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3 **A Framework for Estimating the U.S. Mortality Burden of Fine Particulate**  
4 **Matter Exposure Attributable to Indoor and Outdoor Microenvironments**

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## 20 **Selecting appropriate exposure-response effect estimates for PM<sub>2.5</sub> of outdoor origin**

21 Epidemiology studies that have investigated associations between premature all-cause  
22 mortality and long-term outdoor PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations in the U.S. have reported various relative  
23 risks (RR) commonly ranging from 6% per 10 µg/m<sup>3</sup> (95% CI: 2% to 11%) to 26% per 10 µg/m<sup>3</sup>  
24 (95% CI: 8% to 47%).<sup>1-9</sup> The differences in magnitudes of RR from each study are attributable  
25 to a combination of varying cohort population demographics, population susceptibility, outdoor  
26 PM<sub>2.5</sub> sources and compositions, and other factors including those that affect infiltration and  
27 persistence in residential indoor environments where people spend most of their time.<sup>10-16</sup>  
28 Despite this variability, it is common to assume that all outdoor PM<sub>2.5</sub> is equally potent in  
29 producing premature mortality regardless of geographic location or other factors for these kinds  
30 of population-level analyses.<sup>9</sup> Therefore, we utilize a central pooled estimate of RR for the  
31 increase in long-term all-cause mortality associated with outdoor PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations in the  
32 U.S. of 7.3% per 10 µg/m<sup>3</sup> (95% CI: 3.7% to 11%) as reported in a recent quantitative meta-  
33 analysis of outdoor PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration-response effect estimates.<sup>17</sup> This estimate is similar in  
34 magnitude to, albeit somewhat higher than, another recent pooled effect estimate of 6% (95% CI:  
35 4% to 8%) for all-cause mortality made using a meta-analysis of studies from both the U.S. and  
36 Europe.<sup>18</sup> We convert the pooled RR estimate of 1.073 per 10 µg/m<sup>3</sup> to an effect estimate (i.e.,  
37  $\beta_{PM2.5}$ ) of 0.0070 (95% CI: 0.0036 to 0.0104), where  $\beta_{PM2.5} = \ln(RR)/10$ .<sup>19</sup> We fit a Weibull  
38 distribution to these reported values in MATLAB, resulting in a mean ( $\pm$ SD) value of  $\beta_{PM2.5} =$   
39 0.0070 ( $\pm$ 0.0016) per µg/m<sup>3</sup> with distribution shape factors of  $\alpha = 0.765$  and  $\beta = 4.95$ . A Weibull  
40 distribution was used because it yields a distribution that is very close to normal in shape, but  
41 does not produce any negative values.

## 42 **Modifying exposure-response function effect estimates for PM<sub>2.5</sub> of outdoor origin**

43 Average times spent in each microenvironment were taken directly from the 1992-1994  
44 National Human Activity Pattern Survey (NHAPS),<sup>20</sup> as described in the main text. Average  
45 outdoor PM<sub>2.5</sub> infiltration factors for each microenvironment (i.e.,  $F_j$ ) were culled from the  
46 existing literature as follows. We assumed the average ambient PM<sub>2.5</sub> infiltration factor inside  
47 U.S. residences was 0.59 according to the mean value reported in a recent review of 17 studies  
48 spanning over 1000 U.S. homes.<sup>21</sup> We assumed the average PM<sub>2.5</sub> infiltration factor in all other  
49 indoor locations other than residences was 0.49 based on the average modeled indoor  
50 concentrations of outdoor origin from a simulation study of small and medium commercial  
51 buildings that were designed to reasonably represent the U.S. office building stock.<sup>22</sup> Briefly, we  
52 used MATLAB to fit Weibull and lognormal distributions to their reported percentiles of indoor  
53 and outdoor PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations, then used Monte Carlo simulations with 20,000 iterations to  
54 build a distribution of infiltration factors based on these two distributions (i.e.,  $F_{inf} = C_{in}/C_{out}$  in  
55 the absence of indoor sources). Here we use the mean value of the resulting distribution. While  
56 this analysis ignored other non-residential buildings, we are not aware of other robust data sets  
57 on infiltration factors in non-office non-residential buildings in the U.S. However, an infiltration  
58 factor of 0.49 is reasonably in range with those reported in other non-residential buildings in  
59 Europe, including workplaces in Finland<sup>23</sup> and schools in Germany<sup>24</sup> and Spain.<sup>25</sup> For vehicles,  
60 we assumed an average ambient PM<sub>2.5</sub> infiltration factor of 0.43, assuming personal vehicles  
61 operate 50% of the time in recirculated air mode and 50% of the time in outdoor air ventilation  
62 mode with infiltration factors of 0.25 and 0.61, respectively.<sup>26</sup> Finally, we assumed that people  
63 are exposed to 100% of PM<sub>2.5</sub> of outdoor origin when they spend time outdoors (i.e.,  $F_{outdoor} = 1$ ).

