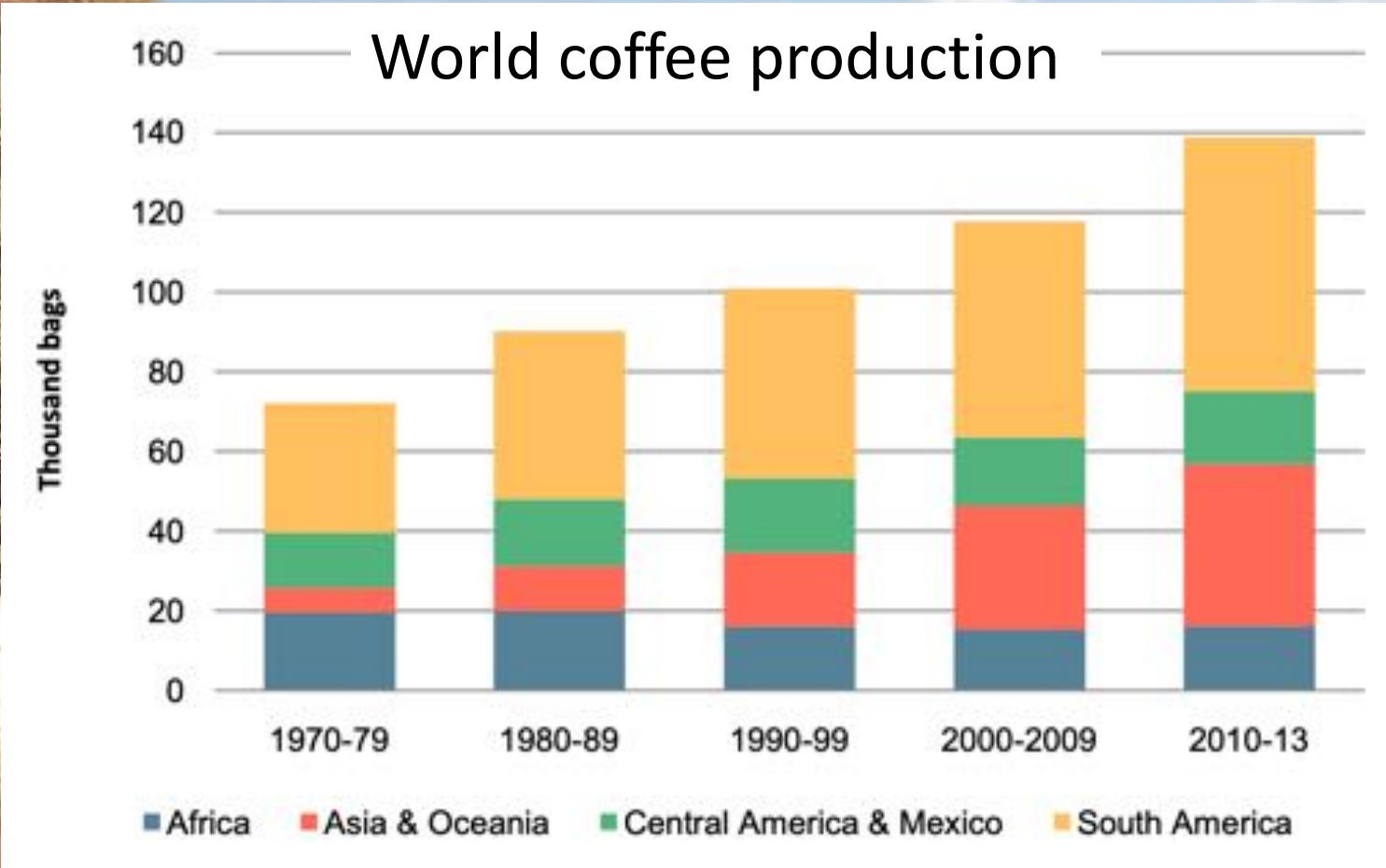


# Biological agents to invigorate the health of established coffee trees by managing plant parasitic nematodes.



# Looking healthy? They are under the threat from nematodes.



Citation: International Coffee Organization. 2015.

Can we use biological agents to manage nematode pests  
on established, heavily infested fields?



