

Supplementary Information

Maternal Transfer of Environmentally Relevant Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers (PBDEs) Produces a Diabetic Phenotype and Disrupts Glucoregulatory Hormones and Hepatic Endocannabinoids in Adult Mouse Female Offspring

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Supplementary Table S1. Dam Gestational Parameters and Litter Outcomes After Chronic Low Dose exposure to DE-71

	VEH/CON	0.1 mg/kg/d DE-71	0.4 mg/kg/d DE-71
Maternal Parameters			
n ^a	7	8	11
Gestational food intake			
Absolute (g/day)	6.83 ± 0.73	6.30 ± 0.34	6.67 ± 0.31
Relative (g/pup)	1.20 ± 0.20	1.35 ± 0.32	1.05 ± 0.15
Gestational weight gain			
Absolute (g)	13.98 ± 1.29	13.76 ± 0.57	13.70 ± 1.23
Relative (g/pup)	2.39 ± 0.27	2.84 ± 0.55	2.15 ± 0.37
Relative to initial (%) ^b	70.50 ± 7.03	66.48 ± 4.10	65.40 ± 5.46
Litter Parameters			
n	16	19	18
Litter size	5.81 ± 0.57	5.79 ± 0.32	7.17 ± 0.51
Females/litter	2.56 ± 0.29	3.26 ± 0.33	3.61 ± 0.29
Males/litter	3.25 ± 0.48	2.68 ± 0.32	3.56 ± 0.40
Secondary sex ratio (M/F)	0.54 ± 0.04	0.46 ± 0.05	0.48 ± 0.04

^aindicates number of dams per treatment group

^bInitial weight was taken at 18 days before pup birth

Data are expressed as mean±s.e.m. Food intake was measured from GD13-GD18. Maternal weight gain was calculated as difference in weight from pre-pregnancy to late gestation (GD 16-18). Relative weight gain was normalized to pre-pregnancy weight (initial) and to total pups in litter (relative). Litter size was measured at PND0 to avoid the confound of infanticide typical of primiparous C57BL/6 dams. The secondary sex ratio was calculated as the proportion of the total pups that are male.

Supplementary Table S2. Mass Spectrometric Analysis (GC/ECNIMS) of PBDE congeners in DE-71-exposed mouse dams and their female offspring

Compound/Substituents	IUPAC Number	Dams			Female Offspring		
		VEH/CON	0.1 mg/kg DE-71	0.4 mg/kg DE-71	VEH/CON	0.1 mg/kg DE-71	0.4 mg/kg DE-71
n		4	4	3	4	4	4
2,2',4-tri BDE	BDE 17	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL
2,3',4-tri BDE	BDE 25	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL
2,4,4'-tri BDE, 2',3,4-tri BDE	BDE 28, 33	<MDL	16.9 ± 4.05*	13.0 ± 2.55 ^b	<MDL	7.04 ± 3.93	22.8 ± 8.15*
2,4,6,-tri BDE	BDE 30	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL
2,2',4,4'-tetra BDE	BDE 47	<MDL	422 ± 110*	192 ± 151	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL
2,2',4,5'-tetra BDE	BDE 49	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL
2,3',4,4'-tetra BDE	BDE 66	<MDL	17.9 ± 6.18	14.6 ± 8.05	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL
2,3',4',6-tetra BDE	BDE 71	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL
2,4,4',6-tetra BDE	BDE 75	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL
2,2',3,4,4'-penta BDE, 2,2',4,4',6,6'-hexa BDE	BDE 85, 155	<MDL	119 ± 11.0**	138 ± 31.2***	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL
2,2',4,4',5-penta BDE	BDE 99	<MDL	1305 ± 153**	743 ± 425	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL
2,2',4,4',6-penta BDE	BDE 100	<MDL	426 ± 41.7***	267 ± 86.9*	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL
2,3,4,5,6-penta BDE	BDE 116	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL
2,3',4,4',6 -penta BDE	BDE 119	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL
2,2',3,4,4',5'-hexa BDE	BDE 138	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL
2,2',4,4',5,5'-hexa BDE	BDE 153	<MDL	652 ± 52.9**	1655 ± 206****, ^^^	<MDL	205 ± 27.7*	1008 ± 102**, ^
2,2',4,4',5,6'-hexa BDE	BDE 154	<MDL	57.4 ± 5.61*	68.9 ± 25.6*	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL
2, 3,3',4,4',5-hexa BDE	BDE 156	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL
2,2', 3,4,4',5,6-hepta BDE	BDE 181	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL
2,2', 3, 4,4',5',6-hepta BDE	BDE 183	<MDL	39.6 ± 6.94**	29.5 ± 8.76*	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL
2,3,3',4,4',5,6-hepta BDE	BDE 190	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL
2, 3,3',4,4',5',6-hepta BDE	BDE 191	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL
2,2',3,3',4,5,6,6'-octa BDE, 2,2',3,4,4',5,5',6-octa BDE	BDE 200, 203	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL
2, 3,3',4,4',5,5',6-octa BDE	BDE 205	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL
2,2',3,3',4,4',5,5',6-nona BDE	BDE 206	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL
2,2',3,3',4,4',5,5',6,6'-deca BDE	BDE 209	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL	<MDL
ΣPBDEs		<MDL	206 ± 1.30	1017 ± 0.37	<MDL	2996 ± 1.26	2915 ± 1.57

