

# **The effects of slope and altitude on soil organic carbon and clay content in different land-uses: A case study in the Czech Republic**

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2 Table S1. Correlation matrix (Pearson) for Liberec district

| Variables      | SOC     | Clay   | Altitude | Slope   | Aspect | Sin (aspect) | Cos (aspect) | CSC     | LC      | CI     | Catchment area | TWI     | LSF    | CNBL  | VDCN   | RSP |
|----------------|---------|--------|----------|---------|--------|--------------|--------------|---------|---------|--------|----------------|---------|--------|-------|--------|-----|
| SOC            | 1       |        |          |         |        |              |              |         |         |        |                |         |        |       |        |     |
| Clay           | -0.019  | 1      |          |         |        |              |              |         |         |        |                |         |        |       |        |     |
| Altitude       | 0.380** | 0.042  | 1        |         |        |              |              |         |         |        |                |         |        |       |        |     |
| Slope          | 0.525** | -0.025 | 0.667**  | 1       |        |              |              |         |         |        |                |         |        |       |        |     |
| Aspect         | -0.115  | -0.083 | -0.127   | -0.140  | 1      |              |              |         |         |        |                |         |        |       |        |     |
| Sin (aspect)   | 0.129   | 0.039  | 0.213    | 0.185   | -0.836 | 1            |              |         |         |        |                |         |        |       |        |     |
| Cos (aspect)   | -0.085  | -0.063 | 0.139    | 0.158   | -0.137 | 0.199        | 1            |         |         |        |                |         |        |       |        |     |
| CSC            | 0.049   | -0.180 | 0.491**  | 0.352   | -0.049 | 0.061        | 0.116        | 1       |         |        |                |         |        |       |        |     |
| LC             | -0.179  | -0.161 | 0.322    | 0.050   | -0.037 | 0.013        | -0.048       | 0.746** | 1       |        |                |         |        |       |        |     |
| CI             | 0.079   | -0.272 | 0.314    | 0.156   | -0.077 | 0.141        | 0.103        | 0.708** | 0.591   | 1      |                |         |        |       |        |     |
| Catchment area | 0.046   | -0.091 | -0.254   | 0.104   | 0.071  | -0.146       | -0.185       | 0.031   | -0.047  | -0.018 | 1              |         |        |       |        |     |
| TWI            | -0.145  | 0.135  | -0.598   | -0.530  | 0.134  | -0.239       | -0.228       | -0.521  | -0.402  | -0.490 | 0.421          | 1       |        |       |        |     |
| LSF            | 0.508** | -0.005 | 0.440    | 0.917** | -0.053 | 0.069        | 0.065        | 0.242   | -0.056  | 0.085  | 0.310          | -0.299  | 1      |       |        |     |
| CNBL           | 0.100   | 0.304  | 0.568**  | 0.249   | 0.021  | -0.017       | 0.100        | 0.014   | -0.109  | -0.070 | -0.248         | -0.118  | 0.190  | 1     |        |     |
| VDCN           | -0.206  | 0.174  | -0.487   | -0.307  | -0.124 | -0.012       | -0.020       | -0.498  | -0.526  | -0.351 | 0.171          | 0.513** | -0.129 | 0.125 | 1      |     |
| RSP            | 0.387** | -0.136 | 0.842**  | 0.574** | -0.077 | 0.180        | 0.077        | 0.568** | 0.490** | 0.394  | -0.203         | -0.667  | 0.341  | 0.121 | -0.806 | 1   |

SOC – soil organic carbon; CSC – cross-sectional curvature; LC – longitudinal curvature; CI – convergence index; TWI – topographic wetness index; LSF – slope length factor; CNBL – channel network base level; VDCN – vertical distance to channel network; RSP – relative slope position; \*\*, \*\*\*, correlation is significant at  $P < 0.05$ ,  $0.01$ ,  $0.001$ , respectively