# *Trichoderma asperellum* and *Purpureocillium lilacinum* were evaluated on 7 coffee fields.

## Drenching:

4 X  $10^8$  spores/ 20L *T. asperellum*

4 X  $10^8$  spores/ 20L *P. lilacinus*

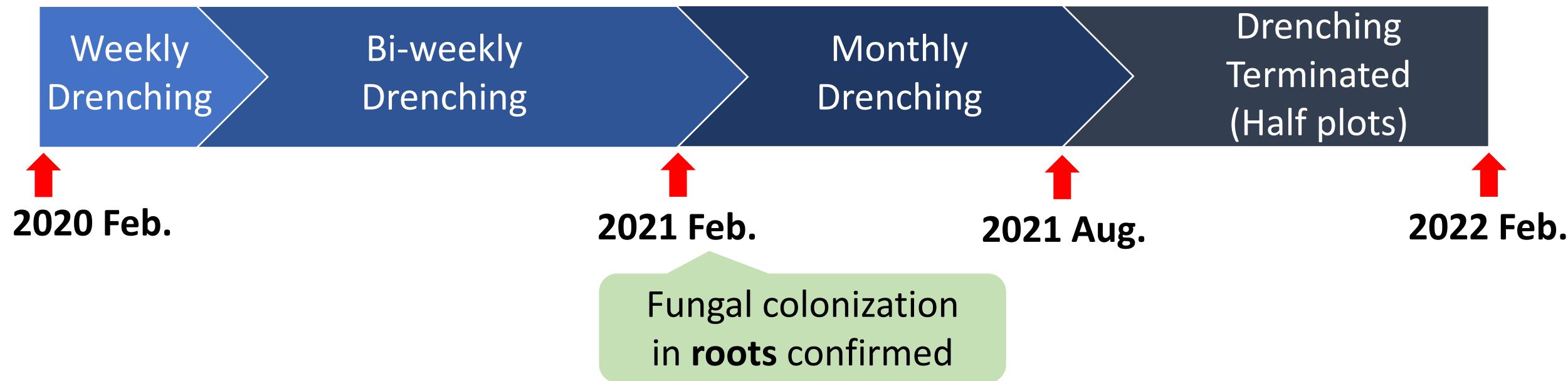
20L water



## Sampling:

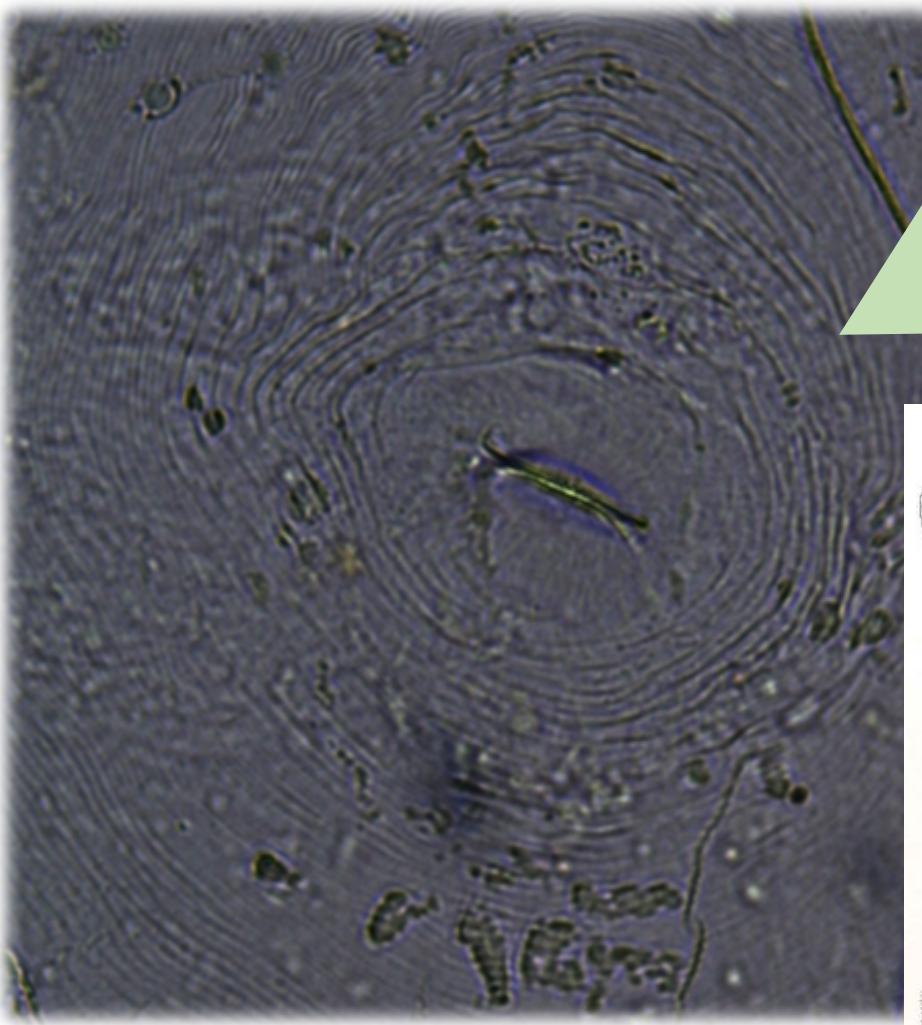
Soil = Every month

