

Lipidomics and food metabolites

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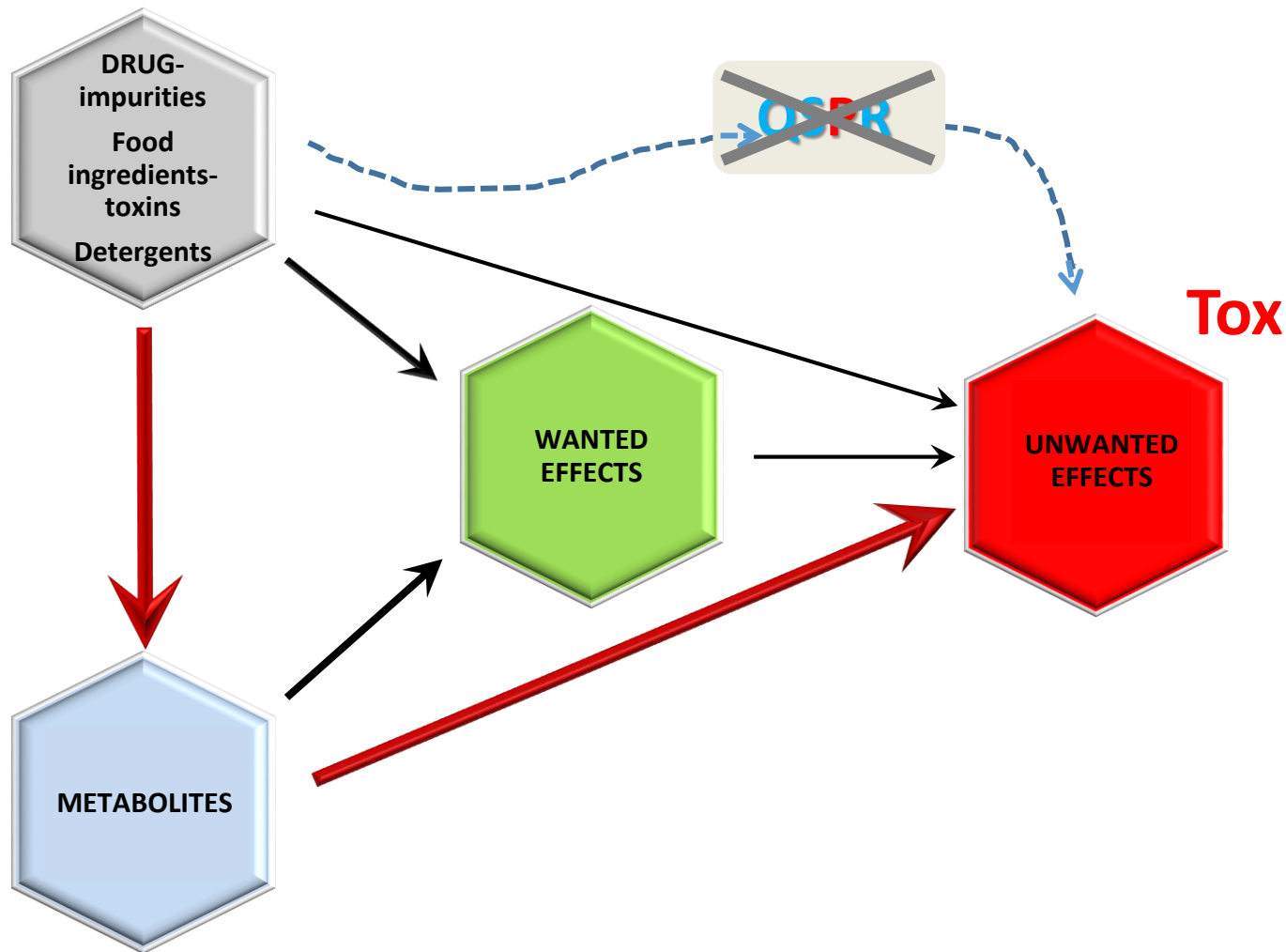
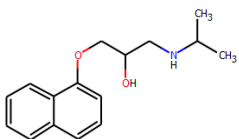
The limits of QSAR (QSPR)

1. Local models (plastics and drugs cannot be located in the same model)
2. Activity (Property) must be generated by the same mechanism
3. Similarity methods depend on descriptors
4. Chemical descriptors must be relevant to P
5. Biological descriptors must be relevant to P
6. Pruning descriptors very dangerous !!
7. Combination of methods better than consensus methods
8. AI << IA (interpretation ...interpretation ...interpretation)

