

# Physico–chemical characterization and sources of the thoracic fraction of road dust in a Latin American megacity

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## Abstract

Bogota is a Latin American megacity with frequent episodes of poor air quality due to high PM<sub>10</sub> levels. Road dust has been identified as one of the main sources of this pollutant in the city, but there are no studies that have analyzed the physicochemical characteristics and origins of its respirable fraction. A characterization of inorganic compounds and an analysis of sources of the PM<sub>10</sub> fraction of road dust was carried out in this study. A total of twenty road dust samples, selected from representative industrial, residential and commercial areas, were swept and resuspended to obtain the thoracic fraction. Organic carbon (OC), elemental carbon (EC), water soluble compounds, major elements and trace metals were analyzed. Size distribution by laser diffraction and individual particle morphology by Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) were also evaluated. The data obtained revealed that the volume (%) of thoracic particles was higher in samples from industrial zones where heavy vehicle traffic, industrial emissions and deteriorated pavements predominated. Crustal elements were the most abundant species, accounting for 49–62% of the thoracic mass, followed by OC (13–29%), water-soluble ions (1.4–3.8%), EC (0.8–1.9%) and trace elements (0.2–0.5%). The Coefficient of Divergence (CoD) was obtained to identify the spatial variability of the samples. A source apportionment analysis was carried out considering the variability of chemical profiles, enrichment factors and ratios of Fe/Al, K/Al, Ca/Al, Ti/Al, Cu/Sb, Zn/Sb, OC/TC and OC/EC. By means of a PCA analysis, five components were identified, including local soils and pavement erosion (63%), construction and demolition activities (13%), industrial emissions (6%), brake wear (5%) and tailpipe emissions (4%). These components accounted for 91% of the total variance.

## Keywords

45 **1. Introduction**

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47 Human exposure to PM<sub>10</sub> (thoracic particles) is considered one of the main global health risk factors  
48 (WHO, 2016; IHME, 2017). This pollutant has been associated with cardiovascular diseases and  
49 strokes (Burnett et al., 2014; Du et al., 2016), and has also been linked to lung diseases (Song et al.,  
50 2014; Int-Panis et al., 2017), adverse outcomes at birth (Ha et al., 2014), allergies in children (Lee et  
51 al., 2014), diabetes (Pearson et al., 2010), asthma (Weinmayr et al., 2010), osteoporosis (Prada et al.,  
52 2017), oxidative stress induced by heavy metals (Ma et al., 2015) and cognitive impairment  
53 (Kioumourtzoglou et al., 2016; Chen et al., 2017). Exposure to thoracic particles is especially serious  
54 in densely populated cities where residents are constantly exposed to multiple anthropogenic sources,  
55 including emissions associated with road traffic. Although air pollution due to high PM levels is a  
56 characteristic phenomenon in urban contexts (Grobéty et al., 2010; Gulia et al., 2015), it is more  
57 common in megacities in developing countries (Gurjar et al., 2010; Ma and Jia, 2016; Ramírez et al.,  
58 2018a; Wheida et al., 2018). This has been observed in Latin America, where 77% of the population  
59 live in urban areas that do not comply with air quality standards, including PM<sub>10</sub> levels (PAHO, 2005).  
60 Consequently, more than 100 million people are exposed to levels of air pollution above the guidelines  
61 recommended by the World Health Organization (Cifuentes et al., 2005; Green and Sanchez, 2013).  
62 This figure could increase in the coming years as an urban population of 570 million people has been  
63 projected in Latin America by 2025 (CEPAL, 2005).

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65 Emissions related to road traffic represent a large contribution to the total concentrations of airborne  
66 particulate matter in urban areas (Thorpe and Harrison, 2008; Pant and Harrison, 2013). Vehicles emit  
67 primary particles and precursor gases of secondary particles (Perez et al., 2010; Calvo et al., 2013).  
68 Exhaust emissions include gases and fine/ultrafine carbon particles with small amounts of ions and  
69 metals (Zn, Pb, Cu, Ba, Cd, Cr, As) attributed to fuel and lubricant combustion (Gent et al., 2009;  
70 Peltier et al., 2011; Pulles et al., 2012). They also include traces of K, Br and Cl from engine (Pacyna,  
71 1998), and Pt, Pd and Rh from catalytic converters (Prichard and Fisher, 2012). In general, traffic  
72 emissions come from exhaust pipes (exhaust emissions), wear of metal parts and resuspension of  
73 particulate material (non-exhaust emissions).

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75 Non-exhaust emissions (such as pavement abrasion, tire and brake wear, and particle resuspension)  
76 release traces of Sr, Zn, Sb, Cu, Mo, Ba, Cd, Cr, Mn, Fe, among others into the atmosphere (Gietl et  
77 al., 2010). Road dust is defined as the material deposited on road surfaces susceptible to resuspension,  
78 and comprises a wide variety of particles, including crustal elements, allergens and anthropogenic  
79 organic/inorganic compounds (Thorpe and Harrison, 2008; Shi et al., 2010). This type of dust  
80 constitutes a significant source of PM emissions when it is resuspended (Viana et al., 2008; Huang et

81 al., 2011; Wang et al., 2014; Pant et al., 2015). Nowadays, the study of non-exhaust emissions is a  
82 major concern in cities around the world, since their contributions of PM are similar or even higher  
83 than those of exhaust emissions (Amato et al., 2009a; Amato et al., 2014a), contributing mainly to  
84 PM<sub>10</sub> concentration (Thorpe and Harrison, 2008; Grobéty et al., 2010).

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86 Bogota (the capital of Colombia) is a Latin American megacity of over 8 million inhabitants (DANE,  
87 2010) and one of the most densely populated tropical cities in the world (17,700 hab/km<sup>2</sup>)  
88 (Demographia, 2018). This city registers poor air quality (IDEAM, 2016; UNEP, 2016) due mainly to  
89 the high concentrations of PM<sub>10</sub> (SDA, 2017, 2016). Source apportionment studies (SDA, 2009;  
90 Vargas et al., 2012; Ramírez et al., 2018a), emission inventories (Pachón et al., 2018) and air quality  
91 modeling (Nedbor-Gross et al., 2018) have identified road dust as one of the main sources of PM<sub>10</sub> in  
92 Bogota. After analyzing daily samples of PM<sub>10</sub> collected during a continuous year, Ramírez et al.  
93 (2018a) found that 23% of the airborne PM<sub>10</sub> mass could be attributed to road dust resuspension. This  
94 percentage is significant and is a consequence of the poor condition of roads, a lack of maintenance  
95 and road cleaning, the presence of unpaved streets and pavements, and high traffic densities. However,  
96 most of the research and regulation have focused on studying and controlling exhaust emissions,  
97 leaving aside non-exhaust emissions.

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99 Few studies analyzing road dust have been carried out in Bogota. Using emission factors, some  
100 authors have indirectly estimated the total emission of PM<sub>10</sub> accounted for by dust resuspension and  
101 paved and unpaved road wear (23,300±5,000 ton/year) (Beltran et al., 2012). These authors concluded  
102 that 86% of non-exhaust emissions of PM<sub>10</sub> associated with traffic are due to the resuspension of road  
103 dust, 9% to tire and brake wear, and 5% to road surface wear. Other studies have calculated the PM<sub>10</sub>  
104 emission factor for resuspended particles in unpaved roads and in roads under construction (7.8±0.5  
105 g/VKT and 28±0.27 µg/m<sup>2</sup>\*s, respectively) (Méndez et al., 2017). Finally, some researchers have  
106 analyzed the concentration of heavy metals (Pb and Cu) in deposited sediments on road surfaces in  
107 several urban areas, showing that metal concentrations tend to increase during dry weather (29–40%)  
108 (Romero et al., 2015; Zafra et al., 2015).

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110 Despite its detrimental effect on the air quality and well-being of its citizens, there is limited  
111 information about road dust in Bogota. Therefore, characterizing the sources and composition of urban  
112 road dust is important for planning appropriate strategies to reduce air pollution. The aim of this study  
113 is to expand the current knowledge of road dust in one of the biggest megacities in Latin America  
114 (Bogota), by analyzing chemical properties of samples taken in representative residential, industrial  
115 and commercial areas of this city.

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117 **2. Materials and methods**

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## 119 2.1. Study area

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121 Bogota is located in the center of Colombia at 2,550–2,620 m above sea level (Eastern Cordillera of  
122 the Andes). The city has a total area of ~ 1,600 km<sup>2</sup>, an urban area of ~ 420 km<sup>2</sup> and a projected  
123 population of 8.9 million inhabitants by 2025 (SDP, 2017). The area designated for residential,  
124 commercial and industrial use is approximately 188 km<sup>2</sup>, 58 km<sup>2</sup> and 5.4 km<sup>2</sup>, respectively. The  
125 industrial sector (manufacturing, chemical, food and beverages, metallurgy, among others) is located  
126 within the urban area, particularly in the west and south of the city. Some sites in the Eastern Hills,  
127 particularly south of the city, are used as quarries for the extraction of construction materials. The  
128 urban road network totals 13,971 lane–km, of which only 47% (6,567 lane–km) is in good conditions,  
129 while 44% (6,147 lane–km) is in bad or defective condition, and the remaining 9% (1,257 lane–km) is  
130 unpaved (CCA, 2017). The city registered 2.1 million private vehicles, 460,000 motorcycles, 50,000  
131 taxis and 25,000 collective transport buses in 2016 (SDM, 2017).

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133 The average annual temperature and precipitation are 14 °C and 840 mm/year, respectively (IDEAM,  
134 2015a). Bogota does not have seasons, but records two rainy periods a year (March–May and  
135 October–November). The remaining months record inferior levels of precipitation, particularly  
136 between December and February, when there are higher temperatures and lower rainfall. Winds from  
137 NE–E and SE–E prevail (IDEAM, 2015b).

