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### Fate of soil organic carbon and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons in a vineyard soil treated with biochar

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**Table S1.** Results from the analysis of PAHs in the certified soil material (ERM-CC013a). No significant differences between the mean measured value ( $n = 3$ ) and the certified value [1].

PAH	Measured $\text{mg kg}^{-1}$	Certified $\text{mg kg}^{-1}$	Relative error %
Naphthalene	$2.3 \pm 0.2$	$2.4 \pm 0.5$	-3
Fluorene	$1.22 \pm 0.10$	$1.14 \pm 0.11$	7
Phenanthrene	$12.2 \pm 0.4$	$12.0 \pm 0.6$	1
Anthracene	$1.57 \pm 0.22$	$1.41 \pm 0.22$	11
Fluoranthene	$12.9 \pm 0.2$	$12.9 \pm 0.7$	0
Pyrene	$9.4 \pm 0.4$	$9.6 \pm 0.3$	-2
Benzo[ <i>a</i> ]anthracene	$5.7 \pm 0.1$	$5.6 \pm 0.5$	1
Chrysene	$5.5 \pm 0.2$	$5.3 \pm 0.8$	3
Benzo[ <i>b</i> ]fluoranthene	$7.0 \pm 0.3$	$7.1 \pm 1.0$	-2
Benzo[ <i>k</i> ]fluoranthene	$3.3 \pm 0.2$	$3.4 \pm 0.4$	-2
Benzo[ <i>a</i> ]pyrene	$4.8 \pm 0.2$	$4.9 \pm 0.7$	-2
Benzo[ <i>ghi</i> ]perylene	$4.8 \pm 0.5$	$4.6 \pm 0.5$	3
Indeno[1,2,3- <i>cd</i> ]pyrene	$4.9 \pm 0.7$	$5.2 \pm 1.0$	-5

[1] T. Linsinger, Comparison of a measurement result with the certified value, Application Note 1 EC-JRS IRMM (European Commission-Joint Research Center Institute for Reference Materials and Measurements), 2005 revision January 2010, Geel Belgium, 2 pp, available at: <http://irmm.jrc.ec.europa.eu>.

**Table S2.** Examples of results from the PAH calibration procedure. Concentration of PAH calibration solutions from serial dilution of the PAH-Mix Supelco: 2.5, 1.0, 0.50, 0.10, 0.1, 0.005 mg L<sup>-1</sup> for each of the 16EPA PAHs. Calibration model: y (GC peak area), x (mg L<sup>-1</sup>); LOD, limit of detection and LOQ limit of quantitation (ngPAH g<sub>soil</sub><sup>-1</sup>) as described in [2].

PAH	equation	R <sup>2</sup>	LOD	LOQ
Naphthalene	y = 0.5642x + 0.0015	0.9999	0.1	0.4
Acenaphthylene	y = 0.5161x - 0.0102	0.9991	0.1	0.5
Acenaphthene	y = 0.3546x - 0.0011	0.9999	0.3	0.9
Fluorene	y = 0.3941x - 0.0075	0.9986	0.1	0.3
Phenanthrene	y = 0.3661x - 0.0032	0.9999	0.5	1.5
Anthracene	y = 0.334x - 0.011	0.9983	0.3	0.8
Fluoranthene	y = 0.3741x - 0.011	0.9985	0.3	0.9
Pyrene	y = 0.3842x - 0.011	0.9984	0.2	0.7
Chrysene	y = 0.3236x - 0.0058	0.9995	0.1	0.3
Benzo[a]anthracene	y = 0.3984x - 0.0041	0.9999	0.1	0.4
Benzo[b]fluoranthene	y = 0.3269x - 0.0048	0.9994	0.2	0.6
Benzo[k]fluoranthene	y = 0.3761x - 0.0062	0.9995	0.2	0.7
Benzo[a]pyrene	y = 0.2181x - 0.004	0.9991	0.2	0.7
Indeno[1,2,3-cd]pyrene	y = 0.2139x - 0.0081	0.9972	0.2	0.6
Dibenz[a,h]anthracene	y = 0.2202x - 0.008	0.9975	0.2	0.7
Benzo[ghi]perylene	y = 0.3015x - 0.0063	0.9991	0.2	0.6

[2] Fabbri, D.; Rombolà, A.G.; Torri, C.; Spokas, K.A. Determination of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons in biochar and biochar amended soil. *J. Anal. Appl. Pyrol.* **2013**, *103*, 60-67.

