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# Supplemental Material

## **Black Carbon as an Additional Indicator of the Adverse Health Effects of Airborne Particles Compared to PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>**

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**Table A1. Estimation of elemental carbon (EC) from black smoke or absorbance of PM<sub>2.5</sub> filters**

Reference	Study period	locations	Measurement method		R <sup>a</sup>	Regression equation		Increase in EC per 10 µg/m <sup>3</sup> increase in BS <sup>b</sup>
			EC	BCP		Intercept	slope	
Edwards et al. 1983	NA	Washington, US; urban + traffic	Thermal optical <sup>c</sup>	BS	0.82	-0.1	0.13	1.3
Erdman et al. 1993	1989/ 1990	Berlin; Germany; urban	VDI 3481	BS	0.93	0	0.23	1.8
Schaap et al. 2007	1998/99;	Netherlands, urban	Sunset	BS	0.92	0.32	0.09	0.9
	2001/02	Netherlands, rural	Sunset	BS	0.87	0.16	0.06	0.6
Kinney et al. 2000	1996	New York, US urban + traffic	Sunset	Abs	0.95	0	0.83	0.8
Janssen et al. 2001 <sup>d</sup>	1997/ 1998	Netherlands; urban+traffic	VDI 2465- part 1	Abs	0.92	0	2.11	1.7
Lena et al. 2002	1999	New York, US urban + traffic	Sunset	Abs	0.90	0	0.52	0.5
Adams et al. 2002	1999/ 2000	London, UK; urban + traffic	NIOSH	Abs	0.98	0	1.21	1.2
Cyrus et al. 2003	1999/ 2000	Munich, Germany urban+traffic	VDI 2465- part 1	Abs	0.97	-1.19	2.02	1.6
Cyrus et al. 2003	1999/ 2000	Netherlands, rural, urban, traffic	VDI 2465- part 1	Abs	0.97	-0.26	1.61	1.3
Cyrus et al. 2003	1999/ 2000	Sweden, rural, urban, traffic	VDI 2465- part 1	Abs	0.85	0.36	0.90	0.7
							<b>Mean<sup>e</sup></b>	<b>1.1</b>
							<b>Min</b>	<b>0.5</b>
							<b>Max</b>	<b>1.8</b>

<sup>a</sup> coefficient of the correlation between EC and BCP concentrations

<sup>b</sup> : Results from studies that have used the VDI protocol were divided by 1.25, as this method has been shown to overestimate EC by on average 25% (Schmid et al. 2001); An increase in 1 unit of Abs is considered to equal an increase of 10 µg/m<sup>3</sup> BS, according to Roorda-Knape et al. 1998

<sup>c</sup> measurement method not further specified

<sup>d</sup> paper presents regression equation as Abs = EC; inverse equation, forced through zero, calculated using the original data from the study

<sup>e</sup> Mean, minimum and maximum of all 11 values; mean for BS only = 1.16 (range: 0.6-1.8; n=4); mean for Abs only = 1.12 (range 0.5-1.7; n=7)

## Supplement B:

### Single city estimates for mortality and hospital admissions in studies that include both PM<sub>10</sub> and Black Smoke

**Table B1. All cause mortality; all age**

(cities in italics occur more than once; city in bold included in meta-analysis)

Reference	City	Estimate PM <sub>10</sub>		Estimate BS		IQR (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )		Concentration <sup>a</sup>		Corr (R) PM-BS <sup>b</sup>	Period	Selected lag <sup>c</sup>
		Beta	SE	Beta	SE	PM <sub>10</sub>	BS	PM <sub>10</sub>	BS			
Verhoeff, 1996	<i>Amsterdam</i>	0.00060	0.00038	0.00171	0.00077	22	10	38	12	0.51	1986-92	Lag0
Roemer, 2001	<i>Amsterdam</i>	0.00027	0.00020	0.00324	0.00093	18	7	39	10	NA	1987-94	Lag1
Katsouyanni, 2001	Athens <sup>e</sup>	0.00153	0.00028	0.00065	0.00012	NA	NA	40	64	NA	1992-96	Lag0-1
Katsouyanni, 2001	<b>Barcelona</b>	0.00093	0.00018	0.00157	0.00027	24 <sup>d</sup>	18 <sup>d</sup>	60	39	NA	1991-96	Lag0-1
Katsouyanni, 2001	Birmingham	0.00028	0.00026	0.00034	0.00047	15 <sup>d</sup>	7 <sup>d</sup>	21	11	NA	1992-96	Lag0-1
Katsouyanni, 2001	Cracow <sup>e</sup>	0.00013	0.00035	-0.00021	0.00021	NA	NA	54	36	NA	1990-96	Lag0-1
Zeghnoun, 2001a	<b>Le Havre</b>	0.00079	0.00057	0.00026	0.00085	24	12	36	16	0.70	1990-95	PM lag1 / BS lag 0-1
Katsouyanni, 2001	<b>London</b>	0.00069	0.00017	0.00093	0.00030	14 <sup>d</sup>	8 <sup>d</sup>	25	11	NA	1992-96	Lag0-1
Bremner, 1999	<i>London</i>	0.00026	0.00023	0.00074	0.00038	NA	NA	28	13	NA	1992-94	Lag1
Hoek, 2000	<b>Netherlands</b>	0.00018	0.00008	0.00040	0.00010	23 <sup>d</sup>	9 <sup>d</sup>	34	10	0.77	1986-94	Lag1
Zeghnoun, 2001b	<i>Paris</i>	0.00066	0.00020	0.00043	0.00015	15	14	22	16	NA	1990-95	Lag1
Katsouyanni, 2001	<b>Paris</b>	0.00043	0.00023	0.00038	0.00015	13 <sup>d</sup>	15 <sup>d</sup>	22	21	NA	1991-96	Lag0-1
Zeghnoun, 2001a	<b>Rouen</b>	0.00024	0.00040	0.00035	0.00083	21	14	33	19	0.73	1990-95	Lag1
Anderson, 2001	<b>West Midlands</b>	0.00008	0.00042	0.00036	0.00064	NA	NA	23	13	0.64	1994-96	Lag0-1
<b>% change per 10 µg/m<sup>3</sup> increase</b>		<b>%</b>	<b>95% CI</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>95% CI</b>							
Pooled Fixed Effects		0.34	(0.23-0.47)	0.52	(0.37-0.66)							
Pooled Random Effects		0.48	(0.18-0.79)	0.68	(0.31-1.06)							
Heterogeneity chi-squared (df=6)		Q=19.9	p=0.003	Q=19.2	P=0.004							

<sup>a</sup> Mean or median (µg/m<sup>3</sup>)

<sup>b</sup> Coefficient of the correlation between PM<sub>10</sub> and BS concentrations

<sup>c</sup> In case multiple lags were reported in the paper, we used the estimate discussed by the author, as indicated in APED as 'selected lag'

<sup>d</sup> Taken from APHEA II paper on hospital admissions (le Tetre, 2002)

<sup>e</sup> Excluded from meta-analyses because PM<sub>10</sub> was partly derived from BS

**Table B2. CVD mortality; all age**  
(cities in *italics* occur more than once; city in **bold** included in meta-analysis)

