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## **Impact of agricultural practices and environmental variables on plant-parasitic nematode communities in fields at a landscape scale**

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17 **Summary** - Agricultural practices shaping plant-parasitic nematode (PPN) assembly are still  
18 unclear, and this limits our understanding of the anthropic disturbances impact on the  
19 resilience of PPN communities and the emergence of agronomic problems. Here the  
20 abundance and diversity of PPN in France's oilseed rape production area was determined by  
21 sampling 72 fields over 2 consecutive years. We identified and counted PPN taxa and  
22 collected anthropic and environmental variables for the past 5 years. PPN were assigned to  
23 seven genera and one family including PPN that have not been identified until genus level.  
24 Using multiple correspondence analyses, we selected the main variables and tested their effect  
25 on the abundance of each taxon with mixed generalized linear models. We emphasize that at  
26 the landscape scale investigated, crop rotations were no longer a major factor impacting the  
27 PPN communities. However, we observed that tillage and pesticides had a significant impact  
28 on several taxa.

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30 **Keywords** - Community ecology; agricultural practices; multiple correspondence analysis;  
31 model averaging

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33 Nematodes are ubiquitous soil fauna that can be either plant-parasitic nematodes (PPN),  
34 bacterial or fungal feeders, or omnivores. Because of their trophic ecologies, nematodes play  
35 a role in nutrient recycling by feeding on plant tissue and microorganisms. PPN can have a  
36 significant impact on yields and leading to economic issues (Nicol *et al.*, 2011; Jones *et al.*,  
37 2013). According to Decraemer and Hunt (2006), at least 4100 species of PPN have been  
38 described and the impact of many of them is still unknown.

39 Several studies have dealt with nematode communities, but many of them focus on their  
40 role as bioindicators of soil quality. Indeed, various indices, such as the maturity index and  
41 the plant-parasitic index (Bongers, 1990; Bongers and Ferris, 1999) (see Yeates (2003) for a  
42 nematode index review) have been created to characterise nematode communities based on  
43 the relative proportion of various trophic groups. These indices make it possible to evaluate  
44 the impact of soil characteristics or management practices on nematode communities. For  
45 example, Ugarte *et al.* (2013) show that community indices vary during the growing season  
46 for different types of agriculture (from conventional to organic), depending, among other  
47 things, on N availability and the presence/absence of tillage.

48 However, even though these indices highlight soil health and provide an overall  
49 description of nematode communities, they do not allow for a precise evaluation of the  
50 community structure or variations among communities of a single trophic group. The life  
51 cycle of PPN is highly susceptible to climatic and host variations. Thus, their communities are  
52 influenced by habitat heterogeneity and changes that influence their food sources or  
53 environment, including agricultural management practices (Freckman and Ettema, 1993;  
54 Villenave *et al.*, 2013). In agroecosystems, changes in PPN communities have received the  
55 most attention because of the economic impact of these parasites on crop plants (Gomes *et al.*,  
56 2003; Palomares-Rius *et al.*, 2015; Pokharel *et al.*, 2015). Only a few studies have focused on  
57 the impact of environmental factors on the structure of PPN communities. Mateille *et al.*

58 (2014) showed that PPN communities vary among coastal foredunes due to sand texture and  
59 mineral and carbonate concentrations. Similar results were found by Palomares-Rius *et al.*  
60 (2015) who showed that olive variety and soil texture were the main factors shaping the  
61 composition of PPN communities in olive orchards in Spain.

62 In agricultural studies, authors often examine a single crop or simple rotations involving a  
63 maximum of two or three crops (Li *et al.*, 2015; Palomares-Rius *et al.*, 2015). Similarly,  
64 authors often focus on the effect of a specific management practice, such as tillage, or on just  
65 a few soil parameters (Parmelee and Alston, 1986; Porazinska *et al.*, 1999; Zhang *et al.*,  
66 2015), but rarely on the combination of several management practices and several  
67 environmental factors. The agricultural practices shaping the abundance and assembly of PPN  
68 are still unclear, and this limits our understanding of the impact of anthropic disturbances on  
69 the resilience of PPN communities and the emergence of agronomic problems. As PPN can  
70 survive in numerous small patches in the soil environment, spatial sampling is a major key for  
71 assessing PPN communities. However, results from spatial sampling alone neglect temporal  
72 effects. It is therefore valuable to consider these two types of sampling in order to provide an  
73 accurate view of the PPN community. It is worth noting that as far as we know, rare  
74 investigations have been conducted at the landscape scale (Schomaker and Been, 1999; King  
75 and Taberna, 2013) even though this scale is relevant since it can integrate high variability in  
76 terms of soil types and climates. Moreover, it is also the scale of human activity, which  
77 includes land use and agricultural practices.

78 In this study, we analysed the relationships between PPN communities and both the  
79 physico-chemical properties of the soil and agricultural practices. To this end, we studied an  
80 agroecosystem in the east of France composed of 72 fields representing 16 farmers for two  
81 successive years. For each of these fields, five-year rotations, agricultural management  
82 practices (number and type of tillage, use of pesticides, use of herbicides, sowing date) and

83 the physico-chemical proprieties of the soil (soil texture, N, C, organic matter, pH) were  
84 collected, offering an opportunity to study the relative influence of soil properties and land  
85 management practices in shaping PPN communities at a landscape scale. The following  
86 questions have been addressed: are PPN heterogeneously distributed at this spatial scale?  
87 Were the PPN communities stable for two successive years? Which variables and land  
88 management practices characterise each plant-parasitic genus at this scale?

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## 90 **Material and methods**

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### 92 SAMPLING AND CHARACTERISTICS OF THE STUDIED AREA

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94 This study was conducted near Dijon, in eastern France (47°14'N 5°03'E). This  
95 geographical area (approximately 1400 ha) is defined as a temperate region with warm  
96 summers (Peel *et al.*, 2007).

97 Mean monthly temperatures and rainfall data were collected from October 2012 to  
98 September 2014.

99 Seventy-two fields, ranging from 0.46 ha to 28.65 ha and representing 16 different farmers,  
100 were sampled in September 2013 and 2014 shortly after harvest time. For each fields and each  
101 years since 2010, informations about cultivation practices including crop rotations from 2010  
102 to 2014, the type and number of soil operations (deep or superficial tillage) and the type and  
103 number of applications of plant protection products (herbicides on the one hand and  
104 fungicides, insecticides and molluscicides grouped together under the category of non-  
105 herbicides on the other hand), were collected from farmers. No nematicide was used since  
106 2010 in any of the fields. The physico-chemical properties of the soil, including pH, organic

107 carbon, total nitrogen and soil texture, were obtained in September 2011 for each sampled  
108 field as described by Dequiedt *et al.* (2011).

109 Seven sample points were considered alongside the longest diagonal of each field. Two  
110 soil cores (depth of 30 cm using a manual auger (diameter 2.5 cm)) were taken at each of the  
111 seven points and separated into two plastic bags (the seven points were pooled into the two  
112 plastic bags), resulting, per field, in two bags, each containing about 1.5 kg of soil. One bag  
113 was used for cyst extraction and identification and the other bag was used for free living PPN  
114 extraction and identification. The GPS coordinates were recorded at each point in 2013 in  
115 order to repeat the same samplings process in 2014.

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#### 117 NEMATODE EXTRACTION AND IDENTIFICATION

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119 PPN communities were extracted from 400g of soil, according to the EPPO bulletin (2013)  
120 protocol, using an Oostenbrink elutriator (MEKU) followed by centrifugal flotation. All PPN  
121 families and genera from each extract were identified and counted using a binocular magnifier  
122 based on the expertise of the National Reference Laboratory (NRL). In order to standardise  
123 the counts, individuals were counted after a dilution step (depending on the density of  
124 nematodes in the extracts), in 5mL of the dilution.

125 Cyst nematode communities were extracted from 600g of soil using two sieves fitted  
126 together (800µm for the upper one and 250µm for the lower one). Then, cysts were manually  
127 isolated, identified and counted from the total extract obtained on the 250µm sieve using a  
128 binocular magnifier based on the expertise of the NRL. Cyst numbers were converted in  
129 juvenile numbers based on the mean egg cyst content observed for the extracted cysts.

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#### 131 STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

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133 Statistical analyses were conducted with R software (R Core Team, 2016). Mean monthly  
134 temperatures from October 2012 to September 2013, and from October 2013 to September  
135 2014, were compared using Student's t-test. Rainfall data for the same periods were compared  
136 with the Wilcoxon (non-parametric) test.

137 Student's t-test was also used to assess differences, between 2013 and 2014, in the  
138 abundance of each PPN taxon and the Shannon-Weaver diversity index (Shannon and  
139 Weaver, 1949).

140 In order to explain the distribution of the various genera observed regarding the anthropic  
141 and environmental variables considered for our study, we used the following statistical  
142 strategy. Firstly, we carried out Multiple Correspondence Analysis (MCA) to select the main  
143 contributing variables without any *a priori* knowledge (Burnham and Anderson, 2002;  
144 Grueber *et al.*, 2011). Secondly, we used a model averaging approach (Burnham and  
145 Anderson, 2002; Grueber *et al.*, 2011) to assess the influence of the previously selected  
146 variables on the abundance of each PPN taxon.

