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Multi-scale and multi-site resampling of study area in spatial genetics: implications for flying insect species

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31 **Abstract**

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52 **Introduction**

53 Landscape genetics examines the relationship between landscape and environmental
54 features and genetic structure (Manel et al., 2003; Manel & Holderegger 2013). It allows which

55 environmental features facilitate or hinder gene flow to be inferred (Zeller et al., 2012), which is a
56 key factor for understanding the persistence and evolution of species and populations and has
57 significant consequences for conservation planning (Castillo et al., 2014; Van Strien et al., 2014).
58 As an emerging and fast moving field, the landscape genetic toolbox is far from being established,
59 and an important effort toward method optimization is still required to make relevant and optimal
60 inferences (Anderson et al., 2010; Cushman et al., 2013; Manel & Holderegger 2013). Landscape
61 genetic analyses are usually conducted at a single scale and in a single location (Zeller et al., 2012)
62 and therefore provide results that are strictly speaking only applicable to the particular area under
63 study. Indeed, genetic structure is determined by multiple micro- and macro-evolutionary
64 processes acting at different spatial and temporal scales, rarely homogeneously distributed across
65 a study species' distribution range (Waters et al., 2013). For example, in addition to contemporary
66 or historical environmental effects on dispersal (Zellmer & Knowles 2009), the genetic structure
67 of organisms is often influenced by historic differentiation due to quaternary climate oscillations
68 (Hewitt 2000), or by biased dispersal due to local adaptation to specific environmental conditions
69 (Sexton et al., 2014; Pflüger & Balkenhol 2014). The diverse factors acting at different temporal
70 and spatial scales may generate genetic patterns that could be inconsistent across locations or
71 regions, which results in conflicting signals of environmental factors acting on gene flow. This
72 may drastically impede the ability to infer the general drivers of gene flow. To overcome this
73 problem, several authors have pointed to the importance of matching study design to the process
74 investigated (Anderson et al., 2010; Cushman & Landguth 2010; Galpern et al., 2012; Keller et
75 al., 2013), or have stressed the need to consider landscape-level replications in landscape genetic
76 analysis (Holderegger & Wagner 2008; Short Bull et al., 2011).

77 The scale of study is fundamental in landscape genetics, because species respond to
78 environmental features at a continuous range of scales (Anderson et al., 2010; Manel &
79 Holderegger 2013). This point has been highlighted in several empirical studies and simulation
80 exercises (Cushman & Landguth 2010; Angelone et al., 2011; Galpern et al., 2012; Dudaniec et
81 al., 2013; Keller et al., 2013), in particular for organisms exhibiting wide home-ranges like large
82 mammals (Galpern et al., 2012; Zeller et al., 2014). Despite an increasing number of studies
83 explicitly accounting for scale effects, landscape genetics studies still rarely consider scale effects
84 (Zeller et al., 2012) and how it affects inference on the detection of general effects of
85 environmental features on dispersal and gene flow. Landscape-level replication is another

86 fundamental aspect in landscape genetics. The term replication usually refers to the replication of
87 sampling areas (sampling units; Short Bull et al., 2011). Such experimental design provides a
88 “quantitative” dimension in landscape genetics analysis, allowing conclusions to be drawn about
89 the effects of landscape features on the dispersal of organisms. Few studies have included
90 replication in landscape genetics studies (Driezen et al., 2007; Kindall & Van Manen 2007;
91 Zalewski et al., 2009; Short Bull et al., 2011), and the number of replications considered is often
92 low due to the sampling effort required.

93 There is currently an increasing demand to provide a more complete and comprehensive
94 picture of the general landscape effects on the dispersal of organisms, including variation across
95 scale and locations. However, such exploration often remains often limited due to the important
96 sampling efforts required. In the present study, we assess a method to unify both dimensions in
97 spatial genetic analysis. This method consists of a multi-site and a multi-scale resampling of sliding
98 windows (study areas) and therefore has the potential to reduce the versatility of results while
99 keeping sampling effort to a reasonable level.

100 As a study system, we explored which environmental features foster or hinder gene flow
101 of a flying insect species, *Monochamus galloprovincialis* (Coleoptera, Cerambycidae). We
102 performed an individual-based landscape genetic analysis among 3×10^4 resampled areas of extent
103 ranging from 220 to 1000 km and distributed in 132 sampling locations in the Iberian Peninsula.
104 *M. galloprovincialis* is the vector of the pinewood nematode (*Bursaphelenchus xylophilus*, PWN)
105 in Europe. This species is native to Europe and is structured into several genetic clusters that are
106 thought to correspond to postglacial recolonization patterns (Koutroumpa et al., 2013, Haran et al.,
107 2015). The life cycle of this beetle occurs in the wood of declining pine trees (*Pinus pinaster*, *P.*
108 *sylvestris*, *P. nigra*, *P. halepensis*, Naves et al., 2006; Hellrigl 1971). *M. galloprovincialis* is quite
109 long-lived and shows rather high potential to dispersal in laboratory experiments and in the field
110 (David et al., 2013; Mas et al., 2013). However, the role of major environmental features and
111 parameters (elevations, low temperatures and the density of pine cover) as potential barriers to the
112 dispersal of this species has been weakly explored and remains poorly understood (Haran et al.,
113 2015; Torres-Vila et al., 2015).

114 **Methods:**

115 *Sampling and genotyping*

116 The study area covered the entire Iberian Peninsula (582 000 km²) with altitudes ranging
117 from sea level up to 2444 m. *M. galloprovincialis* specimens were trapped between 2011 and 2013
118 at 137 sites spread over the Iberian Peninsula. We used multifunnel traps baited with a volatile
119 attractant (Galloprotect, SEDQ, Spain) placed during the summer to catch flying adults. The traps
120 used had a radius of attraction of 100m (Jactel et al., 2015) and were placed in dense pine stands
121 (where beetle density is high; Jactel et al., 2015) to limit consanguinity among individuals caught.
122 After collecting, adults were stored in 96.66% ethanol at 4°C. Despite intensive trapping, *M.*
123 *galloprovincialis* was not recorded in five localities in the Central lowlands of Castilla y Leon,
124 central Galicia and Asturias districts. We obtained a sampling of 1050 individuals at 132 sites.
125 Seventy-seven sites had a size below 10 and 55 above or equal to this value, with an average
126 sampling size per location of 7.68 individuals. Details of sampling localities and year of collection
127 are given in table S1 (supporting information). Individuals collected at the same locality were
128 considered as one deme. The distribution of sites covered most of the pine forests found in the
129 Iberian Peninsula (Fig. S1; supporting information).

130 DNA was isolated from two legs per individuals using a Nucleospin Kit (Macherey-Nagel,
131 Düren, Germany). Specimens were genotyped at 12 microsatellite loci (Mon01, Mon08, Mon17,
132 Mon23, Mon27, Mon30, Mon31, Mon35, Mon36, Mon41, Mon42 and Mon44) following the
133 method of Haran & Roux-Morabito (2014). Details of primer sequences and the protocol for
134 genotyping are given in Table S2 (supporting information). Results showing negative or
135 ambiguous amplification of particular loci were repeated once and considered null when still
136 unsatisfactory. Individuals exceeding two missing loci were removed for analysis. Deviation from
137 Hardy Weinberg Equilibrium (F_{is}) was estimated for each deme, each inferred cluster and for the
138 whole dataset using GENEPOP 4.2 (Raymon & Rousset 1995). The frequency of null alleles at
139 each locus was tested using FREENA (Chapuis & Estoup 2007) among three large size demes
140 ($n > 19$). Loci exceeding a rate of 7% of null alleles across populations were discarded from further
141 analysis. The allelic richness was computed for each deme using rarefaction (HP-RARE,
142 Kalinowski 2005). The absence of linkage disequilibrium between pairs of loci was already
143 reported in a previous population-based study (Haran et al., 2015).

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145 ***Genetic structure***

146 We used the Bayesian approach implemented in STRUCTURE 2.3.4 (Pritchard et al.,
147 2000) to identify the main genetic clusters among Iberian demes. STRUCTURE assigns
148 individuals to a predefined number of clusters based on allelic composition and linkage
149 disequilibrium. We used the Delta K method (Evanno et al., 2005) to determine the number of
150 clusters (K) that best fit the data. Genotypes were analyzed using default parameters (admixture
151 model, correlated alleles frequency). We made ten repeats of a 200,000 burn-in period followed
152 by 500,000 replicates of Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC), for K values ranging from 1 to 20.
153 Results were uploaded in STRUCTURE HARVESTER (Earl et al., 2012) to determine the optimal
154 K. We also explored the existence of genetic clusters among demes using a principal component
155 analysis (PCA) performed on allele frequencies (package Adegenet, Jombart 2008). To account
156 for potential confounding effects of differentiated genetic clusters (possibly of evolutionary history
157 origin) on the inference of gene flow, landscape genetic analyses were performed twice, once
158 within the main cluster identified by STRUCTURE and PCA, and once with the whole dataset
159 including all clusters.

160 The scores of sampling locations upon axis 1 of the PCA are linear descriptors of the allele
161 frequencies and, as such, can be used as a univariate statistical measure of genetic composition.
162 The scores may encapsulate relevant spatial information, so we explored this point using a specific
163 tool borrowed from geostatistics: the variogram (Wagner et al., 2005, Goovaerts, 1997). The
164 variogram is used in all branches of life sciences in order to explore spatial patterns and determine
165 the main spatial scales at which structures occur. In the present study, we analyzed the score of
166 sample points upon axis 1 using a variogram to better understand the spatial component of the
167 variation encapsulated in the first axis of the PCA. Let $z(u_\alpha)$, with $\alpha=1, 2, \dots, n$, be a set of n values
168 of sample scores upon a PCA axis where u_α is the vector of spatial coordinates of the α th
169 observation. In geostatistics, spatial dependence is described in terms of dissimilarity between
170 observations expressed as a function of the separating distance (Goovaerts 1997). The average
171 dissimilarity between data separated by a vector h is measured by the empirical semi-variance $\hat{\gamma}(h)$,
172 which is computed as half of the average squared difference between the data pairs:

$$173 \quad \hat{\gamma}(h) = \frac{1}{2N(h)} \sum_{x=1}^{N(h)} [z(u_\alpha) - z(u_\alpha + h)]^2 \quad (1)$$

174 where $N(h)$ is the number of data pairs for a given lag vector h , $z(u_\alpha)$ and $z(u_\alpha+h)$ the score
175 values of all sample locations separated by a vector h . The more alike the observations at points
176 separated by h are, the smaller $\hat{\gamma}(h)$, and vice versa. The plot of $\hat{\gamma}(h)$ against h is called a variogram
177 and represents the average rate of change of z with distance. Its shape describes the pattern of
178 spatial variation in terms of general form, scales and magnitude (Goovaerts 1997).

179 Variograms are good tools to depict spatial structures and analyze nested patterns (Burrough
180 1983); when structures occurs at different spatial scales, the resulting variogram exhibits different
181 plateaus in association with different scales (Robertson and Gross 1994; Rossi 2003). The range
182 of the variogram is the distance at which the plateau occurs. Multi-plateau variograms exhibit
183 different ranges which provide synthetic information about the spatial scales at play. Readers are
184 referred to Goovaerts (1997) for a thorough introduction to variograms and geostatistics and to
185 Wagner et al., (2005) for an introduction of this tool in the field of population genetics. Variograms
186 were computed using the R package geoR (Ribeiro and Diggle 2001).

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188 ***Landscape genetics analysis***

189 We computed genetic distances between pairs of individuals using an individual-based
190 metric (Shirk et al., 2010; Prunier et al., 2013). We first constructed a matrix where each individual
191 is a row and alleles are columns and where genotypes were coded for each allele as 0 when absent,
192 1 when single at a locus (heterozygotes) or 2 for homozygotes (Shirk et al., 2010). Thus,
193 individuals are represented as a linear vector of size n , where n is the total number of alleles
194 encountered in all individuals genotyped. We then generated a semi matrix of distance between all
195 pairs of individuals. We computed the Bray-Curtis percentage of dissimilarity (Legendre &
196 Legendre 1998) to estimate differentiation between all pairs of individuals. Calculations were
197 performed using the R package vegan (Oksanen et al., 2016).

198 We selected the environmental features considered to be the most likely to influence the
199 dispersal of *M. galloprovincialis* given the existing knowledge of species requirements. Apart from
200 Euclidian geographic distances (null model), we considered three environmental features to be
201 potential drivers of dispersal (pine density, temperatures and elevation).

