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# Impact of Agroecological Infrastructures on the Dynamics of *Dysaphis plantaginea* Passerini (Hemiptera: Aphididae) and its Natural Enemies in Apple Orchards in Northwestern France

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1 ABSTRACT

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Apple orchard production is facing new environmental and societal challenges, resulting, in particular, 3 in strong pressure to reduce pesticide use. Cider-apple production, for which the perfect visual aspect 4 of fruits is not a marketability imperative, offers good opportunities to study production systems that are 5 6 developing new agronomic strategies, which could be subsequently extended to all apple-production 7 types. Agroecological infrastructures play an important role in providing shelter, food resources or reproduction habitats to many arthropods. Consequently, setting-up agroecological infrastructures in the 8 9 vicinity of or within orchards could increase natural enemy presence and thus improve the biological 10 control of pests. In this study, we focused on Dysaphis plantaginea (Passerini), one of the major pests 11 in apple orchards in Europe, which causes important economic production losses. During two years 12 (2014 and 2015), we monitored the population dynamics of Dysaphis plantaginea, its natural enemies 13 and mutualistic ants in commercial production cider-apple orchards. The influences of the cider-apple 14 cultivar, insecticide use and distance to agroecological infrastructures (hedgerows and flower strips) 15 were assessed. Our results suggest that flower strips favour an increase in natural enemy abundance 16 in the vicinity of the orchards and could thus play an important role in the production system by improving 17 the biological control of Dysaphis plantaginea.

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#### 19 Keywords

20 Biological control, cider-apple orchard, *Dysaphis plantaginea*, flower strip, hedgerow

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22 In the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the green revolution allowed an unprecedented increase in 23 agricultural yields in developed countries. This yield increase was achieved by the generalization of 24 agricultural mechanization and the use of synthetic pesticides and fertilizers. The green revolution 25 resulted in agricultural landscape simplification (Robinson and Sutherland 2002, Benton et al. 2003) and 26 produced numerous negative side effects on biodiversity (Krebs et al. 1999), human health (Lee et al. 27 2004, Simon et al. 2007) and the quality of soil and water (Moss 2008). Consequently, a change in the 28 current agricultural paradigm and the development of more environmentally friendly agricultural 29 practices are strongly required.

Agroecology proposes to primarily base agricultural production on the mobilization of natural processes and the improvement of ecosystem services (e.g. pollination, nutrient cycling, biological control of pests) rather than on chemical inputs. In particular, promoting the natural control of pests would lead to insecticide use reduction. The resulting reduction of economic and environmental costs would contribute to increase farmer benefits and the environmental sustainability of agriculture (Tschumi et al. 2015).

35 Various approaches have been proposed to improve pest biological control, including changes in 36 practices (e.g. pesticide use reduction, accurate choice of cultivars) and establishing agroecological 37 infrastructures within or in the vicinity of the crop (Haenke et al. 2009, Miñarro and Prida 2013). 38 Agroecological infrastructures include hedgerows, flower strips, permanent grasslands and woodlands. They may provide pests and natural enemies with various beneficial functions, including suitable 39 40 microclimatic conditions and refuge during adverse seasons (Landis et al. 2000). Thus, spiders, beetles 41 and syrphids use them as overwintering areas (Collins et al. 2003, Sarthou et al. 2005, Pfiffner et al. 42 2013). Agroecological infrastructures also provide pollen and nectar resources that increase the 43 longevity of parasitoids (Wäckers 2001, Berndt and Wratten 2005) and improve the fecundity of other 44 insects (Schmale et al. 2001, Wäckers 2001, Winkler et al. 2006, Hogg et al. 2011, Laubertie et al. 2012, 45 Rijn et al. 2013). Agroecological infrastructures also provide alternative prey for generalist predators 46 when these resources are not available in the crop (Wyss 1996, Denys and Tscharntke 2002, Lavandero 47 et al. 2005).

48 Northwestern France (i.e. Bretagne, Normandie and Pays de la Loire regions) is the number one cider-49 apple producing area in Europe. Cider-apple orchard cultivation is thus important in the local economy. 50 The management of apple orchards is based on the intensive use of pesticides to control pests and pathogens (Sauphanor et al. 2009). Currently, farmers are under strong pressure to develop 51 52 environmentally friendly protection strategies to address the new challenges imposed by society, and 53 environmental laws. Because cider-apples are transformed, their perfect visual aspect is not a 54 prerequisite of their marketability and fewer pesticide treatments are applied in cider-apple orchards 55 than in orchards for fresh fruit production (approximately 15 vs 35 treatments per year). Consequently, cider-apple orchards offer an opportunity to develop and test protection strategies using less pesticide, 56 which could subsequently be generalized. 57

58 Approximately 60 phytophagous arthropod species are considered to be apple pests (Jenser et al. 59 1999). The rosy apple aphid (RAA) *Dysaphis plantaginea* Passerini (Hemiptera: Aphididae), is among

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60 the most detrimental pests, causing significant economic losses by reducing yield (Blommers et al. 2004). The RAA is problematic not only in organic but also in conventional orchards due to its very low 61 62 abundance threshold for economic damage, resulting in a low treatment threshold (i.e., as soon as the 63 pest is detected) (Cross et al. 2007). As a consequence, an increase in insecticide resistance has been 64 recorded (Delorme et al. 1998). Many recent studies have suggested that improving biological control efficiency could be an alternative to insecticides use to limit RAA populations (Hemptinne et al. 2003, 65 Dib et al. 2010, Miñarro and Prida 2013). RAA is a host-alternating aphid species. Its primary host is the 66 67 apple tree Malus domestica Borkh. (Rosales: Rosaceae), and its secondary hosts are plantain herbs 68 Plantago spp, mainly P. lanceolata L. (Lamiales: Plantaginaceae) (Blommers, 1999). At the beginning of spring, eggs laid in autumn hatch on apple trees producing parthenogenically reproducing females 69 70 (Lathrop 1928, Bonnemaison 1959, Blommers et al. 2004). Migration to a secondary host occurs from 71 mid-June to July in the North of France. The aphids return to apple trees in autumn, where a sexual 72 generation of oviparous females lays fertilized overwintering eggs on the apple trees. The economic 73 losses caused by this leaf-roller aphid, which develops on the lower side of the leaves, are mainly due 74 to the deformations caused to the fruits and growing shoots, decreasing the yield in the year of 75 infestation, as well as in following years (Bonnemaison 1959, De Berardinis et al. 1994, Wilkaniec and 76 Trzcinski, 1997, Blommers et al. 2004).