Reference	City	Estimate PM <sub>10</sub>		Estimate BS		IQR (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )		Concentration <sup>a</sup>		Corr (R) PM-BS <sup>b</sup>	Period	Selected lag <sup>c</sup>
		Beta	SE	Beta	SE	PM <sub>10</sub>	BS	PM <sub>10</sub>	BS			
Analitis, 2006	Athens <sup>e</sup>	0.00167	0.00045	0.00069	0.00018	NA	NA	40	64	NA	1992-96	Lag0-1
Analitis, 2006	<b>Barcelona</b>	0.00055	0.00032	0.00137	0.00050	24 <sup>b</sup>	18 <sup>d</sup>	60	39	NA	1991-96	Lag0-1
Analitis, 2006	Birmingham	0.00021	0.00040	0.00039	0.00071	15 <sup>b</sup>	7 <sup>d</sup>	21	11	NA	1992-96	Lag0-1
Analitis, 2006	Cracow <sup>e</sup>	0.00032	0.00052	-0.00007	0.00031	NA	NA	54	36	NA	1990-96	Lag0-1
Zeghnoun, 2001a	<b>Le Havre</b>	0.00252	0.00126	0.00164	0.00155	24	12	36	16	0.70	1990-95	PM lag1; BS lag0-3
Analitis, 2006	<b>London</b>	0.00091	0.00028	0.00156	0.00046	14 <sup>d</sup>	8 <sup>d</sup>	25	11	NA	1992-96	Lag0-1
Bremner, 1999	<i>London</i>	0.00055	0.00031	0.00117	0.00066	NA	NA	28	13	NA	1992-94	Lag1
Hoek, 2000	<i>Netherlands</i>	0.00019	0.00018	0.00079	0.00020	23 <sup>d</sup>	9 <sup>d</sup>	34	10	0.77	1986-94	lag 0-6
Analitis, 2006	<b>Netherlands</b>	0.00017	0.00016	0.00026	0.00027	23 <sup>d</sup>	9 <sup>d</sup>	33	9	NA	1990-95	Lag0-1
Hoek, 2001	<i>Netherlands</i>	0.00015	0.00018	0.00071	0.00020	23 <sup>d</sup>	9 <sup>d</sup>	34	10	0.77	1992/86- 1994 <sup>f</sup>	lag 0-6 PM lag 2; BS lag 1
Zeghnoun, 2001b	<i>Paris</i>	0.00086	0.00037	0.00036	0.00029	15	14	22	16	NA	1990-95	BS lag 1
Analitis, 2006	<b>Paris</b>	0.00081	0.00047	0.00063	0.00029	13 <sup>d</sup>	15 <sup>d</sup>	22	21	NA	1991-96	Lag0-1
Zeghnoun, 2001a	<b>Rouen</b>	0.00106	0.00069	0.00276	0.00155	21	14	33	19	0.73	1990-95	Lag1
Anderson, 2001	<b>West Midlands</b>	0.00041	0.00061	0.00089	0.00092	NA	NA	23	13	0.64	1994-96	Lag0-1
<b>% change per 10 µg/m<sup>3</sup> increase</b>		<b>%</b>	<b>95% CI</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>95% CI</b>							
Pooled Fixed Effects		0.45	(0.22-0.68)	0.73	(0.41-1.06)							
Pooled Random Effects		0.60	(0.23-0.97)	0.90	(0.40-1.41)							
Heterogeneity chi-squared (df=6)		Q=9.9	p=0.127	Q=10.2	p=0.116							

<sup>a</sup> Mean or median (µg/m<sup>3</sup>)

<sup>b</sup> Coefficient of the correlation between PM<sub>10</sub> and BS concentrations

<sup>c</sup> In case multiple lags were reported in the paper, we used the estimate discussed by the author, as indicated in APED as 'selected lag'

<sup>d</sup> Taken from APHEA II paper on hospital admissions (le Tetre, 2002)

<sup>e</sup> Excluded from meta-analyses because PM<sub>10</sub> was partly derived from BS

<sup>f</sup> 1992-1994 for PM<sub>10</sub> ; 1986-1994 for BS

**Table B3. Respiratory mortality; all age**

(cities in italics occur more than once; city in bold included in meta-analysis)

Reference	City	Estimate PM <sub>10</sub>		Estimate BS		IQR (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )		Concentration <sup>a</sup>		Corr (R) PM-BS <sup>b</sup>	Period	Selected lag <sup>c</sup>
		Beta	SE	Beta	SE	PM <sub>10</sub>	BS	PM <sub>10</sub>	BS			
Analitis, 2006	Athens <sup>e</sup>	0.00101	0.00122	0.00006	0.00048	NA	NA	40	64	NA	1992-96	Lag0-1
Analitis, 2006	<b>Barcelona</b>	0.00117	0.00075	0.00374	0.00100	24 <sup>d</sup>	18 <sup>d</sup>	60	39	NA	1991-96	Lag0-1
Analitis, 2006	Birmingham	0.00003	0.00078	0.00069	0.00130	15 <sup>d</sup>	7 <sup>d</sup>	21	11	NA	1992-96	Lag0-1
Analitis, 2006	Cracow <sup>e</sup>	0.00529	0.00216	0.00357	0.00132	NA	NA	54	36	NA	1990-96	Lag0-1
Zeghnoun, 2001a	<b>Le Havre</b>	0.00200	0.00196	0.00249	0.00294	24	12	36	16	0.70	1990-95	BS lag0-1
Analitis, 2006	<b>London</b>	0.00022	0.00044	-0.00034	0.00073	14 <sup>d</sup>	8 <sup>d</sup>	25	11	NA	1992-96	Lag0-1
Bremner, 1999	<i>London</i>	0.00128	0.00050	0.00190	0.00084	NA	NA	28	13	NA	1992-94	Lag3
Analitis, 2006	<i>Netherlands</i>	0.00031	0.00036	0.00029	0.00061	23 <sup>d</sup>	9 <sup>d</sup>	33	9	NA	1990-95	Lag0-1
Dab, 1996	<i>Paris</i>	0.00155	0.00059	0.00069	0.00048	NA	NA	51	32	NA	1987-92	PM lag0-1; BS lag1
Analitis, 2006	<b>Paris</b>	-0.00121	0.00095	0.00063	0.00029	13 <sup>d</sup>	15 <sup>d</sup>	22	21	NA	1991-96	Lag0-1
Zeghnoun, 2001a	<b>Rouen</b>	0.00176	0.00120	0.00201	0.00310	21	14	33	19	0.73	1990-95	Lag0-1
Anderson, 2001	<b>West Midlands</b>	-0.00058	0.00100	0.00006	0.00153	NA	NA	23	13	0.64	1994-96	Lag0-1
<b>% change per 10 µg/m<sup>3</sup> increase</b>		<b>%</b>	<b>95% CI</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>95% CI</b>							
Pooled Fixed Effects		0.31	(-0.16-0.78)	0.70	(-0.05-1.45)							
Pooled Random Effects		0.31	(-0.23-0.86)	0.95	(-0.31-2.22)							
Heterogeneity chi-squared (df=6)		Q=6.9	p=0.329	Q=12.5	p=0.051							

<sup>a</sup> Mean or median (µg/m<sup>3</sup>)

<sup>b</sup> Coefficient of the correlation between PM<sub>10</sub> and BS concentrations

<sup>c</sup> In case multiple lags were reported in the paper, we used the estimate discussed by the author, as indicated in APED as 'selected lag'

<sup>d</sup> Taken from APHEA II paper on hospital admissions (le Tetre, 2002)

<sup>e</sup> Excluded from meta-analyses because PM<sub>10</sub> was partly derived from BS

**Table B4. Respiratory hospital admissions, age ≥65**  
(cities in italics occur more than once; city in bold included in meta-analysis)

Reference	City	Estimate PM <sub>10</sub>		Estimate BS		IQR (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )		Concentration <sup>a</sup>		Corr (R) PM-BS <sup>b</sup>	Period	Selected lag <sup>c</sup>
		Beta	SE	Beta	SE	PM <sub>10</sub>	BS	PM <sub>10</sub>	BS			
Atkinson, 2001	<b>Barcelona</b>	0.00198	0.00060	-0.00070	0.00083	24	18	56	39	0.5-0.8 <sup>d</sup>	1994-96	Lag0-1
Atkinson, 2001	Birmingham	0.00090	0.00061	0.00286	0.00115	15	7	25	13	0.5-0.8 <sup>d</sup>	1992-94	Lag0-1
Prescott, 1998	<b>Edinburgh</b>	0.00208	0.00304	0.00305	0.00338	NA	NA	21	9	0.4	1992-95	Lag1-3
Atkinson, 2001	<b>London</b>	0.00040	0.00036	-0.00111	0.00068	14	8	28	13	0.5-0.8 <sup>d</sup>	1992-94	Lag0-1
Atkinson, 1999	<i>London</i>	0.00096	0.00041	0.00082	0.00063	NA	NA	29	13	0.6-0.7	1992-94	Lag3
Atkinson, 2001	<b>Netherlands</b>	0.00119	0.00025	0.00000	0.00036	23	9	40	13	0.5-0.8 <sup>d</sup>	1992/89- 1995 <sup>e</sup>	Lag0-1
Atkinson, 2001	<b>Paris</b>	-0.00010	0.00062	0.00050	0.00046	13	15	23	23	0.5-0.8 <sup>d</sup>	1992-96	Lag0-1
Anderson, 2001	<b>West midlands</b>	-0.00045	0.00069	-0.00018	0.00100	NA	NA	23	13	0.64	1994-96	Lag0-1
<b>% change per 10 µg/m<sup>3</sup> increase</b>												
Pooled Fixed Effects		0.85	(0.49-1.20)	-0.07	(-0.58-0.44)							
Pooled Random Effects		0.70	(0.00-1.40)	-0.06	(-0.53-0.41)							
Heterogeneity chi-squared (df=5)		Q=13.1	P=0.023	Q=5.4	p=0.372							

