

Plant diversification across scales enhances biological pest control in agricultural landscapes

Journal:	<i>Journal of Applied Ecology</i>
Manuscript ID	JAPPL-2020-01405
Manuscript Type:	Research Article
Date Submitted by the Author:	11-Dec-2020
Complete List of Authors:	Beaumelle, Léa; INRAE, UMR SAVE Auriol, Arthur; INRA Grasset, Marie; INRAE, UMR SAVE Pavy, Alice; INRAE, UMR SAVE Thiéry, Denis; French National Institute for Agricultural Research (INRA) , UMR1065 Santé et Agroécologie du Vignoble Rusch, Adrien; French National Institute for Agricultural Research (INRA) , UMR1065 Santé et Agroécologie du Vignoble;
Key-words:	agroecology, arthropods, biological pest control, landscape ecology, biodiversity, ecosystem services, vineyards

SCHOLARONE™
Manuscripts

Plant diversification across scales enhances biological pest control in agricultural landscapes

Léa Beaumelle*, Arthur Auriol, Marie Grasset, Alice Pavy, Denis Thiéry, Adrien Rusch
INRAE, UMR 1065 SAVE, Villenave-d'Ornon, France

* lea.beaumelle@inrae.fr

Abstract

1. Implementing plant diversification is a promising way to balance food production and biodiversity conservation in agricultural systems. Biological pest control, a crucial ecosystem service delivered by natural enemies, could particularly benefit from increased plant diversity at the local scale. Such positive effects however often depend on the landscape context that shapes the pool of natural enemy species available and their ability to colonize newly created habitats. However, how the landscape context modulates the local effect of plant diversity on natural enemies and pest control services remains unclear.
2. Here, we manipulated the diversity of cover crops (2 versus 20 plant species) in 9 pairs of vineyards located along a gradient of landscape complexity (ranging from 20 to 60% of semi-natural habitats). We sampled natural enemy communities in the soil and foliage, and measured the predation rate of an important moth pest in European vineyards (*Lobesia botrana*).
3. Diverse cover crops enhanced the abundance of natural enemies by 140% across the experiment, but without changing their taxonomic richness and composition. We further found a distance-decay effects of cover crops on natural enemy abundance across cover crop types.

4. The landscape context remarkably modulated the effects of local plant diversity on natural enemy abundance and predation rates. While predation rates were on average similar in the low and high cover crop diversity treatments across the experiment, diverse cover crops had higher positive effects on predation and natural enemies in simple (< 50% semi-natural habitats) than complex landscapes.
5. *Synthesis and applications:* Our study demonstrates the benefits of increasing plant diversity at the local scale to enhance the abundance of natural enemies as well as the level of biological pest control services in vineyard agroecosystems. Diverse cover crops mostly benefit natural enemies and biological pest control in simplified landscapes, highlighting that the success of local agroecological practices in improving biodiversity and ecosystem services depends on the landscape context. Thus, we suggest that strategic spatial arrangement of local plant diversification practices within agricultural landscapes is necessary to maximize beneficial effects on biodiversity and ecosystem services.

Keywords

Agroecology, arthropods, biological pest control, landscape ecology, biodiversity, ecosystem services, vineyards

Introduction

Agricultural intensification is a main cause of biodiversity loss in terrestrial ecosystems (IPBES, 2019). By harnessing ecosystem functions supported by biodiversity, agroecology aims to design agricultural landscapes that can maintain commodity production while preserving the environment (Bommarco et al., 2013). Biological control of crop pests by their natural enemies

is a major ecosystem service that can increase the sustainability of agroecosystems (Lewis et al., 1997; Rusch et al., 2017). It can contribute reducing the use of pesticides and their harmful effects on the environment while maintaining crop productivity (Geiger et al., 2010; Rusch et al., 2017). Identifying agroecological practices beneficial to biological pest control services by enhancing natural enemies and their diversity is therefore crucial for future agriculture.

Multiple evidences show positive relationships between biodiversity and ecosystem functioning across ecosystem types (Cardinale et al., 2012). In agroecosystems, biodiversity can strengthen the delivery of key ecosystem services such as biological pest control (Dainese et al., 2019; Ostandie et al., 2020). Plant diversity is particularly crucial to maintain multiple ecosystem services as plants shape trophic interactions across several levels (Andow, 1991; Isbell et al., 2011; Scherber et al., 2010). Increasing plant diversity is therefore often suggested as a key management option to harness biodiversity-based ecosystem services (Aguilera et al., 2020; Kremen and Merenlender, 2018). Plant diversification encompasses crop and non-crop diversity as well as various management practices that can be implemented at multiple scales from field-scale diversification (e.g., cover-cropping, intercropping) to landscape-scale diversification (e.g., diversifying crop rotation, semi-natural habitats) (Letourneau et al., 2011; Rusch et al., 2010). While the separate effects of local and landscape plant diversification on biodiversity and ecosystem services have been extensively studied, the relative and joint effects of plant diversification practices across spatial scales on pest control services remain poorly explored.

At the field scale, increasing plant diversity can limit the density of insect pests as well as plant damage (Barnes et al., 2020; Letourneau et al., 2011; Wan et al., 2020). It has been estimated

that crop diversification reduced by 23% insect pest abundance and crop damage compared to monocultures (Letourneau et al., 2011). The effects of plant diversity on insect pests are mediated by direct bottom-up effects (the resource concentration hypothesis) and indirect top-down effects (the natural enemies hypothesis) (Letourneau et al., 2011; Wan et al., 2020). According to the resource concentration hypothesis, insect pests are more likely to find and remain on their host plant in monospecific plant communities due to the high density of resource that increases immigration to, and decreases emigration from monospecific communities (Root, 1973). The mechanisms behind these bottom-up effects involve disruption of host localization due to chemical or physical perturbations, as well as changes in host plant quality (Andow, 1991; Castagneyrol and Jactel, 2012; Finch and Collier, 2000; Thiery and Visser, 1986). The natural enemies hypothesis suggests that natural enemies are more abundant, diverse and efficient in more diverse plant communities leading to lower pest densities (Russell, 1989). These indirect top-down effects are mediated by the higher abundances of alternative prey or hosts, pollen, nectar, as well as microhabitats in diverse than monospecific plant communities. Evidence supporting these two non-exclusive hypotheses exists in the literature (Moreira et al., 2016) but the extent to which the landscape context modulates their prevalence remain to be explored.

At the landscape scale, habitat diversity shapes natural enemy communities as well as the level of biological pest control services they deliver (Bianchi et al., 2006; Chaplin-Kramer et al., 2011; Rusch et al., 2016). Semi-natural habitats, such as hedgerows, grasslands or forests support crucial resources and habitats for natural enemies such as alternative preys, nectar, pollen or overwintering sites, (Landis et al., 2000; Rusch et al., 2010; Sarthou et al., 2014; Tena et al., 2015). While several studies have demonstrated that natural enemies and trophic interactions are

affected by landscape structure, the direction and magnitude of such effects on pest populations and crop damages remain highly variable (Karp et al., 2018). Such context-dependent effects of landscape structure on biological pest control could be due to interactive effects between landscape and local management. Indeed, according to the intermediate landscape complexity hypothesis, the landscape context might non-linearly modulate the effect of local management on biodiversity and ecosystem services (Tscharntke et al., 2012). According to this hypothesis, local management options (such as flower strip, reduced tillage or organic farming) have limited effects on biodiversity and ecosystem services in very simple and complex landscapes, while the highest positive effects are expected in landscapes of intermediate complexity. In very simple landscapes (less than 20% of semi-natural habitats), the species pool is supposed to be too low to support an increase in species diversity in response to beneficial management options at the local scale. In very complex landscapes, high levels of biodiversity and ecosystem services are expected and might therefore limit any further positive effects of local management options aiming to improve biodiversity and ecosystem services. The interactive effect between local-scale plant diversification and landscape-scale habitat diversification on biodiversity and ecosystem services remains largely unexplored. This is especially the case for natural enemy communities and biological pest control.

