

**Table S1.** Spearman Rank Correlations (n=3) between amino acids, TPHs and the most significant PAHs compounds.

	TPHs	Isoleucine	Threonine	Alanine	Aspartic acid	Glutamic acid	Glycine	Tyrosine	Chrysene (CHY)	Pyrene (PYR)	Benzo(b)fluoranthene (BbF)	Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene (DahA)	
TPHs		0.4264 p=0.719	0.8962 p=0.2927	0.7752 p=0.4353	0.9563 p=0.1889	0.9999 p=0.0091	0.8012 p=0.4084	0.9647 p=0.1696	-0.9747 p=0.1435	-0.4855 p=0.6773	-0.4752 p=0.6848	-0.4894 p=0.6744	
	0.4264 p=0.7196		0.7834 p=0.4269	0.9019 p=0.2843	0.6722 p=0.5307	0.4393 p=0.7105	0.8829 p=0.3112	0.6494 p=0.5500	-0.6177 p=0.5761	-0.9978 p=0.0423	-0.9985 p=0.0348	-0.9975 p=0.0452	
Isoleucine			0.7834 p=0.4269		0.9019 p=0.2843	0.6722 p=0.5307	0.4393 p=0.7105	0.8829 p=0.3112	0.6494 p=0.5500	-0.6177 p=0.5761	-0.9978 p=0.0423	-0.9985 p=0.0348	
	0.8962 p=0.2927			0.9750 p=0.1426	0.9867 p=0.1038	0.9024 p=0.2835	0.9835 p=0.1158	0.9814 p=0.1231	-0.9727 p=0.1492	-0.8230 p=0.3846	-0.8162 p=0.3921	-0.8255 p=0.3817	
Threonine				0.9750 p=0.1426		0.9867 p=0.1038	0.9024 p=0.2835	0.9835 p=0.1158	-0.9727 p=0.1492	-0.8230 p=0.3846	-0.8162 p=0.3921	-0.8255 p=0.3817	
	0.7752 p=0.4353		0.9019 p=0.2843	0.9750 p=0.1426		0.9260 p=0.2464	0.7842 p=0.4262	0.9991 p=0.0269	0.9141 p=0.2657	-0.8967 p=0.2918	-0.9286 p=0.2420	-0.9242 p=0.2495	-0.9303 p=0.2391
Alanine					0.9260 p=0.2464		0.9604 p=0.1798	0.9411 p=0.2195	0.9995 p=0.0193	-0.9975 p=0.0454	-0.7199 p=0.4884	-0.7116 p=0.4959	-0.7230 p=0.4855
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Aspartic acid						0.9604 p=0.1798		0.8097 p=0.3993	0.9684 p=0.1605	-0.9778 p=0.1343	-0.4980 p=0.6682	-0.4877 p=0.6757	-0.5019 p=0.6653
	0.9999 p=0.0091		0.4393 p=0.7105	0.9024 p=0.2835	0.7842 p=0.4262	0.9604 p=0.1798		0.8097 p=0.3993	0.9684 p=0.1605	-0.9778 p=0.1343	-0.4980 p=0.6682	-0.4877 p=0.6757	-0.5019 p=0.6653
Glutamic acid							0.8097 p=0.3993	0.9684 p=0.1605	-0.9778 p=0.1343	-0.4980 p=0.6682	-0.4877 p=0.6757	-0.5019 p=0.6653	
	0.8012 p=0.4084		0.8829 p=0.3112	0.9835 p=0.1158	0.9991 p=0.0269	0.9411 p=0.2195	0.8097 p=0.3993		0.9304 p=0.2389	-0.9146 p=0.2650	-0.9121 p=0.2688	-0.9072 p=0.2764	-0.9140 p=0.2660
Glycine								0.9304 p=0.2389		0.2650 p=0.2688			
	0.9647 p=0.1696		0.6494 p=0.5500	0.9814 p=0.1231	0.9141 p=0.2657	0.9995 p=0.0193	0.9684 p=0.1605	0.9304 p=0.2389		-0.9992 p=0.0261	-0.6985 p=0.5077	-0.6900 p=0.5152	-0.7017 p=0.5048
Tyrosine									0.9304 p=0.2389				
	0.9647 p=0.1696		0.6494 p=0.5500	0.9814 p=0.1231	0.9141 p=0.2657	0.9995 p=0.0193	0.9684 p=0.1605	0.9304 p=0.2389		-0.9992 p=0.0261	-0.6985 p=0.5077	-0.6900 p=0.5152	-0.7017 p=0.5048
Chrysene (CHY)										0.6686 p=0.5338			
	-0.9747 p=0.1435		-0.6177 p=0.5761	-0.9727 p=0.1492	-0.8967 p=0.2918	-0.9975 p=0.0454	-0.9778 p=0.1343	-0.9146 p=0.2650	-0.9992 p=0.0261	0.6686 p=0.5338	0.6597 p=0.5413	0.6719 p=0.5309	
Pyrene (PYR)											0.9999 p=0.0075	1.0000 p=0.0029	
	-0.4855 p=0.6773		-0.9978 p=0.0423	-0.8230 p=0.3846	-0.9286 p=0.2420	-0.7199 p=0.4884	-0.4980 p=0.6682	-0.9121 p=0.2688	-0.6985 p=0.5077	0.6686 p=0.5338		p=0.0075 p=0.0029	
Benzo(b)fluoranthene (BbF)											0.9999 p=0.0075	0.9999 p=0.0104	
	-0.4752 p=0.6848		-0.9985 p=0.0348	-0.8162 p=0.3921	-0.9242 p=0.2495	-0.7116 p=0.4959	-0.4877 p=0.6757	-0.9072 p=0.2764	-0.6900 p=0.5152	0.6597 p=0.5413	0.9999 p=0.0075		0.9999 p=0.0104
Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene (DahA)											1.0000 p=0.0104		
	-0.4894 p=0.6744		-0.9975 p=0.0452	-0.8255 p=0.3817	-0.9303 p=0.2391	-0.7230 p=0.4855	-0.5019 p=0.6653	-0.9140 p=0.2660	-0.7017 p=0.5048	0.6719 p=0.5309	1.0000 p=0.0029	0.9999 p=0.0104	

P-Value Indicates significant non -zero correlation at 95.0% confidence level