**Table S3.** Results of the ANOVA analysis for %BC<sub>HyPy</sub> (BC/SOC%), BC<sub>HyPy</sub>(mgC g<sub>soil</sub><sup>-1</sup>), non-BC<sub>HyPy</sub> PAHs, extractable PAHs and soil organic carbon (SOC) of biochar amended soils comparing the different sampling periods (months from the first sampling). S: significant ( $p < 0.05$ ), NS: non significant differences.

BC <sub>HyPy</sub>				
months	0	4	9	21
0	-			
4	NS	-		
9	S	NS	-	
21	S	S	NS	-

%BC <sub>HyPy</sub>				
months	0	4	9	21
0	-			
4	NS	-		
9	S	NS	-	
21	S	S	NS	-

non-BC <sub>HyPy</sub> PAHs				
months	0	4	9	21
0	-			
4	NS	-		
9	NS	NS	-	
21	NS	NS	NS	-

extractable PAHs				
months	0	4	9	21
0	-			
4	S	-		
9	S	NS	-	
21	S	NS	NS	-

SOC				
months	0	4	9	21
0	-			
4	NS	-		
9	NS	NS	-	
21	S	NS	NS	-

**Table S4.** HyPy of control soils. *n*-alkane concentrations ( $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$  soil) in the non-BC<sub>HyPy</sub> fraction. Mean values  $\pm$  s.d. (n = 5).

<i>n</i> -alkanes	control soil			
	Aug 2011	Dec 2011	May 2012	May 2013
<i>nC</i> <sub>13</sub>	0.59 $\pm$ 0.07	0.91 $\pm$ 0.58	0.004 $\pm$ 0.003	0.064 $\pm$ 0.06
<i>nC</i> <sub>14</sub>	2.6 $\pm$ 0.95	3.1 $\pm$ 2.1	0.025 $\pm$ 0.014	1.1 $\pm$ 0.7
<i>nC</i> <sub>15</sub>	5.3 $\pm$ 1.3	5.7 $\pm$ 1.2	1.1 $\pm$ 0.3	3.0 $\pm$ 0.9
<i>nC</i> <sub>16</sub>	30 $\pm$ 5.6	26 $\pm$ 2.0	18.8 $\pm$ 0.4	25 $\pm$ 5.1
<i>nC</i> <sub>17</sub>	5.3 $\pm$ 3.0	5.6 $\pm$ 0.8	6.06 $\pm$ 0.5	6.1 $\pm$ 1.5
<i>nC</i> <sub>18</sub>	34 $\pm$ 8.9	29 $\pm$ 3.6	36 $\pm$ 2.4	35 $\pm$ 11.4
<i>nC</i> <sub>19</sub>	2.5 $\pm$ 0.4	2.1 $\pm$ 0.7	2.99 $\pm$ 0.3	2.42 $\pm$ 1.1
<i>nC</i> <sub>20</sub>	4.2 $\pm$ 3.6	8.0 $\pm$ 1.4	9.78 $\pm$ 0.8	7.2 $\pm$ 3.3
<i>nC</i> <sub>21</sub>	2.38 $\pm$ 0.6	2.4 $\pm$ 0.5	3.04 $\pm$ 0.4	1.7 $\pm$ 0.9
<i>nC</i> <sub>22</sub>	10 $\pm$ 4.2	11 $\pm$ 3.1	14 $\pm$ 2.3	7.6 $\pm$ 4.4
<i>nC</i> <sub>23</sub>	2.2 $\pm$ 1.0	2.1 $\pm$ 0.8	2.2 $\pm$ 1.3	1.4 $\pm$ 0.9
<i>nC</i> <sub>24</sub>	4.8 $\pm$ 2.7	4.9 $\pm$ 2.5	6.3 $\pm$ 1.1	2.8 $\pm$ 1.8
<i>nC</i> <sub>25</sub>	0.73 $\pm$ 0.41	0.66 $\pm$ 0.42	0.92 $\pm$ 0.19	0.41 $\pm$ 0.29
<i>nC</i> <sub>26</sub>	1.11 $\pm$ 0.72	1.01 $\pm$ 0.65	1.27 $\pm$ 0.3	0.56 $\pm$ 0.38
<i>nC</i> <sub>27</sub>	0.37 $\pm$ 0.23	0.32 $\pm$ 0.20	0.47 $\pm$ 0.33	0.17 $\pm$ 0.10
Total <i>nC</i> <sub>13</sub> - <i>nC</i> <sub>27</sub>	107 $\pm$ 16.7	103 $\pm$ 17.7	102 $\pm$ 8.0	93.8 $\pm$ 18.6

**Table S5.** HyPy of biochar amended soils. *n*-alkane concentrations ( $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$  soil) in the non-BC<sub>HyPy</sub> fraction. Mean values  $\pm$  s.d. (n = 5).