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Table S2. Correlation matrix (Pearson) for Domažlice district

| Variables      | SOC     | Clay   | Altitude | Slope   | Aspect | Sin (aspect) | Cos (aspect) | CSC    | LC     | CI     | Catchment area | TWI      | LSF     | CNBL  | VDCN   | RSP |
|----------------|---------|--------|----------|---------|--------|--------------|--------------|--------|--------|--------|----------------|----------|---------|-------|--------|-----|
| SOC            | 1       |        |          |         |        |              |              |        |        |        |                |          |         |       |        |     |
| Clay           | -0.042  | 1      |          |         |        |              |              |        |        |        |                |          |         |       |        |     |
| Altitude       | 0.658** | -0.197 | 1        |         |        |              |              |        |        |        |                |          |         |       |        |     |
| Slope          | 0.444** | -0.276 | 0.721    | 1       |        |              |              |        |        |        |                |          |         |       |        |     |
| Aspect         | 0.030   | 0.007  | -0.087   | -0.156  | 1      |              |              |        |        |        |                |          |         |       |        |     |
| Sin (aspect)   | -0.092  | -0.014 | 0.034    | 0.055   | -0.833 | 1            |              |        |        |        |                |          |         |       |        |     |
| Cos (aspect)   | -0.096  | -0.057 | -0.012   | 0.097   | 0.002  | -0.057       | 1            |        |        |        |                |          |         |       |        |     |
| CSC            | 0.253   | -0.083 | 0.449    | 0.235   | -0.339 | 0.377        | -0.063       | 1      |        |        |                |          |         |       |        |     |
| LC             | -0.064  | 0.107  | 0.094    | 0.016   | -0.194 | 0.184        | 0.003        | 0.547  | 1      |        |                |          |         |       |        |     |
| CI             | 0.167   | 0.023  | 0.333    | 0.153   | -0.241 | 0.238        | -0.160       | 0.709  | 0.374  | 1      |                |          |         |       |        |     |
| Catchment area | -0.134  | -0.022 | -0.265   | -0.156  | -0.094 | 0.060        | 0.001        | -0.075 | -0.055 | -0.170 | 1              |          |         |       |        |     |
| TWI            | -0.347  | 0.126  | -0.596   | -0.685  | 0.103  | -0.124       | -0.007       | -0.457 | -0.240 | -0.508 | 0.569          | 1        |         |       |        |     |
| LSF            | 0.398** | -0.257 | 0.644    | 0.962   | -0.109 | -0.014       | 0.047        | 0.079  | -0.097 | 0.040  | -0.091         | -0.532   | 1       |       |        |     |
| CNBL           | 0.449** | -0.206 | 0.718    | 0.416   | 0.076  | -0.112       | 0.073        | 0.031  | -0.183 | 0.053  | -0.309         | -0.324   | 0.410   | 1     |        |     |
| VDCN           | -0.060  | -0.048 | -0.099   | -0.103  | 0.082  | -0.047       | 0.037        | -0.239 | -0.397 | -0.114 | 0.031          | 0.093    | -0.072  | 0.181 | 1      |     |
| RSP            | 0.556** | -0.114 | 0.805**  | 0.652** | -0.199 | 0.121        | -0.003       | 0.521  | 0.323  | 0.398  | -0.238         | -0.588** | 0.549** | 0.301 | -0.528 | 1   |

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Table S3. Multiple correlation matrix of variables of arable land in the Liberec

|          | Altitude | Slope  | Aspect | CA     | TWI    | LSF    | CNBL   | VDCN   | RSP    | Clay   | SOC |
|----------|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----|
| Altitude | 1        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |     |
| Slope    | 0.623    | 1      |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |     |
| Aspect   | 0.042    | -0.010 | 1      |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |     |
| CA       | -0.365   | -0.133 | 0.044  | 1      |        |        |        |        |        |        |     |
| TWI      | -0.417   | -0.471 | 0.008  | 0.562  | 1      |        |        |        |        |        |     |
| LSF      | 0.525    | 0.940  | -0.015 | -0.026 | -0.253 | 1      |        |        |        |        |     |
| CNBL     | 0.849    | 0.459  | -0.080 | -0.360 | -0.186 | 0.426  | 1      |        |        |        |     |
| VDCN     | -0.289   | -0.323 | -0.531 | 0.130  | 0.342  | -0.241 | -0.131 | 1      |        |        |     |
| RSP      | 0.772    | 0.608  | 0.294  | -0.228 | -0.538 | 0.466  | 0.407  | -0.676 | 1      |        |     |
| Clay     | -0.019   | 0.056  | -0.354 | -0.201 | 0.057  | 0.042  | 0.220  | 0.117  | -0.207 | 1      |     |
| SOC      | 0.421    | 0.595  | -0.047 | 0.009  | -0.034 | 0.730  | 0.338  | -0.204 | 0.357  | -0.055 | 1   |

CA – catchment area; TWI – topographic wetness index; LSF – slope length factor; CNBL – channel network base level; VDCN – vertical distance to channel network; RSP – relative slope position; SOC – soil organic carbon