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## 139 2.2. Sampling sites

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141 A total of twenty sampling points were selected in representative industrial, residential and  
142 commercial areas of Bogota. The Simón Bolívar Park, considered the largest metropolitan park in the  
143 city, was included as a background reference point (Rf). This site provided information on an urban  
144 background soil with low direct influence of anthropogenic pollution sources. Table 1 shows the main  
145 characteristics of each of the sampling points and Figure 1 shows their location. An overall description  
146 of each of the sampled sites is presented in the Supplementary File.

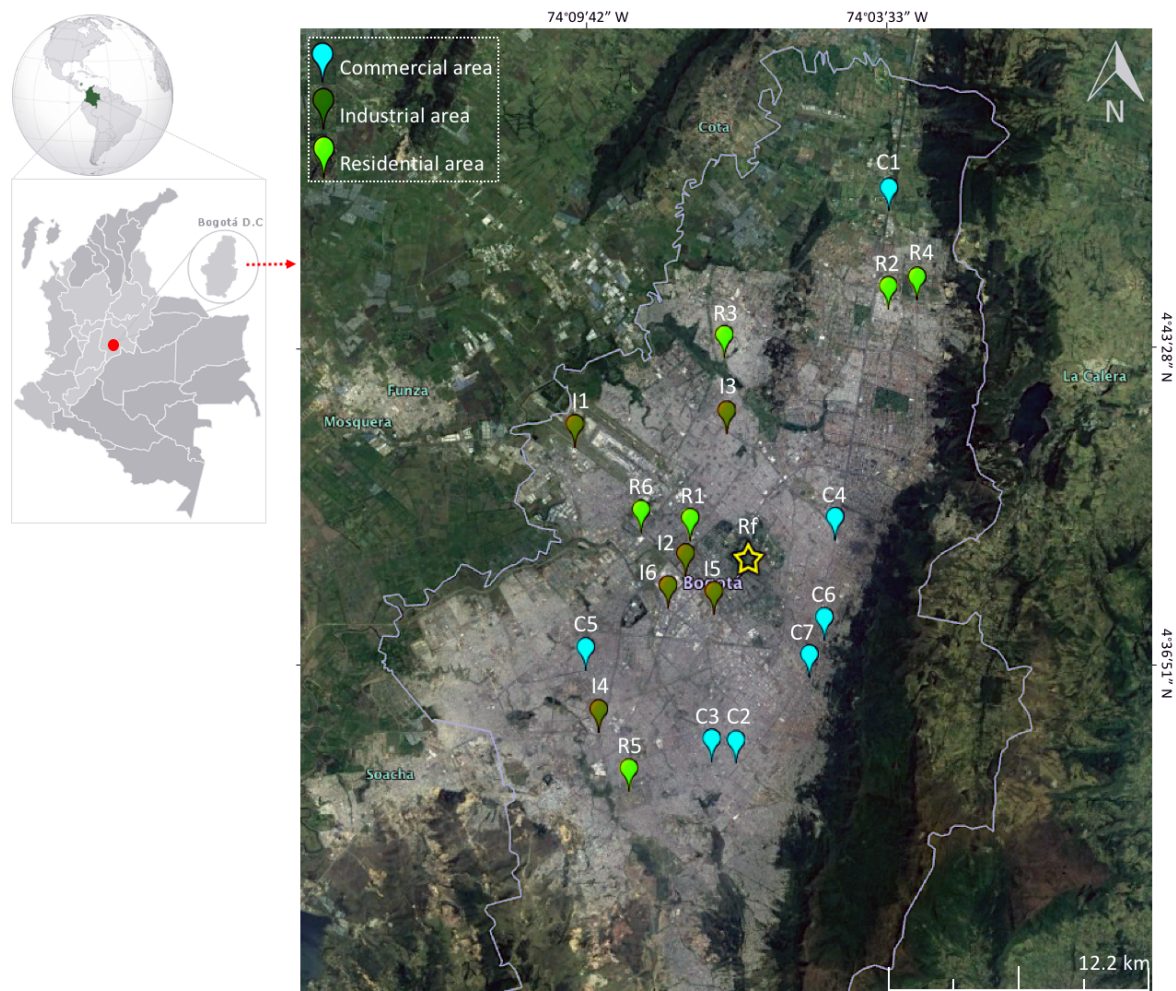
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148 Table 1. Description of sampling sites.

Category	Code	Location		Description	Date
		Latitude (N)	Longitude (W)		
Industrial	I1	4°41'47.01"	74°09'12.42"	Close to the International Airport. High volume of heavy vehicles . Surrounded by unpaved roads.	02/22/2015
	I2	4°39'1.99"	74°06'52.02"	Next to the city's main coach station. High volume of inter–municipal buses.	02/22/2015
	I3	4°42'02.82"	74°05'58.37"	Low traffic volume. Located ~100 m from main roads with high traffic volume.	12/30/2015
	I4	4°35'44.63"	74°08'44.12"	Located at the exit to the city, in front of a petrol station, at a crossing of two high traffic avenues (Av Boyacá and Autopista Sur).	01/02/2016

	I5	4°38'13.77"	74°06'16.11"	No public transport transit . Industrial background. Surrounded by unpaved streets.	02/18/2015
	I6	4°38'21.44"	74°07'14.57"	High volume of heavy vehicles (trucks and inter-municipal buses).	11/16/2015
<i>Residential</i>	R1	4°39'47.08"	74°06'45.99"	In front of construction works. No industrial influence. Located ~200 m from an avenue with high traffic volume .	11/16/2015
	R2	4°44'39.7"	74°02'31.2"	Pavement in poor condition. Transited by public buses.	02/23/2015
	R3	4°43'39.02"	74°06'00.96"	High traffic volume. Close to roads under repair.	12/30/2015
	R4	4°44'51.3"	74°01'54.5"	High traffic volume. No industrial influence.	02/23/2015
	R5	4°34'29.51"	74°08'06.18"	In front of urban park. High traffic volume, including buses.	01/02/2016
	R6	4°39'57.88"	74°07'48.52"	High traffic volume. Located next to a cycleway. No industrial influence.	11/16/2015
<i>Commercial</i>	C1	4°46'44.69"	74°02'29.68"	Located at the exit to the city. High volume of heavy vehicles (trucks and inter-municipal buses).	01/03/2016
	C2	4°35'04.4"	74°05'49.2"	High traffic volume. Located in front of the bus rapid transit system (Transmilenio).	02/24/2015
	C3	4°35'6.60"	74°06'20.21"	High volume of heavy vehicles. Industrial influence present, and roads under repair.	02/24/2015
	C4	4°39'47.10"	74°03'41.08"	In front of Transmilenio bus rapid transit system. High traffic volume.	12/30/2015
	C5	4°37'03.62"	74°09'00.38"	High volume of heavy vehicles (trucks and buses).	01/02/2016
	C6	4°37'39.83"	74°03'55.48"	High traffic volume (including buses). Close to a bus stop and construction works.	12/30/2015
	C7	4°36'52.75"	74°04'14.95"	Frequently transited by buses. Close to a bus stop.	01/03/2016
<i>Reference (urban park soil)</i>	Rf	4°39'24.75"	74°05'31.27"	In the middle of an urban park. The closest road is ~200 m away.	01/03/2016

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151 Fig. 1. Location of the sampling points grouped into three categories according to land use: industrial,  
 152 commercial and residential areas. The Rf site is a reference point (urban park) with low direct traffic influence.  
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154 Sampling was carried out during the dry period between 2015 (February and November–December)  
 155 and 2016 (January). Dust samples, of approximately 20–40 g, were collected directly from the right

156 side of traffic lane (kerbside) sweeping an area of 1 m<sup>2</sup> with plastic brushes and collectors (Quiroz et  
157 al., 2013; Pan et al., 2017). It was guaranteed that at the time of sampling no rain had been registered  
158 at least one week before. The samples were placed in clean sealed zip plastic bags (Apeagyei et al.,  
159 2011; Men et al., 2018) and then sent to the laboratory of the Institute for Environmental Assessment  
160 and Water Research (IDÆA) in Barcelona. A rotating closed drum was used under an air flow of 30  
161 l/min to induce resuspension of dust and extract the thoracic fraction (< 10 µm). Each sample  
162 resuspended its finest fraction in the air space inside the drum with each rotation for 5 minutes,  
163 resulting in the resuspended aerosols being transported by the air stream from the drum to a quartz  
164 microfibre filter (MK 360, diameter 47 mm). The coarsest particles were deposited in the PVC  
165 chamber while the fraction below 10 µm was separated through an elutriation system. This equipment  
166 has been described in detail in previous studies (Moreno et al., 2007; Moreno et al., 2008).

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### 168 *2.3. Size distribution and morphological analysis*

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170 Raw samples of road dust were used for these analyses. The optical particle counter Mastersizer 2000  
171 (Malvern) was used to calculate the size of the particles by measuring the intensity of the scattered  
172 light when a laser beam was passed through the sample. Its measurement range was between 0.02 to  
173 2,000 µm, with a variation in accuracy and reproducibility below 1% (polydisperse standard), and a  
174 data acquisition speed of 1 kHz. This equipment incorporated a source of blue (low wavelength) light  
175 for precise measurements in the submicron range. The analyses were carried out in triplicate and  
176 average particle size was calculated by D[4,3], that is equivalent diameter in terms of volume (Wua et  
177 al, 2009).

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179 Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) provided additional direct information on grain size and shape  
180 of the road dust particles (Zhang et al., 2012), using the FEI Quanta 200 microscope. This is equipped  
181 with standard secondary electron and back scatter electron detectors, in addition to an energy  
182 dispersive X-ray analysis detector. The analytical conditions were 30 kV for the acceleration voltage  
183 and a working distance of 10 mm. The samples were covered with graphite.

