Supporting Information For

Using Ambient Ozone for Assignment of Double Bond Position In Unsaturated Lipids

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Figure S1. (a) Positive ion DESI-MS spectrum acquired from PC (17:0/17:0) and (b) negative ion DESI-MS spectrum acquired from PS (17:0/17:0) following deposition onto PTFE coated slide and exposure to laboratory air for 2 hours prior to analysis. As expected no ozonolysis products are observed for these saturated lipids.



Figure S2. DESI-MS spectra acquired from PC (9Z-18:1/9Z-18:1) deposited onto PTFE slides and placed in an environmental chamber sealed to external air with (a) ambient air continuously pumped through the box for 1 hour and (b) no air pumped through box for 1 hour prior to analysis.

Analysis of the CID spectrum of $[M+Na+2O_3-C_9H_{18}O_2]^+$ formed from $[PC (9Z-18:1/9Z-18:1)+Na]^+$

The CID spectrum of the $[M+Na+2O_3-C_9H_{18}O_2]^+$ at m/z 746 (Figure S3) reveals an reveals two ions at m/z 588 and 614 corresponding to the aldehyde and Criegee ions formed following further oxidative cleavage of the intact 9Z-18:1 fatty acid chain, thus providing strong evidence for the assignment of this ion as an ozonide. This m/z 588 ion, assigned as the dialdehyde species, is identical to the m/z 588 ion observed in the DESI-MS spectrum in Figure 1(a). The ions at m/z 687, 529 and 545 correspond to the loss of N(CH₃)₃ from the aldehyde and Criegee ions, respectively, while the m/z 700 ion corresponds to the loss of formic acid (*cf.* m/z 856). The m/z 559 ion is assigned to the decomposition of the secondary ozonide via an identical mechanism to the formation of the m/z 669 ion following CID of the $[M+Na+O_3]^+$ ion. Further evidence for the assignment of m/z 588 and 746 as products originating from ozonolysis of both fatty acid chains is provided by their presence in the CID spectrum of $[M+Na+2O_3]^+$ observed at m/z 904 in Figure 1(a) (data not shown).



Figure S3. CID spectrum of the $[M+Na+2O_3-C_9H_{18}O_2]^+$ ion formed following ambient ozonolysis of PC (9Z-18:1/9Z-18:1) deposited onto a PTFE coated slide.

Assignment of additional PC lipids observed by TLC/DESI-MS of human lens extract

The ion at m/z 810 in Figure 5(b) is assigned as the $[M+Na]^+$ ion of PC (18:0/18:1) which represents *ca.* 8% of total lens PC.^{S1} Upon ozonolysis this lipid would be expected to exhibit ions at m/z 700, 732, 728 and 760 corresponding to the aldehdye and hemiacetal ions formed from *n*-9 and *n*-7 double bonds. The m/z 760 is present in the DESI spectrum at very low abundance, while the ions at m/z 700 and 732 are assigned as ozonolysis products of the more abundant PC (16:0/18:1) and m/z 728 can also be assigned as the $[M+Na]^+$ ion of the known lens lipids PC (14:0/16:0).^{S1} However, it is likely that a small fraction of these ion populations are due to ozonolysis of PC (18:0/18:1). the DESI spectrum also reveals an ion at m/z 768 which could correspond to the sodiated ion of the ether lipid, PC (16:0e/18:1).^{S1} The low mass ions at m/z 758, 690, 686 and 718 can then be tentatively assigned as the aldehdye and hemiacetal ions following ozonolysis of the isomeric lipids PC (16:0e/9Z-18:1) and PC (16:0e/11Z-18:1), respectively.



Figure S4. CID spectra of the hemiacetals generated following TLC separation and ambient ozonolysis of a human lens lipid extract formed from (a) [SM (d18:0/15Z-24:1)+Na]⁺, (b) [SM (d18:0/17Z-24:1)+Na]⁺, (c) [SM (d18:0/19Z-24:1)+Na]⁺, (d) [PC (16:0/9Z-18:1)+Na]⁺, (e) [PC (16:0/11Z-18:1)+Na]⁺ and (f) [LacCer (d18:0/15Z-24:1)+Na]⁺. In all cases a loss of methanol (-32 Da) is observed confirming the assignment of these ions as hemiacetals and thus confirming they are ozonolysis products.

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