

## Supplementary Material Cover Sheet

### Mobility of antipyretic drugs with different molecular structures in saturated soil porous media

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## **S1. Particle size distribution (PSD) of soil**

In this work, soil grain particle size distribution (PSD) was measured by the sieve-pipette method (SPM). The SPM is based on Stokes' Law.<sup>1</sup> The soil was dispersed using an ultrasonic vibrator (ca. 20 g soil and ca. 60 mL water in a beaker; sonicated for 2 min). The sand fraction was collected by passing the soil-water suspension through a 53- $\mu\text{m}$  sieve. A 50 mL sample of suspension ( $< 53 \mu\text{m}$ ) was collected to measure silt plus clay. The suspension was allowed to settle for 8 h in a temperature-controlled room (20 °C), and a sample was collected with a 50-mL pipette from a depth of 10 cm to determine clay.<sup>1</sup> Clay ( $< 2 \mu\text{m}$ ), silt (2–53  $\mu\text{m}$ ), and sand (53–2 000  $\mu\text{m}$ ) contents were calculated as the percentage (%) of recovered sample mass based on the USDA soil texture classification system.

## **S2. Determination of the CEC of soil**

The soil's cation exchange capacity (CEC) was measured by following the previously reported method.<sup>2</sup> In brief, 500 mL of CaCl<sub>2</sub> (1eq/L) are injected through a column filled with 10 g of soil from bottom to top. Then, 150 mL of CaCl<sub>2</sub> (0.05 eq/L) is injected, followed by 500 mL of KNO<sub>3</sub> (1eq/L). The percolate was collected in a 500 mL flask, and the total calcium was titrated with EDTA (0.02eq/L) at pH 12 using the Eriochrome Black T as an indicator. At the same time, the chloride is titrated with AgNO<sub>3</sub> (0.05eq/L) using the K<sub>2</sub>CrO<sub>4</sub> as an indicator. The CEC is given by:

$$\text{CEC (meq /100g)} = 2v-5V$$

Where  $v$  is the volume (mL) of EDTA required for calcium titration and  $V$  is the volume (mL) of AgNO<sub>3</sub> required for chloride titration.

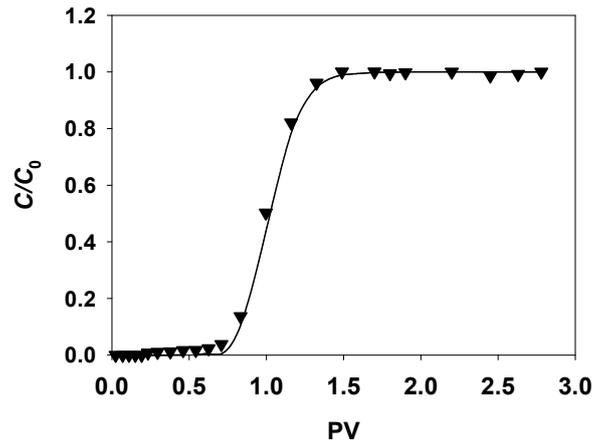
**Table S1.**  $\zeta$ -potential of soil under different solution chemistry conditions

No.	electrolyte solution	pH	$\zeta$ -potential of soil (mV)
1	10 mM NaCl	5.0	$-20.1 \pm 1.2$
2	10 mM NaCl	7.0	$-25.9 \pm 0.7$
3	10 mM NaCl	9.0	$-31.6 \pm 2.1$
4	0.5 mM CaCl <sub>2</sub>	5.0	$-21.7 \pm 0.5$

