

Endpoint levels of biological organization are highlighted: cellular and molecular (green); individual (without color); population, community, and ecosystem (yellow).

Supplementary Table 1. Total arsenic effective concentrations (EC_x) and the properties of soils under study

| Study | SO | Soil properties | | | Species | EP | TD | As _{total} (mg kg ⁻¹) | | |
|-----------------------------|--------|-----------------|---|---------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----|--|------------------|------------------|
| | | pH | CEC (cmol ₊ kg ⁻¹) | OM (%) | | | | EC ₁₀ | EC ₂₅ | EC ₅₀ |
| Invertebrates: Worms | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bustos et al. (2015) | Chile | 5.7-7.6 | NA | 0.7-4.9 | <i>Eisenia fetida</i> | CQ | 28 | 8 | 14 | 22 |
| Microorganisms | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nordgren et al. (1986) | Sweden | 3.5-5.0a | NA | NA | Native microbes | FG | NAP | - | - | 200 |
| Wang et al. (2020) | China | 4.6-8.2 | 8.1-22 | 0.5-5.3 | Native microbes | ACP K _a | <1 | 20 | - | 184 |
| | | | | | | ACP V _{max} | <1 | 49 | - | 438 |
| | | | | | | ALP K _a | <1 | 42 | - | 378 |
| | | | | | | ALP V _{max} | <1 | 36 | - | 327 |
| | | | | | | BG K _a | <1 | 29 | - | 259 |
| | | | | | | BG V _{max} | <1 | 41 | - | 369 |
| | | | | | | DHA K _a | <1 | 30 | - | 266 |
| | | | | | | DHA V _{max} | <1 | 32 | - | 285 |
| | | | | | | Mean | | 35 | - | 313 |
| Microbe mean | | | | | | | | 35 | - | 257 |

CEC: cation exchange capacity; EP: endpoint; NA: not available; NAP: not applicable (field observations); native microbes: biological response is attributed to several soil microorganism taxa (i.e., archaea, bacteria, actinomycete, algae, fungi, and protozoa); OM: organic matter; SO: soil origin; TD: test duration (days).

ACP K_a: acid phosphatase catalytic efficiency; ACP V_{max}: acid phosphatase maximum reaction rate; ALP K_a: alkaline phosphatase catalytic efficiency; ALP V_{max}: alkaline phosphatase maximum reaction rate; BG K_a: β-glucosidase catalytic efficiency; BG V_{max}: β-glucosidase maximum reaction rate; CQ: cocoon quantity; DHA K_a: dehydrogenase catalytic efficiency; DHA V_{max}: dehydrogenase maximum reaction rate; FG: functional groups. ^aEstimate based on illustrations.

Supplementary Table 2. Total copper effective concentrations (EC_x) and the properties of soils under study

| Study | SO | Soil properties | | | Species | EP | TD | Cu _{total} (mg kg ⁻¹) | | |
|-----------------------|--------|-----------------|---|---------|--|--------|----|--|------------------|------------------|
| | | pH | CEC (cmol ₊ kg ⁻¹) | OM (%) | | | | EC ₁₀ | EC ₂₅ | EC ₅₀ |
| Plants | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hamels et al. (2014) | Sweden | 5.0-6.1 | 9-16 | 12.1 | <i>Hordeum vulgare</i> (Barley) | SH DW | 14 | - | - | 1260 |
| Kolbas et al. (2014) | France | 7.0-7.5 | 3.1-19 | 1.5-7.8 | <i>Helianthus annuus</i> (Sunflower) | CC | 28 | 151 | - | 759 |
| | | | | | | ChITot | 28 | 138 | - | 691 |
| | | | | | | EL | 28 | 912 | - | - |
| | | | | | | LA | 28 | 282 | - | 954 |
| | | | | | | R DW | 28 | 155 | - | 677 |
| | | | | | | SH DW | 28 | 323 | - | 717 |
| | | | | | | TLA | 28 | 395 | - | - |
| | | | | | | WC | 28 | 620 | - | - |
| | | | | | | Mean | | 372 | - | 760 |
| Verdejo et al. (2015) | Chile | 5.7-7.6 | NA | 0.7-5.8 | <i>Lolium perenne</i> (Perennial ryegrass) | R L | 21 | 500 | 765 | 1031 |
| | | | | | | SH L | 21 | 327 | 735 | 1144 |
| | | | | | | Mean | | 414 | 750 | 1088 |

