## Cerebral Microdialysate Metabolite Monitoring using Midinfrared Spectroscopy

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**Figure S1.** (A) Image of the QCL-system (ChemDetect Analyzer), where the IR light beam (green line) emerges from the QCL and is directed into the sample-containing flow-cell where a portion will be absorbed, after which the remaining (non-absorbed) light (red line) is directed into the detector. Note: the positioning of QCL and detector are not exact; (B) Flow-cell components: "open flow-cell" showing the top and bottom halves of the cell with diamond windows and a fitted PTFE gasket (left side); and "assembled flow-cell" showing tubing connector points and laserbeam path (right side).



**Figure S2.** Histograms summarizing the frequency with which various concentrations of (A) glucose, (B) lactate and (C) pyruvate were present in the synthetic samples.



**Figure S3.** Absorbance spectra of 46 synthetic samples acquired on the QCL-IR system. (A) Spectra excluding outliers; (B) First-order difference spectra with preprocessing applied, used for developing the PLSR model.



**Figure S4.** One-way ANOVA and multi-comparison tests at 1036 cm<sup>-1</sup> for glucose (A), 1124 cm<sup>-1</sup> for lactate (B) and 1176 cm<sup>-1</sup> for pyruvate (C). Note: the entire range of concentrations are not shown in the multi-comparison tests for clarity. The statistically significantly different concentrations achieved for all three compounds using the QCL-IR system was 0.2 mM.



**Figure S5.** (A) Absorbance spectra of glucose in perfusion fluid at various concentrations, acquired using transmission FT-IR and a 50  $\mu$ m path-length. Note: spectra normalised to a baseline point at 1180 cm<sup>-1</sup>; (B) Standard curve of glucose concentrations and corresponding relative peak intensities at 1036 cm<sup>-1</sup>, with a linear regression fit (R<sup>2</sup> = 0.995, slope = 0.0021); (C) One-way ANOVA and multi-comparison test for the glucose peak at 1036 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The mean relative peak intensity at 1.5 mM (blue bar) is statistically significantly different to those at all other concentrations (red bars). The calculated LOD and LOQ for the 1036 cm<sup>-1</sup> glucose peak are 0.9 and 2.8 mM, respectively. Note: the entire range of concentrations is not shown here for simplicity.



**Figure S6.** Predicted concentration levels for the 14 test-sample set plotted against reference concentrations for (A) glucose, (B) lactate and (C) pyruvate. Dashed lines represent a linear regression fit.



**Figure S7.** Absorbance spectra of patient microdialysis samples acquired on the QCL system. (A) Patient 1 - Raw Spectra; (B) Patient 1 – First-order difference spectra with preprocessing applied (C) Patient 2 - Raw Spectra; (D) Patient 2 - First-order difference spectra with preprocessing applied.

Sample no.	Glucose (mM)	Lactate (mM)	Pyruvate (mM)
1	3.6	2.6	0.2
2	2.5	1.75	0.12
3	1.2	3	0.175
4	1.2	7.2	0.28
5	4	6.5	0.175
6	4.8	3.6	0.25
7	0.8	7.8	0.25
8	2.2	3.25	0.08
9	4.5	5	0.1
10	4.8	5.6	0.18
11	4.5	5	0.28
12	1.8	3.25	0.14
13	2.4	3.5	0.2
14	2.4	0.75	0.02
15	3.5	2	0.1
16	0.8	5.6	0.2
17	4	5	0.14
18	4	7.2	0.25
19	0.12	6.5	0.25
20	1.8	2.5	0.1
21	2	2.8	0.14
22	0.02	3.25	0.2
23	2.6	4	0.12
24	0.75	2.25	0.2
25	3	2.5	0.2
26	4.5	2.5	0.2
27	3.5	1.5	0.05
28	0.55	5.6	0.28
29	4.8	1.75	0.08
30	1	4	0.3
31	2.2	7.5	0.2
32	4	4.5	0.1
33	0.7	3.25	0.25
34	1.2	7	0.2
35	0.8	6.5	0.175
36	0.8	4.5	0.25
37	5	4	0.08
38	3	5.6	0.15
39	1.2	5	0.1
40	2.5	6.5	0.14
41	0.5	2.5	0.2
42	2.5	5.6	0.175
43	1.5	5	0.28
44	1.5	8	0.175
45	4.8	7.5	0.14
46	2	0.5	0.02
47	0.45	6	0.175
48	0.65	7	0.25
49	3.5	4.5	0.18
50	4.4	7.5	0.2

Table S1. List of 50 synthetic samples with respective concentrations.