

Supplementary Materials

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Table S1. Demographic data in BC, BE, and HC.

Characteristics	HC	BE	BC
<b>No. of subjects (n)</b>	68	56	53
<b>Age</b>			
Mean ± SD	34 ± 9.63	40 ± 11.92	52 ± 11.80
<b>Race n (%)</b>			
Malay	64 (94.1)	51 (91.1)	46 (86.8)
Non- malay	4 (5.9)	5 (8.9)	7 (13.2)
<b>Cancer stages n (%)</b>			
Stage 0			2 (3.8)
Stage 1			5 (9.4)
Stage 2			19 (35.8)
Stage 3			12 (22.6)
Stage 4			15 (28.3)
<b>Estrogen Receptor n (%)</b>			
Positive			35 (66.0)
Negative			18 (34.0)
<b>Progesterone Receptor n (%)</b>			
Positive			28 (52.8)
Negative			25 (47.2)
<b>HER status n (%)</b>			
Positive			18 (34.0)
Negative			35 (66.0)

Table S2. Important features identified by t-tests values, p-values (threshold <0.05), logarithmic p-values, and False Discovery Rate (FDR) parameters calculated for the most statistically significant compounds.

BC versus HC

Metabolite	t.stat	p.value	-LOG10(p)	FDR
Kynurenate	9.938	<0.001*	15.511	<0.001*
Acetate	8.5673	<0.001*	12.629	<0.001*
2-HBA	7.6029	<0.001*	10.621	<0.001*
Glucose	7.1121	<0.001*	9.6169	<0.001*
Pyruvate	6.3532	<0.001*	8.1003	<0.001*
Glycine	5.8074	<0.001*	7.0466	<0.001*
Tyrosine	5.7917	<0.001*	7.0168	<0.001*
Glycerol	5.7232	<0.001*	6.8873	<0.001*
Acetoacetate	5.5223	<0.001*	6.5116	<0.001*
Glutamine	4.4	<0.001*	4.5363	0.000157
Succinate	4.3648	<0.001*	4.4783	0.000176
Hydroxykynurenine	4.1347	<0.001*	4.1058	0.000395
Citrate	4.1201	<0.001*	4.0825	0.000408

Choline	4.0557	<0.001*	3.9805	0.000488
Acetone	4.0539	0.000105	3.9777	0.000488
Myo-inositol	3.987	0.000134	3.8729	0.000602
Phenylalanine.1	3.8403	0.000226	3.6468	0.000985
Valine	3.5848	0.000542	3.2659	0.002238
Creatinine	3.47	0.000794	3.1	0.003005
Alanine	3.126	0.002372	2.6249	0.008546
Methylmalonate	3.0399	0.003082	2.5112	0.0106
Dimethylsulfone	2.9513	0.004015	2.3964	0.013402
GPC	-2.8725	0.005056	2.2962	0.016163
Acetoin.1	2.8301	0.005714	2.243	0.018015
Lactate	2.7997	0.006232	2.2054	0.018951
Malonate	2.7869	0.006464	2.1895	0.019305
Acetylglucosamine	2.7292	0.007607	2.1188	0.022426
Methylhistidine	-2.5993	0.010882	1.9633	0.030823

*BE versus HC*

Metabolite	t.stat	p.value	-LOG10(p)	FDR
Acetone	-5.6561	<0.001*	6.7704	<0.001*
Glucose	4.8689	<0.001*	5.3392	0.00024
Alanine	4.7449	<0.001*	5.1236	0.000286
Methylmalonate	-4.0598	0.000102	3.9901	0.001794
Formate	-3.9794	0.000137	3.8639	0.002228
Threonine	-3.9229	0.000167	3.7762	0.002457
Glutamine	-3.8976	0.000183	3.7372	0.002457
Acetate	3.8738	0.000199	3.7007	0.002523
Methylhistidine	-3.2958	0.00139	2.8569	0.013206
Glycerol	-3.151	0.002189	2.6597	0.019967
Phenylalanine	-3.0842	0.002687	2.5707	0.021126
3-HBA	-3.0619	0.002876	2.5412	0.021857
Succinate	-3.0065	0.003398	2.4688	0.02499