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|--------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|------------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|------|
| Verdejo et al. (2016) | Chile | 5.7-7.6 | NA | 0.7-5.8 | <i>Lactuca sativa</i> (Lettuce) | SH L | 21 | 445 | 955 | 1805 |
| Mondaca et al. (2017) | Chile | 5.7-7.6 | NA | 0.7-5.8 | <i>Avena sativa</i> (Oat) | SH DW | 21 | 607 | 900 | 1230 |
| | | | | | | SH L | 21 | 908 | 1328 | 1802 |
| | | | | | | R DW | 62 | 363 | 593 | 853 |
| | | | | | | SH DW | 62 | 454 | 616 | 798 |
| | | | | | | SH L | 62 | 569 | 720 | 889 |
| | | | | | | Mean | | 580 | 831 | 1114 |
| | | | | | <i>Brassica rapa</i> (Turnip) | SH DW | 21 | 161 | 298 | 452 |
| | | | | | | SH L | 21 | 197 | 352 | 526 |
| | | | | | | R L | 42 | 412 | 598 | 809 |
| | | | | | | SH DW | 42 | 254 | 372 | 506 |
| | | | | | | SH L | 42 | 245 | 419 | 616 |
| | | | | | | SPQ | 42 | 297 | 383 | 480 |
| | | | | | | Mean | | 261 | 404 | 565 |
| Plants | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kolbas et al. (2018) | France | 5.9-7.2 | 2.7-3.2 | 1.2-1.5 | <i>Helianthus annuus</i> (Sunflower) | ChlTot | 28 | 51 | - | 329 |
| | | | | | | R DW | 28 | 74 | - | 203 |
| | | | | | | SH DW | 28 | 166 | - | 333 |
| | | | | | | SH L | 28 | 355 | - | 407 |
| | | | | | | TAC | 28 | 23 | - | 301 |
| | | | | | | TLA | 28 | 201 | - | 335 |
| | | | | | | Mean | | 145 | - | 318 |
| Plant mean | | | | | | | 369 | 735 | 987 | |
| Invertebrates | | | | | | | | | | |
| a. Nematodes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Naveed et al. (2014) | Denmark | 5.9-6.6 | NA | 3.3-6.0 | Native nematodes | ACE R | NAP | 275 ^c | - | - |
| | | | | | | S-W D | NAP | 400 ^c | - | - |
| | | | | | | Mean | | 338 | - | - |
| b. Springtails | | | | | | | | | | |
| Scott-Fordsmand et al. (2000a) | Denmark | 6.1-7.1 | 10-13 | 3.9-5.5 | <i>Folsomia fimetaria</i> | FPZ | NAP | 643 | - | - |
| | | | | | | JQ | 21 | 2463 ^d | - | - |
| Liu et al. (2018) | China | 7.2 | 18 | 3.2 | <i>Folsomia candida</i> | FPZ | NAP | 31 | - | 153 |
| | | | | | | BL | 28 | 68 | - | - |
| | | | | | | JQ | 28 | 21 | - | 135 |
| | | | | | | SV | 28 | 355 | - | 1560 |
| | | | | | | Mean | | 148 | - | 848 |
| | | | | | | <i>Folsomia quadrioulata</i> | FPZ | NAP | 52 | - |
| | | | | | <i>Sinella curviseta</i> | BL | 28 | 880 | - | - |
| | | | | | | JQ | 28 | 26 | - | 174 |
| SV | 28 | 645 | - | 3089 | | | | | | |
| Mean | | 517 | - | 1632 | | | | | | |
| Springtail mean | | | | | | | 278 | - | 723 | |

| c. Worms | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|---------|--------|---------|---------------------------------|--------------|-----|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Scott-Fordsmand et al. (2000b) | Denmark | 6.5-7.0 | NA | NA | <i>Eisenia fetida</i> | CQ | 21 | 248 | - | 517 |
| | | | | | | NRRT | 21 | 69 | - | 163 |
| | | | | | | Mean | | 159 | - | 340 |
| Van Zwieten et al. (2004) | Australia | 6.6-6.9 | NA | 3.3-12 | <i>Eisenia fetida</i> | AT | 2 | - | - | 131 ^a |
| Maraldo et al. (2006) | Denmark | NA | NA | NA | <i>Enchytraeus crypticus</i> | JQ | 14 | 99 | - | 439 |
| Konečný et al. (2014) | Zambia | 5.1-6.9 | 3.5-15 | 1.7-15 | <i>Enchytraeus crypticus</i> | JQ | 28 | - | - | 351 |
| Naveed et al. (2014) | Denmark | 5.9-6.6 | NA | 3.3-6.0 | Native earthworms | FPZ | NAP | 110 | - | - |
| Delgadillo et al. (2017) | Chile | 5.7-8.3 | NA | 0.7-10 | <i>Eisenia fetida</i> | AT | 2 | - | - | 213 |
| Mirmonsef et al. (2017) | Denmark | NA | NA | NA | <i>Aporrectodea tuberculata</i> | CQ | 21 | - | - | 220 |
| | | | | | | | 42 | - | - | 220 ^d |
| | | | | | | | 63 | - | - | 450 ^d |
| Worm mean | | | | | | | 123 | - | - | 282 |
| Microorganisms | | | | | | | | | | |
| Baath et al. (1991) | Sweden | NA | NA | NA | Native microbes | SIR + ATP | <1 | - | - | 2500 ^d |
| Sauvé (2006) | Denmark | 6.0-7.1 | NA | 3.7-5.1 | Native microbes | SOM D | NAP | 154 | 193 ^b | 285 |
| Arthur et al. (2012) | Denmark | 6.1-6.6 | NA | 2.7-5.1 | Native microbes | DHA | <1 | - | - | 542 |
| | | | | | | FDA | <1 | - | - | 521 |
| | | | | | | Mean | | - | - | 532 |
| Naveed et al. (2014) | Denmark | 5.9-6.6 | NA | 3.3-6.0 | Native microbes | DHA | NA | 350 ^c | - | - |
| | | | | | | FDA | NA | 800 | - | - |
| | | | | | | Mean | | 575 | - | - |
| Microbe mean | | | | | | | 365 | - | - | 408 |
| a. Archaea/Bacteria | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mertens et al. (2010) | Denmark | 5.2-5.9 | 6.7 | 3.6 | AOA and AOB | PNR | 4 | - | - | 2060 ^d |
| Naveed et al. (2014) | Denmark | 5.9-6.6 | NA | 3.3-6.0 | Native bacteria | ACE R | NAP | 170 | - | - |
| | | | | | | S-W D | NAP | 170 | - | - |
| | | | | | | Mean | | 170 | - | - |
| b. Fungi | | | | | | | | | | |
| Naveed et al. (2014) | Denmark | 5.9-6.6 | NA | 3.3-6.0 | Native fungi | ACE R | NAP | 800 | - | - |
| | | | | | | S-W D | NAP | 2370 | - | - |
| | | | | | | Mean | | 1585 | - | - |
| Soil properties | | | | | | | | | | |
| Naveed et al. (2014) | Denmark | 5.9-6.6 | NA | 3.3-6.0 | Physical properties | AP | NAP | 320 | - | - |
| | | | | | | SWR | NAP | 275 | - | - |
| | | | | | | GD | NAP | 200 ^c | - | - |
| | | | | | | R-R α | NAP | 260 ^c | - | - |
| | | | | | | R-R β | NAP | 170 ^c | - | - |
| | | | | | | TPO | NAP | 320 ^c | - | - |
| | | | | | | Mean | | 275 | - | - |
| | | | | | Chemical properties | OC | NAP | 290 ^c | - | - |
| | | | | | | TN | NAP | 470 | - | - |
| | | | | | | TP | NAP | 225 | - | - |
| | | | | | | Mean | | 348 | - | - |
| Soil properties mean | | | | | | | 311 | - | - | - |

CEC: cation exchange capacity; EP: endpoint; NA: not available; NAP: not applicable (field observations); native microbes: biological response is attributed to several soil microorganism taxa (i.e., archaea, bacteria, actinomycete, algae, fungi, and protozoa); OM: organic matter; SO: soil origin; TD: test duration (days).

