

Supplementary Table S2. – Results of the three-way ANOVA of leaf area, leaf dry mass, LDMC, C/N ratio and RII in the competition experiment: *Bromus erectus* in combination with 1) *Brachypodium pinnatum*, 2) *Stipa capillata* and 3) *S. tirsia* in the second year (clipping treatment: unclipped/ clipped; nutrient condition: nutrient poor/ nutrient rich; species composition: 9, 6:3, 3:6). Degrees of freedom (df), F-values and error probabilities (* p < 0.05, ** p < 0.1, *** p < 0.001) are given. Abbreviations: CT = clipping treatment; NC = nutrient condition; SC = species composition; E = Error; ns = not significant.

| Source of variation | leaf area [mm ²] | | | leaf dry mass [mg] | | | LDMC [mg/g] | | | C/N ratio | | |
|---|------------------------------|-------|-----|--------------------|-------|-----|-------------|------|----|-----------|-------|-----|
| | df | F | p | df | F | p | df | F | p | df | F | p |
| 1) <i>B. erectus</i> in combination with <i>B. pinnatum</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>B. erectus</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CT | 1 | 11.50 | ** | 1 | 22.38 | *** | 1 | 1.11 | ns | 1 | 0.84 | ns |
| NC | 1 | 8.31 | * | 1 | 9.30 | ** | 1 | 0.01 | ns | 1 | 2.41 | ns |
| SC | 2 | 1.07 | ns | 2 | 0.33 | ns | 2 | 0.35 | ns | 2 | 4.19 | * |
| CT x NC | 1 | 3.97 | * | 1 | 0.01 | ns | 1 | 0.19 | ns | 1 | 1.16 | ns |
| CT x SC | 2 | 2.92 | ns | 2 | 1.38 | ns | 2 | 1.17 | ns | 2 | 0.48 | ns |
| NC x SC | 2 | 0.84 | ns | 2 | 0.09 | ns | 2 | 0.54 | ns | 2 | 0.78 | ns |
| CT x NC x SC | 2 | 1.32 | ns | 2 | 0.08 | ns | 2 | 0.51 | ns | 2 | 1.15 | ns |
| E | 83 | | | 83 | | | 83 | | | 83 | | |
| <i>B. pinnatum</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CT | 1 | 7.00 | * | 1 | 3.12 | ns | 1 | 1.49 | ns | 1 | 2.76 | ns |
| NC | 1 | 23.44 | *** | 1 | 21.07 | *** | 1 | 0.00 | ns | 1 | 0.59 | ns |
| SC | 2 | 9.73 | *** | 2 | 9.21 | *** | 2 | 0.14 | ns | 2 | 1.58 | ns |
| CT x NC | 1 | 4.94 | * | 1 | 1.34 | ns | 1 | 2.51 | ns | 1 | 0.64 | ns |
| CT x SC | 2 | 2.93 | ns | 2 | 2.99 | ns | 2 | 0.10 | ns | 2 | 0.67 | ns |
| NC x SC | 2 | 1.34 | ns | 2 | 1.82 | ns | 2 | 2.27 | ns | 2 | 1.18 | ns |
| CT x NC x SC | 2 | 0.53 | ns | 2 | 0.18 | ns | 2 | 0.45 | ns | 2 | 2.92 | ns |
| E | 82 | | | 82 | | | 82 | | | 82 | | |
| 2) <i>B. erectus</i> in combination with <i>S. capillata</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>B. erectus</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CT | 1 | 5.34 | * | 1 | 10.71 | ** | 1 | 1.28 | ns | 1 | 0.46 | ns |
