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22 **Abstract**

23 Disturbances in soil can cause short-term soil changes, consequently changes in microbial  
24 community what may result in long-lasting ecological effects. Here, we evaluate how multiple  
25 pulse disturbances effect the dynamics and resilience of fungal community, and the co-  
26 occurrence of fungal and bacterial communities in a 389 days field experiment. We used soil  
27 under sugarcane cultivation as soil ecosystem model, and organic residue (vinasse - by-  
28 product of sugarcane ethanol production) combined or not with inorganic (organic residue  
29 applied 30 days before or together with mineral N fertilizer) amendments as disturbances.  
30 Application of organic residue alone as a single disturbance or 30 days prior to a second  
31 disturbance with mineral N resulted in similar changes in the fungal community. The  
32 simultaneous application of organic and mineral N as a single pulse disturbance had the  
33 greatest impact on the fungal community. Organic amendment increased the abundance of  
34 saprotrophs, fungal species capable of denitrification, and fungi described to have copiotrophic  
35 and oligotrophic lifestyles. Furthermore, the changes in the fungal community were not  
36 correlated with the changes in the bacterial community. The fungal community was neither  
37 resistant nor resilient to organic and inorganic disturbances over the one-year sampling period.  
38 Our findings provide insights on the immediate and delayed responses of the fungal community  
39 over one year to disturbance by organic and inorganic amendments.

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42 Sugarcane.

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## 45        **1. Introduction**

46            Microorganisms play a key role in the functioning of soil ecosystems, including soil  
47        nutrient cycling and plant growth (Fuhrman, 2009; Graham et al., 2016). However, identifying  
48        the drivers of microbial community composition in soil is challenging due to the multitude of  
49        processes and shifts in environmental conditions. Disturbances caused by nutrient addition to  
50        soil through fertilization cause short-term soil changes and may result in long-lasting ecological  
51        effects that create temporal and spatial heterogeneity in soil ecosystem performance (Bissett  
52        et al., 2013). Soil microbial communities are sensitive to these effects of fertilization, and their  
53        responses to organic and/or mineral fertilizers in soils have been studied extensively in recent  
54        years (Cassman et al., 2016; Fu et al., 2017; Hartmann et al., 2015; Lazcano et al., 2013;  
55        Lupatini et al., 2019; Pan et al., 2014). Organic amendment can affect microbial diversity and  
56        shift the relative abundances of copiotrophic and oligotrophic bacteria in the community (Leite  
57        et al., 2017; Lourenço et al., 2018b; Lupatini et al., 2017; Suleiman et al., 2018; Trivedi et al.,  
58        2013; Trivedi et al., 2015) and soil microbiome may be resilient, resistant or sensitive (its  
59        change the composition) to nutrients addition (Allison and Martiny, 2008; Griffiths and  
60        Philippot, 2013; Shade et al., 2012). However, most studies have focused on the responses of  
61        bacteria rather than fungi to different fertilization strategies.

62            Although often grouped together under the broad term 'microbial community', fungal  
63        and bacterial taxa may not respond similarly to organic and inorganic fertilizer addition in soil  
64        because of their physiological and ecological differences. Fungi play key roles in the soil by  
65        acting as decomposers, pathogens and mutualists (Gao et al., 2015; Kuramae et al., 2013a;  
66        Kuramae et al., 2013b). Saprotrophic fungi are key regulators of nutrient recycling and the  
67        central agents in the decomposition of organic matter (Boddy et al., 2008), but this group also  
68        includes a number of fast-growing molds and yeasts with limited abilities to break down and  
69        utilize complex organic substrates (Frankland, 1998; Hudson, 1968). Plant symbiont  
70        mycorrhizal fungi acquire carbohydrates from their hosts and in return facilitate soil nutrient

71 uptake by plants (Smith and Read, 2008). Ectomycorrhizal fungi (ECM) harbor sets of genes  
72 for carbon degradation and have partial decomposition capabilities as well (Kohler et al., 2015)  
73 while arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi (AMF) influence degradation of organic matter, acquire and  
74 transfer a portion of released nutrients to their associated host plants (Bunn et al., 2019). Fungi  
75 may also be present as plant pathogens living in soil (soil-borne) or in organic debris. In  
76 addition to affecting the rate of decomposition, nutrient cycling and plant health, soil fungal  
77 communities affect the resiliency of ecosystem functioning (Gessner et al., 2010; Valentín et  
78 al., 2014). So, due to the different niches of the members of the fungal community, the  
79 response after disturbances can be variable. For instance, terrestrial litter fungi display a wide  
80 range of adaptations to degrading specific chemical compounds, which can reflect in  
81 successional patterns of the community members (Gessner et al., 2010). On the opposite,  
82 Valentín et al. (2014) showed that the fungal community inhabiting the advanced stages of  
83 wood decay substrate have slight impact on decomposition rate suggesting a stronger  
84 resilience of the diverse fungal community.

