

# Application of DPPH Assay for Assessment of Particulate Matter Reducing Properties

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## Supplementary Materials

**Table S1:** Chemical composition of the total fraction (water-soluble and insoluble) of brake dust (BD), coke (C), Saharan dust (SD) and calcitic soil dust (CSD). Mean  $\pm$  standard deviation of three replicates is reported.

Technique	UoM		BD	C	SD	CSD
			Mean $\pm$ SD	Mean $\pm$ SD	Mean $\pm$ SD	Mean $\pm$ SD
ICP-MS/XRF	g/Kg	<b>Al</b>	15 $\pm$ 0.42	13 $\pm$ 2	69 $\pm$ 2	11 $\pm$ 0.21
ICP-MS	mg/Kg	<b>As</b>	19 $\pm$ 1	1.1 $\pm$ 0.062	1.4 $\pm$ 0.12	96 $\pm$ 11
ICP-MS	mg/Kg	<b>B</b>	32 $\pm$ 0.073	3.5 $\pm$ 0.94	13 $\pm$ 0.82	1.6 $\pm$ 0.4
ICP-MS	mg/Kg	<b>Cd</b>	1.1 $\pm$ 0.051	0.07 $\pm$ 0.04	0.91 $\pm$ 0.071	0.11 $\pm$ 0.003
ICP-MS	mg/Kg	<b>Ce</b>	26 $\pm$ 0.12	0.32 $\pm$ 0.11	1.2 $\pm$ 0.11	10 $\pm$ 1.3
ICP-MS	mg/Kg	<b>Co</b>	15 $\pm$ 0.54	1.1 $\pm$ 0.044	0.73 $\pm$ 0.037	1.8 $\pm$ 0.11
ICP-MS	mg/Kg	<b>Cr</b>	3107 $\pm$ 74	10 $\pm$ 0.2	52 $\pm$ 1	40 $\pm$ 2
ICP-MS	mg/Kg	<b>Cs</b>	3.2 $\pm$ 0.036	0.052 $\pm$ 0.011	0.025 $\pm$ 0.003	2.8 $\pm$ 0.32
ICP-MS	mg/Kg	<b>Cu</b>	5051 $\pm$ 9	56 $\pm$ 12	13 $\pm$ 4	14 $\pm$ 1
ICP-MS	g/Kg	<b>Fe</b>	204 $\pm$ 5	17 $\pm$ 4	41 $\pm$ 0.31	4 $\pm$ 0.11
ICP-MS	mg/Kg	<b>La</b>	13 $\pm$ 0.22	0.31 $\pm$ 0.23	27 $\pm$ 0.11	5.2 $\pm$ 1.1
ICP-MS	mg/Kg	<b>Mn</b>	1212 $\pm$ 4	46 $\pm$ 1	29 $\pm$ 0.51	121 $\pm$ 5
ICP-MS	mg/Kg	<b>Mo</b>	175 $\pm$ 1	77 $\pm$ 0.18	0.16 $\pm$ 0.021	0.72 $\pm$ 0.095
