

Table 3S. Changes in the activity of nitrate reductase [$\text{nmol}(\text{NO}_2^-) \text{ g}^{-1}(\text{FM}) \text{ s}^{-1}$] during developmental and N deficiency-induced senescence in oilseed rape plants grown without (–Se) or with 20 μM Se as Na_2SeO_4 (+Se). In developmental senescence, leaves of different age and during senescence caused by N deficiency, the third oldest, still green leaf were analyzed. Data are means $\pm$ SD ($n = 4$). Data in each row indicated by *the same letter* were not statistically significant ($p < 0.05$).

Developmental senescence	Young leaf		Middle aged leaf		Old leaf	
	–Se	+Se	–Se	+Se	–Se	+Se
	71.68 ± 3.35^b	127.8 ± 2.95^a	34.06 ± 1.98^c	29.11 ± 0.14^d	28.6 ± 1.65^d	24.75 ± 2.23^e
N deficiency-induced senescence	Adequate N			Low N		
	–Se	+Se		–Se	+Se	
	56.23 ± 2.01^a	35.27 ± 0.63^b		3.42 ± 0.87^d	6.33 ± 0.67^c	