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### 185 *2.4. Analytical methodology*

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187 Two PM<sub>10</sub> filters were obtained from each site in order to collect enough samples for chemical  
188 analysis. Following a modified method proposed by Querol et al. (2008), half of the first filter was  
189 acid digested (HNO<sub>3</sub>, HF, HClO<sub>4</sub>), and the residue recovered with 5% HNO<sub>3</sub> in a Milli-Q H<sub>2</sub>O  
190 solution. Major elements (Al, Fe, Mg, Ca, Na, S, K and P) and trace elements (V, Cd, Pb, Sr, Ba, Zn,  
191 Cu, Cr, As, Ni, Co, among others) were analyzed by ICP-OES (ULTIMA2 Jobyn Yvon) and ICP-MS  
192 (Agilent 7900), respectively. Silicon was estimated by stoichiometry using Al data (Querol et al.,

193 2001; Minguillón et al., 2014). The other half of the first filter was leached in 50 ml Milli-Q H<sub>2</sub>O to  
194 determine the soluble fraction (SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>, Cl<sup>-</sup>, NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, F<sup>-</sup>, NO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>, Br<sup>-</sup>, PO<sub>4</sub><sup>3-</sup> and NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>) by Ion  
195 Chromatography. A 4.6 cm<sup>2</sup> diameter portion of the second filter was analyzed for organic carbon  
196 (OC), elemental carbon (EC) and total carbon (TC = OC + EC) by a Thermal Optical Transmittance  
197 (TOT) method (Birch and Cary, 1996), using a carbon analyzer (Sunset Laboratory Inc.). The  
198 EUSAAR2 (European Supersites for Atmospheric Aerosol Research) protocol was followed (Cavalli  
199 et al., 2010) (Supplementary Table 1). The quality of the results was controlled by certified reference  
200 standards (NBS1633b). The average precision and accuracy were within normal analytical errors (5–  
201 10%).

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### 203 2.5. Coefficient of Divergence (CoD)

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205 The samples showed variations in their chemical profiles, making it necessary to use a standardization  
206 procedure, such as the CoD proposed by Wongphatarakul et al. (1998), to quantify the spatial  
207 variability. CoD has been used in several road dust studies (Fujiwara et al., 2011a; Kong et al., 2011;  
208 Samiksha et al., 2017) and is defined in Equation 1.

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$$210 \quad CoD_{AB} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{p} \sum_{i=1}^p (X_{Ai} - X_{Bi}/X_{Ai} + X_{Bi})^2} \quad [1]$$

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212 where  $X_{Ai}$  and  $X_{Bi}$  represent the concentration of the chemical component  $i$  in profiles A and B,  
213 respectively. A and B represent two profiles for comparative analysis, and  $p$  is the number of chemical  
214 species that were taken into account. In this study, CoD was calculated taking into consideration all of  
215 the analyzed species. If the CoD value approaches zero, the chemical profiles of A and B are highly  
216 similar, while a value approaching unity indicates high dissimilarity.

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### 218 2.6. Enrichment factors

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220 Enrichment factors (EFs) have been widely used to determine the degree of enrichment due to human  
221 activity in road dust, and separate probable natural from anthropogenic sources. EFs were calculated  
222 for the thoracic fraction of road dust using Equation 2 (Zoller et al., 1974).

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$$224 \quad EF_{[El]} = \frac{[El]_{sample}/[X]_{sample}}{[El]_{background}/[X]_{background}} \quad [2]$$

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226 where  $[EI]$  is the concentration of element under consideration,  $[X]$  is the concentration of the chosen  
227 reference element, and the subscripts *sample* or *background* indicate which source the concentration  
228 refers to. In this study, the background source selected was the Rf site (urban park soil), in comparison  
229 with which the anthropogenic influence on the residential, commercial and industrial road dust was  
230 determined. The reference element chosen is often Al, Li, Sc, Zr or Ti (Reimann and de Caritat, 2005),  
231 or even Fe (Valotto et al., 2015) and Mn (Saeedi et al., 2012). We selected Al because it has been  
232 identified as suitable for terrestrial studies (Reimanna and de Caritat, 2005) and previous research has  
233 considered it appropriate for road dust studies given its low variability associated with traffic (Birmili  
234 et al., 2006; Pant et al., 2015; Samiksha et al., 2017). EF values  $> 1$  typically indicate enrichment of  
235 the sample by anthropogenic sources, according to the following classifications: minimal (EF = 1–2),  
236 moderate (EF = 2–5), significant (EF = 5–20), very high (EF = 20–40) and extremely high (EF  $> 40$ )  
237 (Yongming et al. al., 2006; Mummullage et al., 2016).

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### 239 **3. Results and discussion**

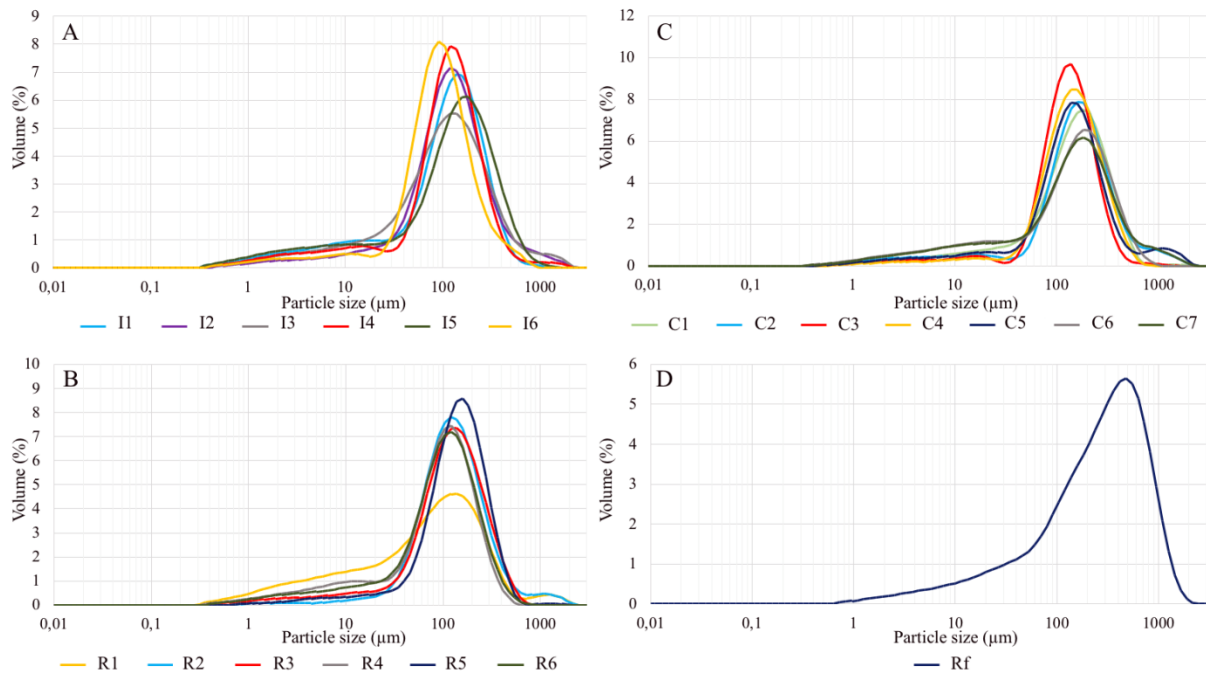
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#### 241 *3.1. Size distribution of road dust particles*

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243 Following analysis of the raw samples of road dust, it was noted that the dust distribution patterns at  
244 the industrial, commercial and residential areas were similar. All three were characterized by a  
245 significant unimodal distribution, with most of the particles in the range of 50 to 300  $\mu\text{m}$  (Fig. 2). The  
246 average size of the particles in the commercial area was  $232\pm 58 \mu\text{m}$ , in the industrial area  $211\pm 58 \mu\text{m}$   
247 and in the residential area  $190\pm 98 \mu\text{m}$ . Anomalous variations and large particle sizes were observed  
248 (0.39–1,840  $\mu\text{m}$ ), which could have been due to the particles not being sifted previously. Possible  
249 urban sources of road dust include eroded soils, wear of pavement and vehicular parts, unpaved  
250 streets, construction works, and industrial emissions, among others.

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 253 Fig. 2. Size distribution of road dust particles grouped by land use: A) industrial area, B) residential zone, C)  
 254 commercial area, D) reference point (urban park soil).  
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256 Identifying the particle size distribution enables us to know the volume (%) of thoracic particles from  
 257 road dust (PM<sub>10</sub>) with the potential to be resuspended and inhaled (Shi et al., 2011). The results  
 258 obtained indicate that the average percentage of thoracic fraction in industrial road dust was twice as  
 259 high (10%) as that registered in the Rf (5%), while the residential and commercial road dust exceeded  
 260 this by 1.8 (8.7%) and 1.6 times (7.8%), respectively. This indicates that the thoracic fraction from  
 261 road dust was higher in industrial zones, where heavy vehicle traffic, industrial emissions and  
 262 deteriorated pavements predominated. However, the individual road dust sample with the highest  
 263 percentage of PM<sub>10</sub> (R1, 19%) was unexpectedly located in a residential area in front of construction  
 264 works. This highlights the importance of this type of activity as sources of PM<sub>10</sub> in Bogota, as has also  
 265 been reported in European (Amato et al., 2014b) and Latin American cities (Fujiwara et al., 2011b).  
 266 The thoracic fraction values obtained in our study were lower than those reported in Chinese cities,  
 267 where on average 20% of particles in road dust contributed to the diameters < 10 μm (Shi et al., 2011).  
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### 269 3.2. Chemical profiles

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 271 Table 2 provides the profile of the major components and ions in the thoracic fraction of the four  
 272 categories considered in this study. The standard deviation of the Rf was equated with the analytical  
 273 error (5%).  
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275 Table 2. Chemical composition of major components in the thoracic fraction of road dust in four urban areas.  
 276 Concentration in mass percentage (%). DL: detection limit. SD: standard deviation (analytical error for reference  
 277 profile). Highest values for each variable are highlighted in bold.