In this study, we explored the effect of cover crop diversity on natural enemy communities and pest control services along a gradient of landscape complexity. We asked if diverse cover crops enhanced the abundance and richness of natural enemies and biological pest control independently of the landscape context in vineyards. We focused on vineyards because they are intensively managed (e.g. in France, 20% of the total pesticide use while they cover only 3% of

agricultural land (Sabatier et al., 2014)), and many efforts are currently undertaken to implement agroecological practices. Furthermore, vineyards are perennial crops in which increasing local-scale plant diversity is particularly challenging given that increasing crop diversity is not an option. Implementing cover crops in vineyards' inter-row is however a practice that is gaining attention due to their multiple beneficial effects on agroecosystem functioning (Daane et al., 2018; Winter et al., 2018). However, the interactive effects of cover crop diversity and landscape context on natural enemies and biological pest control remain unclear (Wilson et al., 2017).

We hypothesized that 1) diverse cover crops enhance natural enemy abundance and richness, as well as pest control potential compared to lowly diverse cover crop (Letourneau et al., 2011), 2) different guilds of natural enemies are affected differently by cover crop diversity (Muneret et al., 2019), and 3) the positive effects of cover crop diversity are higher at intermediate landscape complexity than in simplified or complex landscapes (Tschamntke et al., 2012; Wilson et al., 2017).

Materials and methods

1. Study design

A field experiment was conducted in vineyards located in the Bordeaux area, France (45°01'28"N, 0°21'13"W) in 2018. Nine sites were selected along a gradient of landscape complexity (ranging from 22 to 63% of semi-natural habitats in a 1 km radius around each site). At each site, a treatment with high cover crop diversity (flower strips) and a control with low cover crop diversity (grassy strips) were applied each in one separate field under the same management practices (plots were part of the same farm). The experimental design resulted in 9

pairs of vineyards. The high diversity treatment consisted in a mixture of 20 plant species designed specifically for vineyards' inter-row and containing a range of functionally different plants (such as Fabaceae, melliferous plants: see Supplementary materials for the full list of plant species). The low diversity treatment consisted in a mixture of two Poaceae (*Lolium perenne* and *Festuca rubra*). Plants were sown manually after soil tillage on April 24th and May 11th 2018 in one out of two inter-rows, on a total of 8 inter-rows per plot. Cover crops were sown along a distance of 20 m from the plot margin to the center of the plot (Fig. S1).

2. Natural enemy sampling

Two guilds of natural enemies (soil- and vine-dwelling) were sampled at increasing distance from the cover crop treatments in each field. Soil enemies were sampled using pitfall traps and vine enemies with beating nets. The samplings were conducted at three distances from the cover crop treatments: in the middle of the cover crop (0 m), and at 15 and 30 m away from the middle of the cover crops. Three sampling sessions were conducted (in June, August and September). Each sampling session and at each distance (0, 15 or 30 m) in each field, two pitfall traps filled with soap water were placed in the soil of different inter-rows for a week before being collected and individuals pooled before identification. Vine arthropods were pooled from beating 15 randomly-located vines per distance per field at each sampling session. In the end, for each distance, guild, treatment, and field, the sample size was $n = 3$ (one pooled sample per session), yielding a total sample size of $N = 324$. Individuals were identified to the nearest possible taxonomic level, but the high number of juvenile spiders limited species identification, and about 77% of all arthropod individuals were thus identified to the genus. We calculated taxonomic richness as the number of taxonomic groups in each sample. Rarefied richness could not be used

due to a number of samples where the abundance was zero. As the sampling effort was identical across the experiment, we focused on taxonomic richness instead of rarefied richness.

3. Pest control measurements

We evaluated the biological pest control potential of one of the main vineyard pest, the European grapevine moth (*Lobesia botrana* Fam. Tortricidae) (Thiéry et al., 2018), using sentinel cards (Muneret et al., 2019). Each sentinel card consisted of 10 moth eggs laid on parchment paper in the laboratory, and then glued on a plastic card of about 1 x 8 cm. Moth eggs were obtained from our own laboratory-rearing (temperature: 22°C, hygrometry: 60%, photoperiod: 16D/8N). In each field, eight cards were attached to the vine stock, close to the grapes, at each distance from the cover crop treatment, and left for three days before being collected. Biological control potential was then measured based on the proportion of eggs removed from the card. Three measurement sessions were conducted (in July, August and September). During the last sampling session, only 4 egg cards were used due to low moth eggs availability in the laboratory and incompatibility with pesticide spraying programs.

5. Data analyses

We tested the main and interactive effects of the plant diversity treatment (low versus high diversity), the landscape context (proportion of semi-natural habitats), and the distance to the center of the cover crop treatment (0, 15, 30 m) on the abundance, richness and community composition of two guilds of natural enemies (soil and vine), and on pest predation rates. We used the proportion of semi-natural habitats as a proxy of landscape complexity (Muneret et al., 2018). The proportion of semi-natural habitats resulted from the sum of proportions of forests,

meadows and fallows. We used the regional database PIGMA (<http://portail.pigma.org>) and calculated the proportion of different habitat types in a 1000 m radius around each site using ArcGIS 10.1 (ESRI).

We used generalized linear mixed effect models (GLMMs) to analyze abundance and taxonomic richness of natural enemies and biological pest control potential with the R package lme4 (Bates et al., 2015; R Core Team, 2019). We analyzed natural enemy communities by constrained ordination (partial Redundancy Analysis, pRDA) using the R package vegan (Oksanen et al., 2019).

a. Abundance

GLMMs were fitted to natural enemy abundance with a negative binomial distribution to account for the nature of the data (counts and overdispersion). We tested the following full model:

$$Abundance \sim Treatment * Guild * Landscape + Treatment * Guild * Distance + (1|site:session)$$

The model included the fixed effects of the Treatment (two-level factor: low plant diversity and high plant diversity); Guild (two-level factor: soil and vine guilds of natural enemies); Landscape (continuous variable: scaled percentage of semi-natural habitats in a 1000m radius); and Distance (continuous variable: scaled distance to the center of the cover crop). The model also included a random effect of the session within each site on the intercept (factor with 27 levels) to account for non-independent observations conducted the same date at each site. We first tested the full model vs. null model ($Abundance \sim 1 + (1|site:session)$) and verified the residuals of the full model using the R package DHARMa (Hartig and Lohse, 2020). Based on residuals patterns, we included a quadratic effect of landscape complexity that significantly improved model fit and

residual plots, and was also biologically relevant (Tschardt et al., 2012). We further evaluated spatial autocorrelation by inspecting the residuals versus spatial coordinates of each plot, and found no significant pattern. We tested the main effects of our variables and their interactions using Wald Chi-square tests and likelihood ratio tests (LRT), using the R function *drop1* (Zuur et al., 2009) both approaches yielded the same results. Following Harrison (2018) and Forstmeier and Schielzeth (2011), we report the results of the full model instead of the optimal model.

b. Diversity

We used a similar approach and model structure to investigate the response of the taxa richness of vine and soil natural enemies to the treatment, landscape and distance to cover crop treatment. The model was identical to the abundance model above. We fitted a negative binomial GLMMs that provided better fit than LMMs with gaussian distribution, even after log-transformation. We also included a quadratic effect of the landscape based on residual diagnostic plots, and followed the same protocol to model simplification and reporting (Harrison et al., 2018; Zuur et al., 2009).

c. Biological pest control

We modelled the number of eggs predated per sentinel card using a GLMM with negative binomial distribution, after trying alternative distributions (binomial, poisson) that provided poor fit to the data based on residual diagnostic plots. The following full model was tested:

$$\text{Predation} \sim \text{Treatment} * \text{Landscape} + \text{Treatment} * \text{Distance} + (1 | \text{site:session})$$

Again, we included a quadratic effect of the landscape based on the residual diagnostic plots of initial models that did not include such a non-linear effect.

d. Community composition

We used RDA using the same model structure as above to analyze the effect of Treatment, Landscape, Guild and Distance on community composition of predators. We summed the abundance of each taxa across sampling sessions before analysis. The community matrix was Hellinger transformed prior to analysis. Permutation tests (using 999 permutations) were used to test the significance of all constrained axes.

