

Effect of the 2020 lockdown during Covid-19 pandemic on the biomarkers of exposure to urban pollutants and oxidative stress in Rome residents

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Supplementary Table S1. Descriptive statistic of 28 urinary elements (µg/g creatinine) on 29 pairs of matched samples

Elements	year 2020							year 2021					p-value ^d
	LOD ^a	LOQ ^b	mean	SD ^c	median	min	max	mean	SD ^c	median	min	max	
As	2	8	122	289	36	4	1524	54	73	23	2	311	ns
B	30	120	1650	910	1390	377	4220	2150	1500	1740	736	8060	*
Ba	3	9	4.9	3.3	3.7	0.6	13.2	4.9	4.7	3.7	0.5	25.1	ns
Be	0.02	0.08	<0.02	-	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02	-	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02	nd
Bi	0.01	0.03	0.02	0.05	0.01	<0.01	0.25	<0.01	-	<0.01	<0.01	0.03	ns
Ca	500	2000	198000	120000	172000	36086	504000	175000	120000	147000	29300	582000	ns
Cd	0.04	0.1	0.22	0.16	0.20	<0.04	0.69	0.24	0.16	0.20	<0.04	0.70	ns
Co	0.05	0.2	0.56	0.45	0.37	0.09	1.85	0.87	0.57	0.79	0.12	2.90	*
Cr	0.2	0.6	5.2	3.5	4.1	1.0	15.6	5.7	4.6	4.2	1.2	24.5	ns
Cs	0.01	0.03	19	21	13	3	94	25	29	14	4	105	ns
Cu	0.4	1	30	18	24	8	90	40	27	29	16	119	*
Fe	1	4	18	12	13	3	48	18.6	8.5	16	7	38	ns
Hg	0.03	0.09	0.62	0.41	0.49	0.13	1.71	0.69	0.48	0.51	0.14	2.14	ns
K	700	2500	1320000	830000	1010000	158000	3780000	1580000	900000	1310000	348000	4400000	ns
Li	0.04	0.1	27	37	13	3	182	22	19	14	3	71	ns
Mg	5	20	92820	43900	81100	37900	225000	90600	45200	83200	35300	241000	ns
Mn	5	20	<5	-	<5	<5	<5	<5	-	<5	<5	<5	nd
Mo	0.6	2	53	44	39	11	178	44	34	38	7	148	ns
Na	30	90	2550000	1900000	1860000	547000	950000	2460000	1700000	2080000	51700	8760000	ns
Ni	0.6	2	6.2	3.4	5.5	1.7	17.8	6.5	3.1	5.7	2.7	15.5	ns
Pb	0.04	0.1	1.2	1.1	0.8	0.2	4.4	1.0	0.5	1.0	0.3	2.3	ns
Rb	0.07	0.2	967	520	857	238	2050	1160	680	995	256	2740	ns
Sb	0.01	0.04	6.9	5.1	4.7	0.8	21.7	8.9	5.7	7.6	1.2	25.6	*

Se	1	3	34	16	33	15	79	33	16	29	16	76	ns
Sn	0.04	0.1	0.8	2.0	0.3	0.1	10.4	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.1	1.0	ns
Sr	0.5	2	199	100	168	59	538	195	120	184	40	619	ns
Te	0.2	0.5	15	33	5	0.4	179	13	16	7	2	76	ns
Tl	0.001	0.005	6.5	7.5	4.2	0.2	26.6	9.9	9.7	6.4	0.6	39.5	ns
V	0.3	1	1.6	2.4	0.3	0.3	9.0	0.9	1.5	0.3	0.3	6.5	ns
Zn	3	9	345	200	315	88	1160	394	200	323	91	791	ns