*BE versus BC*

Metabolite	t.stat	p.value	-LOG10(p)	FDR
Glycerol	-9.9221	<0.001*	15.704	<0.001*
Acetone	-9.3346	<0.001*	14.436	<0.001*
2-HBA	-9.1836	<0.001*	14.109	<0.001*
Choline	-8.4984	<0.001*	12.635	<0.001*
Tyrosine	-8.4727	<0.001*	12.58	<0.001*
Threonine	-7.652	<0.001*	10.835	<0.001*
Glutamine	-7.4254	<0.001*	10.36	<0.001*
Glucose	-7.1436	<0.001*	9.7729	<0.001*
Phenylalanine	-6.9239	<0.001*	9.32	<0.001*
Succinate	-6.8707	<0.001*	9.2111	<0.001*
Kynurenate	-6.2148	<0.001*	7.8901	<0.001*
Citrate	-5.885	<0.001*	7.2449	<0.001*

Dimethylsulfone	-5.7696	<0.001*	7.0227	<0.001*
Acetoacetate	-5.2178	<0.001*	5.9881	<0.001*
Myo-inositol	-5.0877	<0.001*	5.7516	<0.001*
Glycine	-5.0261	<0.001*	5.6407	<0.001*
Methylmalonate	-5.0024	<0.001*	5.5982	<0.001*
Acetate	-4.8411	<0.001*	5.312	<0.001*
Creatinine	-4.6888	<0.001*	5.0463	<0.001*
3-HBA	-4.4818	<0.001*	4.693	<0.001*
Pyruvate	-4.4138	<0.001*	4.579	0.000107
Hydroxykynurenine	-4.3515	<0.001*	4.4754	0.000134
Acetylglucosamine	-4.336	<0.001*	4.4497	0.000137
Malonate	-4.2269	<0.001*	4.2707	0.0002
Creatine	-3.8584	0.000206	3.687	0.000721
Valine	-3.3578	0.001124	2.9493	0.00366
Lysine	3.0862	0.002642	2.578	0.008253
Formate	-2.5862	0.01119	1.9512	0.030372

\*Strongly significant *p*-value <0.001

**Table S3.** Assignment of metabolites in BC, BE, and HC based on <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopic data.

No.	HMDB ID	Metabolite	<sup>1</sup> H NMR characteristic signal(s)
1	HMDB00001	1-Methylhistidine	8.03 (s), 7.13 (s), 3.16 (m, overlap), 3.07 (m, overlap)
2	HMDB00008	2-Hydroxybutyrate (2-HBA)	4.00 (m, overlap), 1.71 (m), 1.58 (m), 0.89 (t, overlap)
3	HMDB00042	Acetate	1.92 (s)
4	HMDB00060	Acetoacetate	2.25 (s)
5	HMDB00062	L-Carnitine	3.22 (s)
6	HMDB00064	Creatine	3.03 (s), 3.93 (s)
7	HMDB00094	Citrate	2.69 (d, J= 16.0 Hz), 2.53 (d, J= 16.0 Hz)
8	HMDB00097	Choline	3.17 (s)
9	HMDB00122	D-Glucose	5.23 (d, J=3.5 Hz), 4.64 (d, J= 8.0 Hz), 3.71-3.80 (m), 3.40-3.53 (m)
10	HMDB00123	Glycine	3.58 (s)
11	HMDB00131	Glycerol	3.65 (m), 3.58 (m)
12	HMDB00142	Formate	8.46 (s)
13	HMDB00148	L-Glutamate	2.33 (m), 2.12 (m, overlap), 2.04 (m, overlap)
14	HMDB00157	Hypoxanthine	8.20 (s), 8.18 (s)
15	HMDB00158	L-Tyrosine	7.19 (d, J= 8.0 Hz), 6.89 (d, J= 8.0 Hz)
16	HMDB00159	L-Phenylalanine	7.43 (m), 7.37 (m), 7.32 (m)
17	HMDB00161	L-Alanine	1.48 (d, J= 7.0 Hz)
18	HMDB00167	L-Threonine	4.25 (m)
19	HMDB00172	L-Isoleucine	1.01 (d, J=7.0 Hz), 0.92 (t, overlap)
20	HMDB00177	L-Histidine	7.84 (s), 7.08 (s)
21	HMDB00182	Lysine	3.02 (t, overlap), 1.92 (m), 1.73 (m), 1.50 (m)
22	HMDB00187	L-Serine	3.99 (m), 3.94 (m)
23	HMDB00190	L-Lactate	4.11 (m), 1.33 (d, J= 7.0 Hz)
24	HMDB00191	L-Aspartate	3.89 (m, overlap), 2.80 (dd, overlap), 2.70 (dd, J= 8.8, 17.2 Hz)

