

## Supporting Information

### Placental levels of essential and non-essential trace element in relation to birth weight in north-western Spain. Application of generalized additive models

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Table S1: List of essential and nonessential trace elements analyzed in the study.

| Chemical symbol   | Element    |
|-------------------|------------|
| <sup>75</sup> As  | Arsenic    |
| <sup>111</sup> Cd | Cadmium    |
| <sup>59</sup> Co  | Cobalt     |
| <sup>65</sup> Cu  | Copper     |
| <sup>202</sup> Hg | Mercury    |
| <sup>7</sup> Li   | Lithium    |
| <sup>55</sup> Mn  | Manganese  |
| <sup>98</sup> Mo  | Molybdenum |
| <sup>60</sup> Ni  | Niquel     |
| <sup>208</sup> Pb | Lead       |
| <sup>85</sup> Rb  | Rubidium   |
| <sup>82</sup> Se  | Selenium   |
| <sup>88</sup> Sr  | Strontium  |
| <sup>66</sup> Zn  | Zinc       |

Table S2: Recoveries of the targeted metals obtained using CRM.

| Element   | Determined value (mg/kg) | Certified value (mg/kg) | R (%) |
|-----------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------|
| DOLT-4    |                          |                         |       |
| Ni        | 0.90 ± 0.08              | 0.9 ± 0.10              | 101   |
| Cu        | 31 ± 0.8                 | 31 ± 1.1                | 100   |
| Zn        | 125 ± 0.9                | 116 ± 6.0               | 107   |
| As        | 10 ± 0.20                | 9.7 ± 0.60              | 106   |
| Se        | 9.2 ± 0.40               | 8.3 ± 1.3               | 111   |
| Hg        | 2.6 ± 0.20               | 2.6 ± 0.20              | 101   |
| Pb        | 0.20 ± 0.010             | 0.20 ± 0.040            | 105   |
| ERM-BB422 |                          |                         |       |
| Cu        | 1.7 ± 0.10               | 1.7 ± 0.20              | 103   |
| Zn        | 17 ± 0.30                | 16 ± 1.1                | 108   |
| As        | 15 ± 0.50                | 13 ± 0.70               | 116   |
| Se        | 1.5 ± 0.040              | 1.3 ± 0.10              | 112   |
| Cd        | 0.010 ± 0.010            | 0.010 ± 0.010           | 109   |

DOLT-4: Dogfish liver (Supplier: National Research Council, Canada); ERM-BB422: Fish muscle (Supplier: National Research Council, Canada). CRM: Certified reference materials.

Table S3. Detection and quantification limits for the targeted metals and trace elements ( $\mu\text{g/g dw}$ )

| Element | LOD    | LOQ    |
|---------|--------|--------|
| As      | 0.016  | 0.054  |
| Cd      | 0.0003 | 0.0009 |
| Co      | 0.0004 | 0.0015 |
| Cu      | 0.0066 | 0.022  |
| Hg      | 0.0011 | 0.0037 |
| Li      | 0.0007 | 0.0022 |
| Mn      | 0.0025 | 0.0082 |
| Mo      | 0.0075 | 0.025  |
| Ni      | 0.055  | 0.18   |
| Pb      | 0.0003 | 0.0009 |
| Rb      | 0.0003 | 0.0009 |
| Se      | 0.0014 | 0.0046 |
| Sr      | 0.0024 | 0.0081 |
| Zn      | 0.045  | 0.15   |

LOD: Limits of detection; LOQ: Limits of quantification

## Figures

Fig. Suppl 1: Metals and trace elements determination in placenta samples.

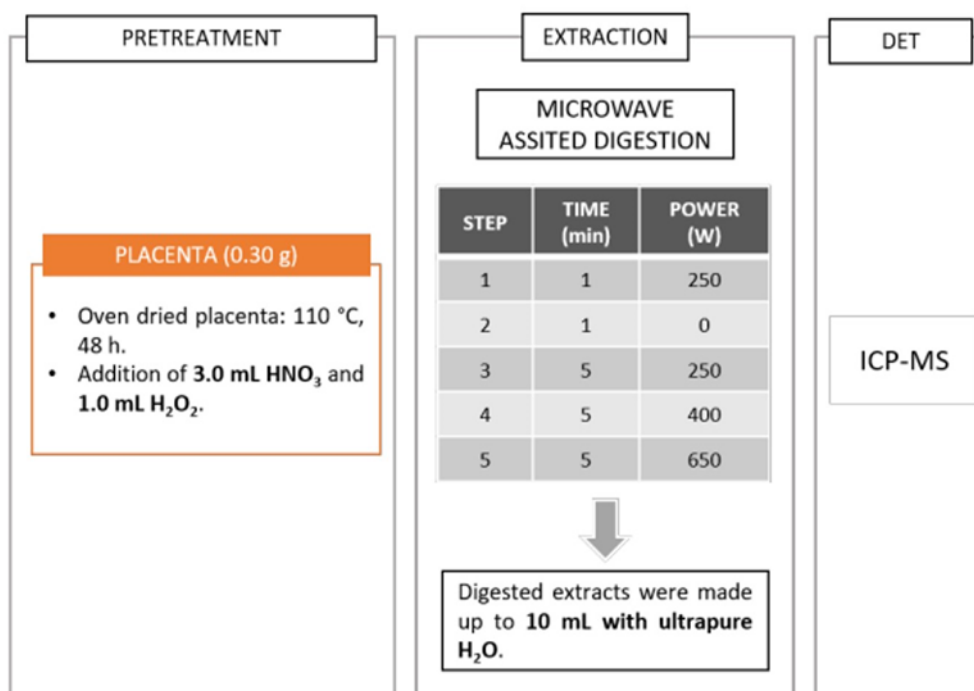


Fig. Suppl 2. GLM models for Cd ( $p = 0.604$ )

