

705 **Appendix A. Supplementary data**

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707 **Nitrogen oxides (NO and NO₂) pollution in the Accra metropolis: Spatiotemporal patterns**
708 **and the role of meteorology**

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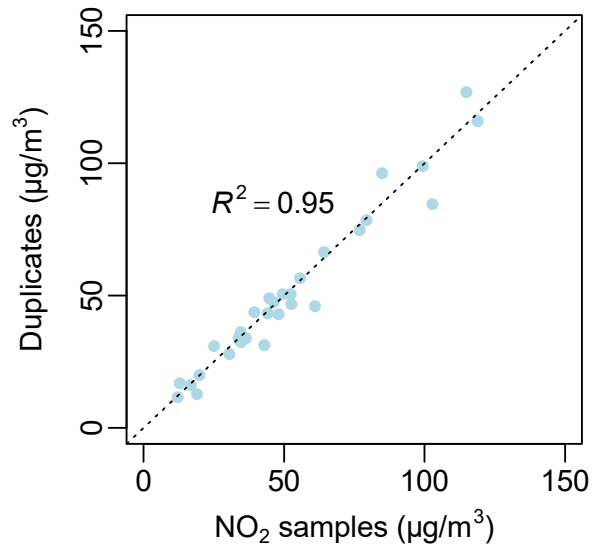
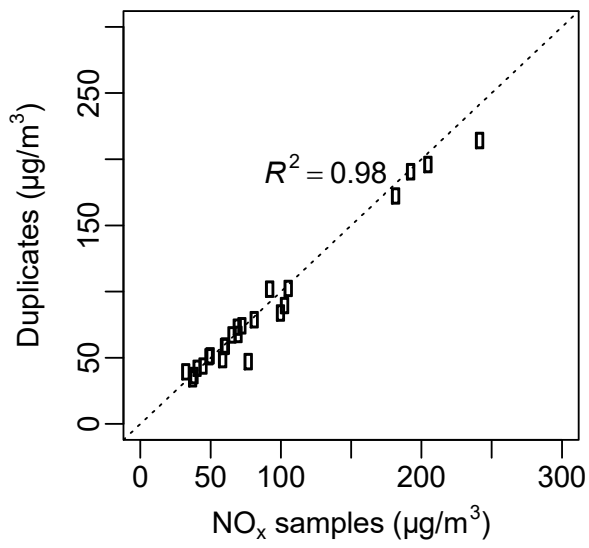
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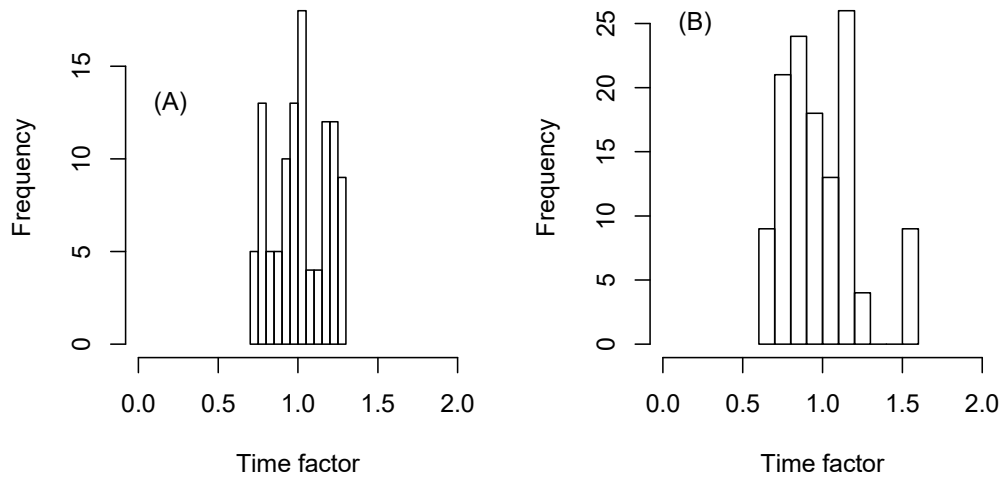
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Figure S1. Correlation test between samples and duplicates.