Root = Every 6 months

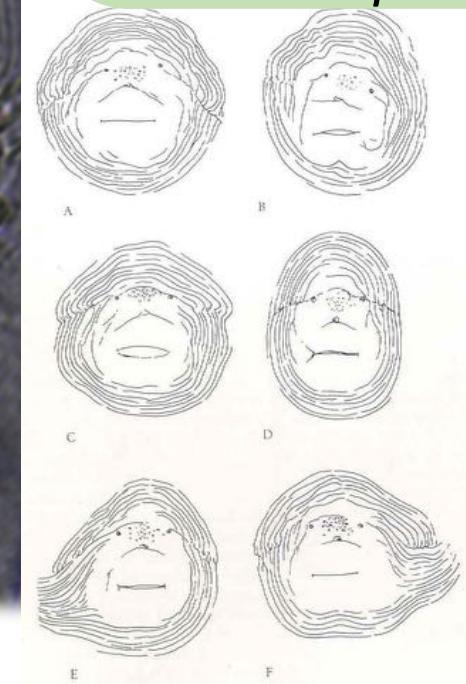


# Most abundant nematode was *Meloidogyne hapla*.

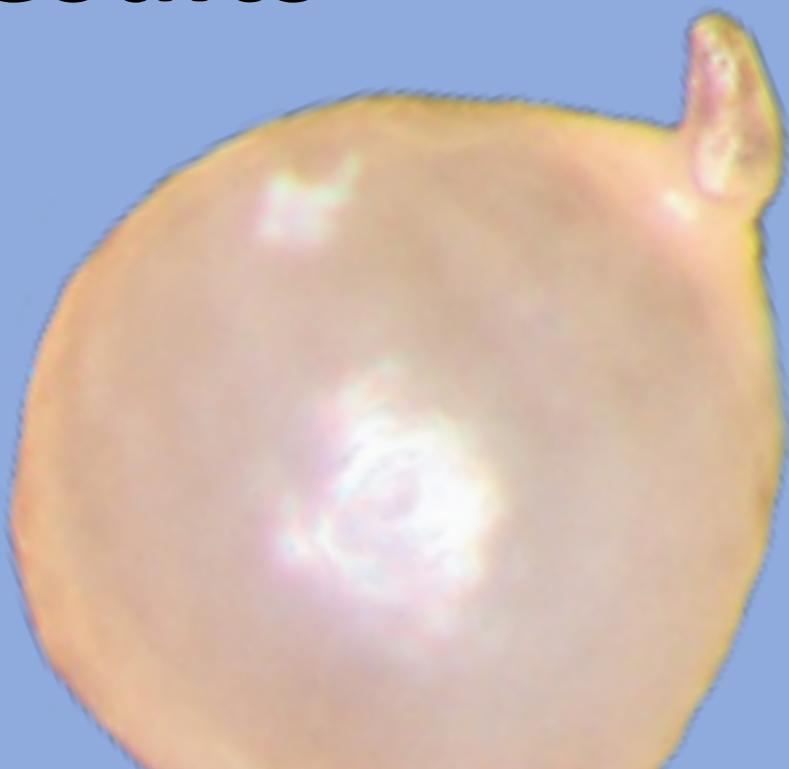
Small galls on coffee roots



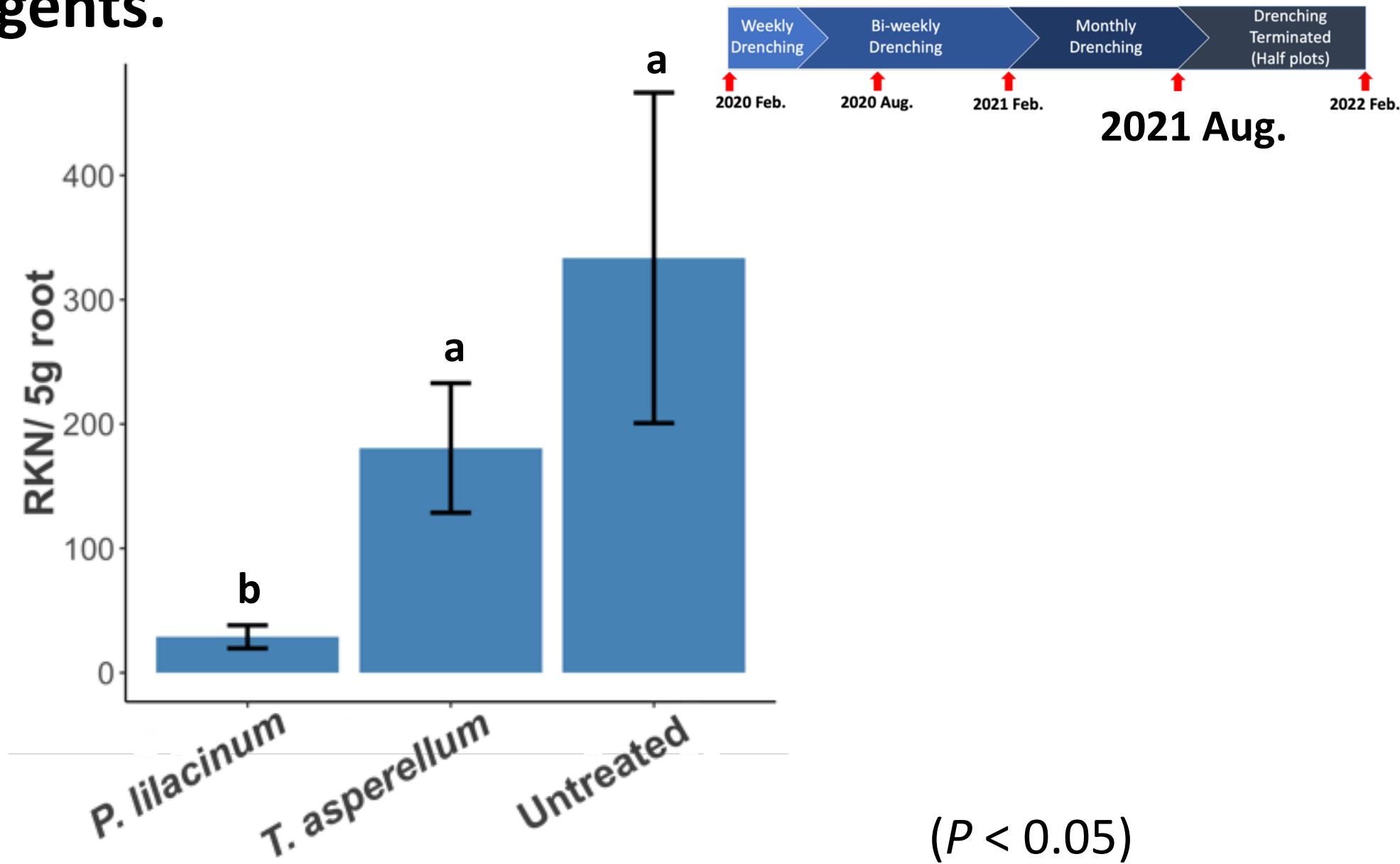
Morphologically  
(Perineal pattern)  
&  
Molecularly  
(28S and COI)  
identified as  
*M. hapla*



