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Supplemental Material

Exposure to low levels of lead in utero and umbilical cord blood DNA methylation in Project Viva: an epigenome-wide association study

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	Cord blood	Mid-childhood
Initial	507	473
QC (quality control)		
Low quality	10	6
Sex mismatch	6	3
Genotype mismatch	6	4
Total removed QC	22	13
Total after QC	485	460
No maternal lead exposure	216	219
Undetectable maternal blood lead	1	1
Available for statistical analysis	268	240

Table S1. Epigenetics blood sample size flow in Project Viva

	Ν	Mean	SD	Min	Max	Percentiles						
						1^{st}	5^{th}	25^{th}	50^{th}	75^{th}	95^{th}	99 th
Male	130	1.19	0.63	0.36	4.97	0.42	0.57	0.80	1.04	1.41	2.58	3.03
Female	138	1.24	0.63	0.29	4.93	0.39	0.55	0.84	1.11	1.44	2.33	3.55

Table S2. Maternal red blood cell lead levels by infant sex ($\mu g/dL$).

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Table S3. CpGs with DNA methylation levels in blood samples in mid-childhood associated with prenatal maternal red blood cell lead concentrations in analyses for all children, males and females (loci identified from EWAS for cord blood).

cg22217660	chr19	50765301	S_Shelf	MYH14	Body	94.3	-0.3 (0.2)	1.6E-01	-0.3 (0.3)	3.3E-01	-0.3 (0.2)	1.4E-01	0.62
cg03373781	chr20	30582113	N_Shore	XKR7	Body	70.7	-0.1 (0.2)	5.7E-01	-0.1 (0.3)	8.3E-01	-0.1 (0.3)	8.0E-01	0.88
cg07341934	chr20	57463711	Island	GNAS	3'UTR	57.5	-0.1 (0.4)	7.8E-01	0.2 (0.5)	7.3E-01	-0.3 (0.5)	5.0E-01	0.32
cg21307155	chr20	3216740	N_Shore	SLC4A11	Body	83.7	-0.1 (0.2)	6.5E-01	0.03 (0.2)	9.0E-01	-0.04 (0.3)	8.8E-01	0.94
cg17174023	chr22	50987453	Island	KLHDC7B	1stExon	9.5	-0.01 (0.3)	9.7E-01	0.7 (0.4)	1.1E-01	-0.7 (0.4)	8.7E-02	0.11

Abbreviations: Chr, Chromosome; FDR, false discovery rate; SE, standard error; TSS200, within 200 bps from transcription start site; TSS1500, within 1500 bps from transcription start site; Body, gene body; UTR, untranslated regions.

^a Average methylation in blood samples in mid-childhood.

^b The percent change in DNA methylation level for every doubling increase in prenatal maternal red blood cell lead concentrations. Adjusted for child sex, maternal age, maternal pre-pregnancy BMI, maternal race, maternal educational level, maternal smoking status, parity, gestational age, child age at sample collection and differential nucleated cell proportions (monocytes, CD8+ T cells, CD4+ T cells, Natural Killer cells and B cells).

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CpG	Chr	Position	Relation to island	Gene	Relation to gene	Average methylation (%) ^a	Effect estimate (SE) ^b	<i>p</i> value
cg18355337	19	55549722	Open Sea	GP6	TSS200	65.0	1.7 (1.2)	1.6E-01
cg25196158	1	214152979	N_Shore			5.0	-0.1 (0.1)	5.8E-01
cg16943697	2	120280763	N_Shore	SCTR	Body	51.3	0.1 (0.2)	7.2E-01
cg03833077	19	10024709	Island	OLFM2	Body	31.4	0.1 (0.3)	7.2E-01
cg12504721	5	138897583	Island			2.1	0.04 (0.03)	2.3E-01
cg23796967	19	55549590	Open Sea	GP6	1st Exon	7.6	0.1 (0.6)	9.0E-01
cg00145875	2	11104394	S_Shelf			83.2	0.4 (0.2)	1.0E-01
cg25818583	19	55549801	Open Sea	GP6	TSS200	74.1	-0.1 (0.6)	8.8E-01
cg23173307	4	786244	Island	CPLX1	Body	2.0	-0.05 (0.03)	7.6E-02
cg04942107	10	3918567	Open Sea			92.8	-0.1 (0.1)	5.4E-01
cg05374025	19	55549746	Open Sea	GP6	TSS200	50.0	2.0 (0.9)	3.1E-02
cg26668675	6	31148463	Island			55.6	0.1 (0.7)	9.0E-01
cg25472897	8	145560555	Island	SCRT1	TSS1500	20.5	-0.1 (0.3)	7.1E-01
cg00436174	2	128051630	Island	ERCC3	1st Exon	7.8	0.2 (0.1)	6.3E-02
cg11790196	14	89995679	Open Sea	FOXN3	5'UTR	96.9	0.01 (0.1)	9.2E-01
cg01519017	3	61227050	Open Sea	FHIT	5'UTR	97.7	-0.1 (0.05)	6.5E-02
cg16653408	22	42313569	N_Shore			79.9	-0.2 (0.2)	2.2E-01
cg03978169	6	33091357	Open Sea	HLA-DPB2	Body	95.9	-0.02 (0.1)	8.8E-01
cg18461584	7	55304314	Open Sea			95.8	0.1 (0.1)	2.0E-01
cg23352003	18	24237245	Island			7.1	0.01 (0.2)	9.4E-01
cg07313720	2	209029594	Open Sea	CRYGA	TSS1500	95.1	-0.1 (0.1)	6.7E-01
cg04432660	7	4802132	Island	FOXK1	3'UTR	98.6	-0.01 (0.02)	4.5E-01
cg04606773	10	134759693	S_Shelf			97.4	0.02 (0.1)	8.0E-01
cg22994018	11	105448797	Open Sea			78.3	-0.5 (0.8)	5.3E-01
cg25979157	19	53902687	S_Shelf	ZNF765	Body	98.5	-0.02 (0.04)	5.8E-01
cg11774346	21	46797899	N_Shelf			96.3	-0.02 (0.1)	8.0E-01
cg11668188	1	7891116	S_Shelf	PER3	Body	94.7	0.1 (0.2)	7.2E-01
cg25192902	11	121163419	Island	SC5DL	5'UTR	1.4	0.02 (0.02)	1.3E-01
cg24737570	2	11727173	Open Sea	GREB1	Body	86.5	-0.003 (0.2)	9.8E-01
cg05749559	8	36793457	Open Sea	KCNU1	3'UTR	92.4	0.1 (0.2)	7.6E-01

