

**Supplementary Figure 3.** The changes in Spd/Put, Spm/Put and Spd/Spm ratios during embryo desiccation in mature embryos (M), control embryos at half (D100) and at the end (ED100) of desiccation at 100% relative humidity, and embryos exposed to 95% and 90% relative humidity during the first half of desiccation (D95 and D90) and subsequently transferred to 100% relative humidity (ED95 and ED90). Values are expressed as means  $\pm$  standard deviations. Bars represent SD of four independent experiments (n= 8). Different letters indicate statistically significant difference at  $p \leq 0.05$ .