64 **Scenario 1: Nationwide estimate based primarily on prior field studies**

65 Here we describe all relevant model inputs and data sources that were used for the  
66 nationwide PM<sub>2.5</sub> mortality estimate made in Scenario 1. To characterize what we assume to be  
67 nationally representative time-activity patterns, Table S1 shows stair-step distribution  
68 characteristics for the amount of time spent in each of the four microenvironments considered  
69 herein, which we transcribed from Figure 3 in Klepeis et al. (2001).<sup>20</sup> Values for the fraction of  
70 time spent in residences, vehicles, and outdoors were all sampled directly from the stair-step  
71 distributions in Table S1, while the time spent in other indoor locations was estimated by  
72 subtracting the sum of times spent in these three microenvironments from a total of 1440 minutes  
73 (i.e., 24 hours).

74 To characterize indoor PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations of indoor origin in all non-residential indoor  
75 microenvironments, we assumed an arithmetic mean ( $\pm$  SD) of  $4.18 \pm 4.98 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ , which was  
76 suggested for the range of indoor PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations resulting from general office work  
77 environments in Finland.<sup>23</sup> We constructed a lognormal distribution that resulted in the same  
78 arithmetic mean  $\pm$  SD to avoid negative values while matching the same summary statistics (GM  
79 =  $2.69 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  and GSD = 2.56). Although this approach is limited to office buildings in Finland,  
80 we are not aware of other studies that have similarly quantified the indoor and ambient  
81 contributions to indoor concentrations in non-residential buildings in the U.S. We also consider it  
82 reasonable to assume the same values for all non-residential indoor microenvironments  
83 regardless of building function based on the close similarities in indoor PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations  
84 reported in a recent study of a wide variety of small and medium sized commercial environments  
85 in California.<sup>27</sup>

86 To characterize indoor PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations of outdoor origin in non-residential indoor  
87 environments, we sampled from the same beta distribution of infiltration factors in small and  
88 medium U.S. commercial buildings that we constructed previously from Ben-David et al.  
89 (2017).<sup>22</sup> Shape factors for the infiltration factor beta distribution in MATLAB were:  $\alpha = 1.82$   
90 and  $\beta = 1.91$  (Figure S1). Similarly, to characterize PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations of outdoor origin inside  
91 vehicles, we sampled equally from two beta distributions fit to reported summary statistics of  
92 infiltration factors measured in vehicles operating half the time in recirculated air mode and half  
93 the time in outdoor air ventilation mode, with mean  $\pm$  SD infiltration factors of  $0.25 \pm 0.12$  and  
94  $0.61 \pm 0.17$ , respectively.<sup>26</sup> Shape factors for the assumed beta distributions were  $\alpha = 2.98$  and  $\beta =$   
95  $8.72$  for recirculating systems and  $\alpha = 4.32$  and  $\beta = 2.73$  for outdoor air ventilation (Figure S1).  
96 We also introduced an in-vehicle exposure modification factor to Equation 3-b to account for  
97 near-road PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations that are 22% higher, on average, than central site monitor or  
98 background levels.<sup>28</sup> This factor is not incorporated directly into the model framework but is  
99 applied uniformly to each model iteration during application. We assumed there are no indoor  
100 sources of PM<sub>2.5</sub> inside vehicles because the focus is on non-smoking microenvironments and it  
101 is reasonable to assume there are minimal other PM<sub>2.5</sub> sources inside most vehicles.

102 To characterize indoor PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations from both indoor and outdoor sources in  
103 residences, we rely on two of the largest data sources for field measurements of which we are  
104 aware: the Relationship of Indoor, Outdoor and Personal Air (RIOPA) study<sup>29</sup> and the Multi-  
105 Ethnic Study of the Atherosclerosis and Air Pollution (MESA Air).<sup>30,31</sup> The RIOPA study  
106 sampled indoor and outdoor PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations concurrently for 48 hours in 212 non-smoking  
107 residences in three U.S. cities.<sup>32</sup> Similarly, MESA Air measured indoor and outdoor PM<sub>2.5</sub>  
108 concentrations concurrently over a 2-week period in 208 homes in warm seasons and 264 homes

109 in cold seasons in seven U.S. cities. Both studies are unique in that they included large sample  
110 sizes of homes in multiple U.S. cities and also reported distributions of PM<sub>2.5</sub> infiltration factors,  
111 which can be either directly or indirectly used to estimate the relative contributions of both  
112 indoor and outdoor sources to indoor PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations in the sample residences. Because the  
113 two studies differed in their population demographics and geographic locations, we use them to  
114 conduct three versions of Scenario 1, including sampling input parameters affecting indoor  
115 concentrations of PM<sub>2.5</sub> of indoor and outdoor origin from: (a) RIOPA only, (b) MESA only, and  
116 (c) equally from both RIOPA and MESA. For Scenarios 1a and 1b, we assume that either  
117 RIOPA or MESA is generally representative of the entire U.S. residential building stock.  
118 Because this may not be a valid assumption for either study, Scenario 1c assumes that, when  
119 sampled together with equal weighting, the two studies are more generally representative than  
120 either study alone.

