

1      **Supplementary Information**

2      **Hypoxanthine is a metabolic biomarker for inducing GSDME-dependent  
3                    pyroptosis of endothelial cells during ischemic stroke**

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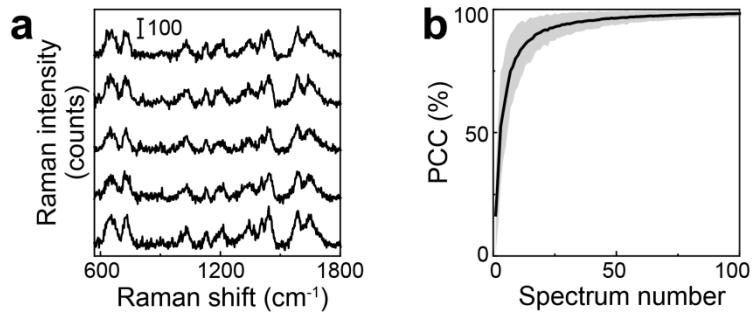
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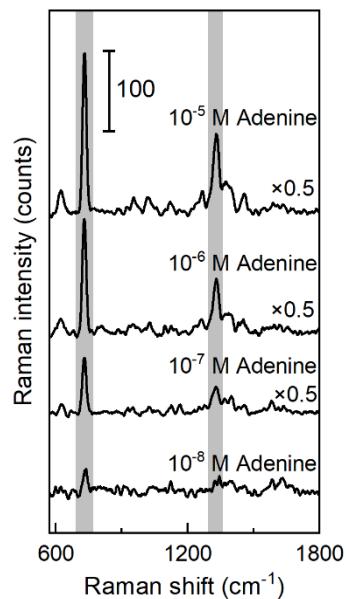
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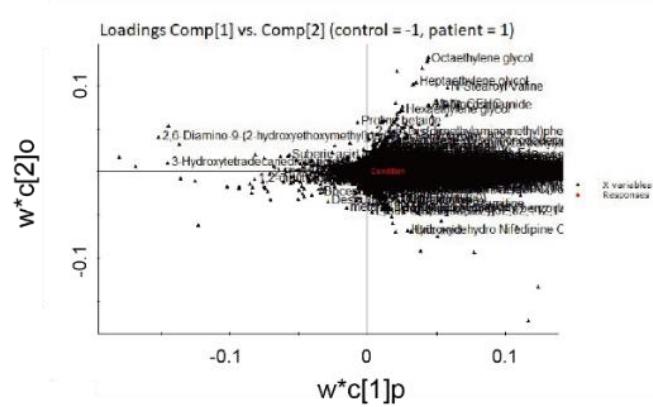
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2 **Figure S1. Estimation of spectrum number per measurement for robust SERS profiling.** (a) Signal  
3 fluctuation across successively acquired spectra in one measurement. (b) Pearson's correlation  
4 coefficient (PCC) versus the spectrum number per measurement. The black line for the mean value in  
5 all samples and the gray shade for the standard deviation ( $n = 120$ ).  
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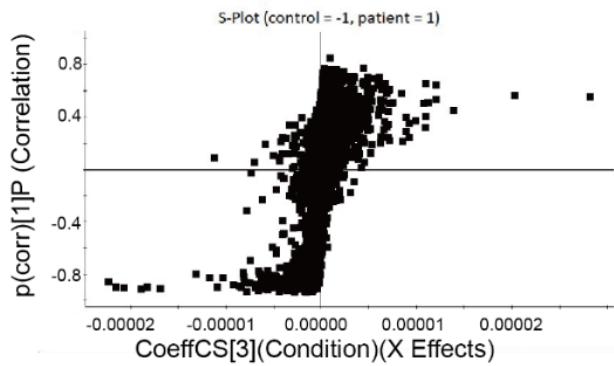


