

**Supplementary Material for**

**Soil pH and phosphorus drive the canonical nitrifiers and comammox *Nitrospira* communities in citrus orchards with different cultivating years**

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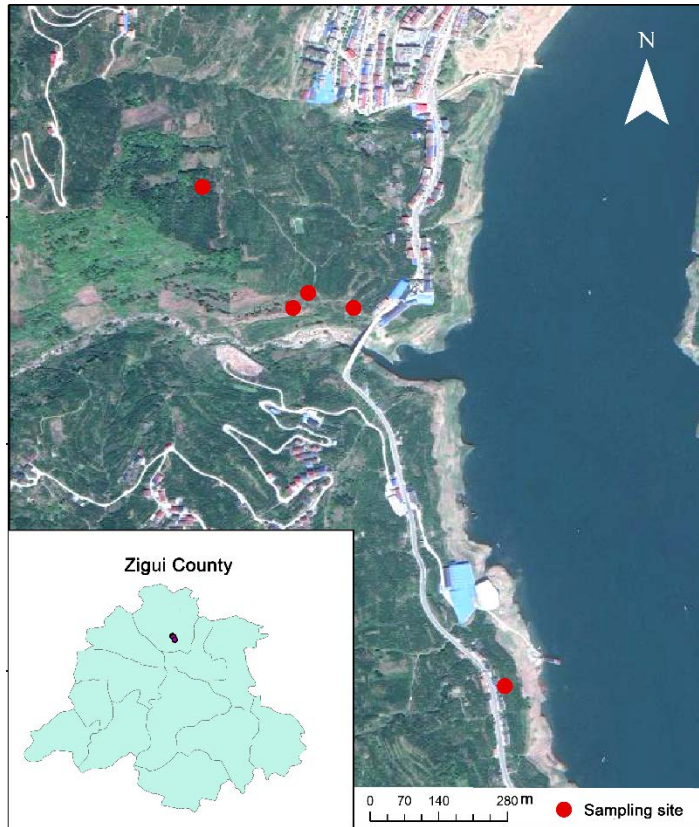
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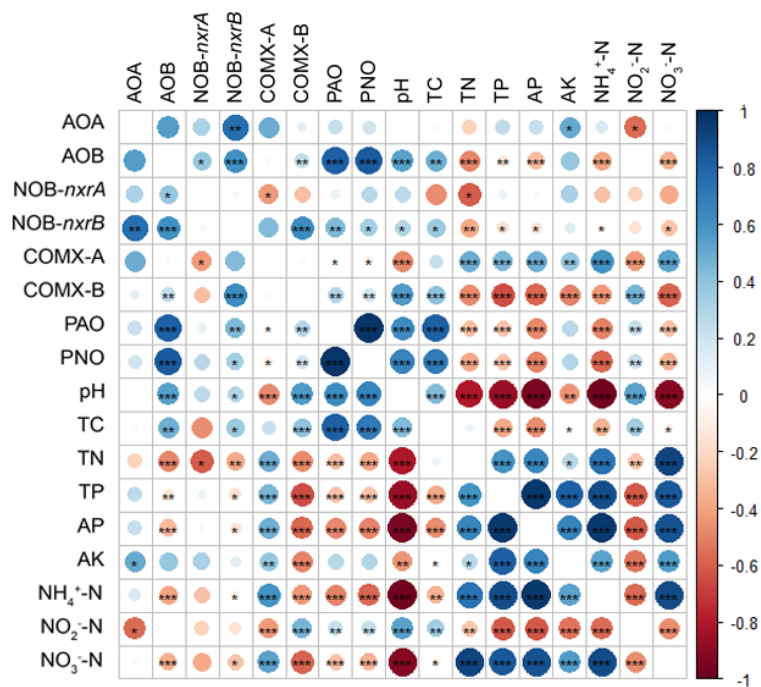
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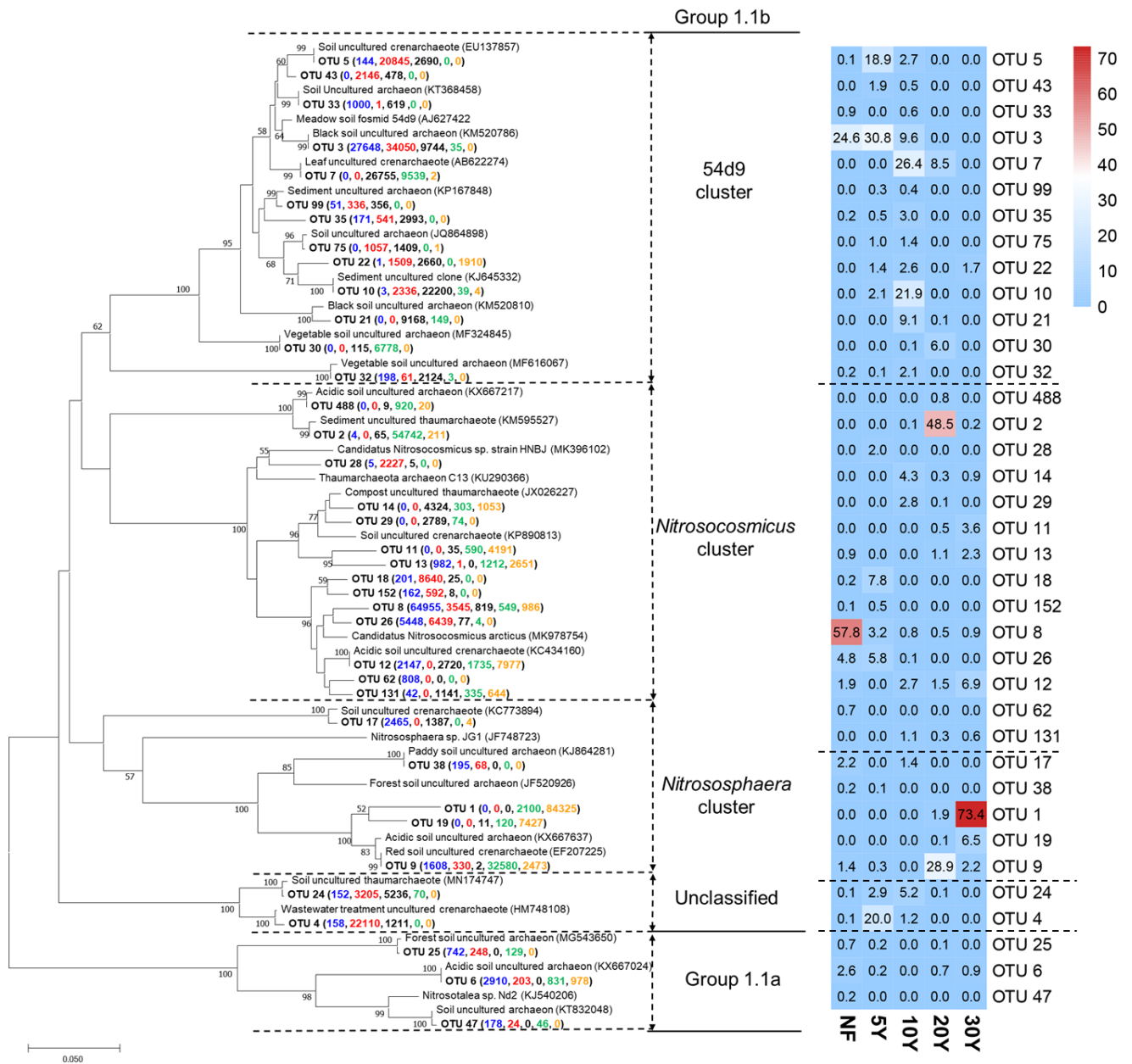
## 1. Supplementary Figures