Species	Residential (n=6)		Industrial (n=6)		Commercial (n=7)		Reference (Rf) (n=1)		Whole (n=20)	
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
EC	0.52	0.63	0.25	0.38	<b>1.94</b>	<b>0.70</b>	0.76	0.04	0.66	0.63
OC	12.7	5.75	14.3	6.94	19.4	7.07	<b>29.0</b>	<b>1.45</b>	14.7	7.79
Al	10.5	2.49	9.57	5.08	<b>11.6</b>	<b>4.89</b>	11.1	0.55	10.1	5.85
Si	27.7	6.59	25.3	13.4	<b>30.7</b>	<b>12.9</b>	29.3	1.46	26.7	15.5
Ca	<b>10.0</b>	<b>7.10</b>	5.99	2.64	8.37	3.47	2.99	0.15	7.73	6.86
Fe	4.30	1.83	4.66	1.98	6.25	2.50	<b>8.31</b>	<b>0.42</b>	4.85	2.49
K	1.13	0.58	1.35	0.65	<b>1.72</b>	<b>0.67</b>	1.23	0.06	1.31	0.77
Mg	0.67	0.21	0.62	0.25	<b>0.76</b>	<b>0.27</b>	0.59	0.03	0.65	0.77
Na	0.46	0.22	0.71	0.13	<b>1.15</b>	<b>0.50</b>	0.20	0.01	0.66	0.30
P	0.33	0.05	0.39	0.11	0.48	0.16	<b>0.50</b>	<b>0.03</b>	0.37	<0.01
S	0.47	0.36	0.41	0.16	<b>0.67</b>	<b>0.40</b>	0.35	0.02	0.48	0.35
Cl <sup>-</sup>	0.06	0.06	0.04	0.03	0.21	0.04	<b>0.27</b>	<b>0.01</b>	0.09	0.05
F <sup>-</sup>	0.04	0.02	0.01	<0.01	0.13	0.07	<b>0.20</b>	<b>0.01</b>	0.05	0.03
Br <sup>-</sup>	0.43	<0.01	0.45	0.02	1.25	0.09	<b>1.61</b>	<b>0.08</b>	0.60	0.03
PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup>	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL
NO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup>	0.06	0.01	0.07	0.02	0.05	0.01	<DL	<DL	0.07	0.03
NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	0.07	0.08	0.07	0.02	<b>0.08</b>	<b>0.07</b>	0.05	<0.01	0.07	0.07
SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	0.74	0.32	0.62	0.14	<b>1.55</b>	<b>0.65</b>	<DL	<DL	0.89	0.35
NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	0.12	0.05	0.13	0.02	0.55	0.15	<b>1.15</b>	<b>0.06</b>	0.23	0.09

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280 Averaging the concentrations of all the samples, the most abundant major components were Si  
281 (26.7±15.5%), OC (14.7±7.8%) and Al (10.1±5.9%), followed by Ca (7.7±6.9%), Fe (4.9±2.5%) and  
282 K (1.3±0.8%) (Table 2). The most abundant water-soluble ions were SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> (0.89±0.35%) and NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>  
283 (0.23±0.09%). Meanwhile, the most abundant trace elements were Ti, Ba and Zn, followed by Mn, Sr,  
284 Cu, Pb and Zr (Table 3). Table 3 lists twenty selected trace elements, all others being presented in  
285 Supplementary Table 2.

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287 Table 3. Selected trace elements in the thoracic fraction of road dust in four urban areas. Concentration in ppm.  
288 SD: standard deviation (analytical error for reference profile). DL: detection limit. Highest values for each  
289 variable are highlighted in bold.

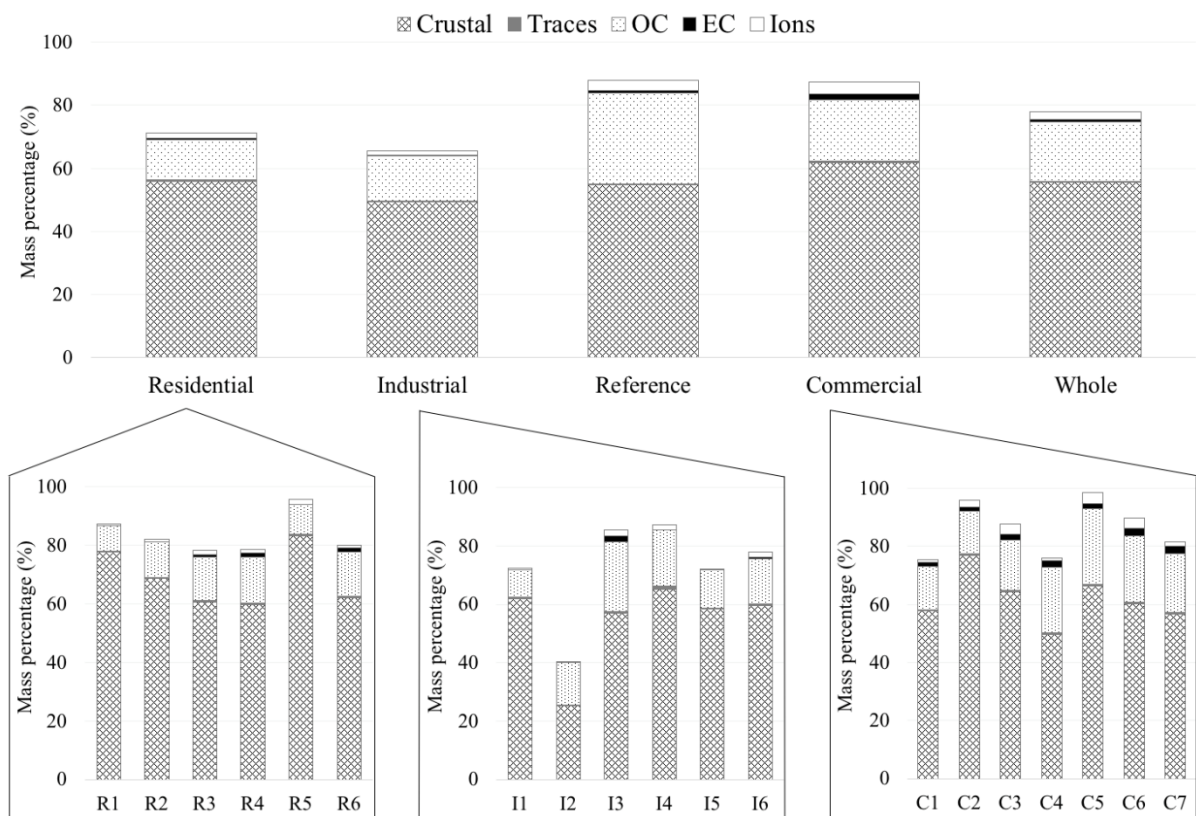
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Species	Residential (n=6)		Industrial (n=6)		Commercial (n=7)		Reference (Rf) (n=1)		Whole (n=20)	
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
As	<b>0.0026</b>	<b>0.0016</b>	0.0016	0.0007	0.0007	0.0003	0.0006	0.0000	0.0015	0.0012
Cr	<b>0.0292</b>	<b>0.0095</b>	0.0251	0.0091	0.0116	0.0032	0.0062	0.0003	0.0207	0.0109
Cu	<b>0.0390</b>	<b>0.0166</b>	0.0353	0.0130	0.0283	0.0066	0.0042	0.0002	0.0324	0.0140
Mn	0.0870	0.0150	0.0738	0.0283	<DL	<DL	<DL	<DL	0.0785	0.0222
Ni	0.0098	0.0032	<b>0.0109</b>	<b>0.0058</b>	0.0053	0.0018	0.0029	0.0001	0.0082	0.0045
Pb	0.0356	0.0175	<b>0.0436</b>	<b>0.0046</b>	0.0144	0.0032	0.0080	0.0004	0.0292	0.0165
Sr	<b>0.1272</b>	<b>0.0877</b>	0.0594	0.0223	0.0295	0.0095	0.0156	0.0008	0.0671	0.0633
Ti	<b>1.0530</b>	<b>0.2648</b>	0.8429	0.3340	0.3841	0.1514	0.2732	0.0137	0.6992	0.3802
V	<b>0.0308</b>	<b>0.0129</b>	0.0207	0.0118	0.0094	0.0046	0.0061	0.0003	0.0190	0.0132
Zn	0.1558	0.0867	<b>0.2392</b>	<b>0.1650</b>	0.0899	0.0208	0.0316	0.0016	0.1515	0.1178
Li	<b>0.0080</b>	<b>0.0038</b>	0.0047	0.0025	0.0025	0.0012	0.0015	0.0001	0.0048	0.0034
Rb	<b>0.0124</b>	<b>0.0049</b>	0.0090	0.0049	0.0039	0.0018	0.0031	0.0002	0.0079	0.0052
Zr	<b>0.0305</b>	<b>0.0124</b>	0.0235	0.0156	0.0121	0.0041	0.0064	0.0003	0.0212	0.0136
Ba	<b>0.2316</b>	<b>0.0648</b>	0.2181	0.0827	0.0979	0.0339	0.0335	0.0017	0.1709	0.0900
La	<b>0.0162</b>	<b>0.0070</b>	0.0109	0.0050	0.0045	0.0023	0.0037	0.0002	0.0099	0.0068
Sc	<b>0.0029</b>	<b>0.0013</b>	0.0020	0.0011	0.0008	0.0004	0.0006	0.0000	0.0018	0.0013
Co	<b>0.0021</b>	<b>0.0012</b>	0.0017	0.0007	0.0007	0.0002	0.0004	0.0000	0.0014	0.0010
Cd	<b>0.0003</b>	<b>0.0002</b>	<b>0.0003</b>	<b>0.0001</b>	0.0001	0.0000	0.0001	0.0000	0.0002	0.0001
Sn	<b>0.0049</b>	<b>0.0026</b>	0.0034	0.0012	0.0025	0.0009	0.0004	0.0000	0.0034	0.0020
Sb	<b>0.0038</b>	<b>0.0020</b>	0.0029	0.0012	0.0034	0.0021	0.0005	0.0000	0.0032	0.0019

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292 Chemical species were classified into major elements (including Si, Ti, Al, Mn, Mg, Ca, Fe, K, S and  
 293 Na), trace elements (Cu, Zn, As, Pb, Cr, Ni, Co, Cd and V), water-soluble ions ( $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ ,  $\text{Cl}^-$ ,  $\text{NO}_3^-$ ,  $\text{F}^-$ ,  
 294  $\text{NO}_2^-$ ,  $\text{Br}^-$ ,  $\text{PO}_4^{3-}$  and  $\text{NH}_4^+$ ), OC and EC to compare the data obtained with other studies. Figure 3  
 295 shows the chemical compositions of each group.