Structure-Property Relationships

Chemical description
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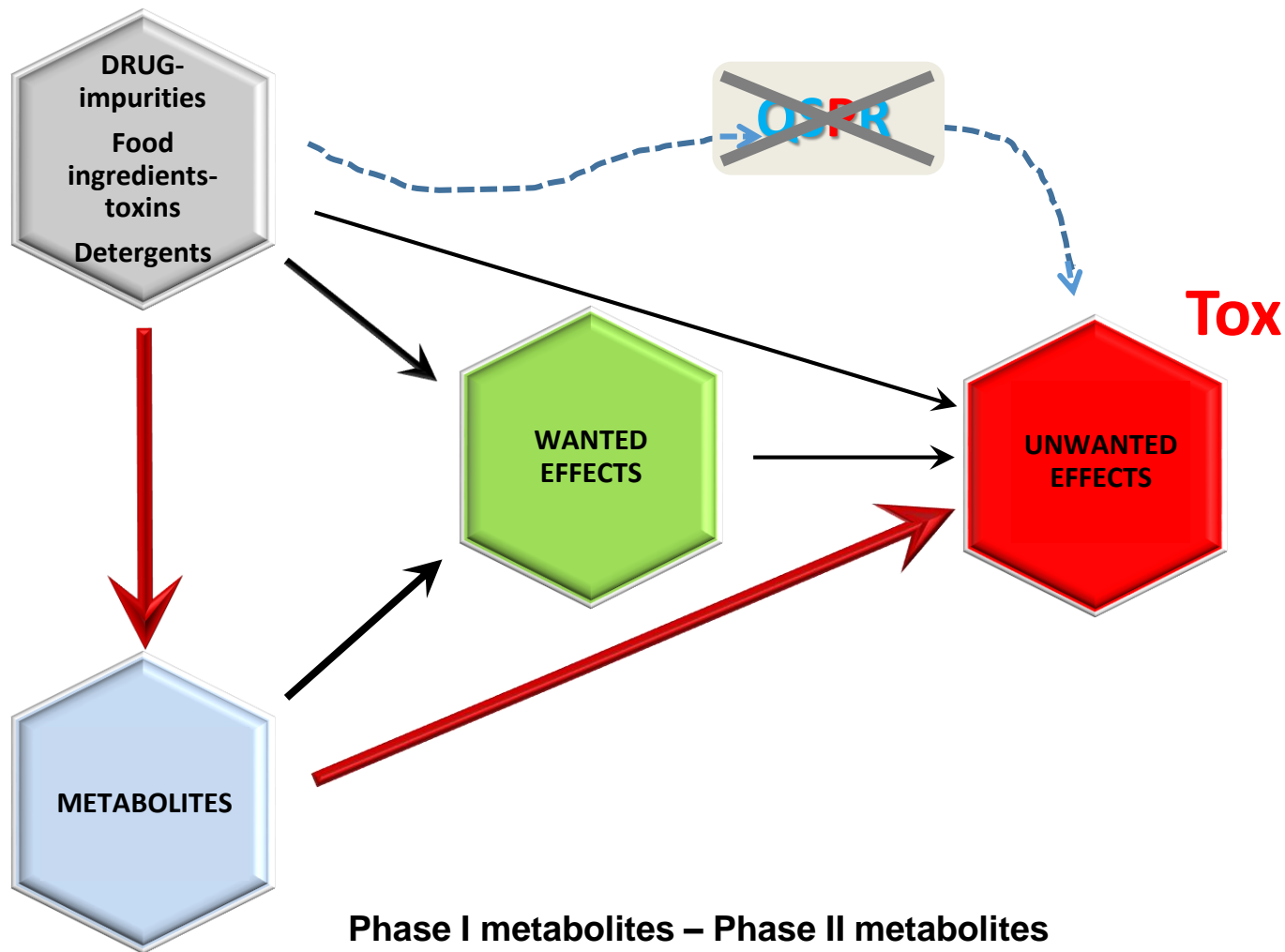
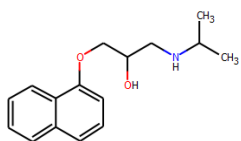
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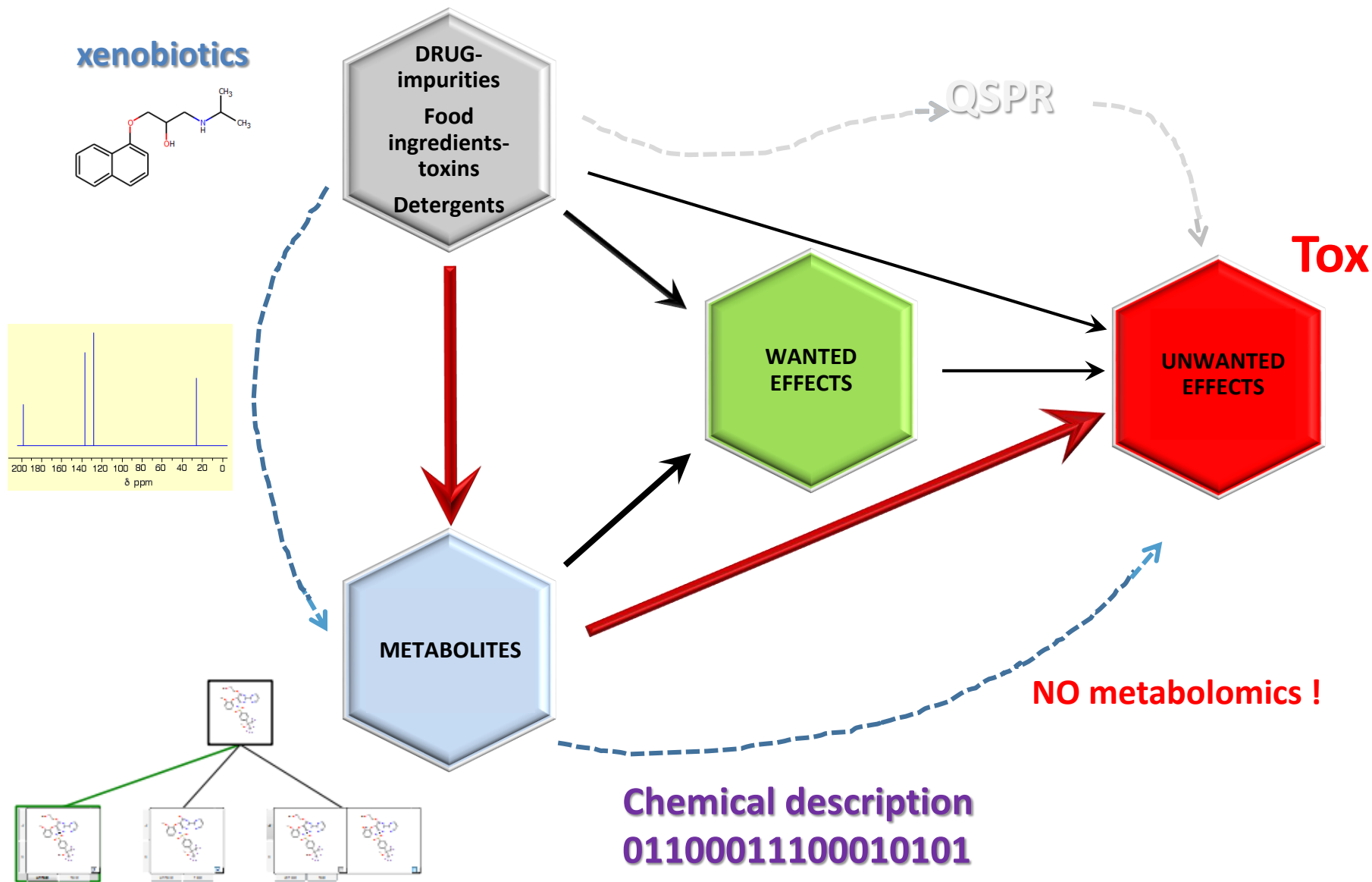
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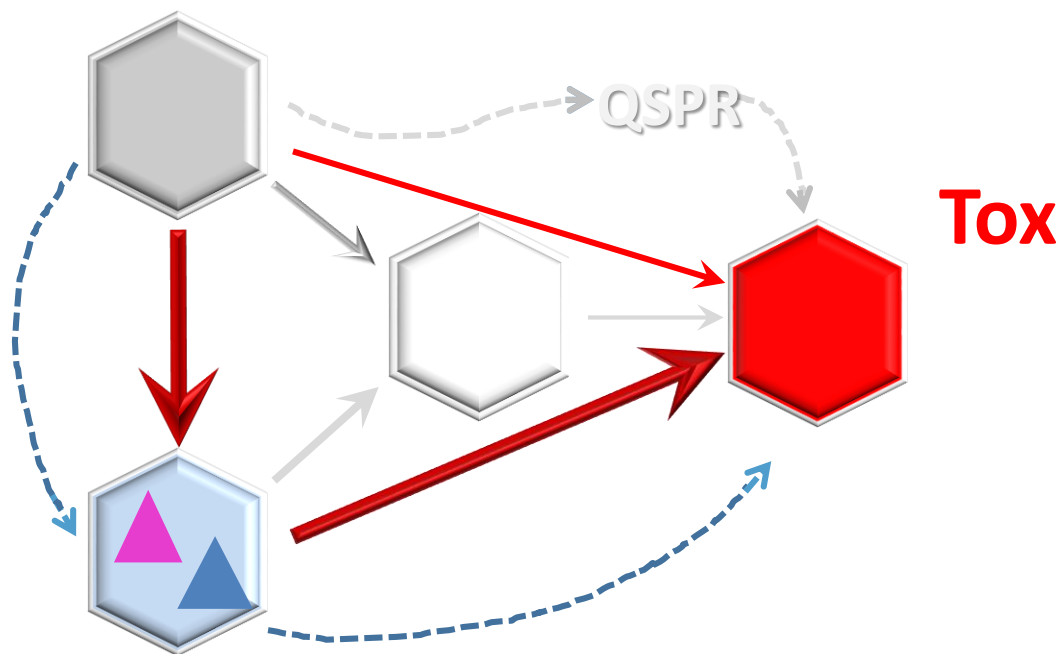
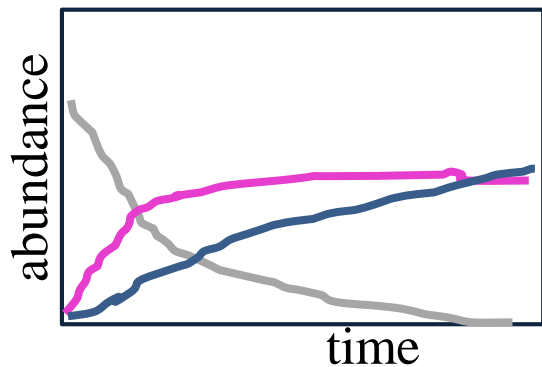
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Structure-Toxicity Relationships

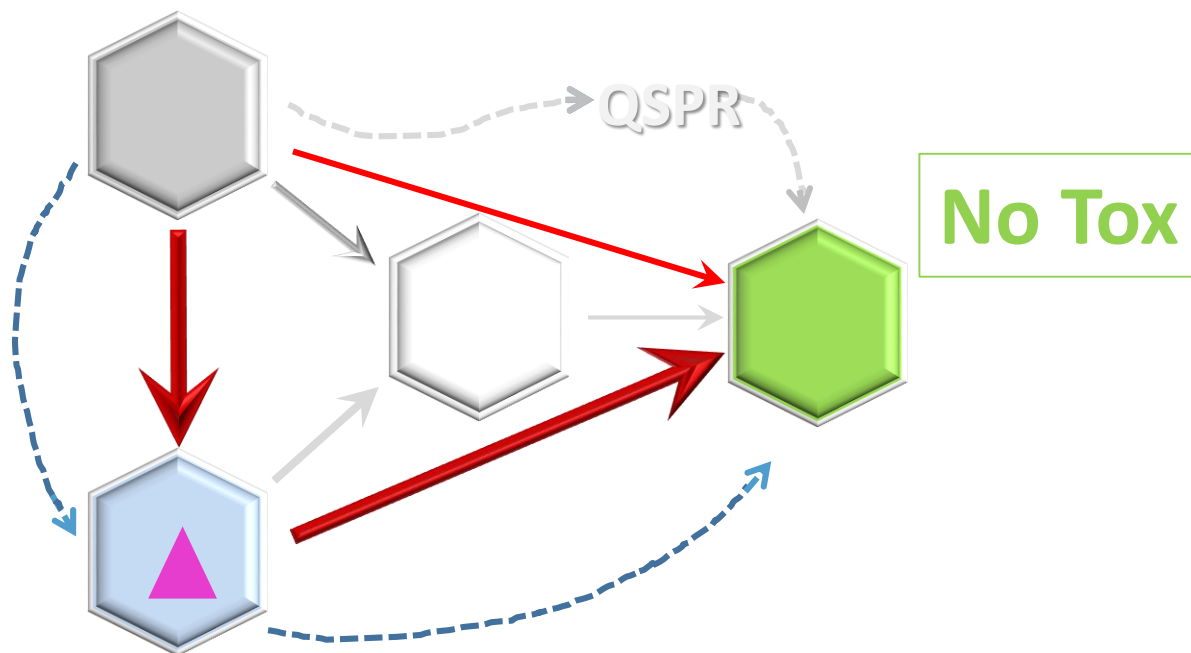
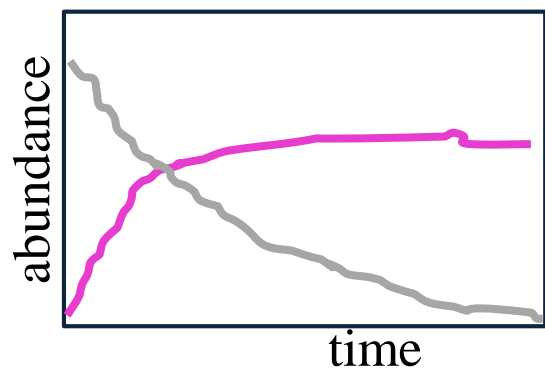


