

**Supplementary Fig. S3** Standardized coefficient direct, indirect and total effects derived from the PLS-PMs of soil N<sub>2</sub>O/(N<sub>2</sub>O+N<sub>2</sub>) ratio in all sampling sites at regional scale (A), and at sb-regional scale LP (B), IMP (C) and XP (D). LP-Loess Plateau, IMP- Inner Mongolia Plateau, XP- Xizang Plateau.