202 We modeled environmental resistance as a function of pine density as this parameter
203 determines the volume of resource available for the *M. galloprovincialis* and is thought to affect
204 its foraging dispersal. As the dispersal behavior of this beetle in reaction to pine density is not
205 known, we modeled this parameter according to two alternative scenarios. (1) High pine densities
206 are positively correlated with beetle dispersal. In this scenario, a dense pine cover represents a
207 corridor for dispersal due to the high amount of resources available. Conversely, a low pine density
208 would represent a barrier. (2) High pine densities are negatively correlated with beetle dispersal.
209 For this second scenario, it was assumed that a dense pine cover provides sufficient resources for
210 local populations, which would therefore not need to disperse. This scenario assumes increased
211 dispersal in low pine cover areas. To model resistance based on pine density, we considered the
212 sum of densities of all pine species encountered in a grid cell. Indeed, in the Iberian Peninsula, *M.*
213 *galloprovincialis* is performing its life cycle in stressed or fresh dead wood of the most widespread
214 pine species: *Pinus pinaster*, *P. nigra*, *P. sylvestris*, *P. halepensis* and *P. radiata* (Hellrigl 1971;
215 Naves et al., 2006), and shows no specialization for any of these host species (Haran et al., 2015).

216 Resistance was modeled as a function of mean minimum temperatures, as low summer
217 temperatures tends to inhibit adults flying activity (Hernández et al., 2011), and because low winter
218 temperatures are likely to determine survival or the development rate of larval instars in *M.*
219 *galloprovincialis* (Naves & Sousa 2009). This species performs its larval phase during winter, and
220 instars may stop their development and eventually die after exposure to extended periods of cold
221 temperatures (Naves and Sousa 2009). As no precise threshold is known for both flying activity
222 and larvae survival, we consider that resistance increases when the annual mean minimum
223 temperatures decrease. Elevation is often a proxy for temperature. We hypothesized that resistance
224 to dispersal increases when elevation increases. We kept temperatures and elevation as distinct
225 environmental features for the analysis, because temperature and altitude may not co-vary
226 similarly at large scales (North to South of Spain; for collinearity see below). A summary of
227 resistance scenarios of environmental features is given in Table 1.

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229 Resistance distances were computed using the package *gdistance* (van Etten 2012). Raster
230 layers of environmental features were imported at a resolution of 10 x 10 km. Such resolution was
231 chosen because the mean flight distance of *M. galloprovincialis* reaches 16 km, based on flight
232 mills experiments (David et al., 2014). Temperature data (1950-2000) were downloaded from

233 Hijmans et al., (2005; <http://www.worldclim.org>; original resolution: 1 x 1 km), the pine density
234 from Tröltzsch et al., (2009; <http://www.efi.int/>; original resolution: 1 x 1 km) and elevation from
235 ARCGIS 9.3 (ESRI, Redlands, CA, USA; original resolution: 1 x 1 km). For control purpose,
236 resistance distances were also measured on layers with a resolution of 1 x 1 km. As temperature,
237 elevation and pine density are continuous parameters, we did not assign particular resistances to
238 particular values, but directly used the values (except for the *Pc* hypothesis for which values were
239 set as negative). Pairwise resistance distances were estimated based on random walk probabilities
240 (Chandra et al., 1997, McRae 2006) and computed using the command `commuteDistance` (package
241 `gdistance`). Resistance distances were chosen instead of least cost distances (LCD) because they
242 are thought to be more reliable biologically and produce fewer artifacts over long distances
243 (McRae 2006). We constructed a semi matrix of resistance distance between each pair of
244 individuals. Values were normalized to a common scale for further analysis. Collinearity was
245 estimated using the variance inflation factor (VIF) based on the formula $VIF = 1/(1-R^2)$, where R^2
246 is the r-squared value of regression between variables. VIF values > 10 are usually considered
247 evidence for collinearity between environmental features (O'Brien 2007). We did not detect
248 collinearity between environmental features over the whole area of study ($VIF < 1$ for all pairwise
249 comparisons).

250 We tested correlation between the response (genetic distances matrix, G) and resistance
251 distances (resistance matrices; Isolation By Resistance: IBR) and geographic distances (Euclidian
252 geographic distance; Isolation By Distance: IBD) using partial Mantel tests (Cushman & Landguth
253 2010). Partial Mantel tests measure association between two distances matrices while partialling
254 out a third distance matrix. We first used simple Mantel tests to correlate IBD with G. We then
255 tested the effect of IBR in partial Mantel tests. Support for IBR was considered when: (1) IBR
256 should be significantly correlated to G after partialling out IBD ($p < 0.05$) and IBD should be non-
257 significant with IBR partialled out ($p \geq 0.05$; Cushman et al., 2006). Mantel and partial Mantel
258 tests were performed using the `vegan` package with 10^3 permutations. This approach is widely used
259 in the field of landscape genetics (Cushman et al., 2006; Cushman and Landguth 2010; Galpern et
260 al., 2012; Castillo et al., 2014) and has been shown to efficiently infer the drivers of gene flow
261 (Cushman & Landguth 2010b). However, partial Mantel tests have received criticism regarding
262 their statistical performance (Guillot & Rousset 2013; Diniz-Filho et al., 2013), and are therefore
263 preferably used together with complementary approaches such as ordination methods (Kierepka

264 et al., 2015). To overcome the potential weakness of partial Mantel tests on our dataset, and to
265 validate the statistical significance of correlations, distance matrices were also regressed using
266 commonality analysis (Prunier et al., 2014). This method is based on variance-partitioning and
267 therefore allows the relative importance of the environmental features shaping genetic structure to
268 be estimated, accounting for covariance in the features tested. For commonality analysis, the
269 response G was regressed onto each resistance matrices separate and each combination using the
270 R package yhat (Nimon et al., 2013).

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272 *Multiple scales and multiple locations analysis*

273 We considered various spatial scales and various locations in the above landscape genetic
274 analysis by generating nested sampling areas spread over the full extent of the Iberian Peninsula.
275 Sampling areas were constructed as circles of diameters ranging from 220 to 1000 km (steps of 20
276 km) and centered at each sampling location. Scale dimension was therefore tested only in terms of
277 the extent for this study (Mayer & Cameron 2003). Mantel tests were performed between all
278 individuals found within each area defined. Areas of diameter below 220 km were not included,
279 because it was too small to gather neighboring demes for Mantel tests in the less sampled areas,
280 unbalancing the analysis. We then tracked the evolution of the number of areas with supported
281 IBR hypothesis and the mean significant Mantel r with increasing scale. The geographic
282 distribution of areas with a supported IBR hypothesis was obtained by summing the number of
283 times that each individual was included in a sampling area with IBR hypothesis support among all
284 scales. Obtained numbers (frequencies) were corrected accounting for intrinsic variation due to
285 overlapping sampling areas. Frequencies at each point were interpolated using the Inverse Distance
286 Weighted method (IDW) in ARCGIS 9.3 (ESRI, Redlands, CA, USA) to visualize variation in
287 spatial distribution of areas which supported each IBR hypothesis. Landscape genetics analyses
288 have been shown to perform better in a contrasted landscape (*i.e.* high amplitudes of values of
289 resistant features; Jaquière et al., 2011; Cushman et al., 2013). We extracted resistance values of
290 raster cells within each sampling area and computed the standard deviation (SD) of these values
291 to determine whether support of the IBR hypotheses was due to variation in the environmental
292 features tested. We then calculated mean standard deviation of areas with supported and non-
293 supported IBR hypotheses among the scales of study. Commonality analyses (see above) were

294 performed within each sampling area generated. As for Mantel tests, we tracked the development
295 of commonality coefficients (percentage of variance explained by unique and cumulated IBR
296 hypothesis) among scales and locations. The sampling area maximizing commonality coefficients
297 was chosen for representation of the relative importance of environmental features in shaping
298 genetic structure. All computations were performed using the R software version 3.0.2 (R
299 development Core Team 2013).

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301 **Results**

302 ***Genotyping***

303 Overall, 1050 individuals were successfully genotyped. Among the 3 populations of larger
304 sizes tested ($n > 19$), two loci exhibited substantial null allele frequencies ($> 7\%$) and were therefore
305 not considered for further analysis (Mon 01 and Mon 27). Significant heterozygote deficit was
306 detected at four loci (Mon 30, 35, 42, 44). Corresponding null allele frequencies were low ($< 7\%$),
307 so these loci were retained. After the removal of incomplete genotypes ($n = 58$) and biased loci, we
308 obtained a total of 992 individuals genotyped at ten loci. The average number of alleles per locus
309 was 10.2 (range: 6-24). Number of alleles per deme (using rarefaction) ranged from 1.32 to 1.64
310 and F_{is} estimates from -0.27 to 0.38 (Table S1; supporting information).

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312 ***Genetic structure***

313 Individuals formed two clusters under STRUCTURE analysis (Delta $K_2 = 1274.41$; delta
314 $K_3 = 73.41$, see Figure S3 in supporting information). Clusters showed a clear geographic
315 structure, exhibiting a split between Portugal and western Galicia (West Iberian cluster) versus the
316 rest of the Iberian Peninsula (Fig. 1A). PCA gave similar results on the first axis (eigenvalue: 0.494
317 accounting for 14.3% of the total inertia), splitting demes into two distinct clusters (Fig. 1C).
318 Estimates of population differentiation (F_{st}) between the three populations of large size ($n > 19$)
319 were moderate (Castro Daire /Catsellbell: 0.13; Castro Daire/Vale Feitoso: 0.13; Catsellbell/ Vale
320 Feitoso: 0.05; $p < 0.001$).

321 Data points were grouped into 26 distance classes ranging from 0 to 1252 km, with a
322 distance interval of 50 km. The variogram reveals that the first axis of PCA corresponds to a highly
323 spatially structured pattern (Fig. 2). The semi-variance first progressively increased with
324 increasing lag distance up to a distance of about 190 km and then reached a plateau. For distances
325 of about 400 km, the semi-variance increased again and leveled off for distances further than 1000
326 km. The shape of this variogram is typical of the presence of a long-range spatial variation
327 superimposed over a more local, *i.e.* short-scale genetic structure occurring at scales of 200 to 400
328 km. For scales below 200 km, the variogram show that genotypes were strongly spatially auto-
329 correlated (*i.e.* non-independent).

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331 ***Landscape genetics analysis***

332 Analyses were conducted both on the whole dataset (992 individuals, 132 localities) and
333 within the Spanish cluster (790 individuals, 87 localities), for a total of 116 and 102 alleles
334 analyzed respectively. Grain sizes of 1 x 1 km and 10 x 10 km resulted in similar results. Null
335 distances were not encountered at grain 10 x 10 km, as none of the sampling sites fell with neighbor
336 sites in the same grain. Therefore, only the results obtained for grain 10 x 10 km will be reported
337 below.

338 Over the whole area of study (whole dataset), we generated a total of 30 576 sampling
339 areas. The mean number of individuals within sampling areas varied from 89.18 (SD: 42.42) at the
340 smallest scale (220 km) to 644.58 (SD: 158.07) at the largest scale (1000 km; Fig. S2, supporting
341 information). Significant effects of environmental features were detected for all IBR hypotheses
342 tested with partial Mantel tests, but the frequency of areas exhibiting an IBR effect varied among
343 scales and locations. The number of areas showing a significant effects of environmental features
344 generally increased with increasing scale (Fig. 3A), but each of the four IBR hypotheses showed
345 a different pattern. Significant effects of environmental features for *E*, *Pr* and *T* hypotheses were
346 detected in about 15-25% of the areas at smallest scale (220 - 300 km). The frequency of *E* and *Pr*
347 gradually increased to reach 90% and 60% for areas of 1000 km. The frequency of areas with a
348 supported *T* hypothesis increased among scale to reach a peak around 600 km (\approx 80% of areas)
349 and subsequently decreased again. Significant *Pc* hypotheses were encountered at a lower

350 frequency. The number of positive areas ranged from 0 to 1.11%, for an average number of 4.07
351 areas for each scale considered. No specific trend was observed when scale increased for the *Pc*
352 hypothesis. Significant isolation by distance (IBD) was observed for $\approx 60\%$ of areas at smallest
353 scale. A first plateau of about 85% of areas was reached for scales ranging between 400 and 700
354 km, and a second plateau of almost 100% of areas was reached for scales above 700 km. Mean
355 Mantel r for areas with supported IBR hypothesis ranked between 0.05 and 0.25. Best values of
356 were observed at small scales and generally decreased when scale increased (Fig. 3B). IBR
357 hypothesis *T* showed the best Mantel r among all IBR hypotheses for scales above 360 Km.