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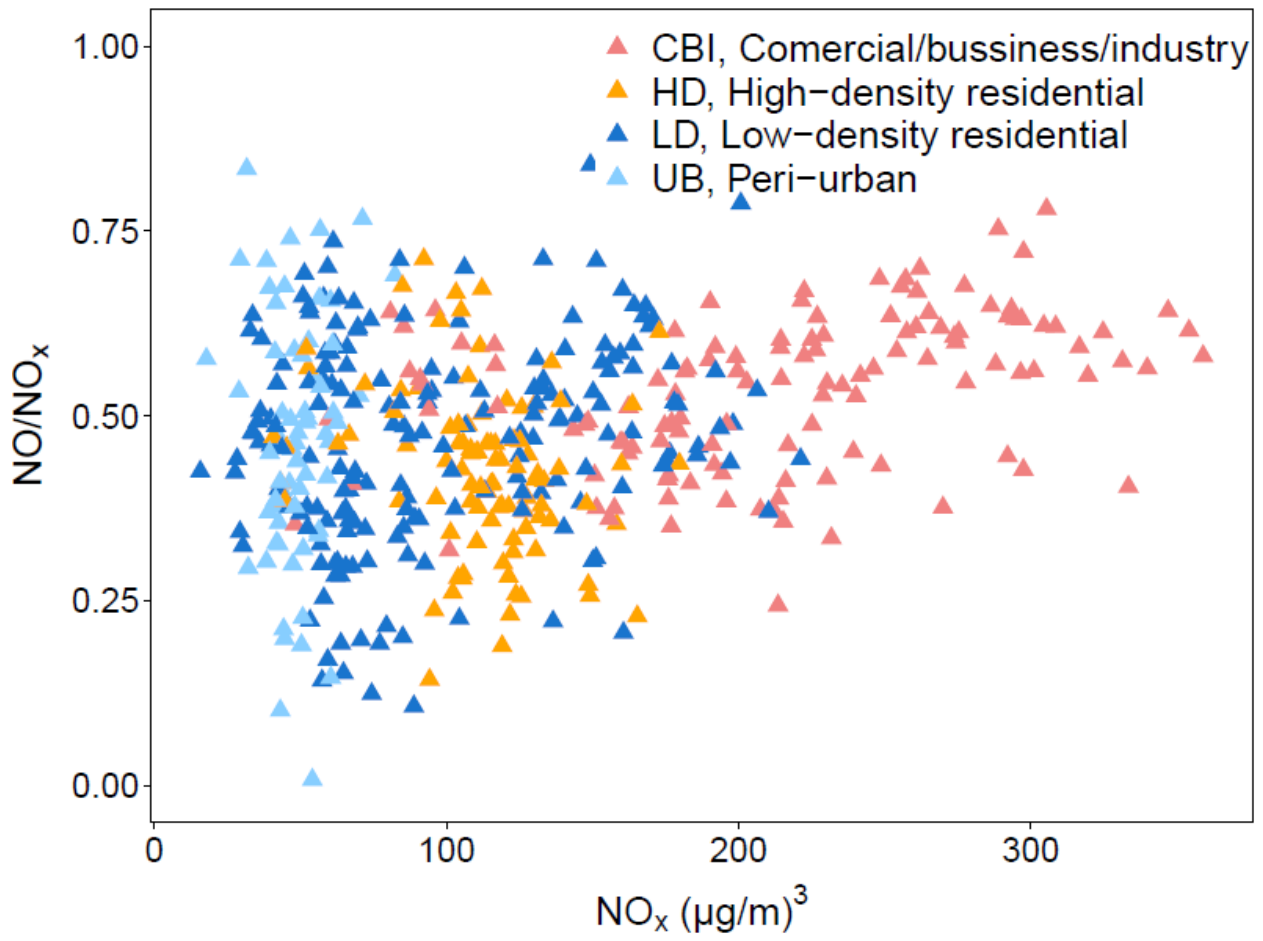
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746 **Figure S2.** Histogram of time correction factor of NO (A) and NO₂ (B) for temporal adjustment.