147 The MCAs were performed using the FactoMineR package (Le *et al.*, 2008) (see Table 1  
148 for the corresponding codes and Table S1 for the detail of limits and values of each variable).  
149 We performed several MCAs for the PPN communities sampled in 2013 and 2014. In order to  
150 assess whether past farming practices had an impact on the current abundance of PPN  
151 communities, we considered the agricultural practices of the sampling year and the sum of the  
152 different practices over previous growing periods (in 2013 and over the 2012-2013, 2011-  
153 2013 and 2010-2013 periods for the 2013 sampling; in 2014 and over the 2013-2014, 2012-  
154 2014, 2011-2014 and 2010-2014 periods for the 2014 sampling). PPN abundances were  
155 considered as supplementary variables and thus did not contribute to the construction of the  
156 factorial axis. Furthermore, only the modalities of variables whose absolute contributions

157 were more than twice the mean absolute contribution were represented (Cibois, 1986, 1997).  
158 For the model averaging approach, we only used variables showing opposite modalities  
159 considering the two factorial axes in at least two different maps.

160 In accordance with the Grueber *et al.* (2011) appendix, we performed model averaging  
161 using Poisson Generalized Linear Mixed Model (GLMM) (Andersen *et al.*, 1997). We  
162 implemented fields surface as random effect because the sampling protocol described  
163 previously was similar for all fields regardless the surface. We use the corrected Akaike  
164 information criterion (AICc). We first built a global model with the lme4 package (Bates *et*  
165 *al.*, 2015), implementing all the explanatory variables selected using MCA. We then  
166 performed model averaging with the MuMIn package (Barton 2016) to rank all the sub-  
167 models. We only selected as the best models those having a  $\Delta AICc < 2$ , where  $\Delta AICc$  is the  
168 difference between the AICc of each sub-model and the AICc of the first best model  
169 (Burnham and Anderson, 2002; Grueber *et al.*, 2011). The procedure estimated an average  
170 weight for each explanatory variable based on the number of appearances in the selected  
171 models. For the interpretation, we mainly focused on the 95% confidence interval (95% CI) of  
172 the estimates and the sum of weights (SW) of each explanatory variable, to highlight the  
173 major variables (Galipaud *et al.*, 2014). Variables with a confidence interval including zero  
174 were considered to have no effect (Grueber *et al.*, 2011).

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## 176 **Results**

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### 178 PLANT-PARASITIC NEMATODE COMMUNITIES

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180 Among the 72 fields, all PPN genera found were morphologically identified and counted  
181 (Table 2): *Helicotylenchus*, *Pratylenchus*, *Heterodera*, *Macrotrophurus*, *Paratylenchus*,

182 *Criconemoides* and *Trichodorus*. Furthermore, Telotylenchidae other than *Macrotrophurus*  
183 were counted but not identified to the genus level. The *Helicotylenchus* genus was the most  
184 abundant genus each year (mean per field:  $248.60 \pm 15.91$  indiv./100g wet soil for 2013 and  
185  $202.06 \pm 18.68$  indiv./100g wet soil for 2014) (Table 2). On the other hand, *Trichodorus* was  
186 the least abundant genus ( $1.38 \pm 1.05$  indiv./100g wet soil for 2013 and  $0.71 \pm 0.38$   
187 indiv./100g wet soil for 2014) (Table 2). *Helicotylenchus*, *Pratylenchus* and Telotylenchidae  
188 were clearly dominant (found in 100% of the fields in 2013 and respectively in 100%, 97%  
189 and 97% of the fields in 2014, Table 2), whereas the others were identified in few fields and  
190 were usually less abundant.

191 A comparison of the Shannon-Weaver index values showed that the diversity of PPN  
192 communities changed significantly between 2013 and 2014 ( $t=2.63$ ,  $df=71$ ,  $P=0.010$ ) (Table  
193 2). However, Student's t-test shows significant differences, between 2013 and 2014 only for  
194 the abundances of *Helicotylenchus*, *Pratylenchus* and *Paratylenchus* (respectively  $t=3.17$ ,  
195  $df=71$  and  $P=0.002$ ;  $t=4.75$ ,  $df=71$  and  $P<10^{-4}$ ;  $t=3.17$ ,  $df=71$  and  $P=0.002$ ) (Table 2). There  
196 were no differences between the mean monthly temperatures and rainfalls (calculated over a  
197 year before the sampling dates) of the two sampling years ( $t = -0.479$ ,  $df = 11$ ,  $P=0.637$  and  
198  $Tw = 83$ ,  $df = 11$ ,  $P=0.551$  respectively).

199 The significant differences between the 2013 and 2014 communities and the lack of  
200 climate differences between the two years suggest a strong impact of the previous year's  
201 practices on the PPN communities. This is why we analysed the communities from 2013 and  
202 2014 separately for the rest of the study.

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204 VARIABLE SELECTION

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206 In order to assess the impact of anthropic and environmental variables on the PPN  
207 communities, we used MCA to select major variables without *a priori* knowledge to test their  
208 influence in the models of the model averaging approach.

209 Seven variables were implemented in these analyses (Tillage, SupW, Herbi, NHerbi, Silt,  
210 pH and Crops) (Table 1) and as PPN abundances were considered as supplementary variables,  
211 they did not contribute to the construction of the axes. Depending on the time-period  
212 considered, agricultural practices and environmental variables accounted for 10.7% to 13.9%  
213 of the variability of the dataset on the first axis and for 9.5% to 12.1% on the second axis. On  
214 average, taking into account all the factorial maps, the first two axes absorbed about 22.5% of  
215 the variance.

216 The four factorial maps built for the PPN sampled in 2013 (Fig. 1 and Fig. S1 to Fig. S4)  
217 showed opposite modalities for the following variables: Tillage (Fig. S1 and Fig. S4), SupW  
218 (Fig. 1 and Fig. S3), Herbi and NHerbi (Fig. 1 and Fig. S1 to Fig. S4). These four variables  
219 were therefore considered for testing in the model averaging approach. For the PPN sampled  
220 in 2014, except SupW, the three same variables were considered based on the five factorial  
221 maps built (Fig. 2 and Fig. S5 to Fig. S9): Tillage (Fig. 2 and Fig. S5 to Fig. S9), Herbi and  
222 NHerbi (Fig. 2 and Fig. S5 to Fig. S9).

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## 224 MODEL SELECTION AND EFFECT OF ANTHROPIC VARIABLES ON THE 225 ABUNDANCE OF PLANT-PARASITIC NEMATODES

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227 GLMM were implemented with the previously selected variables and using fields surface  
228 as random effect. Concerning the nematodes sampled in 2013, 16 first-order models,  
229 implemented for each taxon and year of a given cultivation practice with the four selected  
230 explanatory variables, were ranked. The SW and 95% CI were calculated for the explanatory

231 variables present in the subset of models with a  $\Delta AICc < 2$ , but only the explanatory variables  
232 with an SW=1 are represented in Table 3. Indeed, the majority of the 95% CIs included zero,  
233 indicating that the effect of the explanatory variables was uncertain. However, each time the  
234 SW=1, the 95% CI did not include zero, indicating that the explanatory variable could be  
235 considered as significant to explain the abundance of the taxon (for instance, for  
236 *Pratylenchus*, 95% CIs for NHerbi 2013 and 2012-13 were respectively 0.007 to 0.143 and  
237 0.014 to 0.102, and 95% CIs for Tillage 2011-13 and 2010-13 were respectively -0.476 to -  
238 0.070 and -0.339 to -0.037 (see full results in Table S2)).

239 In a few cases, explanatory variables had an SW > 0.8 (2013 Tillage for *Pratylenchus*  
240 (SW=0.84) and 2011-2013 Tillage for *Macrotrophurus* (SW=0.82)). This threshold is  
241 sometimes considered as a rule of thumb to highlight the effect of an explanatory variable on  
242 a variable but Galipaud *et al.* (2014) demonstrated that this rule is not always accurate.  
243 Furthermore, the 95% CI included zero in all such cases (-1.027 to 0.153, -1.894 to 0.350 and  
244 -0.061 to 0.005 respectively).

245 Concerning the nematodes sampled in 2014, for each taxon and year of a given cultivation  
246 practice, 8 first-order models, implemented with the three selected explanatory variables,  
247 were ranked. The SW and 95% CI were calculated for the explanatory variables present in the  
248 subset of models with a  $\Delta AICc < 2$ , but only the explanatory variables with an SW=1 are  
249 represented in Table 4. As for the results of 2013, the majority of the 95% CIs included zero,  
250 indicating that the effect of the explanatory variables was uncertain. However, as for 2013,  
251 each time the SW=1, the 95% CI did not include zero (for instance, for *Helicotylenchus*, the  
252 95% CI for Herbi 2014 was 0.014 to 0.143 (see full results in Table S3)). Unlike the results  
253 for 2013, none of the explanatory variables had an SW > 0.8.

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## 255 **Discussion**

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257 Oilseed rape cultivated areas have increased nearly five-fold in France over the last 40  
258 years. Oilseed rape has high nitrogen needs and is now found frequently in field crop rotations  
259 in France, sometimes even in very short rotations. This study was the first nematode  
260 community analysis conducted in arable fields where oilseed rape was the main crop. It was  
261 also the first PPN community analysis conducted at a geographic scale that allowed for the  
262 simultaneous integration of the effects of different years, soil types, and land uses and  
263 agricultural practices. Our results showed significant spatial and temporal variations in PPN  
264 abundance at this newly investigated scale. Statistical analyses allowed us to highlight the  
265 impact of soil operations, and more precisely tillage, as well as the use of plant protection  
266 products (*i.e.* herbicides and non-herbicide products), but not of crop rotation or soil type,  
267 contrary to what we might have expected.

