

# **A new method for ecological risk assessment of complex contaminated site**

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**Preparation of NGM Agar:**

17 g·L<sup>-1</sup> agar powder, 2.5 g·L<sup>-1</sup> casein peptone and 3 g·L<sup>-1</sup> NaCl were mixed with deionized water. Autoclave at 121 °C for 30 min. Add the following sterile solutions, 1 mL 1 mol·L<sup>-1</sup> CaCl<sub>2</sub>, 1 mL 1 mol·L<sup>-1</sup> MgSO<sub>4</sub>, 25 mL 1 mol·L<sup>-1</sup> KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (pH 6.0±0.2 adjusted with KOH) and 1 mL 5 g·L<sup>-1</sup> cholesterol ethanol solution. Fill with sterile water to 1000 mL and thoroughly mix, then pour into petri dish to cool and set aside.

**Preparation of *E. coli* culture:**

Luria-Bertani (LB) medium is composed of 10 g·L<sup>-1</sup> casein peptone, 5 g·L<sup>-1</sup> yeast extract and 10 g·L<sup>-1</sup> NaCl. Autoclave at 121 °C for 30 min. 17 g·L<sup>-1</sup> agar powder was added for solid medium. Pick single clone of *E. coli* continuously cultured in solid LB medium, inoculate in liquid LB medium and incubate in rotary shaker (150 r·min<sup>-1</sup>) at 37 °C for 14 h. The result *E. coli* solution was used for nematodes culture and toxicity tests.

**Synchronous culture method of *C. elegans*:**

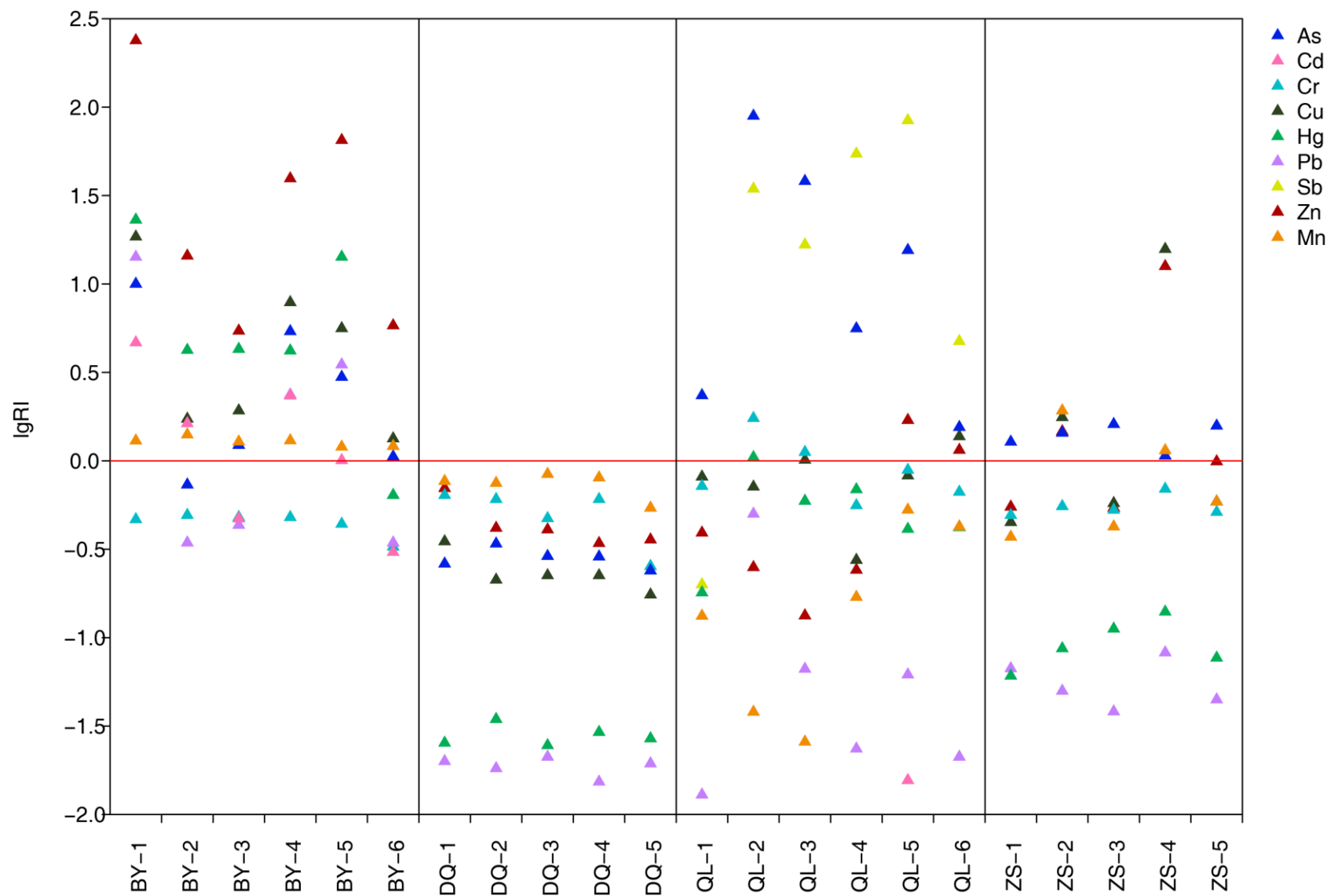
When a large number of ovulatory adults were distributed on the surface of NGM Agar, *C. elegans* were washed into a centrifuge tube with M9 buffer (33.71 mmol·L<sup>-1</sup> Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>, 22 mmol·L<sup>-1</sup> KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, 85.56 mmol·L<sup>-1</sup> NaCl and 1 mmol·L<sup>-1</sup> MgSO<sub>4</sub>). Wash away the remaining *E. coli* on the surface of *C. elegans*. Add lysate (2.5 mol·L<sup>-1</sup> NaOH and 5% NaClO) to split *C. elegans* to obtain eggs. Wash the eggs with M9 buffer to remove the excess lysate. Culture the eggs in M9 buffer for 14 h, and then the age-synchronized first stage *C. elegans* larvae were obtained.

