

Supplemental Materials

Effects of the Artificial Sweetener Neotame on the Gut Microbiome and Fecal Metabolites in Mice

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Table S1. Significantly different gut bacteria genera between the control and 4-week neotame consumed mice

| Taxa | Control mice | | Neotame-treated mice | | Fold change | p- value |
|------|--------------------|----------|----------------------|----------|-------------|----------|
| | Relative abundance | Variance | Relative abundance | Variance | | |
| B1 | 0.0667 | 0.00130 | 0.1562 | 0.00196 | 2.343 | 0.0070 |
| B2 | 0.1402 | 0.00590 | 0.3195 | 0.00419 | 2.280 | 0.0035 |
| B3 | 0.0246 | 0.00048 | 0.0030 | 0.00000 | -8.088 | 0.0480 |
| B4 | 0.4130 | 0.01848 | 0.1988 | 0.00382 | -2.078 | 0.0112 |
| B5 | 0.0024 | 0.00001 | 0.0078 | 0.00001 | 3.180 | 0.0176 |
| B6 | 0.0014 | 0.00000 | 0.0007 | 0.00000 | -2.097 | 0.0307 |
| B7 | 0.0009 | 0.00000 | 0.0004 | 0.00000 | -2.214 | 0.0263 |
| B8 | 0.1068 | 0.00071 | 0.0504 | 0.00084 | -2.117 | 0.0115 |
| B9 | 0.0001 | 0.00000 | 0.0000 | 0.00000 | - | 0.0196 |
| B10 | 0.0011 | 0.00000 | 0.0003 | 0.00000 | -3.390 | 0.0269 |
| B11 | 0.0065 | 0.00000 | 0.0042 | 0.00000 | -1.559 | 0.0474 |
| B12 | 0.0368 | 0.00010 | 0.0173 | 0.00005 | -2.128 | 0.0055 |
| B13 | 0.0190 | 0.00005 | 0.0101 | 0.00001 | -1.887 | 0.0276 |
| B14 | 0.0126 | 0.00002 | 0.0071 | 0.00001 | -1.759 | 0.0470 |
| B15 | 0.0006 | 0.00000 | 0.0001 | 0.00000 | -4.982 | 0.0027 |

*The abbreviations of bacteria genus are listed as below (k, bacteria; p, phylum; c, class; o, order; f, family; g, genus):

B1: k_Bacteria;p_Bacteroidetes;c_Bacteroidia;o_Bacteroidales;f_Bacteroidaceae;g_Bacteroides;

B2: k_Bacteria;p_Bacteroidetes;c_Bacteroidia;o_Bacteroidales;f_S24-7;g_Undefined;

B3: k_Bacteria;p_Deferribacteres;c_Deferribacteres;o_Deferribacterales;f_Deferribacteraceae;g_Mucispirillum;

B4: k_Bacteria;p_Firmicutes;c_Clostridia;o_Clostridiales;f_Undefined;g_Undefined;

B5: k_Bacteria;p_Firmicutes;c_Clostridia;o_Clostridiales;f_Clostridiaceae;g_CandidatusArthromitus;

B6: k_Bacteria;p_Firmicutes;c_Clostridia;o_Clostridiales;f_Dehalobacteriaceae;g_Dehalobacterium;

B7: k_Bacteria;p_Firmicutes;c_Clostridia;o_Clostridiales;f_Lachnospiraceae;g_undefined;

B8: k_Bacteria;p_Firmicutes;c_Clostridia;o_Clostridiales;f_Lachnospiraceae;g_Undefined;

B9: k_Bacteria;p_Firmicutes;c_Clostridia;o_Clostridiales;f_Lachnospiraceae;g_Blautia;

B10: k_Bacteria;p_Firmicutes;c_Clostridia;o_Clostridiales;f_Lachnospiraceae;g_Dorea;
B11: k_Bacteria;p_Firmicutes;c_Clostridia;o_Clostridiales;f_Lachnospiraceae;g_Ruminococcus;
B12: k_Bacteria;p_Firmicutes;c_Clostridia;o_Clostridiales;f_Ruminococcaceae;g_Undefined;
B13: k_Bacteria;p_Firmicutes;c_Clostridia;o_Clostridiales;f_Ruminococcaceae;g_Oscillospira;
B14: k_Bacteria;p_Firmicutes;c_Clostridia;o_Clostridiales;f_Ruminococcaceae;g_Ruminococcus;
B15: k_Bacteria;p_Firmicutes;c_Clostridia;o_Clostridiales;f_Mogibacteriaceae;g_Undefined.

Supplemental Material, Table S2. Identified significantly changed metabolites ($p < 0.05$, compared to controls) in fecal samples of neotame consumed mice.

| Metabolites | Intensity (Control) | Intensity (Neotame) | Fold_change | p value |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------|---------|
| α -Tocopherol | 17918.40 | 52139.20 | 2.91 | 0.0296 |
| 1,3-Dipalmitin | 234277.16 | 470764.74 | 2.01 | 0.0001 |
| 7H-purine | 128324.10 | 65536.59 | -1.96 | 0.0290 |
| Linoleic acid | 659558.59 | 897080.28 | 1.36 | 0.0447 |
| 9H-Purine | 291689.20 | 105043.81 | -2.78 | 0.0331 |
| Glycolic acid | 321613.69 | 199950.60 | -1.61 | 0.0263 |
| Malic acid | 291734.82 | 119909.72 | -2.43 | 0.0114 |
| Cholesterol | 56759.19 | 102280.10 | 1.80 | 0.0267 |
| Mannose-6-phosphate | 519338.44 | 106003.63 | -4.90 | 0.0434 |
| Arachidic acid | 260462.63 | 111128.03 | -2.34 | 0.0173 |
| L-Glutamic acid | 478500.28 | 168870.35 | -2.83 | 0.0142 |
| 1-Monopalmiti | 11585.59 | 39277.09 | 3.39 | 0.0187 |
| inosine | 116336.70 | 23775.23 | -4.89 | 0.0311 |
| L-Lysine | 2339317.60 | 1563038.96 | -1.50 | 0.0419 |
| Pyroglutamic acid | 15110123.85 | 7976423.88 | -1.89 | 0.0277 |
| Stearic acid | 363923.99 | 786258.86 | 2.16 | 0.0025 |
| Valeric acid, 5-amino- | 630675.10 | 306205.50 | -2.06 | 0.0413 |
| Phosphoric acid | 19315799.99 | 15441629.09 | -1.25 | 0.0031 |
| α -Cortolone | 490875.08 | 290194.65 | -1.69 | 0.0245 |
| Glyceric acid | 65657.38 | 34671.71 | -1.89 | 0.0021 |
| Uracil | 3646033.11 | 751739.04 | -4.85 | 0.0427 |
| Thymine | 194232.78 | 137217.78 | -1.42 | 0.0245 |
| Serine | 108239.27 | 78871.60 | -1.37 | 0.0464 |
| Carbodiimide | 464003.29 | 591278.67 | 1.27 | 0.0454 |
| Campesterol | 20150.88 | 34516.50 | 1.71 | 0.0438 |
| Stigmastanol | 33034.50 | 64170.00 | 1.94 | 0.0249 |
| Borane | 718135.59 | 1016476.69 | 1.42 | 0.0280 |
| beta-Sitosterol | 45547.84 | 138507.52 | 3.04 | 0.0241 |