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## 269 SAMPLING PROCESS AND COMPOSITION OF THE COMMUNITIES

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271 The sampling protocol was the same over the 72 fields of the study and was conducted  
272 irrespective of the whole surface of each field. This may have led to some bias for an  
273 exhaustive description of the nematode biodiversity in the largest fields as rare genera may  
274 have not been sampled. We also choose to make composite samples made from a limited  
275 number of individual soil cores but still representing a total weight of soil of at least 1.5 Kg,  
276 as it can be found in other studies (Poeydebat *et al.*, 2017). This protocol was considered as  
277 the best trade-off between technical effort and accuracy for the community characterization  
278 considering the number of fields investigated and our wish to survey the same sampling  
279 points to minimize inter annual sampling bias. Furthermore, in regards to the damages on  
280 crops or pests management, rare species were considered as marginal.

281 The PPN communities in the investigated area contained eight taxa; this is quite similar to  
282 what is commonly found in other anthropic ecosystems (Freckman and Ettema, 1993; Zheng  
283 *et al.*, 2012; Zhang *et al.*, 2015; Quist *et al.*, 2016) but lower than what has been found in  
284 natural ecosystems (Mateille *et al.*, 2014; Renčo *et al.*, 2015). As sampling was performed at  
285 the same period for two successive years, but not at different periods during the growing  
286 season, we cannot exclude the possibility that we missed some endoparasitic taxa which  
287 would have been in root remains or weed roots rather than in soil or that endoparasitic  
288 nematodes abundance have been underestimated. But this is unlikely, since we sampled fields  
289 shortly after harvest time (*i.e.* without crops or with very recent seedling) and also since we  
290 were able to identify *Pratylenchus* (a migratory endoparasitic nematode) and juveniles of  
291 *Heterodera* (a sedentary endoparasitic nematode).

292 Prevalence revealed that in our study, PPN were not always distributed homogeneously  
293 throughout the landscape. Indeed, only three out of the eight taxa were found in more than  
294 90% of the fields over the two years of sampling. This seems consistent with previous  
295 findings in the literature about nematodes living in patches (Goodell and Ferris, 1980),  
296 probably because of a low capacity for active dispersion (Wallace, 1968) and passive  
297 dispersion due to agricultural management (Alenda *et al.*, 2014).

298 Even though the identified taxa were the same in 2013 and 2014, the Shannon-Weaver  
299 index and the abundance of several of these taxa showed significant variation between the two  
300 years of sampling. This confirms previous findings in the literature showing that PPN are  
301 organisms that respond quickly to changes in their environment (Bongers, 1990; Yeates and  
302 Bongers, 1999). As the two years of sampling were not significantly different in terms of  
303 monthly mean temperature and rainfall, it was interesting to investigate the impact of other  
304 environmental and anthropic variables, in order to ascertain the major variables in variation of  
305 PPN abundance.

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## 307 VARIABLE SELECTION

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309 The use of multiple correspondence analyses was for us a way of avoiding the *a priori*  
310 selection of variables to implement in the models. Indeed, several publications implement  
311 variables based on strong ecological knowledge of the organisms they are dealing with  
312 (Grueber *et al.*, 2011; Carrara *et al.*, 2015; Lankinen *et al.*, 2016). Here we chose the MCA  
313 approach, which better suited our incomplete knowledge of the biology of some of the  
314 identified taxa and the wide biological diversity of the identified taxa. The MCA approach  
315 allowed us to choose the major variables that should be tested with the model averaging  
316 approach. Surprisingly, crop rotation was not retained on our factorial maps, even though it is  
317 a variable highlighted in several previous studies (Freckman and Ettema, 1993; Ponge *et al.*,  
318 2013; Zhang *et al.*, 2015; Zhong *et al.*, 2016). In our case, the non-selection of this variable  
319 following MCA analysis may have been due to the area investigated in this study. Indeed, the  
320 Fenay region is geographically limited (about 1400Ha) and crop rotations were quite similar  
321 in all of the fields over at least the last six years rotations : 65 out of 72 fields harboured only  
322 cereal/Brassicacea (oilseed rape or mustard) and the others had only one other crop for one  
323 year over the studied period. The absence of both crop rotation and environmental variables  
324 on the majority of the factorial maps proves that our decision to use MCA instead of *a priori*  
325 ecological knowledge was sound. In fact, after summarising all the factorial maps, it appeared  
326 that at the landscape scale investigated, only anthropic practices such as soil operations and  
327 the use of pesticides impacted the PPN communities and required further investigation  
328 through the model averaging procedure.

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## 330 EFFECTS OF SOIL OPERATIONS

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332        Among the four variables selected by the MCA analysis and implemented in the model  
333 averaging approach (*i.e.* Tillage, SupW, Herbi and NHerbi), the amount of superficial tillage  
334 was never selected as a major explanatory variable at the end of the model averaging  
335 procedures. It is possible that the impact of the other variables was stronger and hindered the  
336 potential effect of superficial tillage. Indeed, tillage may have a stronger impact on several  
337 PPN because it disturbs the ground on a deeper level than superficial tillage (Minton, 1986).

338        In contrast, tillage is a practice that was selected several times as a major variable  
339 impacting the abundance of PPN taxa. It seems obvious that tillage impacts both ectoparasites  
340 (*i.e. Macrotrophurus*) and endoparasites because it occurs when there is no crop in place and  
341 thus when endoparasites are also present in the soil. In this study, we usually found that tillage  
342 had a negative impact but this cannot be generalised as we also found that it sometimes had a  
343 positive impact.

344        It had already been demonstrated that tillage has a strong impact on the soil food web  
345 (Hendrix *et al.*, 1986; Zhong *et al.*, 2016) which could affect some of the PPN taxa by  
346 modifying the availability of weed roots. Here we highlighted the negative impact on  
347 *Pratylenchus* and *Macrotrophurus*, in line with the findings of Smiley *et al.* (2013). In  
348 contrast with superficial tillage, tillage modifies the soil more deeply (Altieri, 1999;  
349 Franzluebbers, 2002), which could have a significant impact on their abundance (Rahman *et*  
350 *al.*, 2007).

351        However, it should be noted that tillage had a positive impact on *Paratylenchus* and this  
352 effect seemed to be consistent in both the 2013 and 2014 samplings (although it was stronger  
353 in the 2014 sampling). This result seems to conflict with the above hypothesis, but there are  
354 other examples in the literature reporting similar effects of tillage on PPN (Stirling *et al.*,  
355 2011; Palomares-Rius *et al.*, 2015). It is possible that this genus is less susceptible to

356 disturbance, perhaps because of its small size. Also, as tillage decreases the abundance of the  
357 other PPN taxa, it allows *Paratylenchus* to replace them and increase in the soil.

358 The impact of tillage can vary depending on many other parameters. For example, in our  
359 study we found that tillage had a negative impact on *Pratylenchus* whereas McSorley and  
360 Gallaher (1993) found that tillage increased *Pratylenchus* abundance. These differences can  
361 be explained by a difference in soil properties, *i.e.* mainly slit soils in our case, while it was  
362 mainly sand soils in Gallaher's (1993) study. Furthermore, the impact of interactions between  
363 variables has not been analysed here to avoid implementing too many terms in the models  
364 (Burnham and Anderson, 2002; Grueber *et al.*, 2011). Interactions have, however, sometimes  
365 proven to affect the abundances of PPN (Okada and Harada, 2007; Jibrin *et al.*, 2014) and it  
366 might be interesting to develop this hypothesis in future studies.

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#### 368 EFFECTS OF PESTICIDE USES

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370 Since no nematicide was used in the sampled fields, pesticides were divided into two  
371 groups, herbicides and non-herbicides, and both were selected as major explanatory variables  
372 at the end of the model averaging approach for several nematode taxa.

373 Non-herbicide products had a positive impact on the abundance of only two PPN genera  
374 (*i.e.* *Pratylenchus* and *Paratylenchus*). Among these products, fungicides are used most often.  
375 These products can sometimes reduce PPN directly (Van der Putten and Van der Stoel, 1998).  
376 However, fungicides can also increase PPN (Rodriguez-Kabana and Curl, 1980), for example  
377 by stimulating hatching of eggs.

378 It is known that some fungi are natural enemies of nematodes and more precisely of PPN  
379 (Siddiqui and Mahmood, 1996; Kerry, 2000). Thus, it is possible that by eliminating enemies  
380 such as predators and parasites, fungicides have enabled PPN to increase in the soil.

381 Only the 2014 herbicide uses seemed to impact PPN abundance, even though the number  
382 of uses was not significantly different in 2013 and 2014 (data not shown). It was the only  
383 variable that seemed to positively impact *Helicotylenchus* while herbicides usually have no or  
384 little effect on soil microorganisms directly (Bünemann *et al.*, 2006). The effect of herbicides  
385 on PPN has been poorly studied to our knowledge, making this variable an interesting avenue  
386 for future research. In this study, it was not possible to collect information about inter-season  
387 cover crops or weed communities. Thus, discussing the impact of herbicides would be  
388 speculative, as we do not know the potential host plants of the identified PPN and further  
389 investigations will need to be developed.

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## 391 **Conclusion**

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393 We showed that at the landscape scale, which was investigated in this study and which  
394 corresponds to the scale of human activities at which land use and agricultural practices are  
395 integrated, crop rotation was no longer the main factor impacting PPN communities as it can  
396 be observed at field scale. In contrast, and in agreement with the literature, soil operations,  
397 and more precisely tillage, had a major impact on PPN. This was obviously because tillage  
398 modifies the interactions between soil organisms, as well as food availability and habitat.  
399 However, the effect (*i.e.* positive or negative) can hardly be generalised, as we found both  
400 positive and negative impacts depending on the nematode taxon. It would be interesting to  
401 push forward these findings in order to develop hypotheses on the interactions between tillage  
402 and other variables such as soil properties and plant protection products.

