

| Wavenumber/wavenumber region (cm ⁻¹) | Mode and wavenumber (cm ⁻¹) | Assignment |
|--|---|---|
| 930-942 | M1, M4: 940; M2, M3: 938; M4: 940; M5: 930 | Protein (proline, α -helix) ^{1, 2} |
| 950/952 | M2: 950; M3, M5: 952 | C-C stretch: protein (proline, valine, α -helix) ^{3, 4} |
| 999-1000 | M1, M4: 1000; M2, M3, M5: 999 | Phenylalanine (breathing mode) ⁵ |
| 1024-1027 | M1: 1027; M2, M3, M4: 1026; M5: 1024 | Phenylalanine ⁶⁻⁹ |
| 1078/80/1100 | M1: 1078; M2, M3, M4: 1080; M4: 1100 | Lipids ^{4, 10-12} |
| 1119-1124 | M1: 1123; M2: 1124, M3, M5: 1119; M4: 1122 | Proteins, lipids ^{11, 13} |
| 1153/5 | M1, M2, M5: 1153; M3, M4: 1155 | Carbohydrates/carotenoids ^{5, 14, 15} |
| 1172-1176 | M1: 1176; M3, M5: 1172; M4: 1174 | Tyrosine ^{11, 16} |
| 1205 | M1-5 | Tyrosine, phenylalanine ^{2, 17} |
| 1240-1300 | M1: 1243; M4: 1247, M5: 1299 | Proteins: amide III - 1243 β -sheet; 1266-1300 α -helix ¹⁸ |
| 1309-1321 | M1: 1321; M2: 1316; M3: 1309; M4: 1321 | DNA/RNA, protein ¹⁹ |
| 1335/7 | M4: 1337; M5: 1335 | CH ₃ CH ₂ deformation, proteins/lipids ²⁰ |
| 1445-1450 | M1, M5: 1448; M2: 1446; M3: 1445; M4: 1450 | CH modes (CH ₂ and CH ₃ deformations: bending & scissoring) in proteins/lipids ^{5, 21} |
| 1520-5 | M2: 1520; BSSMF-PCA: 1521; visit 1: 1523; visit 2: 1525 | Carotenoids ^{22, 23} |
| 1554/6 | M1, M2, M4: 1554; M3: 1556; M5: 1555 | Tryptophan, proteins ^{24, 25} |
| 1652/6 | M1, M3: 1656; M2: 1654; M4: 1653; M5: 1652 | Proteins (amide I) ^{2, 26, 27} |

Supplementary table 1. Tentative wavenumber assignments.

