

**Table S1.** Distributions of parameters for the health risk assessment of heavy metals [31,35,69,70].

	adults	children
IR	2.2 L/day	1 L/day
ED	70 years	6 years
Bw	65.3 kg	21.3 kg
SA	18,000 cm <sup>2</sup>	6600 cm <sup>2</sup>
ET	0.58 h/day	1 h/day
EF		365 days/year
CF		1×10 <sup>-3</sup>

**Table S2.** Reference dose (RfD) and dermal permeability coefficient in samples (Kp), and slope

factor (SF) of heavy metal(lloid)s used for health risk assessment. [30,31,37,54,71]

	RfD <sub>ingestion</sub> (ug/kg/day)	RfD <sub>dermal</sub> (ug/kg/day)	Kp (cm/h)	SF <sub>ingestion</sub> (mg/kg/d) <sup>-1</sup>	SF <sub>dermal</sub> (mg/kg/d) <sup>-1</sup>
Mn	140	0.96	1×10 <sup>-3</sup>	—	—
Ni	20	0.8	2×10 <sup>-4</sup>	1.7	42.5
Pb	1.4	0.42	1×10 <sup>-4</sup>	8.5×10 <sup>-3</sup>	0.073
Zn	300	60	6×10 <sup>-4</sup>	—	—
As	0.3	0.123	1×10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.5	1.5
Cr	3	0.075	1×10 <sup>-3</sup>	0.5	20
Cd	0.5	0.025	1×10 <sup>-3</sup>	6.1	0.38
Cu	5	8	1×10 <sup>-3</sup>	—	—
Co	300	0.06	4×10 <sup>-4</sup>	—	—
Hg	0.3	0.021	1×10 <sup>-3</sup>	—	—
Al	0.4	200	1×10 <sup>-3</sup>	—	—

**Table S3.** Reference dose, Hazard quotient and cancer risk for each element of the Liujiang River,

China.

Element	HI <sub>ingestion</sub>		HI <sub>dermal</sub>		THI		Cancer risk <sub>ingestion</sub>		Cancer risk <sub>dermal</sub>		TCR	
	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child

(a) Dry season in R1

As	1.477×10 <sup>-1</sup>	2.058×10 <sup>-1</sup>	1.709×10 <sup>-3</sup>	3.312×10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.494×10 <sup>-1</sup>	2.091×10 <sup>-1</sup>	6.645×10 <sup>-5</sup>	9.260×10 <sup>-5</sup>	3.153×10 <sup>-7</sup>	6.111×10 <sup>-7</sup>	6.676×10 <sup>-5</sup>	9.321×10 <sup>-5</sup>
Cd	9.613×10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.340×10 <sup>-2</sup>	9.124×10 <sup>-4</sup>	1.768×10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.053×10 <sup>-2</sup>	1.517×10 <sup>-2</sup>	2.932×10 <sup>-5</sup>	4.086×10 <sup>-5</sup>	8.668×10 <sup>-9</sup>	1.680×10 <sup>-8</sup>	2.933×10 <sup>-5</sup>	4.088×10 <sup>-5</sup>
Zn	1.602×10 <sup>-3</sup>	5.342×10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.637×10 <sup>-5</sup>	3.173×10 <sup>-5</sup>	1.619×10 <sup>-3</sup>	5.373×10 <sup>-3</sup>						

Cr	$1.045 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.457 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.985 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.848 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.244 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.842 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.569 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.186 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.978 \times 10^{-6}$	$5.771 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.867 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.763 \times 10^{-5}$
Cu	$4.849 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.757 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.438 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.787 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.863 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.784 \times 10^{-3}$						
Mn	$4.481 \times 10^{-5}$	$6.244 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.101 \times 10^{-5}$	$6.010 \times 10^{-5}$	$7.582 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.225 \times 10^{-4}$						
Ni	$1.522 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.121 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.611 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.999 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.558 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.191 \times 10^{-3}$	$5.175 \times 10^{-5}$	$7.211 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.228 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.380 \times 10^{-6}$	$5.297 \times 10^{-5}$	$7.449 \times 10^{-5}$
Co	$1.719 \times 10^{-5}$	$5.729 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.170 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.269 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.342 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.841 \times 10^{-4}$						
Al	$3.616 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.039 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.432 \times 10^{-6}$	$6.652 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.616 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.039 \times 10^{-1}$						
Pb	$4.731 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.593 \times 10^{-3}$	$7.484 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.450 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.739 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.607 \times 10^{-3}$	$5.630 \times 10^{-8}$	$7.846 \times 10^{-8}$	$2.295 \times 10^{10}$	$4.447 \times 10^{10}$	$5.653 \times 10^{-8}$	$7.890 \times 10^{-8}$
Hg	$2.489 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.469 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.688 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.271 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.712 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.305 \times 10^{-3}$						