<i>n</i> -alkanes	Biochar amended soil			
	Aug 2011	Dec 2011	May 2012	May 2013
<i>nC</i> <sub>13</sub>	0.52 $\pm$ 0.26	0.003 $\pm$ 0.002	0.003 $\pm$ 0.001	0.024 $\pm$ 0.003
<i>nC</i> <sub>14</sub>	2.8 $\pm$ 1.0	0.037 $\pm$ 0.017	0.002 $\pm$ 0.001	1.04 $\pm$ 10.02
<i>nC</i> <sub>15</sub>	3.5 $\pm$ 0.9	1.62 $\pm$ 0.9	0.19 $\pm$ 0.11	2.8 $\pm$ 1.7
<i>nC</i> <sub>16</sub>	14 $\pm$ 5.5	11.3 $\pm$ 6.9	7.6 $\pm$ 5.3	16 $\pm$ 6.7
<i>nC</i> <sub>17</sub>	2.8 $\pm$ 1.2	2.9 $\pm$ 0.9	3.4 $\pm$ 1.6	3.2 $\pm$ 1.1
<i>nC</i> <sub>18</sub>	12 $\pm$ 6.9	18 $\pm$ 6.9	20 $\pm$ 10	14 $\pm$ 5.8
<i>nC</i> <sub>19</sub>	0.78 $\pm$ 0.38	1.4 $\pm$ 0.5	1.9 $\pm$ 0.9	1.1 $\pm$ 0.4
<i>nC</i> <sub>20</sub>	1.73 $\pm$ 1.18	3.2 $\pm$ 1.3	4.1 $\pm$ 2.6	2.5 $\pm$ 1.1
<i>nC</i> <sub>21</sub>	0.46 $\pm$ 0.29	0.81 $\pm$ 0.30	1.08 $\pm$ 0.7	0.68 $\pm$ 0.31
<i>nC</i> <sub>22</sub>	1.0 $\pm$ 1.0	2.9 $\pm$ 1.3	3.98 $\pm$ 1.9	2.46 $\pm$ 1.24
<i>nC</i> <sub>23</sub>	0.28 $\pm$ 0.21	0.60 $\pm$ 0.37	0.71 $\pm$ 0.55	0.51 $\pm$ 0.28
<i>nC</i> <sub>24</sub>	0.61 $\pm$ 0.50	1.1 $\pm$ 0.8	1.34 $\pm$ 1.42	1.02 $\pm$ 0.48
<i>nC</i> <sub>25</sub>	0.11 $\pm$ 0.07	0.14 $\pm$ 0.06	0.24 $\pm$ 0.20	0.21 $\pm$ 0.05
<i>nC</i> <sub>26</sub>	0.13 $\pm$ 0.10	0.16 $\pm$ 0.09	0.30 $\pm$ 0.26	0.27 $\pm$ 0.10
<i>nC</i> <sub>27</sub>	0.05 $\pm$ 0.03	0.17 $\pm$ 0.07	0.16 $\pm$ 0.15	0.17 $\pm$ 0.13
Total <i>nC</i> <sub>13</sub> - <i>nC</i> <sub>27</sub>	40.5 $\pm$ 17.8	44.4 $\pm$ 11.6	45.1 $\pm$ 24.0	46.1 $\pm$ 18.6

**Table S6.** HyPy of control soils. PAH concentrations ( $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$  soil) in the non-BC<sub>HyPy</sub> fraction. Mean values  $\pm$  s.d. (n = 5). Naphthalene and acenaphthene not detected (n.d.).