**Table S1.** The concentration of heavy metals in soil samples.

Sample point	Mn mg/kg	Zn mg/kg	Cu mg/kg	Cr mg/kg	Pb mg/kg	Cd mg/kg	As mg/kg	Sb mg/kg	Hg mg/kg
BY-1	585	28600	1480	70	24200	654	250	NA	30
BY-2	633	1730	138	74	585	228	18.3	NA	5.49
BY-3	577	652	154	72	737	65.9	30.7	NA	5.57
BY-4	586	4730	629	72	4020	327	135	NA	5.46
BY-5	540	7800	449	66	5950	141	74.4	NA	18.5
BY-6	545	699	107	49	586	42.7	26.4	NA	0.831
DQ-1	345	84	28	96	34	0.08	6.55	NA	0.033
DQ-2	337	50	17	91	31	0.02	8.5	NA	0.045
DQ-3	379	49	18	71	36	0.07	7.22	NA	0.032
DQ-4	362	41	18	91	26	0.08	7.18	NA	0.038
DQ-5	244	43	14	38	33	0.07	5.98	NA	0.035
QL-1	59.8	47	65	108	22	0.18	58.6	15.6	0.234
QL-2	17.1	30	57	261	852	0.22	2230	2690	1.36
QL-3	11.6	16	81	168	113	0.31	953	1300	0.77
QL-4	76.5	29	22	84	40	0.45	140	4250	0.896
QL-5	238	204	66	133	105	2.19	388	6570	0.535
QL-6	191	138	110	100	36	0.28	38.7	370	0.547
ZS-1	167	66	36	74	114	0.04	32	NA	0.079
ZS-2	866	176	141	83	85	0.46	36	NA	0.113
ZS-3	191	65	46	79	65	0.07	40.3	NA	0.146
ZS-4	515	1510	1260	104	140	0.89	26.7	NA	0.182
ZS-5	264	119	47	77	76	0.17	39.4	NA	0.1

