Supplemental Information for

Increasing Sample Size in Prospective Birth Cohorts: Back-Extrapolating Prenatal Levels of Persistent Organic Pollutants in Newly Enrolled Children

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Table S1. Cross-validated algorithm MSEs (weights) in the Super Learner by subset

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| **Maternal 9-year subset (n=94)** | | | | | | |
| **Method** | ***p,p’*-DDT** | ***p,p’*-DDE** | **BDE-47** | **BDE-99** | **BDE-100** | **BDE-153** | |
| GLM | 0.090 (0.000) | 0.046 (0.000) | 0.123 (0.054) | 0.220 (0.000) | 0.111 (0.210) | 0.067 (0.275) | |
| sGLM | 0.083 (0.000) | 0.050 (0.000) | 0.094 (0.000) | 0.151 (0.000) | 0.092 (0.137) | 0.069 (0.000) | |
| GAM | 0.099 (0.198) | 0.048 (0.000) | 0.134 (0.000) | 0.258 (0.000) | 0.118 (0.000) | 0.076 (0.000) | |
| sGAM | 0.076 (0.319) | 0.052 (0.000) | 0.094 (0.406) | 0.178 (0.000) | 0.090 (0.273) | 0.070 (0.106) | |
| BayesGLM | 0.083 (0.000) | 0.046 (0.079) | 0.122 (0.000) | 0.214 (0.000) | 0.107 (0.000) | 0.066 (0.000) | |
| sBayesGLM | 0.082 (0.000) | 0.050 (0.000) | 0.094 (0.000) | 0.149 (0.428) | 0.092 (0.000) | 0.069 (0.030) | |
| GLMNET | 0.074 (0.000) | 0.037 (0.261) | 0.100 (0.000) | 0.156 (0.000) | 0.109 (0.000) | 0.058 (0.259) | |
| RandomForest | 0.197 (0.160) | 0.086 (0.000) | 0.118 (0.000) | 0.171 (0.000) | 0.119 (0.021) | 0.100 (0.000) | |
| LOESS | 0.128 (0.000) | 0.052 (0.006) | 0.165 (0.039) | 0.218 (0.000) | 0.178 (0.057) | 0.168 (0.000) | |
| RPART | 0.166 (0.073) | 0.071 (0.277) | 0.160 (0.000) | 0.218 (0.000) | 0.148 (0.000) | 0.099 (0.008) | |
| NNET | 0.567 (0.000) | 0.288 (0.000) | 0.195 (0.052) | 0.242 (0.000) | 0.194 (0.000) | 0.157 (0.005) | |
| Polymars | 0.120 (0.048) | 0.050 (0.198) | 0.114 (0.163) | 0.295 (0.000) | 0.120 (0.162) | 0.087 (0.120) | |
| SVM | 0.294 (0.000) | 0.103 (0.000) | 0.143 (0.000) | 0.185 (0.028) | 0.130 (0.059) | 0.113 (0.000) | |
| DSA | 0.107 (0.201) | 0.046 (0.179) | 0.098 (0.285) | 0.142 (0.544) | 0.109 (0.080) | 0.073 (0.198) | |

**Table S1 Continued.** Cross-validated algorithm MSEs (weights) in the Super Learner by subset

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| **Child 9-year subset (n=161)** | | | | | | |
| **Method** | ***p,p’*-DDT** | ***p,p’*-DDE** | **BDE-47** | **BDE-99** | **BDE-100** | **BDE-153** | |
| GLM | 0.171 (0.181) | 0.102 (0.000) | 0.250 (0.000) | 0.280 (0.000) | 0.254 (0.000) | 0.146 (0.307) | |
| sGLM | 0.173 (0.000) | 0.120 (0.000) | 0.213 (0.000) | 0.237 (0.000) | 0.207 (0.000) | 0.149 (0.000) | |
| GAM | 0.178 (0.031) | 0.098 (0.543) | 0.240 (0.000) | 0.274 (0.000) | 0.242 (0.000) | 0.152 (0.000) | |
| sGAM | 0.158 (0.314) | 0.112 (0.051) | 0.216 (0.000) | 0.241 (0.000) | 0.202 (0.000) | 0.154 (0.000) | |
| BayesGLM | 0.171 (0.000) | 0.102 (0.000) | 0.248 (0.000) | 0.278 (0.000) | 0.251 (0.000) | 0.146 (0.000) | |
| sBayesGLM | 0.173 (0.000) | 0.120 (0.000) | 0.213 (0.000) | 0.236 (0.000) | 0.207 (0.000) | 0.148 (0.000) | |
| GLMNET | 0.160 (0.000) | 0.100 (0.000) | 0.213 (0.000) | 0.214 (0.000) | 0.181 (0.000) | 0.136 (0.000) | |
| RandomForest | 0.190 (0.216) | 0.132 (0.000) | 0.170 (0.912) | 0.205 (0.715) | 0.164 (0.622) | 0.131 (0.549) | |
| LOESS | 0.215 (0.000) | 0.132 (0.158) | 0.204 (0.000) | 0.235 (0.000) | 0.197 (0.000) | 0.167 (0.000) | |
| RPART | 0.239 (0.134) | 0.147 (0.030) | 0.250 (0.000) | 0.283 (0.000) | 0.225 (0.086) | 0.197 (0.000) | |
| NNET | 0.667 (0.000) | 0.359 (0.000) | 0.205 (0.088) | 0.212 (0.285) | 0.206 (0.000) | 0.176 (0.000) | |
| Polymars | 0.236 (0.115) | 0.137 (0.117) | 0.439 (0.000) | 1.107 (0.000) | 0.387 (0.000) | 0.185 (0.119) | |
| SVM | 0.232 (0.010) | 0.132 (0.101) | 0.181 (0.000) | 0.220 (0.000) | 0.183 (0.000) | 0.135 (0.000) | |
| DSA | 0.185 (0.000) | 0.128 (0.000) | 0.195 (0.000) | 0.225 (0.000) | 0.171 (0.292) | 0.146 (0.026) | |