403 Pesticides also seemed to play a key role in variations in PPN abundance in crops, but their  
404 effects here were unclear and the literature seems to lack information about their effects on

405 PPN. Further investigations are therefore needed on this topic to develop the hypotheses  
406 expressed in this article.

407 This study was a first step towards understanding the impact of farming practices and  
408 environmental conditions on PPN communities found in crop fields. It was conducted in a  
409 limited area, which explains the homogeneous climatic and soil conditions as well as the  
410 similarity of the crop rotations among the fields. To push the analyses further, it is now  
411 necessary to compare these results with communities from other sampling operations,  
412 especially in other agricultural environments, including other crop rotations and other climatic  
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**Table 1.** Considered variables and corresponding codes used in the figures of this article and the supplementary material

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<b>Codes</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Description</b>
Tillage / NoTillage	Quantitative	Presence or absence of tillage for the period considered
SupW	Quantitative	Number of superficial tillage for the period considered
Herbi	Quantitative	Number of applications of herbicide products for the period considered
NHerbi	Quantitative	Number of applications of non-herbicide products (fungicides, insecticides or molluscicides) for the period considered
Silt	Quantitative	Percentage of silt in the soil, ranging from 39.1 % to 85.8 %
pH	Quantitative	pH ranging from 4.83 to 8.40
Surface	Quantitative	Field surface ranging from 0.46Ha to 28.65Ha
Crops	Qualitative	Crop rotation: mainly cereals (wheat and barley), mainly <i>Brassicacea</i> (oilseed rape and mustard) or mainly other land uses

**Table 2.** Abundance comparison of the PPN communities found in 2013 and 2014

	Mean $\pm$ Standard error (indiv./100g of wet soil)		Mean abundance comparison 2013-2014				Prevalence (%)	
	2013	2014	t	df	p-value	significance	2013	2014
<i>Helicotylenchus</i>	248.60 $\pm$ 15.91	202.06 $\pm$ 18.68	3.17	71	0.002	**	100	100
<i>Pratylenchus</i>	93.40 $\pm$ 8.38	57.28 $\pm$ 5.37	4.75	71	<10 <sup>-4</sup>	***	100	97
<i>Heterodera</i>	20.20 $\pm$ 8.08	40.70 $\pm$ 17.67	-1.41	71	0.163		19	18
<i>Macrotrophurus</i>	6.58 $\pm$ 2.00	3.29 $\pm$ 1.22	1.59	71	0.117		35	23
<i>Paratylenchus</i>	72.37 $\pm$ 13.07	43.31 $\pm$ 7.30	3.17	71	0.002	**	89	84
<i>Criconemoïdes</i>	7.44 $\pm$ 3.32	8.72 $\pm$ 5.09	-0.49	71	0.623		36	19
<i>Trichodorus</i>	1.38 $\pm$ 1.05	0.71 $\pm$ 0.38	0.89	71	0.379		15	6
Other Telotylenchidae	144.92 $\pm$ 15.12	138.01 $\pm$ 13.73	0.44	71	0.661		100	97
Shannon-Weaver Index	0.50 $\pm$ 0.01	0.47 $\pm$ 0.01	2.63	71	0.01	*		

\* &lt; 0.05 ; \*\* &lt; 0.005 ; \*\*\* &lt; 0.001

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**Table 3.** Results of models selections for 2013 samplings. Only the explicative variables with a SW=1 are presented in the equations preceded by the estimate value. See full results in supplementary material (Table S2).

Taxon	Estimate of the significant variables
<i>Pratylenchus</i> =	0.075 Non-herbicide <sub>2013</sub>
	0.056 Non-herbicide <sub>2012-2013</sub>
	-0.273 Tillage <sub>2011-2013</sub>
	-0.188 Tillage <sub>2010-2013</sub>
<i>Macrotrophurus</i> =	-2.682 Tillage <sub>2013</sub>
	-1.949 Tillage <sub>2012-2013</sub>
	-0.835 Tillage <sub>2010-2013</sub>
<i>Paratylenchus</i> =	0.559 Tillage <sub>2011-2013</sub>

Indices under each explicative variable indicate the year or period for which the explicative variable is significant

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**Table 4.** Results of models selections for 2014 samplings. Only the explicative variables with a SW=1 are presented in the equations preceded by the estimate value. See full results in supplementary material (Table S3).

Taxon	Estimate of the significant variables
<i>Helicotylenchus</i> =	0.079 Herbicide <sub>2014</sub>
<i>Paratylenchus</i> =	1.290 Tillage <sub>2014</sub> 1.020 Tillage <sub>2013-2014</sub> + 0.068 Non-herbicide <sub>2013-2014</sub> 0.683 Tillage <sub>2012-2014</sub> + 0.058 Non-herbicide <sub>2012-2014</sub> 0.478 Tillage <sub>2011-2014</sub> 0.342 Tillage <sub>2010-2014</sub>

Indices under each explicative variable indicate the year or period for which the explicative variable is significant

**Table S1.** Limits and values used to code each MCA variables among the year periods. Limits were determine mainly based on quartiles of each variables when four classes were possible, or based on the presence/absence in order to obtain classes of variables as balanced as possible

Codes	Year period	Limits and values
Tillage / NoTillage	2013	Tillage = 1 ; NoTillage = 0
	2012-2013	Tillage = 1 ; NoTillage = 0
	2011-2013	NoTillage = 0 ; Few = 1 ; Alot >1
	2010-2013	NoTillage = 0 ; Few = 1 ; Medium = 2 ; Alot >2
	2014	Tillage = 1 ; NoTillage = 0
	2013-2014	NoTillage = 0 ; Few = 1 ; Alot >1
	2012-2014	Few = 1 ; Medium = 2 ; Alot >2
	2011-2014	NoTillage = 0 ; Few <3 ; Medium <4 ; Alot >4
2010-2014	NoTillage = 0 ; Few <3 ; Medium <5 ; Alot >5	
SupW	2013	VeryFew <2 ; Medium <3 ; Alot >3
	2012-2013	VeryFew <4 ; Few <5 ; Medium <6 ; Alot >6
	2011-2013	VeryFew <6 ; Few <8 ; Medium <9 ; Alot >9
	2010-2013	VeryFew <7 ; Few <10 ; Medium <11 ; Alot >11
	2014	VeryFew <2 ; Few <3 ; Medium <4 ; Alot >4
	2013-2014	VeryFew <3 ; Few <5 ; Medium <6 ; Alot >6
	2012-2014	VeryFew <6 ; Few <7 ; Medium <9 ; Alot >9
	2011-2014	VeryFew <7 ; Few <10 ; Medium <12 ; Alot >12
2010-2014	VeryFew <9 ; Few <12 ; Medium <14 ; Alot >14	
Herbi	2013	VeryFew <3 ; Few <4 ; Medium <6 ; Alot >6
	2012-2013	VeryFew <4 ; Few <6 ; Medium <10 ; Alot >10
	2011-2013	VeryFew <8 ; Few <10 ; Medium <13 ; Alot >13
	2010-2013	VeryFew <10 ; Few <13 ; Medium <17 ; Alot >17
	2014	VeryFew <3 ; Few <4 ; Medium <5 ; Alot >5
	2013-2014	VeryFew <5 ; Few <7 ; Medium <9 ; Alot >9
	2012-2014	VeryFew <7 ; Few <10 ; Medium <16 ; Alot >16
	2011-2014	VeryFew <10 ; Few <13 ; Medium <18 ; Alot >18
2010-2014	VeryFew <13 ; Few <17 ; Medium <23 ; Alot >23	
NHerbi	2013	VeryFew <5 ; Few <7 ; Medium <9 ; Alot >9
	2012-2013	VeryFew <8 ; Few <12 ; Medium <15 ; Alot >15
	2011-2013	VeryFew <13 ; Few <17 ; Medium <20 ; Alot >20
	2010-2013	VeryFew <17 ; Few <22 ; Medium <25 ; Alot >25
	2014	VeryFew <4 ; Few <5 ; Medium <6 ; Alot >6
	2013-2014	VeryFew <9 ; Few <11 ; Medium <15 ; Alot >15
	2012-2014	VeryFew <13 ; Few <16 ; Medium <20 ; Alot >20
	2011-2014	VeryFew <18 ; Few <21 ; Medium <27 ; Alot >27
2010-2014	VeryFew <22 ; Few <26 ; Medium <31 ; Alot >31	

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**Table S1. (Continued)**

Codes	Year period	Limits and values
Silt	-	VeryFew <49.58 ; Few <55.75 ; Medium <63.58 ; Alot >63.58
pH	-	Acid < 7.157 ; Acid/Neutral < 7.945 ; Neutral/Basic < 8.148 ; Basic > 8.148
Crops	2013	Wheat ; Barley ; Oilseed
	2012-2013	Brassicacea: at least 1 oilseed or mustard ; Cereals : no oilseed or mustard
	2011-2013	Brassicacea: at least 1 oilseed or mustard ; Cereals : no oilseed or mustard
	2010-2013	Brassicacea: at least 2 oilseed or mustard ; Cereals < 2 oilseed or mustard
	2014	Wheat ; Barley ; Oilseed ; Other
	2013-2014	Brassicacea: at least 1 oilseed or mustard ; Cereals : no oilseed or mustard
	2012-2014	Brassicacea: at least 1 oilseed or mustard ; Cereals : no oilseed or mustard
	2011-2014	Brassicacea: at least 2 oilseed or mustard ; Cereals < 2 oilseed or mustard
	2010-2014	Brassicacea: at least 2 oilseed or mustard ; Cereals < 2 oilseed or mustard