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 297 Major elements were the most abundant species, accounting for  $62\pm 26\%$  of  $\text{PM}_{10}$  mass in the  
 298 commercial sector,  $56\pm 19\%$  in the residential sector,  $55\pm 3\%$  in Rf and  $49\pm 25\%$  in the industrial area.  
 299 These percentages were higher than those reported for road dust in Barcelona ( $\sim 35\%$ ), roadsite dust in  
 300 New Delhi ( $\sim 25\%$ ) and road dust in Chinese cities such as Fushun ( $\sim 30\%$ ) (Table 4). This could be  
 301 associated with the poor state of the pavement, dust contribution from construction works and  
 302 emissions from the quarries located within the urban area in Bogota. The values obtained were similar  
 303 to those recorded in dust from heavily trafficked roads in Birmingham ( $\sim 50\%$ ) and Gold Coast ( $\sim$   
 304  $60\%$ , Gunawardana et al., 2012), and road dust collected at building sites in Fushun ( $\sim 50\%$ ).  
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 307 Fig. 3. Chemical profiles of the studied areas by land use in Bogota.  
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309 Table 4. Chemical profiles of the thoracic fraction from road dust in several cities. Concentration in %. NR: not  
 310 reported. \* $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ . \*\* $\text{SiO}_2$

	Amato et al., 2009b			Kong et al., 2011		Pant et al., 2015	
	Barcelona			Fushun		Birmingham	New Delhi
	City center (n=8)	Ring roads (n=5)	Construction (n=4)	Road dust (n=30)	Construction (n=19)	Roadside (n=10)	Roadside (n=10)
OC	11.94±1.69	9.65±3.45	9.46±1.08	7.49±2.61	2.95±0.93	7.91±4.80	1.82±1.69
EC	2.92±1.62	1.81±1.84	1.34±0.57	5.74±1.89	2.49±0.99	0.13±0.41	0.51±0.29

Al	8.10±3.74*	8.91±1.39*	8.57±1.55*	6.53±3.26	6.59±2.22	8.66±4.81	3.98±1.04
Ca	13.09± 4.75	11.71±1.22	15.43±3.26	8.41±6.69	26.65±6.13	3.24±1.62	5.00±0.64
Fe	5.18±2.11	4.02±0.66	3.83±1.19	0.97±0.34	0.81±0.14	7.39±8.92	3.11±0.49
Mg	1.25±0.47	1.23±0.10	1.27±0.18	2.46±2.47	1.60±1.45	NR	NR
P	0.14±0.06	0.08±0.02	0.12±0.03	NR	NR	NR	NR
S	0.54±0.16	0.49±0.18	0.42±0.20	<0.001	<0.001	0.11±0.18	NR
Si	19.40±9.00**	21.40±3.34**	20.60±3.73**	9.25±4.20	12.11±1.60	28.80±17.60	13.00±3.04
Na	0.45±0.14	0.50±0.15	0.32±0.09	1.71±0.13	1.63±0.21	NR	NR
K	1.43±0.61	1.54±0.24	1.50±0.18	0.23±0.15	0.34±0.33	NR	NR
NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	0.29±0.32	0.13±0.07	0.04±0.03	0.07±0.07	0.01±0.01	NR	NR
SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	1.37±0.84	1.01±0.61	0.77±0.78	0.27±0.22	0.22±0.14	NR	NR
Cl <sup>-</sup>	0.54±0.32	0.22±0.13	0.19±0.17	0.09±0.32	0.01±0.02	NR	NR
NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	0.21±0.18	0.04±0.02	0.02±0.01	0.03±0.14	0.001±0.002	NR	NR
As	0.001±0.000	0.001±0.000	0.002±0.001	0.002±0.001	0.001±0.001	NR	NR
Cr	0.024±0.010	0.013±0.007	0.012±0.006	0.529±0.864	1.145±1.360	0.007±0.006	0.006±0.001
Cu	0.139±0.071	0.077±0.062	0.049±0.047	0.014±0.014	0.008±0.008	0.035±0.029	0.016±0.000
Mn	0.067±0.024	0.062±0.005	0.059±0.010	0.073±0.041	0.051±0.038	0.044±0.037	0.044±0.005
Ni	0.006±0.002	0.005±0.002	0.004±0.002	0.019±0.044	0.008±0.017	NR	NR
Pb	0.023±0.010	0.023±0.015	0.018±0.003	0.007±0.007	0.006±0.008	NR	NR
Sr	0.024±0.007	0.021±0.003	0.028±0.005	NR	NR	NR	NR
Ti	0.288± 0.121	0.314±0.030	0.282±0.044	0.379±0.380	0.468±0.298	0.032±0.025	0.047±0.005
V	0.008±0.003	0.010±0.001	0.001±0.002	0.002±0.000	0.009±0.034	0.002±0.002	0.003±0.000
Zn	0.153±0.044	0.125±0.073	0.076±0.037	0.079±0.165	0.045±0.073	0.071±0.058	0.068±0.009
Ba	0.129±0.046	0.111±0.024	0.079±0.028	NR	NR	0.033±0.027	0.042±0.005
Sb	0.020±0.010	0.010±0.005	0.008±0.007	NR	NR	0.007±0.006	0.001±0.000
Sn	0.025±0.014	0.011±0.008	0.010±0.010	NR	NR	0.005±0.004	0.001±0.000
Co	0.001±0.000	0.001±0.000	0.001±0.000	0.009±0.015	0.013±0.029	NR	NR
Cd	0.000±0.000	0.000±0.000	0.000±0.000	0.000±0.000	0.000±0.000	NR	NR

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312 The contributions of water-soluble ions were more abundant in the commercial area (3.81±1.08%),  
313 followed by Rf (3.28±0.16%), the residential area (1.51±0.54%) and the industrial sector  
314 (1.39±0.26%). These percentages were similar to those obtained for road dust from the center of  
315 Barcelona (~ 2.41%) but were higher than those reported in ring roads and for construction dust in the  
316 same city (Table 4). The results were also lower than those reported in cities in northern China  
317 influenced by coal combustion (4–7%, Zhao et al., 2006), and were higher than findings for road dust  
318 from the main streets in Fushun, where the contribution of water-soluble compounds was < 0.5%  
319 (Table 4). The ions with the highest contributions were Br<sup>-</sup> (0.43–1.61%), SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> (up to 1.55%) and  
320 NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> (0.12–1.15%).

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322 The largest contribution of trace elements was registered in the samples from the commercial sectors  
323 (0.53±0.15%), followed by the industrial areas (0.46±0.22%), residential zones (0.41±0.19%) and Rf  
324 (0.25±0.01%). These results show that the selection of the reference point was appropriate as it  
325 registered the lowest pollution with anthropogenic trace elements, thus allowing it to be considered an  
326 urban background site. The percentage of trace elements contribution from the commercial sectors  
327 was similar to that obtained in a Chinese city famed for coal production (Fushun) (~ 0.66%), and  
328 higher than that registered in the city center (~ 0.36%) and ring roads in Barcelona (~ 0.26%), affected  
329 mainly by road traffic (Table 4). The elements that registered the highest contributions were Zn (up to  
330 0.17%) and Cu (up to 0.05%).

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332 The highest OC contributions were obtained in Rf (29.04±1.45%), which could be associated with  
333 biogenic organic carbon. The commercial, industrial and residential zones registered OC values of

334 19.4±7.1%, 14.3±6.9% and 12.7±5.8%, respectively. These percentages were higher than those  
335 recorded in road dust, roadside dust and building dust in Barcelona, Birmingham, New Delhi and  
336 Fushun (Table 4), which could be associated with the predominance of gasoline vehicles in Bogota (~  
337 95%). However, the percentages obtained were in the range reported for road dust in commercial and  
338 residential areas of South Korean (Han et al., 2011) and Chinese cities (Zhao et al., 2006). On the  
339 other hand, the highest EC contribution was obtained in the commercial areas (1.94±0.70%), where  
340 diesel trucks predominated, with a similar percentage to the one reported for road dust in Barcelona.  
341 This was higher than that found in Birmingham and New Delhi, but lower than that obtained in  
342 Fushun (Table 4), where the use of coal is common.

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344 The unaccounted mass in these profiles was 34% in the industrial dust, 29% in the residential dust,  
345 13% in the commercial dust and 12% at the Rf point. The average unaccounted mass across all four  
346 sectors was 22%. This percentage includes components not measured in the samples (organic  
347 compounds and absorbed moisture, for example) and the oxygen present in the oxides of Si, Al, Fe,  
348 Ba, among others.

