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Past research topics

Past research topics with CALUX assays in Japan

Toxicity Reduction Evaluation (TRE) study with DR-CALUX

- Dechlorination process for incineration ash
- Remediation of soils contaminated by PCB oil
- Various destruction process for PCB oil

Toxicity Identification Evaluation (TIE) study with DR-CALUX

- Organic waste compost
- Surface and core from harbor city of Osaka in Japan

Past research topics with CALUX assays in Japan

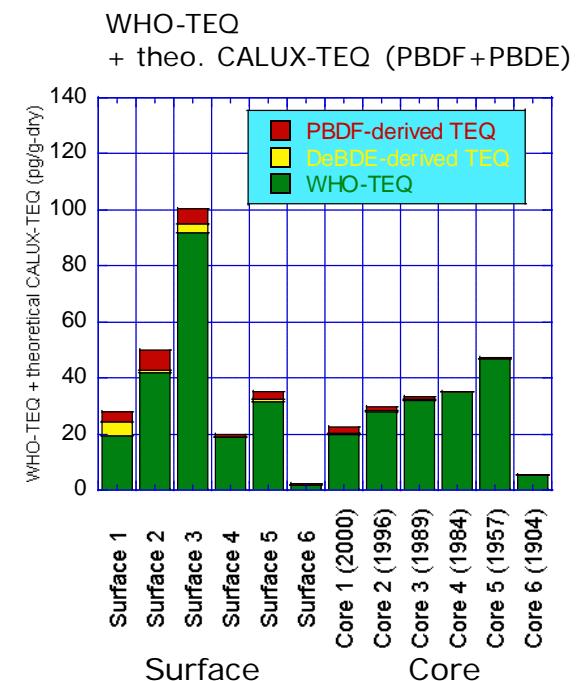
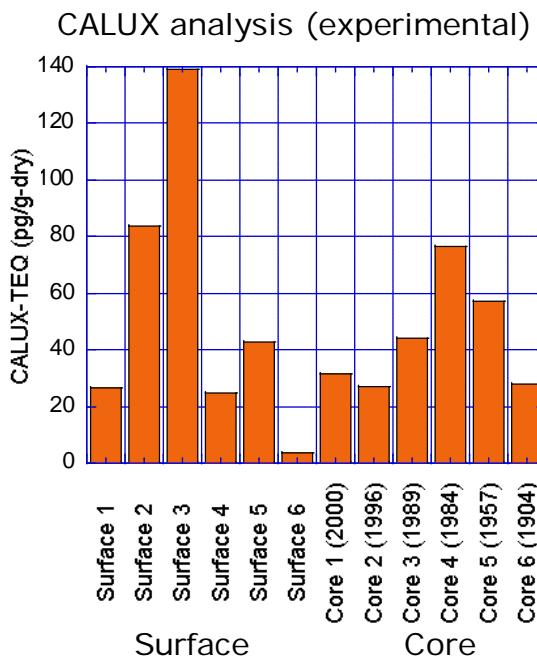
Toxicity Identification Evaluation (TIE) study with DR-CALUX

- Surface and core sediment from harbor city of Osaka in Japan



Surface sediment samples

CALUX-TEQ (left) and calculated TEQ values (right)
in surface and core sediments from Osaka Bay



Ongoing research topics

Ongoing research topics with CALUX assays in Japan

Toxicity Identification Evaluation (TIE) study with various CALUXs

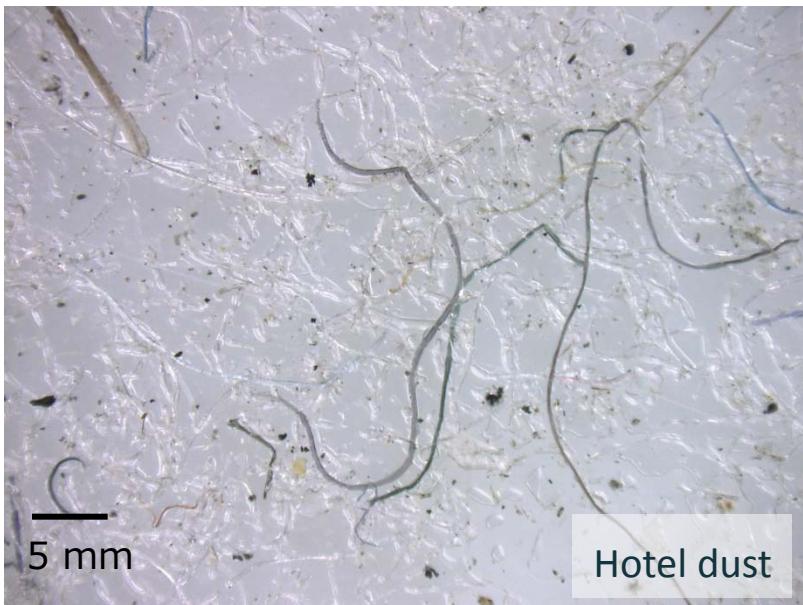
- Indoor dust as an important exposure pathway for children
- High-trophic level animal tissue containing bioaccumulated compounds
- Environmental impact of E-waste crude recycling
- Safety recycle and use of biodiesel from cooking oil waste
- Environmental impact of effluent from sewage-treatment plant in Japan and US

Indoor dust study



1 cm

Indoor dust



Concern about flame retardants (FRs) in indoor dust



PBDEs are used in a number of consumer goods, including video and computer equipment, cell phones, mattresses, upholstered furniture, carpet padding, and automobile electronics and seats. Virtually all samples tested for PBDEs in the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey contained BDE-47.

