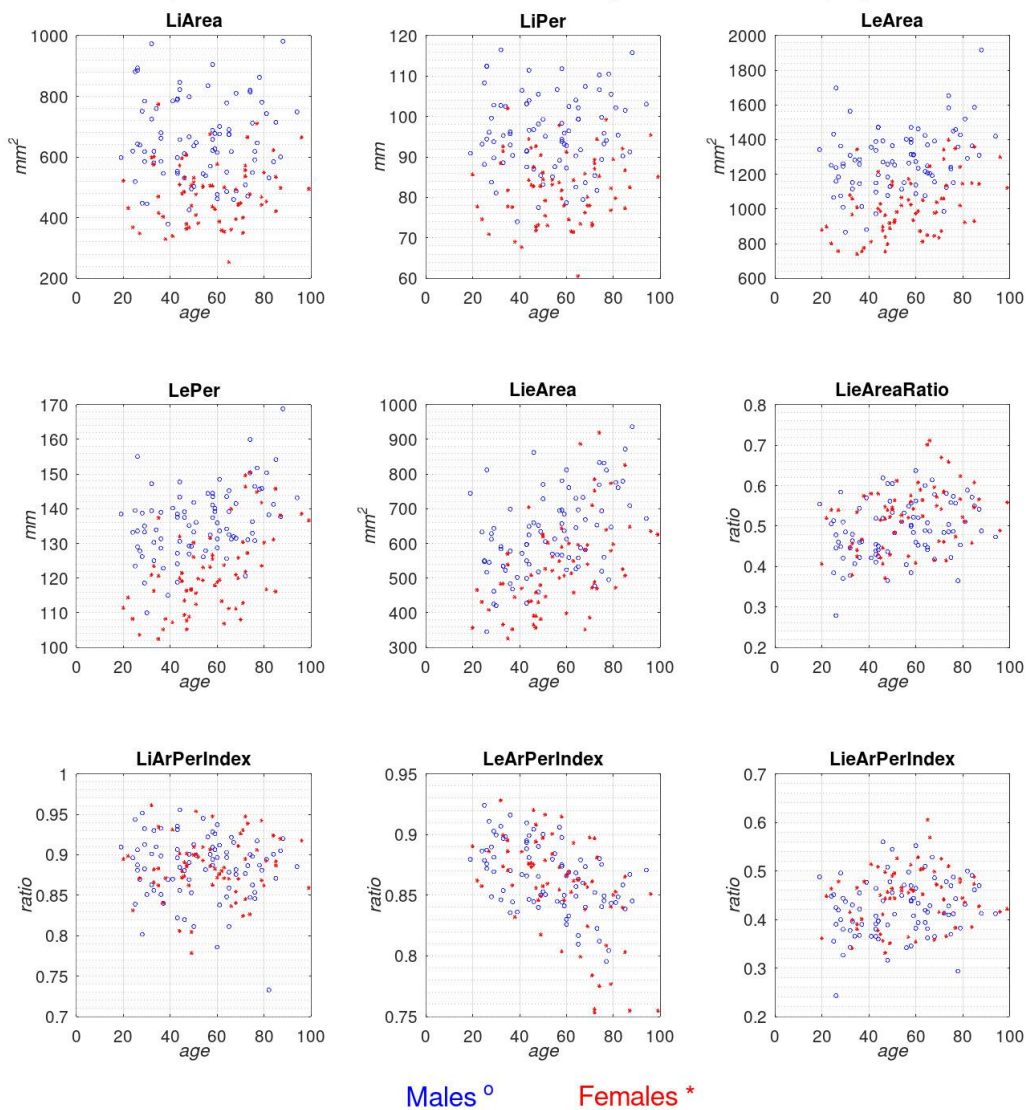


Supplementary Table 1. Intra- and inter-observer error results for lower and upper endplates

Variable	Intra-observer TEM		R_{intra}	Inter-observer TEM		R_{inter}
	Absolute [*]	Relative		Absolute [*]	Relative	
LiArea ^a	2.71	0.47	1	4.70	0.82	0.999
LiPer ^b	0.21	0.23	1	0.42	0.46	0.999
LeArea ^a	1.83	0.16	1	3.90	0.35	1
LePer ^b	0.38	0.30	1	0.34	0.27	1
LieArea ^a	3.17	0.60	1	2.18	0.41	1
LieAreaRatio	0.0024	0.51	0.997	0.0027	0.56	0.996
LiArPerIndex	0.0042	0.48	0.993	0.0035	0.41	0.995
LeArPerIndex	0.0048	0.53	0.985	0.0030	0.35	0.993
LieArPerIndex	0.0025	0.63	0.996	0.0028	0.67	0.996
UiArea ^a	3.10	0.51	1	4.69	0.77	0.999
UiPer ^b	0.26	0.28	1	0.35	0.38	0.999
UeArea ^a	2.53	0.23	1	4.01	0.37	1
UePer ^b	0.34	0.27	1	0.44	0.36	1
UieArea ^a	3.62	0.75	1	4.14	0.86	0.999
UieAreaRatio	0.0033	0.76	0.996	0.0032	0.73	0.996
UiArPerIndex	0.0030	0.34	0.993	0.0042	0.48	0.987
UeArPerIndex	0.0043	0.50	0.987	0.0041	0.47	0.988
UieArPerIndex	0.0037	0.98	0.995	0.0038	0.99	0.995