77 Several recent studies have focused on the community of natural enemies, which could play a role in 78 the biological control of D. plantaginea during spring. In Europe, this community is mostly composed of 79 syrphids, coccinellids, parasitoids (mainly *Ephedrus* sp – Hymenoptera: Braconidae), earwigs, spiders 80 and Aphidoletes sp (Diptera: Cecidomyiidae) (Wyss et al. 1999, Miñarro et al. 2005, Dib et al. 2010, Arnaudov et al. 2013). The abundance of these natural enemies in orchards depends on the abundance 81 82 of RAA prey (Dib et al. 2016) and on the intra-guild predation pressure (Rosenheim et al. 1993, 83 Rosenheim et al. 1995, Korenko and Pekár 2010). Thus, while an increase in natural enemy abundance 84 is expected to result in a decrease in RAA abundance, this trend may reverse when intra-guild predation is important (Snyder and Ives 2001). RAA population dynamics also depend on the presence of ants in 85 86 the colony, as D. plantaginea is commonly attended by ants (Bonnemaison 1959, Stary 1970). Interactions between the ants and myrmecophilous aphids are beneficial for both arthropods: ants are 87 supplied with sugar through aphids' honeydew whereas aphids improve their reproductive rate (El-Ziady 88 89 and Kennedy 1956, Banks and Nixon 1958, Flatt and Weisser 2000) and are protected against natural 90 enemies (Stadler and Dixon 1999, Yao et al. 2000, Kaneko 2003). Thus, the relationship between ants
91 and *D. plantaginea* enhances the growth of aphid colonies by reducing aphid predation by their natural
92 enemies (Stewart-Jones et al. 2008, Miñarro et al. 2010).

93 Several recent studies noted the potential of agroecological infrastructures to improve the biological 94 control of D. plantaginea by favouring the natural enemy community (Dib et al. 2012, Miñarro and Prida 95 2013, Pfiffner et al. 2013). Knowledge about the distance at which agroecological infrastructures are 96 operating would help to determine the required density needed to provide an efficient biological control. 97 Indeed, several studies noted that the distance to agroecological infrastructures influenced parasitoids 98 (Corbett and Rosenheim 1996, Lavandero et al. 2005), spiders (Miliczky and Horton 2005) and syrphids 99 (Bowie 1999) abundances. Moreover, the link between the distance to agroecological infrastructures 100 and natural enemy abundance is not systematically linear. For instance, Tylianakis et al. (2004) have 101 shown that the proportion of the aphid Metopolophium dirhodum parasitised by Aphidius rhopalosiphi 102 decreased exponentially with the distance to flower resources.

The present project aimed to determine the impact of two types of agroecological infrastructures - flower strips and hedgerows - on the abundance of arthropods interacting with *D. plantaginea* (natural enemies and ants) and its consequences on RAA population dynamics. The influence of the distance to these two types of agroecological infrastructures on arthropod dynamics was assessed in 14 cider-apple orchards in northwestern France, which exhibit a range of farming practices (cultivars, insecticide use). For this purpose, the arthropod populations (aphids, their main natural enemies and their mutualistic ants) were monitored in spring during two successive years.

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#### Materials and Methods

#### Monitored Cider-Apple Orchards

Experiments were carried out in the spring and early summer in 2014 and 2015 in cider-apple orchards in seven locations in northwestern France (Fig. 1). The orchards were planted between 2010 and 2012 with three different cider-apple cultivars (three consecutive rows of each cultivar: Douce de l'Avent<sub>cov</sub>, Dabinett and Judor) grafted onto MM106 rootstock. The three cultivars differed in their vigour and precocity: Douce de l'Avent<sub>cov</sub> (DDA) was the most vigorous and precocious cultivar, Dabinett (DAB) was the less precocious cultivar and Judor (JUD) was intermediate.

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119 In each location, two contiguous orchards were studied that differed in regard to insecticide application 120 and in the agroecological infrastructures established (Table 1). Only five out of the seven locations were 121 monitored in 2014 (Fig. 1).

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#### 123 **Monitored Trees**

124 Approximately one-third of the trees were systematically monitored in each orchard (63 to 423 125 contiguous trees, depending on the considered orchard - Table 1). For each apple tree, the distance to 126 the closest hedgerow (ranging from 5 m to 57 m), the distance to the closest flower strip (ranging from 127 0 m to 63 m) and the insecticide use were recorded, and the arthropod population dynamics were 128 monitored.

129 The hedgerows were mainly composed of Carpinus betulus, Cornus sp, Corylus avellana, Viburnum sp, 130 Sambucus nigra and Quercus pedonculata. All flower strips, established specifically for the study, 131 included Centaurea cyanus, Silene vulgaris, Silene latifolia alba and Achillea millefolium.

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#### Assessment of Insecticide Toxicity to Beneficial Arthropods

Calendars of the insecticide treatments in 2014 and 2015 were collected. The Environmental Impact 134 135 Quotient (EIQ) was used to estimate the toxicity of each insecticide (https://nysipm.cornell.edu/eig) to 136 beneficial arthropods. EIQ assigns to each insecticide ingredient a score ranging from 5 to 125 according 137 to its toxicity to beneficial arthropods (Kovach et al. 1992). We calculated the cumulative impact of the 138 insecticides applied during the period of RAA presence in the apple trees (from March to July) in each orchard using the following formula: 139

140  $EIQ_{field use rating} = \sum (EIQ_i * RT_i * \% active ingredient_i),$ 

141 where  $E|Q_i$  is the EIQ value assigned to the active ingredient contained in the insecticide *i* relative to 142 beneficial arthropods, RT<sub>i</sub>, the rate of insecticide i use and %active ingredient<sub>i</sub> the percentage of active 143 ingredient in the insecticide *i*. The EIQ<sub>field use rating</sub> ranged from 0 to 6.61, depending on the year, the orchard and the cultivar (Table 1). The main active ingredients used against RAA in the cider orchard 144 145 were flonicamid, acetamiprid and lambda cyhalothrin.

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#### 147 Monitoring of Arthropod Population Dynamics

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149	enemies and ants within the RAA colonies. The mean height of the monitored trees was 3.4 m (SD 0
150	m). All terminal shoots of each monitored tree were inspected from the lowest branch up to a heigh
151	1.7 m for practical reasons. In 2014 and 2015, the trees were monitored every week from mid-Apri
152	the end of June and every two weeks from mid-March to mid-April and during July (except in the t
153	orchards (4a and 4b) located at location 4, where the RAA populations were recorded every two wee
154	from April to July).
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157	At each observation date, the total number of RAA individuals was counted on each monitored tree.
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159	Natural Enemies and Ants Observed in RAA Colonies
160	At each observation date, the number and identity of each natural enemy type and the number of a
161	found within the RAA colonies were recorded and summed for each monitored tree. We also record
162	the developmental stage of all of the observed natural enemies, as not all stages are involved in ap
163	control. In most cases, natural enemy identification was at the family level. Ants were not identified
164	the species level. However, we observed only Lasius niger and Formica sp.
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166	Data Analysis
167	Dysaphis plantaginea
168	Three variables were considered to characterize the RAA population dynamics on each monitored to
169	and for each studied year to assess the different ecological processes:
170	(i) The presence/absence variable (PA), indicating the RAA colonization process, was set to 0 when
171	RAA was observed at any date or to 1 when at least one RAA was observed on the monitored tree
172	(ii) The logarithm of the area under the curve ( <i>logAUC</i> ) of the tree population abundance, indicating
173	situ RAA population dynamics (survival and reproduction)
174	(iii) The presence duration (PD), in days (last date at which at least 1 aphid was observed minus
175	first date at which at least 1 aphid was observed), indicating the RAA emigration process
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177	Natural Enemies and Ants

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The monitored trees were visually inspected to record the RAA abundance and the abundance of natural

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Natural enemy dynamics and ants were only assessed on the monitored trees in which at least one RAA was observed (i.e., a monitored tree where the RAA presence/absence was set to 1). The natural enemy dynamics were characterized using the same variables as for RAA (*PA*, *logAUC* and *PD*) for each considered developmental stage (egg, larva, adult) of each taxon. A global variable (*allNE*) was also created by summing the counts of all observed natural enemies for any stage and taxon. The three dynamics variables were also calculated for *allNE*. The ant dynamics were characterized in the same way as those of RAA and their natural enemies (*PA*, *logAUC* and *PD*).