**Table S2.** Individual Risk Index (RI) and Nemerow Risk Index (NRI) of soil samples

Sample point	PI									NRI
	Mn	Zn	Cu	Cr	Pb	Cd	As	Sb	Hg	
BY-1	1.30	238.33	18.50	0.47	14.24	4.67	10.00	0	23.08	172.02
BY-2	1.41	14.42	1.73	0.49	0.34	1.63	0.73	0	4.22	10.56
BY-3	1.28	5.43	1.93	0.48	0.43	0.47	1.23	0	4.28	4.21
BY-4	1.30	39.42	7.86	0.48	2.36	2.34	5.40	0	4.20	28.75
BY-5	1.20	65.00	5.61	0.44	3.50	1.01	2.98	0	14.23	47.13
BY-6	1.21	5.83	1.34	0.33	0.34	0.31	1.06	0	0.64	4.30
DQ-1	0.77	0.70	0.35	0.64	0.02	0.00	0.26	0	0.03	0.62
DQ-2	0.75	0.42	0.21	0.61	0.02	0.00	0.34	0	0.03	0.59
DQ-3	0.84	0.41	0.23	0.47	0.02	0.00	0.29	0	0.02	0.65
DQ-4	0.80	0.34	0.23	0.61	0.02	0.00	0.29	0	0.03	0.62
DQ-5	0.54	0.36	0.18	0.25	0.02	0.00	0.24	0	0.03	0.42
QL-1	0.13	0.39	0.81	0.72	0.01	0.00	2.34	0.20	0.18	1.74
QL-2	0.04	0.25	0.71	1.74	0.50	0.00	89.20	34.49	1.05	64.66
QL-3	0.03	0.13	1.01	1.12	0.07	0.00	38.12	16.67	0.59	27.71
QL-4	0.17	0.24	0.28	0.56	0.02	0.00	5.60	54.49	0.69	39.14
QL-5	0.53	1.70	0.83	0.89	0.06	0.02	15.52	84.23	0.41	60.67
QL-6	0.42	1.15	1.38	0.67	0.02	0.00	1.55	4.74	0.42	3.55
ZS-1	0.37	0.55	0.45	0.49	0.07	0.00	1.28	0	0.06	0.98
ZS-2	1.92	1.47	1.76	0.55	0.05	0.00	1.44	0	0.09	1.58
ZS-3	0.42	0.54	0.58	0.53	0.04	0.00	1.61	0	0.11	1.22
ZS-4	1.14	12.58	15.75	0.69	0.08	0.01	1.07	0	0.14	11.67
ZS-5	0.59	0.99	0.59	0.51	0.04	0.00	1.58	0	0.08	1.22

