

# **Distribution and accumulation of dietary ergothioneine and its metabolites in mouse tissues**

(Supplementary Data)

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Supplementary Table 1: Statistical analysis of ET uptake in various mouse tissues.

Kruskal-Wallis test	Significance	Dunn's Post Hoc	Significance
Whole Blood_1D	ns	-	-
Whole Blood_7D	****	Control vs. ET+ Control vs. ET++ ET+ vs. ET++	* *** ns
Whole Blood_28D	****	Control vs. ET+ Control vs. ET++ ET+ vs. ET++	** ** ns
Liver_1D	*	Control vs. ET+ Control vs. ET++ ET+ vs. ET++	ns * ns
Liver_7D	***	Control vs. ET+ Control vs. ET++ ET+ vs. ET++	ns *** ns
Liver_28D	***	Control vs. ET+ Control vs. ET++ ET+ vs. ET++	* ** ns
Brain_1D	ns	-	-
Brain_7D	**	Control vs. ET+ Control vs. ET++ ET+ vs. ET++	ns ** ns
Brain_28D	****	Control vs. ET+ Control vs. ET++ ET+ vs. ET++	* *** ns
Eye_1D	ns	-	-
Eye_7D	****	Control vs. ET+ Control vs. ET++ ET+ vs. ET++	ns *** ns
Eye_28D	***	Control vs. ET+ Control vs. ET++ ET+ vs. ET++	** ** ns
Kidney_1D	ns	-	-
Kidney_7D	****	Control vs. ET+ Control vs. ET++ ET+ vs. ET++	* ** ns
Kidney_28D	***	Control vs. ET+ Control vs. ET++ ET+ vs. ET++	** ** ns
Heart_1D	ns	-	-
Heart_7D	****	Control vs. ET+ Control vs. ET++ ET+ vs. ET++	** * ns
Heart_28D	***	Control vs. ET+ Control vs. ET++ ET+ vs. ET++	** ** ns
Spleen_1D	*	Control vs. ET+ Control vs. ET++ ET+ vs. ET++	ns * ns
Spleen_7D	*	Control vs. ET+ Control vs. ET++ ET+ vs. ET++	ns * ns
Spleen_28D	***	Control vs. ET+ Control vs. ET++ ET+ vs. ET++	* ** ns
Lung_1D	ns	-	-
Lung_7D	*	Control vs. ET+ Control vs. ET++ ET+ vs. ET++	ns * ns
Lung_28D	**	Control vs. ET+ Control vs. ET++ ET+ vs. ET++	* ns ns
Small Intestine_1D	ns	-	-
Small Intestine_7D	*	Control vs. ET+ Control vs. ET++ ET+ vs. ET++	ns * ns
Small Intestine_28D	**	Control vs. ET+ Control vs. ET++ ET+ vs. ET++	* * ns
Large Intestine_1D	*	Control vs. ET+ Control vs. ET++ ET+ vs. ET++	ns * ns
Large Intestine_7D	***	Control vs. ET+ Control vs. ET++ ET+ vs. ET++	* ** ns
Large Intestine_28D	****	Control vs. ET+ Control vs. ET++ ET+ vs. ET++	** * ns

ns: not significant  $p > 0.05$ ;

\* $p < 0.05$ , \*\* $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\* $p < 0.001$ , \*\*\*\* $p < 0.0001$

Supplementary Table 2: Statistical analysis of frequency-dependent ET uptake in various mouse tissues.

