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1 **The Occurrence and Distribution of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons,**
2 **Bisphenol A and Organophosphate Flame Retardants in Indoor Dust and**
3 **Soils from Public Open Spaces: Implications for Human Exposure**

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17
18 **Abstract**

19 Global concern exists regarding human exposure to organic pollutants derived from public
20 open spaces and indoor dust. This study has evaluated the occurrence of 18 polycyclic aromatic
21 hydrocarbons (PAHs), 11 organophosphorus flame retardants (OPFRs) and bisphenol A
22 (BPA). To achieve this, a new simple, efficient and fast multi-residue analytical method based
23 on a fully automated pressurised liquid extraction (PLE) and subsequent quantification by gas
24 chromatography coupled to electron ionisation-mass spectrometry (GC-EI-MS) in selected ion

25 monitoring (SIM) mode was developed. The developed method was applied to indoor dust (12
26 sampling households) and soil derived from two public open spaces (POSs). Among all
27 compounds studied, PAHs were the most ubiquitous contaminants detected in POS soils and
28 indoor dust although some OPFRs and BPA were detected in lower concentrations. An
29 assessment of the incremental lifetime cancer risk (ILCR) was done and indicated a high
30 potential cancer risk from the POS sites and some of the indoor dust sampled sites. However,
31 key variables, such as the actual exposure duration, frequency of contact and indoor cleaning
32 protocols will significantly reduce the potential risk. Finally, the ingestion of soils and indoor
33 dust contaminated with OPFRs and BPA was investigated and noted in almost all cases to be
34 below the USEPA reference doses.

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36 **Capsule:** The development and application of a new simple, efficient and fast multi-residue
37 analytical method for the investigation of organic pollutants and their risk to human health in
38 public open spaces and indoor environments.

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40 **Keywords**

41 Soil; indoor dust; organic pollutants; multi-residue method; health risk assessment.

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43 **Introduction**

44 Urbanization and industrialization are accompanied by energy consumption and emission of
45 significant amounts of pollutants in urban areas, especially in developing countries. Chemical
46 properties of several pollutants, such as, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, PAHs; bisphenol
47 A, BPA; and, organophosphorus flame retardants, OPFRs, make them chemicals of global
48 concern due to their adverse effects on health and their widespread occurrence in the

49 environment (Corrales et al., 2015; Wei et al., 2015; Abdel-Shafy and Mansour, 2016; Xiaolei
50 Wang et al., 2019). Discharged pollutants are transported, dispersed and deposited into outdoor
51 and indoor environments, such as soils and indoor dust, which may pose an important exposure
52 pathway for humans (Deng et al., 2018; Chakraborty et al., 2019; Cristale et al., 2019; Gao et
53 al., 2019; Z. Cao et al., 2019). In this research special attention has been paid to PAHs, BPA
54 and OPFRs because of their ubiquity in various environmental compartments as well as the
55 introduction of some regulatory aspects to address the risk to humans. However, PAHs are
56 often considered ubiquitous in urban and industrial soils (Vane et al., 2014; Gao et al., 2019a;
57 Y. Liu et al., 2019; Sushkova et al., 2019; Yurdakul et al., 2019) and indoor dust (Xianyu Wang
58 et al., 2019; Z. Cao et al., 2019), while OPFRs and BPA have been detected in higher
59 concentrations in indoor dust (Deng et al., 2018; Sugeng et al., 2018; M. Liu et al., 2019; Shoeib
60 et al., 2019; Zhou and Püttmann, 2019; Caban and Stepnowski, 2020).

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62 The most used extraction methodologies for the studied compounds are solid-liquid extraction
63 (SLE) (Mortazavi et al., 2013; Haleyur et al., 2016; Arar and Alawi, 2019; Y. Liu et al., 2019),
64 ultrasonic assisted solvent extraction (UASE) (Cristale and Lacorte, 2013; Brandsma et al.,
65 2014; Gu et al., 2014; Sugeng et al., 2018) and pressurized liquid extraction (PLE) (Benito
66 Quintana et al., 2007; Liu et al., 2011; Yin et al., 2011; Bojakowska et al., 2018; Salgueiro-
67 González et al., 2018) using different organic solvents. In this study, PLE has been selected
68 because of its simplicity in operation, automation and high efficiency in extracting organic
69 contaminants from solid environmental matrices (Andreu and Picó, 2019). The development
70 of multi-residue analytical methods have been reported for the simultaneous extraction and
71 analysis of studied compounds, including 16 PAH and 9 OPFRs in sediments (e.g. Pintado-
72 Herrera et al., 2016) and 14 PAHs, 6 OPFRs and BPA in indoor dust (e.g. Velázquez-Gómez
73 et al., 2018), as well as other compound families. Within this context, the development of an

74 automated extraction technique followed by chromatographic separation and detection would
75 be ideal for a multi-residue method as it would ultimately lead to a reduction of operating costs,
76 reduced time for analysis, reduced solvent use and applicability to samples where their mass is
77 often limited (e.g. indoor dust).

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79 The aim of this study was to determine the presence of a range of organic pollutants selected
80 due to their risk to humans (i.e. 18 PAHs, 11 OPFRs and BPA) from combustion or industrial
81 products in public open space soils and indoor household dust. To achieve this, a simple,
82 efficient, and fast multi-residue method based on PLE followed by GC-EI-MS was developed
83 for the screening and quantification of the pollutants from soil and indoor dust samples. The
84 long-term toxicity prediction, based on the benzo(a)pyrene equivalency, of exposure to PAHs
85 from POS soil and indoor dust samples has been considered as part of a human health-risk
86 assessment.

87

88 **Materials and methods**

89 **Chemicals and solvents**

90 Tris(1,3-dichloro-2-propyl) phosphate, TDCPP (95%), tetraethyl ethylene diphosphonate,
91 TEEdP (97%), tris (2-ethylhexyl) phosphate, TEHP (97%), tri-m-cresyl phosphate, TCrP
92 (95%), tri-n-butyl phosphate, TnBP (99%), triphenyl phosphate, TPhP (99%),
93 triphenylphosphine oxide, TPPO (98.5%), tripropyl phosphate, TPrP (99%), tris (2-
94 butoxyethyl) phosphate, TBOEP (94%), tris (2-chloroethyl) phosphate, TCEP (97%) and BPA
95 (99%) were all purchased from Sigma-Aldrich (Steinheim, Germany). Tri-iso-butyl phosphate,
96 TiBP (95 %) was purchased from Carbosynth Ltd (Compton, Berkshire, UK). The PAH
97 Calibration Mix (16 compounds) (2000 $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ in methylene chloride) was purchased from
98 Restek (Bellefonte, PA, USA). Benzo(e)pyrene, B(e)P (10 $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$) in acetonitrile;

99 Benzo(j)fluoranthene, B(j)F ($10 \mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$) in hexane; and Retene, Ret, ($10 \mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$) in hexane
100 were purchased from Dr. Ehrenstorfer-LGC Standards (Augsburg, Germany).

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102 Hydromatrix was purchased from Thermo Fisher (Hemel Hempstead, UK). Acetone (99.8%),
103 dichloromethane (99.8%) and ethyl acetate (99.5%) were purchased from Fischer Scientific
104 (Loughborough, UK). Mixed standard solutions of OPFRs and BPA were prepared each by
105 weighting individuals and dissolving in ethyl acetate at approximately $1000 \mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ level.
106 Mixed standard solution of PAHs was prepared in hexane at $1.0 \mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ level by diluting the
107 different commercial standards solutions. All mixed standard solutions were subsequently
108 diluted as necessary.

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110 Samples of soil (10 samples per site) from two open space recreational sites in North East
111 England (Figure S1) were collected. The sites were selected based on their former historical
112 uses as either a landfill site (Public Open Space 1, POS1) or industrial manufacturing (Public
113 Open Space 2, POS2). In addition, 12 indoor dust (ID) samples were collected from a range of
114 dwellings (flat, house or bungalow) across the northern part of the UK (Table S1). All details
115 on the sampling regime, sample collection and storage and pre-treatment are detailed in the
116 Supplementary Information.

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118 **Pressurised liquid extraction procedure:**

119 Samples were extracted using an ASE 200 Accelerated Solvent Extractor (Thermo Fisher,
120 Sunnyvale, CA, USA) in 11 mL stainless steel cells. A cellulose filter was placed in the bottom
121 of the cell and was filled until a quarter of the cell volume of Hydromatrix sorbent. Then, 1.0
122 g of sample, accurately weighed, was added to the cell. Finally, the cell is fully filled of
123 Hydromatrix and is closed. Extraction was performed in a single cycle of a preheating of 5 min

124 and 10 min static time at 100 °C and 2000 psi using acetone : dichloromethane (50 : 50, v/v)
125 as extraction solvent. Flush volume of 50 % and purge time of 60 s were programmed. Glass
126 ASE collector vial of 60 mL was used to collect the extract. The extract obtained was put into
127 two tubes helping with a glass pipette. ASE collector vials were cleaned with 3 portions of
128 extraction solvent (2 mL approximately) and the wash solvent added to the samples for
129 evaporation. The obtained extract was concentrated to dryness using a sample concentrator
130 (Techne, DB-3, Dri-Block®, Essex, UK) at 35 °C and a N₂ stream of 10 psi. The residue was
131 dissolved in 1.0 mL of ethyl acetate using a vortex and stored in 2 mL vial in a fridge at 4 °C
132 until GC-MS analysis. Each sample was extracted in triplicate. All cells were cleaned with
133 acetone and were pre-extracted with cellulose filters inside using the same extraction program
134 in the ASE. Glassware were cleaned with soap, rinsed several times using water, and finally
135 rinsed with acetone.

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137 **GC-EI-MS system and operation conditions**

138 Chromatographic separation was achieved using a TG-5MS column (30 m × 0.25 mm ID, 0.25
139 µm film thickness) from Thermo Scientific (Hemel Hempstead, UK). The chromatographic
140 system consisted of a Trace 1300 gas chromatograph, TriPlus RSH with liquid sampling tool
141 and an ISQ 7000 Single Quadrupole Mass Spectrometer (Thermo Scientific). Sample volume
142 injection was 1.0 µL in splitless mode with a split flow of 30 mL min⁻¹, 1.0 min of splitless
143 time and 10 mL min⁻¹ of purge flow. The injector temperature was maintained at 300 °C.
144 Helium was used as a carrier gas with a constant flow of 1.0 mL min⁻¹. The oven temperature
145 program was 70 °C held for 1.0 min, followed by an increase by 40 °C min⁻¹ to 110 °C, and
146 held 2.0 min. The temperature was the increased to 170 °C by 5 °C min⁻¹ and increased to 200
147 °C by 2.50 °C min⁻¹ and held for 3.0 min. Finally, an increase to 310 °C by 5 °C min⁻¹ was
148 performed, and the temperature is held for 5.0 min with a total analysis time of 58 minutes.

149 The temperatures of the source and MS transfer line were 300 °C and 280 °C, respectively. The
150 MS was operated in selective ion monitoring (SIM) mode using electron impact ionization (EI).
151 Using above conditions and quantitative m/z shown in Table S2, the separation of 18 PAHs,
152 11 OPFRs and BPA was assessed in a single chromatographic run in 58 min.

153

154 **Method validation**

155 The calibration graphs for the PAHs, OPFRs and BPA identified in this work were constructed
156 using data from three replicates of each standard solution. Calibration data for each pollutant
157 are shown in Table S2. All calibration graphs were linear with correlation coefficients (R^2)
158 greater than 0.99. Limit of detection (LOD) and limit of quantitation (LOQ) were determined,
159 using the slope of the calibration graph and the standard deviation of the intercept, based on
160 the following equations: $LOD = 3.3\sigma/s$ and $LOQ = 10\sigma/s$, where σ is standard deviation of
161 intercept and s is the slope. Typical LOD data varied between 3 ng g⁻¹ for TEHP to 322 ng g⁻¹
162 for benzo[a]anthracene (BaA), with corresponding LOQ data of 9 ng g⁻¹ and 975 ng g⁻¹,
163 respectively; where it can be seen that the values are low enough to perform quantification in
164 soil and dust samples. A procedural blank (total number >20) was included in all extraction
165 batches and the average value was subtracted from the samples. Control standards were
166 injected at regular interval throughout the analysis. The results of precision and accuracy of the
167 method are shown in Tables S2 and S3, respectively. All the 30 organic pollutants
168 demonstrated good precision of ($RSD \leq 16.7\%$). The precision of the data from the analytical
169 standards varied between 3.5 % for TBOEP to 13.7 % for acenaphthene (Ace) (Table S2). In
170 most cases the precision of the analysed samples was slightly worse ranging from 2.6 % for
171 BPA to 16.7 % for TEHP. The trueness (expressed as percent recovery) of the developed
172 method was studied using spiked soil samples before and after PLE, at two concentration levels
173 (100 or 200 µg L⁻¹ for all target compounds) (Table S3). Typical recoveries pre-PLE ranged

174 from 57–118 % for TPrP and TCEP; post-PLE recoveries ranged from 87 % to 137 % for Ret
175 and TnBP, respectively. Trueness of the method (PLE plus GC-EI-MS quantification) was also
176 assessed for 8 PAHs by analysing CRM 172 (sandy loam soil, AccuStandard Inc., New Haven,
177 CT, USA). Concentrations found (Table S3) are in good agreement with the certified values
178 after statistical evaluation by applying a t-test at 95% confidence level for two degrees of
179 freedom. t_{cal} values for all PAHs (Table S3) are lower than the t_{tab} value of 4.30. These
180 validation results indicated that the PLE–GC-EI-MS method developed in this work was
181 acceptable. Example chromatograms for all the compounds are shown in Figure S2 including
182 an analytical standard and soil and indoor dust extracts.