### 349 350 3.3. *Spatial variability*

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352 CoD values ranged from 0.15 to 0.43 in commercial areas (Supplementary Table 3). The majority of  
353 combinations registered values < 0.30 suggesting a moderate similarity between the samples. C1 vs  
354 C3 (0.43), and C1 vs C4 (0.42) were the only two combinations exhibiting CoD values higher than  
355 0.40. This indicates a moderate heterogeneity in chemical composition among points located in the  
356 north (C1), center (C4) and south (C3) of Bogota. The CoD values ranged from 0.17 to 0.56 in the  
357 industrial zones. The highest level of similarity (0.17) was obtained at the points I2 and I5, located in  
358 the same industrial area (Puente Aranda) in the geographical center of the city. The chemical profiles  
359 of samples I1 and I3 showed a moderate heterogeneity (0.56), suggesting that the chemical  
360 composition may vary from one industrial zone to another. Meanwhile, in the residential areas, the  
361 CoD values ranged from 0.19 to 0.61. All the combinations showed a moderate similarity (CoD <  
362 0.30), although R2 registered values > 0.40 with the other profiles, indicating a moderate level of  
363 heterogeneity. The R2 and R3 combination (CoD = 0.61) stood out, indicating a low degree of  
364 similarity between samples from the north-west and north-east of the city.

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366 After evaluating the level of divergence between the zones studied (considering the averages of the  
367 individual chemical profiles), it was found that the Rf composition was moderately heterogeneous  
368 with respect to the residential (0.64) and industrial areas (0.58) (Supplementary Table 4). The  
369 composition of the industrial and residential road dust registered a high degree of similarity (0.18).

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371 3.4. Source identification

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373 3.4.1. Variability of concentration levels

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375 Samples from residential sectors showed high concentrations of Ca, As, Sr, V, Li, Rb and Co (Tables  
376 2 and 3). These elements have been registered in areas influenced by fugitive dust from demolition  
377 and construction activities (Amato et al., 2009b; Crilley et al., 2017). This suggests that the residential  
378 dust was enriched with emissions from construction works. The prominent presence of Ca and trace  
379 elements (such as V, Co, Rb and As) may also be indicative of pavement erosion (Arditsoglou and  
380 Samara, 2005; Fullová et al., 2017), the poor state of the pavement (Amato et al., 2014b) and the  
381 contribution of soils. The point located furthest south in the city (R5) stood out for its high  
382 contributions of Ca (25%) and Sr (0.2%) to PM<sub>10</sub> mass. These percentages were up to four times  
383 higher than those of the other samples, indicating enrichment of the road dust with fugitive emissions  
384 from the cement industry and quarries located south of the city.

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386 The industrial samples presented average concentrations of the majority of components, but they  
387 registered high values of Pb, Ni and Zn (Table 3). Pollution from these elements could be associated  
388 with the deposition of particles emitted by industrial sources at high temperatures, such as  
389 metallurgical works and the burning of fossil fuels (Nicholson and Branson, 1993; Jeon et al., 2017;  
390 Ramírez et al., 2018a). Other stationary sources could be the fertilizer industry (Gabarrón et al., 2017)  
391 and solvent-based paint factories (Colnodo et al., 2016). Concentrations of Pb, Ni and Zn could also  
392 indicate contributions of non-exhaust emissions from road traffic, especially from wear of brake  
393 linings and tire tread (Thorpe and Harrison, 2008). I4 stood out for registering high contributions of  
394 Zn (0.74%) to PM<sub>10</sub> mass, which was up to three times higher than the values from other industrial  
395 sites. Considering that I4 was located on an avenue with high vehicular congestion predominated by a  
396 “stop and go” pattern, Zn could be associated with tire rubber wear (Apeageyi et al., 2011; Amato et  
397 al., 2013). The characterization of I4 in terms of type of traffic (heavy) and road class (major road)  
398 could influence the high contributions of Zn to road dust (Apeageyi et al., 2011). Although gasoline  
399 lead was eliminated in Colombia in 1991, Pb can persist for several decades in soil/dust due to  
400 previous vehicle exhaust emissions (Shen et al., 2016).

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402 Road dust from the commercial sector registered significant concentrations of EC, Al, Si, K, Mg, Na  
403 and S (Tables 2 and 3). The EC levels suggest that the samples were enriched by exhaust emissions  
404 from road traffic, particularly from diesel vehicles (trucks, buses and vans without emission control  
405 systems), as previous studies have reported that diesel engines emit more EC than gasoline ones  
406 (Ntziachristos et al., 2007; Robert et al., 2007). The high correlation between EC, OC and S ( $r > 0.85$ )  
407 reinforces this idea, since these species are tracer particles for combustion sources. The enrichment of

408 the samples by secondary compounds, particularly  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ , suggests the influence of combustion  
409 sources due to the presence of precursor gases such as  $\text{SO}_2$  (Wang-Li, 2015). This is evidenced by  
410 observing the high correlation between OC, EC and  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  ( $0.84 < r < 0.98$ ). Concentrations of  
411 minerals and trace metals, such as Cu, Ba, Sb and Cr, have been associated with non-exhaust  
412 emissions (Pant and Harrison, 2013). Trace elements such as Cu, Ba, Sb, Cr, Zr, Sn, Ni and Cd imply  
413 the enrichment of dust with metals emitted by brake and tire wear (Garg et al., 2000; Wahlin et al.,  
414 2006; Tanner et al., 2008; Sjödin et al., 2010; Duong and Lee, 2011). However, as has been shown in  
415 other research, it is not easy to distinguish between wear and tear emissions and crustal dust because  
416 their chemical composition is very similar (Bukowiecki et al., 2010). The samples located in the center  
417 of the city (C6 and C7) recorded the highest contributions of EC to  $\text{PM}_{10}$  mass (2.5% and 2.7%,  
418 respectively), which is explained by their being collected near diesel bus stops.

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420 Finally, dust from Rf exhibited the highest percentages of OC and Fe, which have been identified as  
421 important soil constituents (Chow et al., 2003). Previous studies have reported that urban parks  
422 include a large proportion of green space, which can store considerable amounts of soil organic carbon  
423 (Strohbach et al., 2012). High values of OC could also indicate contamination by pesticides, fertilizers  
424 and wood preservatives (Nezat et al., 2017). As documented by previous researches in Bogota, OC  
425 concentrations can be explained not only by primary OC, but also by significant levels of secondary  
426 OC (Ramírez et al., 2018b). Although chlorine is the most abundant halogen in the atmosphere  
427 (Nilsson et al., 2013), the enrichment of this sample with chloride and ammonium (Table 2) could  
428 result from the deposition of secondary particles formed from precursor industrial gases such as HCl  
429 and  $\text{NH}_3$  (Kelly et al., 2016). The presence of  $\text{Cl}^-$ ,  $\text{NH}_4^+$  and  $\text{Br}^-$  could also suggest soil enrichment by  
430 secondary particles from burning biomass (Nilsson et al., 2013; Phan et al., 2013).

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#### 432 3.4.2. Enrichment Factors (EFs)

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434 In order to identify the anthropogenic influence of twelve selected elements, EFs were calculated  
435 based on concentrations of an urban background sample (Rf), using Al as the reference element (Fig.  
436 4). Ba, Ca, Cd, Cr, Cu, Ni, Pb, Sb, Sn, Sr, V and Zn were selected because they have been identified  
437 as characteristic pollutants of road dust (Schauer et al., 2006; Thorpe and Harrison, 2008; Wei and  
438 Yang, 2010).

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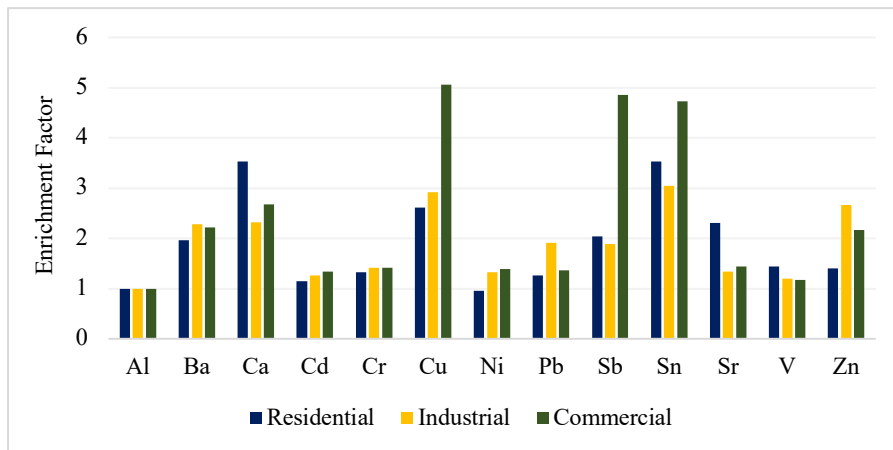


Fig. 4. Enrichment factors for road dust samples from residential, industrial and commercial areas.

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443 All elements recorded values higher than 1 for the three urban areas, indicating a dominant  
444 antropogenic influence. Cadmium, Cr, Ni, Pb and V registered a minimum enrichment in all zones (EF  
445 < 2), which could be associated with pavement wear and industrial emissions. A moderate enrichment  
446 (EF = 2–5) of Ca–Cu–Sb–Sn and Sr was registered in the residential and commercial areas. These  
447 elements could be related to non-exhaust emissions. The high correlation between Cu–Sb–Sn ( $0.84 < r$   
448 < 0.94) suggests a common origin, possibly related to brake wear (Grigoratos and Martini, 2015). Ca  
449 and Sr did not have a significant correlation with other elements, but they did have a high correlation  
450 with each other ( $r = 0.88$ ), indicating a different source, possibly associated with dust from  
451 construction activities.