non-BC <sub>HyPy</sub> PAHs	control soil			
	Aug 2011	Dec 2011	May 2012	May 2013
Fluorene	0.13 $\pm$ 0.02	0.13 $\pm$ 0.05	n.d.	n.d.
Phenanthrene	0.75 $\pm$ 0.17	0.44 $\pm$ 0.13	0.27 $\pm$ 0.07	0.22 $\pm$ 0.10
Anthracene	0.09 $\pm$ 0.05	0.09 $\pm$ 0.08	0.05 $\pm$ 0.01	0.06 $\pm$ 0.02
Dihydronaphthalene	1.84 $\pm$ 0.53	1.57 $\pm$ 0.62	1.55 $\pm$ 0.18	1.51 $\pm$ 0.32
Pyrene	20.5 $\pm$ 6.3	17.5 $\pm$ 6.6	15.9 $\pm$ 2.2	16.7 $\pm$ 4.2
Chrysene	0.27 $\pm$ 0.11	0.39 $\pm$ 0.21	0.30 $\pm$ 0.04	0.13 $\pm$ 0.08
Benzo[ghi]perylene	0.17 $\pm$ 0.15	0.18 $\pm$ 0.08	0.11 $\pm$ 0.09	n.d.
<b>Total PAHs</b>	<b>23.9<math>\pm</math>7.2</b>	<b>20.6<math>\pm</math>7.8</b>	<b>18.2<math>\pm</math>2.4</b>	<b>18.7<math>\pm</math>4.4</b>

**Table S7.** HyPy of biochar amended soils. PAH concentrations ( $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$  soil) in the non-BC<sub>HyPy</sub> fraction. Mean values  $\pm$  s.d. (n = 5); n.d. not detected

non-BC <sub>HyPy</sub> PAHs	biochar amended soil			
	Aug 2011	Dec 2011	May 2012	May 2013
Naphthalene	0.15 $\pm$ 0.32	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
Acenaphthene	0.33 $\pm$ 0.32	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
Fluorene	0.13 $\pm$ 0.06	0.10 $\pm$ 0.13	0.09 $\pm$ 0.02	0.08 $\pm$ 0.12
Phenanthrene	1.4 $\pm$ 1.1	1.7 $\pm$ 1.7	0.89 $\pm$ 0.68	0.91 $\pm$ 0.42
Anthracene	0.05 $\pm$ 0.03	0.05 $\pm$ 0.02	0.08 $\pm$ 0.03	0.14 $\pm$ 0.07
Dihydronaphthalene	3.0 $\pm$ 1.5	3.3 $\pm$ 1.4	2.9 $\pm$ 0.9	2.4 $\pm$ 1.1
Pyrene	33.2 $\pm$ 17.6	36.3 $\pm$ 15.5	38.0 $\pm$ 14.3	30.3 $\pm$ 12.8
Chrysene	0.43 $\pm$ 0.12	0.56 $\pm$ 0.34	0.55 $\pm$ 0.39	0.43 $\pm$ 0.06
Benzo[ghi]perylene	0.29 $\pm$ 0.25	0.40 $\pm$ 0.37	0.30 $\pm$ 0.21	0.18 $\pm$ 0.23
<b>Total PAHs</b>	<b>38.9<math>\pm</math>20.5</b>	<b>42.4<math>\pm</math>19.3</b>	<b>42.9<math>\pm</math>16.4</b>	<b>34.5<math>\pm</math>14.3</b>

**Table S8.** Concentrations of solvent extractable PAHs (ng g<sup>-1</sup> soil) in control soils. Mean values and s.d. (n = 5); n.d. not detected.

control soil extractable PAHs	Aug 2011		Dec 2011		May 2012		May 2013	
	ng g <sup>-1</sup>	s.d.						
Naphthalene	5.6	2.0	6.2	1.3	5.0	2.0	5.6	1.0
Acenaphthylene	n.d.	-	n.d.	-	n.d.	-	n.d.	-
Acenaphthene	n.d.	-	n.d.	-	n.d.	-	n.d.	-
Fluorene	1.55	0.3	1.61	0.42	1.74	0.14	1.52	0.27
Phenanthrene	7.8	1.4	7.7	1.2	5.66	0.7	6.7	2.0
Anthracene	0.90	0.08	0.82	0.32	0.90	0.32	0.92	0.48
Fluoranthene	2.70	1.0	2.62	0.47	2.12	0.71	1.67	0.53
Pyrene	1.83	0.89	1.81	0.20	1.82	0.57	1.37	0.31
Chrysene	0.50	0.12	0.53	0.08	0.56	0.16	0.62	0.20
Benzo[ <i>a</i> ]anthracene	0.98	0.25	0.84	0.16	0.80	0.13	0.73	0.16
Benzo[ <i>b</i> ]fluoranthene	0.89	0.14	0.82	0.28	1.24	0.46	1.05	0.40
Benzo[ <i>k</i> ]fluoranthene	0.74	0.16	0.79	0.14	0.59	0.10	0.55	0.10
Benzo[ <i>a</i> ]pyrene	0.75	0.03	0.79	0.16	0.63	0.16	0.80	0.18
Indeno[1,2,3- <i>cd</i> ]pyrene	n.d.	-	n.d.	-	n.d.	-	n.d.	-
Dibenzo[ <i>a,h</i> ]anthracene	n.d.	-	n.d.	-	n.d.	-	n.d.	-
Benzo[ <i>ghi</i> ]perylene	n.d.	-	n.d.	-	n.d.	-	n.d.	-
<b>Σ 16 EPA PAHs</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>3.08</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>2.01</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>3.97</b>	<b>21.6</b>	<b>3.01</b>

