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Pharmaceuticals and personal care products (PPCPs) in urban and suburban rivers of Beijing, China: occurrence, source apportionment and potential ecological risk

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27 **Table S1** Information of the study area and WWTPs investigated

Watershed	Area (km ²)	Population × 10 ³	WWTPs	Population serviced × 10 ³ ^a	Daily flow (10 ³ m ³)	HRT (h)	SRT (d)	Secondary treatment
Qing River	210	3000	QWTP	2000	400	13.5	12-15	A ² /O
			XJWTP	500	80	11	15	A ² /O
Liangshui River	624	4500	XHMWTP	2415	600	11	15	A ² /O
			BWTP	400	80	10.6	12-15	OD
			YJWTP	--	10	--	--	--

28 QWTP, XJHWTP, XHMWTP and BWTP employ similar conventional treatment process: primary treatment to remove particles
 29 coupled with secondary biological treatment. YJWTP only have primary treatment equipment to remove particles without secondary
 30 biological treatment. For the secondary biological treatment process, QWTP, XJHWTP and XHMWTP employ
 31 anaerobic/anoxic/oxic (A²/O) activated sludge process, and BWTP employs oxidation ditch (OD). HRT: hydraulic retention time;
 32 SRT: solid retention time. ^a Population serviced by QWTP was estimated according to its capacity.

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35 **Table S2** Optimized ESI-MS/MS parameters for analysis of the analytes by MRM

Compound	Acronym	ESI	Retention time (min)	Precursor ion (m z ⁻¹)	Product ion (m z ⁻¹)	MS/MS parameters				
						DP (V)	EP (V)	CEP (V)	CE (V)	CXP (V)
Sulpiride	SP	+	2.34	342.0	112.1	65	5	8	22	2
					214.2	65	5	14.6	28	2
Trimethoprim	TP	+	5.23	291.2	230.3	70	8	20	30	2
					123.2	70	7	13	30	3
Propranolol	PPN	+	5.87	259.8	155.2	65	5	8	22	2
					127.2	65	5	14.6	28	2
Caffeine	CF	+	5.91	195.1	138.1	57	5	11.6	23	2.2
					110.0	55	4	10	32	2.2
Metoprolol	MTP	+	6.75	268.2	116.0	50	4	10	24	2.2
					133.2	60	4	10	30	2
¹³ C-phenacetin		+	8.75	181.1	139	53	4	10	20	4
					110	63	4	7	30	4
Nalidixic acid	NA	+	10.3	233.2	215.3	60	5	10	20	4
					187.2	60	5	10	30	4
Carbamazepine	CBZ	+	11.08	237.1	194.2	57	6	14	32	2.5
					192.3	61	8	10	32	2.5
DEET- <i>d</i> ₇		+	11.94	199.2	126.2	53	4	8	35	2
					98.1	55	4	7	28	2
N,N-diethyl-meta-toluamide	DEET	+	12.06	192.2	119.1	60	8	18	20	2
					91.1	60	8	14	40	3
Chloramphenicol- <i>d</i> ₅		-	4.37	326	157.1	-60	-4	-12	-28	-2
					262.1	-55	-3	-25	-26	-2
Chloramphenicol	CP	-	4.43	320.8	152.1	-70	-4.9	-20	-30	-2
					257.0	-70	-4.5	-20	-22	-2
Ketoprofen	KP	-	5.60	252.9	209.1	-33	-4	-25	-20	-2
Mecoprop- <i>d</i> ₃		-	5.86	215.7	144	-35	-3.2	-5	-25	-1
Bezafibrate	BF	-	6.34	360.0	274.0	-44.5	-4.5	-20	-25	-2.3
					154.2	-40	-4.1	-20	-25	-1.4
Diclofenac	DF	-	7.12	293.7	250.0	-36	-4.5	-24	-25	-2
					214.2	-33	-4	-20	-33	-2
Indomethacin	IM	-	7.45	355.9	312.1	-35	-3	-26	-22	-3
					297.1	-35	-3.5	-25	-35	-3.5
Mefenamic acid	MA	-	7.61	239.9	196.1	-50	-3	-13	-29	-1.5
					180.1	-50	-4.5	-14	-40	-1.5
Gemfibrozil- <i>d</i> ₆		-	8.73	255.1	121.1	-40	-2.5	-20	-30	-2.5
					133.2	-40	-2.5	-17	-17	-2
Gemfibrozil	GF	-	8.73	248.9	121.1	-65	-4	-17	-30	-2
					127.1	-65	-4	-20	-17	-2

