**SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL**

**TITLE: POLYBROMINATED DIPHENYL ETHER (PBDE) EXPOSURE AND REPRODUCTIVE HORMONES IN NORTH AMERICAN MEN**

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**Supplemental Material, Table S1**. Summary of key human studies examining PentaBDE exposure and reproductive function in adult males.

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| First Author (Year) | Study Location | No of Subjects | Median PBDE Level  (unit, matrix) | T, fT | FSH  Inhibin-B, | LH  Prolactin  SHBG | Other Repo. Endpoints |
| Main, K.M. (2007) [1} | Denmark  Finland | 130 | BDE-47 (1.27) BDE-99 (0.42) BDE-100 (0.29) BDE-153 (0.85) (ng/g, breast milk fat) | − T  − fT | − FSH  − Inhibin-B |  LH  NM Prolactin  − SHBG | cryptorchidism in newborns |
| Turyk, M, (2008) [2] | USA | 308 | BDE-47 (0.11), BDE-99 (0.03), BDE-100 (0.01), BDE-153 (0.03) (ng/g serum) |  T | NM | − SHBG |  SHBG-bound T |
| Meeker, JD (2009) [3] | USA | 24 | BDE-47 (500) BDE-99 (838) BDE-100(180) (ng/g, dust) |  T | FSH   Inhibin-B |  LH  Prolactin   SHGB |  FAI   estradiol |
| Abdelouahab, N. (2011) [4] | Canada | 52 | BDE-47 (0.186) BDE-99 (0.053) BDE-100 (0.030) BDE-153 (0.004) (ng/ml serum) | NM | NM | NM |  semen mobility\* |
| Johnson, PI. (2013) [5] | USA | 38 | PentaBDE (47, 99, 100) 1049 (ng/g, dust) |  T | FSH   Inhibin-B |  LH   Prolactin   SHBG |  estradiol   FAI |
| Toft, G.  (2013) [6] | Greenland  Poland  Ukraine | 299 | BDE-47 (0.2 – 2.0), BDE-153 (2.7 to 0.3). (ng/g serum lipid) |  T |  inhibin-B  − FSH | − SHBG  − LH |  estradiol   FAI   semen quality |
| Makey, CM. (2015)  This study | USA | 27 | BDE-47 (9.4), BDE-99 (1.9), BDE-100 (1.8), BDE-153 (8.6) (ng/g serum lipid) | − T  − fT |  inhibin-B   FSH | − LH  − Prolactin  − SHBG |  Inhibin-B/FSH ratio   FAI |

An upward facing arrow () indicates PBDE exposure was associated with an increase in the outcome parameter. A downward facing arrow () indicates PBDE exposure was associated with a decrease in the outcome parameter. A horizontal bar (**−**) indicates no relationship between PentaBDE exposure and outcome parameter. (**NM**) indicates the outcome parameter was not measured.  
Abbreviations: NM, not measured; RFT, reproductive function test; TT, total testosterone; fT, testosterone; FSH, follicular stimulating hormone; LH, luteinizing hormone; FAI, free androgen index; SHBG, sex hormone binding globulin.

**Supplemental Material, Table S2.** Spearman correlation coefficients of major serum PBDE congeners in 27 men. Data from Round 2.

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|  | BDE-47 | BDE-99 | BDE-100 | BDE-153 |
| BDE-47 | 1 | *r*=0.096  *p*<0.0001 | *r*=0.94  *p*<0.0001 | *r*=0.40  *p*=0.048 |
| BDE-99 |  | 1 | *r*=0.97  *p*<0.0001 | *r*=0.45  *p*=0.40 |
| BDE-100 |  |  | 1 | *r*=0.56  *p*=0.004 |
| BDE-153 |  |  |  | 1 |

Abbreviations: *r* (Spearman correlation coefficient), *p* (p-value).

**Supplemental Material, Table S3.** Polybrominated diphenyl ethers analyzed and detection rates in men of the FlaRE study.



**Supplemental Figure S1.** Cross-sectional relationship, stratified by age group, showing relationshipbetween BDE-47 and RHs in Round 2 (27 men, 27 serum samples).



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