Results

A total of 5148 individuals belonging to 198 taxonomic groups were collected across the experiment, 73% were spiders, 20% Coleoptera, 6% Opiliones, and a few Neuroptera (50 individuals) and Dermaptera (13 individuals). The soil guild was composed of 67% spiders, 28% Coleoptera, and 5% Opiliones (with a total number of 156 taxa). The vine guild however was dominated by 86% spiders, no Coleoptera, and 10% Opiliones (with a total number of 82 taxa). In terms of biological pest control, the average predation rate was 0.30 (SD: 0.27, n = 999) across the experiment.

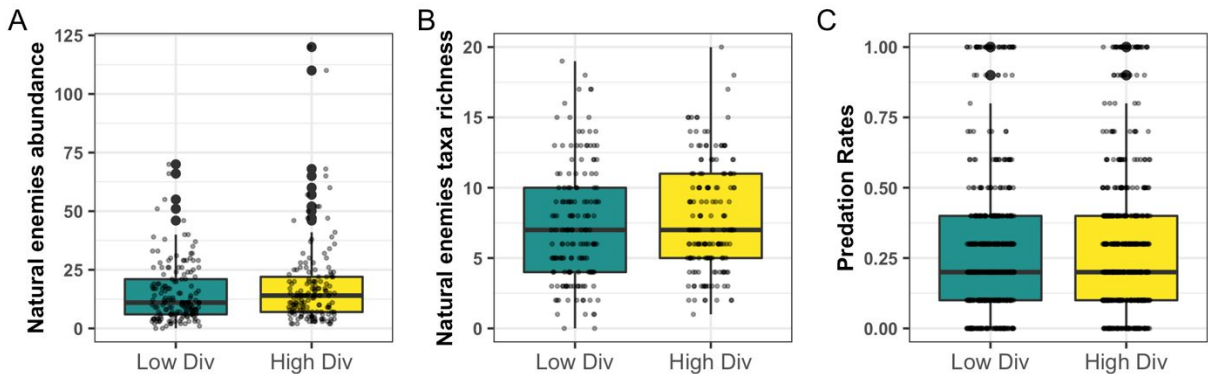


Figure 1. Cover crop diversity affects natural enemy abundance (A), but not richness (B) and pest predation rates (C) in vineyards. A) Total abundance of natural enemies in high and low cover crop diversity treatments, across soil and vine guilds, and landscapes ($n_{\text{high div}} = 156$, $n_{\text{low div}} = 159$). B) Taxonomic richness of natural enemies across guilds and landscapes ($n_{\text{high div}} = 156$, $n_{\text{low div}} = 159$). C) Proportion of sentinel grape moth eggs predated ($n_{\text{high div}} = 499$, $n_{\text{low div}} = 500$). Boxplots depict median values (horizontal bold lines), 25th and 75th percentiles (bottom and top of the boxes respectively), and vertical bars indicate 1.5 times the interquartile range.

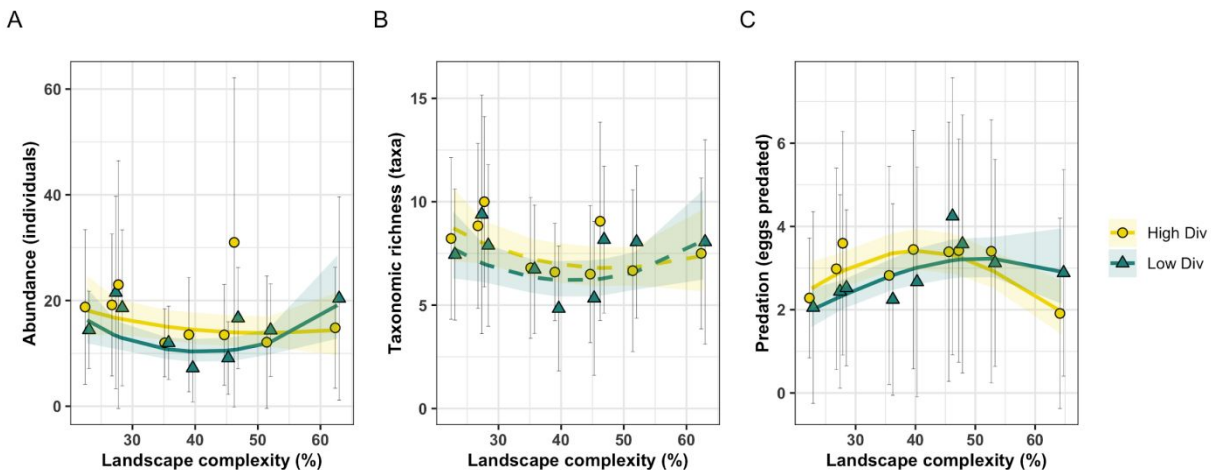


Figure 2 - Landscape context modulates the effect of cover crop diversity on natural enemy abundance and pest predation. Relationships between landscape complexity (% of semi-natural habitats) and (A) the abundance of natural enemies across soil and vine guilds, (B) their taxonomic richness, and (C) predation rates estimated by the number of sentinel eggs predated in the high vs. low cover crop diversity treatments (High Div and Low Div, respectively). Slopes and 95% CI from GLMMs : solid lines ($p < 0.05$); dashed lines ($p > 0.05$). Colored points indicate mean values across sampling distances and guilds and error bars are standard deviations

(A and B: N = 315, n = 18 (n = 15 for landscape 36%, and High Div treatment in landscape 39%); C: N = 999, n = 57 (n = 45 for landscape 62%)).

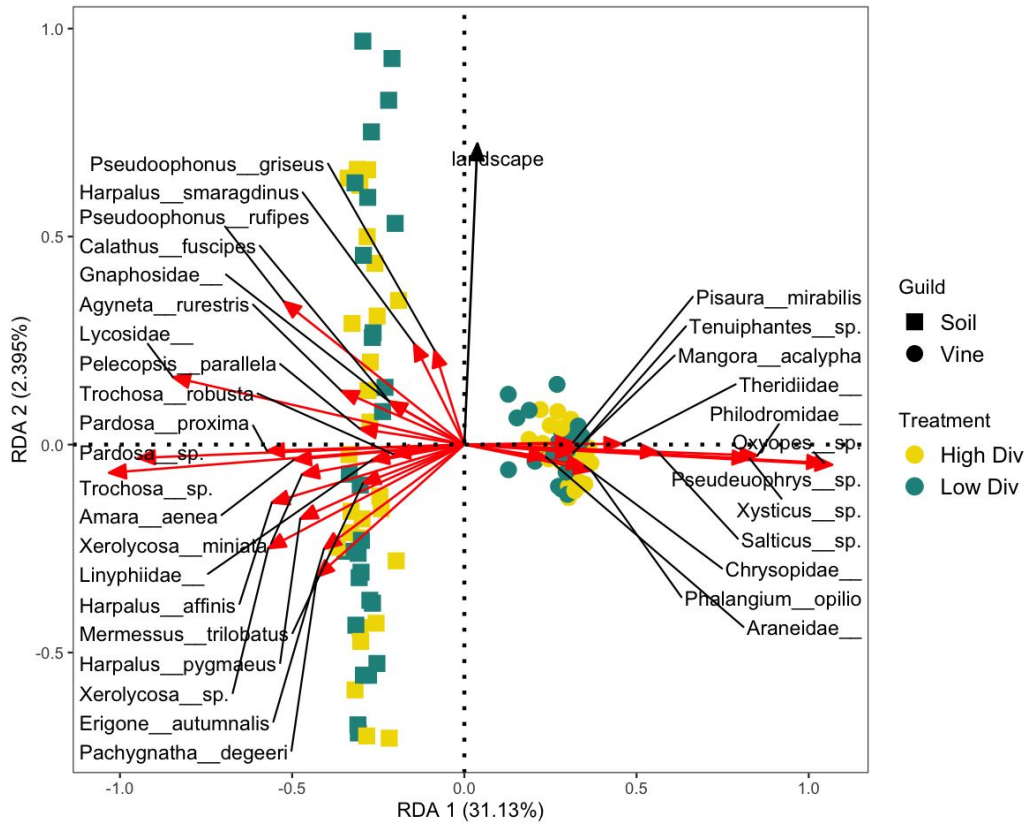


Figure 3 - Cover crop diversity did not change natural enemy community composition.

