

Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Mixture During Pregnancy and Postpartum Weight Retention in the New Hampshire Birth Cohort Study (NHBCS)

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Table S1. Comparison between New Hampshire Birth Cohort Study participants included in the analysis (n = 482) and participants excluded from the analysis (n = 793).

Characteristics	Mean ± SD / N (%)		
	Participants with plasma PFAS concentrations and postpartum weight change (N = 482)	Participants with plasma PFAS concentrations and missing postpartum weight change (N = 454)	Participants with postpartum weight change and missing plasma PFAS concentrations (N = 339)
Maternal Age (years)	32 ± 4.6	31 ± 4.7	31 ± 4.8
Self-reported Race/Ethnicity			
Non-Hispanic White	451 (93.6)	418 (92.1)	302 (89.1)
Other	30 (6.2)	27 (5.9)	22 (6.5)
Missing	1 (0.2)	9 (2.0)	15 (4.4)
Maternal Highest Education			
Less than college	110 (22.8)	133 (29.3)	92 (27.1)
College graduate or above	349 (72.4)	285 (62.8)	198 (58.4)
Missing	23 (4.8)	36 (7.9)	49 (14.5)
Marital Status			
Married	406 (84.2)	355 (78.2)	247 (72.9)
Other	55 (11.4)	63 (13.9)	44 (13.0)
Missing	21 (4.4)	36 (7.9)	48 (14.2)
Maternal Pre-pregnancy BMI (kg/m²)	26 ± 6.0	26 ± 5.7	26 ± 5.6
Parity			
0	186 (38.6)	227 (50.0)	129 (38.1)
≥ 1	293 (60.8)	223 (49.1)	200 (59.0)
Missing	3 (0.6)	4 (0.9)	10 (2.9)
Previous Lactation Duration (months)	9 ± 12.4	7 ± 13.7	9 ± 17.0
Weight Gain During Pregnancy (kg)	15 ± 6.7	15 ± 6.4	15 ± 6.8
Smoking Status			
Never	427 (88.6)	356 (78.4)	289 (85.3)
Current	27 (5.6)	33 (7.3)	33 (9.7)
Former	28 (5.8)	28 (6.2)	17 (5.0)
Missing	0 (0)	37 (8.1)	0 (0)
Alternative Healthy Eating Index-2010	58 ± 12.7	56 ± 12.2	57 ± 12.7
Physical Activity			
Sedentary time (hours/week)	8.5 ± 6.0	9.5 ± 9.1	9.1 ± 6.8
Vigorous exercise time (hours/week)	3.0 ± 3.4	3.7 ± 6.2	3.0 ± 4.4
Gestational Week of Blood Samples (weeks)	28 ± 2.4	28 ± 2.4	-
Addition Pregnancies After Study Pregnancy			
Yes	152 (31.5)	-	128 (37.8)
No	328 (68.0)	-	211 (62.2)
Missing	2 (0.4)	-	0 (0)
Postpartum Weight Change (kg)	4.1 ± 8.8	-	4.6 ± 10.0
		Median (IQR)	
Plasma PFAS Concentrations (ng/mL)			
PFHxS	0.7 (0.50, 1.00)	0.8 (0.50, 1.10)	-
PFOS	3.2 (2.22, 4.70)	3.7 (2.40, 5.50)	-
PFOA	1.1 (0.74, 1.64)	1.3 (0.84, 1.84)	-

PFNA	0.5 (0.32, 0.70)	0.5 (0.40, 0.80)	-
PFDA	0.1 (< LOD ¹ , 0.20)	0.2 (0.1, 0.20)	-
		Median (Range)	
Enrollment Year			
	2013 (2009-2018)	2012 (2009-2018)	2014 (2009-2018)

Notes: ¹ LOD (limit of detection) for PFAS in plasma: 0.1 (ng/mL) SD: standard deviation; IQR: interquartile range.

Table S2. Associations between plasma PFAS concentrations during pregnancy and postpartum weight change (kg) based on indicator of having additional pregnancies after study pregnancy in the New Hampshire Birth Cohort Study (n = 433).

