

Supporting information for

**Time-dependent Responses of Earthworms to Soil
Contaminated with Low Levels of Lead as Detected using ^1H
NMR Metabolomics**

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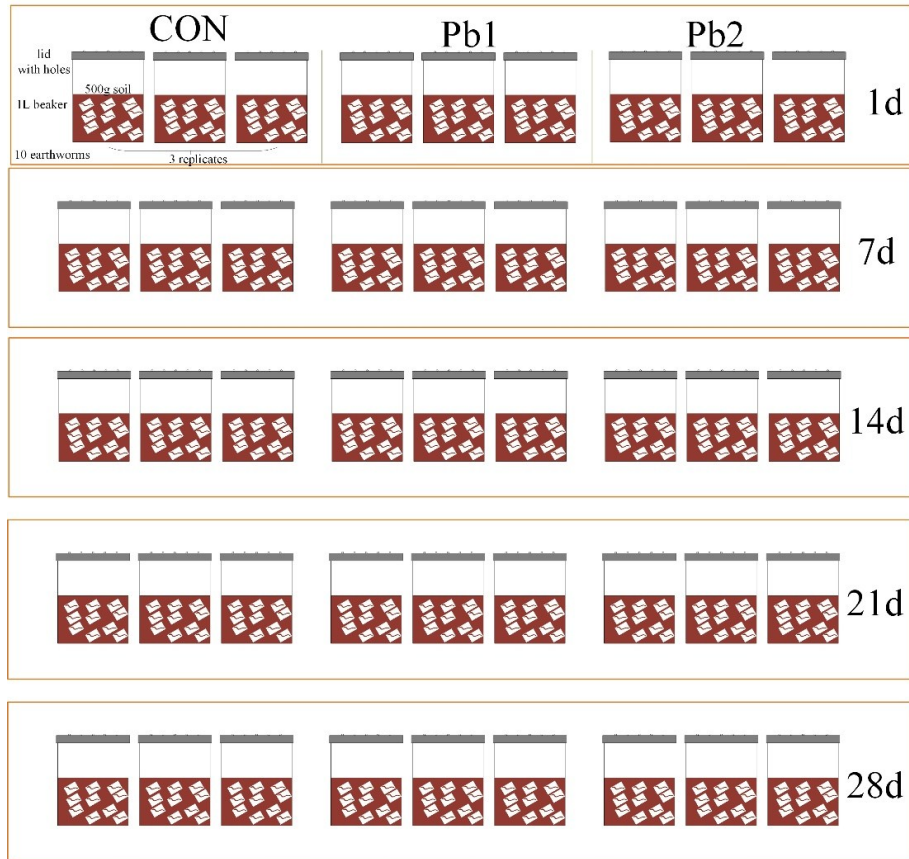


Figure S1. The detailed experiment design of this work

Table S1. Basic physical and chemical properties of the exposed soil

| Soil type | pH | Pb concentrations (mg.kg ⁻¹) | OC (g.kg ⁻¹) | CEC (cmol.kg ⁻¹) | Particles(SI) | | |
|-----------|------|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|------|------|
| | | | | | Sand | Silt | Clay |
| Ferrosols | 4.84 | 23.2±0.5 | 5.43 | 9.31 | 32.3 | 21.9 | 45.8 |

Table S2. The univariate analysis of groups and time to weight of earthworms

Tests of Between-Subjects Effects

Dependent Variable: Weight

| Source | Type III Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F | Sig. |
|-----------------|-------------------------|----|-------------|------------|------|
| Corrected Model | .093 ^a | 17 | .005 | 54.441 | .000 |
| Intercept | 12.355 | 1 | 12.355 | 123553.500 | .000 |
| Time | .035 | 5 | .007 | 69.500 | .000 |
| Groups | .047 | 2 | .024 | 235.500 | .000 |
| Time * Groups | .011 | 10 | .001 | 10.700 | .000 |
| Error | .004 | 36 | .000 | | |
| Total | 12.452 | 54 | | | |
| Corrected Total | .096 | 53 | | | |

a. R Squared = .963 (Adjusted R Squared = .945)

Table S3. Metabolites identified from the polar tissue extracts of earthworms.