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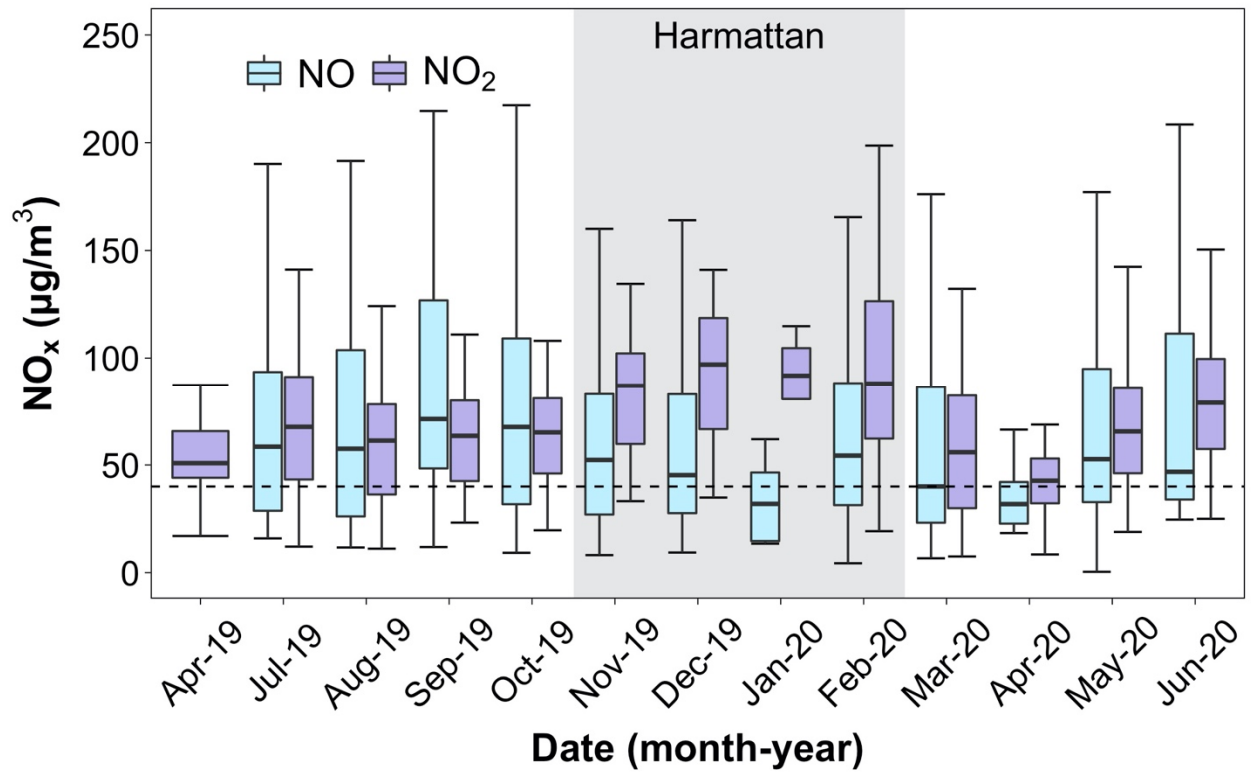
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Figure S3. Scatter plot of NO/NO_x ratio with NO_x concentrations.

