## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

## Long-term Cu exposure selects for Cu-tolerant bacterial communities with altered composition, but unaltered richness

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**Figure S1** Pair wise correlation plots for the 16 Cu gradient soil samples with the explanatory variables named in the columns and the response variables named in the rows.



**Figure S2** Rarefaction plot showing numbers of unique operational taxonomic units (OTUs) defined at the  $\geq$  97 % sequence similarity level for a sampling effort of 6538 sequences for the 16 soil samples.



**Figure S3** Number of shared operational taxonomic units among 6538 randomly selected 16S rRNA gene sequences per Cu gradient soil sample.



**Figure S4** Relative abundance of high-abundant classes showing no significant correlation (Spearman rank correlation test) to bioavailable Cu in the 16 Cu gradient soil samples. NS = Not Significant.