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Characteristics of carbonaceous aerosols emitted from peatland fire in Riau, Sumatra, Indonesia

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13 Abstract

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Biomass burning is a significant source of fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}). Forest, bush, and 15peat fires in Kalimantan and Sumatra, Indonesia are major sources of transboundary haze 1617pollution in Southeast Asia. However, limited data exist regarding the chemical characteristics of aerosols at sources. We conducted intensive field studies in Riau Province, Sumatra, Indonesia, 18during the peatland fire and non-burning seasons in 2012. We characterized PM_{2.5} carbonaceous 19aerosols emitted from peatland fire based on ground-based source-dominated sampling. PM_{2.5} 20aerosols were collected with two mini-volume samplers using Teflon and quartz fiber filters. 2122Background aerosols were also sampled during the transition period between the non-burning and fire seasons. We analyzed the carbonaceous content (organic carbon (OC) and elemental carbon 23(EC)) by a thermal optical reflectance utilizing the IMPROVE_A protocol and the major organic 24components of the aerosols by a gas chromatography/mass spectrometry. PM2.5 aerosols emitted 25from peatland fire were observed in high concentrations of 7120 \pm 3620 μ g/m³ and were 2627primarily composed of OC (71.0 \pm 5.11% of PM_{2.5} mass). Levoglucosan exhibited the highest total ion current and was present at concentrations of $464 \pm 183 \,\mu g/m^3$. The OC/EC ratios (36.4 ± 289.08), abundances of eight thermally-derived carbon fractions, OC/Levoglucosan ratios (10.6 \pm 291.96), and Levoglucosan/Mannosan ratios (10.6 \pm 2.03) represent a signature profile that is 30 inherent in peatland fire. These data will be useful in identifying contributions from single or 3132multiple species in atmospheric aerosol samples collected from peatland fires. Keywords: Carbonaceous aerosol; PM2.5; Levoglucosan; Mannosan; Biomass Burning 33

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35 Highlights

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- $37 \rightarrow PM_{2.5}$ aerosols emitted from peatland fire in Indonesia were characterized.
- 38 \rightarrow PM_{2.5} aerosols emitted from peatland fire were primarily composed of OC.
- $39 \rightarrow$ We found some source indicators that were inherent in peatland fire.

41 **1. Introduction**

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43Peatland is organic soil that has formed for over thousands of years from decomposed vegetation and other life forms, and peat deposits can extend up to seven meters in thickness 44 (Wulandari, 2002). In Southeast Asia, smoke originating from peatland fires in Kalimantan and 45 Sumatra in Indonesia is a major cause of transboundary haze pollution. 46 In general, approximately 80–90% of the smoke particles produced by biomass burning is in 47the PM_{2.5} size range, and these particles are primarily composed of organic carbon, which 48 constitutes 50–60% of the total particle mass (Phuleria et al., 2005; Schollnberger et al., 2002; 49Reid et al., 2005). PM_{2.5} aerosols present a high risk of deposition in the alveoli of lungs and are 50associated with a greater general health risk than coarse aerosols (Federal Register, 2006; 51Lippmann, 1998). 52According to version 3 of the Global Fire Emissions Database (GFED), average PM_{2.5} 53emissions from fire (including deforestation, savanna, forest, agricultural waste, and peat fires) 54from 1997 to 2010 in Indonesia are 2.9 Tg/year, accounting for 9.2% of global fire PM2.5 55emissions and 62% of Southeast Asian fire emissions. In Indonesia, peatland fire is a dominant 56source of PM_{2.5} emissions, accounting for 55% of all fire sources. Thus, it is a significant 5758emission source of PM_{2.5} aerosols in Indonesia.