ACE R: ACE richness; AOA and AOB: ammonia-oxidizing archaea and ammonia-oxidizing bacteria community; AP: air permeability; AT: avoidance test; BL: body length; SWR: Soil water retention; CC: carotenoid content; Chla/Chlb: chlorophyll a/chlorophyll b ratio; ChITot: total chlorophyll content; CQ: cocoon quantity; DHA: dehydrogenase activity; EL: epicotyl length; FDA: fluorescein diacetate hydrolysis; FPZ: field population size; GD: gas diffusivity; JQ: juvenile quantity; LA: leaf asymmetry; LL: leaf length; NRRT: neutral-red retention time; OC: organic carbon; PC: plant cover; PNR: potential nitrification rate; R DW: root dry weight; R L: root length; R-R α : soil pore size distribution (Rosin-Rammler α); R-R β : soil pore size distribution (Rosin-Rammler β); SH DW: shoot dry weight; SH L: shoot length; SIR + ATP: substrate induced respiration and ATP content; SO: soil origin; SOM D: soil organic matter decomposition; SPQ: seeds pods quantity; SR: species richness; SV: survival; S-W D: Shannon-Wiener diversity index; TAC: total antioxidant capacity; TLA: total leaf area; TN: total nitrogen; TP: total phosphorus; TPO: total porosity; WC: water content.

^aMean value for several soils. ^bEC₂₀ instead of EC₂₅. (not included in the mean). ^cEstimate based on illustrations. ^dNot considered for mean calculation.

Supplementary Table 3. Extractable, soluble, and free copper ion effective concentrations (EC_x)

| Study | Species | EP | TD | Extractant | Cu _{extractable} (mg kg ⁻¹) | Cu _{soluble} (µg L ⁻¹) | | | | pCu ²⁺ | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|-----|---|--|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|---|
| | | | | | EC ₅₀ | EC ₁₀ | EC ₂₅ | EC ₅₀ | EC ₁₀ | EC ₂₅ | EC ₅₀ | |
| Plants | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hamels et al. (2014) | <i>Hordeum vulgare</i> (Barley) | SH DW | 14 | 0.0155 M Cohex, SSR: NA | 50 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | | | 1 M NH ₄ NO ₃ , SSR: 1/2.5 | 8.9 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | | | 0.05 M EDTA, SSR: 1/2.5 | 930 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | | | 0.001 M CaCl ₂ , SSR: 1/10 | - | - | - | 390 | - | - | - | - |
| | | | | C _{DGT} | - | - | - | 40 | - | - | - | - |
| Kolbas et al. (2014) | <i>Helianthus annuus</i> (Sunflower) | CC | 28 | Pore water | - | 114 | - | 571 | 7.3 | - | 6.6 | |
| | | Chla/Chlb | 28 | Pore water | - | - | - | - | 7.3 | - | 6.6 | |
| | | ChITot | 28 | Pore water | - | 104 | - | 524 | 7.4 | - | 6.7 | |
| | | EL | 28 | Pore water | - | 728 | - | - | - | - | - | |
| | | LA | 28 | Pore water | - | - | - | - | 6.7 | - | 5.7 | |
| | | LL | 28 | Pore water | - | - | - | - | 6.5 | - | - | |
| | | R DW | 28 | Pore water | - | 118 | - | 590 | 7.3 | - | 6.5 | |
| | | SH DW | 28 | Pore water | - | 261 | - | 607 | 7.0 | - | 5.2 | |
| | | SH L | 28 | Pore water | - | - | - | 608 | - | - | - | |
| | | TLA | 28 | Pore water | - | 312 | - | - | - | - | 6.9 | |
| | | WC | 28 | Pore water | - | 538 | - | - | - | - | 6.4 | |
| Mean | | | | | - | 311 | - | 580 | 7.1 | - | 6.3 | |
| Kolbas et al. (2018) | <i>Helianthus annuus</i> (Sunflower) | R DW | 28 | Pore water | - | - | - | 290 | - | - | - | |
| | | SH DW | 28 | Pore water | - | - | - | 432 | - | - | - | |
| | | Mean | | | | - | - | - | 361 | - | - | - |
| Lillo-Robles et al. (2020) | Several species | PC | 180 | 0.1 M KNO ₃ , SSR: 1/2.5 | - | 376 | 448 | 532 | 7.3 | 6.8 | 6.1 | |
| | | SH DW | 180 | 0.1 M KNO ₃ , SSR: 1/2.5 | - | 184 | 304 | 444 | 8.0 | 7.2 | 6.3 | |
| | | SR | 180 | 0.1 M KNO ₃ , SSR: 1/2.5 | - | 240 | 440 | 640 | 7.2 | 6.3 | 5.3 | |
| | | Mean | | | - | 267 | 397 | 539 | 7.5 | 6.8 | 5.9 | |
| | | Plant mean | | Pore water | - | - | - | 471 | - | - | - | |
| Invertebrates: Worms | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Konečný et al. (2014) | <i>Enchytraeus crypticus</i> | JQ | 28 | 0.05 M EDTA, SSR: 1/2.5 (recalculated from SSR: 1/10) | 398 | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Microorganisms | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aponte et al. (2021) | Native microbes | ARY | <1 | NA M DTPA, SSR: NA | 139 | - | - | - | - | - | - | |

EP: endpoint; TD: test duration (days); SSR: soil/solution ratio. CC: carotenoid content; C_{DGT} : diffusive gradients in thin films measured concentration; native microbes: biological response is attributed to several soil microorganism taxa (i.e., archaea, bacteria, actinomycete, algae, fungi, and protozoa).