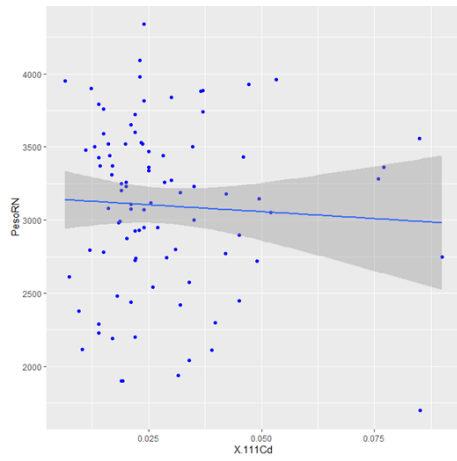


Fig. Suppl 3. GAM models for Cu ( $p = 0.914$ )

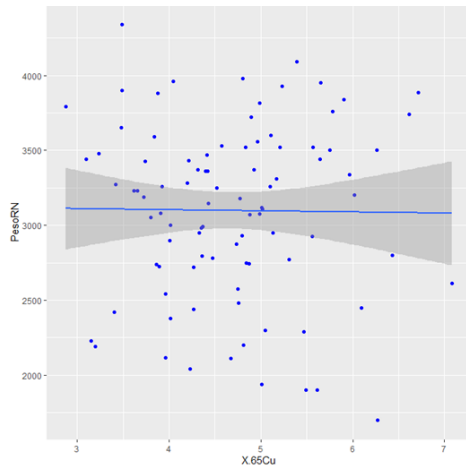


Fig. Suppl 4. GAM models for Hg ( $p = 0.5$ )

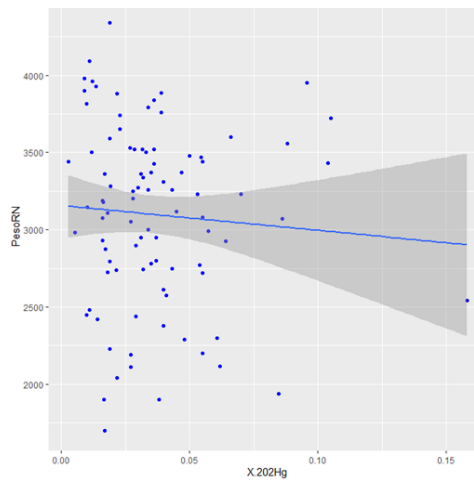


Fig. Suppl 5. GLM models for Hg ( $p = 0.530$ )

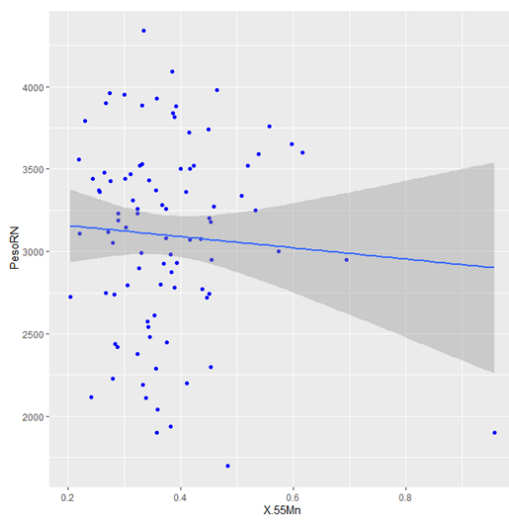


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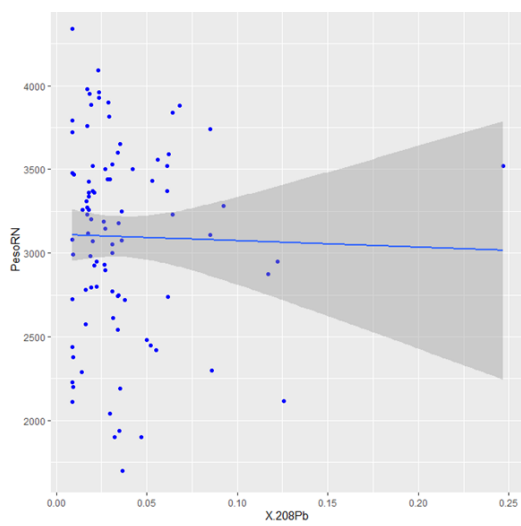


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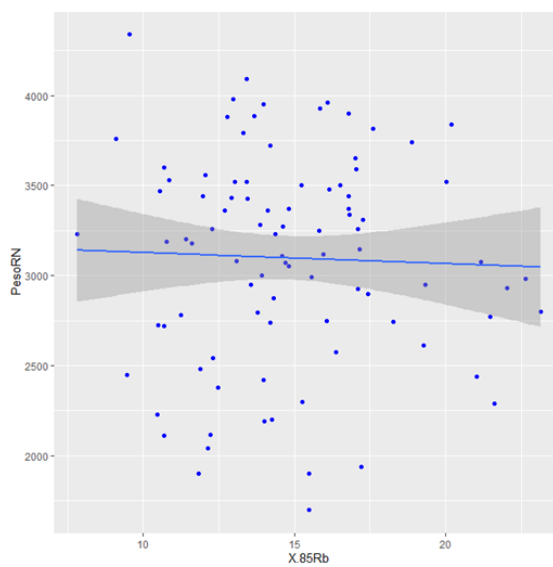


Fig. Suppl 8. GLM models for Zn ( $p = 0.165$ )