59 Many peatland fires occur on Sumatra and Kalimantan islands during the dry season, emitting

60	gases and smoke aerosols that cause atmospheric pollution (haze) and adversely affect the health
61	of people living in surrounding areas. For example, an unprecedented Indonesian fire episode
62	occurred in 1997-1998 due to the El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) event at that time.
63	Extensive forest fires, including peatland fires, resulted in the development of a smog blanket that
64	covered an immense area of 4 million km ² in Southeast Asia. This smog affected the livelihoods
65	and health of 75 million people in six countries and completely toppled their lives. Moreover, the
66	smog resulted in the closure of airports; it was cited as the possible cause of an air crash near
67	Medan, Sumatra, and a tanker collision in the Straits of Malacca (Stolle and Tomich, 1999). Air
68	pollution attained previously unknown levels in East Kalimantan, Singapore, and Kuala Lumpur,
69	with daily average particulate matter reaching extremely hazardous levels (4000 μ g/m ³ ; Heil <i>et</i>
70	al., 1998). Although ENSO events considerably contribute to the occurrence of Indonesian fires,
71	pollution from smoke haze is a recurrent problem in Indonesia and neighboring countries, even in
72	non-ENSO years (Tacconi, 2003).
73	Riau Province in Sumatra is one of the primary hotspots for peatland fire during the dry season,
74	and the smoke aerosols generated there cause haze in Riau and in neighboring countries such as
75	Malaysia and Singapore (Harahap, 2012; Hong, 2012). However, limited data exist regarding the
76	chemical characteristics of these smoke aerosols (Othman and Latif, 2013; See et al, 2007) and
77	the effects of aerosols from peatland fires on the atmospheric environment and human health. To

78	investigate these effects, the chemical characterization of fresh smoke aerosols from peatland fire
79	is necessary. In this study, the carbonaceous species of $PM_{2.5}$ aerosols emitted from peatland fire
80	were characterized by directly sampling $PM_{2.5}$ aerosols at fire hotspots in Riau Province.
81	Moreover, we determined source indicators of carbonaceous species of smoke from peatland fires
82	for source apportionment. These data can help in identifying single or multiple species in
83	atmospheric aerosol samples that contribute to peatland fires.
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85 86 87 88 89	2. Materials and methods 2.1. Sampling locations
90	The sampling locations in this study are illustrated in Fig. 1. The burning site and background
91	site were located at Sepahat Village and Sukajadi Village, respectively, in Bengkalis Regency,
92	Riau Province. The burning site was surrounded by peatland and forest, and the background site
93	was located ~50 km away from the burning site and housing estates. Bengkalis Regency lies on
94	the east coast of Sumatra Island and consists of several islands. This district covers an area of
95	1,204,423 km ² , in which nearly 85% of the land exhibits low topography and is covered with
96	tropical forests, with an average elevation of only 2.0-6.1 m above sea level. Most of the soils are
97	organosols or peat soils; that is, they contain abundant organic substances. The temperature in a
98	Bengkalis is strongly influenced by the tropical marine climate and is typically 26-32°C. The

101	counts in Riau in 2011 and 2012 based on Indofire datasets, confirming that many hotspots are
102	detected in the area during the dry season.
$103 \\ 104 \\ 105$	2.2. Sample collection and analysis
106	In 2012, background and peatland fire PM _{2.5} aerosol samples were collected on May 16–17
107	and June 13–17, respectively. Two mini-volume samplers (MiniVol TM TAS, Airmetrics) were
108	utilized to continuously collect $PM_{2.5}$ aerosols on Teflon and quartz fiber filters for 24 h
109	(background) and 2.5–5.2 h (peatland fire), respectively, at a flow rate of 5 L/min. PM _{2.5} aerosols
110	were collected at several burning sites, about 1.5 m away from peatland fire hotspots and a
111	background site on 7 and 4 occasions, respectively. Wind speeds in the peatland fire samplings
112	ranged from 0.610 to 6.21 m/s (average: 2.50 m/s) and aerosols were collected in smoke plumes.
113	Quartz fiber filters were heat-treated at 900°C for 4 h before sampling to remove any absorbed
114	organic materials.
115	Filter samples were analyzed to determine PM2.5 mass concentrations, carbonaceous content
116	(organic carbon (OC) and elemental carbon (EC)), and the quantity of key biomarkers.
117	The Teflon filter was weighed using a microbalance (ME5-F, Sartorius) with a sensitivity of ± 1
118	μg in a stable environment of 25.7 \pm 0.432°C (average \pm standard deviation) and 26.0 \pm 0.607

rainy season generally lasts from September to January, with an average rainfall of 809-4078

mm/year, and the dry season usually spans February to August. Fig. 2 illustrates monthly hotspot

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119 RH% before and after sampling, respectively, to determine PM_{2.5} mass concentrations.