85         Soil fungal communities are susceptible to perturbations caused by nutrient  
86 amendment (Cassman et al., 2016; Hartmann et al., 2015), which decreases fungal biomass  
87 and diversity and alters fungal community composition (Edwards et al., 2011; Paungfoo-  
88 Lonhienne et al., 2015; Wallenstein et al., 2006). The addition of mineral fertilizer and the  
89 combination of organic and mineral fertilization reduce the proportion of dominant saprotrophs  
90 by 40% that consequently affect cellulose decomposition and decrease the bacterial and  
91 fungal interactions (Wang et al., 2017) For mycorrhizal fungi, the biological activity, abundance  
92 and diversity are higher in soils treated with organic fertilizer than in soils treated exclusively  
93 with mineral fertilizer (Maeder et al., 2002; Song et al., 2015; Verbruggen et al., 2010). Song  
94 et al. (2015) have shown that AMF propagules are down-regulated by nutrient-rich fertilization  
95 but induced by N, P or K-deficiency. These alterations of the soil-borne fungal community may  
96 be linked to soil nutrient fluctuations and carbon inputs from plants or residues (Allison et al.,

97 2007; Song et al., 2015). The increased nutrient loads may also select for reduced mutualist  
98 effectiveness, as demonstrated for mycorrhizal fungi (Kiers et al., 2010; Lau et al., 2012).

99         Although fungi and bacteria co-inhabit in soil environment, we expect that the effects  
100 of organic fertilization on the function of these communities will differ given the many  
101 differences in phenotype, phylogeny, and life history. Furthermore, compared to bacteria, we  
102 presume a longer interval of recovery of the fungal composition from disturbance. For example,  
103 soil fungal growth rates appear to be 10-fold slower, and fungi tend to be mediators of slower  
104 carbon cycling than soil bacterial community (Rinnan and Bååth, 2009). The rapid responses  
105 of bacteria to alterations of environmental conditions and their high turnover rates might  
106 provide an early indication of return to the original state after disturbance making them less  
107 stable overall, as they are more sensitive to disturbance (Suleiman et al., 2016). The patterns  
108 and mechanisms of soil microbiota recovery after disturbance are less well-studied for fungi,  
109 and it has been suggested that the trajectories and dynamics of fungi during recovery are  
110 distinct from those of bacteria (Ho et al., 2017). The response of the microbial community to  
111 multiple disturbances can reshuffle important soil processes and generate alternative microbial  
112 states that provide opportunities to disentangle fungal complexities and dynamics.

113         The main purpose of this study was to determine over 389 days the dynamics of the  
114 fungal community under multiple pulse disturbances due to the addition of organic fertilizer  
115 with or without inorganic fertilizer in a tropical soil cultivated with sugarcane (Figure 1).  
116 Furthermore, there is a lack of studies tracking the changes in the fungal community after  
117 fertilization disturbances through a year of sugarcane plantation. In this sense, we make use  
118 of the organic fertilizer vinasse, in our case a sugarcane residue produced during ethanol  
119 production. This residue has high organic and salt contents and its large production volume  
120 mainly from sugarcane plantation, represents a great challenge to environment due to negative  
121 impacts in the water bodies, soil and atmosphere (greenhouse gases emission) (Hoarau et al.,  
122 2018; Lourenço et al., 2019). Hence, understanding the impact of this residue in the soil  
123 mycobiome is vital. Therefore, the objectives were to (1) determine the patterns of fungal

124 community composition and diversity in response to single and consecutive pulse disturbances  
125 with the liquid organic fertilizer; (2) determine the key fungal families that adapted in the soil  
126 over time; (3) determine the fungal community interactions and co-occurrence with bacteria;  
127 and (4) unravel how various above- and belowground abiotic factors influenced the observed  
128 patterns of fungal community. We hypothesized that soil fungal community turnover would be  
129 higher in the first days after organic addition and gradually decrease toward stability due to  
130 nutrient depletion over the one-year experiment.

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## 132 **2. Materials and methods**

### 133 *2.1. Experimental design and soil collection*

134 The field experiment was set up in an area planted with sugarcane variety RB86-7515 located  
135 at Paulista Agency for Agribusiness Technology (APTA), Piracicaba, Brazil. In detail, three  
136 replicate blocks and a total of 12 plots (4 treatments × 3 blocks) with sugarcane corresponding  
137 to the fourth ratoon cycle were established. In each plot, sugarcane was planted in four 8-m-  
138 long rows with a spacing of 1.5 m between rows. A randomized complete block design was  
139 adopted. The treatments in this experiment included the application of organic residue vinasse  
140 30 days before (day 0) or at the same time as mineral nitrogen fertilization (Figure 1).  
141 Accordingly, the experiment was established with the following treatments: ( $V_f$ ) vinasse applied  
142 at day 0 (without N); (N) inorganic fertilizer in ammonium nitrate form, applied at day 30; ( $V_f|N$ )  
143 vinasse applied at day 0 and ammonium nitrate applied at day 30; and ( $V_s+N$ ) vinasse plus  
144 ammonium nitrate applied only at day 30. The treatments were chosen based on prior results  
145 for sugarcane management practices (Pitombo et al., 2016) (the experimental timeline is  
146 described in detail in Lourenço et al. (2018b)). In plots with mineral nitrogen, ammonium nitrate  
147 was applied at a rate of 100 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>, and in the vinasse treatments, a volume of 100 m<sup>3</sup> ha<sup>-1</sup>  
148 ( $V_f$  and  $V_s$ ) was broadcast over the whole plot using a sprayer based on ranges of  
149 recommended rates in sugarcane plantations. The N fertilizer was band-applied on the soil

