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# The gain lies in the details: Soil respiration-temperature-moisture relationships: Addition to global data bank

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## **ABSTRACT**

Sciences and technologies in the era of globalisation have gone extra mile in making non patented data and information accessible and most often free of charge to fellow scientists, technologists and the entire public. For civilised worlds they are vital for national and economic planning. In the era of internet, developed as world wide web; information and communication technologies have assisted researchers, scientists, publishers and consumers share on global commodity of the brain, mind and soul. It is on this note that this paper delves into detailed field and laboratory data generated on soil respiration-temperaturemoisture relationships as an addition to global data bank. They are very crucial for comparative studies and for developing networking geared towards abating greenhouse gases emissions holocaust. The world is sitting on a keg of gunpowder that is neglected in pursuit of non-nuclear proliferation, nuclear accident and nuclear war. Already, there are global warming and climatic change wars raging all over the planet. Let us develop and share data and information that can warn the government and citizenry on scientific and technological dangers of the world that are similar to nuclear holocaust. It is a problem of developed and undeveloped worlds as nature knows no boundary akin to territory boundary protections.

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## Introduction

Data bank,

Soil respiration still remains the first, quickest, cheap and easiest way of assessing biogeophysico-chemical soil health. It is also a quick option for assessing potential carbon storage in the era of greenhouse gases emissions. Even in the extreme case of ocean seeding or fertigation with iron to sequester carbon, soil media as inevitable sink or receptors for all environmental pollutants remain an open, practicable and affordable option (Igboji, *et al*, 2015; Ogunseitan, 2005; Ball and Drake, 1998).

It is no more controversial that soil respiration-temperaturemoisture are highly dependent on one another (Igboji, et al, 2015; Singh and Gupta, 1977; Doran et al, 1988; Oberbauer et al, 1992; Raich and Schlesinger, 1992; Howard and Howard, 1993; Hanson et al, 1993; Raich and Potter, 1995, Davidson et al, 1998; Franzluebbers et al, 2002, Franzluebbers, 1999; Vanhala, 2002; Raich et al, 2002; Curiel-Yuste et al, 2003; Curiel-Yuste et al, 2004). But the debate is how are the data generated by researchers and scientists stored and shared to encourage global work on combating or mitigating global warming and climatic change. Data on soil respirationtemperature-moisture is the easiest, quickest and most affordable all over the world even to lay farmers. They can be generated and shared on hourly and daily basis to alert farmers, agriculturists, government and policy makers on the trade-offs arising from human civilization, agriculture, climate, climatic

change, ozone layer depletion, global warming, melting of arctic ice, rise in sea level, tsunami and potential armageddon of our callous activities and neglect of the environment. The cleansing of our civilization mess must be a concern of everyone including the baby in the poo.

Igboji *et al* (2015) described diurnal and seasonal variations in soil respiration in parkland grassland by embarking on hourly, daily, monthly and seasonal measurements of soil respiration, temperature, moisture and added laboratory measurements to explain the effects of natural environmental parameters that militate accurate field estimations.

In view of world area of agricultural and non agricultural land that need to be covered and the drudgery associated with agriculture and soil sampling; there is a need for sharing of available data and information generated in all nooks and crannies of the world that are not only limited to fractions that are shared in journals, periodicals, magazines and books.

This may seem embarrassing and an arduous task in view of time and money invested by researchers and scientists. However, the selling of brain, mind and soul commodity free to the world irrespective of time and cost remains the option for everyone in this epileptic world. It may go a long way in saving impending disasters and catastrophes associated with greenhouse gases emissions, global warming and climatic change and their associate holocaust:

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Table 1. Field soil respiration (mmol  $\,m^{-2}\,h^{-1}$ ) and temperature (°C) for various times of the day and seasons at Wivenhoe parkland grassland. Each value is mean  $\pm$  standard error of 5 sites x 2 years

|        | Field soil respiration (mmol | m <sup>-2</sup> h <sup>-1</sup> ) Field soil tempe | erature (°C) | -        |          |
|--------|------------------------------|--|--------------|----------|----------|
| Season | Time Y1                      | Y2 Y1  | Y2           |          |          |
| Winter | 06 – 07 GMT                  | 22.8±12.9  | 29.7±14.0    | 5.4±1.2  | 3.6±1.1  |
|        | 12 – 13 GMT                  | 26.0±10.4  | 27.5±9.3     | 4.7±1.2  | 3.2±0.8  |
|        | 18 – 19 GMT                  | 36.1±15.5  | 45.9±41.1    | 6.7±2.7  | 3.1±0.6  |
| Spring | 06 – 07 GMT                  | 30.4±7.1   | 50.6±23.0    | 11.2±1.3 | 9.9±2.6  |
|        | 12 – 13 GMT                  | 33.3±12.7  | 38.7±10.7    | 11.9±1.5 | 6.8±1.6  |
|        | 18 – 19 GMT                  | 29.7±8.6   | 55.3±16.0    | 12.3±3.1 | 6.3±1.6  |
| Summer | 06 – 07 GMT                  | 121.4±96.3   | 39.4±14.8    | 15.7±1.4 | 15.6±0.6 |
|        | 12 – 13 GMT                  | 178.3±104.4  | 86.2±59.7    | 19.6±2.7 | 16.7±2.7 |
|        | 18 – 19 GMT                  | 67.9±26.5  | 55.1±23.8    | 17.6±1.8 | 18.8±2.6 |
| Autumn | 06 – 07 GMT                  | 39.1±8.9   | 37.0±9.6     | 12.2±0.4 | 14.4±5.5 |
|        | 12 – 13 GMT                  | 47.3±24.0  | 32.3±6.9     | 13.4±0.6 | 17.4±3.4 |
|        | 18 – 19 GMT                  | 60.9±21.6  | 27.7±7.6     | 12.1±0.8 | 16.0±3.2 |

