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Assessment of Polychlorinated Biphenyls and Their Hydroxylated Metabolites in Postmortem Human Brain Samples: Age and Brain Region Differences

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**Table SS1.** Precursor and product ions of the quantitative standards, internal standards, surrogate standards, and the corresponding collision energy.

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**Chemicals and materials.** \(^{13}\)C-labeled PCBs (Table S3) were purchased from Cambridge Isotope Laboratories Inc. (Andover, Massachusetts, USA). \(^{13}\)C-labeled hydroxylated PCBs (OH-PCBs, Table S3) and methoxylated PCBs were obtained from Wellington Laboratories Inc. (Guelph, Ontario, Canada). Deuterated PCB 30 (d-PCB 30) was provided by C/D/N Isotopes (Pointe-Claire, Quebec, Canada). Native PCB congeners and some methoxylated PCBs were purchased from Accustandard (New Haven, Connecticut, USA). \(^{13}\)C-labeled hydroxylated PCBs (OH-PCBs, Table S3) and methoxylated PCBs were obtained from Wellington Laboratories Inc. (Guelph, Ontario, Canada). Deuterated PCB 30 (d-PCB 30) was provided by C/D/N Isotopes (Pointe-Claire, Quebec, Canada). Native PCB congeners and some methoxylated PCBs were purchased from Accustandard (New Haven, Connecticut, USA). 4′-Chloro-3′-fluoro-4-hydroxy-biphenyl and the corresponding F-tagged PCB sulfate, sulfuric acid mono-(4′-chloro-3′-fluoro-biphenyl-4-yl) ammonium salt, were prepared and authenticated as described elsewhere.\(^1\) The potassium salt of perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (Fisher Scientific, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, USA). Pesticide grade solvents, such as hexane and dichloromethane, and mass spectrometry grade solvent, such as acetonitrile, were purchased from Fisher Scientific (Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, USA). The Standard Reference Material (SRM 1957) was provided by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST, Gaithersburg, Maryland, USA).

**Extraction procedure of PCBs and OH-PCBs from brain tissues for gas chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry (GC-MS/MS) analysis.**\(^2\)\(^,\)\(^3\) Tissue samples were homogenized in 3 mL isopropanol, 1 mL of diethyl ether was added and samples were spiked with isotope-labeled PCB (\(^{13}\)C\(_{12}\)-PCB 3, \(^{13}\)C\(_{12}\)-PCB 15, \(^{13}\)C\(_{12}\)-PCB 180, \(^{13}\)C\(_{12}\)-PCB 194, \(^{13}\)C-PCB 206, and \(^{13}\)C-PCB 209; 5 ng/each in hexane) and OH-PCB surrogate standards (4′-OH-[\(^{13}\)C\(_{12}\)]PCB 12, 4′-OH-[\(^{13}\)C\(_{12}\)]PCB 29, 4′-OH-[\(^{13}\)C\(_{12}\)]PCB 61, 4′-OH-[\(^{13}\)C\(_{12}\)]PCB 120, 4′-OH-[\(^{13}\)C\(_{12}\)]PCB 159, 4′-OH-[\(^{13}\)C\(_{12}\)]PCB 172, and 4-OH-[\(^{13}\)C\(_{12}\)]PCB 187; 5 ng/each in methanol). The tubes were inverted for 5 min, followed by centrifugation at 1,378 g for 5 min. The organic layer was transferred to a new tube. The residue was re-extracted with 1 mL of isopropanol and 2.5 mL of hexane and diethyl ether (9:1, vol/vol). The combined organic extracts were washed with 5 mL of phosphoric acid (0.1 M in 0.9% aqueous sodium chloride), and the aqueous phase was re-extracted with 1 mL of hexane and diethyl ether
The combined extract, which contained both PCBs and OH-PCBs, was concentrated to near dryness under a gentle stream of nitrogen. The extract was reconstituted in 4 mL of hexane, and 2 mL of a potassium hydroxide solution (0.5 M in water-ethanol, 1:1, v/v) was added. After inversion for 5 min and centrifugation at 1,378 g for 3 min, the organic phase was separated, and the bottom aqueous phase was re-extracted with 3 mL of hexane. The combined organic phase contained the PCBs. To extract the OH-PCBs, the aqueous phase was acidified with 0.5 mL of hydrochloric acid (2 M) and extracted twice with 4 mL and 3 mL of hexane and methyl t-butyl ether (9:1, vol/vol). This combined organic phase contained the OH-PCBs.

