

Supporting Information

Quantifying Bioavailability of Pyrene Associated with Dissolved Organic Matter of Various Molecular Weights to *Daphnia magna*

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19 **Fractionation of Dissolved Organic Matter (DOM) by Ultrafiltration**

20 Dissolved organic matter solutions were prepared as follows: The NaOH solution (1 mol L^{-1})
21 was added dropwise into the beaker containing a certain amount of the fulvic acid and humic acid
22 respectively until the solid powder was dissolved completely. Subsequently, the solutions were
23 transferred to ultrapure water and the pH value was adjusted to 7.00 ± 0.10 . After three days, the
24 supernatant was filtered with $0.45 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$ membrane (Millipore) to remove particulate matter, and
25 the prepared solutions of fulvic acid and humic acid were mixed at the ratio of 1:1 in volume.
26 Then the DOM solution was fractionated into five fractions with various molecular weights by a
27 Millipore Mini Pellicon ultrafiltration (UF) system (Billerica, MA), which was equipped with UF
28 membranes with nominal molecular weight cutoffs of 10 000, 5 000, 3 000 and 1 000 Da.
29 Specifically, UF membranes should be rinsed with ultrapure water (at least 3 L) before use, the
30 pressure of inlet (P_{in}) was 15 psi, and the pressure of out (P_{out}) was 5 psi. In order to eliminate
31 the organic carbon on the membrane originated from pyrogen and the residue of before, the UF
32 membrane was rinsed with 0.01 mol L^{-1} NaOH solution for 20 min (P_{in} : 15 psi, P_{out} : 5 psi).
33 Then the UF membrane was rinsed with ultrapure water again until the PH value of the outflow
34 was approximately 7.0. The UF experiment was conducted from high molecular weight (10 000
35 Da) to low molecular weight (1 000 Da) to reduce the influence of concentration polarization of
36 macromolecular organic matter on the UF procedure. The different DOM fractions received from
37 UF experiment mentioned above were F_1 ($>10\ 000 \text{ Da}$), F_2 ($5\ 000\text{-}10\ 000 \text{ Da}$), F_3 ($3\ 000\text{-}5\ 000$
38 Da), F_4 ($1\ 000\text{-}3\ 000 \text{ Da}$) and F_5 ($<1\ 000 \text{ Da}$), and the unfractionated DOM was expressed as F_0 .
39 After analysis of the DOC concentrations of $F_0\text{-}F_5$, the recovery rate of organic carbon was
40 calculated to be 80.52% (Table S1). The photograph of $F_0\text{-}F_5$ solution was shown in Figure S1.
41 The color of DOM solution with various molecular weights became darker with the increasing
42 molecular weight of DOM, which was accordance with the other research.¹

43 **Characterization of DOM with Various Molecular Weights**

44 The molecular weight of each fraction was characterized by gel permeation chromatography
45 (GPC) (Agilent Technologies). And other instrumental conditions were as follows: TSK gel:
46 G3000PWXL, Column No.: S0127, Detector: UV254 nm, Temperature: 30 °C.¹ As shown in
47 Figure S2, the GPC graph of the DOM fractions (F₂-F₅) was depicted, whereas the graph of F₁
48 was not detected because the wide molecular weight and the weak ultraviolet absorption at 254
49 nm, the similar reports that the signal of compounds with higher molecular weight are weaker
50 compared to compounds with lower molecular weight were found in other research.^{2,3} According
51 to the main peak of GPC graph and standard curves, the average apparent molecular weight was
52 calculated which are summarized in Table S2. The measured apparent molecular weights were in
53 accordance with the theoretical molecular weights (F₂-F₅).

54 **Preparation of Passive Dosing Dishes**

55 PDMS pre-polymer and the catalyst obtained together were placed (m:m, 10:1) in a plastic
56 valve bag, and then was stirred for 10 min by glass rod to obtain homogeneous mixture. Then a
57 total of 12 g ± 0.01 g of the mixtures were placed to a 60 mm-diameter glass culture dish, which
58 could maintain 500 mL water.⁴ The dishes were placed into a vacuum freeze drier to remove air.
59 For the curing of these dishes, they were laid out on the middle layer of an oven at 110 °C for 48
60 h. In order to eliminate impurities of PDMS dishes, the methanol was added to these cured dishes,
61 and then they were taken out after 72 h and rinsed with the ultrapure water three times.