36 Note: The bold figure of parent ions were used for quantification, other ions were used for confirmation

37 DP: declustering potential; EP: entrance potential; CEP: collision cell entrance potential; CE: collision energy potential; CXP: collision cell exit potential

39 **Table S3** Concentration (ng L⁻¹) and detection frequency (%) of pharmaceuticals and personal care
 40 products (PPCPs) in all samples

Compounds	Concentration (ng L ⁻¹)						Recovery (%) (mean±SD)	Matrix effect (%) (mean±SD)	LOQ ^b (ng L ⁻¹)
	River waters		WWTP effluents		Discharged samples				
	L-H (M) ^a	Frequency (%)	L-H (M)	Frequency (%)	L-H (M)	Frequency (%)			
CP	13.4-43.2 (17.0)	100	14.7-48.4 (18.3)	100	nq-73.2 (25.2)	92	90±6.2	35.6±7.1	5.32
NA	nq-231 (89.7)	91	22.7-254 (130)	100	nq-243 (93.1)	75	49±5.3	37.5±6.3	4.98
TP	nq-125 (51.5)	69	33.0-167 (39.2)	100	nq-862 (63.5)	83	71±5.1	4.3±2.2	3.85
GF	8.24-39.5 (15.5)	100	11.1-19.5 (12.0)	100	8.95-63.5 (13.3)	100	111±2.6	26.7±2.7	4.24
BF	14.4-116 (36.3)	100	14.0-297 (40.4)	100	13.7-148 (31.6)	100	99±2.9	25.6±3.1	4.17
DF	17.5-241 (71.5)	100	75.4-214 (135)	100	14.1-159 (88.5)	100	109±3.1	2.3±1.2	7.62
IM	12.2-91.6 (42.3)	100	30.5-148 (73.8)	100	nq-157 (42.8)	92	96±5.0	1.5±4.5	6.40
MA	8.63-27.4 (13.1)	100	11.2-16.4 (15.7)	100	8.62-20.9 (13.5)	100	90±8.2	12.3±6.2	2.98
KP	17.4-326 (77.6)	100	57.0-178 (114)	100	15.0-241 (124)	100	104±6.9	25.2±5.6	8.24
MTP	32.1-332 (115)	100	99.8-880 (296)	100	nq-284 (165)	92	69±4.5	15.6±4.3	3.31
PPN	nq	0	nq	0	nq	0	56±2.6	27.6±3.2	11.0
CBZ	5.25-55.6 (24.7)	100	22.0-58.7 (30.5)	100	3.64-85.0 (39.4)	100	90±4.2	5.7±1.2	2.34
SP	5.91-187 (90.0)	100	52.8-174 (141)	100	nq-193 (173)	83	45±2.8	49.5±2.1	3.44
DEET	16.5-177 (83.4)	100	57.2-217 (110)	100	29.9-881 (127)	100	89±1.9	24.3±1.4	1.78
CF	19.8-4720 (1870)	100	23.9- 11700 (285)	100	14.5- 11900 (3570)	100	117±2.6	35.9±5.2	4.40
SumPPCP	276-6109 (2780)		685-13560 (1971)		219-13805 (4706)				

41 nq: not quantified (< LOQ).

42 ^a L, the lowest concentration; H, the highest concentration; M, median concentration.

43 ^b Limit of quantification (LOQ).

