

# **Supplementary Materials: Using a Battery of Bioassays to Assess the Toxicity of Wastewater Treatment Plant Effluents in Industrial Parks**

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## Text S1 Health risk assessment through two exposure routes

The calculation formula of pollutant intake for each exposure route was as follows:

a. Route of oral exposure— $CDI_{\text{respiration}} = \frac{Cw \times ET \times EF \times ED \times (1/VF + 1/EF)}{BW \times AT}$  (1)

b. Route of skin exposure— $CDI_{\text{skin}} = \frac{Cw \times CF \times SA \times AF \times ABSd \times EF \times ED}{BW \times AT}$  (2)

In the formula, Chronic daily intake (CDI) is the sum of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons ingested through different exposure routes;  $Cw$  is the concentration of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons in the water (mg/L);  $VF$  is the volatility coefficient.

The values of other parameters in the formula are shown in Table S1.

According to the research [1], when a specific exposure route lacks a toxicity parameter, it can be obtained through extrapolation:

$$RfD_{\text{ABS}} = RfD_0 \times ABS_{\text{GI}} \quad (3)$$

$$SF_{\text{ABS}} = SF_0 / ABS_{\text{GI}} \quad (4)$$

In the formula,  $RfD_{\text{ABS}}$  and  $RfD_0$  are non-carcinogenic reference doses,  $SF_{\text{ABS}}$  and  $SF_0$  are carcinogenic slope factors (kg·d/mg),  $ABS_{\text{GI}}$  is the polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon absorption fraction and the conservative value is 0.5.

### A. Non-carcinogenic risk index (HI)

For the non-carcinogenic risk assessment of eight polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, such as naphthalene, the calculation formula was as follows:

$$HI = \frac{CDI}{RfD} \quad (5)$$

### B. Carcinogenic risk value (Risk)

The carcinogenic risk value was defined as: the incidence of cancer caused by exposure to this target pollutant exceeded the normal level in humans, which could be

calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{Low-dose exposure—Risk} = CDI \times SF \quad (6)$$

$$\text{High-dose exposure—Risk} = 1 - \exp(-CDI \times SF) \quad (7)$$

(when the carcinogenic risk value was greater than 0.01, we used this formula.)

**Table S1 VF, RfD and CSF values of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons**

Target pollutant	Exposure route, non-carcinogenic					
	Volatile factor	Carcinogenic slope factor/(kg·d/mg)				
		Reference dose/(kg·d/mg)		Skin	Respiration	
		VF	Skin			Respiration
		(SFd)	(SFi)			
NAP	6.25 × 10 <sup>4</sup>	2.00 × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	8.57 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	-	-	
ACY	1.48 × 10 <sup>5</sup>	3.00 × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	3.00 × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	-	-	
ACE	1.86 × 10 <sup>5</sup>	3.00 × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	3.00 × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	-	-	
FLU	5.73 × 10 <sup>5</sup>	2.00 × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	2.00 × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	-	-	
PHE	1.43 × 10 <sup>6</sup>	1.50 × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	1.50 × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	-	-	
ANT	8.76 × 10 <sup>5</sup>	1.50 × 10 <sup>-1</sup>	1.50 × 10 <sup>-1</sup>	-	-	
FLA	6.38 × 10 <sup>5</sup>	2.00 × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	2.00 × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	-	-	
BaA	1.06 × 10 <sup>7</sup>	-	-	1.46	3.10 × 10 <sup>-1</sup>	
BbF	5.24 × 10 <sup>6</sup>	-	-	1.46	3.10 × 10 <sup>-1</sup>	
BaP	2.72 × 10 <sup>7</sup>	-	-	1.46 × 10 <sup>1</sup>	3.10	
B (g,h,i) P	1.08 × 10 <sup>8</sup>	1.50 × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	1.50 × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	-	-	

NAP: Naphthalene; ACY: Acenaphthylene; ACE: Acenaphthene; FLU: Fluorene; PHE: Phenanthrene; ANT: Anthracene; FLA: Fluoranthene; BaA: Benzo(a)anthracene; BbF: Benzo(b)fluoranthene; BaP: Benzo(a)pyrene; B(g,h,i) P: Benzo(g, h, i)perylene.

**Table S2 Basic physical and chemical indicators of chemical parks**

		pH	COD	AN	Ni	NN	SS	TOC	TN
W	Influents	9.54	5640	89.9	32.6	0.79	0.42	750	251
plant	Effluents	6.51	127	13.3	10.9	0.21	0.21	37.4	46.2
J	Influents	8.76	2901	79.2	30.7	0.94	0.57	426	205
plant	Effluents	7.21	112	15.4	6.3	0.13	0.26	33.5	37.9
T	Influents	8.37	4900	85.1	37.2	0.82	0.79	623	211
plant	Effluents	6.22	109	12.7	8.9	0.20	0.30	25.9	40.6

COD: chemical oxygen demand; AN: ammonia nitrogen ( $\text{NH}_4^+\text{-N}$ ); Ni: nitrate nitrogen ( $\text{NO}_3^-\text{-N}$ );

NN: nitrite nitrogen ( $\text{NO}_2^-\text{-N}$ ); SS: suspended solids; TOC: total organic carbon; TN: total nitrogen.

