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69 70 Supplementary Figure 1. Distribution of N-acyl lipids in structural databases and mass 71 spectrometry repository searches, related to Figure 1. A) Diversity and relative frequency of N-acyl

72 lipids headgroups and (B) lipid chain lengths documented in LIPID MAPS. This analysis excludes ceramide 73 acylations. C) N-acyl lipid guery strategy: representative MS/MS spectrum of phenylalanine-C10:0 74 (CCMSLIB00011435104) and phenylalanine-C16:0 (CCMSLIB00011435452). The spectra show nearly 75 identical fragmentation patterns enabling the creation of the MassQL guery to retrieve the MS/MS spectra 76 of this family of lipids. D) MassQL query for phenylalanine headgroup where we initiate to return all MS/MS 77 spectra (in yellow) that fulfill the following criteria: the precursor ion has to match one of the expected 78 precursor m/z values specified (gray), as well as the most diagnostic m/z fragments of the head portion 79 (blue and pink) with their indicated error tolerances and minimum relative intensities. E) Strategy followed 80 to create the N-acyl lipids library and expand to biological interpretations. (I) MassQL gueries were designed 81 and run against the Orbitrap datasets in the GNPS/MassIVE repository. (II) The spectra were clustered 82 using MSCluster to reduce redundancy. (III) A cosine similarity filter was applied to keep the higher 83 confidence N-acyl lipids spectra. (IV) The clustered spectra were searched using FASST searches against 84 the whole repository (including Orbitrap and QToF datasets), and human and rodent-related datasets were 85 tagged using ReDU, and microbial, plant, and food-related datasets were also tagged using domain-specific 86 MASSTs. (V) The spectra retrieved from the FASST searches were filtered to keep the matches in which 87 the raw (unfiltered) spectra resulted in cosine similarity above 0.7. (VI) Summary of the results obtained 88 with this workflow. Icons were obtained from Bioicons.com.



Supplementary Figure 2. Distribution of *N*-acyl lipids obtained from FASST searches among different tissues or biofluids, related to Figure 1. Summary of the occurrences in the public domain in (A) human and (B) rodent-related datasets. Heatmaps show the distribution of the number of matches grouped by headgroup in different tissues and biofluids with metadata available in ReDU for (C) human and (D) rodent-related public datasets. All heatmaps are shown as log values of the matches obtained from the repository. Icons were obtained from Bioicons.com.





Supplementary Figure 3. N-acyl lipids chain length diversity, evidence of microbial N-acyl lipids, and reanalysis of public datasets, related to Figure 2. Distribution of N-acyl lipids in public data stratified

101 by chain length classes. Upset plots show the number of unique N-acyl lipids attached to (A) short, (B) 102 medium, (C) long, and (D) very long chain fatty acids. (E) Reanalysis of a public dataset of monocolonized 103 GF mice (GNPS/MassIVE: MSV000088040, deposited in 2021)^{1,2}. Heatmap log2 fold changes (FCs) of the 104 N-acyl lipids matches in colon and small intestine samples of monocolonized mice relative to germ-free 105 (GF) mice. Values of the diet, Specific Pathogen Free (SPF) mice, and of mice colonized with Segmented 106 Filamentous Bacteria (SFB) are also shown. Red cells indicate compounds that are increasing relative to 107 GF, while blue cells indicate compounds that are decreasing relative to GF mice. The x-axis is taxonomically 108 ordered according to the NCBI Taxonomy ID. (F) Heatmap showing the log2 fold change of N-acyl lipids 109 matches in microbial monocultures of gut commensal microbes relative to the culture media. Red cells 110 indicate compounds that are increasing, while blue cells indicate compounds that are decreasing relative 111 to the media. The x-axis is taxonomically ordered according to the NCBI Taxonomy ID. (G) Peak area 112 abundances of N-acyl lipids annotated in a public dataset (GNPS/MassIVE: MSV000082261) from urine 113 samples across clinical groups of healthy and type I diabetes mellitus. Only N-acyl lipids with p-values of 114 0.05 or less are shown. Healthy, n = 52; Diabetes (type 1), n = 44. (H,I) N-acyl lipids annotated from a 115 public dataset (GNPS/MassIVE: MSV000084322, MSV000084463) of (H) skin swabs and (I) soil samples 116 of a human cadaver decomposition study.³ The parallel coordinates plots show the mean of the *N*-acyl 117 lipids peak areas obtained for the different headgroups in each of the stages of decomposition. Each line 118 represents a N-acyl lipid match. (J,K) Peak area abundances of N-acyl lipids annotated in public datasets 119 from (J) skin (GNPS/MassIVE: MSV000084322) and b) soil (GNPS/MassIVE: MSV000084463) samples 120 across different stages of decomposition of human bodies.³ Skin: Day0, n = 36; Early, n = 171; Active, n =121 292; Advanced, n = 249. Soil: Day0, n = 36; Early, n = 171; Active, n = 299; Advanced, n = 252. (L,M) Peak 122 area abundances of N-acyl lipids annotated in a public dataset (GNPS/MassIVE: MSV000080918)⁴ from 123 mice fecal samples of mice subjected to different diets (L) and treatment with a cocktail of antibiotics (M). 124 Antibiotics: No, n = 310; Yes, n = 27. Diet: HFD, n = 310; NC, n = 114. For the antibiotics plot, only mice 125 fed with HFD were considered. All boxplots indicate the first (lower), median, and third (upper) quartiles, 126 while whiskers are 1.5 times the interguartile range. Significance was tested in cases where two groups 127 were compared using the non-parametric two-sided Mann-Whitney U test, while for more than two groups 128 the non-parametric Kruskal-Wallis test was used, and p-values were corrected for multiple comparisons 129 using the Benjamini-Hochberg correction. Compounds with p-values below 0.05 are highlighted in red. 130 Icons were obtained from Bioicons.com. 131





