

Dynamic <sup>13</sup>C triglyceride incorporation in isolated beating mouse heart

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## **Field strength:** 14 ⊤

## Why is this your favorite spectrum?

This experiment combines classic cardiac physiology experiments with <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectroscopy. It requires removing a heart from a mouse, cannulating the aorta to a custom-built perfusion system, securing the heart inside a 10 mm NMR tube, and inserting the tube into the NMR, all the while keeping the heart oxygenated, supplied with nutrients, and temperature controlled. The spectra were acquired by supplementing <sup>13</sup>C uniformly labeled long-chain fatty acids in the perfusate. This stacked plot represents a two-hour experiment, suggesting a constant incorporation of fatty acids into the cardiac triglyceride storage pool!