The PCB fraction was concentrated to ~ 0.5 mL under a gentle stream of nitrogen and passed through a glass cartridge filled with 2 g of acidified silica gel (silica gel and concentrated sulfuric acid, 2:1, w/w) with 0.2 g activated silica gel at the bottom and prewashed with 3 mL of hexane. PCBs were eluted from the cartridge with 14 mL of hexane. The eluent was concentrated to 4 mL and treated with 2 mL of concentrated sulfuric acid. After inversion for 5 min and centrifugation at 1,378 g for 3 min, the organic phase was collected, and the sulfuric acid layer was re-extracted with 3 mL of hexane. The combined organic extract was concentrated to about 50 µL and transferred to a glass autosampler vial with an insert. The sample was spiked with the internal standards (d5-PCB 30 and PCB 204; 5 ng each in hexane) prior to analysis.

The OH-PCB fraction was concentrated to about 1 mL, and 5 drops of methanol were added. As described previously, the OH-PCBs were derivatized with diazomethane to the corresponding methoxylated PCBs. After derivatization, the OH-PCB fraction was concentrated to about 0.5 mL and passed through a cartridge as described above for PCBs, except that 14 mL dichloromethane was used as eluent. The solvent was exchanged to hexane by concentrating to 0.5 mL and diluting with 3 mL of hexane three times. The extract was treated with sulfuric acid as
described above for the PCB fraction and spiked with internal standards (ds-PCB 30 and PCB 204, 5 ng/each) prior to analysis.

**Targeted GC-MS/MS determination of PCBs and OH-PCBs.** PCB samples were analyzed on an Agilent GC system coupled with an Agilent 7000 Triple Quad in the multiple reaction monitoring (MRM) mode on an SPB-Octyl capillary column (30 m length, 250 µm inner diameter, 0.25 µm film thickness; Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, Missouri, USA). OH-PCB (as MeO-PCB) samples were analyzed on an Agilent 7890B GC system coupled with an Agilent 7000D Triple Quad in the MRM mode on SPB-Octyl column (same model as above) or DM-1701 column (30 m length, 250 µm inner diameter, 0.25 µm film thickness; Sigma-Aldrich). The following temperature program was used for all analyses on both columns: 45 °C, hold for 2 min, 100 °C/min to 75 °C, hold for 5 min, 15 °C/min to 150 °C, hold for 1 min, 2.5 °C/min to 280 °C, and hold for 5 min. The injector temperature program is as follows: start at 45 °C, hold for 0.06 min, 600 °C/min to 325 °C and hold for 5 min. The transfer line temperature was 280 °C. Helium was used as a carrier gas with a constant flow rate of 0.8 mL/min. The precursor-product ion transitions of all PCB analytes used for the MS/MS analysis have been reported previously. The precursor-product ion transition of all MeO-PCB analytes for MS/MS were modified based on previous published method and are listed in Table S51 below.

**Quality assurance/quality control for the GC-MS/MS analysis.** The brain samples were extracted and analyzed using a rigorous quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) program established by the Analytical Core of the Iowa Superfund Research Program to assure the accuracy (analysis of SRM 1957), precision (surrogate recoveries), representativeness (analysis of sample blanks and SRM), and reproducibility (surrogate recoveries, analysis of SRM 1957) of the PCB and OH-PCB measurements (Tables S3-S7). All analyses were performed using detailed Standard Operating Procedures and use an extraction protocol that was reported previously and is based on validate protocols for the analysis of PCBs and OH-PCBs in animal and human samples.
QA/QC samples included in the analysis included primary PCB and MeO-PCB calibration standards containing 209 and 72 standards, respectively. Both standards were analyzed at the beginning and end of each set of samples to identify and quantify PCBs and OH-PCBs (as MeO-PCBs). These standards contained the PCB and MeO-PCB congeners, surrogate recovery standards, and internal quantification standards.