150 surface 10 cm from the sugarcane plants. The treatments with vinasse received higher N input,  
151 as vinasse residue is a source of mineral and organic N. The chemical data of the vinasses  
152 used are presented in Table 1. As a large volume of vinasse is necessary for this type of study,  
153 it was not possible to store vinasse for use on both application dates; therefore, vinasses with  
154 slightly different compositions from the same sugarcane mill were used. In all treatments, straw  
155 (16 Mg ha<sup>-1</sup>) from the previous sugarcane harvest was left on the soil.

156 The soil is classified as an Oxisol soil (soil taxonomy) (USDA, 2014). The  
157 physicochemical properties of the soil are presented in Table 2. Soil sampling started on 16  
158 July 2014 by collecting samples at six positions per plot (two samples from the three central  
159 sugarcane rows of each plot) from the top 10-cm layer of each of the treatment replicates at  
160 nine different time points: 1, 31, 36, 42, 50, 76, 113, 183, and 389 days after the first vinasse  
161 (V<sub>i</sub>) application. One section of this study focused on the effect of single vinasse on the soil  
162 microbial community. For this purpose, two extra days (3 and 8) were added to the sampling  
163 days listed above. Furthermore, to test microbial stability, i.e., the resistance and resilience of  
164 the microbial community (fungal and bacterial) after the first vinasse application, soil samples  
165 without vinasse or mineral N were collected. These samples were collected at the plots from  
166 the N treatment on day 1 (the mineral N fertilizer was applied at day 30), for the purpose of  
167 analyses, the samples were named as day 0. One portion of the collected soil was stored at  
168 -80 °C for DNA extraction, and the remaining soil was stored at -20 °C until analysis of soil  
169 chemical and physical properties such as pH, soil moisture and NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>-N and NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>-N  
170 concentrations. Soil moisture content was measured gravimetrically using 10 g of field-moist  
171 soil sample in an oven at 105 °C for 24 h. The pH of the soil sample was measured in a 1:2.5  
172 soil/water suspension. Soil inorganic N was extracted with 1M KCl, and the filtrates were  
173 analyzed for NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>-N and NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>-N by a colorimetric method using a continuous flow analytical  
174 system (FIALab-2500 System).

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176        *2.2. DNA Extraction*

177 Total community DNA was extracted from 0.25 g of each soil sample in triplicate using the  
178 MoBio PowerSoil DNA Isolation Kit (MoBio, Solana Beach, CA, USA) according to the  
179 manufacturer's instructions. All DNA samples were stored at -20 °C until use in downstream  
180 analyses. DNA concentration and quality were determined spectrophotometrically (NanoDrop  
181 1000, Thermo Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA), fluorometrically (Qubit 2.0 Fluorometer, Life  
182 Technologies, Carlsbad, CA, USA), and by agarose gel electrophoresis.

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184        *2.3. Illumina sequencing of fungal intergenic markers*

185 PCR amplification of fungal ribosomal internal transcribed spacers (region ITS2) was  
186 performed using ITS9F (Ihrmark et al., 2012) and ITS4R (White et al., 1990) primers (5'-  
187 GAACGCAGCRAAIIIGYGA-3' and 5'-TCCTCCGCTTATTGATATGC-3') with barcodes. To do  
188 this, 8-base barcodes were added to the 5-end of the reverse primers using the self-correcting  
189 barcode method of Hamady et al. (2008). The reaction was conducted in 25 µl containing  
190 15.6 µl of H<sub>2</sub>O, 2.5 µl of 10X PCR-buffer + magnesium, 2.5 µl of dNTPs (2mM), 0.15 µl of fast  
191 startExp-Polymerase (5 U/µL), 1 µl of MgCl<sub>2</sub> (25mM), 1.25 µl of BSA, 0.5 µl of each primer  
192 (forward and reverse) and 1 µl of DNA template in a thermocycler (Bio-Rad, CA, USA) with the  
193 following conditions: initial denaturation for 5 min at 95 °C, followed by 40 cycles of 45 s at  
194 95 °C, 60 s at 54 °C and 90 s at 72 °C and a final extension for 10 min at 72 °C. Each sample  
195 was purified with Agencourt AMPure XP beads (Beckman Colter, Brea, CA, USA), and the  
196 library quality was assessed on a Qubit 2.0 Fluorometer (Thermo Scientific) and an Agilent  
197 Fragment Analyzer system. The samples were pooled based on the concentration of 20 ng/ul  
198 of DNA for each sample. Finally, the library was sequenced on an Illumina MiSeq using the V3  
199 chemistry platform. All MiSeq data were uploaded to the ENA and are publicly accessible under  
200 project number PRJEB30929.

