

A rapid and integrated pyramid screening method to classify and identify complex endogenous substances with UPLC/Q-TOF MS-based metabolomics

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Table S1. Summary of methods for the data processing of different classes of substances and corresponding references depending on LC-MS.

Compound classification	Subclass	Parent ion	Diagnostic fragments (m/z)	Diagnostic fragment mass defect range (± 10 ppm)	Neutral loss (DA)	Mass rang (DA)	Mass defect range	References
Nucleic acids	Purines and Pyrimidines	[M+H] ⁺			17.02(NH ₃) 43.00(HNCO)	111.0-181.1	0.0272-0.0702	1-4
	Nucleosides	[M+H] ⁺			116.04(C ₅ H ₈ O ₃) ^a 132.04(C ₅ H ₈ O ₄) ^b	227.0-311.2	0.0695-0.1230	
						Contains a phosphate group 304.0-368.1	0.0253-0.0682	
	Nucleotides					Contains two phosphate groups 387.0-443.1	0.0021-0.0346	
						Contains there phosphate groups 466.9-524.0	-0.0314-0.0009	
Steroid hormones	Estrogens	[M-H] ⁻	145.06[C ₁₀ H ₉ O] ^{- c}	0.0639-0.0667		270.1-288.2	0.1412-0.1776	5-7
	Androgens					286.1-304.3	0.1725-0.2090	
	Progestagens	[M+H] ⁺	97.06[C ₆ H ₉ O] ^{+ d}	0.0643-0.0663				
	Glucocorticoids		109.06[C ₇ H ₉ O] ^{+ e}	0.0642-0.0664		312.2-378.3	0.1885-0.2403	8-11
	Mineralocorticois		121.06[C ₈ H ₉ O] ^{+ f}	0.0640-0.0666				
Amino acids		[M+H] ⁺			17.02(NH ₃) 46.00(HCOOH) 18.01(H ₂ O)	75.0-292.2	-0.0081-0.2100	12-14

		[M-H] ⁻			17.02(NH ₃) 43.98(CO ₂)			
Monosaccharides	Aldoses and Ketoses	[M-H] ⁻			18.01(H ₂ O) ^g 60.02(C ₂ H ₄ O ₂) ^g	150.0-180.1	0.0527-0.0686	15
Organic acids	Carboxylic acids ^h	[M-H] ⁻			43.98(CO ₂)	60.0-230.2	0.0003-0.1519	16,17
	Lysophosphatidylcholine (LPC)	[M+H] ⁺	184.07[C ₅ H ₁₅ NO ₄ P] ⁺ 104.10[C ₅ H ₁₄ NO] ⁺	0.0720-0.0758 0.1064-0.1086		412.2-607.5	0.2464-0.4577	18,20,21, 24,26
Phospholipids	Phosphatidylcholine (PC)	[M+H] ⁺	184.07[C ₅ H ₁₅ NO ₄ P] ⁺ 104.10[C ₅ H ₁₄ NO] ⁺	0.0720-0.0758 0.1064-0.1086		673.4-957.9	0.4682-0.8126	18,20-22, 24,26,27
	Sphingomyelin (SM)	[M+H] ⁺	184.07[C ₅ H ₁₅ NO ₄ P] ⁺ 104.10[C ₅ H ₁₄ NO] ⁺	0.0720-0.0758 0.1064-0.1086		646.5-843.8	0.5049-0.7320	19-22,24
	Lysophosphatidylethanolamine (LPE)	[M+H] ⁺			141.01(C ₂ H ₈ NO ₄ P)	423.2-565.5	0.2385-0.4108	18,20,21
	Phosphatidylethanolamine (PE)	[M+H] ⁺			141.01(C ₂ H ₈ NO ₄ P)	631.4-915.8	0.4213-0.7657	18,20-23, 26,27
	Lysophosphatidic acid (LPA)	[M-H] ⁻	152.99[C ₃ H ₆ PO ₅] ⁻	0.9937-0.9968		410.2-438.3	0.2433-0.2954	27,28
	Phosphatidic acid (PA)	[M-H] ⁻	152.99[C ₃ H ₆ PO ₅] ⁻	0.9937-0.9968		648.4-700.6	0.4730-0.5251	27,28
Phospholipids	Phosphatidylserine (PS)	[M+H] ⁺			185.00(C ₃ H ₈ NO ₆ P)			20,22,24, 29
		[M-H] ⁻			87.07(C ₃ H ₅ NO ₂)	675.4-879.6	0.4111-0.5990	22,25,27, 30
	Phosphatidylinositol (PI)	[M+H] ⁺			260.02(C ₆ H ₁₃ PO ₉)	806.4-914.6	0.4945-0.5885	20,21,24, 26
		[M-H] ⁻	241.01[C ₆ H ₁₀ PO ₈] ⁻	0.0088-0.0138				22,23,27

