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Rubber-derived particles in size-segregated indoor air: unveiling their presence through benzothiazoles

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Materials and methods

Ultra-grade methanol (MeOH) was purchased from VWR® (Radnor, PA, USA) and ultrapure water (18.2 MΩ-cm, 1 ppb TOC) was produced using a Purelab Ultra System (Elga®, High-Wycombe, UK). Benzothiazole (BTH), 2-amino-benzothiazole (BTH-NH₂), 2-methyl-benzothiazole (BTH-Me), 2-methylthio-benzothiazole (BTH-MeS), 2-mercapto-benzothiazole (BTH-SH) were purchased from Sigma Aldrich (Darmstadt, Germany), 2-hydroxy-benzothiazole (BTH-OH) and 2-thiocyanomethylthio-benzothiazole (BTH-SCNMeS) were purchased from LCG Standards (Teddington, UK), 2-benzothiazole-sulfonic acid (BTH-SO₃H) was purchased from BLD Pharm (Kaiserslautern, Germany). All used material was previously decontaminated with MeOH and ultrapure water.



Figure S1. Indoor sampling location. The sampling site is shown with the orange dot, the ventilation units are reported with light blue boxes.

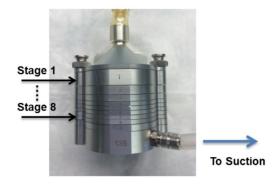


Figure S2. Mini-MOUDITM 135-6 impactor.

 Table S1. Sample parameters.

	Volume (m³)	Sample time
13/11 – 17/11/23	11.56312	96 h 32 min
17/11 - 22/11/23	13.13001	109 h 43 min
22/11 - 30/11/23	23.56525	196 h 57 min
01/12 - 11/12/23	29.21277	244 h 9 min

Table S2. TSP, PM_{10} and PM_1 mean concentrations.

TSP	BTH-NH ₂	BTH-SH	ВТН	ВТН-ОН	ВТН-Ме	BTH- SCNMeS	BTH-MeS	BTH-SO ₃ H
13 – 17/11	0.004	0.8	0.6	0.2	0.02	0.0014	0.2	1
17 - 22/11	0.005	1.1	0.8	1.0	0.03	0.0010	0.5	2
22 - 30/11	0.005	0.8	0.3	0.5	0.01	0.0010	0.3	3
01 - 11/12	0.002	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.01	0.0004	0.2	1
media	0.004	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.02	0.0010	0.3	2
DEV.ST	0.002	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.01	0.0004	0.1	1
PM_{10}	_							
13 - 17/11	0.004	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.02	0.0014	0.2	1
17 - 22/11	0.004	0.8	0.4	0.8	0.03	0.0004	0.3	1
22-30/11	0.005	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.004	0.0010	0.3	3
01-11/12	0.002	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.01	0.0004	0.1	1
media	0.004	0.6	0.3	0.5	0.02	0.0008	0.2	2
DEV.ST	0.002	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.01	0.0005	0.1	1
PM_1	_							
13 - 17/11	0.004	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.02	0.0014	0.1	1
17 - 22/11	0.004	0.5	0.2	0.7	0.02	0.0004	0.2	1
22-30/11	0.005	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.002	0.0010	0.2	3
01-11/12	0.002	0.1	0.03	0.1	0.005	0.0004	0.1	1
media	0.004	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.01	0.0008	0.2	2
DEV.ST	0.002	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.01	0.0005	0.1	1