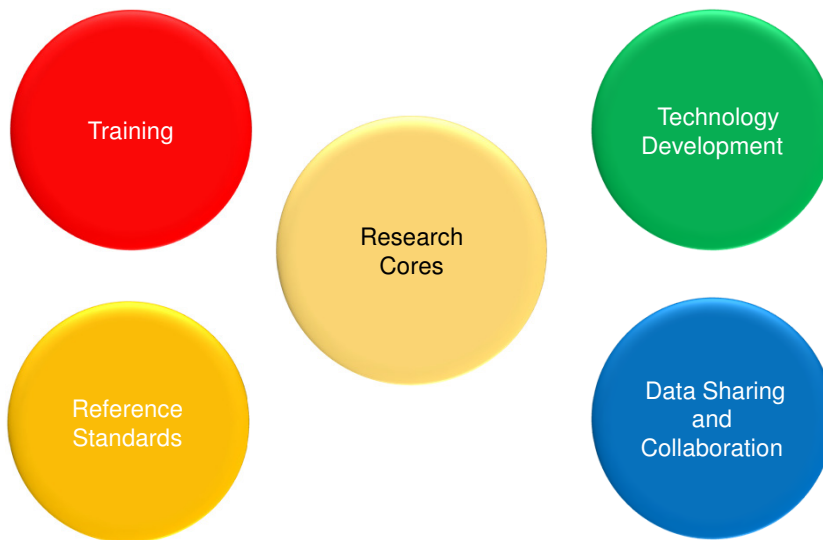




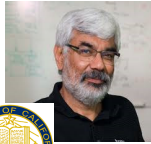
Metabolomics at the RTI RCMRC

Susan Sumner, PhD
Director, NIH Eastern Regional Metabolomics Resource Center
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NIH Common Fund Program – Building Metabolomics Capabilities



NIH Common Fund Metabolomics Centers



NIH Metabolomics Centers Ramp Up | November 4, 2013 Issue - Vol. 91 Issue 44 | Chemical & Engineering News. by Jyllian Kemsley

Metabolomics Workbench

<http://www.metabolomicsworkbench.org/>



Shankar Subramaniam

Sud M, Fahy E, Cotter D, Azam K, Vadivelu I, Burant C, Edison A, Fiehn O, Higashi R, Nair KS, Sumner S, Subramaniam S. Metabolomics Workbench: An international repository for metabolomics data and metadata, metabolite standards, protocols, tutorials and training, and analysis tools. *Nucleic Acids Res.* 2016 Oct 13. pii: gkv1042.

Hands on Training

Stephen Barnes



Stephen Barnes, University of Alabama

- Week Long Course- June/July
- Experimental design, sample collection and storage, data capture, processing, statistical and multivariate analysis
- Mass Spectrometry and NMR Metabolomics
- <http://www.uab.edu/proteomics/metabolomics/workshop/workshop>

Web-based Metabolomics Learning

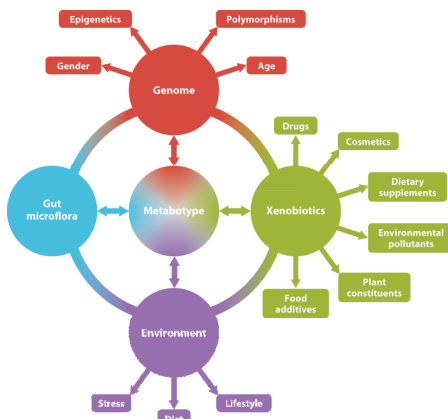
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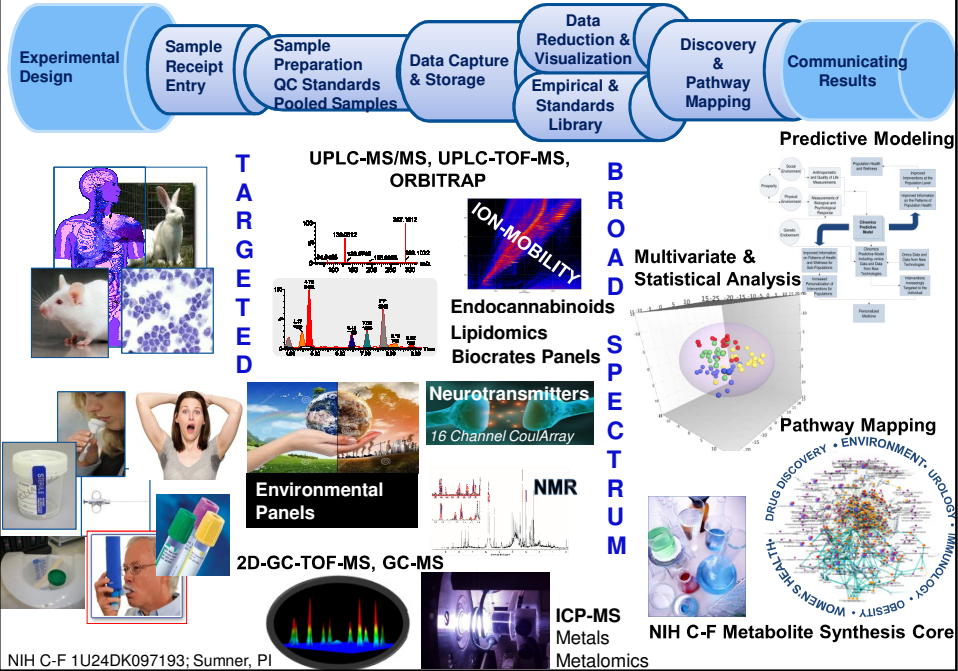
Metabotype



Johnson CH, et al. 2012. Annu. Rev. Pharmacol. Toxicol. 52:37-56

Studies have shown metabolomics signatures (the metabotype) to correlate with gender, race, age, ethnicity, drugs, chemicals, stress, weight status, mental health status, blood pressure, many disease states, behaviors, nutrition, gut microbiome....

