Supplementary material

| Depth (cm) | S4 | S12 | S22 |
|---------------|------|------|------|
| 0-10 | 0.83 | 0.83 | 0.70 |
| 30-40 | 0.83 | 0.47 | 0.42 |
| 60-70 | 0.36 | 0.43 | 0.40 |

Table S1. Porosity at different depths in the investigated soil profiles (S4, S12 and S22).

Table S2. Saturated hydraulic conductivity (K) at different depths in the investigated soil profiles (S4, S12 and S22). With a few exceptions (S4 30-40 cm, S22 11-16 cm, S22 20-25 cm and S22 33-38 cm) the values are averages of duplicate samples.

| Profile | Depth (cm) | K (μm s⁻¹) |
|---------|--|------------|
| | 30-40 | 6.4 |
| 64 | 45-50 | 9.3 |
| 54 | 50-60 | 0.61 |
| | 60-70 | 8.5 |
| | 30-40 45-50 50-60 60-70 15-25 35-45 45-55 55-70 11-16 20-25 33-38 45-50 | 8.1 |
| 612 | | 6.4 |
| 512 | 45-55 | 2.8 |
| | 55-70 | 2.7 |
| | 11-16 | 17 |
| | 20-25 | 76 |
| 622 | 33-38 | 140 |
| 322 | 45-50 | 73 |
| | 60-65 | 60 |
| | 80-85 | 4.7 |

| | | 5 | 54 | | | | S12 | | | | | S22 | | |
|-----------|-----|-----|------|-----|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|------------|------|
| d (am) | 35 | 45 | 55 | 65 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 60 | 70 | 20 | 35 | 50 | 75 | 90 |
| Al | 16 | 15 | 10 | 15 | 4.1 | 23 | 27 | 2.6 | 35 | 19 | 39 | 15 | 28 | 8.6 |
| As | 7.2 | 28 | 15 | 36 | 14 | 30 | 41 | 85 | 85 | 34 | n/a | 162 | n/a | 101 |
| в | 38 | 61 | 39 | 40 | 17 | 36 | 34 | 44 | 56 | 30 | 22 | 42 | 34 | 15 |
| Ba | 8.5 | 11 | 7.9 | 9.3 | 1.1 | 18 | 23 | 14 | 32 | 15 | 23 | 13 | 3.8 | 14 |
| Be | 13 | 14 | 7.3 | 13 | 7.5 | 10 | 28 | 10 | 3.9 | 37 | 24 | 19 | 15 | 18 |
| Ca | 5.3 | 7.4 | 3.8 | 13 | 4.6 | 20 | 10 | 6.6 | 10 | 14 | 10 | 4.2 | 3.7 | 2.4 |
| Cd | 14 | 10 | 8.5 | 14 | 3.3 | 67 | 40 | 54 | 29 | 23 | 28 | 48 | 80 | 35 |
| Cl | 6.6 | 19 | 3.2 | 6.7 | 39 | 23 | 18 | 12 | 7.1 | 45 | 8.7 | 15 | 10 | 4.2 |
| Со | 10 | 10 | 3.8 | 12 | 0.081 | 30 | 33 | 8.7 | 18 | 114 | 8.8 | 46 | 12 | 129 |
| Cr | 15 | 13 | 12 | 16 | 14 | 38 | 38 | 13 | 27 | 105 | n/a | 7.0 | n/a | n/a |
| Cs | 30 | 31 | 15 | 27 | 41 | 30 | 35 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 22 | 16 | 5.3 | 22 |
| Cu | 55 | 73 | 52 | 50 | 4.8 | 114 | 68 | 79 | 83 | 37 | 93 | 62 | 12 | 64 |
| Fe | 20 | 13 | 12 | 75 | 17 | 32 | 50 | 12 | 25 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| К | 20 | 11 | 5.2 | 27 | 79 | 44 | 25 | 4.4 | 24 | 23 | 14 | 6.3 | 2.3 | 4.4 |
| Li | 29 | 31 | 35 | 36 | 32 | 38 | 37 | 30 | 36 | 43 | 50 | 79 | 62 | 48 |
| La | 17 | 14 | 15 | 20 | 1.5 | 44 | 26 | 5.8 | 24 | 29 | 46 | 21 | 43 | 23 |
| Mg | 7.6 | 10 | 6.1 | 6.9 | 11 | 16 | 26 | 7.7 | 7.5 | 15 | 8.0 | 10 | 10 | 1.9 |
| Mn | 13 | 11 | 4.9 | 6.1 | 14 | 80 | 26 | 7.7 | 27 | 20 | 39 | 41 | 71 | 97 |
| Na | 4.4 | 2.1 | 2.4 | 3.7 | 13 | 8.7 | 21 | 4.4 | 2.2 | 4.7 | 4.1 | 4.8 | 8.4 | 2.8 |
| Ni | 13 | 10 | 5.7 | 15 | 2.6 | 34 | 31 | 13 | 22 | 100 | 16 | 38 | 25 | 19 |
| Pb | 45 | 72 | 64 | 36 | 14 | 142 | 52 | 59 | 78 | 60 | n/a | 111 | 17 | 123 |
| рН | 1.6 | 1.1 | 0.79 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 3.8 | 4.3 | 1.1 | 1.6 | 0.86 | 0.74 | 0.31 | 0.23 | 0.71 |
| Rb | 31 | 25 | 10 | 27 | 60 | 43 | 22 | 7.7 | 25 | 22 | 20 | 7.4 | 3.1 | 10 |
| Se | 32 | 71 | 37 | 60 | 26 | 127 | 85 | 121 | 191 | 60 | 52 | 86 | 157 | 79 |
| Si | 3.3 | 6.0 | 4.6 | 7.5 | 23 | 10 | 27 | 3.0 | 3.5 | 12 | 9.6 | 8.1 | 6.7 | 4.4 |
| 504 | 20 | 11 | 7.8 | 11 | 14 | 17 | 8.6 | 3.8 | 1.8 | 9.1 | 2.8 | 5.8 | 3.7 | 3.7 |
| Sr | 5.4 | 4.9 | 4.4 | 8.4 | 0.9 | 17 | 26 | 1.3 | /.4 | 12 | 10 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 3.8 |
| 1 N T: | 20 | 10 | 20 | 29 | 40 | 17 | 27 | 17 | 54 | 41 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| TI | 20 | 19 | 14 | 17 | 3.0 | 22 | 24 | 10 | 21 | 13 | 21 | 16 | 0.8 | 70 |
| TOC | 13 | 10 | 9.0 | 18 | 11 | 15 | 6.0 | 10 | 7.1 | 26 | 36 | 16 | 0.8 8 7 | 23 |
| IU II | 27 | 12 | 18 | 28 | 11 | 84 | 29 | 9.1 | 32 | 13 | n/a | 38 | n/a | 23 |
| v | 10 | 11 | 11 | 27 | 12 | 24 | 31 | 10 | 30 | 57 | 30 | 24 | 18 | 40 |
| Zn | 24 | 12 | 7.6 | 26 | 59 | 31 | 22 | 36 | 25 | 62 | 30 | 51 | 79 | 45 |
| Zr | 56 | 57 | 42 | 62 | 75 | 49 | 51 | 42 | 53 | 55 | n/a | 8.2 | n/a | 60 |
| | 10 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 |

