

Supporting Information

“Steroid Biomarkers Revisited – Improved Source Identification of Faecal Remains in Archaeological Soil Material”

S11 Table. Sterol, stanol, and stanone contents of archaeological soil samples.

Steroid group Sample	Δ^5 -Sterols		5 β -stanols		Epi-5 β -stanols		5 α -stanols		5 β -stanone	5 α -stanone	Σ sterols, stanols, stanones ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$ soil)	
	Cholesterol	β -Sitosterol	Stigma-sterol	Coprostanol	5 β -Stigma-stanol	Epicoprostanol	Epi-5 β -stigmastanol	5 α -Cholestanol	5 α -Stigma-stanol	Coprostanone		Cholestanone
($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$ soil)												
Dormagen												
Cesspit	26.0 \pm 0.9	44.7 \pm 2.2	16.2 \pm 1.4	22.4 \pm 0.4	26.5 \pm 1.7	5.0 \pm 0.3	9.6 \pm 1.2	20.7 \pm 0.7	60.7 \pm 4.4	4.0 \pm 0.2	11.4 \pm 0.3	247
Stable drain (brown filling) ^a	58.0	86.7	0.0	10.0	24.8	7.2	25.3	36.4	94.1	5.1	0	348
Stable drain (green filling)	36.5 \pm 1.8	25.3 \pm 0.8	5.6 \pm 0.3	4.1 \pm 1.7	6.3 \pm 4.1	2.9 \pm 0.6	5.0 \pm 1.4	20.0 \pm 2.8	65.3 \pm 4.4	2.7 \pm 0.8	0 \pm 0	174
Stable area	2.1 \pm 2.0	12.4 \pm 9.4	2.2 \pm 1.4	uql	3.6 \pm 1.7	0 \pm 0.0	uql	uql	29.6 \pm 27.0	0 \pm 0	5.5 \pm 4.9	55
Control	7.4 \pm 5.8	40.4 \pm 5.9	16.5 \pm 2.6	uql	6.8 \pm 1.0	uql	2.2 \pm 0.2	2.0 \pm 1.5	56.4 \pm 7.7	0 \pm 0	3.9 \pm 3.6	136
Inden												
Sewer ditch (70cm) ^a	62.5	42.1	7.2	13.6	34.5	2.6	10.4	21.2	75.7	uql	31.4	304
Sewer ditch (80cm)	109 \pm 49	101 \pm 13	8.5 \pm 12.0	20.3 \pm 0.2	91.6 \pm 26.4	14.4 \pm 1.7	64.6 \pm 6.3	80.7 \pm 33.2	126 \pm 6.7	0 \pm 0	12.2 \pm 17.3	631
Control*	21.4	7.9	0	0	4.6	0	4.1	0	50.0	0	16.1	104
Düren-Arnoldsweiler												
LBK well ^a	6.8	60.3	8.1	14.6	21.8	2.4	5.5	2.1	61.4	0	62.0	245
Bronze Age well ^a	62.7	376	79.9	25.1	184	52.8	147	33.7	242	0	16.3	1219
Iron Age well ^a	215	1468	188	144	197	50.5	136	337	1533	0	6.5	4275

All values are means \pm standard deviation; ^a only one replicate considered (due to low recoveries for the other replicates);

uql = under quantification limit