NIH Common Fund Eastern Regional Metabolomics Core



Application Areas of the RTI RCMRC

<p>Research Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Treatment ▪ Intervention ▪ Foods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Fat, Soy, Casein, Rice ▪ Exposure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Metals, PAHs, Wood Smoke, PM2.5 ▪ Mental Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Schizophrenia, Bipolar Disorder, Anxiety ▪ Development ▪ Reproduction ▪ Cancer ▪ Climate Change ▪ Rare Disease ▪ Infection ▪ Ophthalmology ▪ Dentistry 	<p>Over 150 Research Collaborations</p> <p>Organizations</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>Harvard</td><td>ECU</td></tr> <tr><td>Columbia</td><td>WFU</td></tr> <tr><td>UPenn</td><td>NCA&T</td></tr> <tr><td>UDC</td><td>LRRI</td></tr> <tr><td>UCSD</td><td>RTI</td></tr> <tr><td>Duke</td><td>NYU</td></tr> <tr><td>UNC-CH</td><td>U Iowa</td></tr> <tr><td>NCSU</td><td>NCRC</td></tr> <tr><td>U Louisville</td><td>UAB</td></tr> <tr><td>U Montanna</td><td>Fort Bragg</td></tr> <tr><td>Vanderbilt</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Johns Hopkins</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Nationwide Children's Hospital</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>NC Museum of Sciences</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Howard University</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Moffiat Cancer</td><td></td></tr> </table>	Harvard	ECU	Columbia	WFU	UPenn	NCA&T	UDC	LRRI	UCSD	RTI	Duke	NYU	UNC-CH	U Iowa	NCSU	NCRC	U Louisville	UAB	U Montanna	Fort Bragg	Vanderbilt		Johns Hopkins		Nationwide Children's Hospital		NC Museum of Sciences		Howard University		Moffiat Cancer		<p>Sample Types</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Serum ▪ Plasma ▪ Feces ▪ Urine ▪ Saliva ▪ Sweat ▪ Kidney ▪ Liver ▪ Brain ▪ Ovary ▪ Eye ▪ Lung ▪ Muscle ▪ Mussel ▪ Rice <p>Origin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Humans ▪ Elderly ▪ Adults ▪ Children ▪ Neonate ▪ Pregnant ▪ Models ▪ Primates ▪ Rodents ▪ Aquatic ▪ Insects ▪ Cells
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Targeted and Untargeted Analysis

Comparing States of Wellness and Sickness

Proteins

Pathways

Metabolites

Traditional Clinical Parameters

More sensitive and early markers for disease detection and staging

Markers to monitor

- efficacy
- adverse response
- relapse
- transplantation

Mechanistic insights from pathway analysis

Target Identification

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Early Serum Markers of 3rd Trimester Placental Abruption

- Placental abruption (PA) is an ischemic placental disorder that results from premature separation of the placenta before delivery and occurs in 1% of all pregnancies. It is associated with preterm delivery, fetal death, maternal hemorrhagic shock, and renal failure.
- Difficult to diagnose
 - Not a universally accepted definition
 - PA in the study samples was based on medical record review
 - Most common symptoms are vaginal bleeding and complaints of abdominal pain and uterine contractions.
- Goal of this study was to determine biomarkers from the 2nd trimester serum that predicts PA in the 3rd trimester
- Samples from the Abruption Study (Swedish Medical Center, WA)
 - Serum collected at the time of recruitment (approximately 16 weeks gestation)
 - Cases were identified that had at least two of the three clinical criteria:
 - *Vaginal bleeding* at ≥ 20 weeks in gestation accompanied and either non-reassuring fetal status or uterine tenderness/hypertonic uterus (without another identified cause)
 - At delivery, the placenta showed evidence of *tightly adherent clot and/or retroplacental bleeding*
 - *Sonographically diagnosed abruption*

Collaboration with Michelle Williams (Harvard University)



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Nine Metabolites were Significantly Associated with PA ($p < 0.05$)

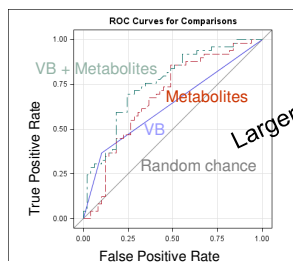
p180 Biocrates kit for the simultaneous quantification of 188 compounds

- free carnitine
- 40 acylcarnitines (Cx:y)
- 21 amino acids (19 proteinogenic amino acids, citrulline and ornithine)
- 21 biogenic amines
- hexose (sum of hexoses – about 90–95% glucose)
- 90 glycerophospholipids (14 lysophosphatidylcholines (lysoPC)
- 76 phosphatidylcholines (PC diacyl (aa) and acyl-alkyl (ae)
- 15 sphingolipids (SMx:y)

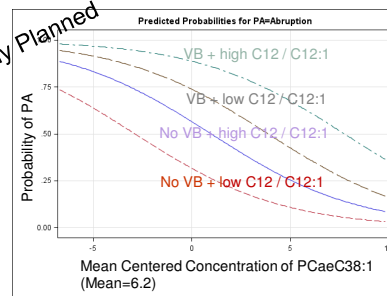
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Logistic regression was used to model the probability of PA in the 3rd trimester based on serum biomarkers in 2nd trimester

