

Supporting information
**Investigation of the Associations between Serum Perfluorinated
Chemicals and Adiponectin in a Young Hypertension Cohort in
Taiwan**

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Table S1. Spearman's correlation coefficient between serum PFCs (ng/mL). (n=287).

| | PFOA | PFOS | PFNA | PFUA |
|------|--------|---------|---------|------|
| PFOA | 1 | | | |
| PFOS | 0.09 | 1 | | |
| PFNA | 0.12 * | 0.29 ** | 1 | |
| PFUA | 0.05 | 0.19 ** | 0.62 ** | 1 |

* Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).

** Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

Table S2. Mean and standard error of adiponectin, glucose homeostasis, lipid profile and inflammatory marker across different categories of serum PFOA level in linear regression models.

| | Log-Adipo nectin (ng/ml) | Glucose (mg/dl) | Log-Insulin (pmol/L) | Log-HOMA -IR | HDL (mg/dl) | Log-TG (mg/dl) | Log-CRP (mg/L) |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| PFOA percentile % * | | | | | | | |
| Model 1 | | | | | | | |
| < 50 th | 8.86 (0.09) | 84.62 (0.54) | 1.04 (0.08) | -0.54 (0.08) | 49.32 (0.82) | 4.39 (0.04) | 1.63 (0.10) |
| 50 th -74 th | 9.06 (0.12) | 84.03 (0.76) | 0.88 (0.11) | -0.66 (0.12) | 49.14 (1.15) | 4.32 (0.06) | 1.44 (0.13) |
| 75 th -89 th | 8.87 (0.16) | 84.36 (0.98) | 0.91 (0.14) | -0.63 (0.15) | 49.50 (1.49) | 4.25 (0.07) | 1.42 (0.17) |
| ≥ 90 th | 8.61 (0.20) | 84.00 (1.25) | 1.06 (0.18) | -0.53 (0.19) | 48.74 (1.20) | 4.14 (0.09) | 1.25 (0.22) |
| P for trend | 0.282 | 0.917 | 0.636 | 0.808 | 0.990 | 0.060 | 0.291 |
| Model 2 | | | | | | | |
| < 50 th | 8.82 (0.15) | 85.02 (0.93) | 0.94 (0.14) | -0.62 (0.14) | 48.06 (1.35) | 4.39 (0.07) | 1.59 (0.17) |
| 50 th -74 th | 9.01 (0.16) | 84.25 (0.95) | 0.83 (0.14) | -0.74 (0.15) | 47.74 (1.39) | 4.32 (0.07) | 1.38 (0.17) |
| 75 th -89 th | 8.80 (0.19) | 84.42 (1.18) | 0.85 (0.18) | -0.72 (0.18) | 47.69 (1.72) | 4.25 (0.09) | 1.36 (0.21) |
| ≥ 90 th | 8.59 (0.23) | 83.81 (1.41) | 0.97 (0.21) | -0.61 (0.22) | 47.70 (2.05) | 4.14 (0.11) | 1.22 (0.25) |
| P for trend | 0.307 | 0.741 | 0.838 | 0.832 | 0.937 | 0.061 | 0.308 |
| Model 3 | | | | | | | |
| < 50 th | 8.92 (0.14) | 84.53 (0.90) | 0.73 (0.11) | -0.84 (0.12) | 49.31 (1.30) | 4.33 (0.06) | 1.38 (0.14) |
| 50 th -74 th | 8.98 (0.14) | 84.49 (0.92) | 0.84 (0.11) | -0.74 (0.12) | 47.77 (1.32) | 4.35 (0.06) | 1.43 (0.14) |
| 75 th -89 th | 8.71 (0.18) | 85.04 (1.14) | 0.94 (0.14) | -0.62 (0.15) | 47.18 (1.64) | 4.31 (0.08) | 1.48 (0.18) |
| ≥ 90 th | 8.51 (0.21) | 84.47 (1.35) | 1.10 (0.17) | -0.48 (0.17) | 47.01 (1.94) | 4.23 (0.09) | 1.41 (0.21) |
| P for trend | 0.109 | 0.852 | 0.098 | 0.109 | 0.382 | 0.634 | 0.932 |

Model 1: adjusted for age, gender

Model 2: adjusted for age, gender, life style (smoking status, drinking status, household income)

Model 3: adjusted for age, gender, life style (smoking status, drinking status, household income) and measurement data (SBP, waist, HOMA-IR, total cholesterol, creatinine)

* The median and the range concentrations of the PFOA for the cut points used (< 50th, 50 – 74, 75 – 89 and ≥ 90th percentiles) were listed below: 0.75 (0.75-2.37) ng/ml, 3.86 (2.39-5.92) ng/ml, 7.89 (6.01-9.62) ng/ml, 11.54 (9.64-28.13) ng/ml, respectively

