

# Manure Application Negatively Affected Arbuscular Mycorrhizal Fungal Diversity on Enset (*Ensete ventricosum*) Roots in Ethiopia

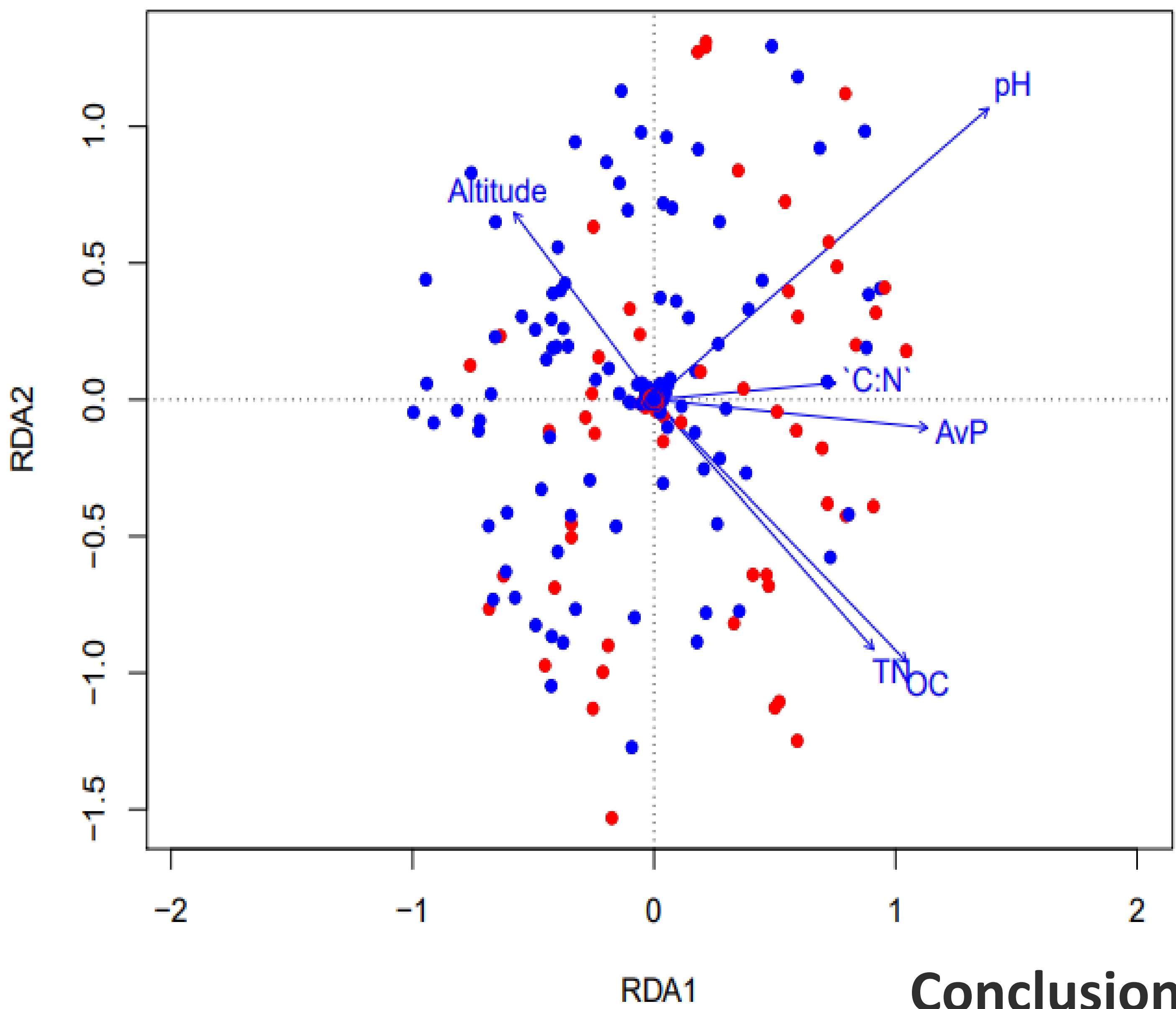
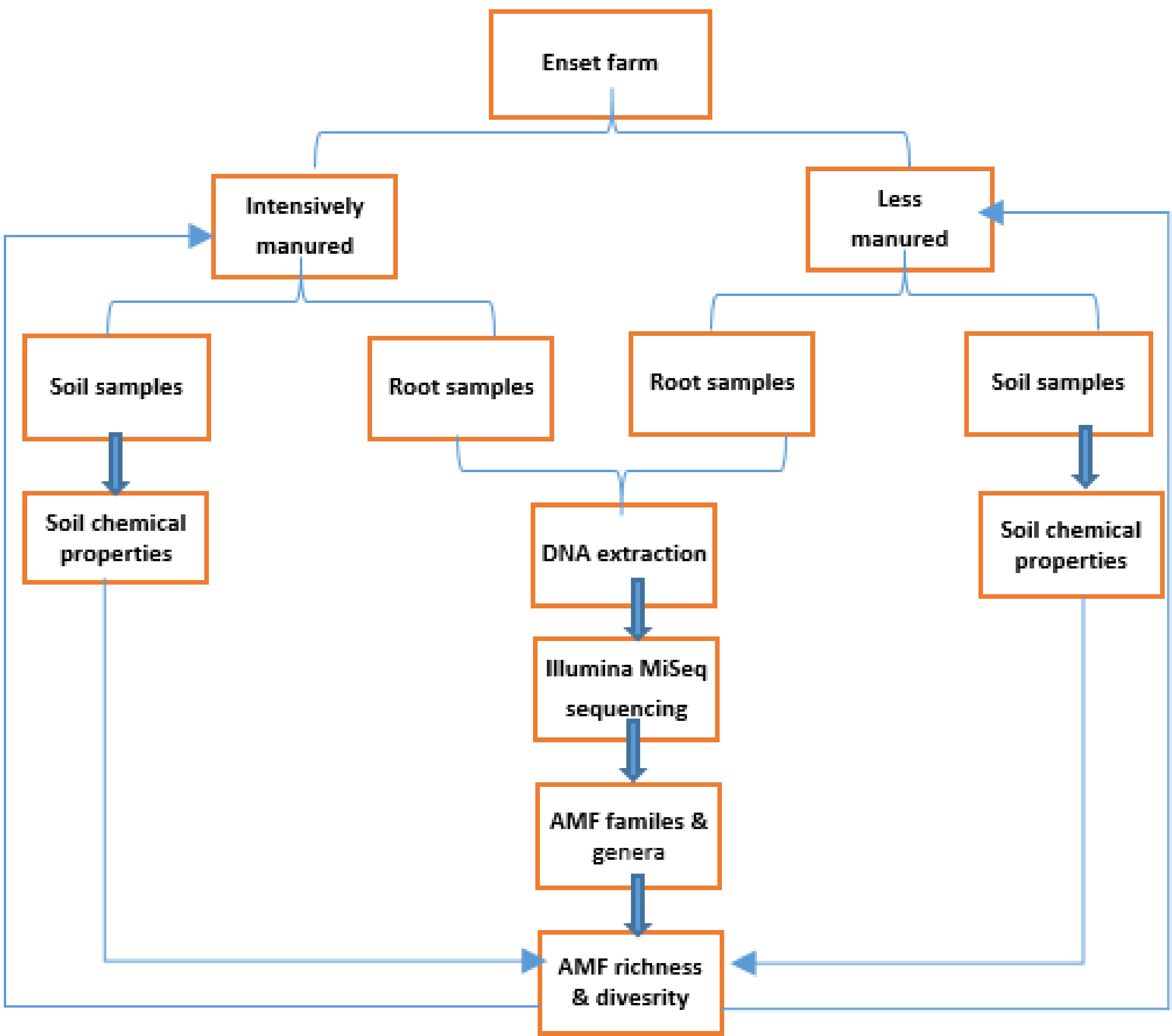
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## Introduction