ICP-MS	mg/Kg	<b>Ni</b>	112 $\pm$ 3	357 $\pm$ 1	7 $\pm$ 1	11 $\pm$ 1.1
ICP-MS	mg/Kg	<b>Pb</b>	683 $\pm$ 4	18 $\pm$ 0.14	2.5 $\pm$ 0.22	12 $\pm$ 2.5
ICP-MS	mg/Kg	<b>Rb</b>	23 $\pm$ 1	1.1 $\pm$ 0.11	7 $\pm$ 0.6	11 $\pm$ 2.4
ICP-MS	mg/Kg	<b>Sb</b>	306 $\pm$ 1	4 $\pm$ 0.011	2.4 $\pm$ 0.011	0.41 $\pm$ 0.12
ICP-MS	mg/Kg	<b>Se</b>	9.3 $\pm$ 0.43	9 $\pm$ 0.21	1.5 $\pm$ 0.13	11 $\pm$ 2.1
ICP-MS	mg/Kg	<b>Sn</b>	1420 $\pm$ 3	15 $\pm$ 0.32	0.022 $\pm$ 0.011	2.8 $\pm$ 0.51
ICP-MS	mg/Kg	<b>Sr</b>	257 $\pm$ 9	10 $\pm$ 7	352 $\pm$ 10	525 $\pm$ 46
ICP-MS	mg/Kg	<b>Ti</b>	527 $\pm$ 9	907 $\pm$ 21	4542 $\pm$ 111	255 $\pm$ 6.2
ICP-MS	mg/Kg	<b>Tl</b>	0.34 $\pm$ 0.12	0.032 $\pm$ 0.011	0.034 $\pm$ 0.012	0.15 $\pm$ 0.039
ICP-MS	mg/Kg	<b>V</b>	9 $\pm$ 0.47	556 $\pm$ 1	6.1 $\pm$ 0.41	11 $\pm$ 1.1
ICP-MS	mg/Kg	<b>Zn</b>	5317 $\pm$ 20	260 $\pm$ 17	50 $\pm$ 20	110 $\pm$ 24
ICP-MS	mg/Kg	<b>Zr</b>	90 $\pm$ 1	12 $\pm$ 0.14	9.4 $\pm$ 0.21	14 $\pm$ 1.5
ECOC	g/Kg	<b>EC</b>	17 $\pm$ 1	310 $\pm$ 15	< 0.001	< 0.001
TOC	g/Kg	<b>WSOC</b>	5.7 $\pm$ 0.12	9.5 $\pm$ 0.21	0.53 $\pm$ 0.02	0.3 $\pm$ 0.1
ECOC/TOC	g/Kg	<b>WIOC</b>	30 $\pm$ 3	146 $\pm$ 5	0.10 $\pm$ 0.02	41 $\pm$ 3

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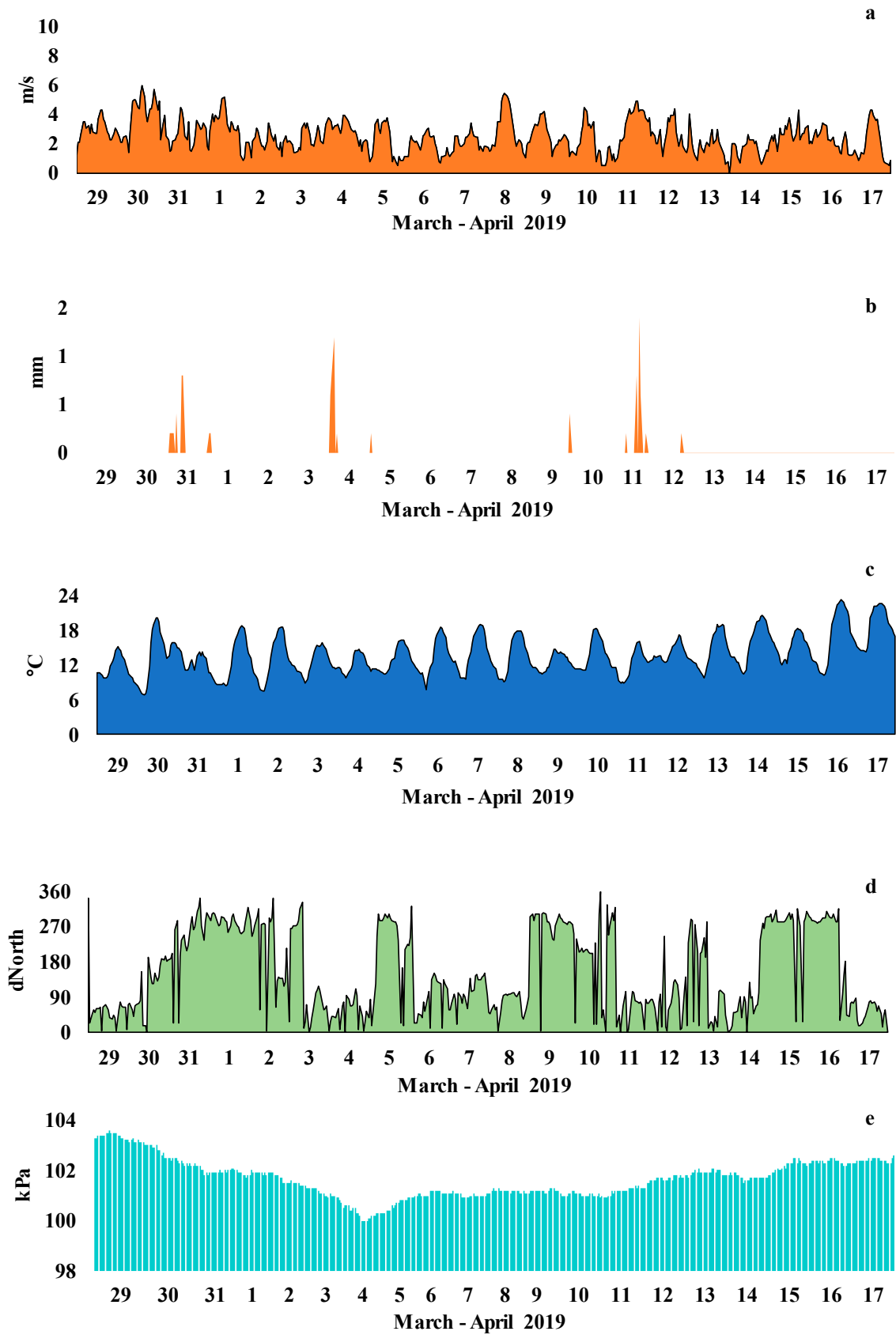
Technique	UoM		BD	C	SD	CSD
			Mean $\pm$ SD	Mean $\pm$ SD	Mean $\pm$ SD	Mean $\pm$ SD
ICP-MS/XRF	g/Kg	<b>Al</b>	15 $\pm$ 0.4	13 $\pm$ 2	69 $\pm$ 2	11 $\pm$ 0.21
ICP-MS	mg/Kg	<b>As</b>	19.0 $\pm$ 1	1.1 $\pm$ 0.06	1.4 $\pm$ 0.1	96 $\pm$ 11