**Table B5. Respiratory hospital admissions; Asthma and COPD, age ≥65**  
(cities in italics occur more than once; city in bold included in meta-analysis)

Reference	City	Estimate PM <sub>10</sub>		Estimate BS		IQR (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )		Concentration <sup>a</sup>		Corr (R) PM-BS <sup>b</sup>	Period	Selected lag <sup>c</sup>
		Beta	SE	Beta	SE	PM <sub>10</sub>	BS	PM <sub>10</sub>	BS			
Atkinson, 2001	<b>Barcelona</b>	0.00257	0.00080	-0.00212	0.00116	24	18	56	39	0.5-0.8 <sup>d</sup>	1994-96	Lag0-1
Atkinson, 2001	<b>Birmingham</b>	0.00050	0.00097	0.00218	0.00199	15	7	25	13	0.5-0.8 <sup>d</sup>	1992-94	Lag0-1
Atkinson, 2001	<b>London</b>	0.00030	0.00056	0.00040	0.00103	14	8	28	13	0.5-0.8 <sup>d</sup>	1992-94	Lag0-1
Atkinson, 1999	<i>London</i>	0.00227	0.00137	-0.00091	0.00099	NA	NA	29	13	0.6-0.7	1992-94	Lag 3
Atkinson, 2001	<b>Netherlands</b>	0.00109	0.00030	0.00070	0.00046	23	9	40	13	0.5-0.8 <sup>d</sup>	1992/89- 1995 <sup>e</sup>	Lag0-1
Atkinson, 2001	<b>Paris</b>	-0.00060	0.00098	0.00020	0.00077	13	15	23	23	0.5-0.8 <sup>d</sup>	1992-96	Lag0-1
<b>% change per 10 µg/m<sup>3</sup> increase</b>												
Pooled Fixed Effects		0.95	(0.48-1.42)	0.36	(-0.81-1.54)							
Pooled Random Effects		0.86	(0.03-1.70)	0.22	(-0.73-1.18)							
Heterogeneity chi-squared (df=4)		Q=8.3	p=0.08	Q=6.0	p=0.199							

<sup>a</sup> Mean or median (µg/m<sup>3</sup>); <sup>b</sup> Coefficient of the correlation between PM<sub>10</sub> and BS concentrations;

<sup>c</sup> In case multiple lags were reported in the paper, we used the estimate discussed by the author, as indicated in APED as 'selected lag'

<sup>d</sup> Range in correlation coefficient for all 8 cities described in Atkinson et al (2001) (3 cities not included in this review as no data on black smoke was available)

<sup>e</sup> 1992-1995 for PM<sub>10</sub>; 1989-1995 for BS



**Table B6. Respiratory hospital admissions, Asthma, age 0-14**  
(cities in italics occur more than once; city in bold included in meta-analysis)

Reference	City	Estimate PM <sub>10</sub>		Estimate BS		IQR (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )		Concentration <sup>a</sup>		Corr (R) PM-BS	Period	Selected lag
		Beta	SE	Beta	SE	PM <sub>10</sub>	BS	PM <sub>10</sub>	BS			
Atkinson, 2001	<b>Barcelona</b>	0.00266	0.00392	0.00989	0.00484	24	18	56	39	0.5-0.8 <sup>c</sup>	1994-96	Lag0-1
Atkinson, 2001	Birmingham	0.00276	0.00100	0.00198	0.00199	15	7	25	13	0.5-0.8 <sup>c</sup>	1992-94	Lag0-1
Atkinson, 2001	<b>London</b>	0.00060	0.00072	0.00109	0.00123	14	8	28	13	0.5-0.8 <sup>c</sup>	1992-94	Lag0-1
Atkinson, 1999	<i>London</i>	0.00324	0.00203	0.00245	0.00179	NA	NA	29	13	0.6-0.7	1992-94	Lag3
Atkinson, 2001	<b>Netherlands</b>	-0.00090	0.00062	0.00139	0.00091	23	9	40	13	0.5-0.8 <sup>c</sup>	1992/89- 1995 <sup>e</sup>	Lag0-1
Atkinson, 2001	<b>Paris</b>	0.00070	0.00113	0.00090	0.00087	13	15	23	23	0.5-0.8 <sup>c</sup>	1992-96	Lag0-1
Anderson, 2001	<b>West midlands</b>	0.00797	0.00321	0.00714	0.00329	NA	NA	23	13	0.64	1994-96	Lag0-1
<b>% change per 10 µg/m<sup>3</sup> increase</b>												
Pooled Fixed Effects		0.24	(-0.56-1.05)	1.47	(0.41-2.54)							
Pooled Random Effects		0.69	(-0.74-2.14)	1.64	(0.28-3.02)							
Heterogeneity chi-squared (df=4)		Q=9.5	P=0.050	Q=5.6	p=0.231							

**Table B7. Respiratory hospital admissions: Asthma, age 15-64**  
(cities in italics occur more than once; city in bold included in meta-analysis)

Reference	City	Estimate PM <sub>10</sub>		Estimate BS		IQR (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )		Concentration <sup>a</sup>		Corr (R) PM-BS <sup>b</sup>	Period	Selected lag <sup>c</sup>
		Beta	SE	Beta	SE	PM <sub>10</sub>	BS	PM <sub>10</sub>	BS			
Atkinson, 2001	<b>Barcelona</b>	0.00040	0.00202	0.00208	0.00121	24	18	56	39	0.5-0.8 <sup>d</sup>	1994-96	Lag0-1
Atkinson, 2001	Birmingham	0.00247	0.00121	0.00276	0.00239	15	7	25	13	0.5-0.8 <sup>d</sup>	1992-94	Lag0-1
Atkinson, 2001	<b>London</b>	0.00139	0.00076	0.00178	0.00137	14	8	28	13	0.5-0.8 <sup>d</sup>	1992-94	Lag0-1
Atkinson, 1999	<i>London</i>	0.00555	0.00249	0.00234	0.00224	NA	NA	29	13	0.6-0.7	1992-94	PM Lag3; BS lag2
Atkinson, 2001	<b>Netherlands</b>	0.00040	0.00066	-0.00040	0.00093	23	9	40	13	0.5-0.8 <sup>d</sup>	1992/89- 1995 <sup>e</sup>	Lag0-1
Atkinson, 2001	<b>Paris</b>	0.00119	0.00097	0.00080	0.00076	13	15	23	23	0.5-0.8 <sup>d</sup>	1992-96	Lag0-1
Anderson, 2001	<b>West midlands</b>	-0.00233	0.00419	-0.00284	0.00432	NA	NA	23	13	0.64	1994-96	Lag0-1
<b>% change per 10 µg/m<sup>3</sup> increase</b>												
Pooled Fixed Effects		0.77	(-0.05-1.61)	0.52	(-0.50-1.55)							
Pooled Random Effects		0.77	(-0.05-1.61)	0.52	(-0.50-1.55)							
Heterogeneity chi-squared (df=4)		Q=2.2	P=0.697	Q=3.1	p=0.549							

<sup>a</sup> Mean or median (µg/m<sup>3</sup>); <sup>b</sup> Coefficient of the correlation between PM<sub>10</sub> and BS concentrations

<sup>c</sup> In case multiple lags were reported in the paper, we used the estimate discussed by the author, as indicated in APED as 'selected lag'

<sup>d</sup> Range in correlation coefficient for all 8 cities described in Atkinson et al (2001) (3 cities not included in this review as no data on black smoke was available)

<sup>e</sup> 1992-1995 for PM<sub>10</sub>; 1989-1995 for BS

**Table B8. Hospital admissions: Cardiac, age ≥ 65**

Reference	City	Estimate PM <sub>10</sub>		Estimate BS		IQR (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )		Concentration <sup>a</sup>		Corr (R) PM-BS <sup>b</sup>	Period	Selected lag <sup>c</sup>
		Beta	SE	Beta	SE	PM <sub>10</sub>	BS	PM <sub>10</sub>	BS			
Le Tertre, 2002	<b>Barcelona</b>	0.00050	0.00046	0.00066	0.00064	24	18	56	39	0.5-0.8 <sup>d</sup>	1994-96	Lag0-1
Le Tertre, 2002	<b>Birmingham</b>	-0.00014	0.00039	0.00114	0.00078	15	7	25	13	0.5-0.8 <sup>d</sup>	1992-94	Lag0-1
Le Tertre, 2002	<b>London</b>	0.00104	0.00027	0.00214	0.00049	14	8	28	13	0.5-0.8 <sup>d</sup>	1992-94	Lag0-1
Le Tertre, 2002	<b>Paris</b>	0.00020	0.00028	0.00057	0.00022	13	15	23	23	0.5-0.8 <sup>d</sup>	1992-96	Lag0-1
Anderson, 2001	<b>West midlands</b>	0.00030	0.00108	0.00169	0.00117	NA	NA	23	13	0.64	1994-96	Lag0-1
<b>% change per 10 µg/m<sup>3</sup> increase</b>												
Pooled Fixed Effects		0.54	(0.21-0.87)	0.83	(0.47-1.19)							
Pooled Random Effects		0.51	(0.04-0.98)	1.07	(0.27-1.89)							
Heterogeneity chi-squared (df=3)		Q=5.7	p=0.129	Q=8.8	p=0.032							