**Table S1 Continued.** Cross-validated algorithm MSEs (weights) in the Super Learner by subset

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| **Maternal and Child 9-year subset (n=89)** | | | | | | |
| **Method** | ***p,p’*-DDT** | ***p,p’*-DDE** | **BDE-47** | **BDE-99** | **BDE-100** | **BDE-153** | |
| GLM | 0.116 (0.000) | 0.047 (0.000) | 0.184 (0.000) | 0.282 (0.000) | 0.162 (0.000) | 0.069 (0.000) | |
| sGLM | 0.079 (0.000) | 0.043 (0.000) | 0.097 (0.000) | 0.139 (0.425) | 0.087 (0.281) | 0.074 (0.000) | |
| GAM | 0.102 (0.020) | 0.040 (0.000) | 0.203 (0.000) | 0.323 (0.000) | 0.146 (0.076) | 0.090 (0.000) | |
| sGAM | 0.066 (0.636) | 0.037 (0.014) | 0.096 (0.447) | 0.155 (0.000) | 0.086 (0.000) | 0.071 (0.114) | |
| BayesGLM | 0.106 (0.000) | 0.045 (0.000) | 0.170 (0.000) | 0.227 (0.000) | 0.151 (0.000) | 0.065 (0.318) | |
| sBayesGLM | 0.078 (0.000) | 0.043 (0.000) | 0.097 (0.108) | 0.138 (0.263) | 0.087 (0.000) | 0.073 (0.000) | |
| GLMNET | 0.083 (0.000) | 0.031 (0.000) | 0.104 (0.000) | 0.167 (0.000) | 0.094 (0.000) | 0.058 (0.000) | |
| RandomForest | 0.126 (0.038) | 0.066 (0.000) | 0.125 (0.000) | 0.175 (0.067) | 0.128 (0.000) | 0.107 (0.000) | |
| LOESS | 0.191 (0.000) | 0.102 (0.020) | 0.234 (0.000) | 0.283 (0.000) | 0.238 (0.000) | 0.205 (0.000) | |
| RPART | 0.153 (0.152) | 0.075 (0.138) | 0.186 (0.000) | 0.212 (0.000) | 0.148 (0.073) | 0.098 (0.044) | |
| NNET | 0.608 (0.000) | 0.290 (0.000) | 0.208 (0.042) | 0.247 (0.000) | 0.202 (0.040) | 0.164 (0.033) | |
| Polymars | 0.108 (0.154) | 0.031 (0.269) | 0.187 (0.000) | 0.300 (0.000) | 0.086 (0.355) | 0.059 (0.285) | |
| SVM | 0.295 (0.000) | 0.100 (0.070) | 0.138 (0.000) | 0.190 (0.057) | 0.144 (0.000) | 0.108 (0.000) | |
| DSA | 0.098 (0.000) | 0.028 (0.489) | 0.101 (0.403) | 0.159 (0.188) | 0.093 (0.175) | 0.063 (0.207) | |
| GLM= generalized linear model  sGLM= “screened” GLM. Variables only selected if significantly correlated with prenatal serum levels in bivariate analysis (p≤0.1)  GAM= generalized additive model  sGAM= “screened” GAM. Variables only selected if significantly correlated with prenatal serum levels in bivariate analysis (p≤0.1)  BayesGLM= Bayesian linear model  sBayesGLM= “screened” BayesGLM. Variables only selected if significantly correlated with prenatal serum levels in bivariate analysis (p≤0.1)  GLMNET= elastic net  LOESS= local polynomial regression  RPART= recursive partitioning and regression trees  NNET= neural network  PolyMars= polynomial spline regression  SVM= support vector machine  DSA= deletion/substitution/addition | | | | | | |