**Table S3 Cytotoxicity of water extracts from the chemical parks to *S.***

***typhimurium***

Plants	Wastewater type	Concentration factor	G value
W plant	Influent	0.5×	0.51
		1×	0.45*
		2×	0.25*
		5×	0.11*
		0.5×	0.54
	Effluent	1×	0.48*
		2×	0.47*
		5×	0.40*
		0.5×	0.51
		1×	0.41*
J plant	Influent	2×	0.40*
		5×	0.23*
		0.5×	0.52
	Effluent	1×	0.49*
		2×	0.48*
		5×	0.38*
		0.5×	0.50
	Influent	1×	0.46*
		2×	0.31*
		5×	0.19*
T plant	Effluent	0.5×	0.54
		1×	0.49*
		2×	0.48*
		5×	0.46*

G value: bacterial growth factor value. \*,  $p < 0.05$ , compared with the 0.5× group.

**Table S4 Induction rate of the water extracts from the chemical industry parks  
on *S. typhimurium***

Plants	Wastewater type	Concentration factor	IR value
W plant	Influent	0.5×	2.09
		1×	-
		2×	-
		5×	-
		0.5×	1.89
	Effluent	1×	-
		2×	-
		5×	-
		0.5×	2.13
		1×	-
J plant	Influent	2×	-
		5×	-
		0.5×	1.95
	Effluent	1×	-
		2×	-
		5×	-
		0.5×	2.15
	Influent	1×	-
		2×	-
		5×	-
T plant	Effluent	0.5×	1.85
		1×	-
		2×	-
		5×	-
		0.5×	1.85
		1×	-

IR value: induction ratio value.

**Table S5** Health risk index of non-carcinogenic effects of pollutants via different exposure routes according to the risk characterization model

Compound	Respiratory exposure						Skin exposure					
	W plant		J plant		T plant		W plant		J plant		T plant	
	Influent	Effluent	Influent	Effluent	Influent	Effluent	Influent	Effluent	Influent	Effluent	Influent	Effluent
NAP	$1.55 \times 10^{-5}$	$5.13 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.77 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.05 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.44 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.93 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.17 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.88 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.33 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.55 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.09 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.21 \times 10^{-8}$
ACY	$2.89 \times 10^{-8}$	-	$6.71 \times 10^{-8}$	$4.90 \times 10^{-10}$	$3.62 \times 10^{-8}$	-	$6.74 \times 10^{-8}$	-	$1.56 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.14 \times 10^{-9}$	$8.45 \times 10^{-8}$	-
ACE	$3.79 \times 10^{-9}$	-	$1.26 \times 10^{-8}$	$3.18 \times 10^{-10}$	$7.81 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.59 \times 10^{-10}$	$2.62 \times 10^{-8}$	-	$8.75 \times 10^{-8}$	$2.20 \times 10^{-9}$	$5.40 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.10 \times 10^{-9}$
FLU	-	$1.78 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.32 \times 10^{-8}$	-	$1.25 \times 10^{-8}$	-	-	$1.24 \times 10^{-7}$	$9.22 \times 10^{-8}$	-	$8.76 \times 10^{-8}$	-
PHE	$3.12 \times 10^{-9}$	$3.19 \times 10^{-10}$	$4.98 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.27 \times 10^{-10}$	-	-	$5.43 \times 10^{-8}$	$5.54 \times 10^{-9}$	$8.65 \times 10^{-8}$	$2.21 \times 10^{-9}$	-	-
ANT	$1.28 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.56 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.47 \times 10^{-7}$	-	-	$2.18 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.36 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.66 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.57 \times 10^{-6}$	-	-	$2.33 \times 10^{-8}$
FLA	$2.23 \times 10^{-10}$	-	$5.6 \times 10^{-10}$	$3.86 \times 10^{-11}$	$1.25 \times 10^{-10}$	-	$2.85 \times 10^{-8}$	-	$7.22 \times 10^{-8}$	$4.94 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.59 \times 10^{-8}$	-
BaA	$3.71 \times 10^{-10}$	$6.57 \times 10^{-11}$	$1.49 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.43 \times 10^{-10}$	$1.85 \times 10^{-10}$	-	$2.35 \times 10^{-8}$	$4.18 \times 10^{-9}$	$9.51 \times 10^{-8}$	$9.13 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.17 \times 10^{-8}$	-
BbF	$1.19 \times 10^{-9}$	$2.47 \times 10^{-11}$	$1.48 \times 10^{-9}$	$4.94 \times 10^{-11}$	$1.38 \times 10^{-9}$	6.82E-11	$3.86 \times 10^{-7}$	$7.99 \times 10^{-9}$	$4.79 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.59 \times 10^{-8}$	$4.46 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.20 \times 10^{-8}$
BaP	$7.89 \times 10^{-8}$	$9.86 \times 10^{-9}$	$2.09 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.23 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.66 \times 10^{-7}$	$8.63 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.41 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.77 \times 10^{-8}$	$3.76 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.21 \times 10^{-8}$	$2.99 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.55 \times 10^{-8}$
B (g,h,i) P	$3.21 \times 10^{-9}$	-	$5.62 \times 10^{-9}$	$7.14 \times 10^{-11}$	$4.42 \times 10^{-9}$	-	$4.97 \times 10^{-8}$	-	$8.73 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.10 \times 10^{-9}$	$6.85 \times 10^{-8}$	-

