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Supplementary Materials

Sampling Sites Description

$PM_{2.5}$ samples were collected in 2001 from urban and rural areas in Puerto Rico [1]. The monitoring site at the urban area is close to main commercial port in Puerto Rico, an electrical power plant and an oil refinery that was active during the sampling campaign. The area is characterized by having heavy truck traffic. The rural area is a coastal reference site located in a natural reserve in the northeastern tip of the island [2]. The concentrations of $PM_{2.5}$ during the sampling campaign were 11.6 ± 0.6 μg/m^3 and 8.5 ± 0.5 μg/m^3 for the urban and rural sites respectively [1–3]. Our group has previously characterized metal (i.e., As, Cd, Cu, Fe, Ni, Pb, V, Zn) concentrations in PM, non-polar and polar organic extracts [1–3]. All metals except for Fe were higher in samples from the urban site. In addition, our collaborators [4] detected 14 PAHs (m/z 128 to 276) in $PM_{2.5}$ from the urban site. PAHs concentrations ranged from 0.01 ng/m^3 for benz(a)anthracene to 0.45 ng/m^3 for pyrene. We also measured the endotoxin concentration in the organic extracts as mentioned in the discussion.

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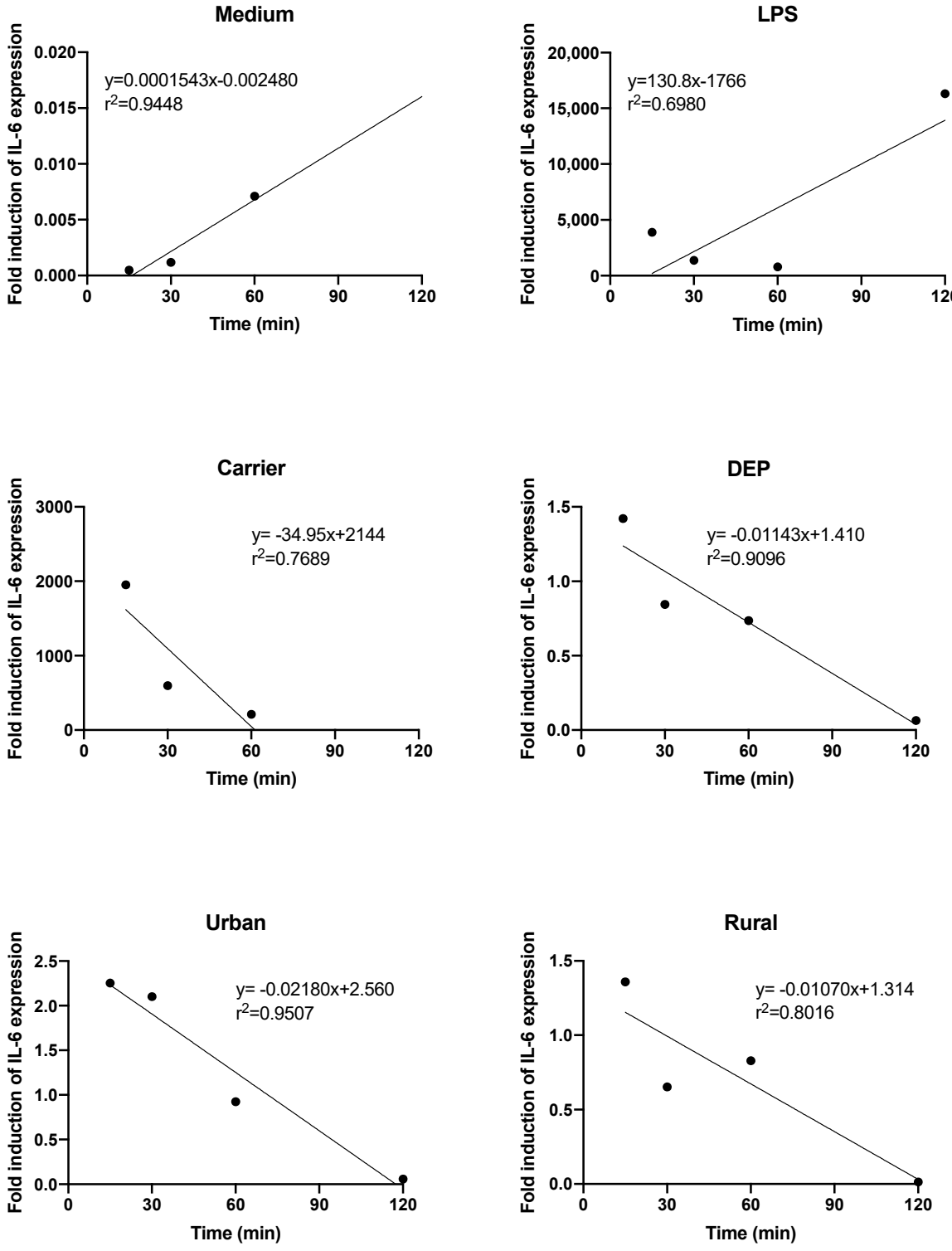

Figure S1. Linear regression analysis from time-course experiments shown in Figure 5, which were used to calculate the IL-6 mRNA half-lives reported in Table 1.