PFAS	Postpartum Weight Change (95% CI)	
	With Additional Pregnancies (n=136)	Without Additional Pregnancies (n=297)
PFHxS	-0.75 (-2.21, 0.72)	0.33 (-0.63, 1.30)
PFOS	1.31 (-0.36, 2.99)	0.55 (-0.69, 1.79)
PFOA	1.09 (-0.67, 2.85)	0.27 (-1.18, 1.72)
PFNA	1.46 (0.08, 2.85)	0.19 (-0.72, 1.01)
PFDA	0.68 (-0.87, 2.23)	-0.31 (-1.39, 0.77)

Notes: All models were adjusted for maternal age at enrollment (continuous, years), maternal highest education level (\geq college, < college), self-reported race/ethnicity (non-Hispanic White persons, persons with other race/ethnicity), marital status (married, other), pre-pregnancy BMI (continuous, kg/m²), self-reported smoking status (yes, no), self-reported second-hand tobacco smoke exposure during pregnancy (yes, no), parity (0, \geq 1), previous lactation duration before the study pregnancy (continuous, months), AHEI-2010 score during pregnancy (continuous), sedentary time before the study pregnancy (continuous, hours/week), vigorous exercise time before the study pregnancy (continuous, hours/week), gestational week of blood sample at collection (continuous, weeks), enrollment year (continuous, year); CI: confidence interval.

Table S3. Pooled results from 50 imputed datasets regarding associations between individual plasma PFAS concentrations during pregnancy and postpartum weight change (kg) in the New Hampshire Birth Cohort Study (n = 482).

PFAS	Overall (n=482)	Postpartum Weight Change (95% CI)	
		Obese/Overweight (n=217)	Healthy/Underweight (n=265)
PFHxS	0.06 (-0.75, 0.88)	0.19 (-0.90, 1.28)	0.05 (-1.07, 1.17)
PFOS	0.81 (-0.25, 1.87)	1.73 (0.32, 3.14)	0.11 (-1.20, 1.42)
PFOA	0.72 (-0.50, 1.95)	1.57 (-0.03, 3.16)	0.20 (-1.13, 1.72)
PFNA	0.69 (-0.08, 1.45)	1.09 (-0.09, 2.27)	0.43 (-0.50, 1.35)
PFDA	-0.01 (-0.90, 0.87)	0.10 (-1.17, 1.37)	-0.10 (-1.24, 1.04)

Notes: All models were adjusted for maternal age at enrollment (continuous, years), maternal highest education level (\geq college, < college), self-reported race/ethnicity (non-Hispanic White persons, persons with other race/ethnicity), marital status (married, other), pre-pregnancy BMI (continuous, kg/m²), self-reported smoking status (yes, no), self-reported second-hand tobacco smoke exposure during pregnancy (yes, no), parity (0, \geq 1), previous lactation duration before the study pregnancy (continuous, months), AHEI-2010 score during pregnancy (continuous), sedentary time before the study pregnancy (continuous, hours/week), vigorous exercise time before the study pregnancy (continuous, hours/week), gestational week of blood sample at collection (continuous, weeks), enrollment year (continuous, year), indicator of having additional pregnancies following the study pregnancy (yes, no); CI: confidence interval.