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Hand-to-mouth exposure is thought to account for much of people's intake of PBDEs. Although this may help explain why some of the highest concentrations of PBDEs have been found in children's blood, hand-to-mouth exposure isn't just for toddlers—adults may unwittingly consume the chemicals as they smoke, eat, or bite their nails.

Polybrominated diphenylether (PBDEs) as FRs in indoor dust

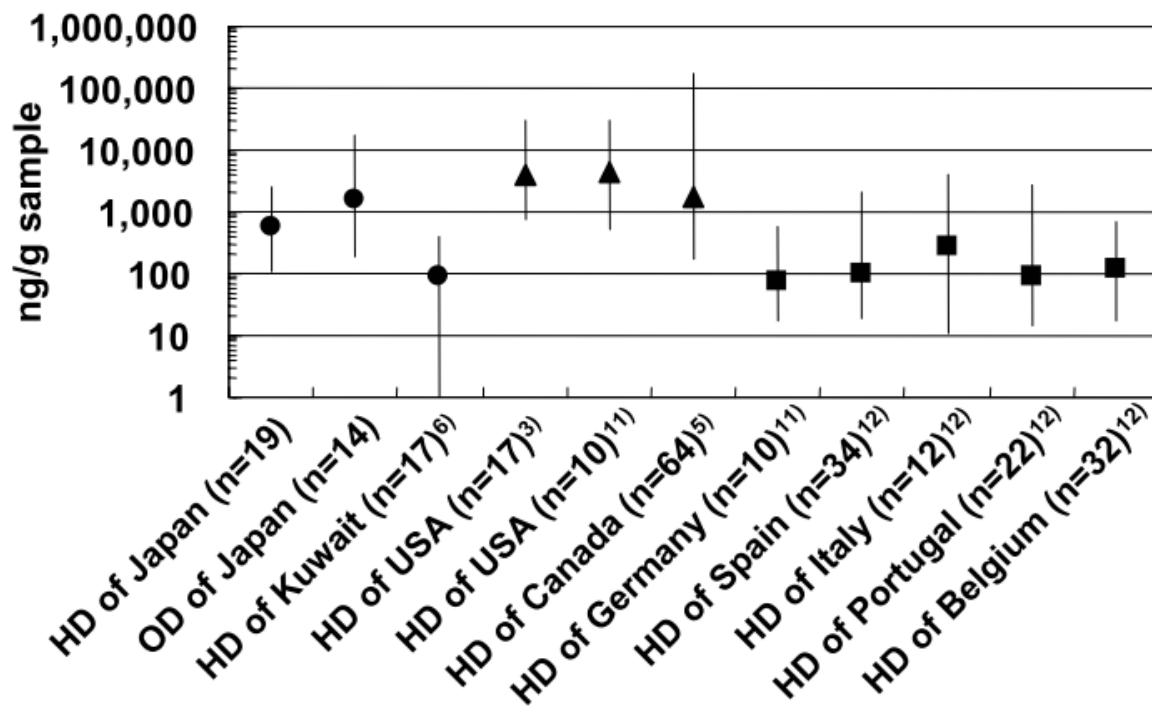


Fig. 2. Comparison of PBDE levels to the previous studies

Proof of existence of PBDEs in indoor dust

Existence State of Bromine as an Indicator of the Source of Brominated Flame Retardants in Indoor Dust

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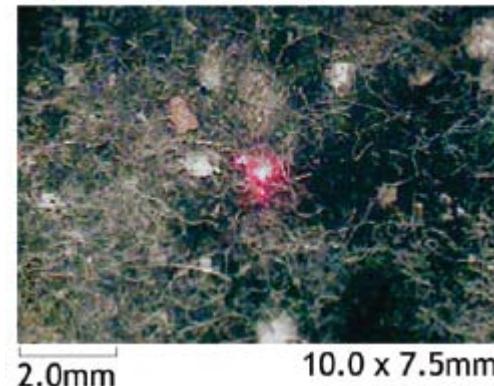
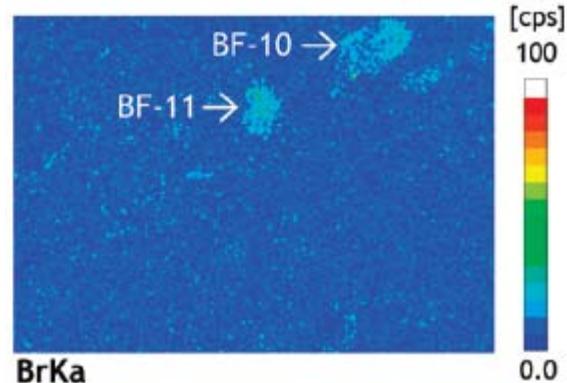


