

Reduction in Placental Metal and Metalloid in Preeclampsia: A Case–Control Study

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Table S1. Median (IQR) concentrations of placental metal and metalloid measured in preeclampsia subgroups by FGR.

	Healthy control subjects n = 113	Preeclampsia without FGR n = 49	Preeclampsia with FGR n = 14	p-Value
Magnesium	1809.58 (1500.01,2340.72)	1496.13 (1199.6 , 1897.06)	1278.4 (923.33 , 1703.87)	0.006
Calcium	3341.57 (2208.47,6907.35)	2419.17 (1399.99,3369.36)	1648.74 (762.83,2363.44)	0.002
Chromium	18.65 (10.65,22.65)	9.59 (7.51 , 16.37)	8.42 (6.74 , 11.79)	<.001
Manganese	2.51 (1.7,3.09)	1.95 (1.35 , 2.51)	1.82 (1.15 , 2.43)	0.005
Iron	1554.66 (1239.73,1960.29)	1055.93 (883.22 , 1435.87)	806.1 (647.66 , 894.21)	<.001
Cobalt	4.83 (0.13,6.98)	4.26 (2.28 , 6.69)	4.21 (3.11 , 5.71)	0.898
Copper	13.69 (11.29,17.04)	11.37 (10.0 , 13.3)	10.77 (8.42 , 13.54)	<.001
Zinc	165.31 (141.18,199.22)	118.39 (98.69 , 142.76)	109.96 (76.45 , 128.68)	<.001
Selenium	3.21 (2.56,4.15)	2.47 (2.18 , 2.84)	2.25 (1.59 , 2.74)	<.001
Cadmium	0.24 (0.17,0.36)	0.22 (0.15 , 2.35)	0.20 (0.17 , 1.38)	0.827
Arsenic	0.33 (0.29,0.39)	0.23 (0.19 , 0.29)	0.25 (0.19 , 0.28)	<.001

Table S2. Median (IQR) concentrations of placental metal and metalloid measured in healthy control and preeclampsia subgroups by gestational age.

Metal and Metalloid	Healthy Control n = 113	Term Preeclampsia n = 33	Preterm Preeclampsia n = 20	Extremely Preterm Preeclampsia n = 10	p-Value
Mg	1809.58 (1500.01– 2340.72)	1437.01 (1166.51– 1757.01)	1645.19(1160.97,1846.6)	1472.48(1226.08,1820.85)	<.001
Ca	3341.57 (2208.47,6907.35)	2457.94 (1687.26,3598.42)	2006.478(762.834,2692.064)	2335.174(883.41,2990.359)	0.004
Cr	18.65 (10.65–22.65)	8.66 (7.22–13.45)	9.41(7.32,17.79)	12.6(8.46,19.08)	<.001
Mn	2.51 (1.70–3.09)	1.89 (1.16–2.31)	1.91(1.2,2.69)	2.36(1.86,2.69)	0.012
Fe	1554.66 (1239.73– 1960.29)	1064.32 (894.21– 1453.42)	923.98(789.85,1130.09)	826.86(706.09,1006.56)	<.001
Co	4.83 (0.13–6.98)	4.44 (2.28–6.69)	3.44(1.39,5.26)	5.12(2.93,5.76)	0.327
Cu	13.69 (11.29–17.04)	10.82 (9.53–13.51)	11.48(10.3,13.53)	10.15(9.88,12.74)	0.019
Zn	165.31 (141.18–199.22)	115.98 (92.23–136.54)	126.45(98.94,163.39)	123.07(106.05,138.17)	<.001
Se	3.21 (2.56–4.15)	2.46 (2.08–2.89)	2.45(2.13,2.82)	2.48(1.9,2.74)	<.001
Cd	0.24 (0.17–0.36)	0.20 (0.14–0.27)	0.21(0.19,0.95)	0.27(0.17,0.28)	0.952
As	0.33 (0.29–0.39)	0.22 (0.19–0.27)	0.26(0.2,0.3)	0.28(0.26,0.31)	<.001

Values are presented as Median (P25, P75), p value was based on the Wilcoxon-Mann-Whitney test
 * Preterm, delivery after 28 weeks of gestation and less than 37 weeks of gestation; Extremely preterm, delivery before 28 weeks of gestation. Values are presented as median (P25, P75), P values was based on the Wilcoxon-Mann-Whitney test for the comparison between subgroups of preeclampsia with or without extremely preterm. Abbreviation: As: arsenic; Ca: calcium; Cd: cadmium; Co: cobalt; Cr: chromium; Cu: copper; Fe: iron; Mg: magnesium; Mn: manganese; Se: selenium; Zn: zinc.