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#### Statistical Analyses

187 The main purpose of our study was to assess the influence of agroecological infrastructures on the three 188 above variables characterizing RAA population dynamics. First, Generalized Linear Mixed Models 189 (GLMM) were used to assess the influence of each considered factor (distance to the closest hedgerow, 190 distance to the closest flower strip, ElQfield rating use and cultivar) on each RAA population dynamics 191 variable (PA, logAUC and PD) as well as its significance. Second, to assess in what extent factor effects 192 could result from variations in natural enemy and ant population dynamics, the same GLMMs were fitted 193 to the population dynamics variables associated to each natural enemy taxon and to ants but including 194 as well the rosy apple aphid abundance (logAUC) as a supplementary explanatory variable. This allowed 195 assessing how the dynamics of natural enemies and ants are impacted by agroecological infrastructures 196 and other agricultural variables for a given level of rosy apple aphid abundance. Introducing the logAUC 197 of RAA as a fixed factor was equivalent to analysing the influence of the factors under study on the 198 abundance ratio between the natural enemies and aphids or between the ants and aphids. In all models 199 two random factors were added, the orchard location and the studied year. All statistical analyses were 200 carried out with the R 3.1.3 software (R core Team 2015) using the tree as the observation unit.

PA were fitted assuming a binomial distribution, *logAUC* were fitted assuming a normal distribution and
 PD were fitted using a Gamma distribution, regardless of the arthropod taxon. The mixed linear models
 were fitted using the lme4 package, version 1.1-7 (Bates et al. 2015). A significance threshold of p=0.05
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Results

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#### Aphid Abundance and its Variation in Space and Time

The mean abundance of RAA observed per tree and per sampling date varied widely, depending on the studied year and studied orchard. For instance, in 2014, the mean number of RAA per tree and per sampling date ranged from 0.8 in orchard *3b* to 95.5 in orchard *7a* (Table 2 and Appendix B). Globally, the pest abundance was higher in 2015 than in 2014 in all orchards, except in orchards *4a* and *4b* (Appendix B).

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#### Community of Natural Enemies and its Variation in Space and Time

216 The composition of the natural enemy community remained fairly stable from one year to the next (Table 217 2). The natural enemy community was dominated by Syrphidae (45% and 32% of the natural enemies 218 observed in 2014 and 2015, respectively) and Coccinellidae (22% and 36% of the natural enemies 219 observed in 2014 and 2015, respectively), followed by Forficulidae (18% and 15% of the natural enemies 220 observed in 2014 and 2015, respectively) and Araneae (9% of the natural enemies observed in both 221 years). Few Chrysopidae, Hemiptera and Cantharidae were observed in both years and were not 222 retained for the subsequent detailed statistical analyses (Table 2). Similarly few mummies were 223 observed and the ratio of the mummy number to the RAA number never exceeded 0.2% whatever the 224 considered year and orchard.

A large variation in the abundance of RAA, natural enemies and ants was observed among the orchards
(Appendix B).

The natural enemy community composition varied strongly during the season. The community was dominated by Syrphidae early in the season and then by Coccinellidae and other natural enemies (Fig.

229 2). In both years, the RAA populations peaked between mid-May and the end of May.

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Table 3 provides a synthetic overview of the results of the GLMMs. Aphids and ants appeared to be more abundant in the vicinity of the hedgerows. On the contrary, hedgerows had in most cases no effect on the natural enemies. They only have a positive effect on the presence duration of Syrphidae larvae and of Syrphidae eggs and a negative effect on the presence duration of Coccinellidae larvae. On the contrary, aphids and ants were less abundant in the vicinity of the flower strips, while all of the natural 239 enemies except the Araneae were positively impacted. All arthropods were generally more abundant on 240 the Douce de l'Avent<sub>cov</sub> cultivar, followed by Judor, and were generally negatively impacted by the 241 insecticide use (*EIQ<sub>field use rating</sub>*). However, the insecticide effect on the Syrphidae and Coccinellidae was 242 ambiguous. Indeed, the Syrphidae eggs (logAUC and PD) and Coccinellidae larvae (PD) were positively impacted by the EIQ<sub>field use rating</sub> but the Syrphidae larvae (PA) and the Coccinellidae eggs were negatively 243 244 impacted by the EIQfield use rating (PA) (Appendix A). Finally, all natural enemy and ant abundances were 245 positively impacted by aphid abundance. The results were generally consistent regardless of the 246 variables used to describe the arthropod dynamics (PA, logAUC and PD) or the considered natural 247 enemy stage (egg, larva, adult). Detailed results by stage and variables are provided in Appendix A.

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#### Discussion

#### **Main Findings**

251 This study was carried out under field and farming production conditions. Spatio-temporal variations 252 regarding the abundance of aphids and of their natural enemies have long been reported to depend on 253 farming practices (Marliac et al. 2015) and on climatic conditions (Hemptinne et al. 1994, Roy et al. 254 2002). Variations among locations and between years in population dynamics of RAA and their natural 255 enemies are not surprising and were modelled as random factors to focus on the effects of farmer 256 practices (insecticide treatment and cultivar choice) and of agroecological infrastructures (distances to 257 the closest hedgerow and to the closest flower strip). All of these factors had an impact on population 258 dynamics of aphids, of natural enemies and of ants. The tested factors appeared to be widely consistent 259 among all natural enemy groups, suggesting that agricultural practices and agroecological 260 infrastructures either favoured or disfavoured the entire community of natural enemies. While the cultivar 261 and insecticide use intensity had a mostly similar influence on all arthropod abundances, the 262 agroecological infrastructures had opposite effects on aphids and ants on the one hand and on natural 263 enemies on the other hand. This result suggests that agroecological infrastructures actually impacted 264 the level of RAA biological control by its natural enemies.

265 Analyses were carried out using three response variables characterizing arthropod population 266 dynamics: presence probability, logarithm of the area under the curve and presence duration. Our 267 hypothesis was that each variable was related to different ecological processes that could have been 268 differentially influenced by the agricultural practices and agroecological infrastructures. However, in 269 most cases in this study, the three variables were influenced in the same way by the agricultural

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- practices and agroecological infrastructures, suggesting that environmental and agronomical practiceshad a similar influence on all of the population dynamics components.
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#### Structuration of the Arthropod Community

274 Regardless of the year and orchard, Syrphidae and Coccinellidae were consistently the two most 275 abundant groups of natural enemies, with Syrphidae being generally present earlier than Coccinellidae. 276 These results are consistent with those of previous studies (Miñarro et al. 2005, Dib et al. 2010). 277 However, the synchronization between the RAA and natural enemy dynamics varied between the 278 studied years. The lowest RAA infestation level was observed in 2014, when RAA and natural enemy 279 dynamics appeared to be the most synchronized. Indeed, in 2014, the increase of natural enemy 280 abundance was concomitant to the increase of RAA population whereas in 2015, the natural enemy 281 abundance was at its lowest level when the RAA infestation was highest (Fig. 2).

