

# Ex vivo high-resolution Magnetic Resonance spectroscopy (1H & 13C metabolic profiling) on intact tissues

**Commonly used acronym:** HR-MAS-MR spectroscopy

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#### SCOPE OF THE METHOD

The Method relates to	Animal health, Human health
The Method is situated in	Basic Research, Translational - Applied Research
Type of method	In vitro - Ex vivo

#### **DESCRIPTION**

## **Method keywords**

metabolic profiling

tumor

Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy

biopsies analysis

1H & 13C-MRS

## Scientific area keywords

cancer research

tumor metabolism

metabolomics

cancer diagnosis

treatment monitoring

cancer treatment

## **Method description**

HR MAS analysis of intact tissues consists in the metabolic profiling of entire tumor biopsies using high resolution NMR (nuclear magnetic resonance) using 1H and/or 13C MRS (magnetic resonance spectroscopy). The technique allows combination of metabolomic data with genomic or proteomic data, and can therefore be used both for exploring the molecular biology of cancer and for clinical improvements in cancer diagnostics, prognostics, treatment planning, and treatment monitoring.

## Lab equipment

High Resolution NMR (600MHz magnet) equiped with a spinning system for HR-MAS (magic angle spinning) to allow study of intact tissues.

#### **Method status**

History of use

Published in peer reviewed journal

# PROS, CONS & FUTURE POTENTIAL

#### **Advantages**

One of the best nondestructive method for study of biopsies composition.

## **Challenges**

Signal is better when acquired on tissue extracts.

#### **Modifications**

No modifications are planned in the near future.

## **Future & Other applications**

The technique will remain 'limited' to the analysis of tissue biopsies.

## REFERENCES, ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION

#### References

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