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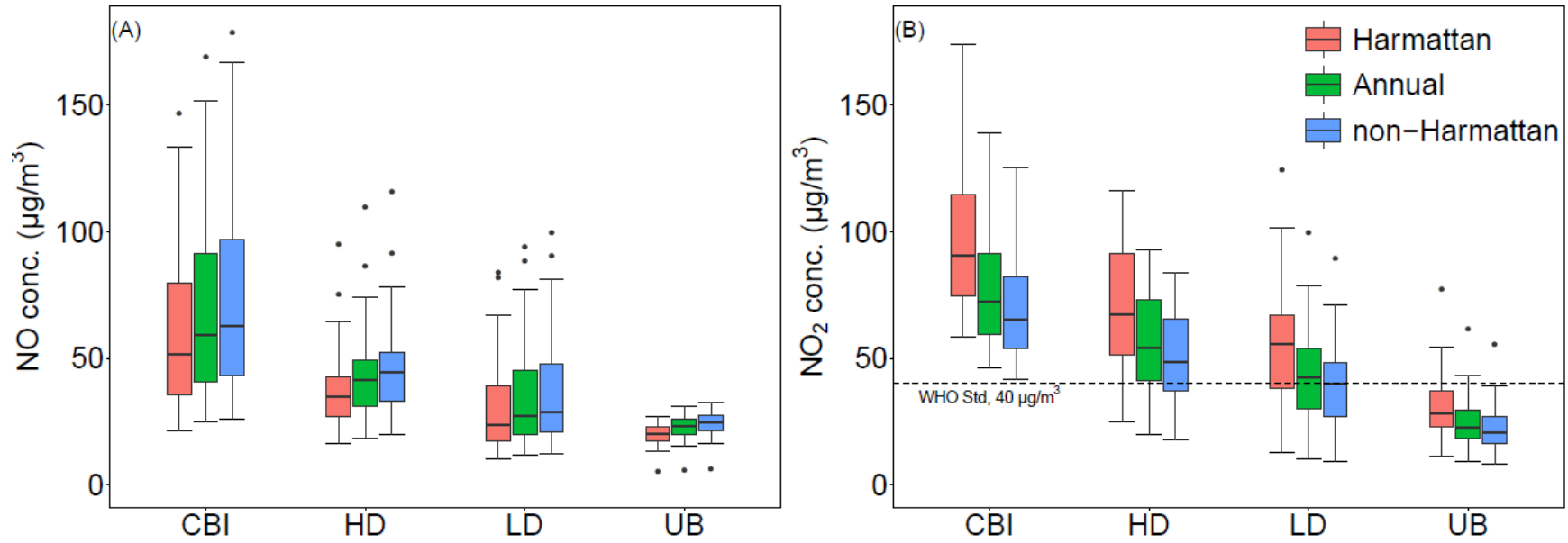
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756 **Figure S4.** Monthly average concentrations of NO and NO₂ at all fixed sites. The dash line indicate

757 the WHO annual guideline of 40 µg/m³ for NO₂. Here, we included pilot NO₂ data collected in

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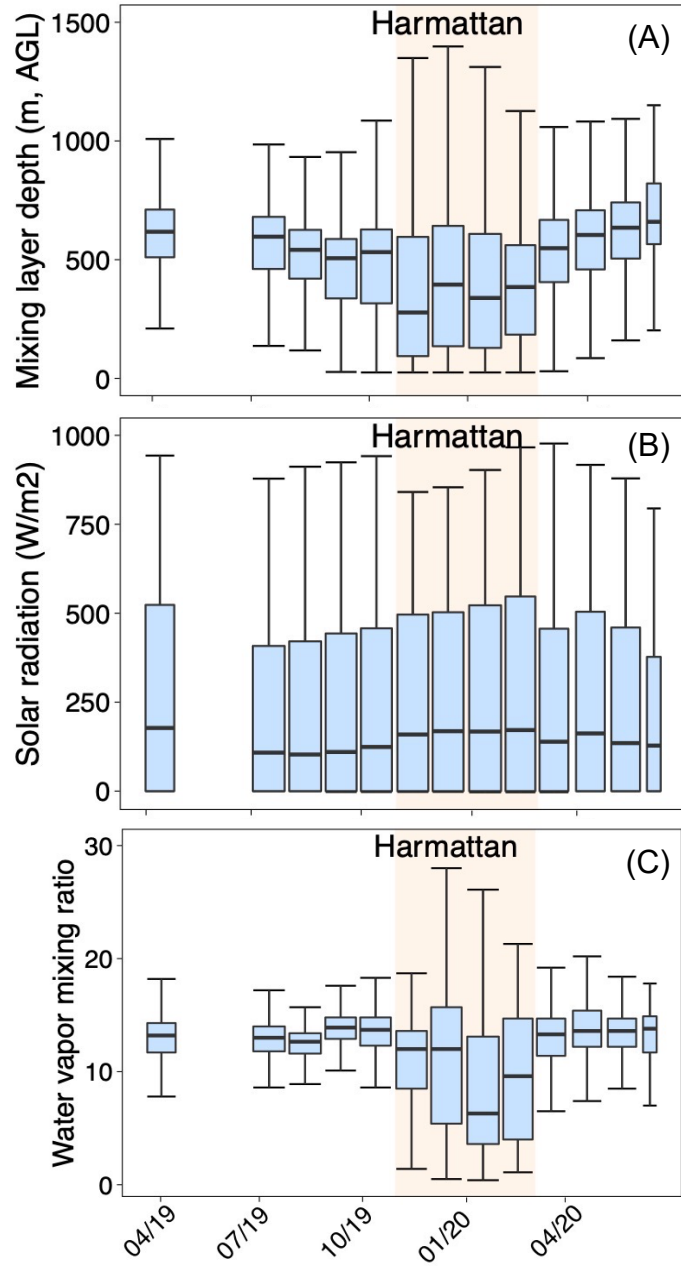
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761 Figure S5. Annual and seasonal mean NO_2 and NO concentrations by site-types: commercial/business/industry (CBI), high-density
