High Resolution Metabolite Imaging in the Hippocampus Following Neonatal Exposure to the Environmental Toxin BMAA using ToF-SIMS

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Increased in			
BMAA			
m/z	I.D. ¹	Ratio BMAA/Ctrl ²	Loading ³
22.99	Na+	1.20	0.023
86.1	TME, C5H12N+	1.04	0.010
104.1	choline, C5H14NO+	1.09	0.025
119.87	K2CNO+	1.21	0.013
166.88	C5H13PNO3	1.07	0.001
184.09	C5H15PNO4+	1.02	0.016
369.29	cholesterol C27H45+	2.22	0.014
496.25	LPC (16:0)	1.76	0.030
520.25	LPC (18:2)	1.49	0.031
523.42	DAG(30:0-OH)	1.57	0.021
524.48	LPC (18:0)	1.78	0.027
551.28	DAG(32:0-OH)	1.66	0.031
568.09	PC (22:6)	2.47	0.033
577.38	DAG(34:1-OH)	1.81	0.032
725.23	SM(d18:1/16:0)+Na	1.64	0.031
731.41	SM(d18:1/18:0)	1.73	0.022
734.39	PC(32:0)	1.44	0.020
753.54	SM(d18:1/18:0)+Na	2.02	0.030
756.39	PC(32:0)+Na	1.94	0.032
758.35	PC(34:2)	1.76	0.014
760.4	PC(34:1)	1.22	0.003
769.41	SM(d18:1/18:0)+K	2.00	0.032
770.15	PC (32:0)+K	2.15	0.027
770.41	PC(32:1)+K	1.55	0.034
772.36	PC(32:0)+K	1.57	0.029
780.19	PC (34:2)+Na	2.12	0.021
782.38	PC(36:4)	1.55	0.010
784.39	PC(36:3)	1.52	0.021
786.39	PC(36:2)	1.63	0.015
788.42	PC(36:1)	1.51	0.008
804.31	PC(36:4)+Na	1.44	0.007
806.31	PC(38:6)	1.74	0.014
810.4	PC(38:4)	1.86	0.015
820.31	PC(36:4)+K	1.63	0.008
822.27	PC (36:3)+K	2.65	0.010
824.29	PC(36:2)+K	1.34	0.006
826.36	PC(36:1)+K	1.45	0.007
832.42	PC(38:4)+Na	1.71	0.006
834.46	PC (40:6)	2.21	0.010

negative ions			
Increased in			
BMAA			
m/z	I.D. ¹	Ratio BMAA/Ctrl ²	Loading ³
385.33	cholesterol, C27H45O-	1.38	0.002
675.49	PA(34:0)	1.07	0.011
701.47	PA(36:1)	1.23	0.008
716.53	PE(16:0/18:1)	1.08	0.005
722.46	PE(16:0p/20:4)	1.56	0.027
726.52	PE(18:1p/18:0)	1.46	0.019
728.51	PE(18:0p/18:0)	1.19	0.006
742.52	PE(18:1/18:1)	1.24	0.008
746.48	PE(16:0p/22:6)	1.13	0.012
750.47	PE(18:0p/20:4)	1.55	0.025
762.52	PE(16:0/22:6)	1.55	0.024
764.52	PE(18:1/20:4)	1.30	0.019
766.49	PE(18:0/20:4)	1.19	0.006
774.59	PE(18:0p/22:6)	1.08	0.003
778.49	ST(d18:1/16:0)	2.45	0.034
786.54	PS(36:2)	1.32	0.006
788.51	PS(36:1)	1.45	0.011
790.49	PE(18:0/22:6)	1.28	0.013
794.5	PE(18:0/22:4)	1.82	0.032
806.55	ST(d18:1/18:0)	1.81	0.033
810.47	PS(18:0/20:4)	1.62	0.024
816.5	PS(18:0/20:1)	1.48	0.023
805.29	TAG(48:0)	1.95	0.015
829.32	TAG(50:0)	2.04	0.013
Decreased in			
BIMAA	202	0.70	
/8.9/	PU3-	0.73	-0.034
96.99	H2PO4-	0.91	-0.020
747.45	PG(16:0/18:1)	0.89	-0.007
833.43	PI(16:0/18:2)	0.93	-0.002
837.59	PI(16:0/18:0)	0.68	-0.014

1 Tentative assignment based on accurate mass, isotope pattern and literature values. Lipid annotation is based on lipid maps (*1*, *2*). Abbreviations: **TME**: trimethylethylimine; **PC**: phosphatidylcholine; **LPC**: lysophosphatidylcholine; **DAG**: diacylglyceride; **TAG**: triacylglyceride; SM: sphingomyelin; **PA**: diacylphosphate, **FA**: fatty acids; **AA**: arachnoid acid; **PE**: phosphoethanolamine; **ST**: sulfatide; **PS**: phosphatidylserine; **PG**: phosphatidylglycerol; **PI**: phosphatidylinositol