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Table S4 Predicted no-effect concentrations (PNECs, ng L⁻¹) and corresponding risk quotients (RQs) for the detected PPCP compounds in the WWTP effluents, directly discharged wastewaters and river waters. Values between 0.1 and 1 (medium risk) are reported in bold

PPCPs	PNEC ^a (µg L ⁻¹)			Effluents			Discharged wastewater			Liangshui River			Qing River		
	Fish	Daphnia	Algae	Fish	Daphnia	Algae	Fish	Daphnia	Algae	Fish	Daphnia	Algae	Fish	Daphnia	Algae
TP	100	4.8	2.6	0.002	0.03	0.06	0.01	0.2	0.3	0.001	0.03	0.05	0.0004	0.01	0.02
GF	0.9	6	4	0.02	0.003	0.005	0.07	0.01	0.02	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.002	0.004
BF	5.3	25	18	0.06	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.006	0.008	0.02	0.005	0.01	0.01	0.001	0.002
DF	532	22.4	16.3	0.0004	0.01	0.01	0.000	0.007	0.010	0.0005	0.01	0.01	0.000	0.004	0.01
IM	3.9	26	18	0.04	0.006	0.008	0.04	0.006	0.009	0.02	0.004	0.01	0.01	0.002	0.003
KP	32	248	164	0.006	0.001	0.001	0.01	0.002	0.003	0.01	0.001	0.002	0.003	0.0004	0.001
MA		0.43			0.04			0.05			0.06			0.04	
MTP	116	8	14	0.008	0.1	0.06	0.002	0.04	0.02	0.003	0.04	0.02	0.001	0.02	0.01
CBZ	35.4	13.8	70	0.002	0.004	0.001	0.002	0.006	0.001	0.002	0.004	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.0003
DEET	71.3	75	388	0.003	0.003	0.001	0.01	0.01	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.0005	0.001	0.001	0.0002
CF	151	46	46	0.08	0.3	0.3	0.08	0.3	0.3	0.03	0.1	0.1	0.01	0.05	0.05

^a PNEC data is assumed as the lowest toxicological value among those available in literature divided per 1000, for the three trophic levels, algae, daphnia and fish, respectively. Detailed information is shown in Table S3.

Table S5 Ecotoxicity data for the selected compounds available in literature, together with the corresponding species assayed, test endpoint, toxicity concentration, references and the resulting Predicted No-Effect Concentrations (PNECs). This is assumed as the lowest toxicological value among those available and here reported divided per 1000

Compounds	Species Assayed	Test (endpoint)	Toxicity (mg/L)	References	PNEC ($\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$)
TP	<i>Fish</i>	EC50 ECOSAR	795	1	
	<i>Daphnia</i>	EC50 ECOSAR	4.8	1	4.8
	<i>Algae</i>	EC50 ECOSAR	2.6	1	2.6
	<i>Bacteria</i>	EC50 (15min)	177	2	
	<i>Daphnia</i>	EC50 (96h-immobility)	121	2	
	<i>Fish</i>	EC50 (48h)	>100	3	
	<i>Invertebrates</i>	LC50 (96h)	>100	2	
	<i>Invertebrates</i>	EC50	110	4	
	<i>Algae</i>	EC50	90	4	
	<i>Fish</i>	EC50	100	4	100
GF	<i>Fish</i>	EC50 ECOSAR	0.9	1	0.9
	<i>Daphnia</i>	EC50 ECOSAR	6	1	6
	<i>Algae</i>	EC50 ECOSAR	4	1	4
	<i>Bacteria</i>	EC50 (15 min)	35.3	5	
	<i>Bacteria</i>	EC50(15 min)	18.8	6	
	<i>Invertebrates</i>	EC50 (48 h)	10.4	7	
	<i>Invertebrates</i>	EC50 (96 h)	1.18	3	
BF	<i>Fish</i>	EC50 ECOSAR	5.3	1	5.3
	<i>Daphnia</i>	EC50 ECOSAR	25	1	25
	<i>Algae</i>	EC50 ECOSAR	18	1	18
	<i>Invertebrates</i>	EC50	50	4	
DF	<i>Fish</i>	EC50 ECOSAR	532	1	532
	<i>Daphnia</i>	EC50 ECOSAR	5057	1	
	<i>Algae</i>	EC50 ECOSAR	2911	1	
	<i>Daphnia</i>	EC50 (48h-mortality)	22.4	8	22.4
	<i>Algae</i>	EC50 (96h-growth)	16.3	8	16.3
	<i>Bacteria</i>	EC50(30min-luminescence)	11.4	8	
	<i>Bacteria</i>	EC50 (15min-inhibition)	9.7	9	
	<i>Microtox</i>	EC50 (30min)	11.45	10	
	<i>Daphnia</i>	EC50 (48h)	22.43	10	

