

## Supporting Information to Manuscript:

### Urine Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) Metabolomics in Age-Related Macular Degeneration

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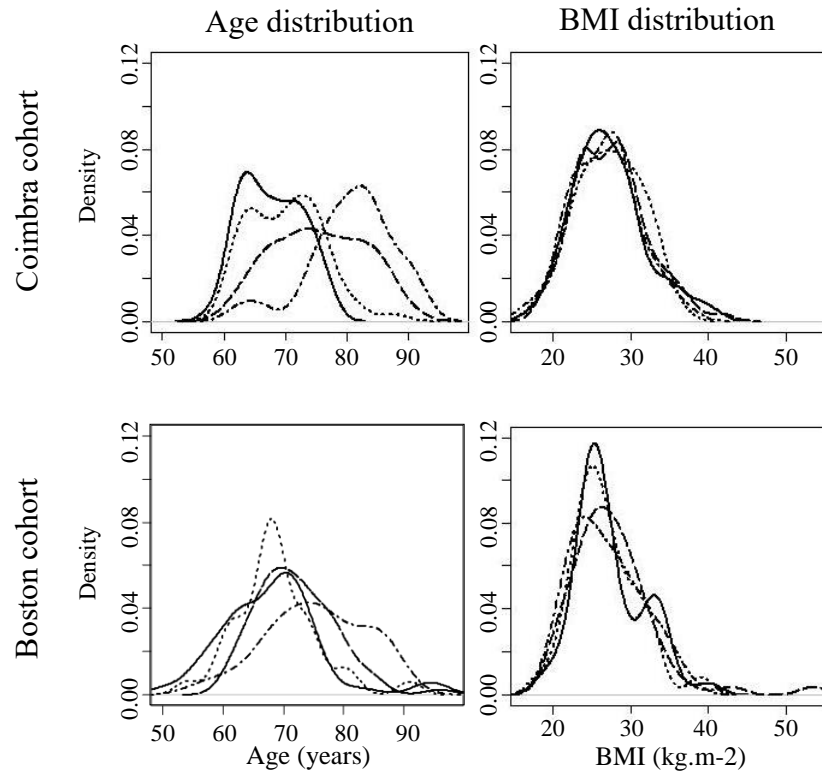
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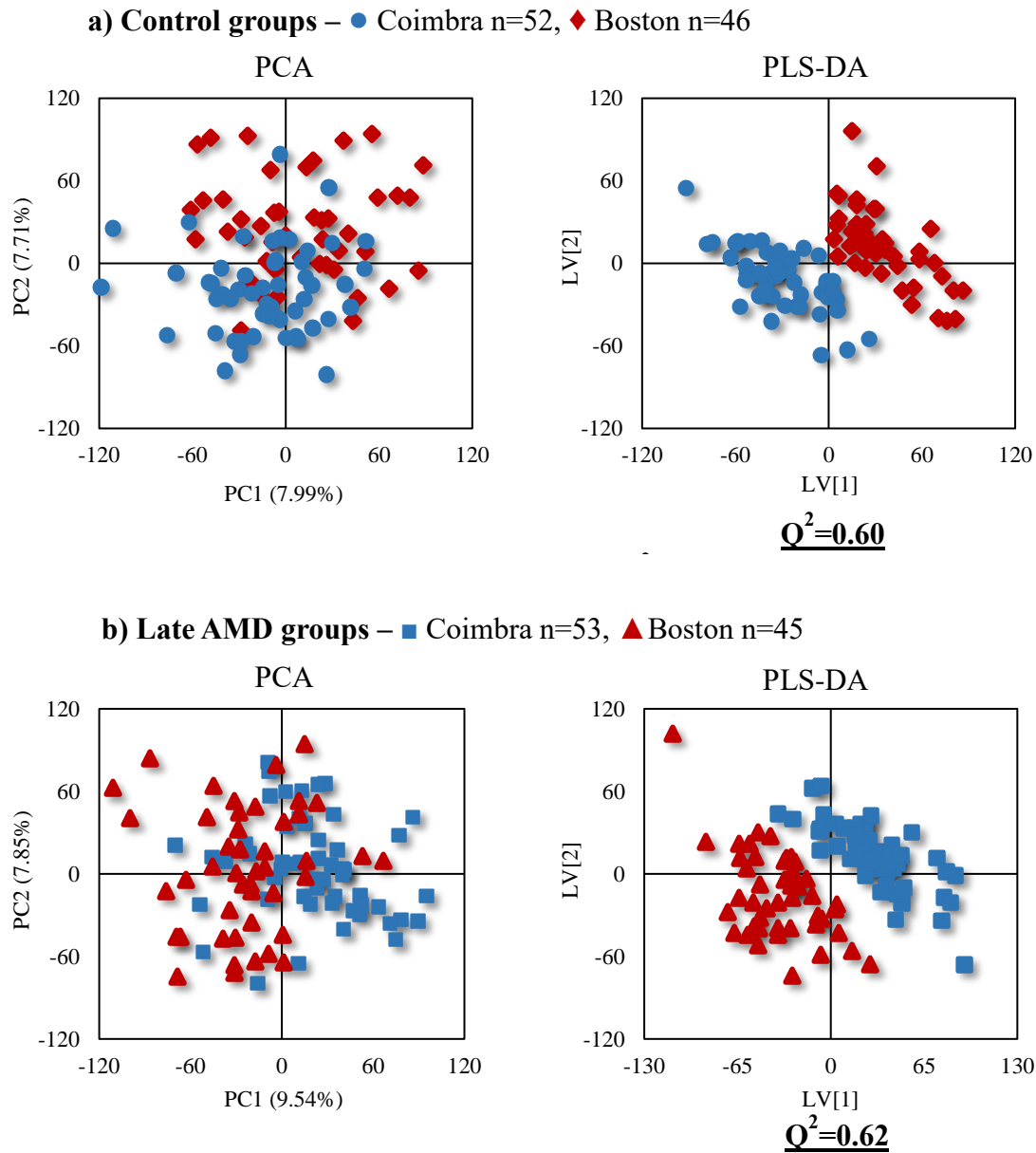
**Figure S1**

