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5 **Baseline concentrations, quantitative health risk assessment of polycyclic aromatic**  
6 **hydrocarbons (PAH), and the particle grain size of street dust in Warsaw, Poland**

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17 **Keyword**

18 Street dust; PAH; Carcinogenic health risk; Particle size distribution; Urban air pollution

19 **Highlights**

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21 ● Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) were studied in 6 fractions of street dust.  
22 ● A fraction of grain diameter <0.2mm has the highest  $\Sigma$ PAH concentration.  
23 ● The highest cancerogenic risk was found for street dust of diameter <0.2 mm.  
24 ● Moderate and high health risks were obtained for PAH in street dust from Warsaw.

25 **Abstract**

26 Total concentrations, toxicity, and health risks of 16 polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) in street  
27 dust from Warsaw (Poland) in 6 granulometric fractions were investigated. Street dust was collected  
28 from 149 sampling points distributed among Area 1 (central districts, left bank of the Vistula River,  
29 mostly traffic-related pollution) and Area 2&3 (suburb area, mostly residential, right bank of the  
30 river). Street dust was investigated before (“all”) and after separating into 5 size-dependent samples:  
31 (1–0.8 mm) “0.8”, (0.8–0.6 mm) “0.6”, (0.6–0.4 mm) “0.4”, (0.4–0.2 mm) “0.2”, and (below 0.2 mm)  
32 “<0.2”.  $\Sigma$ PAH mean concentration was 3.21 mg/kg for Area 1 and 0.89 mg/kg for Area 2&3.

33  $\sum$ BaP<sub>TPE</sub> values calculated collectively for Area 1&2&3 were observed to be 318.3, 83.5, 131.1, 81.4,  
34 164.3, and 339.7 ng/g for “all”, “0.6”, “0.4”, “0.2”, and “<0.2”, respectively. Significant differences in  
35  $\sum$ BaP<sub>TPE</sub> values were observed between fractions and specific areas. The cancer risk levels for  
36 children and adults, for all particulate size fractions, were comparable for dermal contact and by  
37 ingestion and ranged from  $10^{-5}$  to  $10^{-4}$ , whereas the cancer risk levels via inhalation always ranged  
38 from  $10^{-10}$  to  $10^{-8}$ . Therefore, inhalation of resuspended street dust is almost negligible compared to  
39 other pathways.

#### 40 **Environmental implication**

41 Street dust pollution in cities is one of the most important issues in the world and it negatively affects  
42 the quality of the environment and people's health. This study contributed to filling the gap in  
43 knowledge about the characteristics of PAH contaminants in the subject of the grain size of street dust  
44 from Poland and assessing the potential health risks. Therefore, our work has provided new significant  
45 information on PAH pollution, methods of measuring PAH' content, and assessing the risk to human  
46 health, which may be useful to the scientific community, policymakers, and the general public.

#### 47 **1. Introduction**

48 Environmental pollution in cities that concentrate a large number of people in a small area is one of  
49 the most important issues in the world and it negatively affects the quality of the environment and  
50 people's health (WHO, 2016). Street dust particles are considered to be one of the most important  
51 sources of fine aerosols in urban atmospheres and can become easily airborne through wind  
52 dispersion. Atmospheric aerosols, together with their chemical compounds from anthropogenic  
53 sources, tend to settle on the surfaces due to dry and/or wet deposition and are then incorporated into  
54 the street dust. United Nations (UN, 2019) reports that in 2018, 55% of the world's population lived in  
55 cities, and it is expected to reach 68% by 2050. The world's population increased from 6.1 billion in  
56 2000 to 7.8 billion in 2020, of which the share of cities increased from ~47% to ~56% (Kaneda et al.,  
57 2015; UNDESA, 2018). This dense concentration causes an increasing amount of harmful pollutants  
58 to be produced in the urban environment, which exposes a large number of people to pollution  
59 resulting from anthropogenic activities in urbanized areas. Street dust is a heterogeneous composition

60 of soils and particles originating from natural and anthropogenic sources occurring on road surfaces by  
61 dry or wet deposition (Cao et al., 2017; Gunawardana et al., 2012; Haynes et al., 2020). Anthropogenic  
62 sources of different types of pollutants (e.g., heavy metals, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH))  
63 in street dust originate from industrial and exhaust and non-exhaust traffic-related processes and low-  
64 stack emission and including fuel combustion, wear of tires, brake pads, road surface, body rust,  
65 leakage of brake and lubricating oil, automotive three-way catalytic abrasion and wear, and road paint  
66 (Kreider et al., 2010; Li et al., 2013; Logiewa et al., 2020; Pathak et al., 2013; Tanner et al., 2008;  
67 Yildirim and Tokalioğlu, 2016; Yang et al., 2010).

68 Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) can originate from natural and anthropogenic sources. PAH  
69 are mainly produced and transferred into the environment due to incomplete combustion of fossil fuels  
70 and biomass, (Tobiszewski and Namiesnik, 2012; Tsibart and Gennadiev, 2013) but can also be  
71 produced during natural processes such as volcanic eruption (Kannan et al., 2005).

72 It is unambiguous that long-term exposure to air pollution provokes multiple health problems and  
73 diseases, such as atherosclerosis or respiratory endpoints health, including premature mortality. The  
74 results of the Aphekom project report (Aphekom, 2011) that living in close vicinity to busy roads is  
75 responsible for approximately 15–30% of all new cases of asthma in children and chronic obstructive  
76 pulmonary disease and coronary heart disease in adults older than 65 years of age.

77 There is a growing concern about the PAH pollution, which poses a significant environmental and  
78 health risk because of PAH' low aqueous solubility, semi-volatility, persistence, stability, and toxic  
79 properties (Larsen and Baker, 2003; Wang et al., 2015; Adeel et al., 2017). PAH can accumulate in the  
80 soil, street dust, and indoor dust and cause serious and harmful health effects for humans. The  
81 exposure to PAH poses health risks to the nervous system and different organs; it can contribute to the  
82 diseases of respiratory and circulatory systems and cancers (Sarigiannis et al., 2015). PAH pose a  
83 potential ecological risk and can damage human health through various absorption pathways such as  
84 direct ingestion, dermal contact, diet through the soil–food chain, inhalation, and oral intake (Franco et  
85 al., 2017; Lorenzi et al., 2011). Therefore, the study of PAH pollution of street dust is one of the most  
86 recent challenges in the field of protection of human health.

87 The main objectives of the present study were as follows: (1) to evaluate the total PAH concentration  
88 levels content in the street dust collected from different land use patterns; (2) to investigate the particle  
89 size effect on the distribution of the PAH concentrations; (3) to characterize the spatial distribution of  
90 the total concentrations of street dust for the finest fraction of less than 200 $\mu$ m in diameter; and (4) to  
91 assess the human health risks posed by PAH for children and adults via ingestion, inhalation, and  
92 dermal contact and according to different particle size.

## 93 **2. Methods**

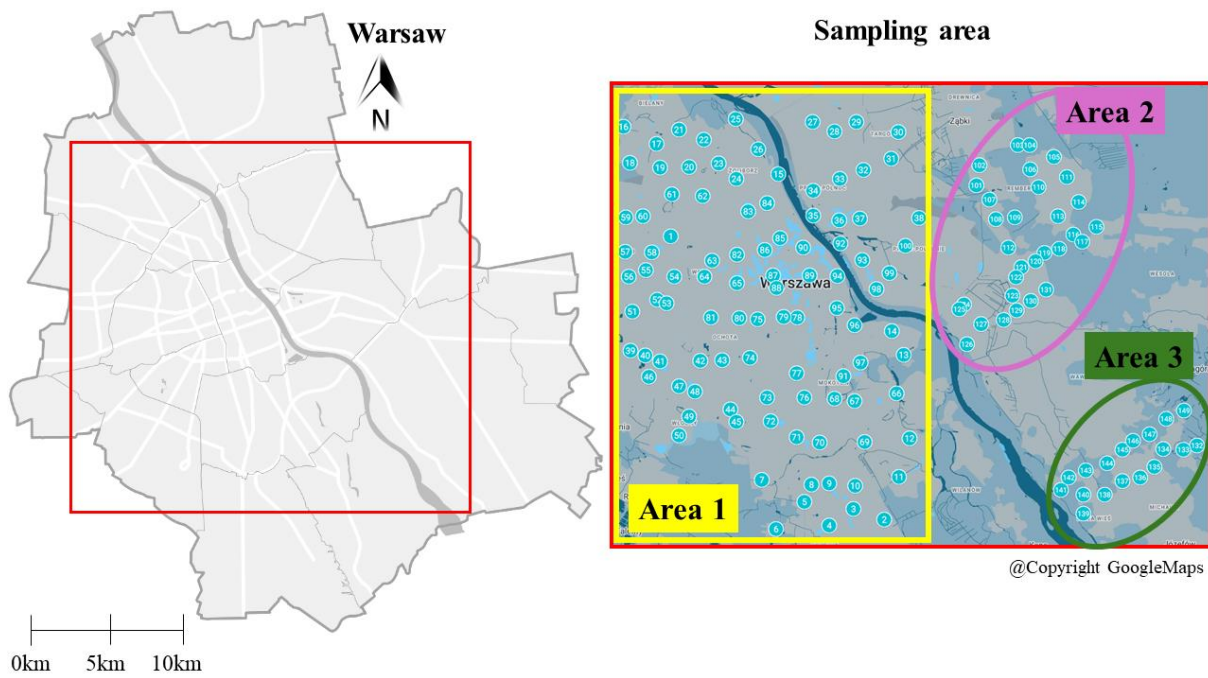
### 94 **2.1. Study area**

95 The sampling campaigns were carried out in the administrative area of the capital city of Poland -  
96 Warsaw. Warsaw (52°13'48"N 21°00'40"E) is situated in the Mazovian region along the Vistula  
97 River. The city straddles the Vistula River. It is located in the heartland of the Masovian Plain, and its  
98 average elevation is 100 m (330 ft) above sea level. The area of the Warsaw agglomeration is 517.24  
99 km<sup>2</sup>. The city is characterized by a dense network of streets and railways, but relatively low  
100 industrialization, except from three combined heat and power plants: Siekierki, Kawęczyn, and Żerań.  
101 The population is ~1.8 million, but many estimates suggest that the number of residents may be closer  
102 to 2.4 million (GUS, 2023).

