Supporting Information for

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	DMP-D ₄	DEP-D ₄	DiBP-D ₄	DBP-D ₄	BBP-D ₄	DEHP-D ₄
Recoveries in method blank (n = 16) a	70 ±11%	$70 \pm 12\%$	71 ±8.4%	74 ±9.1%	84 ±7.1%	74 ±5.0%
Recoveries in method spiked (n = 16) ^a	71 ±9.2%	$71\ \pm 10\%$	73 ±7.7%	74 ±7.5%	86 ±8.4%	77 ±5.9%
Recoveries in film samples $(n = 64)^{a}$	70 ±5.9%	75 ±5.2%	76 ±4.3%	79 ±5.0%	$85\ \pm 8.5\%$	81 ±8.7%
	DMP	DEP	DiBP	DBP	BBP	DEHP
Values in method blanks (n = 16) ^{b, c} MDLs ^d	27 ± 6.0 ng/m ² 43 ng/m ²	5.0 ± 2.2 ng/m ² 11 ng/m ²	42 ± 19 ng/m ² 99 ng/m ²	57 ± 11 ng/m ² 90 ng/m ²	2.0 ± 2.0 ng/m ² 8.0 ng/m ²	57 ± 12 ng/m ² 93 ng/m ²
Recoveries in method spiked $(n = 16)^{c,e}$	116 ±11%	108 ± 13%	113 ±10%	116 ±7.8%	96 ±7.5%	114 ±11%
Values in film samples before corrected by blank (n = 64) ^c	$\begin{array}{c} 230 \ \pm 130 \\ ng/m^2 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 29 \ \pm 14 \\ ng/m^2 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 520 \pm 290 \\ ng/m^2 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 1700 \pm 840 \\ ng/m^2 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 57 \pm 67 \\ ng/m^2 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 6900 \pm 5900 \\ ng/m^2 \end{array}$
Values in film samples after corrected by blank (n = 64) ^{c,f}	$\frac{170 \pm 120}{ng/m^2}$	$\frac{19 \pm 14}{ng/m^2}$	$\begin{array}{c} 410 \pm 300 \\ ng/m^2 \end{array}$	$\frac{1500 \pm 840}{ng/m^2}$	$52 \pm 66 \\ ng/m^2$	6800 ± 5900 ng/m ²

^a: The mass of each PAE-D4 that was loaded was 100 ng.

^b: Values in method blanks were divided by the sampling area of window for each of batch of real samples.

^c: All results adjusted by dividing by the recoveries of deuterated spikes.

^d: The method detection limits (MDLs) was calculated by the mean blank values plus three times the standard deviation.

^e: The mass of each PAE that was loaded was 500 ng.

^f: Concentrations of each PAE were subtracted from the mean blank values of each batch of two blank samples.

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72	Table S2.	The converted	median	concentrations	of DiBP,	DBP	and DEHP	(in ng/m ³
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- air) in indoor air in this study and monitoring data from various studies around the
- world

Country	Year	DiBP	DBP	DEHP	References
China	2014	280	660	200	This study
China	2015	350	1600	140	This study
USA	2014-2015	na ^a	na ^a	300	Bi et al., 2015 ¹
China	2013	na ^a	1100	1100	Song et al., 2015 ²
China	2011-2012	na ^a	1939	2437	Pei et al., 2013 ³
Sweden	na ^a	270 ^b	850 ^b	200 ^b	Bergh et al., 2011 ⁴
Sweden	na ^a	190 °	600 ^c	240 °	Bergh et al., 2011 ⁴
Sweden	na ^a	230 ^d	550 ^d	100 ^d	Bergh et al., 2011 ⁴
USA	2006	130	140	68	Rudel et al., 2010 ⁵
Japan	2006-2007	75	200	147	Kanazawa et al., 2010 ⁶
Germany	2000-2001	na ^a	1083	156	Fromme et al., 2004 ⁷
USA	1999-2001	61	220	77	Rudel et al., 2003 ⁸

na ^a: not available. ^b: Samples collected at private homes. ^c: Samples collected at workplaces. ^d: Samples collected at day care centers.

77 **Table S3.** Parameters for the equations to calculate the daily exposure dose (DED) for

78 DiBP, DBP and DEHP via indoor air inhalation (DED_{air}), film ingestion (DED_{film-i})

Category	Units	Teenagers (Age: 12-19 ^{9, 10})	Adults (Age $\geq 20^{9, 10}$)
IR	m ³ /day	14	13.3
BW	kg	52 ^{9, 10}	62.911
BSA ⁹	cm^2	3692	4615
FAS ⁹	mg/cm/day	0.096	0.096
AF ^{9, 12}	-	0.03	0.03
IEF ^{9, 13}	-	0.875	0.875
DIR ^{9, 10}	(g/day)	0.05	0.05

79 film dermal absorption (DED_{film-da}) for teenagers and adults⁹

Table S4. Summery of PAE concentrations (in $\mu g/g$ film) in the glass window film

	W	inter	Summer			
	25 th -75 th percentile	Geo. Mean	Median	25 th -75 th percentile	Geo. Mean	Median
DMP	23-48	23	27	9.5-29	18	12
DEP	2.2-5.9	2.1	2.4	1.2-3.0	2.0	1.7
DiBP	60-170	110	110	23-41	32	32
DBP	220-460	320	320	120-270	170	180
BBP	6.0-18	11	12	2.6-4.7	3.2	3.6
DEHP	990-2200	1700	1500	340-630	460	440
$\Sigma_6 PAEs$	1300-2800	2200	2000	510-850	700	650

82 samples in winter and summer.

