

Supplementary Information

Effects of combined biochar and *Trichoderma harzianum* on improving the cadmium and arsenic phytoremediation efficiency of *Brassica juncea* and the response of the rhizosphere soil micro-ecology

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Table S1. Soil physicochemical characteristics in the experimental field

Soil parameter	Value		
	0-15 cm deep soil	15-30 cm deep soil	30-45 cm deep soil
pH	8.33	8.28	8.39
Organic matter (OM, g kg ⁻¹)	16.03	15.32	17.14
Cation exchange capacity (CEC, cmol kg ⁻¹)	22.55	20.65	21.43
Available nitrogen (AN, mg kg ⁻¹)	40.34	45.21	38.75
Available potassium (AK, mg kg ⁻¹)	140.30	130.25	105.95
Available phosphorus (AP, mg kg ⁻¹)	3.56	3.12	3.29
Total Cd (mg kg ⁻¹)	1.54	1.64	1.30
Total As (mg kg ⁻¹)	24.42	44.36	46.93
Total Hg (mg kg ⁻¹)	5.89	3.57	2.93
Total Pb (mg kg ⁻¹)	38.58	38.61	35.45
Total Cu (mg kg ⁻¹)	43.31	42.80	45.28
Total Cr (mg kg ⁻¹)	209.59	194.51	233.37

Table S2. Biochar physicochemical characteristics in this experimental

	pH	Diameter (mm)	Water content (%)	Ash content (%)	Total nitrogen (g kg ⁻¹)	Total phosphorus (g kg ⁻¹)	Total potassium (g kg ⁻¹)
Biochar	7.23	1	1.02	4.4	7.32	3.24	17.06

Table S3. Plant shoots and roots biomass (mean \pm S.E., n=3)

Treatment	Shoots biomass	Roots biomass	Chlorophyll a	Chlorophyll b	Total chlorophyll
CK	0.588 \pm 0.024f	0.064 \pm 0.005f	0.633 \pm 0.05d	0.482 \pm 0.04d	1.111 \pm 0.06b
B	1.784 \pm 0.069b	0.110 \pm 0.004d	0.757 \pm 0.04c	0.356 \pm 0.02e	1.109 \pm 0.04b
T1	0.818 \pm 0.031e	0.153 \pm 0.006b	1.239 \pm 0.09a	1.081 \pm 0.05a	1.155 \pm 0.06b
T2	1.038 \pm 0.060d	0.075 \pm 0.005e	0.755 \pm 0.03c	0.395 \pm 0.02e	1.146 \pm 0.04b
T1B	1.328 \pm 0.049c	0.130 \pm 0.005c	0.645 \pm 0.04d	0.925 \pm 0.05b	1.563 \pm 0.08a
T2B	2.012 \pm 0.138a	0.183 \pm 0.012a	0.869 \pm 0.05b	0.817 \pm 0.05c	1.680 \pm 0.12a

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Table S5. Rhizosphere soil microbial community α -diversity index (mean \pm S.E., n=3)

Treatment	Observed species	Shannon	Simpson	Chao1	ACE	Goods coverage	PD-whole-tree
Bacteria							
CK	2490 \pm 92.709c	9.070 \pm 0.336a	0.993 \pm 0.049a	3313.583 \pm 194.327b	3365.046 \pm 161.326bc	0.965 \pm 0.062a	323.551 \pm 16.963c
B	2366 \pm 148.235c	9.183 \pm 0.553a	0.996 \pm 0.065a	2930.816 \pm 128.822c	3023.597 \pm 137.712d	0.971 \pm 0.034a	306.412 \pm 16.535cd
T1	2434 \pm 123.818c	9.183 \pm 0.343a	0.994 \pm 0.034a	3124.490 \pm 174.937bc	3279.747 \pm 234.435cd	0.967 \pm 0.060a	342.666 \pm 23.421c
T2	1892 \pm 105.922d	6.621 \pm 0.253b	0.912 \pm 0.055a	2365.789 \pm 164.826d	2550.353 \pm 138.612e	0.974 \pm 0.035a	262.356 \pm 15.770d
T1B	2899 \pm 141.802b	9.443 \pm 0.416a	0.993 \pm 0.056a	3355.163 \pm 167.028b	3705.366 \pm 197.736b	0.965 \pm 0.040a	442.681 \pm 24.523b
T2B	3207 \pm 107.960a	9.250 \pm 0.514a	0.989 \pm 0.050a	4302.027 \pm 265.718a	4196.474 \pm 165.109a	0.955 \pm 0.054a	591.809 \pm 38.150a
Fungi							
CK	977 \pm 53.936c	5.951 \pm 5.930c	0.96 \pm 0.040a	1407.519 \pm 82.801d	1446.18 \pm 95.511d	0.991 \pm 0.053a	390.32 \pm 24.605d
B	1522 \pm 76.308b	7.972 \pm 7.920a	0.985 \pm 0.042a	1636.026 \pm 72.708c	1663.018 \pm 88.360c	0.994 \pm 0.071a	318.426 \pm 16.752e
T1	1723 \pm 109.675a	6.977 \pm 6.920b	0.972 \pm 0.043a	2416.004 \pm 128.179a	2454.153 \pm 92.410a	0.985 \pm 0.043a	694.784 \pm 27.735a
T2	1057 \pm 73.675c	4.887 \pm 4.750d	0.812 \pm 0.027b	1493.269 \pm 94.834cd	1541.528 \pm 109.101cd	0.990 \pm 0.031a	592.475 \pm 34.276b
T1B	1781 \pm 63.120a	7.467 \pm 7.400ab	0.982 \pm 0.037a	2226.385 \pm 101.562b	2241.586 \pm 118.568b	0.988 \pm 0.049a	514.816 \pm 19.266c
T2B	785 \pm 46.695d	5.210 \pm 5.160d	0.911 \pm 0.062a	1050.044 \pm 69.136e	1093.037 \pm 51.324e	0.994 \pm 0.062a	364.141 \pm 22.792de