| NO. | Metabolites | Assignments | Chemical shift (ppm) |
|-----|-----------------------|---|--|
| 1 | HEFS | | 0.85(t), 1.19(t), 1.28(m), 1.30(m), 1.64(q), 2.60(m), 2.83(t), 6.19(s) |
| 2 | Isoleucine | 9'CH ₃ | 0.99(d) |
| 3 | Leucine | 8'CH ₃ , 9' CH ₃ | 0.95(t) |
| 4 | Valine | 7' CH ₃ | 1.03(d) |
| 5 | Lactate | 3'CH ₃ | 1.32(d) |
| 6 | Alanine | 6' CH ₃ | 1.48(d) |
| 7 | Acetate | 4' CH ₃ | 1.91(s) |
| 8 | Acetylcholine | 8'CH ₃ | 2.15(s) |
| 9 | Glutamate | 6'CH ₂ , 7'CH ₂ | 2.04(m), 2.34(m) |
| 10 | Asparagine | 6'CH ₂ | 2.94(m) |
| 11 | Pyruvate | 6'CH ₃ | 2.46(s) |
| 12 | Glutamine | 6'CH ₂ , 7'CH ₂ | 2.13(m), 2.45(m) |
| 13 | Succinate | 4'CH ₂ , 5'CH ₂ | 2.39(s) |
| 14 | Malate | 5'CH ₂ | 2.66(dd) |
| 15 | Dimethylamine | 2'CH ₃ , 3'CH ₃ | 2.72(s) |
| 16 | Dimethylglycine | 6'CH ₃ , 7'CH ₃ | 2.91(s) |
| 17 | Lysine | 8'CH ₂ , 9' CH ₂ | 1.71(m), 3.02(t) |
| 18 | GABA-betaine | 4'CH ₂ | 3.12(s) |
| 19 | Choline | 5'CH ₃ , 6'CH ₃ , 7'CH ₃ | 3.19(s) |
| 20 | Glycerophosphocholine | 5'CH ₃ , 6'CH ₃ , 13'CH ₃ | 3.20(s) |
| 21 | Betaine | 3'CH ₂ , 5'CH ₃ , 7'CH ₃ , 8'CH ₃ | 3.25(s), 3.89 (s) |
| 22 | Myo-Inositol | 2'CH, 6'CH, 3'CH, 5'CH, 1'CH | 3.52(dd), 3.61(t), 4.05(t) |
| 23 | Scyllo-Inositol | | 3.35(s) |

| | | | |
|----|-----------------------|------------------------|---|
| 24 | Glycine | 4'CH ₂ | 3.54(s) |
| 25 | Lombricine | | 3.48(t), 4.26(dd) |
| 26 | Glucose | 2'CH | 5.22(d) |
| 27 | Maltose | 2'CH | 5.40(d) |
| 28 | Uridine | 2'CH,10'CH | 5.88(d),5.90(d) |
| 29 | Inosine | 2'CH | 6.06(d) |
| 30 | ADP/AMP | 2'CH,12'CH,7'CH | 6.13(d),8.24(s),8.53(s) |
| 31 | Fumarate | 4'CH,5'CH | 6.51(s) |
| 32 | Tyrosine | 2'CH, 6'CH, 3'CH, 5'CH | 6.88(m),7.17(m) |
| 33 | Adenosine | 2'CH, 7'CH | 6.02(d),8.28(s) |
| 34 | N,N-dimethylhistidine | | 7.08(s) |
| 35 | Phenylalanine | (1-6)'CH | 7.32(d),7.36(m),7.42(m) |
| 36 | Niacinamide | 5'CH, 6'CH, 2'CH | 7.58(dd),8.70(dd),8.92(s) |
| 37 | τ-Methylhistidine | 2'CH | 7.67(s) |
| 38 | Xanthine | 7'CH | 7.87(s) |
| 39 | Histidine | 5'CH, 2'CH | 7.09(d),7.90(d) |
| 40 | UDP-glucose | 32'CH | 7.95(d) |
| 41 | NAD+/ NADP+ | | 8.21(m),8.41(s),8.84(d),9.15(d),9.33(s) |
| 42 | ATP | 2'CH,12'CH, 7'CH | 6.10(d), 8.23(s), 8.58(s) |
| 43 | NADH /NADPH | | 8.24(s), 8.46(s) |

Multiplicity: (s) singlet, (d) doublet, (t) triplet, (q) quartets, (m) multiplets, (dd) doublet of doublets.