Mann-Whitney Test		Significance
Whole Blood_Control	1D vs. 7D	ns
	7D vs 28D	**
Whole Blood_ET+	1D vs. 7D	***
	7D vs 28D	***
Whole Blood_ET++	1D vs. 7D	***
	7D vs 28D	***
Liver_Control	1D vs. 7D	ns
	7D vs 28D	p = 0.073
Liver_ET+	1D vs. 7D	*
	7D vs 28D	*
Liver_ET++	1D vs. 7D	***
	7D vs 28D	ns
Brain_Control	1D vs. 7D	ns
	7D vs 28D	ns
Brain_ET+	1D vs. 7D	*
	7D vs 28D	***
Brain_ET++	1D vs. 7D	**
	7D vs 28D	**
Eye_Control	1D vs. 7D	ns
	7D vs 28D	p = 0.053
Eye_ET+	1D vs. 7D	***
	7D vs 28D	**
Eye_ET++	1D vs. 7D	***
	7D vs 28D	***
Kidney_Control	1D vs. 7D	ns
	7D vs 28D	**
Kidney_ET+	1D vs. 7D	***
	7D vs 28D	p = 0.053
Kidney_ET++	1D vs. 7D	***
	7D vs 28D	ns
Heart_Control	1D vs. 7D	ns
	7D vs 28D	ns
Heart_ET+	1D vs. 7D	***
	7D vs 28D	*
Heart_ET++	1D vs. 7D	**
	7D vs 28D	p = 0.051
Spleen_Control	1D vs. 7D	ns
	7D vs 28D	ns
Spleen_ET+	1D vs. 7D	**
	7D vs 28D	**
Spleen_ET++	1D vs. 7D	**
	7D vs 28D	*
Lung_Control	1D vs. 7D	ns
	7D vs 28D	ns
Lung_ET+	1D vs. 7D	**
	7D vs 28D	ns
Lung_ET++	1D vs. 7D	***
	7D vs 28D	ns
Small Intestine_Control	1D vs. 7D	ns
	7D vs 28D	ns
Small Intestine_ET+	1D vs. 7D	ns
	7D vs 28D	ns
Small Intestine_ET++	1D vs. 7D	*
	7D vs 28D	ns
Large Intestine_Control	1D vs. 7D	ns
	7D vs 28D	ns
Large Intestine_ET+	1D vs. 7D	**
	7D vs 28D	ns
Large Intestine_ET++	1D vs. 7D	*
	7D vs 28D	ns

ns: not significant  $p > 0.05$ ;

\* $p < 0.05$ , \*\* $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\* $p < 0.001$

Supplementary Table 3: Statistical analysis of dose-dependent ET uptake in various mouse tissues.

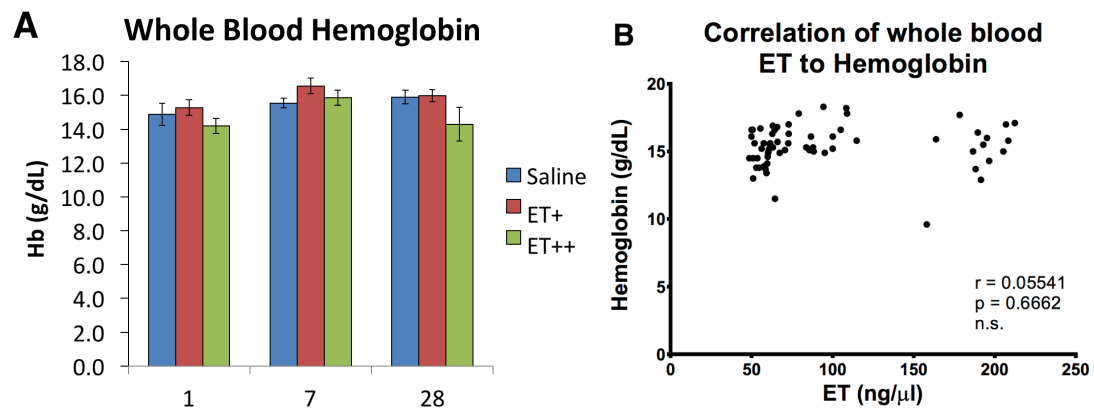
Mann-Whitney Test		Significance
Whole Blood_1D	ET+ vs. ET++	ns
Whole Blood_7D	ET+ vs. ET++	p = 0.073
Whole Blood_28D	ET+ vs. ET++	ns
Liver_1D	ET+ vs. ET++	*
Liver_7D	ET+ vs. ET++	*
Liver_28D	ET+ vs. ET++	ns
Brain_1D	ET+ vs. ET++	ns
Brain_7D	ET+ vs. ET++	ns
Brain_28D	ET+ vs. ET++	p = 0.053
Eye_1D	ET+ vs. ET++	ns
Eye_7D	ET+ vs. ET++	*
Eye_28D	ET+ vs. ET++	ns
Kidney_1D	ET+ vs. ET++	ns
Kidney_7D	ET+ vs. ET++	ns
Kidney_28D	ET+ vs. ET++	ns
Heart_1D	ET+ vs. ET++	ns
Heart_7D	ET+ vs. ET++	ns
Heart_28D	ET+ vs. ET++	ns
Spleen_1D	ET+ vs. ET++	ns
Spleen_7D	ET+ vs. ET++	ns
Spleen_28D	ET+ vs. ET++	ns
Lung_1D	ET+ vs. ET++	ns
Lung_7D	ET+ vs. ET++	p = 0.073
Lung_28D	ET+ vs. ET++	ns
Small Intestine_1D	ET+ vs. ET++	ns
Small Intestine_7D	ET+ vs. ET++	ns
Small Intestine_28D	ET+ vs. ET++	ns
Large Intestine_1D	ET+ vs. ET++	ns
Large Intestine_7D	ET+ vs. ET++	ns
Large Intestine_28D	ET+ vs. ET++	ns