Identification of metabolites chemical structure, abundance, kinetics



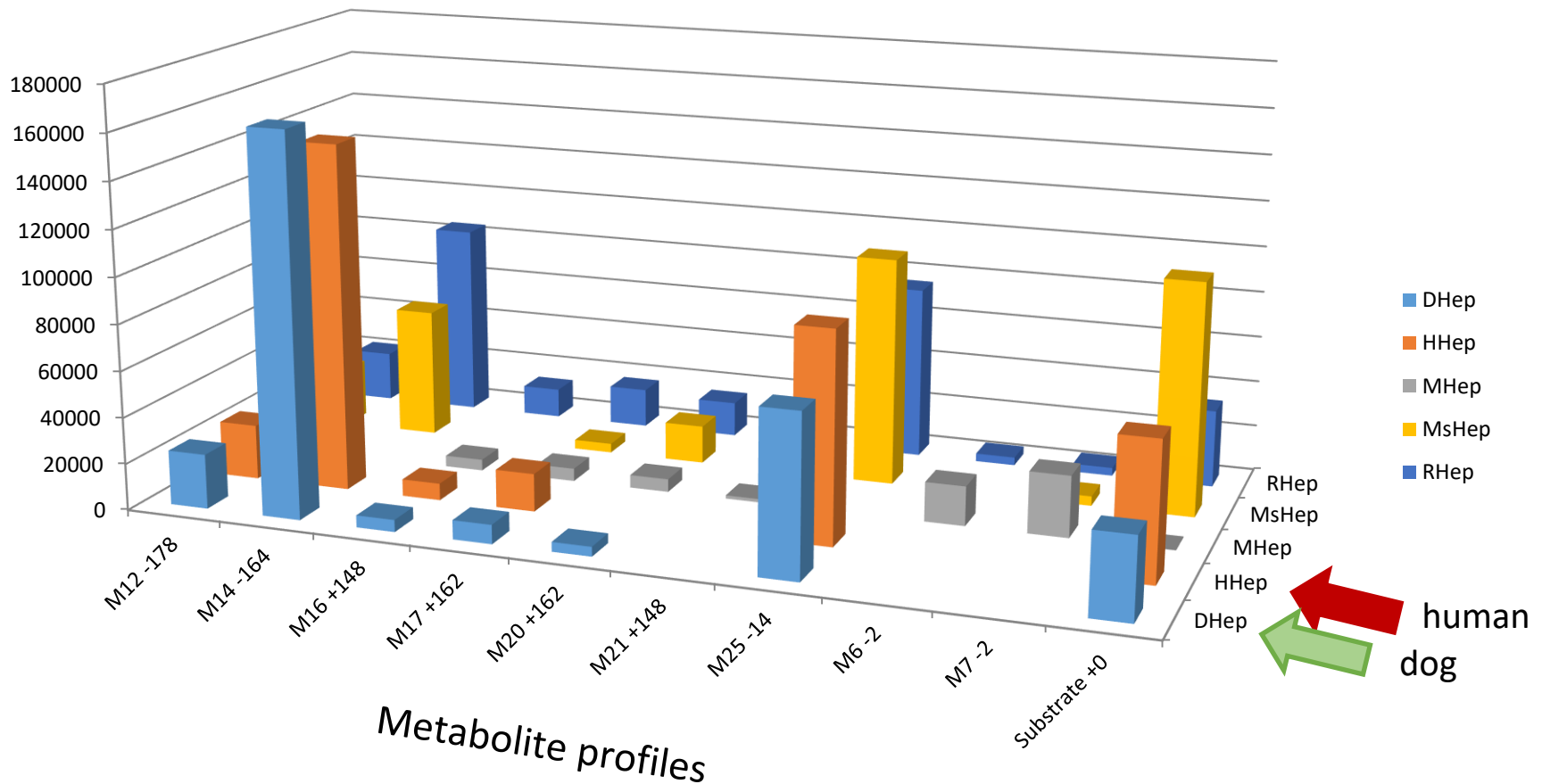
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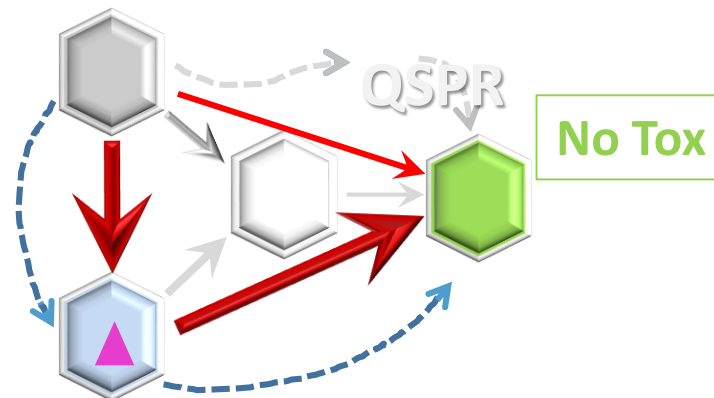
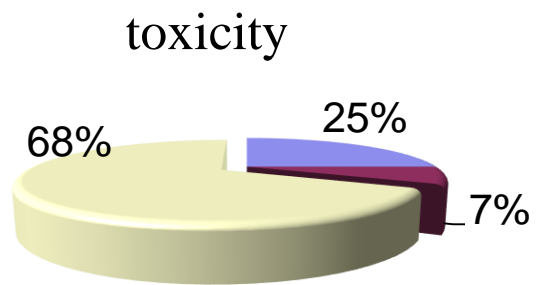
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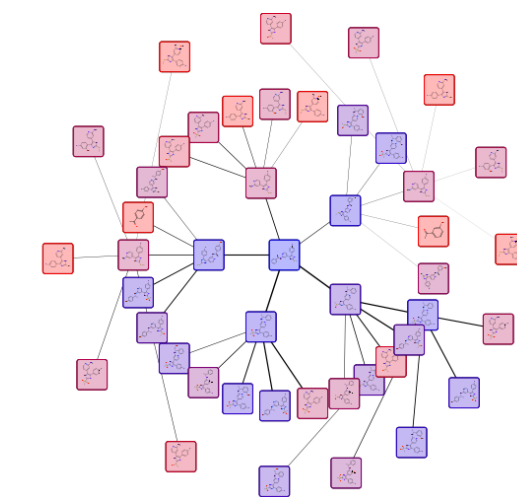
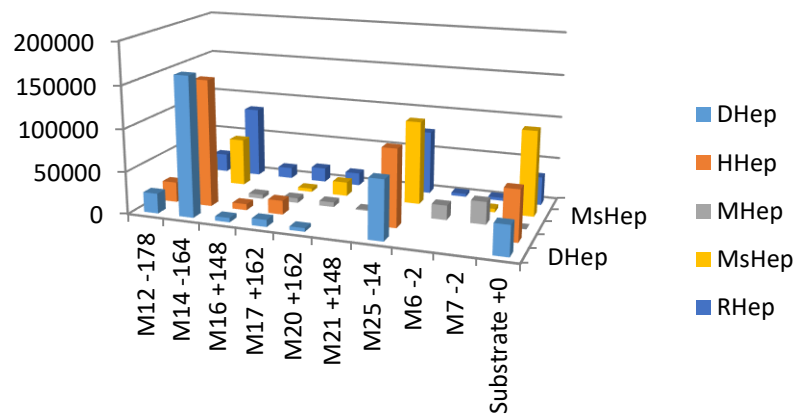
BioMatrix analysis