762 residential (HD), low-density residential (LD) and urban background (UB) sites. The input data represent seasonal and annual mean
763 equivalents for all monitoring sites.



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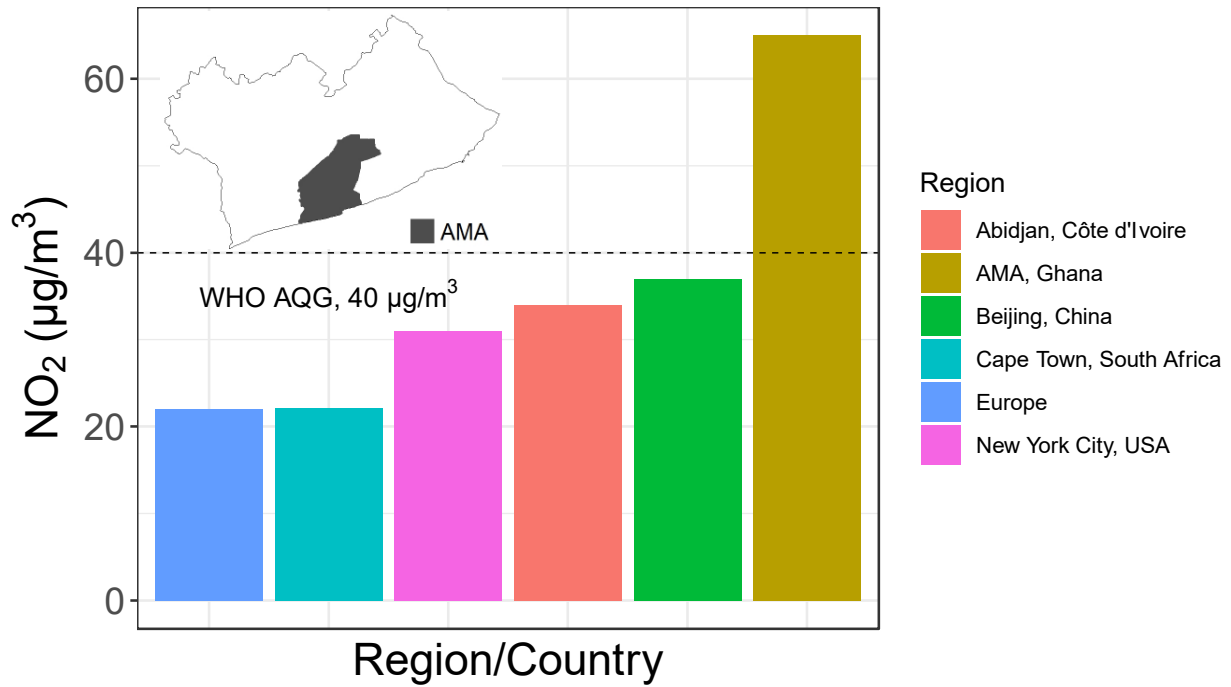
766 **Figure S6.** Time series of meteorological parameters (temperature, relative humidity,
 767 wind speed and wind direction) in Accra from April 2019 to March 2020. The light green
 768 shade covers non-Harmattan period, and the light orange shade covers Harmattan period.
