

Title: Distribution and Risk Assessment of Organochlorine Contaminants in Surface Water from River Chenab, Pakistan.

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Table. S1 Basic quality parameters (average values) of water samples collected from River Chenab, Pakistan during summer and winter from 2007-2009.

Site location	pH	Spec. Cond. (µS/cm)	Sal (ppt)	TDS (ppm)	LDO (ppm)	Free CO ₂ (ppm)	Alkalinity(ppm)	Chlorides(ppm)	Phosphates(ppm)	Nitrates(ppm)	Sulphates(ppm)	Turbidity(NTU)	Temp (°C)
S-1	8.18±1.03	216±21	0.18±0.12	1008±1033	8.51±1.8	68±73	116±0.47	154±78	4.7±3.1	5.4±3.6	56.3±57	263±81	23±6
S-2	8.88±0.28	667±311	0.59±0.53	275±34	8.44±1.5	106±119	189±123	272±88	3.4±0.7	4.3±0.15	46.5±36	182±15	27±6
S-3	8.78±0.22	354±145	0.17±0.1	250±70	10.3±3.7	41±44	128±31	157±74	5.3±2.5	2±2	38.8±39	173±185	24±7
S-4	8.67±0.04	407±221	0.2±0.12	300±141	10.4±4.5	27±8	127±27	202±138	2.3±0.32	1.8±1.7	49.2±46	213±125	25.3±8
S-5	8.92±0.24	357±150	0.21±0.02	250±68	11±7.5	37±32	122±15	171±54	2.5±0.16	29.6±38	50.8±37	170±138	26±7.3
S-6	8.47±0.77	364±155	0.18±0.08	250±64	9.2±1.2	39±29	121±16	143±52	3.2±0.6	7.3±6	14.3±1.9	246±209	26.3±5.7
S-7	8.85±0.5	375±171	0.18±0.09	250±70	7.7±2.9	43±41	123±9.4	157±60	2.3±0.58	4.2±1.4	40.7±31	134±74	27.6±7.5
S-8	8.9±0.44	594±467	0.3±0.25	390±268	6±0.6	41±35	108±25	335±303	2.8±1.2	2.8±0.13	36.2±25	157±70	27.3±7.8
S-9	8.49±0.38	379±219	0.18±0.12	230±98	8.2±4.2	36±33	115±7	133±37	2.4±0.34	1.4±1.6	30.2±30	265±144	26.4±7.4
S-10	8.89±0.35	386±185	0.18±0.11	250±70	6.3±1.5	80.3±93	135±21	178±100	2.2±0.11	3.6±0.2	27.4±6	219±115	27±7.1
S-11	8.58±0.61	391±189	0.19±0.1	250±70	12.3±5.6	41±35	119±19	174±92	2±0.16	2.4±1.6	24.8±11	117±50	26±5
S-12	8.90±0.52	393±192	0.19±0.11	245±34	9.7±2.7	44.3±31	129±29	147±46	2.8±1	7.7±6.3	28.3±16	337±47	25±4.3
S-13	8.87±0.25	419±228	0.21±0.14	300±141	8.3±0.2	26±33	117±0.94	169±99	2.8±0.8	1.9±1.4	17±10.5	352±373	25±6
S-14	8.94±0.47	392±191	0.19±0.12	250±70	9.1±0.25	45.5±41	155±39	178±30	2.9±1.3	4.7±2.4	34.3±11	358±329	26±6
S-15	8.96±0.41	354±134	0.17±0.08	250±70	10.9±0.9	42±25	121±21	160±98	3.9±0.27	1.9±2.6	18.8±20	121±30	26.8±5.4
S-16	8.93±0.3	338±130	0.17±0.07	260±55	7.9±2	31.3±21	110±4	156±118	2.7±0.32	5.1±2.7	36.5±3	363±287	26±6.2
S-17	8.88±0.37	374±77	0.18±0.04	255±78	7.5±0.1	46±16	123±19	120±56	3.8±0.3	16.2±5	21±6.8	96±54	25.7±4.8

S-18	8.99±0.49	1428±535	0.75±0.29	920±311	1.68±0.6	118±21	391±22	306±0.13	6.1±0.25	6.8±2.8	27.1±22.7	52±125	25.6±5
S-19	9.05±0.14	316±159	0.15±0.08	200±141	8.83±1	103±51	147±17	71±18	3.5±0.06	1.2±1.7	7.8±6.5	18±54	25.2±7
S-20	8.96±0.23	5537±187	3±0.11	3550±70	0.65±0.09	425±112	1113±267	977±27	33±0.2	15±14.1	460±58	107±87	26.7±6.8
S-21	7.75±0.64	270±84	0.47±0.44	180±56	12.5±0.9	10.4±13	60±22	93±78	0	1.6±1.7	65.8±40	9.2±4.5	28.5±3
S-22	7.95±0.61	285±77	0.43±0.4	180±70	8.5±1.1	10.3±14	84±36	65±46	0.22±0.32	4.5±5.9	58.4±14	100±112	22.5±4.9
S-23	8.15±0.1	330±88	0.22±0.13	220±43	9.22±1.5	5.3±6.5	111±69	67±44	0	7.2±9.8	48.5±19	65±24	31±10
S-24	8.3±0.28	475±190	0.53±0.38	315±120	7.96±2.5	5.4±6.4	120±53	81±32	0	2.5±3	65.3±13	52±56	28±4.6
S-25	7.6±0.27	233±137	0.86±0.43	572±491	11±2	10.4±13	121±26	145±52	0	1.2±1	101±18	178±162	32±9

Table S2. Values of seven extracted factor loadings for the studied OCs and physicochemical parameters

Parameters	Region-1							Region-2							Region-3							Region-4						
	VF1	VF2	VF3	VF4	VF5	VF6	VF7	VF1	VF2	VF3	VF4	VF5	VF6	VF1	VF2	VF3	VF4	VF5	VF6	VF1	VF2	VF3	VF4	VF5	VF6	VF7		
pH							0.83																					
Specific Cond.	0.98						0.86							0.71														
Sal	0.98						0.85							0.70											-0.82			
TDS	0.97						0.88																					
LDO																												
Free CO2	0.95													0.89														
Alkalinity	0.98									0.90																		
Chlorides	0.97									-0.94													-0.80					
Phosphates	0.97															0.92												
Nitrates						0.83						-0.85		0.72														
Sulphates	0.91									-0.88								0.80										
Turbidity	0.78										-0.89																	
Temperature			-0.91																				-0.76					
α -HCH		0.83								0.92					0.82								0.89					
β -HCH																												
γ -HCH			0.76						0.93					0.95									0.72					
δ -HCH					0.85											0.86								0.78				
HCB							0.82								0.96													
Heptachlor	0.85						0.93							-0.82														
Hep-epoxide						-0.94			0.92					0.98											0.72			

Aldrin									0.88								0.71									
Dieldrin									0.88				0.87												0.72	
Endrin								0.83							0.77					0.82						
α-Endosulphan																0.85								0.78		
β-Endosulphan										0.76					0.94											
Endo-sulphate.	-0.95								0.97											0.83						
Methoxychlor									0.80																-0.80	
TC												-0.84						0.90								
CC		0.74																								
non-TC										0.93					0.89									0.86		
o,p'-DDE												-0.82						-0.91						0.76		
p, p'-DDE										0.89																
o,p'-DDD																									0.71	
p, p'-DDD										0.92																0.81
o,p'-DDT																										
p, p'-DDT	0.73									0.88																
∑PCBs	0.87														0.79											
Eigen value	15.85	6.06	5.24	4.25	2.38	2.04	1.18	13.28	7.26	5.27	4.55	3.21	2.12	16.40	6.32	4.91	3.39	2.09	1.34	8.53	4.53	3.76	3.08	2.89	2.29	1.88
% Total Variance	42.82	16.38	14.15	11.49	6.44	5.51	3.19	35.89	19.63	14.26	12.29	8.67	5.72	44.34	17.09	13.27	9.16	5.66	3.63	23.06	12.25	10.16	8.33	7.81	6.18	5.09
Cumulative % Variance	42.82	59.21	73.36	84.85	91.29	96.81	100	35.89	55.52	69.78	82.07	90.74	96.45	44.34	61.43	74.70	83.85	89.51	93.15	23.06	35.31	45.47	53.8	61.62	67.80	72.89

*values of significant loadings >0.70 in each factor are only presented.

Table S3. Mean values of RQ (CCC_s) and RQ (CMCs) for OCPs and PCBs in surface water (ng l⁻¹) of Chenab River

Criteria Guidelines by USEPA,2006.	γ -HCH	Heptachlor	Aldrin	Endosulfans	Chlordanes	DDEs	DDDs	p, p'-DDT	PCBs
CMC ^a (ng/L)	950	520	3000	220	2400	1100	1100	1100	-
CCC ^b (ng/L)	-	3.8	-	56	4.3	1	1	1	14
MEC ^c	25	23	5	4.3	18.6	11.8	22.92	27.2	30
RQ _{CMC}	0.03	0.04	0.006	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	-
RQ _{CCC}	-	6.05	-	0.08	4.33	11.80	22.92	27.20	2.14

- a. **Criteria Maximum Concentration:** is an estimate of the highest concentration of a material in surface water to which an aquatic community can be exposed briefly without resulting in an unacceptable effect (USEPA, 2006)⁴⁰
- b. **Criteria Continuous Concentration:** is an estimate of the highest concentration of a material in surface water to which an aquatic community can be exposed indefinitely without resulting in an unacceptable effect (USEPA, 2006)⁴⁰
- c. **Average Measured Concentration** for OCPs and PCBs (Table 1 and 2)