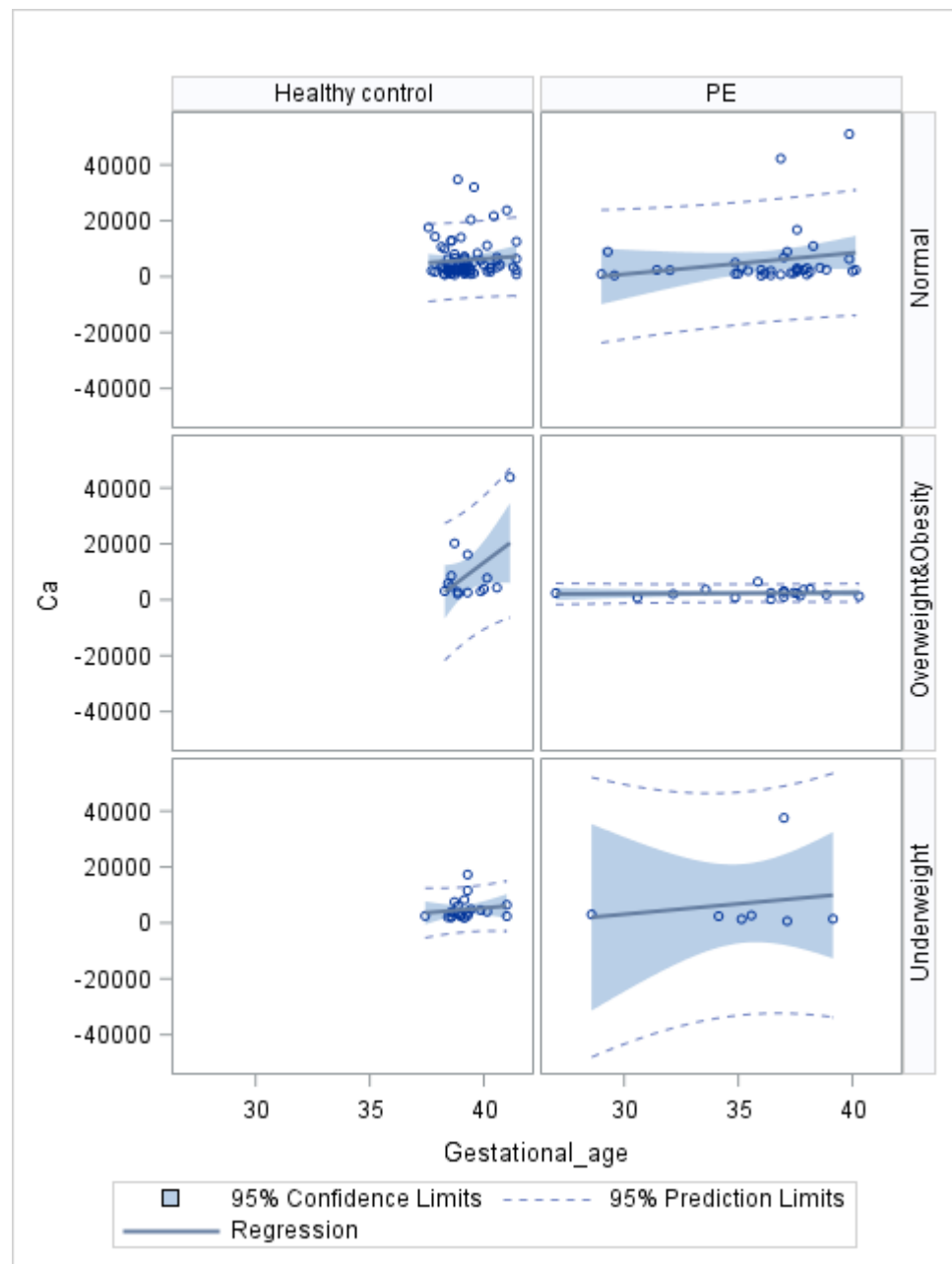


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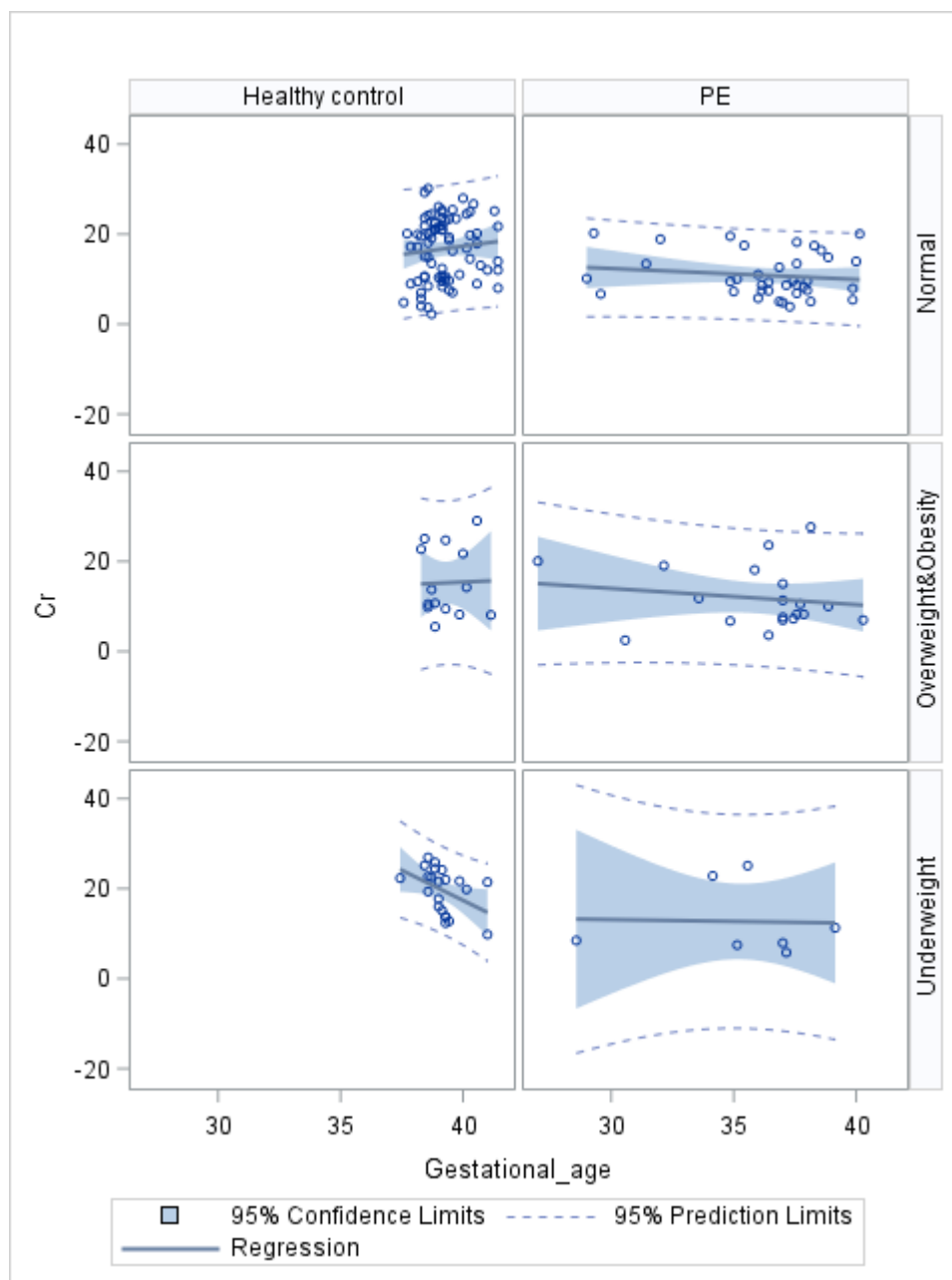