Controls (\_\_\_\_) Early AMD (.....) Int. AMD (- - - -) Late AMD (.....)



**Figure S1.** Histograms of age and BMI distributions for controls and AMD patients for Coimbra and Boston cohorts: controls

**Figure S2**

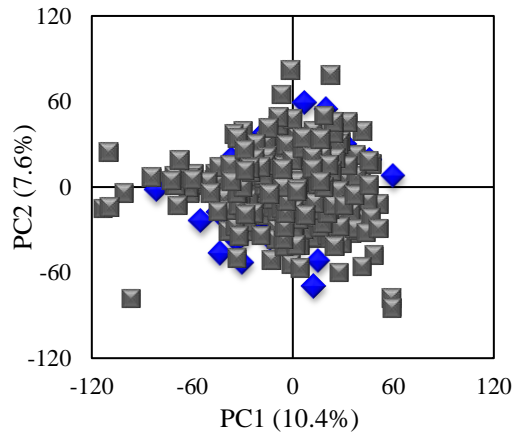


**Figure S2.** PCA and PLS-DA scores obtained for a) control and b) late AMD groups from each cohort. In the PCA of controls, two outlier samples were removed from the Coimbra cohort; in the PCA of late AMD, two Boston outliers and one Coimbra outlier were removed.

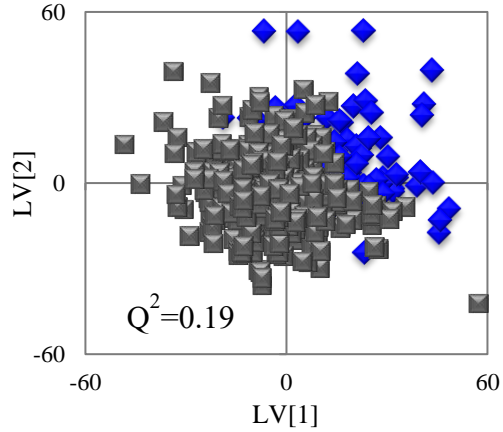
**Figure S3**

◆ Control group (both cohorts) n=98, ■ AMD patients (both cohorts) n=397

**a) PCA**



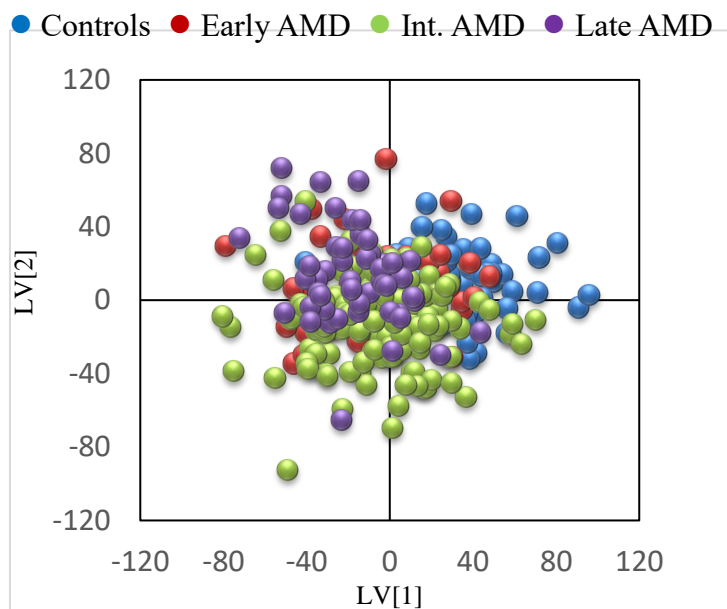
**b) PLS-DA**



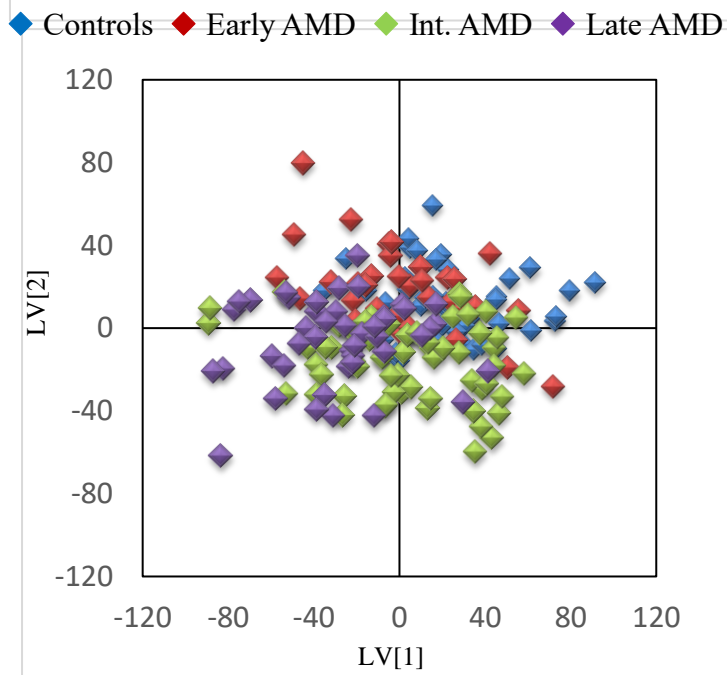
**Figure S3.** a) PCA and b) PLS-DA scores obtained for all controls (Coimbra and Boston cohorts) compared to all AMD patients (Coimbra and Boston, all disease stages).