Phosphatidylglycerol (PG)	[M+H] ⁺			172.01(C ₃ H ₉ PO ₆)	718.4-826.6	0.4784-0.5724	20,24
Ceramide	[M-H] ⁻	152.99[C ₃ H ₆ PO ₅] ⁻	0.9937-0.9968		481.4-679.7	0.4494-0.6843	27

^a Deoxynucleosides produce the neutral fragment of m/z 116.04 (C₅H₈O₃) after collision induced dissociation (CID) process in the positive mode.

^b Nucleosides produce the neutral fragment of m/z 132.04 (C₅H₈O₄) after the CID process in the positive mode.

^c Estrogen that A ring is a phenyl group and the C₃-position that only replaces the phenolic hydroxyl group can generate m/z 145.06 [C₁₀H₉O]⁻ in the negative mode.

^d Androgens, progestagens, glucocorticoids, and mineralocorticoids that A ring have Δ⁴-3-ketone group and C₄-position containing ethylenic bonds generate m/z 97.06 [C₆H₉O]⁺ in the positive mode, except C₆-position.

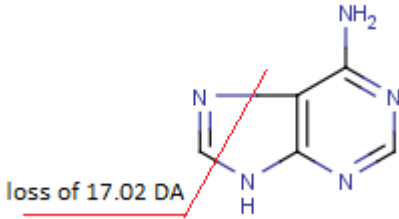
^e Compound that meets “d” and C₆-position with methyl generate m/z 109.06 [C₇H₉O]⁺ in the positive mode.

^f Compound that meets “d” and C₆-position without methyl generate m/z 121.09 [C₈H₉O]⁺ in the positive mode.

^g Ketose and aldose (5–6 carbon atoms) can produce m/z 18.01 (H₂O) and m/z 60.02 (C₂H₄O₂) in the negative mode.

^h Short-chain and medium-chain of carboxylic acids

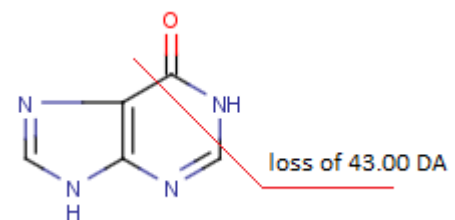
Table S2. Fragmentation rules of different classification of substances.

NO.	Endogenous substance	Mode	Structure
1	Adenine	Positive	

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Hypoxanthine

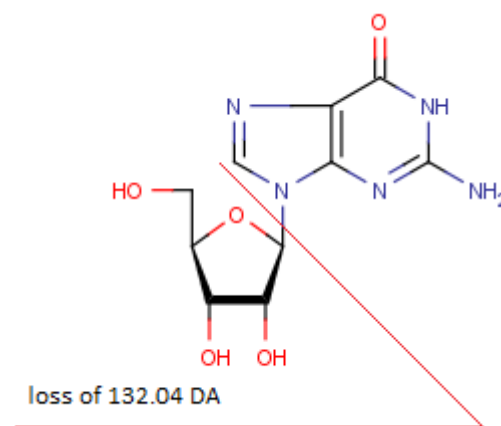
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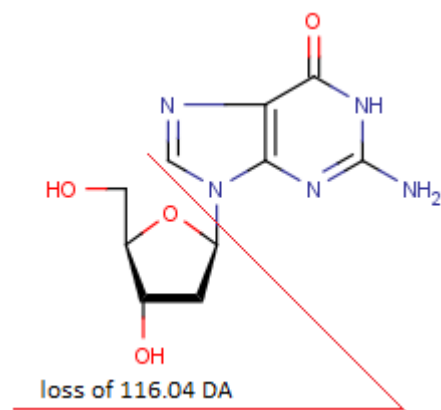
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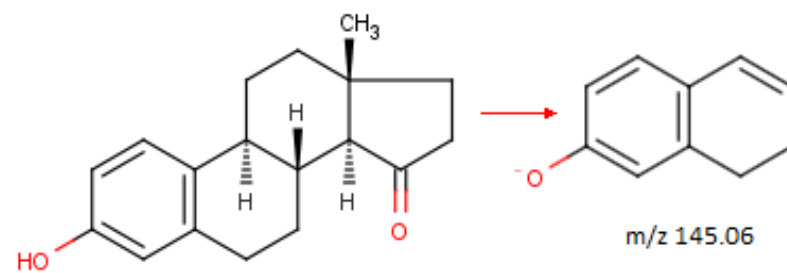
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4 2'-Deoxyguanosine Positive



