

1 **Foliar fungal communities strongly differ between habitat**
2 **patches in a landscape mosaic**

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13 **Summary**

14 **Background.** Dispersal events between habitat patches in a landscape mosaic can structure
15 ecological communities and influence the functioning of agrosystems. Here we investigated
16 whether short-distance dispersal events between vineyard and forest patches shape foliar fungal
17 communities. We hypothesized that these communities homogenize between habitats over the
18 course of the growing season, particularly along habitat edges, because of aerial dispersal of
19 spores.

20 **Methods.** We monitored the richness and composition of foliar and airborne fungal communities
21 over the season, along transects perpendicular to edges between vineyard and forest patches,
22 using Illumina sequencing of the ITS2 region.

23 **Results.** In contrast to our expectation, foliar fungal communities in vineyards and forest patches
24 increasingly differentiate over the growing season, even along habitat edges. Moreover, the
25 richness of foliar fungal communities in grapevine drastically decreased over the growing
26 season, in contrast to that of forest trees. The composition of airborne communities did not differ
27 between habitats. The composition of oak foliar fungal communities change between forest edge
28 and centre.

29 **Discussion.** These results suggest that dispersal events between habitat patches are not major
30 drivers of foliar fungal communities at the landscape scale. Selective pressures exerted in each
31 habitat by the host plant, the microclimate and the agricultural practices play a greater role, and
32 might account for the differentiation of foliar fungal communities between habitats.

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34 **Introduction**

35 Plant leaves provide one of the largest microbial habitats on Earth (Ruinen, 1956; Morris, 2001;
36 Vorholt, 2012). They harbour highly diverse microbial communities, including many genera of
37 bacteria and fungi (Lindow & Leveau, 2002; Vorholt, 2012; Turner et al., 2013). The eco-
38 evolutionary processes which shape these communities – dispersal, evolutionary diversification,
39 selection and drift – are increasingly well understood (Hanson et al., 2012; Nemergut et al.,
40 2013; Vacher et al., 2016). This new eco-evolutionary framework will undoubtedly have
41 important applications in agriculture. Indeed, crop performance depends on the balance and
42 interactions between pathogenic and beneficial microbial species (Newton et al., 2010a, 2010b).
43 Manipulating whole foliar microbial communities, by acting on the processes shaping them,
44 could thus greatly improve crop health (Newton et al., 2010a; Xu et al., 2011). However, to reach
45 this aim, a better understanding of the structure and dynamics of foliar microbial communities at
46 the landscape scale is required.

47 The landscape plays a key role in the dynamics of macro-organism populations interacting with
48 crops, such as arthropod pests or their natural enemies (Norris & Kogan, 2000; Chaplin-Kramer
49 et al., 2011). In ecology, the landscape is defined as an heterogeneous geographic area,
50 characterized by a dynamic mosaic of interacting habitat patches (Bastian, 2001). Species
51 movements between habitat patches - referred as dispersal (Vellend, 2010) - modulates the
52 richness, composition and function of macro-organism communities (Hurst et al., 2013; Ma
53 et al., 2013; Lacasella et al., 2014). In agricultural landscape, species dispersal between natural
54 and managed habitats can trigger detrimental or beneficial effects in crops (Chaplin-Kramer

55 et al., 2011; Blitzer et al., 2012), particularly along the edges (Thomson & Hoffmann, 2009;
56 Lacasella et al., 2014).

57 The influence of dispersal events on the structure of foliar microbial communities at the
58 landscape scale has hardly been studied. Many microbial species colonising plant leaves are
59 horizontally transferred (i.e. from one adult plant to another) by airborne dispersal (Whipps et al.,
60 2008; Bulgarelli et al., 2013), while others can come from the seeds, the rhizosphere or the twigs
61 (Vorholt, 2012). The foliar microbial communities of a given plant can therefore be influenced
62 by those of its neighbours. Plant pathogens, for instance, can be transmitted from a reservoir
63 plant to neighbouring plants (Power & Mitchell, 2004; Beckstead et al., 2010; Wilson et al.,
64 2014). These short-distance dispersal events could have a greater effect on the foliar microbial
65 communities of annual or deciduous plants, because the leaves of those plants are colonised by
66 micro-organisms every spring, after budbreak.

67 In this study, we analysed the structure and dynamic of foliar and airborne fungal communities in
68 a heterogeneous landscape consisting of vineyard and forest patches in the south west of France.
69 Vineyards are human-engineered agro-ecosystems, characterized by a low specific and genetic
70 diversity, and where weeds, pests and pathogens are regularly controlled with different cultural
71 practices and pesticides to preserve yield and to reduce infection of leaves and grapes.
72 Conversely, deciduous forests in this area remain little managed and much less homogeneous.
73 We expected the fungal communities of forest patches to be richer than those of vineyards,
74 because the higher plant species richness and biomass in forests increase the diversity of micro-
75 habitats available to foliar fungi. We also expected repeated dispersal events to homogenize
76 foliar fungal communities between the two habitats over the course of the growing season,
77 particularly along habitat edges. We thus tested the following hypotheses for both foliar and

78 airborne fungal communities: (1) community richness is higher in forests than in adjacent
79 vineyards, (2) community similarity between the two habitats increase over the course of the
80 growing season and (3) is higher along habitat edges.