183

184 **Results and Discussion**

185 **Analysis of pollutants in public open spaces and indoor dust**

186 Two POS have been selected for consideration in this study using the developed multi-residue
187 method of PLE-GC-EI-MS. Both are used for recreational purposes so the exposure to humans
188 can be assessed. It can be observed (Table S4-S5) that the major contaminants are the PAHs;
189 the Σ PAHs across all 10 sampling sites varies between 5.1 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ to 63 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ for POS1 and 7.1
190 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ to 166 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ for POS2. Whereas the Σ OPFRs for POS1 vary between 52 ng g^{-1} and 394
191 ng g^{-1} and for POS2 between 35 ng g^{-1} and 617 ng g^{-1} . As for BPA only in 4 sites from both
192 POS1 and POS2 was it determined; the maximum BPA determined was 90 ng g^{-1} .

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194 In comparison, 12 indoor dust samples (Table S6) were taken and analysed using the developed
195 multi-residue method of PLE-GC-EI-MS, from the living areas of selected homes. It was noted
196 that the concentrations determined of the Σ PAHs across all 12 sampling sites varies between

197 not detected to $10.5 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$; whereas the ΣOPFRs varied between not detected and $10.4 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$.
198 In addition, the concentration of BPA, in household 2 only, was determined at $4.7 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$.

199

200 A comparison of the POS's and Indoor dust sites was done for ΣPAHs (Figure 1(a)) and
201 ΣOPFRs (Figure 1(b)). In terms of the ΣPAHs it is noted that POS2 has significant higher
202 concentrations in sampling sites 3 and 8, compared to POS1. Specifically, in sampling site 3,
203 these elevated concentrations were down to the presence of phenanthrene, Phe ($7.8 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$);
204 fluoranthene, Ft ($35.9 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$); pyrene, Pyr ($5.3 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$); BaA ($28.1 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$); chrysene, Chry (4.2
205 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$); benzo(b,k,j)fluoranthene isomers ($3.1 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$); BeP ($4.9 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$); indeno(1,2,3-
206 c,d)pyrene, IP ($12.5 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$); dibenzo(a,h)anthracene, DBahA ($1.8 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$); and
207 benzo(g,h,i)perylene, BghiP ($2.2 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$) whereas in sampling site 8, it was from the presence
208 of Ace ($1.4 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$); fluorene, Fl ($1.7 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$); Phe ($55.3 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$); anthracene, Ant ($3.5 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$);
209 Chry ($18.6 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$); benzo(b,k,j)fluoranthene isomers ($11.9 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$); benzo(a)pyrene, BaP (14.4
210 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$); IP ($49.1 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$), and DBahA ($9.8 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$). Perhaps as significant was the significantly
211 lower (>10) for the ΣPAHs in indoor dust. In fact, sample ID12 had at least double the ΣPAHs
212 compared to any other indoor dust sample analysed; sample ID12 was from a household with
213 both a high daily hour occupancy (typically 16.9 hours) and was heated exclusively via a wood
214 burning stove.

215

216 **Toxicity evaluation**

217 *PAH toxicity evaluation in public open space soil and indoor house dust samples*

218 For the Public Open Space Residential, POS_{resi}, identified as an area with green open space
219 close to housing, and that includes the possibility of tracking back soil, and of relevance to the
220 two areas considered in this study, the Environment Agency (EA) has identified a provisional
221 Category 4 Screening Level (C4SL) of 10 mg kg^{-1} for BaP (CL:AIRE, 2014). Fortunately, in

222 POS1 the highest concentration determined was 2.0 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ BaP in sample 10; in POS2 the
223 highest concentration determined was 14.4 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ BaP in sample 8, which was above the C4SL.
224 In terms of the risk from POS2 Sample 8 to the public is most likely from one of the three main
225 pathways, dermal, inhalation and ingestion. As both dermal and ingestion involve physical
226 contact, by the public, with the normally grass-covered soil it is highly probable that the risk is
227 reduced. While the area may well be used by residents for outdoor picnics with the grassed soil
228 will ensure the contact duration, based on an annual estimate, is insignificant. A possibility of
229 transferring the contaminated soil within the home where the contaminants may remain is also
230 minimal. Based on the sampling of indoor dust from other members of the population (Table
231 S1) it is indicated that most residents may clean their floor coverings in the living spaces
232 weekly. Inhalation, while a consideration, is unlikely to be significant as the ambient air
233 temperature is normally $<25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ (even in mid-summer), and often only for brief periods of time.
234 For the indoor dust samples, most homes evaluated had no detectable BaP. For the three with
235 detectable BaP (ID2, ID6 and ID10) the maximum concentration determined was 0.8 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$
236 BaP in sample ID6), which was within the C4SL for a residential home (5.0 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$) (CL:AIRE,
237 2014).

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239 The cancer potency of each PAH was assessed based on its BaP equivalent (BaP_{eq})
240 concentration. BaP_{eq} concentration (ng g^{-1}) was calculated in soil and indoor dust samples,
241 based on the measured concentrations of the individual PAH compounds, by using the
242 following equation (Gao et al., 2019b):

243
$$[\text{BaP}_{\text{eq}}] = \sum ([\text{PAH}_i] \times \text{TEF}_i)$$

244 where $[\text{PAH}_i]$ represents the concentration (ng g^{-1}) of an individual PAH in samples, and TEF_i
245 (ng g^{-1}) is the toxic equivalence factor of a given PAH (PAH_i) relative to BaP (USEPA, 1994).

246 The TEF approach adopts BaP as the reference compound because of its highly potent

247 carcinogenic effect. Calculated TEFs for Ace, Fl, Phe, Ant, Ft, Pyr, Ret, BaA, Chry, BbF, BkF,
 248 B_jF, BeP, BaP, IP, DBahA and BghiP are 0.001, 0.001, 0.01, 0.01, 0.01, 0.001, 0.001, 0.1,
 249 0.01, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 1, 1, 0.1, 1 and 0.01, respectively, according to the USEPA (USEPA, 1994;
 250 Samburova et al., 2017). The BaP_{eq} concentration values calculated for soil samples (Table S4-
 251 S5) varied from 517 to 7150 ng g⁻¹, with an average of 3640 ng g⁻¹ at POS1; and from 646 to
 252 31100 ng g⁻¹, with an average of 6440 ng g⁻¹ at POS2. The maximum BaP_{eq} concentration
 253 values were found at POS1-7 and POS2-8. The BaP_{eq} concentration values calculated for
 254 indoor samples (Table S6) varied from <LOQ to 1880 ng g⁻¹, with an average of 449 ng g⁻¹.

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256 The incremental lifetime cancer risk (ILCR) through soil/dust ingestion, inhalation and dermal
 257 absorption pathways, has been also applied to quantitatively assess the carcinogenic potential
 258 of environmental PAHs to humans. The ILCR refers to the probability of an individual who is
 259 exposed to PAHs during his or her lifetime (USEPA, 2005). The ILCR model was applied
 260 along with TEFs by using the following equations (Ali et al., 2017; Cao et al., 2017):

$$261 \quad ILCR_{ing} = CSF_{ing} \times \sqrt[3]{\frac{BW}{70}} \times \frac{[BaP_{eq}] \times IR_{ing} \times (EF \times ED \times 10^{-6})}{BW \times AT}$$

$$262 \quad ILCR_{inh} = CSF_{inh} \times \sqrt[3]{\frac{BW}{70}} \times \frac{[BaP_{eq}] \times \left(\frac{IR_{inh}}{PEF}\right) \times (EF \times ED)}{BW \times AT}$$

263 and

$$264 \quad ILCR_{derm} = CSF_{derm} \times \sqrt[3]{\frac{BW}{70}} \times \frac{[BaP_{eq}] \times (SA \times AF) \times (EF \times ED \times 10^{-6}) \times ABS}{BW \times AT}$$

265 where $ILCR_{ing}$, $ILCR_{inh}$ and $ILCR_{derm}$ are the incremental lifetime cancer risks resulting from
 266 the dust ingestion, inhalation and dermal absorption pathways, respectively; CSF_{ing} , CSF_{inh} and
 267 CSF_{derm} are the carcinogenic slope factor (7.3, 3.85 and 25 mg⁻¹ kg d) for ingestion, inhalation
 268 and dermal absorption pathways, respectively) (Ma et al., 2017); IR_{ing} is the soil/dust ingestion

269 rate (10 and 200 mg d⁻¹ for adult and children, respectively) (USEPA, 2002; Z. Cao et al.,
270 2019); *PEF* is the particle emission factor (1.36×10⁹ m³ kg⁻¹) (USEPA, 2002; Z. Cao et al.,
271 2019); *BW* is the body weight (70 and 15 kg for adult and children, respectively) (Z. Cao et al.,
272 2019); *IR_{inh}* is the inhalation rate (20 and 10 mg d⁻¹ for adult and children, respectively)
273 (USEPA, 2002; Z. Cao et al., 2019); *EF* is the exposure frequency (180 d year⁻¹) (Cao et al.,
274 2017; Z. Cao et al., 2019); *ED* is the exposure duration (24 and 6 year for adult and children,
275 respectively) (USEPA, 2002; Z. Cao et al., 2019); *AT* is the average life span (25550 d) (Z. Cao
276 et al., 2019); *SA* is the surface area of dermal exposure (5700 and 2800 cm² d⁻¹ for adult and
277 children, respectively) (USEPA, 2002; Z. Cao et al., 2019); *AF* is the skin adherence factor
278 (0.07 and 0.2 mg cm⁻² for adult and children, respectively) (USEPA, 2002; Z. Cao et al., 2019);
279 and *ABS* is the dermal adsorption fraction (0.13, unitless) (USEPA, 2002; Z. Cao et al., 2019).

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281 The sum of ILCR values via ingestion, inhalation and dermal absorption is defined as
282 incremental lifetime cancer risk sum (ILCR_s):

$$283 \quad ILCR_s = \sum (ILCR_{ing} + ILCR_{inh} + ILCR_{derm})$$

284 When ILCR_s ≤ 10⁻⁶ suggests a negligible risk under most regulatory programmes, ILCR_s
285 among 10⁻⁶ and 10⁻⁴ suggests a potential risk and ILCR_s > 10⁻⁴ imply potentially high risk (Ali
286 et al., 2017).

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288 ILCR values through dust ingestion, inhalation and dermal absorption pathways achieved for
289 adults and children are shown in Figure 2 (Table S7. The results (Figure 2, and Table S7)
290 indicated that the exposure pathways of PAHs for both adults and children follow the order:
291 dermal > ingestion >>> inhalation (ingestion and dermal absorption were the most dominant
292 exposure pathways when compared with inhalation pathway). The ILCR through inhalation

293 varies from 7.1×10^{-8} to 9.8×10^{-7} (for adult) and 2.6×10^{-8} to 3.6×10^{-7} (for child) at POS1
294 and varies from 8.8×10^{-8} to 4.3×10^{-6} (for adult) and 3.2×10^{-8} to 1.6×10^{-6} (for child) at
295 POS2; indicating the inhalation-induced cancer risk was almost negligible. On the contrary,
296 high ILCR values through ingestion ($9.1 \times 10^{-4} - 1.3 \times 10^{-2}$ (for adult) and $9.1 \times 10^{-4} - 1.8 \times$
297 10^{-2} (for child) at POS1 and $1.1 \times 10^{-3} - 5.5 \times 10^{-2}$ (for adult) and $1.1 \times 10^{-3} - 8.0 \times 10^{-2}$ (for
298 child) at POS2) were achieved. High $ILCR_{\text{derm}}$ values were also achieved ($1.6 \times 10^{-3} - 2.2 \times$
299 10^{-2} (for adult) and $1.7 \times 10^{-3} - 2.3 \times 10^{-2}$ (for child) at POS1; $2.0 \times 10^{-3} - 9.7 \times 10^{-2}$ (for
300 adult) and $2.1 \times 10^{-3} - 1.0 \times 10^{-1}$ (for child) at POS2). Low ILCR values through all pathways
301 were obtained for indoor house dust samples with $ILCR_{\text{inh}}$ average of 6.2×10^{-8} (for adults)
302 and 2.2×10^{-8} (for child), $ILCR_{\text{ing}}$ average of 7.9×10^{-4} (for adults) and 1.2×10^{-3} (for child)
303 and $ILCR_{\text{derm}}$ average of 1.4×10^{-3} (for adults and child) for dermal absorption. Also, there
304 was a small difference in the levels of cancer risk through dermal absorption between adults
305 and child. Total cancer risk achieved at both POS sites and in specific indoor house dust
306 samples ($ILCR_s$ average of 1.8×10^{-2} (for adults) and 2.1×10^{-2} (for child) at POS1, 3.2×10^{-2}
307 (for adults) and 3.7×10^{-2} (for child) at POS2, and 2.2×10^{-3} (for adults) and 2.6×10^{-3} (for
308 child) for indoor house dust samples), exceed the safety level a high potential cancer risk to
309 exposed adults and children. However, these lifetime calculations need to be considered against
310 the habits of individuals in the POS sites including their actual frequency of visitation and
311 contact with the soil, whereas in the case of the indoor dust samples the weekly cleaning of the
312 living spaces (Table S1) will significantly lower the cancer risk.