Table S3. Relative standard deviations (%) for the average element concentrations presented in Table 1 and the number of successful samplings in each of the lysimeters.

| Element | Spruce shoots S4 | Spruce shoots S22 | Bilberry leaves S4 | Bilberry leaves S22 |
|---------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Al | 43 | 23 | 57 | 60 |
| Sb | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.003 | 0.003 |
| As | 0.03 | 0.01 | 0.04 | 0.01 |
| Ва | 1.3 | 6.5 | 31 | 28 |
| Pb | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.02 |
| В | 11 | 12 | 10 | 11 |
| Br | 0.7 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Ce | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.01 | 0.01 |
| Cs | 0.84 | 0.21 | 0.81 | 0.15 |
| Р | 3100 | 2500 | 2000 | 2000 |
| Ga | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.002 | 0.002 |
| I | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Fe | 23 | 19 | 54 | 45 |
| Cd | 0.023 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.03 |
| Ca | 630 | 940 | 3700 | 4100 |
| К | 12000 | 11000 | 9200 | 9500 |
| Si | 160 | 130 | 50 | 40 |
| Со | 0.07 | 0.04 | 0.04 | 0.01 |
| Cu | 4.5 | 4.4 | 7.3 | 6.6 |
| Cr | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.04 | 0.06 |
| Hg | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 |
| La | 0.001 | 0.002 | 0.006 | 0.005 |
| Li | 0.11 | 0.09 | 0.06 | 0.05 |
| Mg | 1000 | 960 | 1500 | 1600 |
| Mn | 100 | 250 | 610 | 1800 |
| Мо | 0.1 | 0.02 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Na | 2.3 | 2.3 | 6 | 5 |
| Nd | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.004 | 0.004 |
| Nb | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.002 | 0.002 |
| Ni | 4.4 | 2.9 | 0.7 | 0.4 |
| Rb | 76 | 84 | 80 | 86 |
| Ag | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.003 | 0.003 |
| Sr | 1.1 | 2.3 | 5.7 | 2.2 |
| S | 1000 | 890 | 1700 | 1600 |
| TI | 0.01 | 0.002 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Sn | 0.005 | 0.004 | 0.01 | 0.01 |
| Ti | 0.1 | 0.08 | 0.01 | 0.3 |
| V | 0.009 | 0.007 | 0.04 | 0.02 |
| Bi | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| W | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.06 |
| Y | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.003 | 0.005 |
| Zn | 38 | 40 | 17 | 18 |
| Zr | 0.004 | 0.004 | 0.01 | 0.01 |

Table S4. Element concentrations in spruce shoots and bilberry leaves from S4 and S22, respectively. All concentrations are given in mg kg⁻¹.







Figure S2. Soil organic content on both sides of the stream channel based on investigations every 20 m along Västrabäcken (C2). The distance was in this case measured perpendicular to the stream, whereas the investigated sites (S4, S12 and S22) were named based on their distance from the stream channel along the flow pathway of the groundwater. The investigated transect is located on the east stream bank.



Figure S3. Comparison between measured pH and modelled pH 1996-1998.



Figure S4. Ti concentrations in soil water and groundwater from eight sampling occasions in the investigated transect as a function of the TOC concentration.



Figure S5. Al and TOC in the four horizons in S4. At all depths the Al concentration was more or less strongly correlated to TOC concentration, suggesting that the temporal variability in Al concentrations is connected to TOC.



Figure S6. Average concentrations of Ca (top), Al (middle) and La (bottom) in soil water and groundwater.



Figure S7. Average concentrations of K (top), Fe (middle) and Mn (bottom) in soil water and groundwater.



Figure S8. Enrichment in spruce shoots vs. enrichment in soil water when comparing the uphill site (S22) and the riparian site (S4) for various elements.