

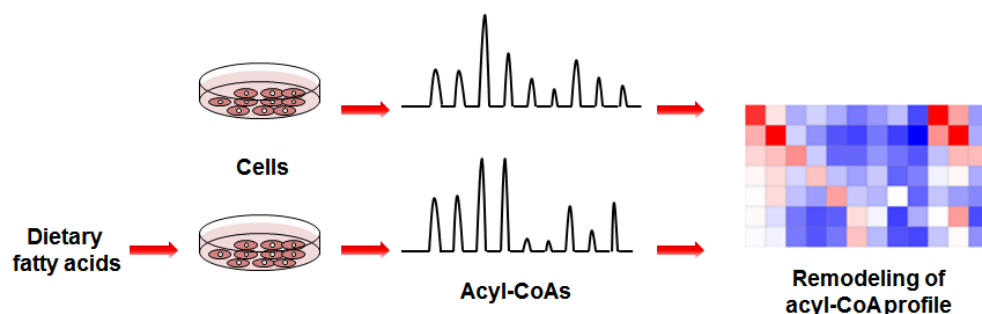
Development of a Method for the Determination of Acyl-CoA Compounds by Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometry to Probe the Metabolism of Fatty Acids

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ABSTRACT: Acyl-Coenzyme As (acyl-CoAs) are a group of activated fatty acid molecules participating in multiple cellular processes including lipid synthesis, oxidative metabolism of fatty acids to produce ATP, transcriptional regulation and protein post-translational modification. Quantification of cellular acyl-CoAs is challenging due to their instability in aqueous solutions and lack of blank matrices. Here we demonstrate an LC-MS/MS analytical method which allows for absolute quantitation with broad coverage of cellular acyl-CoAs. This assay was applied to profile endogenous acyl-CoAs under the challenge of a variety of dietary fatty acids in prostate and hepatic cells. Additionally, this approach allowed for detection of multiple fatty acid metabolic processes including the biogenesis of acyl-CoAs, and their elongation, degradation, and desaturation. Hierarchical clustering in the remodeling of acyl-CoA profiles revealed a fatty acid-specific pattern across all tested cell lines, which provides a valuable reference for making predictions in other cell models. Individual acyl-CoAs were identified which were altered differentially by exogenous fatty acids in divergent tumorigenicity states of cells. These findings demonstrate the power of acyl-CoA profiling toward understanding the mechanisms for the progression of tumors or other diseases in response to fatty acids.

