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Intervention with metabolites emulating

endogenous cell transitions accelerates muscle regeneration in young

and aged mice

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Fig. S1. Comparison of the transitional populations differentiated from MBs, MSCs, and NSCs.

(A-C) Reference genes selected to track the transition profile during differentiation of MBs towards myofibers in (A), NSCs towards astrocytes in (B), and MSCs towards chondrocytes (C), represented as percentage over time mRNA levels were detected by rtPCR. Expression normalized with the geometric mean of at least two housekeeping genes (from Actb, Gapdh, and Nat1) and then normalized vs. control condition (time=0h). Represented the means \pm SEM, n \geq 3.
(D-F) Schematic representation of the abundance patterns of individual metabolites over time. Patterns observed by

scale of time the mean abundance of each metabolite and then grouped according to the similarity of its behavior on the transitional populations differentiated from MBs in (D), NSCs in (E), and MSCs in (F). Full disclosure of patterns and the algorithms to derive them, in Dataset S1. Gray lines in the background represent each, one metabolite. Colored over line, an illustrative trend. The raw mean values from each metabolite

(each gray line) are from n=5.
(G-I) Metabolomic analyses in MBs (G), NSCs (H), and MSCs (I). On each panel, hierarchical clustering analysis (HCA) of the fingerprint by time in the transitional populations differentiated from each multipotent stem cells (top left). Following the black arrows, on the side of each HCA, the respective Silhouette analysis (top right; green area indicates predicted appropriate number of clusters), which determines the k-means clustering analysis (bottom right). On the bottom-left panel, the enrichment analysis of selected cluster. Experiments shown are from n=5 biological replicates per cell lineage. Related to Figure 1.

Fig. S2. Common metabolites appear as a wave at the onset of cell identity changes of pluripotent and multipotent cells from mouse and human.

(**A**) Representation of the increase identified in the relative levels of metabolites in three different cell populations derived from MBs, NSCs, and MSCs. Names circled represent metabolites that increase significantly at 6 hours after inducing their differentiation (P<0.05). One, two, or three circles denote significant increases in one, two, or the three cell types, respectively. Dotted circles enclose metabolites that only increase in one cell type, while the other two showed a negative trend. For specific characterization per cell type and times, see Tables S2-S4. Experiments shown are from n=5 replicates per cell type.

(**B**) Quantification of methionine and S-adenosylmethionine (SAM) levels in early states after inducing differentiation of human ESCs to cardiomyocytes; n=3 technical replicates, significantly different at *P<0.05, **P<0.01 (paired t-test). On the right side, as reference for the selection of times, the gene expression of 2-ESC-markers (OCT4 and SOX2) and 2-cardiomyocyte-markers (MYH6, CTNT) measured by rtPCR; where gene expression was normalized to the mean of GAPDH as housekeeping gene, and then normalized vs. control condition (time=0h). Represented the means \pm SEM, n = 3.

(**C**) Quantification of methionine and S-adenosylmethionine (SAM) levels in early states after inducing differentiation of mouse ESCs to trophectoderm (cell line Zhbtc4); n=4 technical replicates, significantly different at *P<0.05, **P<0.01 (paired t-test). On the right side, as reference for the selection of times, the gene expression of 2-ESC-markers (Oct4 and Sox2) and 2-trophectoderm-markers (Cdx2 and Hand1) measured by rtPCR; where gene expression was normalized to the mean of Nat1 as housekeeping gene, and then normalized vs. control condition (time=0h). Represented the means \pm SEM, n=3.

Means \pm SEM, statistically different from controls at **P<0.01, ***P<0.001, and n \geq 3, where dots represent independent values. Related to Figure 1.

Fig. S3. Standardizations on the supplementation with 1C-metabolites and phenotype changes on differentiated cells.

(**A**) Effect dose-response of individual metabolites over myofibers in vitro, where cell viability is evaluated by the relative quantification of ATP present by a luminescent assay, as an indicator of metabolically active cells.

(**B**) Effect dose-response over the astrocytic phenotype evaluated by levels of expression of the glial marker GFAP; the expression was normalized with the geometric mean of at least two housekeeping genes (from Actb, Gapdh, and Nat1) and then normalized vs. control condition. Dots represent each value ($n \ge 5$), and bars the mean \pm SEM.