Content was measured as ng/g lipid

Values in table are expressed as mean±s.e.m.

ΣPBDEs are reported are geometric mean ± geometric standard deviation

* Indicates a statistically significant n apparent difference relative to VEH/CON by Dunnet's T3 *post hoc* test following Brown-Forsythe ANOVA or Tukey's *post hoc* test following One-way ANOVA ($P < .05$)

^^^ Indicates significantly different relative to 0.1mg/kg group by Tukey's *post hoc* test following One-way ANOVA ($P < .001$)

^a vs VEH/CON 0.4mg/kg $P = .06$

BDE, brominated diphenyl ether; IUPAC, International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry; MDL, method detection limit

Supplementary Table S3. Chronic Low Dose DE-71 Exposure Has Minimal Effects on Body and Selected Organ Weights and lowers BAT Weight

	VEH/CON	0.1 mg/kg/d DE-71	0.4 mg/kg/d DE-71
Dams			
n	23	26	21
Necropsy body weight	24.19 ± 0.36	24.02 ± 0.35	25.05 ± 0.59
Liver			
Absolute	1.10 ± 0.03	1.20 ± 0.04	1.11 ± 0.03
Relative	45.41 ± 0.89	49.75 ± 1.46*	44.33 ± 0.96^
Pancreas			
Absolute	0.17 ± 0.01	0.18 ± 0.008	0.17 ± 0.01
Relative	6.97 ± 0.34	7.60 ± 0.26	6.99 ± 0.39
Spleen			
Absolute	0.09 ± 0.004	0.09 ± 0.002	0.09 ± 0.004
Relative	3.86 ± 0.13	3.72 ± 0.11	3.74 ± 0.18
BAT (n=8-11)			
Absolute	0.06 ± 0.004	0.06 ± 0.004	0.07 ± 0.007
Relative	2.41 ± 0.15	2.32 ± 0.08	2.70 ± 0.22
Female Offspring			
n	22	30	28
Necropsy body weight	20.80 ± 0.44	19.42 ± 0.37*	21.73 ± 0.39^{**}
Liver			
Absolute	0.90 ± 0.02	0.86 ± 0.02	0.99 ± 0.02*,^{**}
Relative	43.41 ± 0.86	44.16 ± 0.75	45.55 ± 0.73
Pancreas			
Absolute	0.14 ± 0.005	0.14 ± 0.006	0.16 ± 0.006
Relative	6.95 ± 0.23	7.32 ± 0.25	7.30 ± 0.31
Spleen			
Absolute	0.08 ± 0.002	0.07 ± 0.003	0.07 ± 0.002
Relative	3.73 ± 0.11	3.75 ± 0.13	3.41 ± 0.10
BAT (n=13-33)			
Absolute	0.062 ± 0.006	0.049 ± 0.003*	0.054 ± 0.005
Relative	3.51 ± 0.38	2.41 ± 0.14*	2.68 ± 0.18

Body weights and organ weights and BAT (absolute weights) are in grams; organ/BAT-weight-to-body-weight ratios (relative weights) are given as mg organ weight/g body weight. Values are reported as mean±s.e.m.

