**Soil aggregate size influences the impact of** **inorganic nitrogen deposition on soil** **nitrification in an alpine meadow of the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau**

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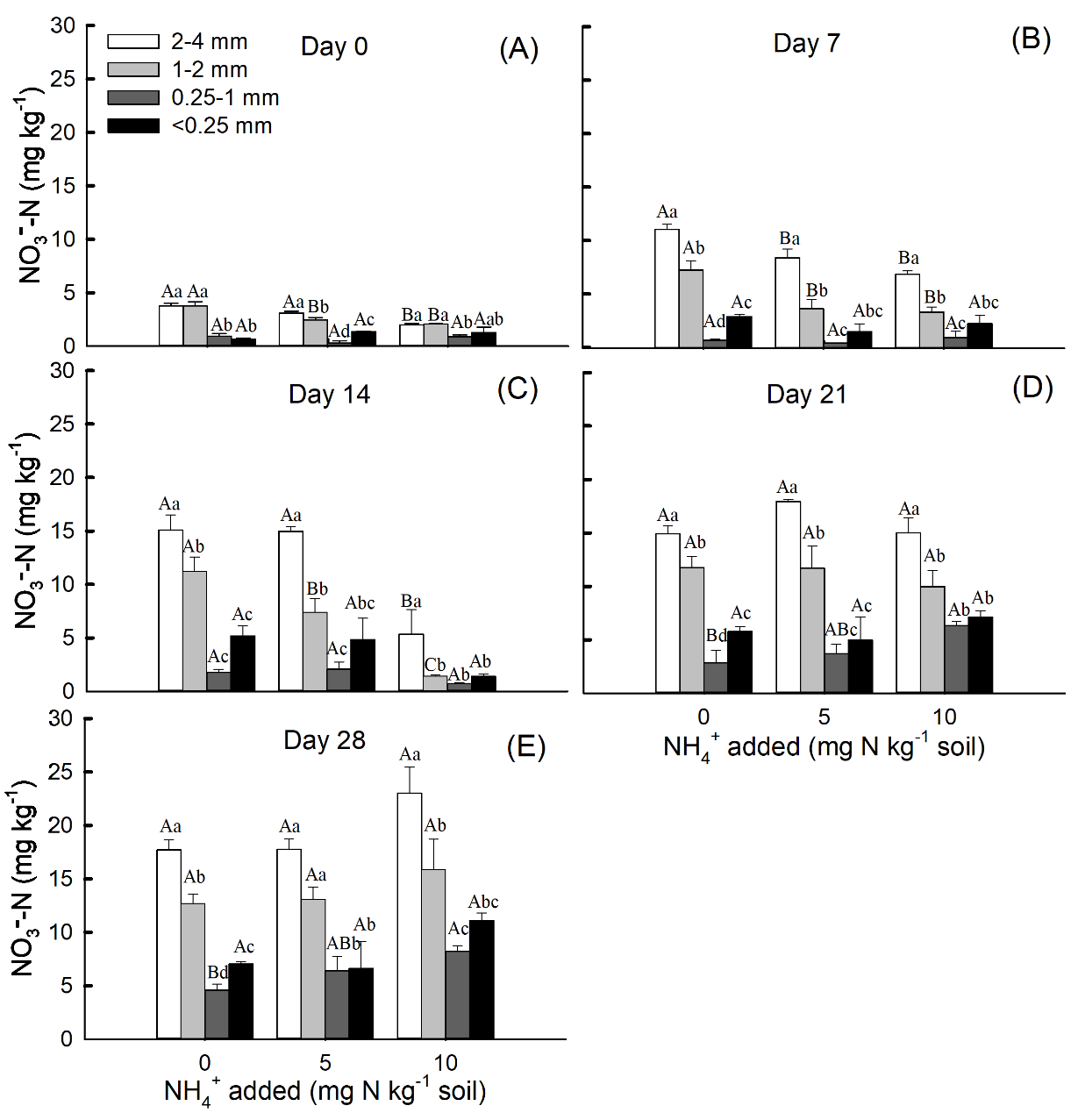


Figure S1. Effects of soil aggregate sizes on NO3--N concentrations (Mean ± SE, n=3) under NH4+-N addition treatment (A, day 0; B, day 7; C, day 14; D, day 21; E, day 28). Capital letters indicate significant differences among different NH4+-N concentrations for the same soil aggregate size on 5 sampling dates, and lowercase letters indicate significant differences among different soil aggregate sizes under the same NH4+-N concentration on 5 sampling dates (*P* < 0.05).

