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2 **The PM<sub>10</sub> Fraction of Road Dust in the UK and**  
3 **India: Characterization, Source Profiles and**  
4 **Oxidative Potential**

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24 **ABSTRACT**

25 Most studies of road dust composition have sampled a very wide range of particle sizes, but from  
26 the perspective of respiratory exposure to resuspended dusts, it is the PM<sub>10</sub> fraction which is of most  
27 importance. The PM<sub>10</sub> fraction of road dust samples was collected at two sites in Birmingham, UK  
28 (major highway and road tunnel) and one site in New Delhi, India. Dust loadings were found to be  
29 much higher for New Delhi compared to Birmingham, while concentrations of several species were  
30 much higher in the case of Birmingham. Detailed chemical source profiles were prepared for both  
31 cities and previously generated empirical factors for source attribution to brake wear, tyre wear and  
32 crustal dust were successfully applied to the UK sites. However, 100% of the mass for the Indian  
33 site could not be accounted for using these factors. This study highlights the need for generation of  
34 local empirical estimation factors for non-exhaust vehicle emissions. A limited number of bulk  
35 road dust and brake pad samples were also characterized. Oxidative Potential (OP) was also  
36 determined for a limited number of PM<sub>10</sub> and bulk road dust samples, and Cu was found to be a  
37 factor significantly associated with OP in PM<sub>10</sub> and bulk road dust.

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39 **Keywords:** Non-exhaust emissions; source profile; source apportionment; road dust; Oxidative  
40 Potential

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## 42 1. INTRODUCTION

43 Emissions from road vehicles are of importance for human health as they are emitted in the  
44 vicinity of human activity, and street canyon effects can enhance pollutant levels by limiting  
45 dispersion (Colville et al., 2001). Particulate matter (PM) emissions from road vehicles include  
46 both exhaust and non-exhaust (wear and tear of vehicle parts, resuspension of dust) constituents  
47 (Pant and Harrison, 2013). Non-exhaust emissions are more abundant in the coarse size fraction  
48 (particles with aerodynamic diameter of 2.5-10  $\mu\text{m}$ ) and can deposit on the roadside and be  
49 resuspended subsequently due to vehicle activity. Road dust (RD) consists primarily of coarse-sized  
50 PM derived from different sources such as wear of vehicle components (brakes, tyres and  
51 clutches), the road surface, engine corrosion, tailpipe emissions, crustal dust and other emission  
52 sources. However, similarity in composition between direct emission sources such as brake wear  
53 and tyre wear and particles resuspended from the road surface renders it difficult to distinguish the  
54 contribution of the different sources (Bukowiecki et al., 2010). RD can be a significant source of  
55 trace metals, particle-bound polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and other chemical species  
56 in the atmosphere (Amato et al., 2009; Duong and Lee, 2011; Kwon and Castaldi, 2012). Several  
57 studies on RD have reported elemental and organic marker concentrations for RD in different size  
58 fractions (Han et al., 2007; Morillo et al., 2007; Agarwal, 2009; Amato et al., 2009; Faiz et al.,  
59 2009; Duong and Lee, 2011; Gunawardana et al., 2011; Martuzevicius et al., 2011). Crustal dust is  
60 characterized by elements such as Si, Al, Ti, Mn and Fe while non-exhaust emissions are typically  
61 characterized by trace metals such as Cu, Ba, Sb, Sn (brake wear) and Zn (tyre wear) (Wahlin et al.,  
62 2006; Gietl et al., 2010; Hulskotte et al., 2014). However, several authors have also used organic  
63 markers (e.g. PAHs, n-alkanes, benzothiazoles) as source tracers (Lough et al., 2005; Kwon and  
64 Castaldi, 2012). Enrichment of both trace elements and organic species has been reported in RD  
65 compared to background soils worldwide (Han et al., 2007; Liu et al., 2007; Agarwal, 2009; Duong  
66 and Lee, 2011; Luo et al., 2011; Peltier et al., 2011). Elements such as Pt, Pd and Rh have also

67 been reported to be present in RD and are attributed to emissions from catalytic converters  
68 (Prichard and Fisher, 2012).

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70 It is important to note that the chemical source profile (i.e. percentage of species with respect to  
71 total PM mass) for contaminated soil as well as non-exhaust emissions varies geographically  
72 dependent upon parameters such as traffic (volume and pattern, fleet characteristics), and road  
73 surface type, and the climate and geology of the region (Omstedt et al., 2005; Amato et al.,  
74 2011; Pant and Harrison, 2013; Kwak et al., 2013). Most of the research, as well as policy action,  
75 in the last few decades has focused largely on exhaust emissions, and with a decline in percentage  
76 contribution of vehicle exhaust emissions to ambient PM, the contribution of non-exhaust PM is of  
77 increasing importance (Thorpe and Harrison, 2008; Denier van der Gon et al., 2013). Detailed  
78 accounts of sources and properties of non-exhaust emissions and ambient measurements of non-  
79 exhaust components are provided elsewhere (Luhana et al., 2004; Thorpe and Harrison, 2008; Pant  
80 and Harrison, 2013; Amato et al., 2014). Typical methods for characterization of RD and non-  
81 exhaust emissions include use of a brake dynamometer (Garg et al., 2000), rolling resistance testing  
82 machine (Rogge et al., 1993), rotating drum method (Camatani et al., 2001), sweep/vacuum  
83 collection of particles followed by sieving or resuspension (Duong and Lee, 2011; Martuzevicius et  
84 al., 2011) and use of a specific RD sampler (Amato et al., 2009). Several researchers have analysed  
85 the chemical composition of brake components (Rogge et al., 1993; Garg et al., 2000; Kukutschova  
86 et al., 2010, 2011; Hulskotte et al., 2014) and tyres (Camatani et al., 2001; Adachi and Tainosho,  
87 2004; Councill et al., 2004; Milani et al., 2004; Aatmeeyata and Sharma, 2010).

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89 Much of the reported research has been conducted on bulk or very coarse fractions of RD,  
90 with a very few studies focused on the characterization and source apportionment of the  $PM_{10}$   
91 fraction of RD (Wahlin et al., 2006; Amato et al., 2009; Han et al., 2009; Amato et al., 2011). In  
92 order to quantify RD as a source of airborne PM, it is important to prepare detailed chemical source

93 profiles. Both India and UK lack detailed chemical source profiles for the RD source. For New  
94 Delhi, source profiles for PM<sub>10</sub> RD (paved, unpaved and soil) were published as a part of a  
95 larger study but the molecular markers were not analysed in detail (Sethi and Patil, 2008).