ns: not significant  $p > 0.05$ ; \* $p < 0.05$

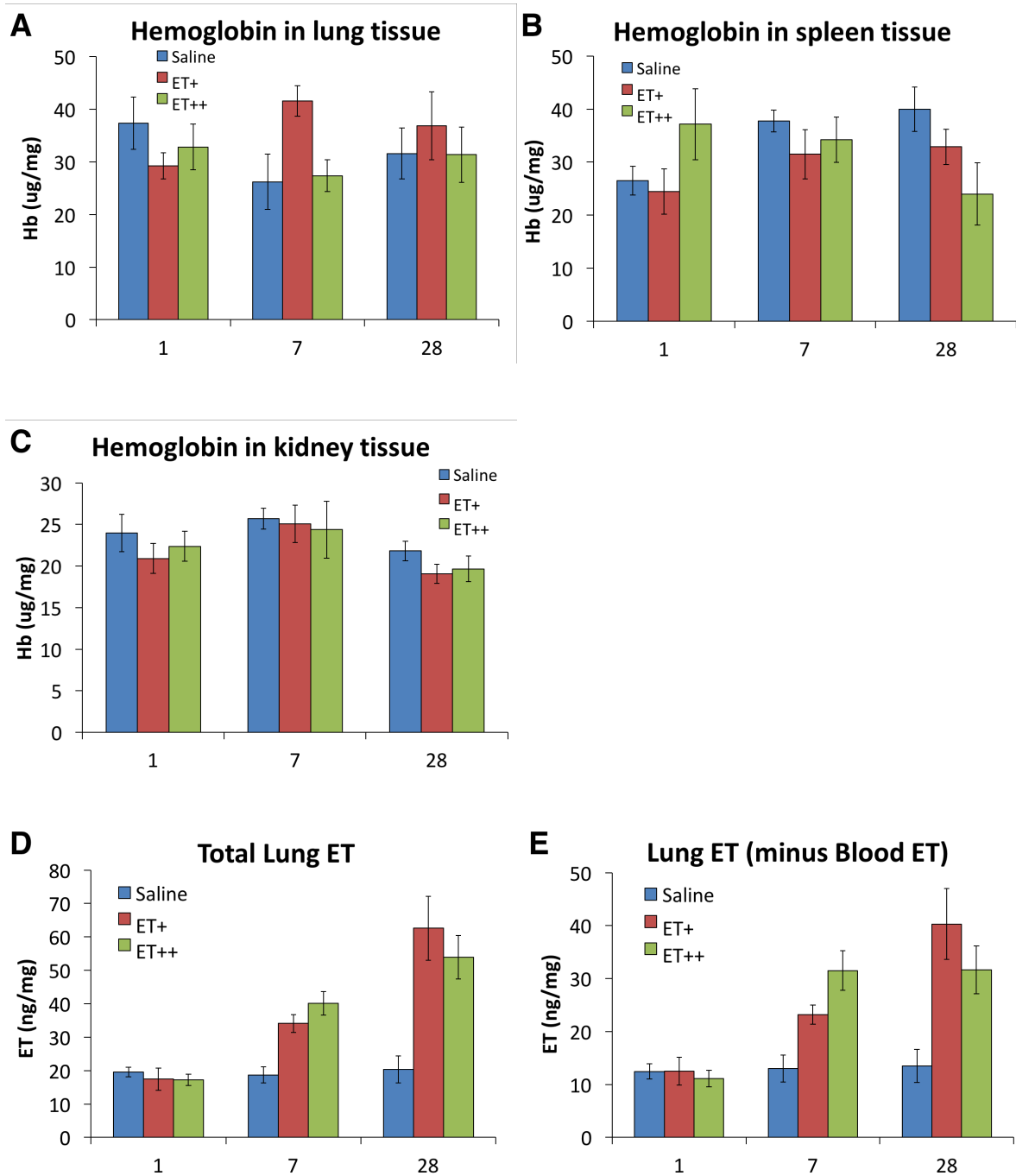
Supplementary Table 4: Liver and brain ET levels after accounting for tissue blood ET