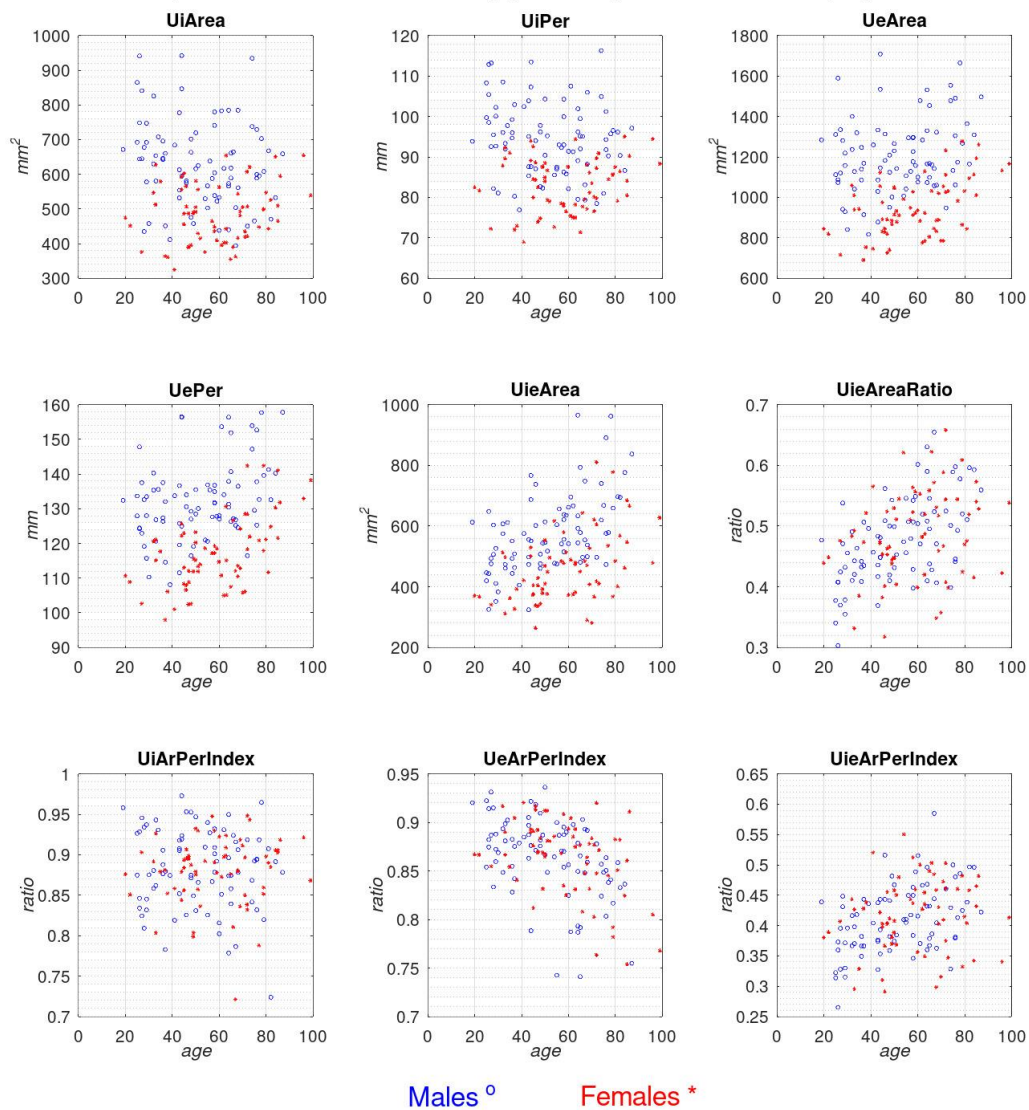
TEM, technical error of measurement. ^aMeasured in millimeters, ^bMeasured in squared millimetres.