ARY: arylsulfatase activity; Chl_a/Chl_b : chlorophyll a/chlorophyll b ratio; ChITot: total chlorophyll content; EL: epicotyl length; JQ: juvenile quantity; LA: leaf asymmetry; LL: leaf length; NA: not available; PC: plant cover; R DW: root dry weight; SH DW: shoot dry weight; SH L: shoot length; SR: species richness; TLA: total leaf area; WC: water content.

Lillo-Robles et al. (2020): various Chilean field-collected soils with pH 4.9-7.1 and 0.9-8.0% organic matter. This study demonstrates the impact of a single pollutant on biological responses.

Aponte et al. (2021): various Chilean field-collected soils with pH 4.7-5.9 and 1.0-2.8% organic matter. This study demonstrates the impact of a single pollutant on biological responses.

Supplementary Table 4. Total nickel effective concentrations (EC_x) and the properties of soils under study

| Study | SO | Soil properties | | | Species | EP | TD | Ni _{total} (mg kg ⁻¹) | |
|----------------------------|--------|-----------------|---|--------|------------------------------|-------|-------|--|-------------------|
| | | pH | CEC (cmol ₊ kg ⁻¹) | OM (%) | | | | EC ₂₅ | EC ₅₀ |
| Plants | | | | | | | | | |
| Dan et al. (2008) | Canada | 5.7-6.9 | 5.0-63 | 6.0-28 | <i>Avena sativa</i> (Oat) | SH DW | 28-70 | 1727 ^a | - |
| Cioccio et al. (2017) | Canada | 4.6-6.1 | 23-54 | 9.6-25 | <i>Avena sativa</i> (Oat) | AY | NA | - | 1270 |
| | | NA | NA | NA | <i>Glycine max</i> (Soybean) | AY | NA | - | 1590 |
| Gopalapillai et al. (2018) | Canada | 5.5-7.4 | 9.7-49 | 3.6-18 | <i>Avena sativa</i> (Oat) | SH DW | NA | - | 2269 ^a |
| Plant mean | | | | | | | | 1727 | 1710 |

CEC: cation exchange capacity; EP: endpoint; OM: organic matter; NA: not available; SO: soil origin; TD: test duration (days). AY: Agronomic yield. SH DW: Shoot dry weight; R DW: Root dry weight. ^a Mean value for several soils.

Supplementary Table 5. Extractable, soluble, and free nickel ion effective concentrations (EC_x)

| Study | Species | EP | TD | Extractant | Ni _{extractable} (mg kg ⁻¹) | | Ni _{soluble} (µg L ⁻¹) | | pNi ²⁺ |
|----------------------------|---|-------|---|--|--|------------------------|---|------------------------|-------------------|
| | | | | | EC ₂₅ | EC ₅₀ | EC ₂₅ | EC ₅₀ | |
| Plants | | | | | | | | | |
| Kukier and Chaney (2004) | <i>Avena sativa</i> (Oat) | SH DW | 42 | 0.01 M Sr(NO ₃) ₂ , SSR: 1/4 | - | - | 5.7 | - | |
| | <i>Beta vulgaris</i> (Red beet) | SH DW | 42 | 0.01 M Sr(NO ₃) ₂ , SSR: 1/4 | - | - | 6.4 | - | |
| | <i>Beta vulgaris var. cicla</i> (Swiss chard) | SH DW | 42 | 0.01 M Sr(NO ₃) ₂ , SSR: 1/4 | - | - | 6.2 | - | |
| | <i>Glycine max</i> (Soybean) | SH DW | 42 | 0.01 M Sr(NO ₃) ₂ , SSR: 1/4 | - | - | 4.6 | - | |
| | <i>Hordeum vulgare</i> (Barley) | SH DW | 42 | 0.01 M Sr(NO ₃) ₂ , SSR: 1/4 | - | - | 15 | - | |
| | <i>Lolium perenne</i> (Perennial ryegrass) | SH DW | 42 | 0.01 M Sr(NO ₃) ₂ , SSR: 1/4 | - | - | 20 | - | |
| | <i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> (Bean) | SH DW | 42 | 0.01 M Sr(NO ₃) ₂ , SSR: 1/4 | - | - | 3.5 | - | |
| | <i>Raphanus sativus</i> (Radish) | R DW | 31 | 0.01 M Sr(NO ₃) ₂ , SSR: 1/4 | - | - | 6.0 | - | |
| | | SH DW | 31 | 0.01 M Sr(NO ₃) ₂ , SSR: 1/4 | - | - | 7.2 | - | |
| | | Mean | | | - | - | 6.6 | - | |
| | <i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> (Tomato) | SH DW | 42 | 0.01 M Sr(NO ₃) ₂ , SSR: 1/4 | - | - | 6.6 | - | |
| | <i>Triticum aestivum</i> (Wheat) | SH DW | 42 | 0.01 M Sr(NO ₃) ₂ , SSR: 1/4 | - | - | 22 | - | |
| <i>Zea mays</i> (Corn) | SH DW | 42 | 0.01 M Sr(NO ₃) ₂ , SSR: 1/4 | - | - | 6.8 | - | | |
| Dan et al. (2008) | <i>Avena sativa</i> (Oat) | SH DW | 28-70 | 0.2 M C ₂ H ₂ O ₄ + (NH ₄) ₂ C ₂ O ₄ , SSR: 1/20 | 465^a | - | - | - | |
| Gopalapillai et al. (2018) | <i>Avena sativa</i> (Oat) | SH DW | NA | 0.2 M C ₂ H ₂ O ₄ + (NH ₄) ₂ C ₂ O ₄ , SSR: 1/20 | - | 607^a | - | - | |
| | | | | Pore water | - | - | - | 6.8^a | |
| Plant mean | | | | 0.01 M Sr(NO₃)₂, SSR: 1/4 | - | - | 9.3 | - | |

EP: endpoint; TD: test duration (days); SSR: soil/solution ratio. SH DW: shoot dry weight; R DW: root dry weight. ^a Mean value for several soils. Kukier and Chaney (2004): Canadian field-collected soil artificially adjusted to pH 5.2-7.8 by adding CaCO₃ and MgCO₃; contains 17% of organic matter. The study demonstrates the impact of a single pollutant on biological responses.