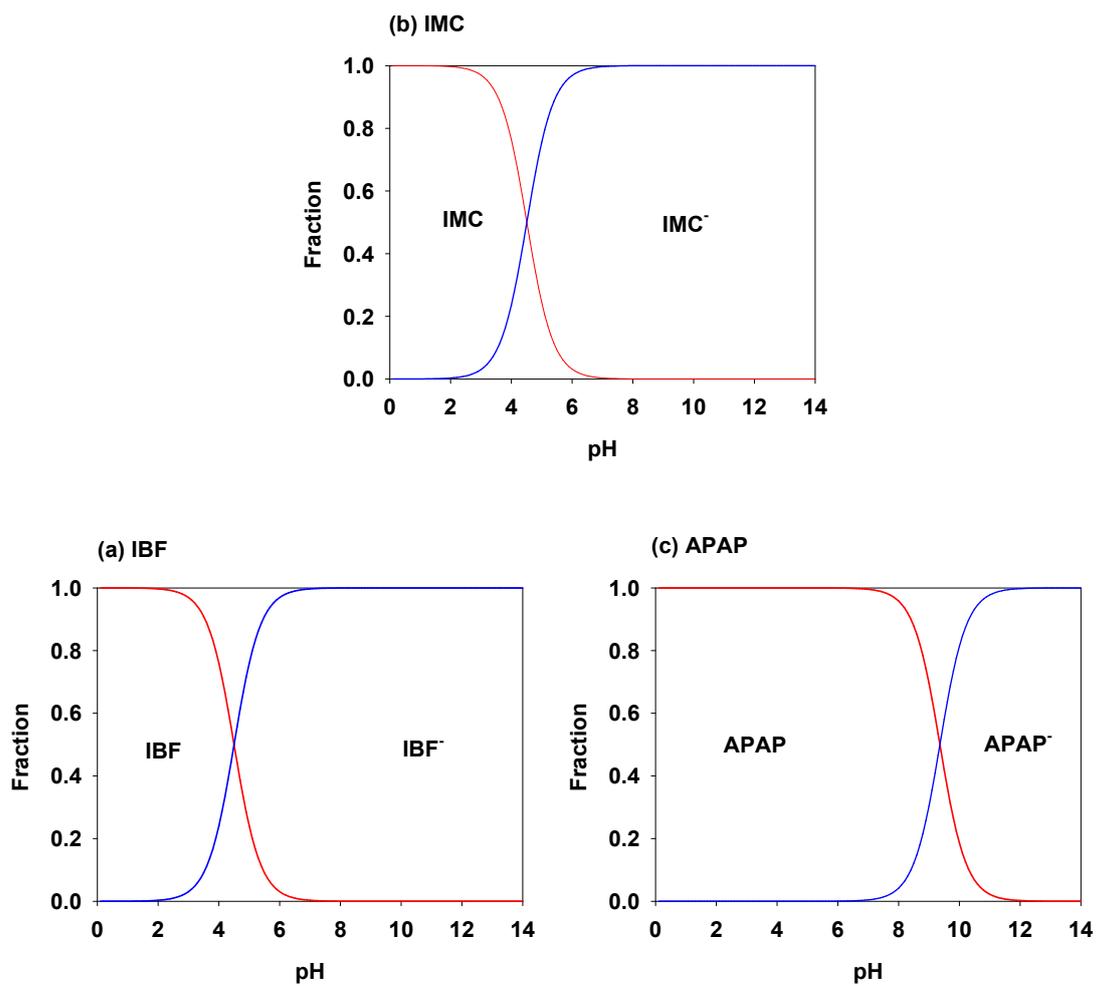
**Table S2.** Fitted parameters of two-site nonequilibrium transport model from breakthrough results of column experiments.