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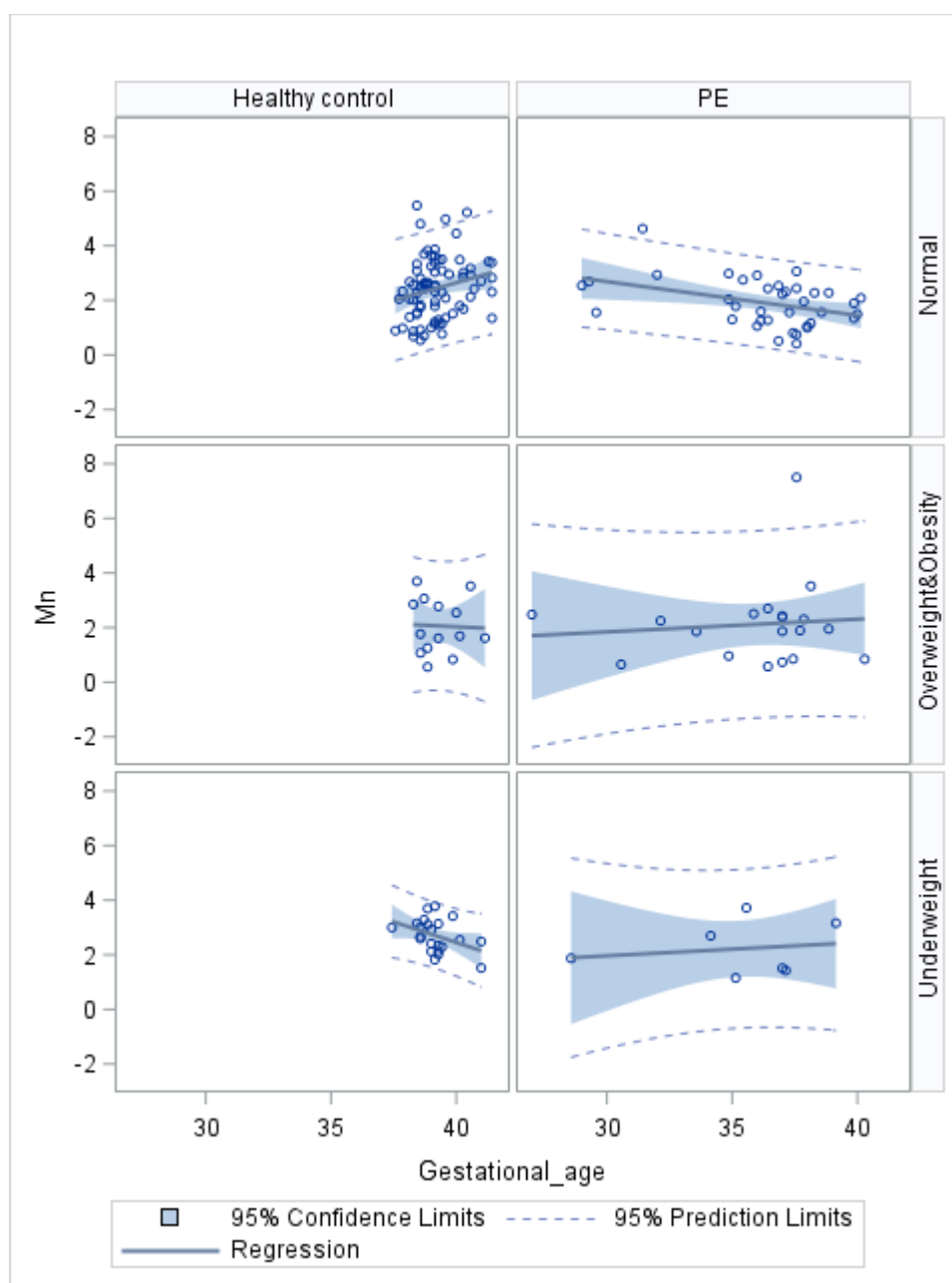


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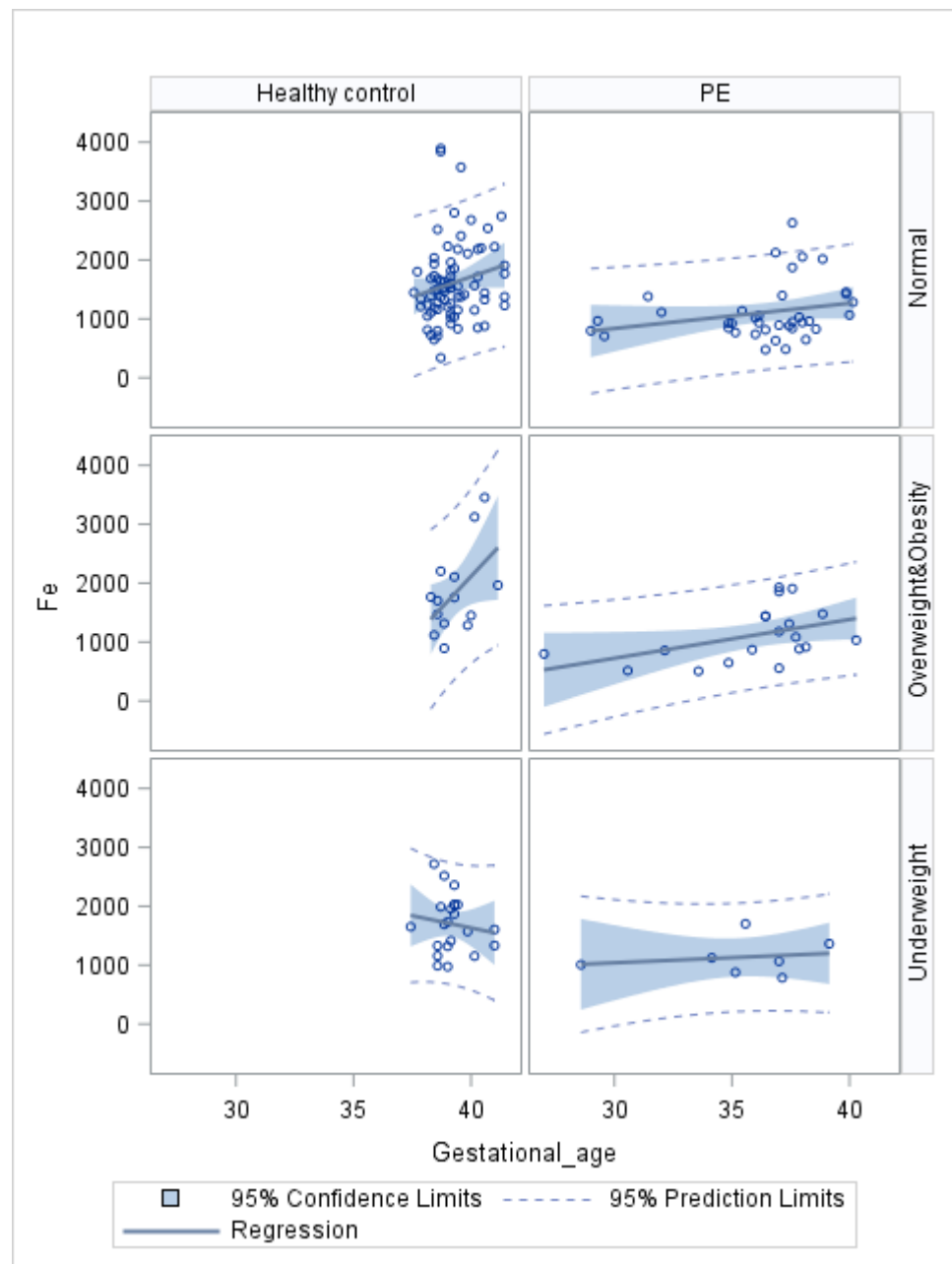