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2 **Figure S2. SERS spectra of adenine at different concentrations.** The intensity of the  
3 characteristic peak of adenine as indicated by the grey shade is positively correlated with the  
4 concentration, indicating the capability of quantification even down to 10<sup>-8</sup> M. While the peak  
5 position remains constant, validating the biomarker identification based on the characteristic  
6 peaks.  
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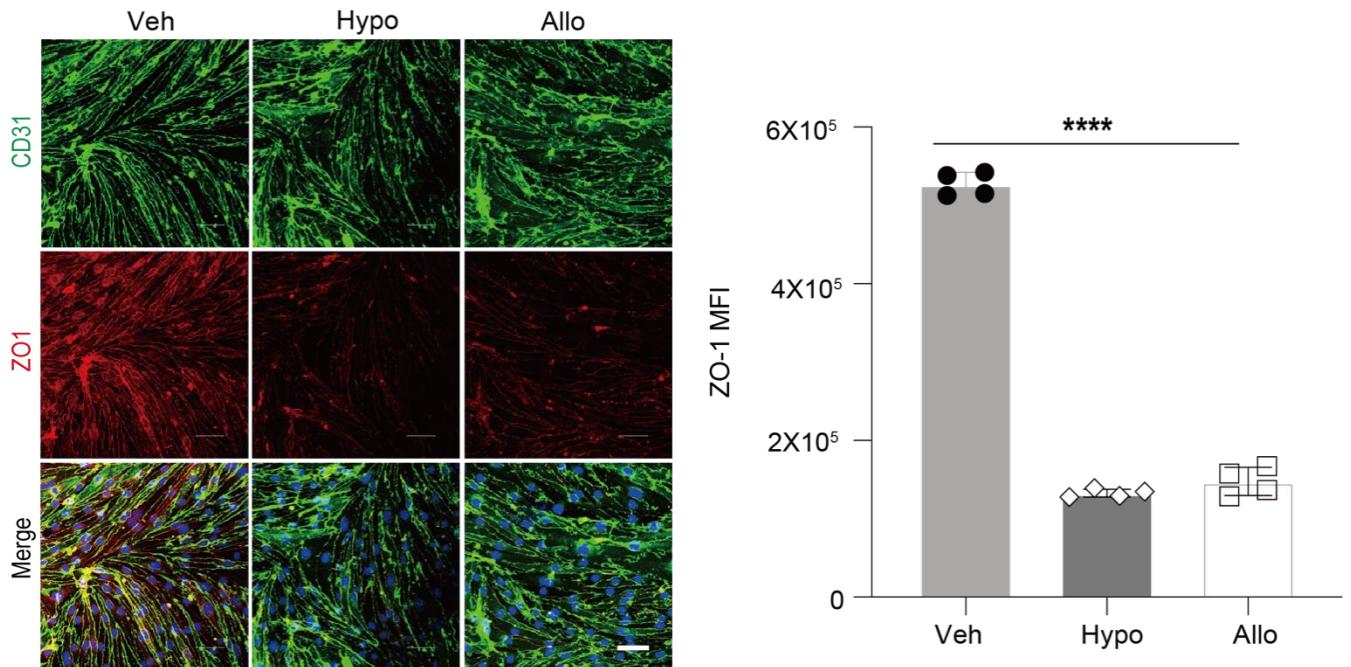


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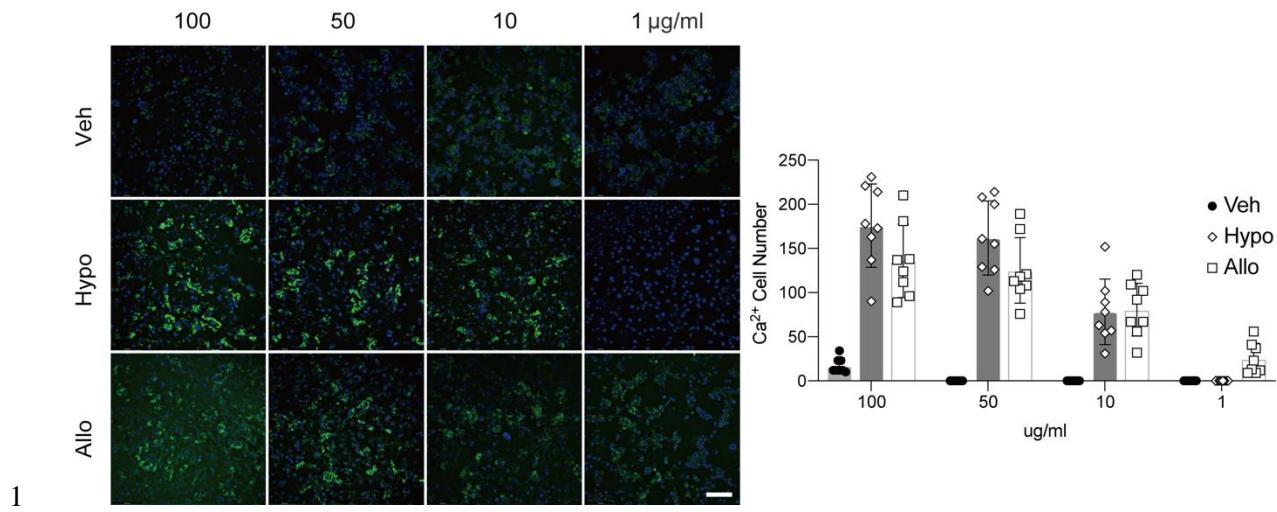
**Figure S3. Permutation test of OPLS-DA in Figure 2k.** The permutation plot displays the correlation coefficient between the original y variable and the permuted y variable on x axis versus the cumulative on the y axis, indicating the effective prediction ability.