1 2-hexyl-5-ethyl-3-furansulfonate (HEFS); 2 Isoleucine(Ile); 3 Leucine (Leu); 4 valine (Val); 5 Lactate(Lac); 6 Alanine(Ala) 7 Acetate (Ace); 8 O-Acetylcholine (OAce); 9 Glutamate (Gln); 10 Asparagine (Asp); 11 Pyruvate (Pyr) 12 Glutamine (Glu);13 Succinate (Suc); 14 Malate (Mal); 15 Dimethylamine (DMA); 16 N,N-Dimethylglycine (DMG);17 Lysine (Lys); 18 GABA-betaine; 19 Choline(Cho); 20 Glycerophosphocholine (GPC); 21 Betaine (Bet) = glycine-betaine; 22 Myo-Inositol

(MI); 23 Scyllo-Inositol (SIno); 24 Glycine (Gly); 25 Lombricine (Lom); 26 Glucose; 27 Maltose; 28 Uridine(Uri); 29 Inosine (Ino); 30 Adenosine Diphosphate (ADP)/ Adenosine monophosphate (AMP); 31 Fumarate (Fum); 32 Tyrosine (Tyr) ; 33 Adenosine (Ade), 34 N,N-dimethylhistidine (DTH); 35 Phenylalanine (Phe); 36 Niacinamide (Nia); 37 τ -Methylhistidine (MHis); 38 Xanthine (Xan); 39 Histidine (His); 40 UDP-glucose (UDG-glu); 41 Nicotinamide Adenine Dinucleotide (NAD⁺)/ Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate (NADP⁺); 42 Adenosine Triphosphate (ATP); 43 Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (NADH)/Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate (NADPH).