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#### 202        2.4.    *Illumina sequencing of bacterial markers*

203    In this study, a subset of the samples from Lourenço et al. (2018b) was used to evaluate the  
204    impact of solely organic vinasse in the bacterial community and its interaction with fungal  
205    community. Single DNA template from different samples were used for bacterial and fungal  
206    community analysis. PCR amplification and sequencing of the 16S rRNA was performed from  
207    the soil DNA using 515F and 806R primers (Caporaso et al., 2011), targeting the variable V4  
208    regions (5'-GTGCCAGCMGCCGCGGTAA-3' and 5'-GGACTACHVGGGTWTCTAAT-3')  
209    resulted in amplicons of ~ 300–350 bp. The bacterial community amplification and data  
210    processing are described in detail in Lourenço et al. (2018b).

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#### 212        2.5.    *Data processing and analysis*

213    Sequenced paired-end reads were joined using VSEARCH (Rognes et al., 2016) and  
214    subjected to quality and length filtering, adapter sequence trimming and PhiX contaminant  
215    removal with BBDuk2 from the BBDMap tool suite (Bushnell, 2016). Chimeras were identified  
216    and removed in the de novo mode of the UCHIME algorithm (Edgar et al., 2011). Singletons  
217    were removed, and the resulting sequences were clustered into operational taxonomic units  
218    (OTUs) with the usearch\_global method implemented in VSEARCH at 97% sequence identity  
219    (Rognes et al., 2016). The chimera removal processes were then performed using de novo  
220    mode in UCHIME (Edgar et al., 2011). Representative sequences for each OTU were  
221    taxonomically assigned by RDP Classifier with a bootstrap threshold of 0.8 using the Unite  
222    database 7.2 as a reference (Kõljalg et al., 2013).

223        Rarefaction curves from non-rarefied data using the sequence sample size and number  
224    of different OTUs was used to indicate that the measurement depth has met the requirements  
225    (Figure A.1). Rarefaction curves were calculated in RStudio version 1.0.136 running R version  
226    3.3.1. using the phyloseq (McMurdie and Holmes, 2013) and ranacapa (Kandlikar et al., 2018)  
227    packages. Estimates of alpha diversity were calculated in QIIME (Caporaso et al., 2012).

228 These estimates included the observed Chao1, Simpson and Shannon diversity indices (Chao,  
229 1984) As alpha diversity measures are sensitive to differences in sampling effort, estimates  
230 were calculated based on rarefied data sets that were randomly subsampled to 2,847, 1,584,  
231 and 127 sequences for the different comparisons in this study: (I) the effects of vinasse on the  
232 soil fungal community, (II) the differences between treatments, and (III) the microbiomes in the  
233 vinasse treatments, respectively.

234 Multivariate dispersion analysis was performed to test the differences in variances  
235 among the treatments using the PERMDISP2 procedure in PRIMER v7 software.  
236 Permutational Multivariate Analysis of Variance (PERMANOVA) using the Bray-Curtis distance  
237 method from “adonis” command and analysis of similarity (ANOSIM) using the “anosim”  
238 commands in the vegan package at 999 permutations and  $\alpha = 0.05$  were performed to test  
239 factors including treatment, time (days during experiment), and their interactions. We  
240 generated discriminant analysis of principal components (DAPC) plots to visualize and  
241 determine the effect of vinasse on fungal and bacterial community composition using the  
242 function ‘adeget’ in the R library (Jombart et al., 2010). We also performed multivariate  
243 regression tree (MTR) analyses based on Bray–Curtis dissimilarities of the fungal community  
244 using the function “mvpart” to explore fungal dynamics over time for each treatment (De'ath,  
245 2002). For the analysis, the data were log-transformed, and the resulted tree was plotted after  
246 500 cross-validations (Breiman et al., 1984) to prevent overfitting. Next, the PCoA of the MTR  
247 was plotted with the function “rpart.pca” from the “mvpart” package (De'ath, 2007; Therneau  
248 and Atkinson, 1997).

249 To identify fungal families significantly associated with the treatments at each time  
250 point, we used linear discriminant analysis effect size (LEfSe, LDA Effect Size) implemented  
251 in the web-based tool Microbiome Analyst (Dhariwal et al., 2017). The LEfSe results included  
252 three LDA value distributions that estimated the effect size of each feature and a biomarker  
253 abundance comparison chart for different families. A significance level of  $\alpha \leq 0.05$  was used  
254 for all biomarkers evaluated in this study. To display co-trends between the fungal and bacterial

255 communities, data were analyzed using co-inertia analysis computed with the 'ade4' package  
256 in R (Dray and Dufour, 2007). Co-inertia is a dimensional reduction procedure designed to  
257 measure the similarity of two sets of measurements associated with a single set of cases.  
258 Relationships of belowground variables such as fungal or bacterial data with physiochemical  
259 variables and aboveground data such as greenhouse gas fluxes were determined by  
260 redundancy analysis (RDA) with the Hellinger transform OTU table using CANOCO 5  
261 (Biometris, Wageningen, The Netherlands).