Surrogate recovery standards (i.e., representative PCB or OH-PCB congeners) were spiked into every sample immediately prior to extraction for the primary purpose of assessing and correcting for analytical losses during sample workup and assess the precision and reproducibility of the extraction across the entire study. PCB surrogate standards included the ten $^{13}$C-labeled mono- to deca-chlorinated PCBs (one from each Cl homolog) listed in Table S3. Average PCB recovery rates, including the range of recoveries and relative standard deviation for each standard, are provided in Table S3. OH-PCB surrogate standards were selected based on their commercial availability and included seven $^{13}$C-labeled OH-PCBs from the di, tri, tetra, penta, hexa, and two hepta chlorinated homologs, see Table S3. Average OH-PCB recovery rates, including the range of recoveries and relative standard deviation for each standard, are provided in Table S3.

Based on our earlier studies, deuterated PCB 30 and PCB 204 were selected as representative congeners to normalize instrument response for PCB and MeO-PCB congeners to concentrations in the calibration standard. These internal quantification standards were spiked into every sample immediately prior to instrument analysis.

Standard Reference Materials SRM 1957 (organic contaminants in non-fortified human serum, National Institute of Standards and Technology) was used to assess the accuracy. The SRM was selected because no suitable SRM or laboratory reference material is currently available for human brain tissues. A comparison of the measured and certified PCB and published OH-PCB levels in this SRM is provided in Table S6. Moreover, a SRM 1957 sample was extracted with every sample
batch to evaluate the reproducibility of the analysis. The results from all SRM samples extracted as part of this study are also summarized in Table S6.

The congener-specific analysis of PCB and OH-PCBs (as MeO-PCBs) was performed on a triple quadrupole GC-MS-MS using the internal standard method to identify and quantify all 209 PCBs and 72 OH-PCBs as MeO-PCBs in a variety of environmental matrices. Past examples have included air, \cite{6,12-17} sediment and soil, \cite{18-22} water and porewater, \cite{23,24} and human serum. \cite{2,25-28}

**Chromatographic separation and instrument parameters used for the Nt-LCMS analysis of OH-PCBs.** Water and acetonitrile were used as mobile phases A and B, respectively, with a mobile flow rate of 0.3 mL/min and a pressure of 4000-8000 psi at 25 °C. Both mobile phases contained 10 mM ammonium formate and 0.1% (v/v) formic acid. The UPLC gradient program was as follows: starting at 5% B, held for 1 min, increased linearly to 95% B, held for 3 min, and returning to 5% B, with a hold for 4 min before the next injection. The injection volume was 5 μL. The Q-Exactive Orbitrap Mass Spectrometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA) was operated in the negative polarity mode. The source parameters settings were as follows: spray voltage, 2472 V; spray current, 18.2 μA; capillary temperature, 256 °C; sheath gas flow rate, 48; auxiliary gas flow rate, 2; and auxiliary temperature, 413 °C. The analyses were performed in the full scan mode with a range from 85 to 1275 m/z. The Automatic Gain Control target setting was $1 \times 10^6$, the full scan resolution setting was 70,000, and the maximum interval time (IT) was 200 ms.

**Processing of Nt-LCMS data.** The chromatographic peaks of suspected OH-PCBs were extracted from the acquired data (as .raw file) with Thermo Xcalibur (version 4.1, Thermo Fisher Scientific, USA). The chromatogram extraction was performed with a $m/z$ tolerance of 5 ppm, mass precision decimals of 5, and the smoothing factor of 7. The isotopic pattern of chlorine was used as an important factor for confirming putative OH-PCBs, as described. \cite{29-31}
chromatographic data of the detected OH-PCBs were exported and figures were prepared with GraphPad Prism (version 9.0, GraphPad Software, USA).

