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## **Supporting Information**

## Lipidomics reveals insights on the biological effects of copper oxide nanoparticles on a human colon carcinoma cell line

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**Figure S1. Characterization of CuO NPs.** Particle size distribution of CuO NPs by **A**) dynamic light scattering and **B**) transmission electron microscopy shows agglomeration of CuO NP in the growth medium.







**Figure S3: Dose-dependent upregulation of p62 and LC3B-II in HCT-116.** Western blotting quantitative results showing levels of **A**) p62 (n=3) and **B**) LC3B-II (n=3) as a normalized ratio of  $\alpha$ -tubulin for control and CuO NP expose cells (1.25-20 µg/ml) control. (p-value: \*: p≤0.05, \*\*: p≤0.01, \*\*\*: p≤0.001, \*\*\*: p≤0.001, no sign: not significant).



**Figure S4: A)** Western blotting results showing levels of PARP, cleaved PARP (C-PARP), Caspase 3, p21, p16(arrow denotes expected p16 band) and  $\alpha$ -tubulin for control and CuO NP expose cells (1.2-20 µg/ml) control. A positive control for apoptotic cells are run in the same gel to confirm the lack of cleaved PARP (C-PARP) **B**) Viability HCT-116 cell lines that are exposed to CuO NP and pan caspase inhibitor zVAD-fmk.



Figure S5. Metabolomics collection, preparation, and analysis workflow A) Sample treatment, collection, biphasic extraction, the addition of internal standards (TAG (13:0/13:0/13:0), ceramide (17:0) and d<sub>9</sub>-oleic acid) and data acquisition for metabolomics of human colon carcinoma cell lines exposed to CuO NPs. B) Data acquisition and analysis parameters for the identification of up and down-regulated species after treatment.



Figure S6. Total copper concentration in HEK 293T cells and growth medium. A) Total copper concentration ( $^{65}$ Cu) in growth cell medium in µg of Cu per mL (mean ± std dev) of growth medium. B) Total copper concentration ( $^{65}$ Cu) in 293T HEK cells in ng of Cu per mg of protein after 24-hour treatment. C) Western blotting results showing levels of D) p62 (n=3) and E) LC3B-II (n=3) as a normalize ratio of  $\alpha$ -tubulin for control and CuO NP expose cells (1.25-10 µg/ml) control. (p-value: \*: p≤0.05, \*\*: p≤ 0.01, \*\*\*: p≤0.001, \*\*\*\*: p≤0.0001, no sign: not significant).



**Table S1. Species that change after CuO NP treatment**. Untargeted lipidomics results showing species accumulating or depleting species in the non-polar layer. (p-value: \*:  $p \le 0.05$ , \*\*:  $p \le 0.01$ , \*\*\*:  $p \le 0.001$ , no sign: not significant). Species that are shown in bold remain unidentified (we were not able to assign structures based on the fragmentation information).

Retention time (min)	m/z	Adduct	Fold Change [2.5 µg/mL /Control]	Fold Change [5 µg/mL /Control]	Identification (MS/MS)	
63.83	564.5325	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	6.05***	8.52**	Ceramide (18:1,18:0)	
65.61	618.5807	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	1.84***	2.18**	Ceramide (18:1, 22:1)	
65.94	606.5792	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	2.33***	3.06**	Ceramide (16:1, 23:0)	
66.45	620.5957	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	1.94***	2.30**	Ceramide (18:1, 22:0)	
66.75	622.6063	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	1.98**	2.55**	Dihydroceramide (18:0, 22:0)	
7.87	485.3569	-	1.60	2.19**	No match	
38.97	416.3376	-	3.42	6.23**	No match	
41.52	468.3114	$[M+H]^{+}$	2.29**	2.75**	Lyso PC (14:0)	
43.39	568.3429	$[M+H]^{+}$	1.96**	2.84**	Lyso PC (22:6)	
43.41	544.3445	$[M+H]^{+}$	1.80**	2.90**	Lyso PC (20:4)	
43.86	596.3352	$[M+H]^+$	1.22	2.62***	Phosphocholine containing lipid	
43.85	572.3360	$[M+H]^+$	1.42	3.58***	Phosphocholine containing lipid	
44.44	496.3419	$[M+H]^{+}$	2.22**	2.76**	Lyso PC (16:0)	
44.59	598.3516	$[M+H]^+$	1.10	2.51***	Phosphocholine containing lipid	
45.65	482.3609	$[M+H]^{+}$	2.80***	3.82**	Lyso PC (O-16:0)	
46.33	508.3752	$[M+H]^{+}$	2.31**	2.89**	Lyso PC (O-18:1)	
47.14	524.3714	$[M+H]^+$	2.18***	2.77**	Phosphocholine containing lipid	
60.61	627.5369	$[M+H-H_2O]^+$	1.77**	2.08*	DAG 38:4 (18:0,20:4)	
65.80	868.7379	$[M + NH_4]^+$	1.82**	2.82**	TAG 52:6 (14:0, 22:6, 16:0)	
66.06	894.7598	$[M + NH_4]^+$	1.85**	2.53**	TAG 54:7 (16:1, 22:6, 16:0)	
66.31	896.7717	$[M + NH_4]^+$	1.73*	2.14***	TAG 54:6 (18:2, 20:4, 16:0)	
66.56	922.7879	$[M + NH_4]^+$	1.96**	2.62**	TAG 56:7 (18:1, 22:5, 16:1)	
66.76	924.8021	$[M + NH_4]^+$	1.99**	2.89**	TAG 56:6 (18:1, 22:5,16:0)	
67.37	978.8565	$[M + NH_4]^+$	1.95***	2.99**	TAG 60:7 (18:1, 18:1,24:5)	

**Table S2.** This is provided as a separate Excel document. Abundances of lipids studied via untargeted lipidomics. Abundances, m/z's, adducts observed, specific fragments and retention times in each sample for lipids identified in the untargeted and targeted analysis are provided. **Sheet 1** is the species identified by untargeted lipidomics. **Sheet 2** is the lipid species analyzed by targeted analysis.

Nebulizer and spray chamber	Glass concentric nebulizer in Peltier cooled		
	cyclonic spray chamber (@ $2^{\circ}$ C)		
Plasma forward Power, W	1400		
Cooling gas flow (argon), L/min	13		
Auxiliary gas flow (argon), L/min	0.70		
Nebulizer gas flow (argon), L/min	0.94		
Pole bias, V	-1.50		
Hexapole bias, V	-4.00		
Scanning modes	Survey and peak jumping		
Dwell time (ms)	30 for Cu		

<b>Fable S3.</b> Operational	parameters for IC	P-MS analysis	of copper
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