262

### 263 **3. Results**

#### 264 *3.1. Soil fungal community composition and diversity in response to single and* 265 *consecutive pulse disturbances*

266 Of a total of 126 samples, 124 samples were annotated and recovered from each of the eleven  
267 sampling time points, with three replicates per time point. After quality filtering, a total of  
268 912,961 high-quality ITS sequences with an average depth of 7,363 reads per sample  
269 clustering into 980 OTUs remained for community analysis. The alpha diversity of the fungal  
270 communities measured by the Chao1, Shannon and Simpson indices were significantly  
271 ( $p = 0.00$ ) lower in the  $V_s+N$  treatment, compared to all other treatments (average of all  
272 timepoints) (Table 3). From day 36 to the end of the experiment (389 days), the fungal diversity  
273 was lowest in the treatment with vinasse simultaneous with mineral N ( $V_s+N$ ).

274 To assess the effects of the vinasses amendment and time on fungal community  
275 structure, taxonomic profiles were compared at different time points with a dissimilarity test.  
276 PERMANOVA analysis revealed that treatment (Pseudo-F value = 3.97;  $P = 0.00$ ), time (days)  
277 (Pseudo-F value = 2.57;  $P = 0.00$ ) and an interaction between treatment and time point had a  
278 significant effect on the fungal community structure (Pseudo-F value = 1.44;  $P = 0.00$ , Table  
279 A.1). Discriminant analysis of principal components (DAPC) at a family taxonomic level  
280 revealed that the fungal community structure differed among the treatments (Figure 2) and

281 changed during the experiment. However, for the mineral N treatment the different days  
282 clustered closely, so the distribution among different days was small (Figure 2) compared with  
283 the treatments with vinasse. The fungal communities in the different treatments were similar  
284 on day 1. However, after 183 days, the fungal communities in the mineral N,  $V_f$  and  $V_f|N$   
285 treatments exhibited similar patterns, whereas the fungal community of the  $V_s+N$  treatment  
286 showed a very distinct pattern (Figure 2).

287         Considering that the factors treatment and time (days) had a significant effect on the  
288 fungal community structure (Table A.1), further analyses were performed using time as a  
289 factor. We used a multivariate regression tree (MRT) approach to follow the fungal community  
290 dynamics in each treatment. The PCoA ordination given by MRT analysis and DAPC showed  
291 that the fungal community dynamics was not cyclical (Figs. 2 and 3) and differed among the  
292 treatments. However, the treatment with vinasse ( $V_f$ ) seems to have cyclical changes in the  
293 composition, as day 389 is converging on day 1, but it is still in a different branch of the  
294 regression tree. Mineral N application alone caused small changes in fungal community  
295 structure (Figure 2 and 3a), and the treatments with vinasse ( $V_f$ ,  $V_f|N$ ,  $V_s+N$ ) had higher  
296 sample dispersion among days than the mineral N treatment. In the  $V_s+N$  treatment, the fungal  
297 community structure changed at day 36 and remained different from those of the other  
298 treatments until the end of the experiment (day 389) (Figure 3d). The combined application of  
299 vinasse plus N ( $V_s+N$ ) appeared to be a greater determinant of changes in the fungal  
300 community than the separate application of each fertilizer (N;  $V_f$ ;  $V_f|N$ ) (Figure 2).

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### 302         3.2. *Fungal taxa associated with the treatments*

303 The fungal community was composed of ten phyla dominated by Ascomycota (67.9%),  
304 followed by Basidiomycota (9.6%) and Mortierellomycota (0.9%). Unclassified phyla  
305 represented 20.9%, while other phyla represented 0.7% of the fungal community (Figure A.2,  
306 A.3, A.4).