ICP-MS	mg/Kg	<b>B</b>	32 $\pm$ 0.07	3.5 $\pm$ 0.9	13 $\pm$ 0.8	1.6 $\pm$ 0.4
ICP-MS	mg/Kg	<b>Cd</b>	1.1 $\pm$ 0.05	0.07 $\pm$ 0.04	0.91 $\pm$ 0.071	0.11 $\pm$ 0.003
ICP-MS	mg/Kg	<b>Ce</b>	26 $\pm$ 0.1	0.32 $\pm$ 0.11	1.2 $\pm$ 0.11	10 $\pm$ 1.3
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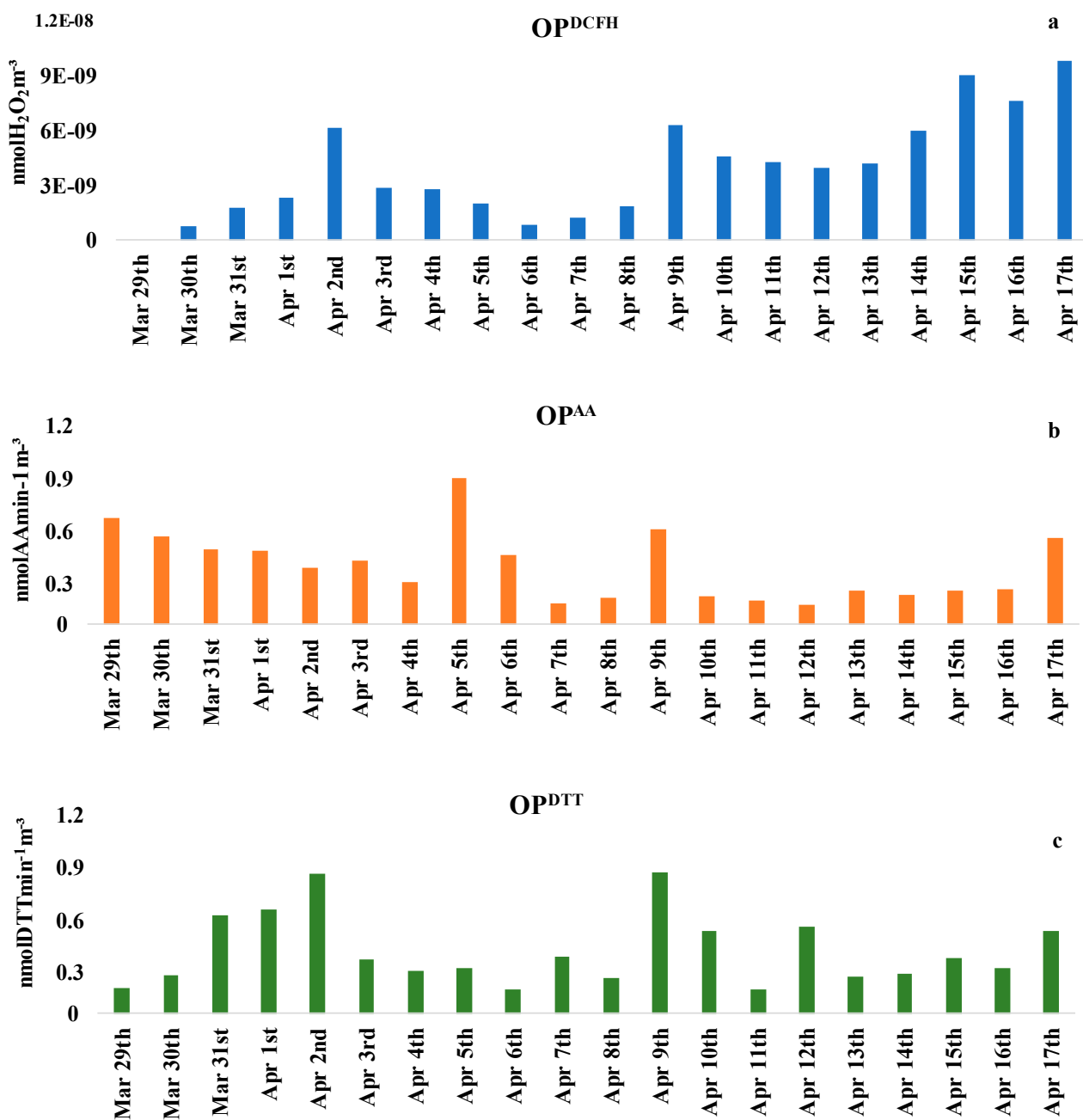
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<b>Al</b>	-																																
<b>As</b>	0.59	-																															
<b>Bi</b>	0.59	0.77	-																														
<b>Cd</b>	0.25	0.29	0.37	-																													
<b>Ce</b>	0.56	0.49	0.47	0.64	-																												
<b>Co</b>	0.67	0.62	0.49	0.33	0.64	-																											
<b>Cr</b>	0.50	0.77	0.81	0.55	0.51	0.45	-																										
<b>Cs</b>	0.64	0.52	0.41	0.47	0.56	0.41	0.46	-																									
<b>Cu</b>	0.62	0.78	0.84	0.67	0.59	0.57	0.91	0.54	-																								
<b>Fe</b>	0.70	0.61	0.72	0.33	0.70	0.78	0.63	0.49	0.68	-																							
<b>La</b>	0.10	-0.04	-0.013	0.63	0.67	0.21	0.13	0.19	0.25	0.25	-																						
<b>Li</b>	0.62	0.65	0.74	0.69	0.64	0.51	0.87	0.66	0.93	0.65	0.28	-																					
<b>Mg</b>	0.77	0.45	0.52	0.32	0.73	0.79	0.48	0.46	0.56	0.89	0.39	0.58	-																				
<b>Mn</b>	0.63	0.75	0.79	0.67	0.56	0.52	0.91	0.61	0.94	0.61	0.15	0.96	0.55	-																			
<b>Mo</b>	0.46	0.64	0.78	0.58	0.66	0.52	0.85	0.41	0.85	0.71	0.35	0.86	0.64	0.84	-																		