Table 2. Field soil respiration (mmol  $m^{-2}$   $h^{-1}$ ) at various sites, times of the day and months at Wivenhoe parkland grassland. Each value is mean  $\pm$  standard error of 4 replicates x 2 years

| Dania J. |   | Each valu         | Y1                 | tanuaru err      | or or 4 repire   | cates x 2 year     | <u>s</u>          |  |  |
|----------|---|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--|--|
| Period:  |   |                   |                    |                  | ~                |                    |                   |  |  |
|          | Times of the d (hours – Greenwich Mean Time): |                   |                    |                  |                  |                    |                   |  |  |
| Month    | S   | ite 06-07 GMT     | 12-13 GMT          | 18-19 GMT        | Γ 06-07 GM       | Т 12-13 GMT        | 18-19 GMT         |  |  |
| Jan.     | 1   | $5.7 \pm 1.3$     | $5.5 \pm 1.4$      | $7.3 \pm 1.8$    | $10.7 \pm 3.8$   | $30.3 \pm 7.3$     | $33.8 \pm 8.0$    |  |  |
|          | 2   | $9.1 \pm 1.6$     | $10.5 \pm 2.0$     | $11.6 \pm 4.9$   | $11.7 \pm 2.4$   |                    | $49.9 \pm 9.6$    |  |  |
|          | 3   | $20.6 \pm 2.2$    | $37.4 \pm 9.5$     | $26.2 \pm 4.5$   | $32.8 \pm 5.0$   | $25.8 \pm 3.9$     | $40.7 \pm 15.1$   |  |  |
|          | 4   | $15.6 \pm 2.1$    | $14.8 \pm 1.6$     | 41.1 ± 1.7       | $31.2 \pm 4.6$   | $642.6 \pm 4.6$    | $39.6 \pm 8.7$    |  |  |
|          | 5   | $13.5 \pm 1.8$    | $26.9 \pm 2.7$     | $24.4 \pm 6.1$   | $34.7 \pm 3.2$   | $2 	 39.0 \pm 1.6$ | $30.6 \pm 8.7$    |  |  |
| Feb.     | 1   | $4.0 \pm 0.8$     | $7.6 \pm 1.1$      | $4.0 \pm 1.0$    | $21.5 \pm 7.9$ 3 | $1.8 \pm 9.2$      | $47.8 \pm 9.4$    |  |  |
|          | 2   | $2.2 \pm 0.3$     | $19.1 \pm 2.4$     | $10.7 \pm 0.7$   | $24.6 \pm 3.3$   | $18.2 \pm 3.6$     | $200.9 \pm 114.9$ |  |  |
|          | 3   | $11.5 \pm 1.4$    | $21.6 \pm 2.2$     |                  |                  | $34.7 \pm 6.0$     | $57.3 \pm 23.1$   |  |  |
|          | 4   | $10.4 \pm 0.7$    | $16.4 \pm 1.6$     | $11.5 \pm 1.5$   | $54.1 \pm 6.3$   | $41.2 \pm 3.5$     | $32.0 \pm 11.2$   |  |  |
|          | 5   | $6.0 \pm 0.5$     | $19.2 \pm 2.1$     |                  | $38.3 \pm 8.4$   | $26.8 \pm 4.6$     | $36.4 \pm 9.3$    |  |  |
| Mar.     | 1   | $27.4 \pm 1.6$    | $23.2 \pm 2.2$     | $39.9 \pm 5.8$   | $31.1 \pm 8.0$   | $40.4 \pm 2.5$     | $63.4 \pm 4.8$    |  |  |
|          | 2   | $27.8 \pm 4.3$    | $16.3 \pm 1.0$     | $22.2 \pm 1.5$   | $54.2 \pm 10.5$  | $35.8 \pm 10.4$    | $44.9 \pm 8.3$    |  |  |
|          | 3   | $30.6 \pm 5.5$    | $44.5 \pm 7.8$     | $36.4 \pm 4.0$   | $72.6 \pm 18.6$  | $37.1 \pm 13.6$    | $6 73.9 \pm 14.3$ |  |  |
|          | 4   | $24.6 \pm 5.3$    | $32.6 \pm 2.9$     | $7.8 \pm 1.2$    | $49.5 \pm 8.1$   |                    | $92.1 \pm 8.1$    |  |  |
|          | 5   | $32.1 \pm 2.8$    | $12.8 \pm 1.1$     | $26.9 \pm 1.9$   | $38.6 \pm 7.8$   | $41.1 \pm 2.6$     | $71.8 \pm 21.2$   |  |  |
| Apr.     | 1   | $10.9 \pm 1.6$    | $15.3 \pm 2.2$     | $12.2 \pm 1.0$   | $25.5 \pm 5.6$   | $32.3 \pm 9.4$     | $47.1 \pm 9.9$    |  |  |
|          | 2   | $37.4 \pm 3.1$    | $33.0 \pm 3.3$     | $33.2 \pm 3.0$   | $54.4 \pm 11.$   | $1  34.9 \pm 4.8$  | $52.4 \pm 11.5$   |  |  |
|          | 3   | $45.9 \pm 9.3$    | $35.6 \pm 5.2$     | $23.6 \pm 8.9$   | $75.3 \pm 19$ .  | $1  31.3 \pm 5.9$  | $35.3 \pm 11.1$   |  |  |
|          | 4   | $21.1 \pm 2.3$    | $40.4 \pm 4.8$     | $23.5 \pm 4.0$   | $31.7 \pm 4.6$   |                    | $42.2 \pm 9.1$    |  |  |
|          | 5   | $25.6 \pm 2.1$    | $34.5 \pm 1.7$     | $22.5 \pm 3.1$   | $45.4 \pm 4.0$   | $29.7 \pm 1.2$     | $56.5 \pm 8.0$    |  |  |
| May      | 1   | $37.2 \pm 4.0$    | $35.4 \pm 2.6$     | $35.6 \pm 2.1$   | $35.2 \pm 8.7$   | $27.3 \pm 4.9$     | $46.8 \pm 9.3$    |  |  |
|          | 2   | $40.4 \pm 5.4$    | $53.6 \pm 9.5$     | $32.7 \pm 6.5$   | $25.7 \pm 4.8$   | $40.1 \pm 7.3$     | $60.4 \pm 23.7$   |  |  |
|          | 3   | $37.9 \pm 2.3$    | $40.5 \pm 7.2$     | $38.8 \pm 7.7$   | $74.5 \pm 17$ .  | $4 	 43.6 \pm 7.2$ | $52.4 \pm 16.4$   |  |  |
|          | 4   | $26.7 \pm 1.7$    | $36.2 \pm 1.8$     | $36.1 \pm 10.3$  | $61.1 \pm 13.$   | 1 $40.6 \pm 2.5$   | $33.1 \pm 6.7$    |  |  |
|          | 5   | $30.4 \pm 1.4$    | $26.4 \pm 1.2$     | $36.2 \pm 5.3$   | $76.8 \pm 23.$   | $3  56.4 \pm 3.9$  | $54.2 \pm 12.6$   |  |  |
| Jun.     | 1   | $24.9 \pm 3.2$    | $22.4 \pm 3.9$     | $25.2 \pm 6.6$   | $31.8 \pm 5.3$   | $90.5 \pm 25.4$    | $69.4 \pm 24.0$   |  |  |
|          | 2   | $36.8 \pm 1.3$    | $47.2 \pm 4.0$     | $26.1 \pm 4.0$   | $54.8 \pm 2.5$   | $100.3 \pm 47.9$   | $135.7 \pm 41.8$  |  |  |
|          | 3   | $43.1 \pm 8.6$    | $41.1 \pm 5.5$     | $21.7 \pm 7.2$   | $58.4 \pm 11.2$  | $91.5 \pm 13.1$    | $53.9 \pm 9.2$    |  |  |
|          | 4   | $44.6 \pm 5.8$    | $29.3 \pm 1.9$     | $31.2 \pm 4.6$   | 44.7 ± 7.7       | $36.2 \pm 6.2$     | $74.6 \pm 21.8$   |  |  |
|          | 5   | $11.7 \pm 4.2$    | $26.6 \pm 0.8$     | $20.9 \pm 2.7$   | $76.9 \pm 17.9$  | $964.6 \pm 10.4$   | $80.2 \pm 18.0$   |  |  |
| Jul.     | 1   | $25.8 \pm 6.4$    | $23.7 \pm 8.7$     | $65.8 \pm 26.8$  | $40.7 \pm 12.3$  | $65.2 \pm 30.5$    | $39.8 \pm 13.3$   |  |  |
|          | 2   | $63.1 \pm 2.8$    | $105.6 \pm 55.2$   | $84.9 \pm 6.6$   | $29.2 \pm 6.5$   | $56.6 \pm 17.9$    | $57.0 \pm 22.3$   |  |  |
|          | 3   | $164.4 \pm 23.8$  | $217.3 \pm 65.0$   | $40.1 \pm 4.5$   | $30.6 \pm 9.3$   | $65.4 \pm 19.5$    | $48.8 \pm 9.7$    |  |  |
|          | 4   | $190.9 \pm 25.9$  | $168.8 \pm 48.2$   | $67.4 \pm 10.3$  | $41.5 \pm 15.1$  | $42.2 \pm 12.6$    | $35.2 \pm 10.2$   |  |  |
|          | 5   | $297.8 \pm 85.9$  | $268.6 \pm 56.2$ 1 | $130.5 \pm 36.1$ | $34.2 \pm 3.4$   | $39.0 \pm 2.1$     | $24.4 \pm 4.9$    |  |  |
| Aug.     | 1   | $52.1 \pm 24.2$   | $191.3 \pm 26.2$   | $178.8 \pm 29.9$ | $25.8 \pm 5.6$   | $29.8 \pm 7.7$     | 19.4 ± 7.7        |  |  |
|          | 2   | $49.0 \pm 19.3$   | $228.6 \pm 52.6$   | $118.6 \pm 27.4$ |                  |                    | 51.7 ± 5.3        |  |  |
|          | 3   | $349.2 \pm 94.2$  | $387.5 \pm 125.9$  |                  | $27.1 \pm 5.0$   | $44.1 \pm 13.5$    | $34.4 \pm 11.6$   |  |  |
|          | 4   | $78.4 \pm 32.5$   | $136.1 \pm 69.3$   | 84.9 ± 17.2      |                  |                    | $21.6 \pm 4.5$    |  |  |
|          | 5   | $398.9 \pm 107.2$ | $142.8 \pm 12.1$   | 59.6 ± 15.2      | $2.31.9 \pm 7.1$ | $42.2 \pm 4.8$     | 16.8 ± 3.5        |  |  |
| Sep.     | 1   | $24.7 \pm 5.4$    | $71.9 \pm 22.3$    | $24.3 \pm 5.4$   | $15.1 \pm 2.1$   |                    | $20.8 \pm 4.2$    |  |  |
| -        | 2   | $27.1 \pm 8.6$    | $14.4 \pm 5.2$     | $27.7 \pm 8.2$   |                  |                    | 41.5 ± 5.6        |  |  |

