Metabolomics of Intact Tissues: Discrimination Between Different Regions of Osteolytic Lesions in a Multiple Myeloma Patient using 1H-HR-MAS NMR spectra

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Here we present an integrated application based on the R-package MUMA and Mnova software for the processing, analysis and classification of different regions of osteolytic lesions in a MM patient's bone tissue biopsies.

The metabolic profiling or metabolomics of disease has proven useful to identify diagnostic and prognostic markers. Although the potential of metabolomics has been established in solid



tumors (prostate, breast cancer and colon cancer), much less is known about its use in hematological malignancies or in the evaluation of bone lesions. We thus set out to develop the metabolomic study of myeloma-induced bone disease. To this aim, bone tissue biopsies have been collected from MM patient undergoing orthopedic surgery and analyzed by High Resolution – Magic Angle Spinning Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (HR-MAS) NMR).





Synthetic spectra

Using f1 line width factor of 0.3Hz

4.0

3.5

3.0

2.5

Since the actual nature of all the metabolites is rarely known in advance, metabolomics often uses alternative statistical evaluation methods, such as multivariate factor analysis. Such approaches integration require over predefined intervals (bins) and a meaningful integration of such intricate and artifact-burdened spectra may often be just as arduous as peaks fitting. Recently, a new algorithm called GSD (Global Spectrum Deconvolution) has been developed and made available in the Mnova software package (Mestrelab Research). GSD is capable of identifying even poorly resolved spectral signals and of fitting all recognizable peaks in even very complex 1D spectra. GSD produces a table of all detectable spectral peaks and their parameters. Such a table can be then used for various purposes like generation of artifact-free synthetic spectra as well as accurate binning.

Finally, both GSD-based binning matrix (BinMat) and standard binning were used as input to the in-house developed R-package MUMA (Multivariate & Univariate Metabolomic Analysis). MUMA will be soon available online for a free download. It performs total spectra normalization and scaling as well as both univariate and multivariate analysis.