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97 The aims of this study were to characterize the chemical composition of the PM<sub>10</sub> fraction RD, to  
98 prepare a PM<sub>10</sub> RD source profile and to calculate the contribution of non-exhaust emission  
99 sources to samples of RD in Birmingham (UK) and New Delhi (India). In addition, Oxidative  
100 Potential of the RD samples from the UK was assessed. To the best of our knowledge, this is the  
101 first study to undertake detailed elemental as well as molecular marker and oxidative  
102 characterization of the PM<sub>10</sub> fraction of RD either in India or the UK.

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## 104 **2. METHODS**

### 105 **2.1 Sampling Sites**

106 Samples were collected at two high traffic locations in Birmingham: Bristol Road- a heavily  
107 trafficked road (hereafter referred to as Site A) and Queensway A38 tunnel – a road traffic tunnel  
108 (hereafter referred to as Site B) and one heavily trafficked site in New Delhi: Mathura Road-  
109 NH2 (hereafter referred to as Site C). Site A (UK roadside) is one of the major arterial roads in  
110 south-west Birmingham with a dual carriageway with 32,000 vehicles/day and includes both  
111 gasoline and diesel vehicles. RD samples were collected on both sides of the road close to the  
112 traffic junction. Site B (UK road tunnel) is one of the major road tunnels in Birmingham and  
113 runs in the North/South direction. The tunnel is naturally ventilated and typical driving speed  
114 through the tunnel is 30 miles/hour with an estimated 89,000 vehicles travelling each day. Several  
115 studies have been conducted at both these sites in the past (Smith and Harrison, 1996; Birmili et  
116 al., 2006). Site C (India roadside) is one of the major roads in Delhi and falls on the National  
117 Highway 2. An estimated 174,200 vehicles per day run on this road including intra-state and interstate

118 traffic. Public transport (including buses and auto-rickshaws) runs on compressed natural gas (CNG)  
119 while personal vehicles run on both gasoline and diesel. Figure S1 (SI) provides the modal split at  
120 the various sites (Azzi, 2012; DoT, 2014; Pant et al., 2015).

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## 122 **2.2 Sampling**

123 A custom-built PM<sub>10</sub> dust sampler (as described in Amato et al., 2009) was used to collect the RD  
124 samples. Samples were collected onto 47 mm PTFE and quartz fibre filters to enable analysis of  
125 elements and organic species. Both PTFE (n=10) and quartz filter (n=10) samples were collected at  
126 Sites A and C (UK and India roadside) while only PTFE filter samples (n=10) were collected at  
127 Site B (UK tunnel). All the samples were collected after five days of dry weather in September  
128 2012 (Site B) and June-July 2013 (Sites A and C- UK and India roadside). Individual samples were  
129 collected over an area of 1m<sup>2</sup> for a period of 15 minutes and include samples from the kerbside as  
130 well as middle of the road.

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132 In spring 2014, soil, bulk RD, brake pad and tyre samples were collected in Birmingham while soil  
133 and brake pad samples were collected in India in June 2014. The soil samples were collected from  
134 the lawns of University of Birmingham and the CRRI campus remote from traffic in Birmingham  
135 and New Delhi respectively while the brake pads were sourced from local garages. Only one brake  
136 pad per city was analysed. Care was taken to ensure that the soil samples were collected from an  
137 uncontaminated area. An additional set of PM<sub>10</sub> RD samples were also collected at Site A (UK  
138 roadside). The soil and RD samples were dried, ground using a pestle and mortar and sieved using a  
139 2 mm sieve; 0.5 g of each sample was then extracted and analyzed using the methods detailed in the  
140 next section. Brake pad (UK and India) and tyre (UK) samples were frozen using liquid nitrogen  
141 (N<sub>2</sub>) and subsequently ground. The samples were passed through a 2 mm sieve and extracted and  
142 analyzed.

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## 144 **2.3 Chemical Analysis**

145 Details of the analytical procedures are provided in the SI.

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## 147 **3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

### 148 **3.1 Mass Loadings of PM<sub>10</sub> RD Fraction**

149 Average PM<sub>10</sub> mass loading on the road surface was found to be much higher in New Delhi  
150 compared to Birmingham:  $9.34 \pm 5.56 \text{ mg/m}^2$ ,  $12.1 \pm 9.3 \text{ mg/m}^2$  and  $72.9 \pm 24.3 \text{ mg/m}^2$  for sites  
151 A (UK roadside), B (UK road tunnel) and C (India roadside) respectively. Mass loadings varied  
152 between  $3.78\text{-}21.8 \text{ mg/m}^2$ ,  $3.01\text{-}36.1 \text{ mg/m}^2$  and  $44\text{-}106 \text{ mg/m}^2$  at Sites A, B and C respectively.  
153 In comparison, an average mass loading of  $9 \text{ mg/m}^2$  has been reported for the city centre in  
154 Barcelona (Spain) while mass loadings of  $2.4\text{-}21.6 \text{ mg/m}^2$  have been reported for different site  
155 types across Spain (Amato et al., 2009; Amato et al., 2013). Higher mass loading in Delhi can  
156 be attributed to several factors including local meteorology (lower annual rainfall resulting in dry  
157 conditions), prevalence of unpaved areas, larger proportion of construction activities, and during  
158 the summer season, intrusion of dust from the Thar Desert. The site also had a higher proportion of  
159 heavy duty vehicles (HDVs) which could be contributing to the higher mass loading since previous  
160 studies have reported higher dust loadings for areas with HDVs (Abu Allaban et al., 2003).  
161 Between the road and tunnel sites in Birmingham, elemental concentrations were consistently  
162 higher at Site B (UK road tunnel) compared to Site A (UK roadside) with the exception of Al and  
163 Si. Elemental concentrations are presented in Figure 1 and average mass loadings for elements and  
164 organic species are presented in Table S1, SI. Si had the highest concentration among the crustal  
165 elements, and Zn, Ti, Ba and Cu were the most abundant traffic-related elements at Sites A and B  
166 whereas Zn, Mn, Ti and Ba were the most abundant in the case of Site C. Mass loadings for all the  
167 species excluding Sb were found to be higher in the case of Site C (New Delhi) compared to the  
168 Birmingham sites (A and B) while the concentrations ( $\mu\text{g/g}$ ) of elements associated with traffic  
169 emissions (i.e. Cu, Zn, Ba, Sb) were found to be highest in the road tunnel environment in



170 Birmingham (Site B). Previous studies in Houston (USA), by Spada et al. (2012) reported similar  
171 results with concentrations of Cu, Zn, Pb, Ba, Sn and Sb found to be higher for bulk RD samples  
172 collected in a tunnel compared to roads.