Model	Area Under the ROC Curve (95% CI)	Model AUC Compared to VB Model AUC	Error Rate	Brier Score	R ²	Bayes Information Criteria (BIC)
Vaginal Bleeding Only	0.63 (0.55, 0.71)	---	0.37	0.23	0.10	135.0
Metabolites Only	0.68 (0.58, 0.79)	$p=0.48$	0.37	0.22	0.10	139.3
Vaginal Bleeding + Metabolites	0.76 (0.66, 0.85)	$p=0.003$	0.29	0.20	0.19	133.1



ROC Curve (Area)
VB=0.63 Metabolites=0.68 VB + Metabolites=0.76



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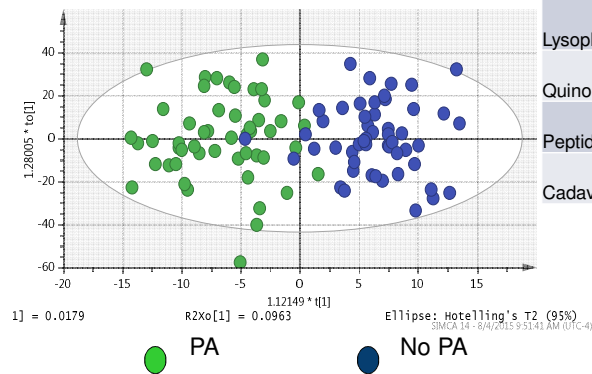
Pathways and Recommendations towards a Clinical Trial

- The probability of PA was increased with an increase in acylcarnitines and a decrease in phosphatidylcholine.**
 - These related pathways (acylcarnitine or phosphatidylcholine) branch off from diacylglycerol. Diacylglycerol is transformed to the endocannabinoid arachidonoylglycerol (2-AG). 2-AG is converted to 2-arachidonyl glycerol (2-AG) by the enzyme phospholipase C (PLC). 2-AG is converted to 2-arachidonyl glycerol (2-AG) by the enzyme phospholipase C (PLC).
 - Vaswani demonstrated that the enzyme phospholipase C (PLC), which converts 2-AG to arachidonic acid, is upregulated in the aging placenta, consistent with the increased prevalence of 2-AG in preterm labor. The upregulation of PLC may play a role in the pathogenesis of preterm labor. (Vaswani, Carlson JE, Ananth CV, Enquobahrie DA, et al. Gynecol Obstet. 2015; 2015, 09:00 ET from [The Choline Information Council](#))
- Low-dose aspirin may be beneficial for women who are at high risk for placental abruption. (Gelaye B, Sumner S, McRitchie S, Williams MA (2016). Maternal Early Pregnancy Serum Metabolomics Profile and Abnormal Vaginal Bleeding as Predictors of Placental Abruption: PlosOne 11(6))
- Reserpine plays a critical role in pregnancy and women's health. (Reserpine: A Major Target of Nonsteroidal Anti-inflammatory Drugs, including aspirin)
- Whole genome expression microarrays for healthy pregnant women taking choline at ~ AI level or ~ 2 x the AI level identified higher maternal choline lowers the concentrations of fms-like tyrosine kinase-1 (sFLT1) which is known to disable proteins that cause blood vessel growth, and indicate that choline may improve placental angiogenesis.

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Broad Spectrum Metabolomics

UPLC-TOF-MS of Serum



Library Matched Metabolites	Some VIPs
Beta-Cortol	3.1
5-Aminopentanal	3.1
Lysophosphatidylcholine	3.1
Quinoline alkaloid	2.6
Peptides	2.5, 2.6
Cadaverine	2.5

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Metabolomics and Autism

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Chinese Han population

3 - 6 years old

Discovery phase

- Autistic subjects (n=109 M/14 F)
- Neurotypical controls (n=63 F)

Validation phase

- Autistic subjects (n=109 M/14 F)
- Neurotypical controls (n=63 F)

Exclusion

- Asperger syndrome, developmental delay or autistic traits
- Other neurodevelopmental disorders not otherwise specified, Fragile-X syndrome

Diagnosis Panels Used

- Autism Behavior Checklist, Childhood Autism Spectrum Scales, Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales

Sphingomyelin metabolism and fatty acid metabolism associated with ASD

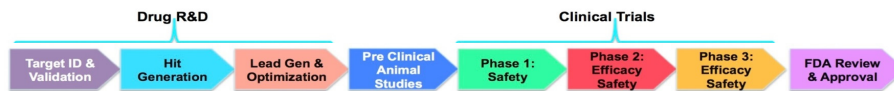
Discovery: 17 metabolites identified
Validation: 11 metabolites validated
sphingosine 1-phosphate
docosahexaenoic acid

Decanoylcarnitine, pregnanetriol uric acid, epoxyoctadecenoic acid, docosapentaenoic acid, adrenic acid, LPA(18:2(9Z,12Z)/0:0), LysoPE(0:0/16:0), LysoPE(18:0/0:0)

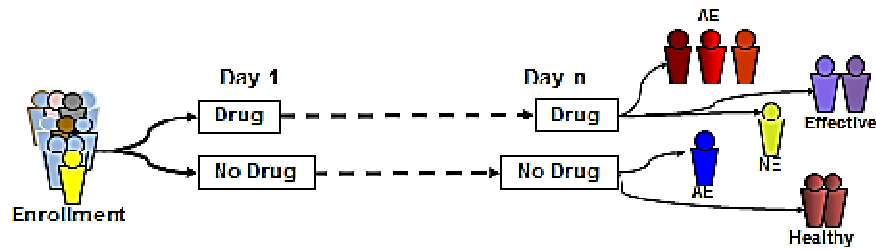
Fasting plasma analyzed with UPLC-MS

Wang et al (2016). Potential serum biomarkers from metabolomics study of autism potential serum biomarkers from metabolomics study of autism. *Journal of Psychiatry and Neuroscience*. 41(1), 27-37.