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**Table S2.** Results of models selections for 2013 samplings

	Variable	Cultural practices 2013			Cultural practices 2012-2013			Cultural practices 2011-2013			Cultural practices 2010-2013		
		Estimate	95% CI	SW	Estimate	95% CI	SW	Estimate	95% CI	SW	Estimate	95% CI	SW
<i>Helicotylenchus</i>	(Intercept)	5.336	5.121, 5.550		5.374	5.074, 5.674		5.391	4.969, 5.812		5.427	5.046, 5.809	
	Tillage	-0.026	-0.191, 0.140	0.20	-0.027	-0.151, 0.098	0.24	-0.007	-0.061, 0.047	0.14	-0.013	-0.075, 0.050	0.24
	Superficial tillage	-	-	-	-0.004	-0.040, 0.031	0.15	-0.010	-0.056, 0.036	0.29	-0.007	-0.040, 0.027	0.24
	Herbicides	0.005	-0.022, 0.033	0.24	0.002	-0.012, 0.017	0.18	0.003	-0.013, 0.020	0.28	0.001	-0.009, 0.011	0.15
	Non-herbicides	0.001	-0.010, 0.012	0.15	0.001	-0.007, 0.008	0.13	0.001	-0.006, 0.008	0.12	-	-	-
<i>Pratylenchus</i>	(Intercept)	3.937	3.420, 4.454		3.668	3.140, 4.196		3.940	3.098, 4.781		3.992	3.102, 4.882	
	Tillage	-0.437	-1.027, 0.153	0.84	-0.055	-0.276, 0.166	0.36	-0.273	-0.476, -0.070	1.00	-0.188	-0.339, 0.037	1.00
	Superficial tillage	0.050	-0.129, 0.229	0.36	-	-	-	0.040	-0.058, 0.139	0.54	0.013	-0.041, 0.066	0.35
	Herbicides	-0.060	-0.164, 0.044	0.71	-0.021	-0.081, 0.039	0.48	-0.037	-0.107, 0.033	0.66	-0.028	-0.096, 0.039	0.55
	Non-herbicides	0.075	0.007, 0.143	1.00	0.056	0.014, 0.102	1.00	0.044	-0.002, 0.090	1.00	0.039	-0.003, 0.081	1.00
<i>Macrotrophurus</i>	(Intercept)	-2.285	-5.024, 0.453		-2.095	-5.397, 1.208		-2.497	-6.635, 1.642		-1.367	-5.061, 2.327	
	Tillage	-2.682	-5.224, -0.139	1.00	-1.949	-3.381, -0.516	1.00	-0.772	-1.894, 0.350	0.82	-0.835	-1.580, -0.090	1.00
	Superficial tillage	0.233	-0.663, 1.135	0.31	0.299	-0.346, 0.943	0.61	0.029	-0.203, 0.260	0.16	-	-	-
	Herbicides	0.016	-0.140, 0.173	0.15	-	-	-	0.047	-0.117, 0.212	0.34	0.023	-0.107, 0.153	0.26
	Non-herbicides	0.012	-0.094, 0.118	0.16	-	-	-	0.007	-0.060, 0.072	0.14	0.007	-0.059, 0.072	0.20
<i>Paratylenchus</i>	(Intercept)	2.872	2.045, 3.700		2.280	0.695, 3.864		1.792	0.210, 3.373		2.371	0.382, 4.360	
	Tillage	0.463	-0.602, 1.528	0.59	0.462	-0.289, 1.212	0.78	0.559	0.174, 0.944	1.00	0.216	-0.169, 0.601	0.73
	Superficial tillage	0.017	-0.155, 0.189	0.12	-	-	-	-0.095	-0.292, 0.103	0.57	-0.030	-0.160, 0.101	0.27
	Herbicides	0.007	-0.055, 0.069	0.14	0.014	-0.054, 0.082	0.21	0.043	-0.068, 0.154	0.50	0.006	-0.039, 0.052	0.11
	Non-herbicides	0.004	-0.035, 0.043	0.13	0.024	-0.045, 0.095	0.38	0.040	-0.038, 0.117	0.60	0.023	-0.039, 0.085	0.49
<i>Criconemoides</i>	(Intercept)	-2.024	-4.588, 0.541		-1.014	-4.278, 2.251		-1.707	-5.082, 1.668		-2.219	-5.215, 0.777	
	Tillage	0.768	-1.584, 3.120	0.42	0.605	-0.891, 2.100	0.51	0.106	-0.447, 0.660	0.29	0.063	-0.306, 0.433	0.21
	Superficial tillage	-0.206	-1.039, 0.628	0.35	-0.425	-1.133, 0.282	0.77	-0.121	-0.533, 0.291	0.39	-0.036	-0.255, 0.184	0.21
	Herbicides	-0.182	-0.656, 0.292	0.53	-	-	-	-0.008	-0.081, 0.065	0.14	-0.008	-0.082, 0.067	0.16
	Non-herbicides	0.076	-0.199, 0.351	0.32	0.010	-0.063, 0.083	0.16	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Table S2.** (Continued)

	Variable	Cultural practices 2013			Cultural practices 2012-2013			Cultural practices 2011-2013			Cultural practices 2010-2013		
		Estimate	95% CI	SW	Estimate	95% CI	SW	Estimate	95% CI	SW	Estimate	95% CI	SW
<i>Trichodorus</i>	(Intercept)	-5.925	-9.285, -2.565		-5.672	-8.758, -2.586		-5.938	-8.916, -2.960		-5.973	-8.997, -2.948	
	Tillage	0.197	-1.232, 1.626	0.19	-	-	-	0.067	-0.551, 0.686	0.27	0.071	-0.442, 0.585	0.28
	Superficial tillage	0.081	-0.579, 0.742	0.19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Herbicides	-0.024	-0.266, 0.218	0.18	-0.020	-0.184, 0.143	0.28	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Non-herbicides	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Heterodera</i>	(Intercept)	-7.476	-10.903, -4.050		-7.486	-11.582, -3.390		-8.341	-13.547, -3.135		-7.738	-13.381, -2.094	
	Tillage	0.181	-1.419, 1.781	0.16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Superficial tillage	0.054	-0.625, 0.733	0.15	0.057	-0.427, 0.541	0.19	0.117	-0.489, 0.722	0.32	0.063	-0.359, 0.485	0.21
	Herbicides	-0.022	-0.305, 0.260	0.15	-0.015	-0.187, 0.158	0.17	-	-	-	-0.011	-0.155, 0.132	0.17
	Non-herbicides	-0.016	-0.196, 0.164	0.15	-0.014	-0.152, 0.123	0.18	-	-	-	-0.009	-0.107, 0.089	0.17
Other Telotylenchidae	(Intercept)	4.633	4.286, 4.980		4.754	4.306, 5.201		4.832	4.223, 5.441		5.066	4.248, 5.884	
	Tillage	-0.022	-0.222, 0.178	0.17	-0.059	-0.284, 0.165	0.36	-0.015	-0.112, 0.081	0.21	-0.006	-0.063, 0.052	0.15
	Superficial tillage	-0.012	-0.102, 0.0081	0.17	-0.006	-0.055, 0.044	0.15	-0.024	-0.107, 0.058	0.38	-0.044	-0.124, 0.037	0.72
	Herbicides	-	-	-	-0.004	-0.030, 0.021	0.27	-	-	-	-0.002	-0.017, 0.013	0.16
	Non-herbicides	0.004	-0.019, 0.028	0.23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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**Table S3.** Results of models selections for 2014 samplings