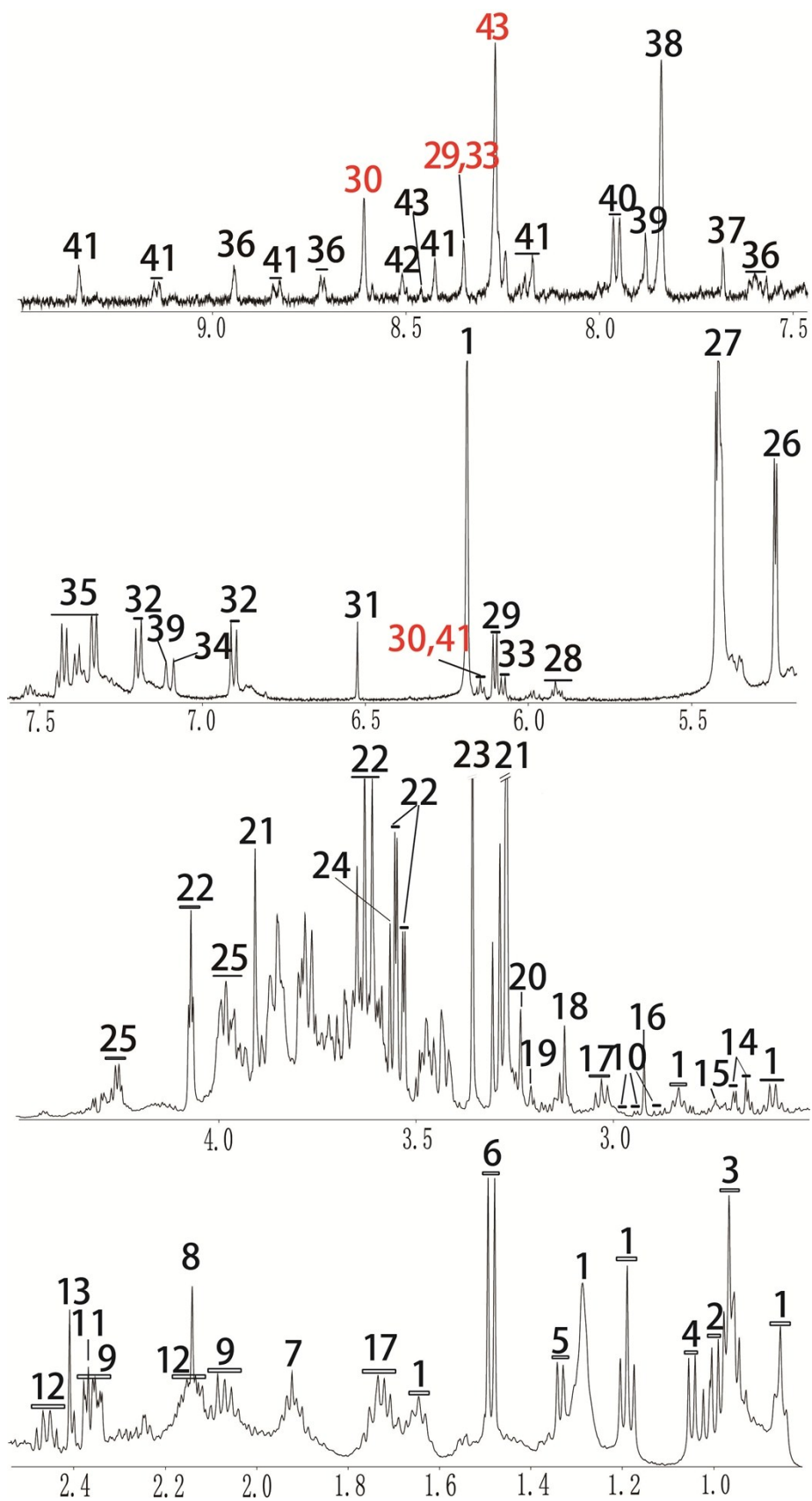


Figure S2. The identification of earthworm metabolites. The red numbers stand for multiple metabolites.

