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Effectiveness of biomass/abundance comparison (ABC) models in assessing the response of hyporheic assemblages to ammonium contamination

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Table S1. Mean and standard deviation (SD) of the environmental variables measured in Di Lorenzo et al. [21] in the up- and downstream stretches of the Rio Gamberale creek (Italy). Heavy metals, volatile organic carbons and pesticides are indicated as “others”. LOD: limit of detection. Concentrations exceeding the legal limit are indicated in bold.

Variable	Upstream stretch	Downstream stretch
Temperature (°C)	9.4 ± 4.1	10.3 ± 5.6
Elect. conductivity ($\mu\text{S cm}^{-1}$)	464.7 ± 32.4	532.4 ± 140.0
pH	8.0 ± 0.2	7.8 ± 0.2
Dissolved oxygen (mg L ⁻¹)	6.9 ± 2.4	4.8 ± 2.7
Dissolved oxygen (%)	73.8 ± 13.5	48.2 ± 24.4
Particulate organic matter (mg L ⁻¹)	374.6 ± 372.9	306.6 ± 286.7
Total organic carbon (mg L ⁻¹)	1.8 ± 0.5	1.9 ± 0.3
Dissolved organic carbon (mg L ⁻¹)	1.6 ± 0.5	1.8 ± 0.3
Nitrates (mg L ⁻¹)	0.2 ± 0.2	0.1 ± 0.1
Nitrites (mg L ⁻¹)	3.5 ± 3.9	3.9 ± 3.3
Ammonium (mg L ⁻¹)	0.03 ± 0.01	1.0 ± 0.7
Sulphates (mg L ⁻¹)	4.6 ± 1.8	13.1 ± 10.3
Phosphates (mg L ⁻¹)	0.1 ± 0.1	0.2 ± 0.1
Chloride (mg L ⁻¹)	2.6 ± 2.7	7.0 ± 5.3
Calcium (mg L ⁻¹)	97.0 ± 7.0	107.2 ± 20.7
Potassium (mg L ⁻¹)	1.0 ± 0.7	1.8 ± 1.1
Sodium (mg L ⁻¹)	6.7 ± 5.2	10.6 ± 9.8
Others (µg L ⁻¹)	< LOD	< LOD