## **Supplementary material**

## Reclamation of two saline-sodic soils by the combined use of vinegar residue and silicon-potash fertiliser

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Table S1. Effect of amendments on ion concentrations in two saline-sodic soils

Note: The values are means (±s.e.) of three replicates and different letters represent significantly different at P<0.05 in different treatments for H-soil and S-soil, respectively. V1F0, V1F1 and V1F2 indicated vinegar residue was applied at 1.3 t ha<sup>-1</sup>; and Si-K fertilizer was applied at 130, 260, and 650 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. H-soil and S-soil showed saline soil and saline sodic soil, respectively.

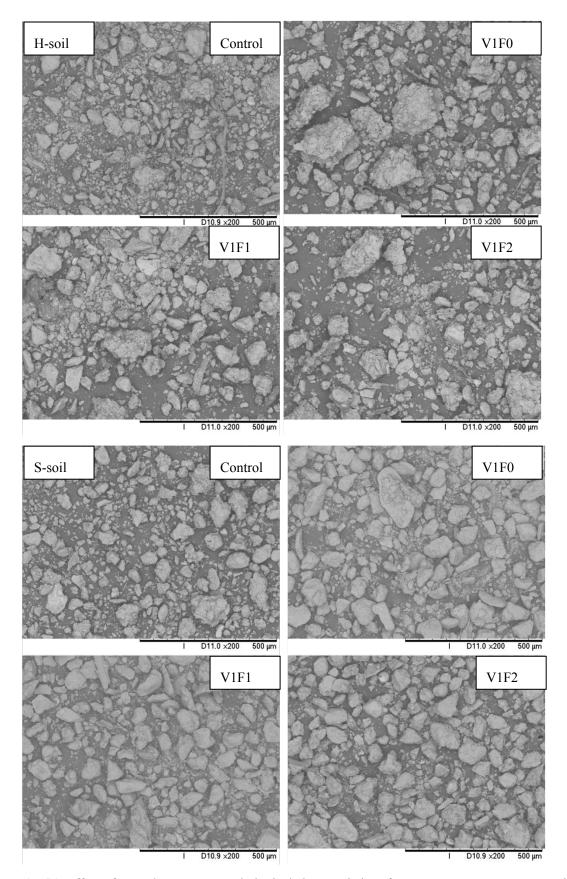
| NI.     |   | Ion concentration in soil solution (g kg <sup>-1</sup> soil) |                   |                  |                   |                   |                    |                    |  |  |  |
|---------|---|--|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--|--|--|
| No      |   | $Ca^{2+}$  | $K^{+}$           | $Mg^{2+}$        | Na <sup>+</sup>   | $SO_4^{2-}$       | HCO <sub>3</sub> - | Cl-                |  |  |  |
| Control | Н | 0.20±0.01a   | 0.05±0.00b        | 0.05±0.00b       | 0.07±0.00a        | 0.18±0.02a        | 0.48±0.20a         | 0.19±0.08a         |  |  |  |
|         | S | $0.19\pm0.02c$   | $0.02\pm0.00c$    | $0.10\pm0.00c$   | 0.79±0.06a        | $0.64\pm0.06a$    | $0.84 \pm 0.08a$   | $0.37 \pm 0.04a$   |  |  |  |
| V1F0    | Н | 0.20±0.01a   | $0.04 \pm 0.00 b$ | $0.04\pm0.00b$   | $0.05 \pm 0.00b$  | $0.09\pm0.01b$    | $0.29 \pm 0.06 b$  | $0.20\pm0.02ad$    |  |  |  |
|         | S | 0.25±0.02bc  | $0.02\pm0.00c$    | 0.07±0.01bc      | $0.38 \pm 0.01b$  | $0.40\pm0.03b$    | $0.29\pm0.02d$     | $0.23 \pm 0.02b$   |  |  |  |
| V1F1    | Н | 0.23±0.01a   | $0.05\pm0.00b$    | $0.04 \pm 0.00b$ | $0.05\pm0.00b$    | 0.10±0.01b        | $0.32 \pm 0.08b$   | 0.17±0.01a         |  |  |  |
|         | S | $0.32 \pm 0.01ab$  | $0.03 \pm 0.00b$  | $0.08\pm0.01b$   | $0.43 \pm 0.02b$  | $0.53 \pm 0.02ab$ | $0.47 \pm 0.04c$   | $0.27 \pm 0.03 ab$ |  |  |  |
| V1F2    | Н | $0.15 \pm 0.04b$   | $0.06\pm0.00a$    | 0.12±0.01a       | $0.05\pm0.00b$    | $0.09\pm0.01b$    | 0.34±0.12b         | 0.15±0.01a         |  |  |  |
|         | S | $0.35\pm0.04a$   | $0.06\pm0.00a$    | $0.15\pm0.02a$   | $0.42 \pm 0.06 b$ | $0.37 \pm 0.08b$  | $0.59\pm0.03b$     | 0.30±0.03a         |  |  |  |

