

Supplementary material

Post-wildfire soil and plant foliar nutrient ratios and soil fungi : bacterial ratios in alpine meadows on the southeastern Qinghai-Tibet Plateau

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Table S1. Soil moisture, pH and available nutrients ($n = 5$ for each vegetation community) in unburned and burned sites

Data are the mean \pm standard error. * $P < 0.05$ compared with unburned sites. V, vegetation community; F, wildfire; AN, available N; AP, available P; AK, available K

	Soil moisture	pH	AN (mg kg ⁻¹)	AP (mg kg ⁻¹)	AK (mg kg ⁻¹)
<i>Caragana erinacea</i>					
Unburned	20.81 \pm 1.50	6.55 \pm 0.05	352.71 \pm 5.14	2.84 \pm 0.18	273.91 \pm 14.94
Burned	16.57 \pm 1.19*	6.55 \pm 0.06	284.58 \pm 5.57*	2.24 \pm 0.03*	130.21 \pm 8.51*
<i>Deyeuxia scabrescens</i>					
Unburned	19.43 \pm 1.02	6.71 \pm 0.01	266.90 \pm 12.58	2.29 \pm 0.10	255.68 \pm 10.57
Burned	15.54 \pm 2.23*	6.75 \pm 0.02	199.55 \pm 2.42*	1.93 \pm 0.11*	170.14 \pm 10.25*
<i>Festuca ovina</i>					
Unburned	18.37 \pm 1.11	6.36 \pm 0.01	338.57 \pm 2.73	2.66 \pm 0.17	246.91 \pm 10.94
Burned	14.86 \pm 1.59*	6.35 \pm 0.03	298.33 \pm 2.47*	1.97 \pm 0.05*	171.21 \pm 9.06*
<i>P</i> -values					
V	0.001	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.000
F	0.000	0.467	0.000	0.000	0.000
V \times F	0.278	0.236	0.000	0.000	0.000

Table S2. Soil phospholipid fatty acids and fungi : bacterial ratios ($n = 5$ for each vegetation community) in unburned and burned sites

Data are the mean \pm standard error. * $P < 0.05$ compared with unburned sites. FP, fungal phospholipid fatty acids; BP, bacterial phospholipid fatty acids

	FP (nmol g ⁻¹)	BP (nmol g ⁻¹)	F : B ratio
<i>Caragana erinacea</i>			
Unburned	1.56 \pm 0.07	11.29 \pm 0.87	0.139 \pm 0.005
Burned	1.68 \pm 0.05	10.80 \pm 0.42	0.155 \pm 0.003*
<i>Deyeuxia scabrescens</i>			
Unburned	1.55 \pm 0.11	10.20 \pm 0.52	0.151 \pm 0.005
Burned	1.56 \pm 0.06	8.43 \pm 0.51*	0.183 \pm 0.008*
<i>Festuca ovina</i>			
Unburned	1.38 \pm 0.08	9.95 \pm 0.41	0.139 \pm 0.002
Burned	1.43 \pm 0.07	8.16 \pm 0.44*	0.175 \pm 0.006*
<i>P</i> -values			
V	0.024	<0.001	0.034
F	0.360	<0.001	0.002
V \times F	0.695	0.005	0.367

Table S3. Correlation coefficients for soil phospholipid fatty acids and fungi : bacterial (F : B) ratios with soil properties and nutrient ratios in alpine meadows (*n* = 30)

*Correlation significant at the 0.05 level; **correlation significant at the 0.01 level. FP, fungal phospholipid fatty acids; BP, bacterial phospholipid fatty acids; AN, available N; AP, available P; AK, available K

	Soil moisture	pH	AN	AP	AK	C	N	P	K	C : N	C : P	N : P	N : K
FP	0.149	0.156	-0.140	0.008	-0.031	0.251	0.039	-0.150	-0.415*	0.617**	0.283	0.066	0.322
BP	0.681**	0.068	0.541**	0.681**	0.710**	0.828**	0.818**	0.066	-0.319	-0.133	0.472*	0.820**	0.845**
F : B ratio	-0.490*	0.229	-0.596**	-0.613**	-0.671**	-0.539**	-0.699**	-0.162	-0.081	0.626**	0.512*	-0.682**	-0.488*