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2 **Figure S4. Metabolite detection of human serum by the conventional HPLC-MS-MS in**  
3 **positive ion mode.** S-plots of the ischemic stroke group.  
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2 **Figure S5. Hypoxanthine treatment reduced the expression of tight junction protein ZO-  
3 1 in endothelial cells.** Immunostaining and quantification of tight junction protein ZO-1  
4 expression in endothelial cells treated with vehicle (Veh), hypoxanthine (Hypo) or allopurinol  
5 (Allo). Scale bar, 100  $\mu$ m. One-way ANOVA with Dunnett's multiple comparisons test. N =  
6 4. Data are mean  $\pm$  SD. \*\*\*:  $p < 0.0001$ , vs vehicle.



**Figure S6. Hypoxanthine and allopurinol induced intracellular  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  accumulation in endothelial cells in a dose-dependent manner.** Representative images of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  signal in bEnd.3 cells treated with different concentrations of vehicle, hypoxanthine, or allopurinol at 24 h after OGD. Scale bar, 100  $\mu\text{m}$ . Two-way ANOVA with Bonferroni multiple comparisons test. N = 8. Data are mean  $\pm$  SD.

1 **Table S1. Primer sequence.**

β-actin-F	5'-GGCTGTATTCCCCCTCCATCG-3'
β-actin-R	5'-CCAGTTGGTAACAATGCCATGT-3'
IL-1β-F	5'-AGAGCCCATCCTCTGTGACT-3'
IL-1β-R	5'-GCTCATATGGGTCCGACAGC-3'
IL-18-F	5'-GAECTTGCCTCAACTTCAAGG-3'
IL-18-R	5'-CAGGCTGTCTTGTCACCG-3'
caspase 3-F	5'-CTCTGGTTTCGGTGGGTGT-3'
caspase 3-R	5'-CTTCCATGTATGATCTTGGTTCC-3'
GSDMD-F	5'-TCTGCCCTAACACTTCTGG-3'
GSDMD-R	5'-TGCAGCCACAAATAACTCAGC-3'
GSDME-F	5'-TGCAACTTCTAAGTCTGGTGACC-3'
GSDME-R	5'-CTCCACAAACCACTGGACTGAG-3'

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3 **Table S2. Ischemic stroke patients information**

<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>Stroke (n=51)</b>	<b>Control (n=69)</b>	<b>P value</b>
Age, year median ± SD	74 ±11.309	50 ± 8.217	0.3192
Sex, male, n (%)	Male, 26 (51)	Male, 40 (58)	0.8973
<b>TOAST, n (%)</b>	LAA, 30(55.6) CE, 15 (27.8) SAO, 8 (14.8)	Ns	Ns
<b>Therapy</b>	tPA, 29 (57) Thrombectomy, 22 (42)	Ns	Ns
<b>Medical history</b>			
Previous stroke, n (%)	6 (11)	Ns	Ns
Hypertension, n (%)	38 (75)	30 (43)	0.3506
Diabetes Mellitus, n (%)	16 (31)	25 (36)	0.8156
Atrial fibrillation, n (%)	12 (23)	22 (22)	0.5001
<b>On admission</b>			
NIHSS score, median (SD)	9 (5.69)	Ns	Ns

4 SD (Standard Deviation); TOAST (Trial of Org 10172 in Acute Stroke Treatment); LAA  
 5 (large-artery atherosclerosis); CE (cardio embolism); SAO (small artery occlusion); SUE  
 6 (stroke of undemonstrated etiology); tPA (Tissue plasminogen activator); NIHSS (National  
 7 Institute of Health Stroke scale).

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1 **Table S3. Supplemental materials**

