

Sheath-flow probe electrospray ionization (sfPESI) mass spectrometry for the rapid forensic analysis of human body fluids

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Supplementary Information

Tab. S1 Selected compounds of interest detected in urine, saliva and blood, with possible identifications based on accurate mass, molecular formulae, and characteristic fragment ions in comparison to previous literature and the Human Metabolome Database.

Body Fluid	Possible Identification	Molecular Formula	Experimental <i>m/z</i>	Theoretical <i>m/z</i>	ppm Error	Characteristic Fragment Ions	
Urine	Creatinine	C ₄ H ₈ N ₃ O	114.0666	114.0662	3.507	114, 86, 44	
Urine	Urea	C ₂ H ₉ N ₄ O ₂	121.0725	121.0720	4.130	121, 61, 44	
Urine	1-methylhistidine	C ₇ H ₁₂ N ₃ O	2	170.0931	170.0925	3.527	170, 124, 109, 96, 83
Urine	Creatine	C ₄ H ₁₀ N ₃ O	2	132.0772	132.0767	3.786	132, 90, 72, 44
Urine	Proline betaine	C ₇ H ₁₄ N ₂ O	144.1021	144.1019	1.388	144, 98, 84	
Urine	Dibutylformamide	C ₉ H ₂₀ NO	158.1546	158.1540	3.794	158, 116, 102	
Urine	Propionylcarnitine	C ₁₀ H ₂₀ NO	4	218.1394	218.1387	3.209	218, 144, 85
Urine	Isovalerylcarnitine	C ₁₂ H ₂₄ NO	4	246.1704	246.1700	1.625	246, 187, 85
Urine	Acetylcarnitine	C ₉ H ₁₈ N ₂ O	204.1239	204.1231	3.919	204, 158, 145, 85, 60	
Saliva	4-aminobutyric acid	C ₄ H ₁₀ NO ₂	104.0709	104.0707	1.922	104, 86, 69, 42	
Saliva	5-aminopentanoic acid	C ₅ H ₁₂ NO ₂	118.0866	118.0863	2.541	118, 101, 100, 83, 59, 55	
Saliva	Methylimidazoleacetic acid	C ₆ H ₉ N ₂ O ₂	141.0661	141.0659	1.418	141, 123, 95, 81	
Saliva	Proline	C ₅ H ₁₀ NO ₂	116.071	116.0707	2.585	116, 70	
Saliva	Threonine	C ₄ H ₁₀ NO ₃	120.0657	120.0656	0.833	120, 102, 56	
Saliva	Phenylalanine	C ₉ H ₁₂ NO ₂	166.0869	166.0863	3.613	166, 120, 103	
Blood	Glucose	C ₆ H ₁₂ O ₆ N	a	203.0535	203.0527	3.940	203, 188
Blood	C16:1 Sphingomyelin	C ₃₉ H ₇₉ N ₂ O ₆ PNa	725.5595	725.5568	3.721	725, 666, 542	
Blood	Cholesteryl linoleic acid	C ₄₅ H ₇₆ O ₂ Na	671.5759	671.5738	3.127	N/A*	
Blood	20:4 Cholesteryl ester	C ₄₇ H ₇₆ O ₂ Na	695.5754	695.5730	3.450	N/A*	

NA* In some instances fragment ions could be not observed due to the low concentration of the analyte.

