

## † Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)

### **Structurally different mixed linkage $\beta$ -Glucan supplements differentially increase secondary bile acid excretion in hypercholesterolaemic rat faeces**

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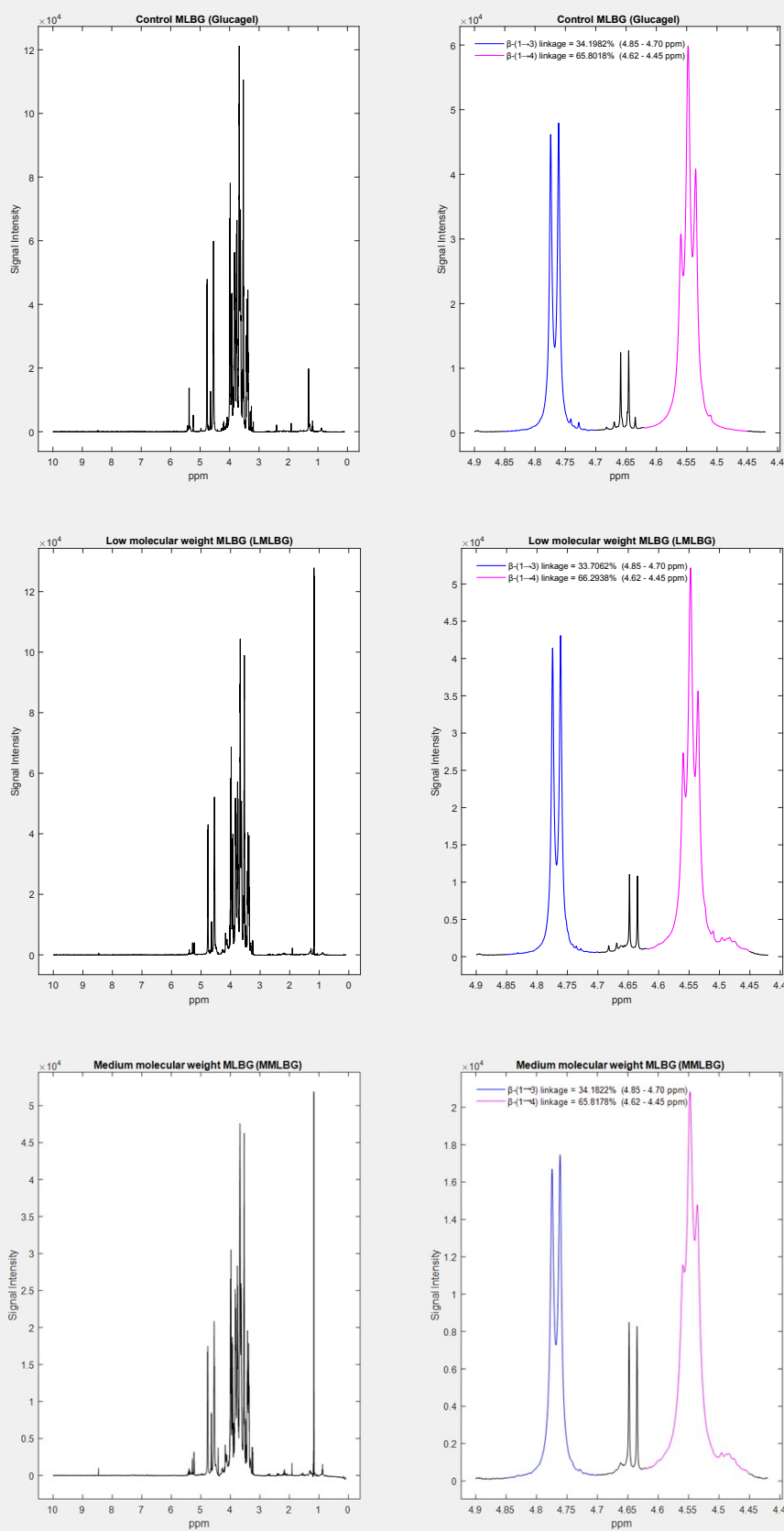