### 103 **2.2. Description of the sampling location**

104 The street dust sampling campaign was carried out according to a pre-identified plan. The sampling  
105 sites were located in different functional areas (industrial, traffic, commercial, residential, and green  
106 areas) in the administrative area of Warsaw. Street dust was sampled from the following areas: the  
107 central district of the city (Area 1) and peripheral districts - Rembertów (Area 2)/Wawer (Area 3). A  
108 number of 100 samples were collected from Area 1 on the left bank of the Vistula River and 49  
109 samples from Area 2 and Area 3 on the right bank of the Vistula River. The land use of Area 1 is  
110 mostly the commercial area and city center with high road density, population density, and vehicle  
111 flux. Area 2 is dominated by large green areas and low population density. The sampling sites were  
112 described in terms of traffic intensity, i.e., the number of vehicles passing through it in both directions  
113 in 24 hours (WBR, 2023). In this way, each location was assigned to one of the following categories:

114 low (1) (<5000 veh./day), medium (5000–10000 veh./day), high (10000–20000 veh./day), and very  
115 high (>20000 veh./day) traffic intensity.



117 Figure 1. Locations of the 149 sampling sites in Warsaw.

### 118 2.3. Sample preparation of street dust

119 Street dust was collected from 149 sampling sites in the Warsaw urban area (Fig. 1) and geolocated  
120 using a handheld GPS device. The samples were collected from ~1 m<sup>2</sup> area of the road surfaces using  
121 a clean plastic vacuum cleaner or by sweeping with a brush into a plastic dustpan. All collected  
122 samples were a composite of subsamples collected within a 5-m radius. The sampling campaigns were  
123 performed after seven no rainy days to ensure street dust accumulations become relatively not  
124 influenced by the runoff. The road area covered by sampling included the zone between the curb and  
125 the road axis, with particular emphasis on the zone along the curb. This procedure is necessary  
126 because most of the dust accumulates along the curb (Deletic and Orr, 2005; Dytłow et al., 2019). The  
127 sampling points were selected to represent different land-use categories, traffic intensity, and  
128 population density. Additionally, the sampling sites were selected specifically to represent motor  
129 traffic of significant traffic density on a transit road with modern infrastructure and to represent the  
130 areas polluted by low-stack emissions.

### 131 2.4. Granulometric segregation and sample selection for chemical analysis

132 The sampling was collected from September to November 2023. For each site, ~500 g of dust was  
133 collected, placed into coded self-sealing polyethylene bags, and transported to the laboratory. After  
134 being transferred to the laboratory, the samples were air-dried at room temperature (approximately 25  
135 °C) and relative humidity of 20% for 7 days before undergoing further analysis.

136 The samples were initially sieved through a 1 mm mesh to remove waste, leaves, roots, and small  
137 stones. These samples were labeled “all” and a sample was taken for further determination of PAH  
138 concentration. The remaining part of the sample was separated using sieves with different mesh sizes.

139 The granulometric analysis was performed using a laboratory shaker LPzE-2e (MULTISERW-Morek,  
140 Poland) with a set of sieves of the following mesh sizes: 1 mm, 0.8 mm, 0.6 mm, 0.4 mm, and 0.2 mm.

141 Therefore, the following particle size fractions were obtained: diameter between 1 and 0.8 mm  
142 (fraction “all”), between 0.8 and 0.6 mm (fraction “0.8”), between 0.6 and 0.4 mm (fraction “0.6”),  
143 between 0.6 and 0.4 mm (fraction “0.4”), between 0.4 and 0.2 mm (fraction “0.2”), and less than 0.2  
144 mm (fraction “<0.2”).

145 As a result of applying the above-described procedure, 6 samples were obtained for each of the 149  
146 sampling sites, giving a total number of 894 samples. The 169 samples representing all granulometric  
147 fractions, different land use, and located in every studied area (Area 1, Area 2, and Area 3 (Fig. 1))  
148 were selected for further chemical analyses.

## 149 **2.5. Data analysis**

150 The data was processed using Microsoft Excel 2019 for statistical calculations and table preparation.

151 The Origin2019 software (OriginLab Corporation, US) was utilized to draw all presented graphs and  
152 the spatial distribution map. The Delauney triangulation scheme implemented into Origin2019  
153 software was applied to interpolate the data between sampling sites on the spatial distribution map.

154 Figure 2 was made using MS Excel 2021.

## 155 **2.6. Chemical analysis**

### 156 **2.6.1. Sample preparation.**

157 Before proceeding to the quantitative analysis of PAH, it was necessary to extract these compounds  
158 from street dust samples. Analyses were carried out both without dividing the samples into fractions  
159 and after separating the sample from a given site into individual fractions. Initially, acetonitrile (ACN)

160 extraction, as described by Puy-Alquiza et al. (2016), was used. However, this procedure has been a  
161 subject to some modifications. Based on the analysis of reference material (LGC6188), the influence  
162 of extraction time on its efficiency was checked. Several preconcentration factors were investigated to  
163 obtain compromise conditions between the signal intensity and the negative influences of matrix  
164 effects (and thus obtain the most favorable signal-to-noise ratio). Finally, the following procedure was  
165 used: Approximately 5g of the homogenized sample was weighed. 25 ml of ACN was added. The  
166 sample was mechanically shaken for approximately 3 minutes, and then, ultrasonic-assisted extraction  
167 was performed. Extraction was carried out in a closed system at a temperature of 30 °C for 2 hours.  
168 The temperature of 30°C is a compromise value that allows for achieving sufficient efficiency without  
169 evaporating the most volatile PAH (despite the closed system). The extract was then separated from  
170 the solid residue by centrifugation (Eppendorf 5804R) at 4200 rpm at room temperature. The last step  
171 was to evaporate the samples to dryness at 30°C in the SpeedVac (Eppendorf Concentrator Plus)  
172 system. Then, 500 µL of ACN was introduced into the vessel and left for approximately 10 minutes.  
173 Then, it was shaken mechanically for about 2 minutes and transferred to a chromatographic vial.

#### 174 **2.6.2. Measurement procedure**

175 Total PAH content was calculated as a sum of 16 compounds present in the standard (Supelco,  
176 CRM47940 PAH Calibration Mix). The chemical compounds whose concentrations were monitored  
177 are presented in detail in Table S1 (see Supplementary materials). To investigate concentrations of  
178 individual PAH, a method combining high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC, Agilent 1290)  
179 with a series-connected spectrophotometric detector (Agilent G4212B 1260 Diode Array Detector)  
180 and a mass spectrometer (Agilent 6460) with a triple quadrupole mass analyzer (QQQ). QQQ was  
181 fitted with the APCI source (atmospheric pressure chemical ionization) operated in the positive ion  
182 mode. Initially, the instrument was operated in scan mode, and after determining m/z characteristics  
183 for each PAH, the registration mode was changed to Single Ion Monitoring to improve sensitivity. A  
184 chromatographic column designed for this type of separation (Phenomenex, Kinetex 3.5 µm PAH,  
185 100\*2.1 mm) was used to separate 16 PAH present in the standard (Supelco, CRM47940 PAH  
186 Calibration Mix). Gradient elution was used: 0.1% formic acid (FA, Supelco LC-MS LiChropur) in  
187 water (Supelco LiChrosolv LC-MS Grade water) was used as a mobile phase with a lower elution



188 strength, and 0.1% FA in ACN (Supelco LiChrosolv hypergrade for LC-MS) as a phase with a higher  
189 elution strength. Parameters of chromatographic separation and detection are shown in Table S1.  
190 When developing the method, five different ways of signal acquisitions were checked: 356 nm without  
191 reference, 541 nm without reference, 370 nm without reference, 254 nm with reference at 400 nm, and  
192 292 nm with reference at 400 nm. The method giving the best sensitivity of the determinations was  
193 selected: 254 nm with reference at 400 nm (Mansouri et al., 2020). Then, the results obtained for both  
194 detectors (MS and DAD) were compared. Additionally, based on the obtained mass spectra, the order  
195 of elution of individual PAH was confirmed. Due to the high consistency of the results between both  
196 detectors, only UV detection was used after the method development was completed. All presented  
197 results were obtained by UV detection. Identification of individual PAH was based on a comparison of  
198 the retention times of a given compound in the standard and sample. The extraction efficiency and  
199 validity of the proposed measurement procedure were confirmed by analyzing matrix certified  
200 reference materials (LGC6188, NIST2768). The results obtained for reference materials were also  
201 used to estimate the standard uncertainty of PAH measurement.

## 202 **2.7. Carcinogenic PAH (CPAH) determination**

203 CPAH are determined by the sum of the concentration of carcinogenic PAH (CPAH = BaA + Chry +  
204 BbF + BkF + BaP + DBA + IP) listed by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC,  
205 1987) and expressed as a percentage to other PAH in this study. CPAH were calculated for samples  
206 “all” and for each granulometric fraction.

## 207 **2.8. Benzo [a] Pyrene equivalent (BaP) toxicity**

208 The quantities of toxicity potential were assessed by calculation of benzo(a)pyrene total equivalency  
209 (BaP<sub>TPE</sub>) for PAH. BaP<sub>TPE</sub> was obtained using BaP toxicology equivalency factors (TEFs). B[a]P TPE  
210 is the sum of estimated cancer potency relative to BaP for all carcinogenic PAH, which was  
211 calculated by multiplying the concentration of each carcinogenic PAH in the same sample by its  
212 BaP<sub>TEFs</sub> (Nisbet and LaGoy, 1992; Soltani et al., 2015). The TEF estimates for Nap, Acy, Ace, Flu,  
213 Phen, Anth, Flan, Pyr, BaA, Chry, BbF, BkF, BaP, DBA, BghiP, and IP are 0.001, 0.001, 0.001,  
214 0.001, 0.001, 0.01, 0.001, 0.001, 0.1, 0.01, 0.1, 0.1, 1, 1, 0.01, and 0.1, respectively. BaP toxicology  
215 equivalency factors (TEFs) were used to evaluate BaP<sub>TPE</sub> for PAH using the following equation:

216 
$$\text{BaP}_{\text{TPE}i} \text{ (ng/g)} = C_i \times \text{TEF}_i,$$

217 where  $C_i$  is the specific concentration of PAH.