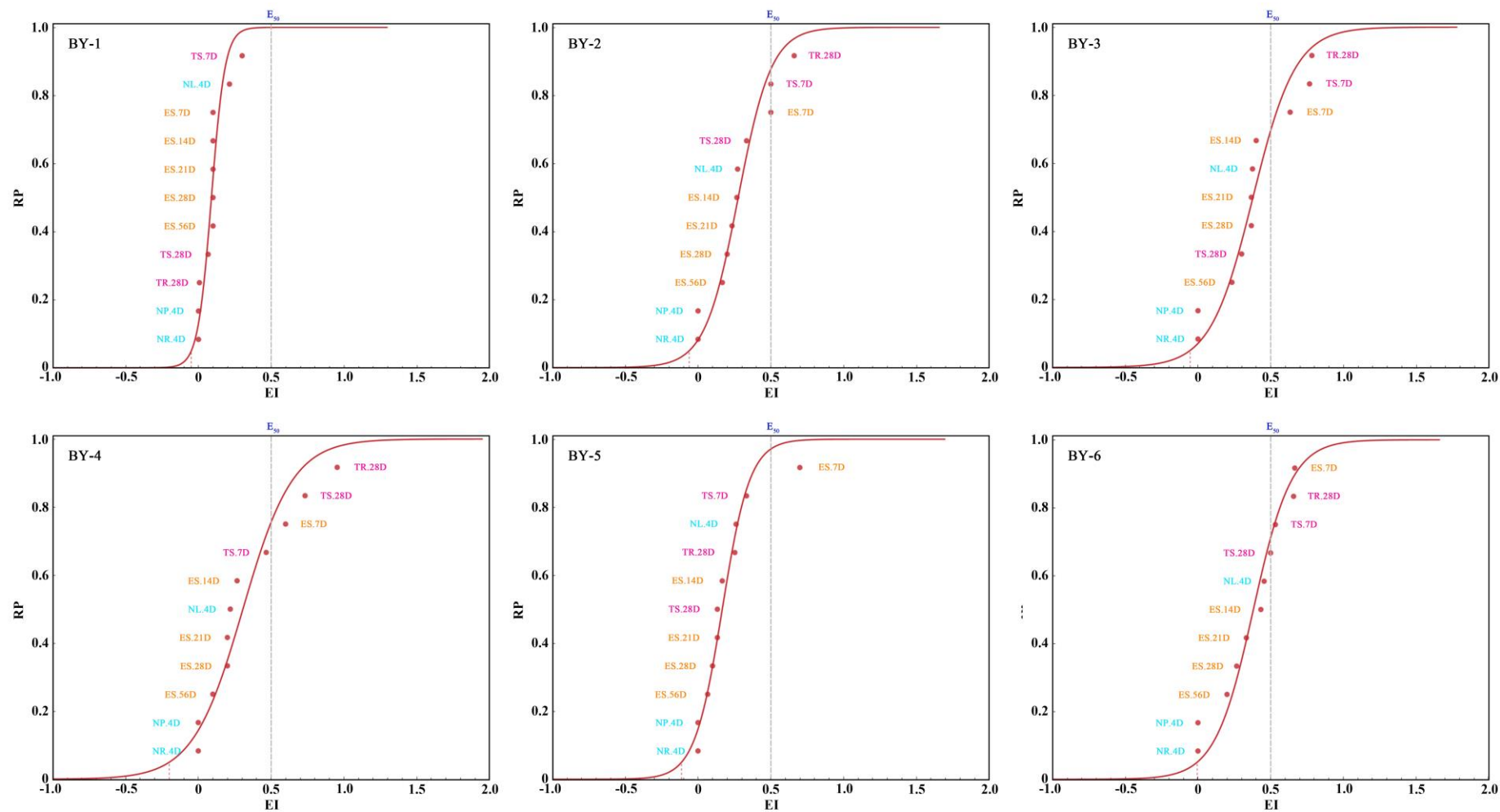


**Figure S1.** Individual ecological risk index of soils based on risk screening values

**Table S3.** Toxicity effect index (EI) of soils

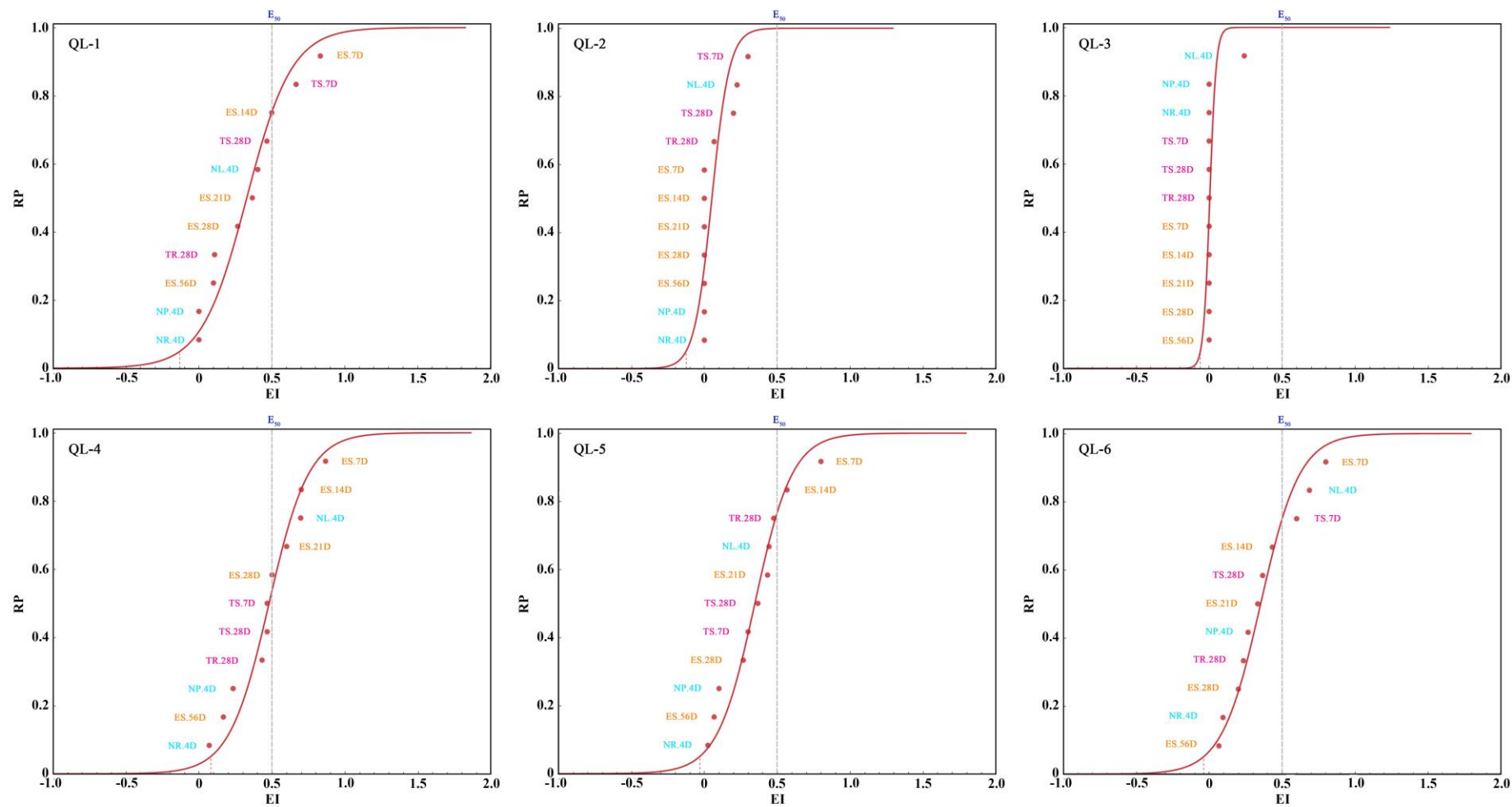
Sample point	Toxic end point											EI <sub>max</sub>
	ES.7D	ES.14D	ES.21D	ES.28D	ES.56D	TS.7D	TS.28D	TR.28D	NP.4D	NR.4D	NL.4D	
BY-1	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.30	0.07	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.21	0.30*
BY-2	0.50	0.27	0.23	0.20	0.17	0.50	0.33	0.66	0.00	0.00	0.27	0.66
BY-3	0.63	0.40	0.37	0.37	0.23	0.77	0.30	0.78	0.00	0.00	0.37	0.78
BY-4	0.60	0.27	0.20	0.20	0.10	0.47	0.73	0.95	0.00	0.00	0.22	0.95
