A

placeholder for the hypothesis

B

(I) field sampling

elevation

isolation

high-elevation plants

isolation

low-elevation plants

(II) growth assay

48 hr
30°C

48 hr
25°C

48 hr
35°C

growth rate

lag time   yield

cell density

time

(III) plant inoculation experiment

6 weeks

split

plant biomass

nodule number

root architecture