REAGENT or RESOURCE	SOURCE	IDENTIFIER
<b>Antibodies</b>		
Anti- Caspase 3 antibody	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat#9662
Anti- Cleaved Caspase-3 (Asp175) antibody	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat#9661
Anti-cleaved GSDME N-terminal	Abcam	Cat# ab222407
Anti- DFNA5/GSDME Ab antibody	Affinity Biosciences	Cat#AF4016
Anti- IL-1 B/IL1B Ab (B122)antibody	Santa Cruz	Cat#sc-12742
Anti-DFNA5/GSDME Ab antibody	Abcam	Cat#a ab21591
Anti- GSMDMDC1 AB (64-Y) antibody	Santa Cruz	Cat# sc-81868
Anti- Caspase-8 (1.1.40) antibody	Santa Cruz	Cat# sc-81656
Anti- Caspase-1 antibody	Santa Cruz	Cat# sc-56036
Anti- Caspase 1 rabbit pAb	Zenbio	Cat#342947
Anti- Cleaved-Caspase 1 rabbit pAb	Zenbio	Cat#341030
Anti- Cleaved-Caspase 3 rabbit pAb	Zenbio	Cat#R23727
Anti- Xanthine Oxidase antibody	Santa Cruz	Cat# sc-398548
Anti-Xanthine Oxidase [EPR4605]	Abcam	Cat#ab109235
Anti-ZO-1 antibody	Invitrogen	Cat#61-7300
Anti- CD31 antibody	R&D	Cat#AF3628
Anti-CD31 antibody	R&D	Cat#AF806
horseradish peroxidase-conjugated goat anti-rabbit IgG	HUABIO	Cat#HA1001
horseradish peroxidase-conjugated goat anti-mouse IgG	HUABIO	Cat#HA1006
horseradish peroxidase-conjugated rabbit anti-goat IgG	HUABIO	Cat#HA1005
Second antibodies donkey anti-mouse alexa fluor 594	Invitrogen	Cat#A21203
Second antibodies donkey anti-goat alexa fluor 647	Invitrogen	Cat#A21447
<b>Chemicals, peptides, and recombinant proteins</b>		
DMEM/F12	Gibco	Cat#11330-032
DMEM Ca2+ free medium	Gibco	Cat#21068028
Hypoxanthine	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat#H9337
Citrate trisodium (98%)	Aladdin	Cat#S189183
Silver nitrate (AR, 99.8%)	Aladdin	Cat# S116264

Cysteamine (95%)	Aladdin	Cat# C106461
Phenylalanine (HPLC, > 98.0%)	Aladdin	Cat# P103489
Hypoxanthine (99%)	Aladdin	Cat# H108384
Uric acid (99%)	Aladdin	Cat# U105582
Riboflavin (99.55%)	MedChemExpress	Cat#HY-B0456
Adenine (HPLC, ≥ 99.5%)	Macklin	Cat# A800685
Nicotinic acid (≥ 99%)	Yuanye	S13023
Mass spectrometry metabolite library	Sigma-Aldrich	MSMLS
8-Aminoguanine	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat#SML1856
Allopurinol	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat#A8003
JC-1(Synonyms:CBIC2)	MedChemExpress	Cat#HY-15534
Fluo-3AM	MedChemExpress	Cat#HY-D0716
penicillin/streptomycin	Meilunbio	Cat#MA0110-1
Accutase	STEMCELL	Cat#07920
poly-L-ornithine	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat#L4544
mTeSR™ medium	STEMCELL Technologies	Cat#85850
Matrigel	Corning	Cat#356231
ReleSR	STEMCELL	Cat#100-0484
Y-27632	STEMCELL Technologies	Cat#72308
Mesodermal induction medium[APEL2]	STEMCELL	Cat#05270
CHIR99021	STEMCELL	Cat#72054
VEGF	YEASEN	Cat#91502ES10
BMP4	YEASEN	Cat#92053ES10
bFGF	YEASEN	Cat#91330ES10
EGM medium	Lonza	Cat#CC-3162
Tamoxifen	MedChemExpress	Cat# HY-13757A
Tetrazolium chloride	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat#T-8877
TRI reagent	MRC	Cat#TR118
RIPA lysis buffer	EMD Millipore	Cat#20-188
phosphatase inhibitor cocktail	ROCHE	Cat#11697498001
Proteinase inhibitor cocktail	ROCHE	
<b>Critical commercial assays</b>		
Xanthine/Hypoxanthine Assay	Abcam	Cat#ab155900
Xanthine Oxidase Activity	Abcam	Cat#ab102522
Uric Acid Assay	Abcam	Cat# ab65344
Hifair II 1 <sup>st</sup> Strand cDNA Synthesis SuperMix for qPCR (gDNA digester plus)	YEASEN	Cat#11123ES60
Hieff qPCR SYBR Green master mix (High rox)	YEASEN	Cat#11203ES08
TRIzol reagent box	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#15596018

<b>Experimental models: Organisms</b>		
C57BL/6J mice	Beijing Charles River	N/A
<b>Software and algorithms</b>		
Lax		
ImageJ software	ImageJ	N/A
Prism v.7 software	GraphPad	N/A
Xcalibur 3.0	Thermo fisher Scientific	N/A
Progenesis QI v 2.3	Waters	N/A
Ezinfor V3.0.3	Umetrics	N/A
Python (version 3.9.16)	Python Software Foundation	N/A
LabSpec 6 (version 6.4.4.10)	Horiba Scientific	N/A
Matlab (version R2022b)	MathWorks	N/A

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1   **Table S5.** Mass spectrometry identified distinct serum metabolites between tMCAO  
2   mice and control (ANOVA,  $p < 0.05$ , fold change  $>1.25$ , OPSLSDA mode VIP  $>1$ ,  
3   coefficient of variation (CV)  $<30\%$ )  
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