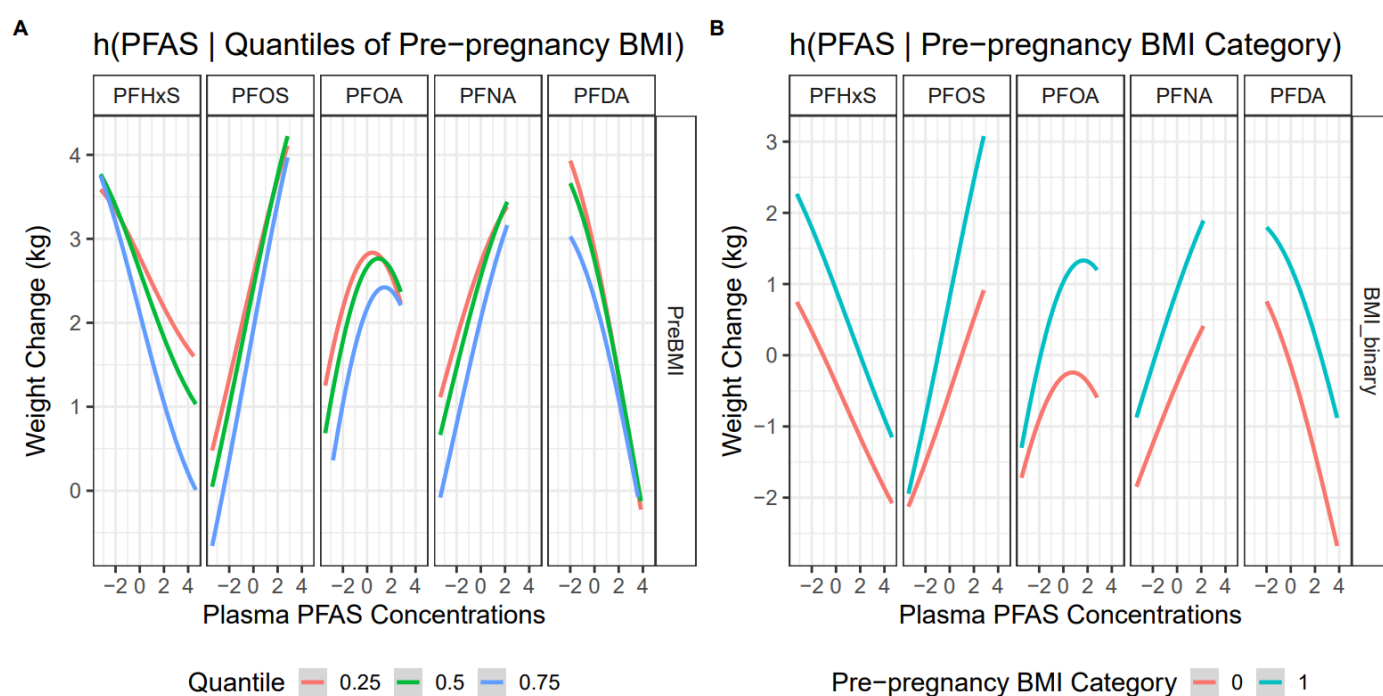


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