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174 Concentrations of brake wear-related elements such as Sb and Ba in PM<sub>10</sub> RD were lower in the  
175 case of New Delhi compared to Birmingham as well as other European sites while the Ca  
176 concentration in Delhi (Site C) was found to be higher than other reported studies. Ca has been  
177 used as a marker for crustal dust as well as construction activity (Chen et al., 2012; Pant and  
178 Harrison, 2013). In Delhi, previous studies of bulk RD have reported a higher abundance of Ca-  
179 rich dust attributed to the dust from the Thar Desert. The concentration of Sn was found to be  
180 higher in Birmingham compared to New Delhi. Chemical composition of brakes and tyres is  
181 expected to be different in UK and India, and the brake wear mode for elements such as Cu and Sb  
182 has not been observed in elemental particle size distributions in New Delhi (Pant et al., 2015 in  
183 preparation). For the organic species, concentrations were found to be close to the higher end of  
184 the range of the previously reported values. It is important to note that elemental concentrations can  
185 vary based on the type of tyres, brakes and pavement used at the site type. For example, summer  
186 tyres create a lower dust loading (tyre dust) compared to non-studded and studded winter tyres and  
187 both Birmingham and New Delhi use summer tyres all year round (Pant and Harrison, 2013). In  
188 addition, concentrations of various crustal elements can vary based on soil type. For example, Fe  
189 was found to be 7.4%, 7.3% and 3.1% for Sites A, B and C respectively while Al was found to be  
190 8.7%, 7.2% and 3.98%. Chen et al. (2012) reported the abundance of Fe and Al as 2% and 3.5% in  
191 China while Amato et al. (2011) reported Fe abundance of 4.6%, 5% and 5.8% and Al  
192 abundance of 2.8%, 8% and 13.6% for Zurich, Barcelona and Girona respectively in the  
193 PM<sub>10</sub> RD.

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195 Based on Pearson correlation analysis (significance at  $p < 0.01$ ), two major groups of elements  
196 were identified in the  $PM_{10}$  RD in samples from sites A and B (UK roadside and road tunnel),  
197 each with statistically significant correlations among the elements in the group. These were  
198 crustal elements including Al, Si and Fe (group 1) and traffic-related elements such as Cu, Zn,  
199 Sb, Ba, Sn and Mn (group 2). In Beijing (China), Chen et al. (2012) reported four groups: crustal  
200 elements (Al, Fe, Ca, Ti), salt (K, Mg, Na), sulphur and other trace elements. At site B, Ni was not  
201 found to be correlated to either group. Ni is typically attributed to industrial and fuel oil  
202 combustion emissions and has also been attributed to engine metal wear and tear (Hays et al.,  
203 2011). Ca showed a high correlation with the traffic-associated elements at Site A. At site C (India  
204 roadside), a high correlation was observed between Zn, Cu and Ba but was weaker for Sn, and  
205 Sb was not found to be correlated to other traffic-associated elements. Interestingly, while Ti was  
206 found to be correlated to traffic-related elements at Sites A and B, a stronger correlation was  
207 observed for Ti with Al and Si at Site C. The traffic-related elements could not be subdivided into  
208 tyre/brake wear categories based on correlation analysis.

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210 High molecular weight PAHs showed very high correlation with one another, attributable to  
211 common sources and deposition pathways.

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## 214 **3.2 Bulk Samples**

### 215 **3.2.1 Soil and road dust**

216 In addition to the  $PM_{10}$  RD, bulk soil and road dust samples were analysed to understand the  
217 similarities (using Pearson Correlation) in the chemical compositions across the fractions both in  
218 UK and India (Figure S3, SI). In the UK, bulk RD ( $< 2$  mm) composition was found to be  
219 correlated with bulk soil ( $< 2$  mm) as well as  $PM_{10}$  RD while in India, bulk RD ( $< 2$  mm) was found  
220 to be correlated with bulk soil ( $< 2$  mm) but the correlation was not significant for  $PM_{10}$  RD.

221

222 To understand the contribution of traffic emissions to the RD composition (Figure S3, SI), a  
223 roadside enrichment factor was calculated based on equation 1 (Amato et al., 2011).

$$\text{Roadside Enrichment} = \left( \frac{C_r - C_s}{C_r} \right) * 100 \quad \text{Eq (1)}$$

224

225 Where

226  $C_r$  is concentration at roadside

227  $C_s$  is the concentration in soil

228

229 Highest enrichment was observed for Ti, Sb and Cr in Birmingham with enrichment of more than  
230 70% while Cu, Zn and Sn showed enrichment of more than 50%. V was not found to be enriched in  
231 Birmingham while in Delhi, Sb, Ba and Ni were not found to be enriched. In Delhi, Zn was the only  
232 element with an enrichment of > 70% although elements such as Ti, Cu and Sn showed enrichment  
233 of more than 30%.

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### 235 **3.2.2 Brake pad and tyre composition**

236 Individual samples of four-wheeler passenger vehicle brake pads from India and UK (one from each  
237 country) were analysed to assess the chemical composition. This is particularly relevant in the case  
238 of India since there is a need to identify an elemental tracer for brake wear estimation. Pant et al.  
239 (2015 in preparation) have highlighted that particle size distributions measured in New Delhi do not  
240 show the brake wear modes for elements such as Cu, Sb and Ba which are observed in European  
241 samples (e.g. Gietl et al., 2010). However, it is important to note that the sample size is limited, and  
242 cannot be used to draw significant conclusions. The differences highlighted using this sample need  
243 to be investigated further, and further tests are planned for the next phase of the analysis.