Image of tested samples



XRFS image of Br-mapping

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Bromine-rich fragment 2



Bromine-rich fragment-10

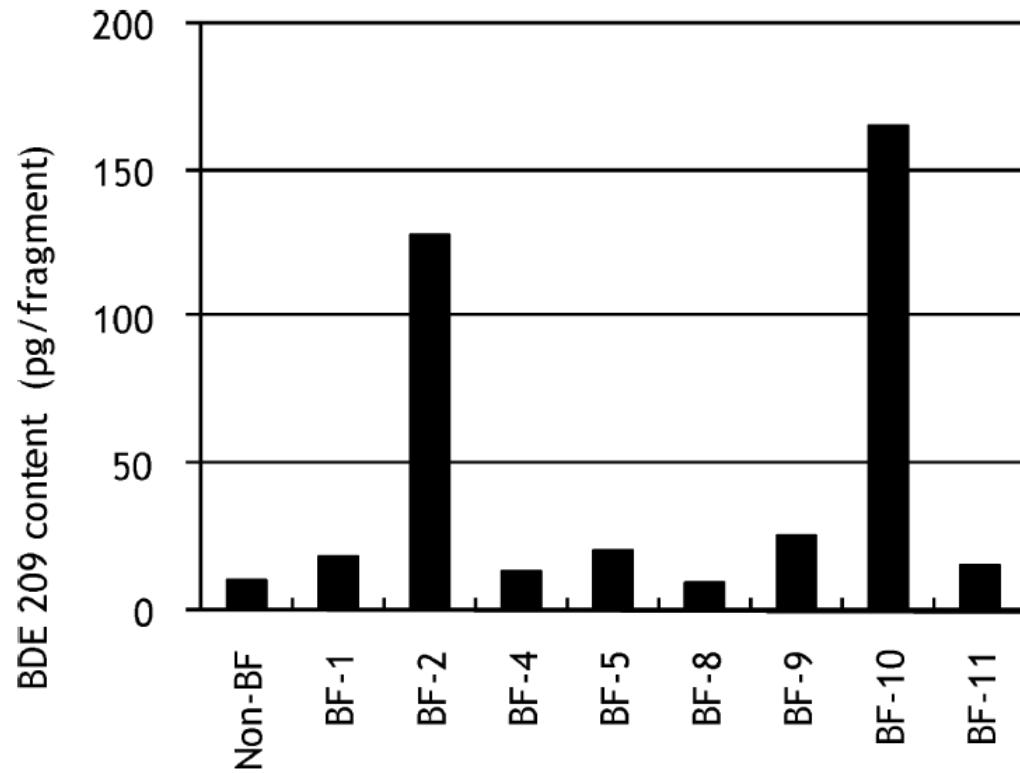
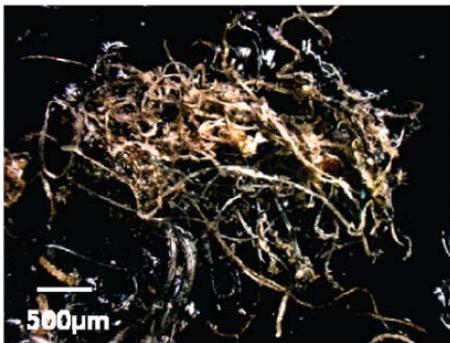
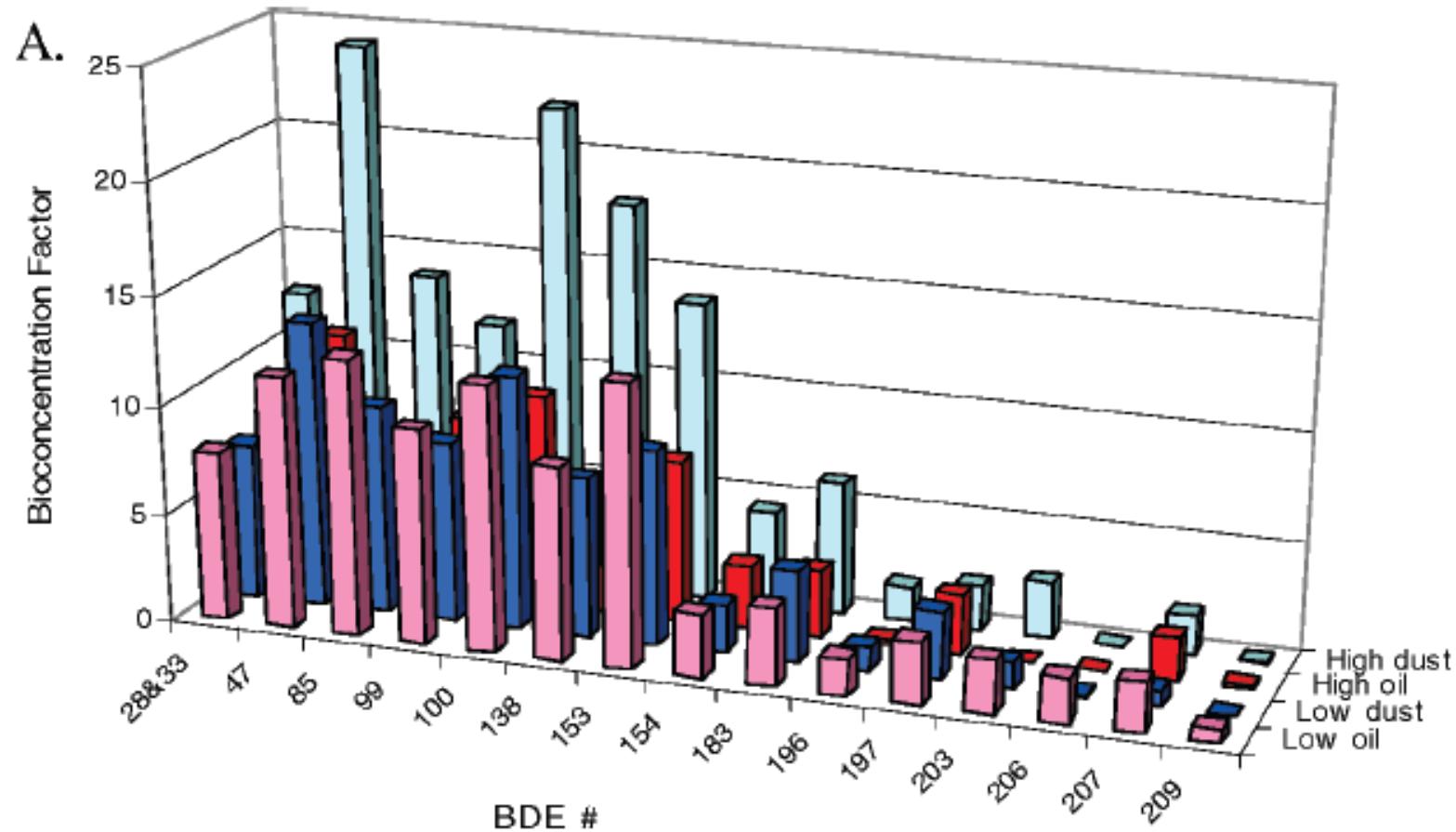