Hepatocytes across species Analysis





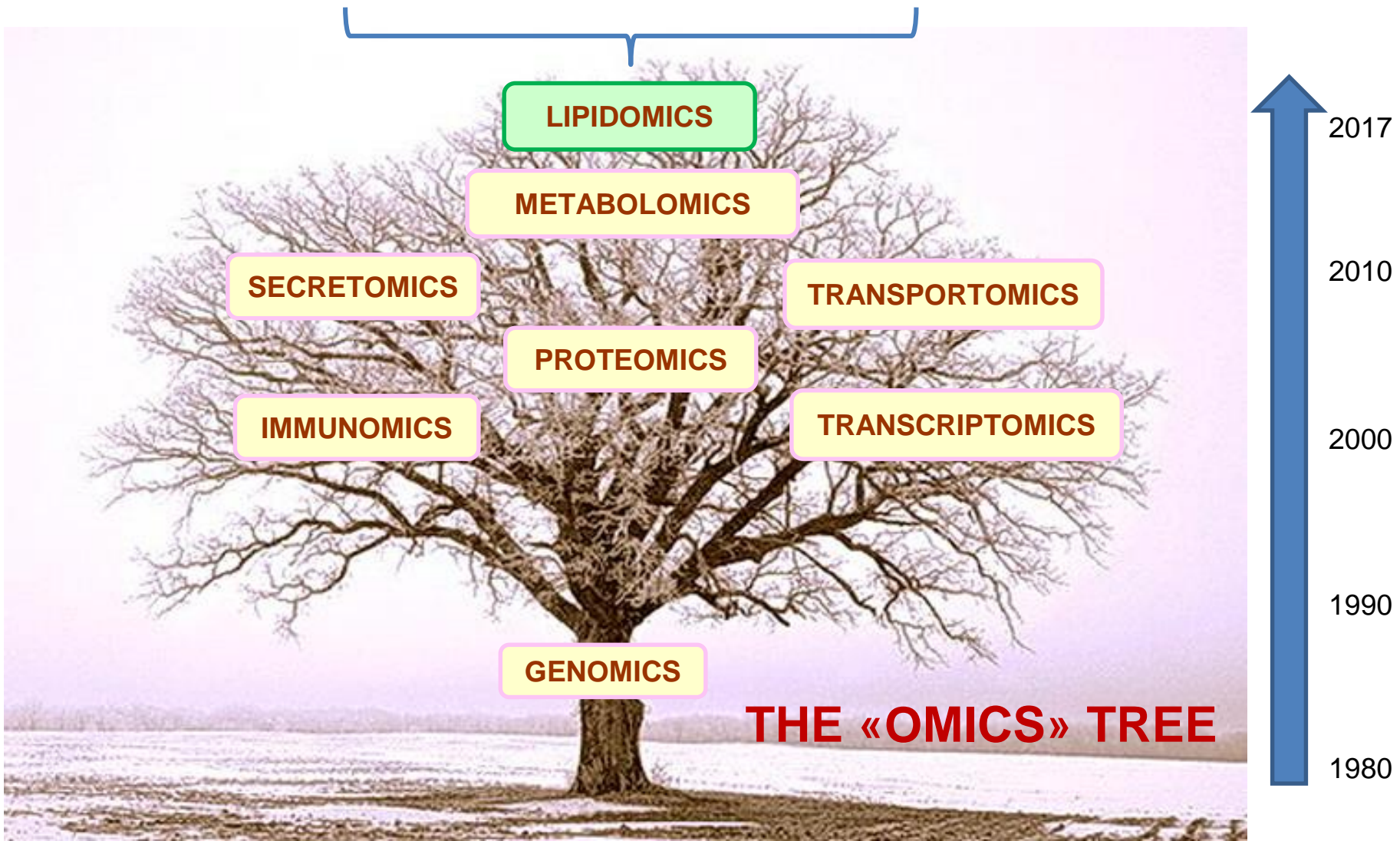
Take home messages



Metabolic pathways

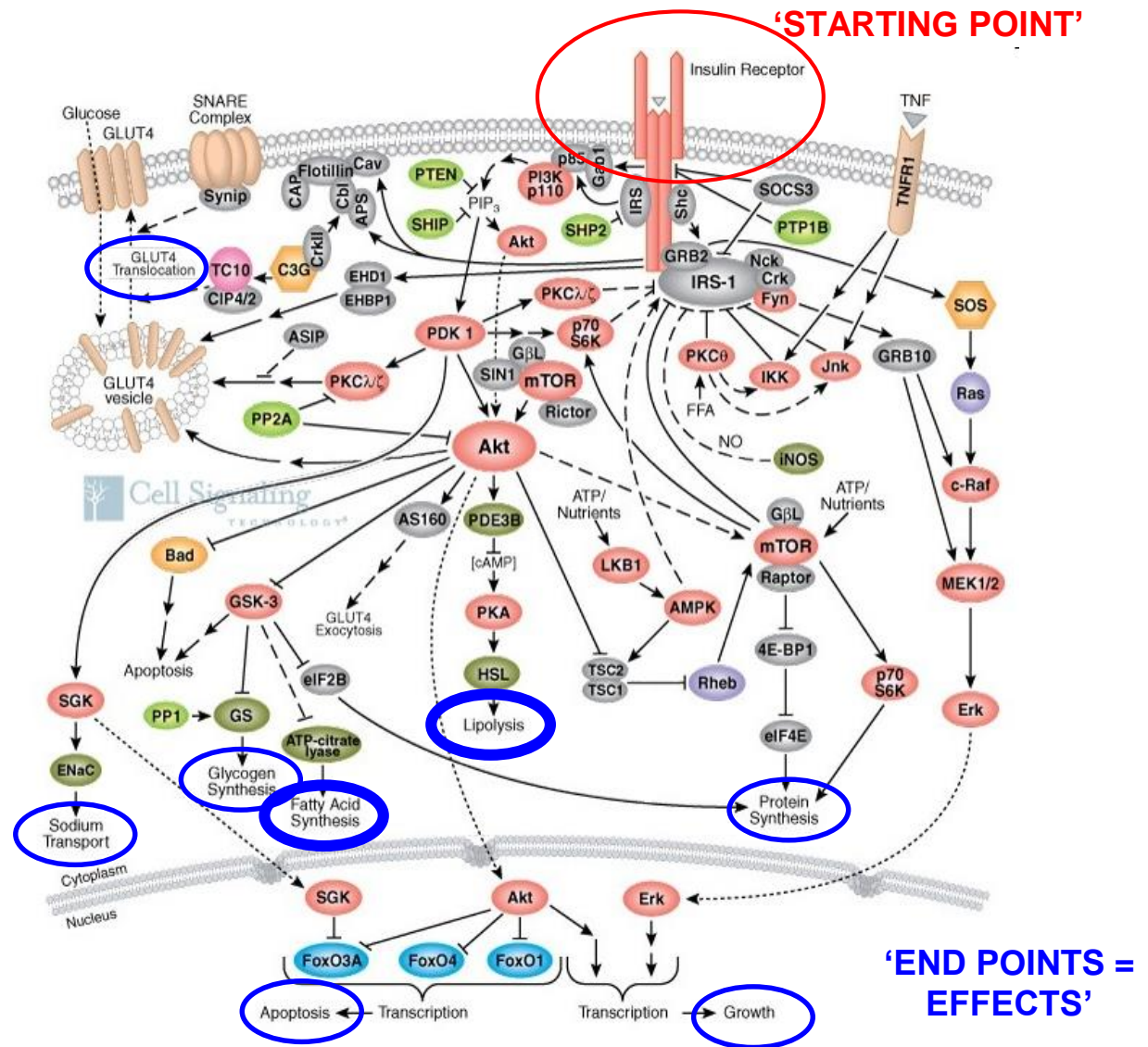
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Untargeted

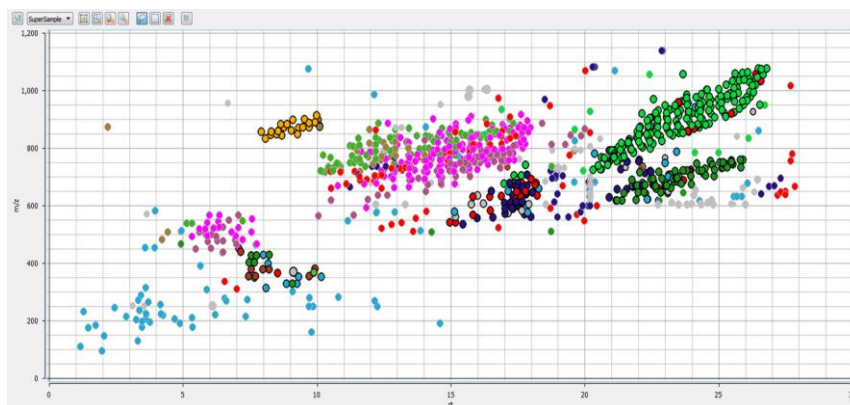
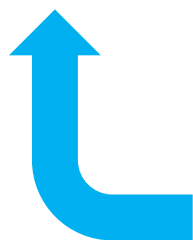
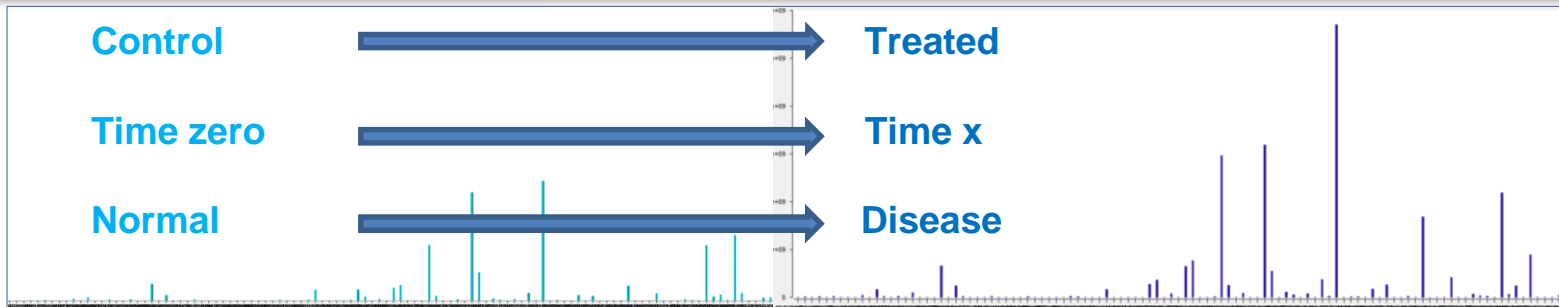


According to SciFinder only 18 publications are reported in Untargeted Lipidomics till today (2017)

Why untargeted Lipidomics ?



Any change/modification of a cellular function induced by drugs will be reflected in several modifications of lipid **content**, **composition** and **distribution**.



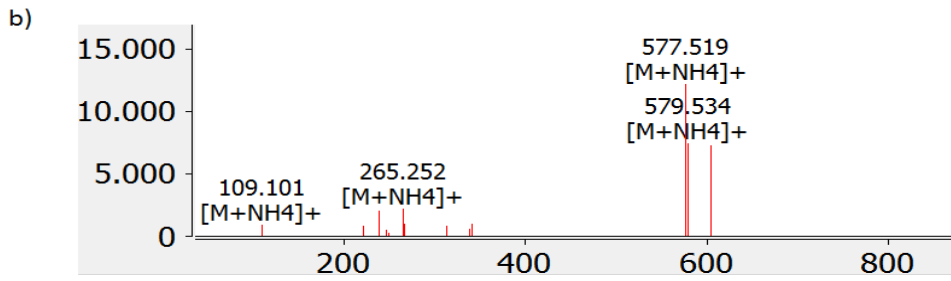
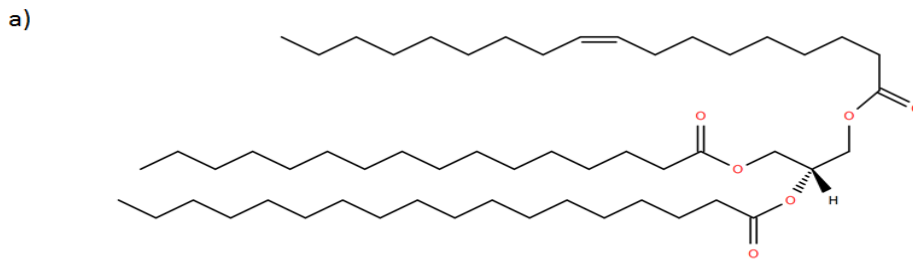
Several thousands of lipids must be identified (up to 1000000)

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Untargeted

LIPIDOMICS

METABOLOMICS



- 3 energies
- 2 polarities
- 10 adducts
- isotopes
- dimers
- water-adducts

An MS/MS spectra of the ion $m/z=878.816$ representing characteristic fragment ions to support for the identification of TAG 52:1

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METABOLOMICS

Identification of 10 lipids may require a days of work
For 2000 lipids one need 6-12 months time !!!