120 The carbonaceous contents of the aerosols collected in the quartz fiber filters were quantified using a DRI Model 2001 OC/EC Carbon Analyzer, which employs thermal optical reflectance 121following the IMPROVE_A protocol. The IMPROVE_A temperature defines temperature 122plateaus for thermally-derived carbon fractions as follows: 140°C for OC₁, 280°C for OC₂, 123480°C for OC₃, and 580°C for OC₄ in helium (He) carrier gas; 580°C for EC₁, 740°C for EC₂, 124and 840°C for EC₃ in a mixture of 98% He and 2% oxygen (O₂) carrier gas (Chow et al., 2007). 125126OC, EC, and total carbon (TC) were calculated from the eight carbon fractions as follows: 127 $OC = OC_1 + OC_2 + OC_3 + OC_4 + OP$ (1)128129 $EC = EC_1 + EC_2 + EC_3 - OP$ 130(2)131132TC = OC + EC(3) 133where OP (the amount of pyrolyzed OC) is defined as the carbon content measured after the 134135introduction of O₂ until reflectance returns to its initial value at the start of analysis. 136Two key biomarkers, levoglucosan and mannosan, obtained from the quartz fiber filters were quantified by gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (GC/MS). Organic compound speciation 137138was basically accomplished, following the procedures of Fabbri et al., 2009 and Pashynska et al., 1392002. Aliquots from the quartz fiber filter were spiked with the internal standard of methyl β-L-arabinopyranoside before extraction. Each spiked filter was extracted by ultrasonic agitation 140

141	for 3 \times 20 min periods using 3 mL of a dichloromethane/methanol mixture (3/1, v/v)										
142	(dichloromethane: Wako, purity >99.5%; methanol: Wako, purity >99.7%). The combined										
143	extracts were reduced to approximately 100 μ L using a rotary evaporator (250 hPa, 40°C)										
144	Subsequently, the concentrated extract was filtered through a Teflon syringe filter (pore size 0.1										
145	μ m) and dried completely under a nitrogen stream. Prior to analysis, the total extracts were										
146	converted to trimethylsilyl derivatives by reaction with 150 μ L of										
147	N,O-bis-(trimethylsilyl)-trifluoroacetamide with 1% trimethylchlorosilane and 90 μ L of pyridine										
148	for 3 h at 70°C.										
149	The derivatized samples were analyzed on a Shimadzu GC/MS system (GCMS-QP2010-Plus,										
150	Shimadzu) equipped with an Rtx-5Sil MS column (with selectivity similar to that of a mixture of										
151	5% diphenyl and 95% dimethyl polysiloxane, 30 m \times 0.25 mm I.D., 0.25 μm , RESTEK). Helium										
152	(purity 99.9995%) with an average velocity of 35.3 cm/s was used as the carrier gas. The GC										
153	oven temperature program was as follows: isothermal at 80°C for 5 min, 80–180°C at 3°C/min,										
154	then 180–300°C at 20°C/min, and maintained at 300°C for 5 min. The injection port and transfer										
155	line were maintained at 300°C. The data for quantitative analysis were acquired in the electron										
156	impact mode (70 eV).										

3. Results and discussion

161 3.1. PM_{2.5} mass concentration162

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- study, the average peatland fire and background OC/EC ratios were 36.4 ± 9.08 and 2.99 ± 0.738 ,

(Cao et al., 2005; Chow et al., 1996; Gray et al., 1986; Turpin and Huntzicker, 1991). In this

182	respectively. Few differences in the OC/EC ratio were observed, regardless of $PM_{2.5}$ mass
183	concentrations, and the coefficient of variance for samples from peatland fire was 24.9%. See et
184	al., 2007 reported that the average OC/EC ratio was 2.42 for PM _{2.5} aerosols collected in the open
185	field within a 100 m circumference from the boundary of the Indonesian peatland fires in 2005.
186	This value is much smaller than our result of 36.4. The discrepancy is due to the different
187	measurement techniques for the OC-EC split. See et al., 2007 adopted thermal method whose
188	temperature of OC-EC split was 350°C. The method would cause significant overestimation of
189	EC concentration in aerosol (Gelencsér, 2004). On the other hand, we utilized thermal-optical
190	reflectance method with pyrolysis correction. OC/EC ratios from our peatland fire and other
191	vegetative burning sources are illustrated in Fig. 3. OC/EC ratios ranged from 4.34 to 79.7; this
192	discrepancy can be partly attributed to variations in the type and moisture content of the burning
193	material.

