

# Supplementary Material 3 to The short-term effects of experimental forestry treatments on site conditions in an oak-hornbeam forest

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**Supplementary Material 3** – Effect of treatments on microclimate, litter and soil variables in 2014 (pre-treatment year)

**Table S3.1.** The results of linear mixed effects models performed for site condition variables and the mean ( $\pm$  standard deviation) among the treatment levels in 2014. PAR: photosynthetically active radiation ( $\mu\text{Em}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ ); DIFN: relative diffuse light (%);  $T_{\text{air}}$ : air temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ); RH: relative humidity (%); VPD: vapor pressure deficit (kPa);  $T_{\text{soil}}$ : soil temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ); SWC: soil moisture ( $\text{m}^3/\text{m}^3$ ); Litter mass: total mass of collected litter on the surface ( $\text{gm}^{-2}$ ); Litter pH: litter pH in water; Litter moisture content: gravimetric moisture content of litter samples (%); Soil pH: soil pH in water; hy: Kuron's hygrscopicity (%); [SOC]: total soil carbon content (%); [N]: total nitrogen content (%);  $[P_{\text{AL}}]$ : concentration of AL-soluble phosphorus (mg/100 g soil);  $[K_{\text{AL}}]$ : concentration of AL-soluble potassium (mg/100 g soil). 'd' refers to the difference from values measured in control plots. For modeling, 24-hour-means were used except in the case of PAR, where daytime (6:00-18:00 UTC) means were calculated. Treatment types: 'CC' – clear-cutting; 'G' – gap-cutting; 'P' – preparation cutting and 'R' – retention tree group. As fix factor treatment was used; block was random factor. F and p values of the model statistics are presented. Superscripts refer to significant differences among treatments (pairwise Tukey comparisons,  $\alpha=0.05$ ), treatment codes marked with bold indicates significant departures from control ( $\alpha=0.05$ ).

Dependent variable	F	p	CC	G	P	R
<i>d</i> PAR mean	2.217	0.0878	$13.58 \pm 27.64$	$3.09 \pm 23.90$	$8.36 \pm 26.72$	$9.22 \pm 21.89$
<i>d</i> PAR IQR	0.657	0.5794	$23.94 \pm 36.49$	$19.58 \pm 26.72$	$24.63 \pm 32.75$	$21.51 \pm 26.93$
<i>d</i> $T_{\text{air}}$ mean	<b>6.943</b>	<b>0.0002</b>	$0.004 \pm 0.084^a$	$-0.011 \pm 0.101^a$	$-0.042 \pm 0.093^{ab}$	$-0.074 \pm 0.101^b$
<i>d</i> $T_{\text{air}}$ IQR	0.234	0.8729	$0.211 \pm 0.090$	$0.201 \pm 0.106$	$0.213 \pm 0.099$	$0.216 \pm 0.121$
<i>d</i> RH mean	0.241	0.8677	$0.194 \pm 0.812$	$0.307 \pm 1.181$	$0.243 \pm 1.142$	$0.196 \pm 0.961$
<i>d</i> RH IQR	0.009	0.9608	$1.770 \pm 0.851$	$1.691 \pm 0.791$	$1.793 \pm 0.837$	$1.731 \pm 0.853$
<i>d</i> VPD mean	0.523	0.6671	$-0.001 \pm 0.018$	$-0.004 \pm 0.024$	$-0.004 \pm 0.022$	$-0.004 \pm 0.021$
<i>d</i> VPD IQR	0.078	0.9721	$0.035 \pm 0.023$	$0.033 \pm 0.022$	$0.034 \pm 0.021$	$0.035 \pm 0.025$
<i>d</i> $T_{\text{soil}}$ mean	2.529	0.0588	$0.148 \pm 0.402$	$-0.019 \pm 0.377$	$0.089 \pm 0.356$	$-0.027 \pm 0.422$
<i>d</i> $T_{\text{soil}}$ IQR	2.240	0.0852	$0.467 \pm 0.373$	$0.363 \pm 0.266$	$0.379 \pm 0.358$	$0.322 \pm 0.240$
<i>d</i> SWC mean	<b>7.404</b>	<b>0.0001</b>	$0.004 \pm 0.032^{ab}$	$0.014 \pm 0.046^b$	$-0.02 \pm 0.056^c$	$-0.006 \pm 0.041^{ac}$
<i>d</i> Litter mass	0.180	0.9090	$-45.2 \pm 245.76$	$-7.85 \pm 189.22$	$-45.73 \pm 294.44$	$6.45 \pm 224.57$
<i>d</i> Litter pH	0.755	0.5264	$0.024 \pm 0.271$	$-0.025 \pm 0.156$	$-0.088 \pm 0.163$	$0.052 \pm 0.283$
<i>d</i> Litter moisture	1.202	0.3223	$1.066 \pm 2.355$	$-0.172 \pm 2.175$	$0.955 \pm 2.761$	$1.596 \pm 2.050$
<i>d</i> Soil pH	2.458	0.0772	$-0.003 \pm 0.117$	$0.136 \pm 0.189$	$0.003 \pm 0.158$	$0.172 \pm 0.301$
<i>d</i> hy	1.481	0.2346	$-0.006 \pm 0.114$	$0.034 \pm 0.131$	$0.086 \pm 0.373$	$0.305 \pm 0.592$
<i>d</i> [SOC]	0.414	0.7437	$0.325 \pm 1.312$	$0.753 \pm 1.227$	$0.448 \pm 1.010$	$1.026 \pm 1.914$
<i>d</i> [N]	0.605	0.6160	$0.005 \pm 0.038$	$0.008 \pm 0.042$	$-0.001 \pm 0.035$	$0.024 \pm 0.055$
<i>d</i> $[P_{\text{AL}}]$	0.042	0.9885	$-0.151 \pm 1.210$	$0.023 \pm 1.860$	$0.192 \pm 2.102$	$0.618 \pm 3.217$
<i>d</i> $[K_{\text{AL}}]$	0.179	0.9095	$-0.550 \pm 4.734$	$-0.667 \pm 3.865$	$-0.500 \pm 4.843$	$0.308 \pm 5.412$