

**Supporting Information for**

**Measurement of phthalates in settled dust in university dormitories and  
its implications for exposure assessment**

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**This supporting information (4 pages) includes 3 tables.**

**Table S1.** Equations used in the calculation of daily intakes

Pathway	Equation	Description	No.
Inhalation	$D_{inh} = \frac{(C_g + C_{sp}) \times IR \times EF}{BW}$	$C_g$ is the gas-phase concentration and $C_{sp}$ is the particle-phase concentration ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ), $IR$ is the daily inhalation rate ( $\text{m}^3/\text{day}$ ), $EF$ is the exposure frequency (unitless), $BW$ is the body weight (kg)	(S1)
Non-dietary ingestion	$D_{non-ing} = \frac{X_{dust} \times DR}{BW}$	$X_{dust}$ is the mass fraction of phthalates in indoor settled dust ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{g}$ ), $DR$ is the daily intake rate of indoor dust ( $\text{g}/\text{day}$ )	(S2)
Dermal-gas absorption	$D_{derm-gas} = \frac{C_g \times K_{p-g} \times SA \times f \times EF}{BW}$	$K_{p-g}$ is indoor air transdermal coefficient ( $\text{m}/\text{day}$ ), $SA$ is the total skin surface area ( $\text{m}^2$ ), $f$ is the ratio of exposed skin surface area to the total area (unitless)	(S3)

**Table S2.** Mean values of physical properties for targeted phthalates

	DMP	DEP	DnBP	BBzP	DEHP	DOP
$k_{p-g}$ (m/h) <sup>a</sup>	1.03	3.4	4.8	5.9	5.8	5.8 <sup>b</sup>
$\log K_d$ ( $\text{m}^3/\mu\text{g}$ )	-5.48 <sup>c</sup>	-4.79 <sup>c</sup>	-3.17 <sup>c</sup>	-1.4 <sup>c</sup>	-1.21 <sup>d</sup>	-1.32 <sup>d</sup>
$\log K_p$ ( $\text{m}^3/\mu\text{g}$ ) <sup>e</sup>	/	/	-2.57	-2.5	-1.3	-1.74

<sup>a</sup>Values from Weschler and Nazaroff [1].<sup>b</sup>Assumed to be the same as the value for DEHP.<sup>c</sup>Calculated based on Weschler and Nazaroff [2].<sup>d</sup>Values from Wei et al. [3].<sup>e</sup>Calculated as  $K_p = 8.32K_d$  [3]**Table S3.** Values of exposure factors for Monte-Carlo simulation

	Mean (CV)	Distribution
$SA$ ( $\text{m}^2$ )	1.7 (0.04) <sup>a</sup>	lognormal
$f_{\text{night}}$ (-) <sup>b</sup>	0.1 (0.3)	lognormal
$f_{\text{day}}$ (-) <sup>c</sup>	0.3 (0.3)	lognormal
$IR$ ( $\text{m}^3/\text{day}$ ) <sup>a</sup>	18.9 (0.15)	lognormal
$DR$ ( $\text{g}/\text{day}$ ) <sup>c</sup>	0.05 (0.3)	lognormal
$EF_{\text{night}}$ ( $\text{h}/\text{day}$ ) <sup>d</sup>	8 (0.3)	lognormal
$EF_{\text{day}}$ ( $\text{h}/\text{day}$ ) <sup>d</sup>	14 (0.3)	lognormal

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$BW$ (kg) <sup>a</sup>	68.6 (0.1)	normal
$ACH$ (h <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>c</sup>	0.46 (0.3)	lognormal
$C_{p\_out}$ (μg/m <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>f</sup>	83.5 (0.2)	lognormal

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<sup>a</sup>Values from the exposure handbook for Chinese male adults [4].

<sup>b</sup>Ratio between skin surface area of the head and the total skin surface area ( $SA$ ) [5].

<sup>c</sup>Values from Bu et al. [6].

<sup>d</sup>Reasonable assumption.

<sup>e</sup>Values from Li et al. [7].

<sup>f</sup>Derived from an online database ([www.aqistudy.cn](http://www.aqistudy.cn)) for the winter season in Hangzhou.

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