Proposed solution: database of commercial lipids

However: 1000 lipids availables = 0.1% potential lipids

very high cost (1 mg – 250 USD)

low stability (oxydation also at -80°C)

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Proposed solution:

Article

Lipostar, a comprehensive platform-neutral cheminformatics tool for lipidomics

analytical
chemistry

Laura Goracci, Sara Tortorella, Paolo Tiberi, Roberto Maria Pellegrino, Alessandra Di Veroli, Aurora Valeri, and Gabriele Cruciani

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LipoStar is doing in less than a minute



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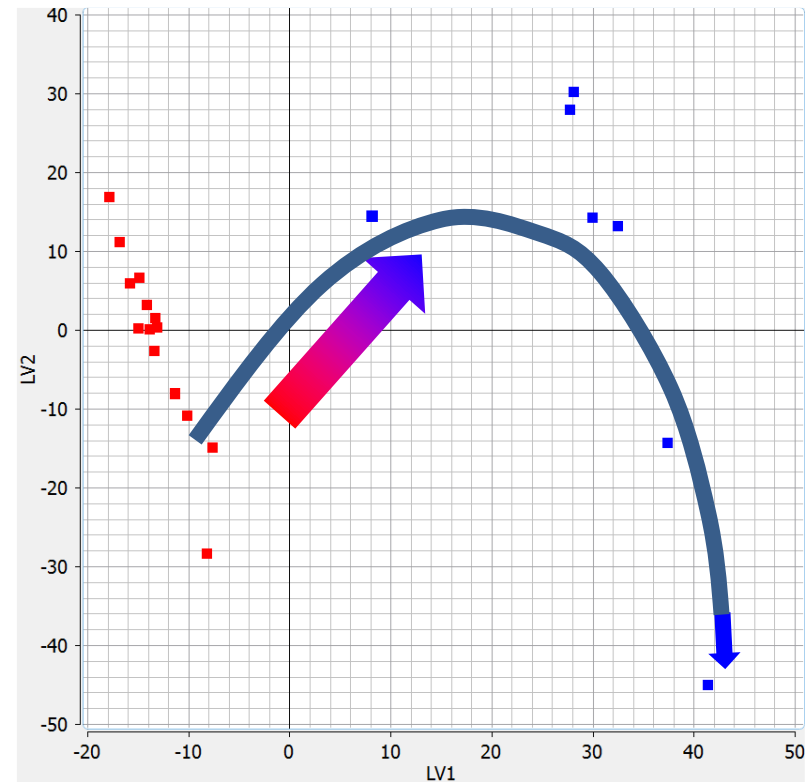
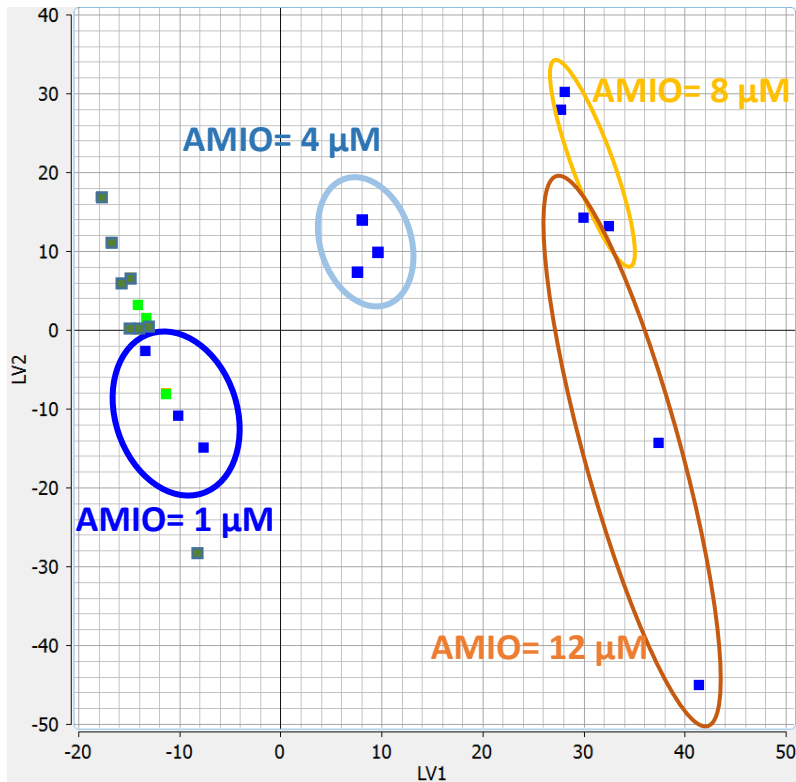
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LIPIDOMICS

Lipidomic research in public and pharmaceutical industries

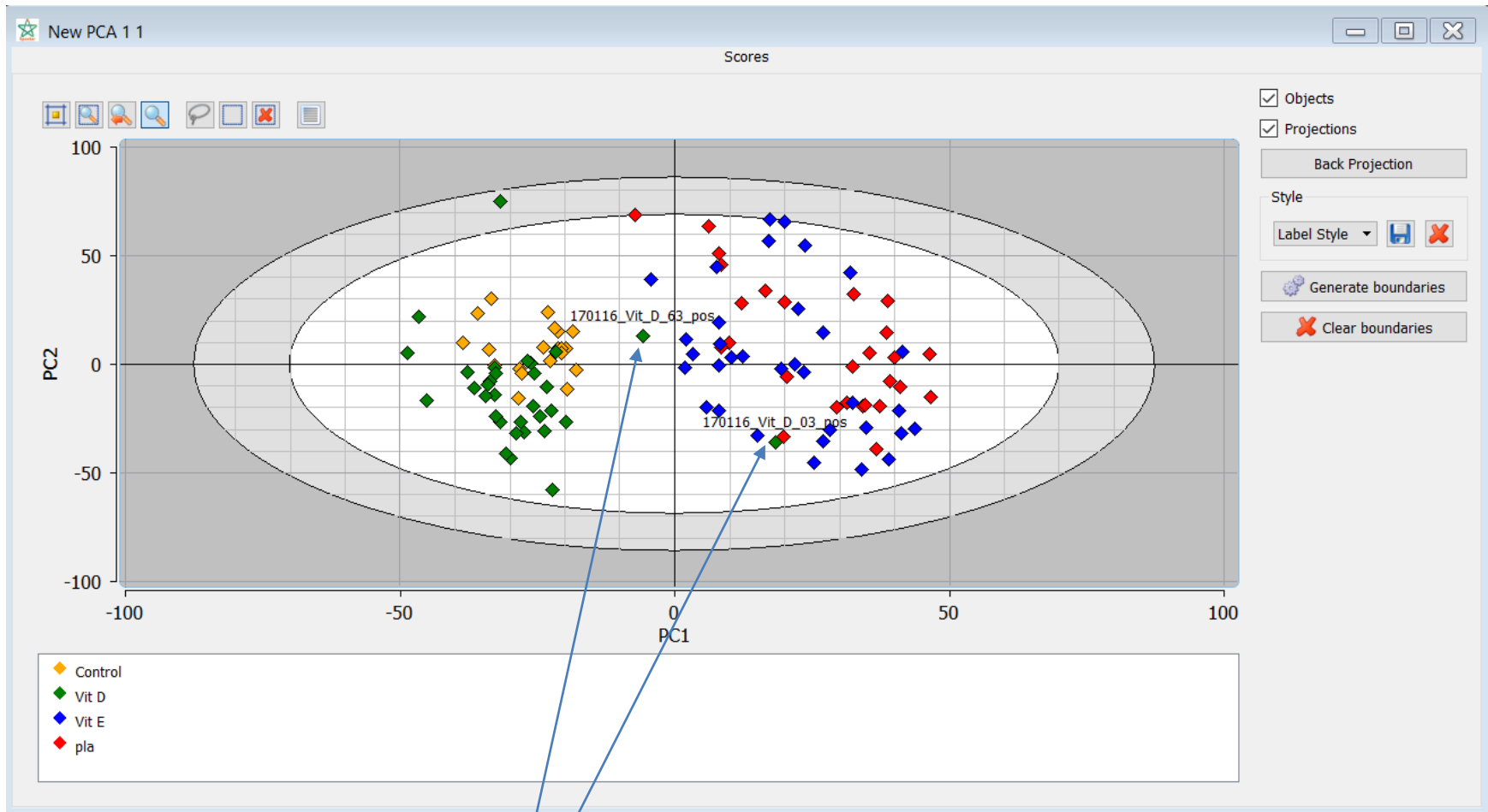
Lipids modification in liver Amiodarone (*Cholestasis*)



- Amiodarone (1, 4, 8, 12 μM)
- Cimetidine (4, 20, 40 μM)
- CTR-CTR

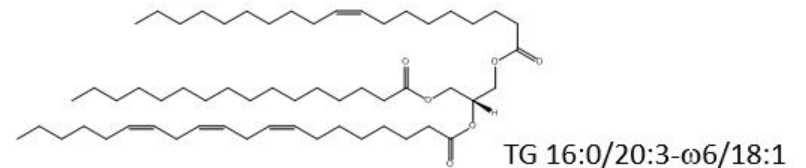
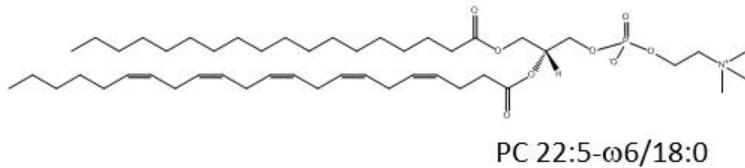
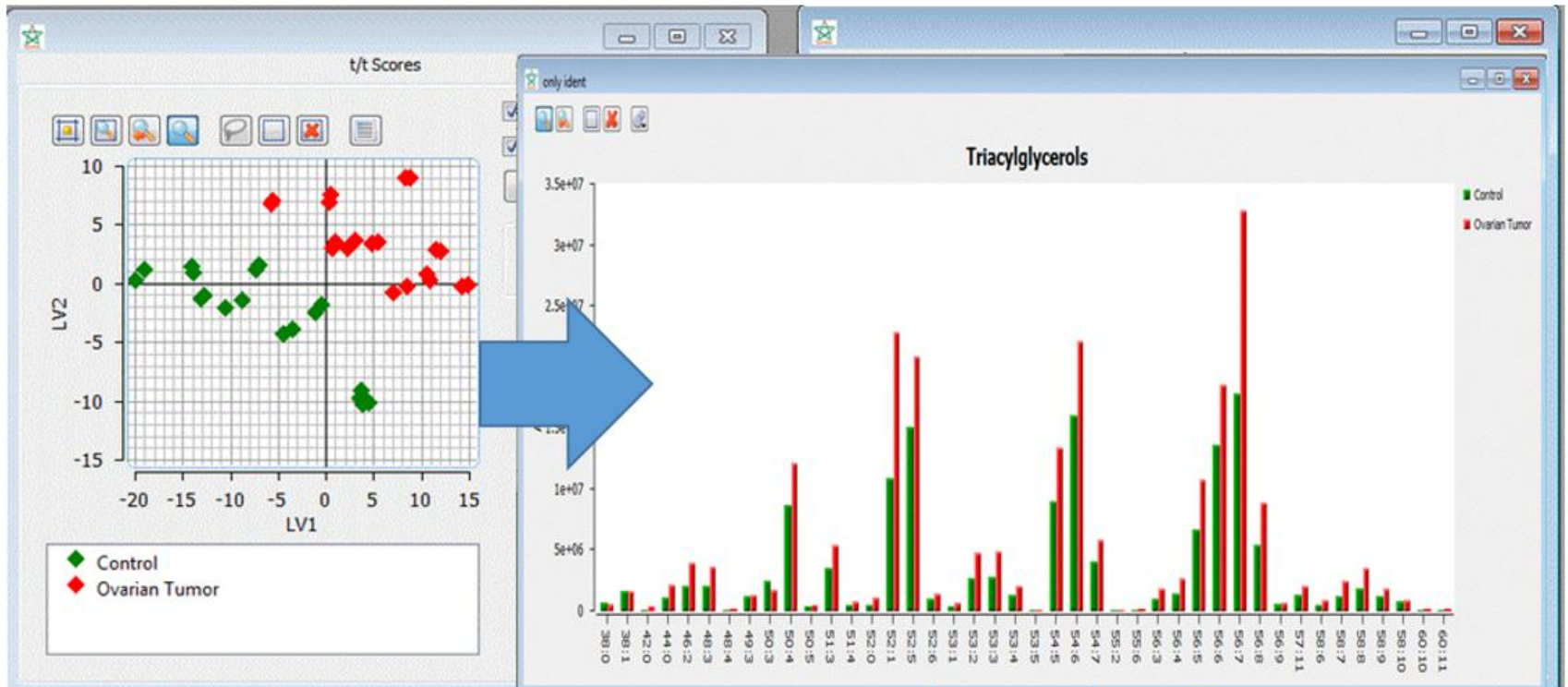
Experiments show the tox-dose level

Steatosis: blood samples



«Campioni anomali»: Vit_D_63 e Vit_D_3

Ovarian cancer – serum samples



In collaboration with



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Anticancer compound - Ceramide Synthase (CS) inhibitor



RAT BRAIN SLICES

D7-PC, PE, PI, PS...

D7-palmitoylCoA

D7-hexadecenal

D7-SPH-1P

D7-SPH
(labelling agent)

CS

D7-Cer

D7-SULFATIDES
(representing
glycosphingolipids)

D7-SM

- Rat brain slices were treated with deuterated sphingosine (D7-SPH), as labelling agent
- After a certain labelling time, some samples were treated also with a CS inhibitor (CS-INH)
- The aim was to compare CS-INH treated samples with controls

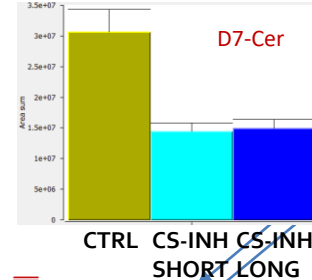
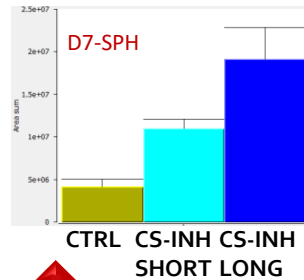
D7-Cer-1P

D7-PC, PE, PI, PS...

D7-palmitoylCoA

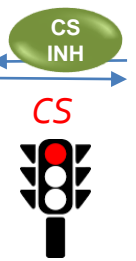
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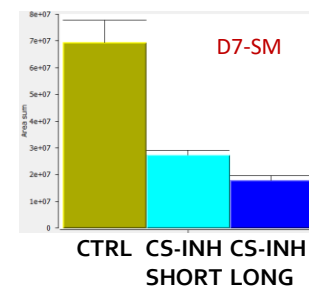
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CTRL= controls
CS-INH SHORT= treated with CS-INH for a short time
CS-INH LONG = treated with CS-INH for a long time

The effect of the inhibitor on the CS is confirmed

LipoTox Technology Platform

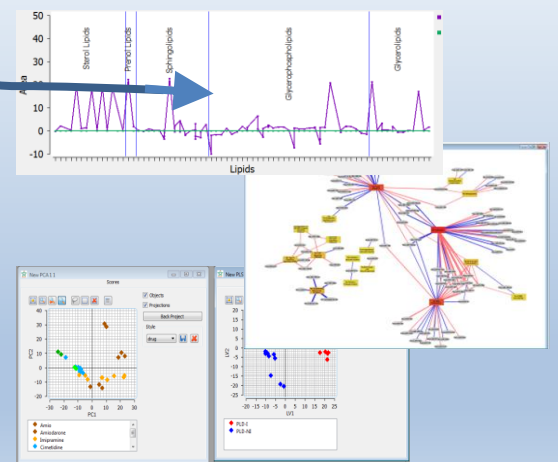
**LipoStar®
Fingerprinting System**

**Reference
(DILI) Profile Database**

**Predictive
Cheminformatic Tool**



Trovan	Most-DILI-concern
Mervan	Most-DILI-concern
Ananxyl	Most-DILI-concern
Survector	Most-DILI-concern
Symmetrel	Less -DILI-concern
Imuran	Less -DILI-concern
Paraplatin	Less -DILI-concern
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Tracrium	No -DILI-concern



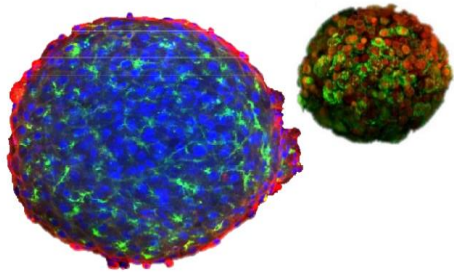
Lipidomics in 3D-Human
microtissues
(hepatocytes)

Biomarker responses to drugs
are stored in the database
>300 drugs

Informatics tools are used to
predict clinical outcomes

High Throughput Human Lipidomics





Confident decision making

- ✓ *In vivo*-like morphology using 3D co-cultures
- ✓ Relevant and robust functionality
- ✓ Long lifetime allows to capture long-term effects



... delivered in a multiwell standard format

- ✓ Scientists can fully focus on generating relevant data
- ✓ Seamless integration

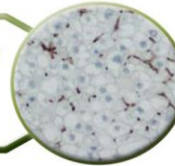


In vivo relevance meets *in vitro* convenience

Portfolio of assay-ready microtissues

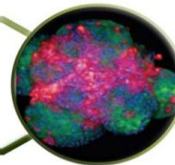
LIVER

- Human
- Rat
- Dog*
- Monkey*
- Minipig*
- HepG2



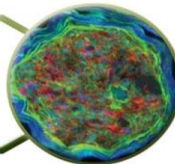
TUMOR

- Monoculture
- Co-culture
- Fluorescent



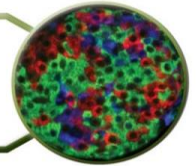
SKIN

- Dermal*
- Dermal-Epidermal co-culture*



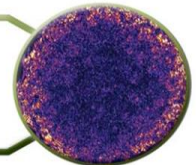
PANCREAS

- Human
- Rat*



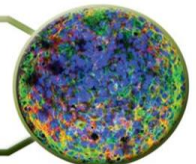
HEART

- Human (iPS)*

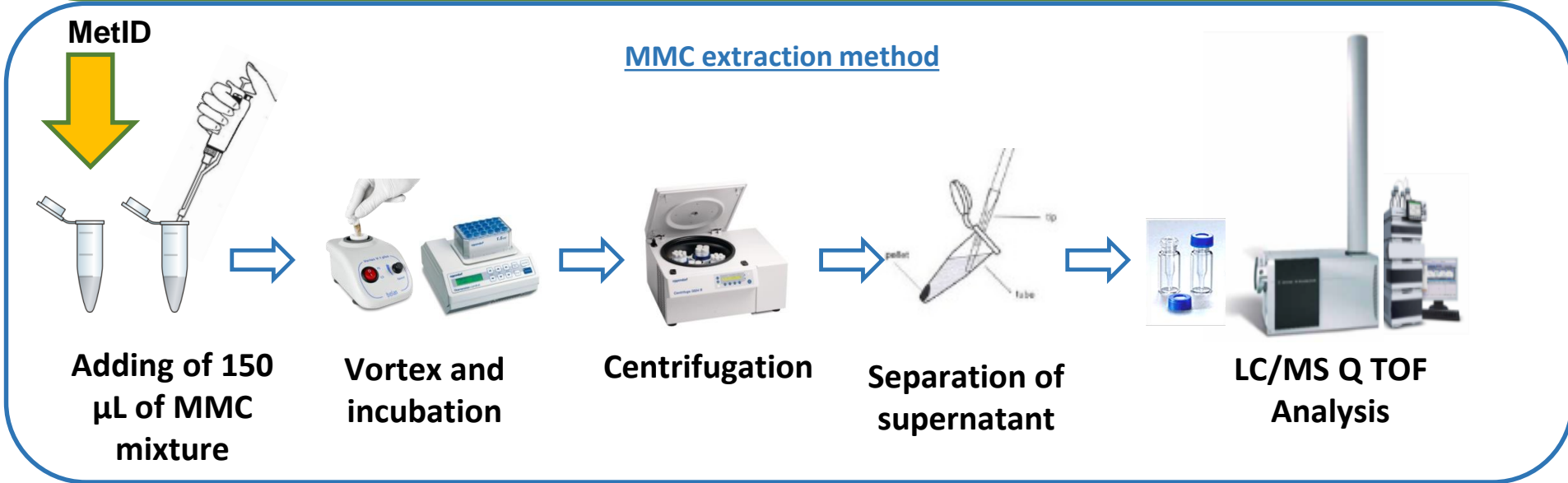
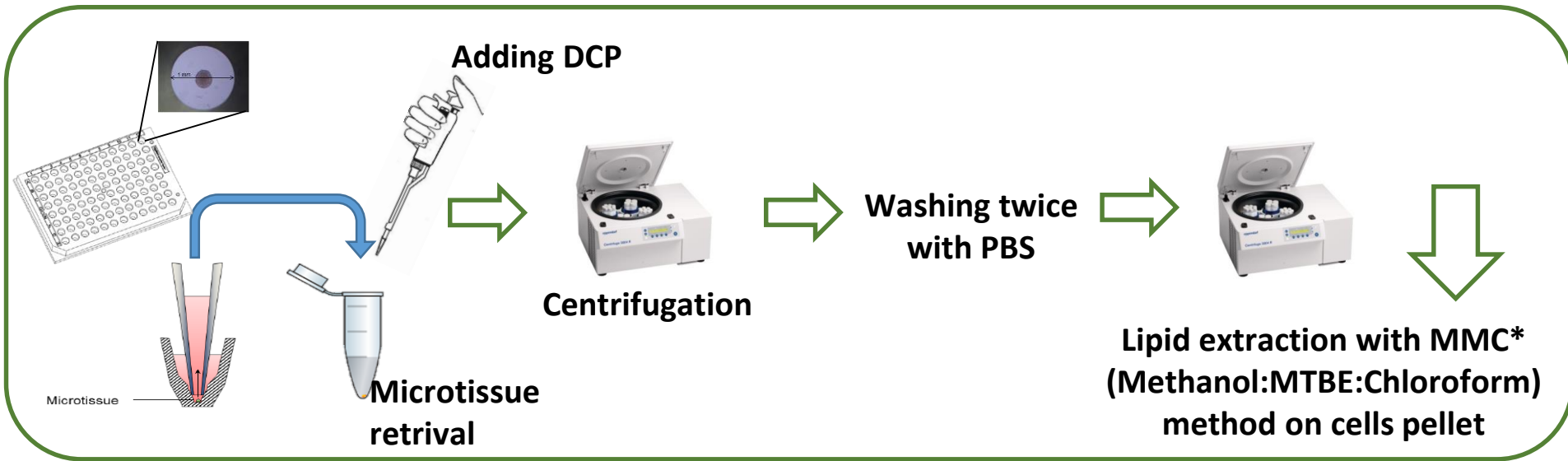


BRAIN

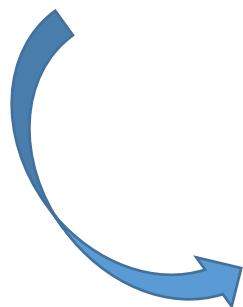
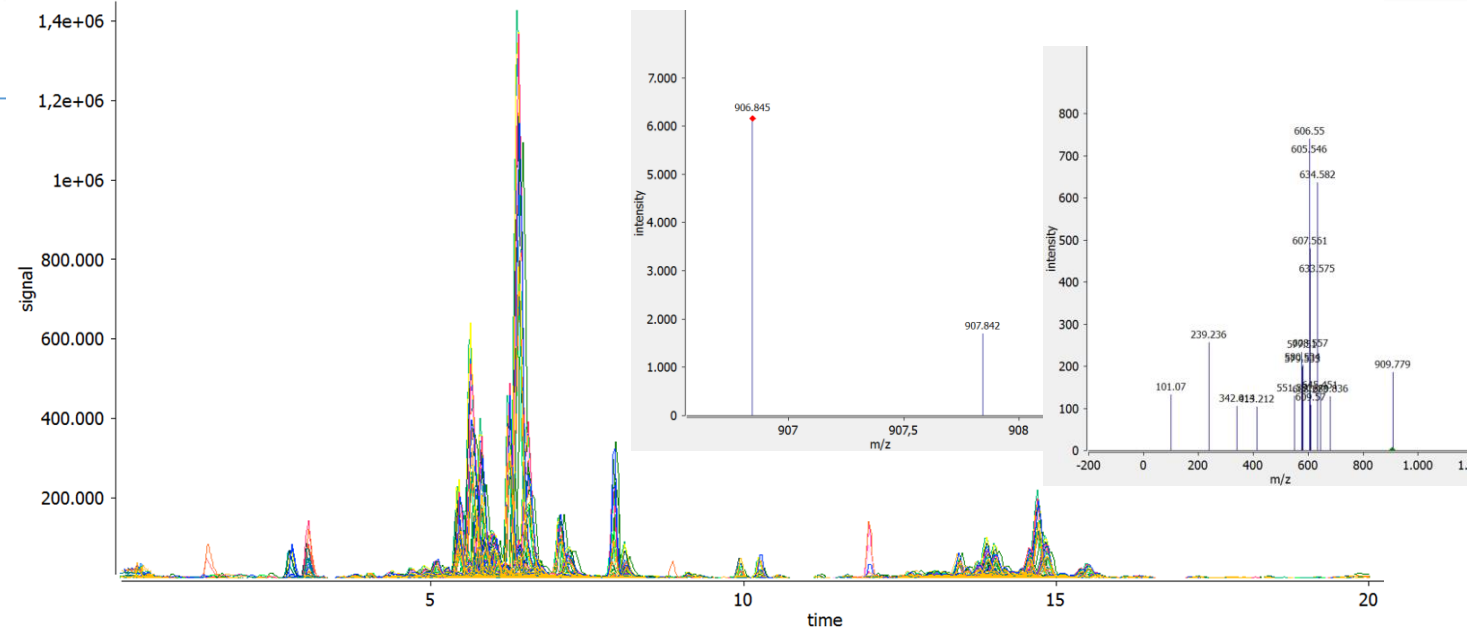
- Rat*



One pot Lipid extraction from 3D microtissues



* Anal Bioanal Chem. 2014 Dec;406(30), Pellegrino RM, Di Veroli A, Valeri A, Goracci L, Cruciani G.



Peak-detection
Signal/noise data
pretreatment
Signal alignment
Structural assignment

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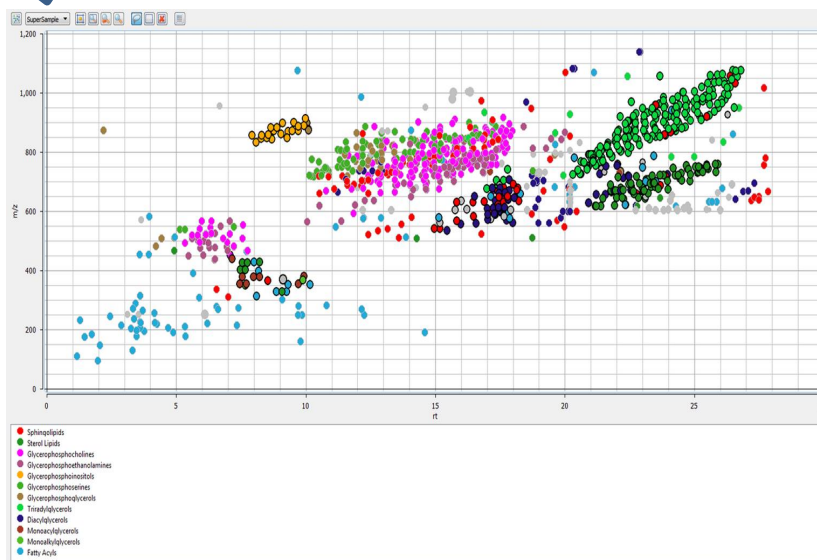
Identification, structural assignment and matrix building

