

**S1 Table. Species composition of studied mixtures.**

Dome	SR	Species composition
D02	4	(GR) <u>ArrEla</u> , (SH) <u>PlaLan</u> , (TH) AntSyl, (LE) TriCam
D04	4	(GR) <u>FesPra</u> , (SH) <u>PlaLan</u> , (TH) CamPat, (LE) OnoVic
D05	4	(GR) BroHor, (SH) <u>RanRep</u> , (TH) LeuVul, (LE) <u>TriFra</u>
D08	4	(GR) <u>AntOdo</u> , (SH) <u>PruVul</u> , (TH) <u>KnaArv</u> , (LE) TriPra
D10	4	(SH) <u>PlaMed</u> , ScoAut, (TH) <u>KnaArv</u> , (LE) <u>VicCra</u>
D12	4	(GR) <u>TriFla</u> , (TH) <u>HerSph</u> , TraPra, (LE) <u>MedVar</u>
D01	16	(GR) CynCri, <u>FesPra</u> , <u>PhlPra</u> , <u>PoaTri</u> , <u>TriFla</u> , (TH) <u>AchMil</u> , CamPat, <u>CenJac</u> , <u>RumAce</u> , SanOff, (LE) <u>LatPra</u> , LotCor, <u>OnoVic</u> , TriHyb, <u>TriRep</u> , <u>VicCra</u>
D03	16	(GR) AntOdo, BroHor, <u>HelPub</u> , PoaPra, (SH) <u>AjuRep</u> , <u>PlaLan</u> , <u>RanRep</u> , <u>TarOff</u> , (TH) AntSyl, CarCar, <u>GerPra</u> , TraPra, (LE) <u>LatPra</u> , LotCor, TriCam, VicCra
D06	16	(GR) <u>AloPra</u> , BroHor, CynCri, <u>PoaPra</u> , (SH) <u>AjuRep</u> , <u>PlaMed</u> , PriVer, RanRep, (TH) AntSyl, <u>CamPat</u> , CarPra, <u>GerPra</u> , (LE) MedLup, TriCam, <u>TriDub</u> , TriRep
D07	16	(GR) <u>AloPra</u> , BroHor, CynCri, LuzCam, (SH) <u>PlaMed</u> , ScoAut, <u>TarOff</u> , <u>VerCha</u> , (TH) CarCar, <u>CreBie</u> , <u>HerSph</u> , <u>PimMaj</u> , (LE) <u>LatPra</u> , <u>OnoVic</u> , TriCam, TriHyb
D09	16	(GR) AntOdo, <u>BroEre</u> , <u>FesRub</u> , PhlPra, (SH) <u>AjuRep</u> , <u>BelPer</u> , <u>RanRep</u> , <u>VerCha</u> , (TH) <u>CreBie</u> , <u>GalAlb</u> , <u>GerPra</u> , <u>RumAce</u> , (LE) <u>OnoVic</u> , TriDub, TriFra, <u>VicCra</u>
D11	16	(GR) AntOdo, <u>ArrEla</u> , BroHor, <u>FesPra</u> , <u>HelPub</u> , <u>PoaTri</u> , (SH) <u>AjuRep</u> , <u>GleHed</u> , PruVul, <u>RanRep</u> , <u>TarOff</u> , (LE) LotCor, <u>MedVar</u> , <u>TriPra</u> , TriRep, <u>VicCra</u>

Dome is the experimental unit in the Ecotron experiment. SR indicates the sown species richness-level. Species analysed for <sup>13</sup>C abundance in shoot biomass are highlighted and species included in analyses of non-structural carbohydrates are additionally underlined.

Abbreviations of species names:

Grasses (GR): AloPra: *Alopecurus pratensis* L.; AntOdo: *Anthoxanthum odoratum* L.; ArrEla: *Arrhenatherum elatius* (L.) J. et C. Presl; BroEre: *Bromus erectus* Huds.; BroHor: *Bromus hordeaceus* L.; CynCri: *Cynosurus cristatus* L.; FesPra: *Festuca pratensis* Huds.; FesRub: *Festuca rubra* L.; HelPub: *Helictotrichon pubescens* (Huds.) Pilg.; LuzCam: *Luzula campestris* (L.) Dc.; PhlPra: *Phleum pratense* L.; PoaPra: *Poa pratensis* L.; PoaTri: *Poa trivialis* L.; TriFla: *Trisetum flavescens* (L.) P. Beauv.

Small herbs (SH): AjuRep: *Ajuga reptans* L.; BelPer: *Bellis perennis* L.; GleHed: *Glechoma hederacea* L.; PlaLan: *Plantago lanceolata* L.; PlaMed: *Plantago media* L.; PriVer: *Primula veris* L.; PruVul: *Prunella vulgaris* L.; RanRep: *Ranunculus repens* L.; ScoAut: *Scorzoneroidea autumnalis* (L.) Moench; TarOff: *Taraxacum officinale* Wiggers; VerCha: *Veronica chamaedrys* L.

Tall herbs (TH): AchMil: *Achillea millefolium* L.; AntSyl: *Anthriscus sylvestris* (L.) Hoffm.; CamPat: *Campanula patula* L.; CarPra: *Cardamine pratensis* L.; CarCar: *Carum carvi* L.; CenJac: *Centaurea jacea* L.; CreBie: *Crepis biennis* L.; GalAlb: *Galium album* Mill.; GerPra: *Geranium pratense* L.; HerSph: *Heracleum sphondylium* L.; KnaArv: *Knautia arvensis* (L.) J.M. Coult.; PimMaj: *Pimpinella major* (L.) Huds.; RumAce: *Rumex acetosa* L.; SanOff: *Sanguisorba officinalis* L.; TraPra: *Tragopogon pratensis* L.

Legumes (LE): LatPra: *Lathyrus pratensis* L.; LotCor: *Lotus corniculatus* L.; MedLup: *Medicago lupulina* L.; MedVar: *Medicago x varia* Martyn; OnoVic: *Onobrychis viciifolia* Scop.; TriCam: *Trifolium campestre* Schreb.; TriDub: *Trifolium dubium* Sibth.; TriFra: *Trifolium fragiferum* L.; TriHyb: *Trifolium hybridum* L.; TriPra: *Trifolium pratense* L.; TriRep: *Trifolium repens* L.; VicCra: *Vicia cracca* L.