FIGURE 3. BDE 209 content in bromine-rich fragments: non-BF = non-bromine-containing fragment; BF = bromine-rich fragment.

Bioavailability of PBDEs in indoor dust

Epididymal fat tissue



TIE with DR-CALUX assay

Dioxin-like compounds in indoor dust

Dioxin-Like and Transthyretin-Binding Compounds in Indoor Dusts Collected from Japan: Average Daily Dose and Possible Implications for Children

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Concept of Toxic Equivalency Factors (TEF)

Toxic Equivalency Factors (TEFs) for PCBs, PCDDs, PCDFs for Humans and Wildlife

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The criteria for including a compound in a fish and wildlife TEF scheme are the same criteria as those used for the derivation human TEFs (*I*). These are 1) a compound must show a structural relationship to the PCDDs and PCDFs; 2) a compound must bind to the Ah receptor; 3) a compound must elicit Ah receptor-mediated biochemical and toxic responses; and 4) a compound must be persistent and accumulate in the food chain.

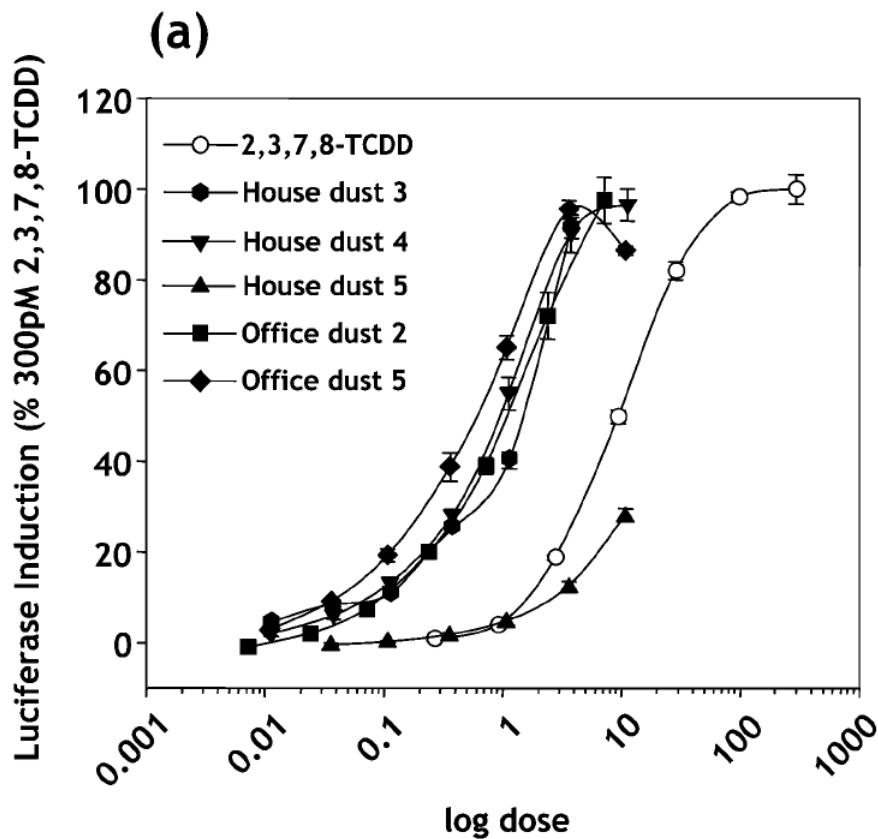
For criteria 1) and 4)

- Toluene-Sohxlet extraction
- Sulfuric-acid and acid silicagel column treatment

For criteria 2) and 3)