Supplementary Table 6. Total lead effective concentrations (EC_x) and the properties of soils under study

| Study | SO | Soil properties | | | Species | EP | TD | Pb _{total} (mg kg ⁻¹) | |
|------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|---|--------|------------------------------|-------------|------------------|--|---------------------|
| | | pH | CEC (cmol ₊ kg ⁻¹) | OM (%) | | | | EC ₁₀ | EC ₅₀ |
| Invertebrates | | | | | | | | | |
| a. Mites | | | | | | | | | |
| Luo et al. (2015) | Netherlands | 3.2-6.8 | 1.8-21 | 3.8-13 | <i>Platynothrus peltifer</i> | JQ | 84 | 658 | 696 |
| b. Worms | | | | | | | | | |
| Hui et al. (2009) | Finland | NA | NA | NA | Native enchytraeids | SV | 33 | - | 11,030 ^a |
| Luo et al. (2014b) | Netherlands | 3.2-6.8 | 1.8-21 | 3.8-13 | <i>Eisenia andrei</i> | SV | 28 | - | 1603 |
| | | | | | | JQ | 56 | 1377 | 1482 |
| | | | | | | Mean | | 1377 | 1543 |
| Luo et al. (2014a) | Netherlands | 3.2-6.8 | 1.8-21 | 3.8-13 | <i>Enchytraeus crypticus</i> | SV | 21 | - | 638 |
| | | | | | | JQ | 21 | 583 | 645 |
| | | | | | | Mean | | 583 | 642 |
| | | | | | | | Worm mean | 980 | 1092 |
| Microorganisms | | | | | | | | | |
| Vanhala and Ahtiainen (1994) | Finland | 3.1-4.8 | NA | NA | Native microbes | ATP | NAP | - | 68,700 |
| | | | | | | RR | <1 | - | 25,000 |
| | | | | | | Mean | | - | 46,850 |

CEC: cation exchange capacity; EP: endpoint; NA: not available; NAP: not applicable (field observations); native microbes: biological response is attributed to several soil microorganism taxa (i.e., archaea, bacteria, actinomycete, algae, fungi, and protozoa); OM: organic matter; SO: soil origin; TD: test duration (days).

ATP: ATP content; JQ: Juvenile quantity; RR: Respiration rate; SV: Survival. ^a Not considered for mean calculation.

Supplementary Table 7. Extractable and soluble lead effective concentrations (EC_x)

| Study | Species | EP | TD | Extractant | Pb _{extractable} (mg kg ⁻¹) | | Pb _{soluble} (µg L ⁻¹) | |
|----------------------|------------------------------|-------------|----|-------------------------------------|--|------------------|---|------------------|
| | | | | | EC ₁₀ | EC ₅₀ | EC ₁₀ | EC ₅₀ |
| Invertebrates | | | | | | | | |
| a. Mites | | | | | | | | |
| Luo et al. (2015) | <i>Platynothrus peltifer</i> | JQ | 84 | Water, SSR: 1/5 | 2.2 | 5.5 | - | - |
| | | | | 0.01 M CaCl ₂ , SSR: 1/5 | 7.2 | 49 | - | - |
| | | | | Pore water | - | - | 3040 | 6418 |
| b. Worms | | | | | | | | |
| Luo et al. (2014b) | <i>Eisenia andrei</i> | SV | 28 | Water, SSR: 1/5 | - | 5.5 | - | - |
| | | | | 0.01 M CaCl ₂ , SSR: 1/5 | - | 98 | - | - |
| | | | | Pore water | - | - | - | 5100 |
| | | JQ | 56 | Water, SSR: 1/5 | 0.4 | 0.5 | - | - |
| | | | | 0.01 M CaCl ₂ , SSR: 1/5 | 0.4 | 2.2 | - | - |
| | | | | Pore water | - | - | 99,000 | 130,000 |
| | | Mean | | Water, SSR: 1/5 | 0.4 | 3.0 | - | - |
| | | | | 0.01 M CaCl ₂ , SSR: 1/5 | 0.4 | 50 | - | - |
| | | | | Pore water | - | - | 99,000 | 67,550 |
| Luo et al. (2014a) | <i>Enchytraeus crypticus</i> | SV | 21 | Water, SSR: 1/5 | - | 1.5 | - | - |
| | | | | 0.01 M CaCl ₂ , SSR: 1/5 | - | 8.5 | - | - |
| | | | | Pore water | - | - | - | 643 |

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|------------------------------|------|----|-------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|-----|-----|
| Luo et al. (2014a) | <i>Enchytraeus crypticus</i> | JQ | 21 | Water, SSR: 1/5 | 0.4 | 0.5 | - | - | | |
| | | | | 0.01 M CaCl ₂ , SSR: 1/5 | 1.3 | 1.6 | - | - | | |
| | | | | Pore water | - | - | 119 | 126 | | |
| | | Mean | | | | Water, SSR: 1/5 | 0.4 | 1.0 | - | - |
| | | | | | | 0.01 M CaCl ₂ , SSR: 1/5 | 1.3 | 5.1 | - | - |
| | | | | | | Pore water | - | - | 119 | 385 |
| Worm mean | | | | Water, SSR: 1/5 | 0.4 | 2.0 | - | - | | |
| | | | | 0.01 M CaCl ₂ , SSR: 1/5 | 0.9 | 28 | - | - | | |
| | | | | Pore water | - | - | 49,560 | 33,967 | | |

EP: endpoint; TD: test duration (days); SSR: soil/solution ratio. JQ: juvenile quantity; SV: survival.