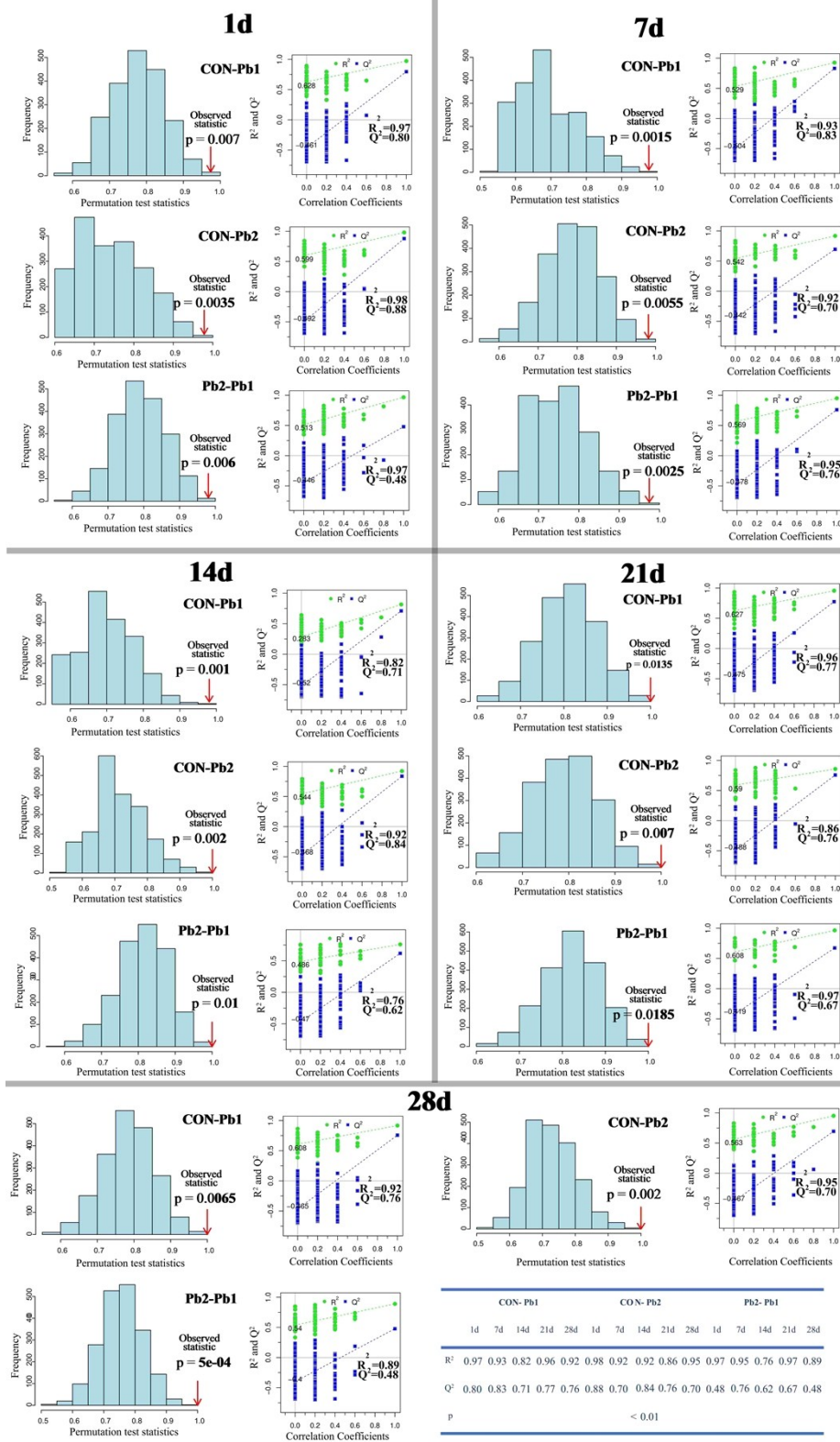


Figure S3. The Histograms for 2000 times permutation tests and the R^2 and Q^2 parameters of a repeated twofold cross-validation of OSC-PLS-DA models in different groups. The red arrows

indicated the performance based on the original labels, significant for a p-value less than 0.05. R^2 and Q^2 values were in vertical axis, whereas the correlation coefficients between the permuted and true class in the horizontal axis.

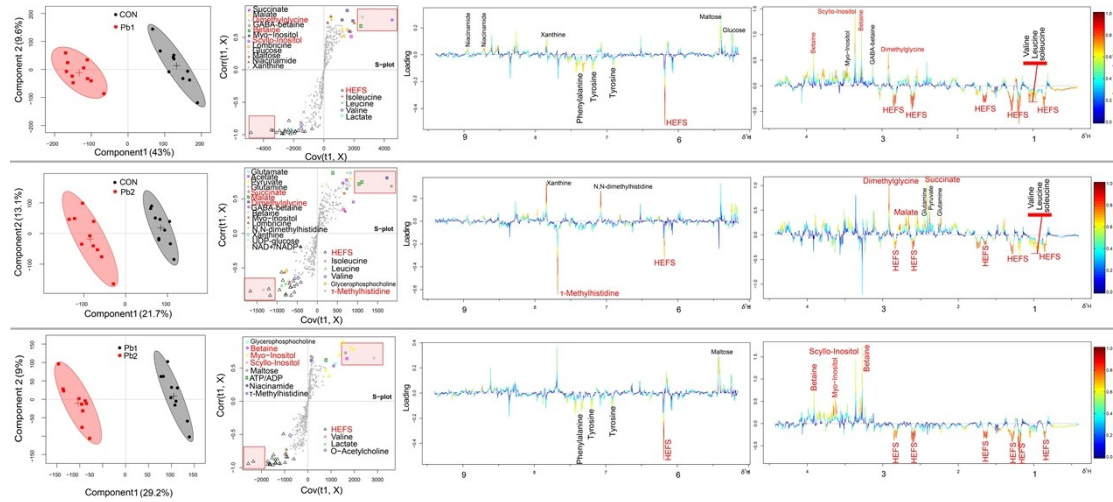


Figure S4. The score plots, s-plot and loading plots in different groups (CON-Pb1, CON-Pb2 and Pb1-Pb2) on the 7th day. Score plot where one point represented one sample and one ellipse corresponded to a confidence interval of 95% stood for a grouping. S-plot where points represented different variables (metabolites). Loading plots (0.4-4.42 and 5.15-9.4 ppm) color coded according to the correlation coefficients from blue to red. The color bar corresponds to the weight of the corresponding variable in the discrimination of statistically significant (Red) or no significant (Blue). Positive and negative peaks indicated a relatively decreased and increased metabolite level in the Pb (Pb1 or Pb2) exposed groups.

