Supporting Information

Label-free Lipidome Study of Paraventricular Thalamic Nucleus (PVT) of Rat Brain with Post-Traumatic Stress Injury by Raman Imaging

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Table S1. Peak positions of Raman spectrum for control and PTSD samples.

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Figure S1. Schematic showing the design of experiment. Brain tissue from control and PTSD rats was obtained. Multivariate statistical analyses were performed on the Raman spectra and Raman images to identify the biochemical changes in the paraventricular nucleus of the thalamus (PVT) region of the brain.



Figure S2. Paraventricular nucleus of the thalamus (PVT) region inside rat brain. The tissue section containing the PVT region using the rat brain stereotaxic coordinates in Bregma number region of -1.20 mm to -3.6 mm.







Figure S3. The method used for quantification of Raman maps by means of brightness intensity values. (a) 8-bit image should be used for calculation of weighted mean value. (b) Weighted mean value can be obtained from pixel values of the 8-bit image. (c) Selected area (red) shows the region with higher pixel value than a certain threshold.



Figure S4. Different preprocessing methods performed on Control and PTSD datasets. (a) normalized, (b) smoothed, (c) 1st derivative and (d) 2nd derivative. In all the figures, there is an obvious separation between Control and PTSD.



Figure S5. Average spectra of Control and PTSD samples.



Figure S6. Full range Raman spectra of all the lipids used in this study.



Figure S7. Comparison of cholesterol (FC) and cholesteryl palmitate (or cholesterol ester, CE) molecular structures. The Raman band due to ester group at 1737 cm⁻¹ is absent in

cholesterol. Spectral band at 1065, 1130, and 1297 cm⁻¹ are due to palmitic acid group in the cholesterol ester.

Glycerol Lipids



Phosphatidic acid

Figure S8. Comparison of glyceryl palmitate (or triacylglyceride, TAG) and phosphatidic acid (PA) molecular structures. They share quite similar structure with one palmitic acid chain in TAG is replaced by a phosphate group for PA.

Phospholipids



Figure S9. Molecular structure of different phospholipids (PE, PI, PC, PS). Raman bands of phospholipids share features similar to that of phosphatidic acid.

Sphingolipids



Figure S10. Comparison of the molecular structure of sphingolipids. Sphingolipids are composed of lipids, a ceramide backbone, and glucose rings with or without linker groups; the linker group for galactocerebroside (GalCer) is galactose, sulfate containing monosaccharide for sulfatide (ST), and oligosaccharides for ganglioside (GM).



Figure S11. Raman spectra of sphingolipids at fingerprint region. Raman signature of lipids (at 1064, 1129, 1298, 1437 cm⁻¹), ceramide backbone (1657, 1671 cm⁻¹; C=C stretching), and sugar

chain (1370 cm⁻¹). The Raman peak at 890 cm⁻¹ (C-O-O skeletal) mode is present in all the sphingolipids except SM as SM does not have any C-O-O group. The sulfate band in ST is characterized by 614 and 995 cm⁻¹.



Figure S12. PCA analysis of the most common lipids in brain tissue for (a) raw data, (b) normalized data, (c) smoothed data and (d, e) derivatives of data. PCA analysis on raw data does not distinguish the lipids very well. Meanwhile, after normalization, smoothing and taking the derivatives of the data, a well distinguishability is observed in the PCA results (details are in the methods section).



Figure S13. Raman maps of phosphatidylserine, phosphatidylinositol, phosphatidylethanolamine and cholesteryl palmitate in PVT region of the rat brain. The bars beside each image indicate the value of correlation coefficient between the corresponding lipid and brain spectra.



Figure S14. Raman maps of cholesterol, galactocerebroside, glyceryl tripalmitate and phosphatidic acid in PVT region of the rat brain. The bars beside each image indicate the value of correlation coefficient between the corresponding lipid and brain spectra.



Figure S15. Raman maps of sphingomyelin, sulfatide and ganglioside in PVT region of the rat brain. The bars beside each image indicate the value of correlation coefficient between the corresponding lipid and brain spectra.



Figure S16. Pixel value distributions of different lipids in control and PTSD samples. Relative shifts of the peaks to the right (higher pixel values), indicates an increase in the relative concentration of lipids. Weighted mean value is obtained for each lipid from this diagram. This value directly indicates the concentration changes of different lipids.



Figure S17. MALDI signal obtained from rat brain tissue in both positive and negative modes.











Figure S18. Comparison of positive and negative ion mode spectra. The MS spectra indicate both low molecular weight (400 - 650 Da) and high molecular weight (700 - 1200 Da) lipid species.



