**METHODS**

**Experimental design and soil sampling**

The rain-out study was conducted in 2022 at the DOK (bio-Dynamic, bio-Organic, and “Konventionell”) experimental field at Therwill, Switzerland. The field has been investigated long-term under five different fertilization and pesticide management systems (Hartmann et al., 2015; Maeder et al., 2002). For this study, three fertilization and pesticide management methods were chosen from the DOK trial: biodynamic (D), conventional (K), and mineral-fertilized (M) plots, due to their contrasting treatments (Table 1). The study was performed using a strip-split-plot design, with the three different fertilization methods as the main plot. The rain shelters were installed in each plot to exclude the rainfall to simulate the drought effect, while the control plots had no rain shelter installed. The rain shelters were made from…and size.. to exclude this percentage of rainwater (Elena, more detail). There were four replicates for each treatment combination (2 fertilization and 3 irrigation treatments) and in the end, there were 24 plots in total. The field was planted with wheat crops before the rain shelter installment and the shelters were set up when the crop was at the early plant growth stage in April to start the drought stress treatment. The wheat crops were maintained until harvesting at the ripening stage in July. How was the irrigation management of the crops in the control and drought plots?. Were there any fertilizers/pesticides added during the experiment?

Bulk soils and rhizosphere soils were sampled gradually over the course of the experiment, the first sampling was at the stem extension stage in early May (stage 6 first node of stem visible; *n* = 24 bulk soil, *n* = 24 rhizosphere), the second was at the heading stage in early June (stage 10.5 flowering; *n* = 24 bulk soil, *n* = 24 rhizosphere), and the third was at the harvesting/ripening stage in early July (stage 11; *n* = 24 bulk soil, *n* = 24 rhizosphere) before the rain-shelters were removed from the plots and rewetting was performed. The fourth (*n* = 24) and fifth (*n* = 24) samplings were conducted after the removal of the rain shelters and the rewetting process by collecting only the bulk soils. In total, we collected 120 of bulk soil and 72 of rhizosphere soil samples. Bulk soils were sampled from….using soil core (how many samples per plot, how much, how deep and poll all samples together?) or they just soils that unattached from the plant roots? Bulk soils were sieved through what size of sieves? to remove any plant debris and to achieve more homogenous soil particles. Soil samples were stored at -80C? for DNA extraction. Rhizosphere soils were collected by pulling the plants (how many plants per plot?), then carefully removing the loosely-attached soils from the roots by gently shaking the roots? The remaining, tightly-attached rhizosphere soils were then collected and stored at -80C for further analyses.

Soil physiochemistry analyses were performed for how many grams of each bulk soil sample at the…. The measured soil parameters including soil water content, soil dry matter, pH, mineral nitrogen content (NO3, NH4), total soil nitrogen and carbon, and plant available potassium (K), magnesium (Mg), and phosphorus (P) content (need detailed procedures in supplementary?).

**PCR amplification and sequencing of *amoA* genes**

Soil DNA extractions of the total 192 bulk soil and rhizosphere samples were performed using the soil KIT following the manufacturer’s protocol? (Elena). The analysis of ammonia-oxidizing communities was conducted by sequencing of *amoA* genes of AOB, AOA, and comammox. The sequencing libraries were performed using two-step PCR amplification approach. The first step PCR amplification of *amoA* genes of AOB and AOA were conducted using *amoA*-1F (5’-GGGGTTTCTACTGGTGGT-3’) and *amoA*-2R (5’-CCCCTCKGSAAAGCCTTCTTC-3’) primer pair (Rotthauwe et al., 1997); and CrenamoA23f (5’- ATGGTCTGGCTWAGACG-3’) and CrenamoA616r (5’-GCCATCCATCTGTATGTCCA-3’) primer pair (Tourna et al., 2008), respectively. The PCR conditions used to amplify the *amoA* genes of AOB and AOA as follows: 3 min at 94 °C; 25 cycles consisting of 30 s at 94 °C, 30 s at 55 °C, and 30 s at 72 °C; and a final cycle of 10 min at 72 °C. Amplifications were performed in 15 µL total mixtures in a 96-well 0.2 mL PCR plate containing 1x Phusion High-Fidelity (HF) Master Mix (Thermo Scientific™), 250 ng T4 Gene 32 Protein (T4gp32, Qiagen), 0.5 µM of each primer, and 6 ng/µL of template DNA. Each sample was conducted in duplicate.

Comammox *amoA* genes were amplified using comamoA-F (5’-AGGNGAYTGGGAYTTCTGG-3’) and comamoA-R (5’-CGGACAWABRTGAABCCCAT-3’) primer pair (Zhao et al., 2019). The PCR amplifications were set up in duplicate following the conditions: 3 min at 94 °C; 40 cycles consisting of 30 s at 94 °C, 30 s at 52 °C, and 30 s at 72 °C; and a final cycle of 10 min at 72 °C. The PCR reaction solutions were prepared in a total volume of 15 µL in a 96-well 0.2 mL PCR plate containing 1x Phusion Green Hot Start II High-Fidelity Master Mix (Thermo Scientific™), 250 ng T4gp32 (Qiagen), 0.5 µM of each primer, and 6 ng/µL of template DNA. The PCR products were visualized by electrophoresis on 2 % agarose gel. The remaining PCR products (20 µL of each sample) were purified and normalized using the SequelPrep™ Normalization Plate (96) Kit (Invitrogen™). Sequencing was performed on Illumina MiSeq (2 x 250 bp) using reagent kit V2 for all amoA genes of AOB, AOA, and comammox.

**Amplicon sequence analysis**

The raw *amoA* gene sequence data of AOB, AOA, and comammox were analyzed using the AMOA-SEQ sequence pipeline (https://github.com/miasungeunlee/AMOA-SEQ/tree/main) developed by Lee 2023 (not yet published). The AMOA-SEQ pipeline implements the DADA2 tool (Callahan et al., 2016) to perform filtering and correcting sequence errors to generate Amplicon Sequence Variant (ASVs). The first step of the demultiplexed sequence analysis was removing primers and ambiguous bases. Then, quality filtering was performed using DADA2 standard filtering parameters. The next step was trimming by keeping the reads that met the minimum length requirements (200 bp for AOB and AOA, and 204 bp for comammox), and truncating the reads to a specific length (200 bp for AOB and AOA, and 210 bp for comammox), followed by dereplication to find unique sequences. The next steps were merging the forward and reverse reads of comammox, and concatenating the non-overlapping forward and reverse reads of AOB and AOA; constructing an ASV table; and removing chimeras.

**Quantificationof total microbial and ammonia-oxidizing communities**

**Ammonia-oxidizers community analysis**

**Data and code availability**