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## Abstract

- Ochre is an iron oxyhydroxide-rich waste that accumulates in water bodies associated with
- disused mines. Laboratory experiments were conducted to examine the potential of four
- different ochres to be used as remedial agents for As contaminated soils. The ochres
- 17 removed As from solution (200 and 500 mg L<sup>-1</sup>) in adsorption experiments at pH 3 and 8 and
- when added to As contaminated soil (5 % w/w) significantly reduced As release to solution.
- In both these experiments the highest surface area ochres performed best. The impact of
- 20 ochre amendments on uptake of As from soil by plants and humans and release of As to
- 21 ground water was assessed in a year-long incubation. Ochres increased soil pH and
- reduced CaCl<sub>2</sub> extractable As but had no consistent effect on plant growth, plant As uptake
- or As extraction in physiologically based extraction tests. Ochre may be better used for water
- treatment than soil remediation.
- 25 **Keywords**: arsenic; ochre; contaminated soil; incubation; bioassays

Capsule: Ochre amendments to As-contaminated soil increase pH and reduce CaCl<sub>2</sub>
 extractable As but have no impact on plant growth, As uptake or PBET extractable As.

### Introduction

High concentrations of As in soils and water bodies occur throughout the world due to anthropogenic activities such as mining, smelting and wood preservative usage (Abrahams and Thornton; Álvarez-Ayuso et al., 2012; Eapaea et al., 2007; Lin et al., 2004; Mench and Bes, 2009; Nriagu et al., 2007; Ritchie et al., 2013; Warren et al., 2003). The main routes of arsenic poisoning from contaminated soils are accidental ingestion or inhalation of contaminated soil or water or consumption of plants grown on As-contaminated soils (Miretzky and Cirelli, 2010). There is a need for affordable remedial solutions that can be applied to As-contaminated soil. It is increasingly recognised that the remedial methods of disposal or isolation of contaminated soil are not sustainable. This had led to a growing willingness to use organic or mineral amendments to alter soil chemistry and break pathways between pollutant sources and receptors (e.g. Hodson, 2010; Jones and Healey, 2010; O'Day and Vlassopoulos, 2010).

A large literature reports the sorption of many potential contaminants to Fe oxides, e.g. Cornell and Schwertmann, 2003 and references therein, Jambor and Dutrizac, 1998 and references therein. Much work has investigated As adsorption by Fe oxides (e.g. Bowell, 1994; Matis et al.,1997; Sun and Doner, 1998; Jain et al., 1999; Garcia-Sanchez et al., 2002; Goldberg, 2002; Ford, 2002; Jackson and Miller, 2000; Grafe et al., 2001; Waltham and Eick, 2002; Sun and Doner, 1996; Manning et al., 1998; Goldberg and Johnston, 2001; Livesey and Huang, 1981; Elkhatib et al.,1984a,b; Manning and Suarez, 2000; Smith et al., 2002) and this had led to investigations into using Fe oxides to remediate As-contaminated soil

(e.g. Boisson et al., 1999; Garcia-Sanchez et al., 1999; Warren et al., 2003; Warren and Alloway, 2003; Nielsen et al., 2011; Kumpiene et al., 2008; Lee et al., 2011). Ochre is the name given to Fe(III) oxyhydroxide precipitates that accumulate in the outflows of mine systems. In the United Kingdom the Coal Authority is responsible for over 68 (as of August 2014) mine water treatment schemes that remove c. 4000 tonnes of iron per year from water courses resulting in ochre production (UK Government, 2014). Some of this ochre is used in brick production to partially offset the waste management costs (Clean Rivers Trust, 2012). Additionally, research has been carried out, with mixed success, into using ochre to limit phosphate concentrations in water and soil (Fenton et al., 2012; Heal et al., 2005; Dobbie et al. 2009; Sibrell et al. 2009). However, there is still no mature market for ochre in the UK; its accumulation poses a waste disposal problem.

Previously (Doi et al., 2005) we showed that ochre may be an appropriate remedial amendment. However, properties of ochres are site specific. Here we characterise a further 4 ochres to further demonstrate the ability of ochres to adsorb As. We then report a year long incubation study investigating whether ochre amendments can break the most significant pathways (leaching to ground water, ingestion of soil, uptake by plants) between As-contaminated soil and receptors. We also examine the impact on ochre amendment on soil microbial functioning via assay of hydrolytic enzyme activity.

### **Materials and methods**

As-bearing soils were collected from the upper 20 cm of profiles located at a former mine site (Devon Great Consols, SX 72878 96419, soil DGC), a former As calciner (Tresavean, Lanner, Redruth, SW 72423 39743, soils RRT1, RRT2) and an allotment site (Scunthorpe, SE 89344 10835, soil SCP). Soils were air-dried, sieved to  $\leq$  2 mm and stored prior to characterisation and use in experiments.

Four ochres were provided by the UK Coal Authority: Bull House (SE 421192 402506, BH) and Woolley (SE 41586 78838, WY) from passive treatment works, Old Meadows from an active treatment works (SJ 43496 95991, OM) and Six Bells from a combined passive and active treatment works (SO 22250 03039, SB). All ochres were supplied moist in sealed, plastic containers and were air-dried and crushed to ≤ 2 mm prior to use in experiments.

pH (ISO, 2005), loss on ignition (for organic matter content, Rowell, 1994), particle size distribution, BET surface area (de Boer et al., 1987), total As and Fe by aqua regia digest, acid ammonium oxalate and citrate-bicarbonate-dithionite extractable Fe (Loeppert and Inskeep, 1996), point of zero charge (Zelazny et al., 1996) and mineralogy by X-ray diffraction were determined following standard established methods (details in Supplementary material).

In adsorption experiments to investigate sorption of As by ochres 0.1g ochrewas added to 0.1 M sodium nitrate (40 mL); pH was adjusted to 3 or 8 using 0.1 M NaOH or 0.1M HCl. The mixture was shaken on an end-over-end shaker at  $20\pm1$  °C for 24 hours in darkness then 40  $\mu$ L of 200 or 500 mg L<sup>-1</sup> NaAsO<sub>3</sub> solution was added; pH was readjusted to pH 3 or 8 using NaOH or HCl and the mixtures were returned to the shaker. 15 replicates of each ochre-As combination were used and 15 ochre-free controls. After 0.5, 1, 3, 6 and 24 hours, three sacrificial replicates were removed, pH adjusted back to 3 or 8, samples were centrifuged at 2113 g for 15 minutes and the centrifugate filtered through Whatman no. 2 filter papers. Arsenic concentrations were determined using ICP-OES.

In batch experiments to investigate reduction of As release from contaminated-soil into solution due to ochre addition 1g As-contaminated soil was mixed with ochre (0.05, 0.1, 0.2

and 0.5 g) and added to 0.01 M  $CaCl_2$  solution (20 mL). The mixture was shaken on an end-over-end shaker at 20  $\pm$  1 °C for 24 hours in darkness then centrifuged at 2113 g for 10 minutes. The supernatant was filtered (Whatman no. 2) and analysed for As by ICP-OES and pH.

Incubation experiments investigated the impact of ochre amendments on As mobility under pseudo-field conditions. Ochre (60 g) was added to soil (1200 g) (DGC, RRT2). Treatments and controls were moistened to 100 % water holding capacity and incubated at 30 °C in sealed plastic bags for 52 weeks in darkness. The soil was mixed weekly. Five replicates were established per treatment and subsamples taken after 3, 12, 24 and 52 weeks of incubation for analysis. As Fe and As are redox sensitive elements we measured Eh at weeks 24 and 52 (there being insufficient resource to measure it at the other sampling points) in addition to pH (ISO, 2005) at each sampling point to determine potential changes in Fe and As speciation. Acid ammonium oxalate and citrate-bicarbonate-dithionite extractable Fe and a fluorescein diacetate (FDA) hydrolysis assay to measure microbial activity following the method of Adam and Duncan (2001) (Supplementary materials) were carried out on the subsamples.

We assessed the effect of ochre amendments on the most likely pathways for As contamination in soils to impact on the environment and human health. To determine possible As leaching into ground water 1 g of air-dried soil was added to 20 mL of 0.01M CaCl<sub>2</sub> solution (to represent soil solution; Houba et al., 1990) and shaken on an end-overend shaker for 24 hours at 20 °C. Samples were centrifuged at 2113 g for 15 minutes at 20 °C. Supernatant pH was measured.. The supernatant was filtered (Whatman No 2) and analysed for As by ICP-OES. In a plant growth and As uptake bioassay , rye grass (*Lolium perenne* . L., 0.5 g seeds per pot) was grown in 150g of incubated soil in a plant growth room for 40 days. Plants were harvested and shoots cut 1 cm above ground level; roots

were washed in deionised water to remove attached soil. Samples were dried at 70 °C to a constant mass, digested in nitric acid and analysed for As by ICP-OESFor week 3 and 52 subsamples, a PBET extraction to assess As availability to humans on ingestion of the soil (Intawongse and Dean, 2008) was carried out. Air dried,  $\leq$  250  $\mu$ m soil (1g) was shaken with simulated stomach and intestine fluids which were analysed for As by ICP-OES. Analytical and methodological details are given in the Supplementary materials.

### Quality control and statistical analysis

An in-house 500 ppb reference solution was analysed by ICP-OES at the start of each analytical run and returned values within 10% of established concentrations. The detection limit for the adsorption and batch experiment As solutions and  $CaCl_2$  extractions was 8  $\mu$ g L<sup>-1</sup> calculated from the mean plus 6 times the standard deviation on ten replicate analyses of the blank calibration standard (Gill, 1997). Detection limits were 1.133  $\pm$  0.198 mg kg<sup>-1</sup> for plant digests and 61.6 mg kg<sup>-1</sup> and 121.95 mg kg<sup>-1</sup> for the stomach and small intestine phase of the PBET analysis. Method blanks were run for all extractions and results were blank corrected where appropriate. For aqua regia digests an in-house reference material (SS39) traceable to CRM 143R sewage sludge-amended soil (Commission of European Communities Community Bureau of Reference BCR) was digested. Recoveries were 95 – 105 % for As. For plant digests an in-house reference material (Hay 2) was digested with each batch of digests. Recoveries were 98 – 102 %. Analytical precision for the different matrices by duplicate analysis of 10 % of the samples (Gill, 1997) was > 95%.

Statistical analysis was carried out using SigmaStat 12.0.

### **Results and discussion**

The soils and ochres showed a range of properties (Table 1). The ochres contained
relatively low concentrations of As, had a range of surface areas and the crystalline material
present was goethite.