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82 **Materials and methods**

83 **Sampling design**

84 Three study sites, each consisting of a forest patch and an adjacent vineyard, were selected in the
85 Bordeaux area (France). They were located in the domains of Châteaux Reignac (N44°54'03",
86 00°25'01"), Grand-Verdus (N44°47'21", 00°24'06") and Couhins (N44°45'04", 00°33'53")
87 (Fig. 1a). At each site, the edge between the forest patch and the vineyard was at least 100 m
88 long. The width of each habitat, perpendicular to the edge, was at least 200 m. The forest patches
89 at all three sites contained mostly deciduous species, dominated by pedunculate oak (*Quercus*
90 *robur* L.). The second most frequent tree species was European hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus* L.)
91 in Reignac and Grand-Verdus, and sweet chestnut (*Castanea sativa* Mill.) in Couhins. In the
92 vineyards, the grapevine (*Vitis vinifera* L.) cultivar was Cabernet Sauvignon in Reignac and
93 Grand-Verdus, and Merlot in Couhins.

94 At each site, leaves were collected along three parallel transects perpendicular to the forest-
95 vineyard edge and separated by a distance of about five meters (Fig. 1b). Leaves were sampled at
96 four locations along each transect: in the centre of the forest (100 m away from the edge), at the
97 edge of the forest, at the edge of the vineyard and in the centre of the vineyard (100 m away from
98 the edge). In forest patches, leaves were sampled from the two most abundant tree species. For

99 each sampling location and each transect, a single tree of each species was selected. Three leaves
100 oriented in different directions were collected from each tree, at a height of 7 m. In vineyards,
101 three leaves were collected from three adjacent cloned grapevine stocks. Each of the sampled
102 leaves was selected from the base of the cane (one-year-old shoot), to ensure the collection of
103 leaves of the same age on each date. The leaves were removed with scissors that had been
104 sterilised with 96 % ethanol, and all contact of the leaves with the hands was carefully avoided.
105 The leaves were stored in clear plastic bags containing silica gel to ensure rapid drying. In
106 addition, grapevine leaves were placed between two sheets of sterile paper filter to ensure good
107 dessication despite their thickness. Leaves were sampled on three dates in 2013: in May
108 (between the 15th and 23rd), July (between the 16th and 18th) and October (3rd). The sampling
109 dates chosen were as far removed as possible from the last chemical treatment performed in the
110 vineyard (Supporting Information Table S1).

111 Airborne particles were collected along the middle transect of each site, with two Coriolis air
112 sampler devices positioned one meter above the ground. At each sampling location, three
113 successive 10 minute sampling sessions were carried out, with a flow rate of 200 l/min.

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115 **DNA extraction and sequencing**

116 Sample contamination was prevented by exposing all tools and materials required for sample
117 processing and DNA extraction to UV light for 30 minutes in a laminar flow hood. Four discs
118 (each 8.0 mm in diameter) were cut randomly from each leaf, in the flow hood, with a hole-
119 punch sterilised by flaming with 95 % ethanol. The four discs were placed in a single well of an
120 autoclaved DNA extraction plate. Three wells were left empty as negative controls. Two

autoclaved metallic beads were added to each well, and the plant material was ground into a homogeneous powder with a Geno/Grinder 2010 (SPEX Sample Prep, Metuchen, NJ).

The liquid used to collect airborne particles was transferred into sterile 15 ml centrifuge tubes. Each tube was then centrifuged for 30 minutes at 13000 RCF and the supernatant was removed with a sterile transfer pipette. The pellet was then transferred by resuspension to an autoclaved tube and freeze-dried. A tube of unused sampling liquid was treated in the same way and used as a negative control. Total DNA was extracted from each leaf and airborne sample with the DNeasy 96 Plant Kit (QIAGEN). Foliar DNA samples from the same tree were pooled, as were foliar DNA samples from the three adjacent grapevine stocks.

Fungal ITS2 (Internal Transcribed Spacer 2) was amplified with the fITS7 (forward) and ITS4 (reverse) primers (Ihrmark et al., 2012). Paired-end sequencing (300 bp) was then performed in a single run of an Illumina MiSeq sequencer, on the basis of V3 chemistry. PCR amplification, barcodes and MiSeq adapters addition, library sequencing and data preprocessing were carried out by the LGC Genomics sequencing service (Berlin, Germany). Sequences were deposited in the European Nucleotide Archive (ENA) database, under the PRJEB13880 project accession number.

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138 **Bioinformatic analysis**

Sequences were first demultiplexed and filtered. All sequences with tag mismatches, missing tags, one-sided tags or conflicting tag pairs were discarded. Tags and Illumina TruSeq adapters were then clipped from all sequences, and sequences with a final length fewer than 100 bases

142 were discarded. All sequences with more than three mismatches with the ITS2 primers were
143 discarded. Primers were then clipped and the sequence fragments were placed in a forward-
144 reverse primer orientation. Forward and reverse reads were then combined, and read pair
145 sequences that could not be combined were discarded.