Redundancy analysis (RDA) plot of taxonomic groups and landscape complexity (% semi-natural habitats) according to the guild of natural enemies (soil and vine) and to the cover crop diversity treatment (High Div: high plant diversity, Low Div: low plant diversity). Red arrows depict taxonomic groups that are the most correlated with each axis of the RDA.

1. Abundance

Cover crop diversity affected the abundance of natural enemies, with significantly higher abundances in the high than in the low diversity treatment overall (Fig. 1A, Chi-square = 5.82, df

= 1, $p = 0.016$). The model predicted on average 140% more individuals in the diverse cover crop treatment. However, the landscape context modulated the response of natural enemies to plant diversity (significant interaction: Chi-square = 6.74, $df = 2$, $p = 0.034$). The model predicted lower abundances at intermediate landscape complexity (i.e. around 40% of semi-natural habitats), and higher abundances at low and high landscape complexities (Fig. 2A). There was a slight negative effect of the distance to the cover crop (Chi-square = 4.92, $df = 1$, $P = 0.027$), indicating that the abundance of natural enemies progressively declined further away from the center of the cover crop treatments (on average 17% less individuals at 30 m versus at the center of the cover crop, Fig. S2)). Finally, the abundance of natural enemies differed depending on the guild (Chi-square = 121.75, $df = 1$, $p < 0.0001$) with much higher densities of soil compared to vine arthropods, but the two guilds showed similar responses to the landscape context (interaction: Chi-square = 4.91, $df = 2$, $p = 0.086$) as well as the cover crop diversity treatment (Chi-square = 1.39, $df = 1$, $p = 0.239$).

2. Diversity

There was no evidence that cover crop diversity changed the number of taxa of natural enemies (Chi-square = 1.89, $df = 1$, $p = 0.169$). Taxonomic richness varied according to the guild (Chi-square = 125.63, $df = 1$, $p < 0.0001$). Soil predators were more diverse than vine predators (average predicted taxa richness of 8.37 (CI: 7.36-9.52) versus 5.16 (CI: 4.46-5.98) for the soil and vine guilds, respectively). Landscape complexity had no significant effect on taxonomic richness (Fig. 2B, Chi-square = 4.83, $df = 2$, $p = 0.090$), nor did the distance to the cover crop treatment (Chi-square = 2.13, $df = 1$, $p = 0.145$).

3. Community composition

We further explored the response of natural enemy community composition and found no effect of the plant diversity treatment (Fig. 3, $F = 0.75$, $df = 1$, $p = 0.69$). Taxa composition differed with the guild considered ($F = 49.2$, $df = 1$, $p < 0.001$, Fig. 3), the proportion of semi-natural habitats in the landscape ($F = 3.01$, $df = 1$, $p = 0.01$) as well as the interaction between guild and landscape complexity ($F = 2.79$, $df = 1$, $p = 0.01$) (Fig. 3). The distance to cover crop treatment did not modify the taxonomic composition of natural enemies ($F = 1.08$, $df = 1$, $p = 0.26$).

4. Biological pest control

The effect of cover crop diversity on predation rates depended on the landscape context (interaction: Chi-square = 10.46, $df = 2$, $p = 0.005$; Fig. 2). Overall, the proportion of semi-natural habitats affected predation rates non-linearly (Chi-square = 8.46, $df = 2$, $p = 0.015$), with higher pest predation at intermediate landscape complexity, and lower rates at low and high landscape complexities. As shown in Fig. 2C, we found higher predation rates under high cover crop diversity than under low cover crop diversity at low landscape complexity, but similar or even lower predation rates under high than low cover crop diversity at high landscape complexity. There was no significant distance-decay effect of cover crops on predation rates (Chi-square = 0.03, $df = 1$, $p = 0.86$).

Discussion

The present study sheds new light on the effect of cover crop diversity on biodiversity and ecosystem services in agroecosystems. Our results reveal that locally increasing plant diversity using cover crops enhances the abundance of natural enemies with positive cascading effect for

biological pest control. However, locally increasing plant diversity do not change taxonomic richness and community composition of natural enemies. Importantly, our study highlights clear interactive effects between plant diversity at the local scale and landscape complexity on biological pest control. We find that local plant diversity had the most positive effects at intermediate landscape complexities, confirming that the landscape context is a key moderator of the success of local management options aiming to improve biodiversity and ecosystem services in agroecosystems.

Cover crop diversity affected the abundance but not the diversity of natural enemies

We found that increasing the diversity of cover crops resulted in higher abundances of natural enemies in vineyards. Our findings are in line with the natural enemies hypothesis (Letourneau et al., 2011; Russell, 1989), and extend previous reports of the positive response of natural enemy abundance to flower strips adjacent to crops or to higher plant diversity within-field in agroecosystems (Sáenz-Romo et al., 2019; Tschumi et al., 2015, 2016). The high diversity treatment included a mixture of 20 plant species belonging to different functional groups that offered a wider range of habitats, refuges and additional food sources for arthropods than the low diversity treatment, probably explaining the higher abundances of natural enemies (Balzan et al., 2014; Frank and Reichhart, 2004; Koricheva and Hayes, 2018; Langellotto and Denno, 2004; Wäckers et al., 2007). The abundance of natural enemies decreased with the distance to the cover crop treatment across plant diversity treatments, confirming the positive effect of cover crops on natural enemies in our experiment (Fig. S2). Indeed, the unsown parts of vineyards' inter-rows were covered by spontaneous, sparse vegetation across the experiment and for both treatments. These results further indicate that the positive effect of cover crops in vineyards remain localized

in the sown area. The absence of significant interaction between diversity treatment and distance effects indicate that diverse cover crops also increased the abundance of natural enemies outside of the sown area.

Contrary to our hypothesis, cover crop diversity did not change the diversity nor the community composition of natural enemies. Our experiment involved a mixture of plants selected to improve not only arthropods in general, but also soil quality. It is possible that plant species mixtures specifically designed to benefit natural enemies would have yielded different results (Tschumi et al., 2016). Furthermore, one of the mechanisms by which diverse cover crops or flower strips enhance the diversity of arthropods on the relatively long term is by providing more overwintering sites (Frank and Reichhart, 2004; Ganser et al., 2019; Holland et al., 2016). Here, cover crops were sown in spring and arthropods were sampled during the following summer and early autumn. The treatment probably increased the abundance of species or taxa that were already present at these sites, but was not long enough to promote the establishment of new taxa. The low and high cover crop diversity treatments were under similar agricultural practices (pesticide use, tillage) in our experiment. Such practices probably filtered similar assemblages of arthropod species from the available species pool, but the high diversity treatment may have provided some of those species with more resources, allowing their abundance to increase. Indeed, the composition of arthropod communities was not affected by the treatment. Thus, our study reveals limited benefits of occasionally planting diverse cover crops to promote natural enemy diversity in vineyards. Future studies should address the temporal effects of cover crop diversity effects on natural enemy diversity, as well as the effects of functional plant diversity (Gardarin et al., 2018).