**Table 1.** Mean soil and ochre properties used in the adsorption and batch experiments ( $n = 3 \pm \text{standard deviation}$ )

|  | Soil                                 |                                     |  |  |    | Ochre                            |                               |                                     |                                  |    |
|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|----|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----|
| Parameter  | DGC                                  | RRT1                                | RRT2                                       | SCP                                      |    | BH                               | OM                            | SB                                  | WY                               |    |
| рН   | 3.74 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.06          | $4.70^{ab} \pm 0.05$                | 5.26 <sup>ab</sup> ±<br>0.04               | 7.27 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.09              | NP | 5.63 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.07         | 7.16 <sup>ab</sup> ± 0.11     | $6.65^{ab} \pm 0.13$                | 7.48 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.08         | NP |
| LOI / %  | 4.18 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.12          | 7.52 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.02         | 4.65°±<br>0.24                             | $8.14^{d} \pm 0.19$                      | Р  | 11.15 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.18        | 9.95 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.75   | $12.46^{c} \pm 0.08$                | $13.67^d \pm 0.39$               | Р  |
| Clay / %   | 1.31 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.09          | $3.19^{ab} \pm 0.16$                | 1.94 <sup>ab</sup> ±<br>0.10               | $5.09^{b} \pm 0.44$                      | NP | $22.8^{a}\pm7.17$                | 22.00 <sup>a</sup> ± 1.11     | $10.74^{b} \pm 2.26$                | $15.10^{ab} \pm 1.87$            | Р  |
| Silt / %   | 9.78 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.63          | $32.57^{ab} \pm 2.76$               | 15.00 <sup>ab</sup> ± 0.61                 | $39.93^{b} \pm 1.94$                     | Р  | $45.63^a \pm 7.82$               | $54.47^{ab} \pm 3.84$         | $26.40^{c} \pm 3.56$                | $64.87^{b} \pm 3.62$             | Р  |
| Sand / %   | 88.93 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.74         | $64.23^{b} \pm\ 2.87$               | 83.07°±<br>0.67                            | $54.97^d \pm 2.12$                       | Р  | 31.57 <sup>a</sup> ± 15.00       | $23.57^a \pm 4.92$            | $62.80^{b} \pm 5.80$                | $20.03^a \pm 5.47$               | Р  |
| Textural class<br>Total As / mg kg <sup>-1</sup> | Sand<br>33200 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>3020 | Sandy loam 310 <sup>ab</sup> ± 29.5 | Loamy sand<br>1810 <sup>ab</sup> ±<br>47.6 | Sandy loam<br>124 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>9.15 | NP | Loam<br>2.03 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.07 | Silt loam < 0.02 <sup>b</sup> | Sandy loam $4.24^{\circ}\pm$ $0.05$ | Silt loam<br>< 0.02 <sup>b</sup> | Р  |
| Total Fe / %                                     | 11.2 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.31          | $2.67^{b} \pm 0.09$                 | 3.36 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.15                | $13.0^d \pm 0.17$                        | Р  | $60.57^a \pm 0.31$               | $47.20^{b} \pm 1.23$          | $59.87^{ab} \pm 3.26$               | 57.41 <sup>ab</sup> ±<br>0.42    | NP |
| AO Fe / %  | ND                                   | ND                                  | ND   | ND                                       |    | $12.84^a \pm 0.43$               | $24.19^{b} \pm 0.54$          | 25.25 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.61        | 25.00 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.35     | Р  |
| CBD Fe / %                                       | ND                                   | ND                                  | ND   | ND                                       |    | 94.21 ab ± 1.20                  | $79.28^{b} \pm 0.78$          | 96.15 <sup>a</sup> ± 1.46           | 83.23 <sup>ab</sup> ±<br>17.43   | NP |
| PZNC   | ND                                   | ND                                  | ND   | ND                                       |    | $5.36^a\!\!\pm0.29$              | 6.15 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.20   | 5.94 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.46         | 4.26 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.31      | NP |
| $BET / m^2 g^{-1}$                               | ND                                   | ND                                  | ND   | ND                                       |    | 170 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>5.70       | 261 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>1.71    | 65.4°±<br>0.72                      | 79.9 <sup>d</sup> ±<br>0.50      | Р  |
| Mineralogy / %                                   |                                      |                                     |  |  |    |                                  |                               |                                     |                                  |    |
| Goethite   | BDL                                  | BDL                                 | BDL  | 16                                       |    | 100                              | 100                           | 100                                 | 100                              |    |
| Quartz   | 43                                   | 70                                  | 65   | 84                                       |    | BDL                              | BDL                           | BDL                                 | BDL                              |    |
| Chlorite + kaolinite                             | 45                                   | 7                                   | 11   | BDL                                      |    | BDL                              | BDL                           | BDL                                 | BDL                              |    |
| Mica   | 6                                    | 11                                  | 13   | BDL                                      |    | BDL                              | BDL                           | BDL                                 | BDL                              |    |
| Microcline                                       | BDL                                  | 7                                   | 9  | BDL                                      |    | BDL                              | BDL                           | BDL                                 | BDL                              |    |
| Fluorite   | 5                                    | 1                                   | 1  | BDL                                      |    | BDL                              | BDL                           | BDL                                 | BDL                              |    |
| Albite   | Trace                                | 4                                   | 1  | BDL                                      |    | BDL                              | BDL                           | BDL                                 | BDL                              |    |
| Siderite   | 1                                    | Trace                               | Trace                                      | BDL                                      |    | BDL                              | BDL                           | BDL                                 | BDL                              |    |

AO = ammonium oxalate extractable Fe; CBD = citrate bicarbonate dithionite extractable Fe; ND = not determined; PZNC = point of net zero charge; BDL = below detection limit of  $\sim 5$  %. Across the soils and across ochres, values were compared by Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) if normally distributed (P) or Kruskal-Wallis Analysis of Variance on Ranks if not normally distributed (NP), values with different subscripts are significantly different (p  $\leq$  0.05; Tukey test).

### Adsorption experiments

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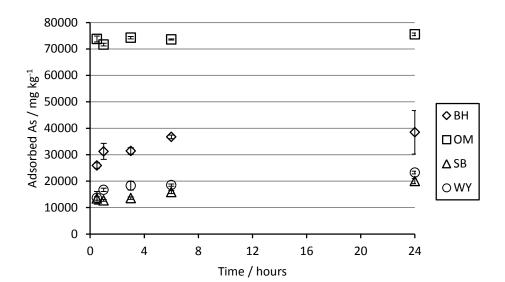
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2 Since Fe oxides can adsorb As (Dixit and Hering, 2003; Kanematsu et al., 2013; Miretzky 3 and Cirelli, 2010) it was expected that the ochres would sorb As and this was verified in 4 initial adsorption experiments conducted at pHs above and below the PZNC (Fig. 1). The 5 majority of adsorption happened within the first 30 minutes of the experiment (Fig. 1), as in 6 other experiments using ochres (Doi et al., 2005). The ochre PZNC values (Table 1) are 7 lower than reported literature values of 7.5 – 9.0 for goethite (Stumm and Morgan, 1981; 8 Bigham et al., 2002). This is probably due to organic matter in the ochres (Appel et al. 2003). 9 Significant adsorption occurred at both pH 3 and 8, below and above the PZNC, suggesting that sorption was dominated by chemisorption rather than electrostatic interactions. 10 11 Consistent with other anion adsorption studies, adsorption was generally greater at pH 3 than pH 8 (Giménez et al., 2007; Dixit and Hering, 2003; Matis et al., 1997). 3-way analysis 12 of variance (ANOVA) indicated that at initial As concentrations of 200 and 500 mg L<sup>-1</sup> there 13 were significant interactions between ochre type, pH and duration of experiment (p < 0.01) 14 15 (Tables S1 and S2). Generally there was little change in adsorption between 6 and 24 hours. 16 Considering the 24 hour data, 3-way ANOVA indicated a significant interaction between ochre type, pH and initial As concentration (p<0.01) (Table S3). At pH 3 and 8 there were 17 significant differences between the adsorption that occurred on BH and OM between the 18 initial As concentrations of 200 and 500 mg L<sup>-1</sup>; more adsorption occurred for initial As 19 concentrations of 500 mg L<sup>-1</sup> for BH but less for OM. The greatest adsorption, at both 200 20 and 500 mg L<sup>-1</sup> As was shown by OM which had the highest surface area; SB and WY 21 showed the least adsorption and had the lowest surface areas. Thus it seems likely that 22 23 differences in adsorption between the ochres were primarily driven by surface area and therefore availability of adsorption sites. 24

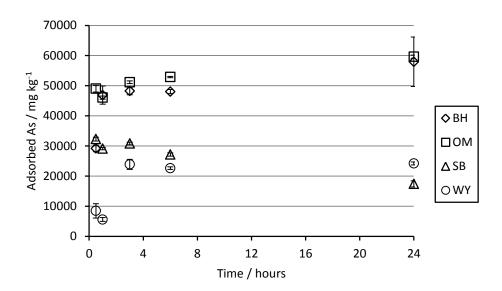
Fig. 1. Arsenic adsorption by the four different ochres (BH, OM, SB and WY) at a) pH 3, initial As concentration of 200 mg L<sup>-1</sup>, b) pH 3, initial As concentration of 500 mg L<sup>-1</sup>, c) pH 8, initial As concentration of 200 mg L<sup>-1</sup>, d) pH 8, initial As concentration of 500 mg L<sup>-1</sup>.

Adsorption values are means of 3 replicate analyses, vertical error bars are standard deviations.

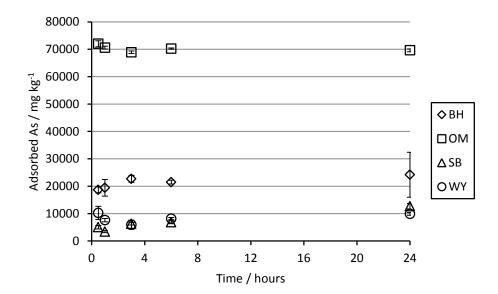
## a) pH 3, 200 mg/L As



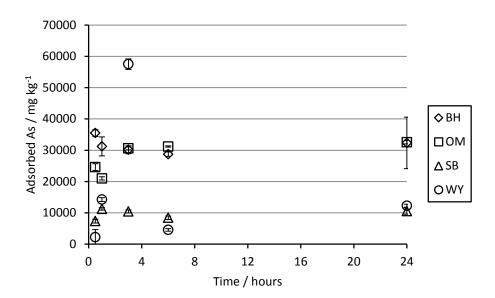
b) pH 3, 500 mg / L As



## c) pH 8, 200 mg/L As



# d) pH 8, 500 mg / L As



## Batch experiments

- 45 Arsenic concentrations in batch experiments using RRT1 and SCP soils were below
- 46 detection (8 μg L<sup>-1</sup>) and are not discussed further. Unamended RRT2 soil released less As

into solution than DGC (Fig. 2) though as a proportion of total As, RRT2 released more, highlighting the importance of determining mobile or available contaminant concentrations rather than total concentrations in pollution studies and risk assessment. Addition of even a small amount of ochre reduced As release into solution. The decrease in As release with increasing ochre addition was presumably due to provision of more sorption sites (Fig. 2). Arsenic concentration in solution was below detection in the RRT2 experiment at all levels of ochre addition.

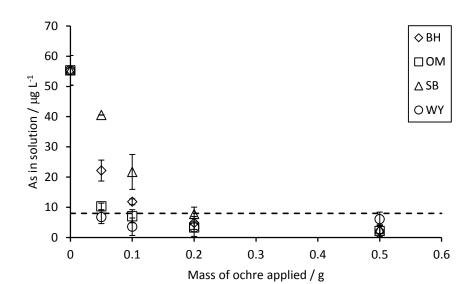
Two-way ANOVA of the DGC data indicates a statistically significant effect of both ochre type and mass of ochre added on As concentration in solution and a significant interaction between the two (p≤0.001) (Table S4). OM and WY remove significantly more As from solution than BH and SB at ochre loadings of 0.05 and 0.1 g (p≤0.01) but at the higher loadings effects of the different ochres are not significantly different. Perhaps at these masses of ochre, adsorption sites are not a limiting factor for As removal. Increasing ochre loadings does not increase As removal from solution by OM and WY but has a significant effect on As removal for BH and SB. OM has a higher surface area than the other ochres (Table 1) and was the most adsorptive in the adsorption experiments. However, WY has a relatively low surface area and, in adsorption experiments showed relatively low adsorption, together with BH. This suggests that interaction with the soil played an important role in determining the level of As removal. The OM and WY suspensions both had higher pHs (Table S5) than the BH and SB suspensions but it seems unlikely that higher pH causes reduced As release since typically As adsorption is greater at lower pH, as observed in our adsorption experiments and elsewhere (Giménez et al., 2007; Dixit and Hering, 2003; Matis et al., 1997).