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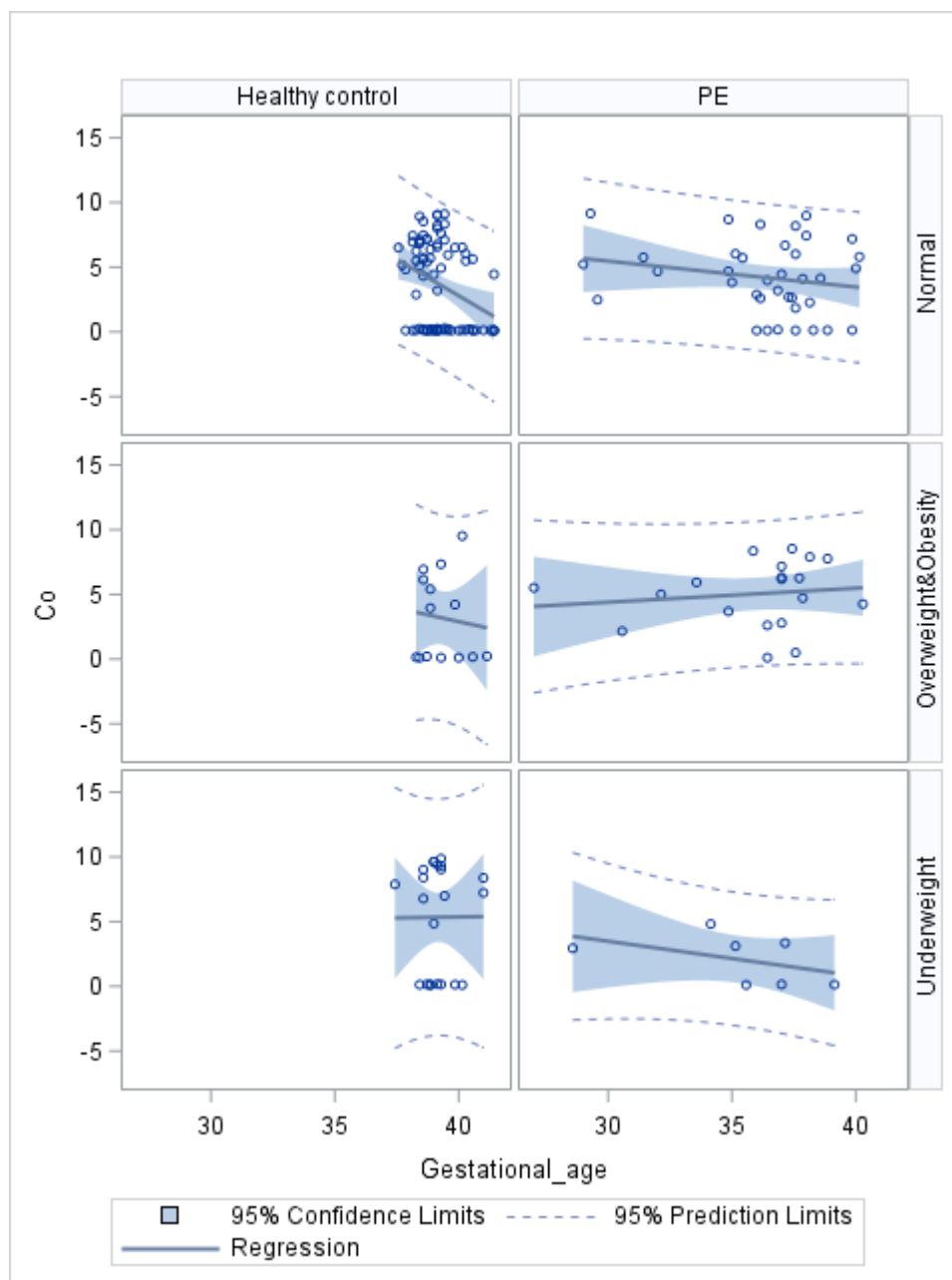


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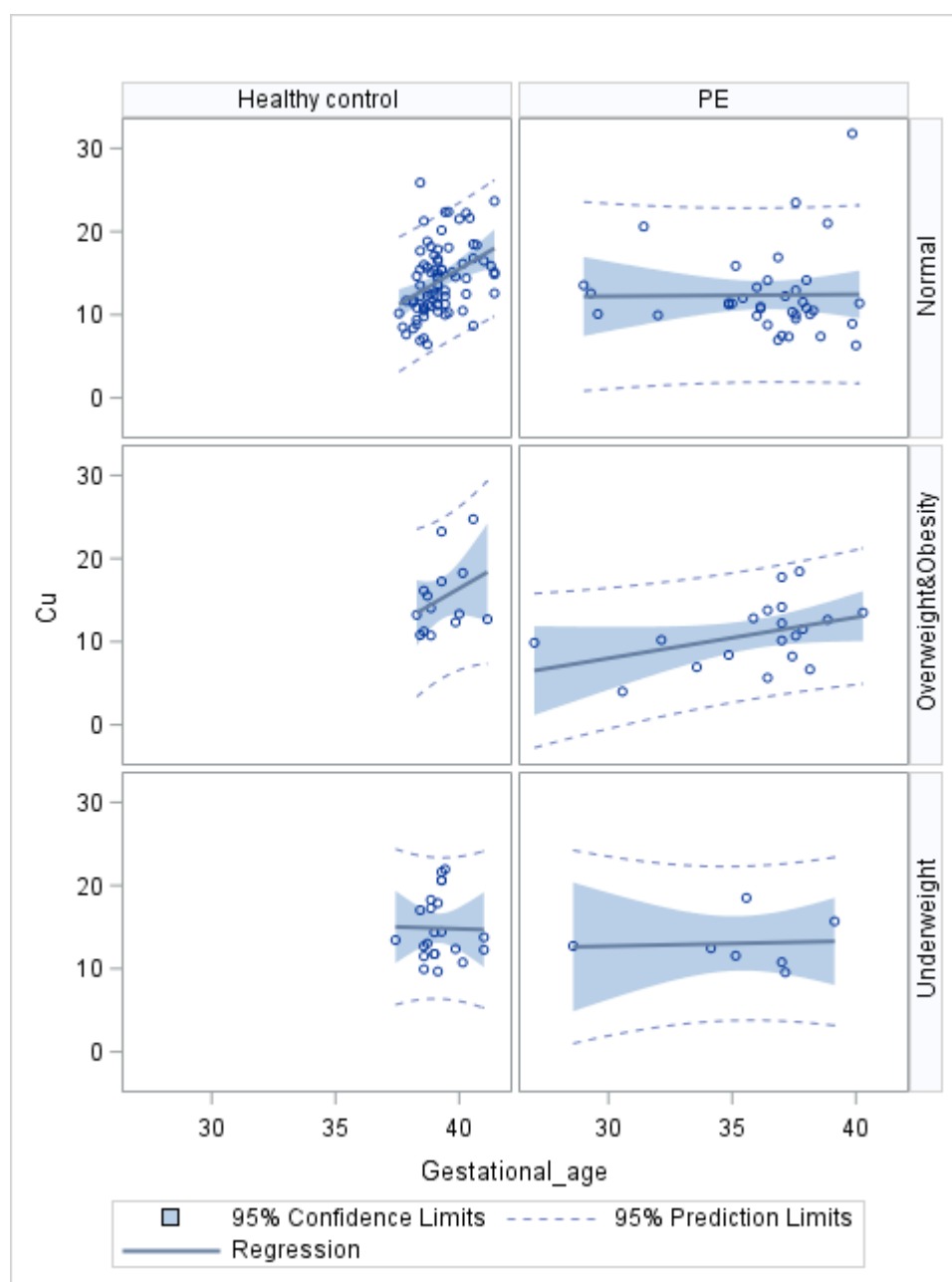