218 
$$\sum \text{BaP}_{\text{TPE}} \text{ (collective)} = \sum^i \text{BaP}_{\text{TEF}i},$$

219 in which  $\text{BaP}_{\text{TPE}} \text{ (collective)}$  is the BaP equivalent concentration obtained by summing the masses of  
 220 individual compounds ( $C_i$ ), each weighted by its relative cancer potency,  $\text{TEF}_i$  (Ma and Harrad, 2015).

221 **2.9. Potential health risk assessment**

222 In this study, the potential non-carcinogenic and carcinogenic health risks of both groups of Warsaw  
 223 residents, adults and children, were quantified according to the models developed by the United States  
 224 Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA, 2011; USEPA, 2014). It was assumed that PAH  
 225 unintentionally penetrate the body through oral, inhalation, and dermal routes (exposure paths).  
 226 Another assumption proposed by USEPA was the duration of life during which residents are exposed  
 227 to PAH. In the case of adults, USEPA assumes that it would be 70 years, and in the case of children –  
 228 6 years. The environmental exposure was estimated based on the average dose, which determines the  
 229 amount of harmful substance taken by the studied population per day and per 1 kg of body weight.

230 The incremental lifetime cancer risk (ILCR) of a chemical substance received through each of the  
 231 main three pathways, ingestion ( $\text{ILCR}_{\text{ing}}$ ), inhalation ( $\text{ILCR}_{\text{inh}}$ ), and dermal contact ( $\text{ILCR}_{\text{derm}}$ ) was  
 232 calculated according to the following equations (USEPA, 2011):

233 
$$\text{ILCR}_{\text{ingestion}} = \frac{CS \times IR_{\text{ingestion}} \times EF \times ED \times \left( (CSF_{\text{ingestion}}) \times \sqrt[3]{\frac{BW}{70}} \right)}{BW \times AT \times 10^6},$$

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236 
$$\text{ILCR}_{\text{inhalation}} = \frac{CS \times IR_{\text{inhalation}} \times EF \times ED \times \left( (CSF_{\text{inhalation}}) \times \sqrt[3]{\frac{BW}{70}} \right)}{BW \times AT \times PEF},$$

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239 
$$\text{ILCR}_{\text{dermal}} = \frac{CS \times SA \times AF \times ABS \times EF \times ED \times \left( (CSF_{\text{dermal contact}}) \times \sqrt[3]{\frac{BW}{70}} \right)}{BW \times AT \times 10^6},$$

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241 Carcinogenic risk (CR)= ILCR ingestion + ILCR inhalation + ILCR dermal contact,

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243 where *CS* is the PAH concentration of the dust sample (mg/kg) calculated as the sum of converted  
244 PAH concentrations based on TEF values as proposed by Nisbet and LaGoy (1992). *CSF* stands for  
245 the carcinogenic slope factor, which is measured by the following unit: (mg/kg)/day. The CSFs of BaP  
246 values, as reported by the US EPA, are 25, 7.3, and 3.85 (mg kg/day) for the selected paths in this  
247 study, which are dermal contact, oral ingestion, and inhalation, respectively (Chen et al., 2013; Peng et  
248 al., 2011). *IR<sub>ingestion</sub>* is the dust intake rate (in mg/day); *IR<sub>inhalation</sub>* is the inhalation rate (in m<sup>3</sup>/day);  
249 *EF* is the exposure frequency (in day/year); *ED* is the exposure duration (in years); *PEF* is the particle  
250 emission factor (in m<sup>3</sup>/kg); *SA* is the exposed skin area (in cm<sup>2</sup>/day); *SAF* is the skin adherence factor  
251 (in mg/cm<sup>2</sup>); *ABS* is the dermal absorption factor (chemical-specific, unitless); *BW* is the body weight  
252 (in kg); and *AT* is the averaging time (in days). The parameters referred to the models' values for  
253 children (1–6 years old) and adults (7–31 years old) are based on the Risk Assessment Guidance of  
254 USEPA and listed in Table S2 (see Supplementary material). Other parameters used for ILCR  
255 calculations are also described in Table S2.

### 256 3. Result and discussion

#### 257 3.1. Total PAH concentrations on different particle sizes

258 The total PAH contents in individual fractions are shown in Table 1. It is the most visible that the  
259 highest concentration of these compounds was found in the fraction with the smallest grain diameter.  
260 For most samples, the total PAH content in the “<0.2” mm fraction was the highest and often  
261 exceeded the total content in the sample without division into fractions. A typical course of PAH  
262 concentration variability depending on the fraction is shown in the form of a whisker plot in Figure 2.  
263 The dependence is shown here separately for samples from Area 1 and Area 2&3. Samples without  
264 fractionation are characterized by relatively high levels of PAH. Then, for fractions “0.8” mm, “0.6”  
265 mm, and “0.4” mm, PAH content drops significantly. For fraction “0.2”, it increases noticeably to  
266 reach a maximum for fraction “<0.2” mm. Despite this common characteristic, a comparison of

267 dependencies for Area 1 and Area 2&3 reveals several significant differences in average total PAH  
268 concentration depending on the fraction. What differs the most between these two dependencies is the  
269 level of PAH in the “0.6” mm and “0.2” mm fractions. In the case of Area 1 samples, fraction “0.6”  
270 mm has a higher average level of PAH compared to the corresponding fractions “0.4” mm and “0.8”  
271 mm. In the case of samples from Area 2&3, the lowest average level of these compounds was found  
272 just in fraction “0.6” mm. It should also be noted that the average PAH level in the “0.2” mm fraction  
273 is much higher in Area 1 compared to Area 2&3. The general observation is that in the case of Area  
274 2&3, PAH are concentrated almost exclusively in the “<0.2” mm fraction, while in the case of Area 1,  
275 this distribution is more even.

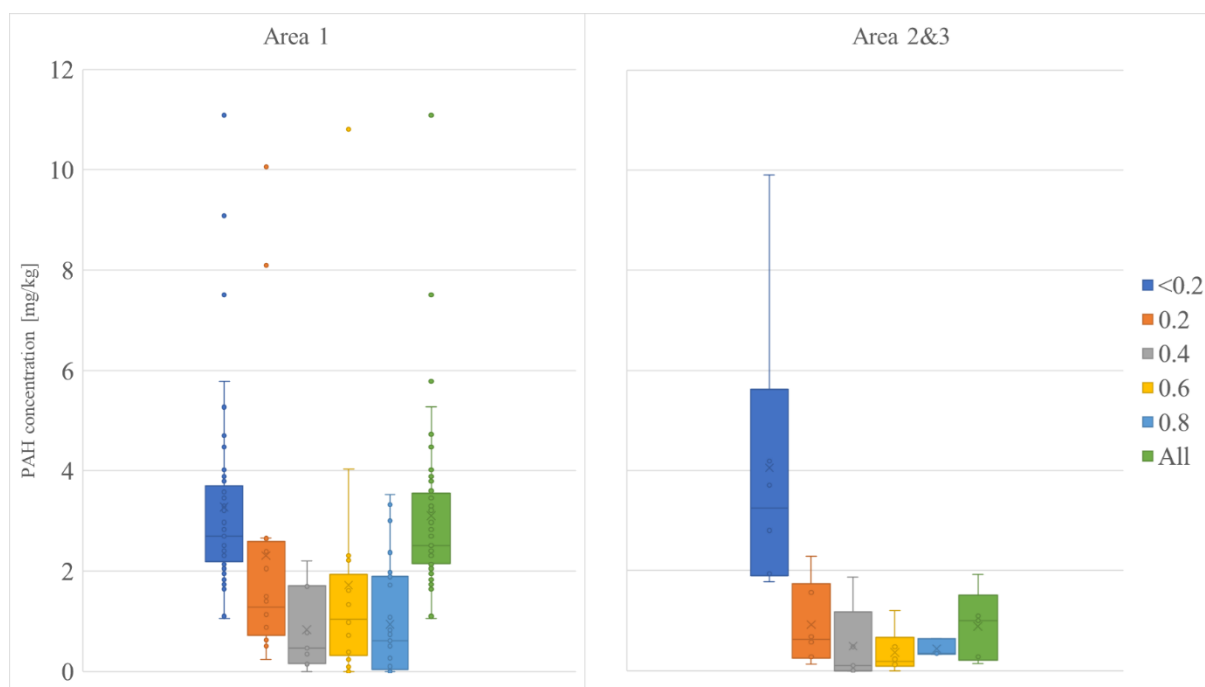
276 Comparing our total content results with those presented by other researchers, we note general  
277 consistency of results. In our work, the average content of PAH content in the sample without division  
278 into fractions was 2.6 mg/kg, reaching a maximum of 7.0 mg/kg. Other researchers presented similar  
279 average PAH contents, such as from 1.3 mg/kg to 8.0 mg/kg (Puy-Alquiza et al., 2016), or from 0.84  
280 mg/kg to 12.3 mg/kg with an average value of 4.8 mg/kg (Wang et al., 2011). Similar levels of total  
281 PAH content were also reported by others (Franco et al., 2017; Gope et al., 2018; Wang et al., 2015).

282 Despite efforts, we did not find many publications with information on the total content of PAH  
283 divided into fractions. However, we found information confirming that PAH are mainly found in  
284 fractions with low granulation. For example, Dong (Dong and Lee, 2009) observed the highest PAH  
285 concentrations in the <0.063 mm and 0.063 - 0.180 mm fractions, which approximately corresponds to  
286 the <0.2 mm fraction from our work. Similarly, Murakami (Murakami et al., 2005), who investigated  
287 the PAH content in road dust of two districts of Tokyo, presented results showing that the highest  
288 levels of PAH are found in fractions with low granulation, for example, 0.063 mm. Ha (Ha et al.,  
289 2012), who investigated PAH levels in Masan, Korea, divided the sample into fractions below  
290 0.063mm, 0.063mm - 0.125mm, 0.125mm - 0.300mm, and 0.300 - 0.600mm and fractions with larger  
291 granulation. Ha et al. (2012) showed values of the total PAH content in samples from areas with heavy  
292 road traffic that were very similar to ours. These values ranged from 0.45 to 14.0 mg/kg, depending on  
293 the fraction. For most of the samples, Ha presented that the highest total PAH content is for light  
294 fractions, i.e., below 0.300 mm.

