## **Supplementary Material**

## Preliminary comparative deep-metabolomic analysis of spermatozoa from zebu and crossbred cattle suggests associations between metabolites, sperm quality and fertility

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Bolded text in left-hand column indicates the selected '11 differentially expressed metabolites' (per Results

| Compounds  | Fold Change | log2(FC) |
|--|-------------|----------|
| Hexachlorobenzene  | 637.03      | 9.32     |
| Guanosine 2',3'-cyclic phosphate   | 216.38      | 7.76     |
| 4-2R,3S,4R,5R-5-6-amino-9H-purin-9-yl-4-hydroxy-3-   |             |          |
| phosphonooxyoxolan-2-  |             |          |
| ylmethoxy hydroxy phosphory loxy hydroxy phosphory loxy - 2-hydroxy - N-2-hydroxy -    | 154.38      | 7.27     |
| $\label{eq:2-2-4-} 2-2-4-, hydroxy phenylacetyl sulfanylethyl-C-hydroxy carbonimid oylethyl-C-hydroxy carbonimid oylethyl-C-h$ |             |          |
| 3,3-dimethylbutanimidic acid   |             |          |
| p1,p6-Bis5'-adenosylhexaphosphate  | 141.60      | 7.15     |
| Nitroprusside  | 117.12      | 6.87     |
| 2,4,6-Tribromophenol   | 82.21       | 6.36     |
| beta-D-Glucosyl-N-docosanoylsphingosine  | 79.50       | 6.31     |
| Guanosine 3'-diphosphate 5'-triphosphate   | 65.53       | 6.03     |
| Cefalotin  | 64.30       | 6.01     |
| 17Z-N-4Z-1-2R,3R,4R,5R,6R-3,4-dihydroxy-6-hydroxymethyl-5-   |             |          |
| 2R,3R,4S,5R,6R-3,4,5-trihydroxy-6-hydroxymethyloxan-2-yloxyoxan-2-   | 60.73       | 5.92     |
| yloxy-3-hydroxyoctadec-4-en-2-ylhexacos-17-enimidic acid   |             |          |
| Sedoheptulose 1,7-bisphosphate   | 47.73       | 5.58     |
| gamma-Hexachlorocyclohexane  | 31.74       | 4.99     |
| 5-Diphosphoinositol pentakisphosphate  | 10.20       | 3.35     |
| Acrylyl-CoA  | 7.18        | 2.84     |
| Methoxyflurane   | 6.30        | 2.65     |
| dUDP   | 6.30        | 2.65     |
| Tricosane  | 5.54        | 2.47     |
| N-4Z-1-2R,3R,4R,5R,6R-3,4-dihydroxy-6-hydroxymethyl-5-   |             |          |
| 2R,3R,4S,5R,6R-3,4,5-trihydroxy-6-hydroxymethyloxan-2-yloxyoxan-2-   | 3.50        | 1.81     |
| yloxy-3-hydroxyoctadec-4-en-2-yltetracosanimidic acid  |             |          |
| Adrenorphin  | 3.48        | 1.80     |
| 2-5-hydroxy-6-hydroxymethyl-2-10,16,20-tetramethyl-22-   |             |          |
| azahexacyclo12.10.0.0,0,0,0,tetracos-4-en-7-yloxy-4-3,4,5-trihydroxy-6-  | 3.46        | 1.79     |
| hydroxymethyloxan-2-yloxyoxan-3-yloxy-6-methyloxane-3,4,5-triol  |             |          |
| Glu-glu  | 3.07        | 1.62     |
| Flecainide   | 3.07        | 1.62     |
| Amantadine   | 2.89        | 1.53     |

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3-Nitropropanoic acid

| Halothane  | 2.63 | 1.39  |
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| 3,5-Diiodo-4-hydroxyphenylpyruvic acid   | 2.55 | 1.35  |
| 1,1,1-Trichloroethane  | 2.52 | 1.34  |
| Pentachlorophenol  | 2.52 | 1.34  |
| Labetalol  | 2.34 | 1.22  |
| PE200/2055Z,8Z,11Z,14Z,17Z   | 2.16 | 1.11  |
| 14-Dichlorobenzene   | 2.03 | 1.02  |
| Cefotetan  | 0.49 | -1.02 |
| Purine   | 0.32 | -1.63 |
| Hydroxymethylbilane  | 0.26 | -1.96 |
| L-Cysteine   | 0.06 | -4.04 |
| 1D-Myo-inositol 1,2-cyclic phosphate   | 0.06 | -4.04 |
| CerD181/260  | 0.05 | -4.23 |
| PC150/1619Z  | 0.05 | -4.44 |
| Levomethadyl acetate   | 0.04 | -4.63 |
| Acetyl-CoA   | 0.03 | -5.00 |
| Trichloroethene  | 0.03 | -5.09 |
| Phytosphingosine   | 0.02 | -5.52 |
| Thiabendazole  | 0.02 | -5.63 |
| Nadph  | 0.02 | -5.64 |
| 2-3-docosanoyloxy-2-1Z,11Z-octadeca-1,11-dien-1-yloxypropyl  | 0.01 | -6.44 |
| phosphonatooxyethyltrimethylazanium  | 0.01 |       |
| 2R-4-2-3-4-2R,3S,4R,5R-5-6-amino-9H-purin-9-yl-4-hydroxy-3-  |      |       |
| phosphonooxyoxolan-2-  |      |       |
| ylmethoxy hydroxy phosphory loxy hydroxy phosphory loxy - 1, 2-dihydroxy | 0.01 | -6.51 |
| $\label{eq:2.1} 3, 3-dimethyl butylide neamino-1-hydroxy propylide neaminoethyl sulfanyl-2-$   |      |       |
| benzyl-4-oxobutanoic acid  |      |       |
| 7,8-Dihydropteroic acid  | 0.01 | -6.99 |
| Meconic acid   | 0.01 | -7.33 |
| Trichloroacetic acid   | 0.01 | -7.45 |

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