Compounds	Species Assayed	Test (endpoint)	Toxicity (mg/L)	References	PNEC ($\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$)
	<i>C. dubia</i>	EC50 (48h)	22.7	10	
	<i>Algae</i>	EC50 (96h-growth)	14.5	10	
	<i>Invertebrates</i>	EC50	90	4	
	<i>Algae</i>	EC50-inhibition	72	11	
	<i>Daphnia</i>	EC50-immobilization	68	11	
IM	Fish	EC50 ECOSAR	3.9	1	3.9
	Daphnia	EC50 ECOSAR	26	1	26
	Algae	EC50 ECOSAR	18	1	18
KP	Fish	EC50 ECOSAR	32	1	32
	Daphnia	EC50 ECOSAR	248	1	248
	Algae	EC50 ECOSAR	164	1	164
	<i>Bacteria</i>	EC50 (15min)	15.6	6	
MA	Daphnia	EC50 ECOSAR	0.43	12	0.43
PPN	<i>Fish</i>	EC50 ECOSAR	29.5	1	
	Daphnia	EC50 ECOSAR	2.3	1	2.3
	<i>Algae</i>	EC50 ECOSAR	5.5	1	
	<i>Bacteria</i>	EC50(30min-luminescence)	61	8	
	<i>Algae</i>	EC50 (48 h)	0.7	13	
	<i>Diatoms</i>	EC50 (96 h-growth)	0.244	8	
	<i>Invertebrates</i>	LC50(48 h)	0.8	14	
	<i>Fish</i>	LC50 (48 h)	24.3	14	
	<i>Invertebrates</i>	EC50	11	4	
	Algae	EC50	0.8	4	0.8
	Fish	EC50	20	4	20
MTP	Fish	EC50 ECOSAR	116	1	116
	Daphnia	EC50 ECOSAR	8	1	8
	Algae	EC50 ECOSAR	14	1	14
	<i>Invertebrates</i>	LC50 (48h)	>100	14	
	<i>Invertebrates</i>	LC50 (48h)	8.8	14	
	<i>Invertebrates</i>	LC50 (48h)	63.9	14	
	<i>Fish</i>	LC50 (48h)	>100	14	
CBZ	<i>Fish</i>	EC50 ECOSAR	101	1	
	<i>Daphnia</i>	EC50 ECOSAR	111	1	
	Algae	EC50 ECOSAR	70	1	70

Compounds	Species Assayed	Test (endpoint)	Toxicity (mg/L)	References	PNEC ($\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$)
	<i>Algae</i>	EC50 (3days)	74	15	
	<i>Bacteria</i>	EC50 (15min)	52.2	2	
	<i>Fish</i>	EC50 (48h)	35.4	2	35.4
	<i>Daphnia</i>	EC50 (48h-mortality)	13.8	8	13.8
	<i>Diatoms</i>	EC50 (96h- growth)	31.6	8	
	<i>C. dubia</i>	EC50 (48h)	77.7	10	
DEET	<i>Algae</i>	EC50 (24 h)	388	16	388
	<i>Daphnia</i>	EC50 (48h-immobilisation)	75	17	75
	<i>Fish</i>	LC50 (96 h)	71.3	17	71.3
	<i>Daphnia</i>	LC50 (96 h)	108	18	
CF	<i>Fish</i>	EC50 ECOSAR	805	1	
	<i>Daphnia</i>	EC50 ECOSAR	46	1	46
	<i>Algae</i>	EC50 ECOSAR	46	1	46
	<i>Cladocerans</i>	LC50	182	4	
	<i>Fish</i>	LC50	151	19	151