Figure S4

a) Coimbra cohort

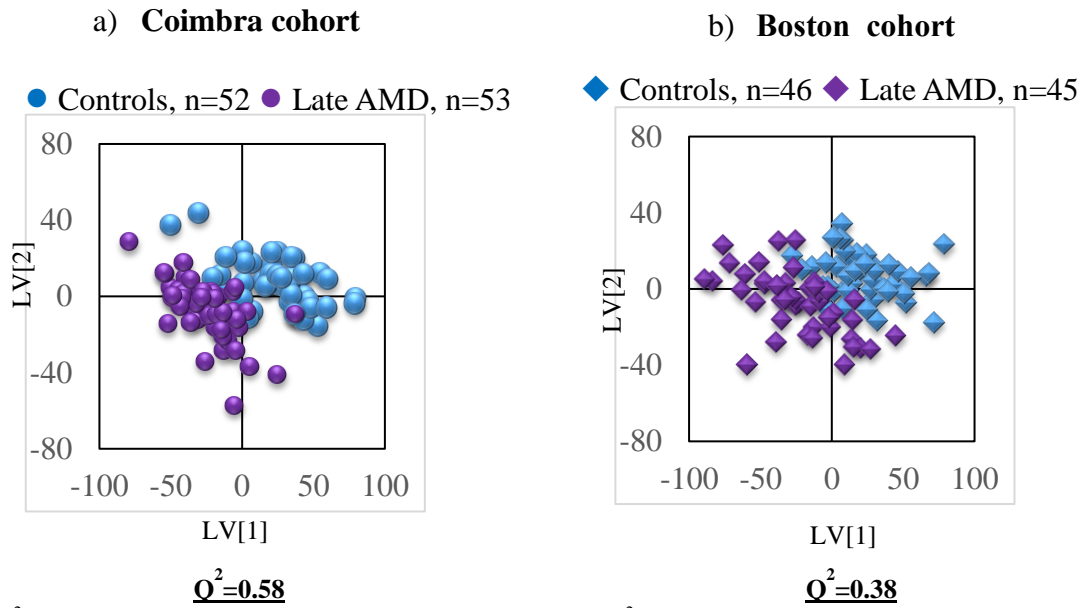


b) Boston cohort



**Figure S4.** PLS-DA scores for variable-selected spectra of urine from Controls vs Late AMD in the a) Coimbra cohort, circles (blue, Controls, n=52; purple, Late AMD, n=53) and b) Boston cohort, diamonds (blue, Controls, n=46; purple, Late AMD, n=48).  $Q^2$  value and MCCV results are shown for each model.

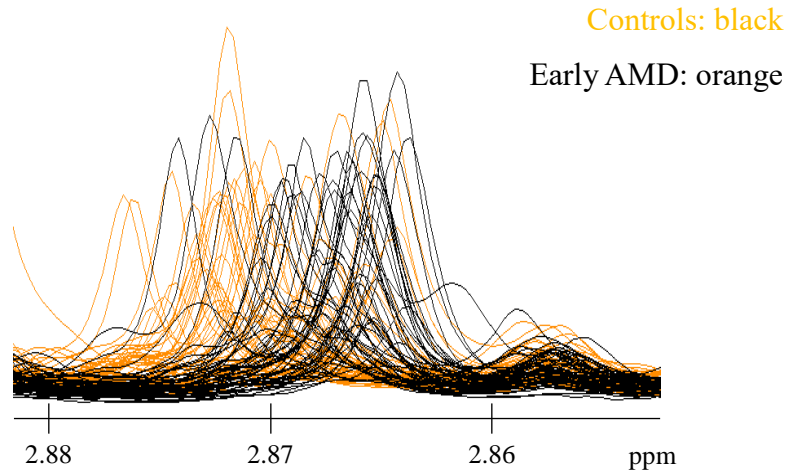
**Figure S5**



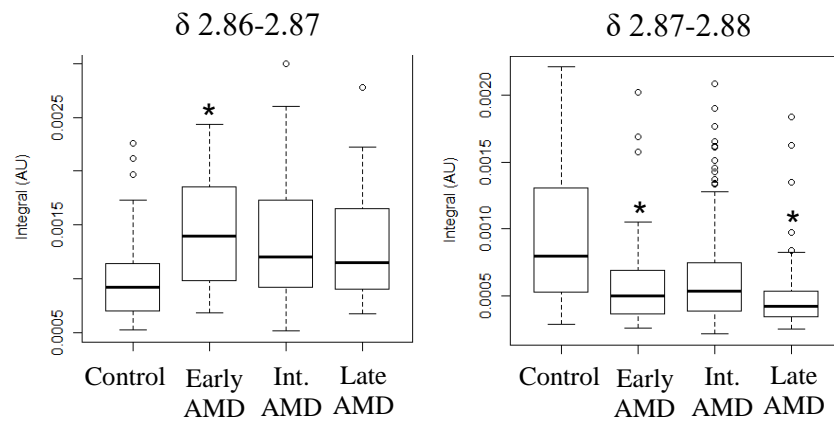
**Figure S5.** PLS-DA obtained with the full resolution spectra for both study cohorts: a) Coimbra cohort, circles (blue: controls, n=52; red: early AMD, n=56; green: intermediate AMD, n=141; purple: late AMD, n=54); b) Boston cohort, diamonds (blue: controls, n=46; red: early AMD, n=33; green: intermediate AMD, n=60; purple: late AMD, n=45).