<sup>a</sup> Mean or median (µg/m<sup>3</sup>); <sup>b</sup> Coefficient of the correlation between PM<sub>10</sub> and BS concentrations

<sup>c</sup> In case multiple lags were reported in the paper, we used the estimate discussed by the author, as indicated in APED as ‘selected lag’

<sup>d</sup> Range in correlation coefficient for all 8 cities described in Le Tertre et al (2002) (no information on cardiac admissions available for the Netherlands; 3 other cities not included in this review as no data on black smoke was available)

**Table B9. Hospital admissions: Cardiac, age ≥ 65**

Reference	City	Estimate PM <sub>10</sub>		Estimate BS		IQR (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )		Concentration <sup>a</sup>		Corr (R) PM-BS <sup>b</sup>	Period	Selected lag <sup>c</sup>
		Beta	SE	Beta	SE	PM <sub>10</sub>	BS	PM <sub>10</sub>	BS			
Le Tertre, 2002	<b>Barcelona</b>	0.00068	0.00055	0.00130	0.00075	24	18	56	39	0.5-0.8 <sup>d</sup>	1994-96	Lag0-1
Le Tertre, 2002	<b>Birmingham</b>	0.00031	0.00047	0.00168	0.00094	15	7	25	13	0.5-0.8 <sup>d</sup>	1992-94	Lag0-1
Le Tertre, 2002	<b>London</b>	0.00096	0.00032	0.00227	0.00057	14	8	28	13	0.5-0.8 <sup>d</sup>	1992-94	Lag0-1
Le Tertre, 2002	<b>Paris</b>	0.00053	0.00035	0.00042	0.00027	13	15	23	23	0.5-0.8 <sup>d</sup>	1992-96	Lag0-1
<b>% change per 10 µg/m<sup>3</sup> increase</b>												
Pooled Fixed Effects		0.67	(0.28-1.06)	0.86	(0.41-1.30)							
Pooled Random Effects		0.67	(0.28-1.06)	1.32	(0.28-2.38)							
Heterogeneity chi-squared (df=3)		Q=1.5	p=0.673	Q=9.9	p=0.019							

<sup>a</sup> Mean or median (µg/m<sup>3</sup>); <sup>b</sup> Coefficient of the correlation between PM<sub>10</sub> and BS concentrations

<sup>c</sup> In case multiple lags were reported in the paper, we used the estimate discussed by the author, as indicated in APED as ‘selected lag’

<sup>d</sup> Range in correlation coefficient for all 8 cities described in Le Tertre et al (2002) (no information on cardiac admissions available for the Netherlands; 3 other cities not included in this review as no data on black smoke was available)

**Table B10. Hospital admission; IHD, age ≥ 65**

(cities in *italics* occur more than once; city in **bold** included in meta-analysis)

Reference	City	Estimate PM <sub>10</sub>		Estimate BS		IQR (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )		Concentration <sup>a</sup>		Corr (R)	Period	Selected lag <sup>c</sup>
		Beta	SE	Beta	SE	PM <sub>10</sub>	BS	PM <sub>10</sub>	BS	PM-BS <sup>b</sup>		
Le Tertre, 2002	<b>Barcelona</b>	-0.00087	0.00087	0.00061	0.00120	24	18	56	39	0.5-0.8 <sup>d</sup>	1994-96	Lag0-1
Le Tertre, 2002	Birmingham	0.00033	0.00076	-0.00073	0.00150	15	7	25	13	0.5-0.8 <sup>d</sup>	1992-94	Lag0-1
Le Tertre, 2002	<b>London</b>	0.00104	0.00049	0.00265	0.00086	14	8	28	13	0.5-0.8 <sup>d</sup>	1992-94	Lag0-1
Atkinson, 1999	<i>London</i>	0.00298	0.00128	0.00288	0.00119	NA	NA	29	13	0.6-0.7	1992-94	PM lag0; BS Lag3
Le Tertre, 2002	<b>Netherlands</b>	0.00036	0.00018	0.00100	0.00026	23	9	40	13	0.5-0.8 <sup>d</sup>	1992/89- 1995 <sup>b</sup>	Lag0-1
Le Tertre, 2002	<b>Paris</b>	0.00168	0.00057	0.00116	0.00043	13	15	23	23	0.5-0.8 <sup>d</sup>	1992-96	Lag0-1
Anderson, 2001	<b>West Midlands</b>	0.00208	0.00209	0.00198	0.00220	NA	NA	23	13	0.64	1994-96	Lag0-1
<b>% change per 10 µg/m<sup>3</sup> increase</b>												
Pooled Fixed Effects		0.50	(0.20-0.81)	1.13	(0.72-1.54)							
Pooled Random Effects		0.68	(0.01-1.36)	1.13	(0.72-1.54)							
Heterogeneity chi-squared (df=4)		Q=8.8	p=0.066	Q=3.6	p=0.463							

<sup>a</sup> Mean or median (µg/m<sup>3</sup>)

<sup>b</sup> Coefficient of the correlation between PM<sub>10</sub> and BS concentrations

<sup>c</sup> In case multiple lags were reported in the paper, we used the estimate discussed by the author, as indicated in APED as 'selected lag'

<sup>d</sup> Range in correlation coefficient for all 8 cities described in Le Tertre et al (2002) (no information on cardiac admissions available for the Netherlands; 3 other cities not included in this review as no data on black smoke was available)

## Supplement C: Study specific effect estimates for mortality in studies that include both PM<sub>2.5</sub> and EC

**Table C1. Effect estimates for PM<sub>2.5</sub> and EC for all cause mortality**

Reference	City	Estimate PM <sub>2.5</sub>		Estimate EC		IQR		Concentration <sup>a</sup>		Corr (R) PM-EC <sup>b</sup>	Period	Selected lag <sup>c</sup>
		Beta	SE	Beta	SE	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	EC	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	EC			
Klemm, 2004 <sup>b</sup>	Atlanta	0.00544	0.00184	0.01343	0.01072	11.6	1.1	19.6	2.0	NA	1998-2000	Lag01
Ostro, 2007 <sup>b</sup>	6 California counties	0.00056	0.00037	0.00829	0.00776	14.6	0.8	19.3	1.0	0.53	2000-2003	Lag3
Cakmak, 2009	Santiago, Chile	0.00212	0.00025	0.01440	0.00063	35.8	5.3	NA	3.3	NA	1998-2006	PM NA; EC lag1
<b>% change per 1 µg/m<sup>3</sup> increase<sup>c</sup></b>												
Pooled Fixed Effects		0.17	(0.13-0.21)	1.45	(1.32-1.57)							
Pooled Random Effects		0.19	(0.03-0.35)	1.45	(1.32-1.57)							

<sup>a</sup> Mean or median; <sup>b</sup> Coefficient of the correlation between PM<sub>2.5</sub> and EC concentrations;

<sup>c</sup> In case multiple lags were reported in the paper, we used the estimate discussed by the author, as indicated in APED as ‘selected lag’; <sup>d</sup> age >65 ; not all age;

<sup>d</sup> please note that in supplement B the % change was calculated per 10 µg/m<sup>3</sup>

**Table C2. Effect estimates for PM<sub>2.5</sub> and EC for cardiovascular mortality**

Reference	City	Estimate PM <sub>2.5</sub>		Estimate EC		IQR		Concentration <sup>a</sup>		Corr (R) PM-EC <sup>b</sup>	Period	Selected lag <sup>c</sup>
		Beta	SE	Beta	SE	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	EC	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	EC			
Mar, 2000	Phoenix	0.00685	0.00236	0.04400	0.01820	8.5	1.2	12.0	1.3	0.84	1995-1997	Lag1
Ostro, 2007 <sup>b</sup>	6 California counties	0.00105	0.00054	0.02574	0.01129	14.6	0.8	19.3	1.0	0.53	2000-2003	Lag3
Cakmak, 2009	Santiago, Chile	0.00327	0.00037	0.01736	0.00097	35.8	5.3	NA	3.3	NA	1998-2006	PM NA; EC lag1
<b>% change per 1 µg/m<sup>3</sup> increase<sup>c</sup></b>												
Pooled Fixed Effects		0.26	(0.20-0.32)	1.76	(1.57-1.96)							
Pooled Random Effects		0.29	(0.07-0.50)	1.77	(1.08-3.08)							