121 For the RIOPA-only scenario, we estimated distributions of annual average residential  
122 indoor PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations of outdoor origin for the year 2012 by sampling from distributions  
123 of infiltration factors reported in the study homes and multiplying them by samples drawn from  
124 distributions of the U.S. annual average outdoor PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration for 2012, as described in  
125 the main text. Meng et al. (2005) modeled the distributions of outdoor PM<sub>2.5</sub> infiltration factors  
126 of a subset of 114 of the study homes that had one complete set of 48-hour measurements,  
127 resulting in a mean ( $\pm$ SD) of  $0.54 \pm 0.16$ .<sup>33</sup> We fit a beta distribution to the reported mean  $\pm$  SD  
128 infiltration factors from RIOPA, resulting in shape factors of  $\alpha = 4.70$  and  $\beta = 4.00$  (Figure S1).

129 To obtain distributions of the indoor PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration resulting from indoor sources  
130 alone, lognormal distributions were first fit to match the reported means and standard deviations  
131 of indoor and outdoor PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations from the RIOPA study, as shown in Table S2. Next,

132 distributions for the indoor  $PM_{2.5}$  concentration resulting from only indoor sources in the RIOPA  
 133 residences were estimated using Equation S1 combined with sampling from lognormal  
 134 distributions for indoor and outdoor  $PM_{2.5}$  concentrations and the beta distribution for outdoor  
 135  $PM_{2.5}$  infiltration factors. Using this approach, we make the necessary assumption that  
 136  $\Delta C_{PM_{2.5},AG,residences}$  varies over time (i.e., from year to year) because ambient concentrations vary  
 137 over time, and that infiltration factors are constant over time. Similarly, we assume that indoor  
 138 emission sources, and thus  $\Delta C_{PM_{2.5},IG,residences}$ , are also constant over time.

$$C_{PM_{2.5},IG,residence,in} = C_{PM_{2.5},residence} - (C_{PM_{2.5},out} * F_{residence}) \quad (S1)$$

139 where  $C_{PM_{2.5},IG,residence}$  is the indoor  $PM_{2.5}$  concentration of indoor origin estimated in the  
 140 RIOPA residences ( $\mu g/m^3$ );  $C_{PM_{2.5},residence}$  is a sampled value of the indoor  $PM_{2.5}$  concentration  
 141 in RIOPA residences based on the distributions fit to data reported in Meng et al. (2005)<sup>32</sup>  
 142 ( $\mu g/m^3$ );  $C_{PM_{2.5},out}$  is a sampled value of the simultaneous outdoor  $PM_{2.5}$  concentration in the  
 143 RIOPA study based on the distributions fit to data reported in Meng et al. (2005)<sup>32</sup> ( $\mu g/m^3$ ); and  
 144  $F_{residence}$  is a sampled value of the corresponding outdoor  $PM_{2.5}$  infiltration factor for the same  
 145 RIOPA residences based on the distributions fit to data reported in Meng et al. (2005)<sup>33</sup> (-).  
 146 Using this approach, we estimate that the average contribution of indoor sources to indoor  $PM_{2.5}$   
 147 concentrations in the RIOPA study was  $\sim 9.5 \mu g/m^3$ , or  $\sim 63\%$  of the total indoor  $PM_{2.5}$   
 148 concentration, with  $\sim 37\%$  coming from outdoor sources, on average.

150 For the MESA Air scenario, we also created distributions of annual average residential  
 151  $PM_{2.5}$  concentrations of indoor and outdoor origin for 2012 by sampling from distributions of  
 152 infiltration factors and indoor  $PM_{2.5}$  concentrations that were attributable to indoor sources, as  
 153 both were reported directly by Allen et al. (2012).<sup>34</sup> Similar to RIOPA, a beta distribution was fit  
 154 to the reported mean  $\pm$  SD infiltration factors ( $0.62 \pm 0.21$ ), with shape factors of  $\alpha = 2.69$  and  $\beta =$

155 1.65 (Figure S1). We also fit lognormal distributions to the summary statistics for indoor PM<sub>2.5</sub>  
156 concentrations that were attributable to indoor sources (i.e.,  $C_{PM_{2.5},residence,in}$ ) in Allen et al.  
157 (2012), using the average of cold and warm seasons to represent an assumed annual average  
158 (Table S2). Using this approach, the average contribution of indoor sources to indoor PM<sub>2.5</sub>  
159 concentrations in MESA Air was  $\sim 2.76 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ , or only  $\sim 30\%$  of the total indoor PM<sub>2.5</sub>  
160 concentration, on average, with  $\sim 70\%$  coming from outdoor sources. Clearly, the MESA and  
161 RIOPA scenarios represent very different assumptions for the relative contributions of indoor  
162 and ambient sources to residential indoor PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations. For the combined 50/50  
163 RIOPA/MESA scenario, we sampled from each of the generated distributions equally.