**Figure S1.** Coeluting congeners 4'-9+4-14 (2,5-dichlorobiphenyl-4'-ol and 3,5-dichlorobiphenyl-4'-ol) were detected with an MRM transition of (m/z) 252 → 209 only in two human brain tissue samples from donors 2017-3 (BA19) and 2018-18 (HC). Chromatograms of the corresponding calibration and reference standards to assess impurities in the analytical standards and a blank sample to control for background contamination are shown for comparison. Analyses were performed by GC-MS/MS on the SPB-Octyl column as described in the Experimental section. For more information regarding the donors, see Table S1. Amy: amygdala, BA19: Broadman area 19, CB: cerebellum, CTX: cortex, HC: Hippocampus, PFC: prefrontal cortex SN: substantia nigra.
Figure S2. Chromatograms on the SPB-Octyl column showing the presence of possible unknown mono- to tetra-chlorinated OH-PCB metabolites in the brain from selected donors: (A) Mono-X1 in brain regions from donor 2018-11 (1-year-old female) with an MRM transition (m/z) 218 → 168; (B) Tri-X2 in brain regions from donor 2018-1 (60-year-old female) with an MRM transition (m/z) 286 → 243; (C) Tri-X3 in brain regions from donor 2018-3 (1-day-old female) with an MRM transition (m/z) 286 → 243; and (D) Tetra-X4 in the amygdala from donor 2018-13 (2-day-old female) with an MRM transition 321.9 → 278.9. Chromatograms of the corresponding calibration and reference standards to assess impurities in the analytical standards and a blank sample to control for background contamination are shown for comparison. Analyses were performed by GC-MS/MS on the SPB-Octyl column as described in the Experimental section. For more information regarding the donors, see Table S1. Amy: amygdala, BA19: Broadman area 19, CTX: cortex, PFC: prefrontal cortex.
Figure S3. Chromatograms on the DB-1701 column showing the presence of unknown mono- and tri-chlorinated OH-PCB metabolites in the brain from selected donors, with MRM transitions of \((m/z)\) 218 \(\rightarrow\) 168 and 286 \(\rightarrow\) 243, respectively. Chromatograms of the corresponding calibration and reference standards to assess impurities in the analytical standards and a blank sample to control for background contamination are shown for comparison. Analyses were performed by GC-MS/MS on the DB-1701 column as described in the Experimental section. For more information regarding the donors, see Table S1. BA19: Broadman area 19, CB: cerebellum, HC: hippocampus.
Figure S4. 4-107 (2,3,3',4',5'-pentachlorobiphenyl-4-ol) was not detected with an MRM transition of \((m/z)\) 256.9 → 340.9 in any human brain tissue samples. However, 4-107 was detected in the NIST standard analyzed in parallel and has been detected with a high detection frequency in serum samples from the AESOP (Airborne Exposures to Semi-volatile Organic Pollutants) study. Chromatograms of the corresponding calibration and reference standards to assess impurities in the analytical standards and a blank sample to control for background contamination are shown for comparison. Analyses were performed by GC-MS/MS on the SPB-Octyl column as described in the Experimental section. For more information regarding the donors, see Table S1. Amy: amygdala, BA19: Broadman area 19, CB: cerebellum, CTX: cortex, HC: Hippocampus, PFC: prefrontal cortex SN: substantia nigra.
Coeluting congeners 5-183 + 4-187 and 2,2',3,4,4',5,6-heptachlorobiphenyl-5-ol + 2,2',3,4,4',5,6-heptachlorobiphenyl-4-ol were not detected on GC-MS/MS with an MRM transition of (m/z) 423.8 → 380.8 in any human brain tissue samples. However, 5-183 + 4-187 was detected in the NIST standard analyzed in parallel and 4-187 has been detected with a high detection frequency in serum samples from the AESOP (Airborne Exposures to Semi-volatile Organic Pollutants) study.