358 Interpolation of supported IBR hypotheses and IBD was based on areas of scales ranging
359 from 220 to 600 Km, because most of variation in the detection of effects of environmental features
360 was found at these scales (Fig. 3A). For most IBR hypotheses (*E*, *Pr* and *T*) and IBD, effects were
361 mainly detected in the northern part of the area of study, corresponding to Cantabrian chain and
362 the western half of the Pyrenees (Fig. 4). In contrast, these IBR hypotheses were the least
363 frequently detected in a region comprising the eastern side of the Iberic and Betic mountain
364 systems. For the IBR hypothesis *Pc*, significant effects were detected mainly in Andalucía, along
365 the Betic system. Conversely, low or no effects for this hypothesis were detected in the Northern
366 half of the Iberian Peninsula. The distribution of supported hypotheses was generally similar
367 between that performed on the whole dataset and on the Spanish cluster only (Fig. 4).

368 For hypotheses *E*, *Pr* and *Pc*, the variation of environmental features was lower on average
369 in areas exhibiting significant effects for scales up to 400 - 600 km (whole dataset; Fig. 5). Above
370 this scale, the mean standard deviation (SD) of significant areas was either equal, or higher than
371 the mean SD of non-supported areas. For the *T* hypothesis, mean SD of significant areas was above
372 the mean for non-supported areas for most of the scales.

373 Regression models gave a maximum explained variance of 24% over all sampling areas
374 through commonality analysis (Table 2). Best values were obtained in various locations for
375 medium size scales (520-620 km) and for areas located in the Western and Northwestern part of
376 the area of study. Relative importance of unique and common effects of IBR hypotheses was
377 constant between the three areas exhibiting maximum explained variance. The features *T* and *Pr*
378 uniquely contributed to more than 20% of the total variance explained (20.77 to 32.65% and 21.82

379 to 35.24%, respectively). The best contribution to the total variance explained was observed for
380 the common effects of E and T (54.31 to 56.43%).

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382 **Discussion:**

383 The dispersion of a species to environmental features is generally expected to be consistent
384 across its distribution range. However, our ability to make inferences about the effect of
385 environmental features may vary due to multiple evolutionary processes acting on genetic structure
386 at different spatial and temporal scales. In this study, we explored potential barriers and corridors
387 to dispersal and gene flow of a flying insect in a large area with dramatic landscape changes, which
388 occurred at various time scales. Based on multi-scale and multi-site resampling of study areas, we
389 found evidence for consistent effects of environmental features on gene flow at both local and
390 large scales, but observed a heterogeneous distribution of these effects among locations, especially
391 at the lowest spatial scales.

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393 ***Effect of scale and location on inference***

394 We observed a notable influence of scale on the detection of supported IBR hypotheses
395 with Mantel tests for most environmental features tested (E , T and Pr). Support was scarcely
396 detected at the lowest spatial scale (220-400 km) and generally more often detected with increasing
397 scale. Indeed, 190-400 km corresponded to the distances at which the variogram given in Figure 2
398 showed an initial plateau of genetic dissimilarity. This correspondence suggested that at this range
399 of scales, dissimilarity between individuals was often not appropriate to show a significant effect
400 of environmental features on gene flow. In contrast, the peak (for T) or inflection of curves (for
401 Pr , E) of number of areas with supported IBR hypotheses observed at scales ranging from 400 to
402 600 km corresponded to the increase in dissimilarity in the variogram. Thus, scales above 400 km
403 seemed more appropriate to gather a genetic structure in *M. galloprovincialis* that was determined
404 by the environmental features tested. Interestingly, we observed that the development of the
405 variation of frequency of areas with support was specific to each environmental feature tested.

406 Similar results were observed for a large mammal (Zeller et al., 2014) and for insects (Rasic and
407 Keyghobadi 2012) when multiple scales were considered.

408 The shape of the variogram showed a drop of dissimilarity of genotypes below scales of
409 190 km. This drop indicate a lower genetic differentiation between demes distant of up to about
410 200 km. Weak genetic differentiation at such scale was shown, based on estimates of population
411 differentiation (F_{st}), for *M. alternatus* and *M. galloprovincialis* in lowland valleys (Kawai et al.,
412 2006; Shoda-Kagaya 2007; Haran et al., 2015). Direct measures of the dispersal ability of
413 *Monochamus* species show that adults may fly over distances ranging from 2 to 22 km in the field
414 (Takasu et al., 2000; Linit & Akbulut 2003; Hernandez et al., 2011; Gallego et al., 2012; Mas et
415 al., 2013; David et al., 2014). These flight performances are thought to cause intensive gene flow
416 and generate the weak genetic structure observed in this study at small spatial scales. This weak
417 genetic structure was sufficient to detect IBD in a large proportion of the areas at small scales
418 (<220 km), but IBR was rarely supported at such scales. Our results illustrate a general problem
419 of landscape genetic analysis performed on species with an important potential for dispersal, This
420 is particularly true for flying species, which are naturally less affected by environmental features
421 than non-flying species. For such species, the combination of intensive dispersal and gene flow
422 and a limited number of environmental features affecting dispersal make inference difficult at
423 small spatial scales (Dreier et al., 2014). Considering a continuous range of scales in analysis
424 prevented us from basing our conclusions on a scale at which the effect of environmental features
425 could not be detected. Our observations are consistent with the cases of large mammals for which
426 multiple scales, including very large scales, have been used to deal with uncertainties regarding
427 the scale of gene flow (Galpern et al., 2012; Zeller et al., 2014).

428 Based on resampling of areas of study across the Iberian Peninsula, we have shown the
429 existence of a heterogeneous distribution of supported resistance models. Most variation in the
430 distribution of support for IBR was observed at small and intermediate scales (220-600 km).
431 Supported effects were mainly detected in the north-central part of the Iberian Peninsula.
432 Conversely, effects were less supported in the rest of Iberian Peninsula (center, south and coasts).
433 Two hypotheses may explain this spatial heterogeneity in the supported resistance models. A first
434 hypothesis is that differences in variation of environmental features exist across resampled areas.
435 An area exhibiting contrasting environmental features is known to affect dispersal more strongly

436 and thus increase the chance of detecting their effect (Short Bull et al., 2011; Cushman et al.,
437 2013). However, our results showed that at the smallest spatial scales, variation of environmental
438 features in areas with supported IBR hypothesis was no higher than for non-supported areas, for
439 most resistance models. This indicated that the distribution of variation of environmental features
440 was not the main factor determining heterogeneity in support of resistance models. A second
441 hypothesis is the existence of a conflicting signal due to the inclusion of two differentiated genetic
442 clusters, probably of evolutionary history origin, in a study area (West and East Iberian clusters).
443 In that case, “historical” genetic differentiation can unbalance the analysis by blurring the genetic
444 structure occurring in response to landscape features, which is expected to be more recent and
445 weaker. Such an effect probably explained the lack of support along the western Iberian coast.
446 Indeed, the western Iberian cluster formed a narrow band, and areas of study almost systematically
447 overlapped with the eastern cluster there. Within the eastern Iberian cluster, however, we observed
448 a lack of detection of supported IBR hypotheses in areas that covered only one cluster (eastern
449 Iberian coast). A large part of the heterogeneity was therefore not due to conflicting signal due to
450 differentiated genetic clusters.

451 The above results highlighted that at scales between 220 and 600 km, *M. galloprovincialis*
452 was structured according to environmental features in some areas but not in others, independent
453 of artifacts or variations in heterogeneity of the environmental features. This observation is
454 interesting, because one could expect a native species such as *M. galloprovincialis* to have a
455 homogeneous dispersal in response to environmental features, at least within a genetic lineage.
456 Determining the exact origin of such heterogeneity is challenging. It is suggested that this variation
457 was a legacy of changes in the distribution of host trees in the Iberian Peninsula. The distribution
458 and density of pine trees have been strongly affected by anthropogenic activities during the last
459 centuries (Ruiz-Benito *et al.*, 2012; Lopez-Merino *et al.*, 2014), resulting in local extinction, as
460 well as the connectivity and fragmentation of pine tree cover across time. For example, Abel-
461 Schaad *et al.*, (2014) showed that pine trees locally disappeared from the Central Iberian System
462 during the middle ages. In contrast, these areas have been afforested at 80% with pines trees during
463 1940-1950. It is assumed that such recent modifications have dramatically affected the distribution
464 and abundance of *M. galloprovincialis*, and that the time since these modifications occurred is too
465 short to have affected the genetic structure of the beetle according to the environmental features
466 tested (Epps & Keyghobadi 2015).

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Strength of the effects of environmental features

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Elevated areas and pine cover are barriers to dispersal for *M. galloprovincialis*

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We observed a decrease in the mean Mantel r with increasing scale. Such observation suggests that in areas exhibiting support for IBR hypotheses, correlation is stronger at small spatial scales than at larger scales. Such a situation is expected because larger areas in this study (600-1000 km) often harbored two distinct genetic clusters derived from evolutionary history, which could unbalance analyses. Conversely, small areas with support for IBR hypotheses showed the highest mean Mantel r values. This result suggests that areas with significant IBR hypotheses exhibit a “pure” effect with a less conflicting signal (*i.e.* differentiated genetic clusters). Therefore, our results show a tradeoff between the sampling of small areas where effects of environmental features are strong but scarcely detected and the sampling of large surfaces, where this effect is weaker but often detected.

One of our hypotheses was that elevated areas constitute barriers to gene flow for *M. galloprovincialis*. The two resistance models (T and E) support this hypothesis (Fig. 3) and corroborate observations made for *M. alternatus* across the Ohu chain mountain in Japan (Shoda-Kagaya 2007) and on *M. galloprovincialis* across the Pyrenees (Haran *et al.*, 2015). Several factors may explain this result. Temperature affects larval development and survival in *M. galloprovincialis* (Naves and Sousa 2009) and its ability to complete its development within one or two years (Tomminen 1993; Naves *et al.*, 2007b; Koutroumpa *et al.*, 2008). In addition, adult flying activity is affected by low daily temperatures (Hernández *et al.*, 2011). Therefore, low temperatures likely constitute a factor that prevents migration across elevated areas by impeding or slowing species dispersal and development. In addition to this effect of temperature, topography may also explain the effect of elevation on dispersal. Indeed, Torrez-Vila *et al.*, (2015) have shown that adults tend to fly down-hill using mark-release-recapture experiments. Therefore, it is possible that slopes represent a break in the dispersal of this species.

The effect of pine on dispersal was modeled according to two mutually exclusive hypotheses: high densities of pines represent barriers (Pr) or corridors (Pc) to dispersal, Our results

496 show that *M. galloprovincialis* is mainly structured according to the first hypothesis. The second
497 hypothesis (*Pc*) was not supported in Commonality analysis and scarcely detected through the
498 Mantel test. This weak signal is thought to correspond to type I errors that have been reported for
499 Mantel tests (Guillot & Rousset 2013) and the quantitative approach used in this study allowed
500 such false positive to be rejected. The prevalence of the *Pr* hypothesis show that *M.*
501 *galloprovincialis* exhibits a limited dispersal when its resource is abundant. This species is known
502 to develop on dead branches stemming from a self-pruning process encountered in pines (Mäkinen
503 1999). Dead branches represent a resource that is quite well distributed in space and time. Such
504 abundance of resource is thought to cause limited dispersal in adults. The philopatric behavior of
505 *M. galloprovincialis* in relation to the available resources is consistent with the observation of
506 flight of this species in the field (Torres-Vila et al., 2015), or with the behavior of the pine
507 processionary moth (*Thaumetopoea pityocampa*), another oligophagous pine-associated insect
508 (Demolin 1969). Conversely, the *Pr* hypothesis suggests that low pine densities are not barriers to
509 dispersal, This is in agreement with the suggestions of Torres-Vila et al., (2015) that the dispersal
510 of *M. galloprovincialis* tends to be enhanced across open areas. In fact, the Iberian Peninsula
511 contains several wide areas where pine tree forests are absent (center of Castilla y Leon for
512 example), and our results suggested that such areas do not represent barriers to dispersal. Rossi et
513 al., (2016) have shown that areas without pine forests still show a homogeneous distribution of
514 scattered trees planted for ornamental use using observed and simulated data. We suggest that pine
515 trees out of forests provide a scattered but homogeneously distributed resource that allows the
516 dispersal of *M. galloprovincialis* across non-forested areas.