No.	HMDB ID	Metabolite	<sup>1</sup> H NMR characteristic signal(s)
25	HMDB00214	Ornithine	3.78 (m, overlap), 3.05 (t, J= 8.0 Hz), 1.94 (m), 1.82 (m), 1.73 (m, overlap)
26	HMDB00243	Pyruvate	2.38 (s)
27	HMDB00254	Succinate	2.40 (s)
28	HMDB00357	3-Hydroxybutyrate (3-HBA)	4.14 (m), 2.29 (m, overlap), 1.17 (d, J= 6.8 Hz)
29	HMDB00562	Creatinine	3.04 (s), 4.05 (s)
30	HMDB00641	L-Glutamine	2.46 (m), 2.14 (m)
31	HMDB00687	L-Leucine	0.97 (d, overlap), 0.95 (d, overlap)
32	HMDB00691	Malonate	3.11 (s)
33	HMDB00696	L-Methionine	2.64 (t, overlap), 2.13 (s, overlap)
34	HMDB00883	L-Valine	1.04 (d, J= 7.0 Hz), 0.99 (d, J=7.0 Hz)
35	HMDB01659	Acetone	2.18 (s)
36	HMDB04983	Dimethylsulfone	3.15 (s)
37	HMDB0000211	Myo-inositol	4.06 (s), 3.60 (m, overlap), 3.53 (m, overlap), 3.32 (m)
38	HMDB0000086	sn-Glycero-3-phosphocholine (GPC)	3.22(s)
39	HMDB0000202	Methylmalonate	3.17 (m, overlap), 1.20 (d, J= 6.4 Hz)
40	HMDB000043	Betaine	3.89 (br s, overlap), 3.24 (s)
41	HMDB0000803	N-Acetylglucosamine	5.18 (br s), 2.08 (s)
42	HMDB0000715	Kynurenate	7.86 (m), 7.54 (m), 6.95 (m)
43	HMDB0000732	3-Hydroxykynurenine	7.44 (m, overlap), 7.03 (br d), 6.73 (m)
44	HMDB0003243	Acetoin	2.23 (s), 1.37 (d, J=7.0 Hz)

**Table S4.** Variable important to the projection (VIP) values of OPLS-DA model of BC versus BE versus HC groups.

No	$\delta$ H	Metabolite	VIP value	CV-SE
1	0.89	Isoleucine	3.31	0.68
2	1.33	Lactate	3.24	0.55
3	3.78	Glucose	3.21	0.29
4	3.86	Glucose	3.09	0.30
5	3.65	Glycerol	2.30	0.66
6	3.25	Carnitine	2.24	0.46
7	0.93	Leucine	2.13	0.29
8	5.26	Glucose	2.07	0.27
9	3.21	GPC	2.01	0.54
10	1.17	3-HBA	1.96	0.54
11	4.66	Glucose	1.96	0.45
12	1.37	Acetoin	1.92	0.70
13	1.21	Methylmalonate	1.86	1.35
14	3.57	Glycine	1.77	0.23
15	2.13	Glutamine	1.73	0.81
16	0.97	Valine	1.62	0.28
17	1.49	Alanine	1.48	0.68
18	2.17	Acetone	1.47	0.55
19	2.05	Glutamate	1.26	0.80

20	1.73	2-HBA	1.23	0.28
21	3.05	Creatinine	1.09	0.48
22	2.25	Acetoacetate	0.98	0.57
23	1.05	Valine	0.92	0.26
24	2.41	Succinate	0.86	0.36
25	2.37	Pyruvate	0.86	0.45
26	4.14	Lactate	0.85	0.59
27	1.93	Acetate	0.84	0.18
28	3.01	Creatine	0.84	0.48
29	3.17	Choline	0.72	0.13