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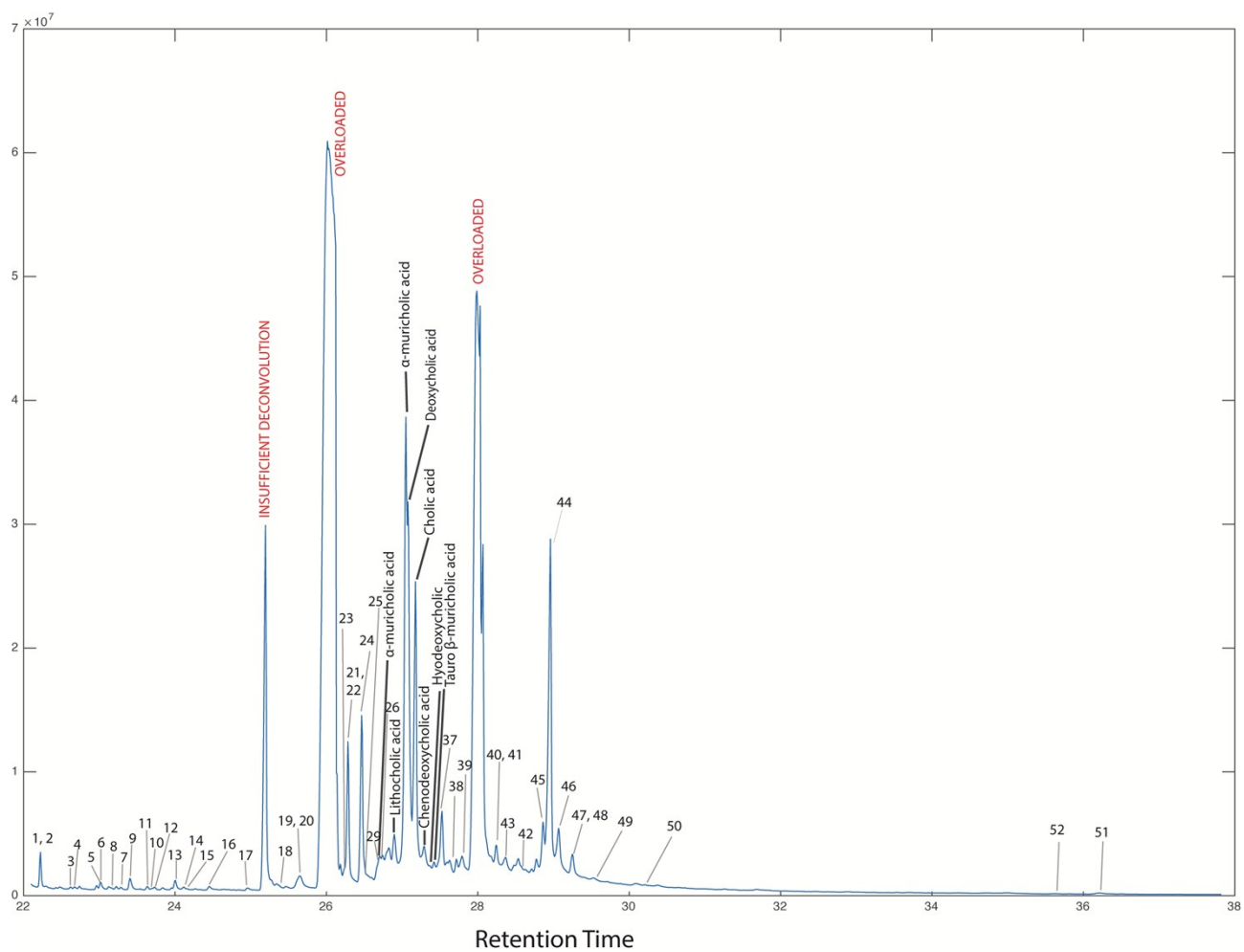
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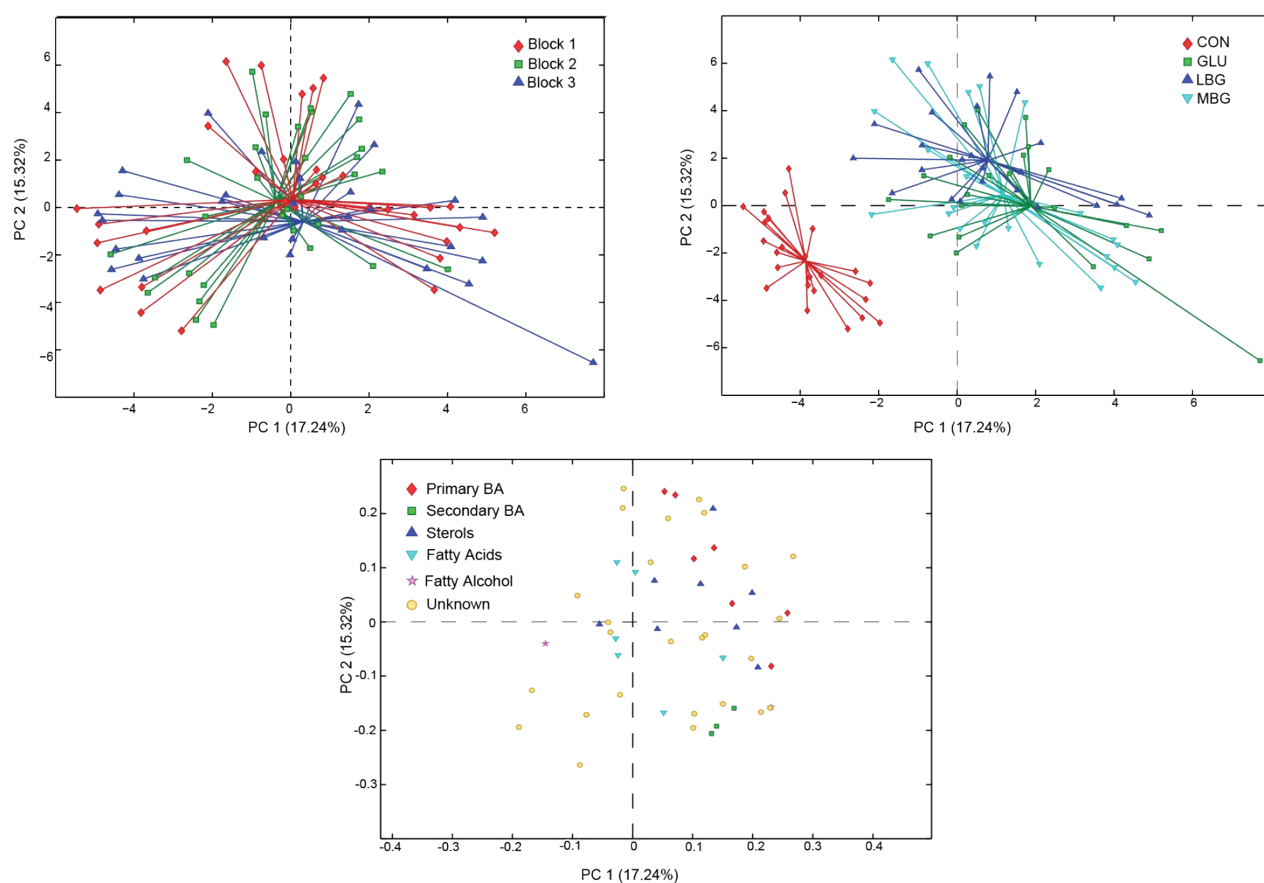
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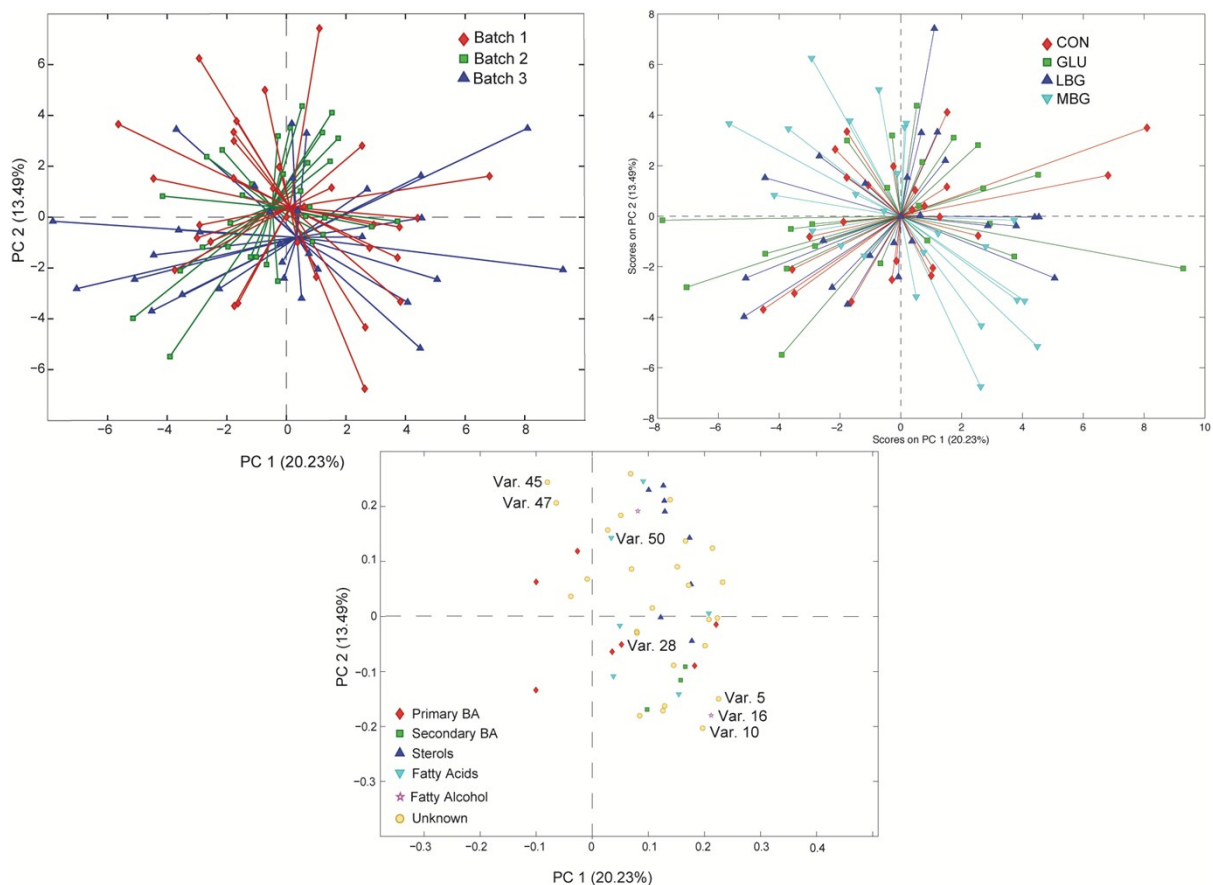
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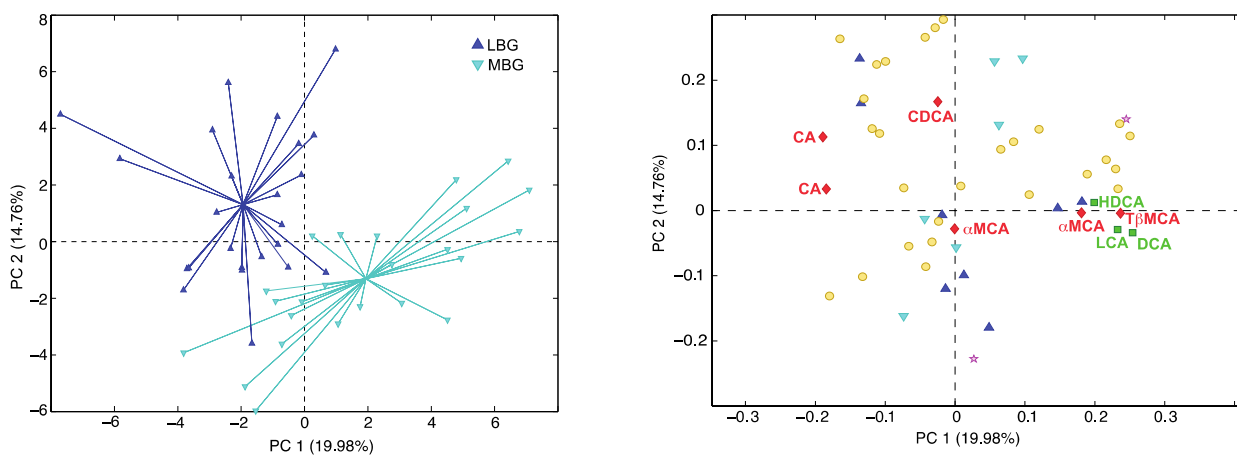
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**Figure S4.** Scores (top) and loadings (bottom) plots derived from the PCA model, including all the studied groups, obtained by batch effect separated matrix ( $X_{\text{batch}}$ ) using ASCA. The scores plot have been coloured according to the batch (upper left corner) and the diets (upper right corner).