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453 A moderate enrichment of Ba–Ca–Cu–Sn and Zn was registered in both the industrial and commercial  
454 zones. A high correlation between Cu and Ba ( $r > 0.91$ ) was notable in the industrial zone, which  
455 could indicate a high enrichment of the samples by brake wear emissions (Iijima et al., 2007). Other  
456 elements used as tracers for brake wear (Sb, Sn and Cu) also had a significant correlation with Cu and  
457 Ba ( $r > 0.64$ ). Zn was correlated with Sb ( $r > 0.75$ ) and to a lesser extent with Cu, Sn and Ba ( $0.33 < r$   
458 > 0.38), indicating that Zn could come from another source such as tire wear. Calcium showed a  
459 significant correlation with Cu ( $r = 0.71$ ) and a moderate correlation with Ba, Sb and Sn ( $0.37 < r >$   
460 0.53), suggesting that Ca could come from other sources, such as construction dust, crustal dust and  
461 asphalt wear (Fullová et al., 2017).

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463 A significant enrichment of Cu was registered in the commercial zones, as well as significant levels of  
464 Sb and Sn, which have been associated with brake wear emissions (Duong and Lee, 2011). Cu and Zn  
465 displayed a strong correlation with each other ( $r = 0.80$ ), and a moderate association with OC and EC,  
466 which could indicate soil contamination from lubricating oil (Cui et al., 2017). Tracers of non-exhaust  
467 emissions showed a moderate correlation with crustal elements, suggesting the presence of soil dust  
468 related to the poor state of roads. The high correlation of Zn with OC/EC ( $r > 0.65$ ) was notable,

469 which could indicate an enrichment of road dust by exhaust emissions from diesel vehicles (Cui et al.,  
 470 2017). This is supported by the significant correlation between Ba and OC/EC ( $0.57 < r > 0.73$ ), as  
 471 these elements have been used as tracers of diesel combustion (Peltier et al., 2011). The correlation  
 472 between Zn and OC/EC could also indicate enrichment of road dust by tire wear emissions  
 473 (Aatmeeyata and Sharma, 2010). Broadly speaking, no element recorded very high or extremely high  
 474 enrichment levels, which could indicate that the selected background sample (urban park soil) was  
 475 affected by urban emissions.

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### 477 3.4.3. Ratios of specific elements

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479 Specific element ratios can help identify emitting sources (Pant et al., 2015). As mentioned above, this  
 480 study considered Al as the marker of soil dust, and hence the ratios of selected crustal elements (Fe, K,  
 481 Ca, and Ti) to Al were calculated (Table 5).

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483 K/Al and Ti/Al ratios showed insignificant variations in the areas studied, indicating a crustal  
 484 influence in all road dust samples. A similar pattern has been observed in cities such as Barcelona and  
 485 Xi'an (Table 5). The Fe/Al ratio in Rf was 1.8 times higher than the value for the residential sector,  
 486 which can be explained by a high prevalence of biogenic iron oxides at the reference point. The  
 487 enrichment of residential road dust by construction emissions was further supported by the Ca/Al  
 488 ratio, which registered a value 3.5 times higher than at Rf. This is consistent with several studies that  
 489 have reported higher values of Ca/Al ratio in construction and cement dust (Table 5). The point R5  
 490 stood out for registering a Ca/Al ratio of 4.21, the highest among all samples. This suggests that the  
 491 road dust collected south of the city was highly enriched by fugitive emissions from cement industries  
 492 and quarries.

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494 Table 5. Comparison of elemental, carbonaceous and trace ratios in the thoracic fraction of road dust. NR: not  
 495 reported.

	This study				Amato et al., 2009			Kong et al., 2011			Zhang et al., 2014		Pant et al., 2015	
	Bogota				Barcelona			Fushun			Xi'an		Birmingham	New Delhi
	Residential	Industrial	Commercial	Reference site (urban park)	City center	Ring roads	Construction	Road dust	Construction	Cement	Road dust	Cement	Roadside	Roadside
Fe/Al	0.41	0.49	0.54	0.75	1.21	0.94	0.89	0.15	0.12	0.26	0.55	0.55	0.85	0.78
K/Al	0.11	0.14	0.15	0.11	0.33	0.36	0.35	0.03	0.05	0.20	0.29	0.22	NR	NR
Ca/Al	0.95	0.63	0.72	0.27	3.05	2.73	3.60	1.29	4.04	6.30	1.75	3.89	0.37	1.26
Ti/Al	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.12	0.06	0.05	<0.01	0.01
Cu/Sb	10.2	12.3	8.29	7.94	6.96	7.56	6.46	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	5.0	16.0
Zn/Sb	40.6	83.6	26.3	59.2	7.66	12.3	9.93	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	10.1	68
OC/TC	0.96	0.98	0.91	0.97	0.80	0.84	0.88	0.57	0.54	0.49	NR	NR	0.98	0.78
OC/EC	24.1	57.9	9.95	38.2	4.10	5.39	7.31	1.30	1.19	0.99	NR	NR	60.8	3.57

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497 The Cu/Sb ratio has been used as an indicator of brake wear (Han et al., 2011; Amato et al., 2013).  
498 Cu/Sb is approximately 125 in soil dust (Thorpe and Harrison, 2008) and 70 in continental crust  
499 (Rudnick and Gao, 2003). Hence, lower Cu/Sb values could suggest higher contributions of brake  
500 wear dust. In our case, the average ratio was  $11 \pm 3$  across all samples, which coincided with the value  
501 for non-asbestos organic brake pads (Iijima et al., 2007). This is indicative of an enrichment of road  
502 dust by brake wear. The value obtained was higher than that reported in Barcelona and Birmingham,  
503 but it was lower than data from New Delhi (Table 5). Cu/Sb values from 8.3 to 12.3 were obtained,  
504 indicating that commercial road dust recorded higher contributions of brake wear (8.3) than the  
505 residential (10.2) and industrial samples (12.3).

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507 The Zn/Sb ratio can be used to differentiate contributions of tire and brake wear emissions. Zn was  
508 chosen because it is a tracer element for tire emission (Schauer et al., 2006; Gustafsson et al., 2008),  
509 some studies even reporting that Zn concentrations in tires are about 15 times higher than in brakes  
510 (Apeageyi et al., 2011). Sb was selected because it has been associated with brake wear (Gietl et al.,  
511 2010; Amato et al., 2013; Quiroz et al., 2013). The average ratio across all samples was  $53 \pm 28$ , which  
512 emphasizes that the road dust samples were highly enriched by tire wear. This value is much higher  
513 than that registered in Barcelona and similar to that reported in New Delhi (Table 5). Samples from  
514 the industrial sector registered a Zn/Sb ratio of 84, twice the average of the residential sector (41) and  
515 three times higher than that of the commercial sector (26). The point I4, located on a road with heavy  
516 traffic, was notable for its Zn/Sb ratio of 125. These results are consistent with the enrichment factors  
517 analysis and are in agreement with previous studies that have reported high concentrations of Zn in  
518 road dust impacted by heavy traffic (Apeageyi et al., 2011). Other potential industrial sources of Zn  
519 are related to galvanizing activities and rubber production (Zhao et al., 2006).

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521 The OC/TC ratios ranged between 0.91 and 0.98, showing that TC was mainly in the form of OC. The  
522 linear correlation between OC and TC ( $r = 0.99$ ) across all samples confirms this idea. These values  
523 were higher than those reported in Barcelona, Fushun and New Delhi, but were similar to those found  
524 in Birmingham (Table 5). This can be explained by the main type of vehicle used in Bogota, which  
525 uses gasoline (~ 95%) and emits predominantly OC (Schauer et al., 2006). The higher concentrations  
526 of EC (Table 2) associated with exhaust emissions from diesel vehicles could explain the low OC/EC  
527 ratio in the commercial zone.

#### 528 529 *3.4.4. Particle morphology*

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531 SEM images provide additional information about grain size and shape of individual road dust  
532 particles (Mummullage et al., 2016). Spherical particles of Pb (~ 2  $\mu\text{m}$ ) were noted in the Rf site,  
533 indicating an accumulation of this element in urban park soil due to industrial combustion and

534 previous vehicle exhaust emissions (Fig. 5a). Spherical particles of Fe < 5 µm were also observed in  
535 Rf (Fig. 5b), which suggests an accumulation of emissions from motor vehicle and high-temperature  
536 industrial processes. This confirms that the Rf site was affected by urban emissions. Spherical and  
537 semispherical particles of Fe, Cu and Pb < 10 µm were also found in the commercial, industrial and  
538 residential samples (Figs. 5c and 5d). Particles of Ba, Zn, Cu, Fe, Mn, Sn and Pb with an angular and  
539 subangular shape (Fig. 5e–5h) indicate an enrichment of road dust with particles ranging between 2  
540 µm and 10 µm from vehicle and pavement wear.