The adsorption and batch experiments demonstrate that ochres adsorb As and therefore have the potential to be used to remediate As-contaminated soils. However, in both cases,

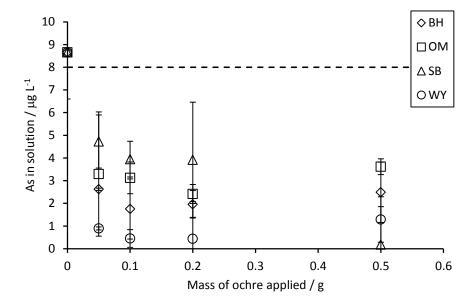
there was a high ratio of solution to solid, maximising interaction between As in solution and potential sorbing surfaces. If mineral amendments are to be used in the field they will be mixed with soils and the level of contaminant – mineral interaction will be less. Therefore further experiments, with more realistic ochre – soil mixtures are necessary to fully assess the merits of mineral amendments for soil remediation.

**Fig. 2.** Arsenic concentration in solution after 24 hour batch experiment solutions using 1 g of As-bearing soil and varying masses of ochre for a) DGC soil and b) RRT2 soil. Values are mean of three replicates, error bars are standard deviations. The dashed horizontal line indicates the detection level of 8  $\mu$ g L<sup>-1</sup>.

a) DGC soil



b) RRT2 soil



### Incubation experiments

Ochre amendments reduced the amount of 0.01 M CaCl<sub>2</sub> extractable As (Table 2a, S6). For RRT2 soil the amendments reduced extractable As from 0.27  $\pm$  0.08 mg kg<sup>-1</sup> to below detection (8  $\mu$ g L<sup>-1</sup>, 0.16 mg kg<sup>-1</sup>). For DGC soil, similar to the adsorption and batch experiments, OM ochre had the most significant impact. Extractable As increased over time for the unamended and amended DGC soil ( $p \le 0.01$ ). However, the ratio of extractable As in the unamended to ochre amended soils (Table 2b) either remained the same or increased ( $p \le 0.01$ ) suggesting that the efficacy of ochre treatments in reducing As mobility was constant or increased with respect to incubation time.

Table 2a. 0.01 M CaCl<sub>2</sub> extractable As in the DGC soils.

| Ochre | Week 3                     | Week 12                    | Week 24                    | Week 52                    |
|-------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| None  | 2.25 <u>+</u> 0.41aA       | $3.85 \pm 0.33 \text{ aB}$ | $6.27 \pm 0.33 \ aC$       | 6.4 ± 0.30 aC              |
| BH    | $1.69\pm0.07~bcA$          | $3.44\pm0.28~bB$           | $5.02\pm0.19~bC$           | $4.38\pm0.16~\text{bD}$    |
| OM    | $0.79\pm0.04~\text{dA}$    | $1.33\pm0.08~\mathrm{cB}$  | $1.41 \pm 0.11 \text{ cB}$ | $2.01 \pm 0.09 \text{ cC}$ |
| SB    | $1.82 \pm 0.11 \ bA$       | $3.26\pm0.13~\text{bB}$    | $4.21 \pm 0.21 \ dC$       | $3.47\pm0.24~\text{dB}$    |
| WY    | $1.45 \pm 0.26 \text{ cA}$ | 2.65 ±0.18dB               | $2.79 \pm 0.09eB$          | $5.25 \pm 0.08 \text{ eC}$ |

Values are means of 5 replicates  $\pm$  standard deviation. Same letters = not significantly different (p  $\leq$  0.05, Holm-Sidak method). Lower case letters are for comparisons within specific weeks, capital letters within specific ochre treatments.

Table 2b. Ratio of 0.01 M CaCl<sub>2</sub> extractable As in the unamended to amended DGC soils.

|           | Week 3                     | Week 12           | Week 24                  | Week 52                  |
|-----------|----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| None / BH | $1.33 \pm 0.06 \text{ ab}$ | $1.12 \pm 0.02$ a | $1.25 \pm 0.01$ a        | 1.46 ± 0.01 a            |
| None / OM | $2.85 \pm 0.29 a$          | $2.90 \pm 0.09 a$ | $4.44 \pm 0.17 \ b$      | $3.18 \pm 0.04 \ b$      |
| None / SB | $1.24 \pm 0.06 \ ab$       | $1.18 \pm 0.01$ a | $1.49 \pm 0.01 \ c$      | $1.84\pm0.02~\mathrm{c}$ |
| None / WY | $1.56 \pm 0.16$ ab         | $1.45 \pm 0.03$ a | $2.25\pm0.02~\textrm{d}$ | $1.22 \pm 0.00 a$        |

Uncertainties in ratios are propagated through the calculations from the standard deviations about mean As extraction. Ratios are compared using Least squared difference. Same letters = treatment not significantly different between weeks

Addition of ochre amendments typically increased pH in both soils (Tables 3, S7) though there are no consistent trends in pH change over time. pH increases due to ochre addition have been observed previously (Doi et al., 2005; Nielsen et al., 2011). Doi et al. (2005) attributed the increases to dissolution of calcite present as an impurity in the ochres. No calcite was detected in the present ochres but the ochre pH (Table 1) suggests that calcite might be present, buffering pH, at concentrations below the XRD level of detection (c. 5%). Alternatively the pH increase may be due to the release of OH<sup>-</sup> due to sorption of anionic As species to the ochre (Jain et al., 1999).

Table 3. pH of a) DGC and b) RRT2 soil.

| Ochre | Week 3                     | Week 12                    | Week 24                     | Week 52                    |
|-------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| None  | 2.82 ± 0.02 aA             | 2.56 ± 0.11 aB             | 2.90 ± 0.03 aC              | 2.96 ± 0.03 aD             |
| BH    | $2.79 \pm 0.02 \text{ aA}$ | 2.58 ±0.07 aB              | $2.88 \pm 0.03 aC$          | $2.97 \pm 0.02 aD$         |
| OM    | $3.58 \pm 0.09  bA$        | $3.30 \pm 0.04 \text{ cB}$ | $3.39 \pm 0.02  bC$         | $3.33 \pm 0.02  \text{bB}$ |
| SB    | $2.91 \pm 0.02 \text{ cA}$ | $2.79 \pm 0.03  dA$        | $2.96 \pm 0.02 \text{ cAB}$ | $3.00 \pm 0.03 \text{ aB}$ |
| WY    | $3.38 \pm 0.03  dA$        | $3.25 \pm 0.03 \text{ cB}$ | $3.30 \pm 0.02  dAC$        | $3.26 \pm 0.03$ cC         |

Values are means of 5 replicates  $\pm$  standard deviation. Same letters = not significantly different (p  $\leq$  0.05, Holm-Sidak method). Lower case letters are for comparisons within specific weeks, capital letters within specific ochre treatments.

123 Table 3b.

| Ochre | Week 3                      | Week 12                    | Week 24                    | Week 52                     |
|-------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| None  | 4.28 ± 0.09 aA              | 4.05 ± 0.13 aB             | 4.54 ± 0.09 aC             | 4.55 ± 0.04 aC              |
| BH    | $4.45 \pm 0.13 \text{ bA}$  | $4.44 \pm 0.10 \text{ bA}$ | 4.77 ±0.07 bB              | $4.70 \pm 0.04  \text{bB}$  |
| OM    | $5.12 \pm 0.10 \text{ cAB}$ | $5.02 \pm 0.06 \text{ cA}$ | $5.23 \pm 0.04 \text{ cB}$ | $5.16 \pm 0.04 \text{ cB}$  |
| SB    | $4.60 \pm 0.05  dAB$        | $4.58 \pm 0.07  dA$        | $4.71 \pm 0.05  \text{bB}$ | $4.65 \pm 0.03 \text{ bAB}$ |
| WY    | $5.08 \pm 0.06 \text{ cAB}$ | $4.92 \pm 0.04 eC$         | $5.13 \pm 0.04 \text{ cA}$ | $5.02 \pm 0.01  dBC$        |

Values are means of 5 replicates  $\pm$  standard deviation. Same letters = not significantly different (p  $\leq$  0.05, Holm-Sidak method). Lower case letters are for comparisons within

specific weeks, capital letters within specific ochre treatments.

Eh was positive at weeks 24 and 52 in the incubation experiment (Table 4, S8). For DGC soil there were slight differences between treatments and, when significant changes occurred between 24 and 52 weeks Eh became more oxidising. Only in week 52 did one treatment (WY) result in a lower Eh than the unamended soil. In contrast there was a significant decrease in Eh between weeks 24 and 52 for all the RRT2 treatments. The Eh-pH conditions recorded fall around the Fe<sup>2+</sup><sub>(aq)</sub> - FeOOH and H<sub>3</sub>AsO<sub>3</sub> (i.e. As<sup>III</sup>) - H<sub>2</sub>AsO<sub>4</sub><sup>-1</sup> (i.e.

As<sup>V</sup>) stability field divides in Eh-pH diagrams (e.g. Scheffer and Schachtschabel, 1989; Lu and Zhu, 2011) making it hard to be certain of the speciation of either the Fe or As in the systems or the stability of the ochres. The ochres may have undergone reductive dissolution during the experiment. At the start of the experiment As may have been present as As<sup>V</sup> in the soil with the reduction in Eh in the RRT2- OM, SB and WY mixtures causing reduction to As<sup>III</sup>. The reduction in Eh could be driven by oxidation of organic matter. RRT2 contains slightly more organic matter than DGC which may explain why no Eh reductions were seen in the DGC mixes. However, if the Eh reduction is due to organic matter oxidation it is not clear why this occurred in the RRT2- OM, SB and WY mixtures but not the RRT2-BH mixture or untreated soil.

Table 4. Eh of a) DGC and b) RRT2 soil (mV).

| Ochre | Week 24          | Week 52          |
|-------|------------------|------------------|
| None  | 438.2 ± 28.0 abA | 506.0 ± 8.8 aB   |
| BH    | 418.2 ± 19.9 abA | 454.4 ± 47.8 abA |
| OM    | 383.4 ± 28.5 aA  | 484.6 ± 17.7 abB |
| SB    | 453.4 ± 41.7 bA  | 469.8 ± 10.6 abA |
| WY    | 433.4 ± 53.9 abA | 439.6 ± 14.1 bA  |

Values are means of 5 replicates  $\pm$  standard deviation. Same letters = not significantly different (p  $\leq$  0.05, Holm-Sidak method). Lower case letters are for comparisons within specific weeks, capital letters within specific ochre treatments.

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| Ochre | Week 24         | Week 52                     |
|-------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| None  | 439.6 ± 49.7 aA | 476 ± 9.6 aA                |
| BH    | 474.2 ± 42.6 aA | 397.6 ± 54.5 bB             |
| OM    | 469.0 ± 25.8 aA | $204.0 \pm 34.0 \text{ cB}$ |
| SB    | 471.2 ± 30.4 aA | 188.0 ± 22.8 cB             |
| WY    | 402.0 ± 57.7 bA | 216.6 ± 4.9 cB              |

Values are means of 5 replicates  $\pm$  standard deviation. Same letters = not significantly different (p  $\leq$  0.05, Holm-Sidak method). Lower case letters are for comparisons within specific weeks, capital letters within specific ochre treatments.

Ammonium oxalate extractions were used as a proxy for amorphous and poorly crystalline iron oxides. For the DGC soils the amount of amorphous and poorly crystalline iron oxide

was generally greatest for the OM-amended soil and increased over time (Tables 5a, S9a). The other ochre amendments didn't significantly increase the amount of extractable iron. A similar trend of increasingly extractable iron over time occured for the RRT2 soil (Table 5b, S9b). The amount of extractable iron was lower for the RRT2 than the DGC soil, despite the same level of Fe amendments. However for the RRT2 soil the ochre amendments did increase the amount of extractable Fe. The DGC control soil contains more ammonium extractable Fe than RRT2 (Table 5) suggesting that background iron levels in the soils might be dominating the results of this extraction for DGC but that for RRT2, iron levels are sufficiently low for ochre amendments to have a significant impact.