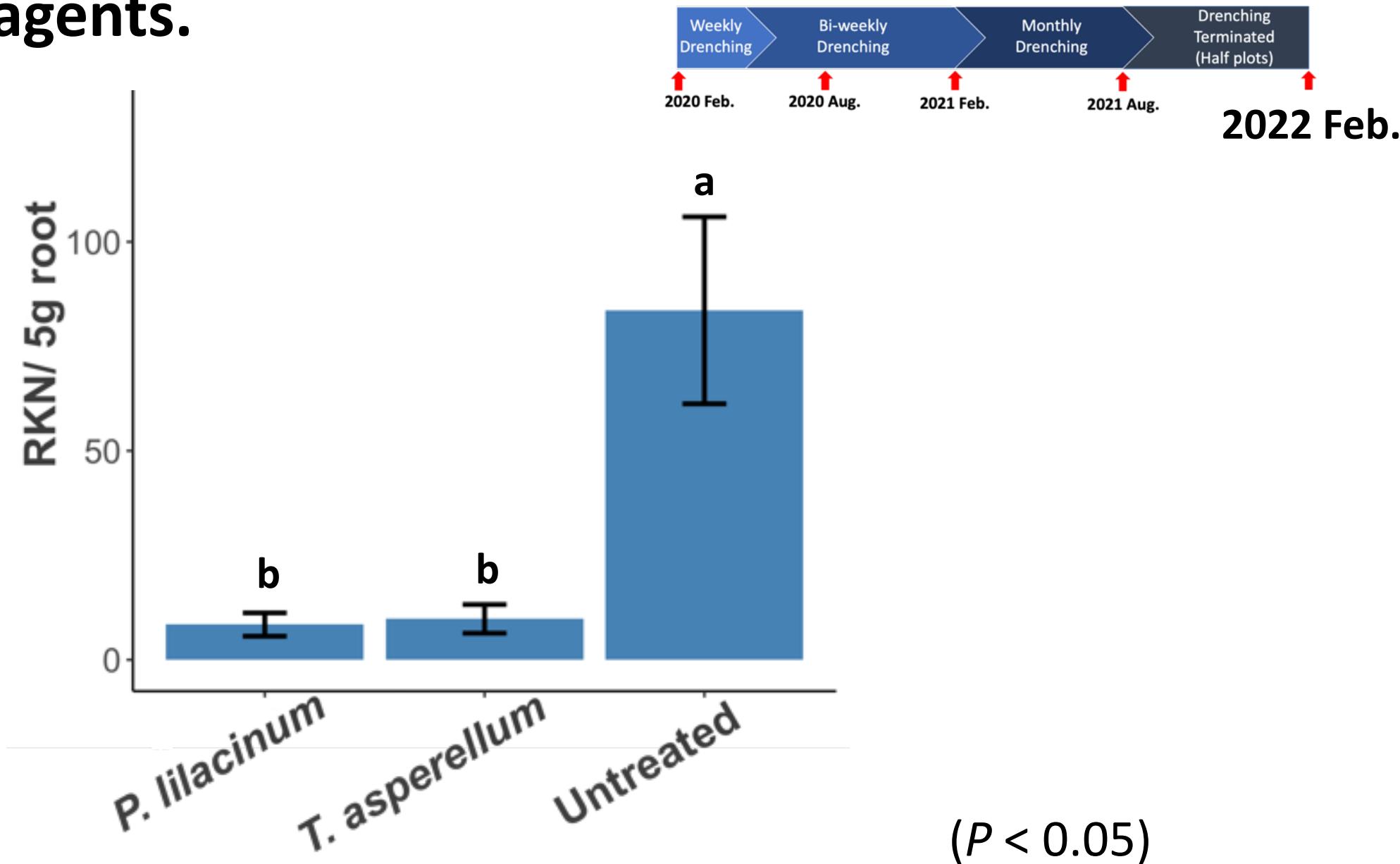
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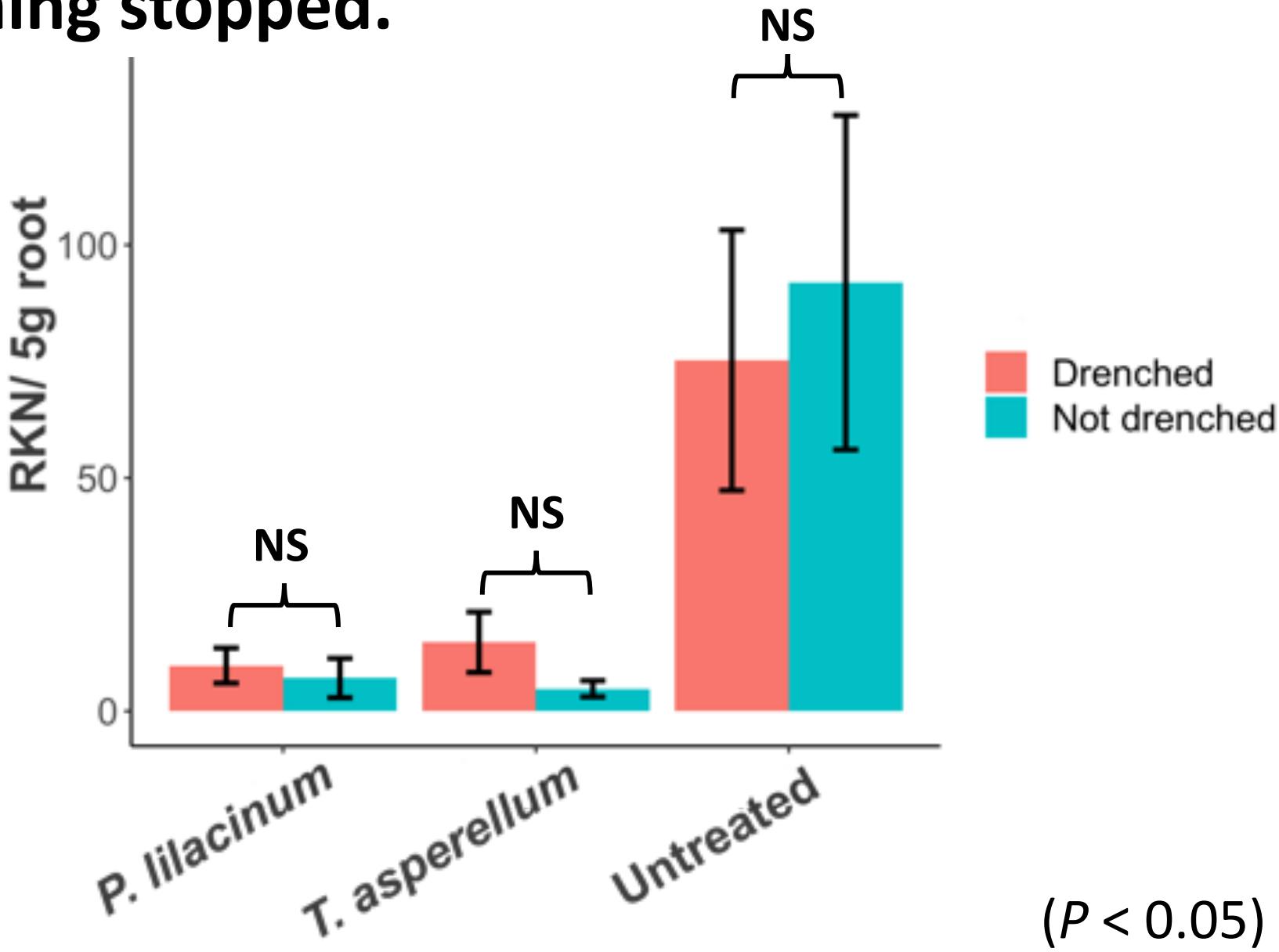
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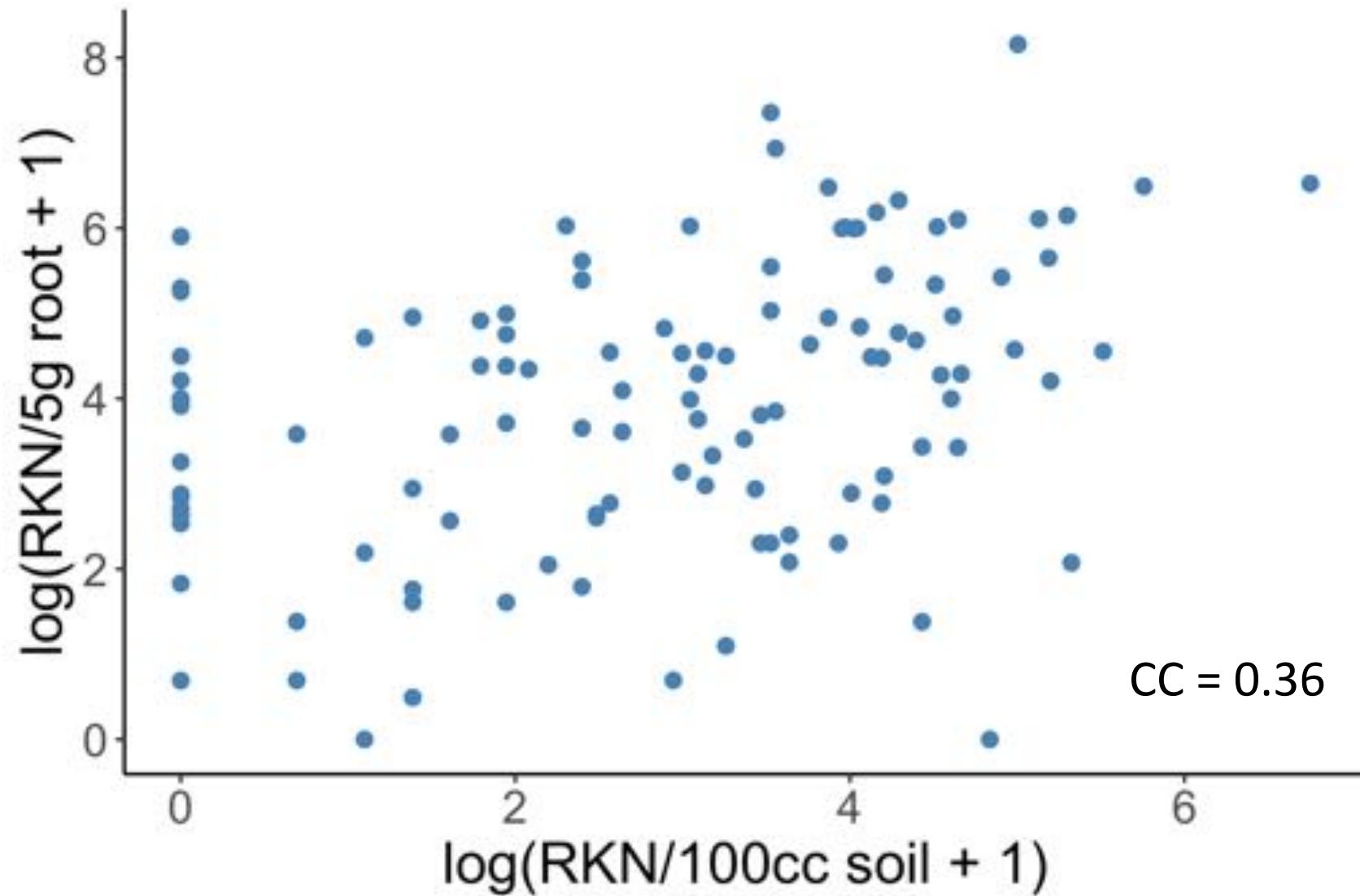


The suppression of bioagents persisted for 6 months after drenching stopped.



No effect of bioagents on RKN in soil.

Weak correlation between RKN in soil and RKN in roots.



What are the effects of the biological agents on soil health?