Biomarkers in Preclinical and Clinical Research



Predicting Response to Treatment

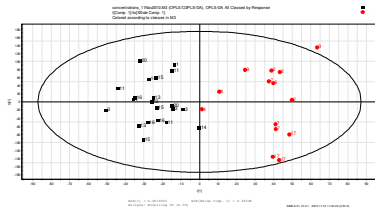


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Adolescent Obesity and Response to Intervention

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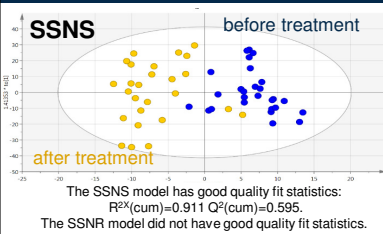
- Urine samples were obtained from adolescents participating in a 3 week healthy weight camp for overweight children.
- Children were provided a standardized meal plan, counseling, and fun physical activities.
- Some children had a clinically significant decrease in BMI, while others did not.
- Significant changes in the urinary metabolome occurred over the 3 week period.



At baseline the branched-chain amino acids (BCAA) valine, leucine, and 2-oxoisocaproate were at lower levels in responders compared with non-responders to weight loss. Other investigators have found high levels of plasma BCAA (valine, isoleucine, phenylalanine, tyrosine & leucine) to be predictive of development of diabetes.

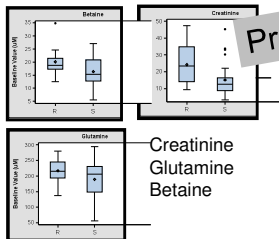
Pathmasiri et al., 2012, Integrating metabolomic signatures and psychosocial parameters in responsivity to an immersion treatment model for adolescent obesity. *Metabolomics*, 8(6), 1037–1051.

Mechanisms of Childhood Glucocorticoid Resistance



- Blood was collected by the Midwest Pediatric Nephrology Consortium from 26 children with steroid sensitive (SS) and 14 children with steroid resistant (SR) nephrotic syndrome (NS)
- Collected prior to beginning treatment, and after ~7 weeks of daily oral glucocorticoids.
- Plasma was analyzed using broad spectrum metabolomics and quantitation.
- PCA of the pre- and post-treatment SSNS groups showed that the biological variance between treatment and non-treatment groups was greater than the individual variability.
- Compounds important for the differentiation of SSNS pre- and post-treatment included lipoproteins, and glucose.
- SSNS pre- and post-treatment plasma had $p \leq 0.05$ for 3-hydroxybutyrate, acetate, adipate, creatine, glucose, glycine, methylamine, pyruvate, tyrosine and valine.
- Alanine and o-phosphocholine levels had $p \leq 0.05$ for the pre and post treatment samples for SSNS and SRNS phenotypes.

Baseline: SS vs SR



Creatinine
Glutamine
Betaine



Collaboration with
William Smoyer
Nationwide Children's Hospital

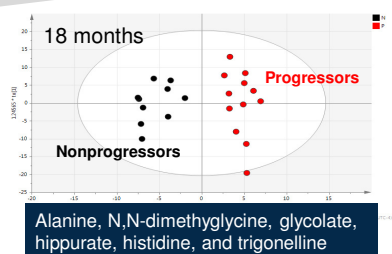
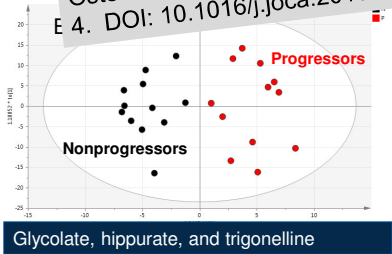
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Intensive Diet and Exercise for Arthritis (IDEA)



