

# Personal Exposure to Fine-particle Black Carbon Air Pollution Among Schoolchildren Living in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

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In this study, personal monitoring of black carbon in the PM<sub>2.5</sub> size fraction was conducted with children. In the article, several times measurements were referred to incorrectly as being personal PM<sub>2.5</sub> exposure, which is not accurate since black carbon within the PM<sub>2.5</sub> size fraction was measured, not total PM<sub>2.5</sub>. The stationary monitoring was referred to correctly since black carbon in the PM<sub>2.5</sub> size fraction was measured with the AethLabs aethalometer in addition to the PM<sub>2.5</sub> size fraction with the TSI DustTrak, but the children's exposure was only measured with the AethLabs aethalometer. As seen in Table 1 from the stationary monitoring, black carbon comprises only 5-31% of the total PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration. Therefore, if the children's exposure in Table 2, Figure 3, and in the text is interpreted as total PM<sub>2.5</sub> exposure, their exposure to PM<sub>2.5</sub> is underestimated. In all instances referring to the children's exposure, the measurement should be referred to as the black carbon in the PM<sub>2.5</sub> size fraction.