*DAS: Days after sowing