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BMAA			
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38.97	K+	1.08	0.018
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731.41	SM(d18:1/18:0)	1.40	0.031
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772.12	PC(32:0)+K	1.54	0.032
780.19	PC (34:2+Na)	1.62	0.020
784.39	PC(36:3)	1.27	0.023
796.29	PC (34:2+K)	1.09	0.010
Decreased in			
BMAA			
369.29	cholesterol C27H45+	0.77	-0.011
385.27	cholesterol C27H45O+	0.54	-0.024
430.27	Vitamin E, C29H50O2+	0.33	-0.029
negative ions			
BMAA			
26.01	CN-	0.72	-0.026
42.01	CNO-	0.66	-0.028
62.97	PO2-	0.78	-0.024
78.97	PO3-	0.83	-0.027
96.99	H2PO4-	0.84	-0.032

0.67

0.80

0.76

-0.018

-0.019

-0.013

FA (18:1)

FA (18:0)

AA

281.25

283.26

303.24

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m/z	I.D. ¹	Ratio BMAA/Ctrl ²	Loading ³
385.33	cholesterol, C27H45O-	0.55	-0.020
429.3	Vitamin E, C29H49O2-	0.49	-0.027
722.46	PE(16:0/18:1)	0.94	-0.009
726.52	PE(16:0p/20:4)	0.94	-0.008
728.51	PE(18:1p/18:0)	0.84	-0.015
742.52	PE(18:0p/18:0)	0.84	-0.013
744.51	PE(18:1/18:0)	0.80	-0.015
746.48	PE(16:0p/22:6)	0.88	-0.013
747.45	PG(16:0/18:1)	0.88	-0.007
750.47	PE(18:0p/20:4)	0.81	L -0.020
762.52	PE(16:0/22:6)	0.93	-0.007
764.52	PE(18:1/20:4)	0.90	0 -0.014
766.49	PE(18:0/20:4)	0.88	-0.007
770.49	PE(20:0/18:2)	0.75	-0.021
774.59	PE(18:0p/22:6)	0.74	-0.019
778.49	ST(d18:1/16:0)	1.15	5 0.018
786.54	PS(36:2)	0.66	-0.019
788.51	PS(36:1)	0.73	-0.018
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810.47	PS(18:0/20:4)	0.86	-0.013
833.43	PI(16:0/18:2)	0.76	-0.018
223.19	PI fragment	0.71	L -0.032
241.25	PI fragment	0.64	-0.031
837.59	PI(16:0/18:0)	0.36	-0.029
805.51	TAG(48:0)	0.95	-0.006

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SI Figure 1. Multivariate image analysis for identification of anatomical regions of interest.

ToF-SIMS imaging data of the hippocampus of 6-month old control animals (n=3) were acquired in positive and negative ion mode and analyzed by means of maximum autocorrelation factor (MAF) analysis. The composition images depict individual scores (eigenvalues) for each pixel (spectrum) in the corresponding factors (MAF 3-5). The factors capture the variances over the tissue section and allow for an unbiased annotation of regions in the hippocampus based on chemical differences (scale bar = 1 mm).





m/z 91.00

m/z 281.32 FA 18:1

m/z 385.33

SI Figure 2. Single ion images of biochemical species that show region specific distributions. Positive and negative ion species show characteristic localization patterns that are well in line with anatomical regions of the hippocampus of 6-month old control animals. Protein specific fragments (pos: NaKCNO, Na₂CNO) were found in highest levels in the CA1-4 and the granular cell layer of the DG. Similar observations were made for a yet unidentified species at m/z 91.00 in negative mode. Vitamin E (Vit.E, [M+H]+ 430.31), fatty acids (FA 18:1, [M-H]- 281.32) and cholesterol (Chol., [M-H]⁻ 385.33) were localized to the molecular layer of the DG as well as mossy fibers projecting from the DG to the CA3. Overlay: 87.95: cyan, 430.31 green; 91.00: cyan, 385.3 green. (scale bar = 1 mm)



SI Figure 3. Multivariate analysis of spectral data reveal BMAA-induced hippocampal changes. MAF analysis was used to segment the hippocampal images into regions representing CA1 and DG (A). OPLS-DA models were calculated for both regions, clearly separating the control group from the BMAA group. (B) The analysis resulted in a 1+3 (1 predictive- + 3 orthogonal components) model for DG. The model explained 86% of the variation in the dataset (R2X cumulative) with a predictive power of 0.96 (Q2 cumulative). (C) For the CA1 a 1+1 (1 predictive- + 3 orthogonal components) model where 53% variation was explained at 0.61 predictive power (Q2 cumulative).



SI Figure 4. Immunohistochemistry of hippocampus. Double antigen staining was performed against GFAP and S100 beta on hippocampal sections of control (**A**) and BMAA exposed animals (**B**). The data show massive gliosis and reactive astrocyte species localizing to the histopathologically altered region in the hippocampus of BMAA-treated rats. This was indicated by increased GFAP immunoreactivity (cyan) in the CA1 of BMAA exposed animals (**B**) compared to controls (**A**). (**C**) Magnification of outlined area indicated in (**B**). GFAP positive cells (**C**) were also found to stain positively for S100 beta (white) serving as additional astrocyte marker (**D**). Magnifications. A-B lens x 10; C-D lens x 20.