Morphometric variables of Lower Endplates for Greek population



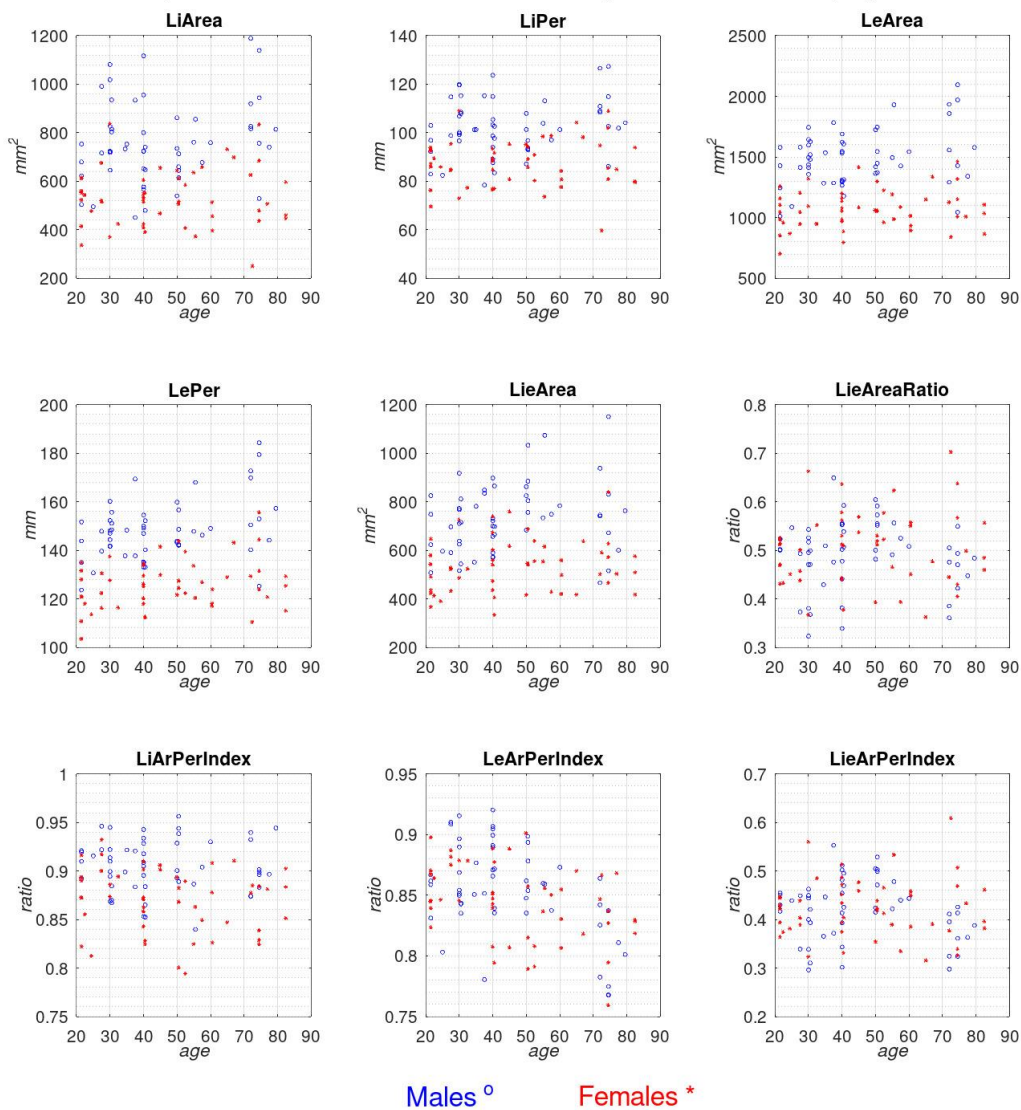
Supplementary Fig. 1. Morphometric variables of lower endplates for Greek population.

Morphometric variables of Upper Endplates for Greek population



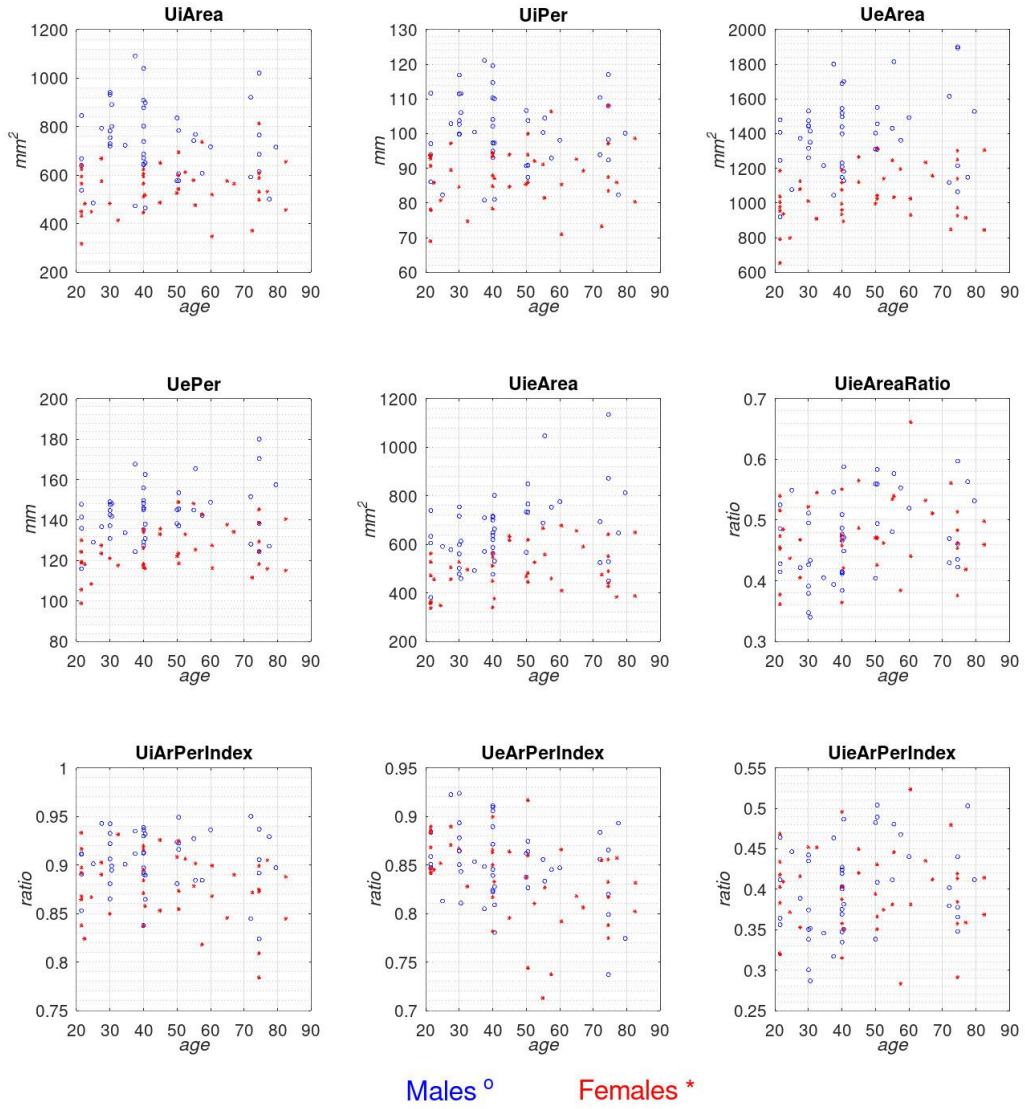
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Morphometric variables of Lower Endplates for Danish population