<sup>a</sup> Mean or median; <sup>b</sup> Coefficient of the correlation between PM<sub>2.5</sub> and EC concentrations;

<sup>c</sup> In case multiple lags were reported in the paper, we used the estimate discussed by the author, as indicated in APED as ‘selected lag’; <sup>d</sup> age >65 ; not all age;

<sup>d</sup> please note that in supplement B the % change was calculated per 10 µg/m<sup>3</sup>

**Table C3. Effect estimates for PM<sub>2.5</sub> and EC on respiratory mortality**

Reference	City	Estimate PM <sub>2.5</sub>		Estimate EC		IQR		Concentration <sup>a</sup>		Corr (R) PM-EC <sup>b</sup>	Period	Selected lag <sup>c</sup>
		Beta	SE	Beta	SE	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	EC	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	EC			
Ostro, 2007 <sup>b</sup>	6 California counties	0.00098	0.00103	-0.03298	0.02219	14.6	0.8	19.3	1.0	0.53	2000-2003	Lag3
Cakmak, 2009	Santiago, Chile	0.00648	0.00058	0.03453	0.00146	35.8	5.3	NA	3.3	NA	1998-2006	PM NA; EC lag2

<sup>a</sup> Mean or median; <sup>b</sup> Coefficient of the correlation between PM<sub>2.5</sub> and EC concentrations;

<sup>c</sup> In case multiple lags were reported in the paper, we used the estimate discussed by the author, as indicated in APED as ‘selected lag’; <sup>d</sup> age >65 ; not all age;

<sup>d</sup> please note that in supplement B the % change was calculated per 10 µg/m<sup>3</sup>

## Supplement D: Study specific effect estimates for hospital admissions and emergency department visits in studies that include both PM<sub>2.5</sub> and EC

**Table D1. Effect estimates for PM<sub>2.5</sub>, EC and sulfate on hospital admissions and emergency department visits. (significant effects (p<0,05) in bold)**

Reference	City	Endpoint	PM <sub>2.5</sub>		EC		Sulfate		IQR (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )			Concentration (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )		
			beta	se	beta	se	beta	se	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	EC	Sulfate	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	EC	Sulfate
<i>Hospital admissions</i>														
Zanobetti, 2006	Boston; elderly	Pneumonia AMI	<b>0.0037</b> <b>0.0048</b>	0.0015 0.0021	<b>0.0540</b> <b>0.0391</b>	0.0159 0.0194			8.9	1.0		11.1	1.2	
Ostro, 2009	6 california counties; children	All respiratory Asthma Bronchitis Pneumonia	<b>0.0027</b> 0.0023 <b>0.0034</b> 0.0022	0.0008 0.0015 0.0015 0.0014	<b>0.0640</b> 0.0628 0.0525 0.0623	0.0277 0.0339 0.0341 0.0476	<b>0.0199</b> 0.0026 <b>0.0449</b> 0.0182	0.0089 0.0199 0.0211 0.0224	14.6	0.8	1.5	19.4	1.0	2.0
Peng, 2009	119 US Counties; elderly	CVD Respiratory	<b>0.00068</b> 0.00031	0.00021 0.00035	<b>0.01794</b> 0.00998	0.00375 0.00599	<b>0.00140</b> 0.00266	0.00075 0.00140	9.5	0.4	3.1	12.2	0.6	2.6
<i>Emergency department visits</i>														
Tolbert, 2007	Atlanta; All age <sup>a</sup>	CVD Respiratory	0.00046 0.00046	0.00056 0.00047	<b>0.01295</b> -0.00349	0.00439 0.00313	-0.00026 0.00183	0.00161 0.00147	11.0	1.2	3.8	17.1	1.6	4.9
Cakmak, 2009 <sup>b</sup>	Santiago, Chile; All age	All non-accid. Respiratory	<b>0.00152</b> <b>0.00241</b>	0.00018 0.00028	<b>0.02287</b> <b>0.03531</b>	0.00184 0.00247	<b>0.02232</b> <b>0.03185</b>	0.00804 0.01092	40.3	4.8	2.3	NA	2.8	2.6

<sup>a</sup> also estimates from additional endpoints available from 3 older papers that included a shorter study period (Metzger et al. 2004; Sarnat et al. 2008; Tolbert et al. 2000)

<sup>b</sup> sulfate estimated from S

**Table E1. Effect estimates for EC and other particle components**

Effects expressed as % increase per IQR, (significant effects (p<0,05) in bold)

Reference	City	Endpoint	% increase per IQR							IQR ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )						
			EC	OC	Sulfate	Nitrate	Zn	K	Si	EC	OC	Sulfate	Nitrate	Zn	K	Si
<i>Mortality</i>																
Mar, 2000 <sup>a</sup>	Phoenix	All cause	ns	ns	<b>-3.0</b>		ns	ns			1.2	3.0	0.8		na	0.06
		Cardiovascular	<b>5.2</b>	<b>4.4</b>	ns		ns	<b>3.2</b>								
Klemm, 2004	Atlanta	All cause	1.5	1.3	3.4	-0.1				1.1	2.4	3.9	1.3			
Ostro, 2007	6 California counties	All cause	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.8	4.6	1.5	5.5	0.01	0.08	0.15
		Cardiovascular	<b>2.1</b>	1.6	0.6	1.5	<b>2.2</b>	<b>0.5</b>	0.6							
		Respiratory	-2.6	-2.9	1.1	1.0	-0.5	0.5	1.5							
Maynard, 2007	Boston	All cause	<b>2.3</b>		<b>1.1</b>					0.2		2.3				
		Respiratory	<b>3.7</b>		2.1											
		Cardiovascular	1.5		-0.2											
		Stroke	4.4		2.0											
		Diabetes	5.7		2.9											
Cakmak, 2009 <sup>a</sup>	Santiago, Chile	All cause	<b>7.9</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>3.2</b>		<b>5.3</b>	<b>3.5</b>	1.7	5.3	7.4	2.8		0.08	0.23	0.20
		Cardiac	<b>9.6</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>5.1</b>		<b>5.9</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>4.2</b>							
		Respiratory	<b>20.0</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>6.9</b>		<b>13.6</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>8.1</b>							
<i>Hospital admission</i>																
Ostro, 2009	6 California counties; children	All respiratory	<b>5.4</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.3</b>	1.6	0.8	<b>2.8</b>							
		Asthma	5.3	4.0	0.4	2.4	1.8	0.3	2.9	0.8	4.5	1.5	5.6	0.01	0.08	0.15
		Bronchitis	4.4	<b>4.8</b>	<b>6.9</b>	3.9	1.7	2.1	<b>6.1</b>							
		Pneumonia	5.3	<b>4.5</b>	2.8	2.2	<b>2.0</b>	0.7	4.3							
Peng, 2009	119 US counties; elderly	Cardiovascular	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>	0.4	<b>0.5</b>			<b>0.2</b>	0.4	3.2	3.1	1.6			0.07
		Respiratory	0.4	<b>0.8</b>	-0.3	0.0			0.1							
<i>Emergency department visits</i>																
Sarnat, 2008 <sup>b</sup>	Atlanta; all age	CVD	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.4</b>	0.7	0.2	<b>1.3</b>	<b>3.0</b>	0.8							
		Respiratory	-0.4	-0.3	<b>2.0</b>	-0.1	-0.3	0.2	-0.4							
Cakmak, 2009 <sup>c</sup>	Santiago, Chile; all age	All non-accid.	<b>11.5</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>5.2</b>		<b>5.2</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>5.8</b>	4.8	8.5	2.3		0.07	0.21	0.18
		Respiratory	<b>18.3</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>7.5</b>		<b>7.5</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>11.4</b>							

<sup>a</sup> ns = non-significant (effect estimates not reported in paper)

<sup>b</sup> estimates from Sarnat (2008) used instead of Tolbert (2007), despite shorter period (4 instead of 6 years) as the Sarnat paper included more other elements.

