

**Supplementary Fig. S6.** – First year performance in terms of LDMC (left) and C/N ratio (right) per individual of *Bromus erectus* in combination with *Brachypodium pinnatum* (above), *Stipa capillata* (middle) and *S. tirsia* (below). The different coloured bars (mean + SE) represent the different species compositions (9, 6:3, 3:6) in the different nutrient conditions. Using two-way ANOVA for testing mean differences (see Table S4).