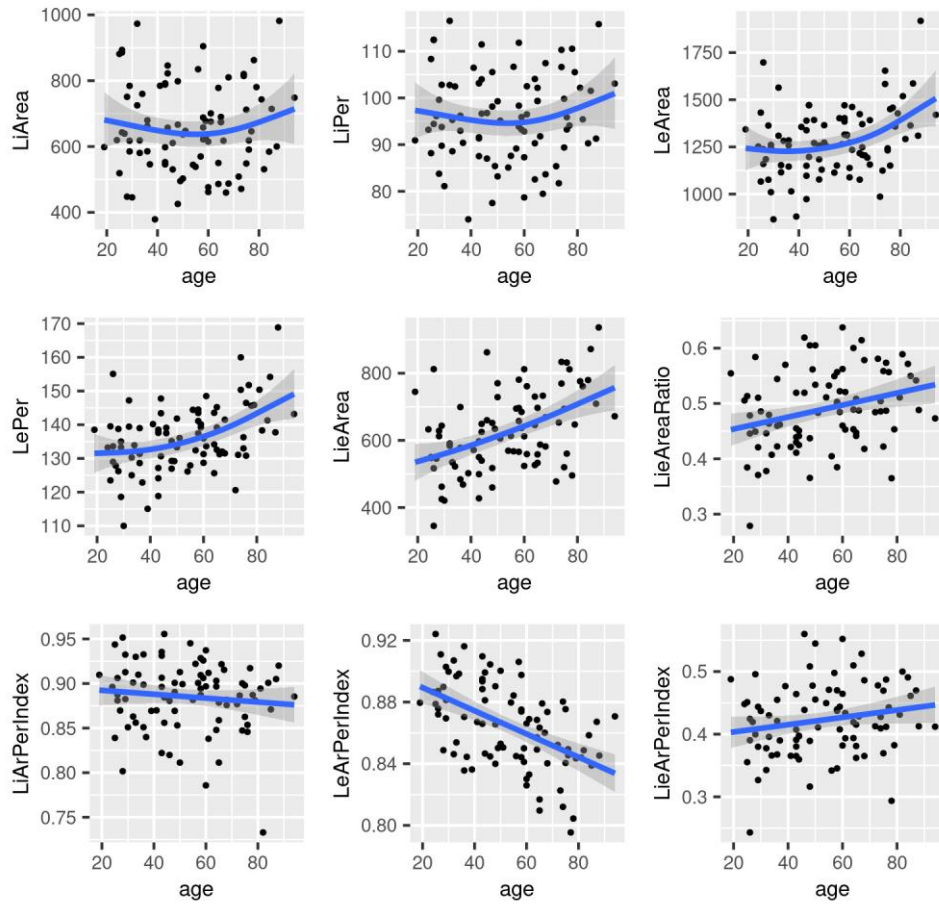
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Morphometric variables of Upper Endplates for Danish population