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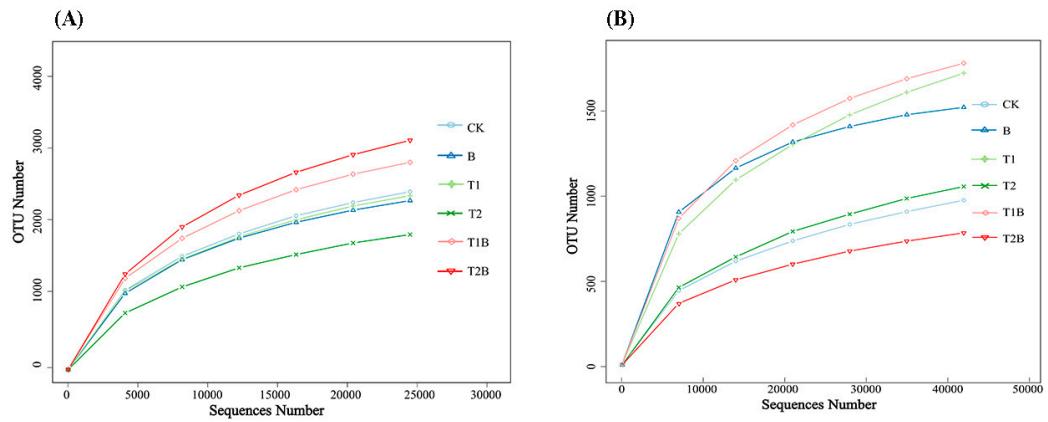


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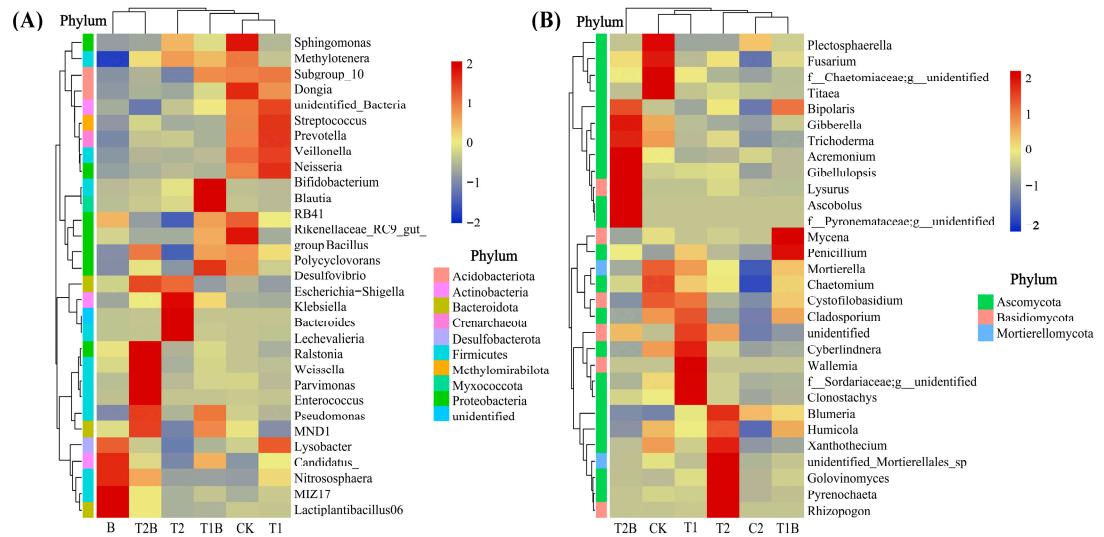


