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Table 1. Descriptive statistics of bioaerosol concentration at the various sampling locations with the Anderson 6-stage sampler

Bioaerosol	N	Active area of dumpsite (50 m from Active point) (cfu/m³)		Entrance to dumpsite (325 m from Active point) (cfu/m³)		Dormant area of dumpsite (531 m from Active point) (cfu/m³)		Dumpsite Boundary (788 m from Active point) (cfu/m³)					
		Median	Min	Max	Median	Min	Max	Median	Min	Max	Median	Min	Max
Total Bacteria	13	1.93×10 ³	274	2994	1.3×10 ³	231	1849	1.1×10 ³	884	1379	7.4×10 ²	195	1630
Gram-negative <i>A.fumigatus</i>	13 13	2.2×10 ³ 2.8×10 ²	1980 62	2439 479	1.1×10³ 9.5×10	786 5.89	2043 186.4	1.4×10³ 4.3×10	939 7.21	2521 121	1.2×10³ 5.1×10	311 35	2257 71
Total Fungi	13	6×10 ²	231	1116	3.7×10 ²	189	684	3.1×10 ²	189	842	3.4×10 ²	166	485

N = Total number of measurements

Table 2 Number of times bioaerosols concentration at Olusosun Open dumpsite exceeded UK Environment Agency expected limits (Frederickson *et al.*, 2013; Pearson *et al.*, 2015)

		Expected limits	Number of sampling days the exceeded EA limits				
Microorganism	N	(CFU/m ³)	^a Entrance	^a Active Area	^a Dormant Area	^a Boundary	
Total bacteria	13	1000	10	10	12	5	
Gram-negative bacteria	13	300	13	13	13	13	
Aspergillus fumigatus	13	500	0	0	0	0	
Total fungi	13	1000	0	0	0	0	

N = Total number of measurements, a 13 sampling days

Table 3. Bioaerosol exposure concentration (median) from activity-based sampling (burton sampler) and ambient air (Anderson 6-stage sampler)

	aControl	bAmbient air	∘Activi	ty based sa	mpling
Microorganism (cfu/m³)	(median)	sampling (median)	Site Supervision	Sorting	Scavenging
Total bacteria	1.3×10 ²	1.1×10 ³	6.0 ×10 ⁵	4.8×10 ⁵	1.17×10 ⁶
Gram-negative bacteria	3.1×10 ²	1.5×10 ³	2.1 ×10 ⁵	1.74106	3.0×10 ⁶
Aspergillus fumigatus	6.9	63	3.0×10 ⁵	9.0×10 ⁴	6.75×10 ⁴
Total fungi	2.7×10 ²	3.7×10 ²	-	-	-

a Number of measurements = 3

b Number of measurements = 13

^c Number of measurements = 2

Table 4 Socio-demographic information of on-site participants

Variable	Category	Scavenger (n)	Food Vendors (n)	Waste workers (n)	Middle Men (n)	Business owner (n)	Overall N (%)
Sample Size	Frequency	91	3	24	17	14	149 (100%)
Age	Median	32.1years	25.6years	32.9years	34.4years	29.2years	30years
Gender	Female	15	0	2	1	1	19(13%)
	Male	76	3	22	16	13	130(87%
Hours of work/day (hours)	Median	10.2hrs	9.7hrs	11hrs	10.8hrs	12.8hrs	11 hours
Years of work	1-5yrs	42	1	10	7	10	70(46%)
	5-10yrs	27	2	6	4	2	41(28%)
	11-15yrs	11	0	4	2	3	20(11%)
	16-20yrs	8	0	4	4	0	16(13%)
	21+	3	0	0	0	0	3(2%)
	Median (yrs.)						5 years
Smoking Status	Ever Smoked	37	0	12	8	4	61(41%)
	Non- smoker	51	3	11	9	10	84(56%)
Use of nose mask	NO	83	2	18	16	14	133(89%)
on site	YES	8	1	6	1	0	16(11%)

Table 5 Association between Independent variables and chronic symptoms

Independent variables	Chronic Cough	Chronic Phlegm	Asthma	
variables	OR (95% CI) ^a	OR (95% CI) ^a	OR (95% CI) ^a	
Nose Mask	0.8(0.19,3.4)	-	0.5 (0.15-6.56) ^d	
Years of work				
1-5 years	Ref	Ref	Ref	
6-10 years	1.0(0.3,2.8)	1.2 (0.4,3.4)d	1.8(0.6,5.2)e	
11-15 years	0.6(1.9,2.6)	0.5(0.1,2.3)d	2.8(0.7,10.2)e	
16-20 years	1.4(0.3,6.6)	0.5(0.08,3.7)d	1.2(0.2,5.4)e	
21+ years	-	-	-	

a= Adjusted for Age, Smoking status, Gender, Years at OOWD and Use of nose mask *** $p \le 0.001$, * $p \le 0.01$, * $p \le 0.05$; c = $p \le 0.001$ (Wald, χ^2), d = $p \le 0.01$ (Wald, χ^2), e = $p \le 0.05$ (Wald, χ^2)