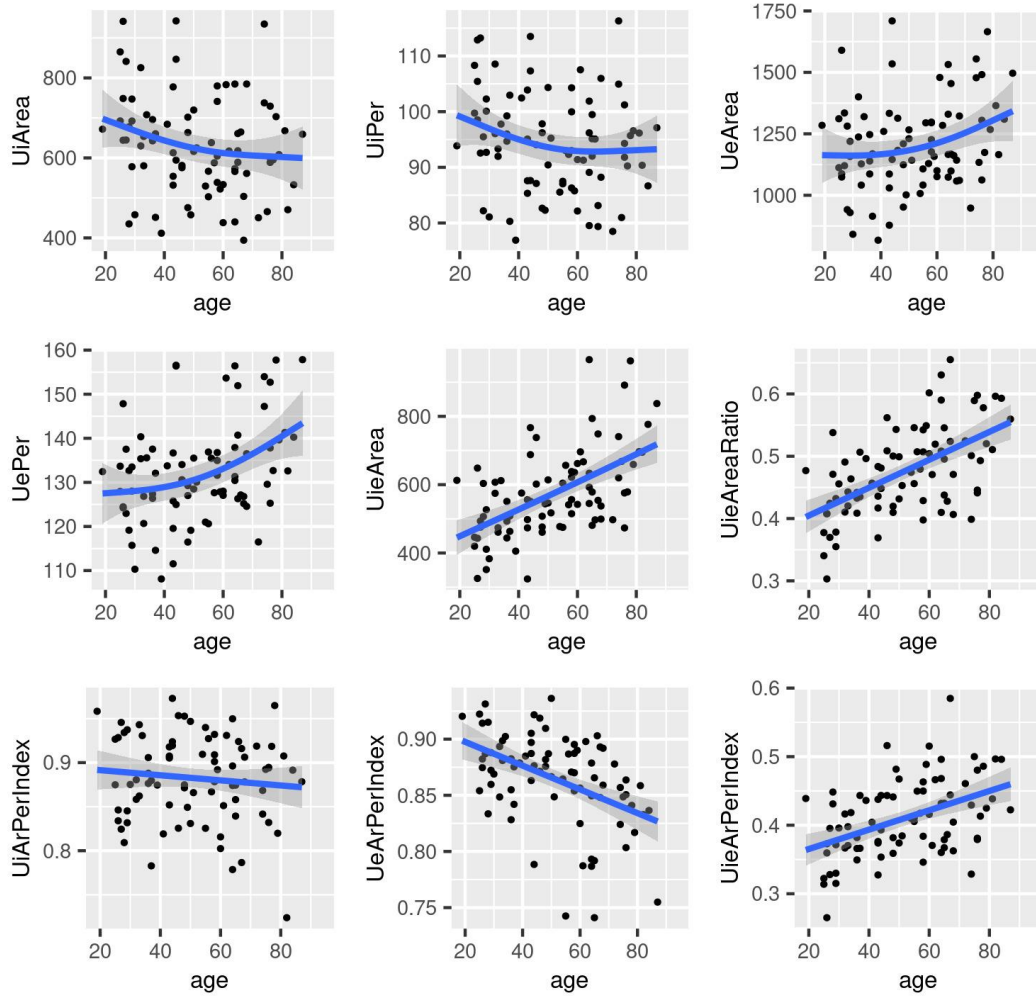
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GAMs predicting male lower endplate variables from age



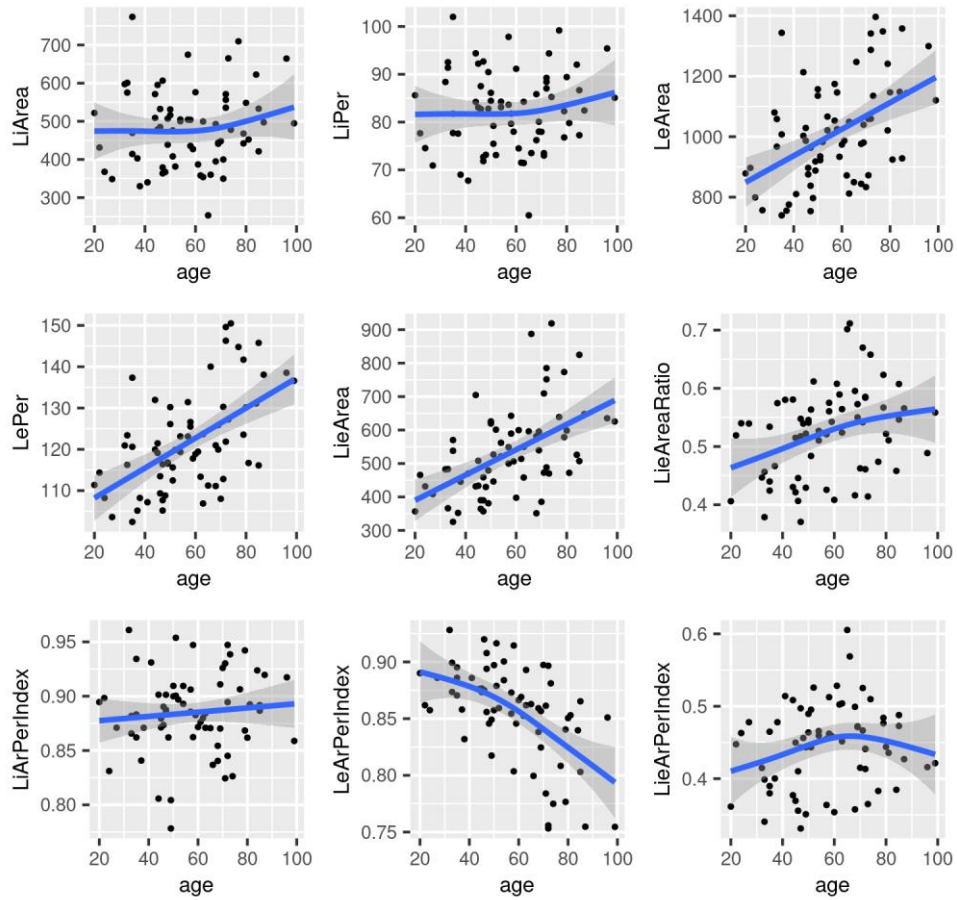
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GAMs predicting male upper endplate variables from age



