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### Supplemental Data (Statistical analysis)

**Table S1** One-way ANOVA comparison of selected HM pollution for different sources in the target area.

Metals		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
As	Between Groups	112.839	2	56.419	0.515	0.599
	Within Groups	16104.381	147	109.554		
	Total	16217.220	149			
Cr	Between Groups	0.556	2	0.278	0.230	0.795
	Within Groups	177.578	147	1.208		
	Total	178.135	149			
Co	Between Groups	2.544	2	1.272	1.946	0.147
	Within Groups	96.083	147	0.654		
	Total	98.627	149			
Fe	Between Groups	97600.297	2	48800.149	1.658	0.194
	Within Groups	4326785.671	147	29433.916		
	Total	4424385.968	149			
Mn	Between Groups	81.657	2	40.829	0.919	0.401
	Within Groups	6531.841	147	44.434		
	Total	6613.499	149			
Mo	Between Groups	203.478	2	101.739	1.169	0.314
	Within Groups	12793.121	147	87.028		
	Total	12996.600	149			
Zn	Between Groups	5745.919	2	2872.960	0.660	0.519
	Within Groups	622862.225	143	4355.680		
	Total	628608.145	145			
Ni	Between Groups	4.442	2	2.221	0.585	0.558
	Within Groups	558.221	147	3.797		
	Total	562.663	149			
Hg	Between Groups	1.787	2	0.893	1.570	0.212
	Within Groups	80.823	142	0.569		
	Total	82.610	144			

**Table S2** One-way ANOVA comparison of selected HM pollution for different geographical directions in the target area.

Metals		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
As	Between Groups	311.32	3	103.77	0.953	0.417
	Within Groups	15905.89	146	108.94		
	Total	16217.22	149			
Cr	Between Groups	7.041	3	2.34	2.003	0.116
	Within Groups	171.09	146	1.174		
	Total	178.13	149			
Co	Between Groups	3.103	3	1.034	1.03	0.197
	Within Groups	95.52	146	0.654		
	Total	98.62	149			
Fe	Between Groups	16939.54	3	5646.51	0.187	0.905
	Within Groups	4407446.42	146	30187.98		
	Total	4424385.96	149			
Mn	Between Groups	39.62	3	13.20	0.293	0.830
	Within Groups	6573.87	146	45.02		
	Total	6613.49	149			
Mo	Between Groups	51.90	3	17.30	0.195	0.900
	Within Groups	12944.69	146	88.66		
	Total	12996.6	149			
Zn	Between Groups	4486.37	3	1495.46	0.340	0.796
	Within Groups	624121.7	142	4395.22		
	Total	618608.14	145			
Ni	Between Groups	3.977	3	1.32	0.346	0.792
	Within Groups	558.68	146	3.82		
	Total	562.66	149			
Hg	Between Groups	0.490	3	0.163	0.280	0.840
	Within Groups	82.12	141	0.582		
	Total	82.61	144			

**Table S3** Correlation matrix of selected HM in ground water samples (n<sup>a</sup>=150).

n=150	As	Cr	Co	Fe	Mn	Mo	Zn	Ni	Hg
As	1.000								
Cr	-0.042	1.000							
Co	0.199*	0.117	1.000						
Fe	0.001	0.150	-0.023	1.000					
Mn	0.237**	0.054	0.086	0.095	1.000				
Mo	-0.003	-0.003	-0.055	0.092	0.006	1.000			
Zn	-0.034	0.078	0.058	0.115	0.206*	0.151	1.000		
Ni	0.110	-0.011	0.070	0.096	0.134	0.651**	0.268**	1.000	
Hg	-0.084	0.065	-0.017	-0.002	-0.048	0.012	-0.024	0.011	1.000

<sup>a</sup> Number of water samples; \*\*correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed); \*correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).

## Correlations

**Table S4** Correlation matrix of selected HMs in well water samples (n= 33).

Well	As	Cr	Co	Fe	Mn	Mo	Zn	Ni	Hg
As	1.000								
Cr	0.058	1.000							
Co	0.045	-0.001	1.000						
Fe	0.000	0.270	-0.156	1.000					
Mn	0.955**	0.121	0.110	0.080	1.000				
Mo	-0.015	-0.100	-0.240	0.067	0.000	1.000			
Zn	0.074	-0.196	-0.213	0.102	0.120	0.813**	1.000		
Ni	0.157	-0.091	-0.110	0.050	0.204	0.885**	0.762**	1.000	
Hg	-0.204	-0.149	0.085	-0.034	-0.131	-0.037	0.027	-0.039	1.000