Figure S19. MALDI images acquired from PVT region of rat brain for control and PTSD.

The corresponding mass value used for plotting the images is showed beside each lipid name. In all the Images, brightness of the pixels shows the relative concentration of the lipid (brighter: higher concentration; darker: lower concentration).

 Table S1. Peak positions of Raman spectrum for control and PTSD samples.
 Peak positions

 are mostly remained unchanged or negligibly changed.
 Peak positions

Raman band (cm ⁻¹)		Assignment				
Control	PTSD	DNA/RNA	Proteins	Lipids	Carbohydrates	
543	545	1	1	CE	1	
568	569	1	 	PI	·	
593	592	1	I	PS	r	
608	608	1	·	FC, Glycerol	·	
622	622	Z-DNA, dG ($\nu(C-C)_{ring}$)	Phe (t(C-C))			
643	642		Stretching C- S, tyrosine twisting C-C			
700	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	T	 	Cholesterol, cholesterol ester [2]		
725	722	Adenine base/DNA [2]	 	r		
741	740	1	i	r	i	
761	, 760	1	Tryptophan, d (ring) [2]	r		
806	804	OPO backbone stretching [1]				
' 847 	' 849 	, , , ,	Tyrosine, C-C stretching [2]	, , , ,	, , , ,	

879	878	1	 	Phosphocholine CCN symmetric stretching [1]	r
914	914	1	·	 	Glucose [2]
927	926	OPO backbone stretching [1]		Г	
959	957	1	·	Cholesterol [2]	
987	986		C-C [2]	, 	C-O ribose [2]
1002	1002		Phenylalanine, C-C skeletal	 	
1031	1031		d(C-H), phenylalanine	 	
1064	1064	C-O stretching [1]	C-C & C-N stretching [1]	C-C & C-O stretching [1]	C-C & C-O stretching, OCH in-plane deformation [1]
1085	1084	1	 	Phospholipids [2]	
1127	1126	C-O stretching	C-N stretching	C-C stretching	C-C & C-O stretching
1158	1156		In-plane vibrations of the conjugated C=C-C [2]		
1173	1172	1 1 1	C-H bending, tyrosine [2]	1 1 1	
1208	1206	·	Amide III [2]	·	·
1220	1219	$(PO_2),$ nucleic acids [2]			
1267	1267	RNA C-C stretching [1]	1 	1 	
1300	1300	1	i I	CH ₂ bending	ii !
1439	1439	T		CH_2 and CH_3 deformation vibrations [2]	

Comparisons significant at the 0.001 level are indicated by ***.					
Lipid Comparison	Difference Between Means	95% Confidence Limits			
Glyceryl tripalmit - Cholesterol	0.073252	0.066209	0.080294	***	
Glyceryl tripalmit - Sulfatide	0.138848	0.131805	0.145891	***	
Glyceryl tripalmit - Phosphatidic acid	0.145274	0.138231	0.152317	***	
Glyceryl tripalmit - Ganglioside	0.148326	0.141284	0.155369	***	
Glyceryl tripalmit - Sphingomyelin	0.150536	0.143493	0.157579	***	
Glyceryl tripalmit - Phosphatidylserine	0.151309	0.144266	0.158352	***	
Glyceryl tripalmit - Phosphatidylinosit	0.153514	0.146471	0.160557	***	
Glyceryl tripalmit - Galactocerebroside	0.161893	0.154850	0.168936	***	
Glyceryl tripalmit - Cholesteryl palmit	0.308696	0.301653	0.315739	***	
Glyceryl tripalmit - Phosphatidylethano	0.459798	0.452755	0.466841	***	
Cholesterol - Glyceryl tripalmit	-0.073252	-0.080294	-0.066209	***	
Cholesterol - Sulfatide	0.065596	0.058554	0.072639	***	
Cholesterol - Phosphatidic acid	0.072022	0.064980	0.079065	***	
Cholesterol - Ganglioside	0.075075	0.068032	0.082117	***	
Cholesterol - Sphingomyelin	0.077284	0.070242	0.084327	***	
Cholesterol - Phosphatidylserine	0.078057	0.071015	0.085100	***	
Cholesterol - Phosphatidylinosit	0.080262	0.073219	0.087305	***	
Cholesterol - Galactocerebroside	0.088641	0.081599	0.095684	***	
Cholesterol - Cholesteryl palmit	0.235444	0.228401	0.242487	***	
Cholesterol - Phosphatidylethano	0.386546	0.379504	0.393589	***	
Sulfatide - Glyceryl tripalmit	-0.138848	-0.145891	-0.131805	***	

Table S2. ANOVA with Levene test for Homoscedasticity for the Raman spectra of the lipids.