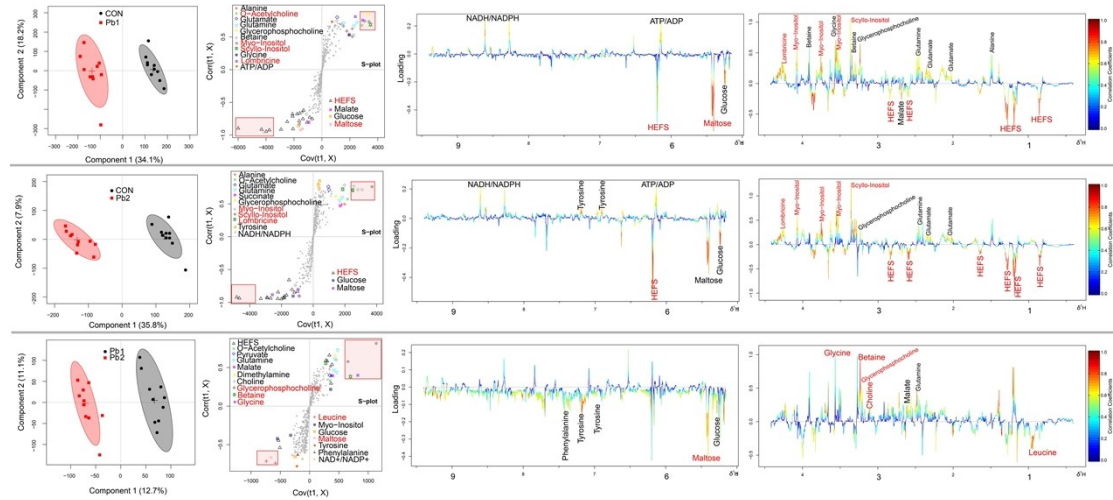


Figure S5. The score plots, s-plot and loading plots in different groups (CON-Pb1, CON-Pb2 and Pb1-Pb2) on the 14th day. Score plot where one point represented one sample and one ellipse corresponded to a confidence interval of 95% stood for a grouping. S-plot where points represented different variables (metabolites). Loading plots (0.4-4.42 and 5.15-9.4 ppm) color coded according to the correlation coefficients from blue to red. The color bar corresponds to the weight of the corresponding variable in the discrimination of statistically significant (Red) or no significant (Blue). Positive and negative peaks indicated a relatively decreased and increased metabolite level

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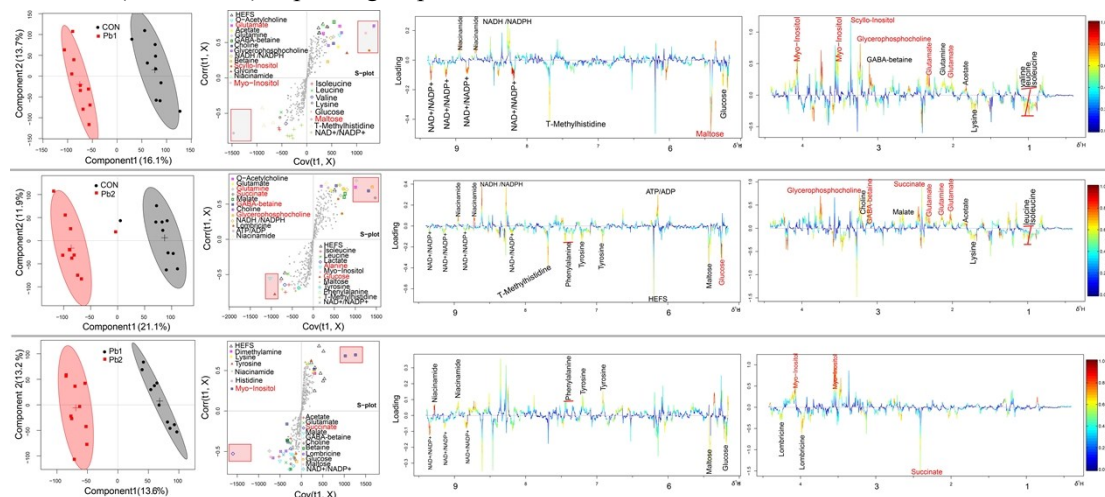