Column No.	Antipyretic drugs <sup>a</sup>	electrolyte solution	pH	Parameters of two-site nonequilibrium transport model						
				$R$ (-)	$\beta$ (-)	$\omega$ (-)	$f$ (-)	$\alpha$ (1/d)	$K_d$ (L/kg)	$r^2$
1	IMC	10 mM NaCl	7.0	$5.13 \pm 0.12$	$0.312 \pm 0.009$	$0.477 \pm 0.003$	$0.145 \pm 0.007$	$2.51 \pm 0.03$	$1.69 \pm 0.07$	0.993
2	IBF	10 mM NaCl	7.0	$3.76 \pm 0.15$	$0.387 \pm 0.013$	$0.332 \pm 0.027$	$0.164 \pm 0.012$	$2.27 \pm 0.07$	$1.15 \pm 0.02$	0.986
3	APAP	10 mM NaCl	7.0	$3.39 \pm 0.08$	$0.421 \pm 0.015$	$0.263 \pm 0.032$	$0.178 \pm 0.010$	$2.10 \pm 0.05$	$0.97 \pm 0.05$	0.999
4	IMC	0.5 mM CaCl <sub>2</sub>	5.0	$6.53 \pm 0.17$	$0.269 \pm 0.007$	$0.495 \pm 0.035$	$0.136 \pm 0.017$	$2.70 \pm 0.06$	$2.26 \pm 0.13$	0.977
5	IBF	0.5 mM CaCl <sub>2</sub>	5.0	$4.56 \pm 0.09$	$0.337 \pm 0.011$	$0.427 \pm 0.021$	$0.151 \pm 0.010$	$2.31 \pm 0.11$	$1.44 \pm 0.11$	0.992
6	APAP	0.5 mM CaCl <sub>2</sub>	5.0	$3.68 \pm 0.05$	$0.401 \pm 0.014$	$0.395 \pm 0.023$	$0.175 \pm 0.013$	$2.19 \pm 0.09$	$1.09 \pm 0.15$	0.993
7	IMC	10 mM NaCl	5.0	$5.55 \pm 0.11$	$0.295 \pm 0.006$	$0.481 \pm 0.017$	$0.135 \pm 0.008$	$2.62 \pm 0.09$	$1.82 \pm 0.13$	0.987
8	IBF	10 mM NaCl	5.0	$3.87 \pm 0.07$	$0.362 \pm 0.013$	$0.411 \pm 0.021$	$0.139 \pm 0.012$	$2.43 \pm 0.15$	$1.34 \pm 0.07$	0.998
9	APAP	10 mM NaCl	5.0	$3.56 \pm 0.09$	$0.392 \pm 0.015$	$0.359 \pm 0.017$	$0.155 \pm 0.017$	$2.21 \pm 0.13$	$1.06 \pm 0.05$	0.999
10	IMC	10 mM NaCl	9.0	$4.37 \pm 0.08$	$0.351 \pm 0.012$	$0.452 \pm 0.013$	$0.158 \pm 0.012$	$2.32 \pm 0.07$	$1.38 \pm 0.10$	0.993
11	IBF	10 mM NaCl	9.0	$3.11 \pm 0.02$	$0.447 \pm 0.017$	$0.278 \pm 0.015$	$0.185 \pm 0.017$	$2.26 \pm 0.16$	$0.83 \pm 0.02$	0.995
12	APAP	10 mM NaCl	9.0	$2.69 \pm 0.07$	$0.495 \pm 0.003$	$0.172 \pm 0.003$	$0.198 \pm 0.019$	$1.95 \pm 0.12$	$0.71 \pm 0.01$	0.996

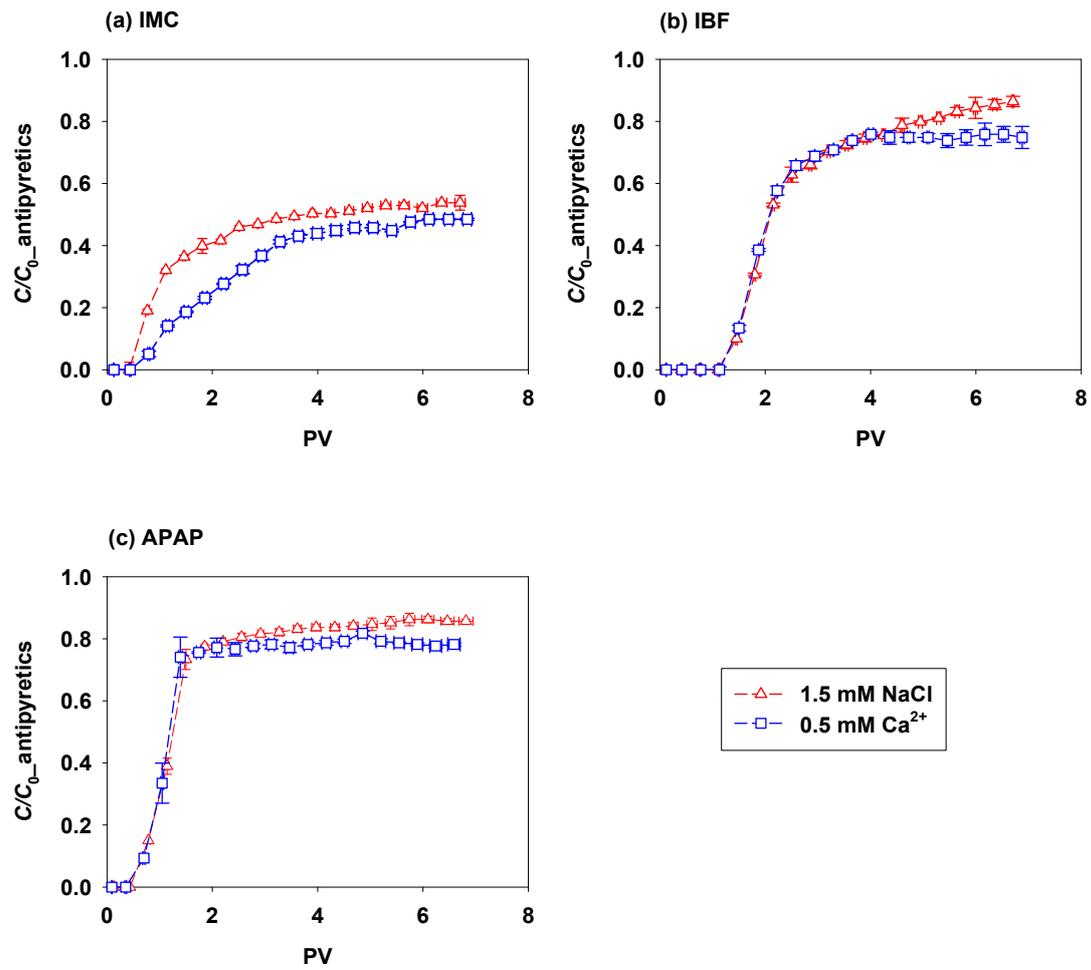
<sup>a</sup> IMC, IBF, and APAP represent indometacin, ibuprofen, and acetaminophen, respectively.