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518 **Conclusions**

519 In this study, we highlighted that elevated areas and dense pine cover constitute barriers to
520 the dispersal of *M. galloprovincialis*. We also showed that this species exhibit substantial gene
521 flow at a scale of less than about 200 km. Along with the results related to the species model, our
522 results exemplify the importance of simultaneously considering a continuous range of scales and
523 multiple locations when exploring the effect of environmental features on dispersal in highly
524 mobile species. Multiple scales allow the effect of environmental features at the appropriate extent

525 for each features tested to be inferred, while preventing analysis from being focused at an extent
526 where intensive gene flow makes inference impossible due to the lack of genetic structure. In
527 addition, resampling of the study area across multiple locations can help to identify variation in
528 inference due to conflicting signals in genetic structure, and therefore allow for generalizing
529 conclusions regarding the effects of environmental features on dispersal and gene flow. As a result,
530 the combination of a resampled study area at multiple spatial scales across various locations in
531 landscape genetics analysis provides a more general picture of the effects of environmental
532 features on gene flow and has the power to reduce the versatility of results while limiting the
533 sampling effort.

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545 **Data Archiving**

546 Data of are available in the supplementary data of this paper (**Table S3**: Sampling locations and
547 microsatellite genotypes)

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549 **Tables**

550 **Table 1**: Summary of environmental features tested in isolation by resistance (IBR) models.

551 **Table 2:** Commonality coefficients of both unique and common effects for the three sampling
552 areas with the highest variance explained. *Code pop*: code of population of the center of sampling
553 area. *Scale*: diameter of sampling area (km). *N*: number of individuals in sampling area. *Coef.*:
554 percentage of variance explained by environmental features (IBR hypotheses). *% Total*:
555 percentage of contribution of environmental features to the total variance explained.

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557 **Figure captions**

558 **Figure 1:** Genetic clustering of 992 individuals of *Monochamus galloprovincialis* sampled at 132
559 locations. **A:** Assignment of individuals to clusters based on a STRUCTURE analysis for K=2. **B:**
560 Assignment of demes to clusters for k=2, displayed in geographic context (Iberian Peninsula, size
561 of pies refer to the size of demes). **C:** PCA of individuals on first and second axis.

562 **Figure 2:** Empirical semi-variogram of genotypes of *Monochamus galloprovincialis*. The
563 variogram was fitted with an exponential model to highlight the first plateau. Data points are shown
564 with a spatial lag distance of 50 km.

565 **Figure 3:** Development of the number of areas with supported IBR hypotheses for Mantel tests
566 (**A**) and of mean partial Mantel r (**B**) of areas with support of IBR hypotheses ($p < 0.05$) with
567 increasing scale (whole dataset). *E*: Elevation, *T*: Mean minimum temperatures, *Pr* and *Pc*: pine
568 densities as a resistant feature and as a corridor respectively, IBD: Isolation by distance.

569 **Figure 4:** Distribution of supported IBR hypotheses through Mantel tests for all environmental
570 features tested (Euclidian distances, IBD; mean minimum temperatures, *T*; elevation, *E*; high pine
571 densities as barriers, *Pr*; high pine densities as corridors, *Pc*). Grey maps refer to the distribution
572 of environmental features associated with resistance models. Colored maps refer to interpolations
573 of supported IBR hypotheses on the whole dataset (central column) and within the western Iberian
574 cluster only (right column). From blue to red: low to high frequency of supported resistance
575 models.

576 **Figure 5:** Development of spatial heterogeneity (mean standard deviation, SD) of environmental
577 features in areas with supported and non-supported resistance hypotheses through Mantel test
578 with increasing scale. Mean SD: mean standard deviation, *T*, *E*, *Pr* and *Pc* refer to IBR
579 hypotheses tested, sign: significant, non-sign: non-significant.

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789 Appendices

790 Appendix 1: R script detailing the approach used in this study.

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791 # Simplified version of the script used in this study. Provide an overview of the general method employed.
792 #-----
793 # create and plot background matrix with artificial barrier in middle
794 m <- matrix(1, nrow=10, ncol=10) ; m
795 m[,5] <- 4
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797 library(raster)
798 r <- raster(m)
799 plot(r)
800
801 # create and plot transition matrix
802 library(gdistance)
803 t <- transition(r, transitionFunction=mean, 4, symm=TRUE, intervalBreaks=3)
804 plot(raster(t))
805
806 # create and plot sampling points and genetic data associated.
807 # (x coordinates, y coordinates, genetic data for 3 loci)
808 matG2 <- matrix(c(0.21, 0.22, 0.82, 0.23, 0.81, 0.83, 0.81, 0.21, 0.50, 0.51, 0.23, 0.83, 0, 0, 2, 0, 1, 1, 1, 2, 1, 1,
809 1, 0, 2, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0), ncol=5)
810 xcoord<- matG2[, 1] ; ycoord <- matG2[, 2]
811 P<-cbind(xcoord,ycoord)
812 points(P)
813
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815 # construction of moving windows (sampling areas)
816 library("ade4") ; library("vegan")
817
818 # Define the extent of sampling areas and the interval wanted
819 Min <- 0.7 # Minimum radius of areas wanted
820 Max <- 0.9 # Maximum radius of areas wanted
821 Step <- 0.1 # interval wanted
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823 # Loops to test correlations in sampling area at multiple scales and locations
824 resultsfinal <- cbind(1,1,1,1,1)
825 colnames(resultsfinal) <- c("xcoord", "Ycoord", "Radius", "MantelR", "Pval")
826 for(Radius in seq(Min, Max, by = Step)){

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827 results = NULL
828 for(i in 1:length(xcoord)){
829   Xcircle <- ( xcoord [i] + Radius*cos(seq(0,2*pi,length.out=100)))
830   Ycircle <- ( ycoord [i] + Radius*sin(seq(0,2*pi,length.out=100)))
831   polygon(Xcircle, Ycircle)
832
833   # extract individuals data in each sampling are constructed
834   expr <- point.in.polygon(xcoord,ycoord,Xcircle,Ycircle)
835   xcoord[expr==1]
836   ycoord[expr==1]
837   coordPoly <- cbind (xcoord[expr==1],ycoord[expr==1])
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839   # sort data and compute matrix of basic pairwise euclidian distances (not used further in this example)
840   CoordOrder<- coordPoly[order(coordPoly[,1],decreasing=FALSE),]
841   locOrder<-data.frame(CoordOrder)
842   DisGeoEucl<-dist(locOrder, method = "euclidean", diag = TRUE, upper = TRUE)
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844   # compute corresponding matrix of genetic distances
845   listcoord = (1:6)[expr==1]
846   Genet = NULL ## fichier vide pour collage des données
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848   for(h in listcoord){
849     tmp <- matG2[(matG2[, 1]==xcoord[h])and(matG2 [, 2]== ycoord[h]), ]
850     Genet = rbind(Genet,tmp)
851   }
852   GenetOrder<- Genet[order(Genet[,1],decreasing=FALSE),]
853   GenetOrderSanscoord <- GenetOrder[,-c(1,2)]
854   MatdistGenet<- vegdist(GenetOrderSanscoord, method="bray", binary=FALSE, diag=FALSE, upper=TRUE, na.rm = TRUE)
855   MatdistGenet <- as.dist(MatdistGenet)
856
857   # Compute matrix landscape "resistance" distances based on raster
858   spatiallocX <- locOrder[,1] ## extraction des colonnes pour repasser en spatial
859   spatiallocY <- locOrder[,2]
860   SpaLoc <- SpatialPoints(cbind(spatiallocX, spatiallocY))
861   Resdis<- commuteDistance(t, SpaLoc)
862   Resdis<-as.dist(Resdis, diag = TRUE, upper=TRUE)
863
864   # simple mantels test between genetic and landscape "resistance" distances
865   MantelpRes <- mantel.rtest(MatdistGenet, Resdis, nrepet = 99)
866   results <- rbind (results, cbind (xcoord [i], ycoord [i],Radius, MantelpRes[2], MantelpRes[4]))
867   }
868   resultsfinal <- rbind(resultsfinal,results)
869 }
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871 # display result file with for each individual: x and y coordinates, radius of sampling area, mantel output and associated p-value
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Supplementary Material

896 **Table S1:** Sampling details of the 132 demes. (Long. and Lat. refer to geographic coordinates of sampling
897 sites; N. is the number of individuals of demes; A. mean allelic richness; AR. corrected allelic richness,
898 accounting to variation in deme size; F_{is} . F_{is} estimate of deme, computed without Mon01 and Mon 27)

899 **Table S2:** Details of primer sequence and genotyping.

900 Protocol

901 Multiplexed PCR were performed in a 10 μ L reaction volume using 25 ng of genomic DNA, 0.4 U of
902 DreamTaq DNA Polymerase (Thermo Scientific[®]), 0.75 μ L Dream Taq Green Buffer (including 20 mM
903 MgCl₂, Thermo Scientific[®]), 1 μ M Betaine, 0.24 μ L dNTP (10 μ M) and deionized H₂O. PCR
904 amplifications were run on a Veriti[®] 96 well fast Thermal cycler (Applied Biosystems[®]) using the following
905 settings: a first denaturation step at 95 °C during 10 min; 40 cycles of denaturation (30 s at 95 °C),
906 hybridization (30 s at 55 °C) and elongation (1 min at 72 °C), and a final elongation step at 72 °C
907 during 10 min. One μ L of PCR products were denatured within a mix of 10 μ L of formamide and 0.3 μ L
908 of 600 Liz marker before being run on an ABI PRISM 3500 sequencer (Life Technologies[®]). Genotypes
909 were read using the software GENEMAPPER V 4.1 (Applied Biosystems[®]).

910 **Table S3:** Sampling locations and microsatellite genotypes.

911 **Figure S1:** Distribution of sampling sites in the Iberian Peninsula. Black dots refer to populations of size
912 > 19 individuals. Green background refers to elevation (from pale to dark green: low to high elevation).

913 **Figure S2:** Number of individuals in sampling areas across spatial scale (Mean: black; +/- SD: grey).

914 **Figure S3:** Evolution of DeltaK among an increasing number of K (2 -20).

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Figure 1(on next page)

Genetic clustering of 992 individuals of *Monochamus galloprovincialis* sampled at 132 locations.

A: Assignment of individuals to clusters based on a STRUCTURE analysis for $K=2$. **B:** Assignment of demes to clusters for $k=2$, displayed in geographic context (Iberian Peninsula, size of pies refer to the size of demes). **C:** PCA of individuals on first and second axis.