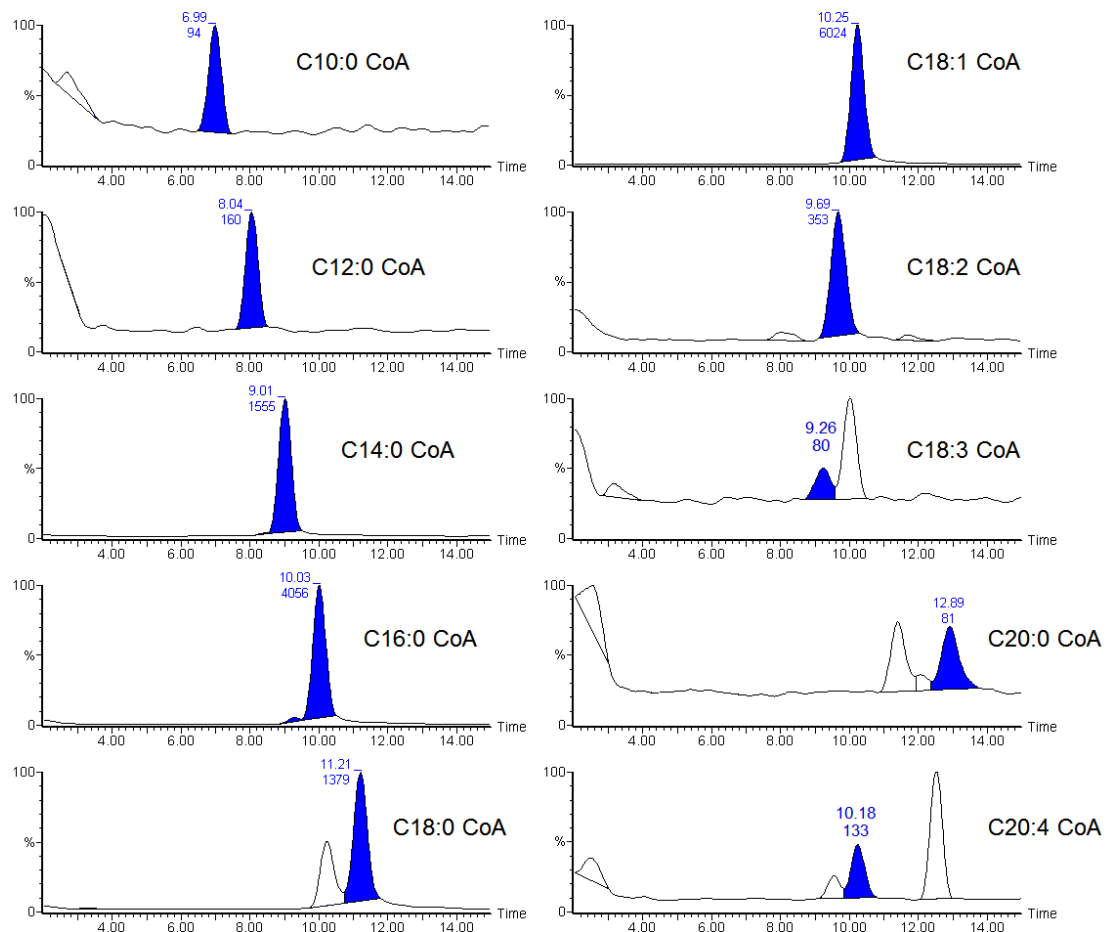


Figure S1. Representative chromatograms of acyl-CoA analytes in HepG2 cells. Retention times (min) and peak areas are labeled.

| Name | Forward Sequence | Reverse Sequence |
|-------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| ACSL1 | TCTTCCCCGTGGTTCCAA | TGGTGTTTGCTTGCCGAAA |
| ACSL3 | ACTCCACTGTGCGACAGCTTT | CACCACACAACAGGAGACGAA |
| ACSL4 | ACTGGCCGACCTAAGGGAG | GCCAAAGGCAAGTAGCCAATA |
| ACSL5 | TGGCTATCTTACAAACAGGTGTC | TCCA CTCTGGCCTATTCTGAG |
| ACSL6 | CGCTACATCATCAATACAGCGG | GCATGGACTTAATGACCACCC |
| GAPDH | CCACATCGCTCAGACACCAT | ACCAGGCGCCCAATACG |

Table S1. Primer sets for real-time RT-PCR analysis of expression of ACSL genes.