Chromatograms of the corresponding calibration and reference standards to assess impurities in the analytical standards and a blank sample to control for background contamination are shown for comparison. Analyses were performed by GC-MS/MS on the SPB-Octyl column as described in the Experimental section. For more information regarding the donors, see Table S1. Amy: amygdala, BA19: Broadman area 19, CB: cerebellum, CTX: cortex, HC: Hippocampus, PF: prefrontal cortex, SN: substantia nigra.
Figure S6. An unknown trichlorinated OH-PCB was detected by GC-MS/MS and Nt-LCMS Orbitrap in the amygdala from a 2-day old female donor (donor 2018-13, see Table S1). (A) GC-MS/MS chromatogram with MRM transition (m/z) of 286 → 243 showing a peak corresponding to a trichlorinated OH-PCB (as methoxylated PCBs) in the extract from an amygdala sample from this donor. The method blank, and reference standard are shown for comparison. Nt-LCMS Orbitrap analysis of the same brain region from the same donor also showed a single trichlorinated OH-PCB peak, indirectly confirming the presence of a trichlorinated OH-PCB in this brain sample. (B) Chromatograms extracted based on the theoretical accurate mass of the top three high abundance isotope ions of a trichlorinated OH-PCB (chromatogram in black, [C_{12}H_{6}OCl_3]^-, m/z 270.94843, chromatogram in blue, [C_{12}H_{6}OCl_2^{37}Cl]^-, m/z 272.94548, chromatogram in red, [C_{12}H_{6}OCl^{37}Cl_2]^-, m/z 274.94253) show peaks at 7.74 min. (C) The accurate mass of both ions at 7.74 min matched the theoretical accurate mass and isotopic pattern of a trichlorinated compound (1:1:0.3). The Nt-LCMS Orbitrap analysis was performed in the negative polarity mode as described in the Supporting Information.
Figure S7. An unknown trichlorinated OH-PCB was detected by GC-MS/MS and Nt-LCMS Orbitrap in the BA19 from a 1-day old female donor (donor 2017-3, see Table S1). (A) GC-MS/MS chromatogram with MRM transition (m/z) of 286 → 243 showing a peak corresponding to a trichlorinated OH-PCB (as methoxylated PCBs) in the extract from an amygdala sample from this donor. The method blank and reference standard are shown for comparison. Nt-LCMS Orbitrap analysis of the same brain region from the same donor also showed a single trichlorinated OH-PCB peak, indirectly confirming the presence of a trichlorinated OH-PCB in this brain sample. (B) Chromatograms extracted based on the theoretical accurate mass of the top three high abundance isotope ions of a trichlorinated OH-PCB (chromatogram in black, [C_{12}H_{6}OCl_3]^-, m/z 270.94843, chromatogram in blue, [C_{12}H_{6}OCl_2^{37}Cl]^-, m/z 272.94548, chromatogram in red, [C_{12}H_{6}OCl^{37}Cl_2]^-, m/z 274.94253) show peaks at 7.74 min. (C) The accurate mass of both ions at 7.74 min matched the theoretical accurate mass and isotopic pattern of a trichlorinated compound (1 : 1 : 0.3). The Nt-LCMS Orbitrap analysis was performed in the negative polarity mode as described in the Supporting Information.
Figure S8. An unknown tetrachlorinated OH-PCB was detected by GC-MS/MS and Nt-LCMS Orbitrap in the amygdala from a 1-day old female donor (donor 2018-13, see Table S1). (A) GC-MS/MS chromatogram with MRM transition (m/z) of 321.9 → 278.9 showing a peak corresponding to a tetrachlorinated OH-PCB (as methoxylated PCBs) in the extract from an amygdala sample from this donor. The method blank, and reference standard are shown for comparison. Nt-LCMS Orbitrap analysis of the same brain region from the same donor also showed a single tetrachlorinated OH-PCB peak, indirectly confirming the presence of a tetrachlorinated OH-PCB in this brain sample. (B) Chromatograms extracted based on the theoretical accurate mass of the top two high abundance isotope ions of a dichlorinated OH-PCB (chromatogram in black, [C_{12}H_5OCl_4], m/z 304.90946, chromatogram in red, [C_{12}H_5OCl_3^{37}Cl]^-, m/z 306.90651) show peaks at 7.84 min. (C) The accurate mass of both ions at 7.84 min matched the theoretical accurate mass and isotopic pattern of a tetrachlorinated compound (0.8 : 1). The Nt-LCMS Orbitrap analysis was performed in the negative polarity mode as described in the Supporting Information.
Table SS1. Precursor and product ions of the quantitative standards, internal standards, surrogate standards, and the corresponding collision energy.6,32