146 The pipeline developed by Bálint et al. (2014) was used to process the sequences. The ITS2
147 sequence was first extracted from each sequence with the FungalITSextractor (Nilsson et al.,
148 2010). All the sequences were then concatenated into a single fasta file, after adding the sample
149 code in the label of each sequence. The sequences were dereplicated, sorted and singletons were
150 discarded with VSEARCH (<https://github.com/torognes/vsearch>). The sequences were then
151 clustered into molecular operational taxonomic units (OTUs) with the UPARSE algorithm
152 implemented in USEARCH v8 (Edgar, 2013), with a minimum identity threshold of 97 %.
153 Additional chimera detection was performed against the UNITE database (Kõljalg et al., 2013),
154 with the UCHIME algorithm implemented in USEARCH v8 (Edgar et al., 2011). The OTU
155 table, giving the number of sequences of each OTU for each sample, was created with
156 USEARCH v8.

157 OTUs were taxonomically assigned using the online BLAST web interface (Madden, 2013)
158 against the GenBank database, by excluding environmental and metagenome sequences. The
159 assignment with the lowest e-value was retained. The full taxonomic lineage of each assignment
160 was retrieved from the GI number information provided by NCBI. All the OTUs assigned to
161 plants or other organisms, and all unassigned OTUs were removed, to ensure that only fungal
162 OTUs were retained.

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164 Statistical analyses

165 All statistical analyses were performed in the R environment. We computed 100 random rarefied
166 OTU matrices, using the smallest number of sequences per sample as a threshold. The number of
167 OTUs per sample (OTU richness) and the dissimilarity between samples (Bray-Curtis index
168 based on abundances and Jaccard index based on occurrences) were calculated for each rarefied
169 matrix and averaged (Cordier et al., 2012; Jakuschkin et al., 2016). However, because the
170 relevance of rarefaction is debated in the scientific community (Hughes & Hellmann, 2005;
171 McMurdie & Holmes, 2014), we also performed the analyses on the raw OTU matrix by
172 including the square root of the total number of sequences per sample (abundance) as first
173 explanatory variable in all the models.

174 Type III ANOVA, which tests for the presence of an effect, given the other effects and the
175 interactions (Herr, 1986), was used to assess the effect of host plant species (grapevine, oak,
176 hornbeam and chestnut), sampling date (May, July, October), edge (habitat centre or edge) and
177 their interactions on foliar OTU richness. Sampling site was included in the model as a random
178 factor. Marginal and conditional coefficients of determination were calculated to estimate the
179 variance explained by fixed factors (R_m^2) and fixed *plus* random factors (R_c^2). Post-hoc pairwise
180 comparisons were then performed for each level of each factor, with Tukey's adjustment
181 method. A similar ANOVA was performed on airborne OTU richness, including habitat (forest
182 and vineyard), sampling date, sampling site, and their interactions.

183 Dissimilarities in composition between samples were represented by non-metric
184 multidimensional scaling analysis (NMDS) and were analysed by permutational multivariate
185 analyses of variance (PERMANOVA), including the same fixed factors as the ANOVAs, with

186 sampling sites treated as strata. We dealt with complex interactions in PERMANOVA results by
187 calculating post-hoc PERMANOVAs, including sampling date, sampling site and their
188 interaction, separately for each host plant species (or habitat for airborne samples). We then
189 corrected the P-values for multiple testing, as described by Benjamini & Yekutieli (2001).

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191 **Results**

192 **Taxonomic description of foliar and airborne fungal communities**

193 In total, we obtained 7 946 646 high-quality sequences, which clustered into 4 360 OTUs.
194 Overall, 867 OTUs, corresponding to 4 600 179 sequences (57.9% of the raw OTU table) were
195 not taxonomically assigned to fungi by BLAST. Among them, 4 451 913 sequences were
196 assigned to plant sequences (Tracheophyta division), principally *Vitis* (59%), and *Carpinus*
197 (35%) genus, showing that fITS7-ITS4 primers are not specific of fungi. These OTUs were
198 removed. The negative controls contained 29 857 fungal sequences clustering into 337 OTUs.
199 There is no consensus on how to deal with OTUs found in negative controls (Nguyen et al.,
200 2015; Galan et al., 2016). It is difficult to distinguish real contaminations → sequences originating
201 from the people who performed the experiments, the laboratory environment and the DNA
202 extraction kit – from cross-contaminations between samples, occurring during the DNA
203 extraction, amplification and sequencing (Esling et al., 2015; Galan et al., 2016). It is highly
204 probable that OTUs assigned to *Erysiphe alphitoides*, the agent responsible for the oak powdery
205 mildew (1.5% of the negative control sequences; Jakuschkin et al., 2016) or *Botrytis cinerea*,
206 responsible for the grey mold on grapes (1.2%; Jaspers et al., 2015) are likely cross-