|      | 3 | $46.3 \pm 6.6$  | $45.8 \pm 8.7$   | $50.6 \pm 39.3$   | $42.6 \pm 8.0$  | $45.8 \pm 7.8$  | $33.0 \pm 5.7$ |
|------|---|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
|      | 4 | $85.3 \pm 9.9$  | $75.2 \pm 6.2$   | $39.8 \pm 4.7$    | $40.9 \pm 6.1$  | $56.2 \pm 4.9$  | $30.5 \pm 7.8$ |
|      | 5 | $36.6 \pm 1.4$  | $43.2 \pm 1.8$   | $54.3 \pm 7.4$    | $20.7 \pm 5.2$  | $34.1 \pm 5.6$  | $23.6 \pm 4.6$ |
| Oct. | 1 | $39.2 \pm 9.9$  | $55.2 \pm 8.7$   | $60.0 \pm 21.9$   | $48.4 \pm 8.4$  | $34.6 \pm 5.0$  | $26.3 \pm 6.5$ |
|      | 2 | $25.6 \pm 4.2$  | $38.9 \pm 7.3$   | $61.8 \pm 6.4$    | $24.4 \pm 7.5$  | $26.7 \pm 3.8$  | $24.9 \pm 2.8$ |
|      | 3 | $14.4 \pm 6.1$  | $27.9 \pm 11.4$  | $29.1 \pm 10.7$   | $31.5 \pm 7.5$  | $34.5 \pm 4.4$  | $19.4 \pm 5.0$ |
|      | 4 | $20.1 \pm 2.3$  | $28.6 \pm 4.5$   | $90.5 \pm 13.0$   | $53.6 \pm 9.6$  | $45.2 \pm 5.5$  | $29.1 \pm 6.2$ |
|      | 5 | $30.0 \pm 5.4$  | $24.6 \pm 1.9$   | $84.7 \pm 23.7$   | $56.9 \pm 6.6$  | $51.2 \pm 10.7$ | $25.3 \pm 6.7$ |
| Nov. | 1 | $27.7 \pm 6.6$  | $29.3 \pm 6.8$   | $92.3 \pm 25.3$   | $38.3 \pm 7.4$  | $30.1 \pm 4.0$  | $32.9 \pm 5.2$ |
|      | 2 | $65.5 \pm 4.3$  | $163.5 \pm 70.2$ | $53.1 \pm 7.0$    | $34.4 \pm 5.0$  | $26.9 \pm 5.5$  | $30.1 \pm 6.3$ |
|      | 3 | $59.5 \pm 5.1$  | $45.9 \pm 9.9$   | $120.8 \pm 37.8$  | $41.0 \pm 12.6$ | $31.5 \pm 4.0$  | $30.5 \pm 6.7$ |
|      | 4 | $39.7 \pm 10.0$ | $60.9 \pm 6.1$   | 80.9 ± 11.3       | $37.5 \pm 4.8$  | $62.3 \pm 12.0$ | $20.0 \pm 4.1$ |
|      | 5 | $45.3 \pm 4.2$  | $64.6 \pm 2.4$   | $43.2 \pm 8.4$    | $39.1 \pm 7.5$  | $42.1 \pm 6.6$  | $27.5 \pm 4.2$ |
| Dec. | 1 | $27.3 \pm 5.1$  | $40.3 \pm 10.2$  | $72.6 \pm 29.9$ 1 | $6.8 \pm 3.3$   | $25.2 \pm 4.1$  | $11.5 \pm 2.7$ |
|      | 2 | $21.7 \pm 7.3$  | $40.8 \pm 8.3$   | $107.2 \pm 24.5$  | $25.9 \pm 3.2$  | $30.5 \pm 7.7$  | $29.9 \pm 5.7$ |
|      | 3 | $65.2 \pm 7.4$  | $48.3 \pm 5.9$   | $60.7 \pm 12.8$   | $28.3 \pm 7.2$  | $30.4 \pm 10.4$ | $18.9 \pm 5.9$ |
|      | 4 | $62.5 \pm 24.9$ | $65.1 \pm 3.9$   | $45.7 \pm 10.2$   | $40.5 \pm 8.4$  | $29.5 \pm 6.9$  | $27.5 \pm 7.0$ |
|      | 5 | $66.6 \pm 18.1$ | $52.0 \pm 2.6$   | 98.6 ± 14.7       | 51.1 ± 11.5     | $53.8 \pm 11.2$ | 31.3 ± 8.8     |