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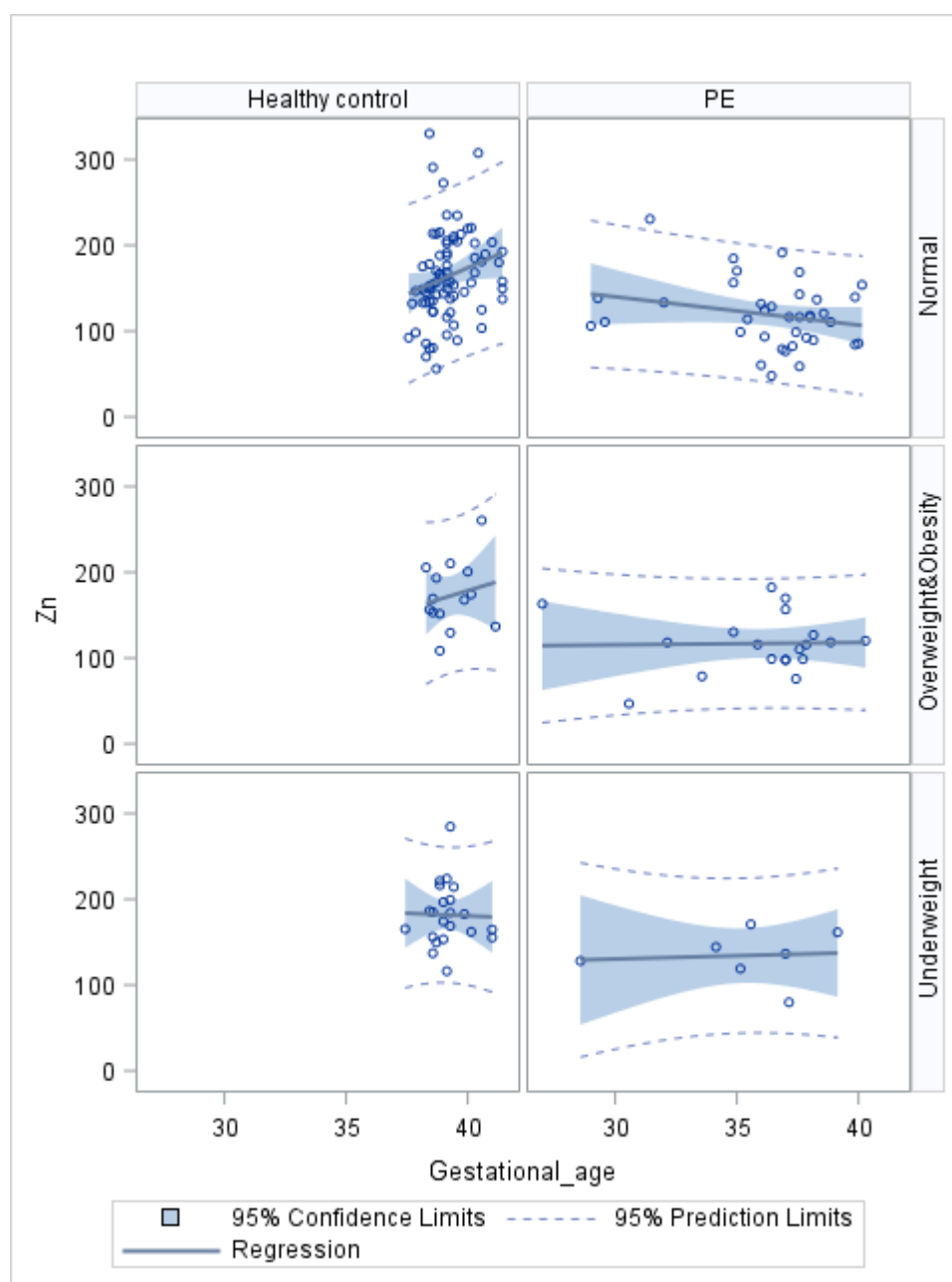


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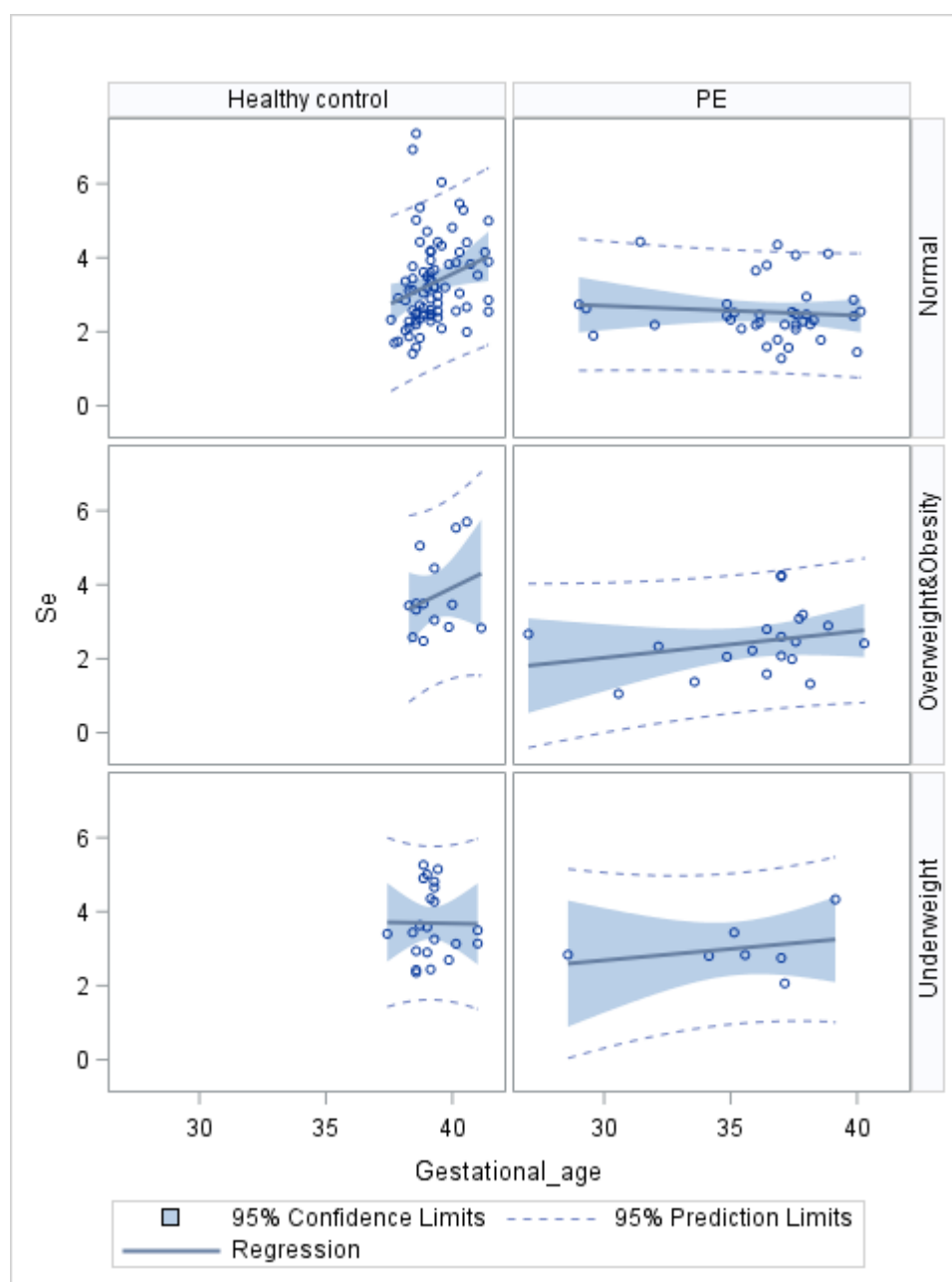