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208 contaminations because they are strongly related to a specific host. Moreover, the removal of
209 very abundant OTUs strongly altered the taxonomic composition of the samples, and removed
210 some species known to be abundant on leaves such as *Aureobasidium pullulans*, known as very
211 abundant on grapevine (Pinto & Gomes, 2016). We thus decided to retain all these OTUs in the
212 dataset. Two samples containing very few sequences (<300 sequences) were removed. These
213 samples corresponded to grapevine leaves collected at the Couhins site, in May. The first was
214 collected in the centre of the vineyard, and the other was collected at its edge. Finally, the OTU
215 table used for the analyses contained 196 samples and 3 487 fungal OTUs, corresponding to
216 3 316 156 sequences. The number of sequences per sample ranged from 424 to 96 276, with a
217 mean of 16 919. This OTU table was used for taxonomical description. Richness, Bray-Curtis
218 and Jaccard averaged indices were calculated over 100 rarefactions of this OTU table, at a
219 threshold of 420 sequences per sample.

220 The fungal communities of bioaerosols and leaves from forest trees and grapevines were
221 dominated by ascomycetes (Fig. 2). The sequences assigned to Ascomycota division accounted
222 for 85.7% of all the sequences, followed by Basidiomycota division (11.3%). Overall, 3.0% of
223 the total sequences remained unassigned at the division level. Airborne and foliar samples shared
224 1440 OTUs (Fig. 3), but there was a significant difference in the composition of foliar and
225 airborne fungal communities (PERMANOVA $F=20.15$, $p=0.001$). The ten most abundant fungal
226 OTUs were shared by airborne, forest foliar and grapevine foliar communities, but their relative
227 abundance differed between each compartment (Table 1).

228 **Variations in the richness of foliar and airborne fungal communities at the landscape scale**

229 ANOVA revealed a significant effect of the interaction between host plant species and sampling
230 date on the richness of foliar fungal communities (Table 2). Differences in fungal community
231 richness between plant species were not significant in May and July (Fig. 4 and Fig. S1). In
232 October, grapevine stocks had significantly less rich foliar fungal communities than oak (post-
233 hoc tests: $P < 0.0001$; Fig. 4) and hornbeam trees ($P < 0.0001$), but the richness of their fungal
234 communities did not differ significantly from that of chestnut trees ($P = 0.147$; Fig. S1).
235 Hornbeam leaves harboured the richest communities of all the plant species considered (post-hoc
236 tests: $P < 0.0001$ between hornbeam and chestnut, $P = 0.0003$ between hornbeam and oak,
237 $P < 0.0001$ between hornbeam and grapevine; Fig. S1).

238 ANOVA post-hoc tests also revealed a significant decrease in fungal species richness in
239 grapevine over the course of the growing season ($P < 0.0001$ for each pairwise comparison;
240 Fig. 4). Seasonal variations in fungal richness were less marked in oak ($P = 0.081$, $P = 0.999$ and
241 $P = 0.004$, respectively between May and July, July and October, May and October), chestnut
242 ($P = 0.011$, $P = 0.997$ and $P = 0.0002$, respectively) and hornbeam ($P = 1.00$, $P = 0.144$ and $P = 0.185$,
243 respectively).

244 ANOVA also revealed a significant effect of the interaction between host plant species and edge
245 on the richness of foliar fungal communities (Table 2). The richness of foliar fungal communities
246 was significantly higher at the edge in oak ($P = 0.002$), but not in hornbeam ($P = 0.100$), chestnut
247 ($P = 0.139$), or grapevine ($P = 0.790$) (Fig. S2).

248 Habitat had a significant effect on the richness of airborne fungal communities (Table 2), which
249 was significantly higher in forests than in vineyards.

250 Conclusions were similar on models performed without rarefaction (Supporting information,
251 Table S14).

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253 **Variations in the composition of foliar and airborne fungal communities at the landscape**
254 **scale**

255 PERMANOVA revealed a significant effect of the interaction between host plant species and
256 sampling date on the composition of foliar fungal communities (Table 3). Bray-Curtis
257 dissimilarities between oak and grapevine foliar fungal communities increased over the course of
258 the growing season (mean \pm SD; 0.47 ± 0.07 in May, 0.67 ± 0.09 in July and 0.91 ± 0.06 in
259 October). These results are illustrated by non-metric multidimensional scaling (NMDS; Fig. 3a).
260 Bray-Curtis dissimilarities also increased between each pair of host species (Supporting
261 information, Table S2 and Fig. S3a). Similar results were obtained with the Jaccard dissimilarity
262 index (Supporting information, Table S3 and Fig. S3b).