**Table S5.** Summary of the OPLS-DA model of BC versus BE versus HC groups.

Component	R2X	R2X (cum)	Eigenvalue	R2	R2Y (cum)	Q2	Limit	Q2 (cum)	Eigenvalue Y	Significance
Model		0.765			0.654			0.563		
Predictive		0.246			0.654			0.563		
P1	0.202	0.202	29.1	0.36	0.36	0.337	0.01	0.337	1.51	R1
P2	0.0441	0.246	6.35	0.294	0.654	0.227	0.01	0.563	1.49	R1
Orthogonal in X(OPLS)		0.52			0					
O1	0.196	0.196	28.2	0	0					R1
O2	0.206	0.402	29.7	0	0					R1
O3	0.0827	0.485	11.9	0	0					R1
O4	0.0345	0.52	4.97	0	0					R1

**Table S6.** CV-ANOVA of the OPLS-DA model of BC versus BE versus HC groups.

	SS	DF	MS	F	p	SD
<b>Total corr.</b>	286	286	1			1
<b>Regression</b>	170.602	24	7.10843	16.139	0	2.66616
<b>Residual</b>	115.398	262	0.440449			0.663664

**Table S7.** Summary of the OPLS-DA model of cancer versus healthy control.

Component	R2X	R2X(cum)	Eigenvalue	R2	R2Y (cum)	Q2	Limit	Q2 (cum)	Eigenvalue Y	Significance
Model		0.596			0.744			0.68		
Predictive		0.233			0.744			0.68		
P1	0.233	0.233	21.9	0.744	0.744	0.68	0.01	0.68	2	R1
Orthogonal in X(OPLS)		0.363			0					
O1	0.202	0.202	19	0	0					R1
O2	0.161	0.363	15.1	0	0					R1

**Table S8.** CV-ANOVA of the OPLS-DA model of BC versus HC.

	SS	DF	MS	F	p	SD
<b>Total corr.</b>	93	93	1			1
<b>Regression</b>	63.2152	6	10.5359	30.7747	1.47566e-019	3.2459
<b>Residual</b>	29.7848	87	0.342354			0.58511

**Table S9.** Summary of the OPLS-DA model of BE versus HC.

Component	R2X	R2X (cum)	Eigenvalue	R2	R2Y (cum)	Q2	Limit	Q2 (cum)	Eigenvalue Y	Significance
Model		0.406			0.693			0.596		
Predictive		0.0805			0.693			0.596		
P1	0.0805	0.0805	7.64	0.693	0.693	0.596	0.01	0.596	2	R1
Orthogonal in X(OPLS)		0.325			0					
O1	0.234	0.234	22.2	0	0					R1
O2	0.0916	0.325	8.7	0	0					R1

**Table S10.** CV-ANOVA of the OPLS-DA model of BE versus HC.

	SS	DF	MS	F	p	SD
<b>Total corr.</b>	94	94	1			1
<b>Regression</b>	55.9841	6	9.33068	21.5989	1.90004e-015	3.05462
<b>Residual</b>	38.0159	88	0.431999			0.657266

**Table S11.** Summary of the OPLS-DA model of BC versus BE.

Component	R2X	R2X (cum)	Eigenvalue	R2	R2Y (cum)	Q2	Limit	Q2 (cum)	Eigenvalue Y	Significance
Model		0.552			0.768			0.694		
Predictive		0.189			0.768			0.694		
P1	0.189	0.189	18.7	0.768	0.768	0.694	0.01	0.694	2	R1
Orthogonal in X(OPLS)		0.363			0					
O1	0.22	0.22	21.7	0	0					R1
O2	0.143	0.363	14.2	0	0					R1