**Figure S5.** Scores (left) and loadings (right) plots derived from the PCA model, including only LBG and MBG groups, obtained by diet effect separated matrix ( $X_{\text{diet}}$ ) using ASCA.

**Table S1.** Composition of the four experimental diets.

|                                  | CON  | GLU  | LBG  | MBG  |
|----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Ingredients (% w/w)              |      |      |      |      |
| White wheat flour                | 35.4 | 33   | 34.2 | 32.5 |
| Casein                           | 19   | 18   | 19   | 17.8 |
| Sucrose                          | 12   | 12   | 12   | 12   |
| Soybean oil                      | 6    | 6    | 6    | 6    |
| Lard                             | 14   | 14   | 14   | 14   |
| Cholesterol                      | 2    | 2    | 2    | 2    |
| Cellulose                        | 6.5  |      |      |      |
| GLU                              |      | 7.4  |      |      |
| LBG                              |      |      | 7.7  |      |
| MBG                              |      |      |      | 10.6 |
| AIN 93G Mineral mix <sup>1</sup> | 3.5  | 3.5  | 3.5  | 3.5  |
| AIN 93G Vitamin mix <sup>1</sup> | 1.0  | 1.0  | 1.0  | 1.0  |
| L-cystine                        | 0.3  | 0.3  | 0.3  | 0.3  |
| Choline bitartrate               | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 |

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**Table S2.** List of 52 peaks deconvoluted using PARAFAC2 based processing of the raw GC-MS data.