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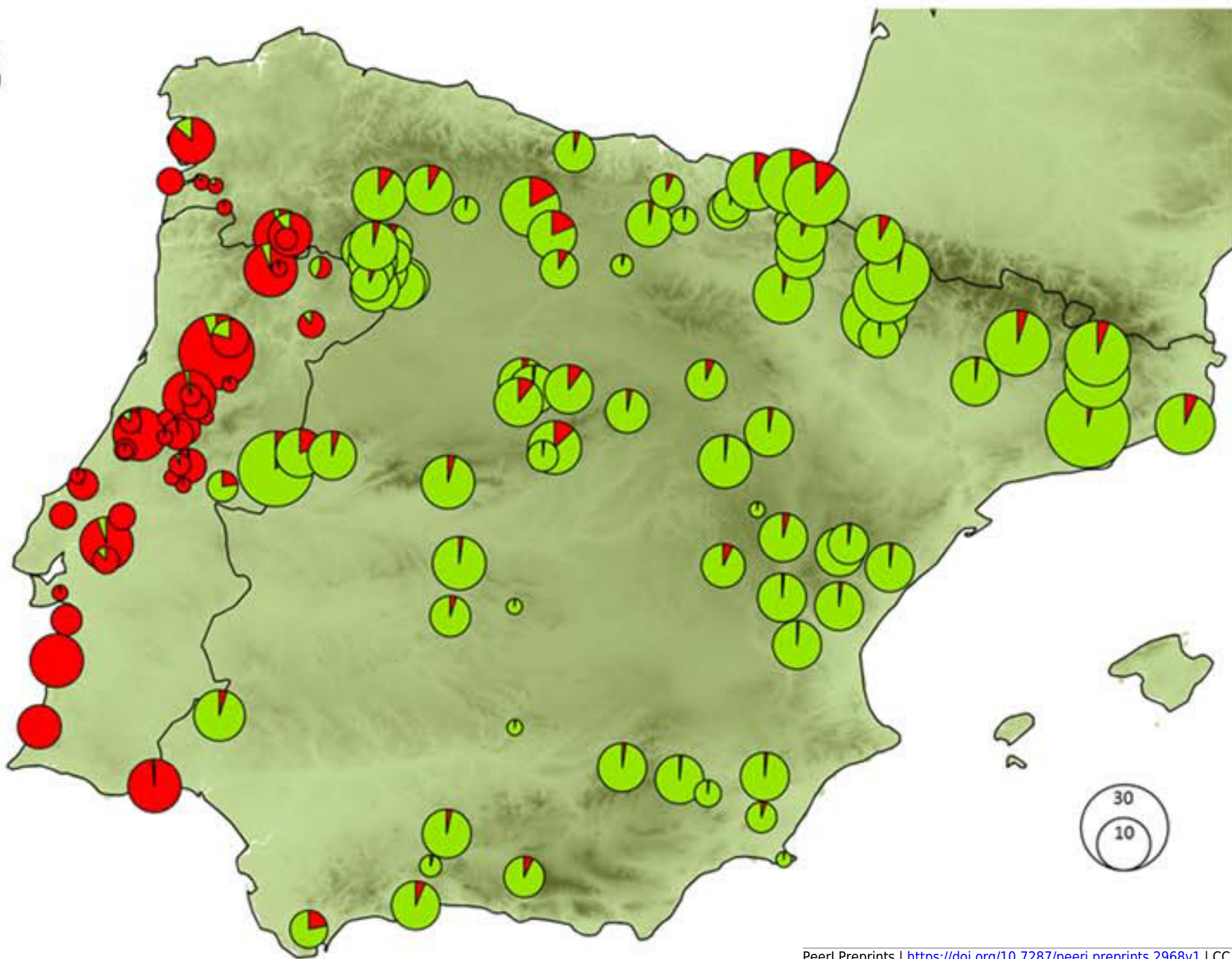
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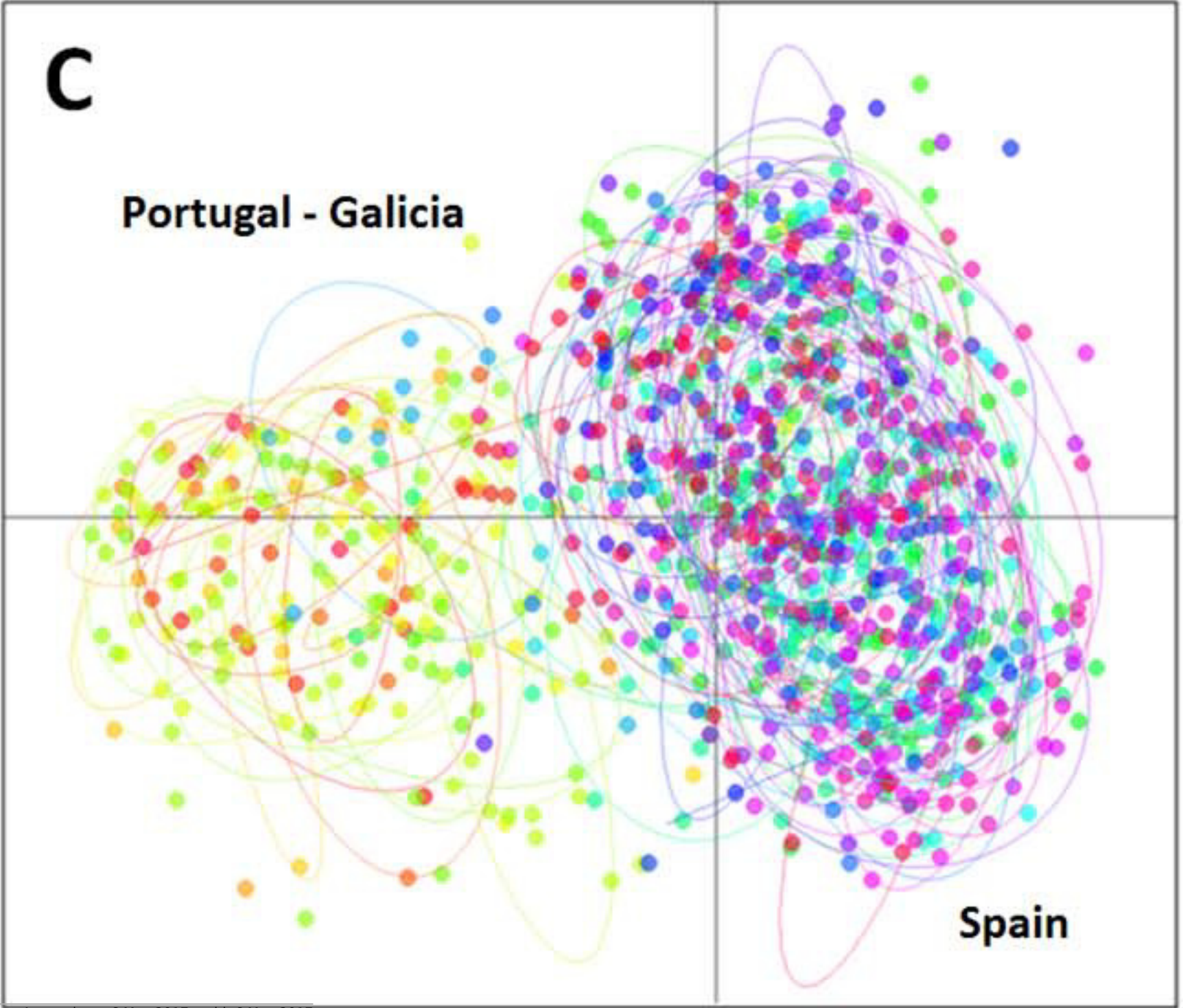


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Empirical semi-variogram of genotypes of *Monochamus galloprovincialis*.

The variogram was fitted with an exponential model to highlight the first plateau. Data points are shown with a spatial lag distance of 50 km.

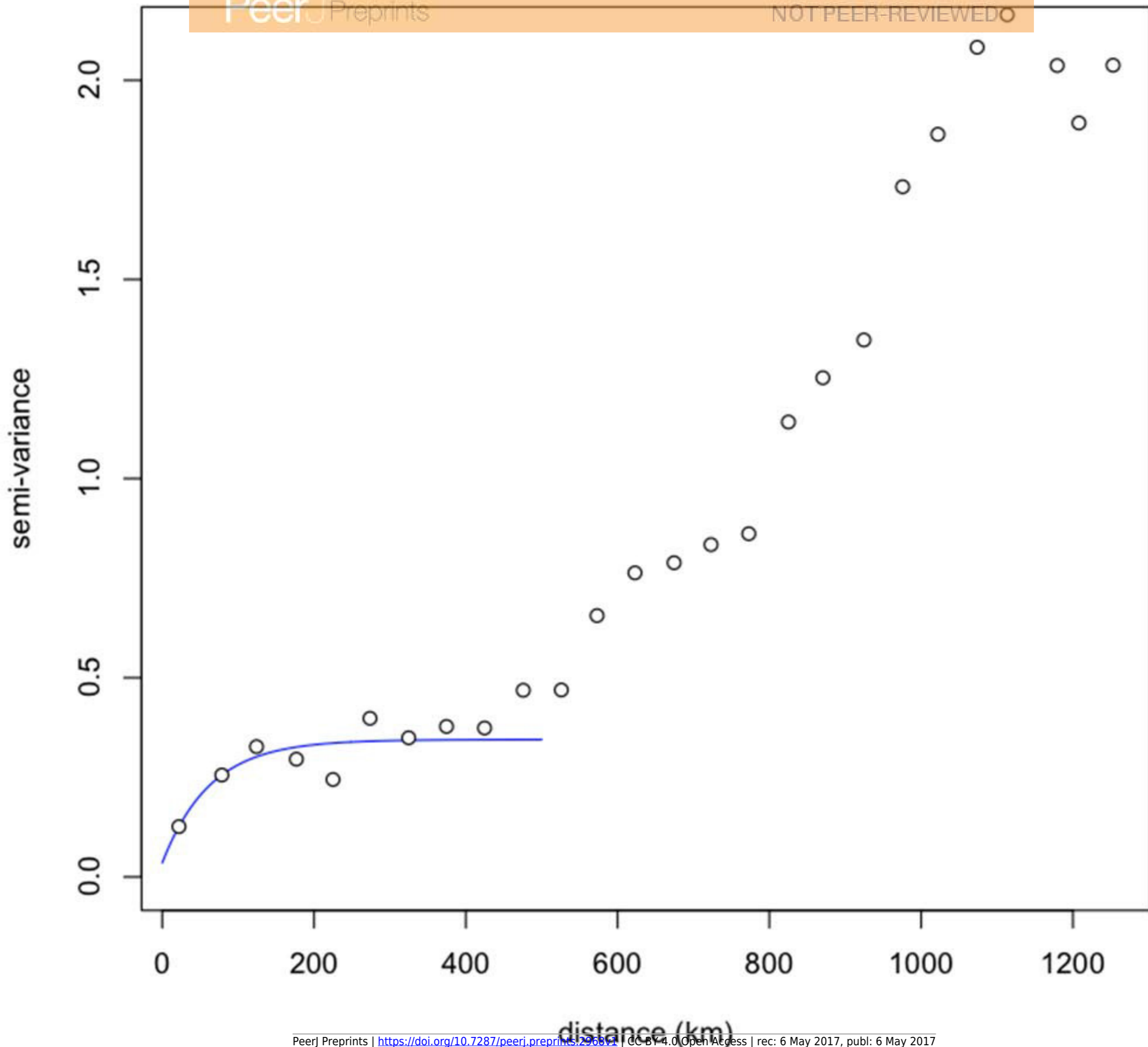


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Development of the number of areas with supported IBR hypotheses for Mantel tests (A) and of mean partial Mantel r (B) of areas with support of IBR hypotheses ($p < 0.05$) with increasing scale (whole dataset).

E: Elevation, *T*: Mean minimum temperatures, *Pr* and *Pc*: pine densities as a resistant feature and as a corridor respectively, IBD: Isolation by distance.

