

**Article Title:** Exploration of scalp surface lipids reveals squalene peroxide as a potential actor in dandruff condition

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## Supplementary Tables

**Supplementary Table 1** Scalp surface biomarkers that were quantitatively assessed

Biomarkers	Common name
Catalase	NA
MDA	Malondialdehyde
Vitamin E	NA
Cholesterol	NA
Squalene	NA
SQOOH	Squalene monohydroperoxide
C10:0	Decanoic acid
C12:0	Lauric acid
C12:0, branched	11-Methyldodecanoic acid
C13:0, branched	12-Methyltridecanoic acid
C13:1	Tridecanoic acid
C14:0	Myristic acid
C14:0, branched	13-Methyltetradecanoic acid
C14:1	Tetradecenoic acid
C14:1, branched	12-Methyltetradecanoic acid
C15:0	Pentadecanoic acid
C15:0, branched	14-Methylpentadecanoic acid
C15:1	Pentadecenoic acid
C15:1, branched	13-Methylpentadecanoic acid
C16:0	Palmitic acid
C16:1 Δ6	Sapienic acid
C16:1 Δ9	Palmitoleic acid
C17:0	Heptadecanoic acid
C17:1	Heptadecenoic acid
C18:0	Stearic acid
C18:1 Δ8	8-Octadecenoic acid
C18:1 Δ9	Oleic acid
C18:1 Δ11	11-Octadecenoic acid
C18:2 Δ5,8	Sebaleic acid
C18:2 Δ9,12	Linoleic acid
C20:0	Arachidic acid
C20:1	Eicosenoic acid
C22:0	Behenic Acid

**Supplementary Table 2** Biochemical characterization of the cohort of 10 control and 10 dandruff-affected volunteers – Free fatty acids (in decreasing order of quantity)

	Control cohort			Statistical analysis (p)		
	Dandruff-affected cohort		Between groups	Intra-individual		
	Non-dandruff (ND)	Non-dandruff zone (NDZ)		ND vs NDZ	ND vs DZ	NDZ vs DZ
C16:0 (µg/mg)	149.5 (137.4 – 168.9)	190.1 (152.2 – 215.2)	166.5 (126.3 – 199.4)	0.17	0.50	0.56
C16:1 Δ6 (µg/mg)	52.2 (40.5 – 65.7)	65.1 (53.0 – 71.7)	52.3 (37.3 – 71.6)	0.41	0.94	0.28
C14:0 (µg/mg)	31.8 (28.5 – 38.2)	41.7 (37.1 – 46.1)	38.4 (29.1 – 40.8)	0.15	0.65	0.06
C15:0 (µg/mg)	32.0 (26.5 – 37.0)	36.6 (28.5 – 41.4)	31.1 (28.4 – 40.0)	0.41	1.00	0.70
C18:1 Δ8 (µg/mg)	22.8 (18.2 – 29.3)	31.7 (19.5 – 35.5)	24.3 (15.6 – 36.5)	0.23	0.65	0.11
C18:0 (µg/mg)	21.9 (20.4 – 26.0)	25.8 (24.9 – 28.3)	25.7 (21.4 – 27.0)	0.13	0.33	0.49
C17:0 (µg/mg)	7.4 (5.9 – 10.1)	9.9 (7.2 – 13.6)	8.5 (7.4 – 12.3)	0.23	0.45	0.43
C18:2 Δ5,8 (µg/mg)	7.7 (5.5 – 8.7)	7.9 (6.0 – 9.0)	8.3 (5.7 – 10.7)	0.65	0.60	0.85
C17:1 (µg/mg)	6.7 (4.8 – 8.7)	7.5 (5.5 – 8.1)	6.2 (3.3 – 10.8)	0.71	0.88	0.56
C14:1, branched (µg/mg)	5.1 (4.1 – 6.9)	7.1 (6.5 – 7.6)	5.9 (5.4 – 6.5)	0.15	0.41	0.11
C18:2 Δ9,12 (µg/mg)	4.7 (3.9 – 7.5)	5.5 (4.3 – 6.1)	5.4 (3.8 – 10.6)	0.55	0.50	0.85
C22:0 (µg/mg)	4.1 (3.7 – 7.1)	4.4 (3.2 – 5.3)	4.2 (3.1 – 9.9)	0.76	0.88	0.56
C15:1 (µg/mg)	4.0 (2.0 – 5.1)	4.0 (3.5 – 4.3)	3.3 (2.8 – 4.5)	0.88	0.41	0.37
C14:1 (µg/mg)	3.9 (3.0 – 4.7)	4.0 (3.8 – 5.1)	3.6 (3.4 – 3.9)	0.60	0.41	<b>0.02</b>
C15:1, branched (µg/mg)	2.8 (1.7 – 4.6)	4.7 (2.6 – 7.5)	3.4 (2.3 – 7.1)	0.11	0.36	<b>0.01</b>
C14:0, branched (µg/mg)	2.8 (2.1 – 3.7)	3.1 (2.7 – 3.9)	2.7 (2.6 – 3.5)	0.45	0.76	0.07
C18:1 Δ9 (µg/mg)	2.3 (1.7 – 3.1)	3.9 (3.1 – 4.3)	3.6 (2.7 – 5.2)	<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.02</b>	0.92
C15:0, branched (µg/mg)	2.3 (1.6 – 2.9)	2.3 (2.2 – 2.5)	2.3 (1.8 – 2.6)	0.65	0.76	0.49
C13:1 (µg/mg)	1.2 (0.8 – 4.0)	3.5 (0.8 – 5.4)	2.3 (0.8 – 2.6)	0.26	0.55	<b>0.01</b>
C20:0 (µg/mg)	1.2 (0.7 – 1.7)	0.8 (0.4 – 1.0)	0.7 (0.6 – 0.8)	0.07	0.06	0.77
C12:0 (µg/mg)	0.9 (0.9 – 1.3)	1.0 (0.9 – 1.2)	1.2 (0.8 – 1.3)	0.50	0.54	1.00