133 Supplementary Figure 4. MS/MS and retention time matching of N-acyl lipids in samples from the 134 microbial monocultures and from the body decomposition study, related to Figure 2. (A) MS/MS 135 mirror plots and retention time matches to N-acyl lipids obtained via combinatorial synthesis. MS/MS 136 spectra on the top (black) represent spectra detected in the microbial monocultures experiment 137 (Supplementary Figure 3F). An unusual series of N-acyl 2-phenethylamines was observed and confirmed 138 in level 1 annotation^{5,6} in two different chromatographic methods: LC1 (A) and LC2 (B) - see Methods. 139 Chromatographic traces represent the exported ion chromatograms for each compound (black: sample; 140 green: standard). (C) MS/MS mirror plots and retention time matches to N-acyl lipids obtained via 141 combinatorial synthesis. MS/MS spectra on the top (black) represent spectra detected in the body 142 decomposition study (Supplementary Figure 3H-K). Chromatographic traces represent the exported ion 143 chromatograms for each compound (black: sample; green: standard) in two different chromatographic 144 methods: LC1 (C) and LC2 (D) - see Methods. MS/MS mirror plots can be interactively inspected in the 145 Metabolomics Spectrum Resolver⁷ with the information provided in **Supplementary Table S2**.

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150 151 Supplementary Figure 5. *N*-acyl lipids associated with HIV status, HIV plasma viral load, and 152 neurocognitive impairment status, related to Figure 3. (A) Peak area abundances of N-acyl histamines 153 in people with HIV (PWH) and people without HIV (PWOH) (PWH, n = 228; PWoH, n = 93). (B) Molecular 154 network obtained for histamine *N*-acyl lipids. (C) Peak area abundances of *N*-acyl polyamines in cognitively

155 impaired and normal participants (impaired, n = 151; unimpaired, n = 162) of the HNRC. (D) Molecular 156 network obtained for N-acyl cadaverines. Boxplots indicate the first (lower), median, and third (upper) 157 quartiles, while whiskers are 1.5 times the interquartile range. Significance was tested using the non-158 parametric two-sided Mann-Whitney U test. The p-values shown are nominal p-values, and the adjusted 159 ones (for multiple comparisons using Benjamini-Hochberg) are also available in Supplementary Table S3. 160 The molecular networks were created using the Feature-Based Molecular Networking workflow⁸ within the 161 GNPS environment⁹. The nodes are annotated based on spectral similarity matches with the *N*-acyl lipids 162 library created. The nodes represent each MS/MS spectrum, while the edges connecting them represent 163 their spectral similarity (threshold set to cosine > 0.7). Pie charts indicate the relative abundance of ion 164 features in each group highlighted. This dataset is publicly available in GNPS/MassIVE under the accession 165 number MSV000092833. (E) Bar plots showing the correlation coefficients for the association between HIV 166 RNA viral load and various N-acyl lipids in the PWH (n = 203). Red bars represent positive correlations, 167 while blue bars represent negative correlations, as determined by linear regression models. The p-values 168 shown are nominal; adjusted p-values (corrected for multiple comparisons using the Benjamini-Hochberg 169 method) are available in Supplementary Table S3. (F) MS/MS mirror plots and retention time matches to 170 the pure N-acyl lipids standards. MS/MS spectra on the top (black) represent the ones detected in the 171 HNRC fecal samples, while the MS/MS on the bottom (green) are the ones obtained from the standards. 172 Chromatographic traces represent the exported ion chromatograms for each compound (black: sample; 173 green: standard). The chromatographic method LC1 (see Methods) was used. MS/MS mirror plots can be 174 interactively inspected in the Metabolomics Spectrum Resolver⁷ with the information provided in 175 Supplementary Table S3. (G) Chromatographic traces represent the exported ion chromatograms for each 176 compound (black: sample; green: standard), with data acquired in a different chromatographic method: LC2 177 (see Methods).

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