Table 3. Statistical variables and critical values of significance at P≤0.01 for field soil respiration (mmol m<sup>-2</sup> h<sup>-1</sup>) at various months of the year. Degree of freedom of tested variable and experimental error (DoFs) as tested by 2 way analysis of variance (ANOVA), number of replicates (4), hours – Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) was 3 and number of sites (SITES) was 5

| Period:  |                |        | Y1       | ch Mean Time (     |           | Y2     |              |
|----------|----------------|--------|----------|--------------------|-----------|--------|--------------|
| 1011041  |                |        |          | <u>Statistical</u> | variables |        |              |
| Months   | Critical value | s GMT  | SITES    | GMT x SITES        | GMT       | SITES  | GMT x S ITES |
| January  | DoFs           | 2 & 45 | 4 & 45   | 8 & 45             | 2 & 45    | 4 & 45 | 8 & 45       |
|          | 5%             | 3.23   | 2.61     | 2.18               | 3.23      | 2.61   | 2.18         |
|          | 1%             | 5.18   | 3.83     | 2.99               | 5.18      | 3.83   | 2.99         |
|          | F-cal.         | 6.74   | 15.81    | 3.47               | 5.50      | 0.99   | 1.85         |
|          | P ≤ 1%         | *      | *        | *                  | *         | ns     | ns           |
| February | DoFs           | 2 & 45 | 4 & 45   | 8 & 45             | 2 & 45    | 4 & 45 | 8 & 45       |
|          | 5%             | 3.23   | 2.61     | 2.18               | 3.23      | 2.61   | 2.18         |
|          | 1%             | 5.18   | 3.83     | 2.99               | 5.18      | 3.83   | 2.99         |
|          | F-cal.         | 53.96  | 15.21    | 11.91              | 3.44      | 1.27   | 2.13         |
|          | P≤1%           | *      | *        | *                  | *         | ns     | ns           |
| M arch   | DoFs           | 2 & 45 | 4 & 45   | 8 & 45             | 2 & 45    | 4 & 45 | 8 & 45       |
|          | 5%             | 3.23   | 2.61     | 2.18               | 3.23      | 2.61   | 2.18         |
|          | 1%             | 5.18   | 3.83     | 2.99               | 5.18      | 3.83   | 2.99         |
|          | F-cal.         | 0.86   | 11.74    | 3.69               | 8.98      | 1.53   | 1.51         |
|          | P ≤ 1%         | ns     | *        | *                  | *         | ns     | ns           |
| April    | DoFs           | 2 & 4  | 5 4 & 45 | 8 & 45             | 2 & 45    | 4 & 45 | 8 & 45       |
|          | 5%             | 3.23   | 2.61     | 2.18               | 3.23      | 2.61   | 2.18         |
|          | 1%             | 5.18   | 3.83     | 2.99               | 5.18      | 3.83   | 2.99         |
|          | F-cal.         | 3.11   | 11.15    | 1.69               | 2.41      | 1.28   | 2.16         |
|          | P ≤ 1%         | ns     | *        | ns                 | ns        | ns     | ns           |
| M ay     | DoFs           | 2 & 45 | 4 & 45   | 8 & 45             | 2 & 45    | 4 & 45 | 8 & 45       |
|          | 5%             | 3.23   | 2.61     | 2.18               | 3.23      | 2.61   | 2.18         |
|          | 1%             | 5.18   | 3.83     | 2.99               | 5.18      | 3.83   | 2.99         |
|          | F-cal.         | 1.12   | 3.57     | 2.40               | 1.68      | 2.44   | 1.25         |
|          | P ≤ 1%         | ns     | *        | *                  | ns        | ns     | ns           |
| une      | DoFs           | 2 & 45 | 4 & 45   | 8 & 45             | 2 & 45    | 4 & 45 | 8 & 45       |
|          | 5%             | 3.23   | 2.61     | 2.18               | 3.23      | 2.61   | 2.18         |
|          | 1%             | 5.18   | 3.83     | 2.99               | 5.18      | 3.83   | 2.99         |
|          | F-cal.         | 8.39   | 8.65     | 1.89               | 8.09      | 3.81   | 2.82         |
|          | P≤1%           | *      | *        | ns                 | *         | *      | *            |
| uly      | DoFs           | 2 & 45 | 4 & 45   | 8 & 45             | 2 & 45    | 4 & 45 | 8 & 45       |
|          | 5%             | 3.23   | 2.61     | 2.18               | 3.23      | 2.61   | 2.18         |
|          | 1%             | 5.18   | 3.83     | 2.99               | 5.18      | 3.83   | 2.99         |
|          | F-cal.         | 10.34  | 8.72     | 2.77               | 2.99      | 6.07   | 0.46         |
|          | P ≤ 1%         | *      | *        | *                  | ns        | *      | ns           |
| August   | DoFs           | 2 & 45 | 4 & 45   | 8 & 45             | 2 & 45    | 4 & 45 | 8 & 45       |
|          | 5%             | 3.23   | 2.61     | 2.18               | 3.23      | 2.61   | 2.18         |
|          | 1%             | 5.18   | 3.83     | 2.99               | 5.18      | 3.83   | 2.99         |

