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NMR-Metabolomics shows that BolA is an important modulator of S. Typhimurium metabolic processes under virulence conditions.

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Table S1

Description of the strains and plasmids used in this work.

Strain	Name used in	Genotype	Source or	
	the paper		reference	
511244	\A/T	Str ^r hisG rpsL xyl	(Hoiseth and	
561544	VVI		Stocker 1981)	
CN44920	ΔbolA	SL1344 Δ <i>bolA</i> ::Cat ^r	(Mil-Homens et al.	
CIVIA620			2018).	
CMA822	bolA+	SL1344 carrying	This study	
		pRMA04 plasmid		
CMA823	control	SL1344 carrying	This study	
		pWSK29	inits study	

Plasmids	Description	Origin/marker	
pWSK29	Low copy plasmid	pSC101/Amp ^r	
pRMA04	pWSK29 encoding bolA	pWSK29/Amp ^r	

Table S2

List of metabolites identified by 1H-NMR in the intracellular environment of Salmonella Typhimurium grown in a virulence-inducing medium. ChEBI ID code and chemical shifts provided. s – singlet; d – doublet; dd – doublet of doublets; t – triplet; m – multiplet; bs – broad signal. The NMR spectra used in this work is available at:

http://www2.itqb.unl.pt/~lgafeira/external/Salmonella_data/

Number	Metabolite	ChEBI ID	Assignments	MSI	
Number	metabolite		ppm (group, multiplicity)	Level	
1	coenzyme A	15346	0.73 (CH ₃ , s), 0.85 (CH ₃ , s), 2.46 (CH ₂ , t), 6.16 (CH, d), 8.25 (CH, s), 8.54 (CH, s)	2	
2	L-isoleucine	17191	0.93 (CH ₃ , t), 1.00 (CH ₃ , d), 1.25 (CH ₂ , m), 1.97 (CH, m)	2	
3	L-leucine	15603	0.95 (CH ₃ , t), 1.70 (CH, m), 1.7 (CH ₂ , m)	2	
4	L-valine	16414	0.98 (CH ₃ , d), 1.03 (CH ₃ , d), 2.26 (CH, m)	2	
5	lactate	24996	1.31 (CH ₃ , d), 4.10 (CH, q)	2	
6	L-alanine	16977	1.47 (CH ₃ , d), 3.77 (CH, dd)	2	
7	putrescine	17148	1.76 (CH ₂ , m), 3.04 (CH ₂ , m)	2	
8	acetate	30089	1.92 (CH ₃ , s)	2	
10	L-glutamine	18050	2.13 (CH ₂ , m), 2.44 (CH ₂ , m), 3.76 (CH, m)	2	
11	L-glutamic acid	16015	2.12 (CH ₂ , m), 2.34 (CH ₂ , m)	2	
12	pyruvate	15361	2.36 (CH ₃ , s)	2	
13	succinate	26806	2.39 (CH ₂ , s)	2	
14	glutathione	16856	2.15 (CH ₂ , m), 2.55 (CH ₂ , m), 2.96 (CH ₂ , dd)	2	
15	L-methionine	16643	2.13 (CH ₃ , s), 2.12 (CH ₂ , m), 2.63 (CH ₂ , t)	2	
16	MES buffer	39005	2.69 (CH ₂ , s), 2.92 (CH ₂ , m), 3.16 (CH ₂ , m), 3.77 (CH ₂ , m)	2	
17	methanol	17790	3.34 (CH ₃ , s)	2	
18	NAD^{+}	15846	4.42 (CH, dd), 4.54 (CH, m), 6.03 (CH, d), 6.08 (CH, d), 8.19 (CH, m), 8.42 (CH, s), 8.82 (CH, d), 9.14 (CH, d), 9.33 (CH, s)	2	
19	glycogen	28027	3.65 (CH, m), 5.41 (CH, s)	2	
20	uridine 5'- monophosphate	16695	4.41 (CH, t), 5.97 (CH, d), 5.99 (CH, d), 8.10 (CH, d)	2	
21	adenosine 5'- monophosphate	16027	4.50 (CH, dd), 6.13 (CH, d), 8.25 (CH, s), 8.59 (CH, s)	2	
22	Nicotinamide ribotide	16171	4.61 (CH, m), 4.65 (CH, t), 6.19 (CH, d), 8.31 (CH, dd), 8.99 (CH, d), 9.33 (CH; d), 9.58 (CH, s)	2	
23	L-histidine	15971	3.14 (CH ₂ , dd), 3.23 (CH ₂ , dd), 7.09 (CH, d), 7.88 (CH, d)	2	
24	NADP ⁺	18009	6.09 (CH, d), 8.14 (CH, s), 8.19 (CH, dd), 8.41 (CH, s), 8.83 (CH, d), 9.10 (CH, d), 9.29 (CH, s)	2	
25	formate	15740	8.44 (CH, s)	2	
	Lipid and protein signals Assignments: ppm (group, multiplicity)				
9	glycoprotein-related		2.06 (CH ₃ N-acetyl groups, bs)	3	