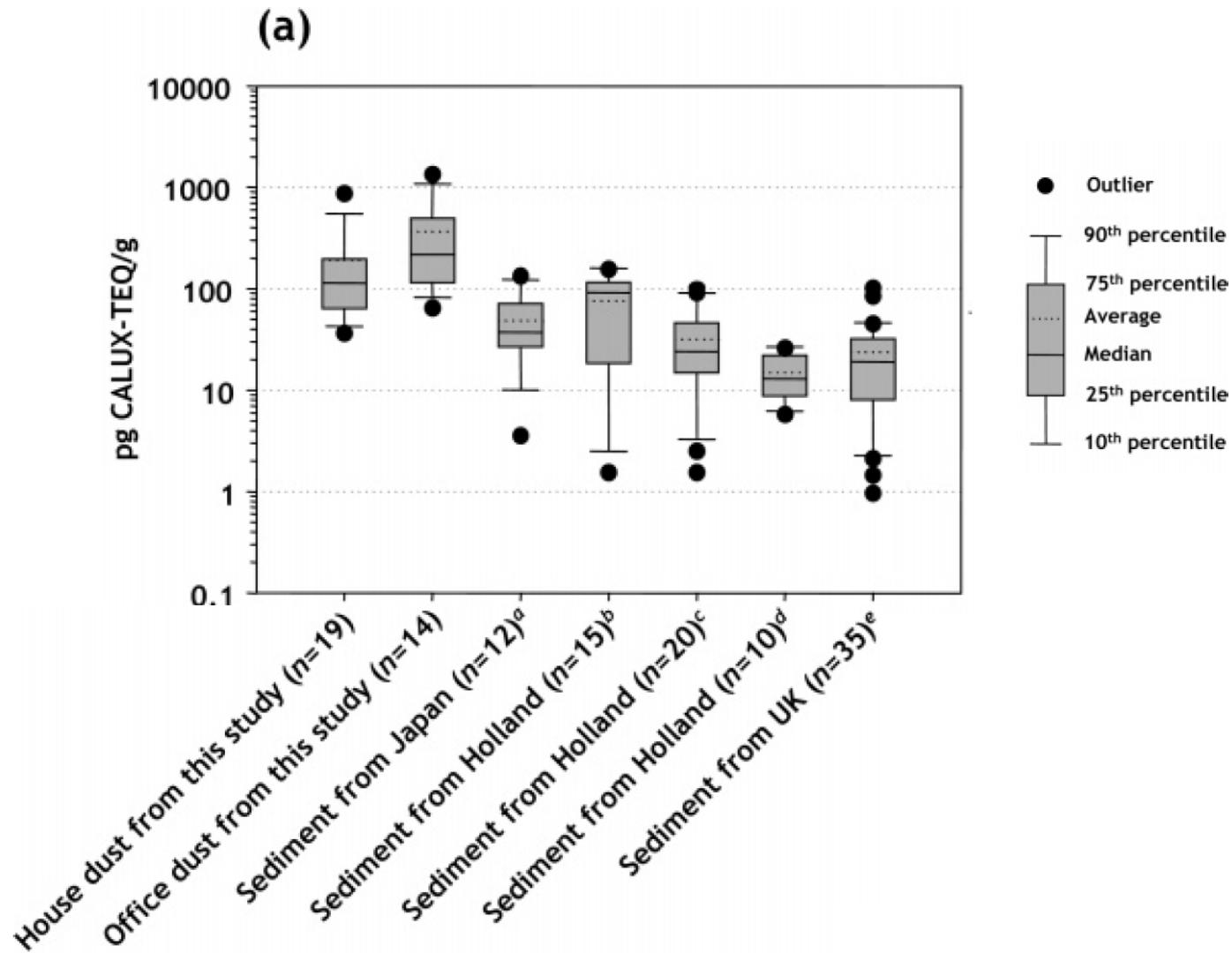
- DR-CALUX assay

Dose-response of indoor dust extracts on DR-CALUX cells



pM 2,3,7,8-TCDD in well
mg dust in well

CALUX-TCDD equivalent for indoor dust extract



Dioxin-like Activity in Japanese Indoor Dusts Evaluated by Means of in Vitro Bioassay and Instrumental Analysis: Brominated Dibenzofurans Are an Important Contributor