| Metabolite № | PARAFAC2 IDs (Int_PC) <sup>a</sup> | Metabolite full name from NIST <sup>b</sup>      | Metabolite short name <sup>c</sup> | Metabolite Class <sup>d</sup> | Retention Time (min) <sup>e</sup> | Retention Index (calculated) <sup>f</sup> | Retention Index (reported) <sup>g</sup> | ARI <sup>h</sup> | Identification Level <sup>i</sup> | NIST Match <sup>j</sup> | ChEBI <sup>m</sup> | One-way ANOVA on Treatments <sup>n</sup> |             | One-way ANOVA on Blocks <sup>n</sup> |       |
|--------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|-------|
| 1            | int1_1                             | un1                                              | un1                                | 6                             | 22.22                             | 2666                                      | 0                                       |                  |                                   | 0                       | 0                  | P < 0,0000000037977                      | 12 13 14    | P > 0.05                             | N.S.  |
| 2            | int1_2                             | un2                                              | un2                                | 6                             | 22.21                             | 2665                                      | 0                                       |                  |                                   | 0                       | 0                  | 0.006448                                 | 14          | P > 0.05                             | N.S.  |
| 3            | int3_4                             | Tetracosan-1-ol trimethylsilyl ether             | Tetracosan-1-ol                    | 5                             | 22.62                             | 2721                                      | 2749                                    | -28              | 3                                 | 67                      | 77413              | P < 0,02735                              | 12 13 14 24 | P > 0.05                             | N.S.  |
| 4            | int3_5                             | Unknown fatty acid                               | Unknown fatty acid                 | 6                             | 22.66                             | 2728                                      | 0                                       |                  |                                   | 0                       | 0                  | P < 0,004281                             | 12 13 14    | P > 0.05                             | N.S.  |
| 5            | int4_3                             | Unknown fatty alcohol                            | Unknown fatty alcohol              | 6                             | 22.96                             | 2769                                      | 0                                       |                  |                                   | 0                       | 0                  | P > 0.05                                 | N.S.        | P < 0,01136                          | 12 23 |
| 6            | int4_4                             | Unknown steroid                                  | Unknown steroid                    | 6                             | 23.01                             | 2777                                      | 0                                       |                  |                                   | 0                       | 0                  | P < 0,01507                              | 12 13 14    | P > 0.05                             | N.S.  |
| 7            | int5_4                             | cis-15-Tetracosenoic acid, trimethylsilyl ester  | Tetracosenoic acid                 | 4                             | 23.28                             | 2814                                      | 2809                                    | 5                | 3                                 | 79                      | 44247              | P > 0.05                                 | N.S.        | P > 0.05                             | N.S.  |
| 8            | int6_1                             | Tetracosanoic acid, trimethylsilyl ester         | Tetracosanoic acid                 | 4                             | 23.15                             | 2828                                      | 2829                                    | -1               | 2                                 | 87                      | 28866              | P > 0.05                                 | N.S.        | P > 0.05                             | N.S.  |
| 9            | int6_3                             | Tetracosanoic acid, trimethylsilyl ester         | Tetracosanoic acid                 | 4                             | 23.40                             | 2829                                      | 2829                                    | 0                | 3                                 | 71                      | 28866              | P > 0.05                                 | N.S.        | P > 0.05                             | N.S.  |
| 10           | int7_3                             | Unknown fatty alcohol                            | Unknown fatty alcohol              | 6                             | 23.68                             | 2866                                      | 0                                       |                  |                                   | 0                       | 0                  | 0.006857                                 | 12          | P < 0,03560                          | 12 23 |
| 11           | int7_4                             | 5-β-cholestan-3α-ol, butyrate                    | 5-β-cholestan-3α-ol, butyrate      | 3                             | 23.63                             | 2859                                      | 2809                                    | 50               | 3                                 | 81                      | 0                  | P < 0,02466                              | 12 13 14 34 | P > 0.05                             | N.S.  |
| 12           | int7_5                             | Unknown sterol                                   | Unknown sterol                     | 6                             | 23.73                             | 2872                                      | 0                                       |                  |                                   | 0                       | 0                  | 0.01923                                  | 13 14 24    | P > 0.05                             | N.S.  |
| 13           | int8_4                             | Cholesta-3,5-diene                               | Cholesta-3,5-diene                 | 3                             | 24.00                             | 2907                                      | 2895                                    | 12               | 2                                 | 91                      | 0                  | P < 0,00631                              | 12 13 14    | P > 0.05                             | N.S.  |
| 14           | int8_5                             | un3                                              | un3                                | 6                             | 24.11                             | 2923                                      | 0                                       |                  | 2                                 | 91                      | 0                  | 0.01915                                  | 13          | P > 0.05                             | N.S.  |