	Variable	Cultural practices 2014			Cultural practices 2013-2014			Cultural practices 2012-2014			Cultural practices 2011-2014			Cultural practices 2010-2014		
		Estimate	95% CI	SW	Estimate	95% CI	SW	Estimate	95% CI	SW	Estimate	95% CI	SW	Estimate	95% CI	SW
<i>Helicotylenchus</i>	(Intercept)	4.644	4.231, 5.057		4.769	4.352, 5.185		4.721	4.258, 5.184		4.763	4.256, 5.270		4.744	4.171, 5.316	
	Tillage	0.061	-0.235, 0.357	0.28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Herbicides	0.079	0.014, 0.143	1.00	0.020	-0.023, 0.062	0.60	0.011	-0.020, 0.042	0.50	0.011	-0.017, 0.040	0.49	0.009	-0.017, 0.036	0.43
	Non-herbicides	0.004	-0.028, 0.036	0.21	0.007	-0.020, 0.035	0.39	0.009	-0.017, 0.035	0.50	0.004	-0.013, 0.020	0.23	0.004	-0.013, 0.020	0.27
<i>Pratylenchus</i>	(Intercept)	3.658	3.157, 4.159		3.294	2.705, 3.883		3.323	2.692, 3.954		3.430	2.641, 4.219		3.452	2.649, 4.256	
	Tillage	-0.152	-0.639, 0.335	0.44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0.020	-0.126, 0.087	0.28	-0.015	-0.098, 0.067	0.21
	Herbicides	-	-	-	-0.011	-0.056, 0.033	0.34	-0.005	-0.033, 0.023	0.23	-0.004	-0.028, 0.021	0.16	-0.004	-0.031, 0.022	0.17
	Non-herbicides	0.012	-0.043, 0.067	0.33	0.035	-0.016, 0.086	0.81	0.021	-0.018, 0.060	0.71	0.014	-0.022, 0.049	0.55	0.011	-0.022, 0.044	0.47
<i>Macrotrophurus</i>	(Intercept)	-4.518	-7.907, -1.129		-4.099	-7.282, -0.916		-3.810	-7.769, 0.084		-4.472	-7.979, -0.965		-4.418	-8.324, -0.512	
	Tillage	-0.128	-1.307, 1.052	0.17	-0.247	-1.252, 0.758	0.35	-0.238	-1.097, 0.621	0.40	-0.075	-0.506, 0.356	0.21	-0.096	-0.536, 0.343	0.25
	Herbicides	0.020	-0.182, 0.223	0.17	0.125	-0.118, 0.368	0.62	0.084	-0.135, 0.304	0.56	0.055	-0.119, 0.229	0.43	0.057	-0.124, 0.239	0.43
	Non-herbicides	-0.067	-0.426, 0.292	0.25	-0.038	-0.208, 0.131	0.27	-0.032	-0.176, 0.111	0.25	-0.010	-0.092, 0.072	0.14	-0.012	-0.098, 0.074	0.14
<i>Paratylenchus</i>	(Intercept)	1.952	1.230, 2.675		0.978	-0.292, 2.184		0.738	-0.597, 2.009		0.709	-0.732, 2.151		1.134	-0.702, 2.970	
	Tillage	1.290	0.529, 2.052	1.00	1.020	0.526, 1.536	1.00	0.683	0.348, 1.031	1.00	0.478	0.224, 0.732	1.00	0.342	0.127, 0.557	1.00
	Herbicides	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.017	-0.042, 0.076	0.44	-	-	-
	Non-herbicides	0.010	-0.056, 0.076	0.29	0.068	0.004, 0.133	1.00	0.058	0.010, 0.106	1.00	0.039	-0.021, 0.098	0.78	0.030	-0.023, 0.083	0.69
<i>Criconemoides</i>	(Intercept)	-6.310	-9.217, -4.101		-6.389	-9.291, -4.205		-6.498	-9.171, -3.824		-6.493	-9.166, -3.820		-6.541	-9.278, -3.804	
	Tillage	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.075	-0.595, 0.745	0.27	0.053	-0.447, 0.553	0.27	0.064	-0.387, 0.515	0.29
	Herbicides	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Non-herbicides	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Table S3.** (Continued)

	Variable	Cultural practices 2014			Cultural practices 2013-2014			Cultural practices 2012-2014			Cultural practices 2011-2014			Cultural practices 2010-2014		
		Estimate	95% CI	SW	Estimate	95% CI	SW	Estimate	95% CI	SW	Estimate	95% CI	SW	Estimate	95% CI	SW
<i>Trichodorus</i>	(Intercept)	-9.029	-18.384, -5.802	-	-8.441	-14.423, -2.459	-	-8.250	-14.571, -1.929	-	-8.348	-14.644, -2.052	-	-8.282	-14.773, -1.791	-
	Tillage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Herbicides	-	-	-	-0.096	-0.867, 0.675	0.29	-0.086	-0.687, 0.515	0.30	-0.055	-0.469, 0.358	0.29	-0.048	-0.392, 0.296	0.29
	Non-herbicides	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Heterodera</i>	(Intercept)	-7.644	-11.468, -3.819	-	-7.904	-11.455, -4.354	-	-7.798	-11.206, -4.390	-	-7.860	-11.391, -5.672	-	-7.860	-11.391, -5.672	-
	Tillage	0.231	-2.021, 2.483	0.21	0.203	-1.153, 1.559	0.24	0.069	-0.685, 0.823	0.21	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Herbicides	-0.089	-0.780, 0.602	0.24	-0.021	-0.261, 0.219	0.21	-0.015	-0.177, 0.147	0.21	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Non-herbicides	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Telotylenchidae	(Intercept)	4.450	4.032, 4.868	-	4.448	4.029, 4.868	-	4.521	4.269, 4.767	-	4.473	4.023, 4.924	-	4.521	4.269, 4.767	-
	Tillage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Herbicides	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Non-herbicides	0.019	-0.047, 0.085	0.41	0.006	-0.021, 0.033	0.34	-	-	-	0.002	-0.014, 0.019	0.28	-	-	-

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621 **Fig. 1.** Projection of the modalities of environmental and anthropic variables summed over the  
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623 classes limits and values). Arrows highlight opposite modalities from a same variable. The  
624 absolute contribution threshold to show the modalities of variables was 7.14. See also  
625 supplementary material Fig. S2 for the visual display of the 2013 PPN abundance as  
626 supplementary variables on this map.

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628 **Fig. 2.** Projection of the modalities of environmental and anthropic variables summed over the  
629 2013-2014 period using MCA (see Table 1 for abbreviation meanings and Table S1 for  
630 classes limits and values). Arrows highlight opposite modalities from a same variable. The  
631 absolute contribution threshold to show the modalities of variables was 6.90. See also  
632 supplementary material Fig. S6 for the visual display of 2014 PPN abundance as  
633 supplementary variables on this map.

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635 **Fig. S1.** Projection of the modalities of environmental and anthropic variables from 2013  
636 using MCA (see Table 1 for abbreviation meanings and Table S1 for classes limits and  
637 values). The absolute contribution threshold to show the modalities of variables was 7.14. The  
638 2013 PPN modalities of abundance were considered as supplementary variables within the  
639 analysis.

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641 **Fig. S2.** Projection of the modalities of environmental and anthropic variables summed over  
642 the 2012-2013 period using MCA (see Table 1 for abbreviation meanings and Table S1 for  
643 classes limits and values). The absolute contribution threshold to show the modalities of  
644 variables was 7.14. The 2013 PPN modalities of abundance were considered as  
645 supplementary variables within the analysis.

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647 **Fig. S3.** Projection of the modalities of environmental and anthropic variables summed over  
648 the 2011-2013 period using MCA (see Table 1 for abbreviation meanings and Table S1 for  
649 classes limits and values). The absolute contribution threshold to show the modalities of  
650 variables was 6.90. The 2013 PPN modalities of abundance were considered as  
651 supplementary variables within the analysis.

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653 **Fig. S4.** Projection of the modalities of environmental and anthropic variables summed over  
654 the 2010-2013 period using MCA (see Table 1 for abbreviation meanings and Table S1 for  
655 classes limits and values). The absolute contribution threshold to show the modalities of  
656 variables was 6.67. The 2013 PPN modalities of abundance were considered as  
657 supplementary variables within the analysis.

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659 **Fig. S5.** Projection of the modalities of environmental and anthropic variables from 2014  
660 using MCA (see Table 1 for abbreviation meanings and Table S1 for classes limits and  
661 values). The absolute contribution threshold to show the modalities of variables was 6.67. The  
662 2014 PPN modalities of abundance were considered as supplementary variables within the  
663 analysis.

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665 **Fig. S6.** Projection of the modalities of environmental and anthropic variables summed over  
666 the 2013-2014 period using MCA (see Table 1 for abbreviation meanings and Table S1 for  
667 classes limits and values). The absolute contribution threshold to show the modalities of  
668 variables was 6.90. The 2014 PPN modalities of abundance were considered as  
669 supplementary variables within the analysis.