<sup>c</sup> sulfate estimated from S ;

**Table E2. Results from single and multi-pollutant models including BCP and sulfate**

Ref. / city	Health endpoint	BCP metric	R Sulfate-BCP <sup>a</sup>	% change in RR <sup>b</sup>			
				Sulfate single	Sulfate multi	BCP single	BCP multi
Hoek, 2000	Total mortality	BS	0.65	3.2 ( 0.6 to 5.9)	2.7 (-0.3 to 5.8)	2.8 ( 1.7 to 3.8)	1.2 (-1.5 to 4.1)
	CVD mortality			2.1 (-1.9 to 6.3)	0.8 (-3.7 to 5.4)	3.2 ( 1.6 to 4.8)	2.9 (-1.3 to 7.4)
Anderson, 2001; West Midlands	Respiratory admissions	BS	0.30	0.8 (-1.3 to 2.9)	Na	2.1 (-0.1 to 4.2)	2.4 (0.1 to 4.7)
Maynard, 2007	Total mortality	BC	0.44	1.1 (0.01 to 2.0)	0.5 (-0.45 to 1.6)	2.3 (1.2 to 3.4)	2.2 (0.2 to 4.2)
Peng, 2009 119 US Counties <sup>c</sup>	Respiratory admissions	EC	0.18	-0.3 (-1.1 to 0.5)	-0.6 (-1.1 to 0.3)	0.4 (-0.1 to 0.9)	0.0 (-0.1 to 0.8)
	Cardiovascular admissions			0.4 (-0.0 to 0.9)	0.0 (-0.5 to 0.6)	0.7 ( 0.4 to 1.0)	0.8 ( 0.3 to 1.3)
Cakmak, 2009a; Santiago, Chile <sup>d</sup>	Total mortality	EC	0.33	3.2 ( 1.4 to 5.0)	Lost significance	7.9 (7.2 to 8.6)	Remained significantly associated
	Cardiac mortality			5.1 ( 2.4 to 8.0)		9.6 (8.5 to 10.8)	
	Respiratory mortality			6.9 (1.9 to 12.1)		20.0 (18.2 to 21.9)	
Cakmak, 2009b; Santiago, Chile <sup>c</sup>	All non-accidental adm.	EC	0.20	5.2 (1.5 to 9.1)	Lost significance	11.5 (9.6 to 13.5)	Remained significant
	Respiratory admissions			7.5 (2.4 to 12.8)		18.3 (15.6 to 21.2)	

<sup>a</sup> Coefficient of the correlation between sulfate and BCP concentrations;

<sup>b</sup> RRs expressed as reported in the paper: IQR for Maynard (2007); Peng (2009) and Cakmak (2009a; 2009b); 1 to 9<sup>th</sup> percentile for Hoek (2000); 10-90<sup>th</sup> percentile for Anderson (2001);

<sup>c</sup> Multi-pollutant estimates also adjusted for OCM, Nitrate, Silicon, Sodium\_ion and Ammonium

<sup>d</sup> Multi-pollutant estimates also adjusted for 16 other PM components and 3 gases; quantitative estimates for multi-pollutant models requested from the authors, but not received

## Supplement F:

### Effects of PM<sub>2.5</sub> and BCP in cohort studies of respiratory health in children

**Table F1: Effects of PM<sub>2.5</sub> and BCP in birth cohort studies**

Reference	Cohort	R PM-BCP <sup>a</sup>	RR expressed per	Health endpoint <sup>b</sup>	RR PM	RR BCP		
Gehring, 2002	Birth cohort (GINI / LISA) 1756 children born in Munich city Age 2	0.96	Expressed per IQR: PM <sub>2.5</sub> : 1.5 µg/m <sup>3</sup> Abs: 0.4 m <sup>-1</sup> x10 <sup>-5</sup>	Wheeze	0.96	(0.83-1.12)	0.98	(0.84-1.14)
				Dry cough at night	<b>1.20</b>	(1.02-1.42)	1.16	(0.98-1.37)
				DD obstr/spast/astmoid bronchitis	0.92	(0.78-1.09)	0.94	(0.79-1.12)
				Respiratory infections	0.98	(0.80-1.20)	0.99	(0.80-1.22)
				Sneezing/runny stuffed nose	0.96	(0.82-1.12)	0.92	(0.78-1.09)
Brauer, 2002	Piama cohort; 3000 children throughout the Netherlands; symptoms at age 2	0.99	Expressed per IQR: PM <sub>2.5</sub> : 3.2 µg/m <sup>3</sup> Abs: 0.54 m <sup>-1</sup> x10 <sup>-5</sup>	Wheeze	1.14	(0.98-1.34)	1.11	(0.97-1.26)
				DD-asthma	1.12	(0.84-1.50)	1.12	(0.88-1.43)
				Dry cough at night	1.04	(0.88-1.23)	1.02	(0.88-1.17)
				DD bronchitis	1.04	(0.85-1.26)	0.99	(0.84-1.17)
				E,N,T infections	<b>1.20</b>	(1.01-1.42)	<b>1.15</b>	(1.00-1.33)
				DD flu/serious colds	<b>1.12</b>	(1.00-1.27)	1.09	(0.98-1.21)
				Itchy rash	1.01	(0.88-1.16)	1.02	(0.91-1.15)
				DD eczema	0.95	(0.83-1.10)	0.96	(0.85-1.08)
Brauer, 2006	Birth cohort (Piama); 3000 children throughout the Netherlands Birth cohort (LISA), 600 children from Munich, Germany	0.99	Expressed per IQR: PM <sub>2.5</sub> : 3 µg/m <sup>3</sup> ; EC: 0.5 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	Otitis media				
				Age 1	1.13	(0.98- 1.32)	1.11	(0.98- 1.26)
				Age 2	<b>1.13</b>	(1.00-1.27)	<b>1.10</b>	(1.00-1.22)
				Otitis media				
				Age 1	1.19	(0.73- 1.92)	1.12	(0.83- 1.51)
				Age 2	1.24	(0.84-1.83)	1.10	(0.86-1.41)
Brauer, 2007	PIAMA cohort; 3000 children throughout the Netherlands; symptoms at age 4	0.99	Expressed per IQR: PM <sub>2.5</sub> : 3.3 µg/m <sup>3</sup> Abs: 0.58 m <sup>-1</sup> x10 <sup>-5</sup>	Wheeze	1.20	(0.99-1.46)	<b>1.18</b>	(1.00-1.40)
				DD-asthma	1.32	(0.98-1.71)	1.30	(0.98-1.71)
				Dry cough at night	1.14	(0.98-1.33)	<b>1.14</b>	(1.00-1.31)
				DD bronchitis	0.86	(0.66-1.11)	0.88	(0.69-1.11)
				E,N,T infections	<b>1.17</b>	(1.02-1.34)	<b>1.16</b>	(1.03-1.31)
				DD flu/serious colds	<b>1.25</b>	(1.07-1.46)	<b>1.19</b>	(1.04-1.37)
				Itchy rash	0.98	(0.85-1.14)	0.97	(0.85-1.10)
				DD eczema	0.98	(0.82-1.17)	0.97	(0.83-1.14)



Morgenstern, 2007 <sup>c</sup>	GINI / LISA cohort 3577 children residing in the Munich metropolitan area; age 2	0.49	Expressed per IQR: PM <sub>2.5</sub> : 1.0 µg/m <sup>3</sup> Abs: 0.22 m <sup>-1</sup> x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	Wheeze	1.10	(0.96-1.25)	1.09	(0.90-1.33)
				Dry cough at night	1.03	(0.89-1.19)	1.18	(0.93-1.50)
				DD obstr/spast/ astmoid bronchitis	1.05	(0.92-1.20)	0.85	(0.31-2.34)
				Respiratory infections	1.09	(0.94-1.27)	1.05	(0.79-1.39)
				Sneezing/runny stuffed nose	<b>1.19</b>	(1.04-1.36)	<b>1.27</b>	(1.04-1.56)
Morgenstern, 2008 <sup>c</sup>	GINI / LISA cohort ±3000 children residing in the Munich metropolitan area; age 4 and 6	0.49	Expressed per IQR: PM <sub>2.5</sub> : 1.0 µg/m <sup>3</sup> Abs: 0.22 m <sup>-1</sup> x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	DD obstr/spast/ astmoid bronchitis	1.12	(0.94-1.29)	<b>1.56</b>	(1.03-2.37)
				DD hay fever	1.01	(0.91-1.12)	<b>1.59</b>	(1.11-2.27)
				DD eczema	1.00	(0.86-1.24)	1.03	(0.86-1.24)
				PR obstr/spast/ astmoid bronchitis	0.97	(0.91-1.02)	0.96	(0.83-1.11)
				DD hay fever	1.02	(0.96-1.08)	1.11	(0.93-1.31)
				DD eczema	1.05	(0.90-1.37)	1.05	(0.93-1.47)
				Prevalent asthma	<b>1.26</b>	(1.04-1.51)	<b>1.20</b>	(1.02-1.42)
				Incident asthma	<b>1.28</b>	(1.10-1.49)	<b>1.21</b>	(1.06-1.38)
				Asthma symptoms	<b>1.15</b>	(1.02-1.28)	<b>1.12</b>	(1.01-1.24)
				Wheeze	<b>1.20</b>	(1.08-1.33)	<b>1.16</b>	(1.06-1.27)
				Sneezing, runny/blocked nose	<b>1.12</b>	(1.01-1.24)	<b>1.11</b>	(1.01-1.21)
				Hayfever	1.05	(0.83-1.32)	1.04	(0.85-1.27)
				Atopic eczema	1.00	(0.90-1.11)	1.00	(0.91-1.10)
				<i>At age 8 years</i>				
				Wheeze	<b>1.29</b>	(1.04-1.62)	<b>1.22</b>	(1.00-1.48)
BHR	0.98	(0.76-1.24)	1.04	(0.84-1.29)				
Allergic sensitization	1.16	(0.96-1.39)	1.12	(0.95-1.32)				
- In utero exposure	<b>1.02</b>	(1.00-1.03)	<b>1.08</b>	(1.02-1.15)				
- First-year exposure	1.01	(0.99-1.03)	<b>1.14</b>	(1.01-1.29)				

