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Systemic alterations with spaceflight associated health risks originating from both circulating miRNAs and mitochondrial biology



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"...**genomics, transcriptomics, proteomics, and metabolomics** offer an immense opportunity to understand the effects of spaceflight on biological systems..."

"...Such techniques generate considerable amounts of **data that can be mined and analyzed** for information by multiple researchers..."



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Omics Acquisition in Space is Now a Reality



This is truly an exciting time for cellular and molecular biology, omics and biomedicine research on ISS with these amazing additions to the suite of ISS Laboratory capabilities.







Reaction tube containing lyophilized chemical assay bead (proprietary)

Sample Preparation

Module



Oxford Nanopore MinION Gene Sequencer



Mini-PCR



Human?

GeneLab ecosystem: maximizing knowledge by bringing experiments together as a system



- Sequencing on ISS is still limited in the amount of data generated
 - Most of the work needs to happen on earth
- Measurements on human cannot be too invasive and limited in numbers.
 - Usage of animals



Identify Shared Processes/ Molecular

Common Tissue (e.g. muscle, liver, heart, eyes,



Fruit Fly Lab (FFL-02) Scientist's Blog

For Spaceflight •High "n" number – statistically significant data •Genetically identical animals Low resource requirements ·Short life cycle - multiple generations Measure response of a whole multicellular animal •Flies used as a model for humans for innate immunity, circadian rhythm, oxidative stress, neurobehavior, development, genetics, GWAS, "omics" studies etc.



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GeneLab Database: >200 data sets







Space Biology Interest for NASA





- Model Organisms
- Cell and Microbial Biology
- Biomolecules

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Space Environment







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Space Health Risks On Astronauts







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Systemic Alterations with Spaceflight Associated Health Risks: Determined Utilizing GeneLab datasets



- Circulating miRNA Signature Predicts Health Risks Associated with Radiation and Microgravity
- Multi-Omics Analysis using GeneLab database recognizes Mitochondrial Dysfunction as a mediator of spaceflight health risks



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Systems Biology View of miRNAs



Systems Biology View of miRNAs A) Only looking at single miRNA Decreased Health Risk B) Only looking at a pair of miRNAs No Change for Health Risk C) Decreased Increased Health Risk **Health Risk** Systems Biology Approach: Looking at how the most important miRNAs impact the entire system miRNAs Associated with miRNAs Associated with Decreased Health Risk Increased Health Risk

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

A microRNA signature and TGF-β1 response were identified as the key master regulators for spaceflight response

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Abstract

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ased systems biology analysis of transcriptomic data from seven different rodent datasets reveals for the first time the existence of potential "master regulators" coordinating a systemic response to microgravity and/or space radiation with TGF-81 being the most common regulator. We hypothesized the space environment leads to the release of biomolecules circulating inside the blood stream. Through datamining we identified 13 candidate microRNAs (miRNA) which are common in all studies and directly interact with TGF-B1 that can be potential circulating factors impacting space biology. This study exemplifies the utility of the

GeneLab database to gain new knowledge on potential systemic responses to space. Unbi-

Translating fundamental biological discoveries from NASA Space Biology program into health risk from space flights has been an ongoing challenge. We propose to use NASA



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GeneLab Database Analyses Suggest Long-Term Impact of Space Radiation on the Cardiovascular System by the Activation of FYN Through Reactive **Oxygen Species**

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miRNA Signature Prediction Associated with Space Flight





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Earth with Protons and ⁵⁶Fe. Cardiomyocytes Isolated at the time points above.

Presence of miRNA signature in Serum of Mice in Simulated Space Environment

Hindlimb Unloading

Preliminary data on miRNA signature Presence with Space Radiation

- HU for an initial three days followed by IR and continuation of HU for another 1 or 11 days
- Radiation exposure: Total body irradiation, conscious mice, 600 MeV/n ⁵⁶Fe (1 Gy and 2 Gy), 150 MeV Proton (1Gy) or '1Gy Mix' (0.5Gy ⁵⁶Fe and 0.5Gy Proton)

Impact of the Space Biology miRNA Signature on Functions and potential use for a novel Countermeasure

Acknowledgments for miRNA Studies

Multi-Omics Analysis using GeneLab database recognizes Mitochondrial Dysfunction as a mediator of spaceflight health risks

- Paper being written
- Plan to submit paper by end of September
- Target journal to submit is New England Journal of Medicine
 - Contacted the editor of the journal and he was interested in the paper and encouraged submission to their journal.

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Health Risks On Astronauts in Space

The Mitochodrial Stress Response

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Respiratory Chain Dysfunction resulting in halt of translation

Cell arrest in response to oxidative stress

Mitochondrial stress as a trigger innate immune

responses

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The Mitochodrial Stress Response

Mitochondrial Dysfunction Impacts Many Organs

FIGURE 85e-1 Dual genetic control and multiple organ system manifestations of mitochondrial disease. (Reproduced with permission from DR Johns: Mitochondrial DNA and disease. N Engl J Med 333:638, 1995.)

Mitochondrial Dysfunction May Differ Between Organs

Figure 1 | The variability of mitochondrial disease manifestations. Mitochondrial diseases can manifest both in children and in adults, and can present in various organs, including in multiple organs that may have no apparent functional links to each other, such as the brain and liver, or pancreatic β -cells and the auditory system. Sometimes manifestations only affect one tissue, such as the heart or the optic nerve. Children may recover from one phenotype and later develop another — for example, in Pearson syndrome, the primary manifestation is exocrine pancreatic dysfunction and megaloblastic anaemia, and the survivors may later develop brain disease. Typically, these disorders are progressive.