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314 In comparing with the literature (Table 1), a higher risk was estimated for industrial soils and
315 dust rather than urban or agricultural soils and household dust. Regarding exposure pathways,
316 $ILCR_{\text{inh}}$ shown the lower contribution to $ILCR_s$ as obtained in this study, except for the study
317 conducted by Hanedar et al. (Hanedar et al., 2020). Furthermore, dermal and ingestion

318 exposure pathways represent similar contributions to ILCR_s, showing the higher values for
319 dermal exposure to indoor dusts and soil ingestion (both for a child). In general, the ILCR_s (as
320 well as ILCR_{ing}, ILCR_{der} and ILCR_{ing}) achieved in this study for soils and indoor dust samples
321 are higher than those previously reported in the literature (Table 1). However, it is important
322 to point out that ILCR_s are strongly influenced by the number of target PAHs considered,
323 sampling period times, TEFs values and environmental exposure factors selected. Then, the
324 lack of consensus on ILCR_s parameters makes comparisons between studies more difficult.

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326 *OPFRs toxicity evaluation in indoor house dust samples*

327 OPFR toxicity in indoor house dust samples was calculated through daily intake via dust
328 ingestion. Human intake of OPFRs via dust ingestion was estimated for adults and child using
329 the following equation (USEPA, 2017):

$$330 \quad DI_i = \frac{EC \times DIR}{BW}$$

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332 where *DI* is the daily intake ($\mu\text{g kg}_{\text{BW}}^{-1} \text{d}^{-1}$) as determined in the indoor dust sample; *EC* is the
333 exposure concentration of OPFR ($\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$); *DIR* is the indoor settled dust ingestion rate (0.060
334 and 0.100 g d^{-1} for adult and children, respectively) obtained from the United States
335 Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA, 2017); and *BW* is the adult body weight (70 and
336 15 kg for adult and children, respectively). The sum of *DI_i* values is defined as daily intake sum
337 (*DI_s*):

$$338 \quad DI_s = \sum (DI_i)$$

339 Estimated exposure to OPFRs from dust ingestion (*DI_i*) (Table 2) ranged for individual OPFRs
340 between <0.007 to 9.0 $\mu\text{g kg}_{\text{BW}}^{-1} \text{d}^{-1}$ for TEHP and adults; and between <0.05 to 69.7 $\mu\text{g kg}_{\text{BW}}^{-1}$
341 d^{-1} for TEHP and child. Results shown in Table 2 were compared with the reference dose (RfD)

342 values ($\mu\text{g kg}_{\text{BW}}^{-1} \text{d}^{-1}$) for some OPFRs (2.4, 2.2, 1.5, 1.5 and 7.0 for $\mu\text{g kg}_{\text{BW}}^{-1} \text{d}^{-1}$ for TnBP,
343 TCEP, TDCPP, TBOEP and TPhP, respectively) (Van den Eede et al., 2011; Shoeib et al.,
344 2019). The estimated DI for children were below RfD values, except for TnBP in sample 8 and
345 TBOEP in samples 2, 5, 6, 7 and 11. By the same way, estimated DI for adults were lower than
346 RfDs for all samples and target OPFRs, except for TBOEP in dust samples 6, 9 and 12. Finally,
347 the sum of DI_i values for adults ($\text{DI}_s^{\text{adult}}$) and child ($\text{DI}_s^{\text{child}}$) listed in Table 2 shown values into
348 the range of 0.095 to 9.0 $\mu\text{g kg}_{\text{BW}}^{-1} \text{d}^{-1}$ for adults and 0.74 to 69.7 $\mu\text{g kg}_{\text{BW}}^{-1} \text{d}^{-1}$ for children.

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350 ***BPA toxicity evaluation in indoor house dust samples***

351 In terms of the risk from the endocrine disruptor BPA in indoor house dust sample ID2
352 (determined concentration of $4.7 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$) it is possible to calculate the maximum estimated daily
353 intake through indoor dust ingestion (DI) using the above equation (USEPA, 2017). The DI of
354 BPA through indoor dust ingestion was 0.004 and $0.031 \mu\text{g kg}_{\text{BW}}^{-1} \text{d}^{-1}$ for adults and children,
355 respectively; which is considerably lower than the temporary tolerable daily intake of $4.0 \mu\text{g}$
356 $\text{kg}_{\text{BW}}^{-1} \text{d}^{-1}$ as part of a dietary exposure and low health concern from aggregated exposure
357 (including dust) study (EFSA, 2015). For samples ID1 and ID3-12, DI through indoor dust
358 ingestion are lower than 0.034 and $0.27 \mu\text{g kg}_{\text{BW}}^{-1} \text{d}^{-1}$ for adult and child, respectively.

359

360 **Conclusions**

361 Our developed multi-residue PLE-GC-EI-MS method has been successfully applied to analyse
362 PAHs, OPFRs and BPA in public open space soil and indoor dust samples. Almost all
363 determined concentrations are within regulatory requirements (in England), an exception is
364 BaP (Sample 8, POS2). While the cancer risk, as determined by the ILCRs for dermal, ingestion
365 and inhalation exposure indicated a high potential risk this needs to be considered in terms of
366 actual exposure and soil contact in POSs and the frequency of cleaning in the home which will

367 remove the indoor dust. Finally, ingestion of OPFRs and BPA were investigated against the
368 reference dose; in almost all cases ingestion rates were within regulatory guidance (USEPA).

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589 **Table 1. PAH literature values of $ILCR_{ing}$, $ILCR_{inh}$, $ILCR_{derm}$ and $ILCR_s$ (in bold) for adult and child found in soils and indoor dust.**

Environmental media	Country	No. PAH	$ILCR_{ing}^{adult}$	$ILCR_{inh}^{adult}$	$ILCR_{derm}^{adult}$	$ILCR_s^{adult}$	$ILCR_{ing}^{child}$	$ILCR_{inh}^{child}$	$ILCR_{derm}^{child}$	$ILCR_s^{child}$	Reference
Industrial soil	Turkey	16	2.6×10^{-8}	2.1×10^{-3}	9.0×10^{-8}	2.1×10^{-3}	3.8×10^{-8}	3.79×10^{-4}	2.34×10^{-8}	3.8×10^{-4}	(Hanedar et al., 2020)
Industrial + residential soil	Turkey	16	3.4×10^{-8}	2.7×10^{-3}	1.2×10^{-7}	2.7×10^{-3}	4.9×10^{-8}	4.9×10^{-4}	3.0×10^{-8}	4.9×10^{-4}	(Hanedar et al., 2020)
Agricultural soil	Turkey	16	2.9×10^{-8}	2.4×10^{-3}	1.0×10^{-7}	2.4×10^{-3}	4.2×10^{-8}	4.2×10^{-4}	2.6×10^{-8}	4.2×10^{-4}	(Hanedar et al., 2020)
Urban soil	China	16	3.4×10^{-7}	3.2×10^{-11}	1.4×10^{-6}	1.7×10^{-6}	5.5×10^{-7}	5.5×10^{-12}	3.4×10^{-7}	8.9×10^{-7}	(Peng et al., 2011)
Urban soil	India	16	1.8×10^{-5}				9.3×10^{-5}				(Kumar et al., 2013)
Industrial soil	China	16	5.1×10^{-5}	7.4×10^{-9}	2.3×10^{-5}	7.4×10^{-5}	2.3×10^{-5}	1.8×10^{-9}	8.5×10^{-6}	3.2×10^{-5}	(Wang et al., 2017)
Industrial soil	China	16	2.9×10^{-6}	4.4×10^{-7}	1.7×10^{-5}	5.4×10^{-5}	2.7×10^{-6}	1.2×10^{-7}	1.7×10^{-6}	4.4×10^{-6}	(Cao et al., 2019)
Soil dust mining area	India	13	4.6×10^{-6}	5.0×10^{-10}	1.3×10^{-5}	1.8×10^{-5}	4.9×10^{-6}	2.0×10^{-10}	1.4×10^{-5}	1.9×10^{-5}	(Tarafdar and Sinha, 2019)
Indoor dust	Portugal	18						1.0×10^{-9} - 5.0×10^{-8}			(Slezakova et al., 2017)
Street dust	Serbia	16	4.5×10^{-5}	3.7×10^{-9}	8.4×10^{-5}	1.3×10^{-4}	6.1×10^{-5}	1.2×10^{-9}	7.6×10^{-5}	1.4×10^{-4}	(Škrbić et al., 2019)
Indoor dust (industrial area)	Saudi Arabia	12	2.4×10^{-3}	1.9×10^{-7}	1.8×10^{-4}	2.5×10^{-3}	-	-	-	-	(Ali et al., 2017)

Indoor dust (city)	China	18	2.1×10^{-6}	1.7×10^{-10}	3.8×10^{-6}	5.9×10^{-6}	2.7×10^{-6}	5.3×10^{-11}	3.4×10^{-6}	6.1×10^{-6}	(Yang et al., 2015)
Indoor dust (town)	China	18	1.7×10^{-6}	2.7×10^{-10}	3.1×10^{-6}	4.8×10^{-6}	2.2×10^{-6}	4.3×10^{-11}	2.8×10^{-6}	5.0×10^{-6}	(Yang et al., 2015)
Indoor dust (village)	China	18	1.1×10^{-6}	8.3×10^{-11}	1.9×10^{-6}	3.0×10^{-6}	1.4×10^{-6}	2.7×10^{-11}	1.7×10^{-6}	3.1×10^{-6}	(Yang et al., 2015)
Indoor dust (orefield)	China	18	2.1×10^{-6}	1.6×10^{-10}	3.7×10^{-6}	5.8×10^{-6}	2.7×10^{-6}	5.2×10^{-11}	3.3×10^{-6}	6.0×10^{-6}	(Yang et al., 2015)

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Table 2. OPFR daily intakes for adult and child (numbers in parenthesis) expressed as $\mu\text{g kg}_{\text{BW}}^{-1} \text{d}^{-1}$ in indoor house dust samples