**Figure S6**

a)



b)



**Figure S6.** a) Spectra and b) boxplots for unassigned spectral region 2.86-2.88 ppm, which appears to separate controls and early AMD groups in the Coimbra cohort.

**Table S1.** Comorbidities characterizing each of the subject groups with corresponding percentages and statistical relevance. Statistical comparison (Person Chi<sup>2</sup> or Fisher Exact Test, according to Cochran Rules) between groups was performed (control *vs* early AMD; early *vs* intermediate AMD; intermediate *versus* late AMD. \*: p-values < 0.05 corresponding to

	Control	Early AMD	Intermediate AMD	Late AMD
Coimbra cohort	n = 53	n = 57	n = 141	n = 54
Hypertension, n (%)	26 (49)	30 (53)	81 (57)	35 (65)
Dyslipidemia, n (%)	26 (49)	32 (56)	63 (47)	28 (52)
Heart disease, n (%)	10 (19)	8 (14)	33 (23)	10 (19)
Blood disease, n (%)	1 (2)	0 (0)	5 (4)	4 (8)
Renal disease, n (%)	1 (2)	2 (4)	7 (5)	3 (6)
Liver disease, n (%)	0 (0)	1 (2)	1 (1)	3 (6)

comparison with previously indicated group.



Prior cancer, n (%)	5 (10)	4 (7)	12 (9)	4 (8)
Rheumatic disease, n (%)	0 (0)	1 (2)	1 (1)	3 (6)
Neurologic disease, n (%)	10 (19)	12 (21)	20 (15)	9 (17)
Thyroid disease, n (%)	9 (17)	4 (7)	12 (9)	0 (0) *
<b>Boston cohort</b>	<b>n = 47</b>	<b>n = 33</b>	<b>n = 66</b>	<b>n = 48</b>
Hypertension, n (%)	14 (30)	8 (24)	25 (37)	23 (47)
Dyslipidemia, n (%)	17 (36)	11 (33)	28 (42)	23 (47)
Heart disease, n (%)	2 (4)	7 (21) *	8 (12)	7 (15)
Blood disease, n (%)	5 (11)	4 (12)	6 (9)	2 (4)
Renal disease, n (%)	2 (4)	2 (6)	2(3)	6 (13)
Liver disease, n (%)	2 (4)	1 (3)	1 (2)	1 (2)
Prior cancer, n (%)	14 (30)	9 (27)	30 (46)	14 (29)
Rheumatic disease, n (%)	4 (9)	4 (12)	11 (17)	10 (21)
Neurologic disease, n (%)	3 (7)	2 (6)	8 (12)	3 (6)
Thyroid disease, n (%)	8 (17)	2(6)	14 (21) *	1 (2)

**Table S2.** Metabolite identification in the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of urine of a control subject (Coimbra cohort). The bottom section of the table lists the unassigned spin systems observed in this work to change according to AMD stage. 2-HIBA, 2-hydroxyisobutyrate; 2-KG, 2-ketoglutarate; 2-Py, *N*-methyl-2-pyridone-5-carboxamide;  $\beta$ -HBA:  $\beta$ -hydroxybutyrate; 3-HIVA: 3-hydroxyisovalerate; 4-DEA: 4-deoxyerythronic acid; 4-DTA: 4-deoxythreonic acid; 4-HPA: 4-

hydroxyphenylacetate; GAA: guanidoacetate; IS: indoxyl sulphate; *p*-CS: *para*-cresol sulphate;

$\delta_{\text{H}}$ ppm (multiplicity, assignment/ $\delta_{\text{C}}$ ppm)	PAG:
	phen
	ylace
	tylgl
	utami
	ne;
	TMA
	:
	trime
	thyla
	mine;
	TMA
	O:
	trime
	thyla
	mine

-*N*-oxide. *U*<sub>*i*</sub>, unassigned resonances according to Table 2.