C13:0, branched ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{mg}$ )	0.9 (0.5 – 1.0)	0.8 (0.7 – 0.9)	0.8 (0.6 – 1.2)	0.94	0.76	0.77
C12:0, branched ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{mg}$ )	0.8 (0.6 – 0.9)	0.7 (0.7 – 0.8)	0.8 (0.6 – 1.0)	0.88	0.50	0.70
C20:1 ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{mg}$ )	0.7 (0.0 – 2.2)	0.9 (0.0 – 2.4)	1.6 (0.0 – 2.4)	0.72	0.53	0.69
C16:1 $\Delta 9$ ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{mg}$ )	0.7 (0.5 – 1.0)	0.8 (0.6 – 0.9)	0.8 (0.8 – 1.2)	0.36	0.26	0.92
C18:1 $\Delta 11$ ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{mg}$ )	0.5 (0.3 – 0.6)	0.7 (0.3 – 0.8)	0.7 (0.4 – 0.9)	0.33	0.06	1.00
C10:0 ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{mg}$ )	0.3 (0.0 – 0.7)	0.0 (0.0 – 0.2)	0.0 (0.0 – 0.2)	0.10	0.19	1.00
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ratio C18:0/C18:1 $\Delta 9$	9.5 (8.2 – 12.5)	6.8 (6.6 – 8.2)	6.6 (5.2 – 7.9)	0.06	<b>0.02</b>	0.19
ratio C16:0/C16:1 $\Delta 6$	2.9 (2.7 – 3.5)	3.0 (2.8 – 3.2)	3.3 (2.9 – 3.4)	0.71	0.26	0.08
ratio saturated/ unsaturated	2.3 (2.1 – 2.5)	2.3 (2.2 – 2.6)	2.3 (2.2 – 2.5)	0.60	0.50	0.19

Values described are medians (*interquartile ranges*), with  $p$  values which are only exact for comparisons between groups. Significant  $p$  values are bolded. Free fatty acid ratio values are listed at the end of the table and are separated by a dashed line.

**Supplementary Table 3** Biochemical characterization of the cohort of 10 control and 10 dandruff-affected volunteers – Bound fatty acids (in decreasing order of quantity)

