**Table 1** Relative volumes (%) of the subcellular compartments within the total volume of mesophyll cells from common plantain, sea plantain, peach and celery

	Vacuole %	Chloroplast %	Cytoplasm %
Common plantain	$82 \pm 5$	$12 \pm 4$	6 ± 1
Sea plantain	$85 \pm 5$	$10 \pm 4$	$5\pm2$
Peach	$68 \pm 7$	$21 \pm 6$	$11 \pm 4$
Celery	$72 \pm 5$	$16 \pm 4$	$12 \pm 3$

Data were obtained from TEM micrographes (n = 37–42). Cytoplasm is defined as cytosol, peroxisomes, nucleus and mitochondria. Mean values  $\pm$  SD