(a) Wet season in R1

As	$7.786 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.085 \times 10^{-1}$	$9.012 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.747 \times 10^{-3}$	$7.876 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.102 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.504 \times 10^{-1}$	$4.883 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.663 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.222 \times 10^{-7}$	$3.520 \times 10^{-7}$	$4.915 \times 10^{-5}$
Zn	$2.347 \times 10^{-4}$	$7.825 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.398 \times 10^{-6}$	$4.648 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.371 \times 10^{-4}$	$7.871 \times 10^{-4}$						
Cr	$6.789 \times 10^{-3}$	$9.461 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.289 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.498 \times 10^{-3}$	$8.078 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.196 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.018 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.419 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.933 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.746 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.212 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.794 \times 10^{-5}$
Cu	$5.045 \times 10^{-3}$	$7.031 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.496 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.900 \times 10^{-5}$	$5.060 \times 10^{-3}$	$7.060 \times 10^{-3}$						
Mn	$1.194 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.665 \times 10^{-4}$	$8.269 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.603 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.022 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.268 \times 10^{-4}$						
Ni	$1.318 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.837 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.127 \times 10^{-5}$	$6.061 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.349 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.897 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.481 \times 10^{-5}$	$6.245 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.063 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.061 \times 10^{-6}$	$4.588 \times 10^{-5}$	$6.451 \times 10^{-5}$
Al	$7.391 \times 10^0$	$1.030 \times 10^1$	$7.015 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.359 \times 10^{-4}$	$7.391 \times 10^0$	$1.030 \times 10^0$						
Pb	$1.592 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.219 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.519 \times 10^{-6}$	$4.883 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.595 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.224 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.895 \times 10^{-8}$	$2.641 \times 10^{-8}$	$7.724 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.497 \times 10^{-11}$	$1.903 \times 10^{-10}$	$2.656 \times 10^{-8}$

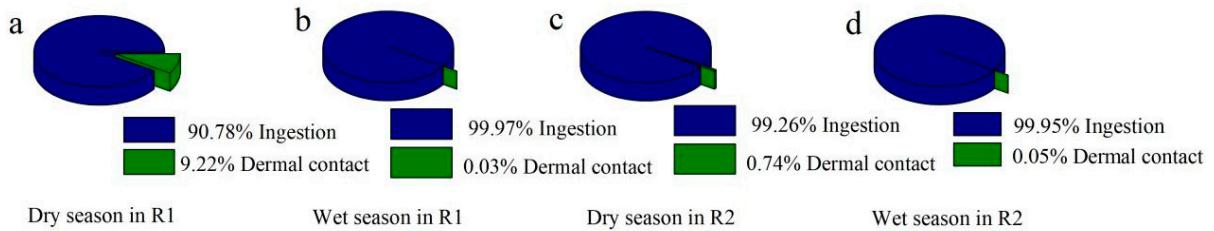
(b) Dry season in R2

As	$1.650 \times 10^{-1}$	$2.300 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.911 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.703 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.670 \times 10^{-1}$	$2.337 \times 10^{-1}$	$7.428 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.035 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.525 \times 10^{-4}$	$6.832 \times 10^{-7}$	$7.463 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.041 \times 10^{-4}$
Cd	$1.028 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.432 \times 10^{-2}$	$9.755 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.891 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.125 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.621 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.135 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.368 \times 10^{-5}$	$9.267 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.796 \times 10^{-8}$	$3.136 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.370 \times 10^{-5}$
Zn	$5.252 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.751 \times 10^{-3}$	$5.366 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.040 \times 10^{-5}$	$5.306 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.761 \times 10^{-3}$						