| Abbreviation   | Homolog | Precursor Ion (m/z) | Product Ion (m/z) | Collision Energy (eV) |
|----------------|---------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 4-MeO-PCB 1    | mono    | 218.0               | 175.0             | 20                    |
| 2′-MeO-PCB 2   | mono    | 218.0               | 168.1             | 30                    |
| 3′-MeO-PCB 2   | mono    | 218.0               | 188.0             | 15                    |
| 4′-MeO-PCB 2   | mono    | 218.0               | 175.0             | 25                    |
| 2-MeO-PCB 2    | mono    | 218.0               | 168.1             | 30                    |
| 6-MeO-PCB 2    | mono    | 218.0               | 168.1             | 30                    |
| 5-MeO-PCB 2    | mono    | 218.0               | 152.1             | 40                    |
| 4-MeO-PCB 2    | mono    | 218.0               | 203.0             | 15                    |
| 4′-MeO-PCB 3    | mono   | 218.0               | 175.0            | 25                    |
| 2′-MeO-PCB 5    | di      | 252.0              | 202.0             | 35                    |
| 3′-MeO-PCB 9    | di      | 252.0               | 152.0             | 35                    |
| 4′-MeO-PCB 9    | di      | 252.0               | 209.0             | 20                    |
| 2′-MeO-PCB 12   | di      | 252.0               | 202.0             | 30                    |
| 4-MeO-PCB 14   | di      | 252.0               | 237.0             | 15                    |
| 4′-MeO-PCB 18   | tri    | 286.0               | 243.0             | 25                    |
| 6′-MeO-PCB 26   | tri    | 286.0               | 236.0             | 30                    |
| 4′-MeO-PCB 26   | tri    | 286.0               | 243.0             | 25                    |
| 2′-MeO-PCB 30   | tri    | 286.0               | 236.0             | 30                    |
| 3′-MeO-PCB 30   | tri    | 286.0               | 186.0             | 35                    |
| 4′-MeO-PCB 30   | tri    | 286.0               | 243.0             | 25                    |
| 3-MeO-PCB 54    | tetra  | 321.9               | 278.9             | 20                    |
| 2′-MeO-PCB 61   | tetra  | 321.9               | 271.9             | 25                    |
| 3′-MeO-PCB 61   | tetra  | 321.9               | 291.9             | 20                    |
| 4′-MeO-PCB 61   | tetra  | 321.9               | 278.9             | 25                    |
| 2′-MeO-PCB 65   | tetra  | 321.9               | 271.9             | 25                    |
| 3′-MeO-PCB 65   | tetra  | 321.9               | 222.0             | 40                    |
| 4′-MeO-PCB 65   | tetra  | 321.9               | 278.9             | 25                    |
| 4-MeO-PCB 65    | tetra  | 321.9               | 278.9             | 25                    |
| 6′-MeO-PCB 69   | tetra  | 321.9               | 271.9             | 25                    |
| 4′-MeO-PCB 69   | tetra  | 321.9               | 278.9             | 25                    |
| 4′-MeO-PCB 72   | tetra  | 321.9               | 306.9             | 15                    |
| 4′-MeO-PCB 79   | tetra  | 321.9               | 306.9             | 20                    |
| 6′-MeO-PCB 83   | penta  | 355.9               | 305.9             | 25                    |
| 4′-MeO-PCB 86   | penta  | 355.9               | 312.9             | 25                    |
| 4′-MeO-PCB 93   | penta  | 355.9               | 255.9             | 40                    |
| 4′-MeO-PCB 97   | penta  | 355.9               | 312.9             | 25                    |
| 6′-MeO-PCB 101  | penta  | 355.9               | 305.9             | 20                    |
| 4′-MeO-PCB 101  | penta  | 355.9               | 312.9             | 25                    |
| 2′-MeO-PCB 106  | penta  | 355.9               | 305.9             | 30                    |
| 4-MeO-PCB 107   | penta  | 355.9               | 340.9             | 15                    |
| 4′-MeO-PCB 108  | penta  | 355.9               | 340.9             | 15                    |
| 2′-MeO-PCB 114  | penta  | 355.9               | 305.9             | 30                    |
| 3-MeO-PCB 118   | penta  | 355.9               | 312.9             | 25                    |
| 4′-MeO-PCB 120  | penta  | 355.9               | 340.9             | 15                    |
Table SS1—continued. Precursor and product ions of the quantitative standards, internal standards, surrogate standards, and the corresponding collision energy.