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#### 542 *3.4.5. Principal component analysis*

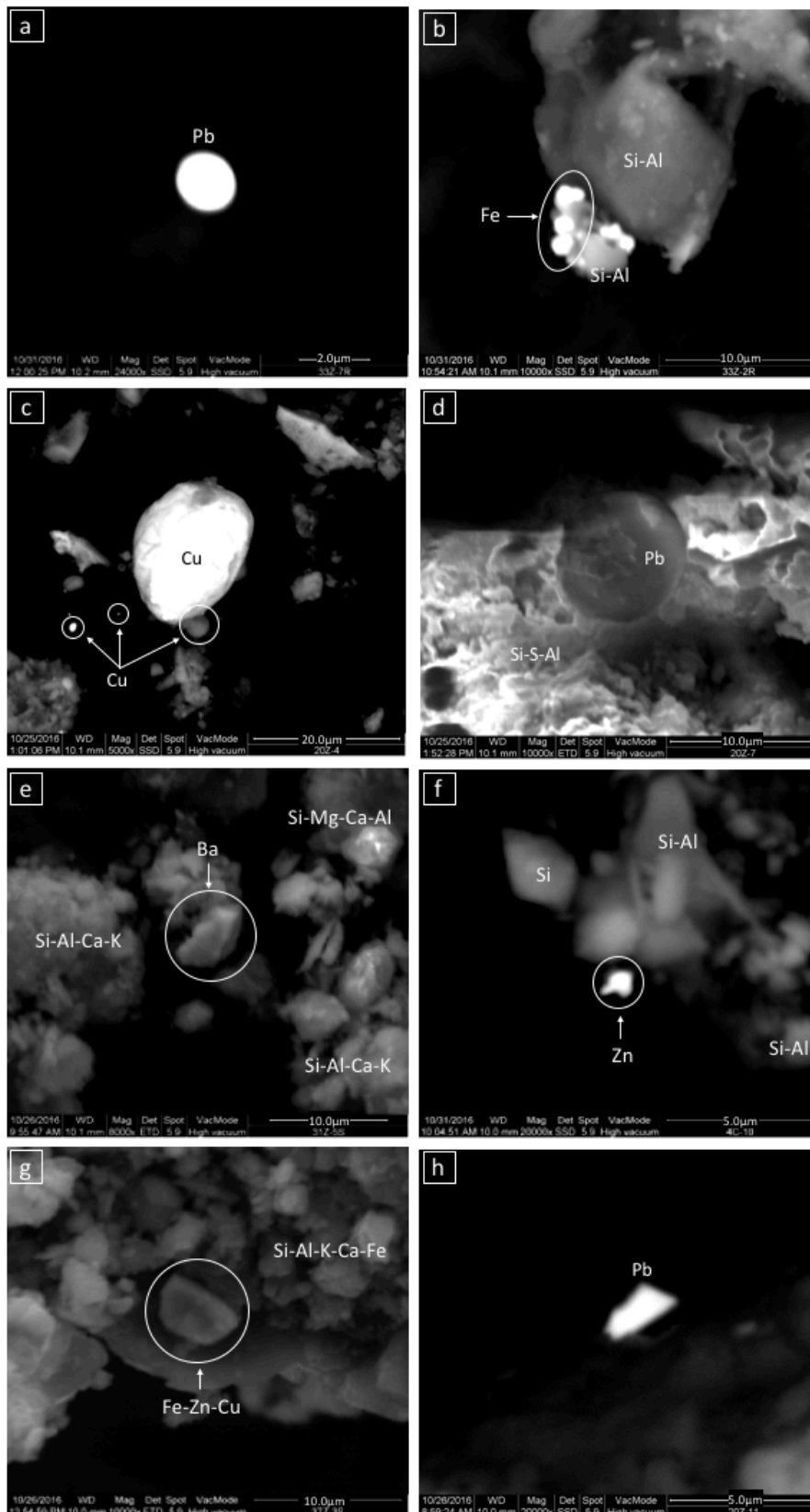
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544 A Principal Component Analysis (PCA) was conducted in order to identify the factors that could  
545 explain the variance of tracer chemical species in the PM<sub>10</sub> fraction. PCA methods have been widely  
546 used to identify pollution sources of road dust in geochemical studies (Amato et al., 2009b; Wang et  
547 al., 2012; Pan et al., 2017). A Varimax rotation was applied to facilitate the interpretation of the  
548 results. Elements with communality > 0.7 were considered and factors whose eigenvalues were > 1  
549 were retained. Five factors were identified, accounting for 91% of the total variance of the whole  
550 dataset (Table 6).

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552 The principle component (PC1) explains 63% of the total variance and is dominated by V, Al, Rb, As,  
553 Fe, K, Co, Ti, Cr, Mg, Cd, Ni, P, Ba and OC. According to the analyses presented in the previous  
554 paragraphs, this factor is related to natural and anthropogenic sources, and is representative of local  
555 soils, pavement erosion and the poor condition of the pavement.

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Fig. 5. SEM images of road dust in Bogota. (a)(b) spherical particles of Pb and Fe in the urban background site; (c)(d) spherical and semispherical particles of Cu and Pb in a residential road dust sample; (e)(f)(g)(h) particles of Ba, Zn, Cu and Pb with angulated and subangulated morphology from vehicular and pavement wear.

562 Table 6. Rotated component of PCA for road dust in Bogota ( $n = 20$ ). Only significant values ( $> 0.32$ , according  
 563 to Yongming et al., 2006) are shown. Highest values are highlighted in bold.

Element	PC1	PC2	PC3	PC4	PC5	Communality
V	<b>0.95</b>					0.98
Al	<b>0.93</b>					0.96
Rb	<b>0.93</b>					0.97
As	<b>0.92</b>	0.36				0.97
Fe	<b>0.91</b>	0.32				0.98
K	<b>0.86</b>	0.39				0.91
Co	<b>0.85</b>		0.35			0.97
Ti	<b>0.84</b>	0.50				0.99
Cr	<b>0.83</b>		0.41			0.77
Mg	<b>0.78</b>	0.58				0.89
Cd	<b>0.76</b>		0.51			0.97
Ni	<b>0.76</b>		0.40			0.97
P	<b>0.74</b>	0.35	0.46			0.93
Ba	<b>0.71</b>		0.50	0.35		0.81
OC	<b>0.49</b>		0.46		0.46	0.88
S		<b>0.93</b>				0.84
Ca	0.39	<b>0.89</b>				0.98
Sr	0.48	<b>0.85</b>				0.99
Zn			<b>0.85</b>			0.97
Pb	0.43		<b>0.82</b>			0.87
Na	0.33	0.50	<b>0.66</b>			0.80
Sb				<b>0.89</b>		0.84
Cu	0.40		0.42	<b>0.73</b>		0.88
Sn	0.44		0.36	<b>0.57</b>	0.38	0.81
EC				0.35	<b>0.84</b>	0.91
Eigenvalue	15.7	3.21	1.57	1.35	1.01	
Variance (%)	62.8	12.8	6.29	5.40	4.02	
Cumulative variance (%)	62.8	75.6	81.9	87.3	91.3	

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 565 PC2 explains 13% of the total variance and has high loadings for S, Ca and Sr. This factor mainly  
 566 represents dust from construction and demolition activities, enriched with soil dust. PC3 explain 6% of  
 567 the total variance. The significant presence of Zn, Pb and Na suggests an industrial origin. Moderate  
 568 values of OC, Cr, Co, Cd, Ni and Cu are consistent with that denomination. PC4 explain 5% of the  
 569 total variance and is related to tracers of non-exhaust emissions. High loading of Sb, Cu and Sn is  
 570 representative of brake wear. This denomination is consistent with the presence of Ba. Enrichment of  
 571 these elements by wear of other metal parts of vehicles and industrial emissions is not ruled out.  
 572 Finally, PC5 explains 4% of the total variance and has high loadings for EC and moderate presence of  
 573 OC, representing tailpipe emissions from road traffic, particularly from diesel vehicles.

#### 574 575 4. Conclusions

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 577 Previous studies have reported that 23% of the airborne PM<sub>10</sub> mass is contributed by road dust  
 578 resuspension in Bogota (Ramírez et al., 2018a). The present study has explored this topic further by  
 579 analyzing the inorganic chemical composition and identifying possible sources of the thoracic fraction  
 580 in road dust from representative industrial, residential and commercial areas in Bogota. Size  
 581 distribution revealed that the volume (%) of the PM<sub>10</sub> fraction was higher in industrial road dust

582 samples (9.9%) than in the residential (8.7%) and commercial (7.8%) ones. The most abundant major  
583 components were Si ( $26.7\pm 15.5\%$ ), OC ( $14.7\pm 7.8\%$ ) and Al ( $10.1\pm 5.9\%$ ).  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  ( $0.9\pm 0.4\%$ ) and  $\text{NH}_4^+$   
584 ( $0.2\pm 0.1\%$ ) were the most prevalent water-soluble ions. Ti, Ba and Zn were the most abundant trace  
585 elements, followed by Mn, Sr, Cu, Pb and Zr. The results showed that crustal elements accounted for  
586 49–62% of the  $\text{PM}_{10}$  mass, followed by OC (13–29%), water-soluble ions (1.4–3.8%), EC (0.8–1.9%)  
587 and trace elements (0.2–0.5%). CoD indicated that the chemical profiles of the  $\text{PM}_{10}$  fraction from  
588 industrial and residential road dust registered a high similarity (0.18).

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590 The chemical composition of the residential road dust revealed an enrichment by emissions from  
591 construction works and road pavement erosion. The industrial samples contained significant  
592 concentrations of Pb and Zn, possibly originating from industrial sources at high temperatures. Road  
593 dust from the commercial sector registered enrichment by exhaust emissions, particularly from diesel  
594 vehicles, and trace metals from non-exhaust emissions. The reference sample (urban park soil)  
595 registered significant concentrations of OC and Fe, which could have a natural origin. The enrichment  
596 factors revealed that Cd-Cr-Ni-Pb-V could be associated with pavement wear and industrial emissions,  
597 Cu-Sb-Sn with non-exhaust emissions and Ca-Sr with construction dust. The ratios analysis suggested  
598 an enrichment of residential road dust by construction and cement dust. It also indicated enrichment of  
599 road dust by brake wear and tire wear, especially in commercial and industrial zones, respectively. The  
600 five components obtained by PCA (local soils and pavement erosion, construction and demolition  
601 activities, industrial emissions, brake wear and tailpipe emissions) accounted for 91% of the total  
602 variance in the whole dataset. The morphological analysis enabled the identification of spherical  
603 particles of Pb, Cu and Fe, and subangular particles of Ba, Zn, Cu, Fe, Mn, Sn and Pb with sizes < 10  
604  $\mu\text{m}$ .

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606 The results provide data for a better understanding of road dust in Bogota, one of the main sources of  
607  $\text{PM}_{10}$  emissions in the city, . These data will be useful to optimize environmental and health policies  
608 by preventive and corrective measures such as paving roads, repairing pavements in poor condition,  
609 covering truck loads and construction material, relocating industrial activities and implementing  
610 efficient sweeping and street washing programs.

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