Nat Rev Mol Cell Biol. 2018 Feb;19(2):77-92. doi: 10.1038/nrm.2017.66.

In Vitro Human Dataset Analyses Reveals Conserved Mitochondrial Response to Spaceflight

Gene Set Enrichment Analysis (GSEA) of human microarray datasets GLDS-13, GLDS-52, GLDS-114, and GLDS-174 comparing flight to ground treatments. (**A**,**B**) Venn diagrams of statistically significant GSEA (**A**) Gene Ontology (GO) and (**B**) Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes (KEGG) gene sets with FDR < 10%. (C,D) Cytoscape enrichment maps of (**C**) GO sets with FDR <10% in at least two GLDS datasets and (**D**) KEGG gene sets with FDR < 10% in at least one GLDS dataset. Green Highlights indicate all pathways involved with

Common significant dysregulation of the gene ontology genes sets for:

- mitochondrial ATP synthesis
- mitochondrial electron transport
- oxidative phosphorylation
- hydrogen ion transmembrane transportation

Dermal Blood Microvascular Endothelial Cells • Fibroblasts

Multi-Omics Analysis on mice flown to ISS reveals Mitochondrial driven response stemming from the liver

System Complexity

Measurements

Mouse Tissues

- 1. Eye: Transcriptomics (RR3 and RR1)
- 2. Adrenal Glands: Transcriptomics, Proteomics, and Epigenetics (RR1 and RR3)
- 3. Kidney: Transcriptomics, Proteomics, and Epigenetics (RR1 and RR3)
- 4. Liver: Transcriptomics, Proteomics, and Epigenetics (RR1 and RR3)
- 5. Carotid Arteries: Transcriptomics (RR3)
- 6. Soleus Muscle: Transcriptomics (RR1)
- 7. Extensor Digitorum Longus: Transcriptomics (RR1)
- 8. Tibialis Anterior: Transcriptomics (RR1)
- 9. Gastrocnemius: Transcriptomics (RR1) and Metabolomics (RR9)
- 10. Quadriceps: Transcriptomics (RR1) and Metabolomics (RR9)

RR1 mice: Female C57BL/6, 32 weeks old at launch RR3 mice: Female BALB/C, 18 weeks old at launch RR9 mice: Male C57BL/6, 9 weeks old at launch

Multi-Omics Analysis on mice flown to ISS reveals Mitochondrial driven response stemming from the liver

D) Lipid Metabolism

GO_NEUTRAL_LIPID_BIOSYNTHETIC_PROCESS

Node inner colors- Differential proteomics (RR3)

Enriched in liver proteomics

Enriched in kidney proteomics Enriched in eye proteomics

Enriched in adrenal proteomics

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A) Mitochondrial Activity

B) Ribosome and Translation

Pathway enriched in all 8 DE tissues

Pathway enriched in 7 DE tissues

Pathway enriched in 7 DE tissues

Pathway enriched in 5 DE tissues

C) Cell Cycle

E) Immune Response

F) Photoreceptor Activity / Circadian Rhythm

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Node size- RNAseq differential expression (RR1+RR3) Node outer colors- RNAseq differential expression (RR1+RR3)

Cross-tissue, cross-omics pathway analysis reveals a convergence on key dysregulated processes

Supplementary Figure in

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Metabolomics on muscles reveal mitochondrial factors as top biological factors being regulated by spaceflight

Jeffrey Scott Willey

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Fold Enrichment

Panel A - Volcano plots and heatmaps from analysis of habitat ground control versus flight samples. Panel B – Enrichment pathway analysis based on the subset of putative metabolites from Supplementary Table 2. Blue letters highlight pathways with mitochondrial involvement.

Metabolomics Related to Proteomic and Transcriptomic data

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Global Metabolomic Shifts and Specific Mitochondrial related

factors

"Fatty acids are transported via **carnitine** into **mitochondria** for their subsequent oxidation to generate ATP. Studies have also shown that **carnitine** has a protective effect both on **mitochondria** and in whole cells by inhibiting free fatty acidinduced **mitochondrial** membrane damage and/or its secondary effects" From: PMID: 20648231

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Supplementary Figure 2: Panel A – GEDI self organizing maps showing global metabolomic shifts due to the effects of spaceflight. Panel B - Carnitine and malate levels with their theoretical fragmentation spectra from Progenesis QI. Levels are depicted as mean ± standard error of the mean. * p<0.05, ** p<0.01.

Jeffrey Scott Willey

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Astronaut Physiological Factors Confirm Omics *in vitro* and *in vivo* analysis!

Astronaut Physiological Factors Confirm Omics in vitro and in vivo analysis!

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Can cause bone loss

8OHdG (ug/g) Urine FD = Flight Days 8OHdG (ug/gCr)

Pre-flight FD15 FD30 FD60 FD120 FD180 R+0

Mitochondrial Driven Factors Might be Key to Systemic Spaceflight Associated Increase in Health Risk

- GeneLab was instrumental to determine this universal response!
- No other possible way to piece the puzzle together without the power of GeneLab
- The large collaborative nature of the AWG was essential to drive this work!!

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