62 **Determination of $K_{\text{MeOH:AFW}}$ and $K_{\text{PDMS:AFW}}$**

63 A series of pyrene solutions in methanol (0, 0.3, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, and 6.0 g L⁻¹) were prepared.
64 Then the PDMS dishes were placed into these methanol solutions containing pyrene (one dish per
65 100 mL methanol solutions), and the methanol solutions were refreshed every 24 h. After 72 h
66 loading, these PDMS dishes were rinsed with the ultrapure water three times, and then were
67 placed into artificial freshwater (AFW) in the glass beaker, meanwhile, a piece of 1 cm PDMS

68 fiber was placed into each glass beaker containing AFW. After 4 days, the pyrene concentrations
69 in AFW were determined by methods of solid-phase extraction (Oasis HLB columns),⁵ and the
70 fiber was taken out and immersed into 200 μL n-hexane at least 24 h, then the pyrene in n-hexane
71 solution was determined by GC-MS.

72 The partition coefficients ($K_{\text{MeOH:AFW}}$) between the MeOH loading solution and AFW could
73 be calculated as follow equation:⁶

$$74 \quad K_{\text{MeOH:AFW}} = \frac{C_{\text{MeOH}}}{C_{\text{AFW}}} \quad (\text{S1})$$

75 Where C_{MeOH} ($\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$) is the pyrene concentration in methanol, C_{AFW} ($\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$) is the pyrene
76 concentration in AFW. The detailed derivation procedure of $K_{\text{MeOH:AFW}}$ was reported in previous
77 research.⁷ The value of partition coefficient of pyrene between methanol and AFW was 80664
78 according to the linear regression between C_{MeOH} and C_{AFW} (Figure S3).

79 The partition coefficient of pyrene between PDMS on 1 cm fiber and the AFW ($K_{\text{PDMS:AFW}}$)
80 could be calculated according to equation (S2) and (S3).⁵

$$81 \quad K_{\text{PDMS:AFW}} = \frac{C_{\text{PDMS}}}{C_{\text{AFW}}} \quad (\text{S2})$$

$$82 \quad C_{\text{PDMS}} = \frac{200 * C_{\text{n-hexane}}}{13.55 * 0.01} \quad (\text{S3})$$

83 Where C_{PDMS} ($\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$) is the pyrene concentration in PDMS fiber, C_{AFW} ($\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$) is the pyrene
84 concentration in AFW, $C_{\text{n-hexane}}$ is the pyrene concentration in n-hexane, 200 is the volume of
85 n-hexane (μL), 13.55 represents the density of PDMS coating on the fiber ($\mu\text{L m}^{-1}$) and 0.01 is the
86 length of the fiber used for determination (m). Thus, the partition coefficient of pyrene between
87 PDMS on 1 cm fiber and the AFW ($K_{\text{PDMS:AFW}}$) could be deduced from equation (S2) and (S3):

$$88 \quad K_{\text{PDMS:AFW}} = \frac{200 * C_{\text{n-hexane}}}{13.55 * 0.01 * C_{\text{AFW}}} = \frac{200}{13.55 * 0.01} * K_{\text{n-hexane:AFW}} \quad (\text{S4})$$

89 Where $K_{\text{n-hexane:AFW}}$ could be calculated by linear regression between the pyrene concentration in
90 n-hexane and AFW (Figure S4). $K_{\text{PDMS:AFW}}$ was calculated to be 14790 according to equation (S4).

91 **Bioaccumulation Kinetics Experiments of Pyrene in *D. magna***

92 The bioaccumulation experiments were conducted in a 1 L glass beaker. A total of 50 *D.*
93 *magna* (14 days old) were placed in each beak with 500 mL AFW containing $10 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ pyrene,
94 which was controlled by the PDMS passive dosing system. They were cultured at a RXZ-500B
95 temperature-monitored artificial climate incubator (Beijing, China) at $23 \pm 1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 48 h with a
96 16:8 (light/dark) photoperiod (light intensity of 2300 lx). A total of 5 *D. magna* were sampled at 1,
97 3, 7, 11, 24, 36, 48 h and stored at $-20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ respectively until the determination of pyrene
98 concentration. Each experimental treatment was performed in triplicate.

99 **Analysis of Freely Dissolved Pyrene by Solid-Phase Microextraction**

100 Briefly, a piece of 1 cm PDMS fiber (Polymicro Tech) was placed into each Erlenmeyer
101 flask containing 120 mL exposure solution. The flask was kept in the dark and left shaking at 120
102 rpm at $24 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 24 h. Subsequently, the fiber was transferred to 200 μL n-hexane. The pyrene
103 concentration in n-hexane was analyzed by gas chromatography-mass spectrometer (GC-MS)
104 (Shimadzu, Japan) after 24 h.

105 **Determination of the Total Pyrene Concentration by Liquid-Liquid Extraction**

106 To determinate the total concentration of pyrene in exposure systems, the method of
107 liquid-liquid extraction was used.⁸ In brief, a total of 10 mL exposure solution was transferred to
108 a separatory funnel, and then 100 μL 2-fluorobiphenyl (recovery standard, 2 mg L^{-1}) was added.
109 Subsequently, a total of 10 mL ultrapure water and 15 mL dichloromethane were added. The
110 mixture was shaken for 10 min. After still stratification, the bottom liquid was transfer to a glass
111 funnel containing anhydrous sodium sulfate for elimination of water in the extraction liquid. The
112 exposure solution was extracted with dichloromethane once more without adding ultrapure water
113 and recovery standard. The combined dichloromethane extracts were concentrated to less than 2
114 mL with rotary evaporator. Then the concentrated liquid was blown to less than 0.5 mL with N_2 .
115 At last, a total of 100 μL m-terphenyl (internal standard, $600 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$) and n-hexane was added to

116 this concentrated liquid until reach 1 mL accurately for GC-MS determination.

117 **Extraction and Determination of Pyrene in *D. magna***

118 The gut, tissues without gut, and the whole body of *D. magna* stored at -20 °C were freeze
119 dried for 72 h, and then were placed into 10 mL glass scale test tube. A total of 100 µL
120 2-fluorobiphenyl (recovery standard, 2 mg L⁻¹) and 8 mL extraction liquid
121 (dichloromethane:n-hexane = 1:1, v:v) were added into each 10 mL glass scale test tube. The
122 tubes were covered by glass stopper and parafilm, and then were stored at -4 °C for 24 h,
123 followed by a 30 min ultrasonic extraction using ultrasonic cleaners. The extraction liquid was
124 taken out and added to each 15 mL glass tube, and repeat the ultrasonic extraction procedure with
125 extraction liquid (8 mL) as mentioned above once again. All extracts in the 15 mL glass tubes
126 were blown to less than 2 mL with N₂, and were filtered with 0.45 µm Teflon membrane (USA).
127 Then the filtrates were blown to less than 0.5 mL with N₂ to obtain concentrated liquid. At last, a
128 total of 100 µL m-terphenyl (internal standard, 600 µg L⁻¹) and n-hexane were added to this
129 concentrated liquid until reach 1 mL accurately for GC-MS determination.

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149 Table S1. Volume and dissolved organic carbon (DOC) concentration of DOM (F₀-F₅)

	F ₅	F ₄	F ₃	F ₂	F ₁	F ₀
	<1 000 Da	1 000- 3 000 Da	3 000- 5 000 Da	5 000- 10 000 Da	>10 000 Da	HA:FA (v:v, 1:1)
Volume (L)	4.00	2.51	1.50	0.45	1.45	16.78
DOC (mg C L ⁻¹)	70.67	114.16	192.44	724.80	487.02	139.86

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168 Table S2. The measured molecular weight (*MW*) of DOM fractionated by ultrafiltration

DOM size fraction	F ₅	F ₄	F ₃	F ₂	F ₁
	<1 000 Da	1 000-3 000 Da	3 000-5 000 Da	5 000-10 000 Da	>10 000 Da
Measured average <i>MW</i> (Da)	840	2410	3240	4790	nd

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187 Table S3. Expected and measured values of freely dissolved pyrene concentrations before (day 0)
 188 and after (day 2) the experiments of immobilization (n=6)

	Expected C_{free} ($\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$)	Measured C_{free} ($\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$)	
		Mean	SD
DAY 0	20	18.7	0.219
	40	38.5	0.447
	60	60.2	0.457
DAY 2	20	18.4	0.241
	40	38.0	0.346
	60	59.4	0.133

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191 Table S4. Expected and measured values of freely dissolved pyrene concentrations before (day 0)
 192 and after (day 2) the experiments of pyrene determination in *D. magna* (n=6)

	Expected C_{free} ($\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$)	Measured C_{free} ($\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$)	
		Mean	SD
DAY 0	60	58.7	0.136
DAY 2	60	57.9	0.215

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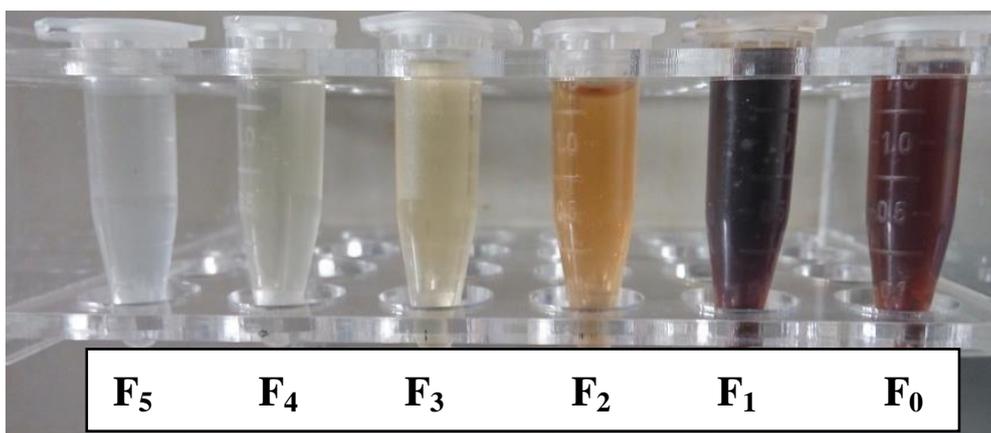
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201 Table S5. Organic carbon-normalized distribution coefficient (K_{doc}) values of pyrene under
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DOM molecular weight and concentration	C_{free} of pyrene ($\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$)	Concentration of pyrene associated with DOM ($C_{\text{DOM-pyrene}}$, $\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$)	K_{doc} (L Kg^{-1})	$\log K_{\text{doc}}$
<1 000 Da (10 mg C L ⁻¹)	20.0	9.88×10^5	4.94×10^4	4.69
1 000-3 000 Da (10 mg C L ⁻¹)	20.0	1.02×10^6	5.09×10^4	4.71
3 000-5 000 Da (10 mg C L ⁻¹)	20.0	1.36×10^6	6.82×10^4	4.83
5 000-10 000 Da (10 mg C L ⁻¹)	20.0	2.44×10^6	1.22×10^5	5.09
>10 000 Da (10 mg C L ⁻¹)	20.0	3.13×10^6	1.56×10^5	5.19
<1 000 Da (10 mg C L ⁻¹)	40.0	2.21×10^6	5.53×10^4	4.74
1 000-3 000 Da (10 mg C L ⁻¹)	40.0	2.37×10^6	5.93×10^4	4.77
3 000-5 000 Da (10 mg C L ⁻¹)	40.0	2.77×10^6	6.93×10^4	4.84
5 000-10 000 Da (10 mg C L ⁻¹)	40.0	4.05×10^6	1.01×10^5	5.01
>10 000 Da (10 mg C L ⁻¹)	40.0	7.71×10^6	1.93×10^5	5.28
<1 000 Da (10 mg C L ⁻¹)	60.0	3.04×10^6	5.06×10^4	4.70
1 000-3 000 Da (10 mg C L ⁻¹)	60.0	3.16×10^6	5.27×10^4	4.72
3 000-5 000 Da (10 mg C L ⁻¹)	60.0	3.57×10^6	5.94×10^4	4.77
5 000-10 000 Da (10 mg C L ⁻¹)	60.0	5.90×10^6	9.84×10^4	4.99
>10 000 Da (10 mg C L ⁻¹)	60.0	1.10×10^7	1.84×10^5	5.26
<1 000 Da (30 mg C L ⁻¹)	60.0	3.62×10^6	6.58×10^4	4.82
1 000-3 000 Da (30 mg C L ⁻¹)	60.0	4.01×10^6	7.29×10^5	4.86
3 000-5 000 Da (30 mg C L ⁻¹)	60.0	4.24×10^6	7.70×10^5	4.89
5 000-10 000 Da (30 mg C L ⁻¹)	20.0	2.38×10^6	1.19×10^5	5.08
>10 000 Da (30 mg C L ⁻¹)	20.0	3.63×10^6	1.82×10^5	5.26

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206 Figure S1. Samples of unfractionated DOM and five fractions of DOM through the ultrafilter (F₀:
207 unfractionated DOM, F₁: >10 000 Da, F₂: 5 000-10 000 Da, F₃: 3 000-5 000 Da, F₄: 1 000-3 000
208 Da, F₅: <1 000 Da).

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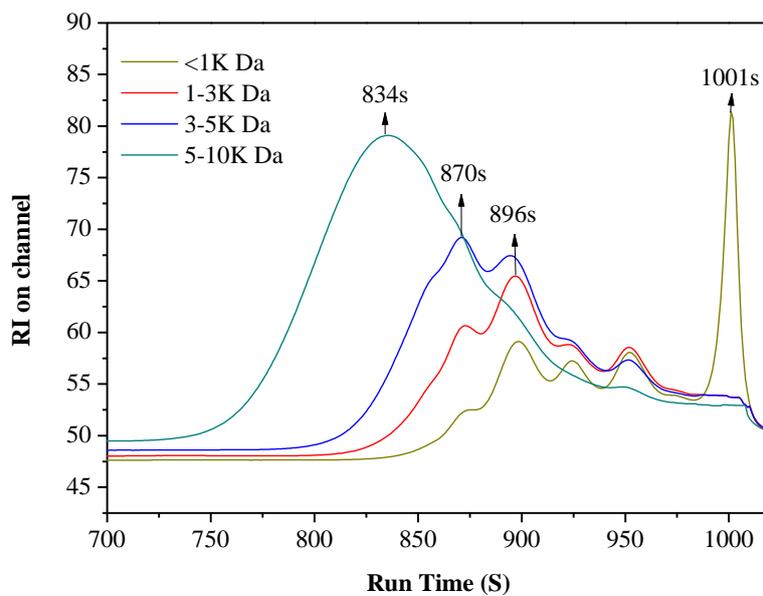
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224 Figure S2. Gel permeation chromatography graph of the DOM with various molecular weights
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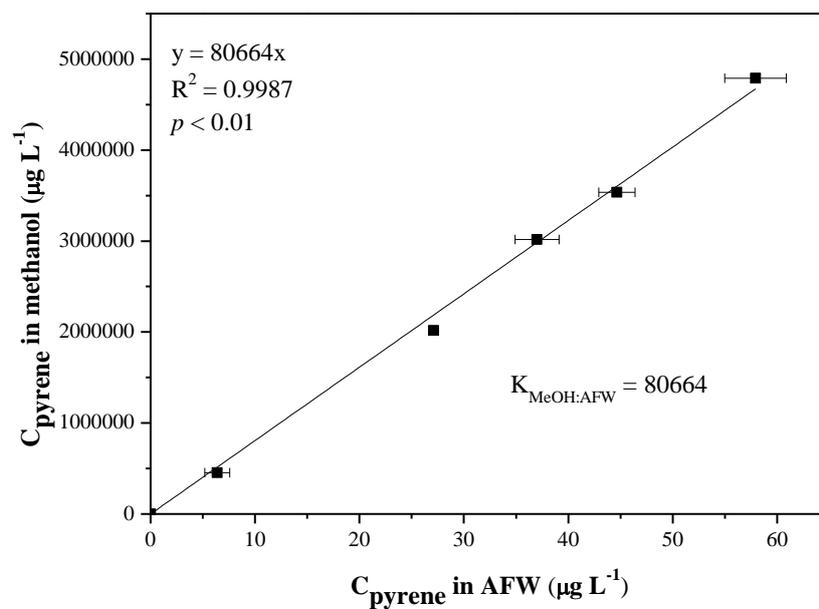
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238 Figure S3. Relationship between pyrene concentrations in the loading solution (methanol) and

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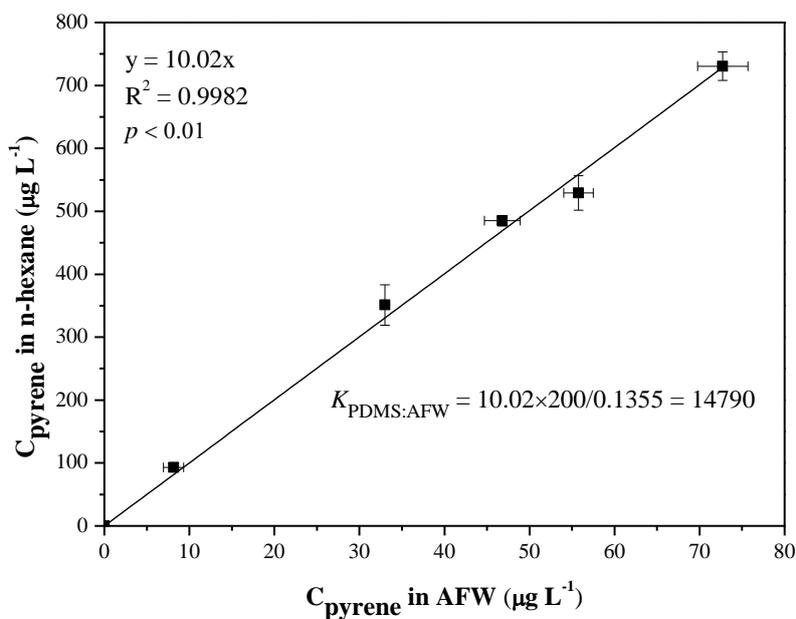
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252 Figure S4. Relationship between pyrene concentrations in n-hexane containing 1 cm PDMS fiber
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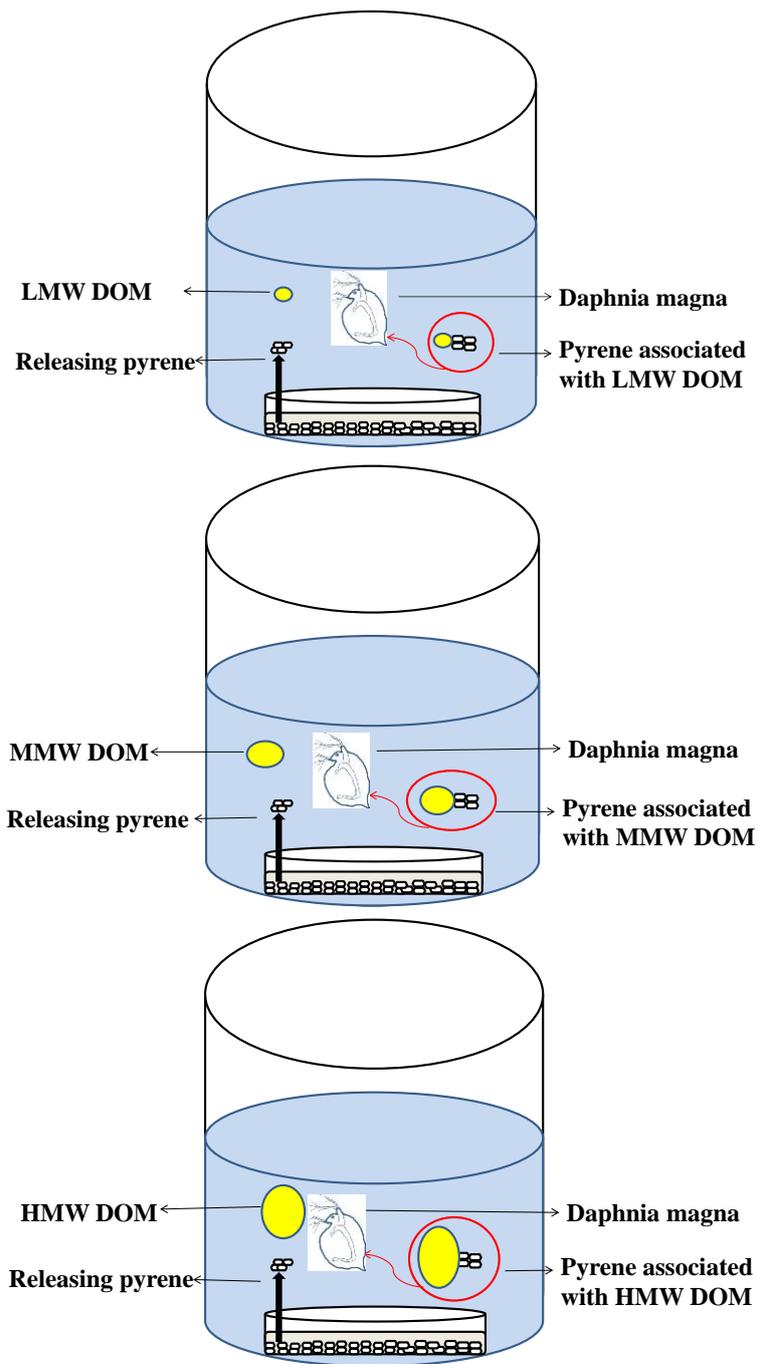
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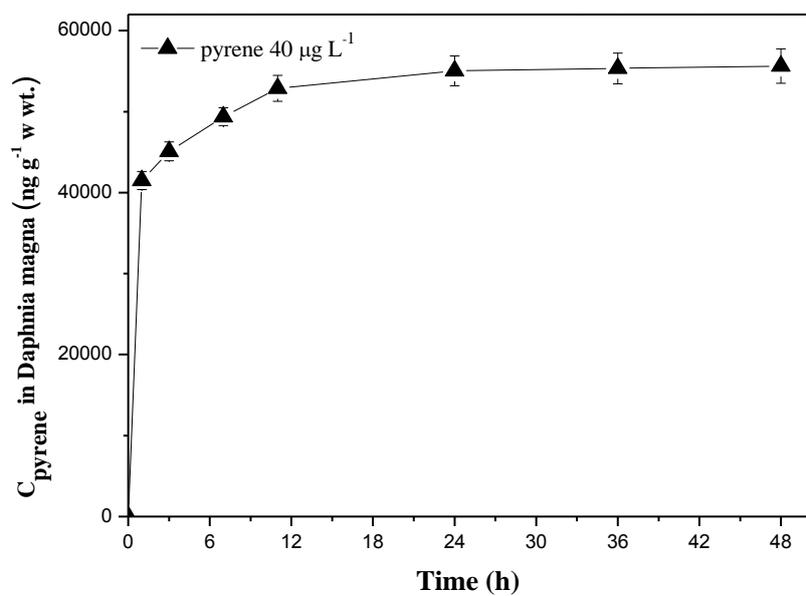
268 Figure S5. Schematic of pyrene associated with different molecular weight DOM taken up by *D.*