| PNT2 | Control | C10:0 | C12:0 | C14:0 | C16:0 | C18:0 | C18:1 | C18:1 EA | C20:0 |
|-------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|---------|
| 10:0 | 2.40 ± | 129.88 ± | 26.61 ± | 15.44 ± | 10.27 ± | 9.00 ± | 9.74 ± | 8.66 ± | 2.81 ± |
| CoA | 0.99 | 35.13 | 1.44 | 0.80 | 1.00 | 2.99 | 1.35 | 2.42 | 1.81 |
| 12:0 | 3.55 ± | 19.66 ± | 365.17 ± | 31.28 ± | 21.75 ± | 21.61 ± | 8.76 ± | 11.42 ± | 5.34 ± |
| CoA | 1.22 | 4.95 | 44.89 | 6.62 | 7.12 | 1.80 | 1.42 | 1.16 | 1.66 |
| 14:0 | 22.49 ± | 29.67 ± | 48.38 ± | 363.56 ± | 50.23 ± | 37.97 ± | 14.47 ± | 15.35 ± | 16.02 ± |
| CoA | 0.41 | 6.21 | 1.37 | 55.25 | 3.23 | 2.32 | 1.68 | 3.20 | 3.81 |
| 16:0 | 36.81 ± | 77.10 ± | 34.70 ± | 72.05 | 316.58 | 39.31 ± | 14.75 ± | 15.83 ± | 23.71 ± |
| CoA | 1.56 | 17.15 | 4.57 | ±13.08 | ±17.96 | 8.12 | 0.58 | 1.50 | 2.12 |
| 18:0 | 23.33 ± | 29.87 ± | 9.65 ± | 12.22 ± | 39.95 ± | 298.33 | 11.19 ± | 15.14 ± | 21.53 ± |
| CoA | 3.15 | 7.66 | 1.73 | 1.89 | 2.97 | ±27.36 | 1.83 | 2.03 | 1.63 |
| 18:1 | 92.25 ± | 60.85 ± | 30.55 ± | 47.97 ± | 103.78 ± | 172.85 ± | 545.17 ± | 762.97 ± | 63.04 ± |
| CoA | 6.74 | 16.74 | 2.97 | 11.38 | 8.36 | 9.33 | 46.29 | 24.58 | 11.62 |
| 18:2 | 4.38 ± | 4.37 ± | 2.84 ± | 4.23 ± | 8.14 ± | 6.47 ± | 14.34 ± | 6.73 ± | 5.45 ± |
| CoA | 4.48 | 0.71 | 0.67 | 1.25 | 1.38 | 1.69 | 1.61 | 1.17 | 2.55 |
| 20:0 | 2.28 ± | 3.66 ± | 0.72 ± | 1.39 ± | 1.17 ± | 8.43 ± | 0.74 ± | 0.92 ± | 38.94 ± |
| CoA | 0.18 | 1.05 | 0.76 | 1.14 | 0.68 | 2.15 | 0.32 | 0.43 | 11.49 |
| 20:4 | 8.03 ± | 2.92 ± | 1.14 ± | 3.41 ± | 5.77 ± | 4.16 ± | 10.29 ± | 2.84 ± | 2.65 ± |
| CoA | 2.09 | 0.27 | 0.66 | 1.66 | 2.28 | 1.33 | 2.81 | 0.92 | 1.57 |

| DU145 | Control | C10:0 | C12:0 | C14:0 | C16:0 | C18:0 | C18:1 | C18:1 EA | C20:0 |
|--------------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|-------------|---------|
| 10:0 | | 184.82 ± | 11.74 ± | 1.23 ± | 2.32 ± | 1.31 ± | 4.67 ± | 1.34 ± | 0.52 ± |
| CoA | 0.73 ± 0.38 | 32.23 | 0.81 | 0.45 | 0.58 | 0.37 | 1.15 | 0.74 | 0.10 |
| 12:0 | | 7.39 ± | 233.04 ± | 5.59 ± | 2.47 ± | 0.62 ± | 0.78 ± | 2.36 ± | 0.56 ± |
| CoA | 0.58 ± 0.15 | 0.72 | 5.58 | 1.76 | 0.53 | 0.59 | 0.70 | 1.68 | 0.26 |
| 14:0 | 28.78 | 30.37 ± | 36.67 ± | 260.33 ± | 36.66 ± | 22.86 ± | 15.34 ± | 25.75 ± | 10.16 ± |
| CoA | ±0.67 | 2.56 | 1.65 | 30.37 | 3.52 | 2.84 | 4.29 | 7.58 | 0.62 |
| 16:0 | 43.61 | 54.59 ± | 37.48 ± | 48.69 ± | 555.89 ± | 20.00 ± | 6.28 ± | 18.90 ± | 10.57 ± |
| CoA | ±2.17 | 6.13 | 1.30 | 4.42 | 24.79 | 2.45 | 1.43 | 2.81 | 2.60 |
| 18:0 | 28.96 | 24.15 ± | 7.62 ± | 8.59 ± | 42.07 ± | 281.53 ± | 5.97 ± | 28.18 ± | 6.27 ± |
| CoA | ±5.28 | 3.67 | 1.73 | 0.98 | 2.33 | 13.10 | 0.71 | 8.73 | 0.36 |
| 18:1 | 75.54 | 37.48 ± | 25.37 ± | 25.85 ± | 94.76 ± | 53.20 ± | 532.53 | 552.21 ± | 11.19 ± |
| CoA | ±8.97 | 6.31 | 0.17 | 2.44 | 6.47 | 1.25 | ±31.64 | 85.21 | 1.48 |
| 18:2 | | 6.28 ± | 3.41 ± | 3.71 ± | 8.89 ± | 6.92 ± | 7.37 ± | 5.06 ± | 5.49 ± |
| CoA | 7.49 ± 2.63 | 0.41 | 0.85 | 0.99 | 1.93 | 1.21 | 2.30 | 1.40 | 1.67 |
| 20:0 | | 3.80 ± | 0.95 ± | 1.08 ± | 2.14 ± | 11.17 ± | 0.75 ± | 2.29 ± | 23.24 ± |
| CoA | 2.34 ± | 1.49 | 0.23 | 0.56 | 0.85 | 2.80 | 0.47 | 0.91 | 1.47 |