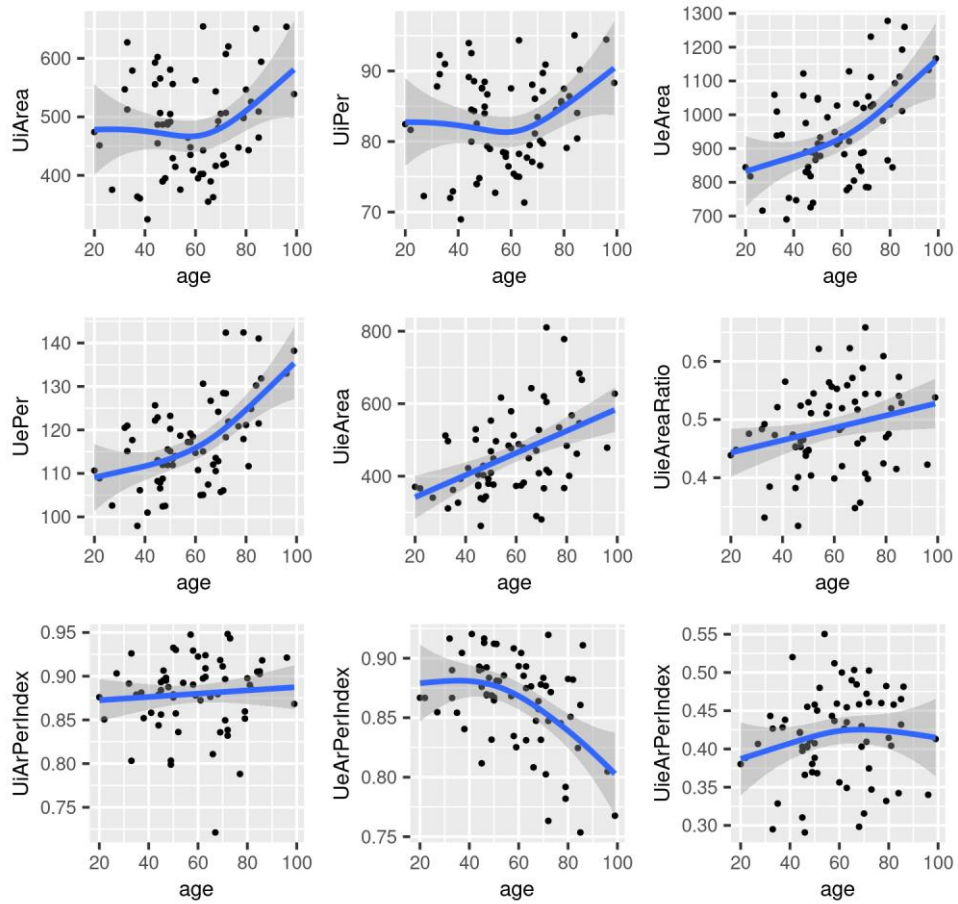
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GAMs predicting female lower endplate variables from age



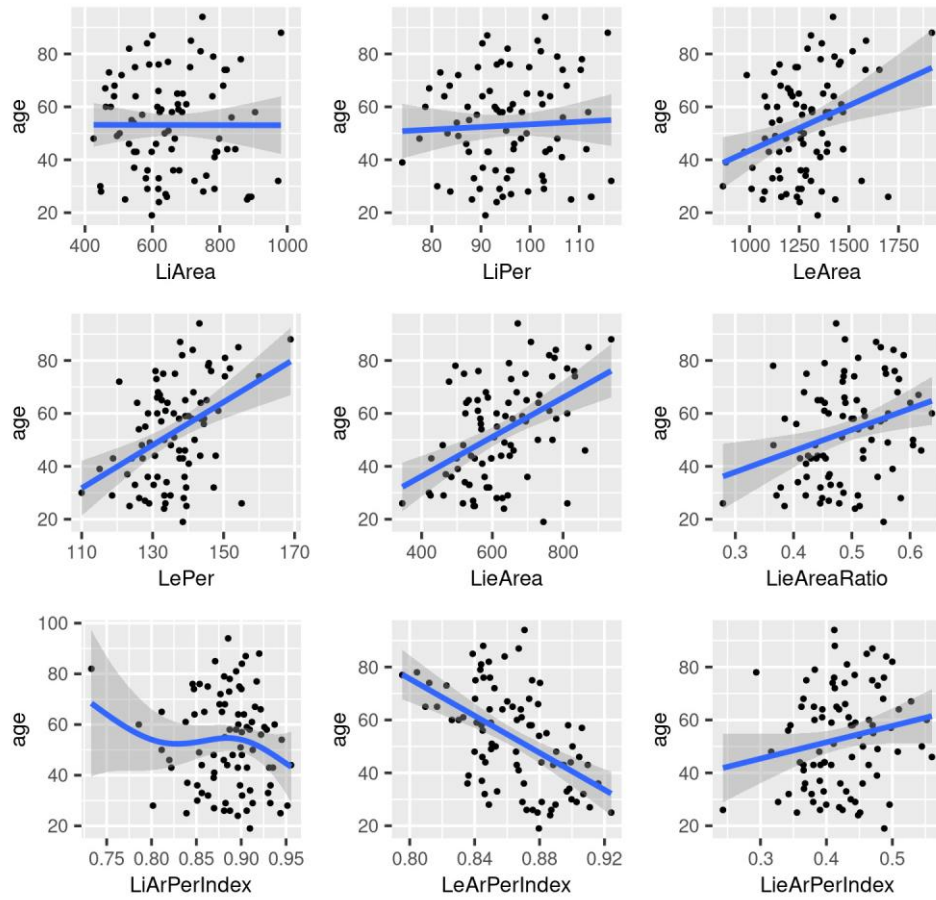
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GAMs predicting female upper endplate variables from age