**Table S12.** CV-ANOVA of the OPLS-DA model of BC versus BE.

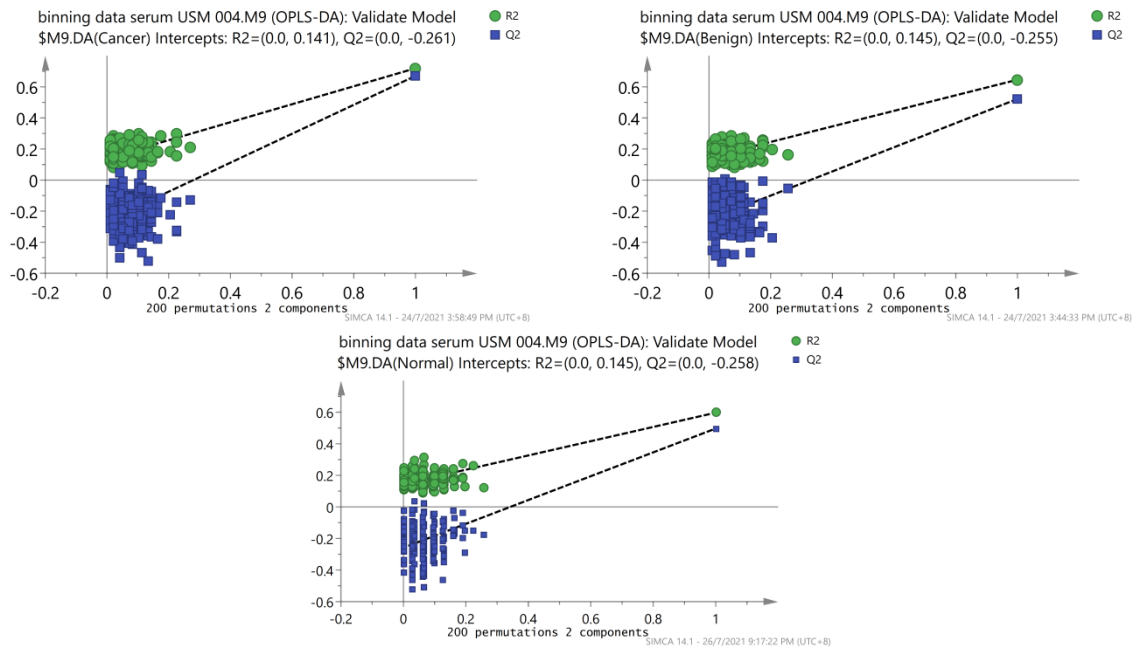
	SS	DF	MS	F	p	SD
<b>Total corr.</b>	98	98	1			1
<b>Regression</b>	68.0567	6	11.3428	34.8504	1.1406e-021	3.3679
<b>Residual</b>	29.9433	92	0.325471			0.570501

**Table S13.** All matched pathways according to the p values (threshold <0.05) from the pathway enrichment analysis and pathway impact values.

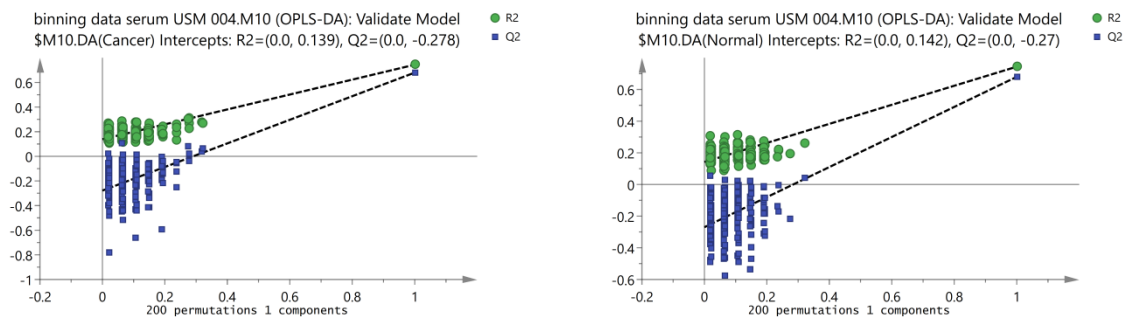
Pathway	Total	Expected	Hits	p value	FDR	Impact
Aminoacyl-tRNA biosynthesis	48	1.363	15	<0.001*	<0.001*	0.167
Glyoxylate and dicarboxylate metabolism	32	0.908	8	<0.001*	<0.001*	0.180
Alanine, aspartate and glutamate metabolism	28	0.795	7	<0.001*	0.000193	0.534
Glycine, serine and threonine metabolism	33	0.937	7	<0.001*	0.00047	0.513
Valine, leucine and isoleucine biosynthesis	8	0.227	4	<0.001*	0.000613	0.000
Arginine biosynthesis	14	0.397	4	0.0004603	0.006444	0.178
Butanoate metabolism	15	0.426	4	0.0006148	0.007377	0.111
Histidine metabolism	16	0.454	4	0.0008028	0.008429	0.221
Phenylalanine, tyrosine and tryptophan biosynthesis	4	0.114	2	0.0045588	0.038557	1.000
Valine, leucine and isoleucine degradation	40	1.136	5	0.0045901	0.038557	0.023
Glycolysis / Gluconeogenesis	26	0.738	4	0.0053571	0.040908	0.130
Synthesis and degradation of ketone bodies	5	0.142	2	0.007461	0.052227	0.600
Nitrogen metabolism	6	0.170	2	0.01099	0.065942	0.000
D-Glutamine and D-glutamate metabolism	6	0.170	2	0.01099	0.065942	0.500
Citrate cycle (TCA cycle)	20	0.568	3	0.017368	0.09726	0.169
Arginine and proline metabolism	38	1.079	4	0.02064	0.10836	0.209
Pyruvate metabolism	22	0.625	3	0.022553	0.11144	0.267
Phenylalanine metabolism	10	0.284	2	0.030672	0.14314	0.357
Glutathione metabolism	28	0.795	3	0.042636	0.18849	0.108