BY-5	0.70	0.17	0.13	0.10	0.07	0.33	0.13	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.26	0.70
BY-6	0.67	0.43	0.33	0.27	0.20	0.53	0.50	0.66	0.00	0.00	0.46	0.67
DQ-1	0.77	0.63	0.53	0.47	0.37	0.87	0.20	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.33	0.87
DQ-2	0.77	0.67	0.50	0.43	0.33	0.57	0.23	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.47	0.77
DQ-3	0.90	0.63	0.33	0.33	0.20	0.73	0.23	0.17	0.20	0.04	0.69	0.90
DQ-4	0.73	0.40	0.30	0.23	0.23	0.60	0.47	0.38	0.23	0.18	0.70	0.73
DQ-5	0.60	0.40	0.17	0.17	0.13	0.27	0.17	0.26	0.00	0.00	0.44	0.60
QL-1	0.83	0.50	0.37	0.27	0.10	0.67	0.47	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.40	0.83
QL-2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.30	0.20	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.22	0.30*
QL-3	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.24	0.24*
QL-4	0.87	0.70	0.60	0.50	0.17	0.47	0.47	0.43	0.23	0.07	0.70	0.87
QL-5	0.80	0.57	0.43	0.27	0.07	0.30	0.37	0.48	0.10	0.02	0.44	0.80
QL-6	0.80	0.43	0.33	0.20	0.07	0.60	0.37	0.24	0.27	0.09	0.69	0.80
ZS-1	0.60	0.37	0.27	0.23	0.13	0.60	0.63	0.30	0.70	0.35	0.82	0.82
ZS-2	0.77	0.60	0.33	0.33	0.23	0.47	0.30	0.53	0.00	0.00	0.44	0.77
ZS-3	0.73	0.53	0.37	0.33	0.20	0.37	0.50	0.31	0.87	0.77	0.87	0.87
ZS-4	0.70	0.37	0.30	0.30	0.17	0.20	0.07	0.53	0.23	0.16	0.72	0.72
ZS-5	0.67	0.47	0.20	0.20	0.07	0.23	0.17	0.23	0.00	0.00	0.39	0.67