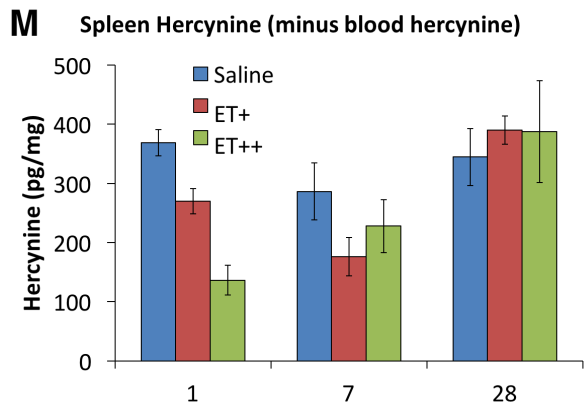
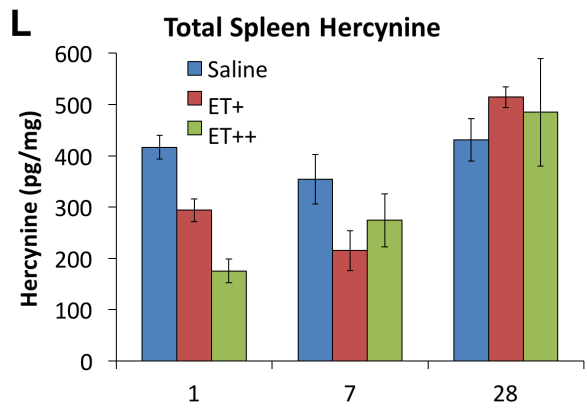
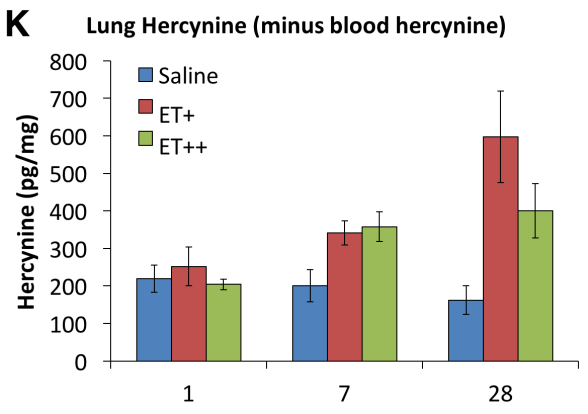
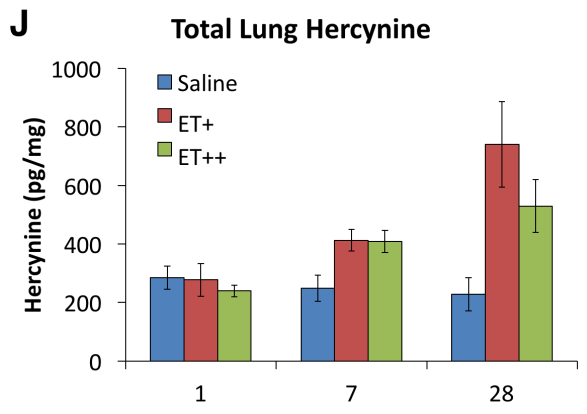
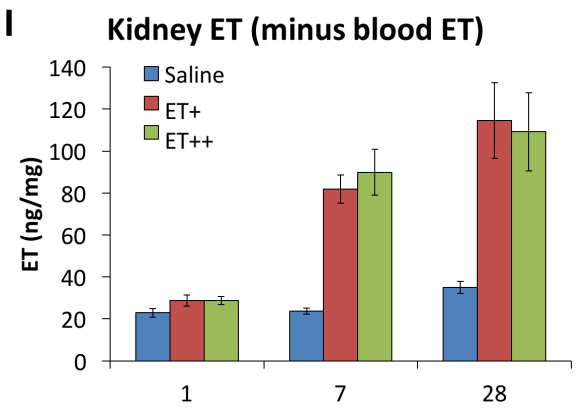
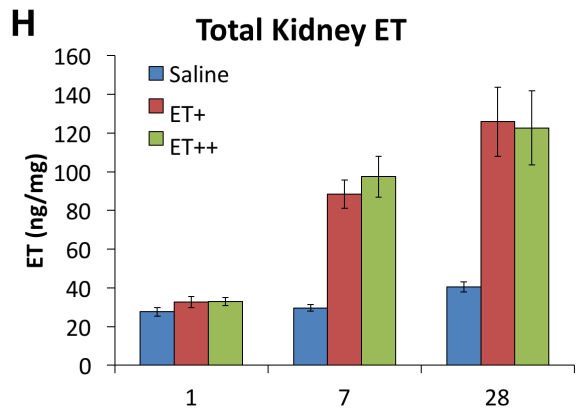
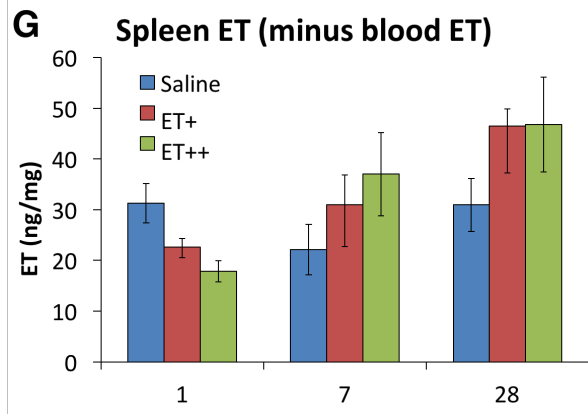
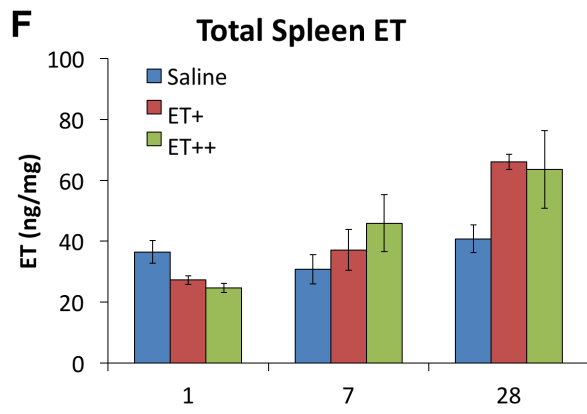
<b>Samples</b>	<b>Days of feeding</b>	<b>ET levels</b>	<b>Total tissue ET (ng/mg)</b>	<b>Tissue ET (minus blood ET) (ng/mg)</b>	<b>% change</b>
Liver50	1	Saline	88.17	87.11	1.2%
Liver6	1	ET+	114.68	114.08	0.5%
Liver10	1	ET++	158.42	157.92	0.3%
Liver58	7	Saline	83.46	82.50	1.2%
Liver26	7	ET+	180.76	179.84	0.5%
Liver17	7	ET++	238.72	237.64	0.5%
Liver45	28	Saline	80.52	79.50	1.3%
Liver30	28	ET+	248.03	246.44	0.6%
Liver34	28	ET++	275.51	273.31	0.8%
Brain10	1	ET++	3.74	3.53	5.5%
Brain17	7	ET++	6.61	6.12	7.4%
Brain34	28	ET++	8.85	8.54	3.4%