|          | F-cal.      | 7.11     | 4.60   | 3.37   | 3.34   | 2.95   | 1.16   |
|----------|-------------|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|          | $P \le 1\%$ | *        | *      | *      | *      | *      | ns     |
| Sept.    | DoFs        | 2 & 45   | 4 & 45 | 8 & 45 | 2 & 45 | 4 & 45 | 8 & 45 |
|          | 5%          | 3.23     | 2.61   | 2.18   | 3.23   | 2.61   | 2.18   |
|          | 1%          | 5.18     | 3.83   | 2.99   | 5.18   | 3.83   | 2.99   |
|          | F-cal.      | 0.39     | 2.23   | 2.69   | 3.35   | 8.25   | 2.40   |
|          | $P \le 1\%$ | ns       | ns     | *      | *      | *      | *      |
| October  | DoFs        | 2 & 45 4 | & 45   | 8 & 45 | 2 & 45 | 4 & 45 | 8 & 45 |
|          | 5%          | 3.23     | 2.61   | 2.18   | 3.23   | 2.61   | 2.18   |
|          | 1%          | 5.18     | 3.83   | 2.99   | 5.18   | 3.83   | 2.99   |
|          | F-cal.      | 16.92    | 2.74   | 1.97   | 9.98   | 2.57   | 1.46   |
|          | P≤1%        | *        | *      | ns     | *      | ns     | ns     |
| November | DoFs        | 2 & 45 4 | & 45   | 8 & 45 | 2 & 45 | 4 & 45 | 8 & 45 |
|          | 5%          | 3.23     | 2.61   | 2.18   | 3.23   | 2.61   | 2.18   |
|          | 1%          | 5.18     | 3.83   | 2.99   | 5.18   | 3.83   | 2.99   |
|          | F-cal.      | 2.46     | 2.16   | 2.90   | 5.22   | 0.70   | 0.50   |
|          | P ≤ 1%      | ns       | ns     | *      | *      | ns     | ns     |
| December | DoFs        | 2 & 45   | 4 & 45 | 8 & 45 | 2 & 45 | 4 & 45 | 8 & 45 |
| •        | 5%          | 3.23     | 2.61   | 2.18   | 3.23   | 2.61   | 2.18   |
|          | 1%          | 5.18     | 3.83   | 2.99   | 5.18   | 3.83   | 2.99   |
|          | F-cal.      | 5.83     | 0.85   | 1.83   | 3.65   | 3.29   | 2.64   |
|          | P ≤ 1%      | *        | ns     | ns     | *      | *      | *      |

Table 4. Field soil respiration (mmol  $m^2 h^{-1}$ ) for various sites, times of day and seasons at Wivenhoe parkland grassland. Each value is mean  $\pm$  standard error of 4 replicates.

| Vaam   |   | varue            | Y1               | iluaru ciroi    | от 4 герпса     | Y2              |                 |  |  |
|--------|---|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|--|
| Year:  |   |                  |                  |                 |                 |                 |                 |  |  |
|        | Times of the day (hours – Greenwich Mean Time): |                  |                  |                 |                 |                 |                 |  |  |
| Season | Site  | 06-07 GMT        | 12-13 GMT        | 18-19 GMT       | 06-07 GMT       | 12-13 GMT       | 18-19 GMT       |  |  |
| Winter | 1   | $12.4 \pm 2.1$   | $17.8 \pm 3.7$   | $28.0 \pm 10.6$ | $16.4 \pm 4.2$  | $29.1 \pm 5.7$  | $31.0 \pm 6.5$  |  |  |
|        | 2   | $11.0 \pm 2.4$   | $23.5 \pm 2.9$   | $43.2 \pm 9.4$  | $20.8 \pm 2.9$  | $22.3 \pm 4.7$  | $93.6 \pm 36.9$ |  |  |
|        | 3   | $32.4 \pm 2.8$   | $35.8 \pm 1.3$   | $29.9 \pm 5.7$  | $25.2 \pm 4.3$  | $30.3 \pm 5.1$  | $39.0 \pm 14.0$ |  |  |
|        | 4   | $29.6 \pm 8.5$   | $20.2 \pm 2.4$   | $32.8 \pm 3.9$  | $41.3 \pm 3.6$  | $25.6 \pm 3.2$  | $33.0 \pm 6.6$  |  |  |
|        | 5   | $28.7 \pm 6.0$   | $30.5 \pm 5.6$   | $46.6 \pm 6.3$  | $44.7 \pm 6.4$  | $31.4 \pm 2.8$  | $32.8 \pm 8.5$  |  |  |
| Spring | 1   | $25.2 \pm 1.8$   | $24.7 \pm 1.2$   | $29.2 \pm 2.2$  | $30.6 \pm 6.5$  | $33.4 \pm 3.4$  | $52.5 \pm 7.8$  |  |  |
|        | 2   | $35.2 \pm 2.0$   | $34.3 \pm 2.9$   | $29.4 \pm 1.7$  | $44.8 \pm 2.6$  | $37.0 \pm 5.2$  | $52.6 \pm 13.2$ |  |  |
|        | 3   | $38.1 \pm 4.0$   | $48.3 \pm 9.4$   | $33.0 \pm 3.0$  | $76.6 \pm 15.8$ | $38.2 \pm 7.3$  | $54.6 \pm 6.6$  |  |  |
|        | 4   | $24.2 \pm 2.5$   | $36.2 \pm 10.7$  | $28.6 \pm 9.7$  | $47.3 \pm 7.8$  | $42.2 \pm 6.1$  | $55.8 \pm 6.3$  |  |  |
|        | 5   | $29.3 \pm 4.5$   | $40.8 \pm 6.9$   | $28.6 \pm 1.9$  | $53.6 \pm 10.0$ | $36.6 \pm 2.4$  | $60.9 \pm 8.3$  |  |  |
| Summer | 1   | $34.3 \pm 10.8$  | $79.1 \pm 8.9$   | $89.9 \pm 19.0$ | $32.8 \pm 7.0$  | $61.9 \pm 19.8$ | $42.9 \pm 11.2$ |  |  |
|        | 2   | $48.0 \pm 7.1$   | $127.2 \pm 27.2$ | $76.5 \pm 10.2$ | $34.9 \pm 5.6$  | $70.5 \pm 17.3$ | $81.5 \pm 16.2$ |  |  |
|        | 3   | $184.2 \pm 29.8$ | $203.7 \pm 32.6$ | $41.6 \pm 1.8$  | $38.7 \pm 3.4$  | $67.0 \pm 12.2$ | $56.2 \pm 8.5$  |  |  |
|        | 4   | $104.6 \pm 16.6$ | $156.8 \pm 26.8$ | $61.2 \pm 4.3$  | $34.3 \pm 6.5$  | $69.8 \pm 10.4$ | $43.8 \pm 4.0$  |  |  |
|        | 5   | $236.1 \pm 57.0$ | $298.5 \pm 40.2$ | $70.4 \pm 13.8$ | $56.5 \pm 9.1$  | $62.4 \pm 9.8$  | $51.0 \pm 9.5$  |  |  |
| Autumn | 1   | $30.5 \pm 6.9$   | $52.1 \pm 6.1$   | $58.8 \pm 14.8$ | $33.9 \pm 5.6$  | $27.0 \pm 2.9$  | $26.7 \pm 2.4$  |  |  |
|        | 2   | $32.7 \pm 6.6$   | $41.3 \pm 11.3$  | $87.2 \pm 38.6$ | $29.8 \pm 3.7$  | $27.4 \pm 1.1$  | $32.2 \pm 1.9$  |  |  |
|        | 3   | $35.1 \pm 7.1$   | $40.1 \pm 8.0$   | $64.0 \pm 18.7$ | $38.3 \pm 5.0$  | $37.3 \pm 1.8$  | $27.6 \pm 5.2$  |  |  |
|        | 4   | $46.9 \pm 3.6$   | $34.2 \pm 6.5$   | $59.0 \pm 14.6$ | $44.0 \pm 3.6$  | $45.1 \pm 2.4$  | $26.5 \pm 5.0$  |  |  |
|        | 5   | $38.4 \pm 2.2$   | $27.8 \pm 4.6$   | 57.4 ± 14.9     | $38.9 \pm 5.2$  | $36.9 \pm 1.9$  | $25.4 \pm 4.5$  |  |  |