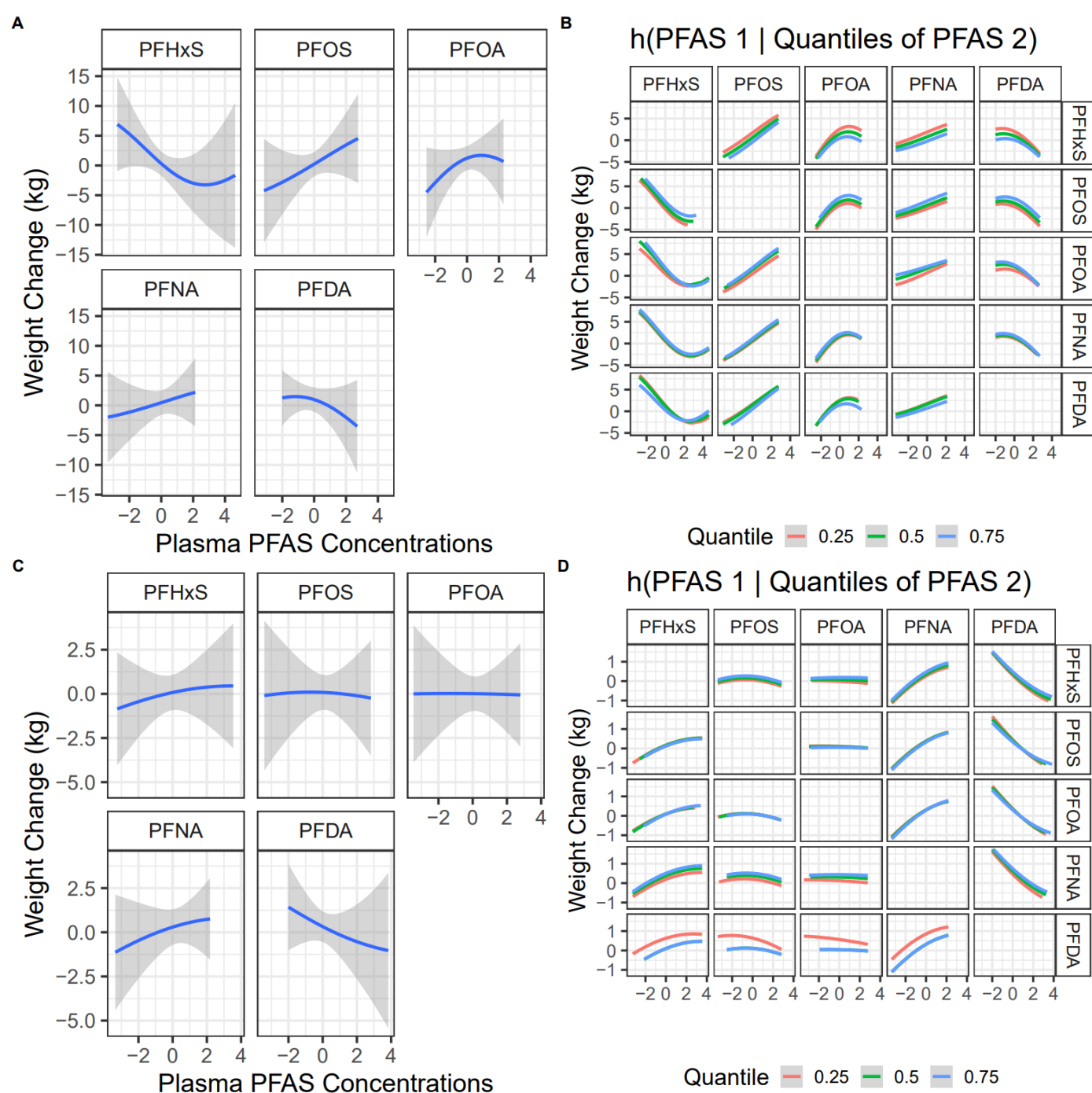