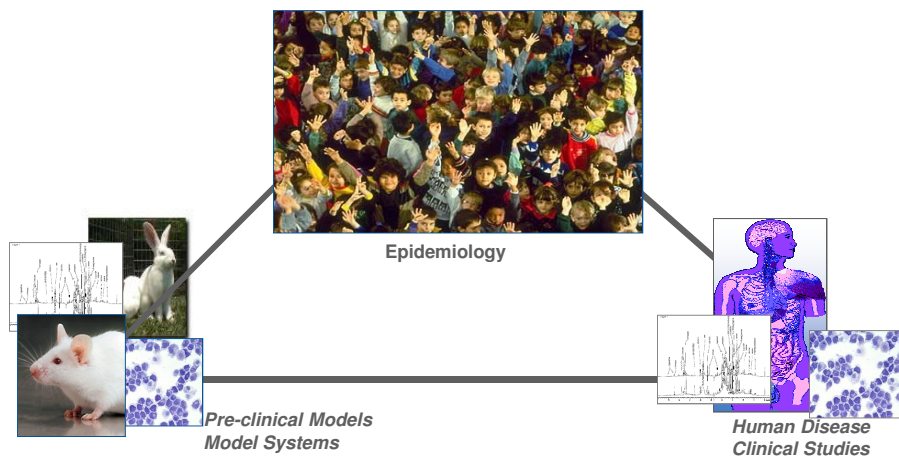
R Loeser
UNC-CH

- IDEA was a prospective, single-blind, randomized controlled trial that enrolled overweight osteoarthritis.
- Obese older adults with knee pain and radiographic evidence of OA were randomized into one of three 18-month interventions (dietary weight loss-only; dietary weight loss-plus-exercise; or exercise-only).
- OA progression was determined by measuring joint space width from knee radiographs.
- N Loeser RF, Pathmasiri W., Sumner S., McRitchie S., Beavers D., Saxena D., P., Nicklas B., Jordan J., Guermazi A, Hunter D., Messier S (2016). Association of urinary metabolites with radiographic progression of knee osteoarthritis in overweight and obese adults: An exploratory study. *Journal of Orthopaedic and Sports Physical Therapy*. DOI: 10.1016/j.joca.2016.03.011. PMID: 27012755



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Model Systems



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Western Diet and the Ovarian and Serum Metabolome

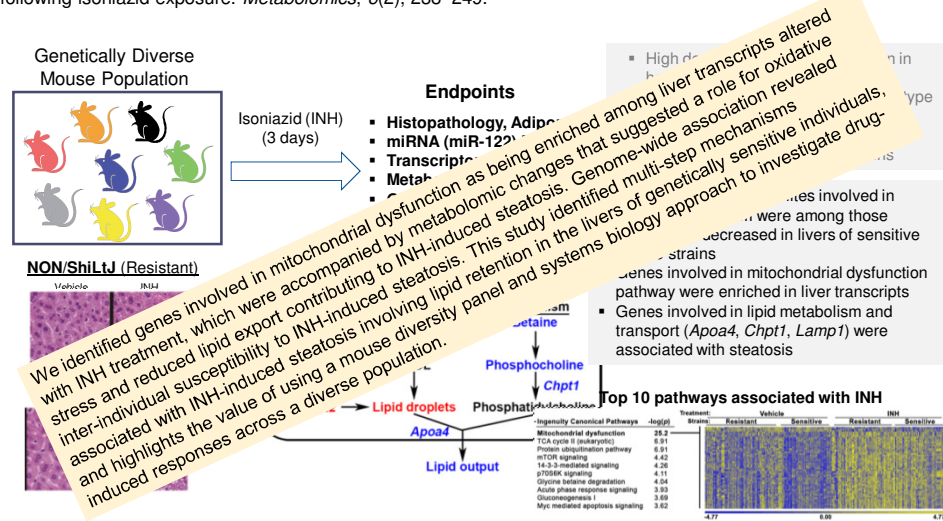
- Ovarian tissue and serum was collected from midlife cynomolgus monkeys (*Macaca fascicularis*) that had been fed either a Prudent or Western diet.
- Prudent diet monkeys were research naïve and had been exposed only to a commercial monkey chow diet: low in cholesterol (14 mg/100 gram feed) and saturated fats, high in complex carbohydrates.
- Western diet monkeys were fed, for 2 years, a diet high in cholesterol (116 mg/100 gram feed), saturated fats, and high in simple carbohydrates.
- UPLC-TOF-MS analysis of 13 amino acids and 2 biogenic amines that were significantly different between the two diet groups for serum, and significant differences were observed for the ovary extracts.
- This study demonstrated that dietary exposure had a significant impact on the serum and ovarian metabolome.
- Serum metabolites could be validated to serve as surrogates for ovarian quality.

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Collaboration with Sue Apt, WFU

INH Drug Induced Liver Injury: Systems Biology

Sumner, et al.(2010). Metabolomics of urine for the assessment of microvesicular lipid accumulation in the liver following isoniazid exposure. *Metabolomics*, 6(2), 238–249.



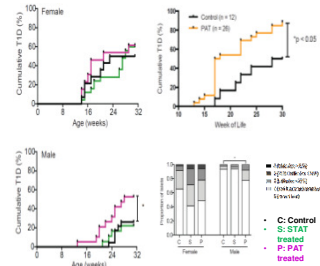
Church et al, 2014. A Systems Biology Approach Utilizing a Mouse Diversity Panel Identifies Genetic Differences Influencing Isoniazid-Induced Microvesicular Steatosis. *Tox. Sci.* 140(2): 481-92.

Antibiotic Mediated Gut Microbiome Perturbation Accelerates Type 1 Diabetes

Martin Blaser
NYUMC



- Hypothesis: Early-life antibiotic use alters gut microbiota essential for immune development - promoting T1D development.
- Non-obese diabetic (NOD) mice were exposed to PAT or control
 - pulsed antibiotic treatment-macrolide tylosin
- By 31 weeks of age, control females had higher T1D incidence (50%) than males (26%).
- T1D incidence in males was significantly increased in PAT exposed- compared to controls.