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245 The bulk brake pad dust was found to be rich in Ti (0.12%), Sb (1.12%) and Cu (0.49%) in India,  
246 while in the UK, Ba (0.12%) and Sb (0.16%) were the most abundant elements among those  
247 analyzed (Figure S4, SI). This is consistent with previous studies in which differences in the  
248 composition of brake pads have been reported between different types (e.g. NAO vs low-metallic)  
249 (Sanders et al., 2003) and between countries (Kukutschova et al., 2010; Hulskotte et al., 2014).  
250 However, it is important that only one sample was analysed per city, and may not be representative  
251 of the range of brake pads in use. Future work is underway to further evaluate varying brake pad  
252 formulations across geographic regions to understand the chemical composition of brake pads as  
253 well as brake wear particles.

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255 In the case of the tyre sample, Zn was found to be the most abundant element (Figure S5, SI).

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### 257 **3.3 Enrichment Factor Analysis for the PM<sub>10</sub> RD**

258 In order to further understand the sources of the elements (crustal vs. anthropogenic), enrichment  
259 factors (EFs) were calculated for PM<sub>10</sub> RD based on continental crust concentrations using Al as the  
260 reference element (Taylor and McLennan, 1995) (Figure ).

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$$Enrichment\ Factor\ (X) = \frac{\left\{ \frac{Concentration(X)}{Concentration(Reference)} \right\}_{sample}}{\left\{ \frac{Concentration(X)}{Concentration(Reference)} \right\}_{crustal}} \quad Eq\ (2)$$

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263 Use of Al as the reference element was based on previous studies in Birmingham that identified a  
264 minimal traffic-associated increment for Al (Birmili et al., 2006). Corresponding to the correlations  
265 observed in the dataset, highest EFs were observed for Cu, Zn, Sb, Ni and Sn. Across the three  
266 sites, Site A (UK roadside) was found to have the lowest enrichment factors. Other studies have

267 also reported high EFs for Ba, Cr, Cu and Sb in airborne particles (Birmili et al., 2006; Dongarra et  
268 al., 2009; Oliveira et al., 2011). At the UK sites (Sites A and B), Si, Fe and Ca showed no  
269 enrichment with respect to the crustal concentrations; however, Ca was observed to have a high EF  
270 at Site C (India roadside). This could be linked with sources associated with construction activity  
271 and desert dust which is rich in Ca.

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### 273 **3.4 Elemental Ratios in the PM<sub>10</sub> RD**

274 Ratios between different elements can be used to distinguish between different sources. Various  
275 authors have proposed characteristic Cu/Sb ratios for brake wear particles including  $4.6 \pm 2.3$  in  
276 USA (Sternbeck et al., 2002) and  $7.0 \pm 1.9$  in Europe (Amato et al., 2009). In comparison, this ratio  
277 is 125 for the upper continental crust indicating relatively much higher concentration of Cu in the  
278 crust compared to Sb. It is important to note that the Cu/Sb ratio can vary across geographical  
279 regions based on the type of brake or the elemental content of the brakes, which differs among  
280 manufacturers (Pant and Harrison, 2013; Hulskotte et al., 2014). For example, non-asbestos  
281 organic (NAO) brake lining material typically has a Cu/Sb ratio of 11.5 (Iijima et al., 2007) whereas  
282 the ratio is 1.33 for semi-metallic brake pad material (Schauer et al., 2006). Recently, Hulskotte et  
283 al. (2014) have reported an average ratio value of 4.6 for brake pad material in the Netherlands.

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285 In the current study, the overall Cu/Sb ratio was observed to be  $4.95 \pm 0.50$  for Site A,  $7.50 \pm 0.79$  for  
286 Site B and  $11.5 \pm 0.82$  for Site C. The ratio values for the Birmingham sites fall within the  
287 proposed range of characteristic ratios, consistent with a contribution of brake wear particles to  
288 the PM<sub>10</sub> RD, and are similar to the Cu/Sb ratio of 7.5 reported for low-metallic brake pads in  
289 the USA (Schauer et al., 2006). However, a higher ratio (11.5) was observed in the case of Site  
290 C (India) which could be due to either other sources of Cu in the area, or due to differences in the

291 composition of brakes. For the bulk RD, the Cu/Sb ratio was  $4.80 \pm 0.40$  for Delhi and  $6.22 \pm 3.16$  for  
292 Birmingham.

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294 Further discussion on elemental ratios is presented in SI.

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### 296 **3.5 Chemical Source Profiles of the PM<sub>10</sub> RD**

297 Source profiles (weight % of species with respect to the mass of PM) were generated for the  
298 road traffic sites in Birmingham (Sites A and B) and New Delhi (Site C) and appear in Table 1  
299 (see Table S2 in SI for other molecular markers).

300

301 Previously reported source profiles for RD and various non-exhaust emission sources were  
302 compared against data obtained at Sites A-C in order to achieve a qualitative understanding of  
303 source contributions (Figure 3).

304

305 The source profiles were extracted from the USEPA SPECIATE 4.3 database and other published  
306 literature. In the case of elements, profiles included paved RD [highway (profile number 3565),  
307 tunnel (profile number 4112410)] and RD (Mexico) (profile number 4106), from the SPECIATE  
308 database, paved RD from India (Sethi and Patil, 2008), Hong Kong (Ho et al., 2003), Barcelona  
309 (Amato et al., 2009) and Beijing (China) (Chen et al., 2012). Concentrations of various elements  
310 were broadly similar to other compositional profiles of PM<sub>10</sub> RD, and in most cases, PM<sub>10</sub> RD  
311 concentrations in the tunnel were higher than roadside samples. A previously reported  
312 compositional profile of PM<sub>10</sub> RD for Delhi (Sethi and Patil, 2008) was found to be different from  
313 the current profile. Concentrations of several elements including Si, Al, Ca and Ba were much  
314 lower in the case of the profile from Sethi and Patil (2008), while concentrations were lower for the  
315 current profile for Sn, OC and EC and comparable for Ti, Fe and Zn. The Si/Al ratio was found to  
316 be lower than the UCC value of 3.9 for the profile from Sethi and Patil (2008) while the Cu/Sb ratio

317 at 21.5 was much higher compared to the profile generated in this study. The OC/EC ratios were,  
318 however, comparable (3.6 for current study, 3.3 for Sethi and Patil, 2008).