 Table S13. The associations between prenatal maternal red blood cell lead concentrations and umbilical cord blood CpGs identified by Engstro"m et al. (2015) in analyses for all newborns in the present study.

Abbreviations: Chr, Chromosome; FDR, false discovery rate; SE, standard error; TSS200, within 200 bps from transcription start site; TSS1500, within 1500 bps from transcription start site; Body, gene body; UTR, untranslated regions.

^a Average methylation in umbilical cord blood among all newborns.

^b The percent change in DNA methylation level for every doubling increase in prenatal maternal red blood cell lead concentrations. Adjusted for child sex, maternal age, maternal pre-pregnancy BMI, maternal race, maternal educational level, maternal smoking status, parity, gestational age and differential nucleated cell proportions (monocytes, CD8+ T cells, CD4+ T cells, Natural Killer cells, B cells and nucleated red blood cells).

Chr	Start ^a	End ^a	Gene	Effect estimate ^b	Area ^c	No. of CpGs	p value	FWER
All newb	orns							
chr13	50194554	50194643		-9.20	0.185	2	6.50E-06	0.027
chr5	1594282	1594863	SDHAP3	-4.00	0.404	10	4.01E-05	0.159
chr12	31271429	31272119		-5.20	0.261	5	5.38E-05	0.196
chr6	32632159	32632338	HLA-DQB1	5.90	0.235	4	5.29E-05	0.202
chr19	12876846	12877188	HOOK2	5.70	0.230	4	6.50E-05	0.244
Male infa	ants							
chr6	29648271	29649084		-4.70	1.040	22	6.50E-06	0.028
chr5	135415819	135416613		6.00	0.783	13	1.09E-05	0.047
chr6	32551749	32552205	HLA-DRB1	-5.80	0.634	11	4.32E-05	0.165
Female in	nfants							
chr19	13875014	13875137		8.90	0.266	3	7.27E-05	0.228

Table S14. Differentially methylated regions in cord blood associated with prenatal maternal red blood cell lead concentrations in analyses for all children, males and females (selected based on FWER<0.25 in bump hunting analysis).

Abbreviations: Chr, Chromosome; FWER, family-wise error rate.

^a Position of start and end of the differentially methylated region.

^b The percent change in DNA methylation level for every doubling increase in prenatal maternal red blood cell lead concentrations. Adjusted for child sex, maternal age, maternal pre-pregnancy BMI, maternal race, maternal educational level, maternal smoking status, parity, gestational age and differential nucleated cell proportions (monocytes, CD8+ T cells, CD4+ T cells, Natural Killer cells, B cells and nucleated red blood cells).

^c The strength of evidence for each differentially methylated region is summarized with its area.

Figure S1. Quantile-quantile plots of the associations between prenatal maternal red blood cell lead concentrations and DNA methylation at 394,460 loci in umbilical cord blood among all newborns (A), male infants (B) and female infants (C).



Figure S2. Volcano plots of the associations between prenatal maternal red blood cell lead concentrations and DNA methylation at 394,460 loci in cord blood among all newborns (A), male infants (B) and female infants



Figure S3. Scatterplots for prenatal red blood cell lead levels and methylation levels at top loci in umbilical cord blood DNA among all newborns (A-N, upper panel in each page), male infants (MA-MN, middle panel in each page) and female infants (FA-FN, lower panel in each page).



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