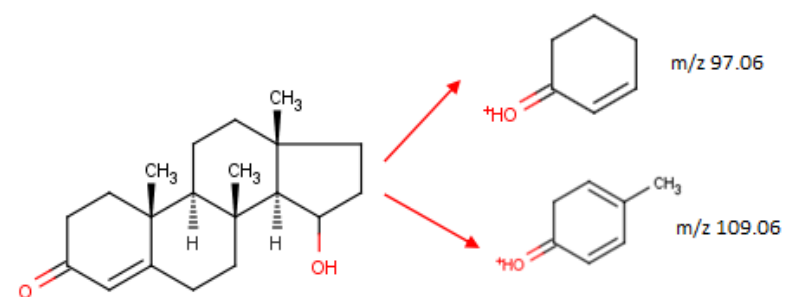
5 Estrone Negative



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Testosterone

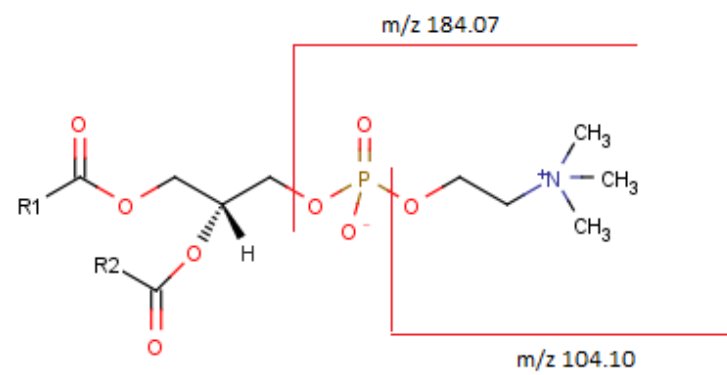
Positive



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Phosphatidylcholine
(PC)

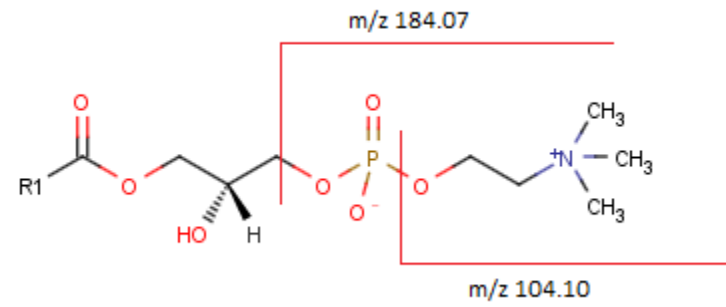
Positive



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Plasmenylcholine
(LPC)