Table 5. Statistical variables and critical values of significance at P≤0.01 for field soil respiration (mmol m<sup>-2</sup> h<sup>-1</sup>) at various seasons of the year. Degree of freedoms of tested variable and experimental error (DoFs), F-calculated (Fcal) as tested by 2 way analysis of variance (ANOVA), number of replicates (4), hours Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) was 3 and number of sites (SITES) was 5

| Period: |                 |        | Y1     | ·                  |                  | Y2     |             |
|---------|-----------------|--------|--------|--------------------|------------------|--------|-------------|
|         |                 |        |        | <b>Statistical</b> | <u>variables</u> |        |             |
| Seasons | Critical values | GMT    | SITES  | GMT x SITES        | GMT              | SITES  | GMT x SITES |
| Winter  | DoFs            | 2 & 45 | 4 & 45 | 8 & 45             | 2 & 45           | 4 & 45 | 8 & 45      |
|         | 5%              | 3.23   | 2.61   | 2.18               | 3.23             | 2.61   | 2.18        |
|         | 1%              | 5.18   | 3.83   | 2.99               | 5.18             | 3.83   | 2.99        |
| -       | F-cal.          | 6.88   | 2.86   | 1.71               | 3.94             | 1.28   | 2.85        |
|         | P ≤ 1%          | *      | *      | ns                 | *                | ns     | *           |
| Spring  | DoFs            | 2 & 45 | 4 & 45 | 8 & 45             | 2 & 45           | 4 & 45 | 8 & 45      |
|         | 5%              | 3.23   | 2.61   | 2.18               | 3.23             | 2.61   | 2.18        |
|         | 1%              | 5.18   | 3.83   | 2.99               | 5.18             | 3.83   | 2.99        |
|         | F-cal.          | 1.02   | 5.79   | 1.21               | 5.56             | 2.39   | 1.30        |
|         | P≤1%            | ns     | *      | ns                 | *                | ns     | ns          |
| Summer  | DoFs            | 2 & 45 | 4 & 45 | 8 & 45             | 2 & 45           | 4 & 45 | 8 & 45      |
|         | 5%              | 3.23   | 2.61   | 2.18               | 3.23             | 2.61   | 2.18        |
|         | 1%              | 5.18   | 3.83   | 2.99               | 5.18             | 3.83   | 2.99        |
|         | F-cal.          | 14.70  | 6.38   | 3.15               | 10.83            | 3.70   | 2.40        |
|         | P ≤ 1%          | *      | *      | *                  | *                | *      | *           |
| Autumn  | DoFs            | 2 & 45 | 4 & 45 | 8 & 45             | 2 & 45           | 4 & 45 | 8 & 45      |
|         | 5%              | 3.23   | 2.61   | 2.18               | 3.23             | 2.61   | 2.18        |
|         | 1%              | 5.18   | 3.83   | 2.99               | 5.18             | 3.83   | 2.99        |
| _       | F-cal.          | 6.47   | 0.28   | 0.58               | 7.09             | 1.76   | 1.21        |
|         | P ≤ 1%          | *      | ns     | ns                 | *                | ns     | ns          |

Table 6. Laboratory soil respiration (mmol  $m^{-2}$   $h^{-1}$ ) for various times of the day and month at Wivenhoe parkland grassland. Each value is mean  $\pm$  standard error of 5 sites x 4 replicates x 2 years

| Period: |                 | Y1  |                 |                 | Y2              |                 |  |  |  |
|---------|-----------------|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|--|--|
|         |                 | Times of the d (hours - Greenwich Mean Time): |                 |                 |                 |                 |  |  |  |
| Month   | 06-07 GMT       | 12-13 GMT                                     | 18-19 GMT       | 06-07 GMT       | 12-13 GMT       | 18-19 GMT       |  |  |  |
| Jan.    | $20.2 \pm 17.0$ | $23.6 \pm 15.9$                               | $23.0 \pm 5.5$  | $25.6 \pm 11.5$ | $30.2 \pm 9.6$  | $25.3 \pm 6.5$  |  |  |  |
| Feb.    | $23.4 \pm 2.6$  | $16.2 \pm 4.8$                                | $15.3 \pm 3.1$  | $22.1 \pm 4.1$  | $14.9 \pm 2.6$  | $12.4 \pm 2.9$  |  |  |  |
| Mar.    | $29.8 \pm 7.2$  | $24.2 \pm 3.3$                                | $26.9 \pm 15.2$ | $45.3 \pm 13.0$ | $54.0 \pm 20.4$ | $43.0 \pm 18.0$ |  |  |  |
| Apr.    | $40.7 \pm 29.4$ | $71.2 \pm 16.9$                               | $43.7 \pm 17.4$ | $43.8 \pm 12.4$ | $78.2 \pm 37.0$ | $53.7 \pm 37.5$ |  |  |  |
| May.    | $38.0 \pm 10.5$ | $25.6 \pm 5.2$                                | $17.7 \pm 10.8$ | $18.6 \pm 5.0$  | $67.3 \pm 32.0$ | $71.6 \pm 33.2$ |  |  |  |
| Jun.    | $60.2 \pm 35.0$ | $34.1 \pm 13.0$                               | $25.0 \pm 8.2$  | $51.3 \pm 10.7$ | 49.5 ± 15.1     | $44.8 \pm 11.8$ |  |  |  |
| Jul.    | $44.3 \pm 15.9$ | $101.4 \pm 71.1$                              | $63.7 \pm 23.1$ | $77.7 \pm 54.6$ | $81.8 \pm 71.4$ | $75.4 \pm 44.6$ |  |  |  |
| Aug.    | $34.9 \pm 31.2$ | $30.5 \pm 8.3$                                | $31.1 \pm 13.4$ | $56.3 \pm 31.1$ | $63.5 \pm 37.1$ | $56.1 \pm 22.6$ |  |  |  |
| Sep.    | $30.5 \pm 27.1$ | $12.7 \pm 5.5$                                | 41.1 ± 16.9     | $57.2 \pm 25.9$ | $19.7 \pm 31.0$ | $10.9 \pm 8.9$  |  |  |  |
| Oct.    | $7.1 \pm 2.3$   | $39.1 \pm 31.5$                               | $31.1 \pm 19.1$ | $27.6 \pm 18.5$ | $26.7 \pm 13.3$ | $17.7 \pm 9.6$  |  |  |  |
| Nov.    | $32.2 \pm 26.2$ | $48.6 \pm 23.4$                               | $54.3 \pm 27.3$ | $40.1 \pm 26.0$ | $42.4 \pm 8.7$  | $37.1 \pm 5.5$  |  |  |  |
| Dec.    | $25.6 \pm 20.6$ | $22.5 \pm 12.8$                               | $31.6 \pm 16.5$ | $17.8 \pm 13.8$ | $41.2 \pm 30.1$ | $27.5 \pm 14.5$ |  |  |  |