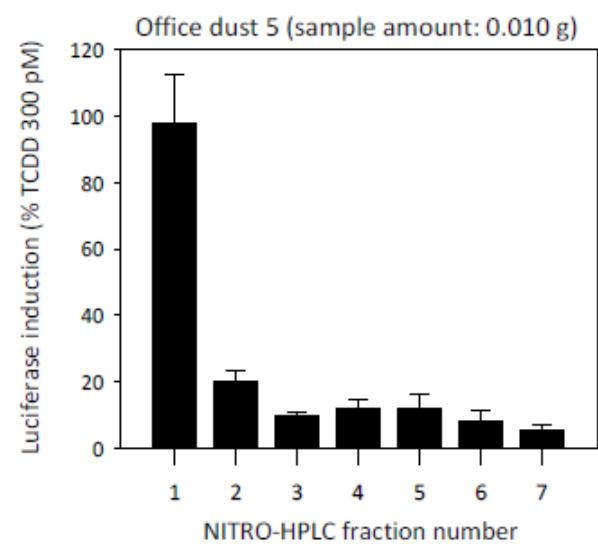
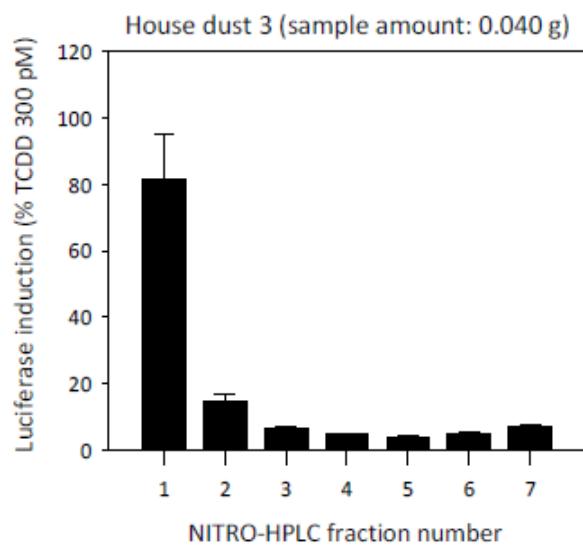
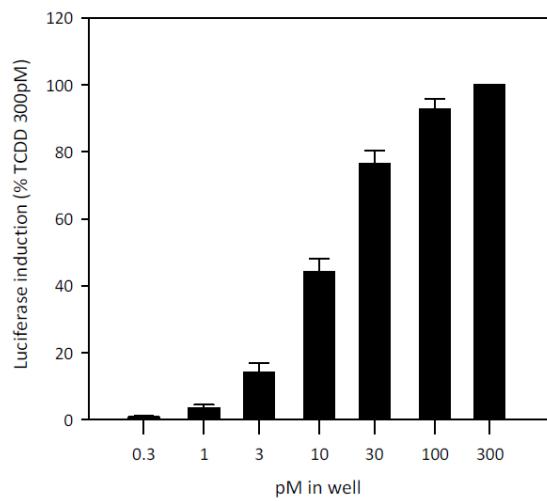
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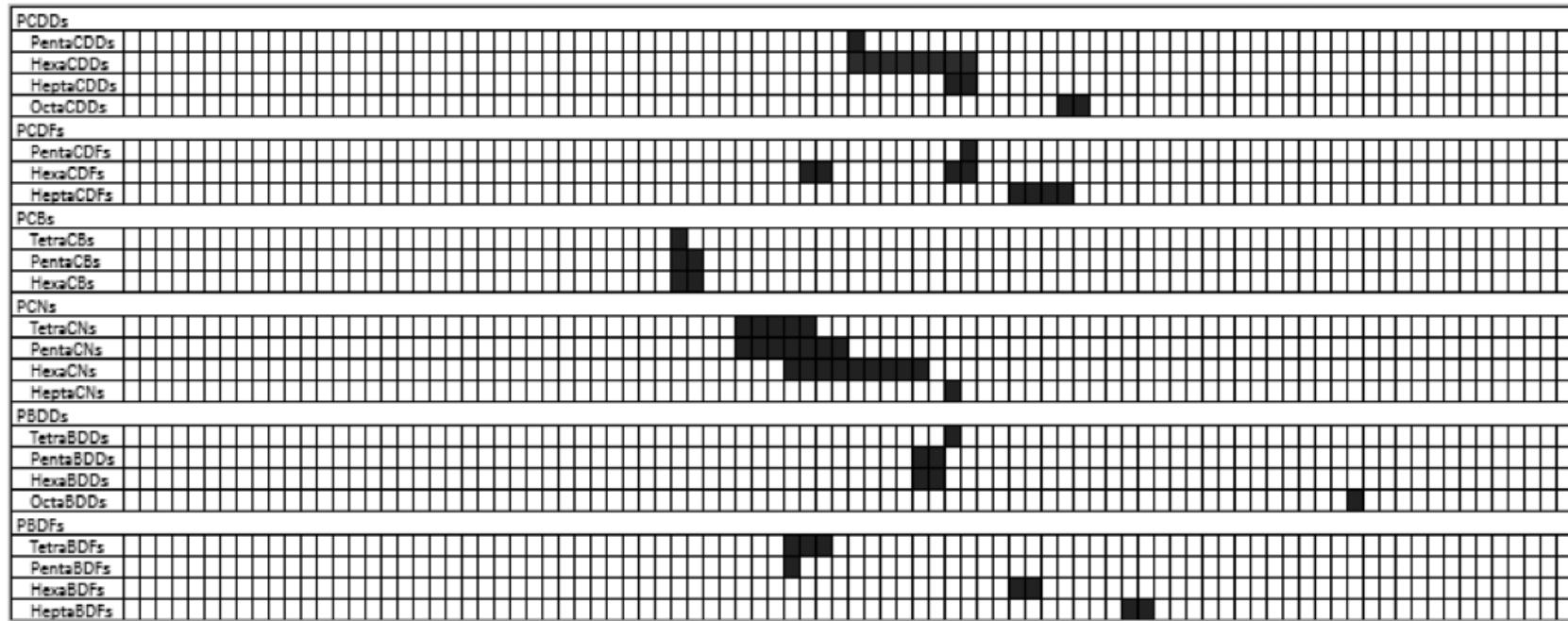
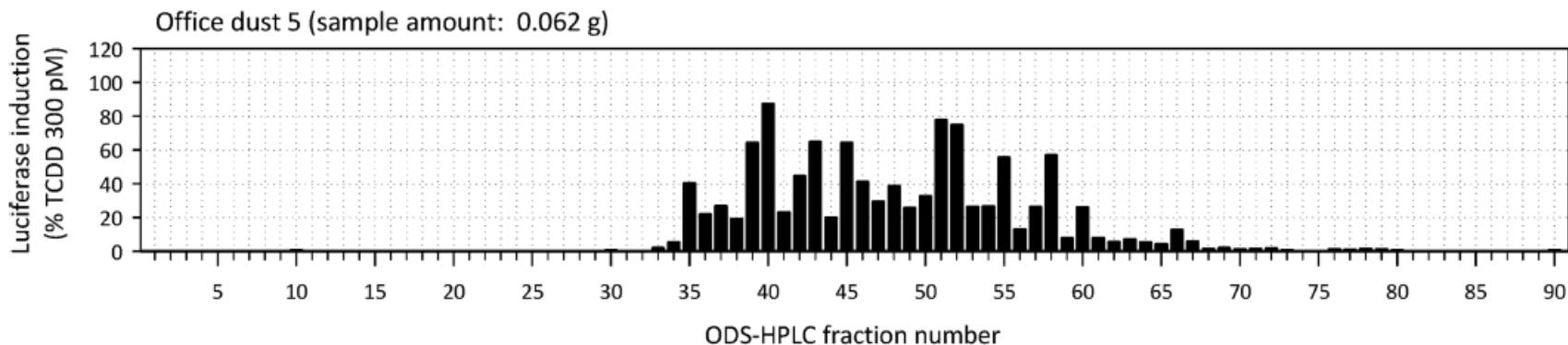
NITRO-HPLC fractionation with DR-CALUX