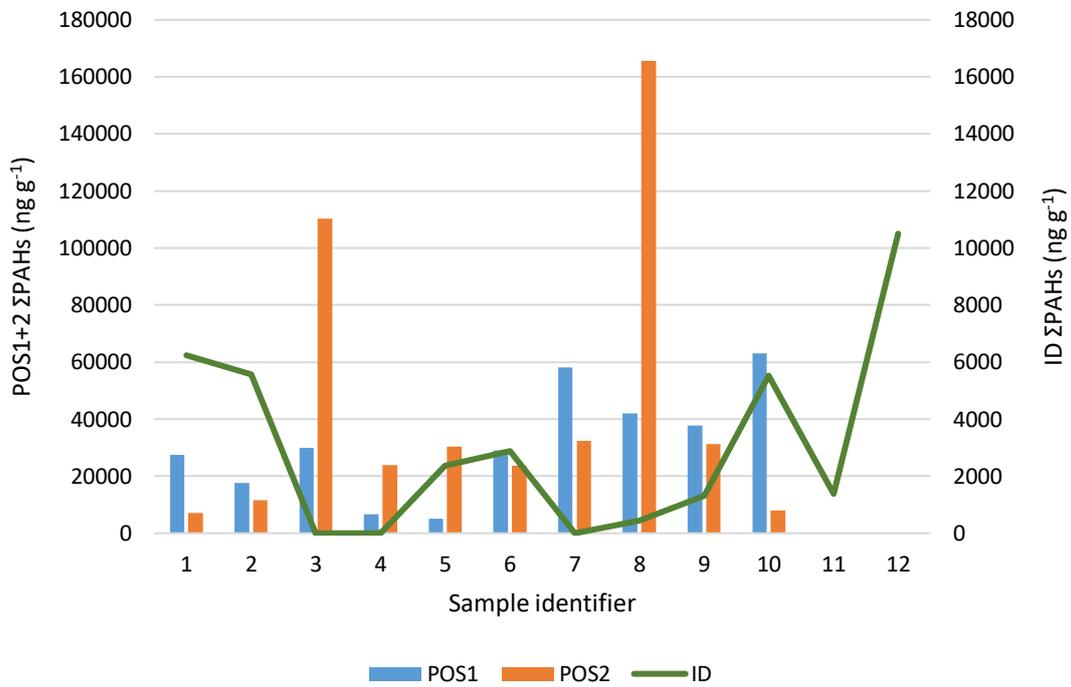
	Indoor Dust: Sample identifier											
	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	#10	#11	#12
TPrP	<0.05 (<0.39)	<0.05 (<0.39)	<0.05 (<0.39)	<0.05 (<0.39)	<0.05 (<0.39)	<0.05 (<0.39)	<0.05 (<0.39)	<0.05 (<0.39)	<0.05 (<0.39)	<0.05 (<0.39)	0.18 (1.4)	<0.05 (<0.39)
TiBP	<0.06 (<0.49)	<0.06 (<0.49)	<0.06 (<0.49)	<0.06 (<0.49)	<0.06 (<0.49)	<0.06 (<0.49)	<0.06 (<0.49)	0.77 (6.0)	<0.06 (<0.49)	<0.06 (<0.49)	<0.06 (<0.49)	<0.06 (<0.49)
TnBP	0.26 (2.1)	<0.04 (<0.29)	<0.04 (<0.29)	<0.04 (<0.29)	0.15 (1.2)	<0.04 (<0.29)	<0.04 (<0.29)	0.70 (5.4)	0.095 (0.74)	0.13 (1.0)	0.27 (2.1)	<0.04 (<0.29)
TCEP	<0.15 (<1.2)	<0.15 (<1.2)	<0.15 (<1.2)	<0.15 (<1.2)	<0.15 (<1.2)	<0.15 (<1.2)	<0.15 (<1.2)	<0.15 (<1.2)	<0.15 (<1.2)	<0.15 (<1.2)	<0.15 (<1.2)	0.23 (1.8)
TEEdP	0.72 (5.6)	<0.02 (<0.12)	<0.02 (<0.12)	<0.02 (<0.12)	<0.02 (<0.12)	<0.02 (<0.12)	<0.02 (<0.12)	0.26 (2.4)	<0.02 (<0.12)	<0.02 (<0.12)	<0.02 (<0.12)	0.12 (0.89)
TDCPP	<0.01 (<0.11)	<0.01 (<0.11)	<0.01 (<0.11)	<0.01 (<0.11)	<0.01 (<0.11)	<0.01 (<0.11)	<0.01 (<0.11)	<0.01 (<0.11)	<0.01 (<0.11)	<0.01 (<0.11)	<0.01 (<0.11)	<0.01 (<0.11)
TPhP	<0.08 (<0.61)	0.44 (3.4)	<0.08 (<0.61)	<0.08 (<0.61)	<0.08 (<0.61)	<0.08 (<0.61)	<0.08 (<0.61)	<0.08 (<0.61)	<0.08 (<0.61)	<0.08 (<0.61)	<0.08 (<0.61)	<0.08 (<0.61)
TBOEP	<0.36 (<2.8)	1.5 (11.9)	<0.36 (<2.8)	<0.36 (<2.8)	0.80 (6.2)	2.1 (16.0)	9.0 (69.6)	<0.36 (<2.8)	<0.36 (<2.8)	<0.36 (<2.8)	1.9 (15.0)	<0.36 (<2.8)
TEHP	0.81 (6.3)	0.72 (5.6)	<0.007 (<0.05)	<0.007 (<0.05)	0.28 (2.1)	<0.007 (<0.05)	<0.007 (<0.05)	<0.007 (<0.05)	<0.007 (<0.05)	<0.007 (<0.05)	<0.007 (<0.05)	1.9 (14.4)
TPPO	<0.08 (<0.63)	<0.08 (<0.63)	<0.08 (<0.63)	<0.08 (<0.63)	<0.08 (<0.63)	<0.08 (<0.63)	<0.08 (<0.63)	<0.08 (<0.63)	<0.08 (<0.63)	<0.08 (<0.63)	<0.08 (<0.63)	<0.08 (<0.63)
TCrP	<0.03 (<0.25)	<0.03 (<0.25)	<0.03 (<0.25)	<0.03 (<0.25)	<0.03 (<0.25)	<0.03 (<0.25)	<0.03 (<0.25)	<0.03 (<0.25)	<0.03 (<0.25)	<0.03 (<0.25)	<0.03 (<0.25)	<0.03 (<0.25)
DI _s ^{adult}	1.8	2.7	- ^a	- ^a	1.2	2.1	9.0	1.7	0.095	0.13	2.4	2.2
DI _s ^{child}	13.9	20.9	- ^a	- ^a	9.5	16.0	69.7	13.4	0.74	1.0	17.1	17.1

Tetraethyl ethylene diphosphonate (TEEdP); Tri-m-cresyl phosphate (TCrP); Triphenylphosphine oxide (TPPO); Tris (2-butoxyethyl) phosphate (TBOEP); Tris(2-chloroethyl) phosphate (TCEP); Tri(2-ethylhexyl) phosphate (TEHP); Tris(1,3-dichloro-2-propyl) phosphate (TDCPP); Tri-iso-butyl phosphate (TiBP); Tri-n-butyl phosphate (TnBP); Triphenyl phosphate (TPhP); Tripropyl phosphate (TPrP); Total OPFR daily intake (DI_s)

^a Not calculated (OPFR concentrations are lower than LOQ)

Figure 1. Comparison of concentrations (ng g^{-1}) from Public Open Space 1, Public Open Space 2 and indoor Dust sampling sites. A plot of the (a) ΣPAHs and (b) ΣOPFRs .

(a)



(b)

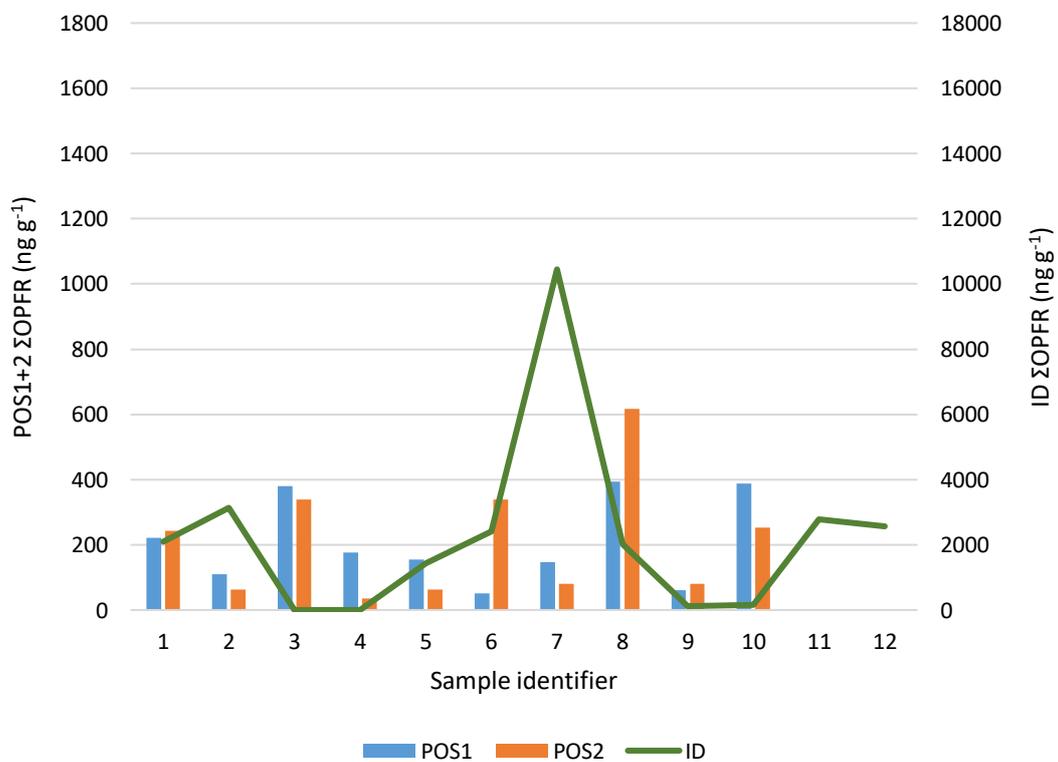
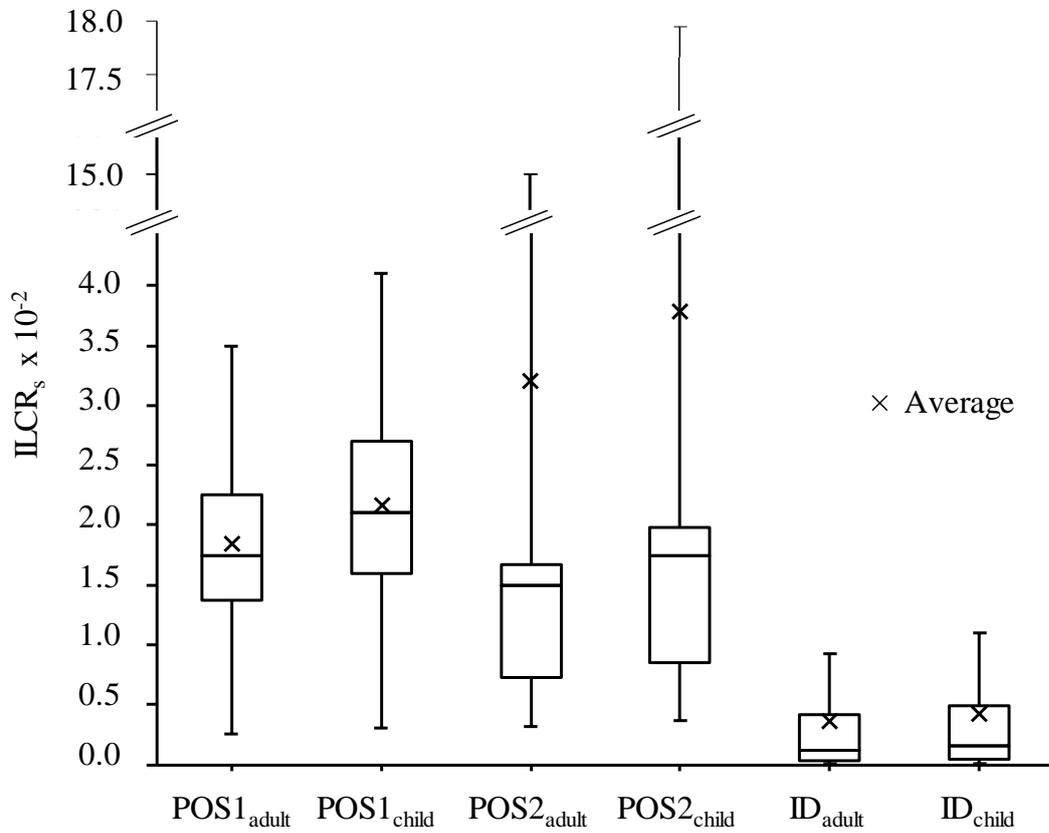


Figure 2. PAH incremental lifetime cancer risk (ILCR) considering adult and child exposure for Public Open Space 1 (POS1), Public Open Space 2 (POS2) and Indoor Dust (ID) samples. Each box represents lower and upper quartiles, the band within the box shows the median value and whiskers represents maximum and minimum values obtained.



**The Occurrence and Distribution of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons,
Bisphenol A and Organophosphate Flame Retardants in Indoor Dust and
Soils from Public Open Spaces: Implications for Human Exposure**

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Supplementary Information

Chemical standards with CAS numbers

Bisphenol A (BPA) (80-05-7); tris(1,3-dichloro-2-propyl) phosphate, TDCPP (13674-87-8); tetraethyl ethylene diphosphonate, TEEdP (995-32-4); tris (2-ethylhexyl) phosphate, TEHP (78-42-2); tri-m-cresyl phosphate, TCrP (563-04-2); tri-n-butyl phosphate, TnBP (126-73-8); triphenyl phosphate, TPhP (115-86-6); triphenylphosphine oxide, TPPO (791-28-6); tripropyl phosphate, TPrP (513-08-6); tris (2-butoxyethyl) phosphate, TBOEP (78-51-3); tris (2-chloroethyl) phosphate, TCEP (115-96-8); and, tri-iso-butyl phosphate, TiBP (126-71-6).

Soils from public open spaces and indoor dust samples

Public Open Space 1, POS1 (Figure S1a) was based in Jarrow, South Tyneside (approximately 4.3 hectares). Historically the site was used as a landfill site (pre-1920) for commercial and household waste, and subsequently (to 1982) as an allotment garden. Since 1982 the site is maintained as public recreational space. Most of the site is a level grassed open space, interspersed with overgrown grassed areas. The site is currently used for leisure, although there are no formal picnic facilities available (such as benches or litter bins) and a tarmac path crosses the site allowing access to and from surrounding residential areas and local facilities. Ten shallow soil samples (0.02-0.20 cm²) were collected from across the site using a stratified sampling grid (Figure S1a). Soil samples were collected using a stainless-steel trowel; the sampling equipment was cleaned with acetone after each sample was collected to avoid cross contamination. The samples were transferred into suitable containers (i.e. kraft bags) and then transported to the laboratory for subsequent analyses. All soil samples were then subsequently dried (typically <40 °C for a minimum of 4 days), disaggregated and sieved through a 2 mm nylon mesh followed by a 250 µm nylon mesh and stored in sealed containers for subsequent analysis.

Public Open Space 2, POS2 (Figure S1b) was based in the Walker area of Newcastle upon Tyne. Historically the site was a former Lead Works (from the 1860's to 1940) based adjacent to the river Tyne. Since the 1960's the site has been maintained as public recreational space. The site has level grassed open space, interspersed with overgrown steep grassed / shrub areas. The site is currently used for leisure and is interspersed with a network of tarmac paths which cross the site allowing access to and from surrounding residential areas and the river boundary. Samples of soil were collected from 10 sample points on the site by digging a square hole of about 10 cm² from the topsoil. The grass on the top of the soil was removed. The topsoil collected was put inside a paper geochemical (Kraft) bag and labelled. During sampling, sample handling and sample preparation polyethylene gloves were worn. The soil samples were dried in the sample bags in an oven at a temperature of <40 °C for 6 days. The dried soil samples were gently disaggregated in a porcelain pestle and mortar and passed through a plastic sieve of mesh size 2 mm, followed by a sieve <250 µm and stored in sealed containers for subsequent analysis.