Table 7. Statistical variables and critical values of significance at  $P \le 0.01$  for laboratory soil respiration (mmol m<sup>-2</sup> h<sup>-1</sup>) at various months of the year. Degree of freedoms of tested variable and experimental error (DoFs), F-calculated (Fcal) as tested by 2 way analysis of variance (ANOVA), number of replicates (4), hours Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) was 3 and number of sites (SITES) was 5

|          |                 | sites (                      | SIIES) was 5 |       |       |  |  |
|----------|-----------------|------------------------------|--------------|-------|-------|--|--|
| Period:  |                 | ,                            | Y1           | Y2    |       |  |  |
|          |                 | <u>Statistical variables</u> |              |       |       |  |  |
| Months   | Critical values | GM                           | T SITES      | GMT   | SITES |  |  |
| January  | DoFs            | 2 & 8                        | 4 & 8        | 2 & 8 | 4 & 8 |  |  |
|          | 5%              | 4.46                         | 3.84         | 4.46  | 3.84  |  |  |
|          | 1%              | 8.65                         | 7.01         | 8.65  | 7.01  |  |  |
|          | F-cal.          | 0.08                         | 0.62         | 0.32  | 0.17  |  |  |
|          | $P \le 1\%$     | ns                           | ns           | ns    | ns    |  |  |
| February | DoFs            | 2 & 8                        | 4 & 8        | 2 & 8 | 4 & 8 |  |  |
|          | 5%              | 4.46                         | 3.84         | 4.46  | 3.84  |  |  |
|          | 1%              | 8.65                         | 7.01         | 8.65  | 7.01  |  |  |
|          | F-cal.          | 4.25                         | 0.70         | 11.93 | 0.94  |  |  |

|            | P ≤ 1%           | ns            | ns            | *             | ns            |
|------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| March      | DoFs             | 2 & 8         | 4 & 8         | 2 & 8         | 4 & 8         |
| 1114141    | 5%               | 4.46          | 3.84          | 4.46          | 3.84          |
|            | 1%               | 8.65          | 7.01          | 8.65          | 7.01          |
|            | F-cal.           | 0.57          | 2.30          | 2.17          | 9.63          |
|            | P ≤ 1%           | ns            | ns            | ns            | *             |
| April      | DoFs             | 2 & 8         | 4 & 8         | 2 & 8         | 4 & 8         |
| F          | 5%               | 4.46          | 3.84          | 4.46          | 3.84          |
|            | 1%               | 8.65          | 7.01          | 8.65          | 7.01          |
|            | F-cal.           | 2.20          | 0.27          | 2.59          | 2.83          |
|            | P ≤ 1%           | ns            | ns            | ns            | ns            |
| May        | DoFs             | 2 & 8         | 4 & 8         | 2 & 8         | 4 & 8         |
|            | 5%               | 4.46          | 3.84          | 4.46          | 3.84          |
|            | 1%               | 8.65          | 7.01          | 8.65          | 7.01          |
|            | F-cal.           | 5.34          | 0.58          | 7.97          | 1.96          |
|            | P ≤ 1%           | *             | ns            | *             | ns            |
| June       | DoFs             | 2 & 8         | 4 & 8         | 2 & 8         | 4 & 8         |
|            | 5%               | 4.46          | 3.84          | 4.46          | 3.84          |
|            | 1%               | 8.65          | 7.01          | 8.65          | 7.01          |
|            | F-cal.           | 2.78          | 0.44          | 0.38          | 1.28          |
|            | P ≤ 1%           | ns            | ns            | ns            | ns            |
| July       | DoFs             | 2 & 8         | 4 & 8         | 2 & 8         | 4 & 8         |
|            | 5%               | 4.46          | 3.84          | 4.46          | 3.84          |
|            | 1%               | 8.65          | 7.01          | 8.65          | 7.01          |
|            | F-cal.           | 1.99          | 0.75          | 0.02          | 1.26          |
|            | $P \le 1\%$      | ns            | ns            | ns            | ns            |
| August     | DoFs             | 2 & 8         | 4 & 8         | 2 & 8         | 4 & 8         |
|            | 5%               | 4.46          | 3.84          | 4.46          | 3.84          |
|            | 1%               | 8.65          | 7.01          | 8.65          | 7.01          |
|            | F-cal.           | 0.08          | 1.45          | 0.18          | 3.67          |
|            | P ≤ 1%           | ns            | ns            | ns            | ns            |
| September  | DoFs             | 2 & 8         | 4 & 8         | 2 & 8         | 4 & 8         |
|            | 5%               | 4.46          | 3.84          | 4.46          | 3.84          |
| _          | 1%               | 8.65          | 7.01          | 8.65          | 7.01          |
|            | F-cal.           | 2.44          | 0.48          | 4.13          | 0.34          |
| 01         | P ≤ 1%           | ns            | ns            | ns            | ns            |
| October    | DoFs<br>5%       | 2 & 8<br>4.46 | 4 & 8<br>3.84 | 2 & 8<br>4.46 | 4 & 8<br>3.84 |
|            | 1%               | 8.65          | 7.01          | 8.65          | 7.01          |
|            | F-cal.           | 2.72          | 0.67          | 0.82          | 1.33          |
|            | F-cal.<br>P ≤ 1% |               |               |               | -             |
| November   | P ≤ 1%<br>DoFs   | ns<br>2 & 8   | ns<br>4 & 8   | ns<br>2 & 8   | ns<br>4 & 8   |
| TAOACHIDEI | 5%               | 4.46          | 3.84          | 4.46          | 3.84          |
|            | 1%               | 8.65          | 7.01          | 8.65          | 7.01          |
|            | F-cal.           | 1.22          | 1.68          | 0.16          | 1.54          |
|            | P ≤ 1%           | ns            | ns            | ns            | ns            |
| December   | DoFs             | 2 & 8         | 4 & 8         | 2 & 8         | 4 & 8         |
| Decilion   | 5%               | 4.46          | 3.84          | 4.46          | 3.84          |
|            | 1%               | 8.65          | 7.01          | 8.65          | 7.01          |
|            | F-cal.           | 0.84          | 4.78          | 2.60          | 2.93          |
|            | P ≤ 1%           | ns            | *             | ns            | ns            |
|            | 1 - 1/0          | 110           |               | 113           | 110           |