Supplementary Table 8. Total zinc effective concentrations (EC_x) and the properties of soils under study

| Study | SO | Soil properties | | | Species | EP | TD | Zn _{total} (mg kg ⁻¹) | |
|---|----------------|-----------------|---|--------|---|-------|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| | | pH | CEC (cmol ₊ kg ⁻¹) | OM (%) | | | | EC ₁₀ | EC ₅₀ |
| Plants | | | | | | | | | |
| De Knecht et al. (1998) | Netherlands | NA | NA | NA | <i>Trifolium pratense</i> (Red clover) | SH FW | 24 | - | 347 |
| Smolders et al. (2002) | Belgium | 5.5-6.1 | 17-21 | 6.0-13 | <i>Triticum aestivum</i> (Wheat) | SH DW | 21 | 217 | 1215 |
| Beyer et al. (2011) | United States | 3.8-4.8 | NA | NA | Wild shrubs and vines | PC | NAP | - | 1350 |
| | | | | | | SR | NAP | - | 4287 ^a |
| | | | | | Wild trees | PC | NAP | - | 1740 |
| | | | | | | SD | NAP | - | 2740 ^b |
| | | | | | Wild trees, shrubs, and vines | PC | NAP | - | 2060 |
| Mean | | - | 2359 | | | | | | |
| Beyer et al. (2013) | United States | 3.6-4.2 | 14-16 | 8.0-13 | <i>Acer rubrum</i> (Red maple) | L FW | 126 | - | 160 |
| | | | | | | R FW | 126 | - | 180 |
| | | | | | | Mean | | - | 170 |
| | | | | | <i>Betula populifolia</i> (Gray birch) | L FW | 119 | - | 110 |
| | | | | | | R FW | 119 | - | 110 |
| | | | | | | Mean | | - | 110 |
| | | | | | <i>Glycine max</i> (Soybean) | L FW | 28 | - | 160 |
| | | | | | | R FW | 28 | - | 250 |
| | | | | | | Mean | | - | 205 |
| | | | | | <i>Pinus strobus</i> (Eastern white pine) | L FW | 126 | - | 970 |
| | | | | | | R FW | 126 | - | 880 |
| | | | | | | Mean | | - | 925 |
| | | | | | <i>Quercus prinus</i> (Chestnut oak) | L FW | 84 | - | 340 |
| | | | | | | R FW | 84 | - | 220 |
| | | | | | | Mean | | - | 280 |
| <i>Quercus rubra</i> (Northern red oak) | L FW | 77 | - | 180 | | | | | |
| | R FW | 77 | - | 170 | | | | | |
| | Mean | | - | 175 | | | | | |
| Hamels et al. (2014) | Belgium/France | 4.8-7.6 | 1.0-69 | 1.7-40 | <i>Hordeum vulgare</i> (Barley) | SH DW | 14 | - | 9820 ^a |
| | | | | | | | Plant mean | 217 | 1561 |

| Invertebrates | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--|-------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Spurgeon et al. (2005) | United Kingdom | 3.7-7.1 | NA | NA | Decomposer community | OM R | 6 | - | 979 |
| a. Springtails | | | | | | | | | |
| Mertens and Smolders (2013) | Belgium / United Kingdom | NA | NA | NA | <i>Folsomia candida</i> | R | NA | 507 | - |
| b. Worms | | | | | | | | | |
| Spurgeon and Hopkin (1995) | United Kingdom | 5.5-7.4 | NA | 9.4-27 | <i>Eisenia fetida</i> | CQ | 21 | - | 3605 |
| | | | | | | W | 21 | - | 22,371 ^d |
| Posthuma and Notenboom (1996) | Netherlands | 5.5 | NA | 1.9-6.4 | <i>Eisenia andrei</i> | CQ | 21 | - | 2553 |
| | | | | | <i>Enchytraeus crypticus</i> | JQ | 28 | - | 205 |
| Spurgeon and Hopkin (1996) | United Kingdom | 5.5-7.4 | NA | 9.4-27 | <i>Eisenia fetida</i> | W | 35 | - | 3120 |
| | | | | | | SM | 56 | - | 1860 |
| | | | | | | CQ | 84 | - | 637 |
| | | | | | | CQ | 140 | - | 4950 ^d |
| | | | | | | CQ | NA | - | 3600 ^d |
| | | | | | | Mean | | - | 1872 |
| Nahmani and Lavelle (2002) | France | NA | NA | NA | <i>Aporrectodea caliginosa</i> | FPZ | NAP | - | 2000 ^c |
| Spurgeon et al. (2005) | United Kingdom | NA | NA | NA | <i>Lumbricus rubellus</i> | CQ | 70 | - | 3236 |
| | | | | | | NRRT | 70 | - | 645 |
| | | | | | | GE | 70 | - | 616 |
| | | | | | | Mean | | - | 1499 |
| | | 5.4-7.4 | NA | NA | Native earthworms | S-W D | NAP | - | 1737 |
| Mertens and Smolders (2013) | Belgium / United Kingdom | NA | NA | NA | <i>Eisenia fetida</i> | R | NA | 924 ^a | - |
| | | | | | | | Worm mean | 924 | 1912 |
| Microorganisms | | | | | | | | | |
| Vanhala and Ahtiainen (1994) | Finland | 4.3-7.2 | NA | NA | Native microbes | ATP | NAP | - | 1550 |
| | | | | | | RR | <1 | - | 4000 |
| | | | | | | Mean | | - | 2775 |
| a. Bacteria | | | | | | | | | |
| Broos et al. (2004) | United Kingdom | 5.2-5.7 | 2.5-4.7 | NA | <i>Rhizobium leguminosarum</i> bv. <i>trifolii</i> | N _{diff} | 32 | - | 602 |
| Broos et al. (2004) | United Kingdom | 5.2-5.7 | 2.5-4.7 | NA | <i>Rhizobium leguminosarum</i> bv. <i>trifolii</i> | MPN | 149 | - | 204 |
| | | | | | | | Bacteria mean | - | 403 |

CEC: cation exchange capacity; decomposer community: biological response is attributed to several soil organism taxa (i.e., earthworms, isopods, microbes, mites, mollusks, myriapods and springtails); EP: endpoint; NA: not available; NAP: not applicable (field observations); native microbes: biological response is attributed to several soil microorganism taxa (i.e., archaea, bacteria, actinomycete, algae, fungi, and protozoa); OM: organic matter; SO: soil origin; TD: test duration (days).