<sup>a</sup> Coefficient of the correlation between PM<sub>2.5</sub> and BCP concentrations;

<sup>b</sup> DD = doctor diagnosed; PR = parental report

<sup>c</sup> further analyses of Gehring et al. (2002). Here, the study population was expanded by also including subjects who lived outside the Munich area.

Although this resulted in a lower correlation between PM<sub>2.5</sub> and BCP (R=0.49), the performance of the land use regression model used to assign exposure to individual participants was poorer than that of the smaller population (Morgenstern et al. 2007).

**Table F2: Effects of PM<sub>2.5</sub> and BCP in cohort studies on lung function growth**

Reference	Cohort	R PM-BCP <sup>a</sup>	RR expressed per	Health endpoint	RR PM	RR BCP		
Gauderman, 2002	Results from 2 cohorts 1) 1457 children Recruited 1993 4 year follow-up	0,91	Expressed for concentration range (max - min) PM <sub>2.5</sub> : 22.2 µg/m <sup>3</sup> EC: 1.1 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	Growth rate FVC (%)	-0.42	(-0.86- 0.03)	<b>-0.49</b>	(-0.88- -0.09)
				Growth rate FEV1 (%)	-0.63	(-1.28- 0.02)	<b>-0.71</b>	(-1.30- -0.12)
				Growth rate MMEF (%)	-0.94	(-1.88- 0.01)	<b>-1.07</b>	(-1.94- -0.19)
	2) 1678 children Recruited 1996 4 year follow-up	0,93		Growth rate FVC (%)	-0.14	(-0.67- 0.40)	-0.17	(-0.67- 0.33)
				Growth rate FEV1 (%)	-0.39	(-1.06- 0.28)	-0.40	(-1.02- 0.23)
				Growth rate MMEF (%)	<b>-0.94</b>	(-1.87- 0.00)	<b>-0.92</b>	(-1.78- -0.05)
Gauderman, 2004	Cohort 1) 8 years follow-up	0,91	Expressed for concentration range (max - min) PM <sub>2.5</sub> : 22.8 µg/m <sup>3</sup> EC: 1.1 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	Growth rate FVC (ml)	-60.1	(-166.1- 45.9)	-77.7	(-166.7- 11.3)
				Growth rate FEV1 (ml)	<b>-79.7</b>	(-153.0- -6.4)	<b>-87.9</b>	(-146.4- -29.4)
				Growth rate MMEF (ml)	-168.9	(-345.5- 7.8)	<b>-165.5</b>	(-323.4- -7.6)

<sup>a</sup> Coefficient of the correlation between PM<sub>2.5</sub> and BCP concentrations;

**Table G1. Contrasts between traffic and background locations for BCP and PM<sub>2.5</sub>**

- Ratios and differences values in bold were provided in the paper; values in regular print were calculated from the paper; grey for footnote A

Reference	Location / period	Site characteristics		Measurement method		Averaging time / # observations	Mean concentration at traffic site <sup>a</sup>		Mean concentration at background site <sup>a</sup>		Ratio traffic/background	
		Traffic site	Background sites	PM	BCP		PM	BCP	PM	BCP	PM	BCP
Janssen, 1997	Arnhem, The Netherlands / Oct–Nov 1994	Curbside (0,5 m); 15,000 veh/day;	Urban; 200 m from nearest busy road	PM <sub>2.5</sub> mass	Black smoke	8 h (8:30 – 16:30) 28 paired observations	42.9	51.0	35.0	22.7	<b>1.3</b>	<b>2.6</b>
Roorda-Knape, 1998	Delft (1) and Rotterdam (2), Netherlands / May-aug 1995	1) 15 m from highway; 131.907 veh/day	305 m from the same highway	PM <sub>2.5</sub> mass	Black smoke	1 week; 10 paired observations	20.1	14.9	18.5	7.4	1.09	2.01
		2) 32 m from highway; 132.559 veh/day	260 m from the same highway			1 week; 8 paired observations	20.8	12.2	19.6	8.7	1.07	1.40
Roemer, 2001	Amsterdam, Netherlands / Jan 1998 – March 1999	12-14m from highway (94.000 veh/day)	Urban background site	PM <sub>1</sub> TEOM	Black smoke	24h; 65 days with complete information on all 3 sites	14	36	10	7	1.4	5.14
		7 m from busy street (30.000 veh/day)					12	18	10	7	1.2	2.57
Fischer, 2000	Amsterdam, Netherlands / Jan-Apr 1995	Outside 18 homes in main streets (5.951-30.974 veh/day)	Outside 18 homes in side street (<3.000 veh/day)	PM <sub>2.5</sub> mass	Abs. of PM <sub>2.5</sub> filters	24h; 1-2 samples per home; 18 days with ≥ 1 obs at both types of homes	25.0	2.8	21.0	1.5	<b>1.20</b>	<b>1.84</b>
Janssen, 2001; 2008 <sup>b</sup>	Outside 24 schools <400m of highways in NL. (1) Apr 1997 - May '98; (2) Nov 2001-Oct '02	50 m from busy highway ; ±140.000 veh/day; 10% trucks	301 (period 1) or 375 (period 2) m distance of highway with low traffic (50.000 veh/day)	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	Abs. of PM <sub>2.5</sub> filters;	Annual average, calculated from 5-10 week measurements per site (adjusted for temporal variation at reference site)	19.6 (1)	1.94 (1)	17.5 (1)	1.00 (1)	1.12 (1)	2.23 (1)
		300 m from highway ; ±110.000 veh/day; 17% trucks					17.5 (2)	2.31 (2)	15.1 (2)	1.38 (2)	1.16 (2)	1.81 (2)
		200 m from highway with; ±100.000 veh/day; 10% trucks					21.8 (1)	1.51(1)	17.5 (1)	1.00 (1)	1.25 (1)	1.66 (1)
							17.4 (2)	1.97 (2)	15.1 (2)	1.38 (2)	1.15 (2)	1.51 (2)
Lena, 2002	New York, USA July – Aug 1999	Intersection along truck route (515 veh/h; 24% large trucks)	Garden of home in residential street; no-truck traffic zone	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	EC estimated from Abs of PM <sub>2.5</sub> filters (using 12 co-located EC measurements)	10-12h; starting at 6:00 each day; 2-6 samples per traffic site; 9 days at control site (corresponding values at control site calculated from table)	29.9	5.86	17.7	2.34	1.69	2.50
		Intersection along truck route; highly congested (783 veh/h; 35% large trucks)					28.2	7.34	21.6	3.04	1.31	2.41
		Intersection along truck route, spacious and open (657 veh/h; 23% large trucks)					20.7	3.8	20.8	2.2	1.00	1.73
Smargiassi 2005	Montreal, Canada / May – June, YEAR: NA	<10 m of a major urban residential arteries (20.457 veh/day)	Quiet residential street	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	Abs of PM <sub>2.5</sub> filter	24h; 7 weeks; weekdays only; all sites simultaneously	13.7	1.42	12.4	1.18	1.11	1.20
		<10 m of a major urban residential arterie (32.713 veh/day)					13.4	1.63	12.4	1.18	1.08	1.38
		On a collector artery; 19.137 veh/day on collector; >150.000 on highway					15.4	2.50	12.4	1.18	1.24	2.12