307 The specific fungal groups in each treatment were determined by linear discriminant analysis  
308 effect size (LEfSe). The treatments with vinasse ( $V_f$ ,  $V_f|N$  and  $V_s+N$ ) had the most enriched  
309 fungal classes (Figure 4 and Figure A.4), namely Tremellomycetes (Order Trichosporonales  
310 and Tremellales), Sordariomycetes (Order Sordariales, Hypocreales, Trichosphaeriales,  
311 Microascales, Chaetosphaeriaceae, and Magnaporthales), Eurotiomycetes (Order Eurotiales  
312 and Chaetothyriales), Exobasidiomycetes (Order Tilletiales), Mucoromycetes (Order  
313 Mucorales), Microbotryomycetes (Order Sporidiobolales), Saccharomycetes (Order  
314 Saccharomycetales), and Dothideomycetes (Order Capnodiales and Pleosporales). The  
315 relative abundances of the families *Trichosporonaceae*, *Sordariaceae*, *Trichocomaceae*,  
316 *Nectriaceae*, *Hypocreaceae*, *Tremellaceae*, and Sporidiobolales Incertae sedis increased  
317 significantly in the  $V_s+N$  treatment, whereas *Tilletiaceae* and *Mycosphaerellaceae* increased  
318 in the  $V_f|N$  treatment (Figure 4 and Figure A.4). Chaetothyriales family Incertae sedis and  
319 Trichosphaeriales family Incertae sedis were overrepresented in the  $V_f$  treatment, whereas  
320 *Herpotrichiellaceae*, Hypocreales family Incertae sedis, *Halosphaeriaceae*,  
321 *Chaetosphaeriaceae*, and *Cordycipitaceae* had higher abundance in the control than in the  
322 vinasse treatments ( $V_f$ ,  $V_f|N$  and  $V_s+N$ ) (Figure 4). Similar results were found using the random  
323 forest (RF) algorithm (Figure A.5). According to both the LEfSe and RF results, the most  
324 important variable for predicting changes in the soil fungal community was the family  
325 *Trichosporonaceae* (Order Trichosporonales), which was most abundant in the  $V_s+N$   
326 treatment.

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### 328 3.3. Weather conditions, soil analysis, and CO<sub>2</sub>-C emissions

329 The weather conditions, soil analysis, and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions were described in Lourenço et al.  
330 (2018b); additional information on pH, mineral N concentration and moisture is provided in  
331 supplementary Figure A.6, and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions data are presented in Figure A.7. and additional  
332 supplementary results. According to RDA, abiotic factors (ammonium and nitrate content, pH,

333 moisture, soil and air temperature) explained ~9.2% of the fungal community variation (axis 1,  
334 3.07%; axis 2, 1.96%), suggesting that unmeasured biotic or abiotic factors explained the  
335 remaining ~94.97% of the variation (Figure A.8; Pseudo-F = 1.6, P = 0.001).

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### 337 3.4. *Effect of single vinasse application on fungal and bacterial communities and* 338 *on their co-occurrence*

339 To assess the dynamics and resilience of the soil fungal and bacterial communities after single  
340 vinasse application ( $V_f$ ), samples were obtained at 12 time points, including soil samples  
341 without vinasse and mineral N. The application of vinasse alone to the soil altered the resident  
342 fungal community over time (Figure 5a) (PERMANOVA: Pseudo-F = 1.25, P = 0.044; ANOSIM:  
343 R = 0.16, p = 0.03) but did not alter the Chao1, Simpson and Shannon diversity indices. The  
344 fungal community was not resilient, however; although the community remained different at  
345 day 389, it appeared to begin returning to the previous state (day 0) (Figures 3b, 5a). LEfSe  
346 analyses showed that the relative abundances of *Trichocomaceae* (Order Eurotiales),  
347 *Dacampiaceae* (Pleosporales), *Hypocreaceae* (Order Hypocreales), and Sporidiobolales  
348 family Incertae sedis changed significantly after vinasse application in the soil (Table 4). By  
349 contrast, the resident bacterial community was resilient in the  $V_f$  treatment and recovered to  
350 the original state after 31 days (Figure 5b; Lourenço et al., 2018b).

351 For the single vinasse treatment ( $V_f$ ), RDA analysis showed that abiotic factors  
352 (ammonium and nitrate content, pH, moisture, soil and air temperature) explained ~27.1% of  
353 the fungal community variation (axis 1, 6.77%; axis 2, 5.96%) (Figure A.9a; Pseudo-F = 1.4, P  
354 = 0.001). RDA analysis showed that the best explanatory variables for soil fungal community  
355 changes were precipitation (5.1%; p = 0.011), soil moisture (4.5%; p = 0.041) and pH (5.0%;  
356 p = 0.008). For the soil bacterial community, these factors explained ~20.8% of the whole  
357 bacterial community variation (axis 1: 8.26%; axis 2: 4.09%); however the test on all axes was

358 non-significant (Figure A.9b; Pseudo-F = 1.00, P = 0.35), suggesting that unmeasured biotic  
359 or abiotic factors explained the remaining variation.

360 To assess the degree of concordance between the fungal and bacterial community  
361 compositions, we performed co-inertia analysis. A non-significant concordance between  
362 ordinations was found (RV test = 0.356; P = 0.753, based on 999 replicates), suggesting that  
363 the structures of the bacterial and fungal communities were not associated with each other.  
364 Furthermore, no correlations were found between the bacterial and fungal families responsible  
365 for the changes in the soil microbial community after vinasse application (Figure A.10).

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#### 367 **4. Discussion**

368 Different types of mineral and organic fertilizers are added to soils to increase nutrient  
369 and carbon content with the aim of improving soil fertility and agricultural production. The  
370 impact of fertilization on soil microbiota is of growing concern due to the importance of  
371 microbes in soil ecosystems. Our findings provide insights on the fungal community responses  
372 in soil over one year under multiple pulse disturbances by mineral fertilizer and organic vinasse  
373 residue. Important to highlight that this is one of the first study evaluating the impact of organic  
374 and inorganic fertilizer right after application on soil fungal community through an entire year.  
375 Most of the studies have analyzed only in a single sampling date, consequently indicating  
376 either short-term or long-term effects on microbial community and not the dynamics of the  
377 microbial community.