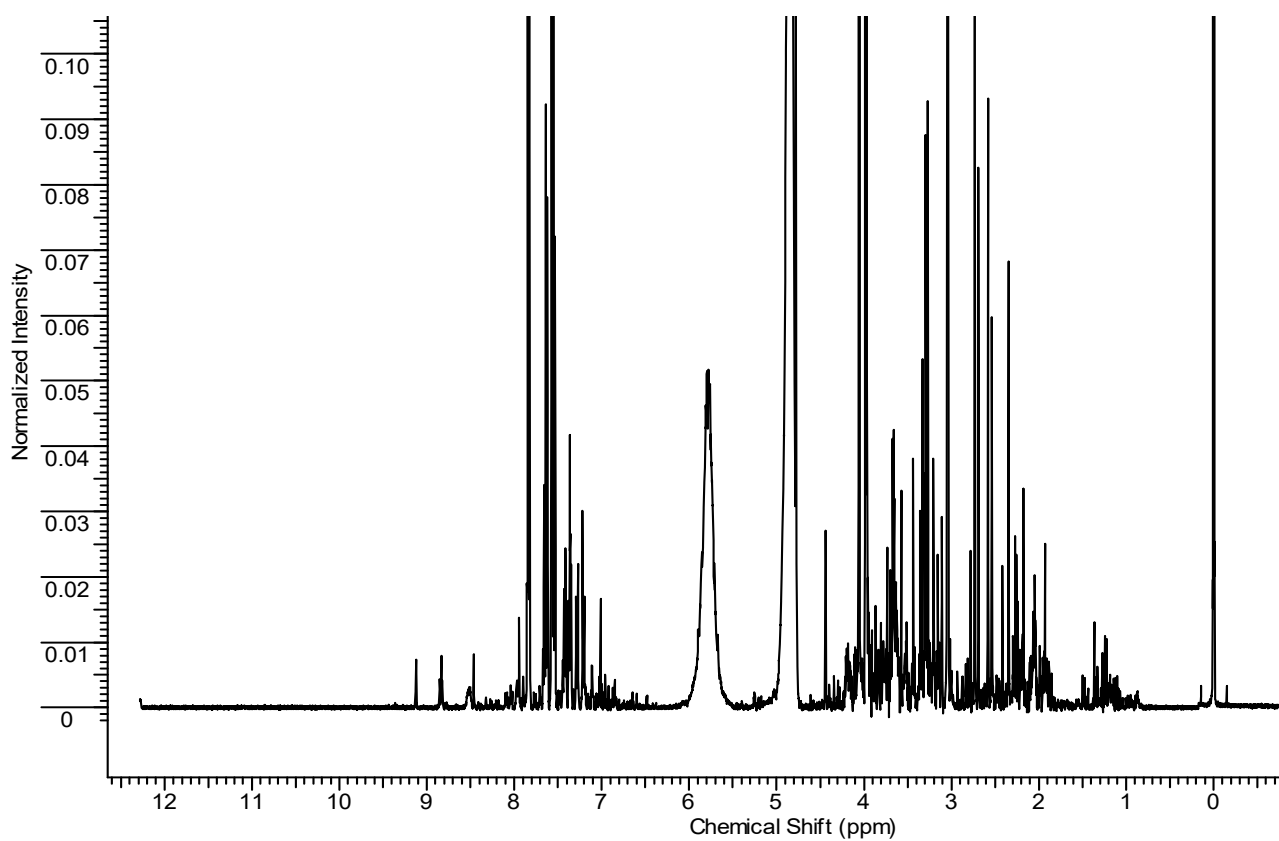
^a LOD, limit of determination

^b LOQ, limit of quantification

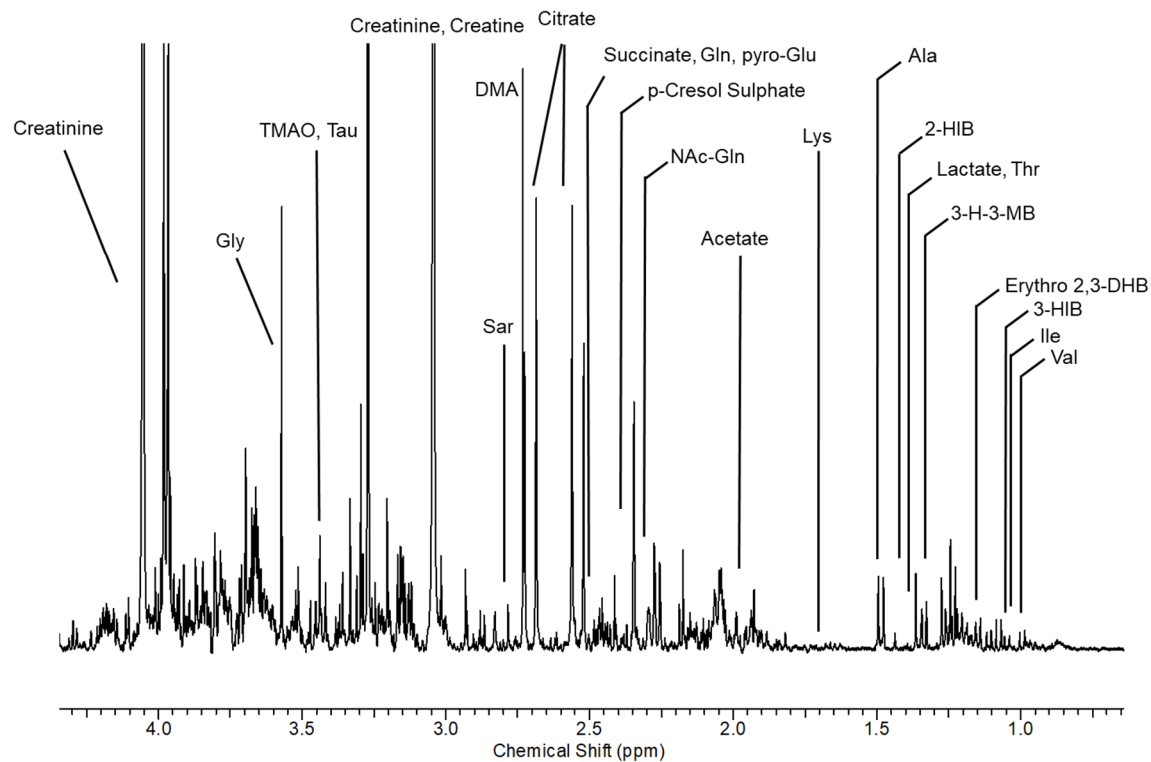
^c SD, standard deviation

^d Paired Student's t test was applied: "nd" = not determined; "ns" = not significant at $p > 0.05$; "*" = significant at $p < 0.05$. Numbers in bold in the same row indicate significant differences ($p < 0.05$).

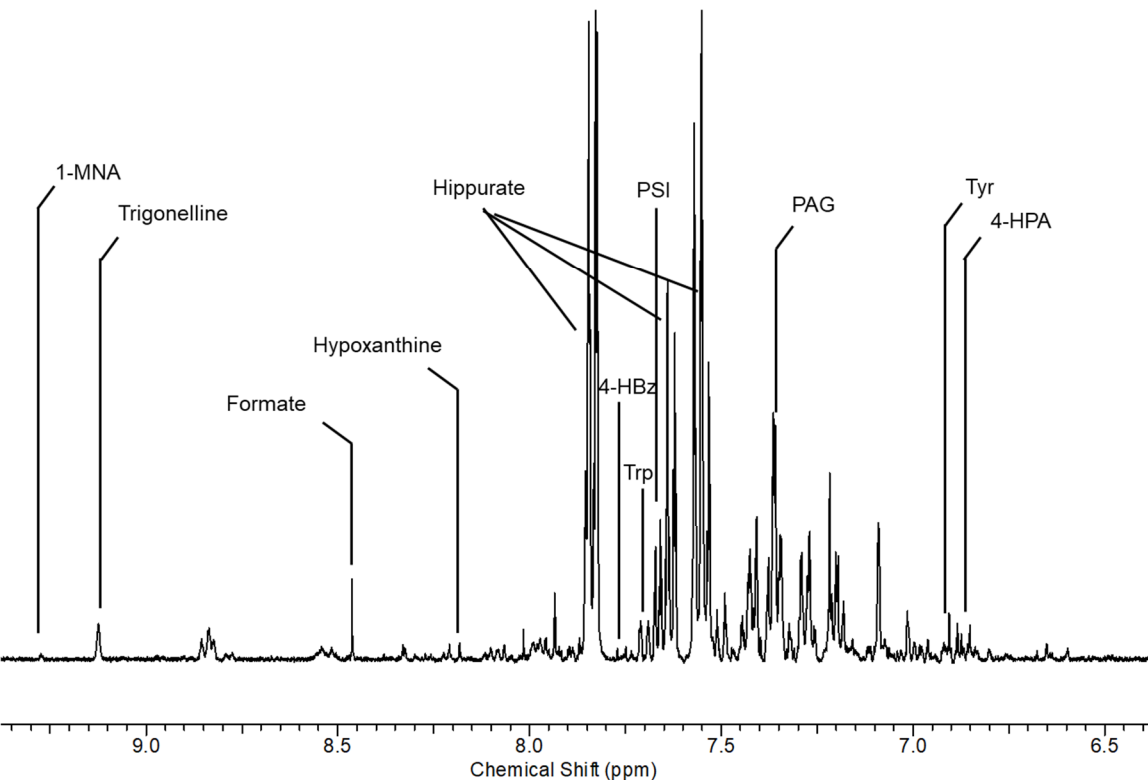
Supplementary Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectrum of urine



Supplementary Figure S2. ^1H NMR spectrum of urine, spectral region 1 – 4 ppm.

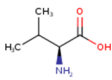
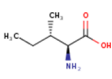
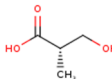
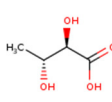
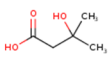
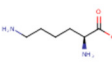
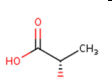

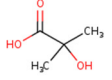
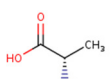
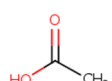


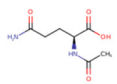
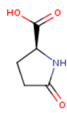
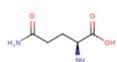
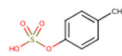
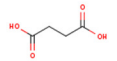
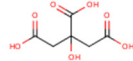
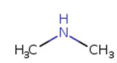
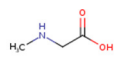
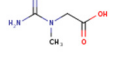
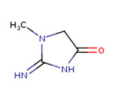
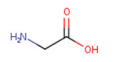
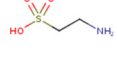
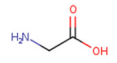
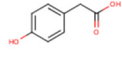
Supplementary Figure S3. ^1H NMR spectrum of urine, spectral region 6.5 – 9.5 ppm.

