Fatty acid-based lipidomics: the concept of membrane remodeling applied to molecular diagnostics

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Membrane LIPIDOME: Composition of membrane phospholipids

The natural lipid composition of cell membranes in all tissues ensures the cell functionality. It is formed by fatty acids : SATURATED, MONOUNSATURATED, POLYUNSATURATED FATTY ACIDS

THIS IS A FLEXIBLE COMPOSITION, FOLLOWING THE LIFE AND NUTRITION STYLES OF THE SUBJECT-THERE ARE INTERVALS OF TOLERABILITY FOR EACH FATTY ACID IN THE TISSUE



Lipid diversity and essentiality: homeostatic conditions



EVERY TISSUE HAS ITS OWN COMPOSITION TO RESPECT

FATTY ACID	Adipose tissue (%rel)	RBC (%rel)	LIVER (%rel)	RETINA (%rel)	BRAIN (%rel)
18:2, omega-6, LIN	10.5	9.3	17.5	1.4	0.6
20:4 , omega-6, AA	0.3	15.2	7.7	9.6	7.7
20:3, omega-6, DGLA	0.2	1.5	1.6	nd	1.2
20:5, omega-3, EPA	traces	0.7	0.4	0.1	traces
22:6, omega-3, DHA	0.3	3.2	3.4	19.7	7.2
SFA	27.2	43.1	42.0	48.2	45.9
MUFA	59.7	23.0	23.8	14.2	29.7
PUFA	13.1	33.3	32.0	37.2	23.4

AA = arachidonic acid = inflammatory mediator

Adapted from Lauritzen, Chem. Phys Lipids 1999

Signaling and remodeling



The equilibrium of cell signaling and responses



http://lpi.oregonstate.edu/mic/other-nutrients/essential-fatty-acids

C. Ferreri et al, Diagnostics, 2017

Neuronal equilibrium



Nature Reviews Neuroscience 15, 771–785 (2014)





PUFA, intake and metabolism



BORAGO officinalis - Oenothera biennis



Wang et al. Lipids in Health and Disease 2012, 11:25



- Trans fatty acids are present in cell membranes and cause a change in the quality of the natural lipids
- They can be obtained from diet (junk and processed foods) as well as metabolism (free radical stress)
- In particular free radicals obtained during the metabolism from substances like thiols are able to transform cis lipids into trans lipids. Therefore, they can measure indirectly the exposition of MEMBRANE to STRESS. We evidenced the trans FA range = 0.1- 0.4% for a normal condition. The ZERO VALUE (no reactivity) as well as values > 0.4% (high reactivity) are out of normal, and a strategy can be performed to bring the values to normal conditions.

Reading human lipidome



FAT		ILE [®]	Patii ID: Date	ENT) E:);
Fatty acids		Value	Optimal range	Variation	- Optimal range -
Saturated fatty acids	Palmitic (16:0)	23.0	17 - 27		•
	Stearic (18:0)	20.3	13 - 20	+1.5 %	•
Nonounsaturated	Palmitoleic (16:1)	0.4	0.2 - 0.5		•
atty acids	Oleic (9c 18:1)	14.9	9 - 18		•
	Vaccenic (11c 18:1)	2.5	0.7 - 1.3	+84.62 %	•
olyUnsaturated	Linoleic (18:2)	11.9	9 - 16		•
Fatty Acids omega-6	DGLA (20:3)	1.7	1.9 - 2.4	-10.53 %	•
	Arachidonic (20:4)	19.4	13 - 17	+14.12 %	•
PolyUnsaturated	EPA (20:5)	1.5	0.5 - 0.9	+66.67 %	•
Fatty Acids omega-3	DHA (22:6)	2.9	5 - 7	-42 %	•
rans fatty acids -	TRANS 18:1	0.1	0.1 - 0.3		•
Free radical stress	TRANS 20:4	0.7	0.1 - 0.4	+75 %	•
AMILIES	Tot. SFA	43.4	34 - 45		•
	Tot. MUFA	15.0	15 - 23		•
	Tot. PUFA	37.4	30 - 43		
IPID BIOSYNTHESI	S INDICATORS	Value	Optimal range	Variation	Optimal range
SFA / MUFA		2.8	1.7 - 2	+40 %	•
mega6 / omega3		7.5	3.5 - 5.5	+36.36 %	•
)mega 3 Index Cardi	ovascular Risk *	4.4	0-4% undesirable 4-8% intermediate >8% minimum risk		•

* According to Harris SW Pharmacol. Res. 2007 for people not having cardiovascular pathologies

Membrane lipidomics for molecular medicine



Nutrition

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MEMBRANE LIPIDOMICS FOR PERSONALIZED HEALTH

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Erythrocyte membrane lipidome



Why RBC membranes?



