

Mikroplast på kjøkkenet

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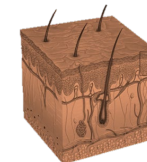
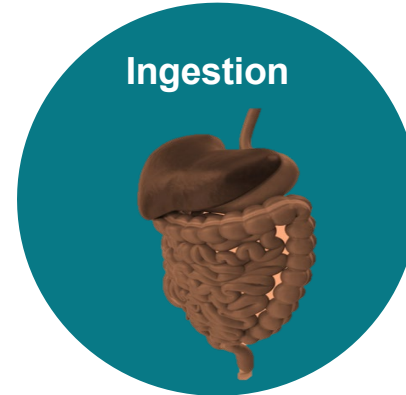
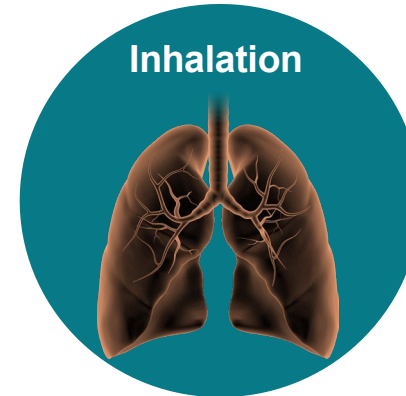
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MPS contamination in humans



Humans are potentially exposed to microplastics through several exposure pathways including food, drink, and air.

So far little is known about the occurrence of microplastics in indoor environments especially in connection with industrial activities dealing with the use of raw materials potentially enriched with micron sized plastics.



Evidence of MPs contamination in humans



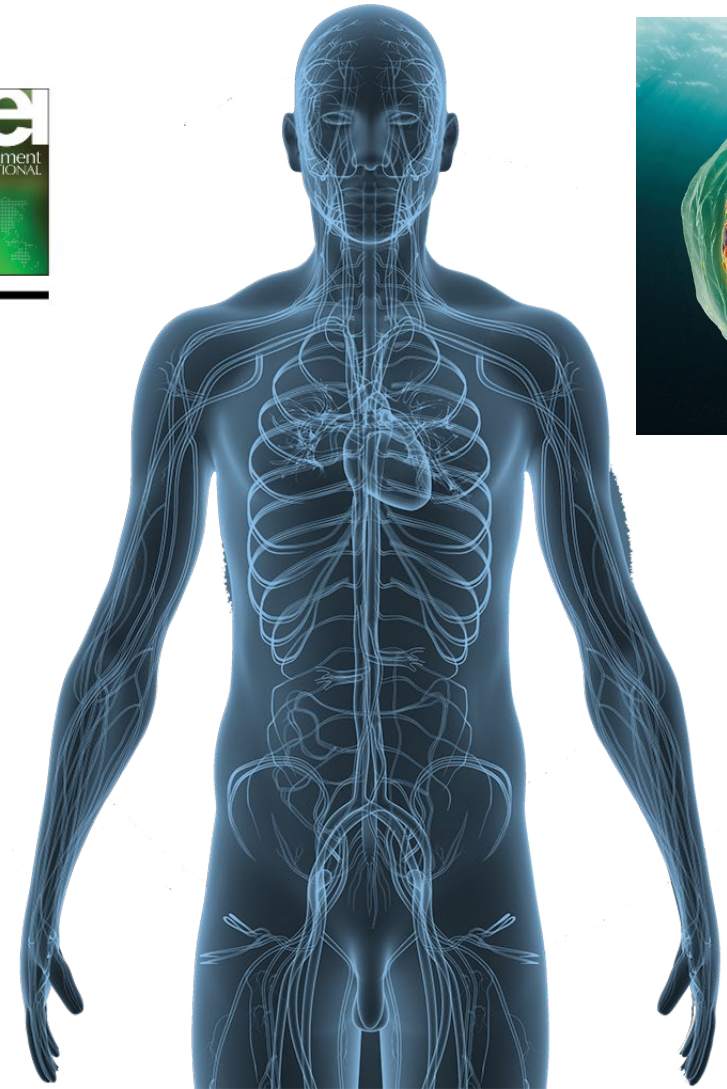
Full length article

Discovery and quantification of plastic particle pollution in human blood

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A small set of donors were studied.

The mean of the sum quantifiable plastic particles in blood was 1.5 $\mu\text{g/g}$...