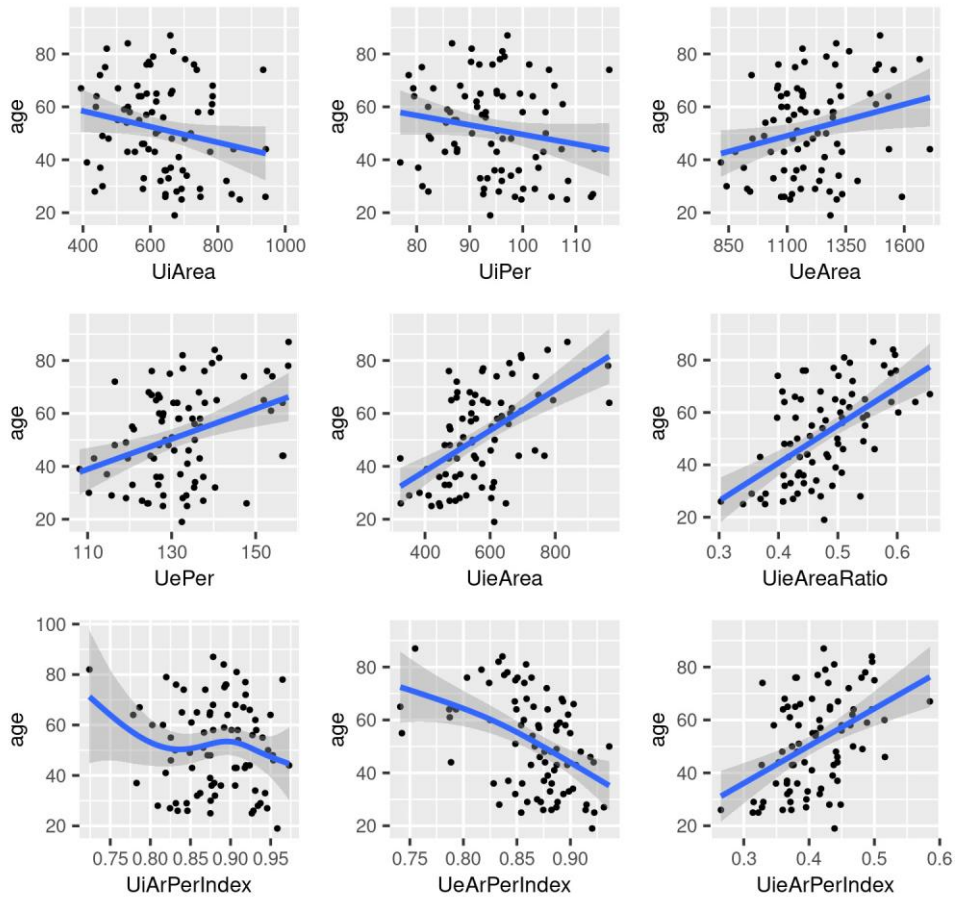
Supplementary Fig. 8. GAMs predicting female upper endplate variables from age.