282 Hymenoptera parasitoids were very rare in both year and in all orchards. The ratio of the number of 283 mummies to the aphid number was much lower (always less than 0.2% in all years and orchards) than 284 in previous surveys conducted in organic apple orchards (Dib et al. 2010: up to 6.9%; Cruz de Boelpaepe 285 et al. 1987: 3.3%). However, other studies similarly reported the absence or a very low abundance of 286 parasitism in RAA colonies (Miñarro et al. 2005, Brown and Mathews 2007). The low level of parasitism 287 observed in our study could result from the high sensitivity of the hymenoptera parasitoid to insecticides 288 (Theiling and Croft 1988). Another explanation could be an antagonist effect between ants and 289 parasitoids as evidenced in previous studies (Völkl 1992, Stewart-Jones et al. 2008).

As expected, all natural enemies exhibited a positive response to RAA abundance either in their probability of presence (Coccinellidae, Araneae) or in both their probability of presence and abundance (Syrphidae, Forficulidae). This is not surprising, as natural enemies frequently aggregate in places where preys are abundant. In fact, previous studies showed that it is the case for Carabidae and Staphylinidae, (Bryan and Wratten 1984) or for Syrphidae (Tenhumberg and Poehling 1995, Miñarro et al. 2005).

Similarly, the presence probability, logarithm of the area under the curve and presence duration of ants responded positively to RAA abundance, which was expected considering the mutualistic relation between *D. plantaginea* and the two species of ants observed (*Lasius niger* L., *Formica* sp.) (Flatt and Weisser 2000, Stewart-Jones et al. 2008). 300 This dependence of ant and natural enemy abundances on RAA abundance supported our choice to 301 include RAA abundance as a factor in the models (through the *logAUC* of RAA). In this way, we were 302 able to analyse the direct effects of farmer practices and agroecological infrastructures on natural 303 enemies and ants.

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#### **Practices and Cultivar Influence**

#### Impact of Insecticides on RAA and Natural Enemy Population Dynamics

307 As expected, we observed a decrease in the probability and duration of RAA presence with an increase 308 of the EIQfield use rating, but the EIQfield use rating effect on RAA abundance (logAUC) was not significant (Table 309 3 and Appendix A). Such an effect is especially expected in leaf-curling aphids, such as *D. plantaginea*. 310 Indeed, aphids are more vulnerable to insecticides in the first phase of colonization, resulting in a 311 reduction of the colonization success and hence on the presence probability. The aphid vulnerability 312 further decreases while the colony size increases because the rolling-up of leaves provides them with 313 protection against insecticides (Cross et al. 2007). Moreover, the negative effect of insecticides on 314 natural enemies might further reduce aphid biological control. A negative effect of insecticide treatments 315 was observed on the presence probability of allNE and on their abundance (logAUC). This negative 316 effect was significant on the presence probability of Syrphidae larvae, of Syrphidae eggs and of 317 Coccinellidae eggs, as well as on the Forficulidae abundance and on Araneae presence duration. 318 Insecticide treatments applied early in the season seem to be the most efficient to control the 319 development of D. plantaginea colonies. Insecticide applications after the leaf curling, would impact 320 more strongly the natural enemies than aphids. High EIQ field use rating also reduced ant abundance in RAA-321 infested trees, suggesting that insecticide treatments also negatively impact the ant population.

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#### Effect of Cultivar on RAA and Natural Enemy Population Dynamics

324 A strong impact of the cultivar was observed in our study and its effect varied whether we considered 325 the presence probability and the presence duration of RAA and natural enemies or the abundance of 326 RAA and natural enemies (except for the Dabinett cultivar, which always exhibited the lowest presence probability, abundance and presence duration of RAA and natural enemies). Douce de l'Aventcov had 327 the highest presence probability and presence duration of RAA and natural enemies (AIINE), followed 328 329 by Judor. For the RAA, this ranking matches cultivars ranked according to precocity. Douce de l'Aventcov

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330 was the most precocious cultivar, followed by Judor, with Dabinett being the latest cultivar. Miñarro and 331 Dapena, (2007) still showed that early-leafing apple cultivars were more infested and damaged by RAA 332 than late-leafing ones. We can suppose that the same process operates for natural enemies. However, 333 a different cultivar ranking was obtained when the abundance of RAA and natural enemies was 334 considered, switching between cultivars: Judor had the higher abundance of RAA and of natural 335 enemies (AlINE), followed by Douce de l'Aventcov. This apparent inconsistency could result from an 336 interaction between the colonization rate and treatment frequency. In fact, the most heavily colonized 337 cultivar (Douce de l'Avent<sub>cov</sub>) was also the earliest one treated with insecticides, resulting in low 338 abundances of both aphids and natural enemies throughout the season.

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#### **Hedgerows Favour RAA Populations**

341 Unexpectedly, hedgerows appeared to be consistently beneficial to RAA populations. Indeed, hedgerow 342 proximity had a positive impact on all of the RAA population dynamics parameters. This hedgerow effect 343 may result from either direct effects on the RAA population dynamics, from indirect effects through its 344 influence on mutualistic or antagonist arthropods, or both. The vicinity of the hedgerow may influence the flight behaviour of arthropods by modifying the wind speed and turbulences (Pasek 1988), which 345 346 could result in the accumulation of insects on the leeward side of the hedgerow (Lewis 1965, Grüebler 347 et al. 2008). Such an effect could result in a higher colonization rate by RAA of apple trees situated in 348 the vicinity of hedgerows.

349 Hedgerows may also indirectly favour aphids by favouring mutualistic ants possibly by providing a suitable nesting habitat. Indeed, the ant presence probability increased with the proximity to the 350 351 hedgerow in our study. To our knowledge, very few studies have assessed hedgerow influence on ants. 352 Stutz and Entling (2011) found no effect of a woody habitat in the surrounding landscape on ant 353 presence on cherry trees, but Armbrecht and Perfecto (2003) reported a dramatic decrease of twig-354 nesting ants with an increase in the distance to forest fragments in coffee plantations in Mexico.

355 Finally, the proximity of hedgerows may modify the arthropods interaction network. For instance, the 356 presence of a hedgerow could reduce RAA biocontrol by increasing the intra-guild predation between 357 natural enemies (Straub et al. 2008) or by diverting natural enemies from pests by offering them 358 alternative prey (Kozar et al. 1994, Koss and Snyder 2005, Symondson et al. 2006). Moreover, as the 359 presence of ants is higher in the hedgerow vicinity, the protection they provide to RAA against their 360 natural enemies could be enhanced. Contrary to previous studies (Altieri and Schmidt 1986, Miñarro 361 and Prida 2013), few hedgerow-distance effects on natural enemy occurrence or abundance in aphid 362 colonies were found in our study. The only significant effects were the decrease of the presence 363 probability and of the presence duration of Coccinellidae larvae and the increase of the presence 364 duration of Syrphidae larvae and Syrphidae eggs in the vicinity of the hedgerow.