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### 320 **3.6 Source Apportionment**

321 Recently, a novel method was proposed for the estimation of source contributions of non-exhaust  
322 sources using Ba, Zn and Si as source markers for brake dust, tyre dust and crustal dust respectively  
323 (Harrison et al., 2012). The factors reported by Harrison et al. (2012) (91 for Ba, 50 for Zn and 3.6  
324 for Si) were used to convert masses of these elements to mass contributions of brake dust, tyre dust  
325 and crustal dust respectively to the total PM<sub>10</sub> mass (Table 2 and Figure S6, SI). It is important to  
326 note that Zn is emitted from various sources which include engine emissions and brake dust, and it  
327 is possible that using Zn as a tyre wear tracer results in an over-estimation of the tyre dust  
328 emissions. In Asia, Zn has also been associated with 2-stroke gasoline engine emissions and  
329 emissions from the galvanization industry (Begum et al., 2011). Further, preliminary analysis of  
330 brake pad samples from New Delhi (Section 3.2) reveals that levels of Ba are quite low in the brake  
331 pads in New Delhi. In the case of New Delhi, Fe was used as the source marker for crustal dust  
332 due to its high abundance in crustal material. In addition, a factor of 1.35 was used for EC to  
333 estimate the contribution of vehicular exhaust (Pio et al. 2011).

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335 Application of these factors accounted for a high proportion of PM<sub>10</sub> RD mass in the UK samples  
336 (99.3% for Site A and 105% for Site B), with the highest contribution from crustal dust. For site B  
337 (road tunnel), the contribution of tyre wear was calculated to be 15.6% which might be an over-  
338 estimation since Zn is emitted from other sources as well. The contribution of brake wear was  
339 also the highest for Site B. In the case of Delhi, 79.2% of the total mass is accounted for by this  
340 method but if Si is used as the source marker for crustal dust, only 51% of the total PM<sub>10</sub> mass is  
341 estimated. This indicates that this estimation method cannot be used universally, and it is important

342 to adjust the markers/factors according to the local soil characteristics. Other sources which  
343 could make important contributions in the case of New Delhi are construction activity and  
344 deposition from other sources which are currently not included in the estimation. Vehicle exhaust  
345 was found to contribute a very small percentage to the total PM<sub>10</sub> mass which is plausible since  
346 most of the vehicle exhaust particles are in the smaller size fraction and are less likely to deposit.

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348 Chen et al. (2012) estimated soil dust, construction-related particles, vehicle exhaust, particle  
349 deposition and coal burning-associated particles as the key sources for RD in Beijing. Further  
350 evaluation of brake wear, tyre wear, crustal dust and vehicle exhaust by Amato et al. (2013)  
351 demonstrated these emission sources contributed 27%, 16%, 37% and 20%, respectively of the total  
352 PM mass in Barcelona and 39%, 41%, 12%, 8%, respectively, in Utrecht, the Netherlands.

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354 To compare the attribution of crustal dust using Si against an independent estimate, crustal dust  
355 mass was reconstructed using the concentrations of Al, Si, Fe, Ca and Ti using the equation (3)  
356 (Chan et al., 1997). Results indicated good correlation between measured and reconstructed mass in  
357 all cases with  $r^2 > 0.85$  in all cases. However, as with the source apportionment, the amount of mass  
358 apportioned as crustal dust was observed to be low at Site C (Indian roadside). This may be related  
359 to the varied soil composition at different locations. Hence, it can be concluded that it is important  
360 to analyse uncontaminated soil samples (bulk and PM<sub>10</sub> fraction where possible) to determine the  
361 local chemical composition which can be then be used to adjust the crustal dust factor.

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$$\text{Crustal Dust} = 1.16 (1.90 \text{ Al} + 2.15 \text{ Si} + 1.41 \text{ Ca} + 1.67 \text{ Ti} + 2.09 \text{ Fe}) \quad \text{Eq (3)}$$

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### 365 3.7 Oxidative Potential

366 While it is well known that PM exposure is a contributor to adverse cardiopulmonary health, the  
367 hazards posed by PM emitted from different sources may vary dependent upon the characteristics of  
368 the emitted particles. Particle toxicity is thought to vary based on chemical composition. Specific  
369 constituents of PM such as redox active trace metals (e.g. Cu, Zn, Ni) and PAHs may be  
370 particularly harmful as they can lead to the generation of reactive oxygen species (ROS) and  
371 subsequent inflammation and oxidative stress (Kelly, 2003; Ayres et al., 2008). Multiple PM  
372 constituents have been shown to exert Oxidative Potential, which may lead to oxidative stress in  
373 biological systems, and Oxidative Potential has been suggested as a biologically informative  
374 expression for response assessment (Weichenthal et al 2013). Recent studies of PM have  
375 highlighted the high Oxidative Potential of non-exhaust road traffic emissions (Godri et al., 2011;  
376 Kelly et al, 2011; Yanosky et al., 2012; Janssen et al 2014; Amato et al., 2014). The oxidative  
377 potential (OP) of a subset of bulk and PM<sub>10</sub> RD samples was measured in the current study.

378  
379 Both OP associated with ascorbate depletion per unit PM mass (OP<sup>AA</sup>) and OP associated with  
380 glutathione depletion per unit PM mass (OP<sup>GSH</sup>) were found to be higher for the bulk RD compared  
381 to the PM<sub>10</sub> RD (Figure 4). OP<sup>AA</sup> and OP<sup>GSH</sup> were not found to be correlated with each other,  
382 suggesting that distinct chemical species were contributing to the depletion of each antioxidant.  
383 This result supports previous studies that have shown that glutathione and ascorbate respond to  
384 different chemical components of PM (Godri et al., 2010a; Kelly et al., 2011).