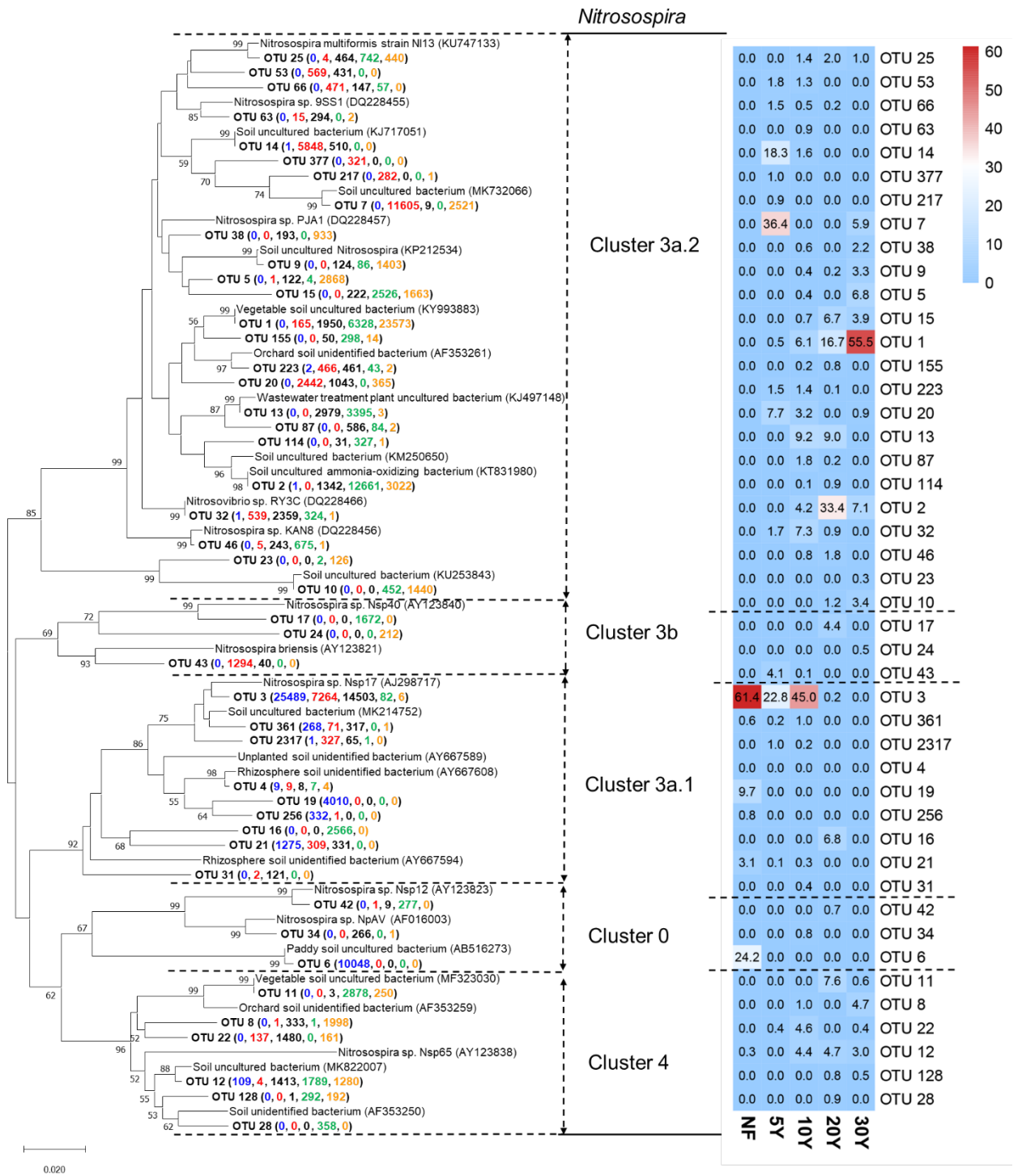
**Fig. S1** The sampling sites of this study in Zigui County. Detailed information about the sampling sites is listed in Supplementary Table S1.