^{**} Indicates significantly different relative to 0.1mg/kg group by Tukey's *post hoc* test following One-way ANOVA ($P<.001$)

^ Indicates significantly different relative to 0.1mg/kg group by Dunnet's T3 *post hoc* test following Brown-Forsythe One-way ANOVA ($P<.05$)

* Indicates an apparent difference relative to VEH/CON by Dunnet's T3 *post hoc* test following Brown-Forsythe One-way ANOVA or Holm Sidak's or Tukey's *post hoc* test following One-way ANOVA ($P<.05$)

BAT, brown adipose tissue

Supplementary Statistical Results:

Figure 2: BDE congener analysis in liver of DE-71-exposed mouse dams and their adult female offspring. **(a)** F1 liver \sum PBDEs, Brown-Forsythe ANOVA: Exposure $F_{(2,0,3,5)}=91.9$, $P<.001$. F0 liver, One-way ANOVA: $F_{(2,8)}=17.8$, $P<.001$. Liver \sum PBDEs (F1 vs F0), Mann Whitney U Test for F0 mdn= 3034 (2410-3721) and F1 mdn=208 (162-265) groups ($U=0$, $P<.05$). **(c)** F1 Liver BDE-28/33, One-way ANOVA: Exposure $F_{(2,9)}=4.9$, $P<.05$. F0 Liver BDE-28/33, Brown-Forsythe ANOVA: Exposure $F_{(2,4,6)}=10.7$, $P<.05$. F0 Liver BDE-66, One-way ANOVA: Exposure $F_{(2,8)}=3.3$, n.s. F0 Liver BDE-154, One-way ANOVA: $F_{(2,8)}=9.3$, $P<.01$. F0 Liver BDE-183, $F_{(2,8)}=12.7$, $P<.01$. **(d)** F0 Liver BDE-47, One-way ANOVA: Exposure $F_{(2,8)}=5.1$, $P<.05$. Liver F0 BDE-85/155, One-way ANOVA: Exposure $F_{(2,8)}=22.9$, $P<.001$. Liver F0 BDE-99, One-way ANOVA: Exposure $F_{(2,8)}=10.0$, $P<.01$. Liver F0 BDE-100, One-way ANOVA: Exposure $F_{(2,8)}=22.3$, $P<.001$. Liver F1 BDE-153, Brown-Forsythe ANOVA, $F_{(2,3,4)}=76.5$, $P<.01$. Liver F0 BDE-153, One-way ANOVA: Exposure $F_{(2,8)}=65.0$, $P<.0001$. n=3-4 replicates/group, analyzed in triplicate. \sum PBDE, the sum of concentration of 9 (F0) or 2 (F1) PBDE congeners; F1, female offspring; F0, dams

Figure 3. DE-71 exposure produces elevated fasting blood glucose (FBG) and greater glucose intolerance in perinatally exposed female offspring but not than their mothers. **(a)** Offspring FBG, Two-way ANOVA: Time $F_{(1,50)}=8.7$, $P<.01$; Exposure $F_{(2,50)}=5.0$, $P<.05$; Interaction $F_{(2,50)}=15.2$, $P<.0001$. **(b)** Dams FBG, Two-way ANOVA: Time $F_{(1,49)}=5.2$, ns; Exposure $F_{(2,49)}=0.6$, ns; Interaction $F_{(2,49)}=0.21$, ns. n=7-12/group. ns, not significant

Figure 4. DE-71 exposure produces greater glucose intolerance after perinatal exposure compared to adult exposure. **(a)** Offspring IPGTT, RM Two-way ANOVA: Time $F_{(4,96)}=110.7$, $P<.001$; Exposure $F_{(2,24)}=3.9$, $P<.01$; Interaction $F_{(8,96)}=2.7$, $P<.05$. **(d)** Dams IPGTT, Mixed-effects model ANOVA (Geisser-Greenhouse's $\epsilon=0.55$): Time $F_{(2,2,46,0)}=90.8$, $P<.0001$; Exposure $F_{(2,21)}=1.5$, n.s.; Interaction