385  
386 Published studies have shown significant associations between OP and transition metals in ambient  
387 PM<sub>10</sub> samples, specifically the recurring correlation between OP<sup>GSH</sup> and Fe (Godri et al., 2010a;  
388 Kelly et al., 2011; Godri et al., 2011). Yang et al. (2014) and Janssen et al. (2014) also found  
389 significant positive associations between Fe, Cu and OP<sup>AA</sup> for PM<sub>2.5</sub> while Godri et al. (2010b)

390 found positive association between Fe, Pb and  $OP^{AA}$  for  $PM_{10}$ . Fe and Cu are traffic related redox  
391 active transition metals thought to drive antioxidant depletion (Kelly et al. 2011). Linear regression  
392 analysis was performed to understand the contribution of individual elements to the oxidative  
393 potential. For  $OP^{GSH}$ , no significant relationships were observed for either  $PM_{10}$  or bulk RD. On the  
394 other hand,  $OP^{AA}$  showed some significant relationships for both fractions ( $p < 0.05$ ). In terms of  
395 individual elements, Cu was the only significant element ( $r^2 = 0.995$ ,  $p = 0.044$ ) for bulk RD (Figure  
396 S7, SI) while for  $PM_{10}$ , Ti ( $r^2 = 0.54$ ), Mn ( $r^2 = 0.52$ ), S ( $r^2 = 0.57$ ), As ( $r^2 = 0.55$ ), Cu ( $r^2 = 0.61$ ) and  
397 V ( $r^2 = 0.57$ ) were found to be significant for  $p < 0.05$  (Figure S8, SI). Results of the regression  
398 analysis are summarized in Table 3. Cu is typically associated with non-exhaust traffic emissions  
399 (Amato et al., 2009; Pant and Harrison, 2013), and was found to be associated with  $OP^{AA}$  in both  
400 fractions of RD. On the other hand, Mn, V and Ti can be associated with traffic as well as other  
401 sources such as fuel oil combustion. It is useful to note that at Site A (UK roadside), high  
402 correlations were observed between elements. Interestingly, Fe and Zn were not found to be a  
403 significant in the regression models for either of the RD fractions.

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#### 405 **4. CONCLUSIONS**

406 Non-exhaust particles constitute an important source of PM emissions in urban areas, and the  
407 chemical composition as well as contribution can vary from region to region. Since there are a  
408 number of contributions to non-exhaust emissions, it is often difficult to estimate the contribution of  
409 different sources to RD. In this study, an attempt was made to undertake detailed characterization  
410 of the  $PM_{10}$  RD and the empirical method proposed for estimation of the contribution of non-  
411 exhaust sources was applied with some success to the dataset.

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413 Chemical source profiles generated for the  $PM_{10}$  RD at sites in Birmingham and New Delhi  
414 correspond well with previously reported RD profiles, although differences were observed between

415 element concentrations in UK and India. This can be attributed to the difference in soil composition  
416 as well as the chemical composition of tyre and brake pads. Comparison carried out between  
417 elemental and PAH ratios for RD PM and airborne PM reveal that the ratios can be quite similar  
418 between RD and ambient PM, particularly in the case of coarse PM.

419 The empirical factors generated by Harrison et al. (2012) relating tracer elements to particle mass  
420 were found to be able to account well for source contributions in the area where they were  
421 empirically determined (i.e. high traffic areas in UK), but these factors were not able to apportion  
422 all the PM mass for the Indian site. Low mass closure in New Delhi is perhaps due to the different  
423 sources that influence the dust concentrations in New Delhi, as well as due to differences in the  
424 overall concentrations of different elements, and perhaps their sources as well. It is therefore  
425 necessary to adjust the factors before using them for analysis in other regions. The estimated  
426 contribution of brake wear was very similar between Sites A (UK roadside) and C (Indian  
427 roadside), both of which experience heavy-trafficked roads with stop-and-go traffic flows.

428

429 The dataset generated in this study will be useful in receptor modelling studies. It is critical to note  
430 that the contribution of non-exhaust emissions to ambient PM concentration varies based on site  
431 characteristics, and data generated with pilot studies in specific areas/site types cannot be used to  
432 generalize the role and quantitative contribution of non-exhaust emissions to ambient air quality.

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434 A preliminary assessment of the Oxidative Potential of RD (bulk and PM<sub>10</sub>) has been made in this  
435 study. Cu, often used as a traffic emissions marker, was found to be significant in both cases.

436 However, it is important to note that multiple metals are redox active, and can lead to antioxidant  
437 depletion (Godri et al., 2011), and it is possible that the complex interactions are not completely  
438 expressed through this limited dataset. Further analysis is required to understand the drivers for the

439 differences across sample fractions (PM<sub>10</sub> vs. bulk) and to quantify the health risks associated with  
440 exposure to non-exhaust emissions vis-à-vis other emission types.

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<i>Species</i>	<i>Site A</i>		<i>Site B</i>		<i>Site C</i>	
	<b>Conc.</b>	<b>SD</b>	<b>Conc.</b>	<b>SD</b>	<b>Conc.</b>	<b>SD</b>
OC	7.91	4.80			1.82	1.69
EC	0.13	0.41			0.51	0.29
Si	28.8	17.6	28.2	8.98	13.0	3.04
Al	8.66	4.81	7.22	2.34	3.98	1.04
Ca	3.24	1.62			5.00	0.64
Fe	7.39	8.92	7.32	2.00	3.11	0.49
Ti	0.032	0.025	0.078	0.029	0.047	0.005
Mn	0.044	0.037	0.077	0.025	0.044	0.005
Cu	0.035	0.029	0.108	0.032	0.016	0.002
Sb	0.007	0.006	0.014	0.003	0.001	0.000
Ba	0.033	0.027	0.087	0.027	0.042	0.005
Sn	0.005	0.004			0.001	0.000
Cr	0.007	0.006	0.017	0.007	0.006	0.001
V	0.002	0.002	0.005	0.002	0.003	0.000
Zn	0.071	0.058	0.366	0.142	0.068	0.009
Ni			0.012	0.009		
S	0.11	0.18	0.99	0.29		
Benzo(b)fluoranthene (BbF)	0.004	0.002			0.004	0.003
Benzo(k)fluoranthene (BkF)	0.004	0.002			0.003	0.002
Benzo(e)pyrene (BeP)	0.003	0.002			0.002	0.001
Benzo(a)pyrene (BaP)	0.002	0.001			0.002	0.002
Indeno(123-cd)pyrene (IcdP)	0.002	0.001			0.002	0.002
Benzo(ghi)perylene (BghiPe)	0.002	0.001			0.002	0.002
Coronene (Cor)	0.001	0.000			0.001	0.000

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762 **Table 2:** Source contributions of various non-exhaust sources to the PM<sub>10</sub> fraction of road dust in  
 763 Birmingham and Delhi (in %)