\*\* correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed); \* correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed)

**Table S5** Correlation matrix of selected HMs in spring water samples (n=15).

Spring	As	Cr	Co	Fe	Mn	Mo	Zn	Ni	Hg
As	1.000								
Cr	-0.123	1.000							
Co	0.714**	0.132	1.000						
Fe	0.441	0.224	0.333	1.000					
Mn	CN <sup>a</sup>	CN	CN	CN	1.000				
Mo	0.314	-0.168	0.438	-0.151	CN	1.000			
Zn	0.078	0.360	0.109	0.807**	CN	-0.426	1.000		
Ni	0.541*	-0.033	0.311	0.227	CN	0.099	0.356	1.000	
Hg	0.046	-0.215	-0.115	0.052	CN	-0.317	-0.051	0.159	1.000

\*\* correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed); \* correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed);<sup>a</sup> cannot be computed because at least one of the variables is not constant.

**Table S6** Correlation matrix of selected HMs in tank water samples (n=102).

Tank	As	Cr	Co	Fe	Mn	Mo	Zn	Ni	Hg
As	1.000								
Cr	-0.039	1.000							
Co	0.094	0.151	1.000						
Fe	-0.065	0.176	0.060	1.000					
Mn	-0.028	0.028	0.075	0.098	1.000				
Mo	-0.015	0.156	0.135	0.182	-0.055	1.000			
Zn	-0.045	0.101	0.111	0.480**	0.376**	-0.028	1.000		
Ni	0.042	0.022	0.149	0.236*	-0.011	0.115	0.234*	1.000	
Hg	-0.069	0.127	-0.039	0.007	-0.008	0.128	-0.043	0.021	1.000

\*\* correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed); \* correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed)

**Table S7** Correlation matrix of selected HMs in north direction (n=150).

North	As	Cr	Co	Fe	Mn	Mo	Zn	Ni	Hg
As	1.000								
Cr	0.094	1.000							
Co	0.026	0.101	1.000						
Fe	0.013	0.288**	-0.054	1.000					
Mn	0.815**	0.116	0.063	0.076	1.000				
Mo	-0.011	-0.023	-0.081	0.080	0.002	1.000			
Zn	0.026	0.142	-0.111	0.172	0.013	0.295**	1.000		
Ni	0.201	0.047	-0.072	0.099	0.142	0.792**	0.446**	1.000	
Hg	-0.145	-0.037	-0.112	-0.008	-0.046	-0.015	0.080	-0.107	1.000

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

**Table S8** Correlation matrix of selected HMs in south direction

Southern	As	Cr	Co	Fe	Mn	Mo	Zn	Ni	Hg
As	1.000								
Cr	0.098	1.000							
Co	0.480**	0.127	1.000						
Fe	0.268	0.104	0.215	1.000					
Mn	-0.054	0.006	0.271	0.626**	1.000				
Mo	0.015	0.119	0.184	0.095	-0.002	1.000			
Zn	-0.055	0.031	0.216	0.494**	0.861**	-0.077	1.000		
Ni	0.214	-0.056	0.538**	0.022	0.170	0.222	0.115	1.000	
Hg	-0.043	0.126	0.120	0.139	-0.112	0.255	-0.143	0.225	1.000

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

**Table S9** Correlation matrix of selected HMs in western direction

Western	As	Cr	Co	Fe	Mn	Mo	Zn	Ni	Hg
As	1.000								
Cr	-0.002	1.000							
Co	0.176	-0.243	1.000						
Fe	-0.053	0.148	0.391	1.000					
Mn	NC <sup>a</sup>	NC	NC	NC	1.000				
Mo	0.404	-0.123	0.036	0.342	NC	1.000			
Se	-0.050	0.496	-0.093	0.089	NC	-0.101	1.000		
Ni	-0.255	-0.309	-0.103	0.119	NC	-0.207	0.550*	1.000	
Hg	0.124	0.181	-0.028	-0.201	NC	-0.511*	0.372	0.472	1.000

\* correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed); <sup>a</sup> cannot be computed because at least one of the variables is not constant.