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274 Figure S6. Bioaccumulation curve of pyrene in *D. magna* in the absence of DOM during 48 h of
275 exposure (mean ± standard deviation, n = 3).

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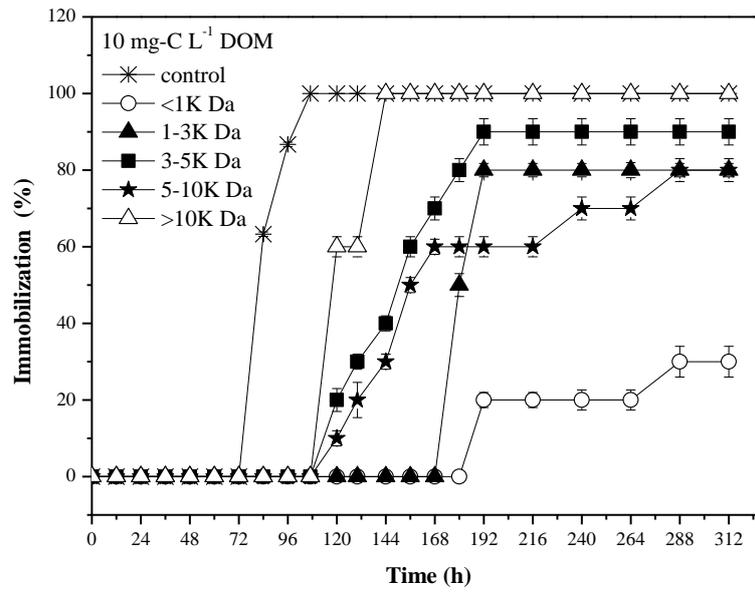
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284 Figure S7. Effects of DOM (10 mg C L⁻¹) with different molecular weights on the immobilization
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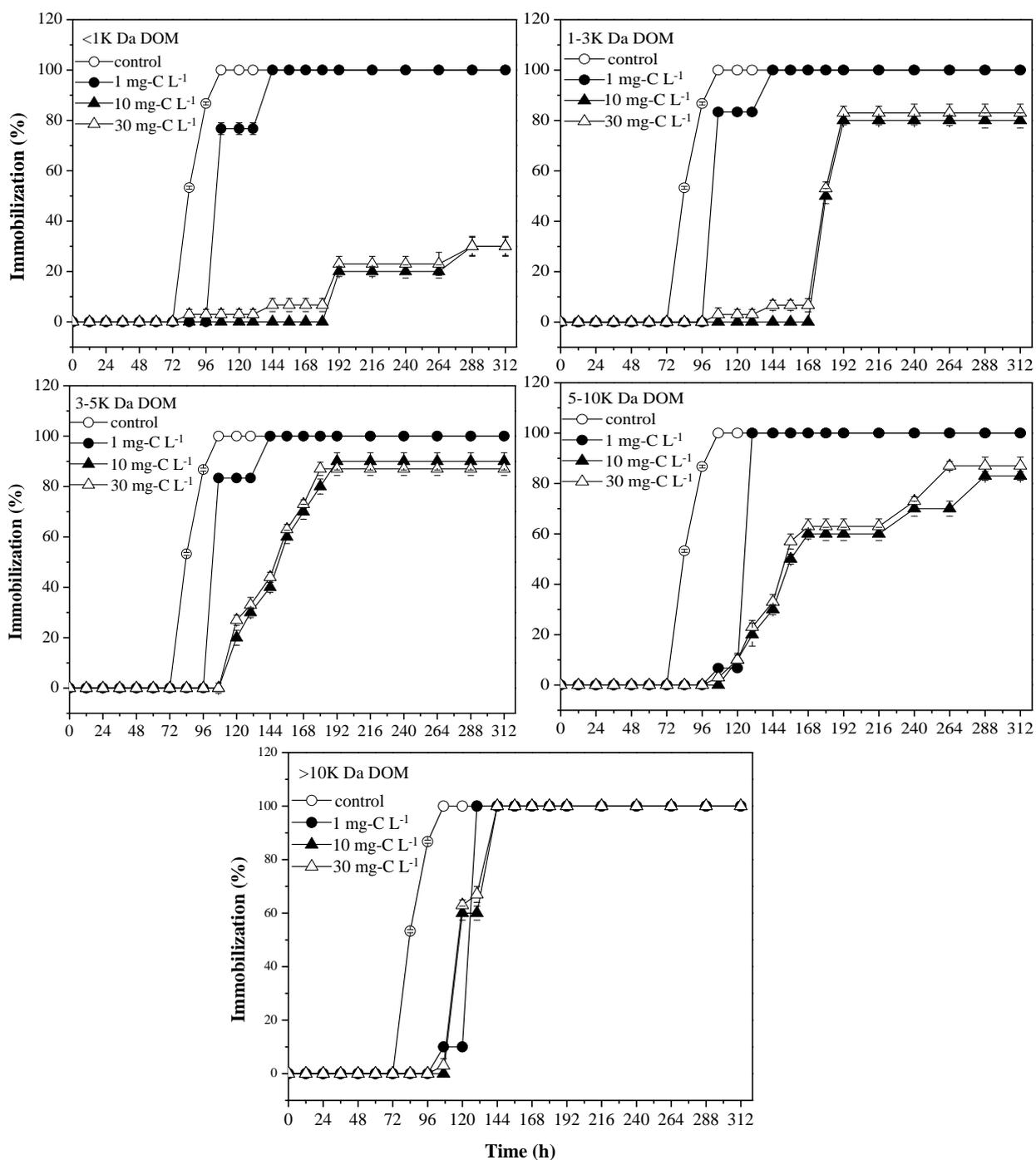
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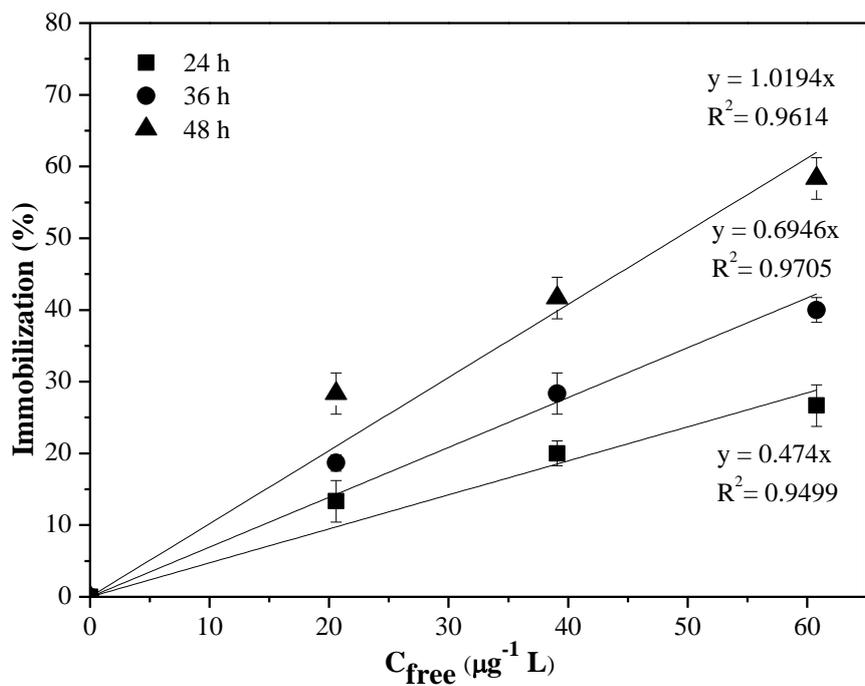


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302 Figure S8. Effects of DOM with different concentrations on the immobilization of *D. magna* in
 303 the systems of DOM with various molecular weights during 312 h of exposure (mean \pm standard
 304 deviation, n = 3). Control means without DOM.

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308 Figure S9. Relationship between the immobilization of *D. magna* in control group without DOM

309 and the freely dissolved pyrene concentration (mean \pm standard deviation, n = 3).

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