Table 5a. Acid ammonium extractable Fe in a) DGC and b) RRT2 soil (mg kg<sup>-1</sup>).

| Ochre  | Week 3A         | Week 12B        | Week 24 C       | Week 52 D       |
|--------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| None a | 4.96 ± 1.21     | 4.92 ± 1.0      | $7.73 \pm 0.73$ | 6.77 ± 0.12     |
| BH a   | $5.75 \pm 0.05$ | $4.46 \pm 0.10$ | $7.32 \pm 0.09$ | $6.01 \pm 0.36$ |
| OM b   | $5.61 \pm 0.55$ | 5.11 ± 0.19     | $9.61 \pm 0.07$ | $8.10 \pm 0.28$ |
| SB a   | $4.98 \pm 0.08$ | $4.30 \pm 0.18$ | 8.16 ± 1.1      | $5.75 \pm 0.37$ |
| WY a   | 5.18 ± 1.13     | 4.31 ± 0.16     | $8.23 \pm 2.6$  | $5.79 \pm 0.19$ |

Values are means of 5 replicates  $\pm$  standard deviation. Same letters = not significantly different (p  $\leq$  0.05, Holm-Sidak method). Lower case letters are for comparisons between treatments taking account of all weeks, capital letters between weeks taking account of all treatments.

Table 5b.

| Ochre | Week 3                       | Week 12                     | Week 24                    | Week 52                    |
|-------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| None  | $0.35 \pm 0.039 \text{ aA}$  | $0.33 \pm 0.032 \text{ aA}$ | 0.83 ± 0.57 aB             | 0.51 ± 0.48 aA             |
| BH    | $0.74 \pm 0.16 \text{ bA}$   | 0.85 ±0.048 bA              | $1.8 \pm 0.038  \text{bB}$ | $1.7 \pm 0.074 \text{ bB}$ |
| OM    | $1.8 \pm 0.16 \text{ cA}$    | $1.8 \pm 0.033 \text{ cA}$  | $3.9 \pm 0.052 \text{ cB}$ | $4.1 \pm 0.080 \text{ cB}$ |
| SB    | $0.58 \pm 0.091 \text{ abA}$ | $0.46 \pm 0.031 \text{ aA}$ | 1.0 ± 0.0068 aB            | $0.97 \pm 0.0051  dB$      |
| WY    | $0.76 \pm 0.069  bA$         | $0.87 \pm 0.048  bA$        | 1.4 ± 0.015 dB             | 1.5 ± 0.039 b B            |

Values are means of 5 replicates  $\pm$  standard deviation. Same letters = not significantly different (p  $\leq$  0.05, Holm-Sidak method). Lower case letters are for comparisons within specific weeks, capital letters within specific ochre treatments.

Ochre amendments increased the citrate dithionite extractable iron, a proxy for crystalline Fe, in both soils, though this increase became less over time (Tables 6, S10) suggesting a gradual loss of crystalline material, possibly as goethite in the ochre degraded, producing more amorphous material. Assuming that the ochres were pure goethite, the level of ochre amendment would have resulted in goethite concentrations in the mixtures at or below the limit of detection of XRD (c. 5%), thus no attempt was made to track changes in Fe mineralogy in the mixtures using XRD. However, the operationally defined decrease in crystalline and increase in amorphous Fe oxides is consistent with the Eh-pH data. Goethite dominated the ochre mineralogy as determined by XRD during material characterisation and Eh-pH measurements suggest the potential for this phase to be unstable in the ochre amended soils. Fe oxides are dynamic species that change in soils over time (e.g. Bigham et al, 2002; Schwertmann and Cornell, 1991). Our incubation study was a year long but it is possible, given the slow kinetics of many redox reactions, that the mineralogy of the mixtures was not in steady state but was still changing. This highlights an important consideration for studies on soil amendments. In addition to laboratory testing, modelling should be carried out to try and predict the long term stability of the amendments and their impact on contaminant mobility.

Table 6a. Citrate dithionite extractable Fe in a) DGC and b) RRT2 soil (mg kg<sup>-1</sup>).

| Ochre | Week 3                      | Week 12                    | Week 24            | Week 52                   |
|-------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| None  | 5.95 ± 0.28 aA              | 6.92 ± 0.22 aB             | 5.89 ± 0.61 abA    | 5.54 ± 0.23 aA            |
| BH    | $7.34 \pm 0.20 \text{ bcA}$ | $11.3 \pm 0.26 \text{ bB}$ | $6.06 \pm 0.50 aC$ | 6.16 ± 0.09 aC            |
| OM    | $7.21 \pm 0.26$ bcA         | $10.5 \pm 0.38 \text{ cB}$ | 5.62 ± 0.16 abC    | 6.31 ± 0.11 aC            |
| SB    | 6.66 ± 0.17 abA             | $9.12 \pm 0.56  dB$        | 4.98 ± 0.13 bC     | 5.74 ± 0.23 aD            |
| WY    | $8.03 \pm 0.15 \text{ cA}$  | $10.6 \pm 0.77 \text{ cB}$ | 5.33 ± 0.36 abC    | $6.29 \pm 1.7 \text{ aD}$ |

Values are means of 5 replicates  $\pm$  standard deviation. Same letters = not significantly different (p  $\leq$  0.05, Holm-Sidak method). Lower case letters are for comparisons within specific weeks, capital letters within specific ochre treatments.

202 Table 6b.

| Ochre  | Week 3A         | Week 12 B       | Week 24A        | Week 52 C       |  |
|--------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|
| None a | 3.68 ± 0.90     | 3.45 ± 0.10     | 2.84 ± 0.09     | 2.63 ± 0.08     |  |
| BH b   | $6.89 \pm 0.09$ | $7.97 \pm 0.27$ | $7.12 \pm 0.24$ | $5.53 \pm 0.14$ |  |
| ОМс    | 6.17 ± 1.8      | $6.93 \pm 0.64$ | $6.27 \pm 0.49$ | $5.26 \pm 0.19$ |  |
| SB d   | $5.01 \pm 0.24$ | $5.97 \pm 0.50$ | 5.18± 0.47      | $4.42 \pm 0.20$ |  |
| WY b   | $7.71 \pm 0.33$ | 8.53 ± 1.68     | $7.28 \pm 0.56$ | $5.84 \pm 0.13$ |  |

Values are means of 5 replicates  $\pm$  standard deviation. Same letters = not significantly different (p  $\leq$  0.05, Holm-Sidak method). Lower case letters are for comparisons between treatments taking account of all weeks, capital letters between weeks taking account of all treatments.

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Typically the adsorption capacity of less well crystalline material is greater than that of more crystalline material (e.g. Jambor and Dutrizac, 1998; Cornell and Schwermann, 2003; Guzman et al., 1994). Thus the conversion of free oxides to amorphous material should lead to an increase in As sorption. This is consistent with the increased efficacy of the ochre treatments (Table 2b). However 0.01 M CaCl<sub>2</sub> extractable As increased with time. This may be due to reductive dissolution of the ochres to Fe<sup>2+</sup>, with amorphous material being an intermediate reaction product. Alternatively or additionally an increase in dissolved organic carbon due to break down of organic matter leading to increased competition for sorption sites between As species and either, or both, dissolved organic matter (DOM) (e.g. Garcia-Sánchez et al., 2010; Gustafsson, 2006; Weng et al, 2009) and phosphate (e.g. Mamindy-Pajany et al., 2011; Sharma and Kappler, 2011; Smith et al., 2002) would lead to an increase in As release. Similar to the possible reductive dissolution of goethite in the ochre, the change in Eh-pH conditions for the RRT2-OM, SB and WY mixtures might cause a change in As speciation from As to As III. At the pH of the mixtures, adsorption of As is more favourable than that of As<sup>III</sup> (e.g. Dixit and Hering, 2003; Miretsky and Cirelli, 2010). Thus reduction of As could lead to an increase in 0.01 M CaCl<sub>2</sub> extractable As. Such changes could be driven by microbial activity (Páez-Espino et al. 2009; Yamamura and Amachi, 2014). At present we are unable to differentiate between these possible mechanisms. Dissolved organic carbon and phosphate were not measured in our extractions. Although we measured Eh and pH in our mixtures, conditions plot too close to

stability field boundaries to be certain of the oxidation state or stability of the phases present. A more detailed spectroscopic investigation to determine Fe and As speciation would be required to resolve this. This highlights the importance of Eh-pH conditions when considering Fe amendments and As remediation. Additionally the possible increase in sorption capacity of the ochre (Table 2) due to conversion of crystalline to amorphous Fe oxyhydroxides coupled with potential desorption of As from ochres due to interaction with DOM, phosphate and changing As speciation highlights the difficulties in extrapolating from simple laboratory-based adsorption experiments to interactions in the field.

Microbial activity, determined using a FDA hydrolysis assay, which estimates the total hydrolytic capacity of soils, was greatest after 3 weeks of incubation ( $p \le 0.01$ ) for both soils (Table 7). Prior to incubation the soil had been air-dried and sieved. Initial peaks in microbial activity are commonly observed when dry, sieved soil is moistened since microbial metabolism is no longer constrained by desiccation and there is enhanced substrate availability due to: (i) production of cytoplasmic solutes by the microbial biomass in response to the rapid increase in soil water potentials (Fierer and Schimel, 2003) and (ii) exposure of previously physically protected organic matter as a result of sieving (Franzluebbers, 1999) and rewetting (Fierer and Schimel, 2003). Initially, activity was greater in the WY amended soils but from Week 12 onwards there were no significant differences between control and ochre-amended soils (Table 7, S11).

Table 7a. Microbial activity ( $\mu$ g fluorescein per gram dry soil per 0.5 h) in a) DGC and b) RRT2 soil.

| Ochre | Week 3                     | Week 12         | Week 24         | Week 52         |
|-------|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| None  | 29.6 ± 9.21 aA             | 16.1 ± 3.89 aB  | 5.05 ± 1.06 aC  | 7.51 ± 1.96 aC  |
| BH    | $30.2 \pm 6.23 \text{ aA}$ | 10.9 ± 1.37 aB  | 9.02 ± 0.950 aB | 7.00 ± 1.46 aB  |
| OM    | 41.2 ± 9.79 bA             | 12.8 ± 0.782 aB | 15.3 ± 7.29 aB  | 15.0 ± 2.60 aB  |
| SB    | 29.0 ± 8.45 aA             | 10.1 ± 1.97 aB  | 6.54 ± 1.83 aB  | 10.3 ± 0.798 aB |
| WY    | $48.8 \pm 17.0 \text{ bA}$ | 15.3 ± 2.65 aB  | 14.3 ± 2.64 aB  | 16.2 ± 3.57 aB  |

Values are means of 5 replicates  $\pm$  standard deviation. Same letters = not significantly different (p  $\leq$  0.05, Holm-Sidak method). Lower case letters are for comparisons within specific weeks, capital letters within specific ochre treatments.

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| Ochre | Week 3        | Week 12       | Week 24       | Week 52       |
|-------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| None  | 38.4 ± 9.44aA | 19.2 ± 3.00aB | 24.9 ± 3.40aB | 22.7 ± 2.47aB |
| BH    | 37.6 ± 6.16aA | 18.1 ± 5.18aB | 20.8 ± 5.56aB | 21.0 ± 2.19aB |
| OM    | 41.0 ± 6.17aA | 16.9 ± 3.38aB | 27.5 ± 2.86aC | 24.3 ± 2.61aC |
| SB    | 35.9 ± 8.11aA | 19.7 ± 7.41aB | 21.5 ± 2.84aB | 20.8 ± 4.74aB |
| WY    | 51.6 ± 9.27bA | 15.7 ± 2.05aB | 22.2 ± 3.13aB | 18.8 ± 3.51aB |

Values are means of 5 replicates  $\pm$  standard deviation. Same letters = not significantly different (p  $\leq$  0.05, Holm-Sidak method). Lower case letters are for comparisons within specific weeks, capital letters within specific ochre treatments.