Fraction (Area 1&2&3)	Total PAH concentration in different particle sizes fraction [mg/kg]					
	"<0.2"	"0.2"	"0.4"	"0.6"	"0.8"	"all"
<b>n (number of samples)</b>	51	22	16	23	33	18
<b>Min</b>	1.0	0.1	nd*	nd*	nd*	0.1
<b>Max</b>	11.1	10.0	2.2	10.8	3.5	7.0
<b>Average</b>	3.4	1.9	0.7	1.4	0.9	2.6
<b>SD</b>	2.1	2.5	0.8	2.3	1.0	2.3

295 \* nd = not detected

296 Table 1. Total PAH concentration in different particle sizes fraction from Area 1&2&3.



297  
 298 Figure 2. Whisker plots for total PAH concentration for each fraction divided into Area 1  
 299 & 3. Whiskers contain the maximum value, average value, and minimum value. The black horizontal  
 300 lines represent the averages. The bottom and top of the boxes represent the first and the third quartiles.  
 301 Single points are outliers. All values are given in mg/kg.

302 **3.2. Individual PAH analysis**

303 Table 2 shows the average content of 16 analyzed PAH (in samples without separation into fractions),  
 304 as well as the minimum and maximum values. The average total PAH content in samples from central  
 305 districts (Area 1) and peripheral districts (Area 2&3) is also presented.

Name	Individual PAH concentrations in “all” fraction Area 1&2&3 [mg/kg]		
	Min	Max	Average
Naphthalene	nd*	nd*	nd*
Acenaphthylene	nd*	1.34	0.17
Acenaphthene	nd*	1.82	0.48
Fluorene	nd*	0.20	0.02
Phenanthrene	nd*	0.97	0.22
Anthracene	nd*	0.75	0.08
Fluoranthene	nd*	1.55	0.34
Pyrene	0.07	1.40	0.33
Benz(a)anthracene	nd*	0.61	0.12
Chrysene	0.03*	0.62	0.16
Benzo(b)fluoranthene	0.03*	0.38	0.12
Benzo(k)fluoranthene	Nd	0.26	0.06
Benzo(a)pyrene	Nd	0.90	0.26
Dibenz(a,h)anthracene	Nd	0.10	0.02
Benzo(ghi)perylene	Nd	0.26	0.10
Indeno(1,2,3-C,D)pyrene	Nd	0.22	0.09
Average $\sum$ PAH <sub>16</sub> Area 1&2&3 All	2.05		
Average $\sum$ PAH <sub>16</sub> Area 1 All	3.21		
Average $\sum$ PAH <sub>16</sub> Area 2&3 All	0.89		

306 \*nd = not detected

307 Table 2. Individual PAH concentration in “all” fraction from Area 1&2&3 and average  $\sum$  PAH<sub>16</sub> for  
308 Area 1&2&3, Area 1, and Area 2&3.

309 Analyzing the data presented in Table 2, it should be noted that naphthalene was not detected in any of  
310 the samples. The main PAH present in the samples include Acenaphthene, Fluoranthene, and Pyrene.  
311 This observation is consistent with data published by Dong and Lee (2009) and Puy-Alquiza et al.  
312 (2016). Puy-Alquiza indicates Fluoranthene and Pyrene as the two PAH with the highest  
313 concentration. Dong and Lee (2009) indicates Acenaphthene, Fluoranthene, and Pyrene as the three  
314 most concentrated PAH. In our work, we also point out that these three compounds contribute the  
315 most to the total PAH content in the investigated samples. The compounds with the least importance  
316 are Fluorene, Anthracene, Benzo(k)fluoranthene, and Dibenz(a,h)anthracene. Acenaphthene has the  
317 highest variability in terms of content (from nd to 1.82 mg/kg). Regarding the differences between  
318 samples from Area 1 and Area 2&3, for all samples, the mean content of each PAH was higher for  
319 samples from Area 1. Additionally, Acenaphthylene and Acenaphthene, compounds that were  
320 dominant in samples from Area 1, were not detected at all in samples from Area 2&3. Large  
321 differences between Area 1 and Area 2&3 also occur in the case of Fluoranthene and Benzo[a]pyrene.  
322 Ultimately, the average total PAH content in samples from Area 1 is almost four times higher than in  
323 samples from Area 2&3.

### 324 **3.3. Uncertainty estimation**

325 Error propagation was used to estimate the uncertainty of the total PAH concentration results, which  
326 are the sum of the concentrations of 16 individual chemical compounds monitored during analysis  
327 (listed in Table 2). To estimate the measurement uncertainty of each of the 16 individual PAH,  
328 repeated analyses of two matrix reference materials (LGC6188, NIST2768) with certified PAH  
329 content were performed. To correctly estimate the uncertainty of concentration results, the two most  
330 important uncertainty components were taken into account: one related to the difference between the  
331 measured and expected value (result trueness, estimated from recovery tests) and the other related to  
332 the repeatability of the result (precision of repeated measurements). It should be emphasized that since  
333 matrix reference materials (CRM) were used, it was possible to calculate the recovery for each  
334 individual PAH. CRMs were prepared and measured in a manner identical to that of the analytical

335 samples. Doing so allows us to take into account the uncertainty associated with sample preparation as  
336 well as the uncertainty associated with the calibration and measurement itself. To our knowledge, this  
337 is the best available way to estimate the trueness of the results for this type of measurement. In each of  
338 the five measurement sessions, the LGC6188 reference material was prepared from a new aliquot, so it  
339 was subjected to the full sample preparation procedure. The NIST material was prepared only in two  
340 sessions due to limited availability. Then, in each session, a given analytical sample deriving from a  
341 current aliquot of the material was analyzed five times. Based on the obtained results, recoveries and  
342 repeatability were calculated for each of the individual PAH. Using the error propagation method  
343 (where the components were recovery describing the trueness of the result and repeatability describing  
344 precision), the standard uncertainty for each PAH was calculated, and finally, the standard uncertainty  
345 for determining the total content. Standard uncertainties for individual PAH ranged from 5% to 17%.  
346 The standard uncertainty of determining the total PAH content was estimated at the level of 14%. We  
347 emphasize that to estimate the uncertainty for the total PAH content, we used propagation of error  
348 expressed in concentration units, not in percentages. Using the uncertainty for individual PAH  
349 expressed in % to propagate the error for the total content would lead to an overestimation of the  
350 measurement uncertainty.

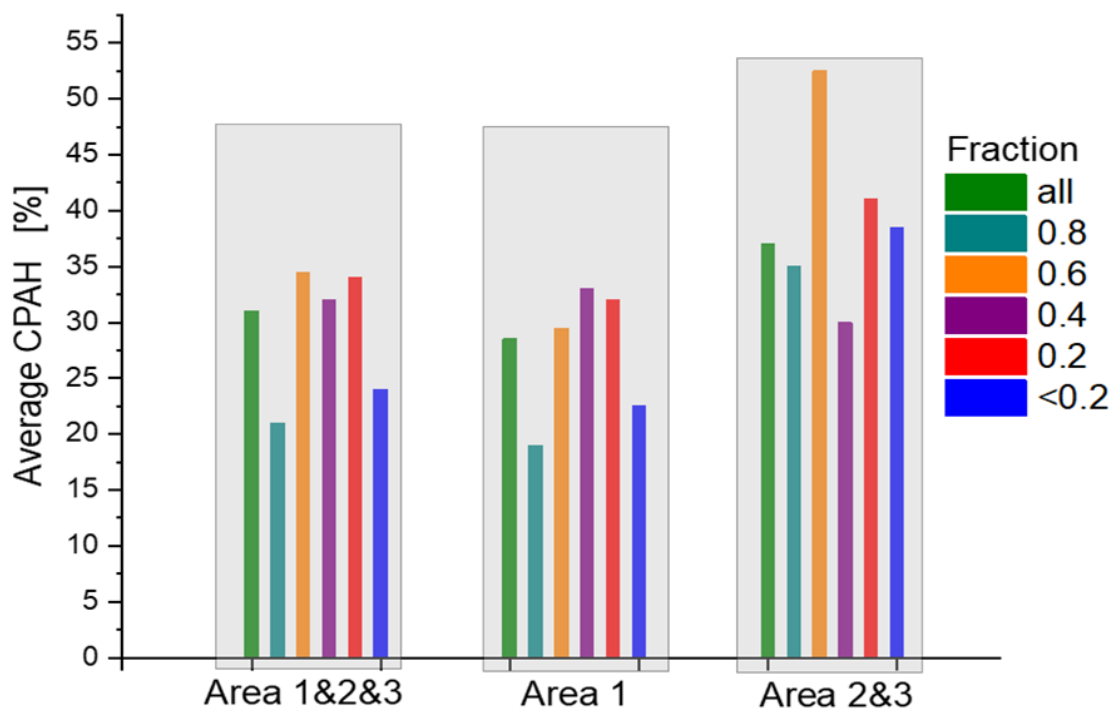
#### 351 **3.4. Toxicity in terms of Carcinogenic PAH (CPAH)**

352 The percentage composition of carcinogenic PAH (CPAH) (CPAH = BaA + Chry + BbF + BkF +  
353 BaP + DBA + IP), listed by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC, 1987) to other  
354 PAH has been illustrated in Figure 3. The results for all sampling sites were analyzed both collectively  
355 (Area 1&2&3) and after division into Area 1 and Area 2&3. This approach is justified due to the  
356 different characteristics of these areas in terms of land use and dominant emission sources. Area 1 is  
357 located on the left bank of the Vistula River and includes central districts with heavy vehicle traffic  
358 and a centralized building heating system. In turn, Area 2&3, located on the right bank of the Vistula  
359 River, is dominated by residential areas, larger green areas than those in Area 1, and more diversified  
360 intensity of vehicle traffic (ranging from local roads with <2000 vehicles/day and medium/heavy  
361 traffic roads with >10000 vehicles/day). For Areas 1&2&3, the average CPAH contributions for  
362 fractions “all”, “0.8”, “0.6”, “0.4”, “0.2”, and “<0.2” were found to be 31, 21, 34.5, 32, 34, and 24%,



363 respectively. CPAH were also calculated separately for Area 1 and Area 2&3 to capture potential  
364 differences in CPAH across all three investigated Areas. The CPAH values obtained for Area 1 are  
365 similar to the results obtained for the collective calculation for Area 1&2&3. Percentages of CPAH for  
366 Area 1 are 28.5, 19, 29.5, 33, 32, 22.5% for fractions “all”, “0.8”, “0.6”, “0.4”, “0.2”, “<0.2”,  
367 respectively. CPAH values for Area 2&3 were higher in all fractions and for “all” samples compared  
368 to CPAH values for Area 1 and Area 1&2&3. The largest difference was recorded for the “0.8”  
369 fraction, for which CPAH for Area 1 were 19% and for Area 2&3 52.5%. The CPAH values for the  
370 remaining grain size ranges from Area 2&3 are 37, 52.5, 30, 41, and 38.5% for “all”, “0.6”, “0.4”,  
371 “0.2”, and “<0.2”, respectively.