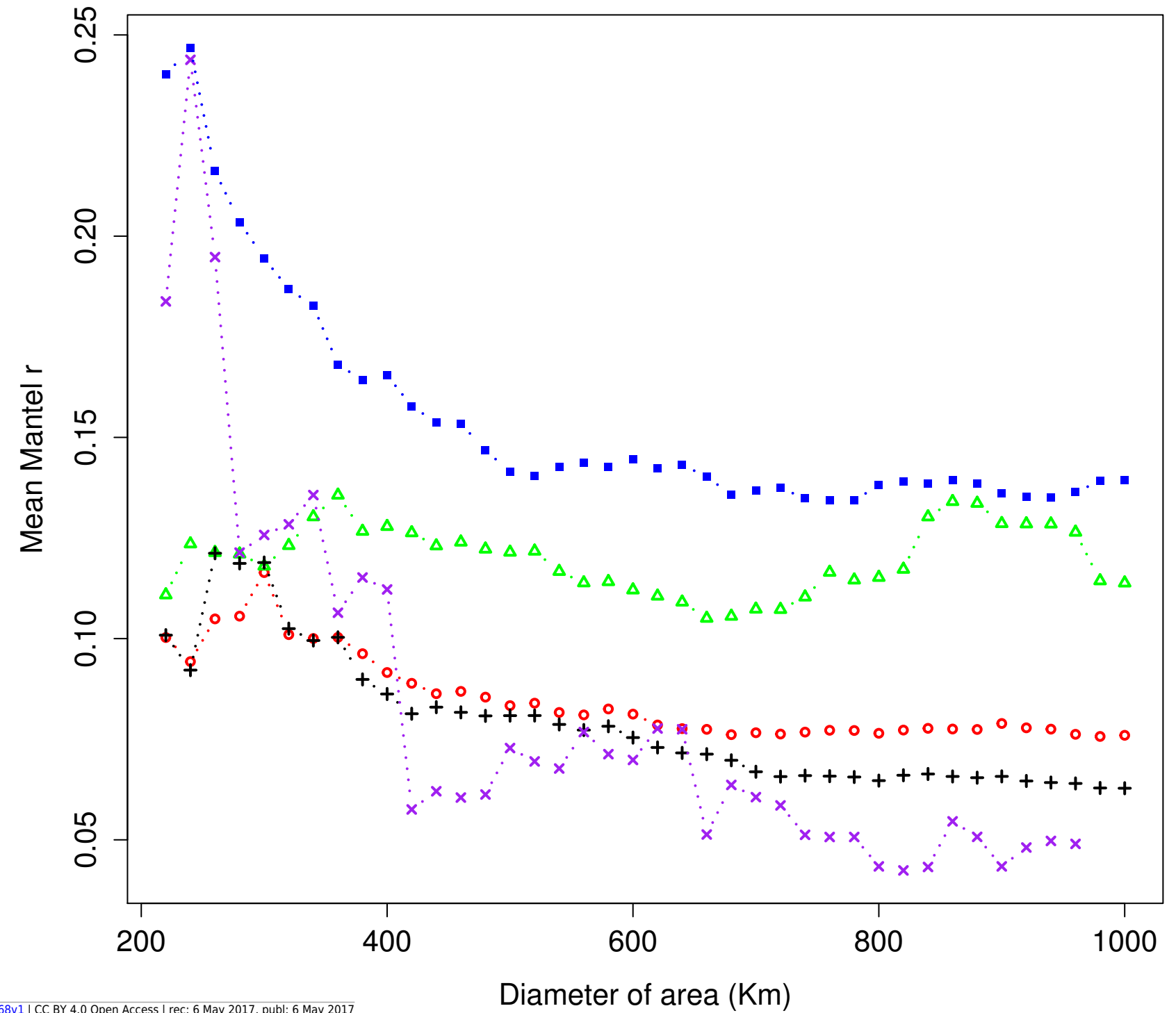
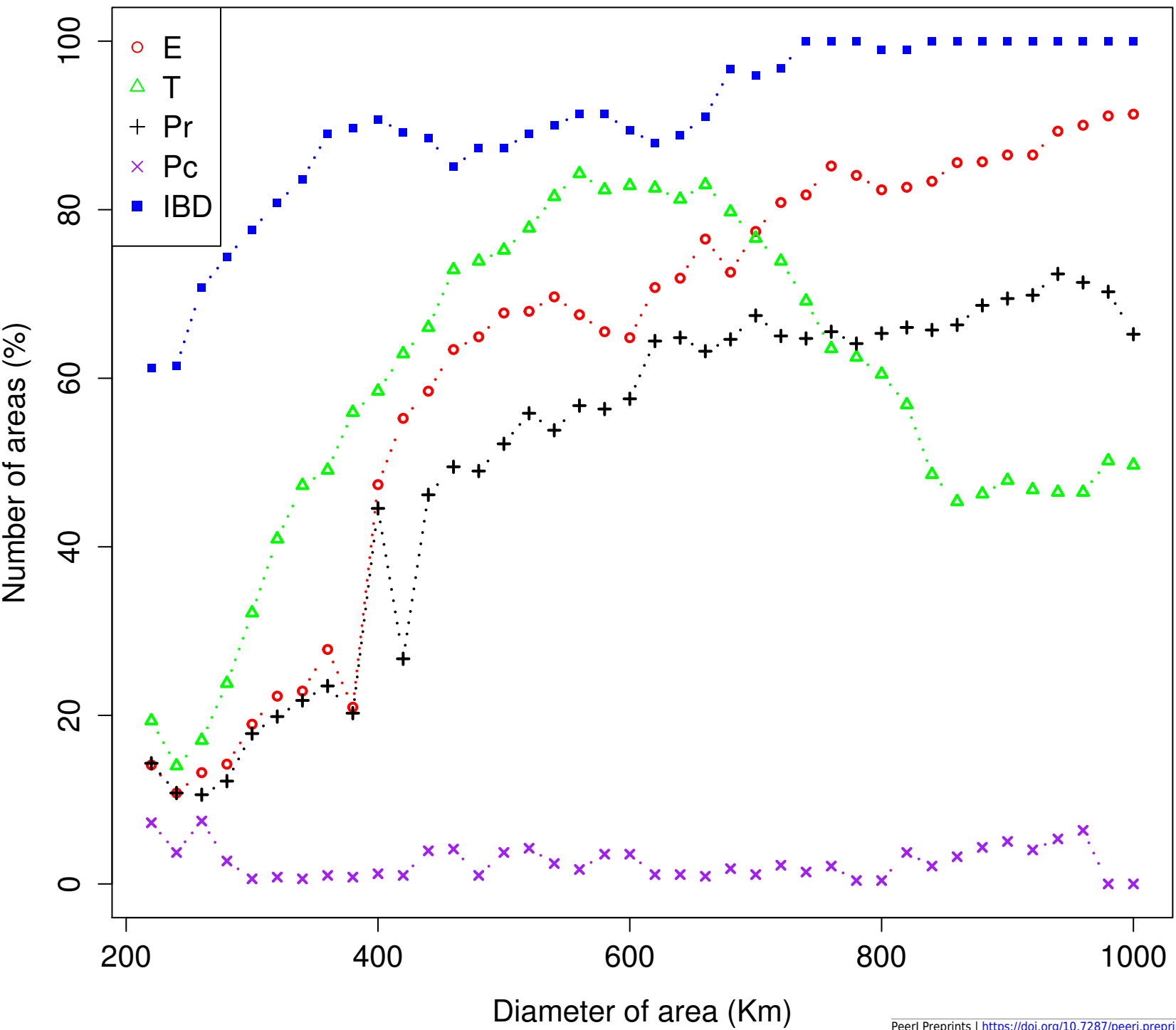


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Distribution of supported IBR hypotheses through Mantel tests for all environmental features teste.

Euclidian distances: *IBD*; mean minimum temperatures: *T*; elevation: *E*; high pine densities as barriers: *Pr*; high pine densities as corridors: *Pc*. Grey maps refer to the distribution of environmental features associated with resistance models. Colored maps refer to interpolations of supported IBR hypotheses on the whole dataset (central column) and within the western Iberian cluster only (right column). From blue to red: low to high frequency of supported resistance models.