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Our initial extractions suggest that ochre amendments can reduce the amount of 0.01 M CaCl<sub>2</sub> extractable As from As-contaminated soils, most likely due to sorption of As to iron oxyhydroxides. However, ochre amendment, with the exception for OM (DGC soil) and WY (DGC and RRT2 soil) ochre at week 3 (Table 7a), does not cause a significant increase in microbial activity. In week 3, the increased microbial activity in the OM and WY ochre amended DGC soils corresponded to the most pronounced ochre-induced reductions in As mobility. Arsenic can cause microbial toxicity (Páez-Espino et al. 2009; Yamamura and Amachi, 2014) so this result could be interpreted as ochre-mediated alleviation of As toxicity. However, in subsequent weeks As mobility increases whilst microbial activity remains constant and As mobility is greater in the non-amended soils whilst there is no difference in microbial activity between amended and non-amended soils (Tables 2a, 7). The differential response in week 3 might be related to the rehydration of the soil at the start of the experiment. As previously explained, this would likely have resulted in a flush of available substrate and it is possible that microorganisms in OM and WY ochre amended DGC soils were more able to respond to this flush as a result of reduced As toxicity (or elevated pH) in these treatments; once rehydration effects subsided effects of ochre amendment on microbial activity were no longer detectable.

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At 3, 12, 24 and 52 weeks subsamples of soil were taken and used in plant bioassays. Rye grass was grown in the soil for 40 days, harvested and then biomass and plant As content

assessed. For both soils generally there was no difference in root biomass with treatment (Table S12, S13) whereas shoot biomass generally increased in the WY and, for RRT2, OM amended soils (Tables 8, S14). Arsenic concentrations in shoots and roots showed a large amount of variation within replicates, potentially indicating adhesion of soil particles to the plant material used in the digestions (e.g. Markert, 1995) as has been found to be problematic in previous studies (e.g. Doi et al., 2005; Walsh and Keeny, 1975). Arsenic concentrations were greater in roots than shoots (Tables 9, 10). For the DGC soil, WY amendments initially reduced As uptake into shoots but over time uptake of As from untreated DGC soil decreased and by week 24 there was no significant effect of the ochre amendments (Tables 9a, S15a). For the RRT2 soil there is a similar decrease in As uptake into shoots over time but no significant impact of ochre on As uptake (Tables 9b, S15b). For roots, there is a similar decrease in As uptake with duration of incubation for the DGC soil so that initially significant reductions in As uptake due to addition of ochre (p<0.01) are not significant after 52 weeks incubation (Tables 10a, S16a). For the RRT2 roots uptake was significantly higher in week 3 compared to weeks 12, 24 and 52 (p<0.01) but there was no significant effect of the ochre amendments (Table 10b, S16b).

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Table 8a. Shoot biomass (mg) for Lolium perenne grown in a) DGC and b) RRT2 soil.

| Ochre | Week 3                      | Week 12                    | Week 24                    | Week 52                    |
|-------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| None  | $20.4 \pm 9.90 \text{ aA}$  | $62.0 \pm 17.6 \text{ aB}$ | $68.0 \pm 17.2 \text{ aB}$ | $15.0 \pm 3.20 \text{ aA}$ |
| BH    | $48.2 \pm 20.8 \text{ abA}$ | $46.2 \pm 14.5 \text{ aA}$ | $57.0 \pm 29.0 \text{ aA}$ | $12.4\pm5.60~aB$           |
| OM    | $65.0\pm10.8~\mathrm{bcA}$  | $58.6 \pm 22.5 \text{ aA}$ | $70.2 \pm 4.30 \text{ aA}$ | $18.0\pm8.50~aB$           |
| SB    | $86.2 \pm 7.50 \text{ cA}$  | $73.4 \pm 30.1 \text{ aA}$ | $70.0 \pm 40.7 \text{ aA}$ | $8.20\pm4.40~aB$           |
| WY    | $132\pm10.4~\text{dA}$      | $211 \pm 43.7 \text{ bB}$  | $133\pm15.0~\text{bA}$     | $33.2 \pm 8.60 \ aC$       |

Values are means of 5 replicates  $\pm$  standard deviation. Same letters = not significantly different (p  $\leq$  0.05, Holm-Sidak method). Lower case letters are for comparisons within specific weeks, capital letters within specific ochre treatments.

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| Ochre | Week 3                       | Week 12                    | Week 24                    | Week 52                    |
|-------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| None  | $37.2 \pm 27.7 \text{ aA}$   | $178 \pm 18.5  aB$         | $109 \pm 30.0 \text{ aAB}$ | 71.8 ± 10.0 aA             |
| BH    | $65.2 \pm 30.8 \text{ abAB}$ | $182 \pm 68.4 \ aC$        | $144 \pm 53.5 \text{ aAC}$ | $84.8 \pm 14.2 \text{ aB}$ |
| OM    | $109 \pm 68.7~abA$           | $313 \pm 55.5~\text{bB}$   | $307\pm81.9~bB$            | $267\pm32.5bB$             |
| SB    | $52.6 \pm 39.4 \text{ aA}$   | $58.8 \pm 21.2 \text{ cA}$ | $76.2 \pm 17.7 \text{ aA}$ | $26.8 \pm 5.60 \text{ aA}$ |
| WY    | $142.2 \pm 20.0 \text{ bA}$  | $284 \pm 24.4 \text{ bB}$  | $289 \pm 85.1 \text{ bB}$  | $246\pm43.6~\text{bB}$     |

Values are means of 5 replicates  $\pm$  standard deviation. Same letters = not significantly different (p  $\leq$  0.05, Holm-Sidak method). Lower case letters are for comparisons within specific weeks, capital letters within specific ochre treatments.

## Table 9a. Shoot As (mg kg<sup>-1</sup>) for *Lolium perenne* grown in a) DGC and b) RRT2 soil.

| Ochre | Week 3                     | Week 12                  | Week 24                   | Week 52                    |
|-------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| None  | 983± 594 aA                | 2005 ± 1081 aB           | 297 ± 95.4 aC             | 221 ± 153 aC               |
| BH    | $368 \pm 169 \text{ abAB}$ | $795 \pm 309 \text{ bA}$ | $356 \pm 131 \text{ aAB}$ | $46.4 \pm 37.0 \text{ aB}$ |
| OM    | $890 \pm 723 \text{ aA}$   | $122\pm43.2~\text{cB}$   | $169 \pm 95.7 \text{ aB}$ | $72.0 \pm 76.0 \text{ aB}$ |
| SB    | $745 \pm 446 \text{ abA}$  | $523\pm186$ bcA          | $290 \pm 184 \text{ aA}$  | $427 \pm 338 \text{ aA}$   |
| WY    | $171\pm131\ bA$            | $350 \pm 162  bcA$       | $259 \pm 114 \text{ aA}$  | $325 \pm 334 \text{ aA}$   |

Values are means of 5 replicates  $\pm$  standard deviation. Same letters = not significantly different (p  $\leq$  0.05, Holm-Sidak method). Lower case letters are for comparisons within specific weeks, capital letters within specific ochre treatments.

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| Ochre  | Week 3 A        | Week 12B        | Week 24B        | Week 52B        |
|--------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| None a | $255\pm375$     | 145± 192        | $19.1 \pm 4.72$ | 50.7± 40.4      |
| ВН а   | $144 \pm 86.9$  | 31.2± 27.1      | $13.2 \pm 5.75$ | $43.3 \pm 55.3$ |
| OM a   | 105± 85.6       | $9.17 \pm 6.00$ | $9.69 \pm 2.52$ | 14.6± 8.17      |
| SB a   | $89.9 \pm 32.1$ | $61.0 \pm 56.7$ | $16.6 \pm 5.78$ | 39.2± 19.3      |
| WY a   | 23.9+ 22.4      | $10.5 \pm 3.96$ | $9.63 \pm 4.24$ | 11.7+ 7.88      |

Values are means of 5 replicates  $\pm$  standard deviation. Same letters = not significantly different (p  $\leq$  0.05, Holm-Sidak method). Lower case letters are for comparisons between treatments taking account of all weeks, capital letters between weeks taking account of all treatments.

Table 10a. Root As (mg kg<sup>-1</sup>) for *Lolium perenne* grown in a) DGC and b) RRT2 soil.

| Ochre | Week 3          | Week 12        | Week 24      | Week 52      |
|-------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| None  | 5350± 2110 abcA | 2460± 779 aB   | 1830± 346 aB | 1350± 418 aB |
| BH    | 3130± 1400 dA   | 2100± 273 bA   | 1450± 817 aA | 1560± 969 aA |
| OM    | 7470± 3260 bA   | 1640± 388 cB   | 1020± 235 aB | 773± 457 aB  |
| SB    | 3330± 2380 cdA  | 2180± 974 bcA  | 1340± 560 aA | 1270± 614 aA |
| WY    | 4710± 1310 cdA  | 3630± 1478 bcA | 963± 366 aB  | 641± 279 aB  |

Values are means of 5 replicates  $\pm$  standard deviation. Same letters = not significantly different (p  $\leq$  0.05, Holm-Sidak method). Lower case letters are for comparisons within specific weeks, capital letters within specific ochre treatments.

326 Table 10b.

| Ochre  | Week 3 A       | Week 12B        | Week 24B        | Week 52B        |
|--------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| None a | 445± 214       | 171 ± 48.6      | $103 \pm 36.2$  | 96.3 ± 65.7     |
| BH a   | $789 \pm 883$  | $138 \pm 22.4$  | $63.9 \pm 44.2$ | $48.9 \pm 21.2$ |
| ОМ а   | $604 \pm 286$  | $121 \pm 23.8$  | $60.9 \pm 11.5$ | $56.1 \pm 30.7$ |
| SB a   | $266 \pm 65.0$ | $107 \pm 32.0$  | $95.7 \pm 25.8$ | $148\pm174$     |
| WY a   | $431 \pm 199$  | $83.7 \pm 15.5$ | $88.0 \pm 9.84$ | $71.6 \pm 15.9$ |

Values are means of 5 replicates  $\pm$  standard deviation. Same letters = not significantly different (p  $\leq$  0.05; Holm-Sidak method). Lower case letters are for comparisons between treatments taking account of all weeks, capital letters between weeks taking account of all treatments.

Ochre amendments had little benefit in terms of plant growth promotion and As uptake reduction. Higher levels of As in the DGC soil and lower pH clearly had a significant impact on plant growth compared to the RRT2 soil. Root biomass was similar between the two soils despite the higher As content of the DGC roots whereas shoot biomass was lower and shoot As concentration was higher in the DGC soil. This further suggests that some of the "root As" in the DGC roots was actually due to adhering soil particles or that root growth is less sensitive to As than shoot growth. Given the reduction in CaCl<sub>2</sub> extractable As due to ochre addition and the increase in CaCl<sub>2</sub> extractable As over time the lack of a significant impact of ochre on plant uptake and decrease in plant uptake from the soils that had been incubated for longer was surprising. This suggests that As uptake may be dominated by rhizosphere processes at a scale that the extraction of As from bulk soil is unable to resolve.

Due to time constraints the PBET was only applied to soils incubated for 3 and 52 weeks. For the DGC and RRT2 stomach phase and the DGC intestine phase, significantly more As was extracted after 52 weeks incubation compared to 3 weeks incubation for both soils and all treatments ( $p \le 0.01$ ) (Tables 11, S17), consistent with the increase in CaCl<sub>2</sub> extractable As (Table 2). For the RRT2 soil, ochre amendments reduced extractable As ( $p \le 0.01$ ) but this wasn't the case for the DGC soil; this may be due to the pH differences of the soils. RRT2 had a higher pH than DGC and the soil-ochre mixtures may have buffered the low pH of the PBET extraction to a greater extent, resulting in less As release. Extractable As in the intestine phase for the RRT2 soil was below detection (121.95 mg kg<sup>-1</sup>).