Known reporter for nutrition and metabolism of all tissues

Typical membrane composition with the presence of ALL fatty acid types and families

Mean life time = 120 days Follow up of changes = every 6 months - once a year

The protocol choice

SAMPLING: ISOLATION of mature RBC (>3 mo. old)





Individuation of a fatty acid CLUSTER (10 cis FA + 2 trans FA)

Determination of mean values in healthy population

EXPERT Reviews Role of fatty acid-based functional lipidomics in the development of molecular diagnostic tools

Expert Rev. Mol. Diagn. 12(7), 767-780 (2012)

Table 1. Fatty acids and index intervals in the erythrocyte membrane phospholipids of healthy Italian population (relative % upon the total fatty acid content).

FA residues	Acronym	Normal values
C16:0		17–27
С16:1-Д9		0.2-0.5
C18:0		13–20
С18:1-Д9		9–18
С18:1-Д11		0.7–1.3
C18:2-∆9,12	LA	9–16
C20:3-∆8,11,14	DGLA	1.9–2.4
C20:4-∆5,8,11,14	AA	13–17
C20:5-∆5,8,11,14,17	EPA	0.5-0.9
С22:6-д4,7,10,13,16,19	DHA	5–7
Total saturated FA	SFA	30-45
Total MUFA	MUFA	13–23
Total PUFA	PUFA	28–39
SFA/MUFA		1.7–2
ω-6/ω-3		3.5-5.5
Sum of mono- <i>trans</i>	TRANS	≤0.4

AA: Arachidonic acid; DGLA: Dihomo- γ -linolenic acid; DHA: Docosahexaenoic acid; EPA: Eicosapentaenoic acid; FA: Fatty acid; MUFA: Monounsaturated fatty acid; PUFA: Polyunsaturated fatty acid; SFA: Saturated fatty acid. Data taken with permission from [52].

Reference values



Distribution of the values found in populations Normal range calculation Like cholesterol levels



Amelioration along the way

The protocol choice: automatization

Cell selection

ERYTHROCYTES

MATURE

Lipidomic Laboratory

authorized by the Italian Health Ministry

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20 blood drops (0.5 mL)

Membrane isolation Fatty acid work-up and samples for GC (and GC/MS) analysis

Pipeline for full characterization of ROBOT selection



3. Surface antigen markers

CD235a+/CD71-

- Expression of glycophorin A
- Downregulation of transferrin receptor

2. Distinct lipidomic profile			
Fatty Acid Family	RBC (%) ^{§, a}	Mature RBC (%) #, a	
SFA	40.6-49.8	34-45	
MUFA	14.4-20.3	15-23	
PUFA omega-6	27.4-34.0	24-34	
PUFA omega-3	3.2-7.8	5.7-9	
Total PUFA	32.2-40.2	30-43	

Diagnostics 2017, 7, 1; doi:10.3390/diagnostics7010001

4. HDFM spectral signature



RBC Spectral library for cell recognition *Biomed. Spectr. Imaging*, 2016, 5, 175-184; *Sci. Rep* 2017, 7:9854.

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Data base of 25000 analyses (2017) Healthy and unhealthy individuals

Molecular profiles



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MAIN METABOLIC/DIETARY PATHWAYS



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SATURATED - MONOUNSATURATED FATS













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LIPID ACCUMULATION



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METABOLIC PROFILE: INTERVENTION

FAT AND CARBOHYDRATE CONTROL FROM DIET



The adipocyte shift: white to brown cells



DIET can alter this shift (**fat depot**: SATURATED vs UNSATURATED FAT ratio) changing the cell signaling for lipolysis and cell shift

Molecular profile for the "reactive/inflammatory status": **PUFA pathways**













Nutraceutical correction for inflammatory conditions

DIET Linoleic acid (LA, 18:2- Δ 9,12) **∆6 desaturase γ-linolenic acid (18:3- Δ6,9,12)** elongase Dihomo- γ -linolenic acid (20:3- Δ 8,11,14) $\Delta 5$ desaturase Arachidonic acid (AA, 20:4- Δ 5,8,11,14)

Increase competition from omega-3: alfa-linolenic acid (omega-3) – SOURCES (hemp, lineseed oils; spinach, walnuts)

Insert SOURCES of GLA as precursor of anti-inflammatory mediators: **NUTRACEUTICALS** (Oenothera biennis, Borrago oils)

Increase competition for delta-6 desaturase and lipid mediators from the long chain omega-3 PUFA EPA e DHA – SOURCES: fish, algae REDUCE intakes of omega-6: read meat, poultry, egg yolk

Inflammation: REGENERATIVE or DEGENERATIVE process?



