

**Supporting Information Figure 1:** Perls histochemistry at day 1, day 7 and day 14 post ICH. Perls positive staining (blue) is observed in tissue 7 and 14 days post ICH, but the tissue is Perls negative 1 day post ICH, in agreement with the literature.<sup>1</sup> The hematoma boundary can still be observed by brown colouration in the tissue 1 day post ICH, which is not specific to the Perls stain, but rather the natural pigment of blood.<sup>1</sup> Scale bar = 500  $\mu$ m



**Supporting Information Figure 2**: Representative example of curve fitting approach. Black circles indicate raw data, black lines indicate individual components and fitted data. Red component is assigned to aggregated proteins, centered at 1625 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

## **XFI Detection Limits**

The minimum detection limit (MDL) was calculated for each element (P, S, Cl, K, Ca, Fe, Cu, Zn) for a 95 % confidence limit according to the following equation<sup>2</sup>:

 $MDL = 2 * I_{(background)} * C / I_{(standard)}$ 

Where  $I_{(background)}$  is the fluorescence intensity (number of counts) collected on the blank background where the element concentration is 0 (or assumed to be 0), C is the concentration of the standard (µg cm<sup>-2</sup>) and  $I_{(standard)}$  is the fluorescence intensity (number of counts) collected for the standard. The minimum detection limits reported to two significant figures are provided in Table 1. The minimum detection limits demonstrate that a minimum level of 0.082 µg cm<sup>-2</sup> of Fe can be detected, and a difference in Fe concentration as small as 0.082 µg cm<sup>-2</sup> between two experimental groups can be detected in this study with a 95 % confidence limit.

Element	Minimum Detection Limit (μg cm <sup>-2</sup> )
Р	1.7
S	2.0
CI	2.3
К	0.88
Ca	0.24
Fe	0.081
Cu	0.022
Zn	0.0012

Table 1: XFI minimum detection limits of elements

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