263 PERMANOVA also revealed significant edge effects on the composition of foliar fungal
264 communities, in interaction with host plant species and sampling date. Post-hoc PERMANOVAs
265 computed separately for each host species indicated differences in community composition
266 between the edge and centre of the forest for oak and hornbeam, in interaction with sampling
267 date ($F=1.68$, $P=0.031$ and $F=1.85$, $P=0.044$, respectively). The composition of the fungal
268 community did not differ between the edge and the centre of the habitat for chestnut ($F=2.27$,
269 $P=0.25$) or grapevine ($F=0.92$, $P=1$). Finally, PERMANOVA analysis of Bray-Curtis
270 dissimilarities revealed a significant effect of sampling date on bioaerosol composition (Table 3
271 and Fig. 3b). Similar results were obtained for Jaccard dissimilarity (Supporting informtaion,

272 Table S3). Overall, similar results were also obtained without rarefying (Supporting information,
273 Table S5).

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275 **Discussion**

276 To our knowledge, this is the first time that the spatial structure and the temporal dynamic of
277 foliar and airborne fungal communities are assessed simultaneously at the landscape scale. We
278 studied a landscape mosaic consisting of two main habitats, vineyard and forest patches. We
279 expected that repeated dispersal events between habitat patches would homogenize the foliar
280 communities over the course of the growing season. We expected the homogenization to be
281 greater along habitat edges, where grapevine stocks and forest trees are closer to each other.

282 Accordingly, we found that 26% of the OTUs are shared between airborne and foliar fungal
283 communities. The most abundant ones are principally generalist species, such as *Aureobasidium*
284 *pullulans*, *Cladosporium sp.* or *Eppicoccum nigrum*, which were already found as abundant in
285 the microbiome of many species (Jumpponen & Jones, 2009; Zambell & White, 2014; Pinto &
286 Gomes, 2016). This result confirms that many fungal species disperse through the atmosphere
287 (Lindemann et al., 1982; Brown & Hovmøller, 2002; Bulgarelli et al., 2013). Moreover, while
288 the richness of airborne fungal communities was higher in forest patches than in adjacent
289 vineyards, their composition did not differ significantly, whatever the season. This lack of spatial
290 variation in airborne fungal communities could account for the high similarity between foliar
291 fungal communities of grapevine and forest tree species at the beginning of the growing season.
292 Flushing leaves in May receive similar pools of fungal species through airborne dispersal,
293 whatever the habitat and the host plant species. Our results suggest that dispersal of foliar fungal

294 communities is not limited at the landscape scale. Similar patterns were already observed at far
 295 larger spatial scales. The atmosphere is indeed considered as a continental and inter-continantal
 296 corridor for the dispersal of microorganisms (Finlay, 2002; Brown & Hovmøller, 2002; Womack
 297 et al., 2010; Barberán et al., 2014), resulting in global patterns across continents. However, our
 298 results contrast with the strong dispersal limitation observed at smaller scale (Bowers et al.,
 299 2013). Peay et al. (2010) found that ectomycorrhizal richness is lower in small tree patches
 300 located 1 km away from large tree patches than nearer ones. Dickie & Reich (2005) showed that
 301 the abundance and richness of ectomycorrhizal fungi decreased up to 20 m away from the forest
 302 edge. Galante et al. (2011) also showed that 95% of ectomycorrhizal spores fell within 58 cm
 303 from the source. While the dispersal of ectomycorrhizal fungi can differ from the foliar fungi
 304 because of differences in the height of spore emission (Schmale & Ross, 2015), our failure to
 305 detect such dispersal limitation at small spatial scales can be explained by the short time of
 306 sampling of airborne communities (30 minutes), which can be insufficient to properly
 307 characterize the airborne fungal composition of the whole season.

308 Against expectation, we found that the composition of the foliar fungal communities of forest
 309 tree species and grapevine increasingly diverged from May to October. Besides, a severe decline
 310 in the richness of foliar fungal communities was observed in grapevine over the course of the
 311 growing season, but not in forest tree species. Despite an identical pool of airborne fungi in
 312 vineyards and forests, the selective pressures exerted on foliar fungal communities therefore
 313 differ between both habitats. These selective pressures can be exerted by several factors,
 314 including the host species, the microclimate and the agricultural practices. Host-specificity has
 315 been demonstrated in foliar fungal communities (Kembel & Mueller, 2014; Lambais et al., 2014;
 316 Meiser et al., 2014). Our results paralleled these findings: in forest patches, foliar fungal

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322 communities significantly differ among tree species at the end of the growing season. Seasonal
 323 variations in leaf physiology could also account for the observed temporal variations in foliar
 324 communities, especially the richness decline in grapevine fungal foliar communities. Older
 325 grapevine leaves indeed produce larger amounts of phytoalexins and tend to be more resistant to
 326 pathogens (Steimetz et al., 2012). Selection by the habitat can also be exerted by the
 327 microclimate (Vacher et al., 2016). Harsher microclimatic conditions in vineyards than in forests,
 328 especially in the summer, could account for the decline in fungal species richness in vineyards
 329 but not in forests. Particularly, greater exposure to UV and higher air temperatures in vineyards
 330 could decrease the survival of foliar fungi on grapevine leaves. By contrast, tree cover provides a
 331 milder microclimate which could be more suitable to foliar micro-organisms. Finally, selection
 332 by the habitat can be exerted by agricultural practices. A few studies showed that fungicide
 333 applications can reduce the diversity and alter the composition of the foliar microbial community
 334 (Gu et al., 2010; Moulas et al., 2013; Cordero-Bueso et al., 2014; Karlsson et al., 2014).
 335 However, several other studies showed that the foliar fungal communities of grapevine are
 336 highly resilient to some chemical or biological pesticides (Walter et al., 2007; Perazzolli et al.,
 337 2014; Ottesen et al., 2015). Further research is required to assess the influence of fungicide
 338 applications on the observed decline in the richness of foliar fungal communities.