Table S5. Summary of the median and 25th-75th percentile values for DED_{air} (in μg/kg-bw/day), DED_{film-i} (in μg/kg-bw/day), DED_{film-da} (in

	Season	DiBP	DBP	DEHP	Total	DiBP	DBP	DEHP	Total	
			Teena	gers		Adults				
DED _{air}	winter	0.065	0.16	0.066	0.34	0.051	0.12	0.052	0.27	
		(0.031-0.11)	(0.089-0.43)	(0.058-0.11)	(0.18-0.65)	(0.024-0.089)	(0.07-0.34)	(0.045-0.086)	(0.14-0.51)	
DED _{air}	summer	0.083	0.38	0.032	0.49	0.065	0.30	0.025	0.38	
		(0.051-0.094)	(0.27 - 0.67)	(0.024-0.039)	(0.35-0.79)	(0.040 - 0.074)	(0.22-0.53)	(0.019-0.031)	(0.28-0.62)	
DED _{film-i}	winter	0.095	0.27	1.2	1.7	0.079	0.23	1.0	1.4	
		(0.051-0.15)	(0.18-0.38)	(0.83-1.9)	(1.0-2.4)	(0.042 - 0.12)	(0.15-0.32)	(0.70 - 1.5)	(0.87 - 1.9)	
DED _{film-i}	summer	0.027	0.15	0.37	0.54	0.022	0.13	0.31	0.45	
		(0.019-0.034)	(0.10-0.22)	(0.29-0.53)	(0.41-0.69)	(0.016-0.028)	(0.085-0.19)	(0.24 - 0.44)	(0.34-0.57)	
DED _{film-da}	winter	0.020	0.058	0.26	0.35	0.021	0.060.	0.27	0.37	
		(0.011-0.031)	(0.039-0.081)	(0.18-0.39)	(0.22-0.50)	(0.011-0.032)	(0.040 - 0.084)	(0.18-0.41)	(0.23-0.52)	
DED _{film-da}	summer	0.006	0.033	0.078	0.12	0.006	0.034	0.081	0.12	
		(0.004-0.007)	(0.022-0.048)	(0.061-0.11)	(0.087-0.15)	(0.004 - 0.008)	(0.023-0.049)	(0.063-0.12	(0.090-0.15)	
DEDt	winter	0.19	0.55	1.6	2.3	0.16	0.46	1.4	2.0	
		(0.13-0.28)	(0.32-0.87)	(1.1-2.3)	(1.7-3.3)	(0.11-0.23)	(0.27 - 0.72)	(0.92-2.0)	(1.5-2.8)	
DEDt	summer	0.11	0.62	0.50	1.3	0.087	0.49	0.42	1.1	
		(0.09-0.12)	(0.43-0.96)	(0.37-0.70)	(0.91-1.56)	(0.074 - 0.10)	(0.35-0.77)	(0.32-0.60)	(0.76-1.3)	
HQ	winter	0.019	0.055	0.031	0.11	0.016	0.046	0.027	0.095	
		(0.013-0.028)	(0.031-0.087)	(0.021-0.047)	(0.068-0.17)	(0.011-0.023)	(0.027 - 0.072)	(0.018-0.040)	(0.058 - 0.14)	
HQ	summer	0.011	0.062	0.010	0.087	0.008	0.044	0.008	0.071	
		(0.009-0.012)	(0.043-0.096)	(0.008-0.014)	(0.061-0.12)	(0.007-0.010)	(0.035-0.74)	(0.006-0.012)	(0.049-0.094)	

 $\mu g/kg-bw/day$), DED_t (in $\mu g/kg-bw/day$) and HQ for the summer and winter samples.

86 S2.Supplementary Figures



Figure S1. The location of sampling sites in Harbin City, Heilongjiang Province,
China.



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Figure S2. Blank proportion (%) over time calculated by dividing the mean blank
values by the values detected in film samples collected over time.

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Proportions of PAEs in the blank samples over time suggested that, in general, the 95 precision of DBP, DiBP, BBP and DEHP increased along with the sampling time (see 96 97 Figure S2). The levels of DBP, DiBP, BBP and DEHP in blanks were generally less than 30% of the levels in film samples. The precision of DEP and DMP was not as 98 99 good as the other four PAEs. The PAE concentrations in each batch of samples were firstly subtracted from the mean blank values of the corresponding batch of samples. 100 101 If the subtracted concentrations were lower than three times the standard deviation of 102 the blank values, the PAE concentrations in the films were then treated as 1/2 of 103 MDLs. That is, the concentrations below mean blank values plus three times the standard deviation (MDLs) were treated as half the value of MDLs for statistical 104 105 analysis.







114 The correlation coefficients are given in red color in the scatterplot matrices. One star 115 (*) and two stars (**) mean correlation is significant at the 0.05 and 0.01 level

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Figure S5. Loading plots (a) and score plots (b) of PCA for PAEs in the window film
samples. For the abbreviation in the score plots, W means winter samples; S means
summer samples.



Figure S6. Comparison of PAE concentrations (ng/m^2) in the building A and B with

125 different sampling methods.

128 Figure S7. The PAE concentrations (in $\mu g/g$) in the glass window films as a function

129 of growth days in winter (a) and summer (b).

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