<i>Site ID</i>	<i>Site characteristics</i>	<i>Brake Wear (Ba)</i>	<i>Tyre Wear (Zn)</i>	<i>Crustal Dust (Si/Fe)</i>	<i>Vehicle Exhaust</i>	<i>Total Mass Estimated</i>
<b>Site A</b>	High traffic volume, stop-and-go traffic, mixed LDVs and HDVs	3.8	4.7	89.5	1.3	<b>99.3</b>
<b>Site B</b>	High traffic volume, smooth traffic flow with stop-and-go during congestion, mixed LDVs and HDVs	6.6	15.6	82.8	-	<b>105</b>
<b>Site C</b>	High traffic volume, stop-and-go traffic, mixed LDVs and HDVs	3.9	3.5	71.2	0.59	<b>79.2</b>
	Open unpaved area in vicinity					

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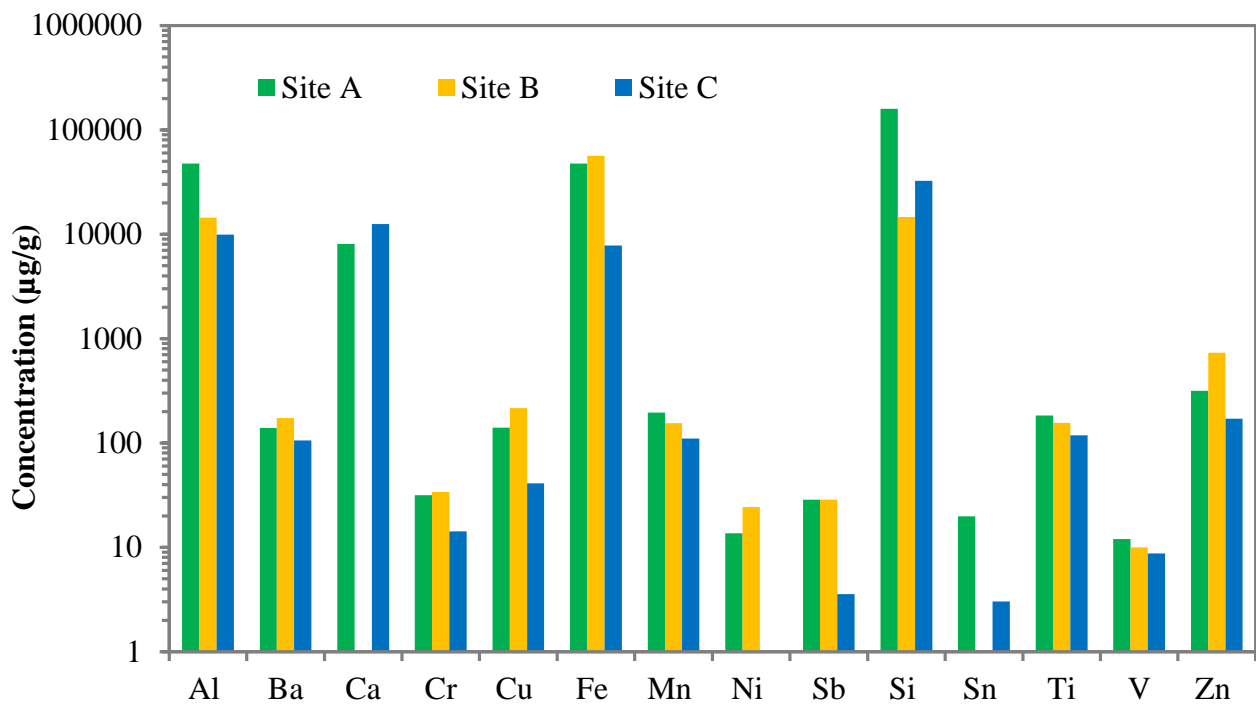
<i>Sample type</i>	<i>Metric</i>	<i>Metal</i> ( $\mu\text{g/g}$ )	<i>Explanatory Variable</i>		<i>Model</i>		
			<b>Slope</b>	<b>Intercept</b>	<b>R<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>SE</b>	<b>p-value</b>
Bulk RD ( $<2\text{mm}$ )	OP <sup>AA</sup> $\mu\text{g}^{-1}$	Cu	6019 $\pm$ 416.4	-668 $\pm$ 52.7	0.995	4.40	0.044
PM <sub>10</sub> RD ( $<10\ \mu\text{m}$ )	OP <sup>AA</sup> $\mu\text{g}^{-1}$	Cu	2363 $\pm$ 768	4.28 $\pm$ 45.6	0.61	32.2	0.022
		Ti	5460 $\pm$ 2076	-57.4 $\pm$ 123	0.54	86.9	0.039
		V	331 $\pm$ 118	-4.04 $\pm$ 7.03	0.57	4.96	0.031
		Mn	4214 $\pm$ 1643	-19.7 $\pm$ 97.5	0.52	68.8	0.043
		As	64.8 $\pm$ 23.9	-0.93 $\pm$ 1.42	0.55	1.00	0.035
		S	86326 $\pm$ 30757	-2705 $\pm$ 1825	0.57	1288	0.031