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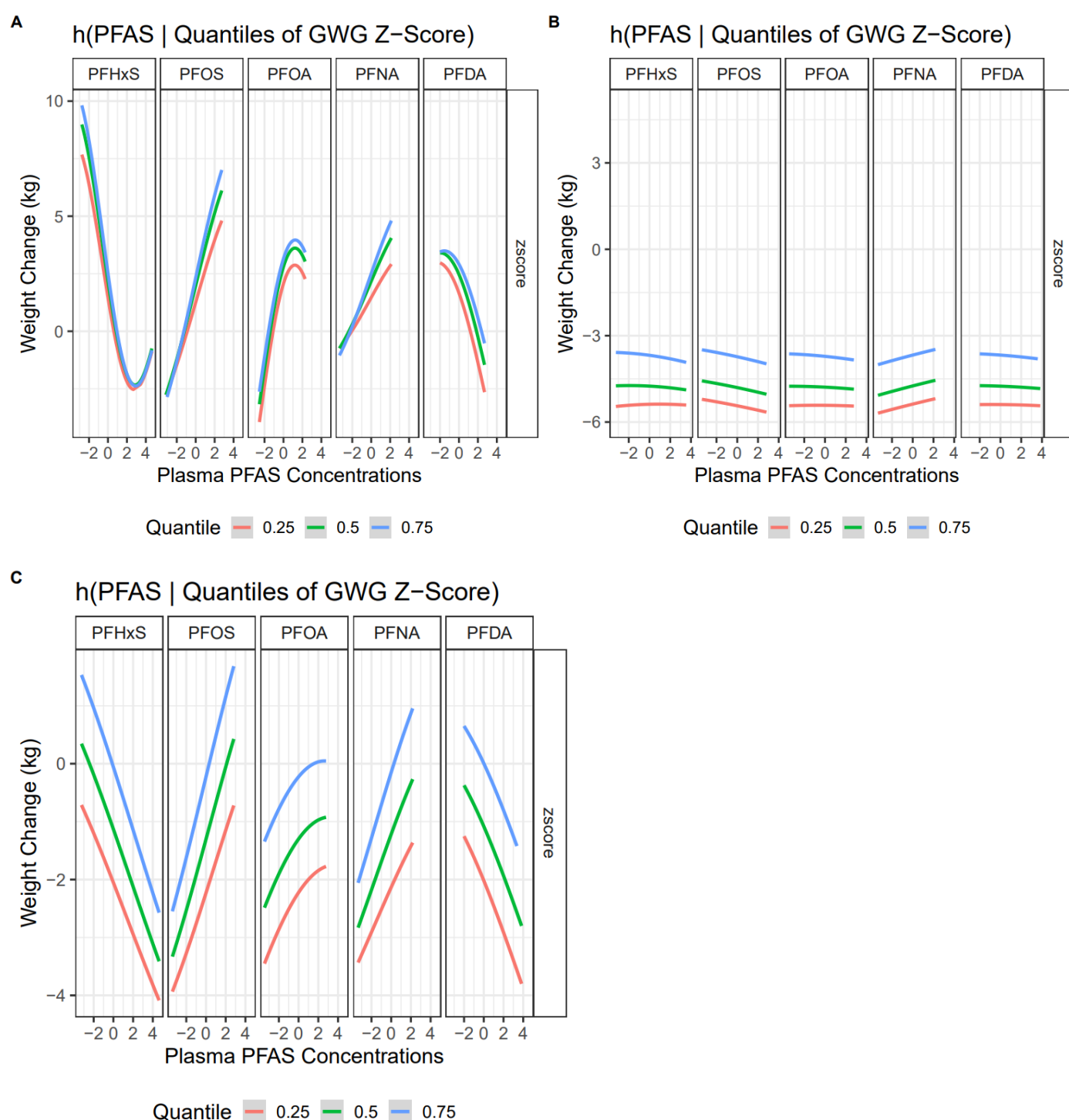


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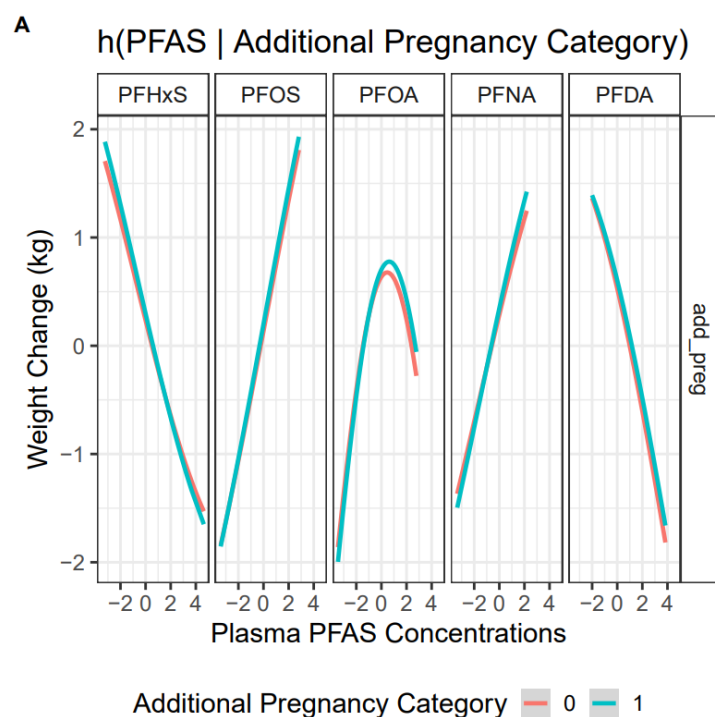