AS: arylsulfatase stability; ATP: ATP content; CQ: cocoon quantity; EA: enzymatic activity of arylsulfatase, β -glucosidase, invertase, phosphatase, protease and urease; ES: enzymatic stability of arylsulfatase, β -glucosidase, invertase, phosphatase, protease and urease; FPZ: field population size; GE: gene expression (*mt-2*); JQ: juvenile quantity; L FW: leaf fresh weight; MPN: most probable number; N_{diff}: symbiotic nitrogen fixation; NRRT: neutral-red retention time; OM R: organic material removal (feeding); PC: plant cover; PS: protease stability; R FW: root fresh weight; R: reproduction (not detailed); RR: respiration rate; SD: seedling density; SH DW: shoot dry weight; SH FW: shoot fresh weight; SM: sexual maturity; SR: species richness; S-W D: Shannon-Wiener diversity index; US: urease stability; W: weight. ^a Mean value for several soils. ^b EC₉₀ instead of EC₅₀ (not included in the mean). ^c EC₁₀₀ instead of EC₅₀ (not included in the mean). ^d Not considered for mean calculation.

Supplementary Table 9. Extractable, soluble, and free zinc ion effective concentrations (EC_x)

| Study | Species | EP | TD | Extractant | Zn _{extractable} (mg kg ⁻¹) | Zn _{soluble} (µg L ⁻¹) | | pZn ²⁺ | |
|-------------------------|---|---|---|---|--|---|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| | | | | | EC ₅₀ | EC ₁₀ | EC ₅₀ | EC ₁₀ | EC ₅₀ |
| Plants | | | | | | | | | |
| De Knecht et al. (1998) | <i>Trifolium pratense</i> (Red clover) | SH FW | 24 | 0.01 CaCl ₂ , SSR: NA | 121 | - | - | - | - |
| Smolders et al. (2002) | <i>Triticum aestivum</i> (Wheat) | SH DW | 21 | Pore water | - | 400 | 6900 | - | - |
| | | | | C _{DGT} | - | 150 | 4410 | - | - |
| Nolan et al. (2005) | <i>Triticum aestivum</i> (Wheat) | SH DW | 16 | Pore water | - | - | - | 3.9 | 3.4 |
| Beyer et al. (2011) | Wild shrubs and vines | PC | NAP | 0.01 M Sr(NO ₃) ₂ , SSR: 1/4 | 71 | - | - | - | - |
| | | SR | NAP | 0.01 M Sr(NO ₃) ₂ , SSR: 1/4 | 186 ^a | - | - | - | - |
| | Wild trees | SD | NAP | 0.01 M Sr(NO ₃) ₂ , SSR: 1/4 | 133 ^b | - | - | - | - |
| | Wild trees, shrubs, and vines | PC | NAP | 0.01 M Sr(NO ₃) ₂ , SSR: 1/4 | 102 | - | - | - | - |
| | Mean | | | | 120 | - | - | - | - |
| Beyer et al. (2013) | <i>Acer rubrum</i> (Red maple) | L FW | 126 | 0.01 M Sr(NO ₃) ₂ , SSR: 1/4 | 28 | - | - | - | - |
| | | | | Mehlich 3, SSR: NA | 48 | - | - | - | - |
| | | R FW | 126 | 0.01 M Sr(NO ₃) ₂ , SSR: 1/4 | 28 | - | - | - | - |
| | | | | Mehlich 3, SSR: NA | 56 | - | - | - | - |
| | | Mean | | 0.01 M Sr(NO ₃) ₂ , SSR: 1/4 | 28 | - | - | - | - |
| | | | | Mehlich 3, SSR: NA | 52 | - | - | - | - |
| | <i>Betula populifolia</i> (Gray birch) | L FW | 119 | 0.01 M Sr(NO ₃) ₂ , SSR: 1/4 | 19 | - | - | - | - |
| | | | | Mehlich 3, SSR: NA | 32 | - | - | - | - |
| | | R FW | 119 | 0.01 M Sr(NO ₃) ₂ , SSR: 1/4 | 18 | - | - | - | - |
| | | | | Mehlich 3, SSR: NA | 35 | - | - | - | - |
| | | Mean | | 0.01 M Sr(NO ₃) ₂ , SSR: 1/4 | 19 | - | - | - | - |
| | | | | Mehlich 3, SSR: NA | 34 | - | - | - | - |
| | <i>Glycine max</i> (Soybean) | L FW | 28 | 0.01 M Sr(NO ₃) ₂ , SSR: 1/4 | 27 | - | - | - | - |
| | | | | Mehlich 3, SSR: NA | 48 | - | - | - | - |
| R FW | | 28 | 0.01 M Sr(NO ₃) ₂ , SSR: 1/4 | 36 | - | - | - | - | |
| | | | Mehlich 3, SSR: NA | 76 | - | - | - | - | |
| Mean | | | 0.01 M Sr(NO ₃) ₂ , SSR: 1/4 | 32 | - | - | - | - | |
| | | | Mehlich 3, SSR: NA | 62 | - | - | - | - | |
| Plants | | | | | | | | | |
| Beyer et al. (2013) | <i>Pinus strobus</i> (Eastern white pine) | L FW | 126 | 0.01 M Sr(NO ₃) ₂ , SSR: 1/4 | 160 | - | - | - | - |
| | | | | Mehlich 3, SSR: NA | 300 | - | - | - | - |
| | | R FW | 126 | 0.01 M Sr(NO ₃) ₂ , SSR: 1/4 | 156 | - | - | - | - |
| | | | | Mehlich 3, SSR: NA | 270 | - | - | - | - |
| | | Mean | | 0.01 M Sr(NO ₃) ₂ , SSR: 1/4 | 158 | - | - | - | - |
| | | | | Mehlich 3, SSR: NA | 285 | - | - | - | - |
| | <i>Quercus prinus</i> (Chestnut oak) | L FW | 84 | 0.01 M Sr(NO ₃) ₂ , SSR: 1/4 | 59 | - | - | - | - |
| | | | | Mehlich 3, SSR: NA | 100 | - | - | - | - |
| | | R FW | 84 | 0.01 M Sr(NO ₃) ₂ , SSR: 1/4 | 40 | - | - | - | - |
| | | | | Mehlich 3, SSR: NA | 68 | - | - | - | - |
| Mean | | 0.01 M Sr(NO ₃) ₂ , SSR: 1/4 | 50 | - | - | - | - | | |
| | | Mehlich 3, SSR: NA | 84 | - | - | - | - | | |

| | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|--|--------------|------|--|-------------------|--|-------------------|---|---|
| Beyer et al. (2013) | <i>Quercus rubra</i> (Northern red oak) | L FW | 77 | 0.01 M $\text{Sr}(\text{NO}_3)_2$, SSR: 1/4 | 29 | - | - | - | - |
| | | | | Mehlich 3, SSR: NA | 52 | - | - | - | - |
| | | R FW | 77 | 0.01 M $\text{Sr}(\text{NO}_3)_2$, SSR: 1/4 | 27 | - | - | - | - |
| | | | | Mehlich 3, SSR: NA | 50 | - | - | - | - |
| | | Mean | | 0.01 M $\text{Sr}(\text{NO}_3)_2$, SSR: 1/4 | 28 | - | - | - | - |
| | | | | Mehlich 3, SSR: NA | 51 | - | - | - | - |
| Hamels et al. (2014) | <i>Hordeum vulgare</i> (Barley) | SH DW | 14 | 0.0155 M Cohex, SSR: NA | 327 ^a | - | - | - | - |
| | | | | 1 M NH_4NO_3 , SSR: 1/2.5 | 145 ^a | - | - | - | - |
| | | | | 0.05 M EDTA, SSR: 1/2.5 | 3798 ^a | - | - | - | - |
| | | | | 0.001 M CaCl_2 , SSR: 1/10 | - | - | 2388 ^a | - | - |
| | | | | C_{DGT} | - | - | 2770 ^a | - | - |
| | | | | Plant mean | | 0.01 M $\text{Sr}(\text{NO}_3)_2$, SSR: 1/4 | 62 | - | - |
| Mehlich 3, SSR: NA | 95 | - | - | | | - | - | | |
| C_{DGT} | - | - | 3590 | | | - | - | | |
| Invertebrates: Worms | | | | | | | | | |
| Spurgeon and Hopkin (1995) | <i>Eisenia fetida</i> | CQ | 21 | Water, SSR: 1/13 to 1/17 | 21 | - | - | - | - |
| Posthuma and Notenboom (1996) | <i>Eisenia andrei</i> | CQ | 21 | 0.01 M CaCl_2 , SSR: 1/10 | 183 | - | - | - | - |
| | | | | Pore water | - | - | 41,000 | - | - |
| | <i>Enchytraeus crypticus</i> | JQ | 28 | 0.01 M CaCl_2 , SSR: 1/10 | 6.8 | - | - | - | - |
| | | | | Pore water | - | - | 1270 | - | - |
| Worm mean | | | | 0.01 M CaCl_2 , SSR: 1/10 | 95 | - | - | - | - |
| | | | | Pore water | - | - | 21,135 | - | - |
| Microorganisms | | | | | | | | | |
| Lessard et al. (2014b) | Native microbes | EA | <1 | 0.01 M KNO_3 , SSR: 1/2 | - | - | 5254 | - | - |
| | | | | ASV: 0.01 M KNO_3 , SSR: 1/2 | - | - | 4740 | - | - |
| | | ES | 1 | 0.01 M KNO_3 , SSR: 1/2 | - | - | 10,808 | - | - |
| | | | | ASV: 0.01 M KNO_3 , SSR: 1/2 | - | - | 14,221 | - | - |
| | | Mean | | 0.01 M KNO_3 , SSR: 1/2 | - | - | 8031 | - | - |
| | | | | ASV: 0.01 M KNO_3 , SSR: 1/2 | - | - | 9481 | - | - |
| Lessard et al. (2014a) | Native microbes | AS | 11 | ASV: 0.01 M KNO_3 , SSR: 1/2 | - | - | 455 | - | - |
| | | PS | 11 | ASV: 0.01 M KNO_3 , SSR: 1/2 | - | - | 359 | - | - |
| | | US | 11 | ASV: 0.01 M KNO_3 , SSR: 1/2 | - | - | 387 | - | - |
| | | Mean | | | - | - | 400 | - | - |
| | | Microbe mean | | ASV: 0.01 M KNO_3 , SSR: 1/2 | - | - | 4940 | - | - |

ASV: measured by square wave anodic stripping voltammetry; C_{DGT} : Diffusive gradients in thin films measured concentration. EP: endpoint; NA: not available; NAP: not applicable (field observations); TD: test duration (days); SSR: soil/solution ratio.

AS: arylsulfatase stability; CQ: cocoon quantity; EA: enzymatic activity of arylsulfatase, β -glucosidase, invertase, phosphatase, protease and urease; ES: enzymatic stability of arylsulfatase, β -glucosidase, invertase, phosphatase, protease and urease; JQ: juvenile quantity; L FW: leaf fresh weight; PC: plant cover; PS: protease stability; R FW: root fresh weight; SD: seedling density; SH DW: shoot dry weight; SH FW: shoot fresh weight; SR: species richness; US: urease stability.

^a Mean value for several soils. ^b EC_{90} instead of EC_{50} .

Lessard et al. (2014a): various Canadian field-collected soils. The study demonstrates the impact of a single pollutant on biological responses.

Lessard et al. (2014b): various Canadian various field-collected soils with pH 3.3-7.1, CEC 15-247 $\text{cmol}_+ \text{kg}^{-1}$, and 1.6-70.3% organic matter. The study demonstrates the impact of a single pollutant on biological responses.

Nolan et al. (2005): various Australian and United States field-collected soils, with pH 3.6-8.1 and 0.2-20% of organic matter. The study, however, does not demonstrate the impact of a single pollutant on biological responses.