339 Our study also showed, for the first time, significant edge effects on foliar fungal community
 340 assemblages. A higher level of foliar fungal community richness was found in oak trees growing
 341 at the edge of the forest than in oak trees growing 100 m away. Significant differences in
 342 community composition between the edge and the centre of the forest were also found for oak
 343 and hornbeam. Variations in microclimate and leaf physiology along the forest edge (Chen et al.,
 344 1993; Zheng et al., 2005; Kunert et al., 2015) are more likely to account for this result than

345 species dispersal from vineyards to forest patches, since the foliar fungal communities of the two
346 habitats diverged over the course of the growing season. The absence of edge effect in grapevine
347 foliar fungal communities suggests that dispersal of fungal species from forests to vineyards has
348 little influence on community composition and richness. This result contrasts with the findings of
349 many studies on macro-organisms, reporting that dispersal events between managed and non-
350 managed habitats shape communities and influence ecosystem functioning and services
351 (Thomson & Hoffmann, 2009; Rusch et al., 2010; Thomson et al., 2010; Chaplin-Kramer et al.,
352 2011; Blitzer et al., 2012).

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354 **Conclusions**

355 Our results suggest that dispersal events between habitat patches are not major drivers of foliar
356 fungal communities at the landscape scale. Selective pressures exerted in each habitat by the
357 plant host, the microclimate and the agricultural practices play a greater role, and might account
358 for the differentiation of foliar fungal communities between habitats. However, our experimental
359 design does not allow us to assess the relative influence of each factor in shaping foliar fungal
360 communities. Our results suggest that the leaves of broad-leaf species are colonised by similar
361 pools of airborne micro-organisms at the beginning of the growing season. The composition of
362 foliar fungal communities then diverges between habitat patches and between plant species
363 within the same habitat. In contrast, airborne communities remain similar between habitats.
364 Overall, our results support those of Redford et al. (2010) and Morrison-Whittle & Goddard
365 (2015) which indicated that selection predominates over dispersal in structuring plant microbial
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570 **Tables**

571 **Table 1** Taxonomic assignment of the 10 most abundant OTUs by the online BLAST analysis
 572 against the GenBank database. The environmental and metagenome sequences were excluded.
 573 Identity is the percentage identity between the OTU representative sequence and the closest
 574 matching sequence in GenBank. Taxa shown as unassigned at the species level (*sp.*) indicate
 575 OTUs assigned to at least two species of the same genus with identical e-value. Relative
 576 abundance are percentage of abundance of each data subset and brackets contain the rank of the
 577 OTU in each data subset.

Closest match			Relative abundance in percent (rank)			
GI number	Identity	Putative taxon	Total	Airborne	Forest leaves	Grapevine leaves
1034220623	100	<i>Aureobasidium pullulans</i>	15.48	3.8 (4)	12.6 (1)	55.9 (1)
1031917897	100	<i>Cladosporium sp.</i>	8.01	29.8 (1)	2.7 (11)	2.4 (5)
1049480240	85.6	<i>Collophora hispanica</i>	5.64	1.7 (7)	7.4 (2)	1.1 (13)
61619908	100	<i>Ramularia endophylla</i>	4.72	0.6 (20)	6.4 (3)	1.4 (12)
1035371449	100	<i>Cladosporium sp.</i>	4.51	13.7 (2)	2.3 (13)	1.8 (7)
530746702	100	<i>Stromatoseptoria castaneicola</i>	3.48	0.3 (31)	4.8 (4)	0.9 (15)
626419142	99.5	<i>Taphrina carpini</i>	3.35	1.3 (9)	4.3 (6)	0.7 (19)
1024249962	100	<i>Erysiphe sp.</i>	3.17	0.3 (33)	4.4 (5)	0.8 (16)
61619940	100	<i>Naevula minutissima</i>	2.99	1.2 (10)	3.8 (8)	0.7 (20)
961502090	91.0	<i>Zeloasperisporium searsiae</i>	2.93	0.2 (46)	4.1 (7)	0.6 (21)

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579 **Table 2** Effect of sampling date (May, July or October), host species (oak, hornbeam, chestnut
580 or grapevine) or habitat (vineyard or forest), edge (habitat centre or center) and their interaction
581 on OTU richness in foliar and airborne fungal communities, assessed using a type III ANOVA.
582 In both models, sampling site was included as a random variable. R_m^2 is the marginal coefficient
583 of determination (for fixed effects) and R_c^2 the conditional coefficient of determination (for fixed
584 and random effects). Bold values are the significant ones.