378 The soil fungal community responded differently to the organic and inorganic  
379 amendments. The addition of organic vinasse together with inorganic N fertilizer to soil covered  
380 with sugarcane straw had the highest impact on the fungal community. It is worth noting that  
381 the amount of straw present in the soil was lower at the last soil sampling (389 days) than  
382 before fertilization due to straw decomposition. At the first soil sampling, the amount of  
383 sugarcane straw on the soil was approximately 16 t ha<sup>-1</sup> of dry matter. The annual  
384 decomposition rate of straw typically ranges from 60% to 98% throughout the crop season



385 (Carvalho et al., 2017; Fortes et al., 2012), and the amount of sugarcane straw at different time  
386 points is expected to vary (Carvalho et al., 2017; Fortes et al., 2012; Oliveira et al., 1999;  
387 Varanda et al., 2018), as are the different fungal functional groups, especially those related to  
388 organic matter (lignin, cellulose and hemicellulose) decomposition (Fortes et al., 2012; Rachid  
389 et al., 2016). Consequently, fungal community resilience in a short period under specific soil  
390 conditions is unexpected (Ågren et al., 2001; Boer et al., 2005). In addition, vinasse may act  
391 as a primer upon addition to soil by decreasing the C:N ratio (Silva et al., 2013) and thus  
392 accelerating the changes in fungal community structure. Moreover, Rachid et al. (2016)  
393 suggested that different levels of sugarcane straw (0%, 50%, and 100% of the original straw  
394 deposition) and, consequently, different amounts of organic C have different effects on the  
395 fungal community.

396 Vinasse increased different fungal families after one day of application in soil (day 1;  
397 Table 4), particularly families from the phyla Ascomycota (*Dacampiaceae*, *Hypocreaceae*,  
398 *Trichocomaceae*) and Basidiomycota (*Sporidiobolales Incertae sedis*). Although the multiple  
399 pulse disturbances with vinasse and/or with mineral N induced changes in the fungal  
400 community, the combined application of vinasse and mineral N ( $V_s+N$ ) as a single pulse  
401 disturbance on the same day resulted in the largest changes in the fungal community (Figure  
402 2). The  $V_s+N$  treatment decreased the alpha diversity and increased the abundance of  
403 *Trichosporonaceae* compared to the other treatments. The relative abundance of  
404 *Trichosporonaceae* family members increased 6 days after the application of vinasse together  
405 with mineral N and remained high until day 389. *Trichosporonaceae* is a family of yeasts  
406 reported in soil (Yurkov 2018) that use nitrite as an inorganic source of N and different organic  
407 N sources (ethylamine, L-lysine and cadaverine) and are active in the decomposition of  
408 hemicellulose and assimilation of phenolic compounds (Middelhoven, 2005; Middelhoven et  
409 al., 2001). The high contents of soluble organic C ( $10-20 \text{ g C L}^{-1}$ ) and N ( $0.4 \text{ g N L}^{-1}$ )  
410 (Christofolletti et al., 2013; Fuess et al., 2018; Fuess et al., 2017; Rodrigues Reis and Hu, 2017)  
411 and the presence of organic compounds such as glycerol, ethanol, lactic and acetic acids, and

412 phenolic compounds in vinasse (Freitas et al., 2018; García et al., 1997; Parnaudeau et al.,  
413 2008) may facilitate the activities of this fungal family when applied together with mineral N to  
414 soil covered with straw. Hence, in soil covered with straw, vinasse functioned as substrate for  
415 this fungal family.

416         Several studies have reported that both mineral and organic long-term fertilization lead  
417 to changes in fungal community composition (Ai et al., 2018; Cline et al., 2018; Morrison et al.,  
418 2016). In a long-term experiment (113 years), Francioli et al. (2016) showed that the application  
419 of organic or organic plus mineral fertilizer strongly increased fungal biomass, whereas long-  
420 term application of mineral fertilizer induced only a slight increase in fungal biomass relative to  
421 the unfertilized treatments. Both organic and mineral fertilization changed the structure of the  
422 fungal community. However, the lack of studies of fungal guilds prevents a clear view of the  
423 main families significantly associated with the treatments at each time point. According to the  
424 literature, organic vinasse amendment mainly increases the abundance of saprotrophs,  
425 species capable of fungal denitrification, and fungi with copiotrophic and oligotrophic lifestyles.  
426 *Trichocomaceae* (order Eurotiales) increased after vinasse addition; this order harbors many  
427 obligate saprophytic fungi capable of producing extracellular enzymes (Caesar-Tonthat, 2002;  
428 Daynes et al., 2012), and some members utilize labile C resulting from organic matter  
429 decomposition as a nutrient (Bödeker et al., 2016; Nguyen et al., 2016). In addition to  
430 increasing saprophytic fungi, the load of nutrients present in vinasse may contribute to  
431 increasing fungi related to N<sub>2</sub>O emissions, as evidenced by the detection of the orders  
432 Hypocreales and Eurotiales. The detection of these orders indicates that denitrification genes  
433 are present in the fungal community, as most species of the orders Hypocreales and Eurotiales  
434 have been described to produce N<sub>2</sub>O (Mothapo et al., 2015; Wei et al., 2015; Zhou et al.,  
435 2016), thereby improving our estimation of the N<sub>2</sub>O process (Rohe et al., 2014). As further  
436 confirmation, Lourenço et al. (2019) showed that the application of vinasse as organic fertilizer  
437 increased N<sub>2</sub>O emissions in soils with sugarcane in the same experimental plots used in the  
438 present study, and the production of N<sub>2</sub>O was correlated with denitrifier fungi (Lourenço et al.,