Evidence of MPs contamination in humans



The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Microplastics and Nanoplastics in Atheromas and Cardiovascular Events

R. Marfella, F. Prattichizzo, C. Sardu, G. Fulgenzi, L. Graciotti, T. Spadoni,

304 patients – PE (polyethylene) detected in arotid artery plaque of 150 patients

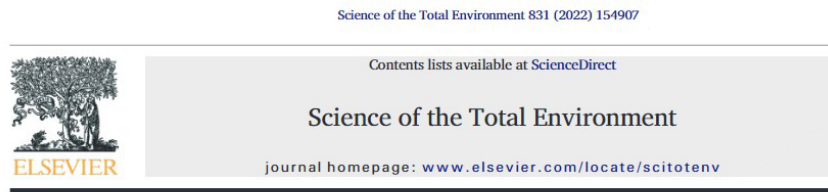
Mean level of 21.7 ± 24.5 μg per milligram of plaque (which means that 2.17% of the plaque was plastic ...)

31 patients had measurable amounts of PVC (polyvinyl chloride)

“Patients in whom MNPs were detected within the atheroma were at higher risk for a primary end-point event than those in whom these substances were not detected”



Evidence of MPs contamination in humans



Detection of microplastics in human lung tissue using μ FTIR spectroscopy

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Plasticenta: First evidence of microplastics in human placenta

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Article

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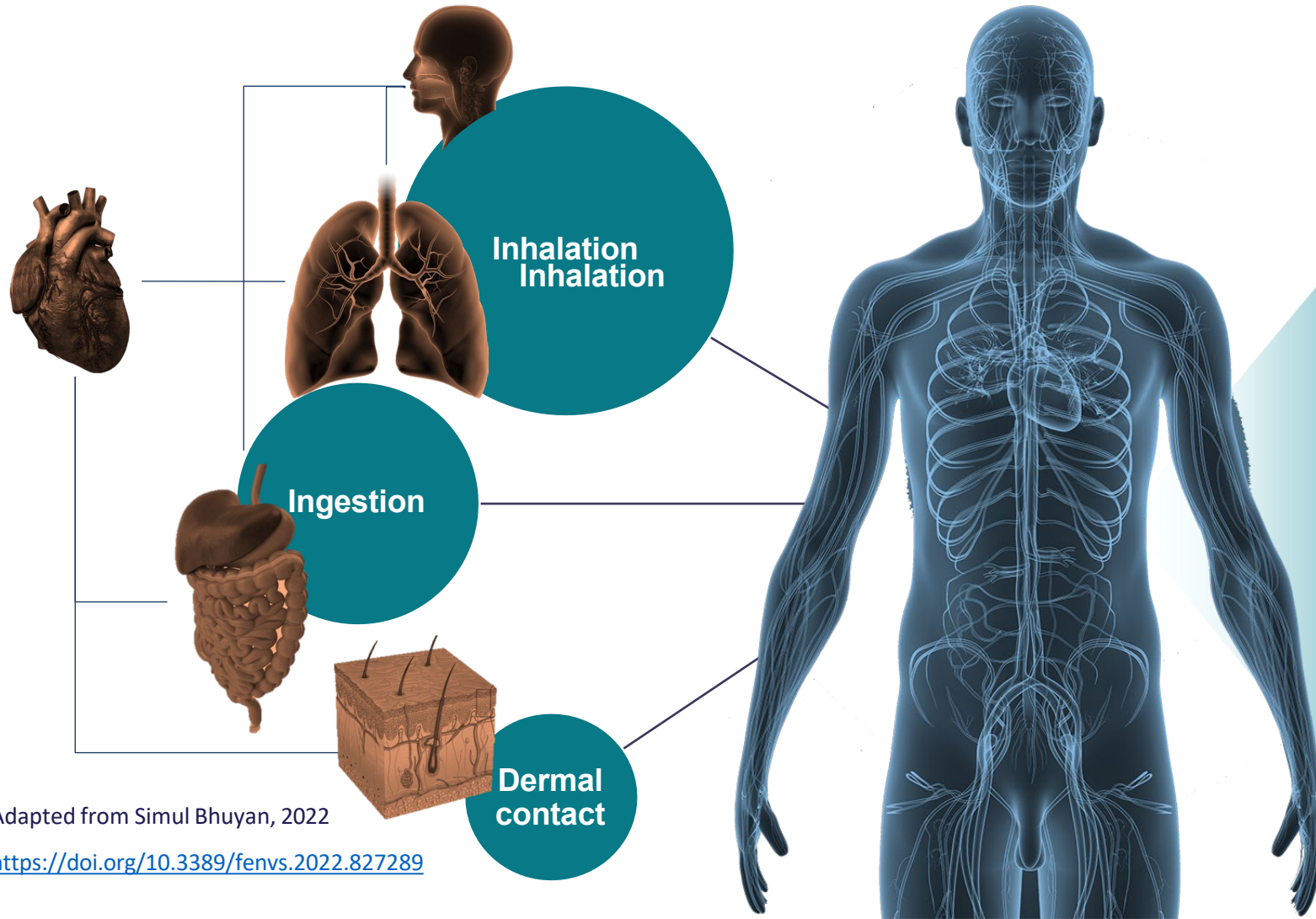
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Different exposure pathways ... several and potential effects in humans