372 The results of CPAH for this study are in general accordance with other reported PAH results of  
373 CPAH. Yusuf et al. (2022) reported that overall mean CPAH contribution for Ibadan (Nigeria) was  
374 50%. Gope et al. (2018) recorded a mean CPAH contribution of 43% for street dust from Asansol  
375 (India). The other study for street dust from India (city of Guwahati) reported (Hussain et al., 2015)  
376 that CPAH accounted for 33%, which is about 3 times lower than CPAH for Kurukshetra (India)  
377 (Kamal et al., 2015). CPAH content calculated for Areas 1&2&3 ranged from 0 to 3.96 mg/kg with an  
378 average of 0.56 mg/kg. Even assuming that street dust does not enter the body directly through  
379 ingestion (as is the case with CPAH contained in food), the average CPAH amount exceeds  
380 significantly the 0.137 mg/kg limit (Department of Ecology, State of Washington, 2007) for clean-up  
381 established by the Department of Ecology, State of Washington (2007). Taking into account the above  
382 recommendation, preventive cleaning is required to counteract any possible adverse health effects  
383 resulting from PAH contamination contained in street dust from Warsaw.



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385 Figure 3. Average percentage contribution of carcinogenic PAH (CPAH %) for fractions “all”, “0.8”,

386 “0.6”, “0.4”, “0.2”, and “<0.2” and Areas 1&2&3, Area 1, and Area 2&3.

### 387 3.5. Toxicity in terms of BaP toxicity equivalent

388  $\sum$ BaP<sub>TPE</sub> and TEFs of each of the PAH were used to evaluate the toxic and carcinogenic potency of

389 the street. Figure 4 and Table S3 summarize the results of the BaP toxic equivalent concentrations of

390 street dust for all granulometric fractions of Areas 1&2&3 and separately for Area 1 and Area 2&3.

391  $\sum$ BaP<sub>TPE</sub> values calculated for all studies areas (collectively for Areas 1&2&3) were observed to be

392 318.3, 83.5, 131.1, 81.4, 164.3, and 339.7 ng/g for “all”, “0.6”, “0.4”, “0.2” and “<0.2”, respectively.

393 Significant differences in  $\sum$ BaP<sub>TPE</sub> values were observed between fractions. The “<0.2” fraction had

394 the highest values and were 339.7, 318.9, and 531.6 for Areas 1&2&3, Area 1, and Area 2&3,

395 respectively. The lowest average  $\sum$ BaP<sub>TPE</sub> values for Area 1&2&3 (81.4), Area 1 (64.1), and Area

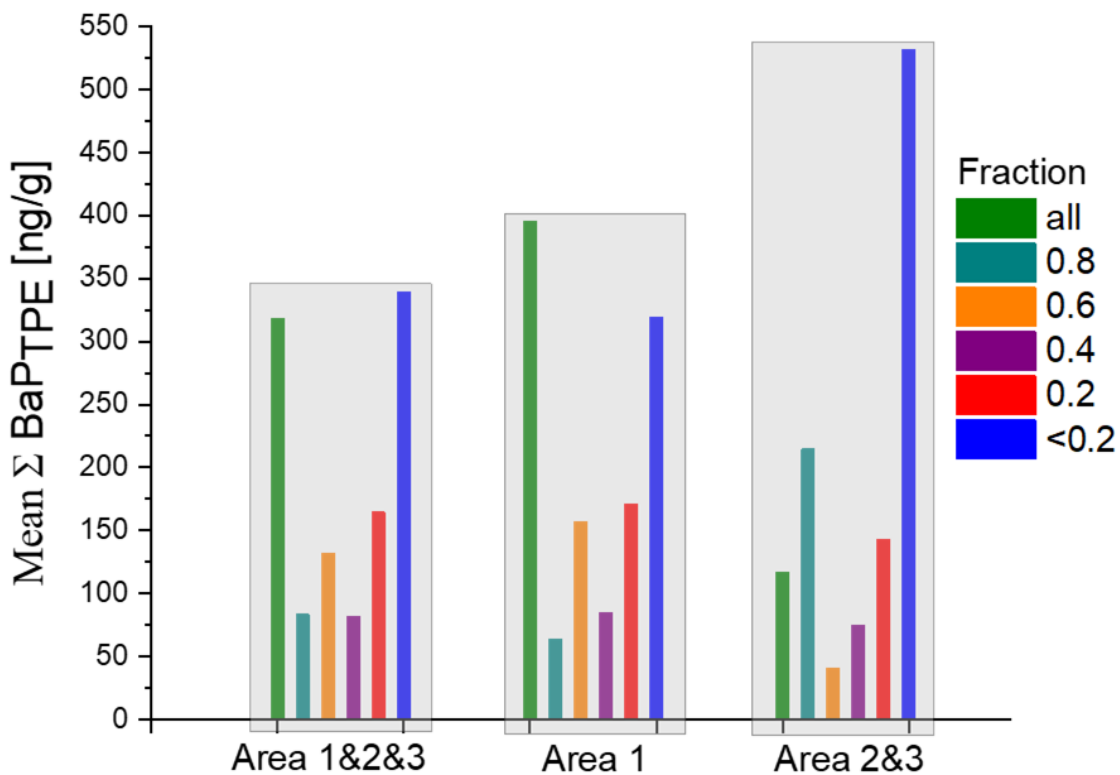
396 2&3 (40.5) were observed in coarser fractions “0.4”, “0.8”, and “0.6”, respectively. The largest

397 differences between Area 1 and Area 2&3, in terms of the distribution of the parameter depending on

398 the fraction, were recorded in the fractions “0.8” and “0.6”. For the “0.6” samples, in the case of

399 Area 1,  $\sum$ BaP<sub>TPE</sub> was almost 4 times higher than for Area 2&3, reaching a value of 157 ng/g for Area

400 1 and 40.5 ng/g for Area 2&3. In the case of fraction “0.8”, the opposite pattern was observed.  
 401  $\Sigma$ BaP<sub>TPE</sub> was more than 3 times higher for Area 2&3 than for Area 1 and equaled 64.1 ng/g for Area 1  
 402 and 214.6 ng/g for Area 2&3.  
 403 Generally, the  $\Sigma$ BaP<sub>TPE</sub> values for Warsaw street dust are lower than in other studies.  
 404 The  $\Sigma$  BaP<sub>TPE</sub> values for street dust from industrial areas and urban areas from Ulsan (Korea) (Dong  
 405 and Lee, 2009) ranged from 0.93  $\mu$ g/g to 16.74  $\mu$ g/g and from 4.37  $\mu$ g/g to 68.84  $\mu$ g/g, respectively. At  
 406 different sampling sites in Asansol (India), Gope et al. (2018) reported that for the street from Asansol  
 407 (India), BaP<sub>TPE</sub> concentrations varied between 294 ng/g and 1421 ng/g, with a mean value of 661  $\pm$   
 408 280 ng/g.



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 410 Figure 4. Mean summary contribution of benzo(a)pyrene total equivalency ( $\Sigma$ BaP<sub>TPE</sub>) for PAH.  
 411  $\Sigma$ BaP<sub>TPE</sub> was calculated for fractions “all”, “0.8”, “0.6”, “0.4”, “0.2”, and “<0.2”.  $\Sigma$ BaP<sub>TPE</sub> was  
 412 calculated collectively for Areas 1&2&3 and separately for Area 1 and Area 2&3.

413 **3.6. Health risk assessment**

414 The present study is the first one that evaluated the potential cancer risk arising from human exposure  
415 to PAH in street dust for six different granulometric fractions and different functional areas. Based on  
416 the Toxic Equivalence Factor (TEF), a probabilistic risk assessment framework, was used to estimate  
417 age-specific potential cancer risks arising from exposure to cancerogenic PAH entering the human  
418 body via different pathways, i.e., inhalation, ingestion, and dermal contact. Based on the daily  
419 exposure level, the ILCRs were estimated, and the results are listed in Figure 5 (a-h) and Table S4. For  
420 all studied Areas, the highest ILCRs for adults and children for every pathway type were obtained for  
421 Fraction “<0.2”. The mean cancer risk levels via dermal contact and ingestion pathway ranged from  
422  $10^{-5}$  to  $10^{-4}$  in all granulometric fractions, while the mean cancer risk via inhalation was  $10^{-10}$  to  $10^{-8}$ ,  
423 which implies  $ILCR_{inhalation}$  was from three to six magnitudes lower than that through ingestion and  
424 dermal contact. This observation implies that inhalation of resuspended street dust particles through  
425 the mouth and nose was of less importance when compared with the other routes. This finding is in  
426 agreement with other studies of street dust from Asaluyeh County and Qom metropolis (Iran) (Abbasi  
427 and Keshavarzi, 2019; Davoudi et al., 2021), Punjab province (Pakistan) (Kamal et al., 2014), Novi  
428 Sad city (Serbia) (Skrbic et al., 2019) and Guangzhou (China) (Wang et al., 2011).