The landscape context modulated cover crop diversity effects on natural enemies and biological pest control

Our results indicate that the proportion of semi-natural habitats in the landscape modulates local plant diversity effects on biological pest control services. Indeed, increasing cover crop diversity had higher relative effect on predation rates and on natural enemy abundances in simplified landscapes than in more complex ones. However, this pattern was the opposite in more complex landscapes, where high cover crop diversity treatments had lower predation rates than low cover crop diversity treatments overall. Overall, diverse cover crops had positive effects on natural enemy abundance and predation rates below 50% of semi-natural habitats, but above, the effects were inconsistent. These results are in line with the intermediate landscape-complexity hypothesis (Tscharntke et al., 2012), and may reflect higher spill over in complex landscapes, where natural enemies do find resources and refuges in semi-natural habitats around vineyards, and are thus less affected by local management practices (Landis et al., 2000; Rusch et al., 2010). While in simplified landscapes, natural enemies may have benefited more from highly diverse cover crops, as refuges and habitats around vineyards are more limited.

Several studies have explored the interactive effect of local diversification and landscape context on biodiversity or pest control services and found inconsistent results (Albrecht et al., 2020; Haenke et al., 2009; Jönsson et al., 2015; Tschumi et al., 2015; Woltz et al., 2012). Evidently, the extent to which the landscape context modulates the local effect of plant diversification on natural enemies and biological pest control depends on multiple factors including farming practices, species pool composition, or pedoclimatic conditions that may explain the contrasted

effects found in the literature (Karp et al., 2018; Muneret et al., 2019; Woltz et al., 2012). Our findings are in line with the results of a recent study in Californian vineyards showing that flowering cover crops increase the abundance of natural enemies as well as parasitism rate of leafhoppers in landscapes with intermediate levels of diversity (Wilson et al., 2017). The hypothesis of a non-linear interactive effect between local plant diversity and landscape complexity on natural enemies and biological pest control could thus be particularly relevant in vineyard landscapes (Tscharntke et al., 2012).

Our results further highlight the complex relationships between the structure of natural enemy communities and the level of biological control services in agricultural landscapes. Indeed, high predation rates observed at intermediate landscape complexity were not associated with highest abundance or richness of natural enemies. Instead, the abundance of natural enemies (and to a lesser extent their richness) was lower at intermediate landscape complexity in our experiment. These results suggest that negative interactions between natural enemies may limit the top-down control of insect pests. Indeed, our results may reflect lower levels of intra-guild predation or negative behavioral interactions between predators at intermediate landscape complexity where predators were overall less abundant. Furthermore, only a subset of the natural enemy community is responsible for the predation of grape moth eggs, and recent evidence indicate that small predator species are particularly important for the regulation of grape moth in vineyards (Ostandie et al., 2020). The natural enemy species directly involved in the regulation of grape moth may respond differently than the overall natural enemy community which probably explains the contrasted patterns in natural enemy abundance and predation rates observed here.

Conclusion

The present study demonstrates that increasing local plant diversity benefits natural enemy abundance and biological pest control services mostly in simple vineyard landscapes. By illustrating how local and landscape scales diversification have interactive effects on natural enemies and the ecosystem services they deliver, our study provides evidence that local plant diversification schemes should be prioritized in rather simple landscapes (between 22% and 50% of semi-natural habitats) to maximize beneficial effects on biological pest control services. The results have important implications for the development of agroecology in vineyards, by highlighting the landscape context as a key driver of the success of local management practices aiming to improve biodiversity and ecosystem services.

Authors' contributions

AR, DT, and AA conceived the ideas and designed methodology; AA, MG and AP collected the data; LB performed the analyses and led the writing of the manuscript. All authors contributed critically to the drafts and gave final approval for publication.

Data availability

The data and R codes associated with the analyses will be made available publicly available on the GitHub repository (<https://github.com/leabeaumelle/EUCLID>) upon publication.

Acknowledgements

This study was partly funded by Europe H2020 program Societal Challenges (H2020-SFS-2014, Grant No. 633999). LB was funded by the research project SECBIVIT, which was funded

through the 2017–2018 Belmont Forum and BiodivERsA joint call for research proposals, under the BiodivScen ERA-Net COFUND programme, with the funding organisations: AEI/Spain, BMBF/Germany, ANR/France, NWO/Netherlands, UEFISCDI/Romania, FWF/Austria (Grant number I 4025-B32) and the NSF/USA (Grant #1850943). We thank the vineyard managers “*Les vigneronns de Tutiac*” for hosting the experiment and Olivier Boissières for facilitating.

References

Aguilera, G., Roslin, T., Miller, K., Tamburini, G., Birkhofer, K., Caballero-Lopez, B., Lindström, S.A.-M., Öckinger, E., Rundlöf, M., Rusch, A., et al. (2020). Crop diversity benefits carabid and pollinator communities in landscapes with semi-natural habitats. *Journal of Applied Ecology* 57, 2170–2179.

Albrecht, M., Kleijn, D., Williams, N.M., Tschumi, M., Blaauw, B.R., Bommarco, R., Campbell, A.J., Dainese, M., Drummond, F.A., Entling, M.H., et al. (2020). The effectiveness of flower strips and hedgerows on pest control, pollination services and crop yield: a quantitative synthesis. *Ecology Letters* *n/a*.

Andow, D.A. (1991). Vegetational Diversity and Arthropod Population Response. *Annu. Rev. Entomol.* 36, 561–586.

Balzan, M.V., Bocci, G., and Moonen, A.-C. (2014). Augmenting flower trait diversity in wildflower strips to optimise the conservation of arthropod functional groups for multiple agroecosystem services. *J Insect Conserv* 18, 713–728.

Barnes, A.D., Scherber, C., Brose, U., Borer, E.T., Ebeling, A., Gauzens, B., Giling, D.P., Hines, J., Isbell, F., Ristok, C., et al. (2020). Biodiversity enhances the multitrophic control of arthropod herbivory. *Science Advances* 6, eabb6603.

Bates, D., Mächler, M., Bolker, B., and Walker, S. (2015). Fitting Linear Mixed-Effects Models Using lme4. *Journal of Statistical Software* 67, 1–48.

Bianchi, F. j. j. a, Booij, C. j. h, and Tscharntke, T. (2006). Sustainable pest regulation in agricultural landscapes: a review on landscape composition, biodiversity and natural pest control. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences* 273, 1715–1727.

Bommarco, R., Kleijn, D., and Potts, S.G. (2013). Ecological intensification: harnessing ecosystem services for food security. *Trends in Ecology & Evolution* 28, 230–238.

- Cardinale, B.J., Duffy, J.E., Gonzalez, A., Hooper, D.U., Perrings, C., Venail, P., Narwani, A., Mace, G.M., Tilman, D., Wardle, D.A., et al. (2012). Biodiversity loss and its impact on humanity. *Nature* *486*, 59–67.
- Castagneyrol, B., and Jactel, H. (2012). Unraveling plant–animal diversity relationships: a meta-regression analysis. *Ecology* *93*, 2115–2124.
- Chaplin-Kramer, R., O'Rourke, M.E., Blitzer, E.J., and Kremen, C. (2011). A meta-analysis of crop pest and natural enemy response to landscape complexity. *Ecol Lett* *14*, 922–932.
- Daane, K.M., Hogg, B.N., Wilson, H., and Yokota, G.Y. (2018). Native grass ground covers provide multiple ecosystem services in Californian vineyards. *Journal of Applied Ecology* *55*, 2473–2483.
- Dainese, M., Martin, E.A., Aizen, M.A., Albrecht, M., Bartomeus, I., Bommarco, R., Carvalheiro, L.G., Chaplin-Kramer, R., Gagic, V., Garibaldi, L.A., et al. (2019). A global synthesis reveals biodiversity-mediated benefits for crop production. *Science Advances* *5*, eaax0121.
- Finch, S., and Collier, R.H. (2000). Host-plant selection by insects – a theory based on 'appropriate/inappropriate landings' by pest insects of cruciferous plants. *Entomologia Experimentalis et Applicata* *96*, 91–102.
- Forstmeier, W., and Schielzeth, H. (2011). Cryptic multiple hypotheses testing in linear models: overestimated effect sizes and the winner's curse. *Behav Ecol Sociobiol* *65*, 47–55.
- Frank, T., and Reichhart, B. (2004). Staphylinidae and Carabidae overwintering in wheat and sown wildflower areas of different age. *Bulletin of Entomological Research* *94*, 209–217.
- Ganser, D., Knop, E., and Albrecht, M. (2019). Sown wildflower strips as overwintering habitat for arthropods: Effective measure or ecological trap? *Agriculture, Ecosystems & Environment* *275*, 123–131.
- Gardarin, A., Plantegenest, M., Bischoff, A., and Valantin-Morison, M. (2018). Understanding plant–arthropod interactions in multitrophic communities to improve conservation biological control: useful traits and metrics. *J Pest Sci* *91*, 943–955.
- Geiger, F., Bengtsson, J., Berendse, F., Weisser, W.W., Emmerson, M., Morales, M.B., Ceryngier, P., Liira, J., Tscharrntke, T., Winqvist, C., et al. (2010). Persistent negative effects of pesticides on biodiversity and biological control potential on European farmland. *Basic and Applied Ecology* *11*, 97–105.
- Haenke, S., Scheid, B., Schaefer, M., Tscharrntke, T., and Thies, C. (2009). Increasing syrphid fly diversity and density in sown flower strips within simple vs. complex landscapes. *Journal of Applied Ecology* *46*, 1106–1114.