Table S2. DSA prediction equations for p,p’-DDT/E and PBDEs using child 9-year serum levels (n=161)

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| **Equation** | **Description** |
|  | = maternal *p,p’*-DDT serum concentration at 26 weeks gestation (ng/g-lipid)  = index child *p,p’*-DDT serum concentration at 9-year visit (ng/g-lipid)  = index child *p,p’*-DDE serum concentration at 9-year visit (ng/g-lipid)  = index child BMI z-score at 9-year visit (continuous)  = years in the United States prior to index child (years) |
|  | = maternal *p,p’*-DDE serum concentration at 26 weeks gestation (ng/g-lipid)  = index child *p,p’*-DDE serum concentration at 9-year visit (ng/g-lipid)  = index child BMI z-score at 9-year visit (continuous)  = maternal parity before index child (#)  = breastfeeding duration of index child (months)  = maternal age at delivery (years)  = maternal pregnancy weight gain (kg) |
|  | = maternal BDE-47 serum concentration at 26 weeks gestation (ng/g-lipid) |
|  | = maternal BDE-99 serum concentration at 26 weeks gestation (ng/g-lipid) |
|  | = maternal BDE-100 serum concentration at 26 weeks gestation (ng/g-lipid)  = years in the United States prior to index child (years) |
|  | = maternal BDE-153 serum concentration at 26 weeks gestation (ng/g-lipid)  = index child BDE-153 serum concentration at 9-year visit (ng/g-lipid)  = years in the United States prior to index child (years) |

Table S3. DSA prediction equations for *p,p’*-DDT/E and PBDEs using both maternal and child 9-year serum levels (n=89)

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| **Equation** | **Description** |
|  | = maternal *p,p’*-DDT serum concentration at 26 weeks gestation (ng/g-lipid)  = maternal *p,p’*-DDT serum concentration at 9-year visit (ng/g-lipid)  = index child *p,p’*-DDE serum concentration at 9-year visit (ng/g-lipid) |
|  | = maternal *p,p’*-DDE serum concentration at 26 weeks gestation (ng/g-lipid)  = maternal *p,p’*-DDE serum concentration at 9-year visit (ng/g-lipid)  = index child *p,p’*-DDE serum concentration at 9-year visit (ng/g-lipid)  = maternal pre-pregnancy weight (kg)  = cumulative breastfeeding duration post-index child (months)  = child fat percentage at 9-year visit (%)  = maternal weight at 9-year visit (kg)  = maternal pregnancy weight gain (kg) |
|  | = maternal BDE-47 serum concentration at 26 weeks gestation (ng/g-lipid)  = maternal BDE-153 serum concentration at 9-year visit (ng/g-lipid)  = maternal BDE-100 serum concentration at 9-year visit (ng/g-lipid)  = poverty at 9-year visit (categorical)  = years in the United States prior to index child (years) |
|  | = maternal BDE-99 serum concentration at 26 weeks gestation (ng/g-lipid)  = maternal BDE-100 serum concentration at 9-year visit (ng/g-lipid)  = maternal BDE-153 serum concentration at 9-year visit (ng/g-lipid) |
|  | = maternal BDE-100 serum concentration at 26 weeks gestation (ng/g-lipid)  = maternal BDE-100 serum concentration at 9-year visit (ng/g-lipid)  = maternal BDE-153 serum concentration at 9-year visit (ng/g-lipid)  = maternal BDE-99 serum concentration at 9-year visit (ng/g-lipid)  = years in the United States prior to index child (years)  = Upholstery furniture present in home at 9-year visit (yes/no) |
|  | = maternal BDE-153 serum concentration at 26 weeks gestation (ng/g-lipid)  = maternal BDE-153 serum concentration at 9-year visit (ng/g-lipid)  = years in the United States prior to index child (years) |



Figure S1. Scatterplots of back-extrapolated versus measured prenatal (~26 weeks gestation) serum concentrations of *p,p’*-DDT/E and PBDEs using 9-year child serum levels (n=161). Root mean squared errors (RMSEs) and correlation coefficients (R2s) were calculated comparing the linear fit of back-extrapolated and measured log10 serum levels (red line). Black line represents perfect back-extrapolation. SL = Super Learner, DSA = Deletion/ Substitution/ Addition, and PK = pharmacokinetic model.



Figure S2. Scatterplots of back-extrapolated versus measured prenatal (~26 weeks gestation) serum concentrations of *p,p’*-DDT/E and PBDEs using both 9-year maternal and child serum levels (n=89). Root mean squared errors (RMSEs) and correlation coefficients (R2s) were calculated comparing the linear fit of back-extrapolated and measured log10 serum levels (red line). Black line represents perfect back-extrapolation. SL = Super Learner and DSA = Deletion/ Substitution/ Addition.