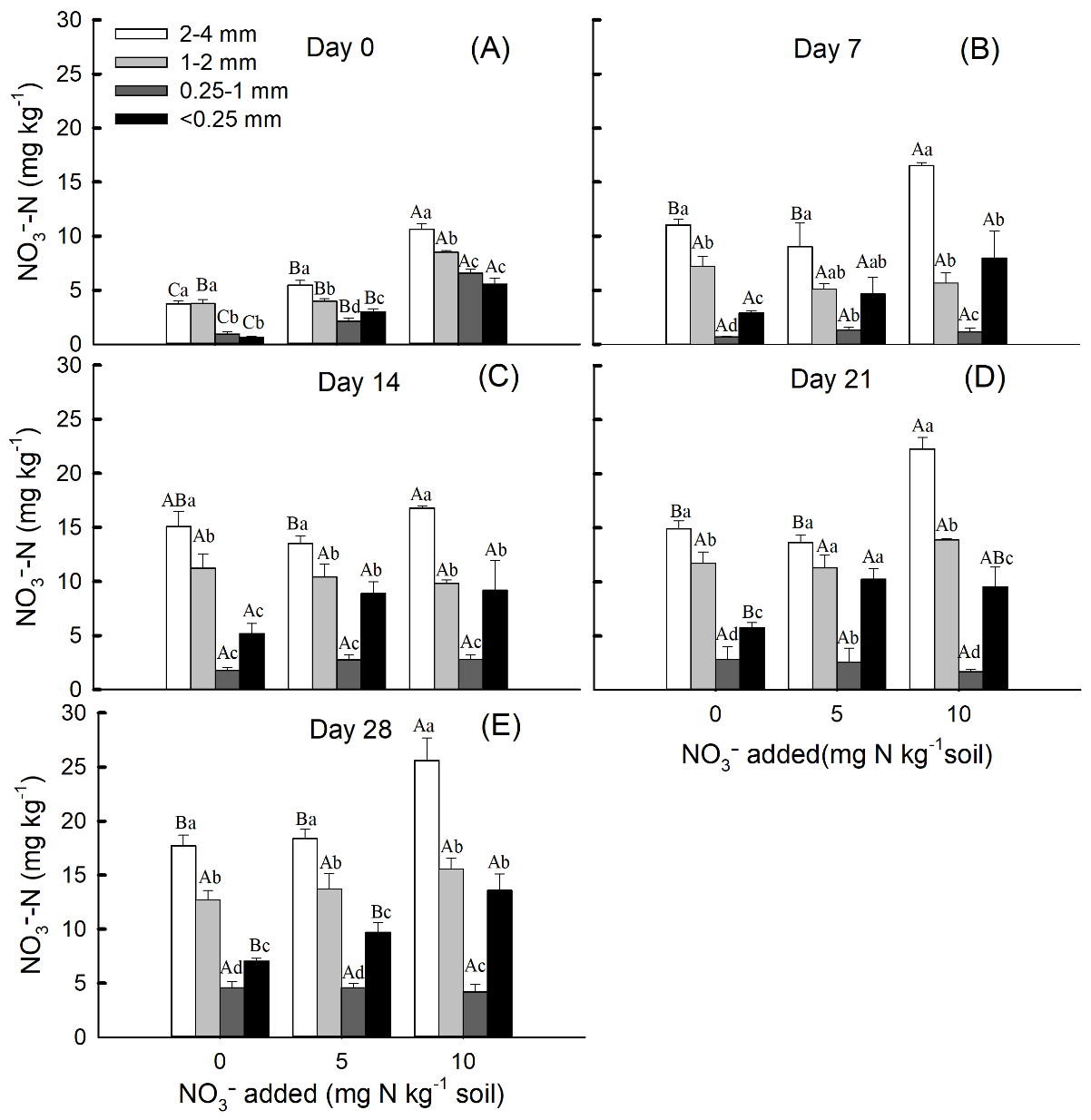


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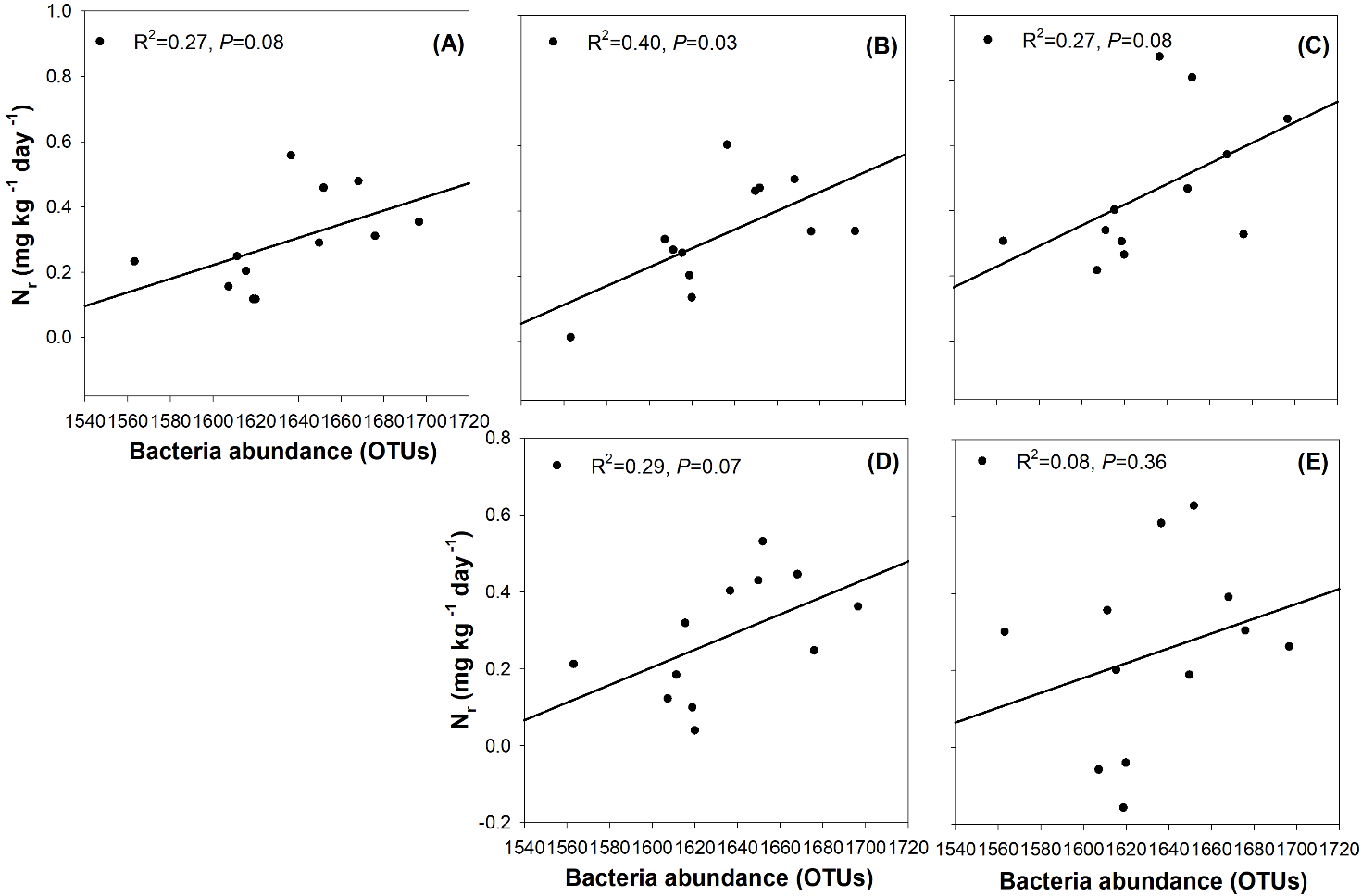


Figure S3. Correlations between the nitrification rate (Nr) in the fourth week and bacteria abundance (OTUs) of soil aggregate sizes. (A) no N addition, (B) addition of 5 mg NH4+-N kg-1 aggregate, (C) addition of 10 mg NH4+-N kg-1 aggregate, (D) addition of 5 mg NO3--N kg-1 aggregate, and (E) addition of 10 mg NO3--N kg-1 aggregate.

Table S1. The three-way ANOVA results for evaluating the 3 main factors (incubation period, soil aggregate size, and nitrogen addition) influencing the nitrification rate (Nr).

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| Source | Nr (mg kg-1 day-1) | | |
| df | F | P | |
| Incubation period | 3 | 4.453 | 0.005 | |
| Aggregate size | 3 | 170.229 | < 0.0001 | |
| Nitrogen addition | 4 | 15.963 | < 0.0001 | |
| Incubation period \* Aggregate size | 9 | 7.497 | < 0.0001 | |
| Incubation period \* Nitrogen addition | 12 | 6.892 | < 0.0001 | |
| Aggregate size \* Nitrogen addition | 12 | 7.478 | < 0.0001 | |
| Incubation period \*Aggregate size \*Nitrogen addition | 36 | 1.448 | 0.064 | |