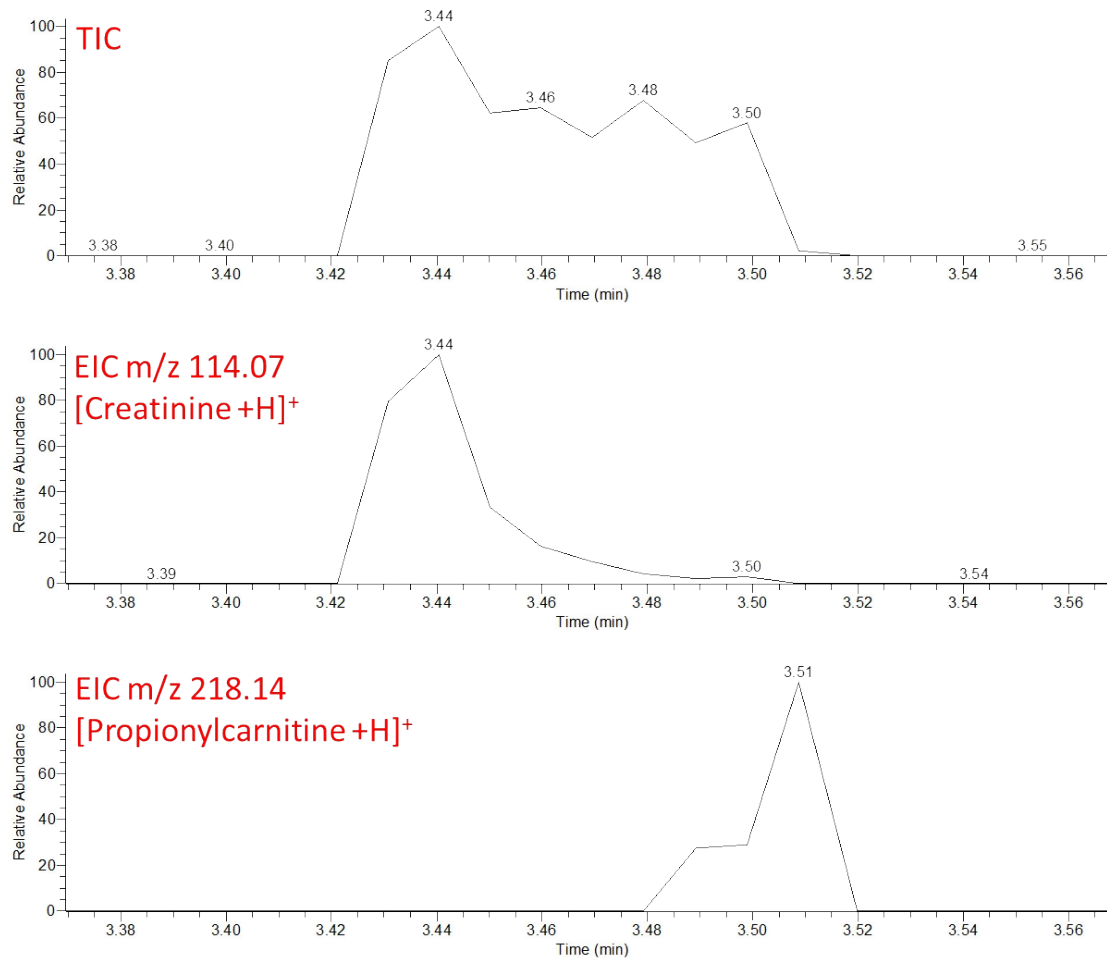


Fig. S1 Extracted ion chromatogram (EIC) of creatinine and propionylcarnitine in comparison to the total ion chromatogram from fresh urine, demonstrating the change in the detection of these compounds throughout the electrospray.

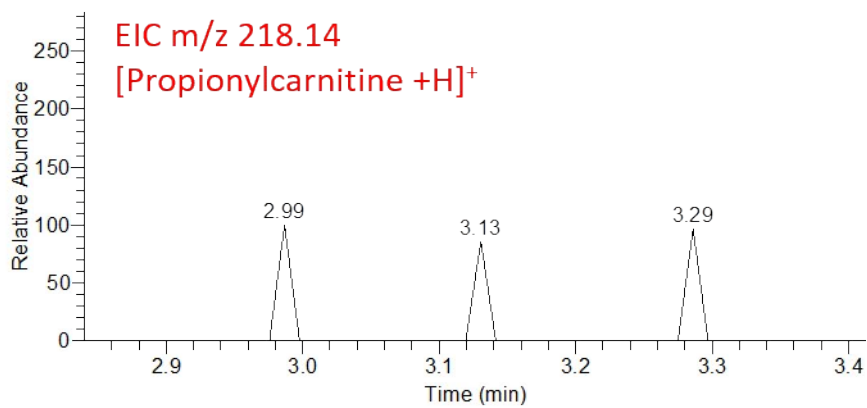
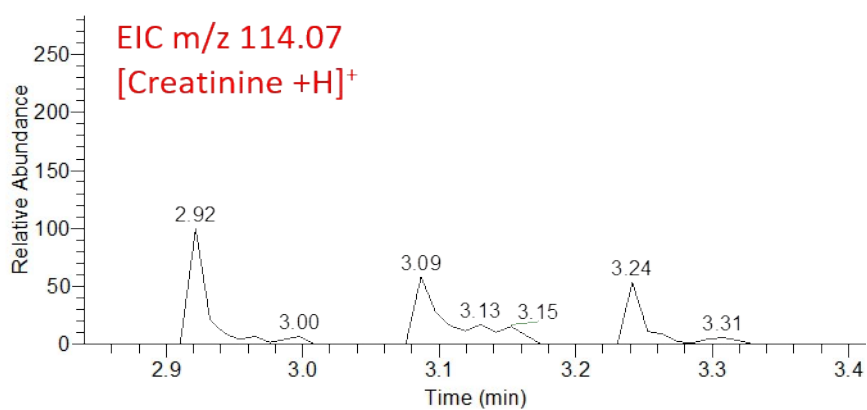
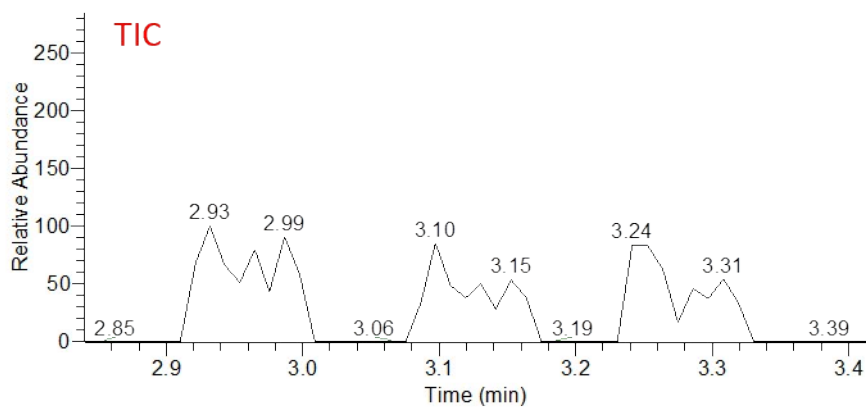