These results provide evidence that early-life PAT exposure increase the development of T1D and accelerates the severity of insulinitis



Alexandra Livanos

Antibiotic Mediated Gut Microbiome Perturbation in T1D

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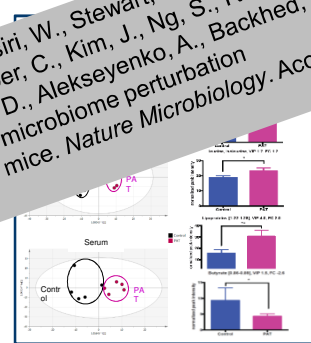
Microbiome analysis showed 32 genus-level taxa significantly enriched in controls and 7 enriched in PAT mice

Metagenome is enriched in controls

Livanos, A. E., Greiner, T. U., Vangay, P., Pathmasiri, W., Stewart, D., McRitchie, S., Li, H., Chung, J., Sohn, J., Kim, S., Gao, Z., Barber, C., Kim, J., Ng, S., Rogers, A., B., Sumner, S., Zhang, X., Cadwell, K., Knights, D., Alekseyenko, A., Backhed, F., & Blaser, M. J. (in press). Antibiotic-mediated gut microbiome perturbation accelerates development of type 1 diabetes in mice. *Nature Microbiology*. Accepted



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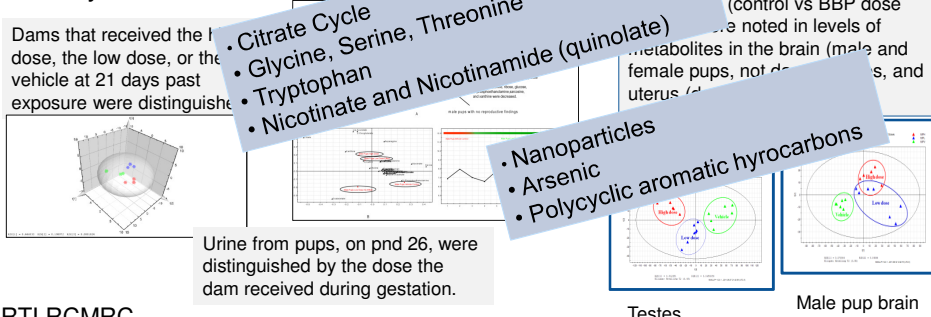


Metabolomics distinguished PAT exposed NOD from NOD control: including differences in amino acids, lipids and significant reduction in butyrate

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in utero Exposure to Chemicals and Health Outcomes

- Phthalates, ubiquitous in the environment, have been characterized as endocrine disruptors.
- Pregnant rats were dosed with BBP for during gestation (gd 18-21): control, low dose (25 mg/kg), high dose (250 mg/kg).
- Urine was collected from dams gd 18 and pnd 21, and from pups after weaning but before puberty (pnd 26), and uteri were collected at study termination.

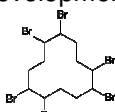


Sumner et al., 2009. Metabolomics in the assessment of chemical-induced reproductive and developmental outcomes using non-invasive biological fluids: application to the study of butylbenzyl phthalate. *Journal of Applied Toxicology* and **Banerjee et al., 2012.** Metabolomics of brain and reproductive organs: characterizing the impact of gestational exposure to butylbenzyl phthalate on dams and resultant offspring *Metabolomics*

Neonatal Exposure to Brominated flame retardants

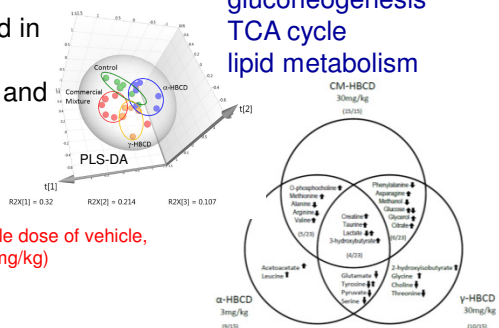
Hexabromocyclododecane (HBCD)

- High production volume flame retardant
 - Building insulation foams, electronics, and textiles
- Commercial mixture consists of 3 stereo isomers (α , β , γ)
 - α -HBCD (10%), β -HBCD (10%), γ -HBCD (80%)
- Shift from dominant γ to α detected in humans and wild life
- Implications in neurodevelopment and endocrine disruption



Mice exposed to α -, γ -, or CM-HBCD demonstrated differences in endogenous metabolites by treatment- and dose-groups.

Metabolites involved in
 amino acid metabolism
 glycolysis
 gluconeogenesis
 TCA cycle
 lipid metabolism

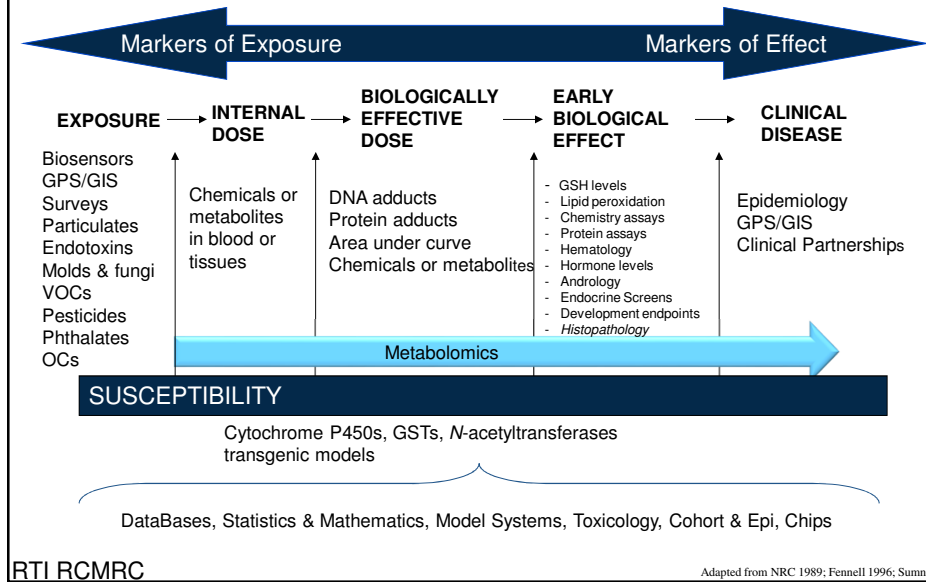


- PND 10 female C57BL/6 mice administered single dose of vehicle, HBCD α , γ , or commercial mixture (3, 10, or 30 mg/kg)
- Serum collected 4 days post-oral administering