The 1st fraction containing compounds with 2~3 rings indicates higher activity



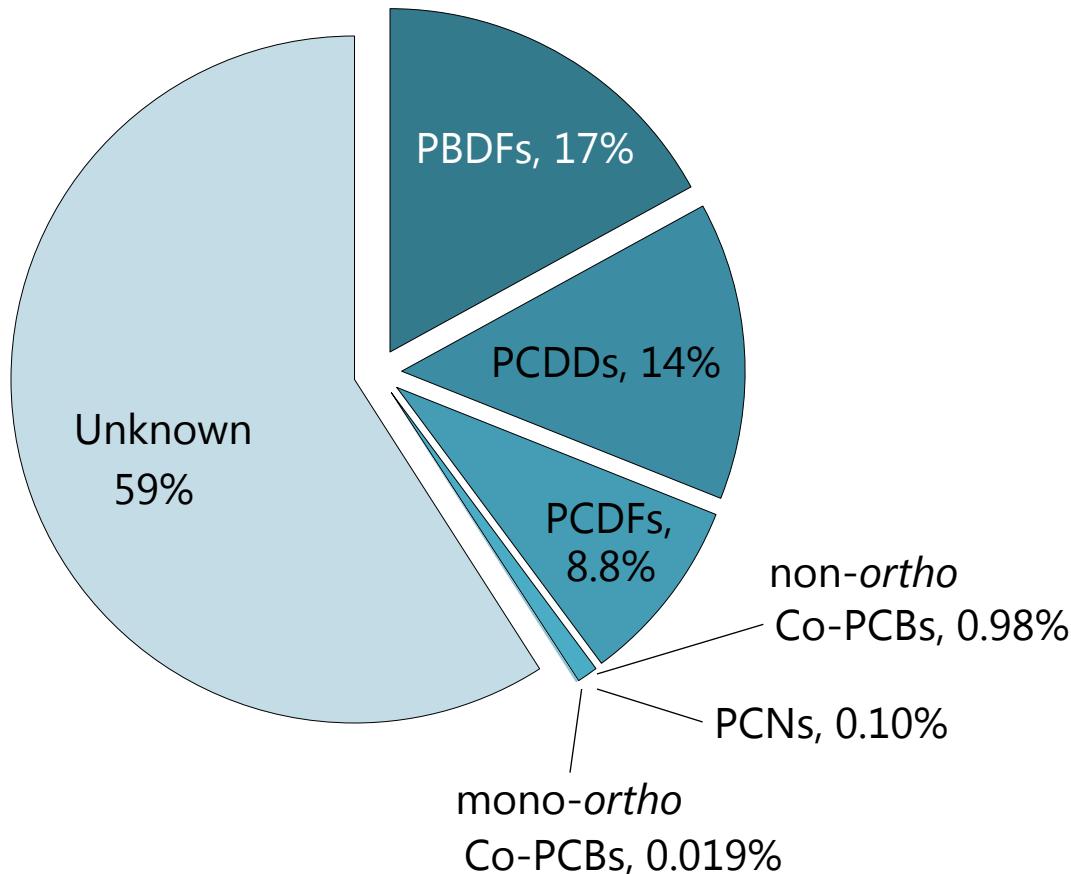
ODS-HPLC fractionation with DR-CALUX

Well-known dioxin-like compounds were detected in fractions indicating activities