Table S3. Mean and standard error of adiponectin, glucose homeostasis, lipid profile and inflammatory marker across different categories of serum PFOS level in linear regression models.

| | Log-Adipo nectin (ng/ml) | Glucose (mg/dl) | Log-Insulin (pmol/L) | Log-HOMA -IR | HDL (mg/dl) | Log-TG (mg/dl) | Log-CRP (mg/L) |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| PFOS percentile % * | | | | | | | |
| Model 1 | | | | | | | |
| < 50 th | 8.93 (0.09) | 83.96 (0.56) | 0.94 (0.08) | -0.64 (0.08) | 48.34 (0.80) | 4.34 (0.04) | 1.48 (0.10) |
| 50 th -74 th | 8.80 (0.13) | 85.49 (0.77) | 0.99 (0.11) | -0.57 (0.12) | 49.04 (1.10) | 4.34 (0.06) | 1.54 (0.14) |
| 75 th -89 th | 8.89 (0.16) | 84.25 (0.97) | 0.94 (0.14) | -0.64 (0.15) | 49.23 (1.39) | 4.32 (0.07) | 1.55 (0.17) |
| ≥ 90 th | 8.67 (0.20) | 84.68 (1.22) | 1.33 (0.18) | -0.24 (0.18) | 48.82 (1.75) | 4.38 (0.09) | 1.72 (0.22) |
| P for trend | 0.617 | 0.453 | 0.255 | 0.266 | 0.932 | 0.965 | 0.794 |
| Model 2 | | | | | | | |
| < 50 th | 8.92 (0.14) | 84.26 (0.85) | 0.85 (0.13) | -0.73 (0.13) | 47.55 (1.24) | 4.32 (0.06) | 1.39 (0.15) |
| 50 th -74 th | 8.78 (0.17) | 85.70 (1.06) | 0.89 (0.16) | -0.67 (0.16) | 48.12 (1.56) | 4.30 (0.08) | 1.43 (0.19) |
| 75 th -89 th | 8.89 (0.19) | 84.04 (1.17) | 0.84 (0.18) | -0.73 (0.18) | 48.44 (1.72) | 4.30 (0.09) | 1.47 (0.21) |
| ≥ 90 th | 8.65 (0.23) | 84.55 (1.39) | 1.24 (0.21) | -0.34 (0.22) | 47.96 (2.04) | 4.35 (0.11) | 1.62 (0.25) |
| P for trend | 0.581 | 0.424 | 0.258 | 0.278 | 0.948 | 0.975 | 0.798 |
| Model 3 | | | | | | | |
| < 50 th | 8.90 (0.13) | 84.45 (0.82) | 0.82 (0.10) | -0.75 (0.11) | 47.69 (1.19) | 4.34 (0.05) | 1.41 (0.13) |
| 50 th -74 th | 8.79 (0.16) | 85.85 (1.03) | 0.83 (0.13) | -0.72 (0.13) | 48.42 (1.48) | 4.32 (0.07) | 1.41 (0.16) |
| 75 th -89 th | 8.87 (0.18) | 84.14 (1.12) | 0.83 (0.14) | -0.74 (0.15) | 48.52 (1.63) | 4.31 (0.07) | 1.48 (0.17) |
| ≥ 90 th | 8.81 (0.21) | 83.97 (1.34) | 0.99 (0.17) | -0.59 (0.17) | 49.33 (1.95) | 4.23 (0.09) | 1.36 (0.21) |
| P for trend | 0.889 | 0.852 | 0.328 | 0.828 | 0.504 | 0.838 | 0.957 |

Model 1: adjusted for age, gender

Model 2: adjusted for age, gender, life style (smoking status, drinking status, household income)

Model 3: adjusted for age, gender, life style (smoking status, drinking status, household income) and measurement data (SBP, waist, HOMA-IR, total cholesterol, creatinine)

* The median and the range concentrations of the PFOS for the cut points used (< 50th, 50 – 74, 75 – 89 and ≥ 90th percentiles) were listed below: 5.87 (0.11-8.92) ng/ml, 11.75 (8.95-14.35) ng/ml, 16.99 (14.92-19.14) ng/ml, 25.03 (19.98-67.26) ng/ml, respectively.