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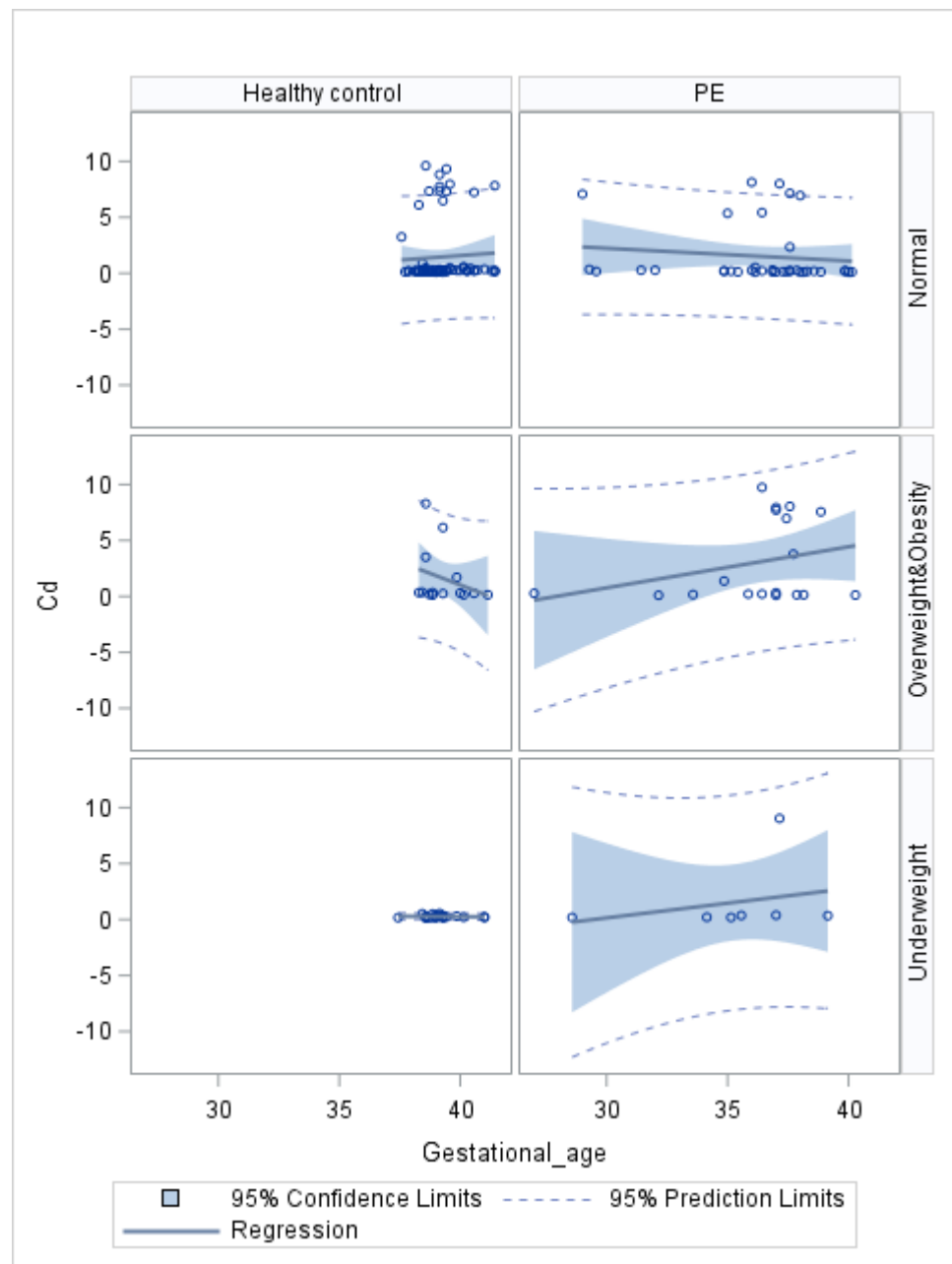


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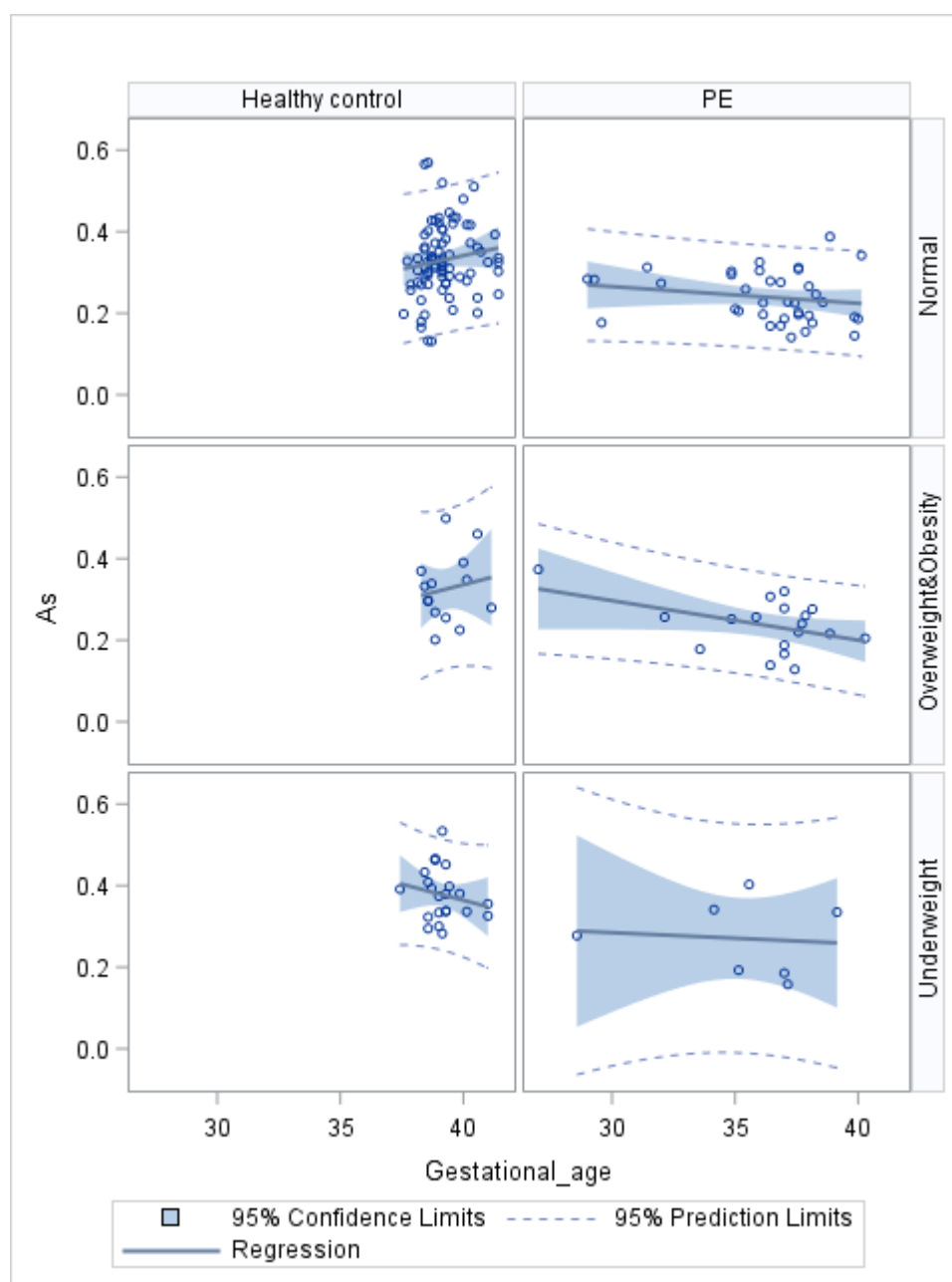


