

Measurement of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in Hematophagous Arthropods (Ticks) as a Novel Strategy to Monitor Environmental Contamination Levels

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Table S1. Analyte names and abbreviations

Analyte	Abbreviation
Perfluorobutanoic acid	PFBA
Perfluoropropane sulfonate	PFPrS
Perfluoropentanoic acid	PFPeA
Perfluorobutyl sulfonate	PFBS
Perfluorobutane sulfonamide	FBSA
4:2 fluorotelomer sulfonate	4:2 FTS
Perfluorohexanoic acid	PFHxA
Perfluoropentane sulfonate	PFPeS
Hexafluoropropylene oxide dimer acid (Gen-X)	HFPO-DA
Perfluoroheptyl sulfonate	Σ PFHxS
Perfluoroheptanoic acid	PFHpA
Dodecafluoro-3H-4,8-dioxanonoate	NaDONA
6:2 fluorotelomer carboxylic acid	FHEA
n-(3-dimethylaminopropan-1-yl)perfluoro-1-hexanesulfonamide	N-AP-FHxSA
n-decafluoro-4 ethylcyclohexanesulfonate	PFECHS
Perfluorohexane sulfonamide	FHxSA
6:2 fluorotelomer sulfonate	6:2 FTS
Perfluoroheptane sulfonate	PFHpS
Perfluoroctanoic acid	PFOA
Perfluoroctyl sulfonate	Σ PFOS
Perfluorononanoic acid	PFNA
8-chlorohexadecafluoro-3-oxaoctane-1-sulfonate	8CI-PFOS
n-2-perfluoroctyl ethanoic acid	FOEA
2H-perfluoro-2-decanoic acid	FOUEA
9-chlorohexadecafluoro-3-oxanonane-1-sulfonate	9CI-PF3ONS
2-perfluoroctanesulfonamido acetic acid	FOSAA
Perfluorononane sulfonate	PFNS
8:2 fluorotelomer sulfonate	8:2 FTS
Perfluoro-1-octanesulfonamide	FOSA
Perfluorodecanoic acid	PFDA
N-methylperfluoro-1-octanesulfonamidoacetic acid	N-MeFOSAA
Perfluorodecane sulfonate	PFDS
Perfluoroundecanoic acid	PFUnDA
n-ethylperfluoro-1-octanesulfonamidoacetic acid	N-EtFOSAA
n-2-perfluorodecyl ethanoic acid	FDUEA
n-2-perfluorodecyl ethanoic acid	FDEA
11-chloroeicosfluoro-3-oxaundecane-1-sulfonate	11CI-PF3OUdS
n-methylperfluorooctane sulfonamide	N-MeFOSA-M
Perfluorododecanoic acid	PFDoA
10:2 fluorotelomer sulfonate	10:2 FTS
Sodium bis(perfluorohexyl)phosphinate	6:6 PPi
n-ethylperfluorooctane sulfonamide	N-EtFOSA-M
Perfluorododecane sulfonate	PFDoS
Perfluorotridecanoic acid	PFTrDA
6:2 fluorotelomer phosphate diester	6:2 diPAP
Perfluorotetradecanoic acid	PFTeDA
Sodium perfluorohexylperfluoroctylphosphinate	6:8 PPi
(1H,1H,2H,2H-perfluoroctyl-1H,1H,2H,2H-perfluorodecyl)phosphate	6:2/8:2 diPAP
Perfluorohexadecanoic acid	PFHxDA
8:2 fluorotelomer phosphate diester	8:2 diPAP
Perfluoroctadecanoic acid	PFODA
Sodium 2-(N-ethylperfluorooctane-1-sulfonamido)ethyl phosphate	SAmPAP
Sodium bis-[2-(N-ethylperfluorooctane-1-sulfonamido)ethyl] phosphate	diSAmPAP

Table S2. Internal standards, abbreviations and exact amounts added to all samples