(please see next 2 pages for full table)

1,6-anhydroglucose	3.54 (m, C2H), 3.69 (m, C3H,C4H), 3.76 (dd), 4.10 (dd, CH), 4.62 (dd,CH <sub>2</sub> ), 5.46 (br, C1H)
1-methyl-histidine	3.07 (dd,βCH <sub>2</sub> ); 3.16 (dd, β'CH <sub>2</sub> ); 3.72 (s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 3.96 (dd, αCH <sub>2</sub> ); 7.05 (s, ring); 7.78 (s, ring)
2-HIBA	1.36 (s, CH <sub>3</sub> )
2-KG	3.45 (t, βCH <sub>2</sub> ), 3.01 (t, γCH <sub>2</sub> )
2PY	3.62 (s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 6.67 (d, C3H ring/120.85); 7.97 (dd, C4H ring); 8.33 (d, C6H ring/145.46)
3-aminoisobutyricacid	1.19 (d, CH <sub>3</sub> /17.87); 2.61 (m, αCH); 3.06 (dd, βCH <sub>2</sub> )
β-HBA	1.20 (d, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 2.31(m, CH <sub>2</sub> ); 2.41 (m, CH <sub>2</sub> ); 4.15 (m, CH)
3-HIVA	1.27 (s, βCH <sub>3</sub> /31.02); 2.37 (s, αCH <sub>2</sub> )
3-methyl-histidine	3.28 (dd, βCH <sub>2</sub> /28.05); 3.75 (s, NCH <sub>3</sub> /35.18); αCH/56.52); 7.15 (s, C6H/126.33); 8.12 (s, C2H/140.81)
4-DEA	1.11 (d, γCH <sub>3</sub> /18.26); 4.08 (d, αCH/78.67); 4.10 (m, βCH/71.54)
4-DTA	1.23 (d, γCH <sub>3</sub> /21.37); 3.84 (d, αCH/79.04); 4.12 (m, βCH/71.59)
4-hydroxyhippurate	3.95 (s, CH <sub>2</sub> ); 6.98 (d, C3H, C5H ring); 7.76 (d, C4,2H, C6H ring)
4-HPA	3.46 (s, CH <sub>2</sub> /46.3); 6.86 (d, C3H, C5H ring/118.4); 7.17 (d, C2H, C6H ring/133.3)
Acetate	1.93 (βCH <sub>3</sub> )
Acetoacetate	2.29 (s, CH <sub>2</sub> ); 3.46 (s, CH <sub>3</sub> )
Acetone	2.24 (s)
Alanine	1.49 (d,βCH <sub>3</sub> /18.99); 3.78 (q, αCH)
Allantoin	5.39 (s, CH/66.19)
Ascorbate	3.76 (m, CH <sub>2</sub> (OH)); 4.01 (m, CH (OH)); 4.52 (d,C1H)
Betaine	3.27 (s, CH <sub>3</sub> /56.13); 3.91 (s, CH <sub>2</sub> /69.11)
Carnitine	2.44 (dd, αCH <sub>2</sub> /45.74; 3.23 (s, N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> /72.80; 3.43 (m, γCH <sub>2</sub> /72.80; 4.57 (m, βCH <sub>2</sub> /66.88)