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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Observational Study

Functional lipidomics in patients on home parenteral nutrition: Effect of lipid emulsions

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Lipid emulsions and mature RBC membranes

Table 2 Fatty acid profile of the intravenous lipid emulsions and of the red blood cell membrane in the study groups

Fatty acids, % total FAs	OO-IVLE	SMOF-IVLE	OO-IVLE group	SMOF-IVLE group	No-IVLE group	HC group	P value
Palmitic (16:0)	12.8	14.1	26.2 (23.1-30.6)	28.1 (24.8-30.6)	28.1 (26.1-29.4)	26.6 (20.3-29.6)	0.040
Stearic (18:0)	3.7	4.4	16.7 (14.3-18.3)	16.8 (15.9-18.3)	16.1 (14.2-16.7)	18.1 (13.4-20.7)	< 0.001
Palmitoleic (16:1)	0	0	0.5 (0.4-0.9)	0.5 (0.2-0.8)	1.0 (0.3-1.8)	0.4 (0.2-0.7)	< 0.001
Oleic (18:1; 9c)	61.8	43.3	18.9 (17.8-23.5)	18.6 (17.3-19.9)	18.9 (16.6-22.5)	17.1 (14.2-22.2)	< 0.001
Vaccenic (18:1; 11c)	2.3	2.5	1.9 (1.6-2.7)	1.7 (1.5-2.3)	2.2 (1.7-3.3)	1.4 (0.9-2.6)	< 0.001
Linoleic (18:2; n-6)	17.7	26.9	8.7 (5.5-10.4)	9.2 (7.2-10.9)	7.7 (3.9-9.6)	11.6 (8.8-14.4)	< 0.001
DGLA (20:3; n-6)	0	0	2.2 (1.5-3.9)	1.9 (1.1-2.1)	2.2 (1.5-2.9)	2.0 (1.5-2.8)	0.049
Arachidonic (20:4; n-6)	0	0	18.3 (10.0-21.1)	12.2 (10.7-14.4)	19.2 (18.4-20.3)	16.8 (13.1-21.4)	< 0.001
Alfa-linoleic (18:3; n-3)	1.7	2.4	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	
EPA (20:5; n-3)	0	3.4	0.6 (0.4-4.5)	3.2 (2.1-5.0)	0.5 (0.4-1.0)	0.7 (0.2-6.0)	< 0.001
DHA (22:6; n-3)	0	3	4.8 (3.4-8.4)	7.6 (6.2-10.4)	3.9 (3.0-4.7)	5.2 (2.3-8.4)	< 0.001
trans-Oleic	0	0	0.1 (0.1-0.2)	0.1 (0.0-0.2)	0.2 (0.0-0.2)	0.1 (0.0-0.2)	0.275
5-8-trans-Arachidonic	0	0	0.1 (0.1-0.2)	0.1 (0.0-0.2)	0.2 (0.0-0.1)	0.1 (0.0-0.3)	0.109
Total SFAs	16.5	18.5	43.5 (41.1-46.4)	44.9 (40.7-47.4)	44.0 (40.8-45.6)	44.3 (37.7-50.1)	0.786
Total MUFAs	65.1	45.8	21.5 (20.7-25.6)	20.9 (19.7-21.9)	21.9 (20.7-27.1)	19.5 (15.8-24.8)	0.001
Total PUFAs	19.4	35.7	34.4 (30.6-37.1)	33.7 (31.0-39.2)	33.8 (28.9-35.7)	35.7 (24.4-39.2)	0.937

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Palmitoleic (16:1)	0	0
Oleic (18:1; 9c)	61.8	43.3
Vaccenic (18:1; 11c)	2.3	2.5
Linoleic (18:2; n-6)	5 17.7	26.9
DGLA (20:3; n-6)	6	0
Arachidonic (20:4; n-6)	0	0
Alfa-linoleic (18:3; n-3)	[] 1.7	2.4
EPA (20:5; n-3)	0	3.4
DHA (22:6; n-3)	0	3
trans-Oleic	0	0
5-8-trans-Arachidonic	0	0
Total SFAs	1 6.5	18.5
Total MUFAs	65.1	45.8
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OO-IVLE	SMOF-IVLE	OO-IVLE group	SMOF-IVLE group
12.8	14.1	26.2 (23.1-30.6)	28.1 (24.8-30.6)
3.7	4.4	16.7 (14.3-18.3)	16.8 (15.9-18.3)
0	0	0.5 (0.4-0.9)	0.5 (0.2-0.8)
61.8	43.3	18.9 (17.8-23.5)	18.6 (17.3-19.9)
2.3	2.5	1.9 (1.6-2.7)	1.7 (1.5-2.3)
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ANIMAL STUDIES

