

Personal and indoor PM_{2.5} exposure from burning solid fuels in vented and unvented stoves in a rural region of China with a high incidence of lung cancer - Supporting Information

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Supplementary Table S1 - Variables considered for inclusion in mixed model creation

Broad Category	Detailed variables
Stove design	<p>Stove ventilation (ventilated, unventilated, mixed, portable stove or firepit)</p> <p>Stove ventilated, unventilated or mixed ventilation*</p> <p>Stove ventilated, unventilated mixed or firepit</p> <p>Stove either firepit or other design (or mixed)</p> <p>Stove design as reported by study participant[‡]</p>
Fuel type/source	<p>Major fuel type including smoky coal subtypes and county from which coal sourced (Fuyuan was divided into north/south)</p> <p>County from which fuel purchased</p> <p>Broad fuel types (smoky coal, smokeless coal, “mixed” coal, wood, plant materials, “mixed” fuels)</p> <p>Fuel type including smoky coal subtypes</p> <p>Fuel type including individual smoky coal mines</p> <p>Fuel type including smoky coal subtypes</p> <p>Weight of fuel used[†]</p>
Meteorological conditions	<p>Season of measurement</p> <p>Average daily temperature</p> <p>Average daily high temperature</p> <p>Average daily low temperature</p> <p>Average daily humidity</p> <p>Average daily wind speed</p> <p>Average daily maximum wind speed</p> <p>Average daily dew point</p> <p>Average daily rainfall</p>
Other variables	<p>Room size[†]</p> <p>Phase of study during visit</p> <p>Number of owned stoves</p> <p>Number of doors in main cooking room</p> <p>Number of windows in main cooking room</p> <p>Presence or absence of a stairway in the main cooking room</p> <p>Hours of stove use standardized by number of used stoves</p> <p>Hours of stove use per measurement period</p> <p>Age of participant</p> <p>Month of visit</p> <p>Administrative borders[‡]</p>

* refers to the use of multiple stoves with different ventilation designs.

[‡]categories are high stove, low stove (with or without ventilation), portable stove, firepit and multiple stoves.

[†]divided into quartiles.

[‡]townships/areas as defined by local administrative bodies.

Variables in bold were selected for model construction.

Supplementary Table S2 - Linear mixed effect model indicating variables which contribute to differences between indoor and personal measurements

	Estimate (β)	95%CI	GMR [‡]
Ln(indoor PM _{2.5} measurement), ln- $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	0.59	0.53,0.66	1.80
Average daily high temperature	-0.01	-0.02,-0.01	0.99
Weight of fuel (in quartiles)			
1	Ref.		1.00
2	0.06	-0.07,0.20	1.06
3	0.18	0.04,0.32	1.20
4	0.15	0.00,0.29	1.16
Unknown	0.20	0.03,0.36	1.22
Variance explained			
Between subjects		73%	
Between villages		100%*	
Reference value [†] (ln personal measurement), ln- $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$		2.12	

[‡]Geometric mean ratio = GM(estimate)/GM(reference) = $\exp(\beta)$.

[†]Reference value represents base value of ln-transformed PM_{2.5} in model for reference group [low weight fuel used coinciding with lowest ln-transformed indoor PM_{2.5} (3.17) and temperature measurements (-0.4°C)].

*Zero residual between village variance remained in the final model as a result of the high correlation between indoor and personal measurements.

Supplementary Table S3 - Linear mixed effect modelling of ln-transformed indoor PM_{2.5} exposure

		Estimate(β)	95% CI	GMR [‡]
Fuel type				
	Smokeless coal	Ref.		1.00
	Smoky coal	0.29	0.02,0.56	1.34
	“Mixed” coal	0.22	-0.08,0.52	1.24
	Wood	0.78	0.38,1.18	2.19
	Plant materials	0.55	0.13,0.97	1.73
	“Mixed” fuel	0.28	0.01,0.56	1.33
Stove design				
	Vented stove	Ref.		1.00
	Unvented stove	0.34	0.06,0.61	1.40
	Portable stove	0.15	-0.07,0.38	1.17
	Firepit	0.54	0.23,0.85	1.72
	Mixed ventilation stove	0.20	0.02,0.37	1.21
	Unknown ventilation stove	-0.30	-0.69,0.09	0.74
Number of windows in main cooking room				
	Zero	Ref.		1.00
	One	0.03	-0.22,0.27	1.03
	Two	-0.15	-0.43,0.12	0.86
Season				
	Autumn	Ref.		1.00
	Winter	0.18	0.00,0.35	1.20
	Spring	-0.12	-0.28,0.05	0.89
	Summer	-0.55	-0.9,-0.2	0.58
Number of hours burning fuel standardized by number of used stoves[§]				
		0.00	-0.02,0.01	1.00
Variation explained, %				
	Between individual subjects		36	
	Between villages		63	
Reference value[†], ln-$\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$				
			4.60	

[‡]Geometric mean ratio = GM(estimate)/GM(reference) = exp(β).

[§]Median period 4.3 hrs; IQR 2.2 to 9.6 hrs per stove.

[†]Reference value represents base value of ln-transformed PM_{2.5} in model for reference group (smokeless coal burnt in a vented stove, during autumn in a room with no windows).