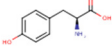
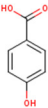
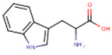
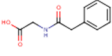
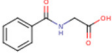
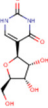
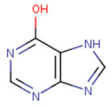
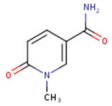

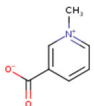
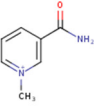


Supplementary Table S2. ¹H NMR assignment of urinary metabolites.

bs: broad singlet; d: doublet; dd: double doublet; m: multiplet; pd: pseudo doublet; q: quartet; s: singlet, t: triplet.

Metabolite	Structure	¹ H δ ppm	Multiplicity	Assignment
1. Valine (Val)		0.99 1.05	d d	CH ₃ CH ₃ '
2. Isoleucine (Ile)		0.92 1.01 1.99	t d	CH ₃ CH ₃ CH
3. 3-Hydroxyisobutyrate (3-HIB)		1.07 2.49 3.54 3.71	d	CH ₃
4. Erythro-2,3-dihydroxybutyrate (Erythro-2,3-DHB)		1.11 4.19	d m	CH ₃ CH
5. 3-Hydroxy-3-methylbutyrate (3-H-3-MB)		1.27	s	CH ₃ , CH ₃ '
6. Lysine (Lys)		1.48 1.71 1.89 3.02 3.74	m m m m m	CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH
7. Lactate		1.33 4.11	d q	CH ₃ CH
8. Threonine (Thr)		1.33 3.59 4.26	d d m	CH ₃ α-CH β-CH
9. 2-Hydroxyisobutyrate (2-HIB)		1.36	s	CH ₃ , CH ₃ '
10. Alanine (Ala)		1.49 3.78	d q	CH ₃ α-CH
11. Acetate		1.93	s	CH ₃

12. N-acetylglutamine (NAcGln)		1.95 2.12 2.27 4.18 7.97	m bs	CH₂
13. Pyroglutamate (pyro-Glu)		2.03 2.40 2.50 4.19	m m m dd	CH₂ CH CH CH
14. Glutamine (Gln)		2.13 2.46 3.78	m m t	CH₂ CH₂ CH
15. p-Cresol sulphate		2.35 7.21 7.28	bs dd dd	CH₃ CH, CH' CH, CH'
16. Succinate		2.41	s	CH₂, CH₂'
17. Citrate		2.54 2.69	d d	CH, CH' CH, CH'
18. Dimethylamine (DMA)		2.73	s	CH₃, CH₃'
19. Sarcosine (Sar)		2.78	s	CH₃
20. Creatine		3.05 3.95	s s	CH₃ CH₂
21. Creatinine		3.03 4.05	s s	CH₃ CH₂
22. Trimethylamine N-Oxide (TMAO)		3.27	s	CH₃ CH₂
23. Taurine (Tau)		3.27 3.43	t t	CH₂ CH₂
24. Glycine (Gly)		3.57	s	CH₂
25. 4-Hydroxyphenylacetate (4-HPA)		6.87 7.17	dd dd	CH, CH CH, CH

26. Tyrosine (Tyr)		6.90 7.18	dd dd	2-CH,6-CH 3-CH,5-CH
27. 4-Hydroxybenzoate (4-HBz)		6.97 7.76	dd dd	2-CH,6-CH 3-CH,5-CH
28. Tryptophan (Trp)		7.20 7.27- 7.29- 7.50 7.70	- - - pd pd	3-CH 2-CH 5-CH 4-CH
29. Phenylacetylglycine (PAG)		7.36 7.39 7.42	m m m	3,5-CH 4-CH 2,6-CH
30. Hippurate (Hipp)		3.97 7.55 7.64 7.83	d m m m	CH2 3,5-CH 4-CH 2,6-CH
31. Pseudouridine (PSI)		7.67	bs	CH
32. Hypoxanthine (HX)		8.19 8.21	s s	2-CH 7-CH
33. N1-Methyl-2-pyridone-5-carboxamide (2PY)		3.64 6.67 7.98 8.33	s d d dd	N-CH ₃ 3-CH 4-CH 6-CH
34. Formate		8.46	s	CH
35. U01		8.06 8.54 8.78	 d	 6-CH
36. Trigonelline (Trig)		4.44 8.08 8.84 9.12	s m m s	N-CH ₃ 5-CH 4,6-CH 2-CH
37. 1-MNA		8.17 8.89 8.96 9.28	t d d s	5-CH 4-CH 6-CH 2-CH