Figure S6. The score plots, s-plot and loading plots in different groups (CON-Pb1, CON-Pb2 and Pb1-Pb2) on the 21st day. Score plot where one point represented one sample and one ellipse corresponded to a confidence interval of 95% stood for a grouping. S-plot where points represented different variables (metabolites). Loading plots (0.4-4.42 and 5.15-9.4 ppm) color coded according to the correlation coefficients from blue to red. The color bar corresponds to the weight of the corresponding variable in the discrimination of statistically significant (Red) or no significant (Blue). Positive and negative peaks indicated a relatively decreased and increased metabolite level in the Pb (Pb1 or Pb2) exposed groups.

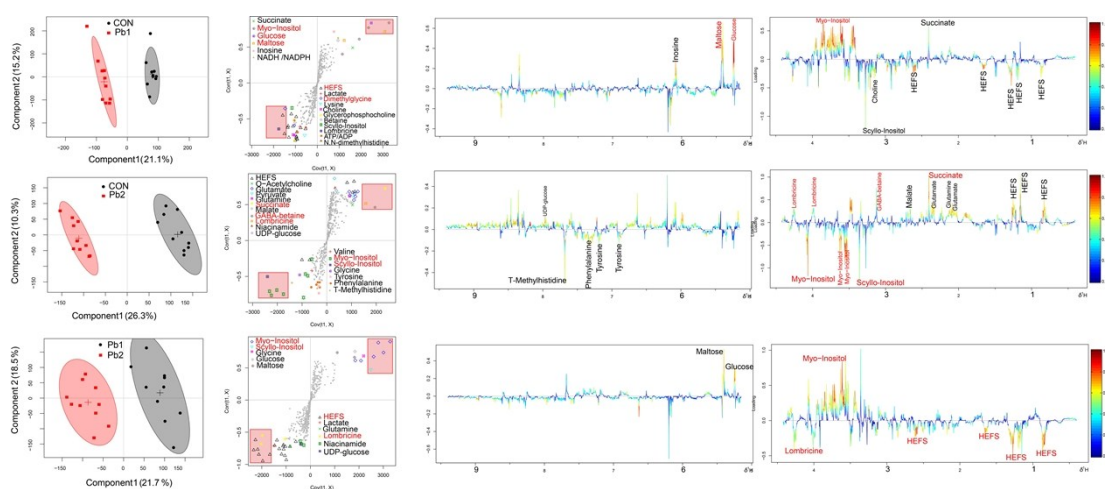


Figure S7. The score plots, s-plot and loading plots in different groups (CON-Pb1, CON-Pb2 and Pb1-Pb2) on the 28th day. Score plot where one point represented one sample and one ellipse corresponded to a confidence interval of 95% stood for a grouping. S-plot where points represented different variables (metabolites). Loading plots (0.4-4.42 and 5.15-9.4 ppm) color coded according to the correlation coefficients from blue to red. The color bar corresponds to the weight of the corresponding variable in the discrimination of statistically significant (Red) or no significant (Blue). Positive and negative peaks indicated a relatively decreased and increased metabolite level in the Pb (Pb1 or Pb2) exposed groups.