Reference	Location / period	Site characteristics		Measurement method		Averaging time / # observations	Mean concentration at traffic site <sup>c</sup>		Mean concentration at background site <sup>c</sup>		Ratio traffic/background	
		Traffic site	Background sites	PM	BCP		PM	BCP	PM	BCP	PM	BCP
Janssen, 2008	Munich, Germany March–Dec 2002	Along highway (30.000 veh/ day); 40 m away from another highway (24.000 veh/day)	Suburban residential area	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	Abs. of PM <sub>2.5</sub> filters;	Annual avg, calculated from 16 week samples per site (adj. for temp variation at ref site)	15.8	2.60	12.2	1.36	1.30	1.91
Boogaard, 2010	8 traffic sites; 9- 15 m of busy road in 5 different large cities in the Netherlands; june 2008 – January 2009	Amsterdam; 15.253 veh/24h	Urban background site in the same city	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	Abs of PM <sub>2.5</sub> filter	Six one week measurements Per site; traffic and corresponding background site measured simultaneously	17.8	4.1	14.8	2.0	<b>1.2</b>	<b>2.1</b>
		Amsterdam; 9.774 veh/24h					15.1	2.7	15.1	1.6	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.7</b>
		The Hague; 17.438 v/24h; canyon					19.4	4.4	16.2	1.6	<b>1.2</b>	<b>2.7</b>
		Den Bosch; 17.896 v/24h; canyon					18.0	3.7	13.8	1.8	<b>1.3</b>	<b>2.1</b>
		Den Bosch; 17.138 veh/24h					17.4	2.8	14.5	1.5	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.9</b>
		Tilburg; 18.812 veh/24h					17.2	2.4	15.6	1.6	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.5</b>
		Utrecht; 13.553 veh/24h					15.4	2.1	14.0	1.4	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.5</b>
Kinney, 2000	New York, USA July, 1996	Busy intersection; 18.375 cars; 2.467 trucks +buses	Control site in quiet residential area	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	EC	8 h (10:00-18:00); 5 obs per site; All sites measured simultaneously	45.7	6.2	38.7	1.5	1.18	4.13
		Bus depot					47.1	3.7	38.7	1.5	1.22	2.47
		Busy intersection; 14.229 cars; 927 trucks + buses					36.6	2.3	38.7	1.5	0.95	1.53
Funasaka, 2000 <sup>c</sup>	Osaka, Japan / Sampling period not specified	Outside 5 homes; <5 m from the road; 27.000-29.000 veh/day	Outside homes 60-150 m from the same roads	PM <sub>2</sub>	EC	7 days; cascade impactors; area B	27	10	21	6.4	1.29	1.56
							AND sampler; 48-72 h; average of area A+B (7 homes; 25 obs)	30	9.3	24	5.7	1.25
Roosli, 2001	Basel, Switzerland April 1998 – March 1999	Street canyon near traffic light 18.000 veh/day	Urban background	PM <sub>10</sub>	EC	Annual average; filters every 4 <sup>th</sup> day analysed	29.9	5.4	21.1	3.0	1.40	1.80
Cyrus, 2003	Munich / March 1999-July 2000	6 sites; average 10 m from traffic	6 sites; urban background	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	EC and Abs. of PM <sub>2.5</sub> filters;	Annual average, based on 4 2- week samples per site; adjusted for temporal variation at reference site	14.3	3.1	13.3	2.1	<b>1.08</b>	<b>1.43</b>
	Netherlands; Mar 1999-April 2000	4 sites, average 6 m from traffic	4 sites; urban background				19.9	3.9	17.8	2.1	<b>1.12</b>	<b>1.84</b>
	Stockholm / Feb 1999-Mar 2000	2 sites, average 19 m from traffic	7 sites; urban background				13.8	2.5	10.2	1.4	<b>1.35</b>	<b>1.79</b>
Riediker, 2003	Raleigh, USA / Aug-Oct 2001	Near major routes; rotating locations	Fixed ambient site	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	EC	Workshift; 7-9 h; 3pm to midnight; 25 days	29.9	4.0	31.7	1.7	0.94	2.35
Harrison, 2004	London+Birming- ham, UK / April 2000 – Jan, 2002	4 roadside locations; <1 m of kerbside; 27.300-140.400 veh/day	4 background locations; paired to roadside	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	EC	24h; 97 complete sets	22.3	8.4	14.4	2.2	1.6	3.8
Fromme, 2005 <sup>c</sup>	Berlin, Ger-many / Feb –June, 2000	Outside 29-33 apartments 14.000- 37.000 cars/day	21-23 apartments 100-900 cars/day	PM <sub>4</sub>	EC	Daytime; 7-8h; 1 obs per home	32.0	3.4	23.6	2.8	1.36	1.70

<sup>a</sup> Concentrations in  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  for PM, black smoke and EC; concentration in  $\text{m}^{-1}\times 10^{-5}$  for Absorbance;

<sup>b</sup>: Table only includes results of the 4 schools that were measured in both periods; EC derived from regression equation from 47 co-located EC measurements in 1997/98

<sup>c</sup>: Not specified if samples were conducted simultaneously at traffic and background homes (in grey print)

**Table G2. Estimated percentage EC in the roadside increment of PM<sub>2.5</sub>**

Reference	Location / period	Measurement method BCP	Difference traffic – background (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )		% EC in roadside increment		
			PM	BCP			
Kinney, 2000	New York, USA; 1996 ; sidewalk	EC; sunset	4.4	2.6		58	
Funasaka, 2000	Osaka, Japan / outside homes; period NA	EC	6.0	3.6		60	
Janssen, 2001; 2008	Netherlands; 1997/98; 50 m of highway	EC from Abs <sup>a</sup> ; VDI 2465	2.1	2.0		76 <sup>b</sup>	
Lena, 2002	New York, USA; 1999; sidewalk	EC from Abs <sup>a</sup> ; sunset	6.2	3.1		50	
Cryrs, 2003	Munich; 1999/ 2000	EC; VDI 2465	1.0	1.0		80 <sup>b</sup>	
	Netherlands;1999/ 2000	EC; VDI 2465	2.1	1.8		69 <sup>b</sup>	
	Sweden; 1999 / 2000	EC; VDI 2465	3.6	1.1		24 <sup>b</sup>	
Harrison, 2004	London+Birmingham, UK; 2000/02; roadside	EC	8.4	6.1		69	
					<b>10 µg/m<sup>3</sup> BS = 1.1µg/m<sup>3</sup> EC</b>	<b>10 µg/m<sup>3</sup> BS = 0.5µg/m<sup>3</sup> EC</b>	<b>10 µg/m<sup>3</sup> BS = 1.8µg/m<sup>3</sup> EC</b>
Janssen, 1997	Arnhem, NL; Oct–Nov 1994; curbside	Black smoke	7.9	28.3	39	18	64
Roorda-Knape, 1998	NL / May-aug 1995; 15-32 m of highways	Black smoke	1.4	5.5	43	20	71
Roemer, 2001	Amsterdam, NL; 1998/99; 7 m of busy street	Black smoke	2.0	11.0	61	28	99
Fischer, 2000	Amsterdam, Netherlands / 1995; outside homes	Abs of PM <sub>2.5</sub> filters <sup>c</sup>	3.0	1.3	47	22	77
Smargiassi, 2005	Montreal, Canada; curbside or on collector	Abs of PM <sub>2.5</sub> filters <sup>c</sup>	1.8	0.7	42	19	68
Janssen, 2008	Netherlands; 2001/02; 50 m of highway	Abs of PM <sub>2.5</sub> filters <sup>c</sup>	2.4	0.9	43	19	70
Janssen, 2008	Munich, Germany ; 2002; along highway	Abs of PM <sub>2.5</sub> filters <sup>c</sup>	3.6	1.2	38	17	62
Boogaard, 2010	NL; 2008/09; 9-15 m of busy roads in large cities	Abs of PM <sub>2.5</sub> filters <sup>c</sup>	2.2	1.6	77	35	127
				<b>Average<sup>d</sup></b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>70%</b>
				<b>95% CI</b>	<b>46-63</b>	<b>29-54</b>	<b>59-82</b>

<sup>a</sup> calculated using a study specific calibration derived from co-located samples (see table A1)

<sup>b</sup> Results from studies that have used the VDI protocol were divided by 1.25, as this method has been shown to overestimate EC by on average 25% (Schmid et al, 2001)

<sup>c</sup> An increase in 1 unit of Abs is considered to equal an increase of 10 µg/m<sup>3</sup> BS, according to Roorda-Knape et al. 1998.

<sup>d</sup> Average includes all studies; average of studies that directly measured EC was 61%.

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