$F_{(8,83)}=2.0$, n.s. (b) Mean values for integrated area under the IPGTT glucose curve ($AUC_{IPGTT\text{glucose}}$). Offspring $AUC_{IPGTT\text{glucose}}$, Brown-Forsythe ANOVA: Exposure $F_{(2,0,15.3)}=4.9$, $P<.05$. (e) Dams $AUC_{IPGTT\text{glucose}}$, Brown-Forsythe ANOVA: Exposure $F_{(2,0,14.9)}=1.3$, ns. (c) Offspring Latency to Maximum Glycemia, Brown-Forsythe ANOVA: Exposure $F_{(2,14.8)}=3.7$, $P<.05$. (f) Dams Latency to Maximum Glycemia, One-way ANOVA: Exposure $F_{(2,21)}=1.6$, n.s. (g) Offspring Percent basal IPGTT, RM Two-way ANOVA: Time $F_{(4,96)}=83.6$, $P<.0001$; Exposure $F_{(2,24)}=3.2$, $P=.057$; Interaction $F_{(8,96)}=2.9$, $P<.05$. (i) Dams Percent basal IPGTT, RM Two-way ANOVA: Time $F_{(4,80)}=69.4$, $P<.0001$; Exposure $F_{(2,20)}=3.4$, $P=.06$; Interaction $F_{(8,80)}=1.6$, n.s. (h) Offspring $AUC_{IPGTT\text{glucose}}$, One-way ANOVA: Exposure $F_{(2,24)}=3.9$, $P<.05$. (j) Dams $AUC_{IPGTT\text{glucose}}$, One-way ANOVA: Exposure $F_{(2,20)}=3.3$, $P=.06$. ns, not significant

Figure 5. DE-71 exposure causes less glycemia reduction and delayed glucose clearance after insulin challenge in female offspring (F1) but not (F0) their mothers. (a) Offspring ITT: RM Two-way ANOVA: Time $F_{(6,156)}=62.1$, $P<.0001$; Exposure $F_{(2,26)}=7.4$, $P<.01$; Interaction $F_{(12,156)}=3.8$, $P<.0001$. (e) Dams ITT, Mixed-model ANOVA: Time $F_{(6,165)}=41.5$, $P<.0001$; Exposure $F_{(2,28)}=0.3$, n.s.; Interaction $F_{(12,165)}=1.0$, n.s. (b) Offspring Inverse $AUC_{ITT\text{glucose}}$, One-way ANOVA: Exposure $F_{(2,26)}=4.4$, $P<.05$. (f) Dams Inverse $AUC_{ITT\text{glucose}}$, One-way ANOVA: Exposure $F_{(2,28)}=0.01$, n.s. (c) Offspring K_{ITT} , One-way ANOVA: $F_{(2,21)}=3.1$, $P=.06$. (g) Dams K_{ITT} , One-way ANOVA: $F_{(2,20)}=1.1$, n.s. (d) Offspring (F1) Latency to Minimum Glycemia, One-way ANOVA: $F_{(2,26)}=8.5$, $P<.01$. (h) Dams (F0) Latency to Minimum Glycemia, Brown-Forsythe ANOVA: $F_{(2,16.63)}=1.7$, n.s. (i) Offspring (F1) Percent basal ITT, RM Two-way ANOVA: Time $F_{(6,156)}=71.4$, $P<.0001$; Exposure $F_{(2,26)}=2.4$, n.s.; Interaction $F_{(12,156)}=3.2$, $P<.0001$. (k) Dams (F0) Percent Basal Glycemia, Mixed effects model ANOVA: Time $F_{(6,167)}=38.0$, $P<.0001$; Exposure $F_{(2,28)}=0.2$, n.s.; Interaction $F_{(12,167)}=1.0$, n.s. (j) Offspring $AUC_{ITT\text{glucose}}$, One-way ANOVA: Exposure $F_{(2,26)}=3.1$, $P=.06$. (l) Dams, $AUC_{ITT\text{glucose}}$, One-Way ANOVA: Exposure $F_{(2,27)}=.21$, n.s. Dunnet's and Tukey's post-hoc tests were used. ns, not significant