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**Table S6.** Health risk index of carcinogenic effects of pollutants via different exposure routes according to the risk characterization model

Compound	Respiratory exposure						Skin exposure					
	W plant		J plant		T plant		W plant		J plant		T plant	
	Influent	Effluent	Influent	Effluent	Influent	Effluent	Influent	Effluent	Influent	Effluent	Influent	Effluent
NAP	$4.52 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.49 \times 10^{-7}$	$5.16 \times 10^{-5}$	$5.98 \times 10^{-8}$	$4.22 \times 10^{-5}$	$8.55 \times 10^{-8}$	$3.42 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.13 \times 10^{-7}$	$3.90 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.52 \times 10^{-8}$	$3.19 \times 10^{-5}$	$6.46 \times 10^{-8}$
ACY	$8.43 \times 10^{-8}$	-	$1.95 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.42 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.05 \times 10^{-7}$	-	$1.96 \times 10^{-7}$	-	$4.56 \times 10^{-7}$	$3.33 \times 10^{-9}$	$2.46 \times 10^{-7}$	-
ACE	$1.10 \times 10^{-8}$	-	$3.69 \times 10^{-8}$	$9.29 \times 10^{-10}$	$2.27 \times 10^{-8}$	$4.64 \times 10^{-10}$	$7.65 \times 10^{-8}$	-	$2.55 \times 10^{-7}$	$6.43 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.57 \times 10^{-7}$	$3.21 \times 10^{-9}$
FLU	-	$5.18 \times 10^{-8}$	$3.85 \times 10^{-8}$	-	$3.64 \times 10^{-8}$	-	-	$3.62 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.69 \times 10^{-7}$	-	$2.55 \times 10^{-7}$	-
PHE	$9.12 \times 10^{-9}$	$9.31 \times 10^{-10}$	$1.45 \times 10^{-8}$	$3.72 \times 10^{-10}$	-	-	$1.58 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.61 \times 10^{-8}$	$2.52 \times 10^{-7}$	$6.47 \times 10^{-9}$	-	-
ANT	$3.73 \times 10^{-7}$	$4.55 \times 10^{-9}$	$4.31 \times 10^{-7}$	-	-	$6.38 \times 10^{-9}$	$3.98 \times 10^{-6}$	$4.85 \times 10^{-8}$	$4.59 \times 10^{-6}$	-	-	$6.79 \times 10^{-8}$
FLA	$6.51 \times 10^{-10}$	-	1.64	$1.12 \times 10^{-10}$	$3.64 \times 10^{-10}$	-	$8.31 \times 10^{-8}$	-	$2.10 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.44 \times 10^{-8}$	$4.65 \times 10^{-8}$	-
BaA	$1.08 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.91 \times 10^{-10}$	$4.36 \times 10^{-9}$	$4.18 \times 10^{-10}$	$5.40 \times 10^{-10}$	-	$6.88 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.22 \times 10^{-8}$	$2.77 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.66 \times 10^{-8}$	$3.44 \times 10^{-8}$	-
BbF	3.48E-09	$7.20 \times 10^{-11}$	$4.32 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.44 \times 10^{-10}$	$4.02 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.99 \times 10^{-10}$	$1.12 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.33 \times 10^{-8}$	1.39E-06	$4.66 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.30 \times 10^{-6}$	$6.43 \times 10^{-8}$
BaP	$2.30 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.87 \times 10^{-8}$	$6.11 \times 10^{-7}$	$3.59 \times 10^{-8}$	$4.85 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.51 \times 10^{-8}$	$4.13 \times 10^{-7}$	$5.18 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.09 \times 10^{-6}$	$6.44 \times 10^{-8}$	$8.75 \times 10^{-7}$	$4.55 \times 10^{-8}$
B (g,h,i) P	$9.37 \times 10^{-9}$	-	$1.64 \times 10^{-8}$	$2.08 \times 10^{-10}$	$1.29 \times 10^{-8}$	-	$1.45 \times 10^{-7}$	-	$2.54 \times 10^{-7}$	$3.22 \times 10^{-9}$	$2.00 \times 10^{-7}$	-

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