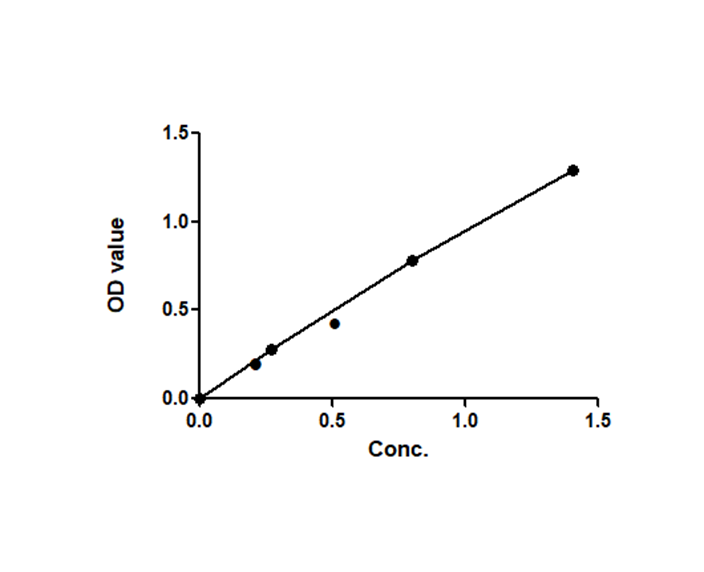
**Supplementary information I**

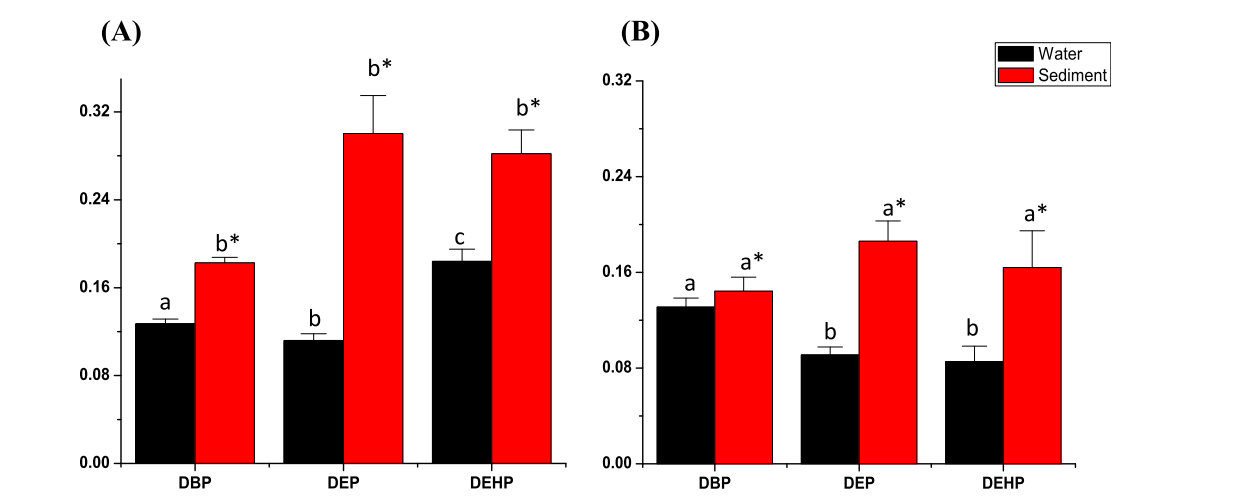
**Supplementary material (SM) I: ELISA Standard curve for Optical density (OD) and concentration**

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**Supplementary information II**

**Physicochemical properties**

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| Site |  | Mean | Std. Deviation |
| Lagos lagoon | **pH** | 7.35 | 0.01 |
|  | **DO** | 10.33 | 0.22 |
|  | **Cond** | 37.73 | 0.10 |
|  | **TDS** | 32.83 | 0.20 |
| Epe lagoon | **pH** | 7.10 | 0.17 |
|  | **DO** | 3.97 | 0.10 |
|  | **Cond** | 1060.33 | 1.80 |
|  | **TDS** | 549.00 | 2.29 |



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**Supplementary material III**

**principal component scores**

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|  | **PC 1** | **PC 2** | **PC 3** | **PC 4** | **PC 5** |
| DEHP\_sed | 0.941 | 0.136 | -0.230 | -0.054 | 0.201 |
| DEP\_sed | 0.997 | 0.055 | 0.047 | 0.015 | 0.025 |
| DBP\_sed | -0.979 | 0.197 | 0.025 | 0.042 | -0.022 |
| pH | -0.768 | -0.433 | -0.424 | 0.216 | 0.002 |
| DO | -0.999 | 0.004 | 0.039 | -0.031 | 0.010 |
| Cond | 0.998 | -0.048 | -0.019 | 0.042 | -0.014 |
| TDS | 0.997 | -0.051 | -0.021 | 0.042 | -0.019 |
| Cr\_sed | -0.998 | 0.047 | 0.018 | -0.041 | 0.015 |
| Cd\_sed | 0.998 | -0.047 | -0.018 | 0.041 | -0.015 |
| Pb\_sed | -0.998 | 0.047 | 0.018 | -0.041 | 0.015 |
| As\_sed | 0.998 | -0.047 | -0.018 | 0.041 | -0.015 |
| Hg\_sed | -0.998 | 0.047 | 0.018 | -0.041 | 0.015 |
| Cr\_male | 0.998 | -0.047 | -0.018 | 0.041 | -0.015 |
| Cd\_male | -0.998 | 0.047 | 0.018 | -0.041 | 0.015 |
| As\_male | 0.998 | -0.047 | -0.018 | 0.041 | -0.015 |
| Hg\_male | 0.998 | -0.047 | -0.018 | 0.041 | -0.015 |
| Cr\_fem | 0.998 | -0.047 | -0.018 | 0.041 | -0.015 |
| Cd\_fem | 0.998 | -0.047 | -0.018 | 0.041 | -0.015 |
| Pb\_fem | 0.998 | -0.047 | -0.018 | 0.041 | -0.015 |
| As\_fem | 0.998 | -0.047 | -0.018 | 0.041 | -0.015 |
| Site\_Lagos lagoon | -0.998 | 0.047 | 0.018 | -0.041 | 0.015 |
| Site\_Epe lagoon | 0.998 | -0.047 | -0.018 | 0.041 | -0.015 |
| **% Total variance** | **89.746** | **5.128** | **3.631** | **1.174** | **0.322** |
| **Cumulative %** | **89.746** | **94.874** | **98.505** | **99.678** | **100.000** |