

Accumulated Bending Energy Elicits Neutral Sphingomyelinase Activity in Human Red Blood Cells

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SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

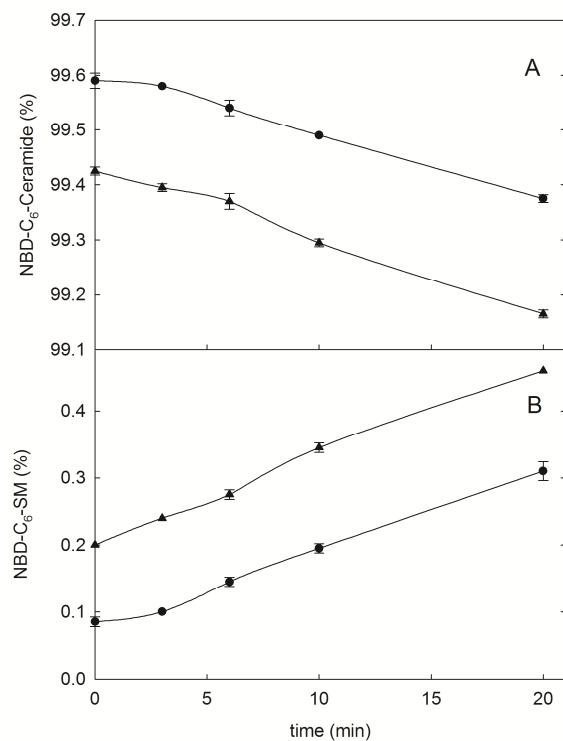


Figure S1. Sphingomyelin synthase activity in human RBC labeled with NBD-C₆-Ceramide. Cells were labeled with NBD-C₆-Ceramide, incubated in hypotonic (●) or isotonic (▲) buffer and analysed after elution in a HPLC column. (A) variations of NBD-C₆-Ceramide and (B) variations of NBD-C₆-SM. Average values \pm SD ($n = 3$)

Table S1. Characterization of sphingomyelinase activity under hypotonic and hypertonic conditions. Average values \pm SEM (n=3-12)

pH ^a	Cations	Other additions	hypotonic		hypertonic	
			Initial rate, nmoles SM/min x mg prot	% activity	Initial rate, nmoles SM/min x mg prot	% activity
Neutral	1 mM Mg ²⁺ , 1 mM Ca ²⁺	none	31.83 \pm 3.53	100	16.8 \pm 1.36	100
Neutral	1 mM Mg ²⁺	none	6.28 \pm 6.1	20	7.45 \pm 3.43	44
Neutral	1 mM Ca ²⁺	none	3.92 \pm 14.12	12	11.27 \pm 3.23	67
Neutral	1 mM Mg ²⁺ , 1 mM Ca ²⁺	20 μ M GW4869	7.79 \pm 10.02	24	3.52 \pm 1.56	21
Neutral	1 mM Mg ²⁺ , 1 mM Ca ²⁺	10 μ M spiroepoxide	0	0	10 \pm 2.94	59
Neutral	1 mM Mg ²⁺ , 1 mM Ca ²⁺	1 mg/ml trypsin	14.14 \pm 4.71	44	nd	nd
Neutral	1 mM Mg ²⁺ , 1 mM Ca ²⁺	1 mg/ml α -chymotrypsin	0	0	nd	nd
Acidic	1 mM Mg ²⁺ , 1 mM Ca ²⁺	none	0	0	0	0
Acidic	1 mM Mg ²⁺ , 1 mM Ca ²⁺ , 0.1 Zn ²⁺	none	0	0	0	0

^aNeutral conditions were assayed in a buffer containing 32 mM HEPES, 5mM glucose, pH 7.4; acidic conditions were assayed in 32 mM sodium acetate, 5mM glucose, pH 5.0. nd indicates not determined

Table S2. Variations in the amount of different sphingomyelin species present in the human erythrocyte membrane. Average values \pm SD (n=4)

SM species	0 min, moles	% species at 0 min	6min, moles	% decrease for each species
14:0	5.87E-10 \pm 5.47E-11	3.1	5.56E-10 \pm 5.60E-11	5.2
16:1	3.98E-10 \pm 2.26E-11	2.1	3.35E-10 \pm 4.34E-11	15.6
16:0	8.27E-09 \pm 2.95E-10	43.8	6.83E-09 \pm 7.31E-10	17.4
d16:0 ^a	2.71E-10 \pm 9.98E-12	1.4	2.19E-10 \pm 1.73E-11	19.3
18:1	4.75E-10 \pm 4.17E-11	2.5	4.63E-10 \pm 3.20E-11	2.7
18:0	9.31E-10 \pm 5.33E-11	4.9	8.57E-10 \pm 4.97E-11	7.9
20:1	1.59E-10 \pm 1.57E-11	0.8	1.54E-10 \pm 1.55E-11	3.0
20:0	3.56E-10 \pm 3.25E-11	1.9	3.30E-10 \pm 2.68E-11	7.4
22:1	3.98E-10 \pm 3.13E-11	2.1	3.40E-10 \pm 2.30E-11	14.6
22:0	1.38E-09 \pm 1.01E-10	7.3	1.25E-09 \pm 9.88E-11	9.5
24:2	7.01E-10 \pm 3.45E-11	3.7	6.23E-10 \pm 1.57E-11	11.1
24:1	2.52E-09 \pm 1.16E-10	13.3	2.21E-09 \pm 6.18E-11	12.4
24:0	1.88E-09 \pm 1.23E-10	9.9	1.64E-09 \pm 8.62E-11	12.7
d24:0	1.80E-10 \pm 1.31E-11	1.0	1.56E-10 \pm 4.03E-12	13.5
26:1	1.88E-10 \pm 1.57E-11	1.0	1.75E-10 \pm 1.47E-11	6.8
26:0	2.00E-10 \pm 1.94E-11	1.1	1.88E-10 \pm 1.67E-11	6.3

^ad indicates “dihydroxy base”