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Szabo et al., 2016. Different serum metabolomics profiles in neonatal mice following oral brominated flame retardant exposures to hexabromocyclododecane (HBCD) alpha, gamma, and commercial mixture. Accepted, *EHP*

Biomarkers of Exposure, Dose, and Response



Birth and Early Childhood Outcomes

Collaboration with Frederica Perera (Columbia University)

- The Columbia Center for Children's Environmental Health (CCCEH) is evaluating the effects of environmental exposures on women and newborns in inner-city communities in New York.
- Prospective birth cohort of nonsmoking African-American and Dominican women - Studies have found that environmental exposures during pregnancy adversely affect fetal development, childhood respiratory health, and the neurodevelopment of children.
- Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), are known to have endocrine disruption potential, and were the major pollutant studied.
- Metabolomics in exposure sciences has largely focused on comparing biochemical profiles of biological specimens in studies designed to reveal biomarkers that differentiate groups based on well-defined exposure characteristics.
- The use of metabolomics in health research has focused on comparing the profiles between and among study groups with well-defined health outcomes.
- We have used structural equation modeling (SEM) to conduct pathway analysis between environmental exposures, the metabotype of cord blood, and birth and early developmental health outcomes.

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Exposure and Health Outcome Data

- Nine PAHs were determined from personal monitor worn over a 2 day period during the 3rd trimester of pregnancy.
- Levels of B[a]P-DNA adduct were measured in cord blood - as a proxy for total PAH-DNA adducts.
- Maternal urinary metabolic concentrations were measured for 10 PAH-derived metabolites.
- Birth weight and head circumference were recorded at the time of delivery.
- Mental Development Index (MDI) was calculated using the Bayley Scales of Infant Development at 12, 24, 36 months of age.

PAHs Measured in Personal Monitors

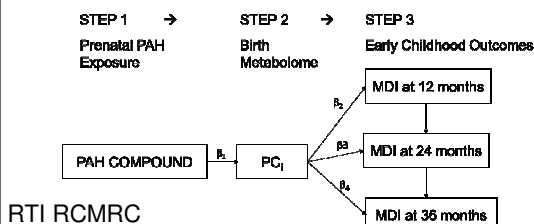
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Benzo(k)fluoranthene
Chrysene
Disbenz(a,h)anthracene
Indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene
Total PAH*
Pyrene

DNA adducts in cord blood

B[a]P-DNA adducts

PAHs in Maternal Urine

2-hydroxyfluorene
3-hydroxyfluorene
9-hydroxyfluorene
1-hydroxynaphthalene
2-hydroxynaphthalene
1-hydroxyphenanthrene
2-hydroxyphenanthrene
3-hydroxyphenanthrene
4-hydroxyphenanthrene
1-hydroxypyrene



β_i is the standardized regression coefficient. The magnitude of the coefficient represents the strength of the effect, and the sign represents whether the effect is positive or negative.

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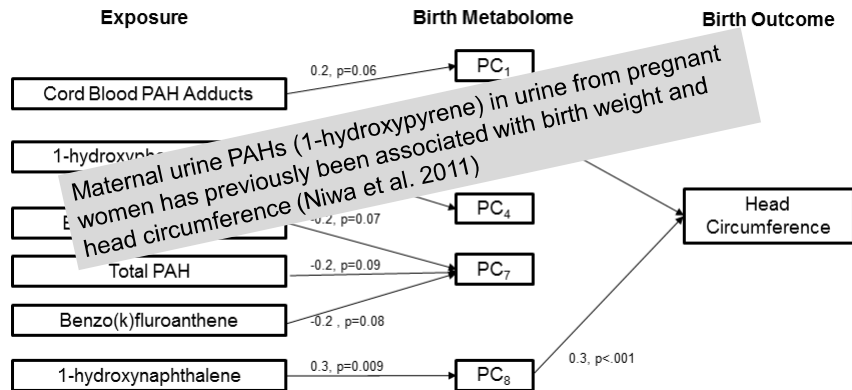
Nine Principal Components (PCs) Represent the Metatypes (eigenvalue > 2)

- Nine principal components (PCs), with eigenvalue > 2, were selected to represent the metatypes
 - Percentage of the variance explained = eigenvalue / total number of variables
- Each PC is a linear combination of the 141 transformed bins
 - The coefficient for each bin variable represents the weight of the bin variable in the PC, and the sum of the squares of the weights equals 1.