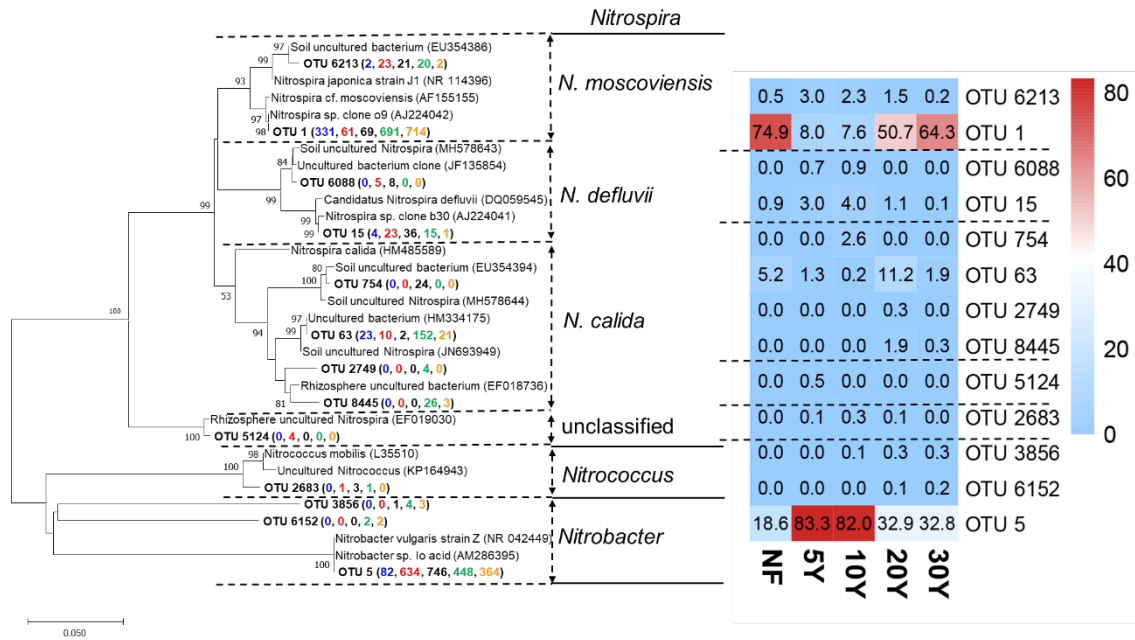
**Fig. S2** Pairwise comparisons between physicochemical variables, potential nitrification activity and nitrifying abundance. The color gradient and circle denote correlation coefficients. Single asterisk, double asterisk and three asterisks represent significance at  $P < 0.05$ , 0.01 and 0.001, respectively.