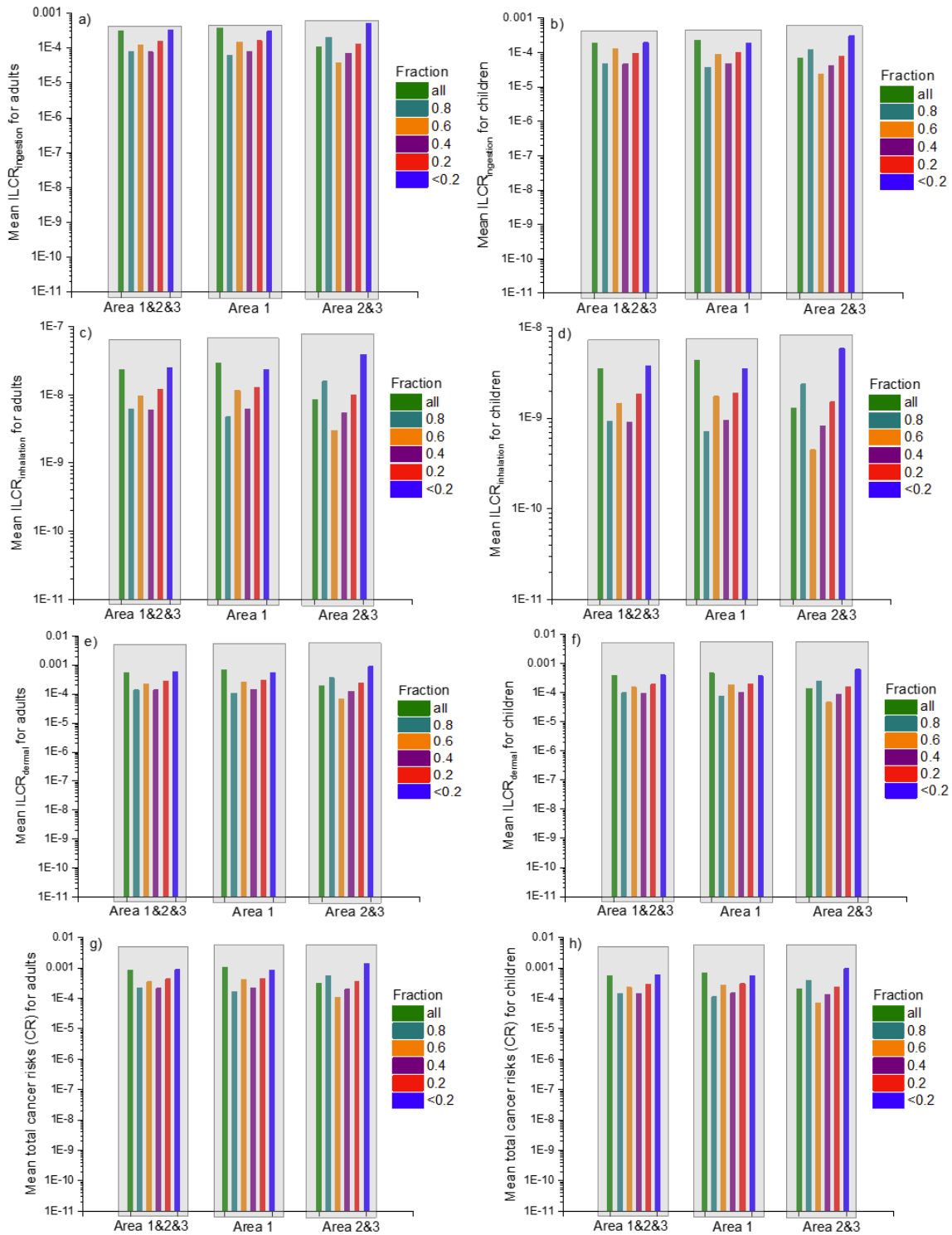
429 The total carcinogenic risk (CR) was calculated for three exposure pathways as a sum of the three  
430 individual risks. USEPA (2011) states the acceptable risk range of carcinogens is  $10^{-6}$ – $10^{-4}$  (USEPA  
431 2011). Risks lower than  $10^{-6}$  do not need further intervention, whereas risks higher than  $10^{-4}$  require  
432 actions to minimize exposure and subsequent harm (USEPA, 2011). The maximum and minimum  
433 mean values of CR for children were obtained for Area 2&3 and ranged from  $7.13 \times 10^{-5}$  for fraction  
434 “0.6” to  $9.35 \times 10^{-4}$  for fraction “<0.2” (Fig. 5h). The same pattern was observed for the mean CRs  
435 calculated for adults. The lowest mean CR was also observed for fraction “0.6” ( $1.07 \times 10^{-4}$ ) from  
436 Area 2&3 and the highest mean CR similar to the calculation for children was observed for fraction  
437 “<0.2” ( $1.41 \times 10^{-3}$ ) from Area 2&3 (Fig. 5g). For both adults and children, for all investigated Areas  
438 and granulometric fractions, the CR is of the order of  $10^{-4}$  and  $10^{-3}$ . Only in one case, i.e., for CR for  
439 Area 2&3 for children and only for the “0.6” fraction, CR is of the order of  $10^{-5}$ . This showed that  
440 the risk arising from exposure to PAH in street dust is significant for Warsaw residents and it is

441 recommended to take steps to reduce exposure to street dust. The ILCRs for the finest fraction  
442 " $<0.2$ " were two to five times significantly higher compared to coarser fractions. All CRs for the  
443 " $<0.2$ " fraction represent a high ( $10^{-4}$ ) or very high ( $10^{-3}$ ) carcinogenic risk. Small particles enter the  
444 human body more easily, and due to their small size, they can even penetrate the human bloodstream,  
445 which, in addition to the concentration of PAH, increases their harmfulness to health.

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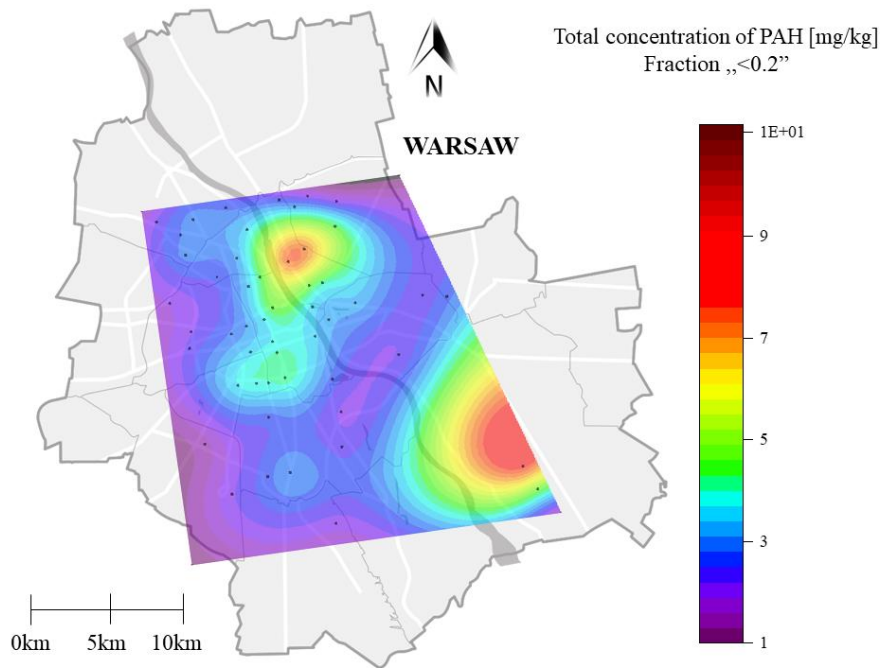


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450 Figure 5. Mean concentrations of  $\sum$  BaP<sub>TPE</sub> of 16 PAH (CS) and results for incremental lifetime  
 451 cancer risk (ILCR) arising from PAH for adults (a,c,e) and children (b,d,f) received through each of  
 452 the main three pathways: ingestion (ILCR<sub>ing</sub>) (a,b), inhalation (ILCR<sub>inh</sub>) (c,d), and dermal contact

453 (ILCR<sub>derm</sub>) (e,f), and total cancer risks (CR) (g, h) for street dust of Warsaw. ILCRs were calculated  
454 for fractions “all”, “0.8”, “0.6”, “0.4”, “0.2”, and “<0.2”. ILCRs were calculated collectively for Areas  
455 1&2&3 and separately for Area 1 and Area 2&3.

456 **3.7. Spatial distribution of  $\Sigma\text{PAH}_{16}$  for fraction “<0.2”**



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458 Figure 6. Spatial distribution of the interpolated mean  $\Sigma\text{PAH}_{16}$  for fraction “<0.2” of 51 street dust  
459 samples.

460 As shown in section 3.1., the most enriched in PAH (min. 1.0 ; max. 11.1 mg/kg; mean 3.4 mg/kg) is  
461 the finest street dust fraction with grains with a diameter of less than 0.2 mm (200  $\mu\text{m}$ ). This result  
462 agreed with the PAH grain size distribution patterns reported in the previous studies (Lau and  
463 Stenstrom, 2005; Lee et al., 2005). For road dust from Shenzhen (China) (Ning et al., 2019), it was  
464 observed that mean  $\Sigma\text{PAH}_{16}$  values attached to < 150  $\mu\text{m}$  particles ( $\sim 0.036$  mg/kg) were higher than  
465 those on > 150  $\mu\text{m}$ .

466 The possible explanation for this effect might be that dominating PAH sources (traffic-related exhaust  
467 and non-exhaust emissions, low-stack emission) produce fine particles (Rogge et al., 1993), whereas  
468 coarse particles in street dust are mostly quartz sand, which does not carry high concentrations of PAH  
469 (Murakami et al., 2005). Additionally, the finest fractions have a higher ability to accumulate PAH

470 because of the higher content of organic carbon and clay minerals and the larger surface area relative  
471 to their mass available for accumulation than the coarser one (Cornelissen et al., 2005).