- 502 Harrison, X.A., Donaldson, L., Correa-Cano, M.E., Evans, J., Fisher, D.N., Goodwin, C.E.D.,
 503 Robinson, B.S., Hodgson, D.J., and Inger, R. (2018). A brief introduction to mixed effects
 504 modelling and multi-model inference in ecology. *PeerJ* 6, e4794.
- 505 Hartig, F., and Lohse, L. (2020). DHARMA: Residual Diagnostics for Hierarchical (Multi-Level /
 506 Mixed) Regression Models.
- 507 Holland, J.M., Bianchi, F.J., Entling, M.H., Moonen, A.-C., Smith, B.M., and Jeanneret, P.
 508 (2016). Structure, function and management of semi-natural habitats for conservation biological
 509 control: a review of European studies. *Pest Management Science* 72, 1638–1651.
- 510 IPBES (2019). Summary for policymakers of the global assessment report on biodiversity and
 511 ecosystem services of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and
 512 Ecosystem Services. IPBES Secretariat, Bonn, Germany 44.
- 513 Isbell, F., Calcagno, V., Hector, A., Connolly, J., Harpole, W.S., Reich, P.B., Scherer-Lorenzen,
 514 M., Schmid, B., Tilman, D., van Ruijven, J., et al. (2011). High plant diversity is needed to
 515 maintain ecosystem services. *Nature* 477, 199–202.
- 516 Jönsson, A.M., Ekroos, J., Dänhardt, J., Andersson, G.K.S., Olsson, O., and Smith, H.G. (2015).
 517 Sown flower strips in southern Sweden increase abundances of wild bees and hoverflies in the
 518 wider landscape. *Biological Conservation* 184, 51–58.
- 519 Karp, D.S., Chaplin-Kramer, R., Meehan, T.D., Martin, E.A., DeClerck, F., Grab, H., Gratton,
 520 C., Hunt, L., Larsen, A.E., Martínez-Salinas, A., et al. (2018). Crop pests and predators exhibit
 521 inconsistent responses to surrounding landscape composition. *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA* 115,
 522 E7863–E7870.
- 523 Koricheva, J., and Hayes, D. (2018). The relative importance of plant intraspecific diversity in
 524 structuring arthropod communities: A meta-analysis. *Functional Ecology* 32, 1704–1717.
- 525 Kremen, C., and Merenlender, A.M. (2018). Landscapes that work for biodiversity and people.
 526 *Science* 362.
- 527 Landis, D.A., Wratten, S.D., and Gurr, G.M. (2000). Habitat Management to Conserve Natural
 528 Enemies of Arthropod Pests in Agriculture. *Annual Review of Entomology* 45, 175–201.
- 529 Langellotto, G.A., and Denno, R.F. (2004). Responses of invertebrate natural enemies to
 530 complex-structured habitats: a meta-analytical synthesis. *Oecologia* 139, 1–10.
- 531 Letourneau, D.K., Armbrrecht, I., Rivera, B.S., Lerma, J.M., Carmona, E.J., Daza, M.C., Escobar,
 532 S., Galindo, V., Gutiérrez, C., López, S.D., et al. (2011). Does plant diversity benefit
 533 agroecosystems? A synthetic review. *Ecological Applications* 21, 9–21.
- 534 Lewis, W.J., Lenteren, J.C. van, Phatak, S.C., and Tumlinson, J.H. (1997). A total system
 535 approach to sustainable pest management. *PNAS* 94, 12243–12248.

- 536 Moreira, X., Abdala-Roberts, L., Rasmann, S., Castagneyrol, B., and Mooney, K.A. (2016).
537 Plant diversity effects on insect herbivores and their natural enemies: current thinking, recent
538 findings, and future directions. *Current Opinion in Insect Science* 14, 1–7.
- 539 Muneret, L., Thiéry, D., Joubard, B., and Rusch, A. (2018). Deployment of organic farming at a
540 landscape scale maintains low pest infestation and high crop productivity levels in vineyards.
541 *Journal of Applied Ecology* 55, 1516–1525.
- 542 Muneret, L., Auriol, A., Thiéry, D., and Rusch, A. (2019). Organic farming at local and
543 landscape scales fosters biological pest control in vineyards. *Ecological Applications* 29, e01818.
- 544 Oksanen, J., Blanchet, F.G., Friendly, M., Kindt, R., Legendre, P., McGlinn, D., Minchin, P.R.,
545 O'Hara, R.B., Simpson, G.L., Solymos, P., et al. (2019). *vegan: Community Ecology Package*.
- 546 Ostandie, N., Muneret, L., Giffard, B., Thiéry, D., and Rusch, A. (2020). The shape of the
547 predator biomass distribution affects biological pest control services in agricultural landscapes.
548 *Functional Ecology* *n/a*.
- 549 R Core Team (2019). *R: A language and environment for statistical computing* (Vienna,
550 Austria).
- 551 Root, R.B. (1973). Organization of a Plant-Arthropod Association in Simple and Diverse
552 Habitats: The Fauna of Collards (*Brassica Oleracea*). *Ecological Monographs* 43, 95–124.
- 553 Rusch, A., Valantin-Morison, M., Sarthou, J.-P., and Roger-Estrade, J. (2010). Chapter six -
554 Biological Control of Insect Pests in Agroecosystems: Effects of Crop Management, Farming
555 Systems, and Seminatural Habitats at the Landscape Scale: A Review. In *Advances in*
556 *Agronomy*, D.L. Sparks, ed. pp. 219–259.
- 557 Rusch, A., Chaplin-Kramer, R., Gardiner, M.M., Hawro, V., Holland, J., Landis, D., Thies, C.,
558 Tscharnkte, T., Weisser, W.W., Winqvist, C., et al. (2016). Agricultural landscape simplification
559 reduces natural pest control: A quantitative synthesis. *Agriculture, Ecosystems & Environment*
560 221, 198–204.
- 561 Rusch, A., Bommarco, R., and Ekbom, B. (2017). Chapter Ten - Conservation Biological
562 Control in Agricultural Landscapes. In *Advances in Botanical Research*, N. Sauvion, D. Thiéry,
563 and P.-A. Calatayud, eds. (Academic Press), pp. 333–360.
- 564 Russell, E.P. (1989). Enemies Hypothesis: A Review of the Effect of Vegetational Diversity on
565 Predatory Insects and Parasitoids. *Environ Entomol* 18, 590–599.
- 566 Sabatier, P., Poulenard, J., Fanget, B., Reyss, J.-L., Develle, A.-L., Wilhelm, B., Ployon, E.,
567 Pignol, C., Naffrechoux, E., Dorioz, J.-M., et al. (2014). Long-term relationships among
568 pesticide applications, mobility, and soil erosion in a vineyard watershed. *Proceedings of the*
569 *National Academy of Sciences* 111, 15647–15652.
- 570 Sáenz-Romo, M.G., Veas-Bernal, A., Martínez-García, H., Campos-Herrera, R., Ibáñez-Pascual,
571 S., Martínez-Villar, E., Pérez-Moreno, I., and Marco-Mancebón, V.S. (2019). Ground cover