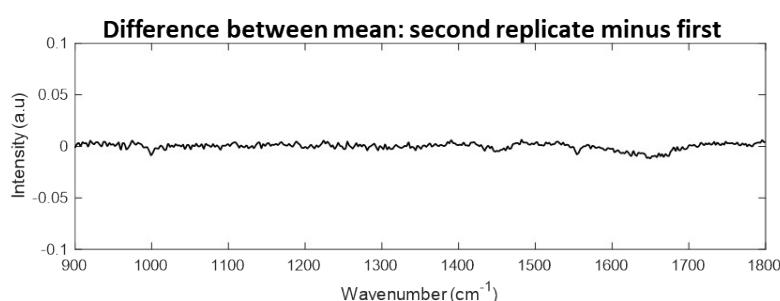
| M1 | M2 | M3 | M4 | M5 | BSSMF- |
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| | | | | | PCA |
|-----------------|---|---|---|--|--|
| ALSFRS-R | <i>r</i> 0.03 <i>p</i> 0.8 | <i>r</i> 0.17 <i>p</i> 0.17 | <i>r</i> -0.11 <i>p</i> 0.37 | <i>r</i> 0.09 <i>p</i> 0.45 | <i>R</i> -0.29 <i>p</i> 0.01 |
| DPR | <i>r</i> -0.03 <i>p</i> 0.8 | <i>r</i> -0.31 <i>p</i> 0.01 | <i>r</i> 0.12 <i>p</i> 0.3 | <i>r</i> 0.09 <i>p</i> 0.48 | <i>r</i> 0.21 <i>p</i> 0.09 |
| FVC | <i>r</i> -0.28 <i>p</i> 0.02 | <i>r</i> 0.39 <i>p</i> 0.001 | <i>r</i> -0.12 <i>p</i> 0.34 | <i>r</i> 0.19 <i>p</i> 0.12 | <i>r</i> -0.37 <i>p</i> 0.002 |
| NfL | <i>r</i> -0.1 <i>p</i> 0.39 | <i>r</i> 0.04 <i>p</i> 0.7 | <i>r</i> -0.003 <i>p</i> 0.9 | <i>r</i> 0.08 <i>p</i> 0.5 | <i>r</i> -0.04 <i>p</i> 0.7 |
| Ferritin | <i>r</i> 0.12 <i>p</i> 0.3 | <i>r</i> -0.04 <i>p</i> 0.8 | <i>r</i> 0.03 <i>p</i> 0.8 | <i>r</i> -0.15 <i>p</i> 0.2 | <i>r</i> 0.08 <i>p</i> 0.5 |
| CRP | <i>r</i> -0.03 <i>p</i> 0.8 | <i>r</i> -0.2 <i>p</i> 0.11 | <i>r</i> 0.2 <i>p</i> 0.11 | <i>r</i> -0.19 <i>p</i> 0.13 | <i>r</i> 0.37 <i>p</i> 0.003 |
| C3 | <i>r</i> 0.28 <i>p</i> 0.02 | <i>r</i> -0.41 <i>p</i> 0.0007 | <i>r</i> 0.39 <i>p</i> 0.001 | <i>r</i> -0.32 <i>p</i> 0.008 | <i>r</i> 0.18 <i>p</i> 0.14 |
| C4 | <i>r</i> -0.05 <i>p</i> 0.68 | <i>r</i> -0.17 <i>p</i> 0.16 | <i>r</i> 0.2 <i>p</i> 0.1 | <i>r</i> -0.02 <i>p</i> 0.86 | <i>r</i> 0.06 <i>p</i> 0.6 |

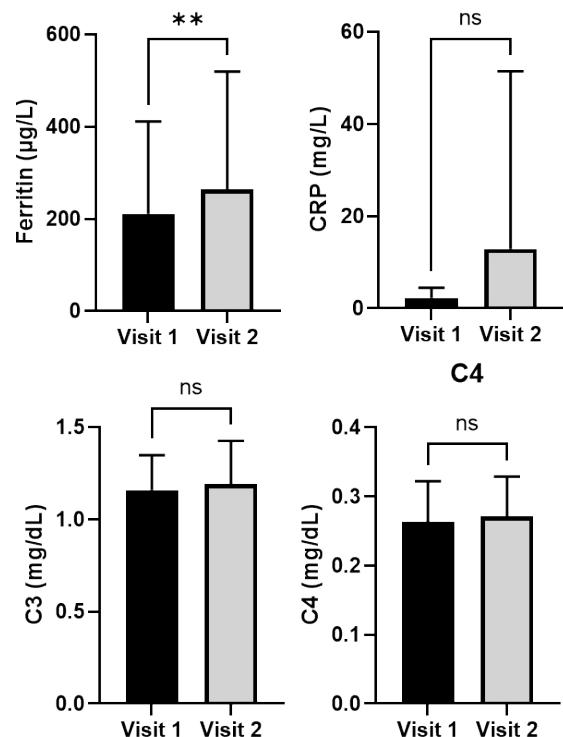
Supplementary table 2. Correlation of baseline BBSMF mode weights and clinical/biochemical markers of disease.

| Mode | PC1 coefficients |
|------|------------------|
| M1 | 0.1930 |
| M2 | -0.6114 |
| M3 | 0.6256 |
| M4 | -0.4003 |
| M5 | 0.1931 |

Supplementary table 3. PC1 coefficients.



Supplementary figure 1. Difference between the mean plot for the technical replicates (2nd replicate minus the 1st).



Supplementary figure 2. Changes between the two study visits for additional biochemical markers of disease.

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