Household dust samples were collected from a range of domestic dwellings using a portable corded vacuum cleaner (Hoover, Jovis+, 550 W, SM550AC, Brugherio, Italy) with interchangeable microfiber filter (Hoover, type S105). Each household (flat, house, bungalow), reviewed in terms of its age, was considered in terms of the number of occupants (their age and smoking habits) and the living spaces (identified as the normally occupied daytime spaces) in terms of the total area occupied. The heating methods available, the type of floor covering, whether outdoor footwear was worn in the living spaces, and the presence of any animals, against the frequency of cleaning and the typical number of hours occupied per day. Information on geographical location, occupancy and living areas are summarised in Table S1. The filters were washed after each sample collection, air dried and re-used. After collection,

each sample was sieved and the fraction below 250 μm was collected and stored in sealed containers for subsequent analysis.

Determination of soil properties

Soil pH was determined by taking 10 g (accurately weighed) and suspending in deionised water in the ratio 1 : 2.5 w/v. After agitation (30 rpm for 10 min) the sample was left to stand for 10 min and the pH recorded, using a previously calibrated pH probe. Soil organic matter was determined, based on the Loss of Ignition (LoI) method. In this method 5 g of the soil sample (W) (accurately weighed) was placed in a pre-weighed crucible. The weight of soil and crucible (W_1) were also recorded. The sample-containing crucible was placed in a pre-heated muffle furnace at 400 °C for 4 hours. After heating the crucible was then allowed to cool in a desiccator. The sample-containing crucible was then re-weighed (W_2); the % LoI was then calculated:

$$\%LOI = \frac{W_1 - W_2}{W} \times 100$$

Figure S1. Schematic diagram of (a) Public Open Space 1 and (b) Public Open Space 2 with sampling points.

(a)



(b)



Table S1. Indoor sampling: Information on geographical location, occupancy and living areas

Sample	Postcode	Approximate age of house (years)	Number of occupants				Living areas						
			adults	under 12 Male	Female	Number of smokers	Total area (m ²)	Heating method ^a	Floor covering ^b	Outdoor footwear	Animals: number / type	Frequency of cleaning	Hours occupied per day
#1	NE42	54	3	0	0	0	61.4	GCH	C	yes	1 / dog	weekly	8.0
#2	PH15	118	2	0	0	0	49.3	WBS / HP	C, W, T	no	1 / dog	weekly	7.0
#3	NE42	4	1	0	0	0	42.7	ECH	C, V	occasionally	0	occasionally	6.9
#4	KY12	55	2	0	0	0	51.2	HP	W	yes	0	weekly	3.3
#5	NE5	55	3	0	1	0	51.4	GCH	W, T	yes	2 / dog + cat	Daily / every 2 days	6.6
#6	NE20	30	2	0	0	0	79.1	GCH / WBS	C, W	yes	1 / dog	weekly	16.0
#7	NE6	2	1	0	0	1	38.7	GCH	C, V	no	1 / cat	weekly	7.1
#8	NE5	50	5	0	1	0	59.9	GCH / WBS	W, L, T	no	0	weekly	8.6
#9	NE41	60	2	0	0	0	46.5	GCH / WBS	W	no	1 / dog	weekly	12.0
#10	DH8	55	3	1	0	0	27.9	GCH	C, L	no	0	Twice per week	4.1
#11	CA12	34	5	0	0	0	68.5	GCH	C, L, V	yes	1 / dog	weekly	4.3
#12	DH7	120	4	0	0	0	34.8	WBS	C, L, V	no	1 / dog	occasionally	16.9

^a GCH = gas central heating; WBS = wood burning stove; HP = air source heat pump; ECH = electric central heating

^b C = carpet; W = wood; T = tiles; V = vinyl; L = laminate

Table S2. Analytical figures of merit for analysis of compounds in soil from public open spaces and indoor house dust

Compound	Retention time (min)	Qualitative m/z	Quantitative m/z	Calibration range (ng mL ⁻¹)	N ^o of data points	Calibration graph	R ²	Precision RSD (%)		LOD (ng g ⁻¹)	LOQ (ng g ⁻¹)
								Standard solution ^a	Soil sample		
<i>HAPs</i>											
Acy	10.98	153, 76	152	0-250	5	Y=1188.3x + 171618	0.9943	12.6	4.9	132	399
Ace	12.37	76, 80	153	0-500	6	Y=1946x - 12786	0.9993	13.7	7.6	17	52
Fl	14.57	165, 139	166	0-500	6	Y=1342.1x - 14772	0.9979	11.6	14.5	50	153
Phe	19.06	160, 176	178	0-500	5	Y=1278.7x - 15257	0.9981	10.6	13	43	130
Ant	19.21	160, 176	178	0-500	6	Y=960.4x - 20679	0.9917	9.3	9.9	6	17
Ft	26.56	101, 106.5	202	0-500	5	Y=984.8x - 23588	0.9935	9.2	9.3	220	667
Pyr	28.07	101, 106.5	202	0-500	5	Y=1124.9x - 26961	0.9946	9.2	^b	29	89
Ret	31.80	234, 203.5	219	0-500	5	Y=211.12x - 6652.7	0.9908	8.8	^b	31	94
BaA	38.06	113.5, 236	228	0-500	5	Y=326.73x - 14585	0.9924	8.5	4.2	322	975
Chry	38.29	113.5, 236	228	0-500	5	Y=840.54x - 21553	0.9919	8.1	9.7	142	432
BjF+BkF+BbF	44.01	101, 141	252	0-500	5	Y=1366.5x - 61960	0.9958	10.7	6.3	103	312
BeP	45.08	125, 132	252	0-500	5	Y=578.01x - 24037	0.9978	7.3	7.5	75	228
BaP	45.34	125, 132	252	0-500	5	Y=804.64x - 37335	0.9974	8.4	12	134	405
IP	49.82	276, 138	292	0-500	4	Y=239.63x - 12987	0.9936	6.3	11.2	16	49

DBahA	50.00	138, 126	278	0-500	5	Y=394.3x - 16402	0.9982	8.4	6.5	6	19
BghiP	50.67	228, 138	276	0-500	5	Y=474.79x - 21269	0.9918	8.8	13.9	18	54
<i>OPFRs</i>											
TPrP	9.96	182, 141	99	0-2000	8	Y=1226.6x - 63137	0.9925	13.4	13.9	19	58
TiBP	13.02	155, 138.6	99	0-1000	7	Y=928.57x - 22323	0.9965	11.4	15.3	225	74
TnBP	16.00	168, 157	99	0-1000	7	Y=897.9x - 24569	0.9954	9.9	^b	15	44
TCEP	18.67	249, 205	143	0-1000	6	Y=230.63x - 816.4	0.9962	9.1	11.9	59	178
TEEdP	21.49	173, 165	109	0-1000	7	Y=123.51x - 8106.6	0.9950	3.8	11.5	9	18
TDCPP	35.64	209.5, 99	99	0-2000	5	Y=280.76x - 36833	0.9922	6.2	4.3	5	16
TPhP	37.17	169, 215	326	0-1000	5	Y=197.96x - 18386	0.9964	8	16.8	30	91
TBOEP	37.77	198.8, 125	101	0-1000	4	Y=51.848x - 6243.5	0.9873	3.5	5.9	138	418
TEHP	39.07	113, 112	99	0-1000	6	Y=389.46x - 20509	0.9940	3.8	16.7	3	8
TPPO	39.7	227, 199	152	0-2000	5	Y=49.607x - 5377.3	0.9967	5.9	^b	31	95
TCrP	42.30	367.5, 261	165	0-1000	5	Y=205.77x - 18393	0.9877	4.9	7.5	12	38
BPA	30.38	228, 119	213	0-2000	5	Y=111.92x - 10480	0.9977	5.2	2.6	13	40
Acenaphthene (Ace); Acenaphthylene (Acy); Anthracene (Ant); Benzo(a)anthracene (BaA); Benzo(a)pyrene (BaP); Benzo(b)fluoranthene (BbF); Benzo(a)pyrene (BeP); Benzo(g,h,i)perylene (BghiP); Benzo(j)fluoranthene (BjF); Benzo(k)fluoranthene (BkF); Bisphenol A (BPA); Chrysene (Chry); Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene (DBahA); Fluorene (Fl); Fluoranthene (Ft); Indeno(1,2,3-c,d)pyrene (IP); Phenanthrene (Phe); Retene (Ret); Tetraethyl ethylene diphosphonate (TEEdP); Tri-m-cresyl phosphate (TCrP); Triphenylphosphine oxide (TPPO); Tris (2-butoxyethyl) phosphate (TBOEP); Tris(2-chloroethyl) phosphate (TCEP); Tri(2-ethylhexyl) phosphate (TEHP); Tris(1,3-dichloro-2-propyl) phosphate (TDCPP); Tri-iso-butyl phosphate (TiBP); Tri-n-butyl phosphate (TnBP); Triphenyl phosphate (TPhP); Tripropyl phosphate (TPrP); Pyrene (Pyr).											
^a 100 µg L ⁻¹											
^b Not calculated (target compound concentration < LOQ)											

Table S3. Analytical recovery (pre- and post-PLE) for a soil sample and analysis of a soil certified reference material for PAHs (CRM 172)

Compound	Analytical Recovery (%) (n = 3)		CRM172 (Sandy loam soil)		
	Pre-PLE ^a	Post-PLE ^b	Certified value (ng g ⁻¹)	Found value (ng g ⁻¹) (n = 3)	t _{exp} ^c
<i>HAPs</i>					
Acy	86 ± 7	96 ± 8	55.6 ± 18.1	- ^d	
Ace	87 ± 1	93 ± 7	94.9 ± 24.7	- ^d	
Fl	97 ± 1	90 ± 4	66.4 ± 11.2	- ^d	
Phe	96 ± 3	98 ± 1	168 ± 7.6	170.4 ± 4.6	0.74
Ant	103 ± 1	112 ± 1	17.7 ± 2.7	13.6 ± 0.2	4.14
Ft	87 ± 4	92 ± 6	634 ± 82.4	670.2 ± 30.2	1.70
Pyr	95 ± 3	123 ± 1	86.5 ± 13	73.9 ± 4.8	3.71
Ret	95 ± 3	87 ± 4			
BaA	107 ± 2	101 ± 5	303 ± 47.7	- ^d	
Chry	85 ± 3	105 ± 8	154 ± 20.8	146.5 ± 3.1	3.42
BjF+BkF+					
BbF	84 ± 2	101 ± 7	- ^e	- ^d	
BeP	96 ± 1	109 ± 9	- ^e	- ^d	
BaP	107 ± 6	97 ± 2	33.9 ± 10.9	- ^d	
IP	116 ± 5	111 ± 7	150.7 ± 30.5	151.3 ± 4.9	0.17
DBahA	105 ± 10	102 ± 2	284 ± 30.5	277.8 ± 16.1	0.55
BghiP	96 ± 1	110 ± 5	452 ± 81.2	392.4 ± 21.2	4.00
<i>OPFRs</i>					
TPrP	57 ± 1	108 ± 5			
TiBP	98 ± 1	114 ± 7			
TnBP	95 ± 2	137 ± 4			
TCEP	118 ± 8	94 ± 6			
TEEdP	90 ± 11	114 ± 4			
TDCPP	104 ± 2	107 ± 2			
TPhP	78 ± 4	102 ± 1			
TBOEP	116 ± 2	87 ± 3			
TEHP	82 ± 1	96 ± 7			
TPPO	82 ± 4	93 ± 2			
TCrP	88 ± 2	95 ± 4			
BPA	101 ± 5	107 ± 8			

Acenaphthene (Ace); Acenaphthylene (Acy); Anthracene (Ant); Benzo(a)anthracene (BaA); Benzo(a)pyrene (BaP); Benzo(b)fluoranthene (BbF); Benzo(a)pyrene (BeP); Benzo(g,h,i)perylene (BghiP); Benzo(j)fluoranthene (BjF); Benzo(k)fluoranthene (BkF); Bisphenol A (BPA); Chrysene (Chry); Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene (DBahA);

Fluorene (Fl); Fluoranthene (Ft); Indeno(1,2,3-c,d)pyrene (IP); Phenanthrene (Phe); Retene (Ret); Tetraethyl ethylene diphosphonate (TEEdP); Tri-m-cresyl phosphate (TCrP); Triphenylphosphine oxide (TPPO); Tris (2-butoxyethyl) phosphate (TBOEP); Tris(2-chloroethyl) phosphate (TCEP); Tri(2-ethylhexyl) phosphate (TEHP); Tris(1,3-dichloro-2-propyl) phosphate (TDCPP); Tri-iso-butyl phosphate (TiBP); Tri-n-butyl phosphate (TnBP); Triphenyl phosphate (TPhP); Tripropyl phosphate (TPrP); Pyrene (Pyr).

^a spiked 200 µg L⁻¹ on soil.

^b spiked 100 µg L⁻¹ on soil.