164 In an attempt to verify our model framework, we also repeated Scenario 1 with inputs  
165 modified to match those used by Fann et al. (2017)<sup>35</sup> to estimate the ambient PM<sub>2.5</sub> mortality  
166 burden in the US in 2010. In theory, our model framework should be able to reasonably recreate  
167 mortality estimates made using only outdoor PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations as surrogates for exposure  
168 (i.e., the approach used in Fann et al. 2017) since outdoor concentrations should be appropriately  
169 re-assigned in the model as exposure estimates in various microenvironments. We re-ran the  
170 analysis using the following inputs for the US adult population 35 years and older in 2010:  $Pop =$   
171  $162,828,035$ ;  $y_0 = 1450.8$  per 100,000 persons per year,  $\beta_{PM_{2.5}} = 0.583$  mean with SD of 0.096  
172 (and a beta distribution fit through the mean and SD), population-weighted average outdoor  
173 PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration of  $8.8 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  (taken directly from Fann et al. 2017), and a threshold outdoor  
174 PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration of zero. Using the model framework with these assumptions and keeping all  
175 other assumptions from the 50/50 RIOPA/MESA combined scenario the same, our best estimate  
176 (i.e., median value) of the total annual mortality burden associated with exposure to PM<sub>2.5</sub> of  
177 both indoor and outdoor origin across all microenvironments in 2010 was  $\sim 198,100$  deaths (IQR



178 of ~149,600 to ~281,100). The relative microenvironmental exposure contributions were similar  
 179 to those in Figure 2c in the main text, and our best estimate of the mortality burden associated  
 180 with exposure to PM<sub>2.5</sub> of outdoor origin summed across all microenvironments was ~124,500  
 181 deaths (IQR of ~49,400 to ~169,700). The result was very similar to the central estimate of  
 182 ~120,000 (95% CI of 83,000 to 160,000) annual deaths made by Fann et al. (2017),<sup>35</sup> which  
 183 serves as a reasonable check on the validity of our modeling approach and the accuracy of our  
 184 results, at least for PM<sub>2.5</sub> of ambient origin, even though we consider much less detail in  
 185 geographical variations in population and ambient exposures than Fann et al. (2017). For  
 186 comparison, the estimated mortality burden associated with indoor PM<sub>2.5</sub> sources in this scenario  
 187 was ~73,600 deaths (IQR of ~10,700 to ~118,300).

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### 189 **Scenario 3: Global Burden of Disease Integrated Exposure-Response model**

190 The Global Burden of Disease (GBD) study and others<sup>36-40</sup> have used the integrated  
 191 exposure-response (IER) model developed by Burnett et al. (2014),<sup>41</sup> which estimates the relative  
 192 risk (RR<sub>*i*</sub>) of long-term exposure to a wide range of PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations and sources for  
 193 multiple causes of mortality using Equation S2.

$$RR_i = 1 + \alpha_i \left[ 1 - e^{-\gamma_i(C-C_0)^{\delta_i}} \right] \quad \text{for } C > C_0 \quad (\text{S2-a})$$

$$RR_i = 1 \quad \text{for } C \leq C_0 \quad (\text{S2-b})$$

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195 where  $C$  is the exposure concentration ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ),  $C_0$  is the concentration below which there is an  
 196 assumption of no additional risk ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ),  $i$  is one of five causes of mortality, and  $\alpha_i$ ,  $\gamma_i$ , and  $\delta_i$  are  
 197 statistical parameters that result from fitting the model to RR results from a large number of  
 198 global epidemiological studies for each mortality endpoint. The premature mortality  $M$  for a

199 given population range  $j$  and disease endpoint  $i$  is estimated for a given region using Equation  
200 S3.<sup>36</sup>

$$M_{i,j} = Pop_j \widehat{y}_{0,i,j}(RR_{i,j}(C)) - 1 \quad \text{where } \widehat{y}_{0,i,j} = \frac{y_{0,i,j}}{\overline{RR}_i} \quad (S3)$$

201 where  $Pop_j$  is the region's population for age range  $j$  and  $y_{0,i,j}$  is the region's annual average  
202 disease incidence for population age range  $j$ , and  $\overline{RR}_i$  is the average population-weighted relative  
203 risk for endpoint  $i$ , as shown in Equation S4.<sup>36</sup>

$$\overline{RR}_i = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{N_i} Pop_j RR_{i,j}(C)}{\sum_{j=1}^N Pop_j} \quad (S4)$$

204 where  $N_i$  is the total number of age ranges for endpoint  $i$ .

205 The IER methodology was developed in part because the exposure-response function in  
206 Equation 1 in the main text is based on epidemiology cohort studies in the U.S. and Europe with  
207 outdoor PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations typically below 30 µg/m<sup>3</sup>, which may not be representative for  
208 countries with much higher ambient air pollution levels<sup>37</sup> or for other, higher, PM<sub>2.5</sub> exposures  
209 such as secondhand- or active-smoking. Therefore, the IER methodology integrates estimates of  
210 the RR of multiple causes of mortality, including ischemic heart disease (IHD), cerebrovascular  
211 disease (stroke), chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), and lung cancer (LC) for adults  
212 over 25, as well as acute lower respiratory infection (ALRI) for children under 5, that have been  
213 associated with a wide range of PM<sub>2.5</sub> exposure concentrations (i.e., from 0 to ~30,000 µg/m<sup>3</sup>)  
214 resulting from a variety of PM<sub>2.5</sub> sources, including ambient air pollution, secondhand smoke,  
215 active smoking, and household air pollution. RR estimates are then converted to population-wide  
216 excess mortality estimates using age-specific mortality and demographic data.

