Long-term exposure to diesel exhaust particles induces concordant changes in DNA methylation and transcriptome in human adenocarcinoma alveolar basal epithelial cells

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Principal Component 1 (18%)

Figure S1. Principal component analysis based on the M-value profiles of 10 samples exposed to diesel exhaust particles at 0, 3, 10, 30  $\mu$ g/ml concentrations for four weeks.



**Figure S2.** Heatmap of  $\beta$ -values at 5490 differentially methylated CpG sites (DMCs) in the doseresponse experiment. The  $\beta$ -values at the DMCs (rows) were measured in A549 cells exposed to diesel exhaust particles (DEP) at concentrations of 0 (shown in columns as C), 3 (DEP3), 10 (DEP10) and 30 (DEP30) µg/ml for four weeks. The  $\beta$ -values were color-coded according to the color scale on the right side of the heatmap.



**Figure S3.** A Manhattan plot of the results of differential methylation analysis comparing DNA methylation levels of A549 cells exposed to diesel exhaust particles for four weeks (n=4) with their controls (n=4) in the main experiment. The horizontal black line intersects the adjusted *p*-value threshold of 0.05. **B** Number of differentially methylated CpG sites (DMCs) broken down by relation to the nearest gene and relative methylation change. TSS1500: 200-1500 bp upstream of the transcription start site (TSS); TSS200: 0-200 bp upstream of the TSS; 5'UTR: 5' untranslated region between the TSS and the ATG start site of the gene; 1stExon: first exon of the gene; Body: region between the ATG start site and the stop codon; ExonBnd: region within 20 bp of the start or end of an exon; 3'UTR: 3' untranslated region between the stop codon and the poly-A tail; NA: not assigned to any gene. C Number of DMCs by the closest CpG island and relative methylation change. Island: region > 500 bp length and with > 55% CpGs; N\_/S\_Shore: region ~2Kb left/right from the island; N\_/S\_Shelf : ~4Kb left/right from the island.



**Figure S4**. Degree of overlap of differentially methylated CpG sites (DMCs) with (**A**) increased and (**B**) decreased methylation levels in the dose-response and the main experiments, respectively, after four weeks of exposure to 30 µg/ml diesel exhaust particles (DEP) compared to the control. The DMCs identified in the dose-response (n=3 for control and n=2 for DEP-treated samples) and main (n=4 for control and n=4 for DEP-treated samples) experiments are indicated by light blue and light gray circles, respectively. **C** Scatter plot of the mean differences in M-values in the two-group comparison (DEP 30 µg/ml vs. control) of the main experiment ( $\Delta M_{main}$ ) versus those in the dose-response experiment ( $\Delta M_{dose}$ ) at 33,900 DMCs identified in the main experiment. The r value represents the Spearman correlation coefficient, which expresses the degree of correlation between  $\Delta M_{main}$  and  $\Delta M_{dose}$ .



**Figure S5.** Histogram of  $\Delta\beta$  values after four weeks of exposure to 30 µg/ml diesel exhaust particles (n=4) compared to control (n=4) in the main experiment. For each differentially methylated CpG site (DMC),  $\Delta\beta = \beta_{30} - \beta_{\text{control}}$ .



**Figure S6.** A Heatmap of hyper/hypomethylated differentially methylated CpG sites (DMCs) with  $|\log FC| > 1.2$ . Hyper/hypomethylated CpG sites are defined as CpG sites with mean  $\beta > 0.7$  or < 0.3 in control samples, respectively. Right panel represents  $\Delta\beta$  between case and control for each DMC after 4 weeks of exposure to 30 µg/ml diesel exhaust particles (DEP). **B** Heatmap of the top 100 differentially expressed genes identified after four weeks of exposure to 30 µg/ml DEP compared with the control and sorted by logFC. Log2(counts) represents log2-transformed TMM-normalized gene counts from RNA sequencing analysis.



Figure S7. Principal component analysis based on gene count profiles from RNA sequencing of 8 samples exposed to 0 or 30  $\mu$ g/ml diesel exhaust particles for four weeks.



**Figure S8.** Validation of transcriptional changes in A549 cells exposed to 30  $\mu$ g/ml diesel exhaust particles (DEP) for four weeks by comparing the results of the two independent experiments (main: n=4 for control and n=4 for DEP-treated groups; verification: n=2 for control and n=3 for DEP-treated groups). Gene Set Enrichment Analysis (GSEA) for RNA sequencing (RNA-seq) data in the main experiment using predefined gene sets consisting of significantly (**A**) downregulated and (**B**) upregulated genes in the validation experiment with the Agilent microarray. Enrichment Score (ES) reflects the degree to which a gene set is overrepresented at the top or bottom of a ranked list of genes. **C** Scatter plot of the log fold-change (FC) values (x-axis) in the two-group comparison (DEP 30  $\mu$ g/ml vs. control) of the main RNA-seq experiment versus those (y-axis) in the Agilent microarray experiment, for 2,411 differentially expressed genes (DEGs) in the main experiment. The *r* value represents the Spearman correlation coefficient, expressing the degree of correlation between the two logFC values.



**Figure S9.** Distribution of physical distances between the differentially methylated CpG sites (DMCs) and the transcription start site (TSS) of differentially expressed genes (DEGs) for each of 1,225 correlated *cis*-DMC–DEG pairs. The red vertical line indicates the median distance.



**Figure S10.** Expression changes of (**A**, **B**) ten-eleven translocation (TET) family genes, (**C**, **D**) DNA methyltransferase (DNMT) family genes, (**E**, **F**) pollutantrelated genes, (**G**, **H**) inflammation-related genes, (**I**, **J**) early senescence-associated genes and (**K**, **L**) major epithelial-mesenchymal transition marker genes after four weeks of exposure to 30 µg/ml diesel exhaust particles (DEP) compared to the control. RNA sequencing results from the main experiment (n=4 for control and n=4 for DEP-treated groups) are shown as blue colored bars (panels A, C, E, G, I, K), and microarray results from the verification experiment (n=2 for control and n=3 for DEP-treated groups) are shown as orange colored bars (panels B, D, F, H, J, L). The Y-axis shows the log<sub>2</sub>(TMM) value in the main experiment, and the normalized signal intensity value in the verification experiment, respectively. Numbers at top of bars represent logFC; \* adjusted *p*-value < 0.05; \*\* adjusted *p*value < 0.001; ns - not significant.

## Tables

## Table S1

n.d
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0.48
23.15
1.59
24.79
35.40
2.14
n.d
2.44
0.66
0.80
n.d
1.94
1.18

Concentrations of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in the diesel exhaust particles used

n.d = not detected