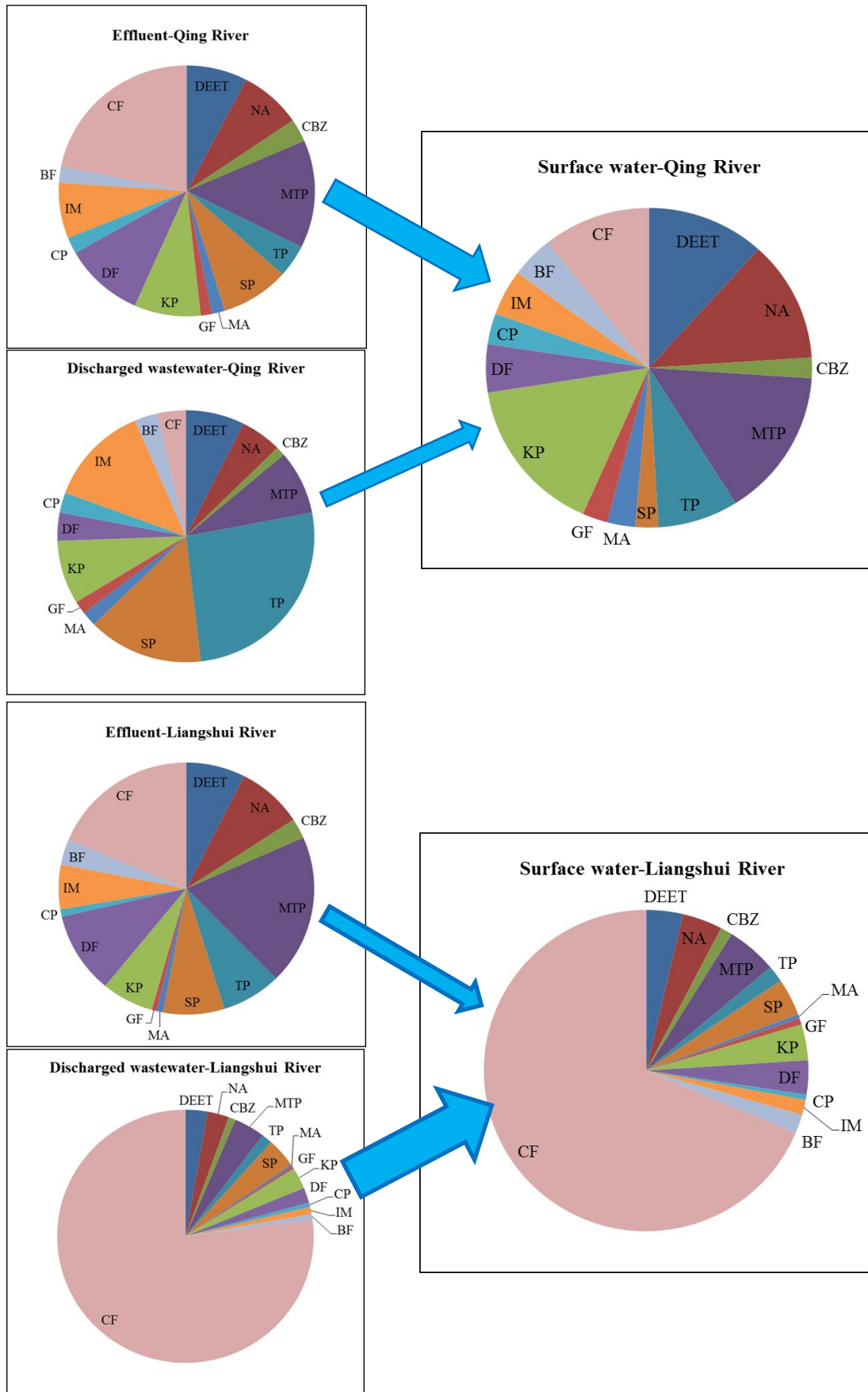


Figure S1: Fraction of PPCPs in effluents, discharged wastewaters and river waters.

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