

# Invasive Earthworms Alter Forest Soil Microbiomes and Nitrogen Cycling

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Title      **Invasive Earthworms Alter Forest Soil Microbiomes and Nitrogen Cycling**

**S1 [001]      Abstract**

**S1 [002]**      Northern hardwood forests in formerly glaciated areas had been free of earthworms until exotic European earthworms were introduced by human activities.

Northern hardwood forests ...  
... in formerly glaciated areas had been free ...  
... of earthworms until exotic European earthworms were introduced ...  
... by human activities.

**S1 [003]**      The invasion of exotic earthworms is known to dramatically alter soil physical, geochemical, and biological properties, but its impacts on soil microbiomes are still unclear.

The invasion ...  
... of exotic earthworms is known ...  
... to dramatically alter soil physical, ...  
... geochemical, ...  
... and biological properties, ...  
... but its impacts ...  
... on soil microbiomes are still unclear.

**S1 [004]**      Here we show that the invasive earthworms alter soil microbiomes and ecosystem functioning, especially for nitrogen cycling.

Here we show ...  
... that the invasive earthworms alter soil microbiomes ...  
... and ecosystem functioning, ...  
... especially ...  
... for nitrogen cycling.

**S1 [005]**      We collected soil samples at different depths from three sites across an active earthworm invasion chronosequence in a hardwood forest in Minnesota, USA.

We collected soil samples ...  
... at different depths ...  
... from three sites ...  
... across an active earthworm invasion chronosequence ...  
... in a hardwood forest ...  
... in Minnesota, USA.

**S1 [006]**      We analyzed the structures and the functional potentials of the soil microbiomes by using amplicon sequencing, high-throughput nitrogen cycle gene quantification (NiCE chip), and shotgun metagenomics.

We analyzed the structures ...  
... and the functional potentials ...

... of the soil microbiomes ...  
... by using amplicon sequencing, ...  
... high-throughput nitrogen cycle gene quantification ...  
... (NiCE chip), ...  
... and shotgun metagenomics.

**S1 [007]** Both the levels of earthworm invasion and soil depth influenced the microbiome structures.

Both the levels ...  
... of earthworm invasion ...  
... and soil depth influenced the microbiome structures.

**S1 [008]** In the most recently and minimally invaded soils, Nitrososphaera and Nitrospira as well as the genes related to nitrification were more abundant than in the heavily invaded soils.

In the most recently ...  
... and minimally invaded soils, ...  
... Nitrososphaera ...  
... and Nitrospira ...  
... as well ...  
... as the genes related ...  
... to nitrification were more abundant ...  
... than in the heavily invaded soils.

**S1 [009]** By contrast, genes related to denitrification and nitrogen fixation were more abundant in the heavily invaded than the minimally invaded soils.

By contrast, ...  
... genes related ...  
... to denitrification ...  
... and nitrogen fixation were more abundant ...  
... in the heavily invaded ...  
... than the minimally invaded soils.

**S1 [010]** Our results suggest that the N cycling in forest soils is mostly nitrification driven before earthworm invasion, whereas it becomes denitrification driven after earthworm invasion.

Our results suggest ...  
... that the N cycling ...  
... in forest soils is mostly nitrification driven ...  
... before earthworm invasion, ...  
... whereas it becomes denitrification driven ...  
... after earthworm invasion.

## **S2 [011] Introduction**

**S2 [012]** Earthworms are well-known ecosystem engineers that shape soil structure and drive nutrient dynamics in soil ecosystem [1].

Earthworms are well-known ecosystem engineers ...

... that shape soil structure ...  
... and drive nutrient dynamics ...  
... in soil ecosystem ...  
... [1].

**S2 [013]** They feed on litter and soil, burrow horizontally and vertically through soils, and release fecal materials to mix nutrients in soils, altering soil porosity, bulk density, water infiltration, gas emission, nutrient mineralization, and plant productivity [2].

They feed ...  
... on litter ...  
... and soil, ...  
... burrow horizontally ...  
... and vertically ...  
... through soils, ...  
... and release fecal materials ...  
... to mix nutrients ...  
... in soils, ...  
... altering soil porosity, ...  
... bulk density, ...  
... water infiltration, ...  
... gas emission, ...  
... nutrient mineralization, ...  
... and plant productivity ...  
... [2].

**S2 [014]** Although earthworms are widely considered ubiquitous across the forest, grassland, agricultural, and garden ecosystems in the world, their global distribution is only beginning to be synthesized [3].

Although earthworms are widely considered ubiquitous ...  
... across the forest, ...  
... grassland, ...  
... agricultural, ...  
... and garden ecosystems ...  
... in the world, ...  
... their global distribution is ...  
... only beginning ...  
... to be synthesized ...  
... [3].

**S2 [015]** Glaciers and peri-glacial environments cleared out native earthworm populations from large areas in the northern USA and Canada as well as other Arctic areas in Eurasia during the last Ice Age [4].

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... and peri-glacial environments cleared out native earthworm populations ...  
... from large areas ...  
... in the northern USA ...  
... and Canada ...  
... as well ...  
... as other Arctic areas ...  
... in Eurasia ...  
... during the last Ice Age ...

... [4].

**S2 [016]** Since then, most of these areas had remained earthworm-free until European earthworm species were introduced by human activities [5].

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... most of these areas had remained earthworm-free until European earthworm species were introduced ...

... by human activities ...

... [5].

**S2 [017]** The earthworm invasion is now widely regarded as a force that substantially alters physical, geochemical, and biological properties of soils in northern hardwood forests [6, 7], and its ecosystem effects are believed to harm plant diversity [8] and be increasingly detrimental with ongoing changes in land uses and climates [9].

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... , ...

... and its ecosystem effects are believed ...

... to harm plant diversity ...

... [8] ...

... and be increasingly detrimental ...

... with ongoing changes ...

... in land uses ...

... and climates ...

... [9].

**S2 [018]** Invasive earthworms are known to reduce the litter layer (O horizon) while mixing organic matter with underlying minerals to create A horizon [10].

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... to reduce the litter layer ...

... (O horizon) ...

... while mixing organic matter ...

... with underlying minerals ...

... to create A horizon ...

... [10].

**S2 [019]** Presumably coupled with the loss of O horizon, invasion of European earthworms results in increased leaching of nitrates in the formerly glaciated deciduous forests [11].

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... of O horizon, ...

... invasion ...

... of European earthworms results ...

... in increased leaching ...

... of nitrates ...

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