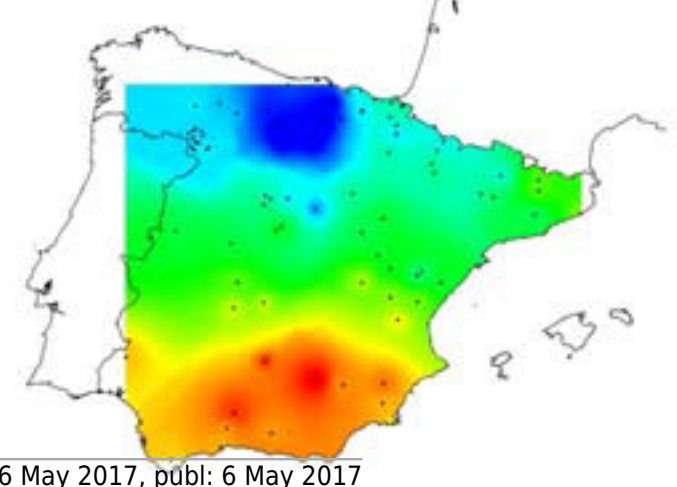
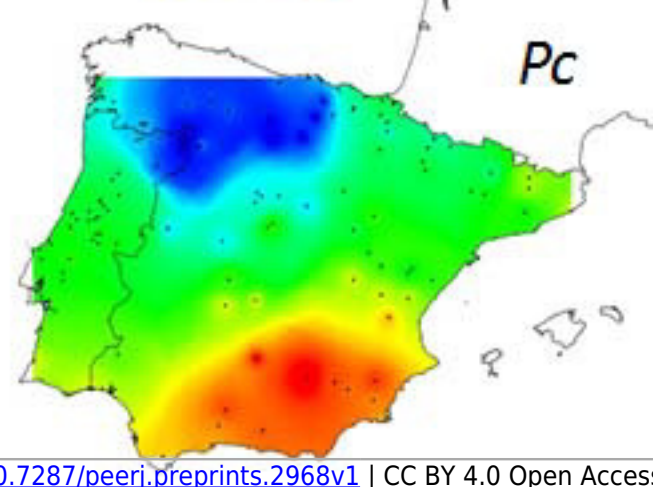
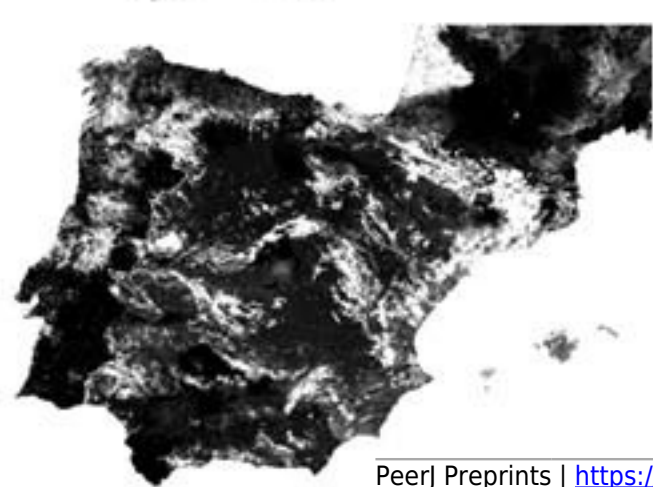
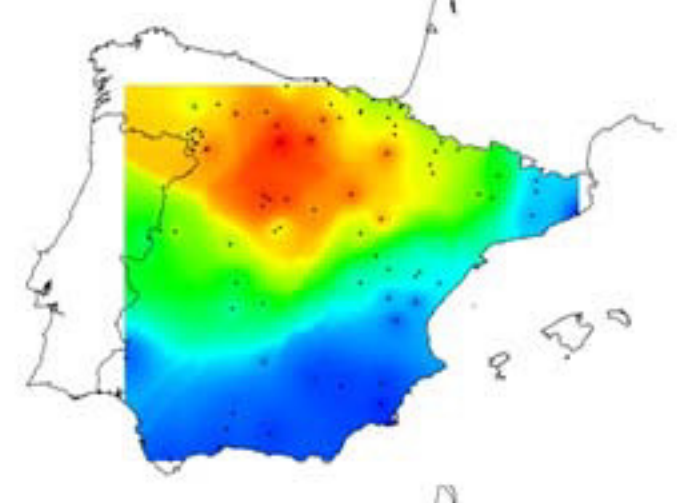
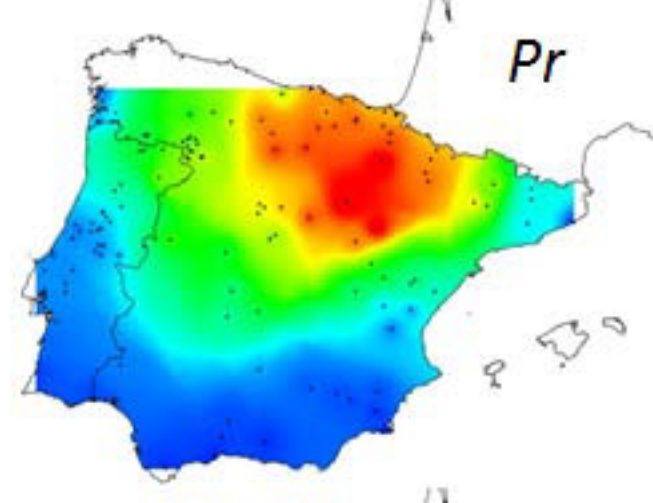
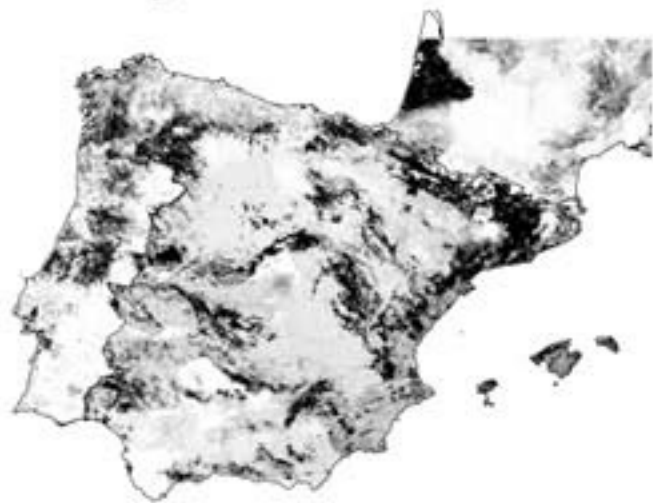
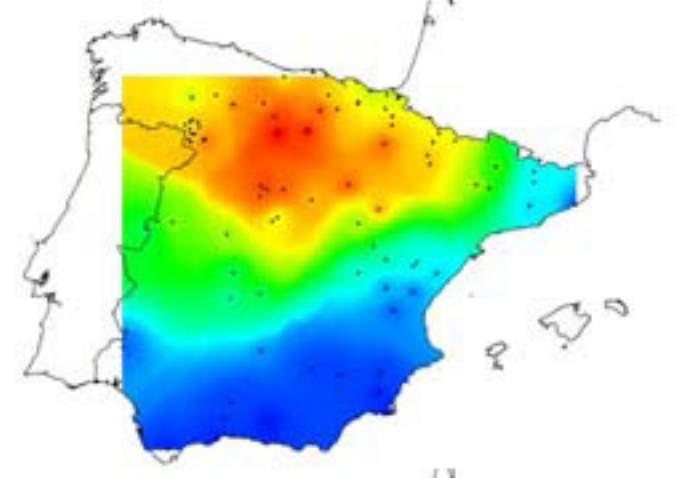
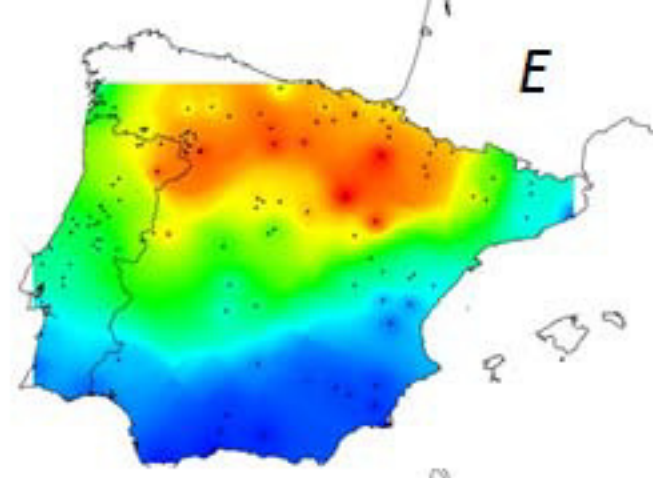
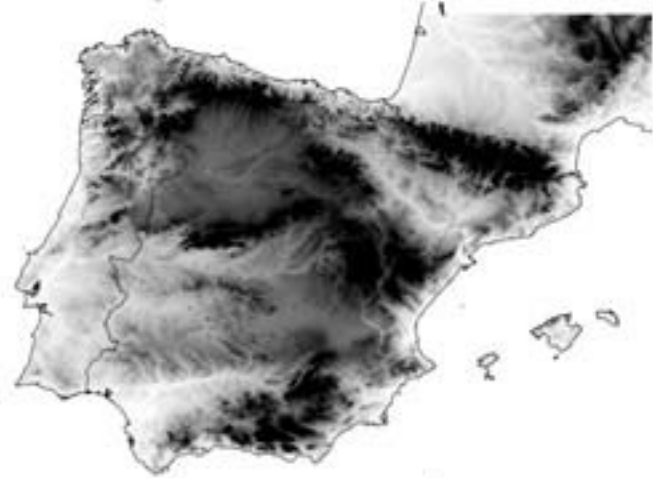
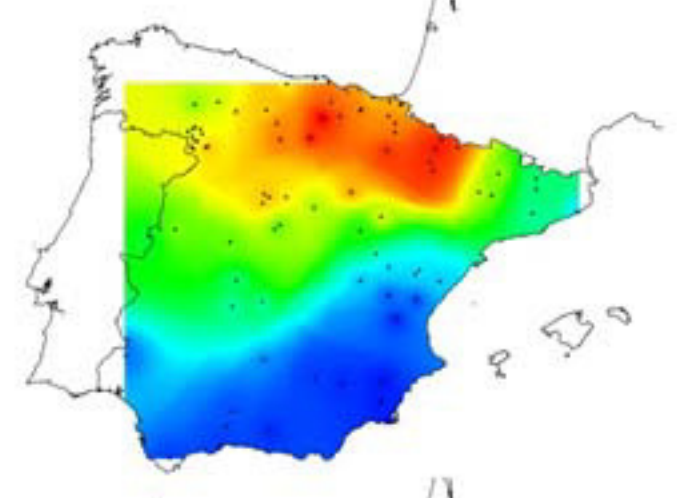
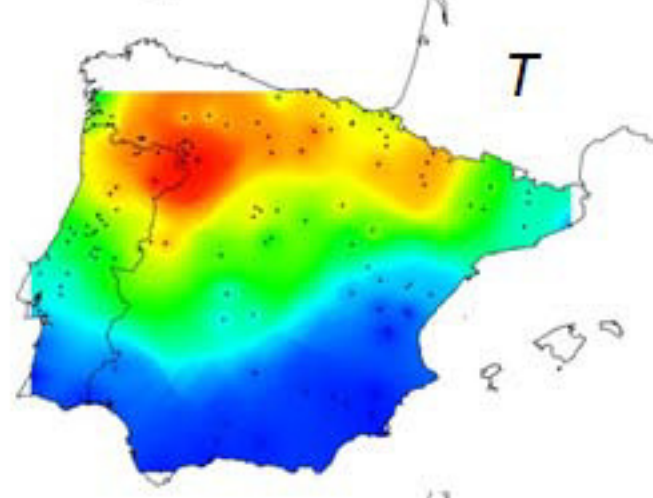
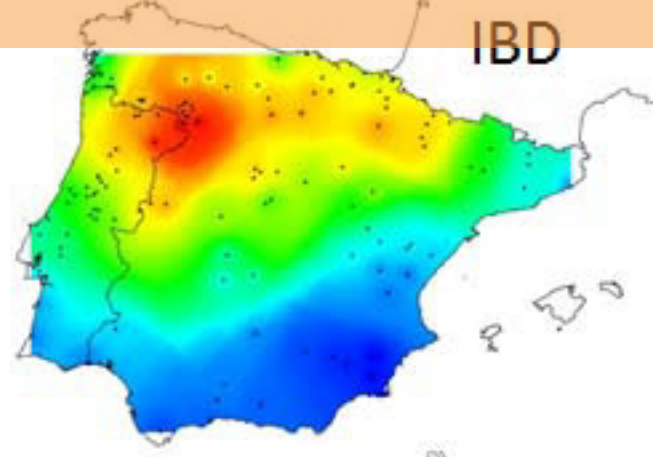
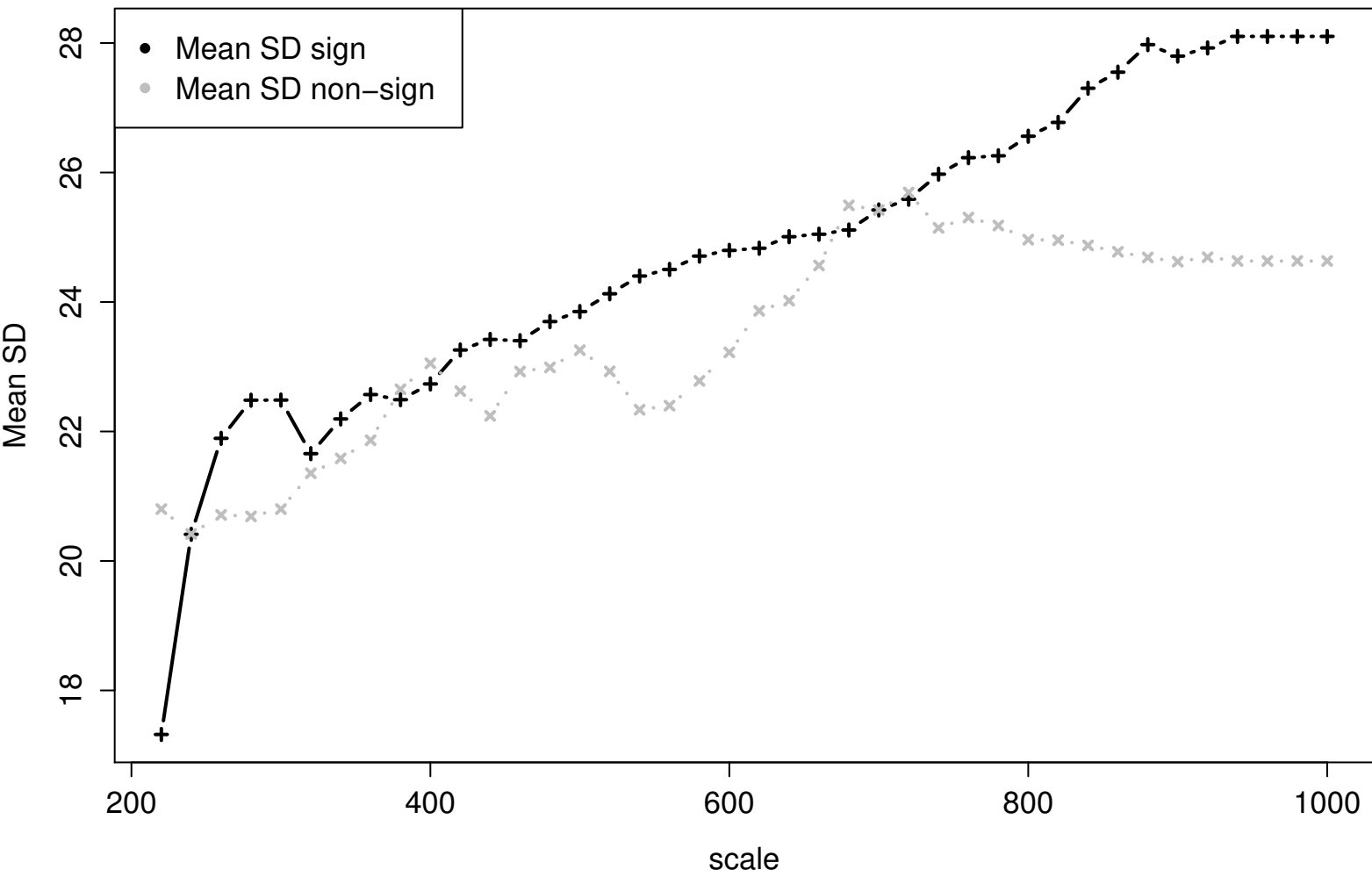


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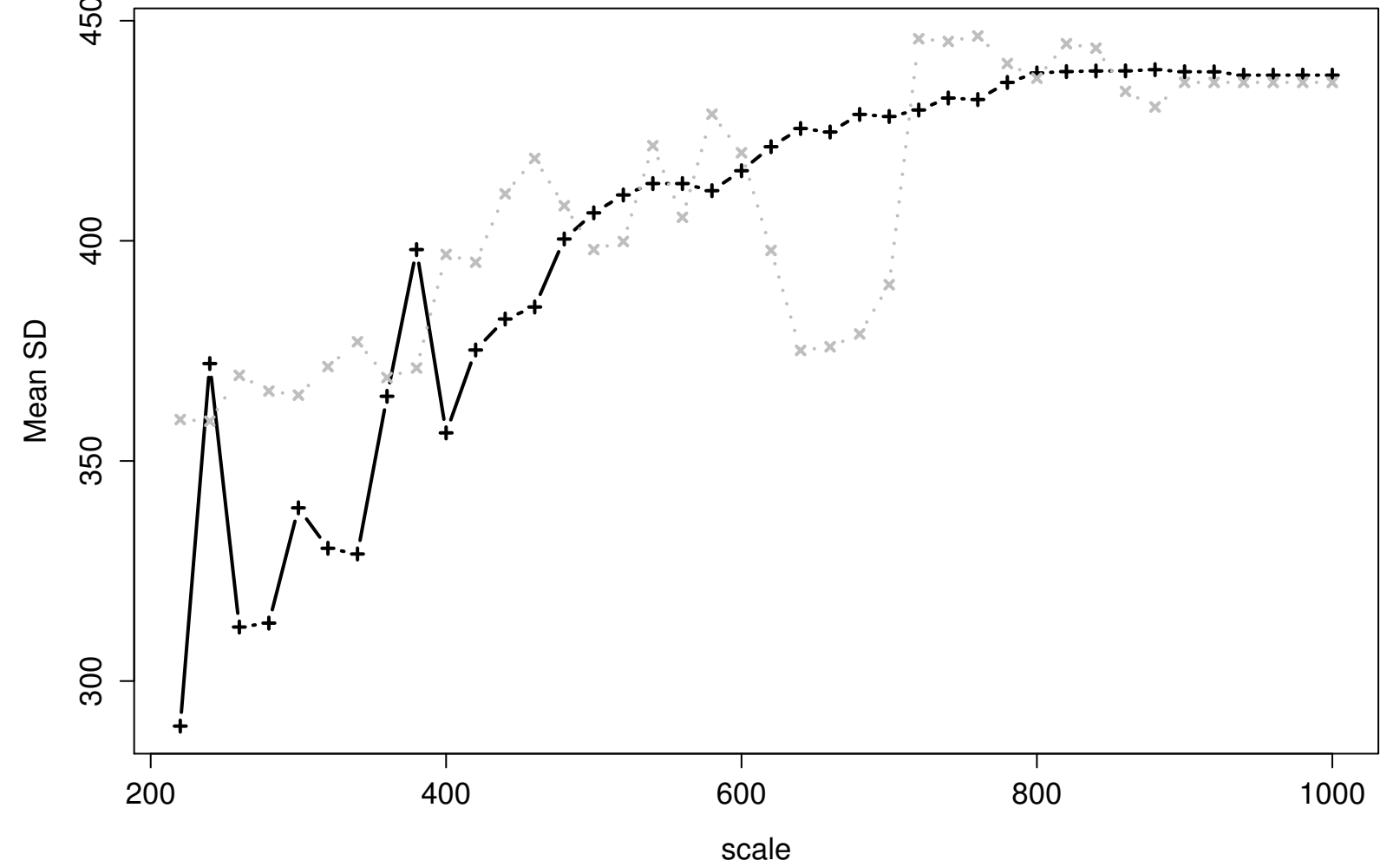
Development of spatial heterogeneity (mean standard deviation, SD) of environmental features in areas with supported and non-supported resistance hypotheses through Mantel test with increasing scale.