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NUTRITION OF THE DOMESTIC CAT, A MAMMALIAN CARNIVORE

EFA OMEGA-6 IMPAIRMENT CAUSES:

- SKIN PROBLEMS
- THROMBOCYTOPENIA
- REPRODUCTIVE PROBLEMS

EVALUATE THE LINOLEATE/ARACHIDONATE INTAKES FROM THE DIET



Figure 3 Pathways of linoleate metabolism in mammals. In the liver of the cat there is almost no $\Delta 6$ -desaturase activity, so arachidonate is a dietary essential. E= elongation, $\Delta =$ desaturation.

NOT A VERY HIGH CONVERSION OF LINOLEATE INTO ARACHIDONATE: CONVERSION OCCURS AFTER FEEDING 20:3 FOR MORE THAN 10 WEEKS



R. Bras. Zootec., v.37, suplemento especial p. 20-27, 2008

DOG & CAT RECOMMENDED

Table 1 - Summary of the Essential and Conditionally Essential Fatty Acids for Dog and Cat Life Stages.

Nutrient		Cats	
100100	Growth	Adult	Gest/Lact
Omega-6		0.000000000	-C+54,435,143,546,555
LA	х	x	х
AA	С		С
Omega-3			
ALA	Rec ^b		Recb
EPA ^c			-
DHAC	С	Recb	С

Fish oil rich in EPA

- a) X, Essential fatty acid; C, Conditionally essential for the respective life stage.
- b) Recommended but no requirement established
- Many n-3 LCPUFA sources contain both EPA and DHA; EPA should not exceed 60% of EPA + DHA total.

- LINOLEIC ALFA-LINOLENIC ACID ARE ESSENTIAL FA, THE SECOND ONE NOT ESTABLISHED AS REQUIREMENTS
- SUPPLEMENTATIONS OF OMEGA-3 ONLY FOR AMELIORATION OF SPECIFIC PERFORMANCES

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Explaining longevity of different animals: is membrane fatty acid composition the missing link?

A. J. Hulbert

The membrane pacemaker theory of aging



PUFA AND LIFE SPAN



 SIMILARITY OF MAXIMUM LIFE SPAN POTENTIAL (MLSP) IN SKELETAL MUSCLE AND MITOCHONDRIA
 THE INCREASE OF MLSP IS CONNECTED TO REDUCTION OF PEROXIDATION INDEX (PUFA)



A PROPOSITION FOR HUMANS



Fig. 6 Comparison of the PI of human erythrocyte membrane fatty acids. Data are taken from Puca et al. (2008). *Error bars* \pm 1 SEM; sample size shown in each bar. Both controls are significantly different (**P*=0.02 and ***P*=0.009) from nonagenarian offspring

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ANIMALS LIFE?

Experimental models

Animal lipidomics

- ✓ Rats fed a trans-free diet
 Free Radic Biol Med 2005
- ✓ Environmental radiations to animals (frogs, trouts) Rad. Res. 2012, CNL Nuclear Rev 2016
- ✓ Sportive rats *Lipids in Health and Disease, 2012*
- ✓ Rats with different diets, Br J Nutr 2013, Chem Res Toxicol 2013, BBA Bioenergetics 2015, Br J Nutr 2016
- ✓ Tumor-injected mice, *submitted*

INITIAL WORK FOR dog RBC MEMBRANE PROFILE

FAME	OPTIMAL VALUES for dogs
SFA (16:0-palmiticand18:0-stearic)	39.5 - 42.0
MUFA (palmitoleic16:1,oleic18:1n-9andvaccen ic18:1n-7)	13.5 - 14.0
18:2 (n6) linoleic	11.5 - 12.0
20:3(n-6) diomogamma-linoleico	1.9 - 3.4
20:4 (n-6) arachidonic	28 - 29.6
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20:5 (n-3) EPA	0.2 - 0.4
22:6 (n-3) DHA	0.1 - 0.2
Σtrans	0 - 0.1
SFA/MUFA	2.9 - 3.5
ω6/ω3	27.5 - 34.2



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