- 572 management in a Mediterranean vineyard: Impact on insect abundance and diversity.
573 *Agriculture, Ecosystems & Environment* 283, 106571.
- 574 Sarthou, J.-P., Badoz, A., Vaissière, B., Chevallier, A., and Rusch, A. (2014). Local more than
575 landscape parameters structure natural enemy communities during their overwintering in semi-
576 natural habitats. *Agriculture, Ecosystems & Environment* 194, 17–28.
- 577 Scherber, C., Eisenhauer, N., Weisser, W.W., Schmid, B., Voigt, W., Fischer, M., Schulze, E.-
578 D., Roscher, C., Weigelt, A., Allan, E., et al. (2010). Bottom-up effects of plant diversity on
579 multitrophic interactions in a biodiversity experiment. *Nature* 468, 553–556.
- 580 Tena, A., Pekas, A., Cano, D., Wäckers, F.L., and Urbaneja, A. (2015). Sugar provisioning
581 maximizes the biocontrol service of parasitoids. *Journal of Applied Ecology* 52, 795–804.
- 582 Thiery, D., and Visser, J.H. (1986). Masking of host plant odour in the olfactory orientation of
583 the Colorado potato beetle. *Entomologia Experimentalis et Applicata* 41, 165–172.
- 584 Thiéry, D., Louâpre, P., Muneret, L., Rusch, A., Sentenac, G., Vogelweith, F., Iltis, C., and
585 Moreau, J. (2018). Biological protection against grape berry moths. A review. *Agron. Sustain.*
586 *Dev.* 38, 15.
- 587 Tscharntke, T., Tylianakis, J.M., Rand, T.A., Didham, R.K., Fahrig, L., Batáry, P., Bengtsson, J.,
588 Clough, Y., Crist, T.O., Dormann, C.F., et al. (2012). Landscape moderation of biodiversity
589 patterns and processes - eight hypotheses. *Biological Reviews* 87, 661–685.
- 590 Tschumi, M., Albrecht, M., Entling, M.H., and Jacot, K. (2015). High effectiveness of tailored
591 flower strips in reducing pests and crop plant damage. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B:*
592 *Biological Sciences* 282, 20151369.
- 593 Tschumi, M., Albrecht, M., Collatz, J., Dubsky, V., Entling, M.H., Najar-Rodriguez, A.J., and
594 Jacot, K. (2016). Tailored flower strips promote natural enemy biodiversity and pest control in
595 potato crops. *Journal of Applied Ecology* 53, 1169–1176.
- 596 Wäckers, F.L., Romeis, J., and van Rijn, P. (2007). Nectar and Pollen Feeding by Insect
597 Herbivores and Implications for Multitrophic Interactions. *Annual Review of Entomology* 52,
598 301–323.
- 599 Wan, N.-F., Zheng, X.-R., Fu, L.-W., Kiær, L.P., Zhang, Z., Chaplin-Kramer, R., Dainese, M.,
600 Tan, J., Qiu, S.-Y., Hu, Y.-Q., et al. (2020). Global synthesis of effects of plant species diversity
601 on trophic groups and interactions. *Nature Plants* 6, 503–510.
- 602 Wilson, H., Miles, A.F., Daane, K.M., and Altieri, M.A. (2017). Landscape diversity and crop
603 vigor outweigh influence of local diversification on biological control of a vineyard pest.
604 *Ecosphere* 8, e01736.
- 605 Winter, S., Bauer, T., Strauss, P., Kratschmer, S., Paredes, D., Popescu, D., Landa, B., Guzmán,
606 G., Gómez, J.A., Guernion, M., et al. (2018). Effects of vegetation management intensity on

607 biodiversity and ecosystem services in vineyards: A meta-analysis. *Journal of Applied Ecology*
608 55, 2484–2495.

609 Woltz, J.M., Isaacs, R., and Landis, D.A. (2012). Landscape structure and habitat management
610 differentially influence insect natural enemies in an agricultural landscape. *Agriculture,*
611 *Ecosystems & Environment* 152, 40–49.

612 Zuur, A.F., Ieno, E.N., Walker, N., Saveliev, A.A., and Smith, G.M. (2009). *Mixed effects*
613 *models and extensions in ecology with R* (New York, NY: Springer New York).

614

Supporting information

Beaumelle et al. “Plant diversification across scales enhances biological pest control in agricultural landscapes”

List of plant species in the high cover crop diversity treatment

Anethum graveolens, *Carum carvi*, *Foeniculum vulgare*, *Coriandrum sativum* (Fam. Apiaceae), *Borago officinalis* (Fam. Boraginaceae), *Centaurea cyanus* (Fam. Asteraceae), *Sinapis arvensis*, *Raphanus sativus* (Fam. Brassicaceae), *Vicia sativa*, *Ornithopus sativus*, *Calendula officinalis*, *Melilotus officinalis*, *Trifolium incarnatum*, *T. alexandrinum*, *T. aureum*, *Medicago lupulina* (Fam. Fabaceae), *Malva sylvestris* (Fam. Malvaceae), *Phacelia tanacetifolia* (Fam. Hydrophyllaceae), *Origanum vulgare* (Fam. Lamiaceae), *Fagopyrum esculentum* (Fam. Polygonaceae).