target organs ...



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- Translocation to distant tissues
 - Destruction of immune system
 - Metabolism alteration
 - Oxidative stress
 - Cytotoxicity
 - Neurotoxicity
 - Carcinogenicity
 - Reproductive toxicity

Adapted from Simul Bhuyan, 2022

<https://doi.org/10.3389/fenvs.2022.827289>

Human exposure to microplastics during food preparation



Does the cooking process introduce microplastics into food items?



Habib et al.(2022) Plastic cutting boards as a source of microplastics in meat, Food Additives & Contaminants: Part A, 39:3, 609-619, DOI: 10.1080/19440049.2021.2017002



Whisking

Chopping



Mixing



Frying



Analysis



Selection of kitchen tools



Wood, glass and metal
cooking equipment

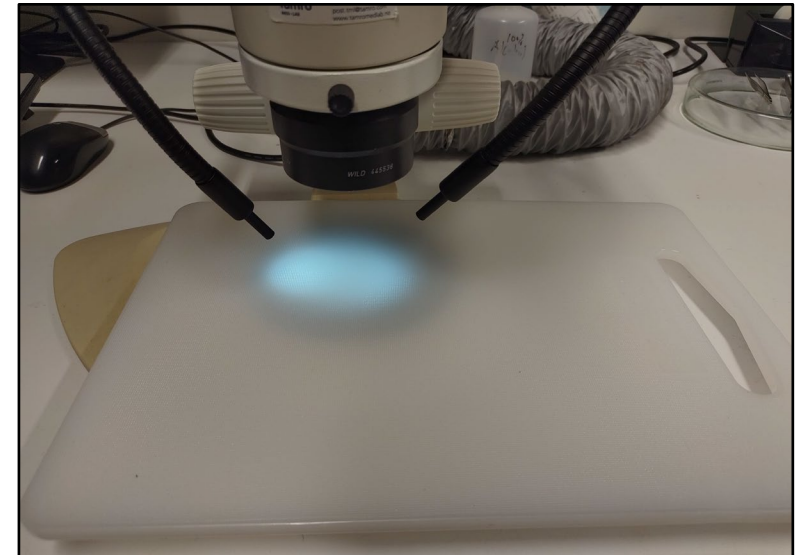
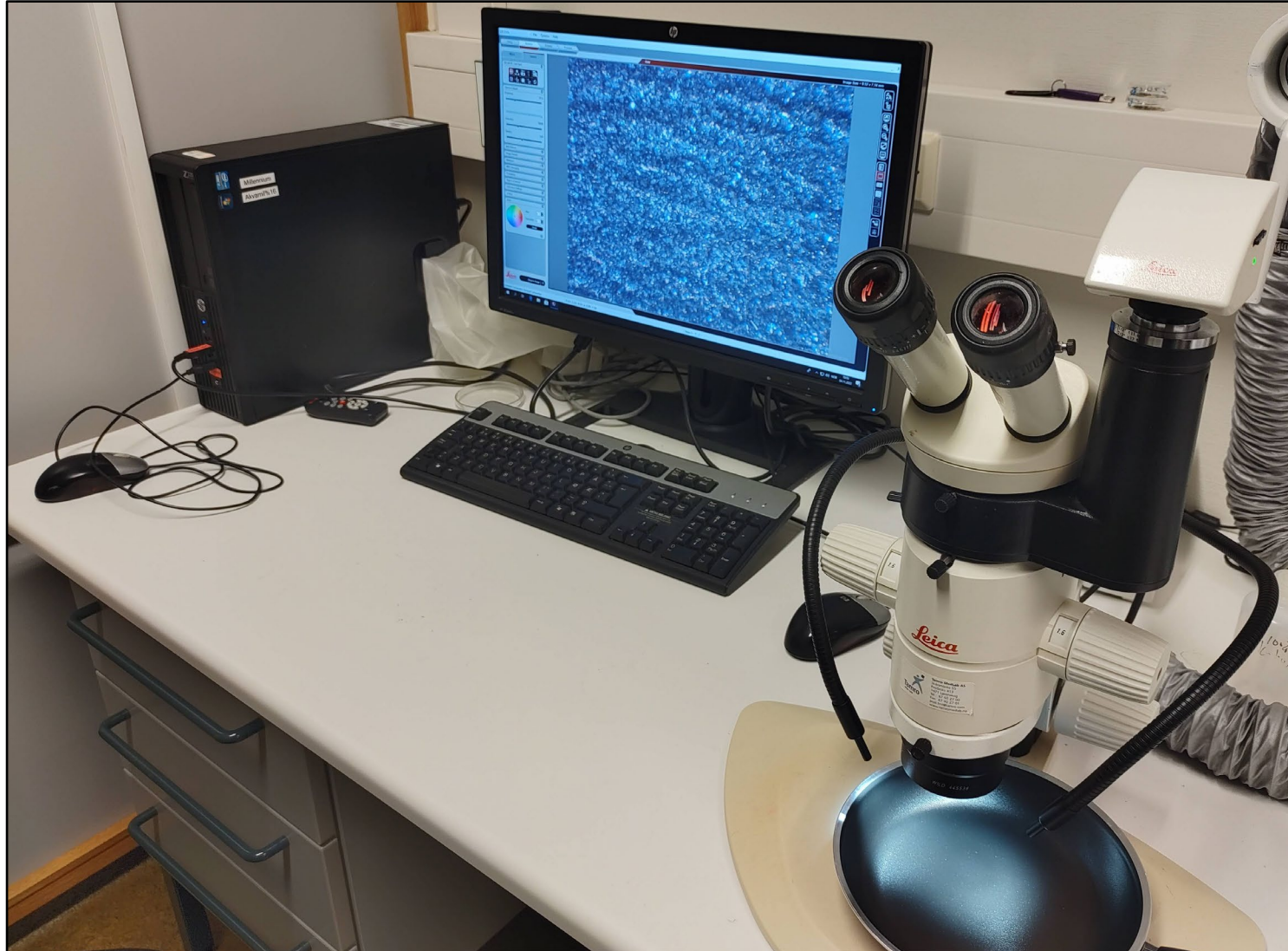


New plastic and Teflon
cooking equipment

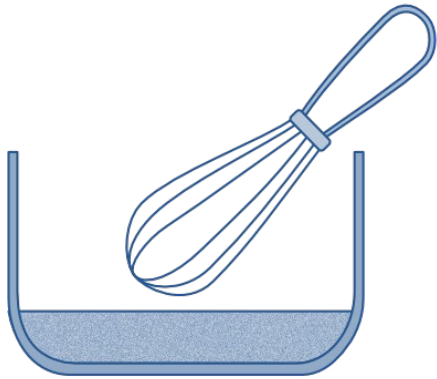


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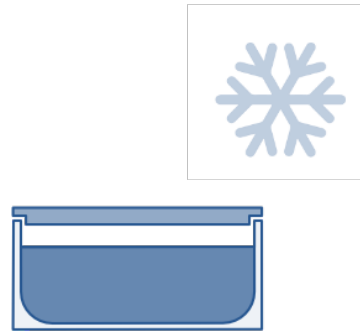
Charaterisation of tools



Harmonised process



Jelly (powder) mixed with ultrapure water and heated in **pan** at 100°C; stirred with **whisk** at set rate for given time.



Jelly (liquid) poured into **Tupperware** and chilled for 24 hours in refrigerator.

