

*Supporting Information*

Particulate matter induces airway epithelial barrier dysfunction *in vivo* and *in vitro*: from a more realistic inhalation scenario

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**Figure S1. Representative pictures of lung tissues in C57BL/6 mice exposed to PM<sub>2.5</sub> (3 mg/kg b.w.) every other day for 4 weeks.**

**Table S1. The primers for PCR reactions in the current study.**

Genes	Species	Forward (5'-3')	Reverse (5'-3')
ZO-1	human	AGCCATTCCCGAAGGAGTTG	GCAAAAGACCAACCGTCAGG
Ocludin	human	TGC GGCGAGCGGATTG	TGGACTTCAAGAGGCCTGG
claudin-2	human	TATGTCGGTGCCAGCATTGT	GCTACCGCCACTCTGTCTTT
E-cadherin	human	AATGCCGCCATCGCTTAC	AGGCACCTGACCCTTGTA
$\beta$ -catenin	human	ATGACTCGAGCTCAGAGGGT	ATTGCACGTGTGGCAAGTTC
Muc5ac	mouse	CTGTGACATTATCCCATAAGCCC	AAGGGGTATAGCTGGCCTGA
Muc5b	mouse	GTGGCCTTGCTCATGGTGT	GGACGAAGGTGACATGCCT
$\beta$ -actin	human	CTGGAACGGTGAAGGTGACA	AAGGGACTCCTGTAACAAATGCA
Gapdh	mouse	TGGTCCAGGGTTCTTACTC	GTTGTCTCCTGCGACTTCA