Abundances of eight thermally-derived carbon fractions differ by carbon sources (Cao *et al.*, 2005; Chow *et al.*, 2004; Watson *et al.*, 1994). Fig. 4 illustrates the abundances of eight thermally-derived carbon fractions at both the peatland fire and background sites by mass percentage of total carbon. Distinct differences in carbon fractions were observed between the two sites. OC₁ accounted for $31.7 \pm 2.21\%$ of TC in peatland fire samples but only $0.710 \pm$ 0.721% of TC in background samples. OC₂ accounted for $47.5 \pm 0.948\%$ of TC in peatland fire samples and $13.9 \pm 1.64\%$ of TC in background samples. OC₃ accounted for $7.44 \pm 1.57\%$ of TC in peatland fire samples and $40.7 \pm 2.62\%$ of TC in background samples. OC₄ accounted for 1.22 $\pm 0.412\%$ of TC in peatland fire samples and $15.7 \pm 1.27\%$ of TC in background samples. OP accounted for $9.28 \pm 1.39\%$ of TC in peatland fire samples and $3.95 \pm 4.13\%$ of TC in background samples. Lower EC fractions were observed in the peatland fire than the background samples. Thus, it was found that TC in PM_{2.5} aerosols derived from peatland fires was primarily composed of OC₁ and OC₂.

207 Fig. 5 illustrates the average percentages of eight fractions in PM_{2.5} for the peatland fire samples and those from other sources. The vegetation burning profiles used as reference were 208209 obtained by ground-based source-dominated sampling of the plumes of small controlled burns of 210wood debris at the Big Bend National Park in the US (see Chow et al., 2004). The carbon fraction 211abundances differ by emission source: OC₁ is enriched $(23.9 \pm 12.4\%)$ in the vegetative burning 212profile; OC₂ is enriched (34.7 \pm 2.16%) in the peatland fire profile; OC₃ is enriched (37.6 \pm 15.9%) in the cooking profile; EC₂ is enriched $(23.3 \pm 10.4\%)$ in the motor vehicle profile. In 213214terms of the coefficient of variance, the carbon fraction obtained from peatland fire is more 215consistent than any source presented in Fig. 5. Thus, the peatland profile will be useful for source discrimination. 216

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218 3.3. Key biomarkers

220	The organic compounds produced by peatland fires were analyzed by GC/MS, and an example
221	of typical GC/MS total ion current (TIC) tracers for the total extract of peatland fire samples is
222	presented in Fig. 6. Levoglucosan clearly exhibits the highest TIC peak in peatland fire samples,
223	although mannosan and palmitic acid were also detected. Palmitic acid is one of the most basic
224	units of plant fats, oils, and phospholipids (Simoneit, 2002). The major tracers in smoke emitted
225	from biomass burning are the thermal degradation (pyrolysis) products of the biopolymers of
226	cellulose and lignin in woody tissue. The thermal degradation of cellulose (also hemicelluloses)
227	yields dehydromonosaccharide derivatives, which are predominant compounds in the smoke
228	(Simoneit et al., 1999). The major compound is levoglucosan, with minor and variable amounts
229	of galactosan and mannosan. These compounds cannot be formed by hydrolysis or by the
230	microbial alteration of carbohydrates; thus, they are specific to burning (Simoneit et al., 1999). In
231	addition, levoglucosan is considerably resistant to atmospheric degradation (Fraser and
232	Lakshmanan, 2000). Therefore, levoglucosan and mannosan are regarded as key biomarkers in
233	peatland fire aerosols like other biomass burnings.