Table S4. Mean and standard error of adiponectin, glucose homeostasis, lipid profile and inflammatory marker across different categories of serum PFUA level in linear regression models.

| | Log-Adipo nectin (ng/ml) | Glucose (mg/dl) | Log-Insulin (pmol/L) | Log-HOMA -IR | HDL (mg/dl) | Log-TG (mg/dl) | Log-CRP (mg/L) |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| PFUA percentile % * | | | | | | | |
| Model 1 | | | | | | | |
| < 50 th | 8.82 (0.09) | 84.60 (0.54) | 0.99 (0.08) | -0.58 (0.08) | 48.20 (0.77) | 4.31 (0.04) | 1.60 (0.10) |
| 50 th -74 th | 8.83 (0.12) | 83.86 (0.76) | 0.97 (0.11) | -0.61 (0.120) | 49.19 (1.08) | 4.34 (0.06) | 1.44 (0.13) |
| 75 th -89 th | 9.07 (0.16) | 84.50 (1.00) | 1.05 (0.15) | -0.52 (0.15) | 50.61 (1.42) | 4.42 (0.07) | 1.45 (0.18) |
| ≥ 90 th | 8.86 (0.19) | 85.20 (1.20) | 0.98 (0.18) | -0.59 (0.18) | 47.32 (1.70) | 4.39 (0.09) | 1.54 (0.21) |
| P for trend | 0.561 | 0.782 | 0.975 | 0.974 | 0.381 | 0.51 | 0.73 |
| Model 2 | | | | | | | |
| < 50 th | 8.81 (0.14) | 84.70 (0.87) | 0.89 (0.13) | -0.68 (0.13) | 47.34 (1.25) | 4.28 (0.07) | 1.50 (0.16) |
| 50 th -74 th | 8.83 (0.16) | 83.90 (1.01) | 0.87 (0.15) | -0.71 (0.16) | 48.35 (1.46) | 4.30 (0.08) | 1.33 (0.18) |
| 75 th -89 th | 9.10 (0.20) | 84.64 (1.21) | 0.94 (0.18) | -0.63 (0.19) | 49.79 (1.75) | 4.41 (0.09) | 1.36 (0.22) |
| ≥ 90 th | 8.84 (0.22) | 83.94 (1.38) | 0.88 (0.21) | -0.68 (0.21) | 46.31 (2.00) | 4.37 (0.10) | 1.44 (0.25) |
| P for trend | 0.472 | 0.814 | 0.984 | 0.981 | 0.352 | 0.469 | 0.717 |
| Model 3 | | | | | | | |
| < 50 th | 8.80 (0.13) | 84.94 (0.84) | 0.88 (0.11) | -0.69 (0.11) | 47.43 (1.19) | 4.32 (0.05) | 1.55 (0.13) |
| 50 th -74 th | 8.85 (0.15) | 83.87 (0.97) | 0.77 (0.12) | -0.81 (0.13) | 48.92 (1.40) | 4.28 (0.06) | 1.25 (0.15) |
| 75 th -89 th | 9.12 (0.18) | 84.64 (1.16) | 0.87 (0.15) | -0.70 (0.15) | 50.23 (1.66) | 4.39 (0.08) | 1.30 (0.18) |
| ≥ 90 th | 8.87 (0.21) | 84.64 (1.32) | 0.79 (0.17) | -0.78 (0.17) | 46.77 (1.89) | 4.34 (0.09) | 1.33 (0.20) |
| P for trend | 0.308 | 0.692 | 0.766 | 0.729 | 0.211 | 0.552 | 0.126 |

Model 1: adjusted for age, gender

Model 2: adjusted for age, gender, life style (smoking status, drinking status, household income)

Model 3: adjusted for age, gender, life style (smoking status, drinking status, household income) and measurement data (SBP, waist, HOMA-IR, total cholesterol, creatinine)

* The median and the range concentrations of the PFUA for the cut points used (< 50th, 50 – 74, 75 – 89 and ≥ 90th percentiles) were listed below: 1.50 (1.50-7.09) ng/ml, 10.70 (7.11-13.97) ng/ml, 17.52 (14.05-22.45) ng/ml, 34.02 (22.94-85.46) ng/ml, respectively.

Table S5. Mean and standard error of adiponectin, glucose homeostasis, lipid profile and inflammatory marker across different categories of serum total PFCs (summing the four individual PFC) level in linear regression models.