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| | 0.36 | | | | | | | | |
| 20:4 CoA | 3.70 ± 0.97 | 4.04 ± 0.38 | 1.94 ± 0.53 | 2.17 ± 0.45 | 3.23 ± 0.97 | 3.12 ± 0.74 | 8.39 ± 0.51 | 1.92 ± 0.22 | 3.78 ± 0.99 |

| HepG 2 | Control | C10:0 | C12:0 | C14:0 | C16:0 | C18:0 | C18:1 | C18:1 EA | C20:0 |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 10:0 CoA | 5.16 ± 1.07 | 132.57 ± 18.76 | 23.51 ± 1.69 | 7.92 ± 0.17 | 5.84 ± 0.49 | 5.61 ± 2.86 | 6.65 ± 1.34 | 5.97 ± 1.00 | 6.13 ± 1.67 |
| 12:0 CoA | 6.90 ± 0.35 | 12.87 ± 2.36 | 155.32 ± 9.00 | 20.51 ± 3.52 | 9.32 ± 1.23 | 10.16 ± 3.19 | 8.70 ± 1.63 | 9.95 ± 0.28 | 10.04 ± 1.75 |
| 14:0 CoA | 90.62 ± 11.26 | 54.91 ± 9.23 | 67.8 ± 2.29 | 232.91 ± 58.40 | 82.33 ± 5.63 | 104.6 ± 21.37 | 101.23 ± 7.87 | 110.71 ± 18.00 | 104.31 ± 10.77 |
| 16:0 CoA | 143.89 ± 17.40 | 81.25 ± 8.43 | 92.46 ± 4.42 | 132.75 ± 5.73 | 237.55 ± 10.31 | 219.25 ± 42.27 | 147.12 ± 7.24 | 183.35 ± 19.71 | 179.17 ± 22.09 |
| 18:0 CoA | 58.59 ± 9.10 | 36.84 ± 2.70 | 31.98 ± 2.64 | 36.81 ± 2.81 | 64.05 ± 7.14 | 208.47 ± 37.44 | 47.93 ± 4.61 | 67.40 ± 14.92 | 66.7 ± 12.69 |
| 18:1 CoA | 262.57 ± 31.98 | 123.24 ± 7.97 | 151.9 ± 12.23 | 206.88 ± 17.71 | 275.4 ± 16.33 | 445.83 ± 86.15 | 526.67 ± 22.31 | 664.62 ± 99.36 | 332.83 ± 47.03 |
| 18:2 CoA | 17.47 ± 2.84 | 6.82 ± 0.99 | 8.83 ± 0.92 | 15.24 ± 3.17 | 17.49 ± 1.74 | 21.99 ± 5.13 | 20.93 ± 3.40 | 27.84 ± 2.32 | 18.67 ± 3.34 |
| 18:3 CoA | 1.35 ± 0.26 | 0.53 ± 0.30 | 0.83 ± 0.52 | 0.54 ± 0.47 | 0.69 ± 0.66 | 1.63 ± 1.01 | 0.86 ± 0.78 | 1.34 ± 0.74 | 1.46 ± 0.41 |
| 20:0 CoA | 2.51 ± 0.20 | 2.29 ± 0.42 | 1.12 ± 0.07 | 1.85 ± 0.06 | 1.46 ± 0.39 | 4.56 ± 1.01 | 1.43 ± 1.26 | 1.56 ± 0.61 | 21.83 ± 2.24 |
| 20:4 CoA | 5.32 ± 0.59 | 2.46 ± 0.45 | 2.45 ± 0.39 | 2.85 ± 1.78 | 3.43 ± 1.39 | 6.40 ± 2.87 | 9.75 ± 2.16 | 4.84 ± 4.10 | 6.78 ± 0.70 |