The average levoglucosan concentrations from peatland fire and background samples were 464 $\pm 183 \ \mu g/m^3$ and $0.278 \pm 0.155 \ \mu g/m^3$, respectively and the average mannosan concentration were $47.5 \pm 25.6 \ \mu g/m^3$ and $0.0190 \pm 0.0108 \ \mu g/m^3$, respectively. Levoglucosan and mannosan in background samples may have originated from wood burning for cooking, agricultural use,

238	among others. However, concentrations of levoglucosan and mannosan emitted in association
239	with peatland fire events were much higher than their corresponding background concentrations.
240	OC/Levoglucosan ratios vary to some extent for different burning conditions and wood types
241	(Pio, et al., 2008). In this study, the average OC/Levoglucosan ratio in peatland fire was 10.6 \pm
242	1.96 μ gC/ μ g. For comparison of our peatland fire samples with biomass burning samples, the
243	average OC/Levoglucosan ratios for various source samples are presented in Fig. 7, which shows
244	significant differences in OC/Levoglucosan ratios between the peatland fire and other emission
245	sources. Thus, this ratio may be useful for source discrimination for peatland fire. However,
246	because levoglucosan is emitted from other biomass burning sources and there are other types of
247	biomass burning in Riau, Sumatra, Indonesia, selection of only OC/Levoglucosan ratio for source
248	apportionment of peatland fire can lead to overestimation of the contribution of peatland fire.
249	Hence, other indicators for peatland fire are needed.
250	The relative amounts of the individual anhydrosaccharides in biomass smoke aerosols can be
251	used for further source assignment of specific biofuels (Fabbri et al., 2009; Alves et al., 2010).
252	Here, we investigated the Levoglucosan/Mannosan ratios and compared those ratios from
253	peatland fire and other biomass burning sources. In this study, the average
254	Levoglucosan/Mannosan ratios in peatland fire and background were 10.6 ± 2.03 and 14.5 ± 3.39 ,
255	respectively. For comparison of our peatland fire samples with other biomass burning samples,

256	the average Levoglucosan/Mannosan ratios for various source samples are presented in Table 1										
257	which shows the significant differences in Levoglucosan/Mannosan ratios between the peatland										
258	fire and other emission sources. Thus, this ratio should be more useful for source discrimination										
259	for peatland fire than OC/Levoglucosan ratio.										
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261 262 263	4. Conclusions										
264	PM _{2.5} carbonaceous aerosols were collected at a peatland fire hotspots and a background site										
265	on 7 and 4 occasions, respectively. $PM_{2.5}$ aerosols emitted from peatland fire were observed in										
266	very high concentrations (7120 \pm 3620 $\mu\text{g/m}^3\text{)}$ and were primarily composed of OC (71.0 \pm										
267	5.11% of PM _{2.5} mass).										
268	The OC/EC ratios (36.4 \pm 9.08 for peatland fire), abundances of eight thermally-derived										
269	carbon fractions, OC/Levoglucosan ratios (10.6 \pm 1.96 for peatland fire), and										
270	Levoglucosan/Mannosan ratios (10.6 \pm 2.03 for peatland fire) observed here represent a signature										
271	profile that seems to be inherent in peatland fire emissions. Therefore, it is suggested that such										
272	profiles are useful for peatland fire source discrimination.										
273	In future studies, additional chemical speciation for fresh and aged smoke from peatland fires										
274	will be required to estimate atmospheric environmental impacts and/or adverse health effects (e.g.,										
275	humic-like substances, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons).										

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Table Captions
Table 1. Range of Levoglucosan/Mannosan ratios in $PM_{2.5}$ emitted from several sources and
background.

		Levoglucosan/Mannosan	Reference	
	Peatland fire	7.09–14.0	this study	
	Background	10.7–18.9	this study	
	Hardwoods burning	13.8–52.3	Engling et al., 2006	
	Softwoods burning	2.6-5.0	Engling et al., 2006	
	Grasses burning	108–203	Engling et al., 2006	
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- 401 Fig. 2. Monthly hotspot counts in Riau in 2011 and 2012.
- 402 Fig. 3. Comparison of OC/EC ratios in PM_{2.5} emitted from peatland fire and other burning
- 403 sources. Error bar in this study indicates standard deviation.
- 404 Fig. 4. Abundances (as mass percentage of total carbon) of eight thermally-derived carbon
- 405 fractions of aerosols sampled at the peatland fire and background sites. Error bars indicate
- 406 standard deviations.
- 407 Fig. 5. Carbon fraction composition of PM_{2.5} combustion source profiles. Error bars indicate
- 408 standard deviations.
- 409 Fig. 6. GC/MS total ion current (TIC) chromatograph of total extract showing major compounds
- 410 of peatland fire aerosols.
- 411 Fig. 7. Comparison of OC/Levoglucosan ratios of PM_{2.5} obtained from peatland fire and other
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