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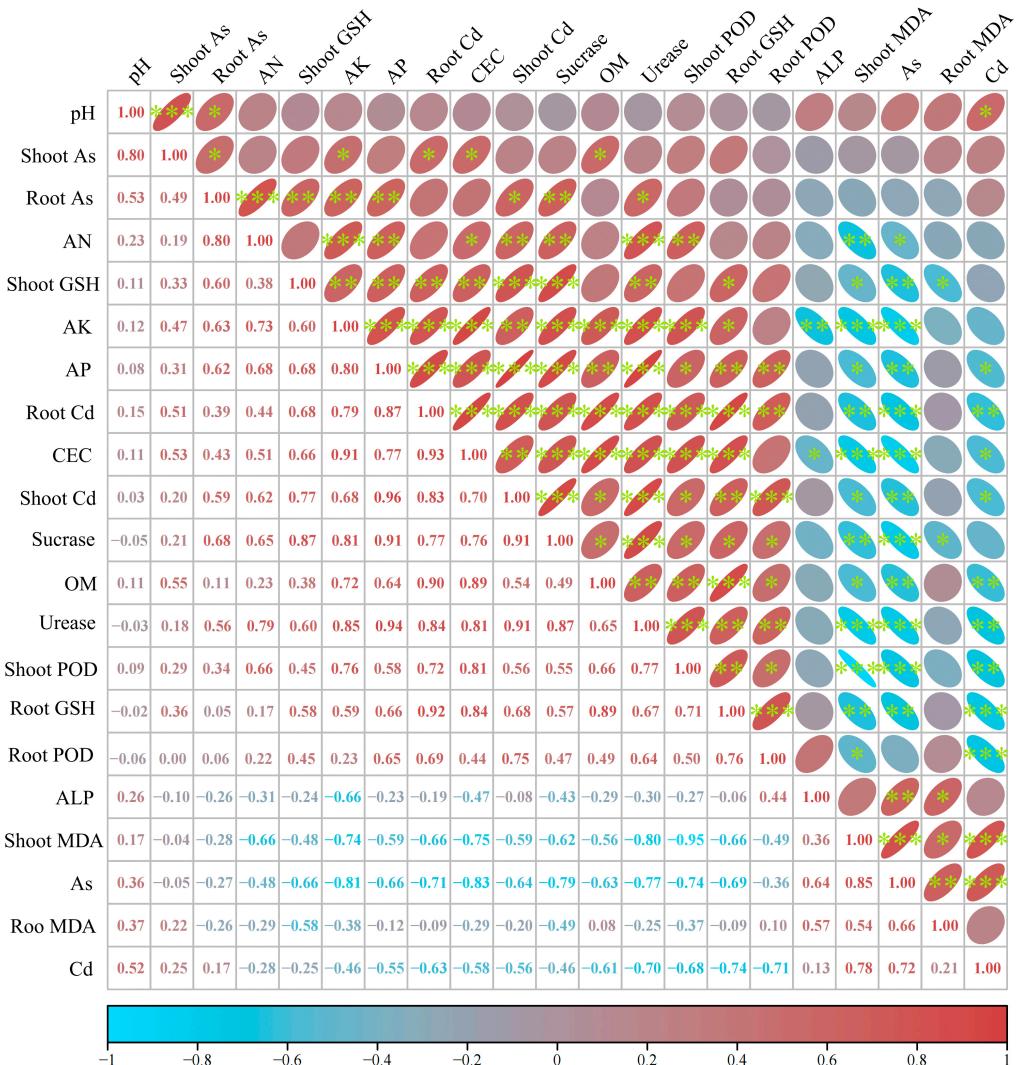


Figure S3. Pearson correlation between rhizosphere soil physicochemical properties, enzyme activity and plant heavy metal accumulation. The number represents the correlation coefficient between the parameters. Blue shows a negative correlation and red shows a positive correlation. * indicates $0.01 < p \leq 0.05$, ** indicates $0.001 < p \leq 0.01$, *** indicates $p \leq 0.001$.