439 2018a). While others (Carmo et al., 2013; Pitombo et al., 2016) have demonstrated that the  
440 combination of straw, vinasse and N fertilizer drives the increase in N<sub>2</sub>O emissions, the role of  
441 fungi in N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from sugarcane has received little attention. *Dacampiaceae* (order  
442 Pleosporales) was also highly abundant in the treatments with vinasse, which might be related  
443 to the potassium (K) added to the soil by vinasse (2 g L<sup>-1</sup> K). Pleosporales has been described  
444 to be associated with high N fertilization levels and high concentrations of K (Pingel et al.,  
445 2019). Furthermore, members of Pleosporales and Sordariales (Ascomycota) are considered  
446 potent degraders of lignin and predominantly show oligotrophic features (Entwistle et al., 2013;  
447 Ho et al., 2017; Pöggeler, 2011). The class Sordariomycetes and order Sordariales also  
448 increased significantly under vinasse fertilization, and most members of this order are  
449 considered saprotrophs on dung and wood (Tedersoo et al., 2014). Taken together, our results  
450 indicate that the nutrient-rich content of vinasse (organic C, organic N, K) favors mostly  
451 copiotrophic but also oligotrophic fungal taxa. The soil environment of sugarcane cultivation is  
452 complex having vinasse, mineral fertilizer and sugarcane straw with C:N ratio of 100:1. The  
453 vinasse could imply a primer effect increasing copiotrophs microorganisms right after  
454 application, however there is also straw that could select microbes related with decomposition  
455 of recalcitrant compounds. The findings of the present study thus provide important information  
456 on the interactions among organic and mineral amendments, straw and fungi that will aid the  
457 understanding of the implications of the fungal community for environmentally relevant soil  
458 processes.

459 We expected the patterns of the fungal community to differ from those of the bacterial  
460 community immediately after organic vinasse amendment (Lourenço et al., 2018b), and fungal  
461 community turnover was higher in the first days after organic enrichment but took more time  
462 to recover toward previous state (Day 0) compared with bacteria. Lourenço et al. (2018b)  
463 showed that the bacterial community was not resistant but highly resilient to vinasse  
464 application, with a return to the previous community structure after 31 days, when organic C  
465 and mineral N resources were depleted. Vinasse amendment caused a shift in the

466 predominant bacteria from those with copiotrophic lifestyle strategies toward more active  
467 bacteria (Lourenço et al., 2018b; Suleiman et al., 2016). By contrast, the fungal community in  
468 this study, which was analyzed using the same DNA pool as the bacterial community in  
469 Lourenço et al. (2018b), was neither resilient nor resistant to the vinasse and mineral N  
470 amendments: the community changed and did not return to the previous state, and some  
471 members increased and did not return to their previous abundances in the fungal community,  
472 such as the families *Hypocreaceae*, *Sordariaceae*, and *Trichocomaceae* (Table 4 and Figures  
473 A.3, A.4). The changes in the quality and quantity of the sugarcane straw (Fortes et al., 2012)  
474 were crucial and probably drove the changes in the fungal community after the first changes  
475 due to organic and inorganic disturbances. Due to the different lifestyle strategies of the  
476 bacteria and fungi, no interactions were found between the fungal and bacterial communities  
477 or among fungal members. The selected fungal families favored by vinasse application in the  
478 soil did not return to the relative abundances observed in the beginning of the experiment and  
479 remained abundant in the soil for the entire study period.

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## 481 **5. Conclusion**

482 In conclusion, the soil-resident fungal community was neither resistant nor resilient to  
483 organic vinasse and mineral amendments over one year of sampling. The combined  
484 application of vinasse and mineral N fertilizer was the main driver of the changes in fungal  
485 community structure due to the increases in organic C and mineral N and, in turn, decreased  
486 C:N ratio. Vinasse application appeared to change trophic guilds related to saprotrophs, fungal  
487 denitrification, and copiotrophic and oligotrophic fungi. Although vinasse and mineral N  
488 fertilizer altered the soil microbiome, no interaction was found between the fungal and bacterial  
489 communities.

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