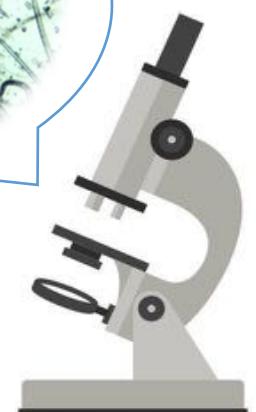
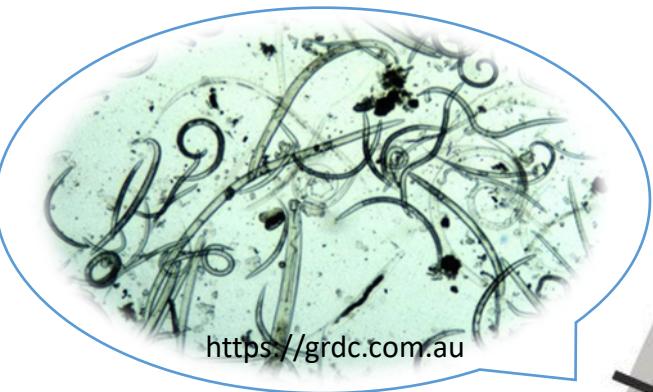


# Nematode community was assessed every two months.

Soil samples from coffee fields.



The first 100 encountered nematodes identified to genus level.



Data analyzed using NINJA

## NINJA: Nematode INdicator Joint Analysis

Upload successful. Refresh the page to upload a new file. Do you have some questions? Check the FAQs page (at the bottom of this window).  
Exclude dauer larvae from calculations

Some fine tuning (optional, for advanced users only):  
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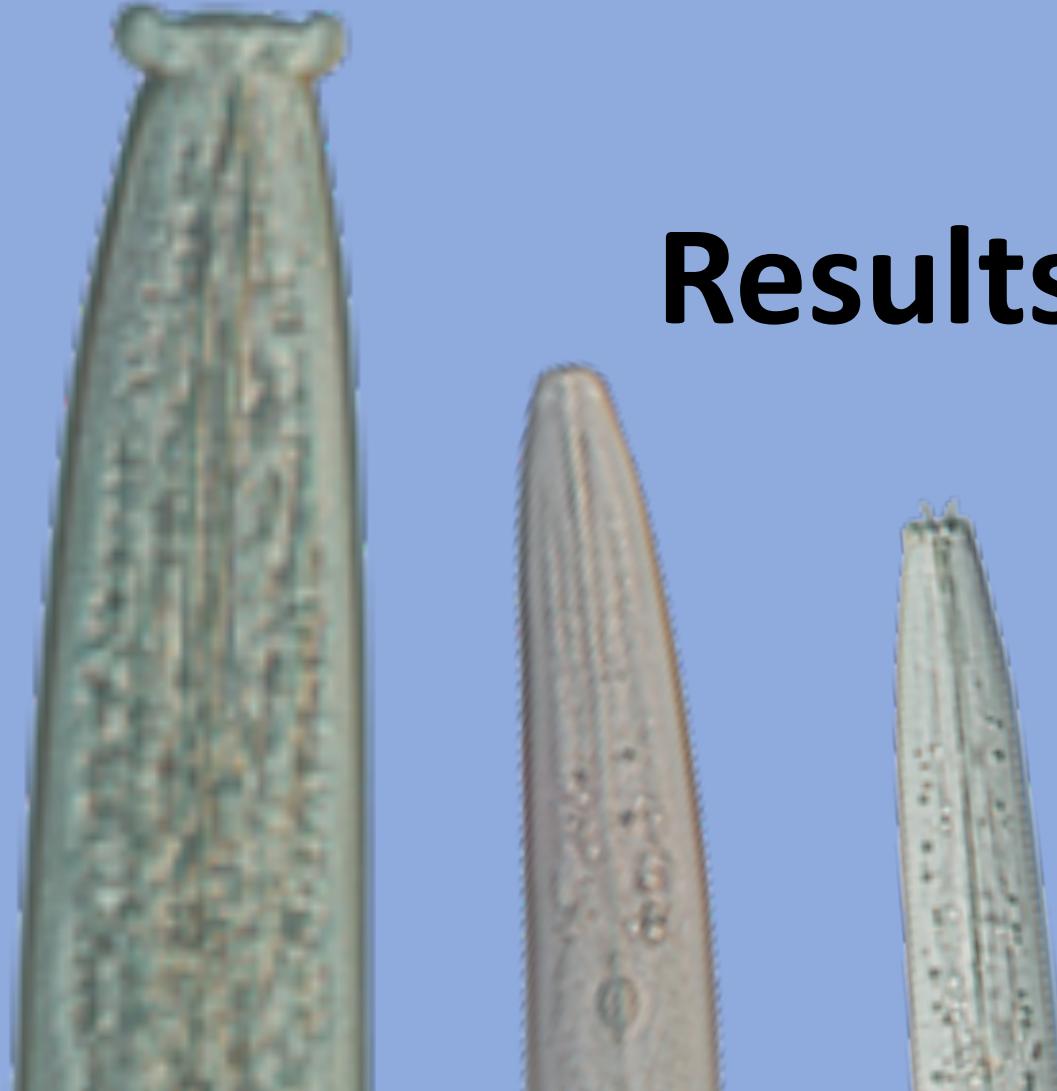
Aeolenchum  
Herbivores - ectoparasites  
Egiphadophora  
Herbivores - epidermal/root hr  
Hemicolytlenchus  
Herbivores - semi-omnivorous

If you used NINJA in your research, please refer to it by citing:  
Sierelbriennikov, B., Feris, H., and de Goede, R.G.M. (2014) "NINJA: An automated calculation tool for nematode indicator joint analysis for soil monitoring". European Journal of Soil Biology, 61: 90-93. DOI: 10.1016/j.ejsobi.2014.02.004