| NC | 1 | 8.40 | ** | 1 | 3.61 | ns | 1 | 0.73 | ns | 1 | 0.03 | ns |
| SC | 2 | 1.06 | ns | 2 | 0.89 | ns | 2 | 0.32 | ns | 2 | 0.53 | ns |
| CT x NC | 1 | 2.12 | ns | 1 | 0.05 | ns | 1 | 2.10 | ns | 1 | 0.01 | ns |
| CT x SC | 2 | 1.21 | ns | 2 | 0.10 | ns | 2 | 1.29 | ns | 2 | 0.98 | ns |
| NC x SC | 2 | 0.15 | ns | 2 | 0.46 | ns | 2 | 0.99 | ns | 2 | 0.01 | ns |
| CT x NC x SC | 2 | 1.23 | ns | 2 | 2.05 | ns | 2 | 1.39 | ns | 2 | 4.28 | * |
| E | 83 | | | 83 | | | 83 | | | 83 | | |
| <i>S. capillata</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CT | 1 | 8.42 | ** | 1 | 10.29 | ** | 1 | 0.01 | ns | 1 | 1.23 | ns |
| NC | 1 | 3.38 | ns | 1 | 3.28 | ns | 1 | 0.11 | ns | 1 | 2.11 | ns |
| SC | 2 | 0.65 | ns | 2 | 1.36 | ns | 2 | 0.33 | ns | 2 | 4.14 | * |
| CT x NC | 1 | 1.23 | ns | 1 | 1.17 | ns | 1 | 0.06 | ns | 1 | 1.00 | ns |
| CT x SC | 2 | 0.60 | ns | 2 | 0.58 | ns | 2 | 1.81 | ns | 2 | 1.10 | ns |
| NC x SC | 2 | 1.06 | ns | 2 | 2.40 | ns | 2 | 0.61 | ns | 2 | 0.70 | ns |
| CT x NC x SC | 2 | 0.04 | ns | 2 | 0.20 | ns | 2 | 1.83 | ns | 2 | 2.17 | ns |
| E | 75 | | | 75 | | | 75 | | | 71 | | |
| 3) <i>B. erectus</i> in combination with <i>S. tirsia</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>B. erectus</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CT | 1 | 1.37 | ns | 1 | 12.98 | *** | 1 | 3.66 | ns | 1 | 0.06 | ns |
| NC | 1 | 12.91 | *** | 1 | 6.71 | * | 1 | 0.06 | ns | 1 | 1.03 | ns |
| SC | 2 | 2.43 | ns | 2 | 1.03 | ns | 2 | 0.82 | ns | 2 | 4.49 | * |
| CT x NC | 1 | 0.74 | ns | 1 | 0.37 | ns | 1 | 2.03 | ns | 1 | 0.25 | ns |
| CT x SC | 2 | 1.19 | ns | 2 | 0.40 | ns | 2 | 0.82 | ns | 2 | 0.93 | ns |
| NC x SC | 2 | 1.63 | ns | 2 | 1.19 | ns | 2 | 2.08 | ns | 2 | 0.47 | ns |
| CT x NC x SC | 2 | 1.54 | ns | 2 | 1.48 | ns | 2 | 0.45 | ns | 2 | 3.99 | * |
| E | 83 | | | 83 | | | 83 | | | 83 | | |
| <i>S. tirsia</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CT | 1 | 5.95 | * | 1 | 0.62 | ns | 1 | 0.14 | ns | 1 | 3.77 | ns |
| NC | 1 | 7.25 | ** | 1 | 0.47 | ns | 1 | 4.06 | * | 1 | 14.59 | *** |
| SC | 2 | 31.05 | *** | 2 | 24.61 | *** | 2 | 0.52 | ns | 2 | 1.75 | ns |
| CT x NC | 1 | 1.86 | ns | 1 | 1.35 | ns | 1 | 1.59 | ns | 1 | 0.01 | ns |
| CT x SC | 2 | 1.99 | ns | 2 | 0.66 | ns | 2 | 0.11 | ns | 2 | 1.07 | ns |
| NC x SC | 2 | 3.68 | * | 2 | 4.13 | * | 2 | 0.32 | ns | 2 | 4.26 | * |
| CT x NC x SC | 2 | 1.35 | ns | 2 | 1.33 | ns | 2 | 0.17 | ns | 2 | 5.80 | ** |
| E | 73 | | | 73 | | | 73 | | | 73 | | |