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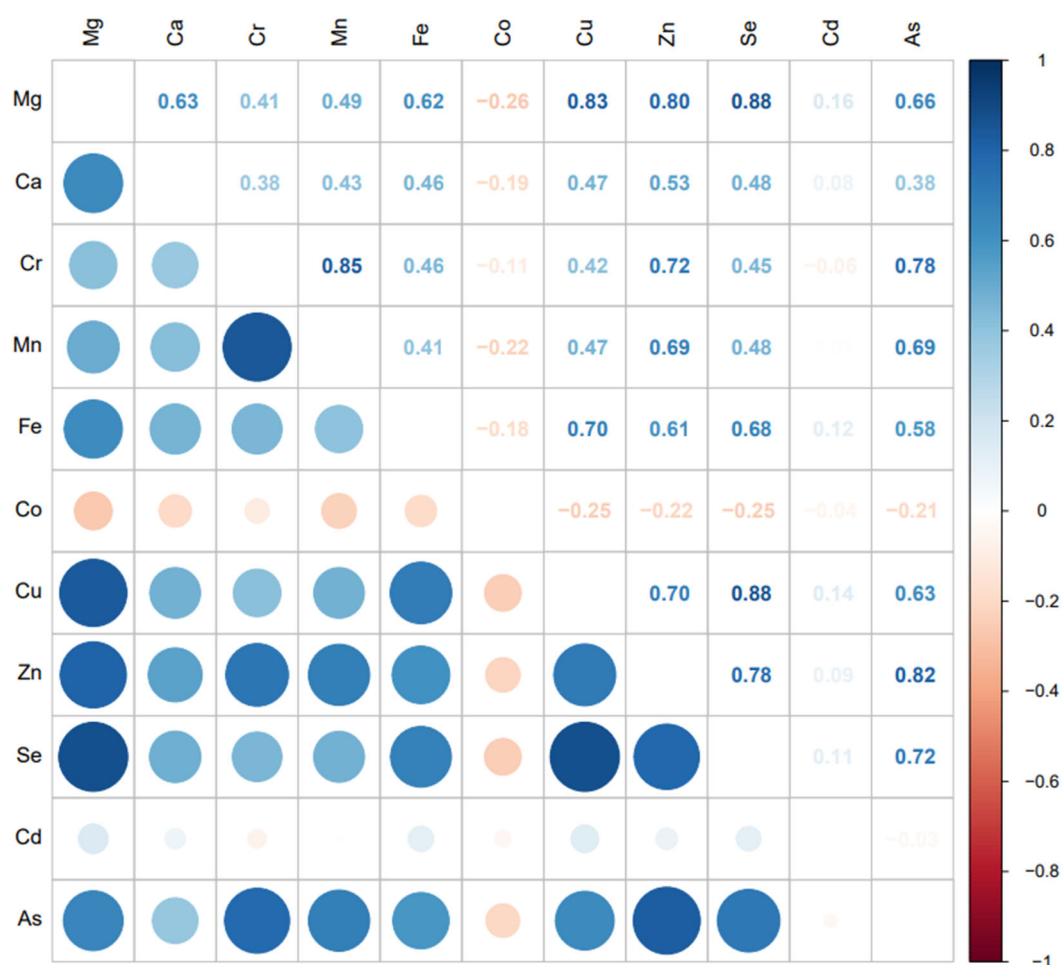


Figure S11. The correlation of metals/metalloids measured in placental for the whole study population (n = 176). Abbreviation: As: arsenic; Ca: calcium; Cd: cadmium; Co: cobalt; Cr: chromium; Cu: copper; Fe: iron; Mg: magnesium; Mn: manganese; Se: selenium; Zn: zinc