\*EI<sub>max</sub> < 0.5

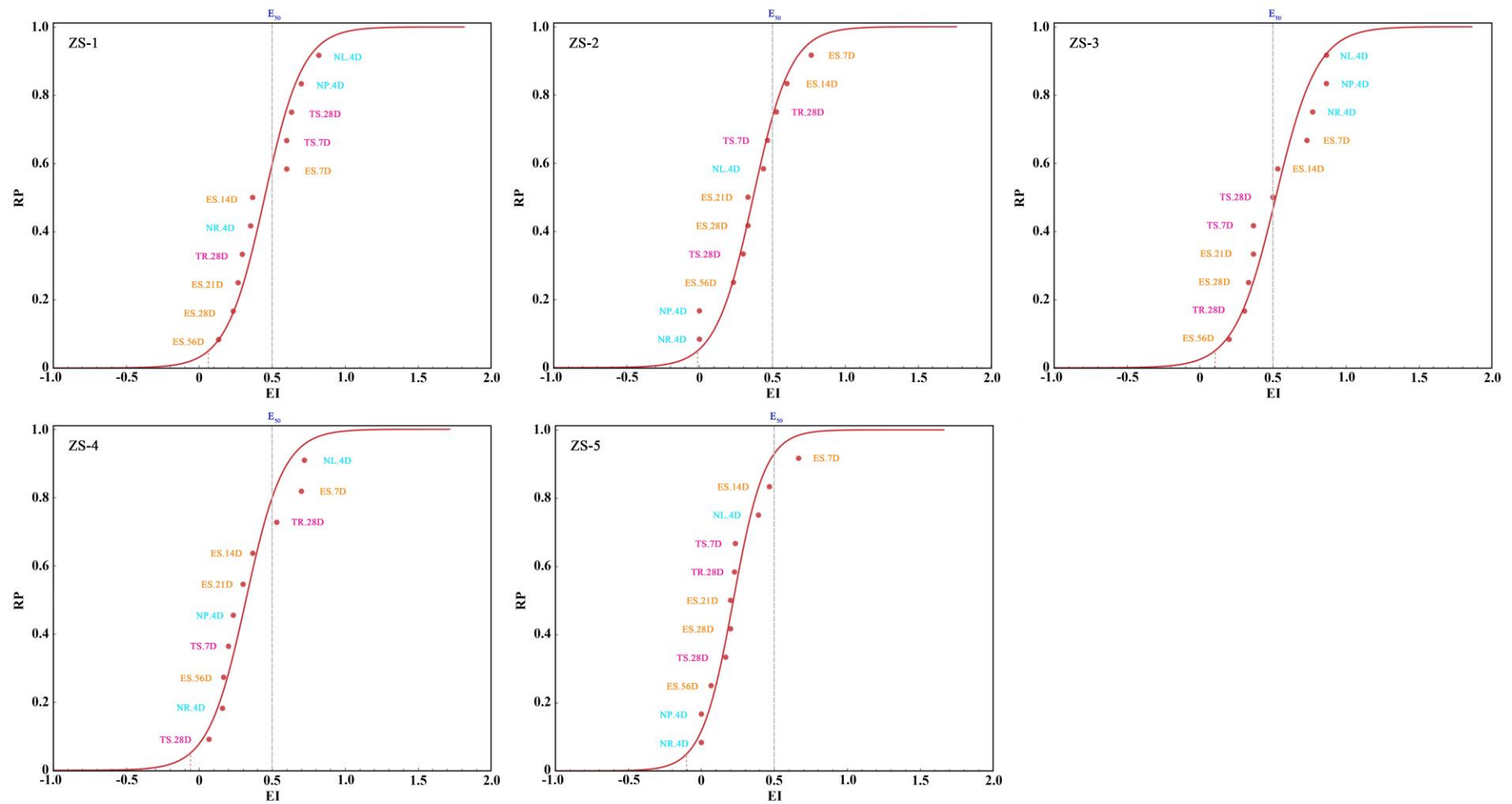


**Figure S2.** EI cumulative probability distribution of soils collected at BY





**Figure S4.** EI cumulative probability distribution of soils collected at QL



**Figure S5.** EI cumulative probability distribution of soils collected at ZS

**Table S4.** Physicochemical properties of soils

Sample point	CEC cmol(+)/kg	pH	OM g/kg	Clay g/kg	Fe mg/kg	Al mg/kg
BY-1	2.8	7.09	33.4	81	29200	4790
BY-2	2.4	8.05	5.8	45	31300	8990
BY-3	9.9	8.07	16.3	224	27200	7570
BY-4	9.1	7.56	115	113	32800	8970
BY-5	4.3	7.50	14.7	67	24400	7880
BY-6	5.4	7.92	12.1	38	26200	7390
DQ-1	9.8	8.32	9	157	18000	8790
DQ-2	9.9	8.53	8.4	215	18200	7740
DQ-3	9.7	8.56	9.6	185	19000	8140
DQ-4	11.9	8.55	6.1	224	16800	9320
DQ-5	9.5	8.33	19.1	164	16900	6430
QL-1	6.1	6.67	22.3	321	62600	15200
QL-2	8.9	4.04	16.7	479	31200	9110
QL-3	4.3	2.62	16.0	113	21800	9940
QL-4	16.9	7.79	45.1	331	24500	10700
QL-5	16.1	7.61	163.0	107	50900	9620
QL-6	4.9	5.97	88.6	350	25500	15800
ZS-1	3.2	6.30	8.0	292	31600	5360
ZS-2	12.1	7.67	23.0	295	42200	9710
ZS-3	6.7	5.59	27.6	418	35200	6310
ZS-4	10.3	7.82	69.5	195	15400	5550
ZS-5	2.7	4.77	6.4	189	24600	6060