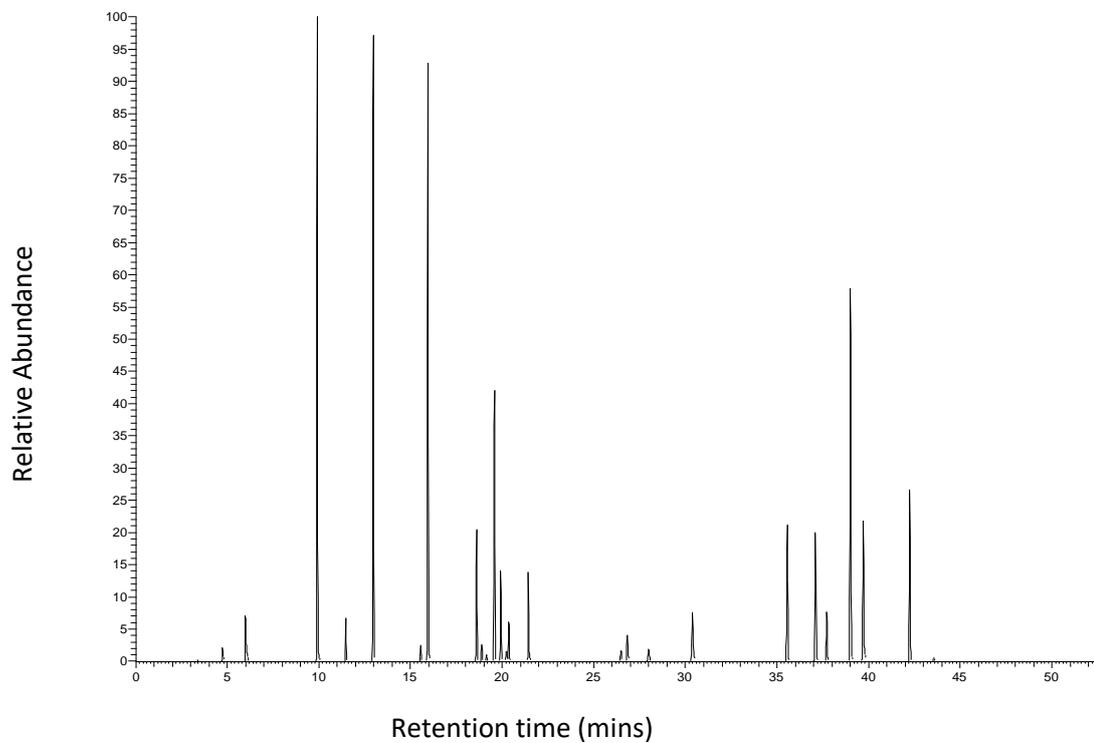
^c t_{exp} calculated as follows: $t_{exp} = \left| \frac{[]_{certified} - []_{found}}{SD} \right| \times \frac{\sqrt{n}}{SD}$, []_{found} and SD are the mean and standard deviation values (n = 2) after PL10- GC-EI-MS and []_{certified} is the certified concentration

^d <LOQ

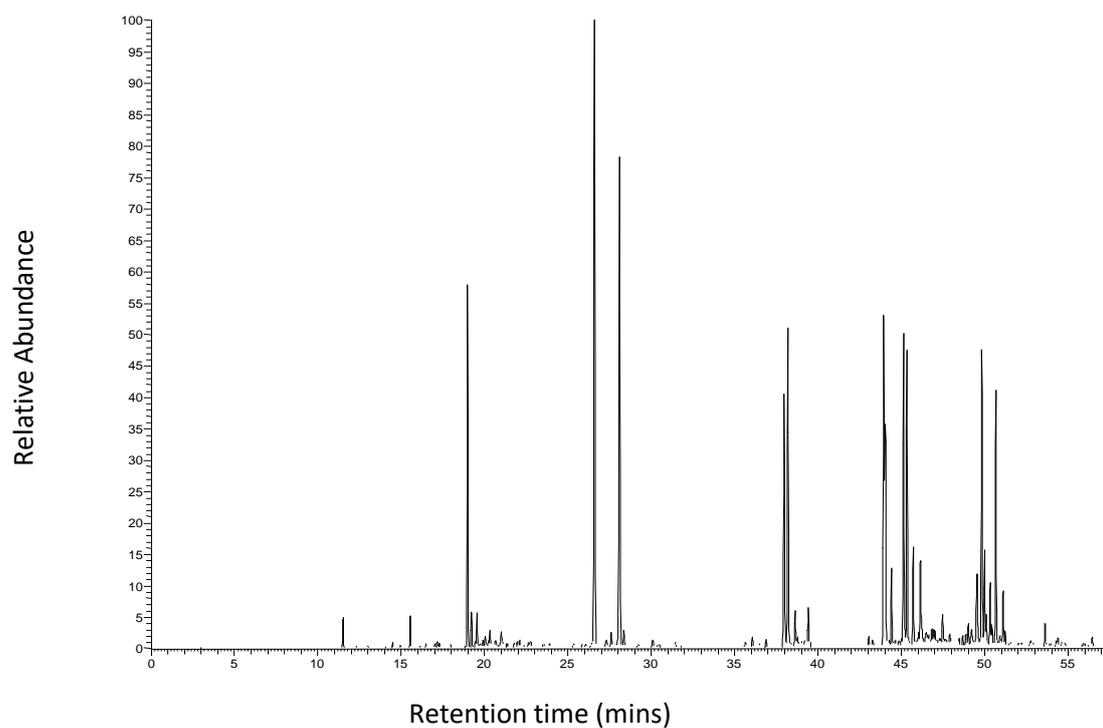
^e Not certified

Figure S2. GC-EI-MS chromatograms for a mixture of the target compounds (a) A 200 ng mL⁻¹ Standard, and PLE extracts from (b) a soil sample from POS1, (c) a soil sample from POS2 and (d) an indoor dust sample, using the optimized conditions.

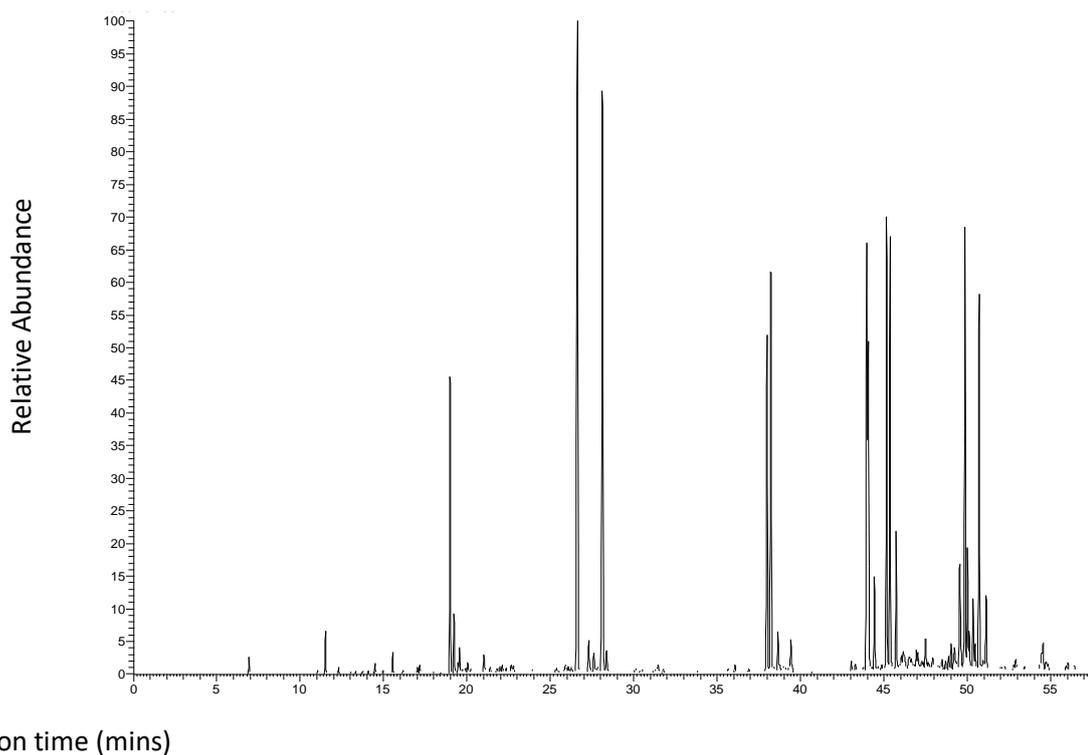
(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

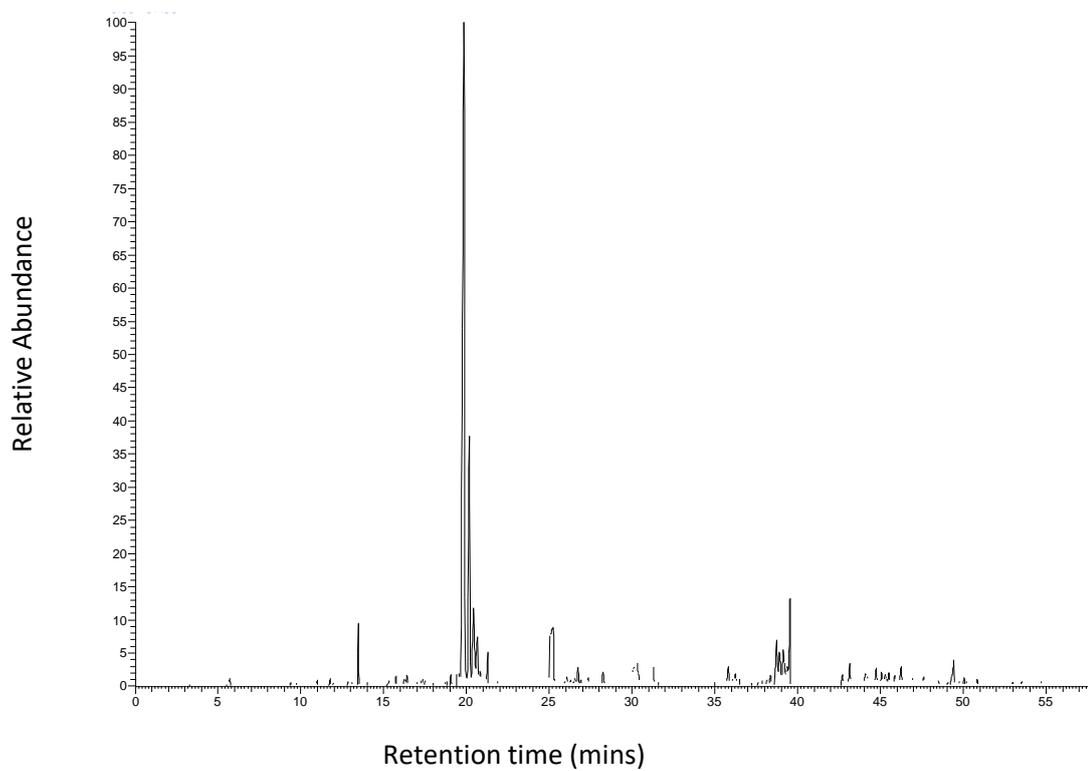


Table S4: Analysis and characterisation of soil at public open space 1

Public Open Space 1: Sample identifier ^a										
	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	#10
Soil pH ^e	7.2	6.7	5.7	7.1	5.7	7.0	6.9	6.7	6.7	6.7
%LOF ^e	17.0	27.5	41.4	18.9	14.2	14.9	15.0	15.5	15.9	15.9
Compound	Concentration (ng g ⁻¹) ± SD (n = 3)									
<i>HAPs</i>										
Acy	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b
Ace	20.8 ± 4.6	82.3 ± 12	18.2 ± 1.2	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	29.4	21.2 ± 1.8
Fl	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b
Phe	2250 ± 63	2730 ± 195	3090 ± 175	867 ± 23	619 ± 125	2720 ± 133	4260 ± 547	3640 ± 285	4040 ± 317	5980 ± 1150
Ant	88.7 ± 3.1	72.7 ± 5.5	150 ± 15	27.3 ± 0.5	22.6 ± 0.3	91.7 ± 2.4	127 ± 15	96.6 ± 6.9	101 ± 15	184 ± 13
Ft	9590 ± 440	4390 ± 270	- ^b	2280 ± 66	1700 ± 84	11500 ± 268	22200 ± 285	15600 ± 957	14700 ± 1080	24100 ± 1550
Pyr	1360 ± 47	672 ± 22	2510 ± 140	291 (298, 285) ^c	241 ± 14	1360 ± 24	2690 ± 285	1980 ± 90	1760 ± 144	- ^b
Ret	297 ± 5.9	- ^b	289 ± 4.1	220 ± 3.6	219 ± 2.0	234 ± 10	- ^b	239 ± 6.9	- ^b	311 ± 46
BaA	6990 ± 311	4400 ± 79	13600 ± 1250	1700 ± 97	1340 ± 63	6980 ± 99	14300 ± 1590	10600 ± 588	8680 ± 661	18500 ± 1320
Chry	1000 ± 182	771 ± 20	1960 ± 149	- ^b	- ^b	1040 ± 30	2080 ± 209	1620 ± 72	1360 ± 76	2840 ± 188
BjF+BkF+BbF	633 ± 64	336 ± 27	1080 ± 34	- ^b	- ^b	545 ± 22	1090 ± 94	766 ± 29	747 ± 25	1330 ± 58
BeP	1250 ± 17	921 ± 54	- ^b	121 (122, 120) ^c	294 ± 20	1070 ± 30	2350 ± 186	1710 ± 46	1450 ± 66	- ^b
BaP	773 ± 16	493 ± 20	1080 ± 34	- ^b	- ^b	708 ± 16	1650 ± 140	1200 ± 36	973 ± 62	2010 ± 156