#### **Conclusions**

The adsorption and batch experiments suggest that waste ochre may have a role to play in treating As-contaminated water. However further research would be required to establish the Eh-pH stability field of the ochres, the impact of time on ochre composition and sorption capacity, the impact of water chemistry e.g. ionic strength, dissolved organic carbon on sorption, and a means of deploying the ochre in water courses, possibly via incorporation into a semi-permeable membrane.

On the basis of the soil incubation study it is not possible to recommend ochre amendments to As-contaminated soils as a remedial treatment. Although the amendments may reduce transfer of As to water courses they do not impact reliably on other significant pathways of As transfer through the environment, i.e. uptake by plants and release of As following ingestion of As-contaminated soil by humans. Additionally it is not clear that the ochres are stable in the amended soils and therefore the long term impacts on extractable As are not

clear. A more detailed investigation into soil Eh and both ochre and As speciation would be required coupled with modelling studies to cast further light on this.

The well documented sorption of a variety of elements to Fe oxides does suggest that the use of ochres for the remediation of multi-element contaminated waters and soils may be worth investigating for situations with appropriate Eh-pH conditions.

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Table 11. As concentration (mg kg<sup>-1</sup>) in the stomach phase of the PBET extraction.

| Soil  | DGC - stomach |                | DGC – intestine | DGC – intestine |                   | RRT2 - stomach   |  |
|-------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|--|
| Ochre | Week 3 A      | Week 52 B      | Week 3 A        | Week 52 B       | Week 3A           | Week 52B         |  |
| None  | 93.7 ± 2.73a  | 122 ± 32.9     | 517 ± 168 a     | 707 ±96.0       | 8.24 ± 0.326a     | 25.0 ± 3.62      |  |
| BH    | 120 ± 2.45a   | 164 ± 49.3     | 623 ± 112 a     | $685 \pm 53.2$  | $3.53 \pm 1.76b$  | 14.1 ± 1.66      |  |
| OM    | 112 ± 1.82ab  | 185 ± 25.4     | 474 ± 10.3 a    | 796 ± 190       | $3.54 \pm 1.23b$  | $16.5 \pm 4.06$  |  |
| SB    | 97.7 ± 7.97a  | 146 ± 27.9     | 423 ± 51.3 a    | 582 ± 187       | 1.95 ± 1.30b      | 18.0 ± 1.14      |  |
| WY    | 133 ± 5.97b   | $264 \pm 49.6$ | 585 ± 106 a     | 879 ± 102       | $2.61 \pm 0.953b$ | $16.1 \pm 0.290$ |  |

Values are means of 3 replicates  $\pm$  standard deviation. For each set of data (DGC- stomach, DGC – intestine, RRT2 – stomach) same letters = not significantly different (p  $\leq$  0.05; Holm-Sidak method); lower case letters are for comparisons between treatments taking account of both weeks 3 and 52 (letters shown in week 3 column for clarity), capital letters between weeks 3 and 52 taking account of all treatments.

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# Supplementary material

Does ochre have the potential to be a remedial treatment for As-contaminated soils?

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#### Characterisation of soils and ochres

pH was measured on a suspension of 10 g material in 25 mL deionised water that was shaken for 15 minutes at  $20 \pm 1$  °C on an end-over-end shaker prior to measurement with a Jenway 3310 pH meter calibrated using pH 7.00 and 4.00 buffers (ISO, 2005). Loss on ignition was determined as a proxy for organic matter content by oven drying the soils and ochres at 105 °C overnight and then igniting overnight at 500 °C in a muffle furnace (Rowell, 1994). It should be noted that calcium carbonate and clays can degrade at this temperature potentially giving misleadingly high values for the ochre samples. Particle size distribution was determined using a Beckman Coulter LS230 laser granulometer with a variable fluid module and Polarisation intensity differential scattering (PIDS) system. Particle size

calculations were made using the Fraunhofer optical model system (de Boer et al., 1987). BET surface area was determined by gas adsorption and application of the BET isotherm (Brunauer et al., 1938) using a Gemini III 2375 surface area analyser; samples were degassed overnight at 60 °C with a N<sub>2</sub> purge. Total As and Fe of the samples was determined by aqua regia digestion (Arnold et al., 2008) followed by analysis using a Perkin Elmer Optima 3000 inductively coupled plasma-optical emission spectrometer (ICP-OES). The iron content of the ochre was further characterised by acid ammonium oxalate and citrate-bicarbonate-dithionite extractions (Loeppert and Inskeep, 1996) to determine amorphous / poorly crystalline forms of Fe oxides and free Fe oxides respectively. Resulting solutions were analysed by ICP-OES. The point of zero charge of the ochres was determined after the method of Zelazny et al. (1996) which was adapted from Uehara and Gillman (1982). In brief, the ochres were allowed to adsorb K<sup>+</sup> and Cl<sup>-</sup> in an electrolyte of 1 M KCl over a range of pH values; the amount of adsorbed K<sup>+</sup> and Cl<sup>-</sup> were taken as the quantities of negative and positive surface charge at each pH and the PZNC taken as the pH at which these two values were equal and opposite. Mineralogy was determined on randomly oriented samples of ground material using a Siemens D5000 X-ray diffractometer using Cu K $\alpha$  radiation at 40 keV and 40 mA, with a scanning range of 4 $^{\circ}$  – 64 $^{\circ}$ , 20 steps per degree and a dwell time of 2 seconds.

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#### Analytical details for measurements made on the incubation experiment soils

#### Eh measurement

The redox potential of the incubated soil samples was monitored using a platinum electrode, redox solution and a millivolt meter. An initial test was conducted by inserting the platinum electrode into the standard redox solution to ascertain that the meter and the electrode were working within the normal range (200 to 275 mV) (Hanna Instrument). Inserting the electrode into redox standard solution for about 1 hour before measurement helps to ensure stable reading and prevents fluctuation. To take the redox measurement, the platinum electrode

was inserted into the wet soil and allowed to stabilize for one minute before recording the reading from a millivolt meter (Hanna pH 21 pH/mV). The electrode was rinsed with deionised water and then wiped with soft tissue between measurements.

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#### Plant bioassays

For the plant bioassays, plant pots lined with filter paper to aid soil retention were filled with 150 g of the wet incubated soil. Rye grass seeds (0.5 g per pot, purchased from Herbiseed, New Farm, Mire Lane, West End, Twyford, England) were added to the surface of the soil. Plant pots were set out in a completely randomized design in a plant growth room subject to un-monitored ambient temperature and a lighting regime of 150 – 300 micromoles m<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> with a photoperiod of 17 hours. The average amount of water lost from each pot over two days due to evaporation and transpiration was assessed by mass loss as 15 mL. This volume of deionised water was added to the pots every other day. After 40 days plants were harvested. Shoots were cut 1 cm above ground level. Roots were washed in deionised water to remove attached soil. Plant samples were dried at 70 °C to a constant mass which was recorded and then ground using an agate pestle and mortar prior to acid digestion using an in house nitric acid digestion method. This method involved addition of 5 mL of 1M HNO<sub>3</sub> to ≤ 0.25 g of plant material in digestion tubes. Following HNO<sub>3</sub> addition, samples were left overnight and subsequently heated to 60 °C and left for 3 hours. The temperature was raised to 110 °C and the samples digested for a further 6 hours. After cooling samples were filtered, diluted as necessary and analysed for As by ICP-OES.

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#### PBET extraction

The PBET extraction followed that of Intawongse and Dean, (2008). In brief 1 g of air dried,  $\leq$  250  $\mu$ m soil was shaken with 100 mL simulated gastric acid solution at 150 oscillations per hour for one hour at 37  $^{\circ}$ C. 5 mL of solution was filtered through a 0.45  $\mu$ m cellulose filter

and analysed for As by ICP-OES. This was the stomach phase. The gastric acid solution comprised 2.5 g pepsin, 1 g sodium malate, 1 g sodium citrate, 1 mL acetic acid and 0.84 mL lactic acid made up to 2 L with ultra pure water and with the pH adjusted to 2.5 using concentrated hydrochloric acid (stomach phase). Saturated sodium bicarbonate solution was added dropwise to the remaining solution until a pH of 7 was reached. Bile salt (0.175 g) and pancreatin (0.05 g) were added and the solution shaken at 37 °C for a further 4 hours after which time 5 mL of solution was filtered and analysed for As by ICP-OES. This was the small intestine phase. In initial tests a sample was taken at 2 and 4 hours but comparison of the 2 and 4 hour samples indicated that equilibrium had not been reached after 2 hours.

#### Fluorescein diacetate (FDA) hydrolysis assay

The FDA hydrolysis assay followed the method of (Adam and Duncan, 2001). Soil samples (1 g wet weight) in sterile McCartney bottles were amended with 7.5 ml of warmed (26 °C) sterile potassium phosphate buffer (60 mM, pH 7.6) and allowed to equilibrate at 26 °C on a reciprocating shaker for 2 minutes. The assay was initiated by addition of 0.1 ml FDA (Sigma-Aldrich) substrate solution (1000 μg/ml in acetone) to each tube and tubes were incubated (26 °C) with shaking for 30 minutes after which time the assay was stopped by addition of 7.5 ml of chloroform:methanol (2:1). Tubes were vortex mixed (10 s) and then centrifuged at low speed (~300 g, 2 mins) to clarify the phases. The upper phase (2 ml) was further centrifuged (13,000 x g, 5 mins) to remove suspended fines prior to determination of absorbance at 490 nm (Cecil CE292 Spectrophotometer). Absorbance readings were compared to a calibration curve for fluorescein disodium salt (0-5 µg ml<sup>-1</sup> in potassium phosphate buffer, 60 mM, pH 7.6). To correct for extraction of soil compounds absorbing at 490 nm, blank samples amended with 0.1 ml of acetone instead of FDA solution were included. To check for abiotic hydrolysis of FDA, the above assay was also conducted for autoclaved soil samples (15 minutes at 15 psi) but negligible abiotic hydrolysis was recorded.

326 Supporting Table S1. 3 way ANOVA table for 200 mg L<sup>-1</sup> adsorption experiment.

| •                   | •   |                         | •                       | •        |                 |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| Source of variation | df  | SS                      | MS                      | F        | <i>P</i> -value |
| Ochre               | 3   | 7.24 x 10 <sup>10</sup> | 2.41 x 10 <sup>10</sup> | 7152.985 | < 0.001         |
| Time                | 4   | $4.33 \times 10^8$      | 1.08 x 10 <sup>8</sup>  | 32.102   | < 0.001         |
| рН                  | 1   | 2.03 x 10 <sup>9</sup>  | 2.03 x 10 <sup>9</sup>  | 602.118  | < 0.001         |
| Ochre x time        | 12  | 2.11 x 10 <sup>8</sup>  | 1.76 x 10 <sup>7</sup>  | 5.214    | < 0.001         |
| Ochre x pH          | 3   | 2.64 x 10 <sup>8</sup>  | 8.81 x 10 <sup>7</sup>  | 26.107   | < 0.001         |
| Time x pH           | 4   | $8.95 \times 10^7$      | $2.24 \times 10^7$      | 6.630    | < 0.001         |
| Ochre x time x pH   | 12  | 1.06 x 10 <sup>8</sup>  | 8.82 x 10 <sup>6</sup>  | 2.614    | 0.005           |
| Residual            | 80  | 2.70 x 10 <sup>8</sup>  | $3.37 \times 10^6$      |          |                 |
| Total               | 119 | $7.58 \times 10^{10}$   | $6.37 \times 10^8$      |          |                 |