(**C**) Comparison of 1C-MIM of 6 metabolites (MIM6) versus the elimination of SAM (component lethal at high concentrations) and (or) cysteine (component with higher susceptibility to oxidation), see details in methods. The cocktail without SAM and without cysteine represents the 1C-MIM4 with 4-metabolites. Standardizations were done in mouse astrocytes. Note that the combination without SAM or cysteine achieved more inhibition of the Gfap-marker; thus, both combinations were tested, as seem to be dependent on the cell type.

(**D**) Quantification of viable cells by trypan blue exclusion on myofibers (left panel) and astrocytes (right panel).

(**E**) Evaluation of the effect of a scrambled mixture of metabolites not related to 1C-metabolism. This includes arginine, creatine, fructose, histidine, leucine, and valine; metabolites were added at 5mM (i.e., with similar concentrations than 1C-MIM). Note that scramble-cocktail did not lower Gfap-differentiation-marker neither potentiated the Ascl1-progenitor marker (opposite effect to the observed with 1C-MIM).

(**G**) pH measurements of myoblast in culture in the presence of indicated metabolites (individually or in combination) for 24 or 96 hours. (**H**) Relative levels of proteosome activation in myofiber cultures supplemented with 1C-MIM, where differences compared with control are signifi- cant at **P<0.001 or ***P<0.0001.).

Dots represent each value ($n \ge 5$), and bars the mean \pm SEM. Related to Figure 2.

Fig. S4. Basic gene marker screening on differentiated cells treated with 1C-MIM.

(**A**) Experimental setup for supplementation: cells cultured from the same batch are maintained for the time necessary to express mature markers under a differentiation condition (according to each lineage, mature markers expression differs on time, represented in the schema as 'n'). Then cell populations of the same batch are separated and exposed to a control or 1C-MIM-supplemented medium with feeding every other day. MIM6 contains Methionine, Glycine, Putrescine, Cysteine, S-adenosylmethionine; while MIM4 is the former composition minus Cysteine and S-adenosylmethionine. The time for collection was determined in each cell type by observing changes in morphology. For mouse neural-related cells, samples were collected after 4 days of supplementation, for chondrocytes and fibroblasts after 5 days. Note: only muscle cells were collected after 3 days of supplementation (images not presented here, but in the main figure 2). The cell viability was determined at the time of collection as detailed in the Star Methods, and then samples were used for downstream analysis as required.

(**B-F**) Bright-field representative images of cultures of mouse astrocytes, chondrocytes, neurons; and human fibroblasts and astrocytes. Scale bar 50µm. The yellow square in (B) reflects the digital zoom observed in the image located to the right, for details on morphology.

(**G-J**) Representative markers were measured by qRT-PCR in the indicated cell types. The gene expression of genes of interest was normalized with the geometric mean of at least two housekeeping genes (from Actb, Gapdh, and Nat1) and then normalized vs. control conditions. Each dot represents an independent sample $(n > 3)$, where differences compared with control are significant at *P<0.05, **P<0.005, ***P<0.001. Related to Figures 2, 3.

Fig. S5. Orthogonal readouts in astrocytes and fibroblasts corroborate the facilitation of identity transitions by 1C-MIM supplementation in vitro.

(**A-E**) 1C-MIM supplementation induced an intermediate like-progenitor state by regulating cell cycle in astrocytes. In (A) HCA, in (B) PCA, and in (C) volcano plot of DEG. Euclidean distance of RNAseq from astrocytes and intermediate reprogrammed cells (by canonical Yamanaka factors) compared with NSCs and iPSC as reference. The former available database GSE69237 was used to generate these representations. In (**D**) comparison between that former data (GSE69237) and the MIM-astrocytes of this study: where, Venn diagrams show the intersection of the transcriptomic profiles of the indicated populations; and the bars in between represent quantity and type of genes identified in the intersections. Of note 446 genes are shared between partial-reprogrammed and MIM astrocytes; particularly, those genes belong to iPSC-reprogrammed marks and are functionally enriched by Gene Ontology to a cell cycle function as shown in (E).

(**F-J**) Functional assay for the transdifferentiation of human BJ-fibroblasts into neuron-like cells enhanced by 1C-MIM. Schematic representation of the pre-treatment with 1C-MIM before the induction of Neurogenin 1+2 (NGN1/2) in (F). Relative expression of genes for fibroblast-identity in (G) and neuron-identity in $(H-J)$. The expression was normalized with the mean of the housekeeping gene CTCF, then normalized vs. control condition BJ-fibroblasts; except in (l) where NEUROD1 was not detected in fibroblasts and the conditions with MIM were normalized vs. BJ-fibroblast $+$ NGN1/2. Blue dots represent each value \pm SEM. Significantly differences at *P<0.05, **P<0.005, ***P<0.0001. Related to Figure 3.