IP	2100 ± 92	1660 ± 33	4080 ± 33	681 ± 52.5	417 ± 6.1	1800 ± 85	4770 ± 433	3300 ± 112	2630 ± 67	5030 ± 314
DBahA	366 ± 20	431 ± 6.8	750 ± 151	123 ± 4.3	50.7 ± 0.6	339 ± 6.8	829 ± 94	189 ± 46	372 (381, 363) ^c	1120 ± 66
BghiP	801 ± 13	647 ± 14	1380 ± 88	278 ± 19.1	188 ± 4.3	666 ± 19	1640 ± 141	1110 ± 38	934 ± 50	1680 ± 109
ΣPAHs	27500 ± 2710 ^d	17600 ± 1460 ^d	30000 ± 3550 ^d	6600 ± 723 ^d	5100 ± 538 ^d	29100 ± 3200 ^d	58100 ± 6350 ^d	42100 ± 4450 ^d	37800 ± 4070 ^d	63100 ± 7460 ^d
BaP _{eq}	3500	2570	3780	517	546	3210	7150	4790	4210	6080
<i>OPFRs</i>										
TPrP	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b
TiBP	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b
TnBP	22.1 ± 1.6	109 ± 5	20.8 ± 1.2	_b	17.9 ± 0.7	19.8 ± 2.0	ND	16.7 ± 0.9	25.5 ± 5.4	28.8 ± 4.1
TCEP	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b
TEEdP	32.5 ± 1.5	_b	38.0 ± 1.0	26.3 ± 0.1	_b	32.6 ± 0.5	_b	_b	34.2 ± 1.3	76.5 ± 15
TDCPP	167 (139, 195) ^c	_b	73.3 (64.8, 81.9) ^c	_b	_b	_b	110 ± 10	87.0 (83.0, 91.0) ^c	_b	56.5 ± 2.1
TPhP	_b	_b	_b	109 ± 1.0	87.2 ± 0.8	_b	_b	127 ± 3.1	_b	101 ± 15
TBOEP	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b
TEHP	_b	_b	128 ± 13	40.9 ± 1.8	49.4 ± 1.3	_b	35.6 ± 5.8	53.1 ± 1.1	_b	125 ± 8.0
TPPO	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b
TCrP	_b	_b	120 ± 8.0	_b	_b	_b	_b	110 ± 1.0	_b	_b
ΣOPFR	222 ± 66 ^d	109 ^d	380 ± 43 ^d	176 ± 36 ^d	155 ± 28 ^d	52.4 ± 6.4 ^d	146 ± 37 ^d	394 ± 40 ^d	59.7 ± 4.3 ^d	388 ± 34 ^d
BPA	41.4 ± 1.3	_b	_b	49.9 ± 2.7	_b	_b	_b	49.6 ± 1.2	_b	89.7 ± 4.1

Acenaphthene (Ace); Acenaphthylene (Acy); Anthracene (Ant); Benzo(a)anthracene (BaA); Benzo(a)pyrene (BaP); Benzo(b)fluoranthene (BbF); Benzo(a)pyrene (BeP); Benzo(g,h,i)perylene (BghiP); Benzo(j)fluoranthene (BjF); Benzo(k)fluoranthene (BkF); Bisphenol A (BPA); Chrysene (Chry); Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene (DBahA); Fluorene (Fl); Fluoranthene (Ft); Indeno(1,2,3-c,d)pyrene (IP); Phenanthrene (Phe); Retene (Ret); Tetraethyl ethylene diphosphonate (TEEdP); Tri-m-cresyl phosphate (TCrP); Triphenylphosphine oxide (TPPO); Tris (2-butoxyethyl) phosphate (TBOEP); Tris(2-chloroethyl) phosphate (TCEP); Tri(2-ethylhexyl) phosphate (TEHP); Tris(1,3-dichloro-2-propyl) phosphate (TDCPP); Tri-iso-butyl phosphate (TiBP); Tri-n-butyl phosphate (TnBP); Triphenyl phosphate (TPhP); Tripropyl phosphate (TPrP); Pyrene (Pyr).

^a All Public Open Space soil samples were determined on the <250 µm fraction

^b <LOQ

^c n = 2; mean (individual values)

^d $SD_{sum} = \sqrt{\sum SD_i^2}$, SD_i is the SD PAH_i or the SD of the OPFR_i

^e methods are detailed in the Supplementary Information.

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Table S5: Analysis and characterisation of soil at public open space 2

Public Open Space 2: Sample identifier ^a										
	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	#10
<i>Soil pH^e</i>	6.6	7.5	7.4	6.5	6.6	7.7	7.6	7.0	7.9	6.9
<i>%LOI^e</i>	10.1	10.9	11.5	9.1	16.1	11.6	9.4	10.6	9.6	10.7
Compound	Concentration (ng g ⁻¹) ± SD (n = 3)									
<i>PAHs</i>										
Acy	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b
Ace	_b	_b	91.2 (87.2, 95.2) ^c	126 (112, 141) ^c	120 ± 3.3	253 (300, 206) ^c	122 ± 14	1380 ± 201	_b	_b
Fl	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	1750 ± 151	_b	_b
Phe	741 ± 117	1250 (1250, 1250) ^c	7790 (7760, 7820) ^c	2705 ± 486	3490 ± 292	3940 ± 462	4200 ± 291	55300 ± 2920	2680 ± 47	918 ± 202
Ant	25.5 ± 1.4	42.3 ± 7.4	326 (388, 264) ^c	91.2 ± 17	145 ± 17	108 ± 12	151 ± 11	3460 ± 198	97.7 ± 20	25.8 ± 4.3
Ft	2680 ± 437	4580 ± 272	35900 ± 11200	8530 ± 1230	10500 ± 873	6760 ± 764	12200 ± 722	_b	12800 ± 1190	3810 ± 299
Pyr	390 ± 72	661 ± 27	5330 (4670, 6000) ^c	1220 ± 159	1530 ± 147	1050 ± 95	1660 ± 110	_b	1830 ± 170	527 ± 40
Ret	_b	_b	_b	529 ± 342	288 ± 13	593 ± 11	325 ± 5.2	_b	293 ± 41	_b
BaA	1770 ± 258	2910 ± 37	28100 (28100, 28100) ^c	5730 ± 712	7860 ± 638	5730 ± 330	7580 ± 495	_b	7050 (6990, 7100) ^c	1780 ± 163
Chry	339 ± 60	497 ± 3.7	4200 ± 1160	864 ± 89	1140 ± 77	1030 ± 41	1110 ± 88	18600 ± 758	1140 ± 209	_b
BjF+BkF+B bF	_b	_b	3110 (3260, 2970) ^c	369 ± 24	484 ± 43	342 ± 22	436 ± 61	11900 ± 681	507 (495, 518) ^c	_b

BeP	330 ± 65	506 ± 4.3	4930 (5090, 4780) ^c	883 ± 103	1110 ± 72	1020 ± 61	1060 ± 77	- ^b	1220 ± 140	282 ± 9.3
BaP	- ^b	- ^b	3940 (3820, 4060) ^c	597 ± 70	780 ± 67	519 ± 32	716 ± 50	14400 ± 708	758 (752, 764) ^c	- ^b
IP	512 ± 98	764 ± 13	12500 (12200, 12900) ^c	1410 ± 156	1840 ± 133	1350 ± 158	1760 ± 141	49100 ± 2390	1930 ± 396	403 ± 51
DBahA	119 ± 13	155 ± 1.8	1780 (1970, 1580) ^c	268 ± 28	333 ± 24	317 ± 32	324 ± 21	9790 ± 402	224 (243, 204) ^c	95.5 ± 17
BghiP	224 ± 39	331 ± 5.5	2190 (2450, 1920) ^c	564 ± 59	743 ± 41	606 ± 37	695 ± 59	- ^b	816 ± 100	183 ± 18
ΣPAHs	7130 ± 804 ^d	11700 ± 1380 ^d	110000 ± 10600 ^d	23900 ± 2370 ^d	30400 ± 3040 ^d	23600 ± 2078 ^d	32300 ± 3360 ^d	166000 ± 18900 ^d	31300 ± 3470 ^d	8020 ± 1150 ^d
BaP _{eq}	718	1100	15500	2630	3400	2760	3260	31100	3320	646

OPFRs

TPrP	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b
TiBP	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	256 ± 24	- ^b	- ^b
TnBP	242 (227, 258) ^c	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	75.1 (74.8, 75.4) ^c	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	186 (158, 214) ^c
TCEP	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b
TEEdP	- ^b	29.9 ± 5.3	55.8 ± 12	35.3 ± 8.4	34.0 ± 0.6	82.6 ± 6.0	38.1 ± 5.7	90.7 ± 3.7	32.5 ± 0.9	- ^b
TDCPP	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b
TPhP	- ^b	- ^b	175 ± 30	- ^b	- ^b	106 ± 1.5	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b
TBOEP	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b
TEHP	- ^b	32.6 (32.9, 32.3) ^c	107 ± 14.4	- ^b	28.1 (29.4, 26.7) ^c	75.7 ± 12	43.3 ± 2.2	270 (272, 267) ^c	48.7 ± 0.6	66.4 ± 1.3
TPPO	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b	- ^b

TCrP	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b
ΣOPFR	242 ^d	62.5 ± 1.4 ^d	338 ± 49 ^d	35.3 ^d	62.1 ± 3.0 ^d	339 ± 13 ^d	81.4 ± 2.6 ^d	617 ± 81 ^d	81.2 ± 8.1 ^d	252 ± 60 ^d
BPA	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b

Acenaphthene (Ace); Acenaphthylene (Acy); Anthracene (Ant); Benzo(a)anthracene (BaA); Benzo(a)pyrene (BaP); Benzo(b)fluoranthene (BbF); Benzo(a)pyrene (BeP); Benzo(g,h,i)perylene (BghiP); Benzo(j)fluoranthene (BjF); Benzo(k)fluoranthene (BkF); Bisphenol A (BPA); Chrysene (Chry); Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene (DBahA); Fluorene (Fl); Fluoranthene (Ft); Indeno(1,2,3-c,d)pyrene (IP); Phenanthrene (Phe); Retene (Ret); Tetraethyl ethylene diphosphonate (TEEdP); Tri-m-cresyl phosphate (TCrP); Triphenylphosphine oxide (TPPO); Tris (2-butoxyethyl) phosphate (TBOEP); Tris(2-chloroethyl) phosphate (TCEP); Tri(2-ethylhexyl) phosphate (TEHP); Tris(1,3-dichloro-2-propyl) phosphate (TDCPP); Tri-iso-butyl phosphate (TiBP); Tri-n-butyl phosphate (TnBP); Triphenyl phosphate (TPhP); Tripropyl phosphate (TPrP); Pyrene (Pyr).

^a All Pubic Open Space soil samples were determined on the <250 μm fraction

^b <LOQ

^c n = 2; mean (individual values)

^d $SD_{sum} = \sqrt{\sum SD_i^2}$, SD_i is the SD PAH_i or the SD of the OPFR_i

^e methods are detailed in the Supplementary Information.