<b>Na</b>	0.44	0.16	0.16	0.34	0.64	0.64	0.21	0.18	0.32	0.59	0.63	0.34	0.83	0.28	0.44	-																	
<b>Ni</b>	0.007	0.20	0.048	-0.066	0.038	0.51	0.076	-0.13	-0.002	0.26	0.10	-0.15	0.27	-0.070	0.058	0.33	-																
<b>Pb</b>	0.58	0.59	0.63	0.51	0.53	0.56	0.62	0.65	0.67	0.68	0.05	0.65	0.48	0.64	0.43	0.17	0.052	-															
<b>Rb</b>	0.64	0.36	0.35	0.40	0.36	0.47	0.48	0.58	0.53	0.49	0.09	0.61	0.52	0.61	0.38	0.26	-0.006	0.43	-														
<b>Sb</b>	0.49	0.72	0.72	0.67	0.44	0.51	0.86	0.55	0.91	0.56	0.10	0.83	0.38	0.87	0.64	0.13	0.04	0.78	0.55	-													
<b>Sn</b>	0.61	0.76	0.75	0.61	0.41	0.56	0.84	0.65	0.89	0.61	0.04	0.82	0.45	0.87	0.63	0.15	0.12	0.81	0.57	0.97	-												
<b>Sr</b>	0.77	0.54	0.60	0.26	0.74	0.81	0.52	0.50	0.58	0.96	0.28	0.59	0.96	0.54	0.66	0.71	0.26	0.59	0.47	0.41	0.49	-											
<b>Ti</b>	0.54	0.52	0.58	0.41	0.56	0.79	0.48	0.42	0.58	0.82	0.14	0.48	0.69	0.47	0.44	0.44	0.34	0.78	0.41	0.65	0.66	0.75	-										
<b>V</b>	0.004	-0.11	-0.37	-0.21	-0.17	0.31	-0.31	-0.16	-0.31	-0.19	0.01	-0.34	-0.022	-0.29	-0.35	0.16	0.65	-0.19	-0.017	-0.19	-0.14	-0.078	-0.044	-									
<b>Zn</b>	0.72	0.52	0.65	0.34	0.69	0.73	0.59	0.55	0.64	0.97	0.26	0.68	0.91	0.61	0.69	0.61	0.19	0.68	0.52	0.51	0.58	0.96	0.76	-0.21	-								
<b>Zr</b>	0.45	0.59	0.73	0.64	0.51	0.53	0.66	0.42	0.79	0.55	0.09	0.69	0.37	0.71	0.56	0.13	-0.002	0.72	0.36	0.85	0.81	0.44	0.72	-0.24	0.49	-							