Choline	3.20 (s, N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> /56.52); 3.52 (m, NH/70.60); 4.07 (m, CH <sub>2</sub> (OH))
cis-aconitate	3.12 (d, CH/46.13); 5.79 (t, CH <sub>2</sub> /127.13)
Citrate	2.54 (d, α,β CH <sub>2</sub> /48.17); 2.69 (d, α×,β× CH <sub>2</sub> /48.17)
Creatine	3.04 (s, NCH <sub>3</sub> /39.66); 3.94 (s, NCH <sub>2</sub> /56.55)
Creatinine	3.05 (s, NCH <sub>3</sub> /32.86); 4.06 (s, NCH <sub>2</sub> /59.05)
DMA	2.73 (s, CH <sub>3</sub> /37.41)
DMG	2.93 (s, (CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> /46.21); 3.72 (s, CH)
Formate	8.47 (s, CH/173.97)
Fumarate	6.53 (s, CH)
Furoylglycine	3.93 (s, CH <sub>2</sub> ); 6.65 (dd, C4H ring/114.98); 7.19(d, C3H ring); 7.70 (d, C5H ring)
Galactose	3.49 (dd, C4H), 3.64 (dd, C3H), 3.75 (m, C1H, C2H, CH <sub>2</sub> ), 3.83 (m, C3H), 3.93 (d, C2H), 3.98 (d, C2H), 4.10 (t, C1H), 4.60 (d, CH <sub>2</sub> ), 5.28 (d, C5H)
α-Glucose	3.23 (dd, C2H); 3.44 (m, C4H); 3.50 (t, C3H); 3.72 (dd, C6H'); 3.90 (m, C6H); 4.65 (d, C1H)
β-Glucose	3.42 (t, C4H); 3.54 (dd, CH); 3.71 (t, C3H); 3.77 (dd, C6H); 3.84 (m, C5H); 5.25 (d, C1H/94.97)
Glutamine	2.15 (m, βCH <sub>2</sub> /29.24); 2.47 (m, γCH <sub>2</sub> /33.67); 3.79(t, αCH/57.41)
Glycine	3.57 (s, αCH <sub>2</sub> /44.45)
GAA	3.80 (s, CH <sub>2</sub> /47.44)
Hippurate	3.97 (d, CH <sub>2</sub> /46.65); 7.56 (t, C4H, C6H ring/131.60); 7.64 (t, C3H, C5H ring/134.99); 7.83(d, C4H/129.97); 8.52 (br, NH)
Histidine	3.18 (dd, βCH <sub>2</sub> /30.40); 3.28 (dd, β'CH <sub>2</sub> /30.40);4.01(dd, αCH <sub>2</sub> /57.64); 7.13 (s, C4H ring/120.05); 7.98 (s, C2H ring/138.74)
Hypoxanthine	8.20 (s, C2H ring); 8.22 (s, C8H)
IS	7.21 (dd, C8H/122.53), 7.28 (dd, C7H/125.01), 7.36 (s, C2H/119.08), 7.51 (d, C6H/115.04), 7.70 (d, C9H/120.57)
Isoleucine	0.94 (t, δCH <sub>3</sub> ); 1.01 (d, βCH <sub>2</sub> ); 1.26 (m, γCH <sub>2</sub> ); 1.47(m, β'CH <sub>2</sub> ); 1.98 (m, γ'CH <sub>2</sub> ); 3.62 (d, αCH)