Analyte	Abbreviation	Amount added per sample (ng)
Perfluorobutanoic acid	M4-PFBA	0.159
Perfluoropentanoic acid	M5-PFPeA	0.159
Perfluorohexanoic acid	M5-PFHxA	0.159
Perfluoroheptanoic acid	M4-PFHxA	0.159
Perfluorooctanoic acid	M8-PFOA	0.159
Perfluorononanoic acid	M9-PFNA	0.159
Perfluorodecanoic acid	M6-PFDA	0.159
Perfluoroundecanoic acid	M7-PFUdA	0.159
Perfluorododecanoic acid	M-PFDa	0.159
Perfluorotetradecanoic acid	M2-PFTeDA	0.159
Perfluorooctane sulfonamide	M8-FOSA	0.159
n-methylperfluoro-1-octanesulfonamidoacetic acid	d3-N-MeFOSAA	0.159
n-ethylperfluoro-1-octanesulfonamidoacetic acid	d5-N-EtFOSAA	0.159
Perfluorobutyl sulfonate	M3-PFBS	0.147
Perfluorohexyl sulfonate	M3-PFHxS	0.150
Perfluoroctyl sulfonate	M8-PFOS	0.152
4:2 fluorotelomer sulfonate	M2-4:2 FTS	0.148
6:2 fluorotelomer sulfonate	M2-6:2 FTS	0.151
8:2 fluorotelomer sulfonate	M2-8:2 FTS	0.152
6:2 fluorotelomer carboxylic acid	MFHEA	0.166
n-2-perfluoroctyl ethanoic acid	MFOEA	0.166
n-2-perfluorodecyl ethanoic acid	MFDEA	0.166
n-methylperfluorooctane sulfonamide	d3-N-MeFOSA-M	0.854
Hexafluoropropylene oxide dimer acid (Gen-X)	M3-HFPO-DA	0.802
n-ethylperfluorooctane sulfonamide	d5-N-EtFOSA-M	0.805

Table S3. PFAS concentrations in ticks (ng/individual tick) #

a full list of abbreviations can be found in supplementary material Table S1. NF, peak not found; <CAL, peak area ratio (analyte/internal standard) below range of calibration curve. Values shown as “< 0.01” are within the linear ranges of the calibration curves and may be found in the Supplementary Excel file associated with this manuscript, along with individual tick weights.

Table S4. PFAS concentrations in ticks (ng/mg tick) #

Location	PFBA	L-PFPrS	PFPeA	L-PFBs	FBSAPFhxA	LPFh	xSPFh	ApFECHS	6:2 FTS	PFH	SpFOAL	-PFOS	PFNAPFDA	L-PFDS	PFUdAPFD	oAPFTrDA	PFTeDAPFhxD	PFODA	diSamPAP				
NY - Newburgh	NF	NF	<CAL	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	0.01	0.01	0.01	NF	<CAL	NF	NF			
NY - Newburgh	NF	NF	<CAL	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	<CAL	NF	NF	NF	<CAL	NF	NF		
NY - Newburgh	NF	<CAL	<CAL	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	<CAL	NF	NF	NF	0.01	< 0.01	NF			
NY - Newburgh	NF	NF	<CAL	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	< 0.01	0.01	0.01	NF	<CAL	NF	NF			
NY - Newburgh	NF	NF	<CAL	NF	NF	NF	NF	<CAL	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	<CAL	NF	NF	NF	< 0.01	NF	NF			
NY - Newburgh	NF	<CAL	<CAL	NF	NF	NF	NF	<CAL	NF	0.01	0.07	0.01	0.02	NF	0.03	0.02	0.01	NF	< 0.01	NF	NF		
NY - Newburgh	NF	<CAL	<CAL	<CAL	<CAL	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	< 0.01	NF	NF	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	NF	< 0.01	NF	NF
NY - Newburgh	NF	NF	<CAL	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	0.01	NF	NF	0.02	<CAL	NF	NF	< 0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	< 0.01	NF	NF	
NY - Newburgh	NF	NF	<CAL	NF	<CAL	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	< 0.01	< 0.01	NF	< 0.01	0.01	< 0.01	<CAL	< 0.01	< 0.01	NF	
NY - Newburgh	NF	<CAL	<CAL	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	NF	< 0.01	NF	NF
NY - Newburgh	NF	NF	<CAL	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	< 0.01	< 0.01	NF	0.01	0.01	0.01	<CAL	< 0.01	NF	NF
NY - Newburgh	NF	NF	<CAL	NF	<CAL	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	<CAL	< 0.01	< 0.01	NF
NY - Newburgh	NF	<CAL	<CAL	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	<CAL	< 0.01	< 0.01	NF

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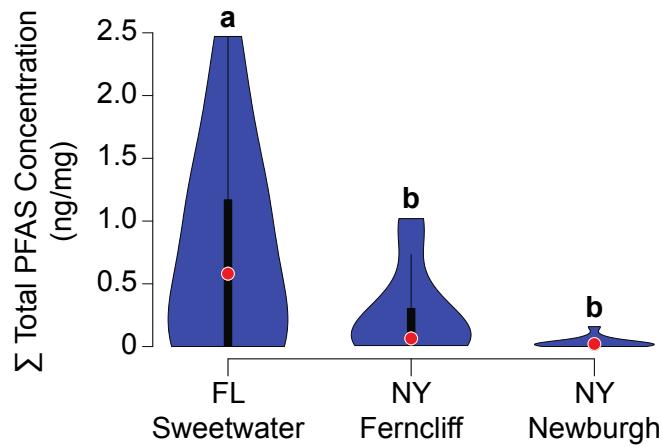


Figure S1. Violin plots for concentration data normalized per weight of tick. Different letters represent statistically significant differences in total concentrations (Σ PFAS) across sites, determined by one-way ANOVA with Tukey post-hoc test (statistical significance inferred at $p < 0.05$). Concentration data from the second Florida site (Archbold Station) are not included in this figure as sample weights could not be obtained from ticks at this site.