\*Strongly significant *p*-value <0.001

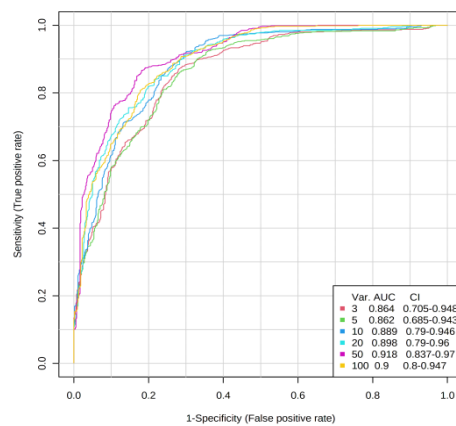
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**Figure S1.** Permutation test results of the OPLS-DA model of BC versus BE versus HC groups.

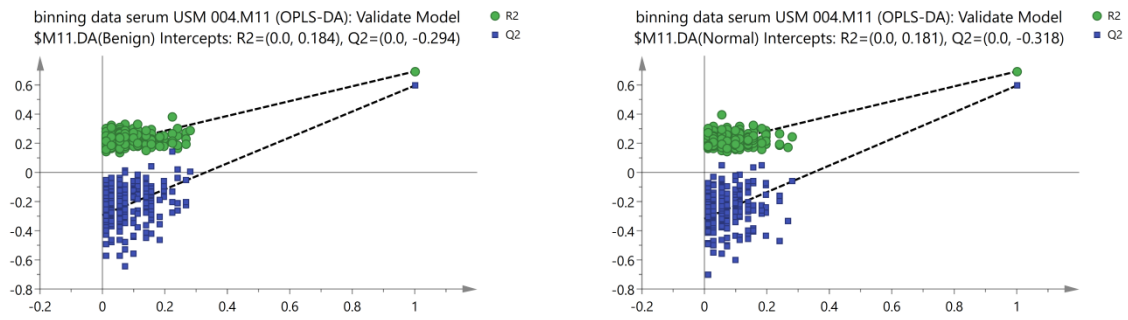


**Figure S2.** Permutation test results of the OPLS-DA model of BC versus HC.

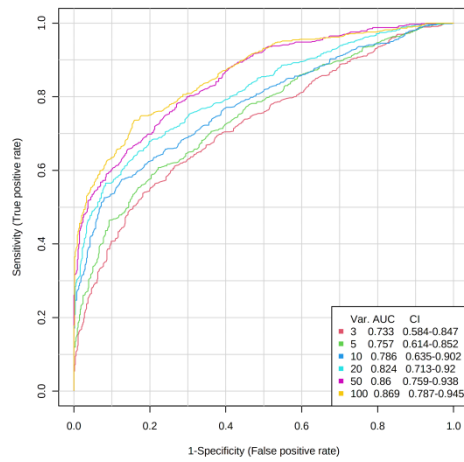


**Figure S3.** ROC curves based on the cross validation (CV) performance.

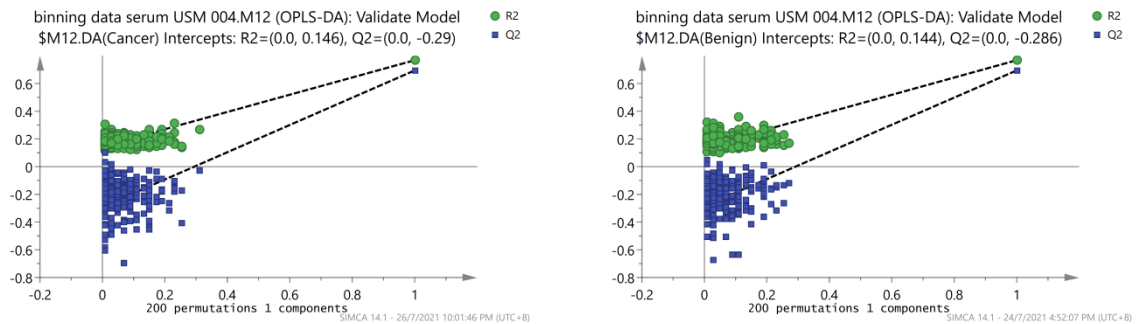