Comparisons significant at the 0.001 level are indicated by ***.						
Lipid Comparison	Difference Between Means	95% Confidence Limits				
Sulfatide - Cholesterol	-0.065596	-0.072639	-0.058554	***		
Sulfatide - Phosphatidic acid	0.006426	-0.000617	0.013469			
Sulfatide - Ganglioside	0.009478	0.002436	0.016521	***		
Sulfatide - Sphingomyelin	0.011688	0.004645	0.018731	***		
Sulfatide - Phosphatidylserine	0.012461	0.005418	0.019504	***		
Sulfatide - Phosphatidylinosit	0.014666	0.007623	0.021709	***		
Sulfatide - Galactocerebroside	0.023045	0.016002	0.030088	***		
Sulfatide - Cholesteryl palmit	0.169848	0.162805	0.176891	***		
Sulfatide - Phosphatidylethano	0.320950	0.313907	0.327993	***		
Phosphatidic acid - Glyceryl tripalmit	-0.145274	-0.152317	-0.138231	***		
Phosphatidic acid - Cholesterol	-0.072022	-0.079065	-0.064980	***		
Phosphatidic acid - Sulfatide	-0.006426	-0.013469	0.000617			
Phosphatidic acid - Ganglioside	0.003052	-0.003990	0.010095			
Phosphatidic acid - Sphingomyelin	0.005262	-0.001781	0.012305			
Phosphatidic acid - Phosphatidylserine	0.006035	-0.001008	0.013078			
Phosphatidic acid - Phosphatidylinosit	0.008240	0.001197	0.015283	***		
Phosphatidic acid - Galactocerebroside	0.016619	0.009576	0.023662	***		
Phosphatidic acid - Cholesteryl palmit	0.163422	0.156379	0.170465	***		
Phosphatidic acid - Phosphatidylethano	0.314524	0.307481	0.321567	***		
Ganglioside - Glyceryl tripalmit	-0.148326	-0.155369	-0.141284	***		
Ganglioside - Cholesterol	-0.075075	-0.082117	-0.068032	***		
Ganglioside - Sulfatide	-0.009478	-0.016521	-0.002436	***		
Ganglioside - Phosphatidic acid	-0.003052	-0.010095	0.003990			
Ganglioside - Sphingomyelin	0.002210	-0.004833	0.009252			
Ganglioside - Phosphatidylserine	0.002983	-0.004060	0.010025			
Ganglioside - Phosphatidylinosit	0.005188	-0.001855	0.012230			

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Ganglioside - Galactocerebroside	0.013567	0.006524	0.020610	***	
Ganglioside - Cholesteryl palmit	0.160370	0.153327	0.167412	***	
Ganglioside - Phosphatidylethano	0.311472	0.304429	0.318515	***	
Sphingomyelin - Glyceryl tripalmit	-0.150536	-0.157579	-0.143493	***	
Sphingomyelin - Cholesterol	-0.077284	-0.084327	-0.070242	***	
Sphingomyelin - Sulfatide	-0.011688	-0.018731	-0.004645	***	
Sphingomyelin - Phosphatidic acid	-0.005262	-0.012305	0.001781		
Sphingomyelin - Ganglioside	-0.002210	-0.009252	0.004833		
Sphingomyelin - Phosphatidylserine	0.000773	-0.006270	0.007816		
Sphingomyelin - Phosphatidylinosit	0.002978	-0.004065	0.010021		
Sphingomyelin - Galactocerebroside	0.011357	0.004314	0.018400	***	
Sphingomyelin - Cholesteryl palmit	0.158160	0.151117	0.165203	***	
Sphingomyelin - Phosphatidylethano	0.309262	0.302219	0.316305	***	
Phosphatidylserine - Glyceryl tripalmit	-0.151309	-0.158352	-0.144266	***	
Phosphatidylserine - Cholesterol	-0.078057	-0.085100	-0.071015	***	
Phosphatidylserine - Sulfatide	-0.012461	-0.019504	-0.005418	***	
Phosphatidylserine - Phosphatidic acid	-0.006035	-0.013078	0.001008		
Phosphatidylserine - Ganglioside	-0.002983	-0.010025	0.004060		
Phosphatidylserine - Sphingomyelin	-0.000773	-0.007816	0.006270		
Phosphatidylserine - Phosphatidylinosit	0.002205	-0.004838	0.009248		
Phosphatidylserine - Galactocerebroside	0.010584	0.003541	0.017627	***	
Phosphatidylserine - Cholesteryl palmit	0.157387	0.150344	0.164430	***	
Phosphatidylserine - Phosphatidylethano	0.308489	0.301446	0.315532	***	
Phosphatidylinosit - Glyceryl tripalmit	-0.153514	-0.160557	-0.146471	***	
Phosphatidylinosit - Cholesterol	-0.080262	-0.087305	-0.073219	***	
Phosphatidylinosit - Sulfatide	-0.014666	-0.021709	-0.007623	***	