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671 **Fig. S7.** Projection of the modalities of environmental and anthropic variables summed over  
672 the 2012-2014 period using MCA (see Table 1 for abbreviation meanings and Table S1 for  
673 classes limits and values). The absolute contribution threshold to show the modalities of  
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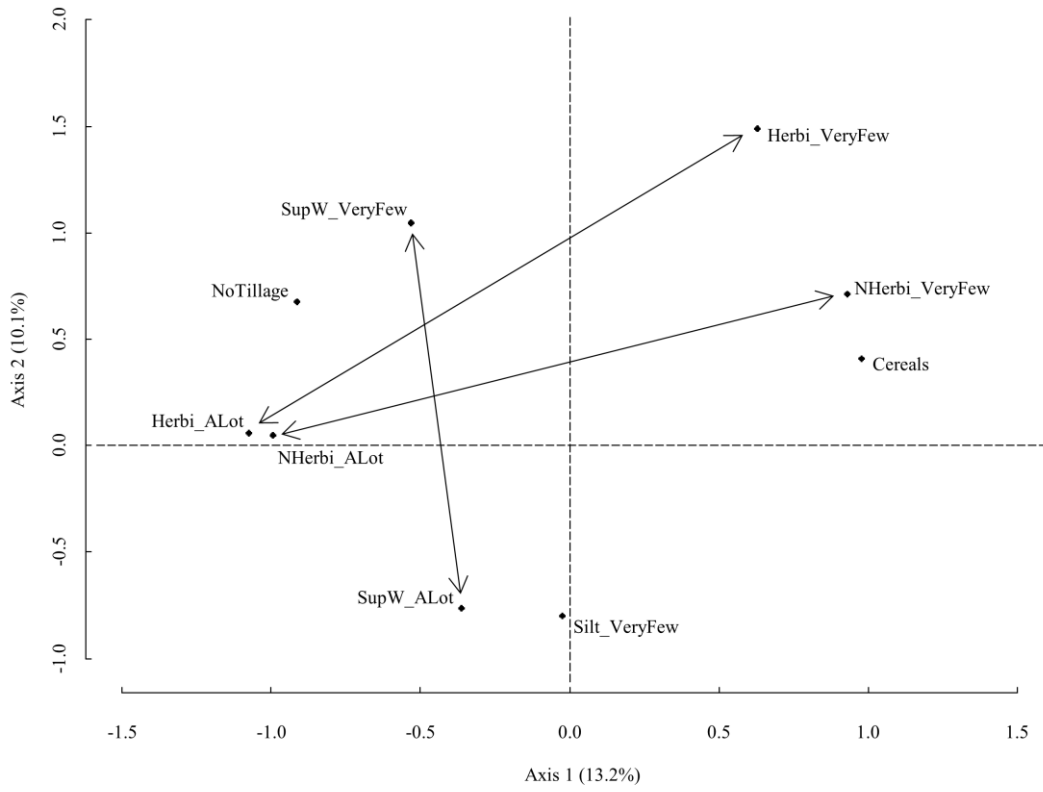
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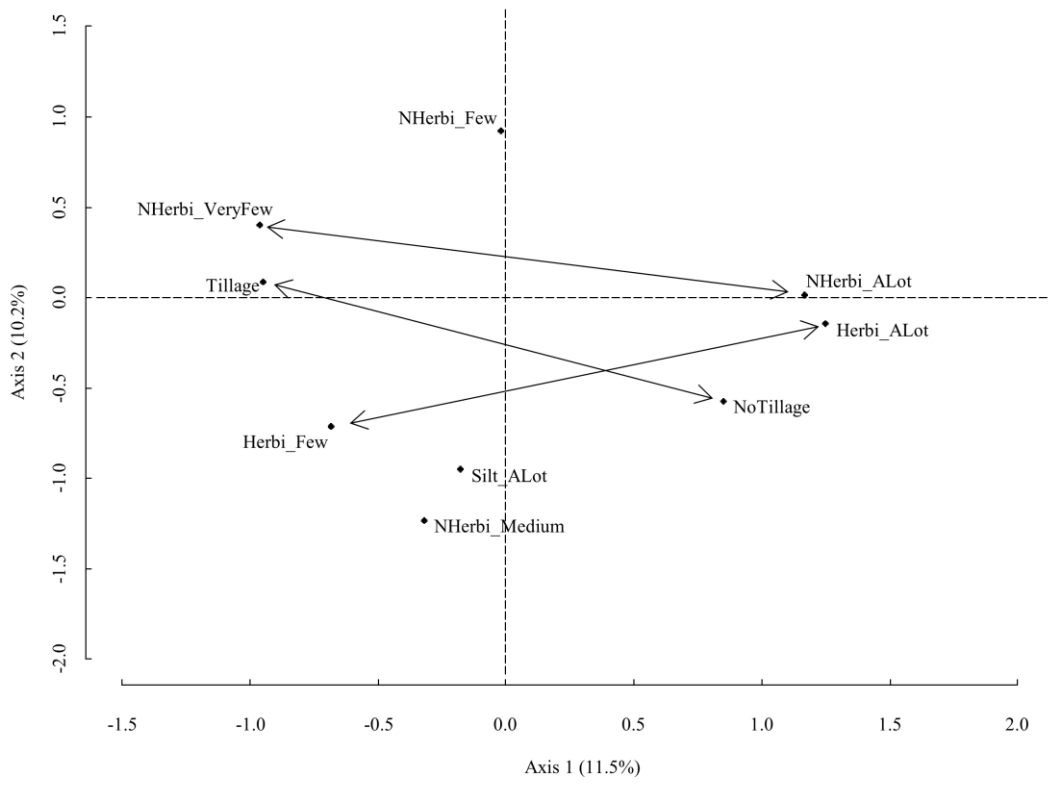
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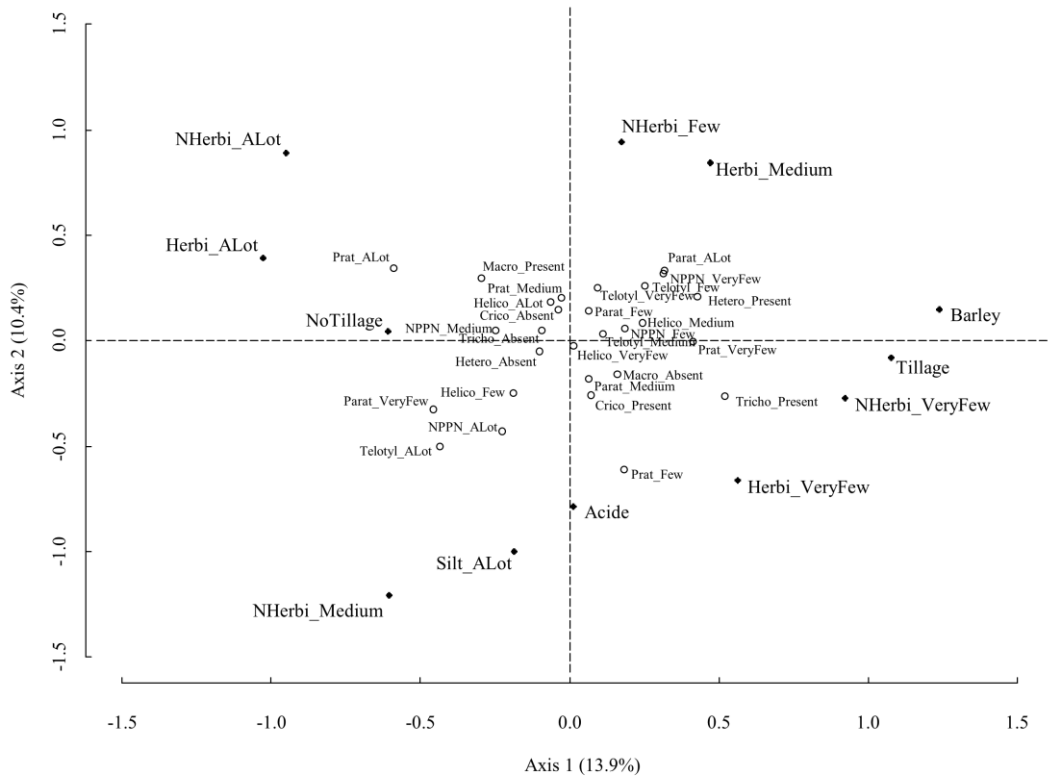
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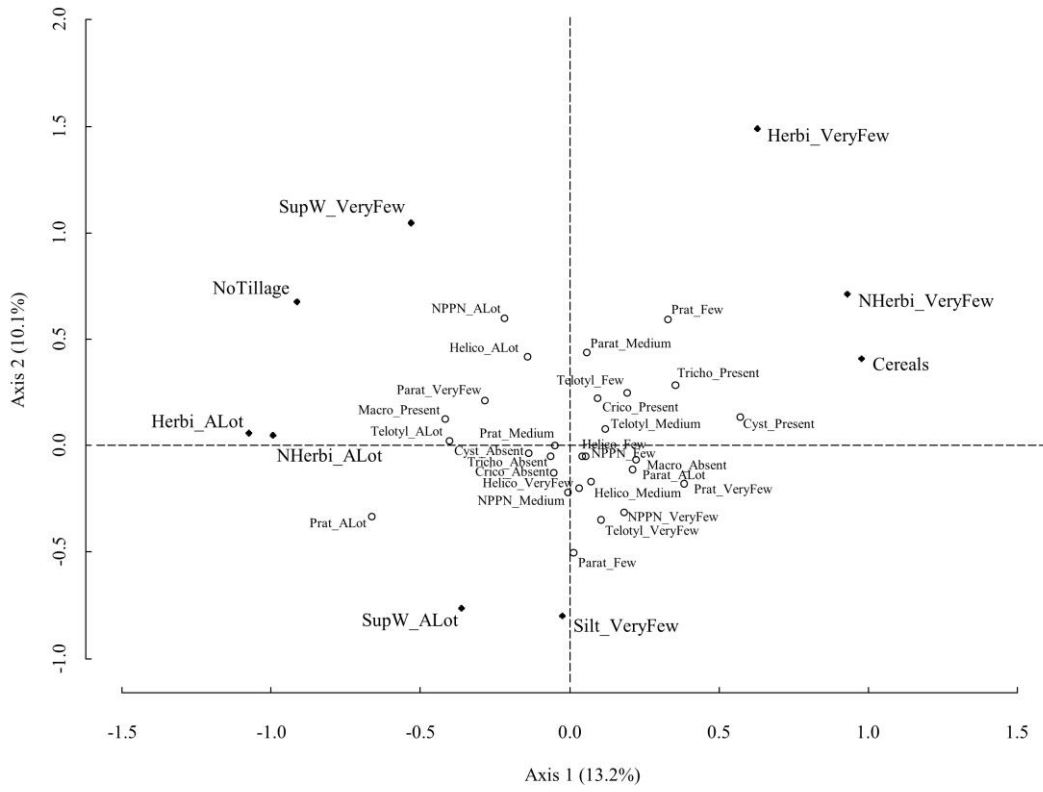
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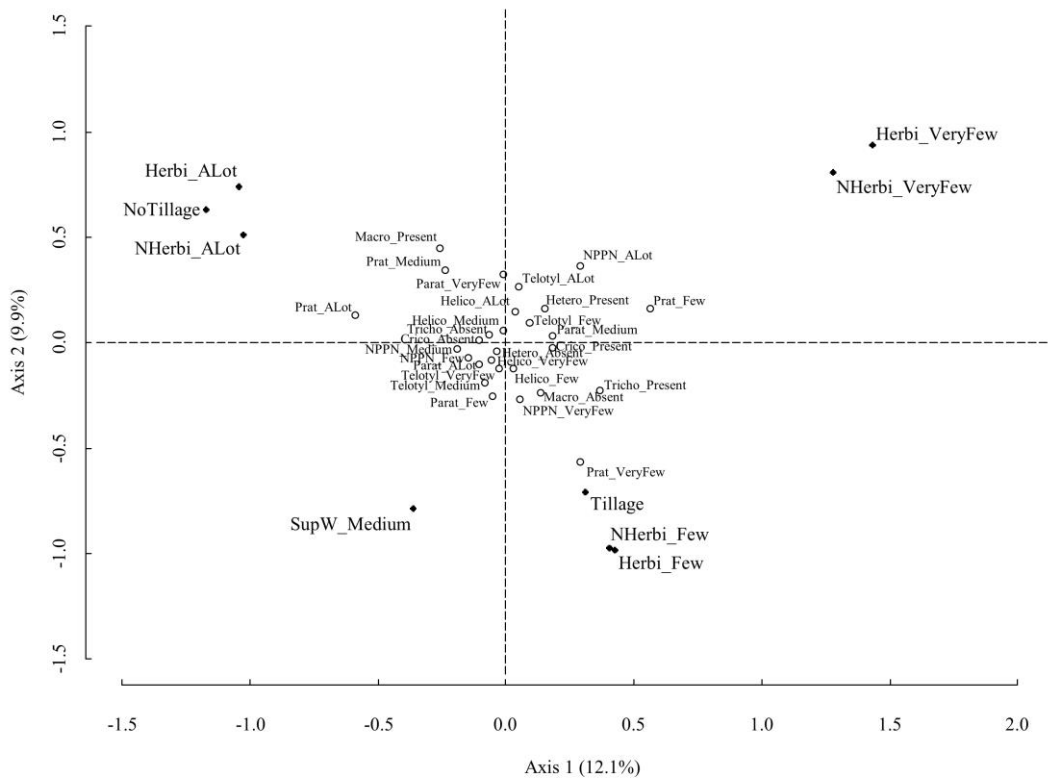
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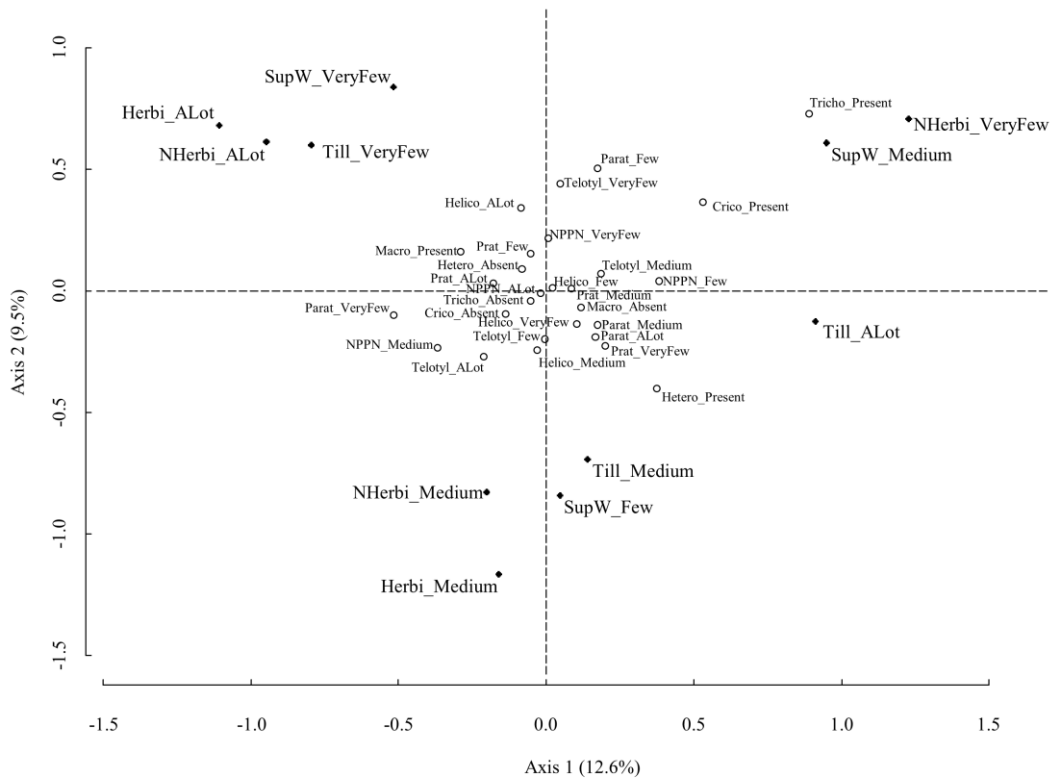