	F	P-value	R_m^2 (R_c^2)
Foliar OTU richness			
Date	44.49	<0.001	0.64 (0.71)
Species	14.97	<0.001	
Edge	17.21	<0.001	
D x S	23.42	<0.001	
D x E	0.11	0.894	
S x E	6.72	<0.001	
D x S x E	1.13	0.347	
Airborne OTU richness			
Date	1.07	0.362	0.34 (0.52)
Habitat	10.19	0.004	
Edge	4.20	0.052	
D x H	0.86	0.436	
D x E	1.40	0.267	
H x E	0.01	0.912	
D x H x E	1.678	0.209	

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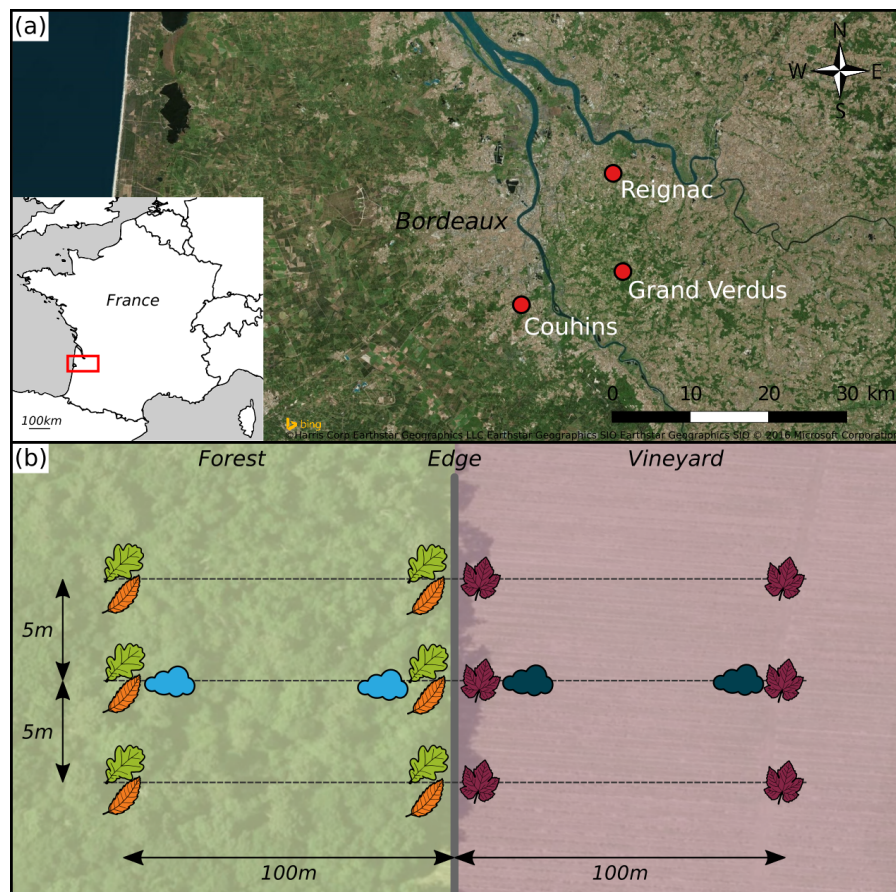
586 **Table 3** Effect of sampling date (May, July or October), host species (oak, hornbeam, chestnut
587 or grapevine) or habitat (vineyard or forest), edge (habitat centre or center) and their interaction
588 on the composition of foliar and airborne fungal communities, assessed using a PERMANOVA.
589 In both models, sampling site was included as a stratification variable. Bold values are the
590 significant ones.

	F	R ²	<i>P</i> -value
Foliar fungal community composition			
Date	10.13	0.078	0.001
Species	13.70	0.158	0.001
Edge	3.94	0.015	0.001
D x Sp	6.92	0.160	0.001
D x E	2.05	0.016	0.007
Sp x E	2.22	0.026	0.001
D x Sp x E	1.08	0.025	0.239
Airborne fungal community composition			
Date	2.94	0.157	0.001
Habitat	1.54	0.041	0.062
Edge	0.68	0.018	0.827
D x H	0.95	0.051	0.418
D x E	0.66	0.035	0.938
H x E	0.77	0.020	0.684
D x H x E	0.71	0.038	0.878

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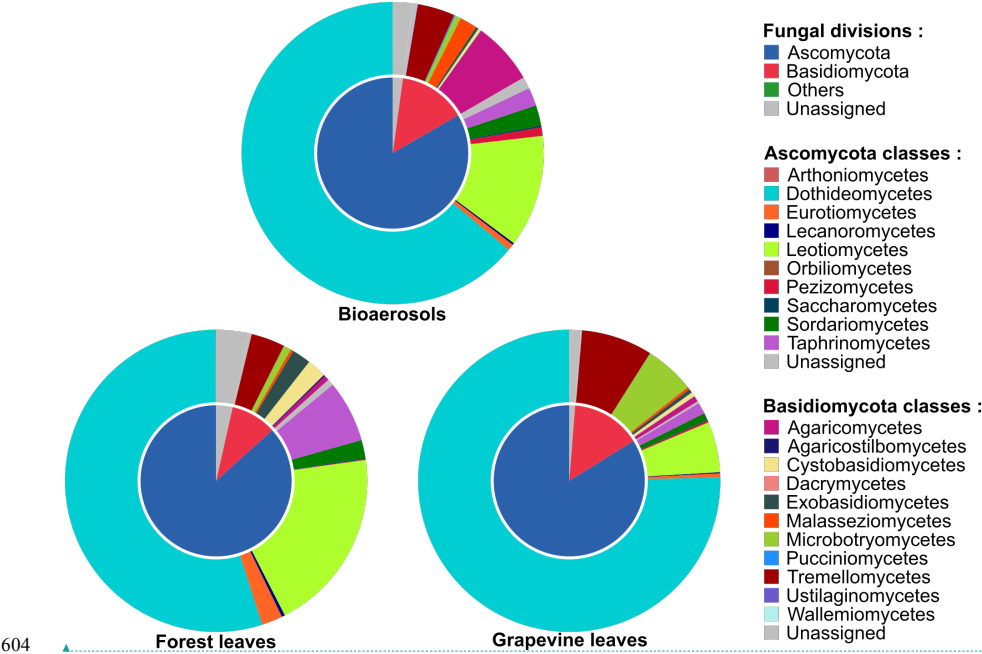
Figures