329 Supporting Table S2. 3 way ANOVA table for 500 mg L<sup>-1</sup> adsorption experiment.

| Source of variation | df  | SS                      | MS                     | F       | <i>P</i> -value |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------|------------------------|---------|-----------------|
| Ochre               | 3   | 1.37 x 10 <sup>10</sup> | 4.56 x 10 <sup>9</sup> | 347.362 | < 0.001         |
| Time                | 4   | 2.04 x 10 <sup>9</sup>  | 5.10 x 10 <sup>8</sup> | 38.867  | < 0.001         |
| рН                  | 1   | 5.63 x 10 <sup>9</sup>  | 5.63 x 10 <sup>9</sup> | 428.674 | < 0.001         |
| Ochre x time        | 12  | 3.75 x 10 <sup>9</sup>  | $3.13 \times 10^8$     | 23.838  | < 0.001         |
| Ochre x pH          | 3   | 2.55 x 10 <sup>9</sup>  | 8.52 x 10 <sup>8</sup> | 64.893  | < 0.001         |
| Time x pH           | 4   | 6.47 x 10 <sup>8</sup>  | 1.62 x 10 <sup>8</sup> | 12.331  | < 0.001         |
| Ochre x time x pH   | 12  | 3.11 x 10 <sup>9</sup>  | 2.59 x 10 <sup>8</sup> | 19.753  | < 0.001         |
| Residual            | 80  | 1.05 x 10 <sup>9</sup>  | 1.31 x 10 <sup>7</sup> |         |                 |
| Total               | 119 | $3.25 \times 10^{10}$   | $2.73 \times 10^{8}$   |         |                 |

Supporting Table S3. 3 way ANOVA for 24 hour data from the As – ochre adsorption experiment.

| Source of variation           | df | SS                      | MS                     | F       | <i>P</i> -value |
|-------------------------------|----|-------------------------|------------------------|---------|-----------------|
| As concentration              | 1  | 1.35 x 10 <sup>8</sup>  | 1.35 x 10 <sup>8</sup> | 13.443  | < 0.001         |
| Ochre                         | 3  | 1.54 x 10 <sup>10</sup> | 5.12 x 10 <sup>9</sup> | 510.746 | < 0.001         |
| рН                            | 1  | 2.37 x 10 <sup>9</sup>  | 2.37 x 10 <sup>9</sup> | 235.838 | < 0.001         |
| As concentration x ochre      | 3  | 2.57 x 10 <sup>9</sup>  | 8.55 x 10 <sup>8</sup> | 85.27   | < 0.001         |
| As concentration x pH         | 1  | 1.75 x 10 <sup>8</sup>  | 1.75 x 10 <sup>8</sup> | 17.483  | < 0.001         |
| Ochre x pH                    | 3  | 2.73 x 10 <sup>8</sup>  | 9.11 x 10 <sup>7</sup> | 9.078   | < 0.001         |
| As concentration x ochre x pH | 3  | 2.59 x 10 <sup>8</sup>  | $8.63 \times 10^7$     | 8.606   | < 0.001         |
| Residual                      | 32 | 3.21 x 10 <sup>8</sup>  | $1.00 \times 10^7$     |         |                 |
| Total                         | 47 | 2.15 x 10 <sup>10</sup> | 4.57 x 10 <sup>8</sup> |         |                 |

336 Supporting Table S4. 2 way ANOVA for batch experiment study using DGC soil.

|                         |    |           | -        | -       |                 |
|-------------------------|----|-----------|----------|---------|-----------------|
| Source of variation     | df | SS        | MS       | F       | <i>P</i> -value |
| Ochre type              | 3  | 1063.729  | 354.576  | 33.740  | < 0.001         |
| Ochre mass              | 4  | 21993.122 | 5498.280 | 523.190 | < 0.001         |
| Ochre type x ochre mass | 12 | 1653.643  | 137.804  | 13.113  | < 0.001         |
| Residual                | 40 | 420.366   | 10.509   |         |                 |
| Total                   | 59 | 25130.860 | 425.947  |         |                 |

Supporting Table S5. pH of DGC batch experiment suspensions. Mean  $\pm$  standard deviation, n = 3.

| Ochre | Mass / g | рН   |      |
|-------|----------|------|------|
| -     | -        | 2.46 | 0.04 |
| ВН    | 0.05     | 3.02 | 0.08 |
| ВН    | 0.1      | 3.44 | 0.11 |
| ВН    | 0.2      | 3.65 | 0.23 |
| ВН    | 0.5      | 4.16 | 0.09 |
| ОМ    | 0.05     | 4.16 | 0.09 |
| ОМ    | 0.1      | 4.08 | 0.08 |
| ОМ    | 0.2      | 5.13 | 0.09 |
| ОМ    | 0.5      | 5.91 | 0.03 |
| SB    | 0.05     | 3.27 | 0.08 |
| SB    | 0.1      | 3.56 | 0.02 |
| SB    | 0.2      | 3.98 | 0.07 |
| SB    | 0.5      | 4.63 | 0.13 |
| WY    | 0.05     | 4.28 | 0.26 |
| WY    | 0.1      | 4.48 | 0.07 |
| WY    | 0.2      | 5.25 | 0.09 |
| WY    | 0.5      | 5.92 | 0.14 |

Supporting Table S6. Two way repeated measures ANOVA for 0.01M CaCl<sub>2</sub> extractable As from DGC soil with ochre and week of incubation as factors.

| Source of Variation | DF | SS      | MS     | F       | Р       |
|---------------------|----|---------|--------|---------|---------|
| Ochre               | 4  | 114.752 | 28.688 | 843.962 | <0.001  |
| Rep(Ochre)          | 20 | 0.680   | 0.0340 |         |         |
| Week                | 3  | 110.236 | 36.745 | 788.742 | < 0.001 |
| Ochre x             | 12 | 38.614  | 3.218  | 69.070  | < 0.001 |
| Week                |    |         |        |         |         |
| Residual            | 60 | 2.795   | 0.0466 |         |         |
| Total               |    |         | 99     | 267.077 | 2.698   |

## Supporting Table S7a. Two way repeated measures ANOVA for pH of DGC soil with ochre and week of incubation as factors.

| Source of      | DF | SS     | MS      | F       | Р       |
|----------------|----|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| Variation      |    |        |         |         |         |
| Ochre          | 4  | 6.391  | 1.598   | 574.789 | < 0.001 |
| Subject(Ochre) | 20 | 0.0556 | 0.00278 |         |         |
| Week           | 3  | 0.743  | 0.248   | 162.694 | < 0.001 |
| Ochre x Week   | 12 | 0.553  | 0.0461  | 30.293  | < 0.001 |
| Residual       | 60 | 0.0913 | 0.00152 |         |         |
| Total          | 99 | 7.833  | 0.0791  |         |         |

Supporting Table S7b. Two way repeated measures ANOVA for pH of RRT2 soil with ochre and week of incubation as factors.

| Source of      | DF | SS     | MS      | F       | Р       |
|----------------|----|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| Variation      |    |        |         |         |         |
| Ochre          | 4  | 8.457  | 2.114   | 311.268 | <0.001  |
| Subject(Ochre) | 20 | 0.136  | 0.00679 |         |         |
| Week           | 3  | 1.085  | 0.362   | 77.878  | < 0.001 |
| Ochre x Week   | 12 | 0.473  | 0.0394  | 8.488   | < 0.001 |
| Residual       | 60 | 0.279  | 0.00464 |         |         |
| Total          | 99 | 10.428 | 0.105   |         |         |

## Supporting Table S8a. Two way repeated measures ANOVA for Eh of DGC soil with ochre and week of incubation as factors.

| Source of Variation | DF  | SS      | MS       | F      | Р      |
|---------------------|-----|---------|----------|--------|--------|
| Ochre               | 1   | 12309   | 3077     | 3.542  | 0.03   |
|                     | 4   | 3685    | 921      | 0.542  | 0.00   |
| Subject(Ochre)      | 4   |         | -        | 04.400 | 0.01   |
| Week                | l . | 25946   | 25946    | 24.126 | < 0.01 |
| Ochre x Week        | 4   | 15194   | 3798     | 3.663  | 0.027  |
| Residual            | 16  | 16590   | 1036.895 |        |        |
| Total               | 49  | 91924.5 | 1876.01  |        |        |

Supporting Table S8b. Two way repeated measures ANOVA for Eh of RRT2 soil with ochre and week of incubation as factors.

| Course of      | DF | SS     | MS     | F       | P       |
|----------------|----|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| Source of      | DF | 33     | IVIO   | Г       | P       |
| Variation      |    |        |        |         |         |
| Ochre          | 4  | 235357 | 58839  | 54.105  | < 0.001 |
| Subject(Ochre) | 4  | 13752  | 3438   |         |         |
| Week           | 1  | 342626 | 342626 | 148.145 | < 0.001 |
| Ochre x Week   | 4  | 134818 | 33704  | 34.877  | < 0.001 |
| Residual       | 16 | 15462  | 966    |         |         |
| Total          | 49 | 768667 | 15687  |         |         |

## Supporting Table S9a. Two way repeated measures ANOVA for acid ammonium oxalate extractable Fe in DGC soil with ochre and week of incubation as factors.

| Source of Variation | DF | SS      | MS     | F      | Р       |
|---------------------|----|---------|--------|--------|---------|
| Ochre               | 4  | 23.732  | 5.933  | 12.734 | < 0.001 |
| Subject(Ochre)      | 20 | 9.318   | 0.466  |        |         |
| Week                | 3  | 185.719 | 61.906 | 86.968 | < 0.001 |
| Ochre x Week        | 12 | 16.240  | 1.353  | 1.901  | 0.052   |
| Residual            | 60 | 42.710  | 0.712  |        |         |
| Total               | 99 | 277.718 | 2.805  |        |         |

Supporting Table S9b. Two way repeated measures ANOVA for acid ammonium oxalate extractable Fe in RRT2 soil with ochre and week of incubation as factors.

| Source of      | DF | SS      | MS     | F       | Р       |
|----------------|----|---------|--------|---------|---------|
| Variation      |    |         |        |         |         |
| Ochre          | 4  | 69.066  | 17.266 | 580.176 | <0.001  |
| Subject(Ochre) | 20 | 0.595   | 0.0298 |         |         |
| Week           | 3  | 20.989  | 6.996  | 212.395 | < 0.001 |
| Ochre x Week   | 12 | 11.666  | 0.972  | 29.513  | < 0.001 |
| Residual       | 60 | 1.976   | 0.0329 |         |         |
| Total          | 99 | 104.292 | 1.053  |         |         |

## Supporting Table S10a. Two way repeated measures ANOVA for citrate dithionite extractable Fe in DGC soil with ochre and week of incubation as factors.

