

Parameter	Col-0	<i>atphb3</i> <sup>KO</sup>	<i>atphb3</i> <sup>KO</sup> /Col-0 ratio	P-value
Root elongation rate ( $\mu\text{m h}^{-1}$ )	297 $\pm$ 8	80 $\pm$ 4	0.27	0.0001
Growth zone size ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	1242 $\pm$ 72	773 $\pm$ 50	0.62	0.0001
Mature cell length ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	180 $\pm$ 12	166 $\pm$ 9	0.92	n.s.
Meristem size ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	528 $\pm$ 15	334 $\pm$ 16	0.63	0.0001
Meristem cell number	55 $\pm$ 1	25 $\pm$ 2	0.45	0.0001
Cell cycle duration (h)	23.3 $\pm$ 1.7	35.3 $\pm$ 2.7	1.51	0.0029
Cell production rate (cells h <sup>-1</sup> )	1.70 $\pm$ 0.13	0.49 $\pm$ 0.02	0.29	0.0001
Time in division zone (h)	135 $\pm$ 10	164 $\pm$ 17	1.21	n.s.
Time in elongation zone (h)	5 $\pm$ 1	10 $\pm$ 1	2.07	0.0004
Elongation zone cell number	8 $\pm$ 1	5 $\pm$ 1	0.61	0.0015
Expansion rate (% h <sup>-1</sup> )	29.1 $\pm$ 2.7	13.2 $\pm$ 0.6	0.45	0.0007

n.s., not significant.

**Table 2** Overview of growth parameters of wild-type and *atphb3*<sup>KO</sup> cortex cells in the root apical meristem