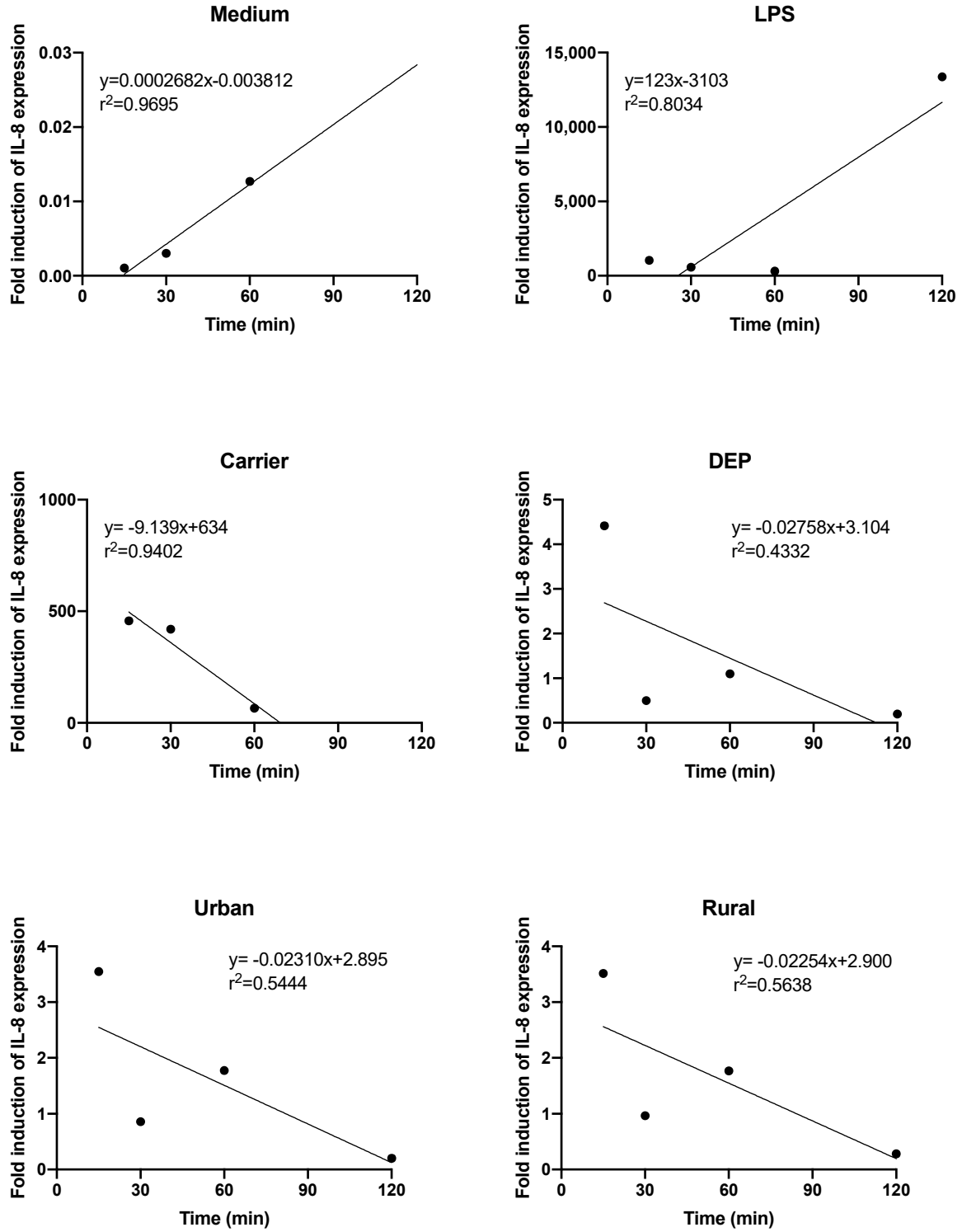

Figure S2. Linear regression analysis from time-course experiments shown in Figure 6, which were used to calculate the CXCL-8 mRNA half-lives reported in Table 1.