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#### Flower Strips Reduce RAA Populations and Increase Natural Enemy Abundance

367 Contrary to hedgerows, flower strips had a negative impact on the RAA populations in our study. Indeed, 368 the presence probability, the abundance and the presence duration of RAA all decreased with flower 369 strips proximity. A direct effect of flower strips on aphids was very unlikely. We then assumed that flower 370 strips exerted an indirect effect through their influence on the natural enemies and/or on ants. Indeed, 371 Wyss, (1995) and Wyss et al. (1995) showed that introducing flower strips in apple orchards resulted in 372 an increase in natural enemy abundance (Chrysopidae, Coccinellidae, Araneae). Similarly, in our study, 373 the abundance (logAUC) and presence duration of natural enemies (allNE) increased in proximity to 374 flower strips. More specifically, the presence probability and abundance of Syrphidae (eggs and larvae), 375 presence probability of Coccinellidae (eggs and larvae) and abundance of Forficulidae decreased 376 significantly with the distance to flower strips. This increase of presence and/or of abundance of natural 377 enemies could enhance aphid biological control in the vicinity of flower strips. Hogg et al. (2011) showed 378 that floral resources enhanced aphid suppression by the hoverfly Eupeodes fumipennis in a California 379 lettuce field. In addition, the negative influence of flower strips on aphid populations could also be 380 amplified by their negative effect on the ant presence probability. Nagy et al. (2013) showed that 381 applying artificial sugar sources in apple orchards resulted in a reduction of the number of ant-attended 382 D. plantaginea colonies and in an increase in natural enemy pressure. Similarly, by providing alternative 383 sugar resources, flower strips could distract ants from aphid attendance. Katayama et al. (2013) showed 384 that extrafloral nectar was more attractive to ants than aphid honeydew. In total, our results suggest that 385 flower strips are beneficial to natural enemies and reduce ant attendance that could account for the 386 observed reduction of D. plantaginea infestation in cider-apple trees located in the vicinity of flower 387 strips.

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#### Conclusion

390 This study showed an impact of the distance to agroecological infrastructures on D. plantaginea 391 dynamics in cider-apple orchards. Hedgerows increased the RAA infestation level. This could result 392 from an indirect effect due to modifications in the RAA interactions network with other arthropods. 393 Indeed, our results showed an increase in the presence of mutualistic ants and a decrease in RAA 394 natural enemy abundance in the vicinity of hedgerow. On the contrary, flower strips appeared 395 unfavourable to D. plantaginea. Again it could result from indirect effect due to an increase in natural 396 enemy abundance and a decrease of ant presence in the RAA colony. Additionally, we confirmed a 397 strong influence of cultivars and of insecticide use intensity on D. plantaginea dynamics.

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### TABLE

**Table 1: Main characteristics of the 14 studied cider-apple orchards.** Two contiguous orchards (referred by *a* or *b*) have been monitored in each location (referred by number). In each orchard, 3 cider-apple cultivars were planted (DDA = Douce de l'Avent<sub>cov</sub> cultivar, DAB = Dabinett cultivar and JUD= Judor cultivar). The Environmental Impact Quotient (EIQ) of each insecticide applied during the RAA presence on the apple trees was used to assess the cumulative toxicity of insecticides used in each orchard each year (*EIQ*<sub>field use rating</sub>). \*: only 63 trees monitored in 2014; \*\*:only 425 trees monitored in 2014. NA means Not Applicable.

Location			1		2		3		4	!	5	(	6		7
Orchard		1a	1b	2a	2b	3a	3b	4a	4b	5a	5b	6a	6b	7a	7b
Year of planting	9	2010	2010	2012	2012	2011	2011	2012	2012	2011	2011	2011	2011	2010	2010
Density of planting															
by number of trees/ha (planting distance between rows*planting distance		774 (5.5*2.3)	774 (5.5*2.3)	495 (6.5*3)	774 (5.5*2.3)	774 (5.5*2.3)	774 (5.5*2.3)	495 (6.5*3)	774 (5.5*2.3)	1000 (5.3*2)	1000 (5.3*2)	774 (5.5*2,3)	774 (5.5*2.3)	774 (5.5*2.3)	774 (5.5*2.3)
within rows)		100	100	153	450	160	160	117*	117*			070	070	270**	270**
Number of monitored		198	198		153	162	162			234	234	279	279		
<i>EIQ</i> <sub>field</sub> use rating 2014	DDA	0.61	5.58	0	1.20	0.35	0.35	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	0.29
in (for each apple	DAB	0.61	5.58	0	1.20	0.35	0.35	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	2.09
cultivar)	JUD	0.61	5.58	0	1.20	0.35	0.35	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	0
EIQ <sub>field</sub> use rating 2015	DDA	0.67	6.61	0	0	0	2.80	0	1.16	0.087	0.33	0	6.81	0	0.24
in (for each apple	DAB	0.67	6.61	0	0	0	1.60	0	1.16	0.087	0.33	0	4.67	0	0.35
cultivar)	JUD	0.67	6.61	0	0	0	2.80	0	1.16	0.087	0.33	0	6.61	0	0.35

Mean distance	2014	0 (0)	34.5	0	38.9	1	43.6	2	24.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.5	39.8
(+SD) of orchard	2011	0 (0)	(14.2)	(0)	(11.3)	(0)	(12.0)	(0)	(4.6)					(0)	(13.2)
trees to the closest															
flower strip (in m)	0045	0 (0)	34.5	0	38.9	1	43.6	2	31.8	10.8	27.0	11.9	36.9	1.5	33.4
(according to the	2015	0 (0)	(14.2)	(0)	(11.3)	(0)	(12.0)	(0)	(8.6)	(6.2)	(12.9)	(6.9)	(14.8)	(0)	(11.9)
year)															
Mean distance	2014	16.0	21.3	23.9	20.7	21.3	21.3	15.5	13.8	NIA	NIA	NA	NIA	21.5	28.1
(+SD) of orchard	2014	(7.2)	(11.8)	(12.9)	(10.4)	(11.0)	(11.0)	(6.0)	(4.64)	NA	NA	NA	NA	(11.3)	(12.9)
trees to the closest															
hedgerow (in m)	0045	16.9	21.3	23.9	20.7	21.3	21.3	20.8	18.3	14.3	15.2	27.6	27.6	23.7	23.7
(according to the	2015	(7.2)	(11.8)	(12.9)	(10.4)	(11.0)	(11.0)	(10.4)	(8.2)	(6.6)	(6.5)	(14.1)	(14.1)	(12.7)	(12.7)
year)															

# Table 2: Total number of observed arthropods (and range of the mean number for one monitored tree per observation in one studied orchard) by taxonomic group, life stage and year.