Fig. S2 Repeated extracted ion chromatogram (EIC) of creatinine and propionylcarnitine, demonstrating the reproducibility of the sequential ionisation effect (%RSD of creatinine = 29.3% and %RSD of Propionylcarnitine = 8.3%).

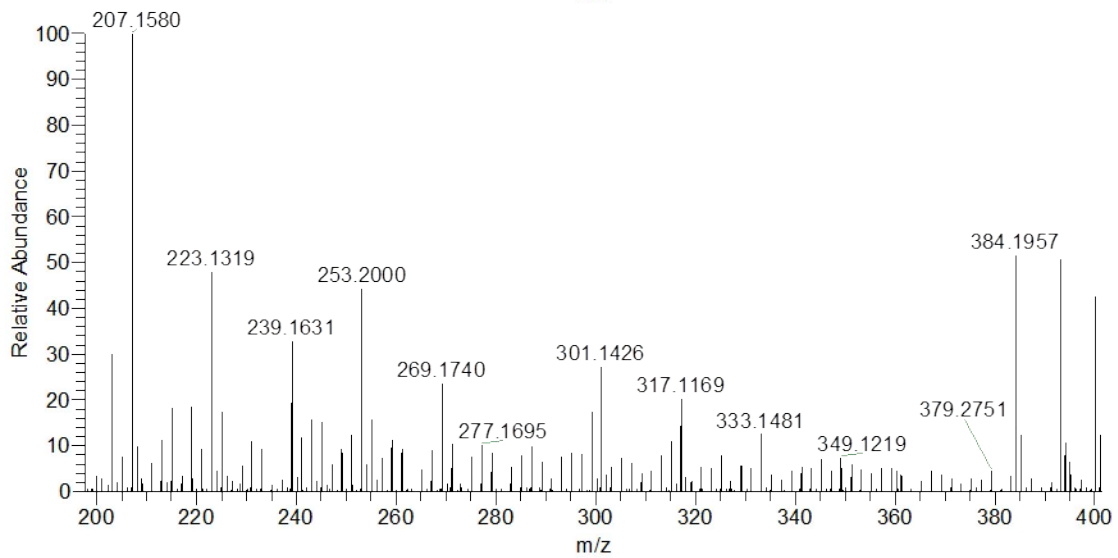
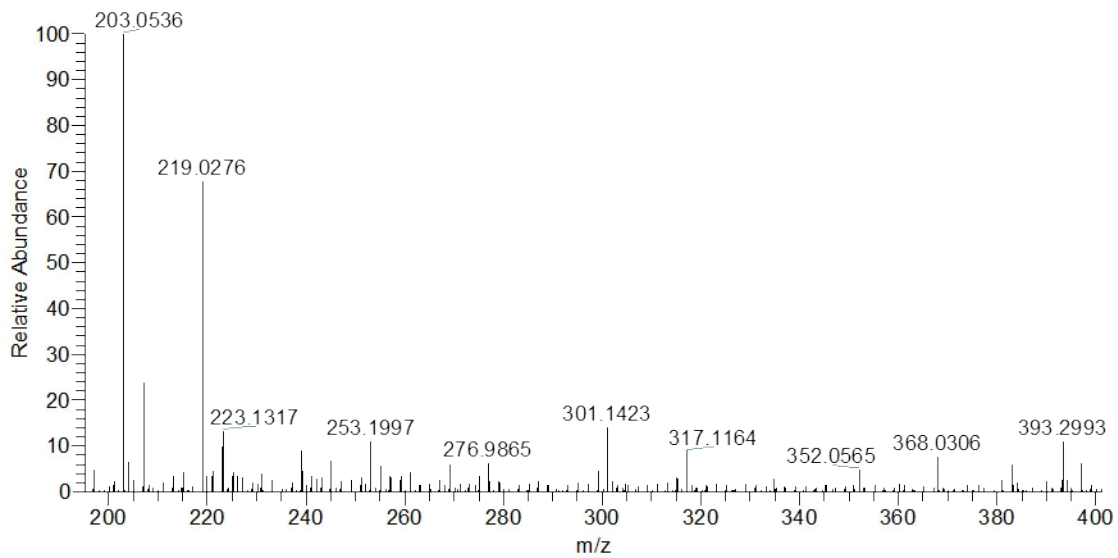


Fig. S3 Mass spectra of fresh (above) and one month old (below) blood on glass slides, demonstrating chemical changes observed over time.