| 15           | int8_6                             | un4                                              | un4                                | 6                             | 24.15                             | 2929                                      | 1258                                    | 1671             | 3                                 | 84                      | 28837              | P > 0.05                                 | N.S.        | P > 0.05                             | N.S.  |
| 16           | int10_3                            | 1-Tetracosanol, tert-butylidimethylsilyl ether   | 1-Tetracosanol                     | 5                             | 24.45                             | 2967                                      | 2988                                    | -21              | 3                                 | 79                      | 77413              | 0.009544                                 | 12          | P < 0,0315                           | 12 23 |
| 17           | int11_3                            | un5                                              | un5                                | 6                             | 24.95                             | 3030                                      | 0                                       |                  |                                   | 0                       | 0                  | P < 0,000001438                          | 12 13 14    | P > 0.05                             | N.S.  |
| 18           | int12_4                            | Unknown disaccharide                             | Unknown disaccharide               | 6                             | 25.37                             | 3082                                      | 0                                       |                  |                                   | 0                       | 0                  | 0.0005934                                | 12 13 24 34 | P > 0.05                             | N.S.  |
| 19           | int13_1                            | Unknown sterol                                   | Unknown sterol                     | 6                             | 25.64                             | 3114                                      | 0                                       |                  |                                   | 0                       | 0                  | P < 0,04379                              | 14 34       | P > 0.05                             | N.S.  |
| 20           | int13_4                            | un6                                              | un6                                | 6                             | 25.65                             | 3116                                      | 0                                       |                  |                                   | 0                       | 0                  | P < 0,008389                             | 12 13       | P > 0.05                             | N.S.  |
| 21           | int15_1                            | Desmosterol, TMS                                 | Desmosterol                        | 4                             | 26.28                             | 3193                                      | 3169                                    | 24               | 2                                 | 91                      | 17737              | P > 0.05                                 | N.S.        | P > 0.05                             | N.S.  |
| 22           | int15_3                            | Desmosterol, TMS                                 | Desmosterol                        | 4                             | 26.29                             | 3194                                      | 3169                                    | 25               | 2                                 | 80                      | 17737              | P > 0.05                                 | N.S.        | P > 0.05                             | N.S.  |
| 23           | int15_4                            | 7β-Hydroxycholesterol, bis(trimethylsilyl) ether | 7β-Hydroxycholesterol              | 3                             | 26.24                             | 3188                                      | 3254                                    | -66              | 3                                 | 81                      | 42989              | P < 0,01741                              | 12 13 24 34 | P > 0.05                             | N.S.  |
| 24           | int16_1                            | Lanosterol, trimethylsilyl ether                 | Lanosterol                         | 3                             | 26.46                             | 3215                                      | 3178                                    | 37               | 3                                 | 89                      | 16521              | P > 0.05                                 | N.S.        | P > 0.05                             | N.S.  |
| 25           | int16_6                            | 7β-Hydroxycholesterol, bis(trimethylsilyl) ether | 7β-Hydroxycholesterol              | 3                             | 26.50                             | 3219                                      | 3254                                    | -35              | 3                                 | 81                      | 42989              | P < 0,01723                              | 12 14       | P > 0.05                             | N.S.  |
| 26           | int17_1                            | Campesterol, TMS                                 | Campesterol                        | 3                             | 26.74                             | 3248                                      | 3220                                    | 28               | 3                                 | 77                      | 28623              | P < 0,04793                              | 13 14       | P > 0.05                             | N.S.  |
| 27           | int17_2                            | Lithocholic acid                                 | Lithocholic acid                   | 2                             | 26.90                             | 3267                                      | 3262                                    | 5                | 1                                 | 84                      | 16325              | P < 0,01723                              | 14 34       | P > 0.05                             | N.S.  |
| 28           | int17_3                            | α-Muricholic acid                                | α-Muricholic acid                  | 1                             | 26.70                             | 3243                                      | 3275                                    | -32              | 1                                 | 86                      | 81243              | P < 0,009636                             | 12 13 24 34 | 0.0205                               | 23    |
| 29           | int17_6                            | 7β-Hydroxycholesterol, bis(trimethylsilyl) ether | 7β-Hydroxycholesterol              | 3                             | 26.67                             | 3240                                      | 3253                                    | -13              | 2                                 | 89                      | 42989              | P < 0,04398                              | 14 24       | P > 0.05                             | N.S.  |