<b>PM</b>	0.59	0.77	0.79	0.42	0.59	0.49	0.79	0.64	0.76	0.61	-0.05	0.78	0.43	0.81	0.71	0.043	-0.15	0.68	0.44	0.73	0.73	0.54	0.52	-0.35	0.56	0.71	-						
<b>RP</b>	0.31	0.43	0.63	0.59	0.46	0.26	0.65	0.35	0.62	0.38	0.06	0.59	0.21	0.62	0.56	-0.058	-0.16	0.56	0.25	0.68	0.64	0.28	0.50	-0.38	0.33	0.82	0.77	-					
<b>AA</b>	0.22	0.31	0.40	0.31	0.25	0.16	0.43	0.061	0.59	0.36	0.32	0.56	0.33	0.48	0.61	0.35	-0.16	0.15	0.078	0.33	0.32	0.31	0.067	-0.32	0.38	0.22	0.19	0.052	-				
<b>DTT</b>	0.69	0.66	0.60	0.31	0.43	0.66	0.65	0.57	0.65	0.71	-0.01	0.59	0.67	0.67	0.56	0.31	0.23	0.64	0.67	0.67	0.73	0.71	0.73	-0.008	0.71	0.53	0.63	0.47	0.14	-			
<b>DCFH</b>	0.18	0.31	0.43	0.18	0.14	0.23	0.23	0.21	0.26	0.39	-0.20	0.11	0.11	0.15	0.003	-0.16	0.14	0.66	0.19	0.45	0.46	0.23	0.65	-0.24	0.31	0.62	0.33	0.51	-0.23	0.34	-		

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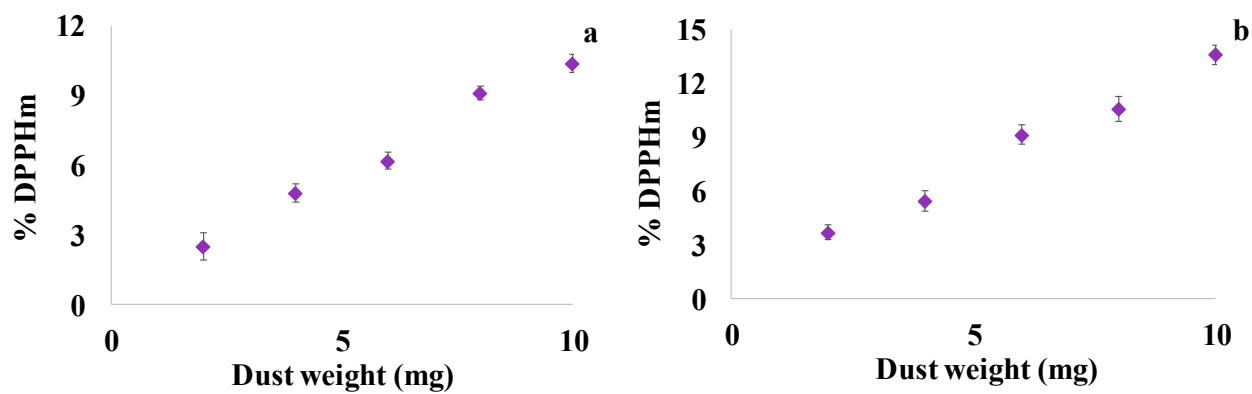
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<b>Cd</b>	0.56	-0.11	-																										
<b>Ce</b>	0.065	0.17	-0.12	-																									
<b>Cr</b>	0.57	0.081	0.61	-0.07	-																								
<b>Cs</b>	0.012	0.17	0.18	-0.14	0.17	-																							
<b>Cu</b>	-0.013	0.89	-0.091	0.00	0.16	0.14	-																						
<b>Fe</b>	0.25	0.68	0.23	-0.10	0.53	0.21	0.77	-																					
<b>La</b>	-0.21	-0.013	-0.19	0.87	-0.24	-0.079	-0.18	-0.22	-																				
<b>Li</b>	0.037	0.39	0.28	-0.21	0.19	0.75	0.44	0.56	-0.19	-																			
<b>Mg</b>	0.69	-0.008	0.69	-0.13	0.71	0.31	0.059	0.45	-0.35	0.29	-																		