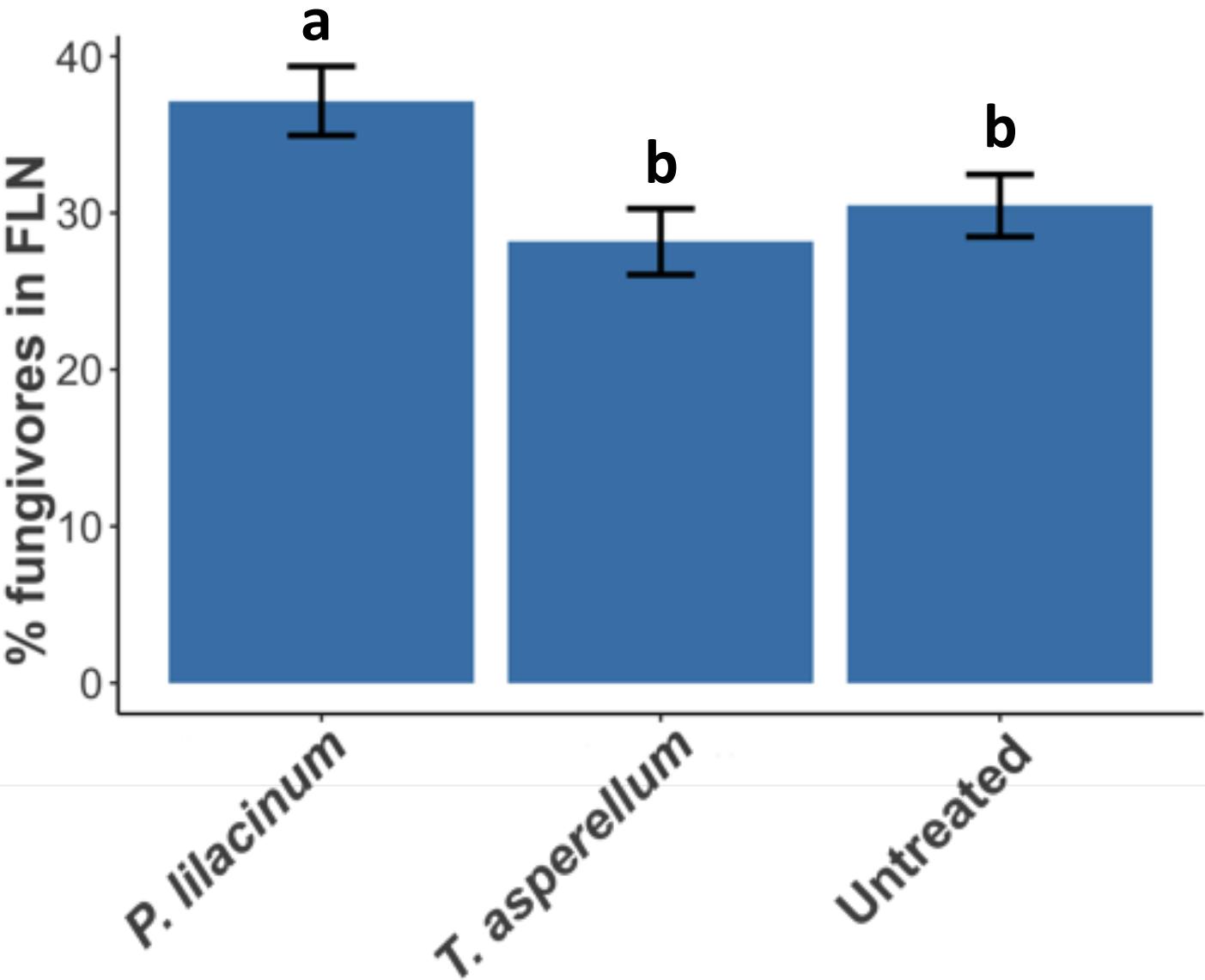
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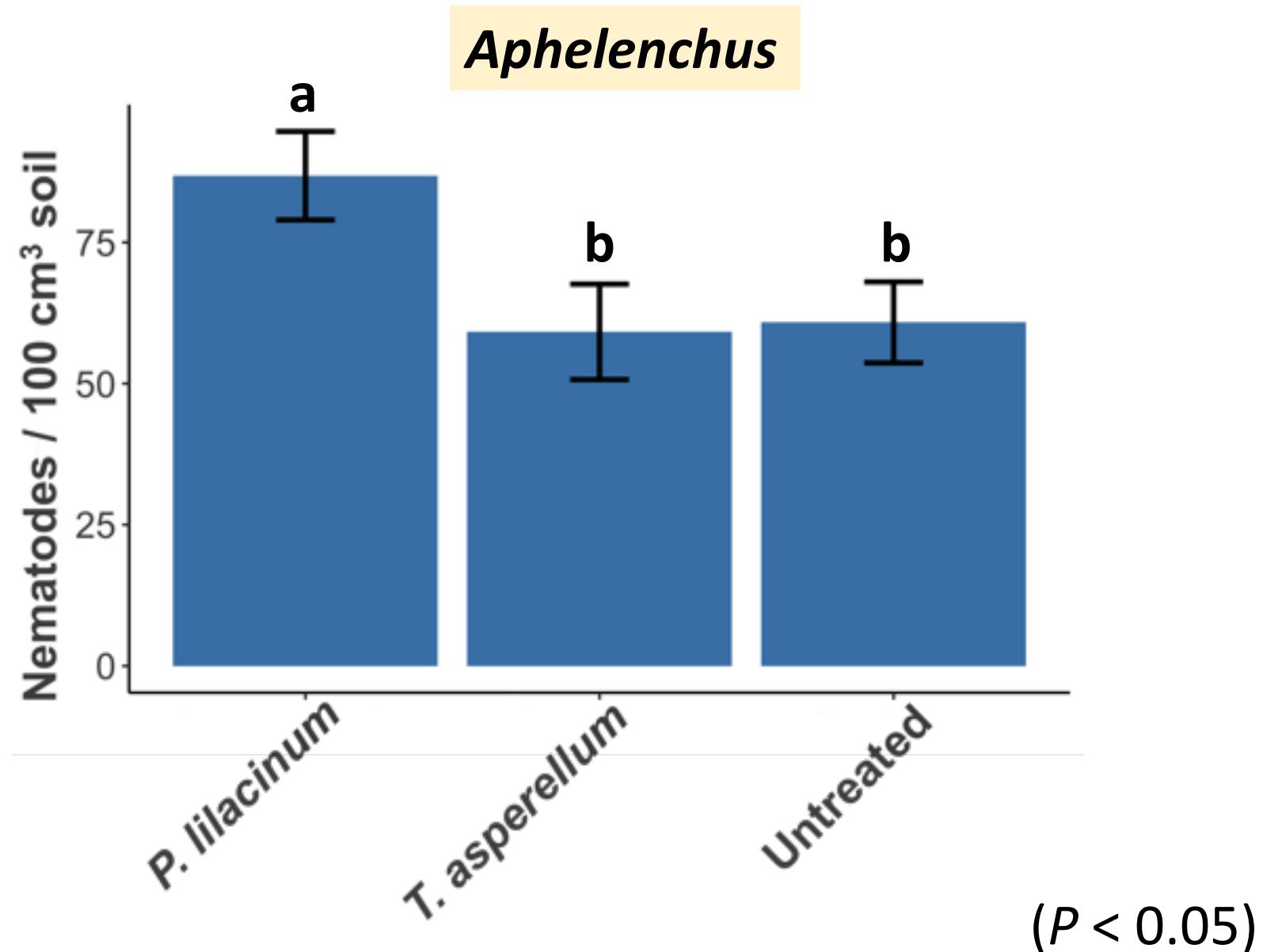
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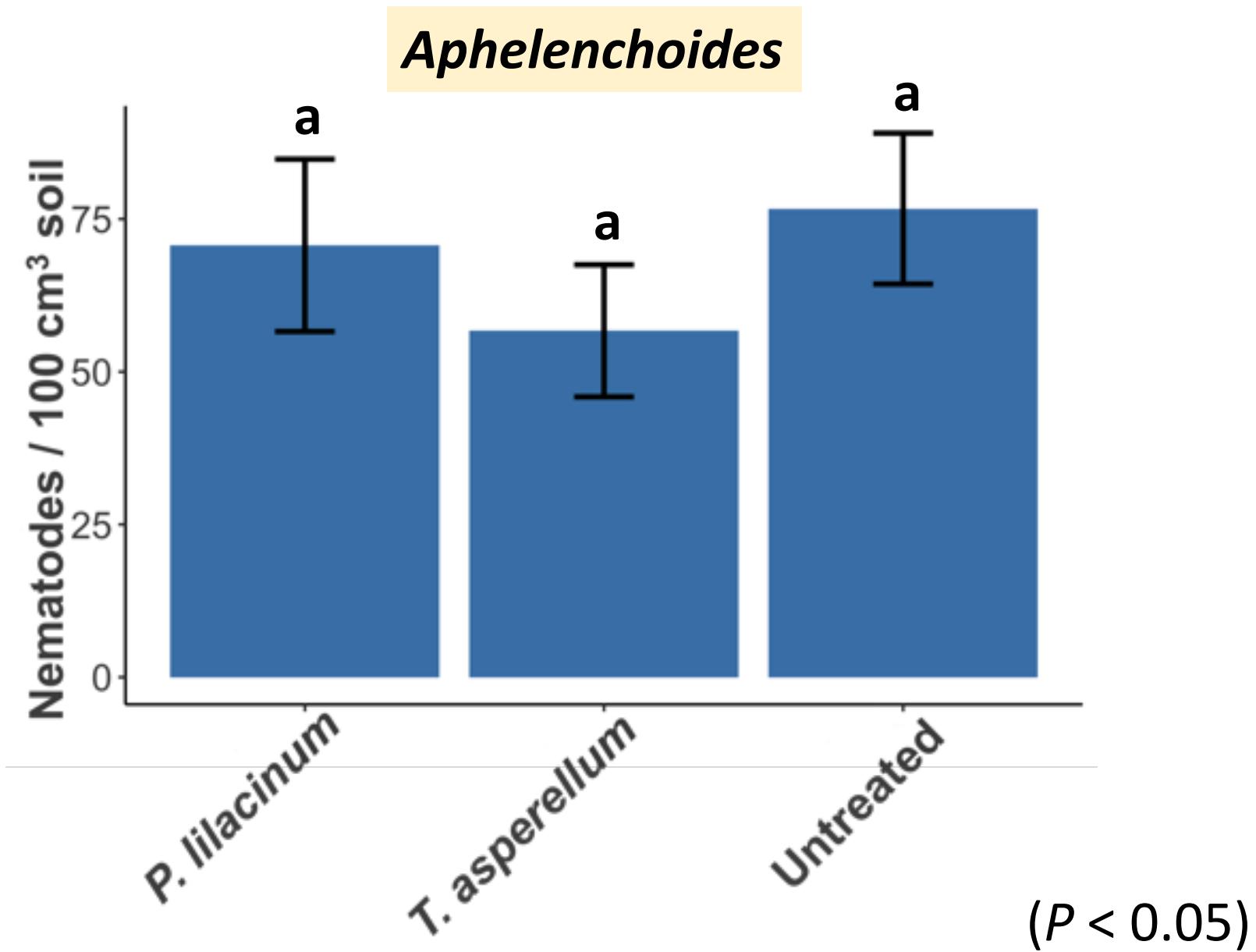
# More fungivores with *P. lilacinum*.