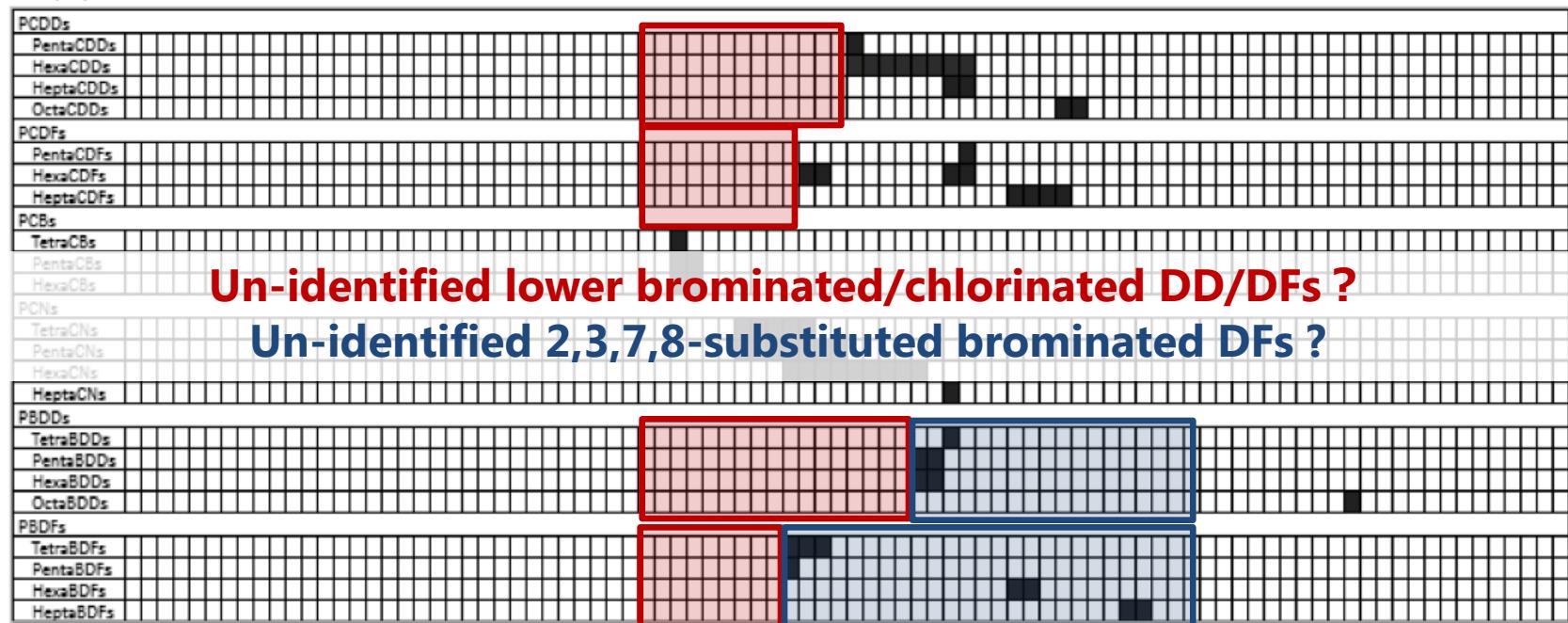
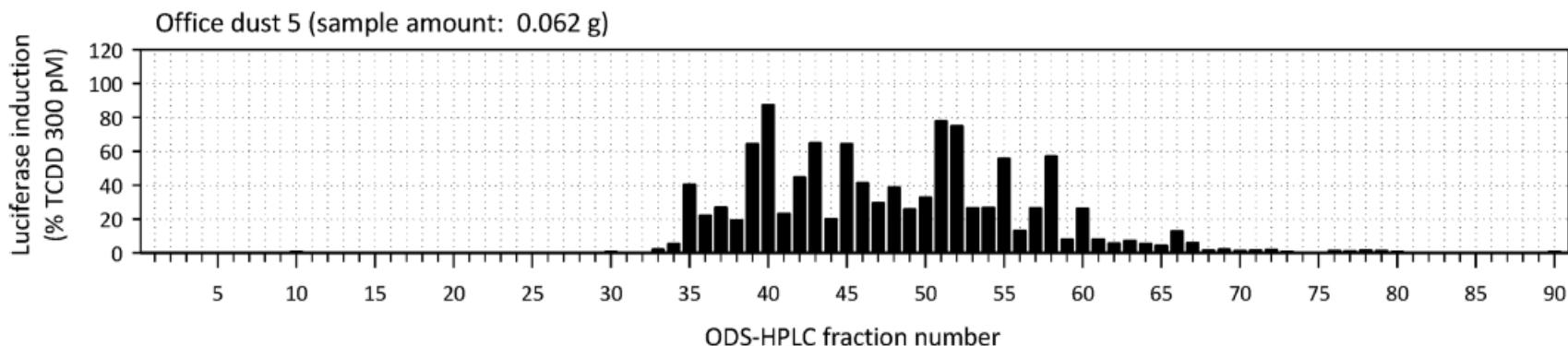


Brominated dibenzofurans are an important contributor

Median-based contribution ratio for dioxin-like compounds in indoor dust ($n=33$)



Candidates for unknown dioxin-like compounds



TEFs for brominated dibenzofurans

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The use of toxic equivalency factors (TEFs) for polybrominated dibenzodioxins (PBDDs) and dibenzofurans (PBDFs) in risk assessment

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- TriBDD in food materials
- PBDFs in indoor dusts

Ongoing research for indoor dust

In Vitro Toxicological Similarities between Flame Retardants and Indoor Dust Collected from Japan, US, Vietnam, the Philippines, and Indonesia

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- Indoor dusts collected from various countries
- Acetone extract + Toluene extract
- Crude extract without sulfuric acid and acid silicagel column treatment
- CALUX assays such as AR, ER α , PR, GR, TR β and PPAR γ 2

→ Identification study for subsequent *in vivo* study and detailed monitoring

Future research for indoor dust

Ministry of the Environment
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JECS
Japan Environment and Children's Study

JECS is a national birth cohort study on children's health and the environment

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The Japan Environment and Children's Study (JECS), a birth cohort study involving 100,000 parent-child pairs, was launched in 2011 in order to evaluate the impact of various environmental factors on children's health and development. The concept plan of JECS was published in March 2010 after three years of development within expert groups and public discussions about the research hypotheses and aims. Pilot studies started in 2008 in four universities, and samples from two preceding cohorts (Hokkaido and Tohoku) are also used for establishing exposure measurement protocols. Recruitment of participating pregnant women started in January 2011, and will continue until 2013. Health outcomes and exposure measurements will continue until the participating children become 13 years old.

Future research for indoor dust



- Ongoing research for indoor dust by using TIE with CALUX assays will be conducted as JECS pilot study.

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