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771 **Figure S7.** Monthly mixing layer depth (m, above ground level) (A) Incident solar
 772 radiation, and (B) Water vapor mixing ratio (C) during the full campaign period. The line
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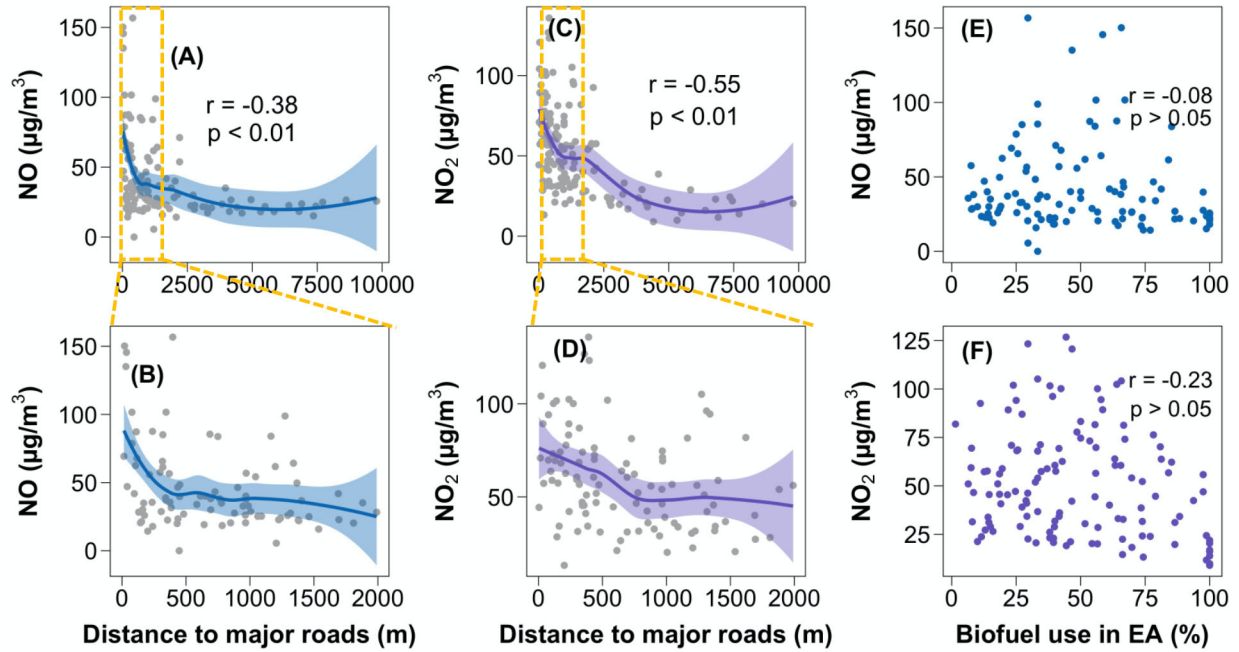
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778 **Figure S8.** Comparison of annual mean NO₂ concentrations in Accra Metropolitan Area (AMA)
779 and other cities/regions in the world. The dash line is the WHO guideline for annual
780 concentrations of NO₂ (40 µg/m³).
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Figure S9. Relationship between NO_x concentrations and (A ~D) distance to major roads, and (E~F) biomass use percentage in enumeration area (EA) containing the monitoring locations. The smooth trend method is loess, and the shade areas are the standard errors. The road network data was downloaded from OpenStreetMap (2019). We caution that the 2010 census biomass use data may not reflect present usage (Ghana Statistic Service, 2010).