Table 8. Laboratory soil respiration (mmol  $m^{-2}$   $h^{-1}$ ) and water filled pore spaces (m3 m-3) at constant temperature (25°C) for various times of the day and seasons at Wivenhoe parkland grassland. Each value is mean  $\pm$  standard error of 5 sites x 2 years, Time is Greenwich Mean Time (GMT)

|        | Laboratory soil | respiration (mmo | l m <sup>-2</sup> h <sup>-1</sup> ) | Water filled pore spaces (WFPS) – m <sup>3</sup> m <sup>3</sup> |                 |  |
|--------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------|--|
| Season | Time            | <b>Y</b> 1       | Y2                                  | Y1  | Y2              |  |
| Winter | 06-07 GMT       | $23.0 \pm 4.8$   | $21.8 \pm 5.6$                      | $0.58 \pm 0.16$   | $0.56 \pm 0.14$ |  |
|        | 12-13 GMT       | $20.7 \pm 7.5$   | $28.8 \pm 11.6$                     | $0.53 \pm 0.16$   | $0.53 \pm 0.19$ |  |
|        | 18-19 GMT       | $23.3 \pm 6.1$   | $21.7 \pm 6.4$                      | $0.54 \pm 0.12$   | $0.51 \pm 0.17$ |  |
| Spring | 06-07 GMT       | $36.2 \pm 5.2$   | $35.9 \pm 7.5$                      | $0.69 \pm 0.15$   | $0.69 \pm 0.09$ |  |
|        | 12-13 GMT       | $40.3 \pm 4.5$   | $66.5 \pm 10.6$                     | $0.67 \pm 0.10$   | $0.64 \pm 0.11$ |  |
|        | 18-19 GMT       | $29.4 \pm 12.6$  | $56.1 \pm 14.1$                     | $0.62 \pm 0.14$   | $0.65 \pm 0.11$ |  |
| Summer | 06-07 GMT       | $46.5 \pm 14.5$  | $61.8 \pm 28.0$                     | $0.40 \pm 0.15$   | $0.42 \pm 0.15$ |  |
|        | 12-13 GMT       | $55.3 \pm 23.6$  | $64.9 \pm 30.4$                     | $0.38 \pm 0.12$   | $0.54 \pm 0.15$ |  |
|        | 18-19 GMT       | $40.0 \pm 8.1$   | $58.8 \pm 20.0$                     | $0.40 \pm 0.14$   | $0.42 \pm 0.14$ |  |
| Autumn | 06-07 GMT       | $23.3 \pm 11.9$  | $41.6 \pm 16.2$                     | $0.49 \pm 0.13$   | $0.52 \pm 0.12$ |  |
|        | 12-13 GMT       | $33.5 \pm 16.0$  | $29.6 \pm 16.6$                     | $0.49 \pm 0.14$   | $0.50 \pm 0.20$ |  |
|        | 18-19 GMT       | $42.2 \pm 15.0$  | $21.9 \pm 7.1$                      | $0.47 \pm 0.14$   | $0.49 \pm 0.13$ |  |

Table 9. Statistical variables and critical values of significance at P≤0.01 for laboratory soil respiration (mmol m<sup>-2</sup> h<sup>-1</sup>) at various seasons of the year. Degree of freedoms of tested variable and experimental error (DoFs), F-calculated (Fcal) as tested by 2 way analysis of variance (ANOVA), number of replicates (4), hours Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) was 3 and number of sites (SITES) was 5

| Period: |                 | Y1    | Y2                |                     |       |
|---------|-----------------|-------|-------------------|---------------------|-------|
| •       |                 |       | <u>S tatistic</u> | <u>al variables</u> |       |
| Seasons | Critical values | GMT   | SITES             | GMT                 | SITES |
| Winter  | DoFs            | 2 & 8 | 4 & 8             | 2 & 8               | 4 & 8 |
|         | 5%              | 4.46  | 3.84              | 4.46                | 3.84  |
|         | 1%              | 8.65  | 7.01              | 8.65                | 7.01  |
| •       | F-cal.          | 0.39  | 2.63              | 1.77                | 2.45  |
|         | P ≤ 1%          | ns    | ns                | ns                  | ns    |
| Spring  | DoFs            | 2 & 8 | 4 & 8             | 2 & 8               | 4 & 8 |
|         | 5%              | 4.46  | 3.84              | 4.46                | 3.84  |
|         | 1%              | 8.65  | 7.01              | 8.65                | 7.01  |
|         | F-cal.          | 2.27  | 1.08              | 25.2                | 5.63  |
|         | P ≤ 1%          | ns    | ns                | *                   | *     |
| Summer  | DoFs            | 2 & 8 | 4 & 8             | 2 & 8               | 4 & 8 |
|         | 5%              | 4.46  | 3.84              | 4.46                | 3.84  |
|         | 1%              | 8.65  | 7.01              | 8.65                | 7.01  |
|         | F-cal.          | 0.91  | 0.53              | 0.08                | 1.52  |
|         | $P \le 1\%$     | ns    | ns                | ns                  | ns    |
| Autumn  | DoFs            | 2 & 8 | 4 & 8             | 2 & 8               | 4 & 8 |
|         | 5%              | 4.46  | 3.84              | 4.46                | 3.84  |
|         | 1%              | 8.65  | 7.01              | 8.65                | 7.01  |
|         | F-cal.          | 2.58  | 1.59              | 2.15                | 0.58  |
|         | P ≤ 1%          | ns    | ns                | ns                  | ns    |

Instead of narrowing attention to terrorism, nuclear proliferation, nuclear accident and nuclear war as the end point of the world. These our orchestrated end point may be triggered automatically by climate change instead of terrorist and world super powers.

The University of Essex, England Wivenhoe parkland grassland was monitored on hourly, daily, monthly and seasonal basis for two years. The data generated is hereby presented to the scientific and general public for perusal and necessary action.

# Materials and Methods

Site description

Have been fully described in Igboji et al, (2015)

## Laboratory methods and protocols

Remains as described in Igboji et al (2015)

# Statistical and data analysis

Remains as described in Igboji et al (2015)

## **Results and Discussions**

Remains as detailed in Igboji et al (2015)

## Data bank (Tables 1-11)

Table 1: Field soil respiration (mmol m-2 h-1) and temperature (°C) for various times of the day and season at Wivenhoe parkland grassland. Each value is mean  $\pm$  standard error of 5 sites x 2 yrs.

## Conclusion

The above data bank explains more the work of Igboji *et al.*(2015). Similar data when made available by researchers and scientists will help the science and art of quantifying C-fluxes in diverse ecosystem and land management practices and if done on sustainable and continuous basis all over the world will proffer solutions to issues of sustainable agriculture, taming land and nature, global warming and climatic change.

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