			Y	<i>'ear</i>			
			2014	2015	Tota		
Nur	nber of studied orcha	rds	10	14			
<b>-</b> · · · ·	<b>5</b> 1		35	57	100		
lotal numbe	er of observations (da	te*orchard)	(from 5 to 10)	(from 5 to 11)	103		
Order	Family	Life stage					
Diptera	Syrphidae	_	1083	1122	220		
		Eggs	(from 5.6^-2 to 0.50)	(from 2.9^-2 to 1.7)			
			408	429	838		
		Larvae	(from 1.0^-2 to 0.47)	(from 3.0^-2 to 0.51)			
			9	51	60		
		Adults	(from 0 to 1.0^-2)	(from 0 to 5.3^-2)			
			1500	1602	3103		
Coleoptera	Coccinellidae 533 1325 Eggs			1858			
Coleoptera		Eggs	(from 6.6 <sup>-2</sup> to 0.71) (from 6.0 <sup>-2</sup> to 2.3) 533 1325 (from 0 to 4.7 <sup>-1</sup> ) (from 0 to 5.2) 141 343				
			141	343	484		
		Larvae	(from 0 to 2.7^-1)	(from 0 to 3.8^-1)			
			65	161	226		
		Adults	(from 6.3^-3 to 8.8^-	(from 0 to 3.8^-1)			
			2)				
		A 11	739	1829	2568		
		All	(6.3^-3 to 0.79)	(from 0 to 6.4)			
	Cantharidae	A	17	68	85		
		Adults	(from 0 to 1.2^-2)	(from 0 to 4.1^-2)			
Hemiptera	Anthocoridae		34	92	126		
		-	(from 0 to 4.5^-2)	(from 0 to 5.0^-2)			
	Miridae		37	114	153		
Adults       (from 0 to 1.0^-2)       (from 0 to 5.3)         All       1500       1602         All       (from 6.6^-2 to 0.71)       (from 6.0^-2 to 0.71)         Coleoptera       Coccinellidae       Eggs       533       1325         Coleoptera       Coccinellidae       Eggs       (from 0 to 4.7^-1)       (from 0 to 5.3)         Larvae       141       343       (from 0 to 2.7^-1)       (from 0 to 3.6)         Coccinellidae       Adults       (from 6.3^-3 to 8.8^-)       (from 0 to 3.6)         Adults       (from 0 to 1.2^-2)       (from 0 to 6.2)       161         Adults       Adults       (from 0 to 1.2^-2)       (from 0 to 4.7)         Hemiptera       Anthocoridae       34       92         Miridae       37       114         Nabidae       67       0		(from 0 to 1.7^-1)					
	Nabidae	-		0 (from 0 to 0)	67		

			Y	<i>'ear</i>	
			2014	2015	Total
Numb	er of studied orch	ards	10	14	
	<b>, , , , , ,</b>		35	57	400
l otal number	of observations (c	late*orchard)	(from 5 to 10)	(from 5 to 11)	103
Neuroptera	Chrysopidae	_	9	0	9
		Eggs	(from 0 to 1.2^-2)	(from 0 to 0)	
			0	2	2
		Larvae	(from 0 to 0)	(from 0 to 6.0^-3)	
			0	3	3
		Adults	(from 0 to 0)	(from 0 to 2.3^-3)	
			9	5	14
		All	(from 0 to 1.2^-2)		
-			582	742	1324
Dermaptera	Forficulidae	Juveniles+adults	(from 0 to 0.36)	(from 2.9^-3 to 0.60)	
Hymenoptera			33	108	141
		Mummies	(from 0 to 3.2^-2)	(from 0 5.4^-2)	
			12	25	37
		Adults	(from 0 to 3.2^-2)	(from 0 to 1.9^-2)	
			45	133	178
		All	(from 0 to 6.5^-2)	(from 0 to 5.7^-2)	
Araneae			296	440	737
		Juveniles+Adults	(from 0 to 0.16)	(from 0 to 0.16)	
AIINE			3326	5025	8355
			(from 0.10 to 1.45)	(from 0.30 to 7.4)	
			206195	554230	700405
Number of RAA			(from 0.77 to 95.5)	(from 21.0 to 182.4)	760425
Ratio (natural			0.016	0.009	
enemies per RAA)			(from 5.0^-4 to 0.18)	(from 2.4^-3 to 0.21)	0.0109
• ·			9279	15578	
Ants			(from 2.4^-2 to 3.8)	(from 4.7^-2 to 7.1)	24857

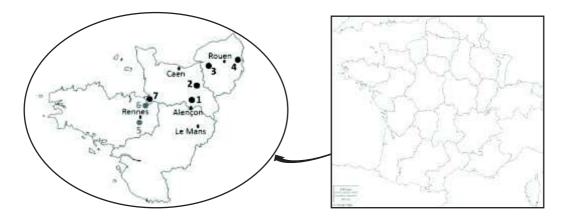
**Table 3: Synthetic overview of the Generalized Linear Mixed models results:** "+" (resp. "-") indicates that the factor is favourable (resp. unfavourable) to the considered arthropods. For the distance, a "+" (resp. "-") indicates that the arthropods are more (resp. less) present in the vicinity of the agroecological infrastructure. For the cultivar factor "\*" means that cultivar has a significant effect on the response variable (*PA*, *logAUC* or *PD*) for at least one arthropod stage. 0 indicates that the factor did not significantly influence the variable. NA: not applicable. See Appendix A for detail.

	RAA	AIINE	Syrphidae	Coccinellidae	Forficulidae	Araneae	Ants
Distance to the							
closest	+	0	+	-	0	0	+
hedgerow							
Distance to the							
closest flower	-	+	+	+	+	0	-
strip							
Cultivar							
(PA/logAUC/PD)	*/*/*	*/*/*	*/0/*	*/*/*	*/0/0	*/0/0	*/0/0
EIQ <sub>field</sub> use rating	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RAA	NA	+	+	+	+	+	+

### **FIGURE LEGENDS**

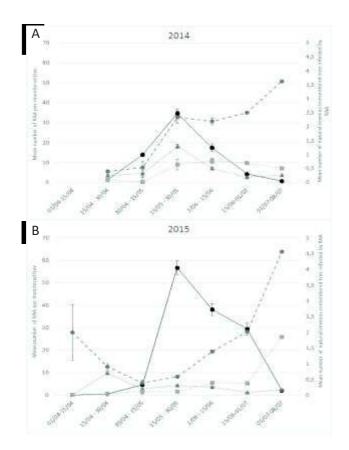
**Fig. 1.** Map of the seven studied locations (two orchards per location). Black dots are the locations studied both in 2014 and 2015. Grey dots are the locations studied in 2015.

**Fig. 2.** Mean number (+ SE) of RAA (black dot), of all natural enemies (grey dotted line with circle mark), of Syrphidae (all stages) (grey dotted line with triangle mark) and of Coccinellidae (all stages) (grey dotted line with square mark) per monitored apple tree in aphid colonies in 2014 (A) and 2015 (B).