Fig. S6. Experimental design and immediate parameters evaluated for the in vivo intervention with 1C-MIM.

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(**A**) Distribution per round of the 87 mice used in the study. Each round represents the experimental intervention used for the study. Only two mice including control and 1C-MIM treated exhibited tumors, and only in the group of aged animals (round 6), therefore no correlation of tumor emergence was associated with the intervention.

(**B**) Drinking volumes. The drinking supplementation was replaced every other day with a standard volume, and measurements of consumption were taken during the intervention. The volumes were normalized according to the number of mice per cage.

(**C**), Bodyweight measurements after 1C-MIM drinking supplementation per round. Each dot represents one mouse.

(**D**) Movement impairment elicited after 5 hours of CTX injection evaluated in terms of jumps, velocity, and resting time. Measurements derived from the Open Field Test, recorded for a period of 60 minutes, graphs represent the distribution including control and 1C-MIM supplemented mice. Related to Figures 4, 5, 6.

Fig. S7. Analyses on the 1C-MIM intervention in muscle with and without CTX injury.

(**A**) Representative histology images ~5 hours after CTX-injury showing similar damage in control and 1C-MIM supplemented mice. Tibialis anterior sections are stained by $H\&E$ (scale bar = 250 μ m).

(**B**) Myofiber size distribution of centrally nucleated fibers without CTX injury of control and 1C-MIM supplemented mice. Insert to the right represents the average.

(**C**) DNA methylation clock using the Horvath Clock demonstrates rejuvenation after 1C-MIM supplementation in quadriceps non-injured. Left panel, schematic representation of how same samples were processed for transcriptomics and methylation, middle correlation analysis; and right panel, estimation of the methylation age using the Horvath clock for muscle. Tissues were recovered at 88-weeks old mice.

(**D-E**) Gene set enrichment analyses from transcriptomic analysis. See also Fig. 6A.

Table S1. Identification of pathways relevant to the intermediate transition (bell pattern). The below pathways represent the enrichments obtained by Metaboanalyst®. Source of the Venn diagram for the intermediate transition.

Experiments were from n=5 biological replicates. Related to Figure 1G.

MBs, cluster4 (n=194)

MSCs, cluster#1 (n=71)

NSCs, cluster#3 (n=145)

Phosphatidylcholine Biosynthesis Spermidine and Spermine Biosynthesis Aspartate Metabolism Taurine and Hypotaurine Metabolism Phosphatidylethanolamine Biosynthesis **Phospholipid Biosynthesis** Arginine and Proline Metabolism Methylhistidine Metabolism **Carnitine Synthesis** Methionine Metabolism Glycolysis Plasmalogen Synthesis Urea Cycle Warburg Effect Gluconeogenesis Glycine and Serine Metabolism Sphingolipid Metabolism Beta Oxidation of Very Long Chain Fatty Acids Mitochondrial Electron Transport Chain Catecholamine Biosynthesis Vitamin B6 Metabolism **Ubiquinone Biosynthesis Purine Metabolism Glutathione Metabolism Betaine Metabolism Glutamate Metabolism Estrone Metabolism Glycerolipid Metabolism** Oxidation of Branched Chain Fatty Acids Mitochondrial Beta-Oxidation of Short... Phenylalanine and Tyrosine Metabolism Mitochondrial Beta-Oxidation of Long... **Starch and Sucrose Metabolism** Ammonia Recycling **Citric Acid Cycle** Fructose and Mannose Degradation Amino Sugar Metabolism Nicotinate and Nicotinamide Metabolism **Tyrosine Metabolism** Galactose Metabolism **Histidine Metabolism** Fatty acid Metabolism Pyruvate Metabolism Tryptophan Metabolism **Bile Acid Biosynthesis** Arachidonic Acid Metabolism

