

Supplementary material for

## **Effects of grazing exclusion on soil microbial diversity and its functionality in grasslands : A meta-analysis**

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**Supplementary Table S1** Results of Egger's tests for microbial diversity and ecosystem multifunctionality ( $P_E < 0.05$  marked in red, suggesting a significant publication bias).

Variable	$P_E$ value
Shannon	0.28168
Richness	0.89163
EMF	0.07924

**Supplementary Table S2** Relationships between microbial diversity and plant variables, soil variables and ecosystem multifunctionality index across different microbial groups. Asterisks denote significance: \*  $P < 0.05$ , \*\*  $P < 0.01$ , \*\*\*  $P < 0.001$ .

variables	Bacteria		Fungi	
	Shannon	Richness	Shannon	Richness
PS	0.3	-0.12	-0.22	-0.49
BGB	-0.072	0.16	0.13	0.35
pH	-0.001	0.33**	0.14	0.47**
Moisture	0.055	0.15	0.18	0.055
SOC	0.27**	0.27	0.23	0.17
TN	0.3**	0.23	0.16	-0.24
TP	0.3	0.43**	-0.079	0.13
AN	0.24*	0.33**	0.31*	0.11
AP	0.33*	0.46***	-0.23	0.082
MBC	-0.073	0.45*	-0.21	0.22
MBN	0.27	0.44	0.018	0.24
BG	-0.17	-0.22	0.3	-0.5
NAG	0.011	-0.13	0.3	-0.5
Pho	0.24	-0.055	-0.21	-0.57
EMF index	0.23*	0.32**	0.19	0.06

**Supplementary Table S3** Relationships between plant Shannon, microbial Shannon, and microbial richness and ecosystem multifunctionality index across different grassland types. Asterisks denote significance: \*  $P < 0.05$ , \*\*  $P < 0.01$ .

	Alpine	Temperate	Semidesert
Plant Shannon	0.42*	0.46	0.31
Microbial Shannon	0.097	0.35**	-0.31
Microbial richness	0.088	0.22	0.096

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