217 As an example application of the IER approach, Cohen et al. (2015) estimated that  
218 approximately 88,400 deaths (95% CI: 66,800-115,000) were associated with outdoor PM<sub>2.5</sub>  
219 exposures in the U.S. in 2015.<sup>39</sup> Similarly, Apte et al. (2015) estimated that approximately  
220 103,000 deaths (CI unknown) were associated with outdoor PM<sub>2.5</sub> exposures in the U.S. in  
221 2010.<sup>36</sup> As another example, Wang et al. (2017)<sup>42</sup> used the IER model – combined with look-up  
222 tables for RR values across a range of ambient PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations from 5.8 to 410 µg/m<sup>3</sup>  
223 provided by Apte et al. (2015)<sup>37</sup> – to estimate the mortality burden associated with ambient PM<sub>2.5</sub>  
224 exposure in high-income North America (i.e., Canada and the U.S.) to be only ~51,000 deaths in  
225 2010. We approximate the U.S. mortality burden from this same estimate to be in the range of  
226 ~45,000 given that Canada had ~11% of the population of the U.S. in 2010. Another more recent  
227 study introduced the Global Exposure Mortality Model (GEMM), building on the IER model, for  
228 estimating global mortality associated with ambient PM<sub>2.5</sub> exposures. Their estimate of excess  
229 all-cause mortality attributable to ambient PM<sub>2.5</sub> in North America in 2015 was ~213,000  
230 deaths, while the same estimate using the IER approach was only 95,000, suggesting that the IER  
231 model underestimates all-cause mortality.<sup>43</sup>

232 For comparison purposes, we re-ran a version of Scenario 1 using the IER model  
233 approach (i.e., substituting Equations S1-S4 for Equation 1 in the Monte Carlo analysis) to  
234 estimate the premature mortality for adults 35 years and older attributable to IHD, stroke, COPD,  
235 and LC. We excluded ALRI in young children because of its extremely low prevalence in the  
236 U.S. We considered one age range (i.e., 35 years and older) for COPD and LC, and ten age  
237 ranges for IHD and stroke (i.e., 35-40, 40-45, 45-50, 50-55, 55-60, 60-65, 65-70, 70-75, 75-80,  
238 and +80 years old). Table S3 summarizes the population and disease incidence for each of these  
239 age groups and disease conditions gathered from the CDC WONDER system.<sup>44</sup> We used the RR

240 look-up tables from Apte et al. (2015)<sup>37</sup> similar to Wang et al. (2017)<sup>42</sup> to assign a RR value for  
241 each mortality endpoint and modeled concentration. This necessitates making the assumption of  
242 a 5.8  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  threshold concentration, below which no additional mortality is assumed.

243         Using the IER approach with inputs from Scenario 1, we estimate that the total mortality  
244 associated with  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  exposure from all sources and across all microenvironments is ~38,400  
245 deaths annually (Table S4). We estimate that exposure to  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  of outdoor origin across all  
246 microenvironments accounted for ~24,000 deaths in 2012 (IQR of ~9,200 to ~32,700 deaths),  
247 and exposure to  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  of indoor origin across all microenvironments accounted for ~14,400  
248 deaths (IQR of ~2,000 to ~22,400). Results from the IER scenario are drastically lower than  
249 results from Scenario 1 and 2 for several reasons, primarily including: (1) the use of a 5.8  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$   
250 threshold concentration compared to the no-threshold assumption; (2) the IER model presents a  
251 different model form and parameter fits that may yield different effect estimates from the  
252 traditional exposure-response (E-R) function and effect estimates used herein; and (3) the IER  
253 model is fit through ambient air pollution studies at the low end of the concentration range, and  
254 is thus not modified for microenvironmental exposures to  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  of outdoor origin that would  
255 have occurred in the original cohort studies. Results for the total mortality associated with  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$   
256 of outdoor origin from the IER scenario are also lower than previous estimates, including: just  
257 over half of that reported by Wang et al. (2017)<sup>42</sup> (mostly attributed to our modification of  
258 ambient origin exposures by microenvironmental infiltration factors), and approximately one-  
259 quarter of that reported by Cohen et al. (2015)<sup>39</sup> and Apte et al. (2015)<sup>36</sup> (mostly attributed of the  
260 aforementioned underlying discrepancies that exist between Wang et al. and Cohen et al. and  
261 Apte et al., for reasons that are not immediately clear).