PCs	% Variance	Rank order of Library Matched Metabolites Listed by the Magnitude of the Coefficient
PC1	49.7%	<i>proline</i> , cholate, 3-hydroxybutyrate, lipoproteins, leucine, alanine,
PC2	9.0%	glucose, ribose, maltose, sucrose, mannose, unsaturated lipids,
PC3	6.3%	threonine, <i>proline</i> , ethanol, glucose, lipoproteins, 3-hydroxybutyrate.....
PC4	5.8%	3-hydroxybutyrate, unsaturated lipids, glucose, ribose, maltose....
PC5	4.6%	glucose, ethanol, glutamate, <i>proline</i> , pyruvate, lactate,
PC6	3.7%	aminoadipate, aminobutyrate, lysine, lactate, mannose,
PC7	2.2%	acetone, lipoproteins, unsaturated lipids, 3-hydroxybutyrate,....
PC8	2.1%	lipoproteins, propylene glycol, unsaturated lipids, choline,
PC9	1.6%	3-hydroxybutyrate, kynurenine, acetone, glutamate,

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One Pathway Analysis Example- PAH Exposure to the Birth Metabolome and the Birth Outcome of Head Circumference



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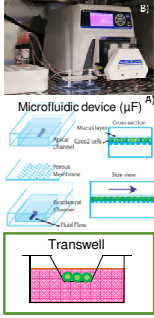
Exposure to Outcome

- Some exposure measures were associated with PCs which did not have an association with health outcomes, which could indicate that the environmental exposure impacts the metabolome with no health consequences, or just not those measured in this study.
- Some cord blood PCs were associated with adverse birth or childhood outcomes that developed at 12, 24, or 36 months that did not associate with exposures measured in this study.
 - These PCs could be explored as biomarkers to use for predicting outcomes in early childhood.
 - Bermúdez and coworkers have demonstrated correlations between levels of increased copper in cord blood and small for gestational age birth weight.
- Cord blood metabolites (e.g., choline, proline, glutamine, alanine, glucose, phenylalanine, and citrulline, and phospholipids) have been associated with low birth weight (Ivorra et al. 2012; Ciborowski et al. 2015; Horgan et al. 2011), growth restriction (Favretto et al. 2012), or fetal growth and neurodevelopment (Neu 2001; Poindexter et al. 2006).
- Metabolite perturbations associated with MDI include:
 - Taurine, lactate and N-acetyl aspartate metabolism, and glucose levels have been associated with later adverse neonatal/infant neurodevelopment (Wharton et al. 2004, Duvanel et al. 1999; Lucas et al. 1988, Barkovich et al. 1999).
 - Choline, phospholipids, and betaine are known metabolites involved in the brain development (Zeisel, 2006).

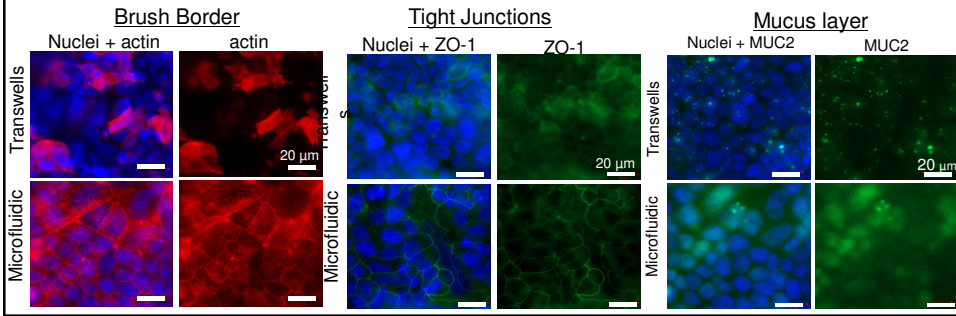
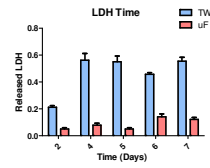
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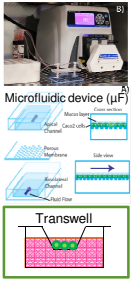
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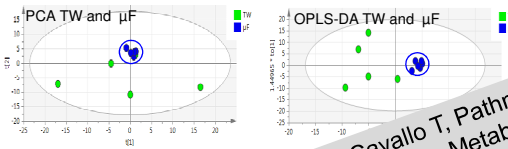
- Cell physiology was compared between transwells and microfluidic devices to understand the effect of fluid dynamics
- Released LDH in the cell media was higher in the media of transwells compared to μF.
- Caco-2 cells culture in μF have a higher production of mucin (MUC2), more defined tight junctions and a better developed brush border than transwells.



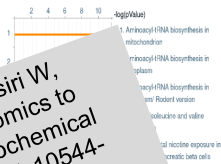
Transwell vs Microfluidic Caco-2 Cells



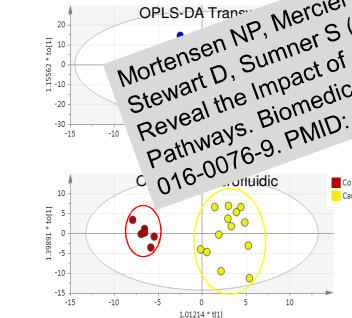
Fluid dynamics effect on cell metabolism



Differential pathways



Campylobacter jejuni 81-176 infection



Mortensen NP, Mercier KA, McRitchie S, Cavallo T, Pathmasiri W, Stewart D, Sumner S (2016). Microfluidics Meets Metabolomics to Reveal the Impact of *Campylobacter jejuni* Infection on Biochemical Pathways. *Biomedical Microdevices* 18(3):51. doi: 10.1007/s10544-016-0076-9. PMID: 27231016

- Acetate
- Glutamate
- Pyroglutamate
- Glucose
- Glutamate
- 3-Methyl-2-oxovalerate
- Isoleucine
- Leucine
- Malonate
- Methionine
- N-Acetylaspartate
- Phenylalanine
- Pyruvate
- t-Methylhistidine
- Valine

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