Growth curve and PCA analysis of the strains WT and WT-pWSK29. **a)** WT and WT-pWSK29 exhibit similar growth profiles. **b)** The unsupervised multivariate analysis failed to reveal a shift in the normal metabolism of SL1344, upon addition of the pWSK29 plasmid, allowing no discrimination between the metabolic profiles of the two strains.



Fig. S2

The morphology of S. Typhimurium at the time points of cell collection. Bright-field microscopy images of S. Typhimurium SL1344 WT-Pwsk29 (control), $\Delta bolA$ and $bolA^+$ strains acquired at the end of exponential (5 hours) and stationary phases (8 hours) in LPM medium. **a)** Zoomed in sections of the original microscopy images show, as expected, that the strain $bolA^+$ has a more spherical morphology when compared to the strains control and $\Delta bolA$. This observation confirms that BolA is being overexpressed at the time cells are collected for metabolomics analysis. No significant differences in morphology can be seen between the control and $\Delta bolA$ strains. **b)** Original microscopy images.



Fig. S3

PLS-DA model and VIP analysis of the control, $\Delta bolA$ and $bolA^+$ strains in the end of the exponential phase. **a)** Scores scatter plot of PLS-DA model of control (n=10), $\Delta bolA$ (n=11) and $bolA^+$ (n=14) samples in the end of exponential phase (R²X=0.707, R²Y=0.832, Q²=0.599). **b)** VIP analysis of loading weights derived from component 1 of the PLS-DA model reveals the metabolites that contribute the most to the discrimination observed in the scores scatter plot. Legend: 1 – valine; 2 – alanine; 3 – putrescine; 4 – acetate; 5 – glycoprotein N-acetyl groups; 6 – unknown compound (2.2 ppm); 7 – succinate; 8 – glutathione; 9 – unknown(s); 10 – glycogen; 11 – formate.

End of Exponential Phase



Fig. S4

Validation of the PLS-DA models. Permutation analyses (999 rounds) were performed for the PLS-DA models of the EE and ST growth phases. **a)** Permutation analysis of the EE phase resulted in models with Q^2 values inferior to those of the original model ($Q^2 = 0.599$). **b)** Permutation analysis of the ST phase resulted in model with Q^2 values inferior to those of the original model ($Q^2=0.758$).



Fig. S5

VIP analysis of loading weights derived from component 3 of the PLS-DA model (stationary phase) reveals the metabolites that contribute the most to the discrimination between the control and $\Delta bolA$ strains, observed in the scores scatter plot. Legend: 1 – alanine; 2 – putrescine; 3 – acetate; 4 – glutathione; 5 – succinate; 6 – unknown(s)





Formate











Putrescine



area (a.u.)

Succinate



Unknown 2.22 ppm









Fig. S6

Univariate analysis of the metabolites found to be altered in the EE growth phase. Variation of the metabolites found in the VIP analysis between the control, $\Delta bolA$ and $bolA^+$ strains. p > 0.05 (ns); p <= 0.05 (*); p <= 0.01 (**).