Mean SD: mean standard deviation, *T*, *E*, *Pr* and *Pc* refer to IBR hypotheses tested, sign: significant, non-sign: non-significant.

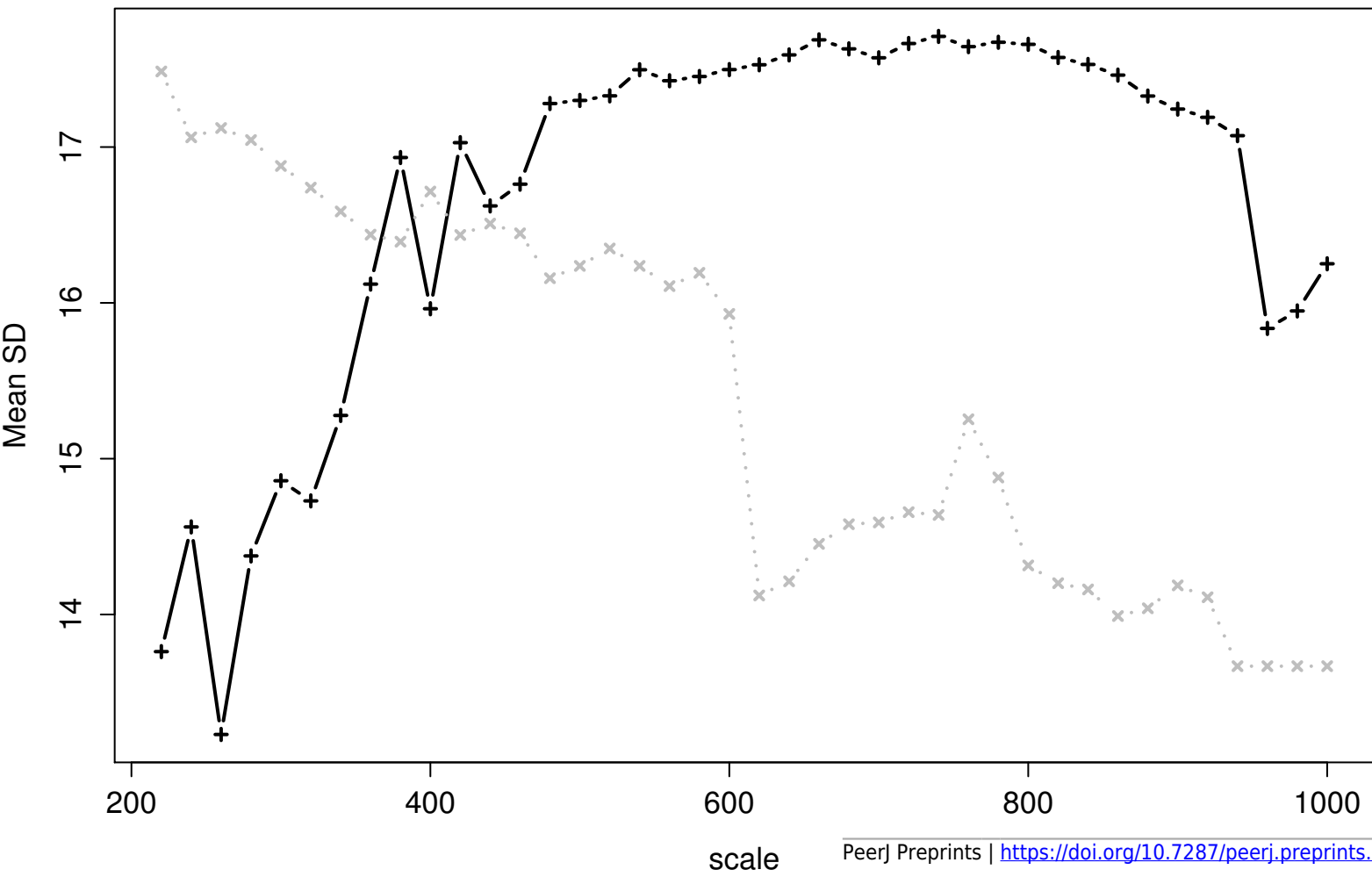
Mean SD of areas with significant and non-significant T among scale



Mean SD of areas with significant and non-significant E among scale



Mean SD of areas with significant and non-significant Pr among scale



Mean SD of areas with significant and non-significant Pc among scale

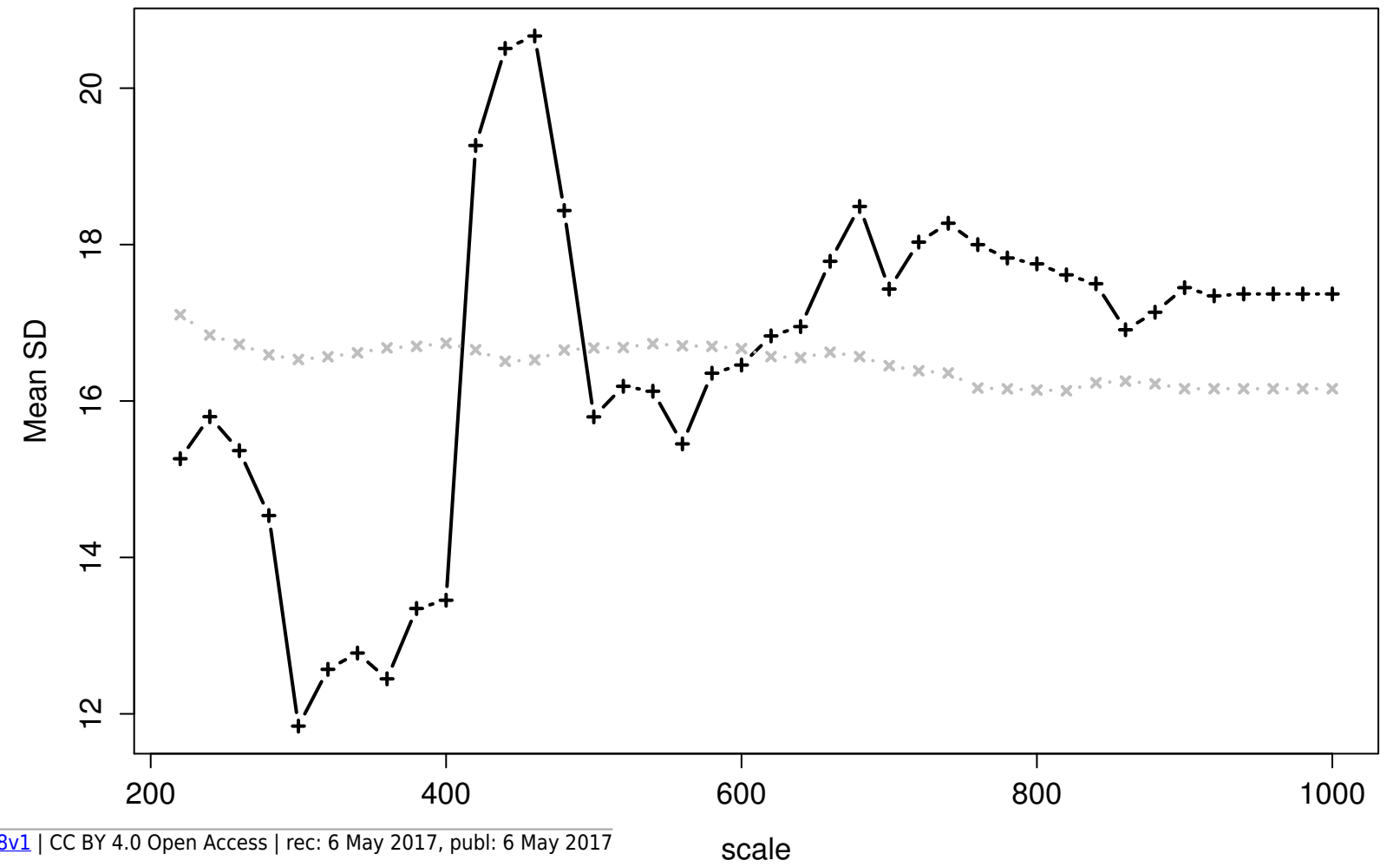


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Summary of environmental features tested in isolation by resistance (IBR) models.

Environmental features	Code	Associated IBR hypotheses
Elevation	<i>E</i>	High elevations = resistance to dispersal
Pine density	<i>Pc</i>	High pine density = corridors to dispersal
	<i>Pr</i>	High pine density = resistance to dispersal
Mean min. temperatures	<i>T</i>	Low min. temperatures = resistance to dispersal

Table 2 (on next page)

Commonality coefficients of both unique and common effects for the three sampling areas with the highest variance explained.

Code pop: code of population of the center of sampling area. *Scale*: diameter of sampling area (km). *N*: number of individuals in sampling area. *Coef.*: percentage of variance explained by environmental features (IBR hypotheses). *% Total*: percentage of contribution of environmental features to the total variance explained.

	Code pop	85	130	131			
	Scale	620	540	520			
	N	225	254	244			
IBR hypotheses	Coef.	% Total	Coef.	% Total	Coef.	% Total	
<i>1st-order</i>	<i>E</i>	0,008	3,408	0,001	0,351	0,002	0,807
	<i>T</i>	0,050	20,775	0,070	32,651	0,059	28,108
	<i>Pc</i>	0,004	1,806	0,008	3,678	0,008	3,811
	<i>Pr</i>	0,085	35,235	0,047	21,817	0,046	22,214
<i>2nd-order</i>	<i>E,T</i>	0,136	56,426	0,117	54,314	0,115	54,953
	<i>E,Pc</i>	-0,003	-1,255	-0,001	-0,243	-0,001	-0,430
	<i>T,Pc</i>	0,001	0,426	0,007	3,236	0,010	4,893
	<i>E,Pr</i>	-0,002	-0,897	0,031	14,375	0,020	9,721
	<i>T,Pr</i>	-0,013	-5,398	0,018	8,406	0,014	6,540
	<i>Pc,Pr</i>	0,024	10,049	0,008	3,579	0,011	5,333
<i>3rd-order</i>	<i>E,T,Pc</i>	0,014	5,724	-0,005	-2,311	-0,001	-0,474
	<i>E,T,Pr</i>	-0,023	-9,712	-0,069	-32,007	-0,047	-22,356
	<i>E,Pc,Pr</i>	0,003	1,313	0,026	12,118	0,030	14,509
	<i>T,Pc,Pr</i>	-0,009	-3,795	0,006	2,961	0,010	4,950
	<i>E,T,Pc,Pr</i>	-0,034	-14,106	-0,049	-22,926	-0,068	-32,581
Sum	0,240	100	0,216	100	0,209	100	