Concentrations of PFAS Compounds in Tick Species Collected in Sweetwater, FL

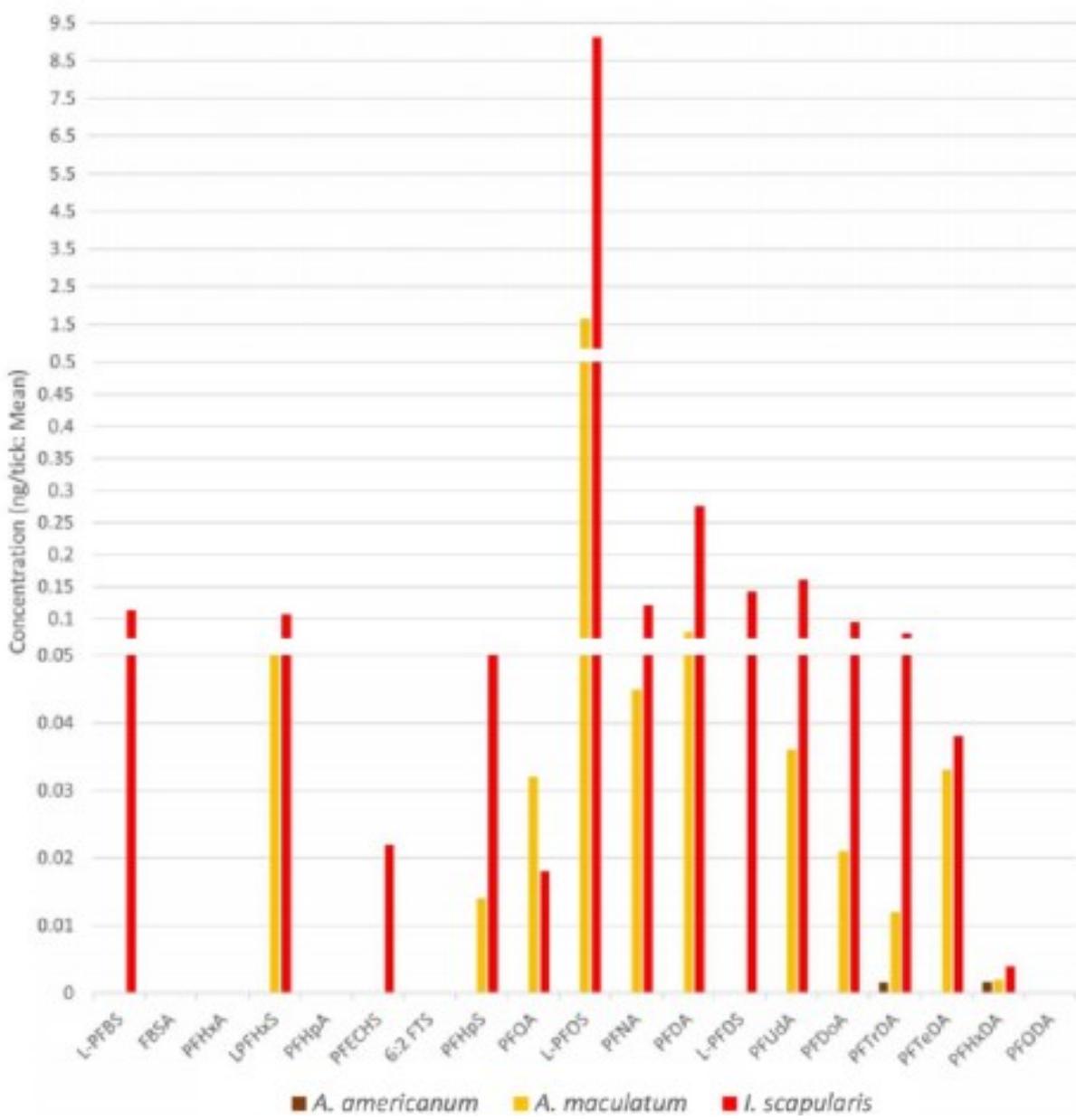


Figure S2. Concentrations of PFAS per tick species at the Sweetwater, FL site