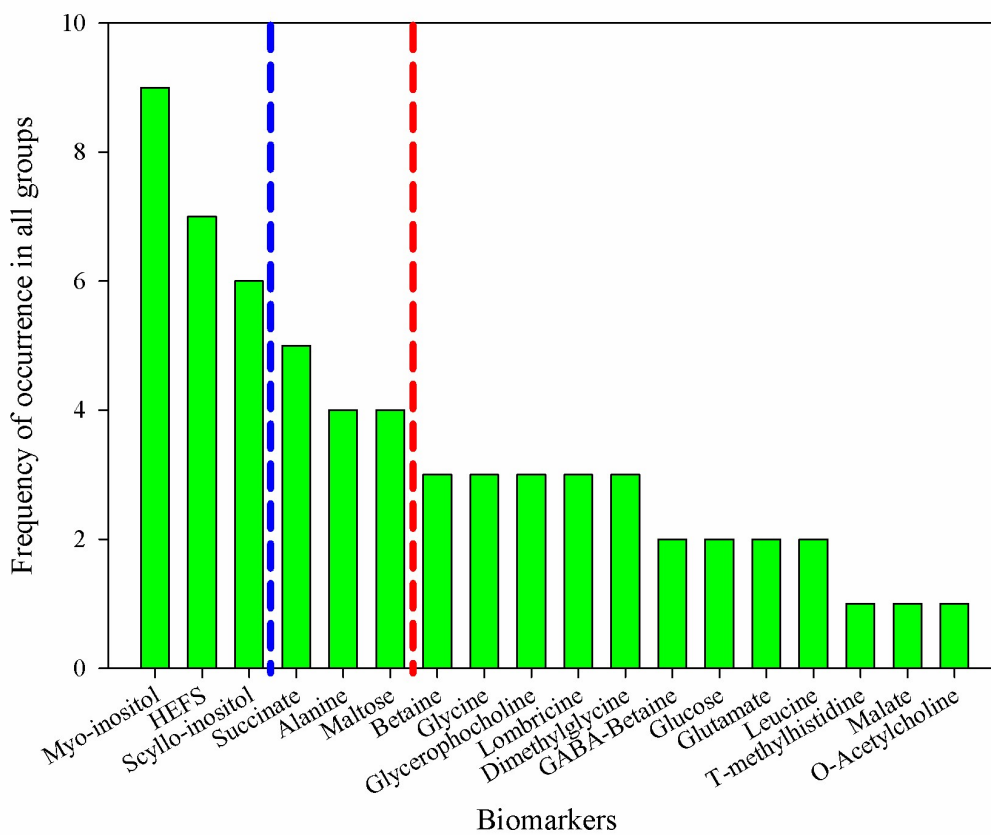


Figure S8. The frequency of occurrence of the biomarkers in all groups.

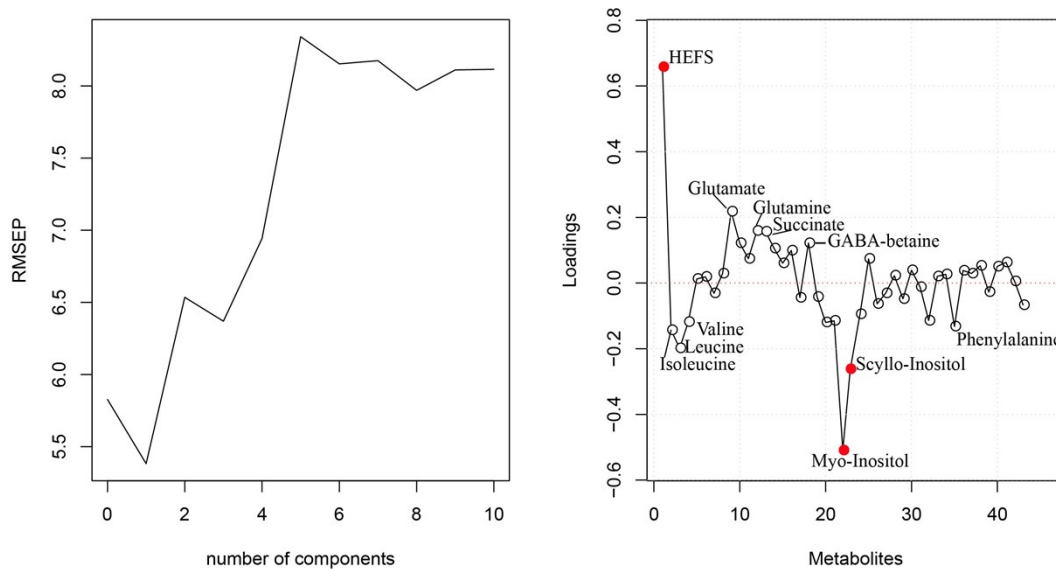


Figure S9. Validation plot for PLS regression with metabolites as X variables and Pb concentrations as Y variable (Left); PLS loadings for the first latent variables (right). The red circles stand for strong correlation between Pb concentration and metabolites of earthworms.