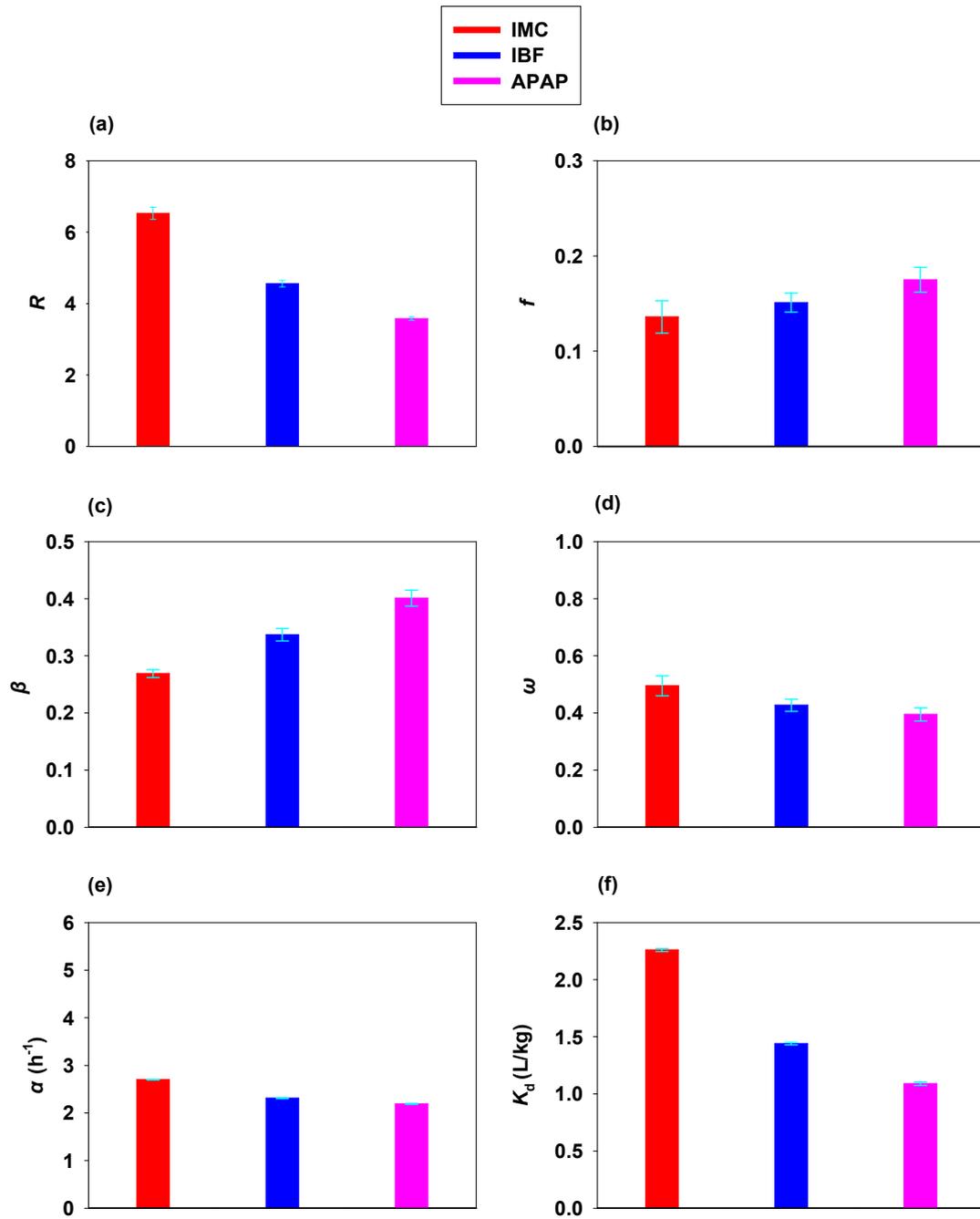
**Fig. S1.** The representative breakthrough curve of conservative tracer (Br). The line was plotted by fitting the breakthrough data with the one-dimensional steady-state advection–dispersion equation.