Figure 1: Experimental design. (a) Geographical position of the three sampling sites, represented by red points. (b) Sampling design at each site. Leaf pictograms represent the sampling location of leaves in each site. Three leaves per plant species (i.e. grapevine in the vineyard and oak *plus* chestnut or hornbeam in the forest patch) were sampled at each location. Cloud pictograms represent the sampling location of airborne communities.



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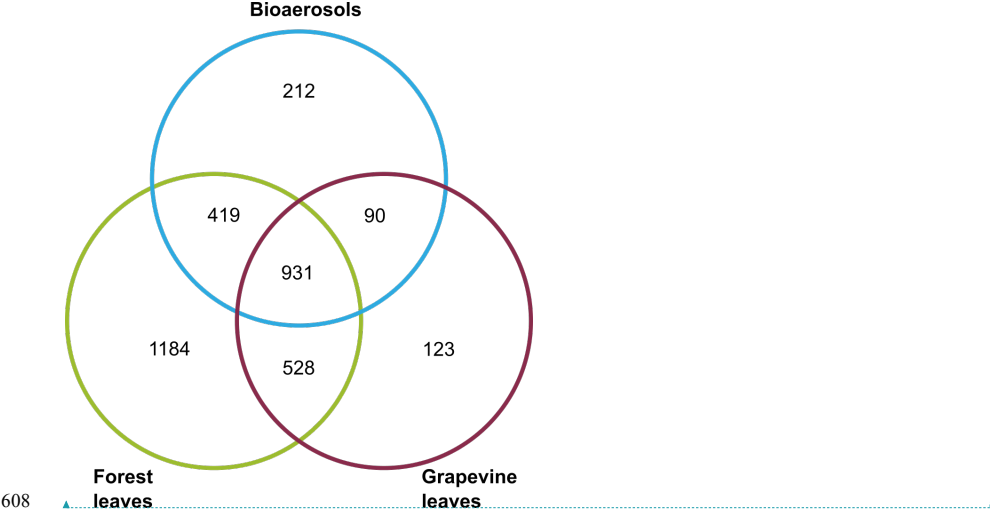
599 **Figure 2** Taxonomic composition of the airborne and foliar fungal communities in forest and
 600 vineyard habitats. The inner disc shows the proportion of sequences assigned to each taxonomic
 601 division, and the outer disc the proportion of sequences assigned to each class of the Ascomycota
 602 and Basidiomycota divisions.
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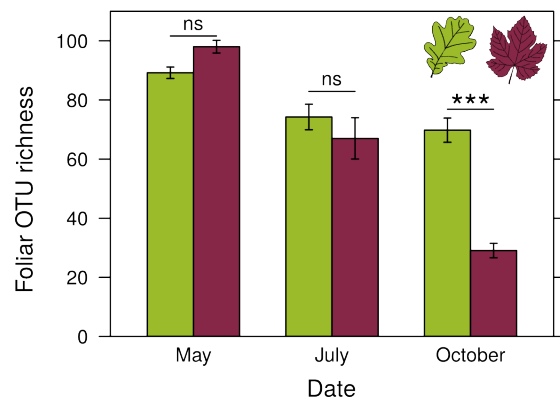
605 **Figure 3** Venn diagramm giving the number of OTUs shared between the airborne, forest foliar
606 and vineyard foliar communities.

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609 **Figure 4** Richness of foliar fungal community in oak (green) and grapevine (red), depending on
610 the sampling date. Error bars represent the standard error.



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612 **Figure 5** NMDS representing dissimilarities in the composition of fungal communities. (a)
 613 Dissimilarities in the composition of foliar fungal communities between the host species (oak in
 614 green and grapevine in red), depending on the sampling date. The other two forest species are not
 615 shown here, to make the figure easier to read, and are presented in Fig. S2. The stress value
 616 associated with this representation was 0.170. (b) Airborne fungal communities between the
 617 habitat (forest in light-blue and vineyard in dark-blue), depending on the sampling date. The
 618 stress value associated with this representation was 0.188. Dissimilarities between samples were
 619 computed with the Bray-Curtis index, averaged over 100 random rarefactions of the OTU table.
 620 The confidence ellipsoid at the 0.68 level is shown, for all combinations of these two factors.