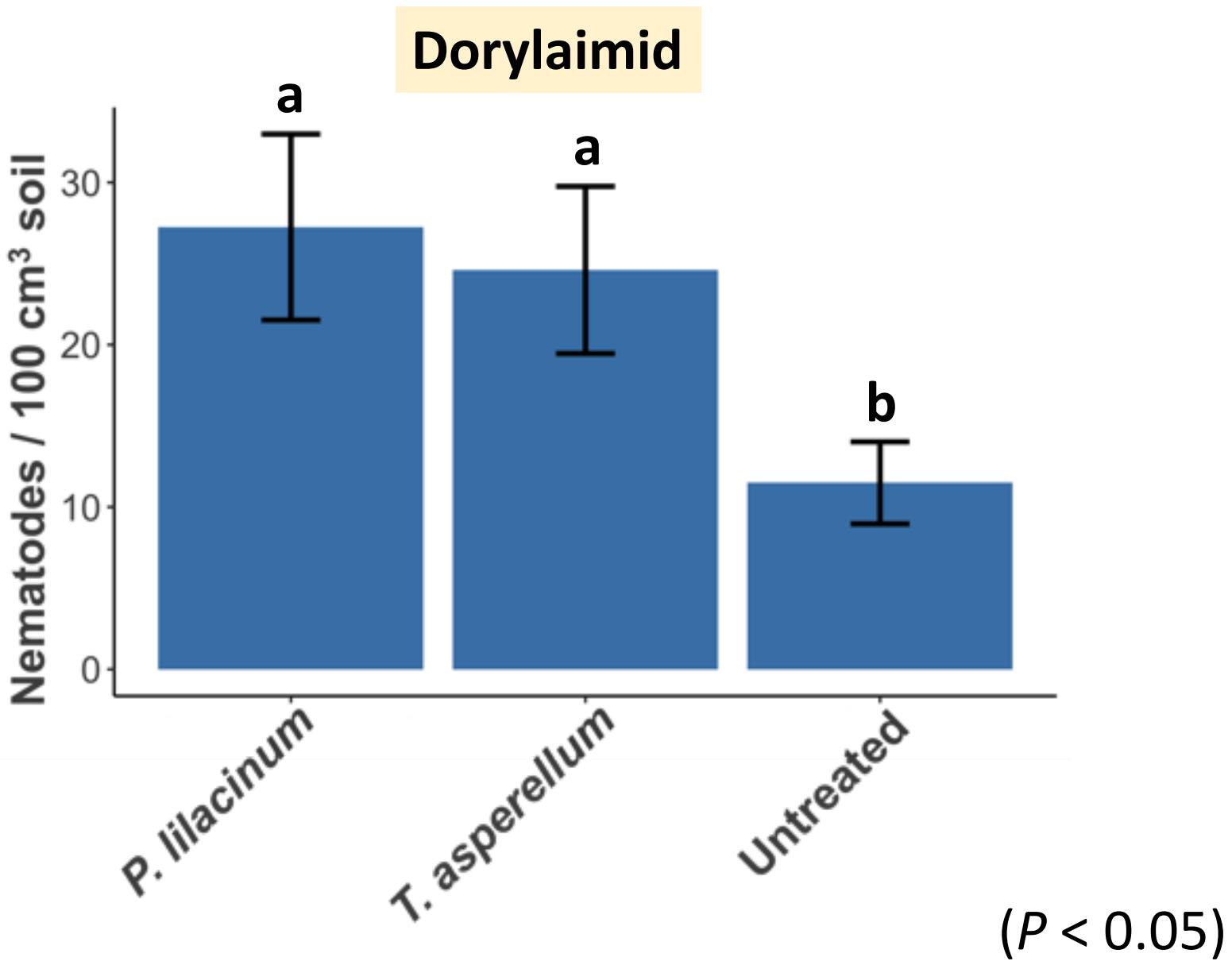
# Greater number of *Aphelenchus* for *P. lilacinum*.