Methionine Metabolism Methylhistidine Metabolism Spermidine and Spermine Biosynthesis Homocysteine Degradation **Betaine Metabolism** Taurine and Hypotaurine Metabolism **Glycine and Serine Metabolism Purine Metabolism** Sphingolipid Metabolism Valine, Leucine and Isoleucine Degradation **Glutathione Metabolism** Pantothenate and CoA Biosynthesis **Glutamate Metabolism Carnitine Synthesis** Arginine and Proline Metabolism **Cysteine Metabolism** Phosphatidylethanolamine Biosynthesis **Histidine Metabolism** Selenoamino Acid Metabolism Phosphatidylcholine Biosynthesis Ammonia Recycling Beta-Alanine Metabolism Alanine Metabolism Phosphatidylinositol Phosphate Metabolism Aspartate Metabolism Nicotinate and Nicotinamide Metabolism Nucleotide Sugars Metabolism **Catecholamine Biosynthesis** Vitamin B6 Metabolism **Ubiquinone Biosynthesis Lactose Synthesis Pyrimidine Metabolism** Transfer of Acetyl Groups into Mitochondria **Estrone Metabolism** Urea Cycle **Lysine Degradation** Citric Acid Cycle **Fatty Acid Biosynthesis** Galactose Metabolism Porphyrin Metabolism Propanoate Metabolism Pyruvate Metabolism **Warburg Effect** Tryptophan Metabolism **Bile Acid Biosynthesis Tyrosine Metabolism**

Glycine and Serine Metabolism **Carnitine Synthesis** Urea Cycle Glucose-Alanine Cycle
Nucleotide Sugars Metabolism **Betaine Metabolism** Arginine and Proline Metabolism De Novo Triacylglycerol Biosynthesis Glutamate Metabolism Ammonia Recycling Malate-Aspartate Shuttle Cardiolipin Biosynthesis Plasmalogen Synthesis Methionine Metabolism Galactose Metabolism Ketone Body Metabolism **Glutathione Metabolism** Transfer of Acetyl Groups into Mitochondria Phosphatidylcholine Biosynthesis Starch and Sucrose Metabolism Citric Acid Cycle Beta-Alanine Metabolism
Glycerolipid Metabolism Glycolysis Aspartate Metabolism Gluconeogenesis **Alanine Metabolism Cysteine Metabolism** Homocysteine Degradation Mitochondrial Beta-Oxidation of Short. **Warburg Effect** Mitochondrial Beta-Oxidation of Long... **Pyruvate Metabolism** Pyruvaldehyde Degradation **Butyrate Metabolism** Mitochondrial Electron Transport Chain **Ethanol Degradation** Phospholipid Biosynthesis Threonine and 2-Oxobutanoate Degradation **Glycerol Phosphate Shuttle** Taurine and Hypotaurine Metabolism **Inositol Metabolism** Methylhistidine Metabolism Caffeine Metabolism **Estrone Metabolism** Nicotinate and Nicotinamide Metabolism Phytanic Acid Peroxisomal Oxidation Inositol Phosphate Metabolism Mitochondrial Beta-Oxidation of Medium... Purine Metabolism **Table S2. Identification of trends of one-carbon metabolites during the intermediate stage between steady-state of Myoblasts (MBs) and early transitional-states of differentiated counterparts.** Statistical trends in the relative abundance of individual metabolites at the indicated times. Times selected by their potential overlap with the earliest/immediate transcriptional changes derived from the induction of differentiation. Experiments were from n=5 biological replicates.

Related to Figure 1 and descriptive of Supplemental figure 1D.

Table S3. Identification of trends of one-carbon metabolites during the intermediate stage between steady-state of Neural Stem Cells (NSCs) and early transitional-states of differentiated counterparts. Statistical trends in the relative abundance of individual metabolites at the indicated times. Times selected by their potential overlap with the earliest/immediate transcriptional changes derived from the induction of differentiation. Experiments were from n=5 biological replicates.

Related to Figure 1 and descriptive of Supplemental figure 1E.

Table S4. Identification of trends of one-carbon metabolites during the intermediate stage between steady-state of Mesenchymal Stem Cells (MSCs) and early transitional-states of differentiated counterparts. Statistical trends in the relative abundance of individual metabolites at the indicated times. Times selected by their potential overlap with the earliest/immediate transcriptional changes derived from the induction of differentiation. Experiments were from n=5 biological replicates.

Related to Figure 1 and descriptive of Supplemental figure 1F.

Table S5. Sequences of primers, where M for mouse, H for human.

Related to STAR Methods.

CONTINUE TABLE S5