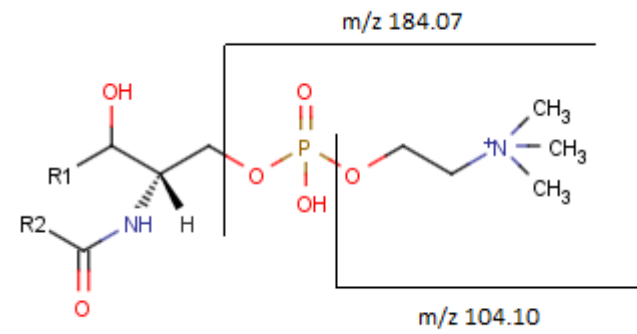
Positive

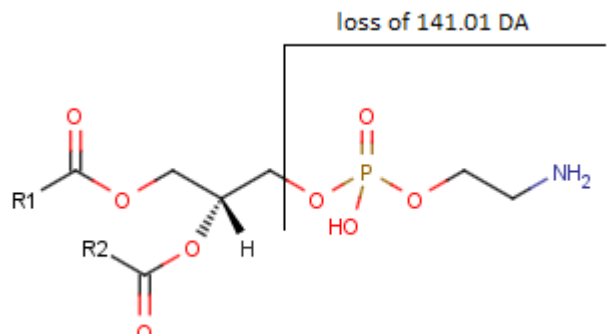
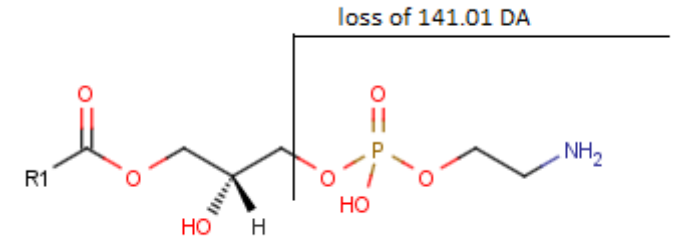
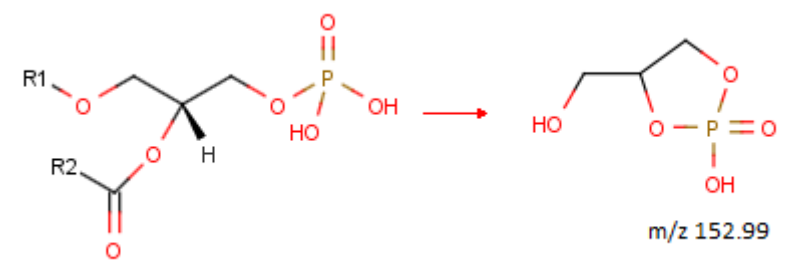


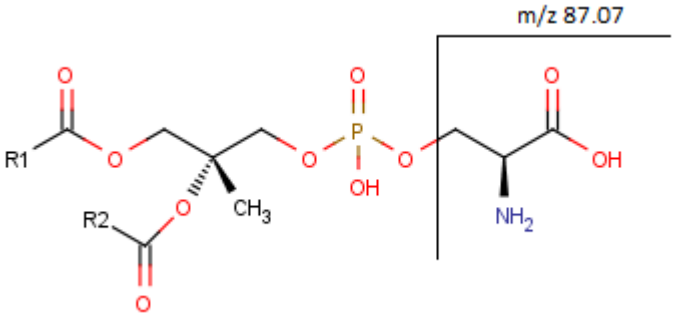
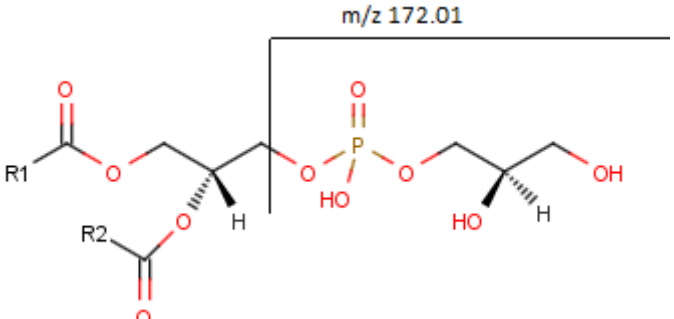
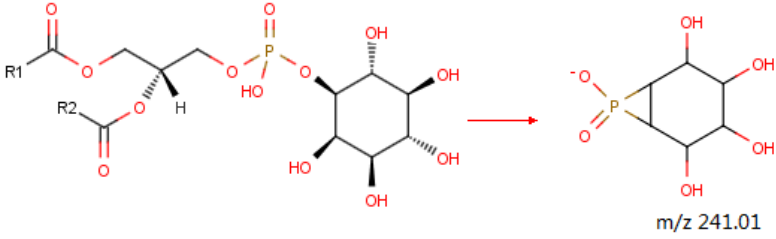
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Sphingomyelin
(SM)

Positive



10	Phosphatidylethanolamine (PE)	Positive	 loss of 141.01 DA
11	Lysophosphatidylethanolamine (LPE)	Positive	 loss of 141.01 DA
12	Phosphatidic acid (PA)	Negative	 m/z 152.99

13	Phosphatidylserine (PS)	Negative	 Chemical structure of Phosphatidylserine (PS) showing a glycerol backbone with two fatty acid chains (R1, R2) and a serine head group. A fragmentation line is shown at the ester bond of the serine head group, with the label m/z 87.07.
14	Phosphatidylglycerol (PG)	Positive	 Chemical structure of Phosphatidylglycerol (PG) showing a glycerol backbone with two fatty acid chains (R1, R2) and a phosphate head group. A fragmentation line is shown at the phosphate group, with the label m/z 172.01.
15	Phosphatidylinositol (PI)	Negative	 Chemical structure of Phosphatidylinositol (PI) showing a glycerol backbone with two fatty acid chains (R1, R2) and an inositol head group. A fragmentation line is shown at the phosphate group, with the label m/z 241.01.

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