Supplementary Data 1: Hemoglobin levels in whole blood. (A) Hemoglobin concentrations for all 63 animals determined by AHD assay. (B) No significant correlation of ET with hemoglobin concentration in whole blood.

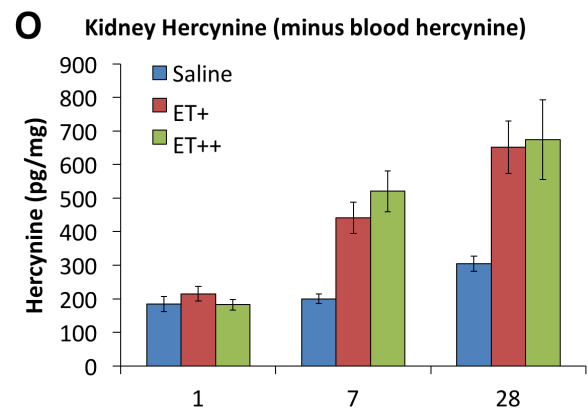
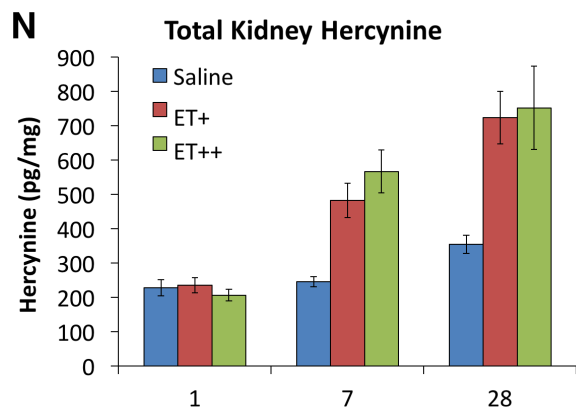


Supplementary Data 2: ET and hercynine levels in tissues after accounting for blood content (n=7). (A-C) Hemoglobin content in all lung, spleen and kidney tissues. (D-I) Lung, spleen, and kidney ET levels were corrected by calculating the amount of blood in the tissues and subtracting the amount of blood ET from the total tissue ET obtained by LC-MS/MS. (J-O) Lung, spleen, and kidney hercynine levels after correcting for blood hercynine contribution. (P) Average percentage changes between total and normalized lung, spleen, and kidney ET and hercynine concentrations.









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Tissues	Percentage change in tissue ET concentration	Percentage change in tissue hercynine
Lung	33.2% ± 12.2%	19.4% ± 9.4%
Spleen	23.8% ± 11.5%	18.8% ± 9.3%
Kidney	12.7% ± 5.4%	12.7% ± 5.5%

Supplementary Data 3: Correlation data between ET and hercynine, ET-SO<sub>3</sub>H and S-methyl ET, and whole blood ET with tissue ET.