262 For these varied reasons, a comparison between the IER approach in Scenario 3 and the  
263 E-R approaches in Scenario 1 and 2 is not directly valid without some additional modification.  
264 Therefore, we re-ran Scenario 1 again using the original E-R model form (i.e., Equation 1 in the  
265 main text) with the following changes to provide a more appropriate comparison to the IER  
266 model: (1) we introduced a threshold concentration of  $5.8 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  to each model iteration, below  
267 which no excess mortality is assumed to occur; (2) we used unmodified effect estimates (i.e.,  
268 assuming  $\sum F_j \times t_j = 1$  in Equation 4 in the main text) rather than our modified effect estimates; and  
269 (3) we used both our primary all-cause mortality endpoint effect estimate (i.e.,  $\beta = 0.0070$  per  
270  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )<sup>17</sup> and a lower effect estimate that has been used in other recent studies (i.e.,  $\beta = 0.0058$   
271 per  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )<sup>5</sup> because we are uncertain as to which effect estimate would yield similar mortality  
272 predictions as the IER approach with RRs from Apte et al. (2015).<sup>37</sup>

273 Results from the two additional Scenario 1 case studies are shown in Table S4 below the  
274 GBD IER case studies. The median total mortality estimates using the generic E-R model  
275 (Equation 1 in the main text) with  $\beta = 0.0070$  per  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  and  $\beta = 0.0058$  per  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  were  $\sim 42,600$   
276 and  $\sim 36,000$  deaths annually, respectively. Results from the IER model application were  
277 approximately in between these two estimates, which suggests that the application of the IER  
278 model yields mortality estimates that are approximately equivalent to applying the E-R model  
279 form with the assumption of an unmodified total all-cause mortality excess RR of  $\sim 6$  to  $\sim 7\%$  per  
280  $10 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  with a threshold of  $5.8 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ . Importantly, the similarities in both model results using  
281 the same or equivalent inputs also suggests that the vast majority of the difference in mortality  
282 estimates between Scenario 3 and Scenarios 1 and 2 is driven by the assumption of a  $5.8 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$   
283 threshold concentration in Scenario 3 compared to a zero threshold concentration in Scenarios 1  
284 and 2. This is a critical discrepancy that the research community must address if analyses like

285 this and others are to be relied upon for informing high-level policy decisions. Our original  
286 assumption of a no threshold concentration is consistent with a number of studies that have  
287 demonstrated or suggested that there is no evidence of a population threshold in the relationship  
288 between long-term exposure to ambient PM<sub>2.5</sub> and mortality.<sup>8,45-47</sup> However, the majority of  
289 applications of the IER model have assumed either a threshold concentration of 5.8 µg/m<sup>3</sup> (e.g.,  
290 <sup>36,42</sup>) or a distribution between 2.4 and 5.8 µg/m<sup>3</sup> (e.g., <sup>39</sup>). Since a large portion of the mortality  
291 burden estimated using these types of risk assessment functions is attributable to PM<sub>2.5</sub>  
292 concentrations at the lower end of the curve, these two modeling assumptions can yield vastly  
293 different mortality estimates.

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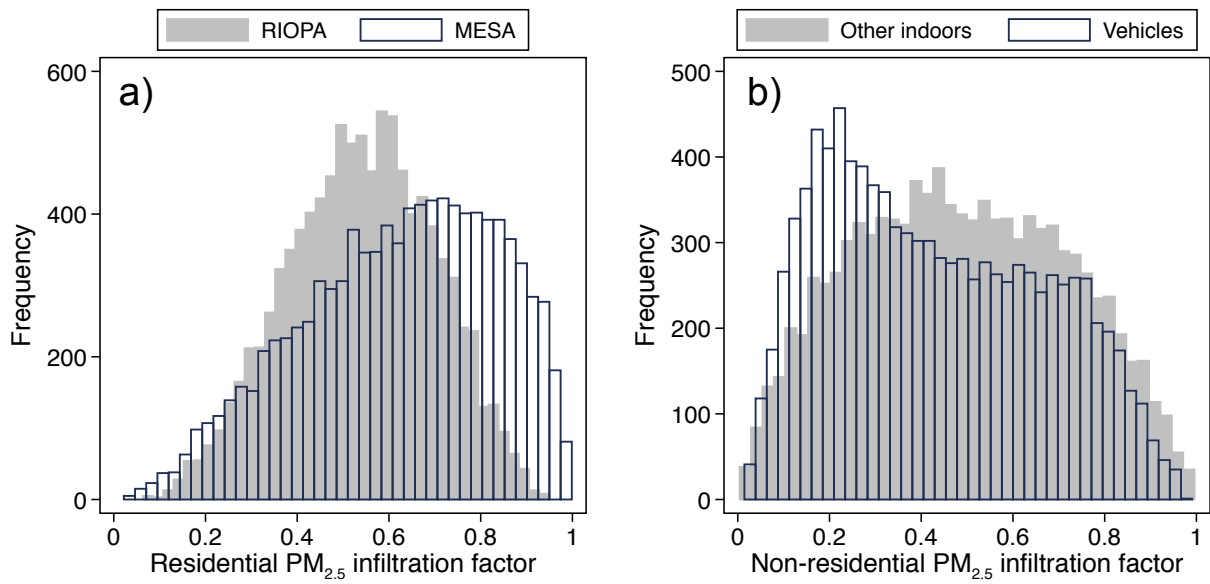
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436 **Figures**

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**Figure S1. Beta distributions of PM<sub>2.5</sub> infiltration factors used in Scenario 1: a) two residential distributions (RIOPA and MESA) and b) other indoor environments and vehicles (which were also used in Scenario 2). Distribution shape factors are described in the SI text.**

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443 **Tables**

444 **Table S1. Summary of stair-step distribution characteristics for the amount of time spent in various**  
 445 **microenvironments based on Figure 3 in Klepeis et al. (2001), used in all model scenarios**