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### **Supplementary Material**

## Impact of Agroecological Infrastructures on the Dynamics of *Dysaphis plantaginea* Passerini (Hemiptera: Aphididae) and its Natural Enemies in Apple Orchards in Northwestern France

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	-		Distance to the	Variables studied		
		Log AUC of <i>D.</i> plantaginea	Distance to the hedgerow	Distance to the flower strips	Cultivar	EIQ <sub>field use rating</sub>
	Probability of	, 0		·		
	presence		**0.002537 -0.0058	*** < 2.2e-16 0.0111	5.348e-12 DAB <jud<dda< td=""><td>*** 7.166e-05 -0.057</td></jud<dda<>	*** 7.166e-05 -0.057
	(binomial distribution)		-0.0038	0.0111	DAD <jod<dda< td=""><td>-0.057</td></jod<dda<>	-0.057
Dysaphis	Log(Area Under the		*** 0 0001546	*0.03814	** 0 002744	
olantaginea	Curve)		*** 0.0001546 -0.0171	0.0063	** 0.003741 DAB <dda<jud< td=""><td>NS 0.7999</td></dda<jud<>	NS 0.7999
	(normal distribution)		-0.0171	0.0003		
	Presence duration		*** <2.2^-16	*** 7.867e-16	*** < 2.2e-16	*** 8.676e-13
	(Gamma distribution)		-0.0057	0.0022	DAB <jud<dda< td=""><td>-0.019</td></jud<dda<>	-0.019
	Probability of				*** 4 070 40	*** 4 047 0
	presence	***< 2.2e-16 0.277	NS 0.3227	NS 0.1266	***1.279e-10	*** 4.617e-0
	(binomial distribution)	0.277			DAB <jud<dda< td=""><td>-0.091</td></jud<dda<>	-0.091
obal natural	Log(Area Under the	***< 2.2e-16		***2 2660 06	***0.0004949	0.005526
enemies	Curve)	0.194	NS 0.4274	***3.266e-06 -0.0082	DAB <dda<jud< td=""><td>-0.051</td></dda<jud<>	-0.051
	(normal distribution)	5.10-		0.0002		-0.051
	Presence duration	*** 2.894e-11	NO 0 4000	**0.001459	** 0.003236	NO 0 0407
	(Gamma distribution)	0.0535	NS 0.1892	-0.0029	DAB <jud<dda< td=""><td>NS 0.2187</td></jud<dda<>	NS 0.2187
	Probability of	*** - 0.0- 10		* 0.0000	*** 0 754- 05	0.01154
	presence	*** < 2.2e-16 0.185	NS 0.7486	* 0.0366 -0.0048	*** 2.754e-05 DAB <jud<dda< td=""><td>-0.0586</td></jud<dda<>	-0.0586
	(binomial distribution)			0.0010		-0.0000
Eggs of	Log(Area Under the	*** 7.458e-08		** 0.001588		
Syrphidae	Curve)	0.122	NS 0.8587	-0.00787	NS 0.1269	NS 0.1041
	(normal distribution)	0.122		0.00101		
	Presence duration	*** 4.961e-06	*0.04781	*** 6.688e-05		*0.03559
	(Gamma distribution)	0.0422	-0.0034	-0.0044	NS 0.6885	0.0225
	Probability of			** 0 000110		*** 0 000050
	presence	***< 2.2e-16 0.286	NS 0.8352	** 0.002112 -0.0078	*** 9.99e-06 DAB <jud<dda< td=""><td>*** 0.000858 -0.090</td></jud<dda<>	*** 0.000858 -0.090
	(binomial distribution)	0.200		-0.0070		-0.090
Larvae of	Log(Area Under the	*** 1.125e-07		* 0.03901		
Syrphidae	Curve)	0.117	NS 0.8032	-0.00452	NS 0.08464	NS 0.4199
	(normal distribution)	-		0.00102		
	Presence duration	*** 0.0009433	** 0.00516	NS 0.4155	* 0.02581	NO 0 0054
	(Gamma distribution)	0.0376	-0.00536	-0.00091	DAB <dda<jud< td=""><td>NS 0.6054</td></dda<jud<>	NS 0.6054
	Probability of			0.02052		** 0 000000
	presence	*** 8.057e-07 0.219	NS 0.1241	0.02953 -0.010	NS 0.2564	** 0.006066 -0.364
	(binomial distribution)	0.213		-0.010		-0.004
Eggs of	Log(Area Under the				** 0.002943	
occinellidae	Curve)	NS 0.6864	NS 0.3697	NS 0.1016	JUD <dab<dda< td=""><td>NS 0.8945</td></dab<dda<>	NS 0.8945
	(normal distribution)					
	Presence duration				*0.04445	
	(Gamma distribution)	NS 0.06483	NS 0.4644	NS 0.3969	JUD <dab<dda< td=""><td>NS 0.3095</td></dab<dda<>	NS 0.3095
	Probability of					
	presence	*** < 2.2e-16	** 0.005793	*** 0.000528	**0.00986	NS 0.4914
Larvae of occinellidae	(binomial distribution)	0.285	0.0162	-0.011	DAB <dda<jud< td=""><td></td></dda<jud<>	
	Log(Area Under the	* 0.02581	NO 0 75	NO 0 4444	NO 0 700	
	Curve)	0.122	NS 0.75	NS 0.4144	NS 0.728	NS 0.294

	(normal distribution)					
	Presence duration (Gamma distribution)	NS 0.1201	* 0.03643 0.0057	NS 0.7773	* 0.01121 JUD <dab<dda< th=""><th>NS 0.07431</th></dab<dda<>	NS 0.07431
	Probability of presence (binomial distribution)	*** 7.437e-15 0.246	NS 0.6654	NS 0.4651	* 0.01922 JUD <dab<dda< td=""><td>NS 0.09964</td></dab<dda<>	NS 0.09964
Adults of Coccinellidae	Log(Area Under the Curve) (normal distribution)	NS 0.491	NS 0.1347	NS 0.895	NS 0.1843	NS 0.5245
	Presence duration (Gamma distribution)	NS 0.8494	NS 0.5724	NS 0.6548	*0.01378 JUD <dab<dda< td=""><td>NS 0.4131</td></dab<dda<>	NS 0.4131
	Probability of presence (binomial distribution)	*** < 2.2e-16 0.223	NS 0.9295	NS 0.8388	*0.01662 DAB <dda<jud< td=""><td>NS 0.2327</td></dda<jud<>	NS 0.2327
Forficulidae (Juveniles and adults)	Log(Area Under the Curve) (normal distribution)	** 0.001888 0.0892	NS 0.1346	0.04627 -0.005	NS 0.05784	* **0.0006422 -0.097
	Presence duration (Gamma distribution)	*0.03107 0.0304	NS 0.2126	** 0.005847 -0.00534	NS 0.5498	NS 0.9349
	Probability of presence (binomial distribution)	*** 4.533e-12 0.146	NS 0.9254	NS 0.1275	*** 1.155e-10 DAB <jud<dda< td=""><td>NS 0.08618</td></jud<dda<>	NS 0.08618
Araneae (Juveniles and adults)	Log(Area Under the Curve) (normal distribution)	NS 0.3479	NS 0.9367	NS 0.3193	NS 0.74	NS 0.1281
aduits)	Presence duration (Gamma distribution)	NS 0.1252	NS 0.5216	NS 0.4528	NS 0.1029	** 0.001295 -0.059
	Probability of presence (binomial distribution)	*** < 2.2e-16 0.405	*** 0.000344 -0.0146	0.008168 0.0068	* 0.01761 JUD <dab<dda< td=""><td>NS 0.8418</td></dab<dda<>	NS 0.8418
Ants	Log(Area Under the Curve) (normal distribution)	*** < 2.2e-16 0.509	NS 0.5379	NS 0.8873	NS 0.4117	* * 0.006257 -0.049
	Presence duration (Gamma distribution)	*** < 2.2e-16 0.152	NS 0.1676	NS 0.8688	NS 0.6604	NS 0.2145