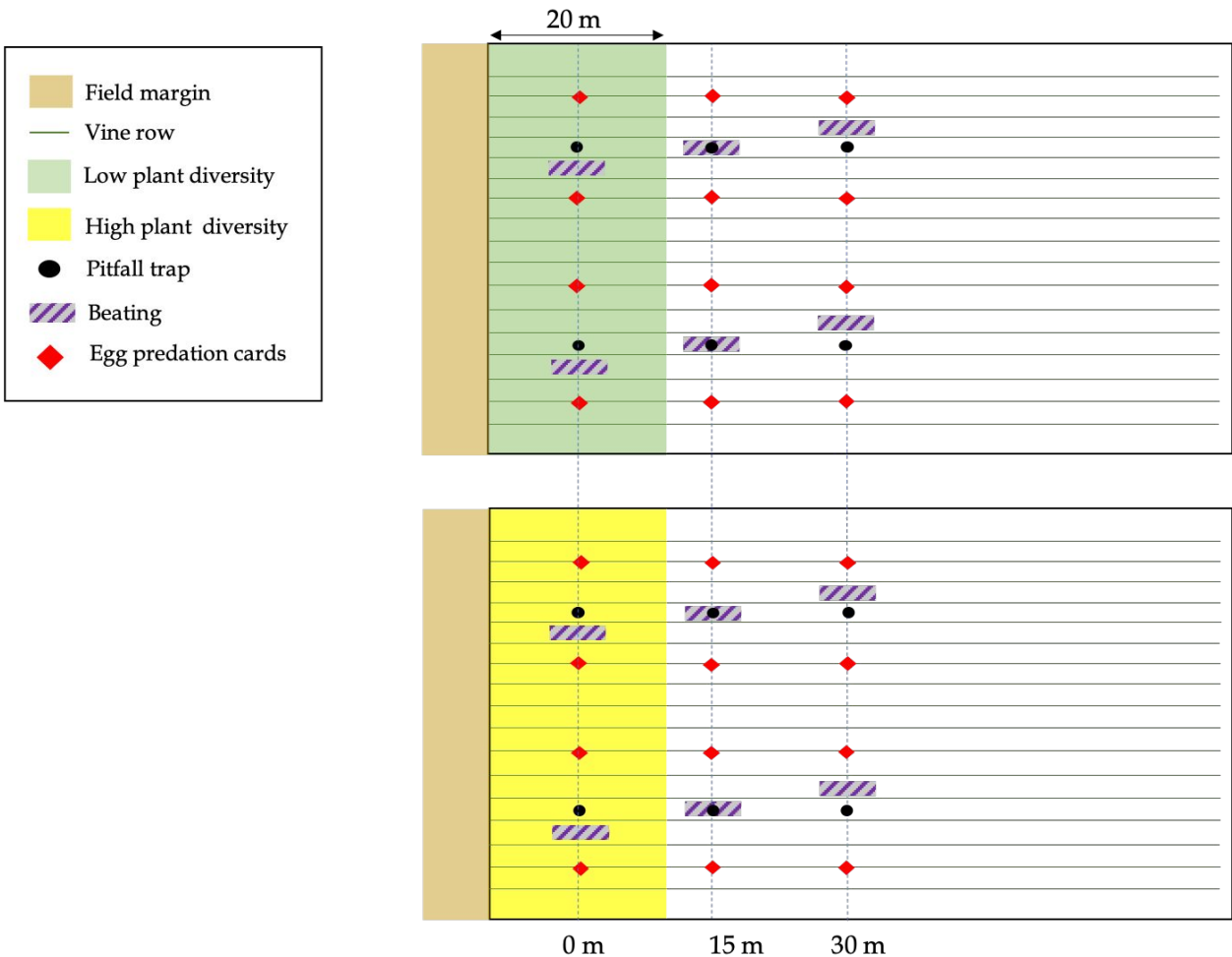


Figure S1. Experimental design showing the location of cover crop treatments (high versus low diversity) and of arthropod samplings and sentinel cards on vineyard plots. Sweeping samplings and sentinel larvae cards were conducted but not presented here.

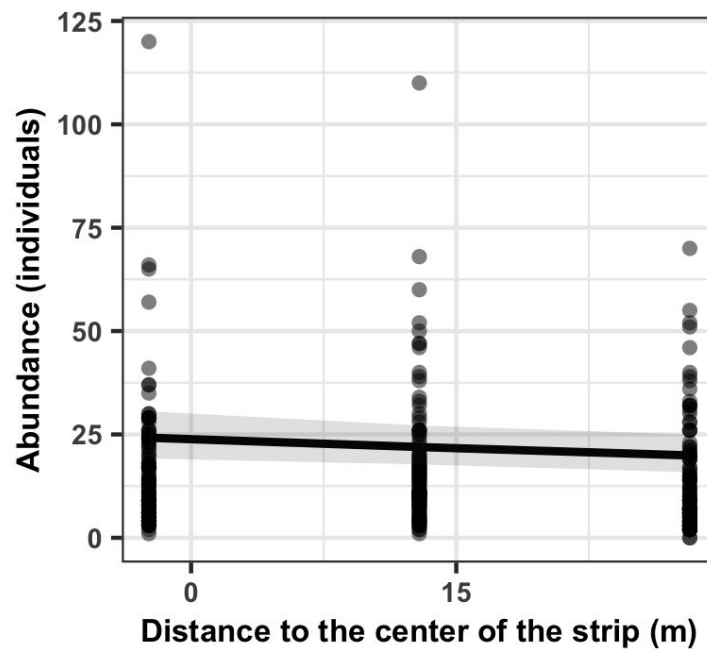


Figure S2 - The abundance of natural enemies decreased with increasing distance to the center of the cover crop treatments across cover crop diversity treatments. Points are individual observations across sampling sessions, guilds and landscapes. Slope and 95% confidence interval estimated from GLMM (Estimate = -0.08, SE = 0.04, $p = 0.032$).

Table S1 - Results of GLMMs of natural enemy abundance, taxonomic richness, and predation rates (number of sentinel eggs predated).

	Abundance			Taxa Richness			Predation (predated eggs)		
Predictors	Incidence Rate Ratios	CI	p	Incidence Rate Ratios	CI	p	Incidence Rate Ratios	CI	p
(Intercept)	22.11	18.64 – 26.23	<0.001	9.34	8.39 – 10.40	<0.001	2.94	2.65 – 3.26	<0.001
Ldscp [1st degree]	0.10	0.00 – 2.14	0.141	0.18	0.03 – 1.20	0.077	0.31	0.01 – 8.24	0.486
Ldscp [2nd degree]	2.72	0.13 – 55.57	0.516	2.98	0.44 – 20.00	0.262	0.01	0.00 – 0.20	0.003
Treatment [Low Div]	0.90	0.75 – 1.10	0.304	0.99	0.88 – 1.12	0.916	0.93	0.84 – 1.04	0.189
Guild [Vine]	0.49	0.40 – 0.60	<0.001	0.64	0.56 – 0.73	<0.001			
Distance	0.95	0.83 – 1.09	0.451	0.99	0.91 – 1.07	0.752	0.99	0.92 – 1.07	0.893
Ldscp [1st degree] *	3.91	0.13 – 115.53	0.430	2.60	0.35 – 19.27	0.350	237.53	7.34 – 7691.55	0.002
Treatment [Low Div]									
Ldscp [2nd degree] *	88.76	2.81 – 2808.65	0.011	4.08	0.52 – 31.71	0.179	6.77	0.21 – 221.85	0.283
Treatment [Low Div]									
Ldscp [1st degree] *	5.80	0.17 – 202.88	0.332	3.51	0.37 – 33.17	0.273			
Guild [Vine]									
Ldscp [2nd degree] *	0.77	0.02 – 27.54	0.884	0.93	0.09 – 9.54	0.948			
Guild [Vine]									
Treatment [Low Div] *	0.84	0.63 – 1.11	0.221	0.86	0.71 – 1.04	0.116			
Guild [Vine]									
Treatment [Low Div] *	1.02	0.84 – 1.24	0.851	0.98	0.88 – 1.11	0.789	1.00	0.90 – 1.11	0.990
Distance									
Guild [Vine] * Distance	0.87	0.71 – 1.07	0.194	0.95	0.83 – 1.08	0.433			
(Ldscp [1st degree] *)	1.96	0.01 – 279.97	0.791	1.28	0.05 – 31.83	0.880			
Treatment [Low Div]) *									
Guild [Vine]									
(Ldscp [2nd degree] *)	0.03	0.00 – 4.63	0.172	0.20	0.01 – 5.53	0.344			
Treatment [Low Div]) *									
Guild [Vine]									
(Treatment [Low Div] *)	1.11	0.82 – 1.49	0.501	1.04	0.86 – 1.26	0.697			
Guild [Vine]) * Distance									
Random Effects									
σ ²	0.33			0.15			0.55		
T ₀₀	0.07	Site:session		0.03	Site:session		0.03	Site:Session	
ICC	0.18			0.18			0.05		
N	9	Site		9	Site		9	Site	
	3	session		3	session		3	Session	
Observations	315			315			999		
Marginal R ² Conditional R ²	0.353			0.317			0.045		
	0.471			0.437			0.096		

Table S2: Results of partial RDA of natural enemy community composition

Explanatory variables	Df	Variance	<i>F</i>	<i>p</i>	
Treatment	1	0.003	0.75	0.69	
Guild	1	0.21	49.26	0.001	***
Landscape complexity	1	0.01	3.01	0.01	**
Distance to the cover crop	1	0	1.08	0.26	
Treatment x Guild	1	0	0.77	0.62	
Treatment x Landscape complexity	1	0	1.13	0.25	
Guild x Landscape complexity	1	0	2.79	0.015	**
Treatment x Distance to the cover crop	1	0	0.95	0.39	
Guild x Distance to the cover crop	1	0	0.89	0.48	
Treatment x Guild x Landscape complexity	1	0	1.09	0.27	
Treatment x Guild x Distance to the cover crop	1	0	0.97	0.4	
Residuals	96				

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.'