Comparisons significant at the 0.001 level are indicated by ***.						
Lipid Comparison	Difference Between Means	95% Confidence Limits				
Phosphatidylinosit - Phosphatidic acid	-0.008240	-0.015283	-0.001197	***		
Phosphatidylinosit - Ganglioside	-0.005188	-0.012230	0.001855			
Phosphatidylinosit - Sphingomyelin	-0.002978	-0.010021	0.004065			
Phosphatidylinosit - Phosphatidylserine	-0.002205	-0.009248	0.004838			
Phosphatidylinosit - Galactocerebroside	0.008379	0.001337	0.015422	***		
Phosphatidylinosit - Cholesteryl palmit	0.155182	0.148139	0.162225	***		
Phosphatidylinosit - Phosphatidylethano	0.306284	0.299242	0.313327	***		
Galactocerebroside - Glyceryl tripalmit	-0.161893	-0.168936	-0.154850	***		
Galactocerebroside - Cholesterol	-0.088641	-0.095684	-0.081599	***		
Galactocerebroside - Sulfatide	-0.023045	-0.030088	-0.016002	***		
Galactocerebroside - Phosphatidic acid	-0.016619	-0.023662	-0.009576	***		
Galactocerebroside - Ganglioside	-0.013567	-0.020610	-0.006524	***		
Galactocerebroside - Sphingomyelin	-0.011357	-0.018400	-0.004314	***		
Galactocerebroside - Phosphatidylserine	-0.010584	-0.017627	-0.003541	***		
Galactocerebroside - Phosphatidylinosit	-0.008379	-0.015422	-0.001337	***		
Galactocerebroside - Cholesteryl palmit	0.146803	0.139760	0.153845	***		
Galactocerebroside - Phosphatidylethano	0.297905	0.290862	0.304948	***		
Cholesteryl palmit - Glyceryl tripalmit	-0.308696	-0.315739	-0.301653	***		
Cholesteryl palmit - Cholesterol	-0.235444	-0.242487	-0.228401	***		
Cholesteryl palmit - Sulfatide	-0.169848	-0.176891	-0.162805	***		
Cholesteryl palmit - Phosphatidic acid	-0.163422	-0.170465	-0.156379	***		
Cholesteryl palmit - Ganglioside	-0.160370	-0.167412	-0.153327	***		
Cholesteryl palmit - Sphingomyelin	-0.158160	-0.165203	-0.151117	***		
Cholesteryl palmit - Phosphatidylserine	-0.157387	-0.164430	-0.150344	***		
Cholesteryl palmit - Phosphatidylinosit	-0.155182	-0.162225	-0.148139	***		
Cholesteryl palmit - Galactocerebroside	-0.146803	-0.153845	-0.139760	***		

Comparisons significant at the 0.001 level are indicated by ***.						
Lipid Comparison	Difference Between Means	95% Confidence Limits				
Cholesteryl palmit - Phosphatidylethano	0.151102	0.144060	0.158145	***		
Phosphatidylethano - Glyceryl tripalmit	-0.459798	-0.466841	-0.452755	***		
Phosphatidylethano - Cholesterol	-0.386546	-0.393589	-0.379504	***		
Phosphatidylethano - Sulfatide	-0.320950	-0.327993	-0.313907	***		
Phosphatidylethano - Phosphatidic acid	-0.314524	-0.321567	-0.307481	***		
Phosphatidylethano - Ganglioside	-0.311472	-0.318515	-0.304429	***		
Phosphatidylethano - Sphingomyelin	-0.309262	-0.316305	-0.302219	***		
Phosphatidylethano - Phosphatidylserine	-0.308489	-0.315532	-0.301446	***		
Phosphatidylethano - Phosphatidylinosit	-0.306284	-0.313327	-0.299242	***		
Phosphatidylethano - Galactocerebroside	-0.297905	-0.304948	-0.290862	***		
Phosphatidylethano - Cholesteryl palmit	-0.151102	-0.158145	-0.144060	***		