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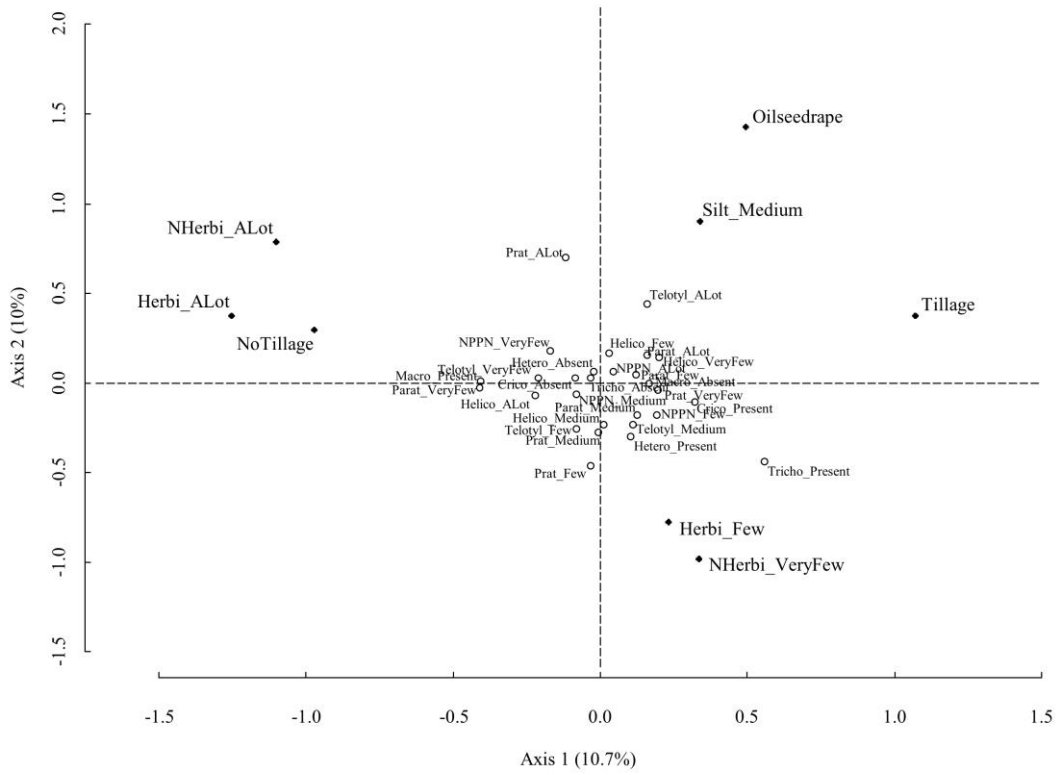






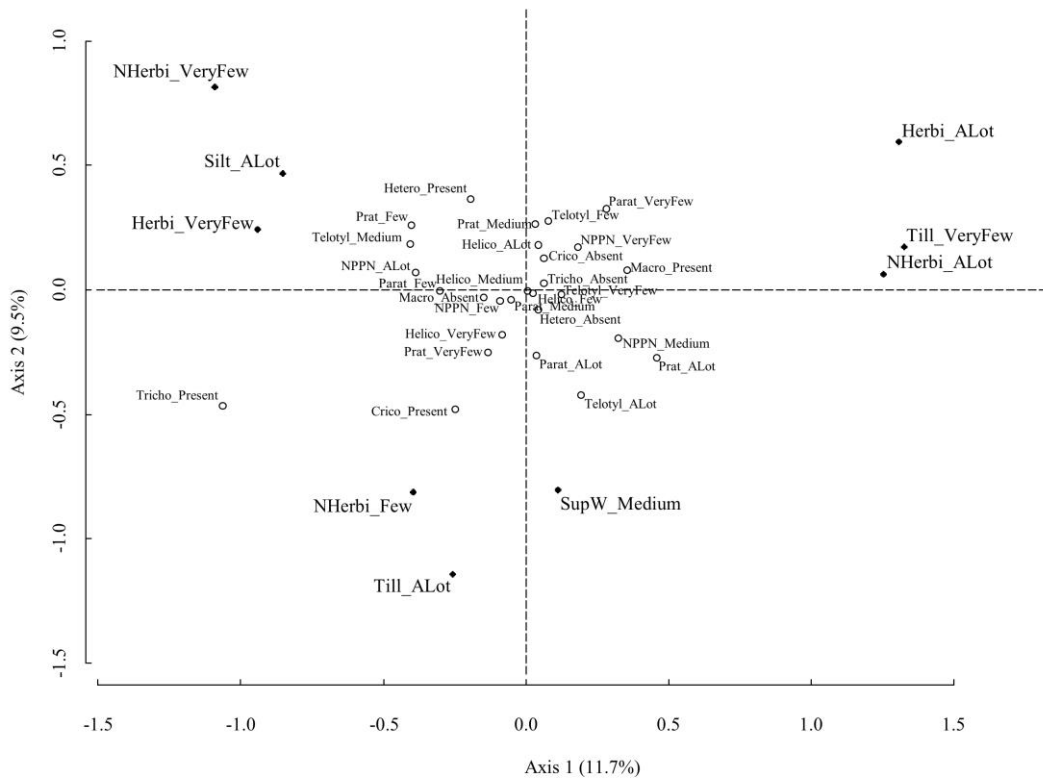
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