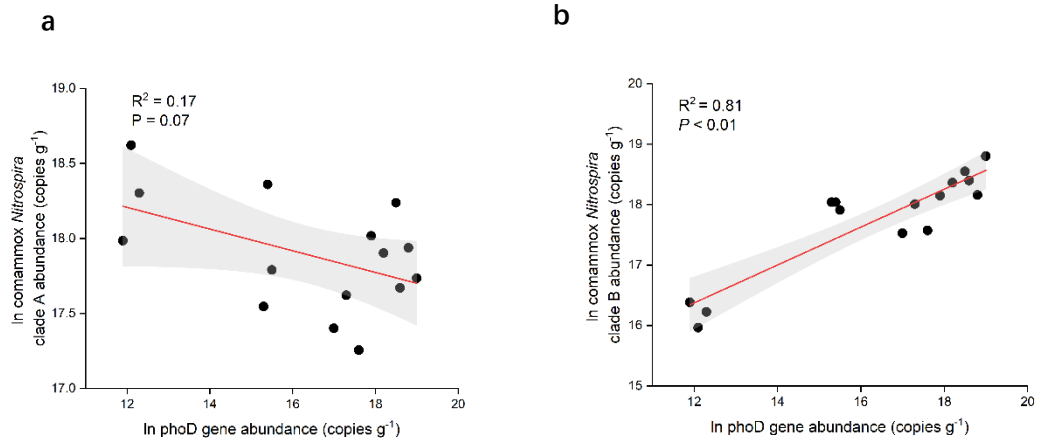
**Fig. S3.** Phylogenetic analysis of the AOA *amoA* gene in different soils, and heatmap displaying the proportion of each OTU to total OTUs in each soil. Numbers with blue, red, black, green and yellow colors represent sequencing numbers in NF, 5Y, 10Y, 20Y and 30Y soils, respectively. Bootstrap values higher than 50% are indicated at the branch nodes. The scale bars represent 5% nucleic acid sequence divergence.



**Fig. S4.** Phylogenetic analysis of the AOB *amoA* gene in different soils, and heatmap displaying the proportion of each OTU to total OTUs in each soil.



**Fig. S5.** Phylogenetic analysis of the NOB 16S rRNA gene in different soils, and heatmap displaying the proportion of each OTU to total OTUs in each soil.



**Fig. S6.** The associations between *phoD* gene abundance and comammox *Nitrospira* clade A and clade B *amoA* gene abundances.

## 2. Supplementary Tables

**Table S1** Geographic location of sampling sites and morphological characteristics of trees

	NF	5Y	10Y	20Y	30Y
Longitude	110°40'25"	110°40'31"	110°40'35"	110°40'32"	110°40'45"
Latitude	31°3'47"	31°3'39"	31°3'39"	31°3'40"	31°3'16"
Altitude (m)	290	220	200	230	190
Tree height (cm)	-	145	153	186	242
Tree diameter (cm)	-	14	43	32	60
Tree crown (cm)	-	84	148	124	195