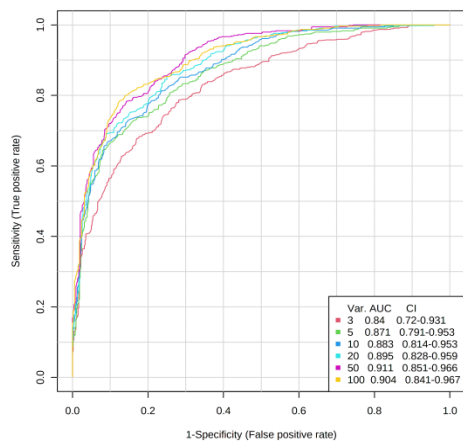
**Figure S4.** Permutation test results of the OPLS-DA model of BE versus HC.



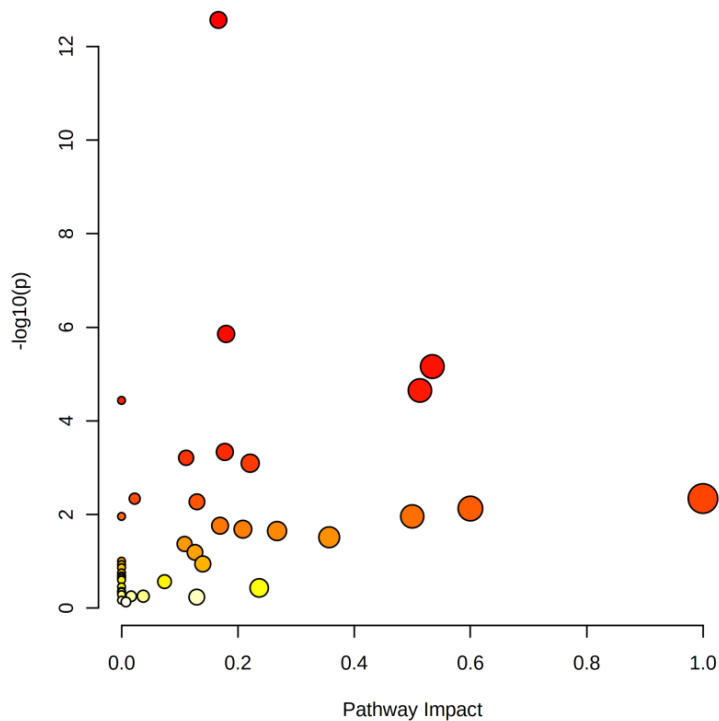
**Figure S5.** ROC curves based on the cross validation (CV) performance.



**Figure S6.** Permutation test results of the OPLS-DA model of BC versus BE.



**Figure S7.** ROC curves based on the cross validation (CV) performance.



**Figure S8.** Overview of pathway analysis.