| Compound                  | Reaction | Precursor Ion (m/z) | Product Ion (m/z) | Collision Energy (eV) |
|---------------------------|----------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 4'-MeO-PCB127             | penta    | 355.9               | 340.9             | 20                    |
| 4'-MeO-PCB130             | hexa     | 389.9               | 346.8             | 25                    |
| 4-MeO-PCB134              | hexa     | 389.9               | 346.8             | 25                    |
| 3'-MeO-PCB138             | hexa     | 389.9               | 346.8             | 25                    |
| 5-MeO-PCB138              | hexa     | 389.9               | 346.8             | 25                    |
| 4-MeO-PCB146              | hexa     | 389.9               | 346.8             | 25                    |
| 3,3'-di-MeO-PCB155        | Hexa     | 419.9               | 404.8             | 15                    |
| 4'-MeO-PCB159             | hexa     | 389.9               | 374.8             | 15                    |
| 4-MeO-PCB162              | hexa     | 389.9               | 374.8             | 15                    |
| 4-MeO-PCB163              | hexa     | 389.9               | 374.8             | 15                    |
| 4'-MeO-PCB172             | hepta    | 423.8               | 380.8             | 25                    |
| 4'-MeO-PCB172             | hepta    | 423.8               | 380.8             | 25                    |
| 4-MeO-PCB177              | hepta    | 423.8               | 380.8             | 25                    |
| 4-MeO-PCB178              | hepta    | 423.8               | 380.8             | 25                    |
| 3'-MeO-PCB180             | hepta    | 423.8               | 380.8             | 25                    |
| 3'-MeO-PCB182             | hepta    | 423.8               | 408.8             | 10                    |
| 3'-MeO-PCB183             | hepta    | 423.8               | 380.8             | 25                    |
| 5-MeO-PCB183              | hepta    | 423.8               | 380.8             | 25                    |
| 3'-MeO-PCB184             | hepta    | 423.8               | 408.8             | 15                    |
| 4-MeO-PCB187              | hepta    | 423.8               | 380.8             | 25                    |
| 4'-MeO-PCB198             | octa     | 459.8               | 416.8             | 25                    |
| 4'-MeO-PCB199             | octa     | 459.8               | 416.8             | 25                    |
| 4'-MeO-PCB200             | octa     | 459.8               | 416.8             | 25                    |
| 4'-MeO-PCB201             | octa     | 459.8               | 416.8             | 25                    |
| 4-MeO-PCB202              | octa     | 459.8               | 416.8             | 25                    |
| 4,4'-di-MeO-PCB202        | octa     | 489.8               | 446.8             | 20                    |
| 3'-MeO-PCB203             | octa     | 459.8               | 416.8             | 25                    |
| 4'-MeO-PCB208             | nona     | 493.7               | 450.7             | 30                    |

| Internal standards and surrogate standards |
|--------------------------------------------|
| d5-PCB 30                                  |
| PCB 204                                    |
| 13C12-4'-MeO-PCB 12                        |
| 13C12-4'-MeO-PCB 29                        |
| 13C12-4'-MeO-PCB 61                        |
| 13C12-4'-MeO-PCB 120                       |
| 13C12-4'-MeO-PCB 159                       |
| 13C12-4'-MeO-PCB 172                       |
| 13C12-4'-MeO-PCB 187                       |
| d5-PCB 30 tri                              |
| PCB 204 octa                              |
| 13C12-4'-MeO-PCB 12 di                     |
| 13C12-4'-MeO-PCB 29 tri                    |
| 13C12-4'-MeO-PCB 61 tetra                  |
| 13C12-4'-MeO-PCB 120 penta                 |
| 13C12-4'-MeO-PCB 159 hexa                  |
| 13C12-4'-MeO-PCB 172 hepta                 |
| 13C12-4'-MeO-PCB 187 hepta                 |
| 261.0                                      |
| 429.8                                      |
| 264.0                                      |
| 298.0                                      |
| 334.0                                      |
| 367.9                                      |
| 401.9                                      |
| 435.9                                      |
| 357.8                                      |
| 220.0                                      |
| 254.0                                      |
| 289.9                                      |
| 352.9                                      |
| 386.9                                      |
| 391.8                                      |
| 391.8                                      |
| 30                                         |
| 35                                         |
| 30                                         |
| 25                                         |
| 25                                         |
| 15                                         |
| 15                                         |
| 15                                         |
| 30                                         |
| 25                                         |

The short names of the MeO-PCB congeners are based on the PCB congener table of the US EPA. The number indicating the position of the methoxy group is based on the numbering scheme of the respective PCB congener, as proposed previously.33
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