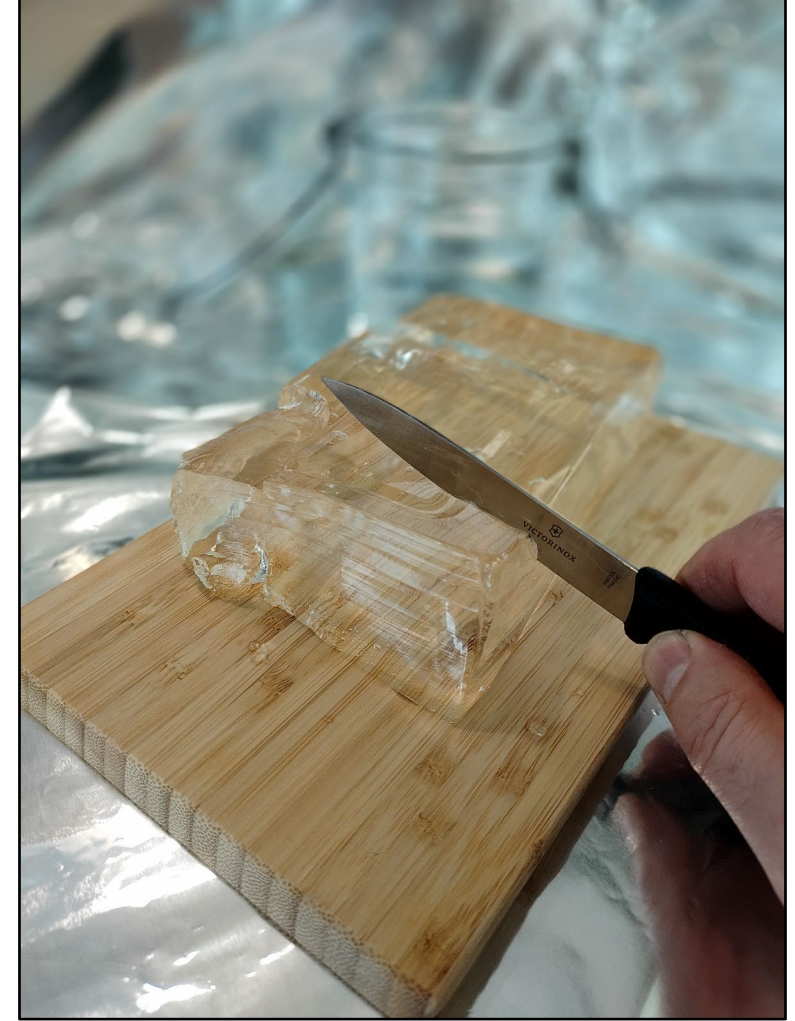


Jelly (set) cut using **sharp knife** on a **chopping board** for a set amount of slices.



Jelly (diced) heated in **bowl** in microwave for set time, stirring at halfway point with **spatula** for set number of stirs.

Cooking and chopping simulation – teflon pan / wooden board



Contamination Control



All sample preparation and analysis was performed in ultra clean labs

- Equipped with high efficiency low penetration HEPA filtration with an efficiency of over 99.9% for particles of 0.2-0.5 μm
- Overpressure and an airlock prevent dust entry
- The laboratory is entered with dedicated low-abrasion shoes and a cotton laboratory coat
- To reduce sample contamination during sample digestion and analysis equipment in contact with the sample or solutions were made of glass or stainless steel
- MilliQ water was used to prepare all solutions, and all final solutions were filtered using 0.7 μm glass fiber filters (VWR International) before use.