- ✓ Enset (*Ensete ventricosum*) is domesticated only in Ethiopia
- ✓ Belongs to Musaceae family
- ✓ About 20 million people
- ✓ Manure is the most common source of soil nutrients
  - Arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi (AMF) are important soil MO
  - AMF symbiosis is a win-win scenario
  - Low AMF richness and diversity may provide limited services
  - No available reports on the effects of manure on AMF

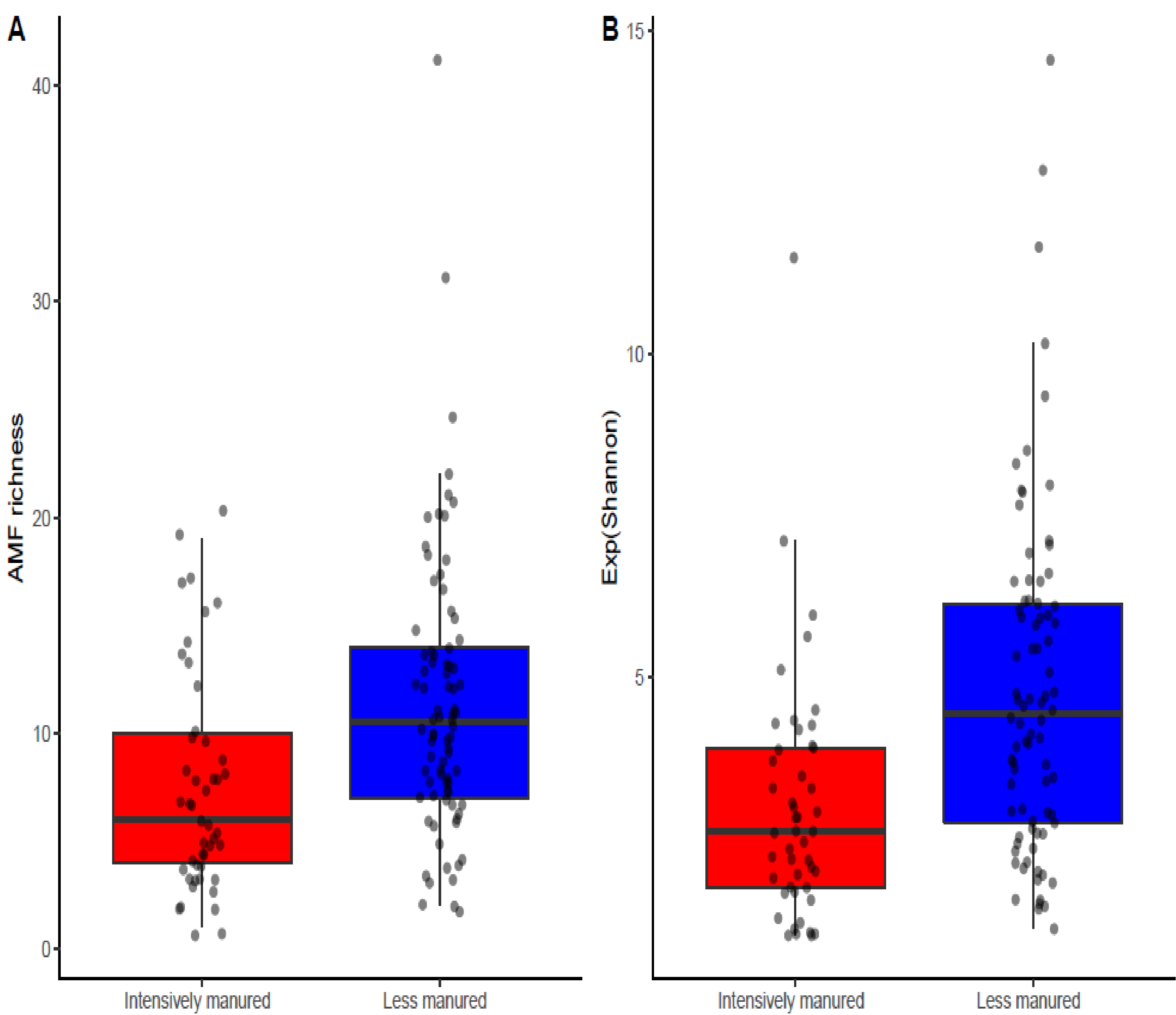


## Materials and methods



## Results

S/N	Identified AMF families	% OTUs
1	Glomeraceae	67.11
2	Claroideoglomeraceae	11.41
3	Diversisporaceae	6.70
4	Acaulosporaceae	6.04
5	Gigasporaceae	4.03
6	Paraglomeraceae	2.69
7	Scutellosporaceae	1.34
8	Pacisporaceae	0.79



## Conclusions

### manure application:

- Increased nutrient availability and SOC
- Decreased AMF richness and diversity
- Shifted AMF community composition
- Unexpectedly SOC and TN explained large variations than AvP