	Residences		Vehicles		Outdoors		Other indoor locations	
	Reported	Modeled	Reported	Modeled	Reported	Modeled	Reported	Modeled
Average (min)	990	978	79	59	109	98	262	305
Bin #	Range (min)	Prob.	Range (min)	Prob.	Range (min)	Prob.	Range (min)	Prob.
1	0-50	0.0085	0-60	0.6475	0-60	0.5564	Back-calculated	Back-calculated
2	50-100	0.0028	60-120	0.0965	60-120	0.2700		
3	100-150	0.0028	120-180	0.0727	120-180	0.1080		
4	150-200	0.0038	180-240	0.0441	180-240	0.0240		
5	200-250	0.0038	240-300	0.0330	240-300	0.0120		
6	250-300	0.0038	300-360	0.0240	300-360	0.0090		
7	300-350	0.0038	360-420	0.0240	360-420	0.0054		
8	350-400	0.0058	420-480	0.0120	420-480	0.0054		
9	400-450	0.0068	480-540	0.0120	480-540	0.0025		
10	450-500	0.0125	540-600	0.0120	540-600	0.0025		
11	500-550	0.0125	600-660	0.0090	600-660	0.0025		
12	550-600	0.0200	660-720	0.0048	660-720	0.0025		
13	600-650	0.0300	720-780	0.0030	720-780	0.0000		
14	650-700	0.0400	780-840	0.0018	780-840	0.0000		
15	700-750	0.0500	840-900	0.0018	840-900	0.0000		
16	750-800	0.0655	900-960	0.0018	900-960	0.0000		
17	800-850	0.0655	960-1020	0.0000	960-1020	0.0000		
18	850-900	0.0675	1020-1080	0.0000	1020-1080	0.0000		
19	900-950	0.0615	1080-1140	0.0000	1080-1140	0.0000		
20	950-1000	0.0500	1140-1200	0.0000	1140-1200	0.0000		
21	1000-1050	0.0450	1200-1260	0.0000	1200-1260	0.0000		
22	1050-1100	0.0496	1260-1320	0.0000	1260-1320	0.0000		
23	1100-1150	0.0450	1320-1380	0.0000	1320-1380	0.0000		
24	1150-1200	0.0475	1380-1440	0.0000	1380-1440	0.0000		
25	1200-1250	0.0447						
26	1250-1300	0.0466						
27	1300-1350	0.0418						
28	1350-1400	0.0428						
29	1400-1440	0.1205						

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449 **Table S2. Summary of distributions of residential indoor and outdoor PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations, PM<sub>2.5</sub> infiltration**  
 450 **factors, and indoor PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations attributable to outdoor sources in the RIOPA and MESA Air**  
 451 **studies that were used to fit distributions to the indoor PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations that result from indoor sources**  
 452 **in Scenario 1**

Study	Reference	Model Parameter	Distribution Type	Mean ± SD (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )*
RIOPA	Meng et al. (2005) <sup>32</sup>	Indoor PM <sub>2.5</sub> concentration	Lognormal	GM: 15.6 GSD: 1.7
		Outdoor PM <sub>2.5</sub> concentration	Lognormal	GM: 14.3 GSD: 1.9
	Meng et al. (2005) <sup>33</sup>	PM <sub>2.5</sub> infiltration factor	Beta	0.54 ± 0.16
	<i>Calculated</i>	Indoor PM <sub>2.5</sub> concentration attributable to indoor sources	n/a	8.7 ± 11.8
MESA Air	Allen et al. (2012) <sup>34</sup>	Indoor PM <sub>2.5</sub> concentration (cold season)	n/a	10.4 ± 7.0
		Indoor PM <sub>2.5</sub> concentration (warm season)	n/a	12.8 ± 5.6
		Outdoor PM <sub>2.5</sub> concentration (cold season)	n/a	13.5 ± 5.8
		Outdoor PM <sub>2.5</sub> concentration (warm season)	n/a	15.8 ± 3.9
		Indoor PM <sub>2.5</sub> concentration attributable to indoor sources (cold season)	n/a	2.8 ± 4.8
		Indoor PM <sub>2.5</sub> concentration attributable to indoor sources (warm season)	n/a	2.7 ± 4.0
		PM <sub>2.5</sub> infiltration factor	Beta	0.62 ± 0.21
	<i>Calculated</i>	Indoor PM <sub>2.5</sub> concentration attributable to indoor sources (combined seasons)	Lognormal	GM: 1.5 GSD: 3.1

453 \*For lognormal distributions, GM = geometric mean and GSD = geometric standard deviation.  
 454 n/a = values reported in the cited references but not used directly in the model application.  
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**Table S3. Summary of the IER model input parameters used herein for adults 35 years and older. Data taken from the CDC WONDER system.<sup>43</sup>**