GAMs predicting age from male lower endplate variables



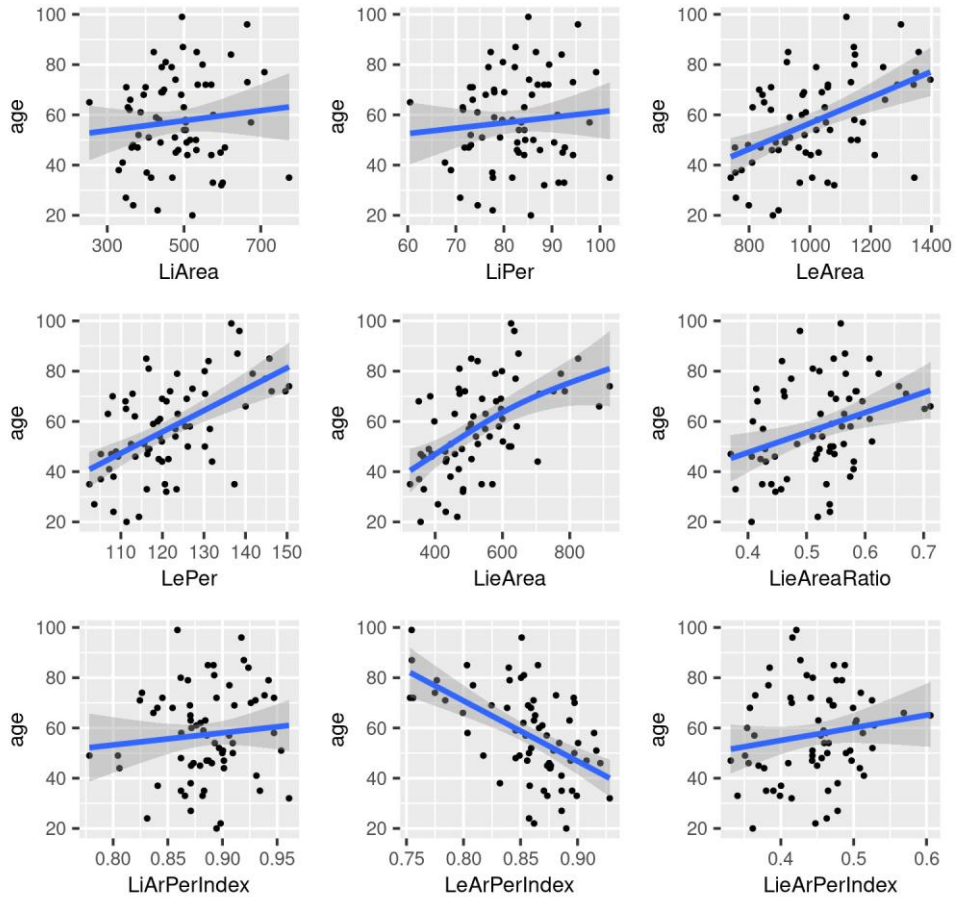
Supplementary Fig. 9. GAMs predicting age from male lower endplate variables.

GAMs predicting age from male upper endplate variables



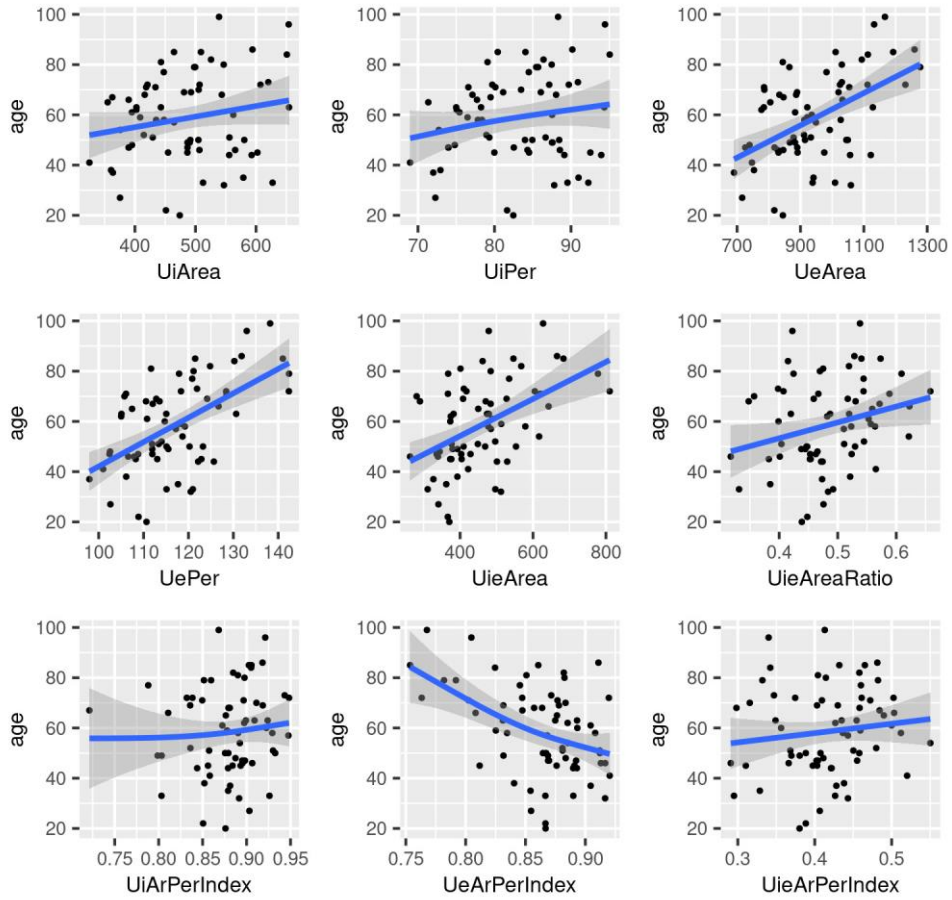
Supplementary Fig. 10. GAMs predicting age from male upper endplate variables.

GAMs predicting age from female lower endplate variables



Supplementary Fig. 11. GAMs predicting age from female lower endplate variables.

GAMs predicting age from female upper endplate variables



Supplementary Fig. 12. GAMs predicting age from female upper endplate variables.