<b>Mn</b>	0.0004	0.76	0.18	-0.15	0.22	0.42	0.74	0.74	-0.24	0.62	0.15	-																	
<b>Mo</b>	-0.19	0.57	-0.069	0.12	0.013	0.21	0.55	0.37	0.088	0.34	-0.002	0.44	-																
<b>Ni</b>	0.14	-0.04	0.29	-0.37	0.56	0.13	0.21	0.54	-0.24	0.27	0.44	0.11	0.27	-															
<b>Pb</b>	-0.075	0.38	0.058	-0.11	-0.32	0.22	0.21	0.14	-0.04	0.45	-0.22	0.53	0.16	-0.32	-														
<b>Sb</b>	0.19	0.36	0.47	-0.28	0.19	-0.013	0.42	0.55	-0.33	0.43	0.33	0.57	0.48	0.33	0.34	-													
<b>Sn</b>	-0.017	0.85	-0.18	0.06	-0.015	0.18	0.81	0.63	-0.14	0.41	0.039	0.72	0.56	0.032	0.45	0.38	-												
<b>Sr</b>	0.32	-0.13	0.53	0.06	0.66	0.31	-0.16	0.11	-0.02	0.16	0.61	-0.017	-0.008	0.32	-0.23	0.052	-0.34	-											
<b>Ti</b>	0.19	0.42	-0.12	-0.04	0.069	0.078	0.57	0.66	-0.17	0.51	0.22	0.34	0.24	0.35	0.15	0.32	0.63	-0.29	-										
<b>Tl</b>	0.22	0.12	0.61	-0.10	0.32	0.62	0.17	0.21	-0.07	0.61	0.35	0.37	-0.061	0.072	0.26	0.18	-0.075	0.47	-0.14	-									
<b>V</b>	0.13	-0.35	0.61	-0.30	0.59	0.077	-0.27	0.11	-0.21	0.22	0.34	-0.085	-0.18	0.53	-0.23	0.21	-0.45	0.55	-0.16	0.31	-								
<b>Zn</b>	0.44	-0.13	0.48	-0.02	0.46	0.41	-0.17	0.041	-0.21	0.14	0.73	0.093	-0.025	0.062	-0.11	0.11	-0.15	0.79	-0.25	0.37	0.22	-							
<b>Zr</b>	-0.056	0.49	-0.17	0.13	-0.018	-0.24	0.31	0.28	-0.05	-0.025	0.036	0.13	0.28	-0.11	0.14	0.17	0.59	-0.34	0.32	-0.35	-0.34	-0.25	-						
<b>PM</b>	0.024	0.63	-0.25	0.00	-0.25	0.026	0.54	0.19	-0.29	0.17	-0.074	0.43	0.18	-0.53	0.53	0.18	0.64	-0.25	0.24	0.020	-0.58	0.029	0.43	-					
