## S1. Table of the Molecular Vibrational Frequencies and Mode Assignments

Frequency	Assignments
values (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	
418-429	cholesterol, cholesterol ester
702	cholesterol, cholesterol ester
719-725	sphingomyelin, C-N (membrane phospholipid head), symmetric stretch vibration of choline group, characteristic for phospholipids
763	ethanolamine group, phosphatidylethanolamine
782-791	cytosine/uracil ring breathing (nucleotide), phosphodiester bands in DNA, uracil, thymine, DNA: O P O, cytosine, pyrimidine
876	C-C-N+ symmetric stretching (lipids)
1007, 1022, 1033	phenylalanine (symmetric ring breathing), phenylalanine mode
1064-1069	skeletal C-C stretch of lipids, triglycerides (fatty acids)
1104	vibration (C-C), lipids, fatty acids
1090	phospholipids acyl chains
1131	fatty acid
1203-1263	amide III (β sheet) arising from coupling of C-N stretching and N-H
1267	C-H lipid, =C-H phospholipids
1272, 1286	unsaturated fatty acids, scissoring (=CH)
1295-1299	ceramide, palmitic acid, fatty acids, CH <sub>2</sub> deformation (lipid)
1302	fatty acid, phospholipids
1344	nucleic acid modes (DNA and RNA)
1384, 1427	unassigned mode
1428	lipid band, cholesteryl palmitate
1437	CH <sub>2</sub> deformation (lipid)
1446	CH <sub>2</sub> bending mode of proteins and lipids
1453	$CH_2$ deformation, protein band
1464	fatty acids, cholesterol, cholesterol ester
1404	DNA
1583	pyrimidine ring (nucleic acids)
1610-1614	cytosine (NH <sub>2</sub> ), Tyrosine, Phenylalanine
1660	amide I (C=O stretching) α-helix structure; (C-C) <i>cis</i> , lipids, fatty acids, C-C groups in unsaturated fatty acids
1670-1675	amide I (C=O stretching) β-sheet structure; cholesterol and its esters, (C-C) trans, lipids fatty acids, ceramide
1681	glutamate, DNA unassigned mode
2727	C-H stretches
2843, 2850	CH <sub>2</sub> symmetric stretching of lipids (total lipids)
2880	CH <sub>2</sub> asymmetric stretching of lipids and proteins
2930-2935	CH <sub>3</sub> symmetric stretching of lipids and proteins
2947	C-H vibrations in lipids and proteins, asymmetric vibration CH <sub>2</sub> , lipids, fatty acids
2952	CH <sub>3</sub> asymmetric stretching
2968	asymmetric vibration $CH_2$ , lipids, fatty acids, cholesterol and cholesterol ester
2972	fatty acids
3016	CH <sub>2</sub> of lipids
070	amide B (NH stretching, resonant with amide II in $\beta$ sheet), Fermi resonance