	Control cohort			Statistical analysis (p)		
	Dandruff-affected cohort		Between groups	Intra-individual		
	Non-dandruff (ND)	Non-dandruff zone (NDZ)		ND vs NDZ	ND vs DZ	NDZ vs DZ
C16:0 (µg/mg)	70.4 (50.6 – 106.4)	45.9 (37.0 – 56.3)	52.0 (45.2 – 80.0)	0.06	0.41	0.08
C16:1 Δ6 (µg/mg)	30.5 (21.4 – 45.8)	20.9 (18.6 – 21.8)	20.7 (18.8 – 24.2)	0.07	0.06	0.85
C18:0 (µg/mg)	23.0 (18.8 – 28.8)	17.0 (14.4 – 20.0)	18.3 (12.0 – 37.1)	0.17	0.50	0.16
C18:1 Δ8 (µg/mg)	14.4 (7.3 – 18.6)	8.9 (5.3 – 13.2)	11.3 (7.5 – 13.4)	0.17	0.55	0.23
C15:0 (µg/mg)	11.2 (6.0 – 14.5)	4.9 (4.2 – 9.5)	6.0 (5.3 – 6.8)	<b>0.05</b>	0.17	0.32
C14:0 (µg/mg)	9.3 (5.2 – 13.5)	6.8 (4.5 – 8.0)	10.1 (6.1 – 15.5)	0.22	0.76	<b>0.05</b>
C18:2 Δ5,8 (µg/mg)	6.6 (5.1 – 8.6)	5.3 (4.0 – 6.3)	5.3 (3.8 – 11.0)	0.29	0.54	0.77
C18:2 Δ9,12 (µg/mg)	4.6 (3.8 – 7.5)	4.6 (3.4 – 5.5)	4.4 (3.2 – 11.0)	0.94	0.94	0.92
C17:1 (µg/mg)	4.4 (2.4 – 5.5)	2.0 (1.8 – 3.8)	2.3 (1.7 – 2.6)	<b>0.04</b>	0.07	0.92
C22:0 (µg/mg)	4.0 (3.5 – 6.9)	4.4 (2.9 – 5.1)	3.8 (2.7 – 9.3)	0.94	0.94	1.00
C17:0 (µg/mg)	3.8 (1.7 – 4.6)	2.0 (1.6 – 3.1)	2.5 (2.1 – 3.0)	0.26	0.50	<b>0.05</b>
C14:1, branched (µg/mg)	2.6 (1.8 – 4.4)	2.6 (1.4 – 3.2)	3.2 (1.9 – 7.6)	0.60	0.50	0.11
C15:1 (µg/mg)	2.1 (1.6 – 2.3)	1.3 (1.1 – 1.6)	1.4 (1.3 – 1.6)	<b>0.03</b>	<b>0.02</b>	0.77
C18:1 Δ9 (µg/mg)	1.9 (1.6 – 2.1)	1.7 (1.5 – 2.0)	1.9 (1.4 – 4.0)	0.55	0.33	0.08
C14:0, branched (µg/mg)	1.5 (1.3 – 1.8)	1.2 (0.9 – 1.6)	1.8 (0.8 – 2.2)	0.23	0.94	0.11
C14:1 (µg/mg)	1.5 (1.3 – 1.9)	1.3 (0.9 – 1.6)	1.4 (1.2 – 1.9)	0.20	0.50	0.32
C15:1, branched (µg/mg)	1.3 (1.0 – 2.0)	1.3 (0.8 – 2.4)	1.5 (0.7 – 2.4)	0.94	0.82	0.70
C15:0, branched (µg/mg)	1.3 (1.2 – 1.6)	0.8 (0.6 – 1.1)	1.0 (0.7 – 1.6)	<b>0.05</b>	0.15	<b>0.04</b>
C13:1 (µg/mg)	0.6 (0.3 – 1.1)	0.7 (0.4 – 0.8)	0.5 (0.3 – 1.1)	1.00	0.79	0.92
C16:1 Δ9 (µg/mg)	0.6 (0.4 – 0.9)	0.5 (0.4 – 0.6)	0.4 (0.3 – 0.8)	0.65	0.36	1.00
C13:0, branched (µg/mg)	0.5 (0.4 – 0.9)	0.5 (0.3 – 0.8)	0.5 (0.3 – 1.3)	0.65	0.65	0.70

C18:1 Δ11 (μg/mg)	0.3 (0.3 – 0.5)	0.3 (0.2 – 0.7)	0.4 (0.1 – 0.8)	0.94	0.55	0.70
C12:0, branched (μg/mg)	0.4 (0.3 – 0.5)	0.2 (0.2 – 0.3)	0.2 (0.2 – 0.5)	0.07	0.13	0.65
C20:0 (μg/mg)	0.3 (0.3 – 0.6)	0.2 (0.1 – 0.5)	0.3 (0.1 – 0.4)	0.13	0.33	0.56
C12:0 (μg/mg)	0.3 (0.2 – 0.4)	0.1 (0.0 – 0.3)	0.1 (0.0 – 0.2)	0.10	0.06	0.84
C10:0 (μg/mg)	0.0 (0.0 – 0.4)	0.0 (0.0 – 0.0)	0.0 (0.0 – 0.2)	0.62	0.96	0.87
C20:1 (μg/mg)	0.0 (0.0 – 0.0)	0.0 (0.0 – 0.0)	0.0 (0.0 – 0.0)	NA	NA	NA
ratio	11.6 (10.1 – 13.2)	10.0 (9.0 – 11.8)	9.5 (7.2 – 9.9)	0.13	<b>0.02</b>	0.63
C18:0/C18:1 Δ9						
ratio	2.2 (1.9 – 2.6)	2.1 (1.7 – 2.5)	2.3 (2.0 – 3.5)	0.45	0.55	0.08
C16:0/C16:1 Δ6						
ratio saturated/ unsaturated	1.9 (1.7 – 2.1)	1.8 (1.6 – 2.1)	1.9 (1.6 – 2.2)	0.85	0.91	0.31

Values described are medians (*interquartile ranges*), with *p* values which are only exact for comparisons between groups. Significant *p* values are bolded. Bound fatty acid ratio values are listed at the end of the table and are separated by a dashed line.

**Supplementary Table 4** Quantitative composition of face sebum versus scalp sebum using the novel sampling technique

Lipid species	Forehead (McGinley)	Forehead (In house)	Scalp (In house)
Free fatty acids	16 %	15 to 30 %	30 to 50 %
Squalene & wax esters	48 %	30 to 50 %	40 to 60 %
Cholesterol esters & free cholesterol	6 %	< 10 %	< 10 %
Glycerides	30 %	30 to 50 %	5 to 15 %

Quantitative composition of face sebum versus scalp sebum using the novel sampling technique in healthy volunteers (n=6), compared to previously-published forehead results from McGinley et al [20].