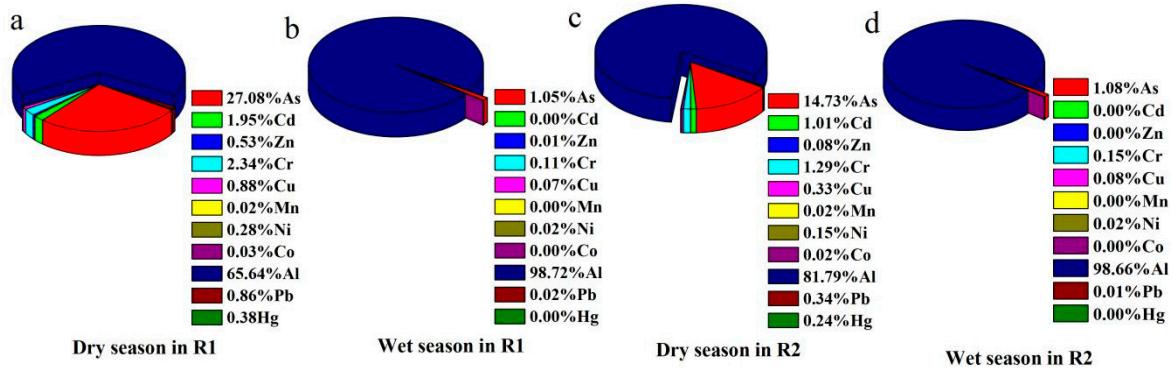
Cr	$1.187 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.654 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.254 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.368 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.413 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.091 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.781 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.482 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.380 \times 10^{-6}$	$6.551 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.119 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.137 \times 10^{-5}$
Cu	$3.777 \times 10^{-3}$	$5.264 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.120 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.171 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.789 \times 10^{-3}$	$5.285 \times 10^{-3}$						
Mn	$9.792 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.364 \times 10^{-4}$	$6.776 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.313 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.657 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.678 \times 10^{-4}$						
Ni	$1.659 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.312 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.937 \times 10^{-5}$	$7.630 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.699 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.388 \times 10^{-3}$	$5.641 \times 10^{-5}$	$7.861 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.339 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.594 \times 10^{-6}$	$5.775 \times 10^{-5}$	$8.121 \times 10^{-5}$
Co	$1.835 \times 10^{-5}$	$6.117 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.245 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.422 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.433 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.034 \times 10^{-4}$						
Al	$9.294 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.295 \times 10^0$	$8.821 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.710 \times 10^{-5}$	$9.294 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.295 \times 10^0$						
Pb	$3.802 \times 10^{-3}$	$5.298 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.014 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.166 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.808 \times 10^{-3}$	$5.310 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.525 \times 10^{-8}$	$6.305 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.844 \times 10^{-10}$	$3.574 \times 10^{-10}$	$4.543 \times 10^{-8}$	$6.341 \times 10^{-8}$
Hg	$3.286 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.579 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.228 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.318 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.261 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.363 \times 10^{-3}$						

(d) Wet season in R2

As	$7.210 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.005 \times 10^{-1}$	$8.345 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.617 \times 10^{-3}$	$7.293 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.021 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.244 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.521 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.540 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.984 \times 10^{-7}$	$3.260 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.551 \times 10^{-5}$
Zn	$1.565 \times 10^{-4}$	$5.216 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.599 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.099 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.581 \times 10^{-4}$	$5.247 \times 10^{-4}$						
Cr	$8.018 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.117 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.522 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.950 \times 10^{-3}$	$9.540 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.412 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.203 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.676 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.283 \times 10^{-6}$	$4.425 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.431 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.119 \times 10^{-5}$
Cu	$5.152 \times 10^{-3}$	$7.180 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.528 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.962 \times 10^{-5}$	$5.168 \times 10^{-3}$	$7.210 \times 10^{-3}$						
Mn	$1.562 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.177 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.081 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.095 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.643 \times 10^{-4}$	$4.272 \times 10^{-4}$						
Ni	$1.494 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.081 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.544 \times 10^{-5}$	$6.869 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.529 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.150 \times 10^{-3}$	$5.078 \times 10^{-5}$	$7.077 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.205 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.335 \times 10^{-6}$	$5.199 \times 10^{-5}$	$7.310 \times 10^{-5}$
Al	$6.685 \times 10^0$	$9.316 \times 10^0$	$6.345 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.230 \times 10^{-4}$	$6.686 \times 10^0$	$9.316 \times 10^0$						
Pb	$6.240 \times 10^{-4}$	$8.697 \times 10^{-4}$	$9.872 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.913 \times 10^{-6}$	$6.251 \times 10^{-4}$	$8.716 \times 10^{-4}$	$7.427 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.035 \times 10^{-8}$	$3.027 \times 10^{-11}$	$5.866 \times 10^{-11}$	$7.457 \times 10^{-11}$	$1.041 \times 10^{-8}$



**Figure S1:** Contribution of various routes to HI. (a) Contribution of ingestion and dermal pathways at the R1 sampling site during the dry season; (b) Contribution of ingestion and dermal pathways at sampling point R1 in the wet season; (c) Contribution of ingestion and dermal pathways at sampling point R2 during the dry season; (d) Contribution of ingestion and dermal pathways at sampling point R2 during the wet season.



**Figure S2:** Contribution of different metals to HI in sample station. (a) Contribution of different metals to HI at the R1 sampling site during the dry season; (b) Contribution of different metals to HI at sampling point R1 in the wet season; (c) Contribution of different metals to HI at sampling point R2 during the dry season; (d) Contribution of different metals to HI at sampling point R2 during the wet season.