472 Due to the highest PAH enrichment, the highest toxicity, and the highest health carcinogenic risk (see  
473 sections 3.4, 3.5, 3.6), a more detailed description was required, and the areal distribution is shown in  
474 Figure 6. Among samples containing the <0.2mm grains, the maximum  $\sum\text{PAH}_{16}$  values occur on the  
475 right bank of the Vistula River and represent both Area 1 and Area 2&3.  $\sum\text{PAH}_{16}$  values for the left  
476 bank of the Vistula River (Area 1) were in the range of 1 to 6 mg/g. The maximum values were  
477 observed at the sampling point from the city center for roads with high and medium traffic intensity  
478 and relatively low vehicle speed (speed restrictions up to 50 km/h). The two hotspots of total  $\sum\text{PAH}_{16}$   
479 values (9.08 and 11.09 mg/kg) are located in the NE part of Area 1 and the third maximum value (9.91  
480 mg/kg) of  $\sum\text{PAH}_{16}$  for fraction “<0.2” was obtained for the sampling site in SE part of Area 3. The  
481 three sampling sites with the lowest values of  $\sum\text{PAH}_{16}$  (1.05, 1.1, and 1.74 mg/kg) were obtained for  
482 Area 1. The maximum  $\sum\text{PAH}_{16}$  values are associated with streets with medium traffic intensity (from  
483 ~14,000 to 18,000 vehicles/day) and relatively compact architectural development at the very edge of  
484 the road. Two of the maximum sites are located relatively close to each other (1.2 km), whereas the  
485 sampling sites with  $\sum\text{PAH}_{16}$  minimum values located in Area 1 are relatively close (2-3 km) to the  
486  $\sum\text{PAH}_{16}$  maximum sites. This can be explained by completely different types of land use that change  
487 over a short distance. Points with minimum values are located on roads with heavy and medium  
488 traffic, but at the same time next to a cemetery, green areas, and/or relatively sparse development of  
489 low buildings away from the edge of the road. The above factors significantly impact the  
490 distribution/transport of dust, especially in the case of small fractions, and thus on the final  
491 concentration of polluting factors contained in street dust. The minimum  $\sum\text{PAH}$  value for Area 2 (1.78  
492 mg/kg) was obtained for single-lane roads with very low traffic intensity of <5,000 veh./day.  
493 However, other low  $\sum\text{PAH}$  concentrations (<2 mg/kg) in the SW study area (Area 1) were obtained  
494 for sampling sites located with high (10,000-20,000 veh/day) and/or very high (>20,000 veh/day)  
495 traffic intensity. Dong and Lee (2009) also found in areas without significant numbers of vehicle  
496 traffic, showing that other sources (low-stack emission) and/or pollution factors (e.g., vehicle speed,  
497 canyon road conditions, type of road surface) can influence the presence of PAH in urban street dust.



#### 498 **4. Conclusion**

499 This study is considered to be one of the first investigations of 16 polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons  
500 (PAH) in terms of distribution among six different grain-size fractions of street dust in a well-  
501 urbanized European city - Warsaw (Poland). However, such extensive research on the baseline PAH  
502 concentrations, toxicity, and health risk assessment determined for 169 samples representing various  
503 granulometric fractions of road dust has yet to be conducted for Poland.

504 We show that the highest concentration of PAH was found in the fraction with the smallest grain  
505 diameter (" $<0.2$ "). This observation is independent of the sampling area and the type of emission  
506 dominant in these areas. Moreover, the average concentration of PAH in the " $0.2$ " fraction is  
507 significantly higher in Area 1 compared to Area 2&3. The difference is also significant in the " $0.6$ "  
508 fraction. In general, the average PAH content in samples from Area 1 (central districts) was  
509 approximately 4 times higher than in samples from Area 2&3 (peripheral districts). The content of  
510 individual PAH was also different between these areas, so different chemical compounds dominate in  
511 samples from Area 1 and different ones in samples from Area 2&3.

512 The BaP<sub>TPE</sub> was lower than in other studies, but the sum of carcinogenic PAH (CPAH) slightly  
513 exceeded the clean-up limit proposed by the Department of Ecology, State of Washington (2007). Our  
514 results indicate that the total ILCR values for adults and children exceeded the safe value  
515 significantly, reaching  $10^{-3}$ , indicating a high potential carcinogenic risk. Furthermore, much higher  
516 CR values ( $>10^{-4}$ ) than for other granulometric fractions were found for both children and adults in the  
517 fraction " $<0.2$ ". Hence, scientific and governmental attention should be paid to the PAH pollution of  
518 street dust in Warsaw because of the PAH' high potential carcinogenic risk for residents.

519 The spatial distribution of  $\sum\text{PAH}_{16}$  concentrations for the " $<0.2$ " fraction, taking into account land use,  
520 showed the following pattern: high-density architecture, multi-lane roads  $>$  residential, city center, low  
521 buildings  $>$  green areas, sparse type of architecture.

522 This study contributed to filling the gap in knowledge about the characteristics of PAH contaminants  
523 in the subject of the grain size of street dust from Warsaw and assessing the potential health risks of  
524 people exposed to PAH contaminants. Therefore, our work has provided new significant information

525 on PAH pollution, methods of measuring PAH' content, and assessing the risk to human health, which  
526 may be useful to the scientific community, policymakers, and the general public.

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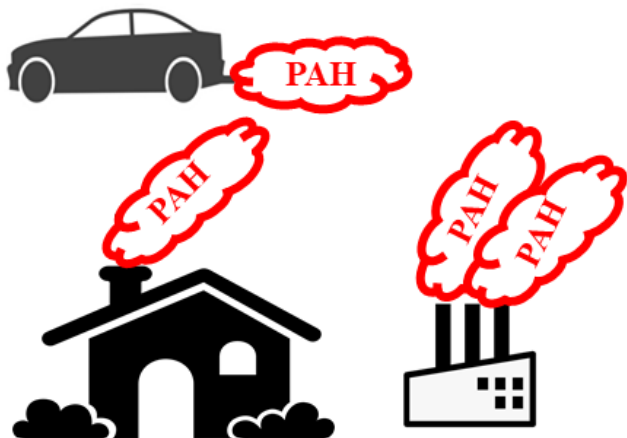
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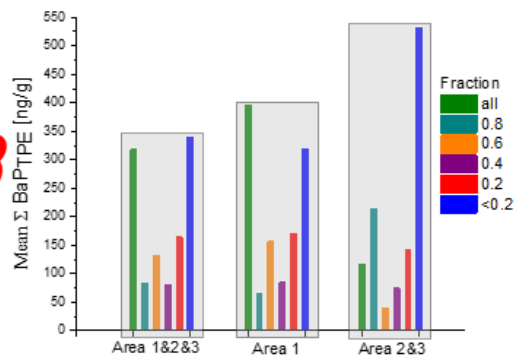
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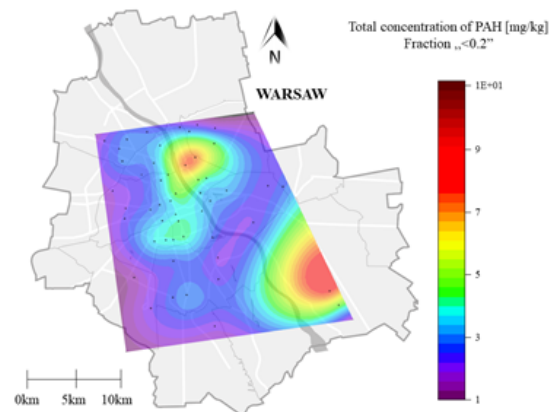
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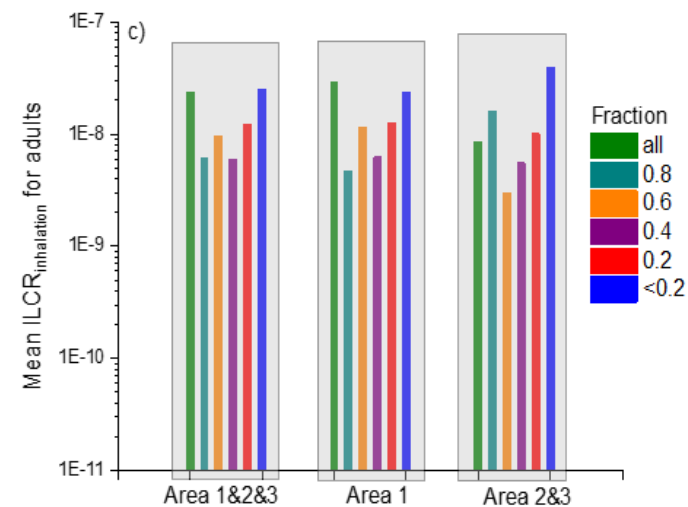
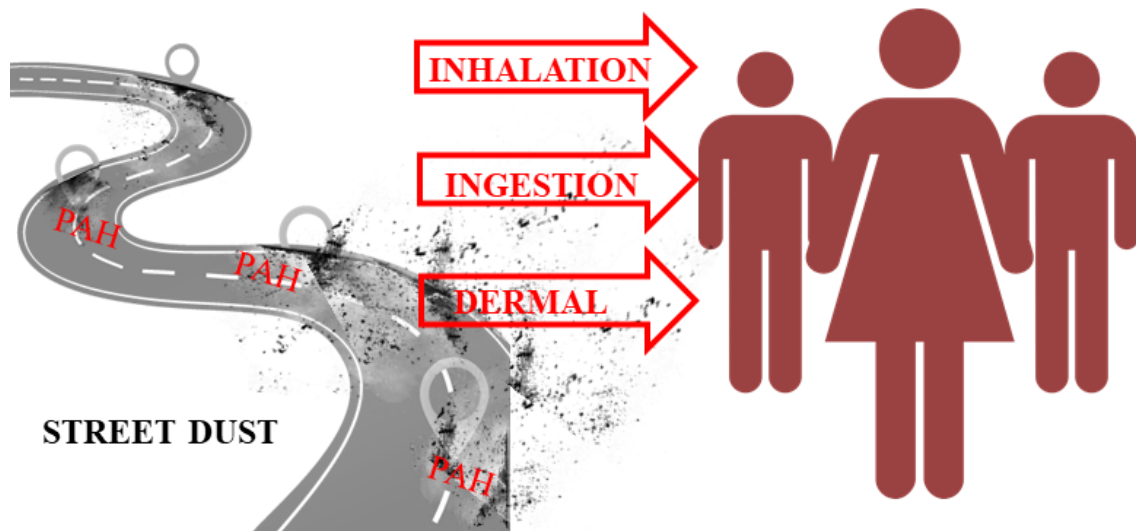
**TOXICITY OF STREET DUST**



**SPATIAL DISTRIBUTION**



**EXPOSURE AND HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT**



## **Supplementary materials**

<b>Basic separation and detection parameters</b>	
Instrument	HPLC Agilent 1290 with 1260 DAD
Elution	Gradient: 0.0 min 70% A 9.0 min 0% A 14.0 min 0% A 14.1 min 70% A 17.0 min 70% A
Flow rate	0.35 ml/min
Injection volume	5 $\mu$ L
Column	Phenomenex Kinetex 3.5 $\mu$ m PAH, 100*2.1 mm @ 40°C
Detection	254.0 nm, Ref = 400.0 nm

Table S1 Chromatographic and detection parameters used in the determination of PAH.

