

Sample Preparation

Extraction of metabolites and lipids from red cell pellets was as follows: 36 μL of cold MeOH:MeCN:H₂O (5:3:2, v:v:v) was added to all pellets (pellet size pre-determined to be 10 million prior to extraction). Samples were vortexed at 4°C for 30 minutes. Insoluble material was pelleted by centrifugation (18000g, 10 min) and supernatants were isolated for analysis by UHPLC-MS for metabolomics and lipidomics.

Ultra-High Pressure Liquid Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry Metabolomics Analysis

Metabolomics analysis employed a Vanquish UHPLC (Thermo Fisher Scientific) coupled to an Orbitrap Exploris 120 mass spectrometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific). 10 μL injections of the samples were resolved across a 2.1 x 150 mm, 1.7 μm particle size Kinetex SB-C18 column (Phenomenex) using a 5 minute, reversed-phase gradient as previously described [1]. The Exploris 120 was run independently in negative and positive ion mode, scanning in full MS mode from 65-975 m/z at 120,000 resolution, with 50 Arb sheath gas, 10 Arb auxiliary gas, and 3 kV and 3.4 kV spray voltage for negative and positive modes, respectively. Calibration was performed prior to the run using the Easy-IC internal standard (Thermo Fisher Scientific). Run order of samples was randomized and technical replicates were injected after every 4 samples to assess quality control. Raw files were converted to .mzXML using RawConverter. The resultant files were processed with EI-Maven (Elucidata) alongside the KEGG database for metabolite assignment and peak integration as previously described [2].

Ultra-High Pressure Liquid Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry Lipidomics Analysis

Lipidomics analysis employed a Vanquish UHPLC system (Thermo Fisher Scientific) coupled to a Q Exactive mass spectrometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific). 5 μL injections of the samples were resolved across a 2.1 x 30 mm, 1.7 μm particle size Kinetex C18 column (Phenomenex) using a 5 minute, reversed-phase gradient adapted from a previous method [3]. The Q Exactive was run independently in positive and negative ion mode, scanning using data dependent MS² (top 10) from 125-1500 m/z at 17,500 resolution, with 45 Arb sheath gas, 25 Arb auxiliary gas, and 4 kV spray voltage. Calibration was performed prior to the run using the Pierce™ Positive and Negative Ion Calibration Solutions (Thermo Fisher Scientific). Run order of samples was randomized and technical replicates were injected after every 4 samples to assess quality control. Lipid assignments and peak integration were performed using LipidSearch v 5.0 (Thermo Fisher Scientific).

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