Figure 6. Endocrine-disrupting effects of DE-71 on glucose regulatory hormones in F0 and F1 female mice. **(a)** Offspring (F1) Plasma Insulin Levels, Kruskal-Wallis test: Exposure H(2)=10.5, $P<.01$. Dam (F0) Insulin Levels, Brown-Forsythe ANOVA: Exposure $F_{(2,41.5)}=2.1$, n.s. **(b)** Offspring Plasma Glucagon Levels, Brown-Forsythe ANOVA: Exposure $F_{(2,10.0)}=3.7$, $P=.065$. Dam (F0) Glucagon Plasma Levels, Brown-Forsythe ANOVA: Exposure $F_{(2,9.9)}=3.0$, $P=0.1$. **(c)** Offspring (F1) Plasma GLP-1 Levels: Exposure, One-way ANOVA: $F_{(2,30)}=.6$, n.s. Dam Plasma GLP-1 Levels, One-way ANOVA: Exposure $F_{(2,23)}=6.0$, $P<.01$ followed by Tukey's *post-hoc* test. Dunnet's, Dunn's and Tukey's *post hoc* tests were used. F1, female offspring; F0, dams; ns, not significant.

Figure 7. DE-71 exposure increases adrenal epinephrine content in F0 and F1 females and decreases brown adipose tissue mass in F1 female mice. **(a)** Adrenal Epinephrine Content. Offspring Epinephrine, Brown-Forsythe ANOVA: Exposure $F_{(2,9.3)}=38.1$, $P<.0001$. Dams Epinephrine, One-way ANOVA: Exposure $F_{(2,17)}=16.3$, $P<.0001$. **(b)** Intrascapular brown adipose tissue (BAT) normalized to body weight. Offspring BAT, One-way ANOVA: Exposure $F_{(2,57)}=4.8$, $P<.05$. Dam BAT: Brown-Forsythe ANOVA: Exposure $F_{(2,20.5)}=1.5$, n.s. Dunnet's T3 or Tukey's *post-hoc* tests were used. F1, female offspring; F0, dams; BAT, brown adipose tissue; ns, not significant.

Figure 8. DE-71 exposure reduces hepatic activity of glutamate dehydrogenase (GDH) in F1 and F0 female mice. Offspring (F1) GDH, Brown-Forsythe ANOVA: Exposure $F_{(2,14)}=59.1$, $P<.0001$. Dams (F0) GDH, One-way ANOVA: Exposure $F_{(2,20)}=46.1$, $P<.0001$. F1, female offspring; F0, dams. Dunnett's T3 (F1) or Tukey's (F0) *post-hoc* tests were used.

Figure 9. DE-71 exposure increases hepatic levels of endocannabinoid (EC) and related fatty acid-ethanolamides in exposed F1 but not F0 female mice. **(a)** Offspring (F1) AEA, Brown-Forsythe ANOVA: Exposure $F_{(2,10.6)}=4.1$, $P<.05$. Offspring (F1) DHEA, Welch's ANOVA: Exposure $F_{(2,10.3)}=6.0$,

$P<.05$. Offspring OEA, Welch's ANOVA: Exposure $F_{(2,11.6)}=3.4$, $P=0.069$. **(b)** Offspring (F1) 2-AG, One-way ANOVA: Exposure $F_{(2,19)}=.79$, n.s. Offspring 2-DG, Brown-Forsythe ANOVA: Exposure $F_{(2,30)}=1.15$, n.s. **(c)** Dam (F0) AEA, One-way ANOVA: Exposure $F_{(2,9)}=.64$, n.s. Dam (F0) DHEA, One-way ANOVA: Exposure $F_{(2,8)}=.16$, n.s. Dam OEA, One-way ANOVA: Exposure $F_{(2,9)}=.21$, n.s. **(d)** Dam (F0) 2-AG, One-way ANOVA: Exposure $F_{(2,9)}=.81$. Dam (F0) 2-DG, One-way ANOVA: Exposure $F_{(2,9)}=.95$, n.s. Dunnett's T3 and Tukey's *post-hoc* test was used. EC, endocannabinoid; AEA, arachidonylethanolamide (Anandamide); DHEA, docosahexanoyl ethanolamide; OEA, n-oleoyl ethanolamide; 2-AG, 2-arachidonoyl-sn-glycerol; 2-DG, monoacylglycerol; 2-docosahexaenoyl-sn-glycerol. ns, not significant