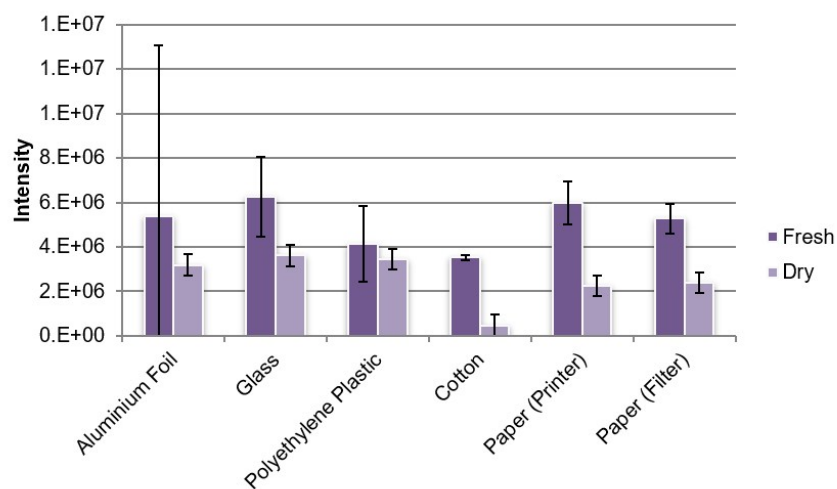


Fig. S4 Sodiated fructose/glucose signal intensity in fresh and dried blood spots analysed on a range of surface materials

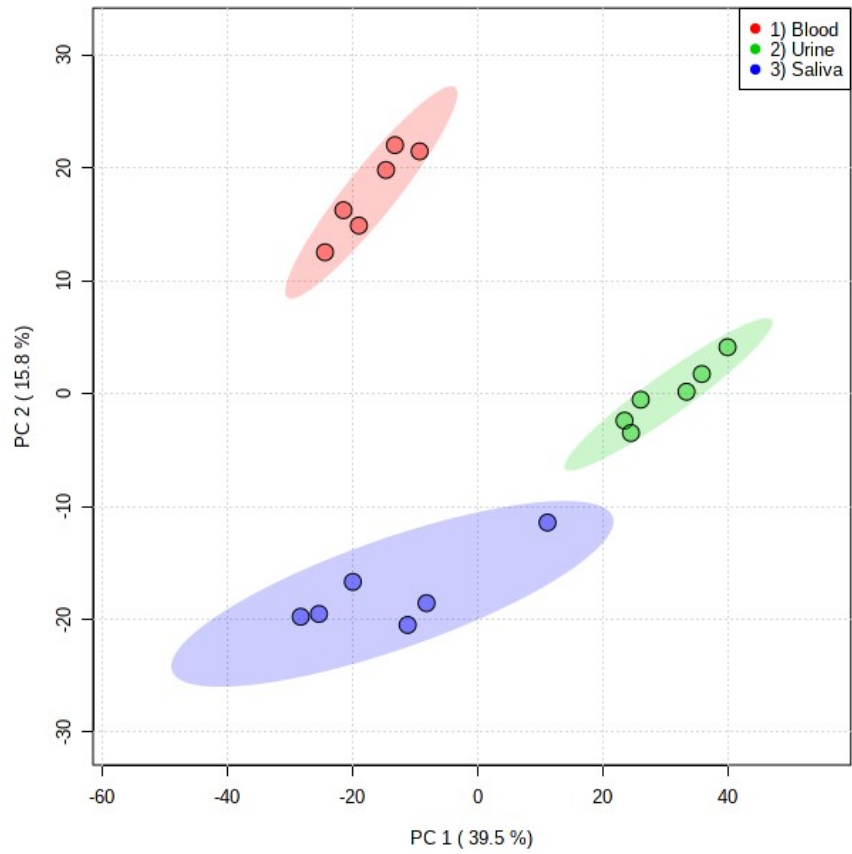


Fig. S5 Principal component analysis scores plot of fresh blood, saliva and urine sampled from glass slides, with log transformation and Pareto scaling. Ellipses depict 95% confidence regions.