**Table S2** Physicochemical properties of each soil used in this study

	NF	5Y	10Y	20Y	30Y
pH	7.59±0.03b	8.48±0.01a	7.38±0.02c	4.96±0.01d	4.29±0.01e
TC (g kg <sup>-1</sup> )	17.60±0.26b	30.80±0.05a	7.76±0.03e	16.63±0.03c	12.93±0.06d
TN (g kg <sup>-1</sup> )	1.30±0.00c	1.30±0.00c	1.00±0.00d	1.90±0.00a	1.66±0.03b
TP (g kg <sup>-1</sup> )	0.21±0.01e	0.61±0.01d	0.85±0.01c	1.15±0.00b	1.43±0.05a
AP (mg kg <sup>-1</sup> )	5.00±0.26e	24.5±4.0d	72.0±2.1c	131.8±0.5b	188.2±0.2a
AK (mg kg <sup>-1</sup> )	10.6±0.2d	36.3±0.4b	34.5±0.1c	35.2±0.2c	40.0±0.1a
NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> -N (mg kg <sup>-1</sup> )	4.13±0.28d	4.12±0.29d	6.47±0.69c	21.95±0.36b	35.48±0.92a
NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> -N (mg kg <sup>-1</sup> )	4.54±0.21c	8.20±0.54b	4.79±0.11c	20.07±0.27a	19.19±0.82a
NO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> -N (mg kg <sup>-1</sup> )	1.16±0.03a	1.09±0.02ab	1.00±0.04ab	1.00±0.01ab	0.91±0.02b

**Table S3** Primers and conditions used for qPCR and MiSeq sequencing

Primer Name	Primer sequence (5'-3')	Target gene	Thermal Profile	Molecular analysis	Reference
Arch- <i>amoA</i> F Arch- <i>amoA</i> R	STA ATG GTC TGG CTT AGA CG GCG GCC ATC CAT CTG TAT GT	Archaeal <i>amoA</i>	94°C, 1min; 40 × (94°C, 10s; 55°C, 30s; 72°C, 60s with plate read)	qPCR	(Francis et al., 2005)
<i>amoA</i> -1F <i>amoA</i> -2R	GGG GTT TCT ACT GGT GGT CCC CTC KGS AAA GCC TTC TTC	Bacterial <i>amoA</i>	95°C, 1min; 40 × (95°C, 10s; 57°C, 30s; 72°C, 60s with plate read)	qPCR and MiSeq sequencing	(Rotthauwe et al., 1997)
comaA-244F comaA-659R	TAYAAVTGGGTSAAYTA ARATCATSGTGCTRTG	Comammox clade A <i>amoA</i>	95°C, 10min; 40 × (94°C, 30s; 52°C, 35s; 72°C, 35s with plate read)	qPCR	(Pjevac et al., 2017)
comaB-244F comaB-659R	TAYTTCTGGACRTTYTA ARATCCARACDGTGTG	Comammox clade B <i>amoA</i>	95°C, 10min; 40 × (94°C, 30s; 52°C, 35s; 72°C, 35s with plate read)	qPCR	(Pjevac et al., 2017)
F1norA R2norA	CAGACCGACGTGTGCGAAAG TCCACAAGGAACGGAAGGTC	<i>Nitrobacter</i> <i>nxrA</i>	95°C, 5min; 40 × (95°C, 15s; 55°C, 15s; 72°C, 35s with plate read)	qPCR	(Attard et al., 2010)
<i>nxrB</i> 169f <i>nxrB</i> 638r	TACATGTGGTGGAACA CGGTTCTGGTCRATCA	<i>Nitrospira</i> <i>nxrB</i>	96°C, 5min; 35 × (95°C, 40s; 56°C, 40s; 72°C, 90s with plate read)	qPCR	(Pester et al., 2014)
Arch- <i>amoA</i> 26F Arch- <i>amoA</i> 417R	GACTACATMTTCTAYACWGAYTGGGC GGKGTCA TRIATGGWGGYAAAYGTTGG	Archaeal <i>amoA</i>	95°C, 5min; 35 × (95°C, 30s; 60°C, 30s; 72°C, 45s); 72°C, 7min	MiSeq sequencing	(Park et al., 2008)

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Primer Name	Primer sequence (5'-3')	Target gene	Thermal Profile	Molecular analysis	Reference
A189Y C576r (the first step) CA209f C576r-barcode (the second step)	GGNGACTGGGAYTTYTGG GAAGCCCATRTARTCNGCC GAYTGGAARGAYCGNCA GAAGCCCATRTARTCNGCC	Comammox <i>Nitrospira</i> <i>amoA</i>	94°C, 5min; 20 × (94°C, 1 min; 52°C, 50s; 72°C, 50 s); 72°C, 7min 94°C, 5min; 35 × (94°C, 1 min; 50°C, 50s; 72°C, 50s); 72°C, 10min	MiSeq sequencing	(Xia al., 2018)
515F 907R	GTG CCA GCM GCC GCG G CCG TCA ATT CMT TTR AGT TT	Universal 16S rRNA	95°C, 3min; 35 × (95°C, 45s; 56°C, 45s; 72°C, 60s); 72°C, 7min	MiSeq sequencing	(Stubner, 2002)

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