|    |         |                                          |                                |   |       |      |      |    |   |    |        |                    |             |             |       |
|----|---------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|-------|------|------|----|---|----|--------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------|
|    |         | ether                                    |                                |   |       |      |      |    |   |    |        |                    |             |             |       |
| 30 | int19_1 | Deoxycholic acid                         | Deoxycholic acid               | 2 | 27.08 | 3288 | 3280 | 8  | 1 | 89 | 28834  | P < 0,01938        | 12 23 34    | P > 0.05    | N.S.  |
| 31 | int19_2 | $\alpha$ -Muricholic acid                | $\alpha$ -Muricholic acid      | 1 | 27.04 | 3284 | 3275 | 9  | 1 | 88 | 81243  | P < 0,0000001082   | 12 13 14    | P > 0.05    | N.S.  |
| 32 | int20_1 | Cholic acid                              | Cholic acid                    | 1 | 27.18 | 3300 | 3291 | 9  | 1 | 84 | 16359  | P < 0,005713       | 12 13 34    | P > 0.05    | N.S.  |
| 33 | int20_2 | Cholic acid                              | Cholic acid                    | 1 | 27.18 | 3300 | 3291 | 9  | 1 | 89 | 16359  | P < 0,01584        | 12 13 34    | P > 0.05    | N.S.  |
| 34 | int21_2 | Chenodeoxycholic acid                    | Chenodeoxycholic acid          | 1 | 27.29 | 3314 | 3308 | 6  | 1 | 90 | 16755  | P < 0,008246       | 12 13       | P > 0.05    | N.S.  |
| 35 | int21_3 | Tauro $\beta$ -Muricholic acid           | Tauro $\beta$ -Muricholic acid | 1 | 27.31 | 3316 | 3317 | -1 | 1 | 75 | 133057 | P < 0,01444        | 12 14 34    | P > 0.05    | N.S.  |
| 36 | int22_2 | Hyodeoxycholic acid                      | Hyodeoxycholic acid            | 2 | 27.42 | 3329 | 3326 | 3  | 1 | 88 | 52023  | 0.0114             | 23          | P > 0.05    | N.S.  |
| 37 | int23_2 | $\beta$ -Sitosterol trimethylsilyl ether | $\beta$ -Sitosterol            | 3 | 27.52 | 3341 | 3284 | 57 | 2 | 90 | 27693  | P < 0,04022        | 12 23 24    | P > 0.05    | N.S.  |
| 38 | int24_1 | un7                                      | un7                            | 6 | 27.72 | 3365 | 0    |    |   | 75 | 0      | P < 0,0249         | 12 13 14 34 | P > 0.05    | N.S.  |
| 39 | int24_4 | un8                                      | un8                            | 6 | 27.77 | 3371 | 0    |    |   | 0  | 0      | P < 0,002288       | 12 13 34    | P > 0.05    | N.S.  |
| 40 | int26_2 | un9                                      | un9                            | 6 | 28.24 | 3422 | 0    |    |   | 0  | 0      | P < 0,03236        | 12 13 14    | P > 0.05    | N.S.  |
| 41 | int26_3 | un10                                     | un10                           | 6 | 28.24 | 3422 | 0    |    |   | 0  | 0      | 0.03669            | 13          | P > 0.05    | N.S.  |
| 42 | int27_2 | un11                                     | un11                           | 6 | 28.54 | 3452 | 0    |    |   | 0  | 0      | P < 0,04986        | 12 13 14 23 | P > 0.05    | N.S.  |
| 43 | int27_4 | Unknown steroid                          | Unknown steroid                | 6 | 28.36 | 3434 | 0    |    |   | 0  | 0      | P < 0,04400        | 13 23 34    | P > 0.05    | N.S.  |
| 44 | int28_1 | Unknown bile acid                        | Unknown bile acid              | 6 | 28.95 | 3492 | 0    |    |   | 0  | 0      | 0.01687            | 23          | P > 0.05    | N.S.  |
| 45 | int28_3 | Unknown steroid                          | Unknown steroid                | 6 | 28.86 | 3484 | 0    |    |   | 0  | 0      | P > 0.05           | N.S.        | P < 0,03659 | 12 13 |
| 46 | int29_1 | Unknown bile acid                        | Unknown bile acid              | 6 | 29.07 | 3504 | 0    |    |   | 0  | 0      | P < 0,001076       | 14 34       | P > 0.05    | N.S.  |
| 47 | int30_2 | un12                                     | un12                           | 6 | 29.25 | 3522 | 0    |    |   | 0  | 0      | P > 0.05           | N.S.        | P < 0,02408 | 12 13 |
| 48 | int30_3 | un13                                     | un13                           | 6 | 29.25 | 3522 | 0    |    |   | 0  | 0      | P < 0,000000003768 | 12 13 14    | P > 0.05    | N.S.  |
| 49 | int31_2 | un14                                     | un14                           | 6 | 29.70 | 3566 | 0    |    |   | 0  | 0      | P > 0.05           | N.S.        | P > 0.05    | N.S.  |
| 50 | int32_2 | un15                                     | un15                           | 6 | 30.16 | 3608 | 0    |    |   | 0  | 0      | P > 0.05           | N.S.        | 0.02299     | 13    |
| 51 | int33_2 | un16                                     | un16                           | 6 | 36.18 | 3974 | 0    |    |   | 0  | 0      | P < 0,000000003871 | 12 13 14    | P > 0.05    | N.S.  |
| 52 | int33_3 | un17                                     | un17                           | 6 | 35.77 | 3953 | 0    |    |   | 0  | 0      | P > 0.05           | N.S.        | P > 0.05    | N.S.  |