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|-------------------|--------|---------|--------|---------|---------|
| Source of         | DF     | SS      | MS     | F       | Р       |
| Variation         |        |         |        |         |         |
| Ochre             | 4      | 39.359  | 9.840  | 52.429  | < 0.001 |
| Subject(Ochre)    | 20     | 3.754   | 0.188  |         |         |
| Week              | 3      | 255.968 | 85.323 | 281.600 | < 0.001 |
| Ochre x Week      | 12     | 39.693  | 3.308  | 10.917  | < 0.001 |
| Residual          | 60     | 18.180  | 0.303  |         |         |
| Total             | 99     | 356.953 | 3.606  |         |         |

#### Supporting Table S10b. Two way repeated measures ANOVA for citrate dithionite extractable Fe in RRT2 soil with ochre and week of incubation as factors.

| Source of Variation | DF | SS      | MS     | F      | Р       |
|---------------------|----|---------|--------|--------|---------|
| Ochre               | 4  | 221.786 | 55.447 | 95.180 | < 0.001 |
| Subject(Ochre)      | 20 | 11.651  | 0.583  |        |         |
| Week                | 3  | 42.857  | 14.286 | 37.666 | < 0.001 |
| Ochre x Week        | 12 | 8.250   | 0.687  | 1.813  | 0.066   |
| Residual            | 60 | 22.756  | 0.379  |        |         |
| Total               | 99 | 307.300 | 3.104  |        |         |

#### Supporting Table S11a Two way repeated measures ANOVA for microbial activity in DGC soil with ochre and week of incubation as factors.

| Source of Variation | DF | SS        | MS       | F       | Р       |
|---------------------|----|-----------|----------|---------|---------|
| Ochre               | 4  | 1640.811  | 410.203  | 10.438  | < 0.001 |
| Subject(Ochre)      | 20 | 785.987   | 39.299   |         |         |
| Week                | 3  | 11224.440 | 3741.480 | 111.141 | < 0.001 |
| Ochre x Week        | 12 | 854.317   | 71.193   | 2.115   | 0.029   |
| Residual            | 60 | 2019.850  | 33.664   |         |         |
| Total               | 99 | 16525.404 | 166.923  |         |         |

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| Source of Variation | DF | SS        | MS       | F       | Р       |
|---------------------|----|-----------|----------|---------|---------|
| Ochre               | 4  | 164.970   | 41.243   | 1.269   | 0.315   |
| Subject(Ochre)      | 20 | 649.971   | 32.499   |         |         |
| Week                | 3  | 7859.502  | 2619.834 | 102.950 | < 0.001 |
| Ochre x Week        | 12 | 918.275   | 76.523   | 3.007   | 0.002   |
| Residual            | 60 | 1526.864  | 25.448   |         |         |
| Total               | 99 | 11119.583 | 112.319  |         |         |

Supporting Table S12a Root biomass (mg) for *Lolium perenne* in DGC soil. Values are mean ± standard deviation, n = 5

| Ochre | Week 3         | Week 12       | Week 24       | Week 52          |
|-------|----------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| None  | 236 ± 43.5 aA  | 231 ± 21.3 aA | 239 ± 50.7 aA | 211 ± 44.0 abA   |
| BH    | 204 ± 34.2 aA  | 309 ± 77.1 aB | 206 ± 30.4 aA | 312 ± 65.5 cB    |
| OM    | 280 ± 61.8 aAB | 318 ± 83.4 aA | 228 ± 61.5 aB | 238 ± 74.8 abcAB |
| SB    | 196 ± 42.6 aA  | 298 ± 31.0 aB | 175 ± 66.8 aA | 288 ± 55.6 acB   |
| WY    | 217 ± 11.6 aA  | 321 ± 42.2 aB | 223 ± 13.9 aA | 171 ± 47.7 bA    |

Same letters = not significantly different ( $p \le 0.05$ , Holm-Sidak method). Lower case letters are for comparisons within specific weeks, capital letters within specific ochre treatments.

Supporting Table S12b Two way repeated measures ANOVA for root biomass in DGC soil with ochre and week of incubation as factors.

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| Source of       | DF             | SS               | MS      | F      | Р       |
| Variation       |                |                  |         |        |         |
| Ochre           | 4              | 0.0205           | 0.00513 | 1.840  | 0.161   |
| Subject(Ochre)  | 20             | 0.0557           | 0.00279 |        |         |
| Week            | 3              | 0.0954           | 0.0318  | 11.892 | < 0.001 |
| Ochre x Week    | 12             | 0.107            | 0.00888 | 3.320  | < 0.001 |
| Residual        | 60             | 0.160            | 0.00267 |        |         |
| Total           | 99             | 0.439            | 0.00443 |        |         |

#### Supporting Table S13a Root biomass (mg) for *Lolium perenne* in RRT2 soil. Values are mean $\pm$ standard deviation, n = 5

| Ochre  | Week 3 AB  | Week 12 C  | Week 24 A  | Week 52 BC |
|--------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| None a | 246 ± 117  | 301 ± 60.1 | 274 ± 64.1 | 302 ± 50.3 |
| BH a   | 246 ± 25.2 | 312 ± 52.3 | 224 ± 25.0 | 302 ± 13.7 |
| OM a   | 298 ± 70.8 | 350 ± 72.5 | 273 ± 40.9 | 351 ± 58.8 |
| SB a   | 266 ± 49.7 | 364 ± 47.6 | 208 ± 10.7 | 237 ± 83.2 |
| WY a   | 266 ± 83.0 | 306 ± 38.5 | 296 ± 10.8 | 367 ± 23.6 |

Same letters = not significantly different ( $p \le 0.05$ , Holm-Sidak method). Lower case letters are for comparisons between treatments taking account of all weeks, capital letters between weeks taking account of all treatments.

Supplementary Table S13b Two way repeated measures ANOVA for root biomass in RRT2 soil with ochre and week of incubation as factors.

| Source of      | DF | SS     | MS      | F     | Р     |  |
|----------------|----|--------|---------|-------|-------|--|
| Variation      |    |        |         |       |       |  |
| Ochre          | 4  | 0.0406 | 0.0101  | 2.440 | 0.080 |  |
| Subject(Ochre) | 20 | 0.0831 | 0.00416 |       |       |  |
| Week           | 3  | 0.0927 | 0.0309  | 5.463 | 0.002 |  |
| Ochre x Week   | 12 | 0.0646 | 0.00539 | 0.952 | 0.504 |  |
| Residual       | 60 | 0.339  | 0.00566 |       |       |  |
| Total          | 99 | 0.621  | 0.00627 |       |       |  |

## Supplementary Table S14a. Two way repeated measures ANOVA for shoot biomass in DGC soil with ochre and week of incubation as factors.

| Source of Variation | DF | SS      | MS       | F      | Р       |
|---------------------|----|---------|----------|--------|---------|
| Ochre               | 4  | 0.104   | 0.0261   | 68.646 | < 0.001 |
| Subject(Ochre)      | 20 | 0.00760 | 0.000380 |        |         |
| Week                | 3  | 0.0789  | 0.0263   | 65.619 | < 0.001 |
| Ochre x Week        | 12 | 0.0452  | 0.00377  | 9.401  | < 0.001 |
| Residual            | 60 | 0.0240  | 0.000401 |        |         |
| Total               | 99 | 0.260   | 0.00263  |        |         |

Supplementary Table S14b. Two way repeated measures ANOVA for shoot biomass in RRT2 soil with ochre and week of incubation as factors.

| Source of Variation | DF | SS     | MS      | F       | Р       |
|---------------------|----|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| Ochre               | 4  | 0.615  | 0.154   | 117.064 | < 0.001 |
| Subject(Ochre)      | 20 | 0.0262 | 0.00131 |         |         |
| Week                | 3  | 0.223  | 0.0742  | 34.467  | < 0.001 |
| Ochre x Week        | 12 | 0.0888 | 0.00740 | 3.437   | < 0.001 |
| Residual            | 60 | 0.129  | 0.00215 |         |         |
| Total               | 99 | 1.081  | 0.0109  |         |         |

## Supplementary Table S15a. Two way repeated measures ANOVA for shoot As concentration in DGC soil with ochre and week of incubation as factors.

| Source of    | DF | SS           | MS          | F      | Р       |
|--------------|----|--------------|-------------|--------|---------|
| Variation    |    |              |             |        |         |
| Ochre        | 4  | 4681477.751  | 1170369.438 | 9.271  | < 0.001 |
| Rep(Ochre)   | 20 | 2524764.918  | 126238.246  |        |         |
| Week         | 3  | 5282175.276  | 1760725.092 | 12.267 | < 0.001 |
| Ochre x Week | 12 | 9273522.998  | 772793.583  | 5.384  | < 0.001 |
| Residual     | 60 | 8612054.281  | 143534.238  |        |         |
| Total        | 99 | 30373995.225 | 306808.033  |        |         |

Supplementary Table S15b. Two way repeated measures ANOVA for shoot As concentration in RRT2 soil with ochre and week of incubation as factors.

| Source of Variation | DF | SS          | MS        | F     | Р       |
|---------------------|----|-------------|-----------|-------|---------|
| Ochre               | 4  | 120724.599  | 30181.150 | 1.822 | 0.164   |
| Rep(Ochre)          | 20 | 331377.515  | 16568.876 |       |         |
| Week                | 3  | 173700.230  | 57900.077 | 7.217 | < 0.001 |
| Ochre x Week        | 12 | 95351.017   | 7945.918  | 0.990 | 0.469   |
| Residual            | 60 | 481387.017  | 8023.117  |       |         |
| Total               | 99 | 1202540.378 | 12146.873 |       |         |

#### Supplementary Table S16a. Two way repeated measures ANOVA for root As concentration in DGC soil with ochre and week of incubation as factors.

| Source of Variation | DF | SS            | MS           | F      | Р       |
|---------------------|----|---------------|--------------|--------|---------|
| Ochre               | 4  | 9642079.845   | 2410519.961  | 1.807  | 0.167   |
| Subject(Ochre)      | 20 | 26676327.492  | 1333816.375  |        |         |
| Week                | 3  | 212977061.332 | 70992353.777 | 42.979 | < 0.001 |
| Ochre x Week        | 12 | 69018419.756  | 5751534.980  | 3.482  | < 0.001 |
| Residual            | 60 | 99107737.411  | 1651795.624  |        |         |
| Total               | 99 | 417421625.836 | 4216380.059  |        |         |

Supplementary Table S16b. Two way repeated measures ANOVA for root As concentration in RRT2 soil with ochre and week of incubation as factors.

| Source of      | DF | SS          | MS          | F      | Р       |
|----------------|----|-------------|-------------|--------|---------|
| Variation      |    |             |             |        |         |
| Ochre          | 4  | 135865.248  | 33966.312   | 0.739  | 0.576   |
| Subject(Ochre) | 20 | 918747.592  | 45937.380   |        |         |
| Week           | 3  | 3185131.596 | 1061710.532 | 20.756 | < 0.001 |
| Ochre x Week   | 12 | 708377.885  | 59031.490   | 1.154  | 0.336   |
| Residual       | 60 | 3069064.889 | 51151.081   |        |         |
| Total          | 99 | 8017187.211 | 80981.689   |        |         |

#### Supplementary Table S17a. Two way repeated measures ANOVA for stomach extractable As in DGC soil with ochre and week of incubation as factors.

| Source of Variation | DF | SS        | MS        | F      | Р       |
|---------------------|----|-----------|-----------|--------|---------|
| Ochre               | 4  | 28738.914 | 7184.728  | 9.872  | 0.002   |
| Col 1(Ochre)        | 10 | 7277.793  | 727.779   |        |         |
| Week                | 1  | 31558.150 | 31558.150 | 40.713 | < 0.001 |
| Ochre x Week        | 4  | 9592.818  | 2398.204  | 3.094  | 0.067   |
| Residual            | 10 | 7751.420  | 775.142   |        |         |
| Total               | 29 | 84919.095 | 2928.245  |        |         |

Supplementary Table 17b. Two way repeated measures ANOVA for stomach extractable As in RRT2 soil with ochre and week of incubation as factors.

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| Source of Variation | DF | SS       | MS       | F       | Р       |
|---------------------|----|----------|----------|---------|---------|
| Ochre               | 4  | 245.125  | 61.281   | 11.616  | < 0.001 |
| Col 1(Ochre)        | 10 | 52.754   | 5.275    |         |         |
| Week                | 1  | 1459.669 | 1459.669 | 499.707 | < 0.001 |
| Ochre x Week        | 4  | 36.869   | 9.217    | 3.155   | 0.064   |
| Residual            | 10 | 29.211   | 2.921    |         |         |
| Total               | 29 | 1823.627 | 62.884   |         |         |

Supplementary Table 17c. Two way repeated measures ANOVA for intestine extractable As in DGC soil with ochre and week of incubation as factors.

| Source of Variation | DF | SS         | MS         | F      | Р       |
|---------------------|----|------------|------------|--------|---------|
| Ochre               | 4  | 164467.850 | 41116.963  | 2.545  | 0.105   |
| Subject(Ochre)      | 10 | 161562.078 | 16156.208  |        |         |
| Week                | 1  | 316454.588 | 316454.588 | 23.567 | < 0.001 |
| Ochre x Week        | 4  | 66255.039  | 16563.760  | 1.234  | 0.357   |
| Residual            | 10 | 134276.232 | 13427.623  |        |         |
| Total               | 29 | 843015.788 | 29069.510  |        |         |