Lactate	1.34 (d, CH <sub>3</sub> /22.43); 4.11 (q, CH/71.53)
Lactose	3.28 (dd, C <sub>2</sub> H); 3.55 (m, C' <sub>2</sub> H); 3.59 (dd, C <sub>2</sub> H); 3.66 (m, C' <sub>3</sub> H, C <sub>3</sub> H, C <sub>5</sub> H); 3.73 (m, C' <sub>6</sub> H, C' <sub>5</sub> H); 3.79 (m, C <sub>6</sub> H); 3.86 (m, C <sub>6</sub> H, C <sub>3</sub> H); 3.94 (m, C <sub>6</sub> H, C' <sub>4</sub> H, C <sub>4</sub> H); 4.46 (d, C' <sub>1</sub> H/ 105.8); 5.25 (d, C <sub>1</sub> H)
Leucine	0.96 (t, γCH <sub>3</sub> ); 1.7 (m, CH <sub>2</sub> ); 3.73 (t, αCH)
Lysine	1.48 (m, γCH <sub>2</sub> /24.28); 1.73 (m, δCH <sub>2</sub> /29.06); 1.92 (m, βCH <sub>2</sub> /32.60); 3.03 (t, εCH <sub>2</sub> /42.02); 3.77 (t, αCH/57.28)
Malonate	3.11 (s, CH <sub>2</sub> /48.7)
NMND	4.48 (s, NCH <sub>3</sub> /51.30); 8.18 (m, C <sub>5</sub> H ring); 8.90 (d, C <sub>4</sub> H ring); 8.97 (d, C <sub>6</sub> H ring); 9.29 (s, C <sub>2</sub> H ring)
<i>p</i> -CS	2.35 (s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 7.21 (d, C <sub>2</sub> H, C <sub>6</sub> H ring/124.12); 7.29 (C <sub>3</sub> H, C <sub>5</sub> H ring/125.04)
PAG	1.93 (m, βCH <sub>2</sub> ) ; 2.11 (m, β' <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> ); 2.27 (t, γCH <sub>2</sub> /34.44); 3.67 (d, CH <sub>2</sub> ); 4.18 (m, αCH); 7.36 (m, C <sub>2</sub> H, C <sub>4</sub> H, C <sub>6</sub> H ring/132.01); 7.43 (m, C <sub>3</sub> H, C <sub>5</sub> H ring/131.84)
Pyruvate	2.38 (s, CH <sub>3</sub> )
Scyllo-inositol	3.36 (s, CH)
Succinate	2.41 (s, CH <sub>2</sub> /36.85)
Sucrose	3.48 (t, C <sub>4</sub> H), 3.56 (dd, C <sub>2</sub> H), 3.63 (s, C' <sub>1</sub> 'H <sub>2</sub> ), 3.77 (t, C <sub>3</sub> H), 3.83 (dd, CH <sub>2</sub> , C' <sub>6</sub> H <sub>2</sub> ), 3.85 (m, C <sub>5</sub> H), 3.89 (m, C' <sub>5</sub> H), 4.06 (t, C' <sub>4</sub> H), 4.22 (d, C' <sub>3</sub> H), 5.41 (d, C <sub>1</sub> H)
Tartrate	4.35 (s, CH(OH))
Taurine	3.26 (t, CH <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> ); 3.43 (t, NCH <sub>2</sub> )
Threonine	1.33 (d, CH <sub>3</sub> /22.44); 3.61 (d, βCH/63.36); 4.26 (dd, αCH/68.90)
Trigonelline	4.44 (s, CH <sub>3</sub> /50.98); 8.09 (t, C <sub>3</sub> H ring); 8.84 (br, C <sub>2</sub> H, C <sub>4</sub> H ring); 9.12 (s, C <sub>6</sub> H ring/148.73)
TMA	3.89 (s, CH <sub>3</sub> /47.40)
TMAO	3.28 (s, CH <sub>3</sub> /62.31)
Tyrosine	3.06 (dd); 3.21 (dd); 3.95 (dd); 6.91 (d, C <sub>3</sub> H, C <sub>5</sub> H ring/118.83); 7.20 (d, C <sub>2</sub> H, C <sub>6</sub> H ring/124.15)
Urea	5.79 (br s, NH <sub>2</sub> )
Valine	0.99 (d, γCH <sub>3</sub> ); 1.04 (d, γ' <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> ); 2.27 (m, βCH); 3.61 (d, αCH)
Xylose	3.23 (dd, C <sub>3</sub> H), 3.33 (dd, C <sub>6</sub> H), 3.42 (t, C <sub>4</sub> H), 3.53 (dd, C <sub>3</sub> H), 3.63 (m, C <sub>6</sub> H, C <sub>5</sub> H, C <sub>4</sub> H), 3.93 (dd, C <sub>6</sub> H), 4.59 (d, C <sub>2</sub> H), 5.21 (d, C <sub>2</sub> H)

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Unassigned spin systems varying with AMD evolution

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U1	6.58 (s)
U2	7.68 (d)
U3	4.40 (s), 8.79 (d)
U4	2.39 (d)
U5	8.03 (s)
U6	8.70 (d)
U7	2.19 (s), 9.05 (s)

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