**But *Aphelenchoides* was not affected by bioagents.**



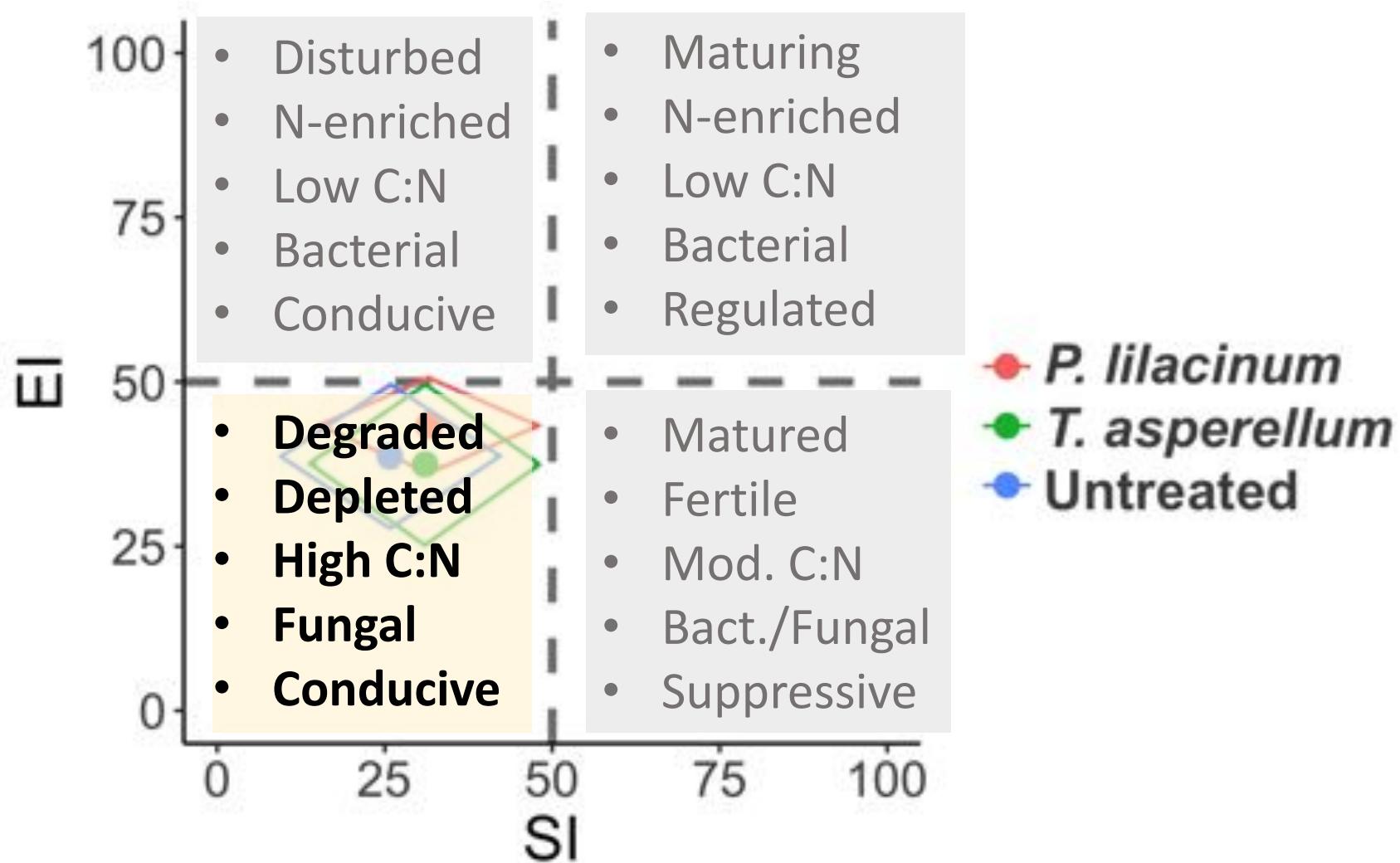
# More Dorylaimid with both bioagents.



# Some positive changes with bioagents on soil health conditions.

	P-value	<i>P. lilacinum</i>	<i>T. asperellum</i>	
Maturity Index	0.23	-	-	Less stressed environment for both bioagents.
Maturity Index 2-5	0.06	↑	↑	
Channel Index	0.99	-	-	
Enrichment Index	0.06	↑	→	N-enriched for <i>P. lilacinus</i> .
Structure Index	0.06	↑	↑	More fertile and stable for both bioagents.

# Functional metabolic footprints of nematodes showed no difference by treatments.



Our study demonstrates both bioagents

1. Suppress RKN,
2. Positively impact soil health.



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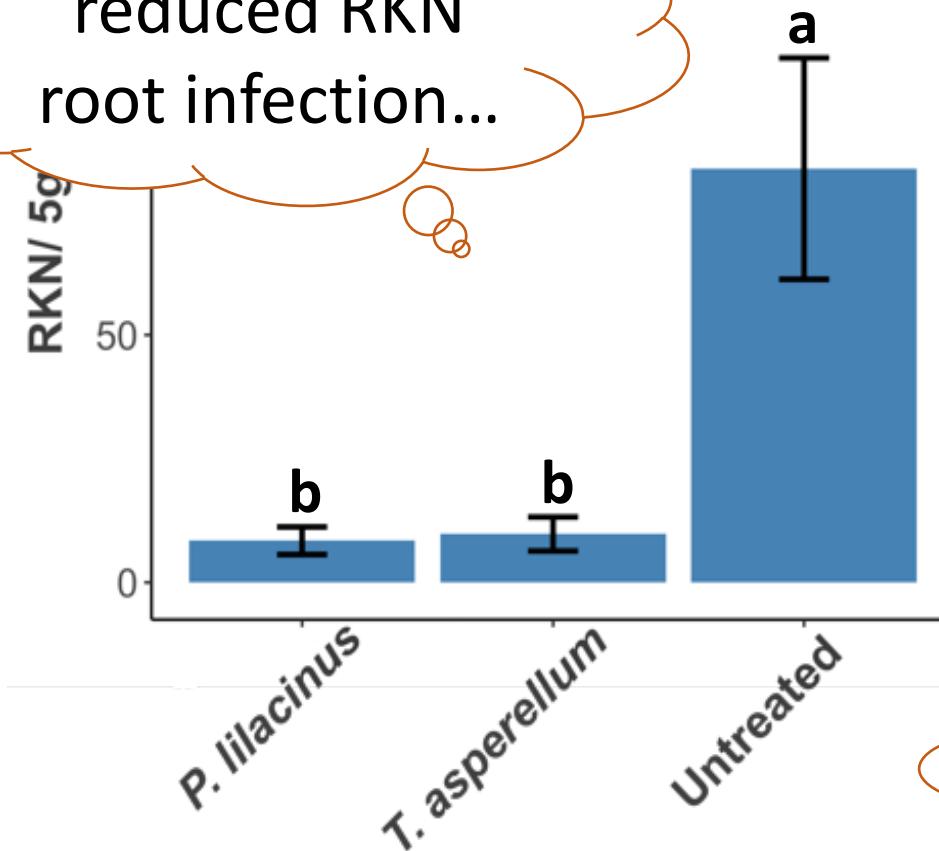


# Thank you! Any questions?

Drenching of  
bioagents...



reduced RKN  
root infection...



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