| Hep3B | Control | C10:0 | C12:0 | C14:0 | C16:0 | C18:0 | C18:1 | C18:1 EA | C20:0 |
|--------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 10:0 CoA | 3.61 ± 0.38 | 49.26 ± 6.96 | 13.12 ± 2.56 | 5.51 ± 0.66 | 5.14 ± 1.03 | 4.83 ± 0.30 | 4.73 ± 0.18 | 8.39 ± 2.36 | 4.74 ± 0.67 |
| 12:0 CoA | 1.20 ± 0.57 | 7.51 ± 0.85 | 48.95 ± 1.88 | 8.19 ± 1.07 | 2.61 ± 0.60 | 2.44 ± 0.63 | 2.10 ± 0.22 | 3.14 ± 0.48 | 1.92 ± 0.82 |
| 14:0 CoA | 31.51 ± 2.26 | 56.12 ± 2.81 | 78.95 ± 4.26 | 238.85 ± 12.68 | 41.08 ± 4.25 | 49.08 ± 2.10 | 51.32 ± 6.90 | 73.51 ± 6.54 | 50.61 ± 6.49 |
| 16:0 CoA | 42.79 ± 9.33 | 61.11 ± 3.01 | 48.52 ± 1.03 | 84.26 ± 4.18 | 92.00 ± 9.78 | 49.87 ± 7.90 | 56.82 ± 10.20 | 57.57 ± 7.06 | 76.09 ± 5.33 |
| 18:0 CoA | 7.73 ± 1.31 | 9.32 ± 3.34 | 4.51 ± 0.53 | 8.93 ± 0.45 | 11.43 ± 1.37 | 33.53 ± 2.86 | 12.25 ± 3.41 | 14.11 ± 0.72 | 12.25 ± 1.71 |
| 18:1 CoA | 35.01 ± 11.58 | 40.64 ± 1.80 | 24.98 ± 1.93 | 43.22 ± 4.61 | 41.44 ± 4.39 | 50.35 ± 3.45 | 153.16 ± 22.16 | 187.26 ± 25.99 | 67.40 ± 8.07 |
| 18:2 CoA | 28.29 ± 6.72 | 36.71 ± 0.83 | 27.51 ± 2.72 | 40.80 ± 6.42 | 34.27 ± 3.23 | 41.27 ± 3.96 | 46.86 ± 5.39 | 58.37 ± 10.08 | 45.90 ± 8.59 |

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|------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 18:3 | 2.52 ± | 3.58 ± | 4.13 ± | 6.19 ± | 3.80 ± | 3.06 ± | 2.14 ± | 2.12 ± | 3.31 ± |
| CoA | 1.03 | 1.05 | 0.20 | 0.45 | 0.58 | 0.86 | 0.61 | 0.25 | 0.50 |
| 20:0 | 0.53 ± | 0.14 ± | 0.50 ± | 0.47 ± | 0.39 ± | 0.94 ± | 1.20 ± | 0.97 ± | 1.75 ± |
| CoA | 0.08 | 0.02 | 0.33 | 0.22 | 0.07 | 0.45 | 0.11 | 0.23 | 0.55 |
| 20:4 | 7.63 ± | 10.26 ± | 10.34 ± | 17.44 ± | 13.96 ± | 15.75 ± | 21.21 ± | 16.44 ± | 15.17 ± |
| CoA | 2.53 | 0.29 | 1.12 | 2.02 | 1.67 | 3.34 | 2.54 | 2.45 | 3.75 |

Table S2. Amounts of acyl-CoAs (pmol/mg protein) in PNT2, DU145, HepG2 and Hep3B cells (n = 3) incubated with 400 μ M fatty acids for 24 h.