NORCE Ultra Clean Plast Lab, Mekjarvik

Analysis steps

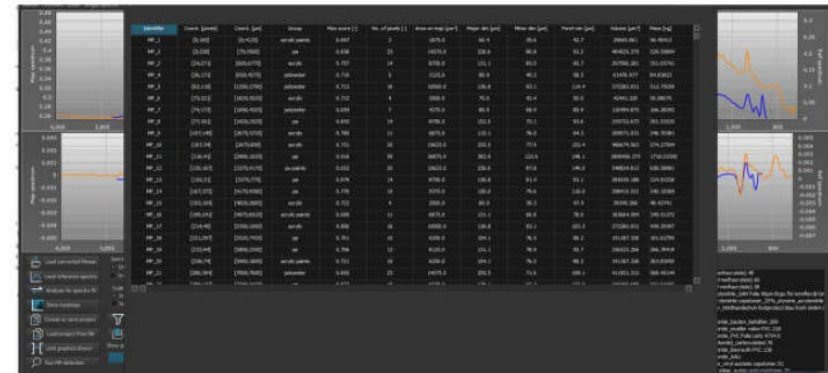
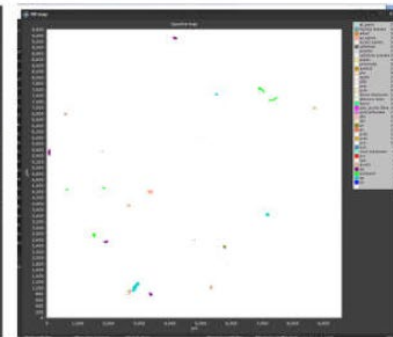
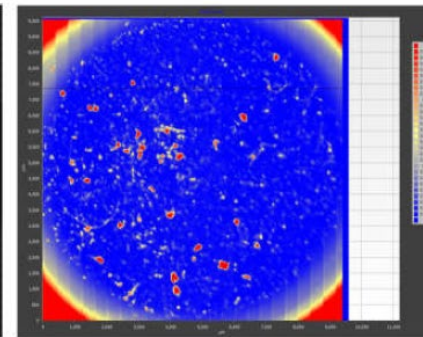
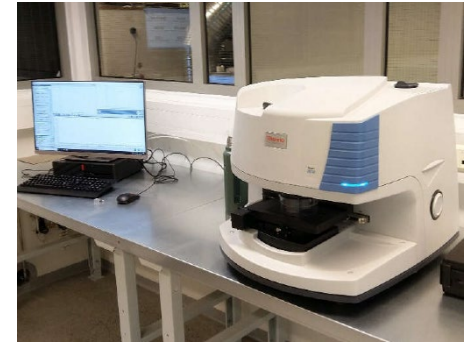
Jelly (liquid)



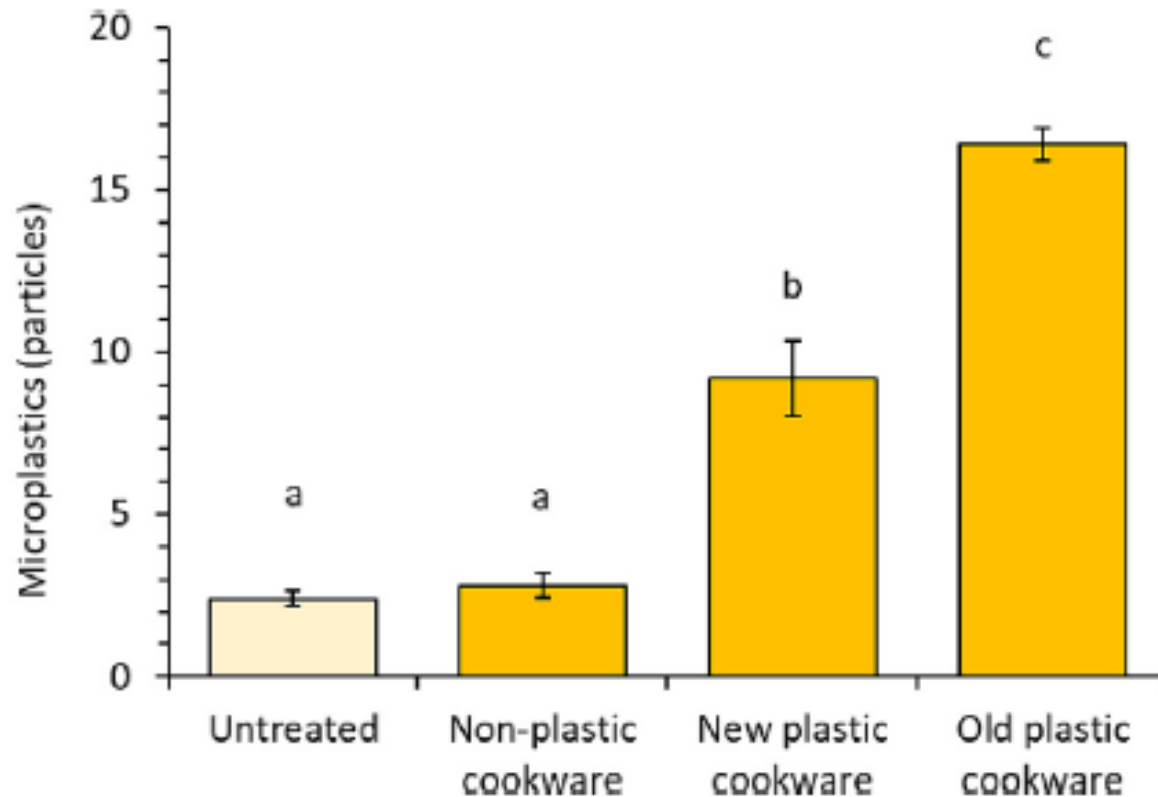
Particles trapped on
stainless steel mesh
filter