**Table S10** Correlation matrix of selected HMs in eastern direction

Eastern	As	Cr	Co	Fe	Mn	Mo	Zn	Ni	Hg
As	1.000								
Cr	-0.263	1.000							
Co	0.301	0.375	1.000						
Fe	-0.139	-0.046	-0.358	1.000					
Mn	-0.049	0.509	-0.163	0.193	1.000				
Mo	-0.110	0.077	-0.430	0.704**	0.523*	1.000			
Zn	-0.177	-0.153	-0.368	0.442	-0.156	0.565*	1.000		
Ni	0.393	-0.049	-0.106	0.399	0.204	0.268	-0.188	1.000	
Hg	-0.336	0.345	0.209	-0.011	-0.020	-0.047	-0.031	-0.317	1.000

\*correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed); \*\*correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed)

**Table S11** Correlation matrix of selected HMs in slope 0

	As	Cr	Co	Fe	Mn	Mo	Zn	Ni	Hg
As	1.000								
Cr	-1.000**	1.000							
Co	1.000**	-1.000**	1.000						
Fe	1.000**	-1.000**	1.000**	1.000					
Mn	NC <sup>a</sup>	NC	NC	NC	1.000				
Mo	1.000**	-1.000**	1.000**	1.000**	NC	1.000			
Zn	1.000**	-1.000**	1.000**	1.000**	NC	1.000**	1.000		
Ni	1.000**	-1.000**	1.000**	1.000**	NC	1.000**	1.000**	1.000	
Hg	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	1.000

\*\*correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed); <sup>a</sup> cannot be computed because at least one of the variables is not constant**Table S12** Correlation matrix of selected HMs in slope 0-8

	As	Cr	Co	Fe	Mn	Mo	Zn	Ni	Hg
As	1.000								
Cr	0.196	1.000							
Co	0.046	0.140	1.000						
Fe	-0.008	0.399**	-0.063	1.000					
Mn	0.818**	0.157	0.076	0.055	1.000				
Mo	-0.023	-0.084	-0.133	0.066	-0.014	1.000			
Zn	-0.003	0.111	-0.166	0.178	-0.005	0.306*	1.000		
Ni	0.197	0.071	-0.082	0.084	0.126	0.841**	0.469**	1.000	
Hg	-0.204	-0.446**	-0.311*	-0.005	-0.062	-0.030	0.216	-0.042	1.000

\*\*correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed); \*correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).

**Table S13** Correlation matrix of selected HMs in slope 8-15

	As	Cr	Co	Fe	Mn	Mo	Zn	Ni	Hg
As	1.000								
Cr	-0.223	1.000							
Co	-0.062	0.194	1.000						
Fe	-0.204	0.035	-0.021	1.000					
Mn	-0.002	0.119	0.226	0.240	1.000				
Mo	-0.310	0.034	0.285	0.466**	0.228	1.000			
Zn	-0.114	0.271	0.056	0.377*	0.457**	0.112	1.000		
Ni	-0.221	0.027	0.220	0.298	0.281	0.415**	0.217	1.000	
Hg	-0.061	0.174	-0.094	0.045	-0.013	-0.105	-0.079	0.017	1.000

\*\* correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed); \* correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed)

**Table S14** Correlation matrix of selected HMs in slope 15-30

	As	Cr	Co	Fe	Mn	Mo	Zn	Ni	Hg
As	1.000								
Cr	-0.061	1.000							
Co	0.443**	-0.066	1.000						
Fe	0.293	0.307*	0.357*	1.000					
Mn	-0.042	0.125	0.260	0.555**	1.000				
Mo	0.115	0.231	-0.042	0.169	-0.045	1.000			
Zn	-0.045	0.113	0.230	0.537**	0.980**	-0.058	1.000		
Ni	-0.084	-0.065	0.267	0.237	0.177	0.118	0.176	1.000	
Hg	-0.043	-0.016	0.127	-0.310*	-0.194	0.225	-0.183	0.022	1.000

\*\* correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed); \* correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).

**Table S15** Correlation matrix of selected HMs in slope>30

	As	Cr	Co	Fe	Mn	Mo	Zn	Ni	Hg
As	1.000								
Cr	-0.149	1.000							
Co	0.039	0.204	1.000						
Fe	-0.145	0.120	-0.065	1.000					
Mn	-0.030	-0.209	-0.161	0.885**	1.000				
Mo	-0.051	0.133	0.093	0.140	-0.104	1.000			
Zn	-0.125	-0.194	0.039	0.650**	0.734**	-0.218	1.000		
Ni	0.197	-0.104	0.043	-0.305	-0.348	-0.005	-0.145	1.000	
Hg	-0.349	0.441	0.411	0.406	0.249	0.161	0.445	0.027	1.000

\*\* correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed); \* correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed)