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Master's Thesis

Towards unbiased metabolomics of Glioblastoma

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Glioblastoma multiforme (GBM), the most common and malignant brain tumor in adults rely on aerobic glycolysis a phenomenon also known as "Warburg effect".



Metabolomic analysis - the determination of intracellular metabolites - has emerged as an important approach for studving cellular **biochemistry** and to identify kev **biomarkers**. Because intracellular metabolite pools are very environmental sensitive to changes in conditions preparation of representative samples is a challenging process. In this Master's Thesis a **novel** sample preparation device will be integrated into the current work flow with the aim to enable unbiased metabolite profiling of GBM at a medium throughput level. The project will be carried in cooperation with the HEALTH Institute, Joanneum Research and the Institute of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry, MedUni Graz.

Methods involved

- Adherent cultivation of Glioblastoma cell lines
- Validation of sample preparation device
- Intracellular metabolite profiling using LC/MS-based techniques

Start of Thesis

• At any time

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