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	Sum			Dip	otera			Cole	optera		Dermaptera	Hymeno	ptera	Araneae	All NE	Ants	Number	Number	
		monitored		Syrp	hidae			Cocci	nellidae		Forficulidae	-		-	-	-	of tree	of RAA	Ratio
Orchard	Sampling year	tree per year	Eggs	Larvae	Adults	Total	Eggs	Larvae	Adults	Total	Nymph +adults	Mummies	adults	Juvenile +Adults	-	-	with RAA	per tree infected by RAA	NE/RAA
	2014	1980	246 0.26	102 0.10	0 0	348 0.37	41 0.04	5 5.3^-3	7 7.5^-3	53 0.05	337 0.36	3 3.2^-3	0 0	105 0.11	850 0.91	3580 3.85	929 46,91%	62291 67.05	0.01
1a	2015	2574	294 0.43	63 0.09	3 4.4^-3	360 0.53	13 0.01	1 1.4^-3	4 5.8^-3	18 0.02	411 0.60	0 0	0 0	29 0.04	836 1.23	3915 5.77	678 26,34%	123724 182.48	6.7^-3
41-	2014	1980	234 0.29	11 0.01	0 0	245 0.31	0 0	0 0	5 6.3^-3	5 6.3^-3	156 0.19	0 0	0 0	19 0.02	425 0.54	2461 3.14	783 39,54%	29953 38.25	0.01
1b	2015	2574	43 0.04	21 0.03	1 1.4^-3	65 0.09	0 0	2 2.1^-3	8 8.4^-3	10 0.01	211 0.22	0 0	2 2.1^-3	39 0.04	382 0.40	6712 7.11	943 36,63%	158824 168.4	2.4^-3
	2014	1377	282 0.50	119 0.21	0 0	401 0.71	260 0.46	43 0.07	9 0.01	312 0.55	18 0.03	1 1.7^-3	0 0	46 0.08	821 1.45	342 0.60	564 40,95%	16194 28.71	0.05
2a	2015	1683	23 0.09	36 0.14	0 0	59 0.23	53 0.21	35 0.13	5 0.01	93 0.37	4 0.01	9 0.03	0 0	12 0.04	212 0.84	12 0.04	251 14,91%	20977 83.5	0.01
	2014	1377	148 0.19	84 0.11	0 0	232 0.31	32 0.04	15 0.02	5 6.7^-3	52 0.06	8 0.01	2 2.6^-3	0 0	81 0.10	403 0.54	245 0.32	743 53,95%	32682 43.98	0.01
2b	2015	1683	13 0.02	39 0.15	1 3.9^-3	53 0.21	126 0.28	125 0.28	7 0.01	258 0.59	4 9.1^-3	5 0.01	3 6.8^-3	14 0.03	382 0.87	528 1.21	436 25,90%	57232 131.2	6.6^-3
32	2014	810	19 0.06	3 0.01	0 0	22 0.08	15 0.05	1 3.6^-3	6 0.02	22 0.08	3 0.10	0 0	0 0	0 0	48 0.17	20 0.07	274 33,82%	263 0.95	0.18
За	2015	972	235 1.79	67 0.51	7 0.05	309 2.35	221 1.68	51 0.38	37 0.28	309 2.35	24 0.18	0 0	2 0.01	0 0	691 5.27	239 1.82	131 13,47%	22047 168.2	0.03
	2014	810	16 0.05	3 0.01	0 0	19 0.06	0 0	0 0	5 0.01	5 0.01	5 0.01	0 0	0 0	2 7.0^-3	31 0.10	7 0.02	285 35,18%	222 0.77	0.13
3b	2015	972	21 0.13	23 0.17	0 0	44 0.33	0 0	0 0	4 0.02	4 0.02	31 0.19	0 0	0 0	3 0.01	89 0.55	57 0.35	161 16,56%	8388 52.0	0.01

Appendix B: Sum of arthropods observed per orchard each studied year (2014 and 2015) and mean number of arthropods per sampling date per tree infected with rosy apple aphid

4-	2014	378	6 0.07	9 0.11	0 0	15 0.18	19 0.24	21 0.26	4 0.05	44 0.55	0 0	1 0.01	0 0	13 0.16	92 1.16	80 1.01	79 20,89%	2411 30.51	0.03
4a	2015	819	34 0.65	2 0.03	1 0.01	37 0.71	247 4.75	15 0.28	20 0.38	282 5.43	1 0.01	0 0	1 0.01	1 0.01	354 6.80	0 0	52 6.34%	1629 31.3	0.21
4b	2014	378	11 0.16	2 0.02	0 0	13 0.19	32 0.47	16 0.23	6 0.088	54 0.79	7 0.10	0 0	0 0	6 0.08	92 1.35	3 0.04	68 17,98%	1309 19.25	0.07
40	2015	819	28 0.35	5 0.09	1 0.019	34 0.65	441 5.58	35 0.44	31 0.39	507 6.41	0 0	1 0.01	0 0	1 0.01	587 7.43	2 0.02	79 9.64%	1661 21.02	0.35
5a	2015	2574	109 0.10	52 0.04	4 3.8^-3	165 0.15	27 0.025	2 1.9^-3	6 5.7^-3	33 0.03	13 0.01	57 0.05	3 2.8^-3	117 0.11	368 0.35	570 0.54	1044 40,55%	23252 22.27	0.01
5b	2015	2574	206 0.19	66 0.06	7 6.7^-3	279 0.26	108 0.10	72 0.06	27 0.024	136 0.12	9 8.5^-3	24 0.02	5 4.7^-3	99 0.09	651 0.62	1251 1.19	1048 40,71%	61721 58.89	0.01
ба	2015	2790	24 0.05	13 0.03	3 6.9^-3	40 0.09	89 0.20	4 9.3^-3	11 0.025	104 0.24	1 2.3^-3	1 2.3^-3	0 0	70 0.16	245 0.57	641 1.49	429 15,37%	20844 48.58	0.01
6b	2015	2790	8 0.03	0 0	6 0.01	14 0.03	0 0	1 3.9^-3	1 3.9^-3	2 7.8^-3	1 3.9^-3	0 0	3 0.01	41 0.16	79 0.30	845 3.13	255 9.13%	16913 66.32	4.6^-3
7a	2014	1875	8 0.12	42 0.45	1 0.10	51 0.54	24 0.25	26 0.27	4 0.04	54 0.58	1 0.10	3 0.03	3 0.03	3 0.03	115 1.23	262 2.81	93 4,96%	8889 95.5	0.01
7a	2015	2700	26 0.12	18 0.08	6 0.02	50 0.24	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	15 0.07	0 0	3 0.01	7 0.03	76 0.36	187 0.90	207 7.66%	10105 48.81	7.5^-3
7b	2014	1875	47 0.17	33 0.09	1 2.8^-3	81 0.22	85 0.24	12 0.03	8 0.02	105 0.29	43 0.12	20 0.05	3 8.4^-3	5 0.01	267 0.75	733 2.07	353 18,82%	17173 48.64	0.01
	2015	2700	58 0.17	24 0.11	11 0.05	93 0.44	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	17 0.05	11 0.03	3 9.1^-3	7 0.02	122 0.37	619 1.88	329 12,18%	26913 81.80	4.5^-3