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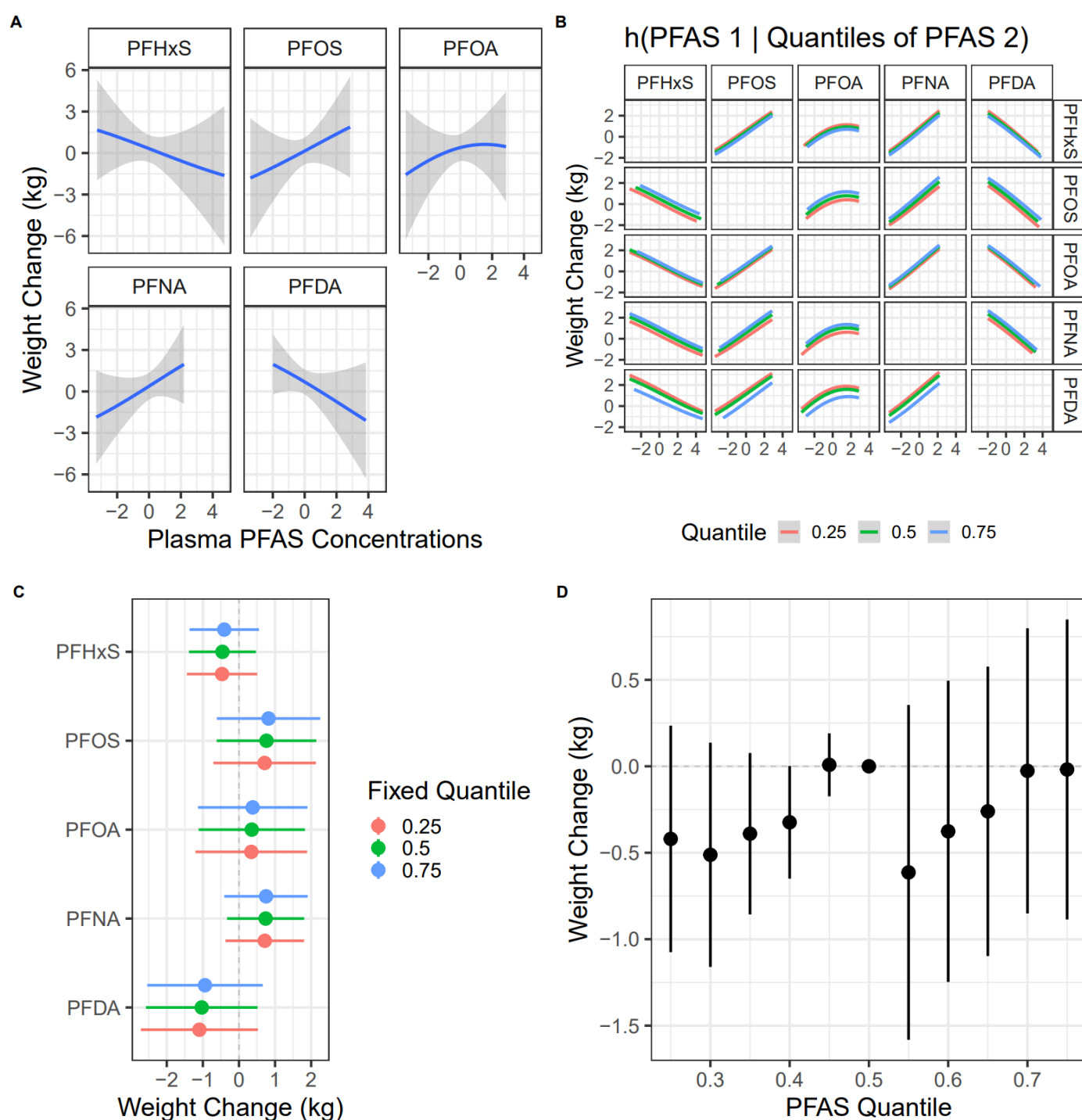


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