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Table S6: Analysis and characterisation of indoor house dust

Compound	Indoor Dust: Sample identifier											
	ID1	ID2	ID3 ^a	ID4	ID5 ^a	ID6 ^a	ID7 ^a	ID8	ID9 ^a	ID10 ^a	ID11	ID12
	Concentration (ng/g) \pm SD (n = 3)											
<i>PAHs</i>												
Acy	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b
Ace	110 (94, 127) ^c	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	62.5 (66, 59)	_b	64.2 \pm 0.5
Fl	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	159 \pm 9.7
Phe	_b	1200 \pm 60	_b	_b	379 (328, 431)	465 (343, 587)	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	5270 \pm 275
Ant	119 \pm 4.3	83.7 \pm 3.4	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	366 (379, 354)	112 (113, 110)	227 (232, 223) ^c	359 \pm 47
Ft	2160 \pm 281	1780 \pm 139	_b	_b	1020 (991, 1060)	1060 (959, 1160)	_b	_b	938 (933, 942)	_b	1156 \pm 17	1460 \pm 100
Pyr	_b	_b	_b	_b	457 (438, 476)	_b	_b	187 \pm 2.5	_b	_b	_b	_b
Ret	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b
BaA	3850 \pm 149	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	3866 (3838, 3895)	_b	_b
Chry	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	1570 \pm 119
BjF+BkF+BbF	_b	516 \pm 20	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b
BeP	_b	533 \pm 16	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	397 (414, 381)	_b	_b
BaP	_b	534 \pm 18	_b	_b	_b	781 (802, 761)	_b	_b	_b	533 (549, 517)	_b	_b
IP	_b	448 \pm 13	_b	_b	515 (505, 526)	577 (474, 680)	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	1360 (1390, 1340) ^c

DBahA	_b	484 ± 20	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	251 ± 23	_b	559 (545, 574)	_b	_b
BghiP	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	261 ± 61
ΣPAHs	6240 ± 1560 ^c	5570 ± 498 ^c	_b	_b	2370 ± 253 ^c	2880 ± 226 ^c	_b	438 ± 32 ^c	1300 ± 286 ^c	5530 ± 1330 ^c	1380 ± 465 ^c	10500 ± 1610 ^c
BaP _{eq}	408	1678	- ^e	- ^e	66.0	854	- ^e	251	13.0	1880	13.8	226
<i>OPFRs</i>												
TPrP	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	215 ± 24	_b
TiBP	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	896 (897, 896) ^c	_b	_b	_b	_b
TnBP	308 ± 5.9	_b	_b	_b	175 (204, 146)	_b	_b	811 (740, 883) ^c	111 (107, 116)	152 (113, 188)	310 (340, 280) ^c	_b
TCEP	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	271 ± 51
TEEdP	834 (852, 817) ^c	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	307 (309, 306) ^c	_b	_b	_b	134 ± 6.4
TDCPP	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b
TPhP	_b	515 ± 11	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b
TBOEP	_b	1780 ± 29	_b	_b	930 (916, 944)	2410 (1930, 2890)	10400 (9910, 11000)	_b	_b	_b	2256 ± 63	_b
TEHP	946 ± 7.7	838 ± 19	_b	_b	321 (306, 335)	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	2150 (2140, 2170) ^c
TPPO	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b
TCrP	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b
ΣOPFR	2090 ± 278 ^c	3130 ± 536 ^c	_b	_b	1430 ± 327 ^c	2410 ^c	10400 ^c	2010 ± 260 ^c	111 ^c	152 ^c	2780 ± 941 ^c	2560 ± 921 ^c
BPA	_b	4750 ± 215	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b	_b

Acenaphthene (Ace); Acenaphthylene (Acy); Anthracene (Ant); Benzo(a)anthracene (BaA); Benzo(a)pyrene (BaP); Benzo(b)fluoranthene (BbF); Benzo(a)pyrene (BeP); Benzo(g,h,i)perylene (BghiP); Benzo(j)fluoranthene (BjF); Benzo(k)fluoranthene (BkF); Bisphenol A (BPA); Chrysene (Chry); Dibenz(a,h)anthracene (DBahA); Fluorene (Fl); Fluoranthene (Ft); Indeno(1,2,3-c,d)pyrene (IP);

Phenanthrene (Phe); Retene (Ret); Tetraethyl ethylene diphosphonate (TEEdP); Tri-m-cresyl phosphate (TCrP); Triphenylphosphine oxide (TPPO); Tris (2-butoxyethyl) phosphate (TBOEP); Tris(2-chloroethyl) phosphate (TCEP); Tri(2-ethylhexyl) phosphate (TEHP); Tris(1,3-dichloro-2-propyl) phosphate (TDCPP); Tri-iso-butyl phosphate (TiBP); Tri-n-butyl phosphate (TnBP); Triphenyl phosphate (TPhP); Tripropyl phosphate (TPrP); Pyrene (Pyr).

^b <LOQ

^c n = 2; mean (individual values)

^d $SD_{sum} = \sqrt{\sum SD_i^2}$, SD_i is the SD PAH_i or the SD of the OPFR_i

^e Not calculated (PAHs concentration are lower than LOQ)

Table S7. PAH incremental lifetime cancer risk for adult and child in soil and indoor house dust samples

Public Open Space 1: Sample identifier										
	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	#10
ILCR _{ing} ^{adult}	6.2 x 10 ⁻³	4.5 x 10 ⁻³	6.7 x 10 ⁻³	9.1 x 10 ⁻⁴	9.6 x 10 ⁻⁴	5.7 x 10 ⁻³	1.3 x 10 ⁻²	8.4 x 10 ⁻³	7.4 x 10 ⁻³	1.1 x 10 ⁻²
ILCR _{inh} ^{adult}	4.8 x 10 ⁻⁷	3.5 x 10 ⁻⁷	5.2 x 10 ⁻⁷	7.1 x 10 ⁻⁸	7.5 x 10 ⁻⁸	4.4 x 10 ⁻⁷	9.8 x 10 ⁻⁷	6.6 x 10 ⁻⁷	5.8 x 10 ⁻⁷	8.3 x 10 ⁻⁷
ILCR _{derm} ^{adult}	1.1 x 10 ⁻²	8.1 x 10 ⁻³	1.2 x 10 ⁻²	1.6 x 10 ⁻³	1.7 x 10 ⁻³	1.0 x 10 ⁻²	2.2 x 10 ⁻²	1.5 x 10 ⁻²	1.3 x 10 ⁻²	1.9 x 10 ⁻²
ILCR_s^{adult}	1.7 x 10⁻²	1.3 x 10⁻²	1.8 x 10⁻²	2.5 x 10⁻³	2.7 x 10⁻³	1.6 x 10⁻²	3.5 x 10⁻²	2.3 x 10⁻²	2.1 x 10⁻²	3.0 x 10⁻²
ILCR _{ing} ^{child}	9.0 x 10 ⁻³	6.6 x 10 ⁻³	9.7 x 10 ⁻³	1.3 x 10 ⁻³	1.4 x 10 ⁻³	8.3 x 10 ⁻³	1.8 x 10 ⁻²	1.2 x 10 ⁻²	1.1 x 10 ⁻²	1.6 x 10 ⁻²
ILCR _{inh} ^{child}	1.7 x 10 ⁻⁷	1.3 x 10 ⁻⁷	1.9 x 10 ⁻⁷	2.6 x 10 ⁻⁸	2.7 x 10 ⁻⁸	1.6 x 10 ⁻⁷	3.6 x 10 ⁻⁷	2.4 x 10 ⁻⁷	2.1 x 10 ⁻⁷	3.0 x 10 ⁻⁷
ILCR _{derm} ^{child}	1.1 x 10 ⁻²	8.2 x 10 ⁻³	1.2 x 10 ⁻²	1.7 x 10 ⁻³	1.8 x 10 ⁻³	1.0 x 10 ⁻²	2.3 x 10 ⁻²	1.5 x 10 ⁻²	1.4 x 10 ⁻²	1.9 x 10 ⁻²
ILCR_s^{child}	2.0 x 10⁻²	1.5 x 10⁻²	2.2 x 10⁻²	3.0 x 10⁻³	3.2 x 10⁻³	1.9 x 10⁻²	4.1 x 10⁻²	2.8 x 10⁻²	2.4 x 10⁻²	3.5 x 10⁻²
Public Open Space 2: Sample identifier										
	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	#10
ILCR _{ing} ^{adult}	1.3 x 10 ⁻³	1.9 x 10 ⁻³	2.7 x 10 ⁻²	4.6 x 10 ⁻³	6.0 x 10 ⁻³	4.9 x 10 ⁻³	5.8 x 10 ⁻³	5.5 x 10 ⁻²	5.9 x 10 ⁻³	1.1 x 10 ⁻³
ILCR _{inh} ^{adult}	9.8 x 10 ⁻⁸	1.5 x 10 ⁻⁷	2.1 x 10 ⁻⁶	3.6 x 10 ⁻⁷	4.7 x 10 ⁻⁷	3.8 x 10 ⁻⁷	4.5 x 10 ⁻⁷	4.2 x 10 ⁻⁶	4.5 x 10 ⁻⁷	8.8 x 10 ⁻⁸
ILCR _{derm} ^{adult}	2.2 x 10 ⁻³	3.4 x 10 ⁻³	4.9 x 10 ⁻²	8.2 x 10 ⁻³	1.1 x 10 ⁻²	8.6 x 10 ⁻³	1.0 x 10 ⁻²	9.7 x 10 ⁻²	1.0 x 10 ⁻²	2.0 x 10 ⁻³
ILCR_s^{adult}	3.5 x 10⁻³	5.4 x 10⁻³	7.6 x 10⁻²	1.3 x 10⁻²	1.7 x 10⁻²	1.4 x 10⁻²	1.6 x 10⁻²	1.5 x 10⁻¹	1.6 x 10⁻²	3.2 x 10⁻³
ILCR _{ing} ^{child}	1.8 x 10 ⁻³	2.8 x 10 ⁻³	4.0 x 10 ⁻²	6.8 x 10 ⁻³	8.7 x 10 ⁻³	7.1 x 10 ⁻³	8.4 x 10 ⁻³	8.0 x 10 ⁻²	8.5 x 10 ⁻³	1.7 x 10 ⁻³
ILCR _{inh} ^{child}	3.6 x 10 ⁻⁸	5.5 x 10 ⁻⁸	7.7 x 10 ⁻⁷	1.3 x 10 ⁻⁷	1.7 x 10 ⁻⁷	1.4 x 10 ⁻⁷	1.6 x 10 ⁻⁷	1.5 x 10 ⁻⁶	1.7 x 10 ⁻⁷	3.2 x 10 ⁻⁸

ILCR _{derm} ^{child}	2.3 x 10 ⁻³	3.5 x 10 ⁻³	5.0 x 10 ⁻²	8.4 x 10 ⁻³	1.1 x 10 ⁻²	8.8 x 10 ⁻³	1.0 x 10 ⁻²	1.0 x 10 ⁻¹	1.1 x 10 ⁻²	2.1 x 10 ⁻³
ILCR_s^{child}	4.1 x 10⁻³	6.3 x 10⁻³	9.0 x 10⁻²	1.5 x 10⁻²	2.0 x 10⁻²	1.6 x 10⁻²	1.9 x 10⁻²	1.8 x 10⁻¹	1.9 x 10⁻²	3.7 x 10⁻³

Indoor Dust: Sample identifier

	#1	#2	#3 ^a	#4 ^a	#5	#6	#7 ^a	#8	#9	#10	#11	#12
ILCR _{ing} ^{adult}	7.2 x 10 ⁻⁴	3.0 x 10 ⁻³			1.2 x 10 ⁻⁴	1.5 x 10 ⁻³		4.4 x 10 ⁻⁴	2.3 x 10 ⁻⁵	3.3 x 10 ⁻³	2.4 x 10 ⁻⁵	4.0 x 10 ⁻⁴
ILCR _{inh} ^{adult}	5.6 x 10 ⁻⁸	2.3 x 10 ⁻⁷			9.0 x 10 ⁻⁹	1.2 x 10 ⁻⁷		3.4 x 10 ⁻⁸	1.8 x 10 ⁻⁹	2.6 x 10 ⁻⁷	1.9 x 10 ⁻⁹	3.1 x 10 ⁻⁸
ILCR _{derm} ^{adult}	1.3 x 10 ⁻³	5.3 x 10 ⁻³			2.1 x 10 ⁻⁴	2.7 x 10 ⁻³		7.9 x 10 ⁻⁴	4.1 x 10 ⁻⁵	5.9 x 10 ⁻³	4.3 x 10 ⁻⁵	7.1 x 10 ⁻⁴
ILCR_s^{adult}	2.0 x 10⁻³	8.2 x 10⁻³			3.2 x 10⁻⁴	4.2 x 10⁻³		1.2 x 10⁻³	6.4 x 10⁻⁵	9.2 x 10⁻³	6.8 x 10⁻⁵	1.1 x 10⁻³
ILCR _{ing} ^{child}	1.0 x 10 ⁻³	4.3 x 10 ⁻³			1.7 x 10 ⁻⁴	2.2 x 10 ⁻³		6.5 x 10 ⁻⁴	3.4 x 10 ⁻⁵	4.8 x 10 ⁻³	3.6 x 10 ⁻⁵	5.8 x 10 ⁻⁴
ILCR _{inh} ^{child}	2.0 x 10 ⁻⁸	8.4 x 10 ⁻⁸			3.3 x 10 ⁻⁹	4.3 x 10 ⁻⁸		1.3 x 10 ⁻⁸	6.5 x 10 ⁻¹⁰	9.4 x 10 ⁻⁸	6.9 x 10 ⁻¹⁰	1.1 x 10 ⁻⁸
ILCR _{derm} ^{child}	1.3 x 10 ⁻³	5.4 x 10 ⁻³			2.1 x 10 ⁻⁴	2.7 x 10 ⁻³		8.1 x 10 ⁻⁴	4.2 x 10 ⁻⁵	6.0 x 10 ⁻³	4.4 x 10 ⁻⁵	7.2 x 10 ⁻⁴
ILCR_s^{child}	2.4 x 10⁻³	9.7 x 10⁻³			3.8 x 10⁻⁴	4.9 x 10⁻³		1.5 x 10⁻³	7.5 x 10⁻⁵	1.1 x 10⁻²	8.0 x 10⁻⁵	1.3 x 10⁻³

PAH incremental lifetime cancer risk via ingestion (ILCR_{ing}); PAH incremental lifetime cancer risk via inhalation (ILCR_{inh}); PAH incremental lifetime cancer risk via dermal absorption (ILCR_{derm}); Total incremental lifetime cancer risk (ILCR_s): **negligible risk** ≤ 10⁻⁶; **potential risk** 10⁻⁶ to 10⁻⁴; **potentially high risk** >10⁻⁴.

^a Not calculated (BaP_{eq} concentrations are lower than LOQ)

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