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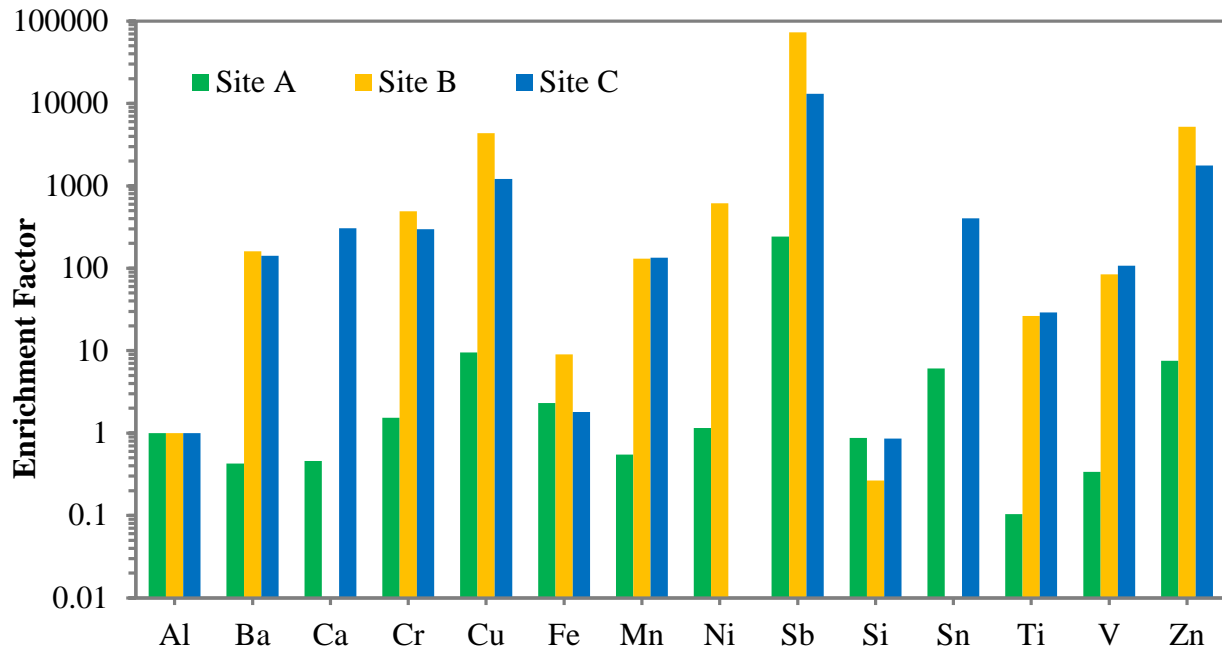
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776 (Site A- UK roadside, Site B- UK tunnel and Site C- India roadside).

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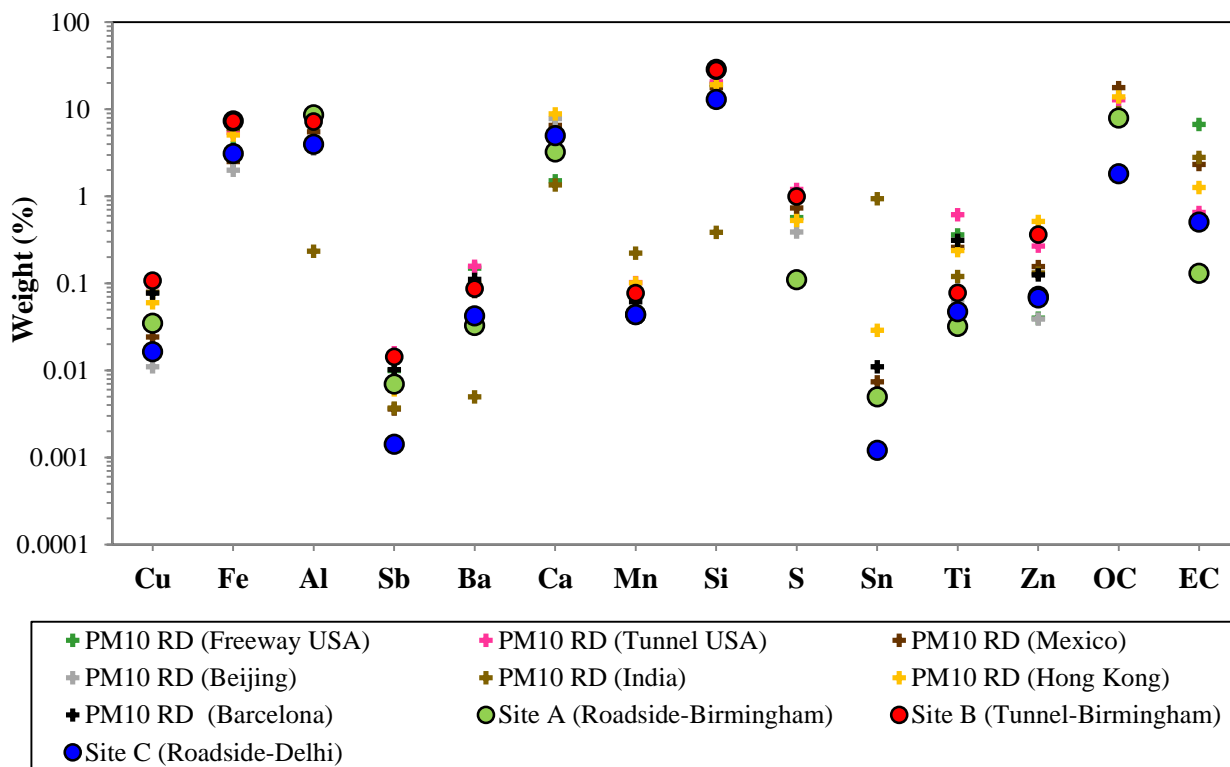


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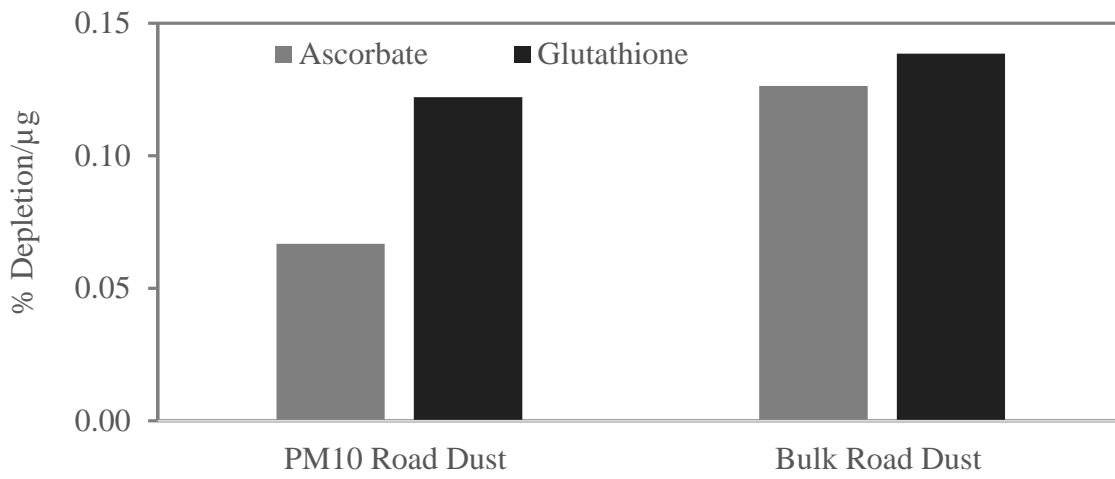




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