

Appendix 7f. The effect of elevated CO₂ on plant responses under both light and shade conditions for different plant functional groups. Groups highlighted in green suggest a significant CO₂ x light availability x Plant Functional type interaction. We investigated three-way interactions by testing for significant two-way interactions between CO₂ and light availability within each plant functional group. If one or more of these two-way interactions was significant and one or more was not significant, then we interpreted this as evidence of the significance of the three-way interaction. Caution should be taken in such interpretations since the non-significant result may have arisen as a type II error due to small sample sizes in these tests. We also recognize that other types of three-way interactions might be present, but to-date there are no statistical tests for detecting such interactions in meta-analyses. Since many of the responses to elevated CO₂ have directional hypotheses associated with them, we present both one-tailed and two-tailed tests. However, throughout the main paper we report only on the two-tailed tests.

| Grouping/Variable | Category | Cumulative effect size | df | 95% CI | SE | <i>d</i> | SE(<i>d</i>) | Z | P (1-tailed) | P (2-tailed) |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|----|-------------------|--------|----------|----------------|--------|--------------|--------------|
| GROWTH RATE | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total biomass (light) | Fast | 0.194 | 5 | -0.0696 to 0.4567 | 0.1343 | -0.044 | 0.2223 | -0.198 | 0.422 | 0.843 |
| Total biomass (shade) | Fast | 0.237 | 5 | -0.1097 to 0.5846 | 0.1771 | | | | | |
| Total biomass (light) | Moderate | 0.121 | 3 | -0.3024 to 0.5451 | 0.2162 | -0.473 | 0.3519 | -1.343 | 0.090 | 0.179 |
| Total biomass (shade) | Moderate | 0.594 | 3 | 0.0497 to 1.1383 | 0.2777 | | | | | |
| Total biomass (light) | Slow | 0.358 | 1 | -1.9349 to 2.6508 | 1.1698 | -0.315 | 1.9050 | -0.165 | 0.434 | 0.869 |
| Total biomass (shade) | Slow | 0.673 | 1 | -2.2742 to 3.6195 | 1.5035 | | | | | |
| Root:shoot ratio (light) | Fast | 0.000 | 8 | -0.0794 to 0.0801 | 0.0407 | 0.056 | 0.0672 | 0.830 | 0.203 | 0.406 |
| Root:shoot ratio (shade) | Fast | -0.055 | 7 | -0.1603 to 0.0494 | 0.0535 | | | | | |
| Root:shoot ratio (light) | Moderate | -0.025 | 3 | -0.1895 to 0.1389 | 0.0838 | -0.122 | 0.1408 | -0.866 | 0.193 | 0.387 |
| Root:shoot ratio (shade) | Moderate | 0.097 | 3 | -0.1252 to 0.3184 | 0.1132 | | | | | |
| Root:shoot ratio (light) | Slow | 0.178 | 2 | -0.0898 to 0.4457 | 0.1366 | 0.116 | 0.2018 | 0.575 | 0.283 | 0.566 |
| Root:shoot ratio (shade) | Slow | 0.062 | 2 | -0.2286 to 0.3539 | 0.1486 | | | | | |
| Total phenolics (light) | Fast | 0.449 | 3 | -0.2225 to 1.1207 | 0.3427 | 0.168 | 0.3671 | 0.458 | 0.324 | 0.647 |
| Total phenolics (shade) | Fast | 0.281 | 3 | 0.0229 to 0.5391 | 0.1317 | | | | | |
| Total phenolics (light) | Slow | 0.571 | 2 | -0.7501 to 1.8924 | 0.6741 | 0.221 | 0.7747 | 0.285 | 0.388 | 0.775 |
| Total phenolics (shade) | Slow | 0.350 | 2 | -0.3979 to 1.0983 | 0.3817 | | | | | |
| OTHER CATEGORIES | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total carbohydrates (light) | Total structural carbohydrates | -0.167 | 2 | -0.9525 to 0.6190 | 0.4009 | -0.103 | 0.4190 | -0.246 | 0.403 | 0.806 |
| Total carbohydrates (shade) | Total structural carbohydrates | -0.064 | 2 | -0.3023 to 0.1750 | 0.1218 | | | | | |
| Total carbohydrates (light) | Starch | 1.130 | 2 | -0.2343 to 2.4941 | 0.6960 | 0.449 | 0.7885 | 0.569 | 0.285 | 0.569 |
| Total carbohydrates (shade) | Starch | 0.681 | 2 | -0.0451 to 1.4075 | 0.3706 | | | | | |
| Total phenolics (light) | Condensed tannins | 0.293 | 3 | -0.5683 to 1.1540 | 0.4394 | 0.084 | 0.4610 | 0.182 | 0.428 | 0.855 |
| Total phenolics (shade) | Condensed tannins | 0.209 | 3 | -0.0644 to 0.4821 | 0.1394 | | | | | |
| Total phenolics (light) | Hydrolysable tannins | 0.560 | 1 | -6.1637 to 7.2838 | 3.4305 | 0.274 | 3.6502 | 0.075 | 0.470 | 0.940 |
| Total phenolics (shade) | Hydrolysable tannins | 0.286 | 1 | -2.1586 to 2.7310 | 1.2473 | | | | | |