<b>RP</b>	0.30	0.47	0.13	-0.04	0.030	-0.11	0.41	0.31	-0.39	0.15	0.32	0.38	0.23	-0.24	0.45	0.39	0.59	0.015	0.36	-0.027	-0.33	0.31	0.46	0.77	-				
<b>AA</b>	-0.21	0.55	-0.42	0.40	-0.27	-0.29	0.47	0.28	0.42	-0.25	-0.34	0.22	0.25	-0.071	0.093	-0.092	0.51	-0.49	0.26	-0.33	-0.64	-0.52	0.39	0.19	0.052	-			
<b>DTT</b>	-0.13	0.38	-0.003	-0.13	-0.25	-0.18	0.41	0.061	-0.28	0.011	-0.18	0.29	0.041	-0.37	0.31	0.17	0.31	-0.29	0.033	0.13	-0.18	-0.23	0.21	0.63	0.46	0.14	-		
<b>DCFH</b>	0.19	0.12	0.24	0.07	0.012	0.13	0.092	0.12	-0.072	0.27	0.16	0.38	0.14	-0.27	0.46	0.29	0.061	0.26	0.035	0.21	-0.011	0.38	-0.27	0.33	0.51	-0.23	0.34	-	



**Figure S1:** Meteorological data collected from 29<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> March-April 2019 at Cassana (FE), Italy: wind speed (a), rainfall (b), temperature (c), wind direction (d) and pressure (e).



**Figure S2:** Oxidative potential obtained through 2',7'-dichlorofluorescein (OP<sup>DCFH</sup>), ascorbic acid (OP<sup>AA</sup>) and dithiothreitol (OP<sup>DTT</sup>) assays on PM<sub>2.5</sub> filters collected at Cassana (FE), Italy, from 29<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> March-April 2019. Values below limits of detection (LODs) are not reported.



**Figure S3:** Reducing potential (%DPPHm) linearity of response of (a) UD (urban particulate matter certified material, NIST168a) and (b) D (diesel particulate matter certified material, NIST1650b).