Quantify and characterise
microplastics using microscopy and
FT-IR



Results



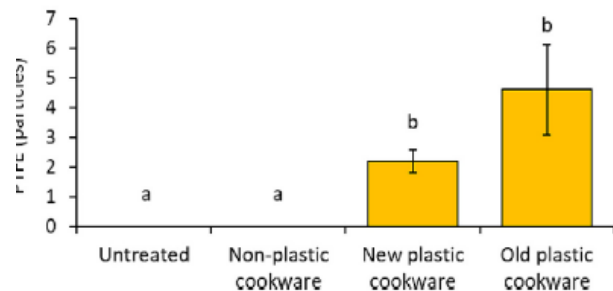
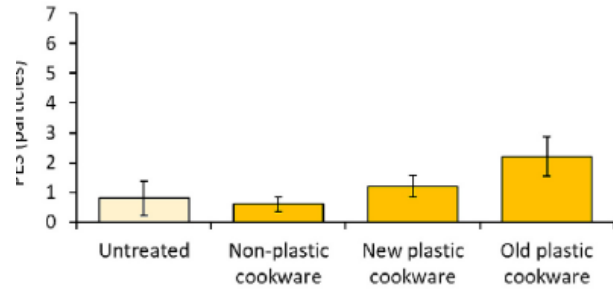
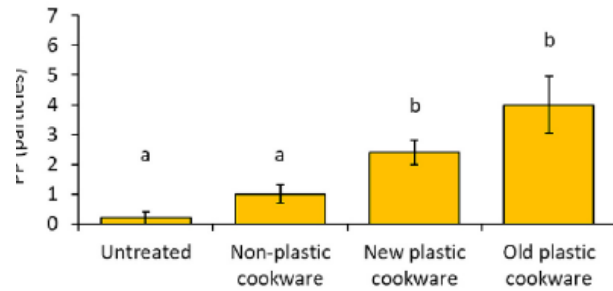
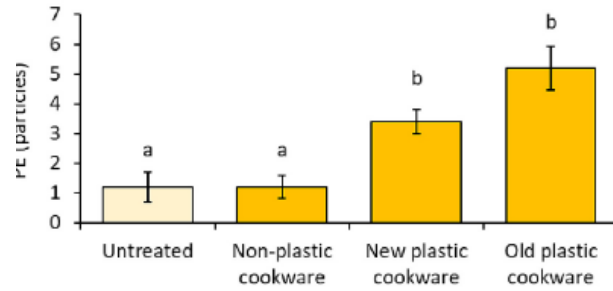
The **unprocessed food** simulant contained **2.4 ± 0.2** microplastics.

Prepared with **non-plastic cookware**, the food simulant contained **2.8 ± 0.4 MPS** (not significantly different from the unprocessed food simulant).

Food simulant prepared with **new plastic cookware** contained **9.2 ± 1.2 MPs** (significantly greater than observed in unprocessed food stimulant and food stimulant prepared with non-plastic cookware)

Food simulant prepared with **old plastic cookware** contained the highest microplastic load of **16.4 ± 0.5 MPs** (significantly greater than observed in all other treatments).

Plastic type composition



Preparing the food simulant with plastic cookware resulted in significant increases in polyethylene, polypropylene and polytetrafluoroethylene particles contaminating the food simulant.

Conclusion



This study provides an estimation of the release of $>10\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ microplastics from plastic cookware used to prepare food in a real-world scenario.

Microplastic contamination was significantly affected by the material and age of cookware used to prepare the food simulant

The release of microplastics stem from thermal and mechanical degradation

Thank you

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