Cause of Mortality	Age ranges	Population in 2012	Average disease incidence (y <sub>0</sub> )
COPD	+ 35	166,516,716	0.000840
Lung Cancer	+ 35	166,516,716	0.000948
IHD	35 - 39	19,488,199	0.000082
	40 - 44	21,028,221	0.000171
	45 - 49	21,689,479	0.000354
	50 - 54	22,579,259	0.000631
	55 - 59	20,772,517	0.000996
	60 - 64	17,813,685	0.001517
	65 - 69	13,977,353	0.002159
	70 - 74	10,008,039	0.003260
	75 - 79	7,489,583	0.005340
	+ 80	11,670,381	0.016506
Stroke	35 - 39	19,488,199	0.000029
	40 - 44	21,028,221	0.000053
	45 - 49	21,689,479	0.000097
	50 - 54	22,579,259	0.000146
	55 - 59	20,772,517	0.000219
	60 - 64	17,813,685	0.000334
	65 - 69	13,977,353	0.000523
	70 - 74	10,008,039	0.000961
	75 - 79	7,489,583	0.001789
	+ 80	11,670,381	0.005845

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**Table S4. Mean, standard deviation (SD), and interquartile range (IQR: 25<sup>th</sup> to 75<sup>th</sup> percentiles) of the estimated contributions to total PM<sub>2.5</sub> exposures resulting from IER and E-R models with unmodified effect estimates and a threshold concentration of 5.8 µg/m<sup>3</sup> for the U.S. population 35 years and older in 2012.**

Applied Model	Outdoor or Indoor Sources	Microenvironment	Mean fraction of total PM <sub>2.5</sub> exposure ± SD	IQR of fraction of total PM <sub>2.5</sub> exposure	Mean estimate of annual deaths attributed to total PM <sub>2.5</sub> exposure ± SD	IQR of estimate of annual deaths attributed to total PM <sub>2.5</sub> exposure
Unmodified IER model	Due to PM <sub>2.5</sub> of outdoor origin	Residences	41.9% ± 24.1%	21.9% - 58.7%	16,089 ± 9,244	8,410 - 22,545
		Other indoor locations	10.8% ± 12.8%	0.0% - 16.8%	4,144 ± 4,928	0 - 6,460
		Vehicles	2.4% ± 4.0%	0.3% - 2.7%	916 ± 1,524	120 - 1,023
		Outdoor	7.4% ± 11.3%	1.7% - 6.9%	2,840 ± 4,355	667 - 2,649
	Total outdoor contribution		62.5% ± 25.4%		23,989 ± 9,756	9,196 - 32,677
	Due to PM <sub>2.5</sub> of indoor origin	Residences	28.2% ± 26.5%	5.2% - 47.9%	10,838 ± 10,159	2,011 - 18,397
		Other indoor locations	9.3% ± 13.0%	0.0% - 13.0%	3,554 ± 4,991	0 - 5,002
	Total indoor contribution		37.5% ± 25.4%		14,393 ± 9,756	2,011 - 23,398
	Total contribution		100%		38,382*	11,208 - 56,075
	Unmodified E-R model (β = 0.0070 per µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Due to PM <sub>2.5</sub> of outdoor origin	Residences	42.0% ± 24.0%	22.3% - 58.8%	17,903 ± 10,231
Other indoor locations			10.9% ± 13.0%	0.0% - 16.8%	4,648 ± 5,534	0 - 7,144
Vehicles			2.4% ± 4.0%	0.3% - 2.7%	1,029 ± 1,710	130 - 1,164
Outdoor			7.2% ± 11.2%	1.7% - 6.4%	3,052 ± 4,762	745 - 2,738
Total outdoor contribution		62.5% ± 25.3%		26,632 ± 10,766	10,401 - 36,096	
Due to PM <sub>2.5</sub> of indoor origin		Residences	28.3% ± 26.5%	5.1% - 48.2%	12,054 ± 11,290	2,193 - 20,546
		Other indoor locations	9.2% ± 13.0%	0.0% - 12.7%	3,937 ± 5,532	0 - 5,395
Total indoor contribution		37.5% ± 25.3%		15,991 ± 10,766	2,193 - 25,940	

		100%		42,623*	12,594 - 62,036	
Unmodified E-R model ( $\beta = 0.0058$ per $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	Total contribution					
	Due to PM <sub>2.5</sub> of outdoor origin	Residences	41.9% ± 23.8%	22.6% - 58.6%	15,097 ± 8,590	8,155 - 21,118
		Other indoor locations	10.9% ± 12.9%	0.1% - 17.0%	3,921 ± 4,644	22 - 6,131
		Vehicles	2.3% ± 3.7%	0.3% - 2.7%	844 ± 1,346	126 - 979
		Outdoor	7.5% ± 11.5%	1.8% - 7.0%	2,688 ± 4,128	640 - 2,535
	Total outdoor contribution		62.6% ± 25.2%		22,550 ± 9,079	8,942 - 30,763
	Due to PM <sub>2.5</sub> of indoor origin	Residences	28.1% ± 26.3%	5.2% - 48.2%	10,108 ± 9,479	1,860 - 17,359
		Other indoor locations	9.4% ± 13.0%	0.0% - 13.2%	3,371 ± 4,669	13 - 4,755
	Total indoor contribution		37.4% ± 25.2%		13,478 ± 9,079	1,873 - 22,114
	Total contribution		100%		36,028*	10,815 - 52,877

\* The estimates of total contributions are based on the median values.