**Table S9.** Concentrations of solvent extractable PAHs (ng g<sup>-1</sup> soil) in biochar amended soils. Mean values and s.d. (n = 5); n.d. not detected.

amended soil	Aug 2011		Dec 2011		May 2012		May 2013	
extractable PAHs	ng g <sup>-1</sup>	s.d.						
Naphthalene	74.1	20.9	41.1	15.5	34.5	8.1	35.0	5.0
Acenaphthylene	1.7	0.3	1.1	0.4	1.0	0.4	1.0	0.5
Acenaphthene	2.0	1.0	1.4	0.5	1.5	0.4	1.1	0.2
Fluorene	4.8	1.4	2.7	0.6	2.4	0.6	2.4	0.5
Phenanthrene	29.8	11.5	17.5	5.9	18.7	5.4	14.3	5.5
Anthracene	3.5	0.6	2.2	0.9	2.2	1.0	1.5	0.4
Fluoranthene	10.3	3.3	5.9	2.3	6.8	3.5	4.9	1.7
Pyrene	10.3	3.5	5.8	2.2	6.7	3.4	4.9	1.7
Chrysene	3.0	1.0	2.0	0.6	1.4	0.8	1.2	0.3
Benzo[a]anthracene	2.9	0.8	2.2	0.9	2.3	0.9	1.9	0.6
Benzo[b]fluoranthene	3.8	1.8	3.3	1.8	2.9	1.1	2.8	1.1
Benzo[k]fluoranthene	2.5	1.6	1.8	0.9	1.6	0.9	1.6	0.9
Benzo[a]pyrene	2.3	0.6	2.0	0.4	2.2	0.6	1.8	0.3
Indeno[1,2,3-cd]pyrene	0.91	0.38	0.82	0.28	0.85	0.21	0.90	0.30
Dibenzo[a,h]anthracene	n.d.	-	n.d.	-	n.d.	-	n.d.	-
Benzo[ghi]perylene	1.0	0.42	0.83	0.37	0.95	0.53	0.85	0.42
<b>Σ 16 EPA PAHs</b>	<b>153.0</b>	<b>37.7</b>	<b>97.7</b>	<b>35.5</b>	<b>88.5</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>78.4</b>	<b>20.6</b>

**Table S10.** Concentrations of solvent extractable and non-BC<sub>HyPy</sub> PAHs ( $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$  biochar) in biochar utilised in the field experiment (mean values and s.d.; n.d. not detected ).

Biochar	extracted		non-BC <sub>HyPy</sub>	
	$\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$	s.d.	$\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$	s.d.
PAHs				
Naphthalene	2.15	0.67	n.d.	n.d.
Acenaphthylene	0.042	0.01	n.d.	n.d.
Acenaphthene	0.037	0.002	4.7	0.6
Fluorene	0.060	0.007	17	3.5
Phenanthrene	0.67	0.04	419	79
Anthracene	0.092	0.001	10	1.7
Fluoranthene	0.13	0.02	149	23
Pyrene	0.15	0.003	468	110
Chrysene	0.049	0.011	7.0	1.6
Benzo[ <i>a</i> ]anthracene	0.11	0.002	n.d.	n.d.
Benzo[ <i>b</i> ]fluoranthene	0.098	0.004	n.d.	n.d.
Benzo[ <i>k</i> ]fluoranthene	0.088	0.03	n.d.	n.d.
Benzo[ <i>a</i> ]pyrene	0.093	0.007	n.d.	n.d.
Indeno[1,2,3- <i>cd</i> ]pyrene	0.019	0.006	n.d.	n.d.
Dibenzo[ <i>a,h</i> ]anthracene	0.021	0.002	n.d.	n.d.
Benzo[ <i>ghi</i> ]perylene	0.018	0.002	n.d.	n.d.
<b><math>\Sigma</math> 16 EPA PAHs</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>1100</b>	<b>200</b>