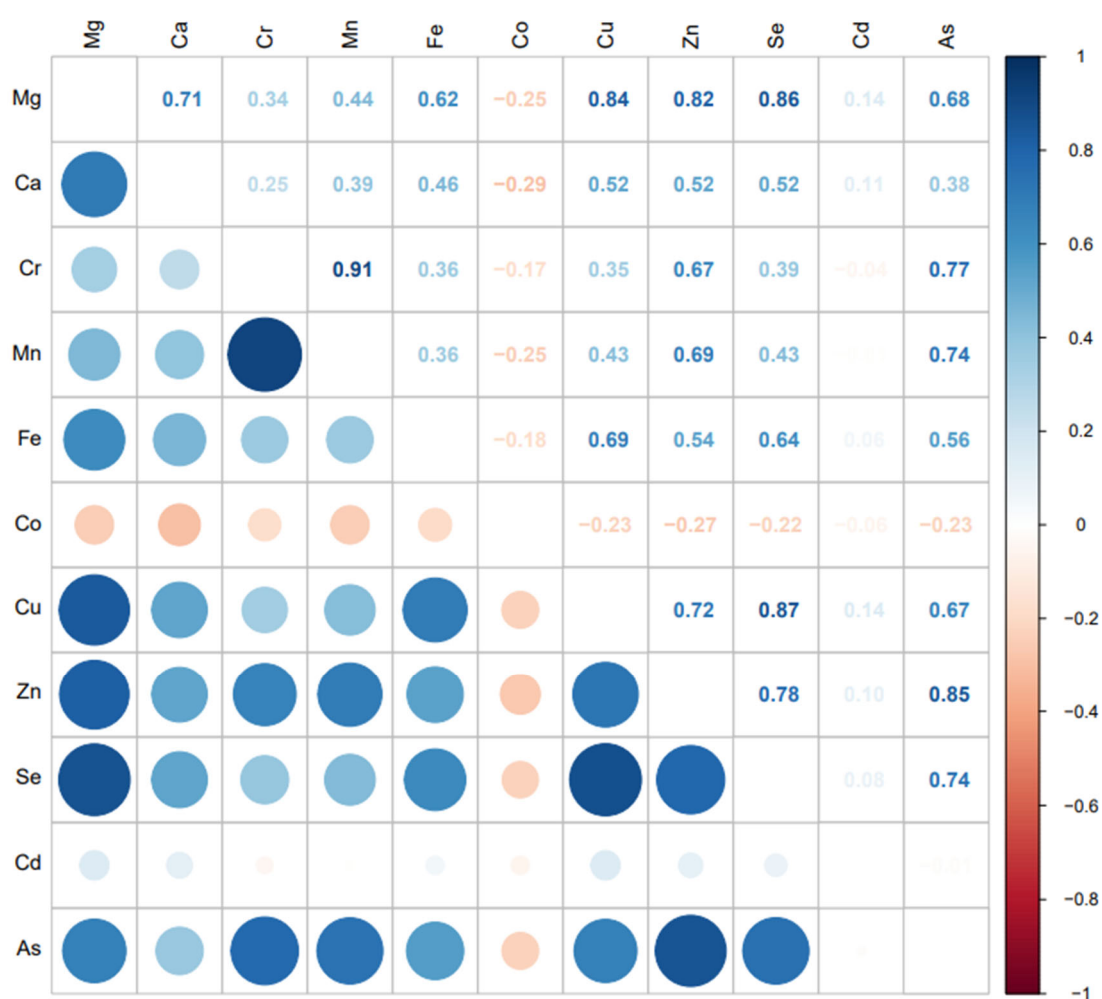


Figure S12. The correlation of metals/metalloids measured in placental for the healthy control subjects (n = 113). Abbreviation: As: arsenic; Ca: calcium; Cd: cadmium; Co: cobalt; Cr: chromium; Cu: copper; Fe: iron; Mg: magnesium; Mn: manganese; Se: selenium; Zn: zinc

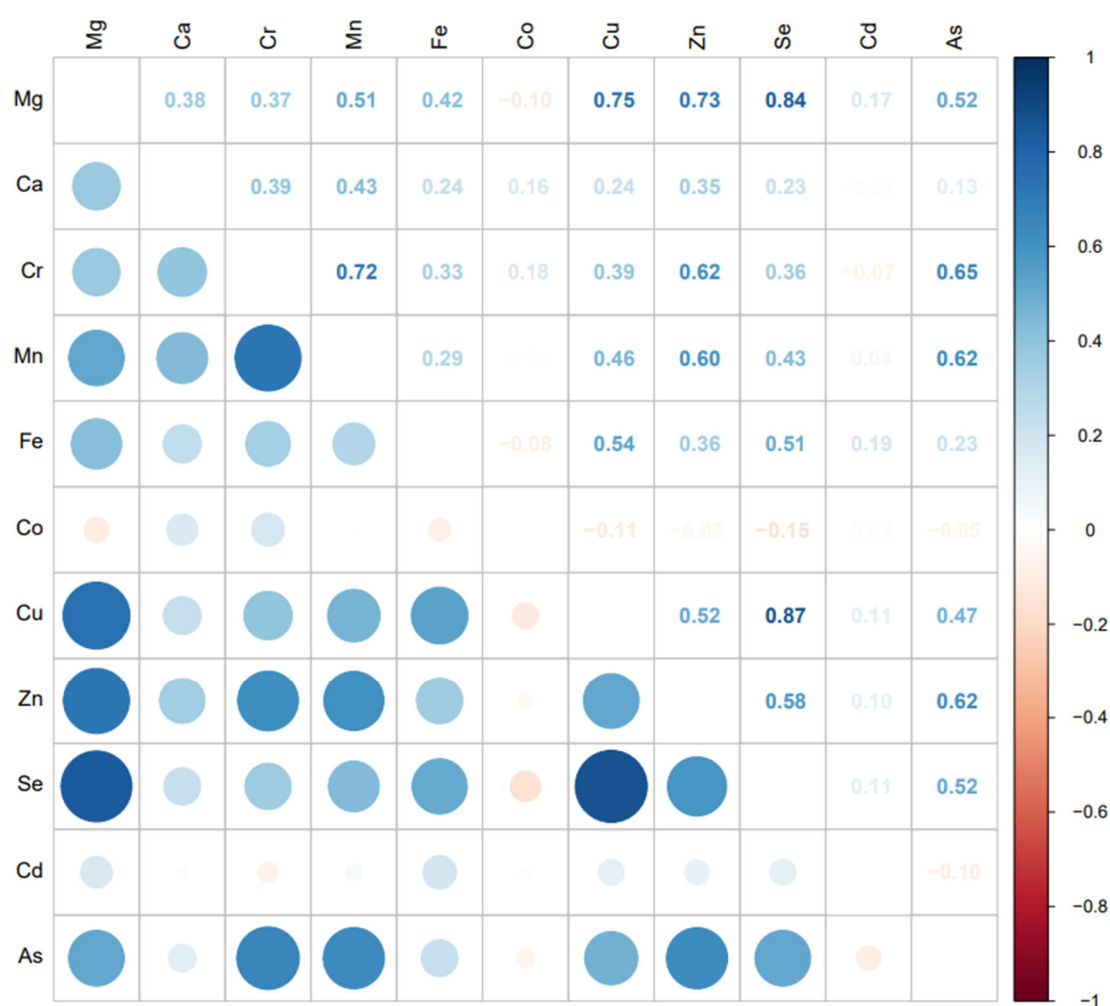


Figure S13. The correlation of metals/metalloids measured in placental for the preeclampsia group (n = 63). Abbreviation: As: arsenic; Ca: calcium; Cd: cadmium; Co: cobalt; Cr: chromium; Cu: copper; Fe: iron; Mg: magnesium; Mn: manganese; Se: selenium; Zn: zinc

Supplemented information on the assay of metal and metalloid in placenta

Placentas were collected promptly following delivery or termination of pregnancy, assigned codes, frozen, and stored in -80 °C freezers at the biobank of the Shanghai International Peace Maternity and Child Health Hospital (IPMCH) until analysis. Subsequently, all placental samples were sent in a batch to the assessment laboratory at Fudan University for determination using inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS, NexION 300X, PerkinElmer, USA).

1. Before measurement, placentas were defrosted at 4 °C and rinsed with deionized water to remove residual blood, and subsequently dried using filter paper.
2. Approximately 0.5 grams of wet weight was weighed on an analytical balance and placed in a polytetrafluoroethylene digestion vessel
3. 5 ml of concentrated nitric acid (70% ultrapure nitric acid from BASF, Germany) was added. Microwave digestion system (CEM MARS, USA) was performed until complete dissolution, the digestion system operate at a maximum power of 1600W.
4. Followed by diluting to 50ml with deionized water for analysis.

Proto-col	Power (W)	Power en- ters (%)	Ramp (min)	Parameter (C°)	Holdtime (min)
1	1600	100	10	120	5
2	1600	100	8	190	20

Notes.

- In the test, all the standard substances used were purchased from PerkinElmer (standard solution, PerkinElmer mixed standard No. 3, 10 µg/mL, 5% nitric acid;)
- All reagent solutions were ultrapure, and water was produced by a purification system (Direct-Q-UV Millipore, Billerica, MA, USA).
- The initial calibration of ICP-MS and ICP-OES was verified by cesium (GSB 04-1745-2004).
- The operators were blind to the groups of samples.