| | Log-Adipo nectin (ng/ml) | Glucose (mg/dl) | Log-Insulin (pmol/L) | Log-HOMA -IR | HDL (mg/dl) | Log-TG (mg/dl) | Log-CRP (mg/L) |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Total PFCs | | | | | | | |
| percentile % * | | | | | | | |
| Model 1 | | | | | | | |
| < 50 th | 8.78 (0.09) | 84.72 (0.55) | 1.09 (0.08) | -0.48 (0.08) | 47.94 (0.77) | 4.36 (0.04) | 1.64 (0.10) |
| 50 th -74 th | 8.94 (0.12) | 84.06 (0.76) | 0.79 (0.11) | -0.78 (0.11) | 49.99 (1.08) | 4.32 (0.06) | 1.51 (0.13) |
| 75 th -89 th | 8.78 (0.16) | 84.57 (1.00) | 1.03 (0.15) | -0.55 (0.15) | 50.42 (1.41) | 4.29 (0.07) | 1.23 (0.17) |
| ≥ 90 th | 9.20 (0.19) | 84.07 (1.20) | 0.95 (0.18) | -0.63 (0.18) | 46.87 (1.70) | 4.38 (0.09) | 1.49 (0.21) |
| P for trend | 0.203 | 0.891 | 0.175 | 0.178 | 0.170 | 0.782 | 0.230 |
| Model 2 | | | | | | | |
| < 50 th | 8.76 (0.14) | 84.92 (0.88) | 1.01 (0.13) | -0.56 (0.14) | 47.11 (1.27) | 4.33 (0.07) | 1.49 (0.15) |
| 50 th -74 th | 8.92 (0.16) | 84.20 (0.98) | 0.71 (0.15) | -0.86 (0.15) | 49.22 (1.42) | 4.29 (0.07) | 1.63 (0.18) |
| 75 th -89 th | 8.81 (0.21) | 84.29 (1.26) | 0.92 (0.19) | -0.66 (0.19) | 49.69 (1.82) | 4.25 (0.10) | 1.16 (0.21) |
| ≥ 90 th | 9.15 (0.22) | 83.88 (1.35) | 0.88 (0.20) | -0.70 (0.21) | 45.93 (1.95) | 4.36 (0.10) | 1.11 (0.25) |
| P for trend | 0.275 | 0.782 | 0.211 | 0.212 | 0.147 | 0.981 | 0.736 |
| Model 3 | | | | | | | |
| < 50 th | 8.79 (0.13) | 84.95 (0.85) | 0.93 (0.11) | -0.64 (0.11) | 47.57 (1.21) | 4.33 (0.06) | 1.49 (0.13) |
| 50 th -74 th | 8.88 (0.15) | 84.36 (0.94) | 0.69 (0.12) | -0.88 (0.12) | 49.38 (1.36) | 4.30 (0.06) | 1.42 (0.15) |
| 75 th -89 th | 8.78 (0.19) | 84.63 (1.21) | 0.94 (0.15) | -0.63 (0.16) | 49.60 (1.74) | 4.27 (0.08) | 1.13 (0.19) |
| ≥ 90 th | 9.16 (0.20) | 83.88 (1.30) | 0.83 (0.16) | -0.75 (0.17) | 46.18 (1.86) | 4.36 (0.09) | 1.35 (0.20) |
| P for trend | 0.299 | 0.813 | 0.168 | 0.168 | 0.504 | 0.754 | 0.178 |

Model 1: adjusted for age, gender

Model 2: adjusted for age, gender, life style (smoking status, drinking status, household income)

Model 3: adjusted for age, gender, life style (smoking status, drinking status, household income) and measurement data (SBP, waist, HOMA-IR, total cholesterol, creatinine)

* The median and the range concentrations of the total PFCs for the cut points used (< 50th, 50 – 74, 75 – 89 and ≥ 90th percentiles) were listed below: 15.08 (2.74-24.56) ng/ml, 29.81 (24.96-36.24) ng/ml, 42.13 (36.28-51.94) ng/ml, 65.16 (52.93-97.99) ng/ml, respectively

Table S6. Unadjusted mean and standard error of natural log adiponectin (ng/ml) across quartiles of body mass index in different subpopulations of the sample subjects

| | No. | < 25 th | 25 th -49 th | 50 th -75 th | ≥ 75 th | P for trend |
|------------|-----|--------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Total | 287 | 9.39 (0.12) | 9.10 (0.12) | 8.77 (0.12) | 8.31 (0.12) | <0.001 |
| Age, years | | | | | | |
| 12-19 | 78 | 9.16 (0.23) | 8.82 (0.22) | 8.80 (0.23) | 7.88 (0.26) | 0.004 |
| Males | 28 | 9.54 (0.39) | 8.95 (0.36) | 9.10 (0.43) | 7.55 (0.30) | 0.002 |
| Females | 50 | 8.99 (0.28) | 8.76 (0.27) | 8.70 (0.27) | 8.42 (0.43) | 0.718 |
| 20-30 | 209 | 9.47(0.13) | 9.22 (0.14) | 8.76 (0.13) | 8.44 (0.13) | <0.001 |
| Males | 93 | 9.13 (0.26) | 9.11 (0.22) | 8.69 (0.18) | 8.41 (0.16) | 0.027 |
| Females | 116 | 9.59 (0.16) | 9.29 (0.18) | 8.83 (0.20) | 8.49 (0.21) | <0.001 |
| Sex | | | | | | |
| Males | 121 | 9.26 (0.22) | 9.07 (1.91) | 8.75 (0.17) | 9.21 (0.14) | <0.001 |
| Females | 166 | 9.43 (0.14) | 9.12 (0.15) | 8.78 (0.16) | 8.47 (0.19) | <0.001 |