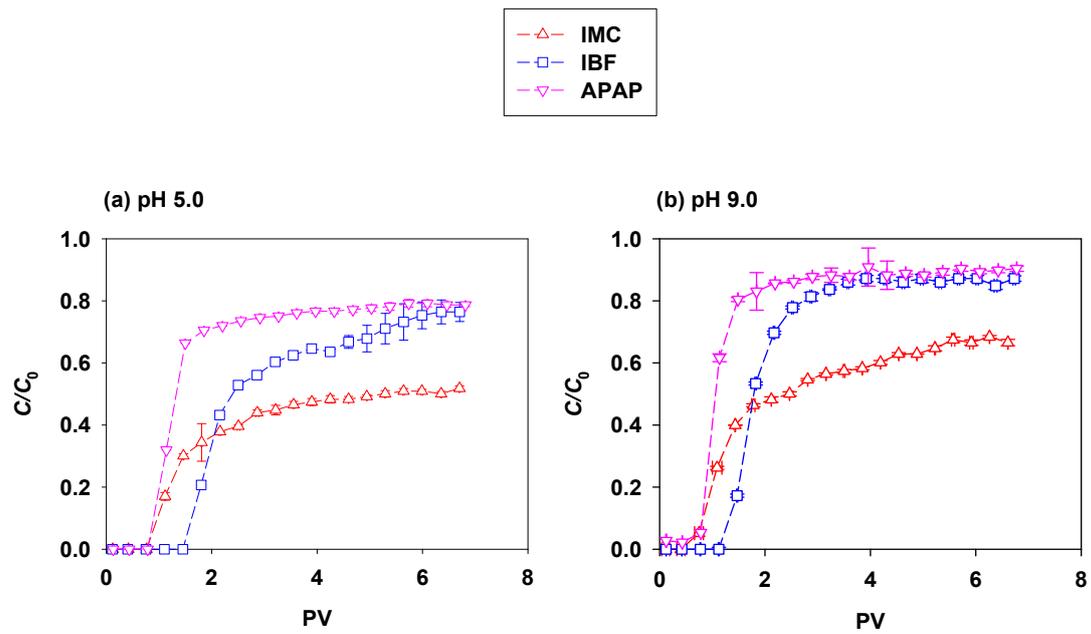
**Fig. S2.** pH-dependent speciation of the whole organic acid molecular and the functional groups, respectively: (a) IMC; (b) IBF; and (c) APAP.



**Fig. S3.** Transport of SNM in saturated soil columns in the presence of 1.5 mM Na<sup>+</sup> and 0.5 mM Ca<sup>2+</sup> at pH 5.0: (a) IMC; (b) IBF; and (c) APAP.



**Fig. S4.** Fitted parameters of two-site nonequilibrium transport model from breakthrough results of column experiments (in the presence of 0.5 mM  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ , pH 5.0): (a) Retardation factor ( $R$ ); (b) the fraction of Type 1 sites ( $f$ ); (c) the fraction of instantaneous retardation to the total retardation ( $\beta$ ); and (d) the coefficient of partitioning between the equilibrium and nonequilibrium phases ( $\omega$ ); (e) the first-order rate for kinetics at Type 2 sites ( $\alpha$ ); (f)  $K_d$  values.



**Fig. S5.** Transport of antipyretic drugs in saturated soil columns at different pH conditions: (a) pH 5.0, (columns 7–9, Table 2); (b) pH 9.0 (columns 10–12, Table 2).

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