<sup>a</sup>PARAFAC2 IDs are unique to each peak, indicating which models they derived from.

<sup>b</sup>Full names of metabolites are directly extracted from the NIST11 metabolite database.

<sup>c</sup>Metabolite short names are IUPAC or generic names of the identified metabolites.

<sup>d</sup>Identified metabolites were grouped into 6 different classes based on chemical class they belong to. Class 1: primary bile acids, class 2: secondary bile acids, class 3: sterols, class 4: fatty acids, class 5: fatty alcohols, class 6: unknown compounds.

<sup>e</sup>Retention times of deconvoluted peaks were calculated as a mean of RTs of each peak across all samples.

<sup>f</sup>Based on these RTs, retention indices (RI) of metabolites were estimated using all even alkane mixture sample (C10-C40).

<sup>g</sup>Reported RIs of identified metabolites were extracted from NIS11.

<sup>h</sup>Difference between the reported RI and the calculated RI.

<sup>i</sup>Identification level of the metabolites. Level 1 if the peaks are confirmed using authentic standards; Level 2 when the peaks are identified based on their EI-MS  $\geq$  80 (%) and RI match ( $\pm$ 30); Level 3 when the peaks are identified based on their EI-MS  $\geq$  65 (%).

<sup>j</sup>EI-MS spectral match of identified metabolites with NIST11.

<sup>m</sup>Chemical Entities of Biological Interest (ChEBI) IDs of identified metabolites.

<sup>n</sup>One-way ANOVA test were performed to see if there are some variables significantly different among the diets: control, glucagel, low MW beta-glucan, medium MW beta-glucan and among the blocks (block 1, 2 and 3).

Significance of effects within levels of the factors (diets, blocks) is evaluated by P-values. For example the diet factor has 4 levels, control=1, glucagel=2, low MW beta-glucan=3, and medium MW beta-glucan=4. Thus "12" means that the variable was significantly different between control and glucagel, "23" means that a variable was significant between glucagel and low MW beta-glucan. In the same manner for the block, which has 3 levels.