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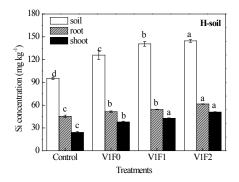
Table S2. Effect of amendments on ion concentrations in oat plants under H-soil habitat

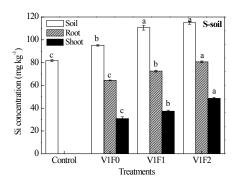
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|        | No.   |      | Ion concentration (g kg <sup>-1</sup> ) |                |             |                 |                               |               |  |
|--------|-------|------|---|----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|---------------|--|
|        |       |      | Ca <sup>2+</sup>                        | K <sup>+</sup> | $Mg^{2+}$   | Na <sup>+</sup> | SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> | Cl-           |  |
| H-soil | Shoot | CK   | 22.26±1.16a                             | 30.14±1.71c    | 6.12±0.17a  | 6.22±0.12a      | 4.58±0.14a                    | 411.29±8.16a  |  |
|        |       | V1F0 | 9.79±0.27b                              | 34.84±1.18b    | 3.30±0.07c  | 3.26±00.04b     | 4.16±0.09b                    | 91.29±2.17b   |  |
|        |       | V1F1 | 10.37±0.15b                             | 36.93±0.82ab   | 3.56±0.14bc | 2.62±0.06d      | 4.39±0.06ab                   | 74.88±1.80d   |  |
|        |       | V1F2 | 10.66±0.19b                             | 40.62±1.25a    | 3.85±0.07b  | 2.93±0.05c      | 4.20±0.09b                    | 122.68±4.72c  |  |
|        | Root  | CK   | 2.98±0.12c                              | 11.18±0.66b    | 2.43±0.16b  | 8.06±0.10a      | 3.79±0.13a                    | 680.84±38.54a |  |
|        |       | V1F0 | 12.06±0.66b                             | 16.16±0.43a    | 3.43±0.15a  | 6.69±0.20b      | 4.00±0.14a                    | 182.94±7.58b  |  |
|        |       | V1F1 | 13.36±0.39b                             | 16.99±0.31a    | 3.61±0.19a  | 6.15±0.20bc     | 3.63±0.13ab                   | 229.48±12.90b |  |
|        |       | V1F2 | 15.82±0.33a                             | 15.77±0.35a    | 3.62±0.22a  | 5.53±0.27c      | 3.41±0.19b                    | 215.85±11.92b |  |
| S-soil | Shoot | V1F0 | 8.45±0.26a                              | 16.16±1.06c    | 3.55±0.17b  | 18.75±0.80a     | 6.36±0.22a                    | 125.26±6.34a  |  |
|        |       | V1F1 | 6.00±0.51b                              | 21.30±0.39b    | 2.29±0.14c  | 8.82±0.55c      | 4.54±0.13b                    | 93.72±2.59b   |  |
|        |       | V1F2 | 8.46±0.26a                              | 38.78±1.11a    | 4.56±0.24a  | 14.57±0.96b     | 5.07±0.34b                    | 106.91±4.96b  |  |
|        | Root  | V1F0 | 14.24±0.20b                             | 5.87±0.34b     | 3.79±0.11a  | 12.45±0.62a     | 4.62±0.16a                    | 176.40±5.35c  |  |
|        |       | V1F1 | 15.10±0.44b                             | 8.69±0.27a     | 3.64±0.11a  | 12.43±0.33a     | 4.70±0.09a                    | 507.27±12.03a |  |
|        |       | V1F2 | 16.58±0.37a                             | 9.68±0.29a     | 4.07±0.16a  | 10.83±0.33a     | 3.62±0.22b                    | 311.04±13.23b |  |



**Fig. S1.** Effect of amendments on morphological characteristics of macro-aggregates. Note: H-soil and S-soil showed saline soil and saline sodic soil, respectively. V1F0, V1F1 and V1F2 indicated vinegar residue was applied at 1.3 t ha<sup>-1</sup>; and Si-K fertilizer was applied at 130, 260, and 650 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>, respectively.





**Fig. S2.** Effect of amendments on the concentration of Si in plant-soil system. The values are means ( $\pm$ s.e.) of three replicates and different letters represent significantly different at P<0.05. H-soil and S-soil showed saline soil and saline sodic soil, respectively. V1F0, V1F1 and V1F2 indicated vinegar residue was applied at 1.3 t ha<sup>-1</sup>; and Si-K fertilizer was applied at 130, 260, and 650 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>, respectively.