Parameter	Description	Unit	Adults	Children	References
ABS	Dermal-Absorption-Factor	unitless	0.13	0.13	(US EPA, 2011)
BW	Body-Weight	Kg	70	15	(US EPA, 2014)
ED	Exposure-Duration	Years	20	6	(US EPA, 2014)
AF	Dermal-Adherence-Factor	mg/cm <sup>2</sup>	0.07	0.2	(US EPA, 2011)
AT	Average-Time (70years_365 days/year)	Days	25,550	25,550	(Soltani et al., 2015)
IR ingestion	Ingestion-Rate	mg/day	100	200	(US EPA, 2011)
IR inhalation	Inhalation-Rate	m <sup>3</sup> /day	20	10	(Soltani et al., 2015)
EF	Exposure-Frequency	days/year	350	350	(US EPA, 2014)
PEF	Particular-Emission-Factor	m <sup>3</sup> /kg	1.36 × 10 <sup>-9</sup>	1.36 × 10 <sup>-9</sup>	(US EPA, 2014)
SA	Dermal-Surface-Area-Exposure	cm <sup>2</sup>	5700	2800	(US EPA, 2014)

Table S2 The parameters used for incremental life cancerogenic risk (ILCR) calculations.

Fraction	Area	Parameter for $\sum \text{BaP}_{\text{TPE}}$ [ng/g]			
		Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Standard Deviation
<0.2	1&2&3	33.9	1418.1	339.7	241.3
<0.2	1	33.9	1298.5	318.9	192.5
<0.2	2&3	208.2	1418.1	531.6	509.5
0.2	1&2&3	0.4	554.8	164.3	160.6
0.2	1	11.8	554.8	170.5	163.8
0.2	2&3	0.4	398.6	143.3	165.4
0.4	1&2&3	0.0	283.9	81.4	98.4
0.4	1	0.0	270.4	84.5	92.1
0.4	2&3	0.0	283.9	74.6	122.6
0.6	1&2&3	0.0	593.1	131.7	150.2
0.6	1	0.0	593.1	157.0	159.6
0.6	2&3	0.0	95.8	40.5	50.4
0.8	1&2&3	0.0	870.1	83.4	159.1
0.8	1	0.0	344.6	64.1	97.4
0.8	2&3	0.0	870.1	214.6	370.9
all	1&2&3	3.4	1168.2	318.3	303.2
all	1	110.0	1168.2	395.9	316.9
all	2&3	3.4	337.6	116.5	137.0

Table S3 Statistical description of  $\sum \text{BaP}_{\text{TPE}}$  for samples “all” and granulometric fractions of street dust.

CS[ng/g]	Ingestion		Inhalation		Dermal		Parameter	Area	Fraction
	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child			
3.39E+01	3.23E-05	1.94E-05	2.50E-09	3.75E-10	5.73E-05	4.02E-05	Min.	1&2&3	<0.2
1.42E+03	1.35E-03	8.10E-04	1.05E-07	1.57E-08	2.40E-03	1.68E-03	Max.		
3.40E+02	3.24E-04	1.94E-04	2.51E-08	3.76E-09	5.75E-04	4.03E-04	Mean		
1.30E+03	3.23E-05	1.94E-05	2.50E-09	3.75E-10	5.73E-05	4.02E-05	Min.	1	
1.30E+03	1.24E-03	7.42E-04	9.59E-08	1.44E-08	2.20E-03	1.54E-03	Max.		
3.40E+02	3.04E-04	1.82E-04	2.36E-08	3.53E-09	5.39E-04	3.79E-04	Mean		
2.08E+02	1.98E-04	1.19E-04	1.54E-08	2.31E-09	3.52E-04	2.47E-04	Min.	2&3	
1.42E+03	1.35E-03	8.10E-04	1.05E-07	1.57E-08	2.40E-03	1.68E-03	Max.		
5.32E+02	5.06E-04	3.04E-04	3.93E-08	5.89E-09	8.99E-04	6.31E-04	Mean		
4.05E-01	3.86E-07	2.31E-07	2.99E-11	4.49E-12	6.85E-07	4.81E-07	Min.	1&2&3	0.2
5.55E+02	5.28E-04	3.17E-04	4.10E-08	6.15E-09	9.39E-04	6.59E-04	Max.		
1.64E+02	1.57E-04	9.39E-05	1.21E-08	1.82E-09	2.78E-04	1.95E-04	Mean		
1.18E+01	1.13E-05	6.77E-06	8.75E-10	1.31E-10	2.00E-05	1.41E-05	Min.	1	
5.55E+02	5.28E-04	3.17E-04	4.10E-08	6.15E-09	9.39E-04	6.59E-04	Max.		
1.71E+02	1.62E-04	9.74E-05	1.26E-08	1.89E-09	2.88E-04	2.02E-04	Mean		
4.05E-01	3.86E-07	2.31E-07	2.99E-11	4.49E-12	6.85E-07	4.81E-07	Min.	2&3	
3.99E+02	3.80E-04	2.28E-04	2.94E-08	4.42E-09	6.74E-04	4.73E-04	Max.		
1.43E+02	1.30E-04	7.80E-05	1.01E-08	1.51E-09	2.31E-04	1.62E-04	Mean		
0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	Min.	1&2&3	0.4
2.84E+02	2.70E-04	1.62E-04	2.10E-08	3.15E-09	4.80E-04	3.37E-04	Max.		
8.14E+01	7.76E-05	4.65E-05	6.02E-09	9.02E-10	1.38E-04	9.67E-05	Mean		
0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	Min.	1	
2.70E+02	2.58E-04	1.55E-04	2.00E-08	3.00E-09	4.57E-04	3.21E-04	Max.		
8.45E+01	8.05E-05	4.83E-05	6.25E-09	9.37E-10	1.43E-04	1.00E-04	Mean		
0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	Min.	2&3	
2.84E+02	2.70E-04	1.62E-04	2.10E-08	3.15E-09	4.80E-04	3.37E-04	Max.		
7.46E+01	7.11E-05	4.26E-05	5.51E-09	8.27E-10	1.26E-04	8.86E-05	Mean		
0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	Min.	1&2&3	0.6
5.93E+02	5.65E-04	3.39E-04	4.38E-08	6.57E-09	1.00E-03	7.04E-04	Max.		
1.33E+02	1.25E-04	7.52E-05	9.73E-09	1.46E-09	2.23E-04	1.56E-04	Mean		
0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	Min.	1	
5.93E+02	5.65E-04	3.39E-04	4.38E-08	6.57E-09	1.00E-03	7.04E-04	Max.		
1.57E+02	1.50E-04	8.97E-05	1.16E-08	1.74E-09	2.66E-04	1.86E-04	Mean		
0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	Min.	2&3	
9.58E+01	9.12E-05	5.47E-05	7.08E-09	1.06E-09	1.62E-04	1.14E-04	Max.		
4.05E+01	3.86E-05	2.32E-05	2.99E-09	4.49E-10	6.86E-05	4.81E-05	Mean		
0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	Min.	1&2&3	0.8
8.70E+02	8.29E-04	4.97E-04	6.43E-08	9.64E-09	1.47E-03	1.03E-03	Max.		
8.34E+01	7.94E-05	4.76E-05	6.16E-09	9.24E-10	1.41E-04	9.90E-05	Mean		
0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	Min.	1	
3.45E+02	3.28E-04	1.97E-04	2.55E-08	3.82E-09	5.83E-04	4.09E-04	Max.		
6.41E+01	6.10E-05	3.66E-05	4.73E-09	7.10E-10	1.08E-04	7.61E-05	Mean		
0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	Min.	2&3	
8.70E+02	8.29E-04	4.97E-04	6.43E-08	9.64E-09	1.47E-03	1.03E-03	Max.		
2.15E+02	2.04E-04	1.23E-04	1.59E-08	2.38E-09	3.63E-04	2.55E-04	Mean		
3.38E+00	3.22E-06	1.93E-06	2.50E-10	3.74E-11	5.72E-06	4.01E-06	Min.	1&2&3	all
1.17E+03	1.11E-03	6.68E-04	8.63E-08	1.29E-08	1.98E-03	1.39E-03	Max.		
3.18E+02	3.03E-04	1.82E-04	2.35E-08	3.53E-09	5.39E-04	3.78E-04	Mean		
1.10E+02	1.05E-04	6.28E-05	8.12E-09	1.22E-09	1.86E-04	1.31E-04	Min.	1	
1.17E+03	1.11E-03	6.68E-04	8.63E-08	1.29E-08	1.98E-03	1.39E-03	Max.		
3.96E+02	3.77E-04	2.26E-04	2.92E-08	4.39E-09	6.70E-04	4.70E-04	Mean		
3.38E+00	3.22E-06	1.93E-06	2.50E-10	3.74E-11	5.72E-06	4.01E-06	Min.	2&3	
3.38E+02	3.22E-04	1.93E-04	2.49E-08	3.74E-09	5.71E-04	4.01E-04	Max.		
1.16E+02	1.11E-04	6.66E-05	8.60E-09	1.29E-09	1.97E-04	1.38E-04	Mean		

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1 Table S4 Concentrations of  $\sum$ BaP<sub>TE</sub> of 16 PAH (CS) and results for incremental lifetime cancer risk  
2 (ILCR) of a PAH received through each of the main three pathways: ingestion, inhalation, and dermal  
3 contact. ILCRs were calculated for fractions “all”, “0.8”, “0.6”, “0.4”, “0.2”, and “<0.2”. ILCRs were  
4 calculated collectively for Areas 1&2&3 and separately for Area 1 and Area 2&3.

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