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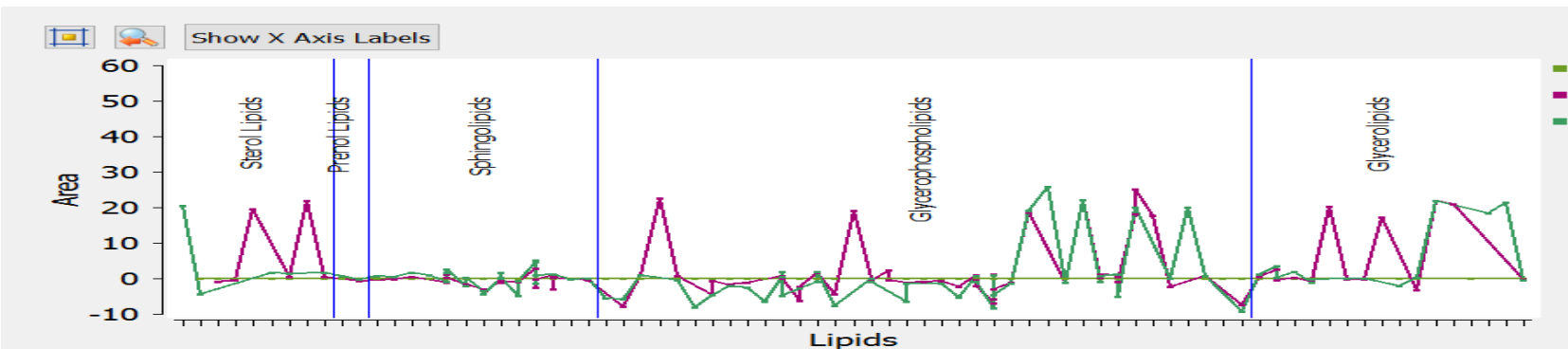
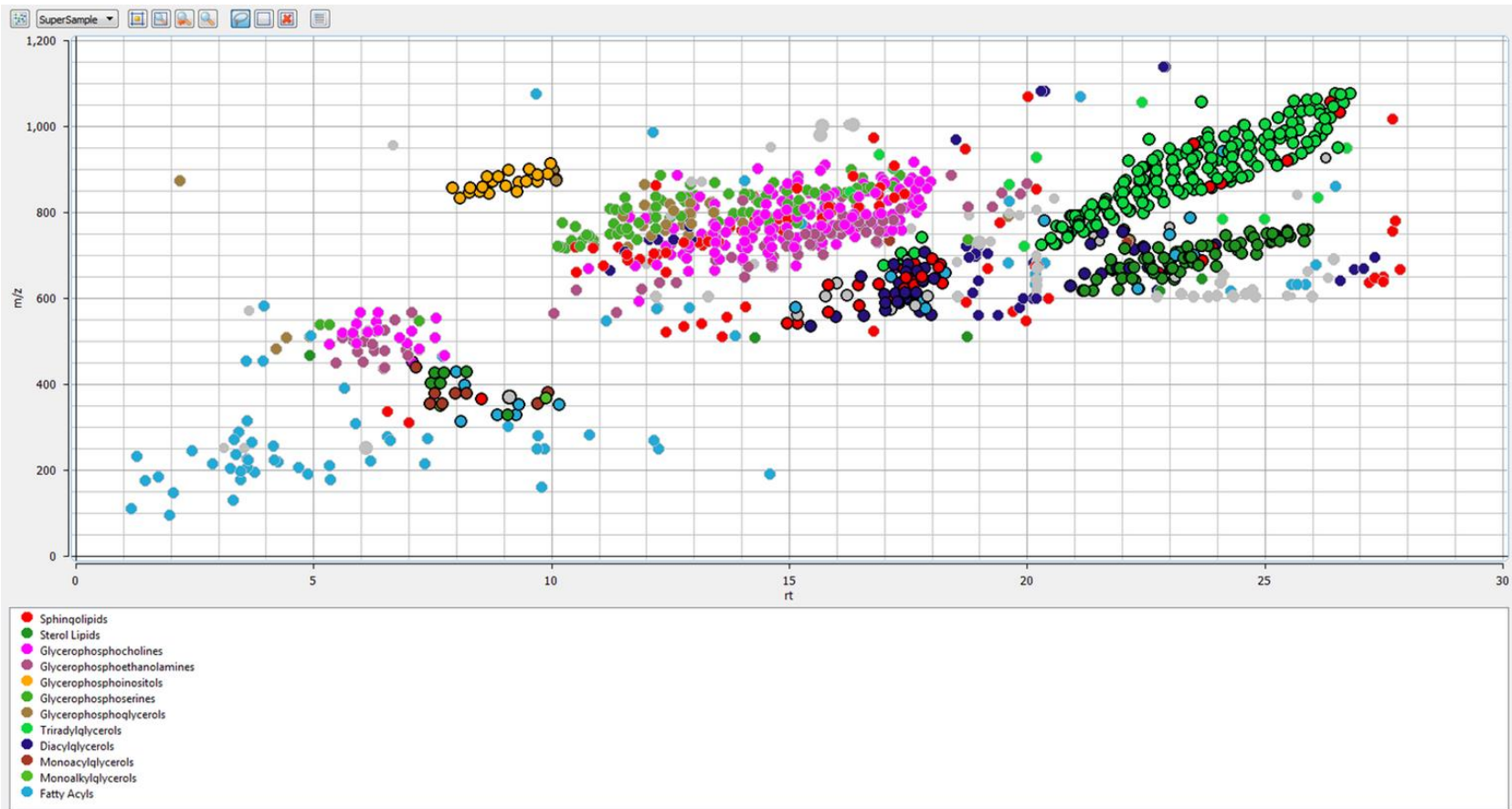
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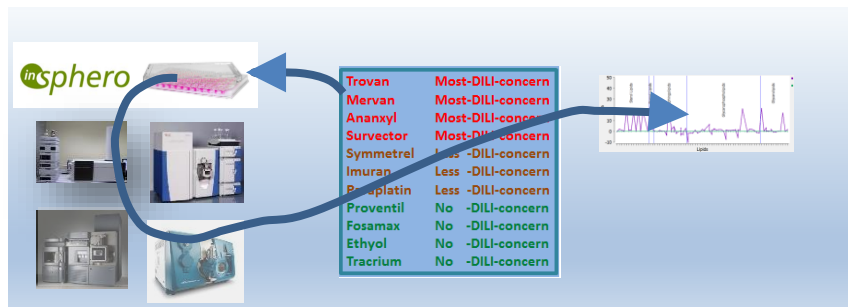
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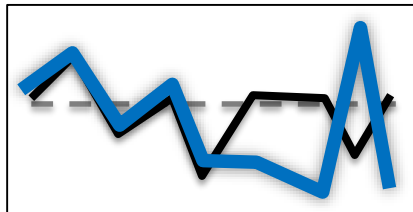
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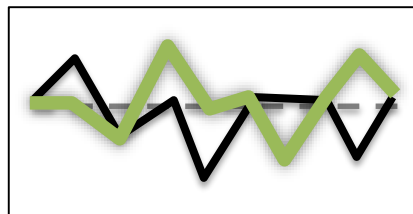
Similarity Analysis of Lipids Profiles



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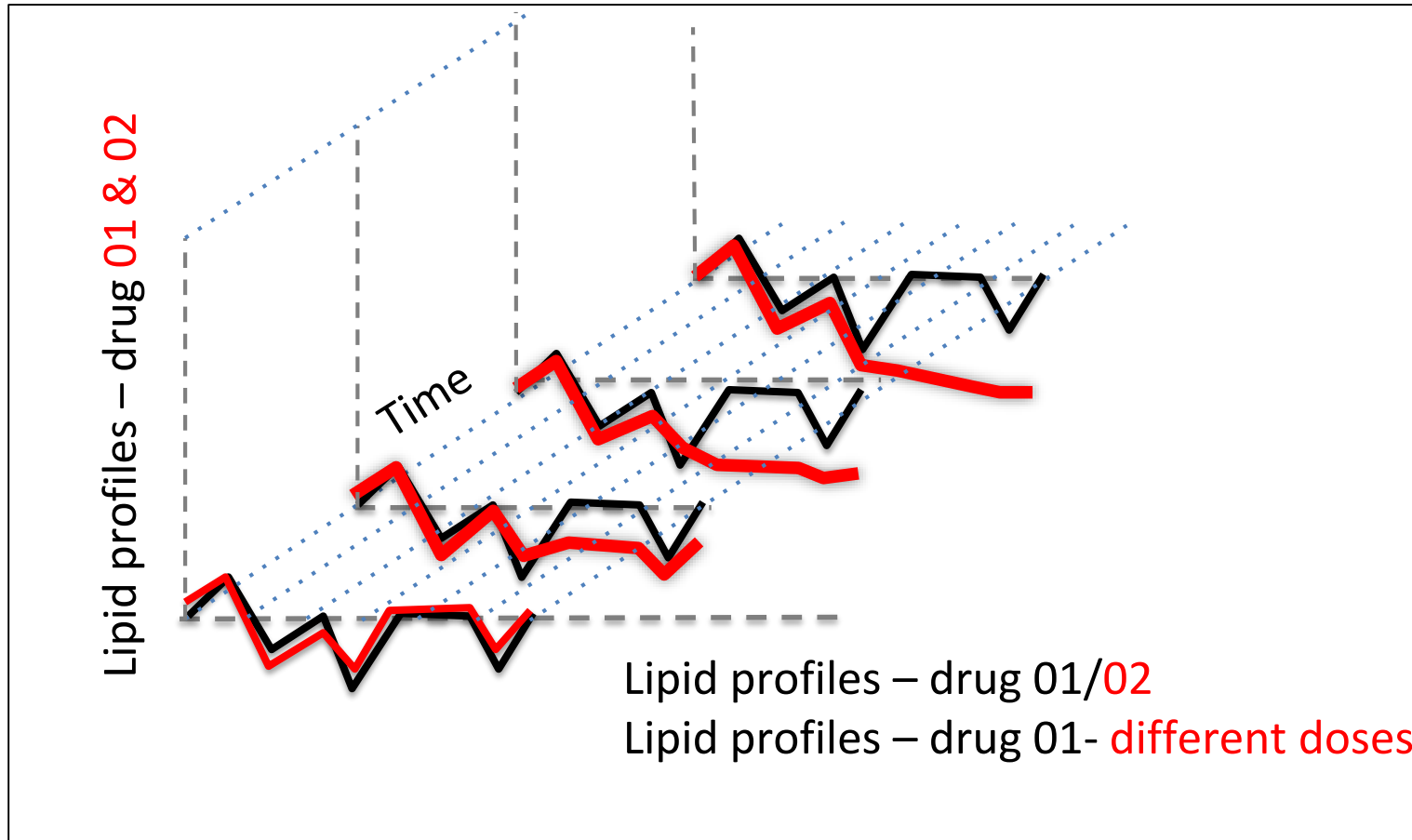
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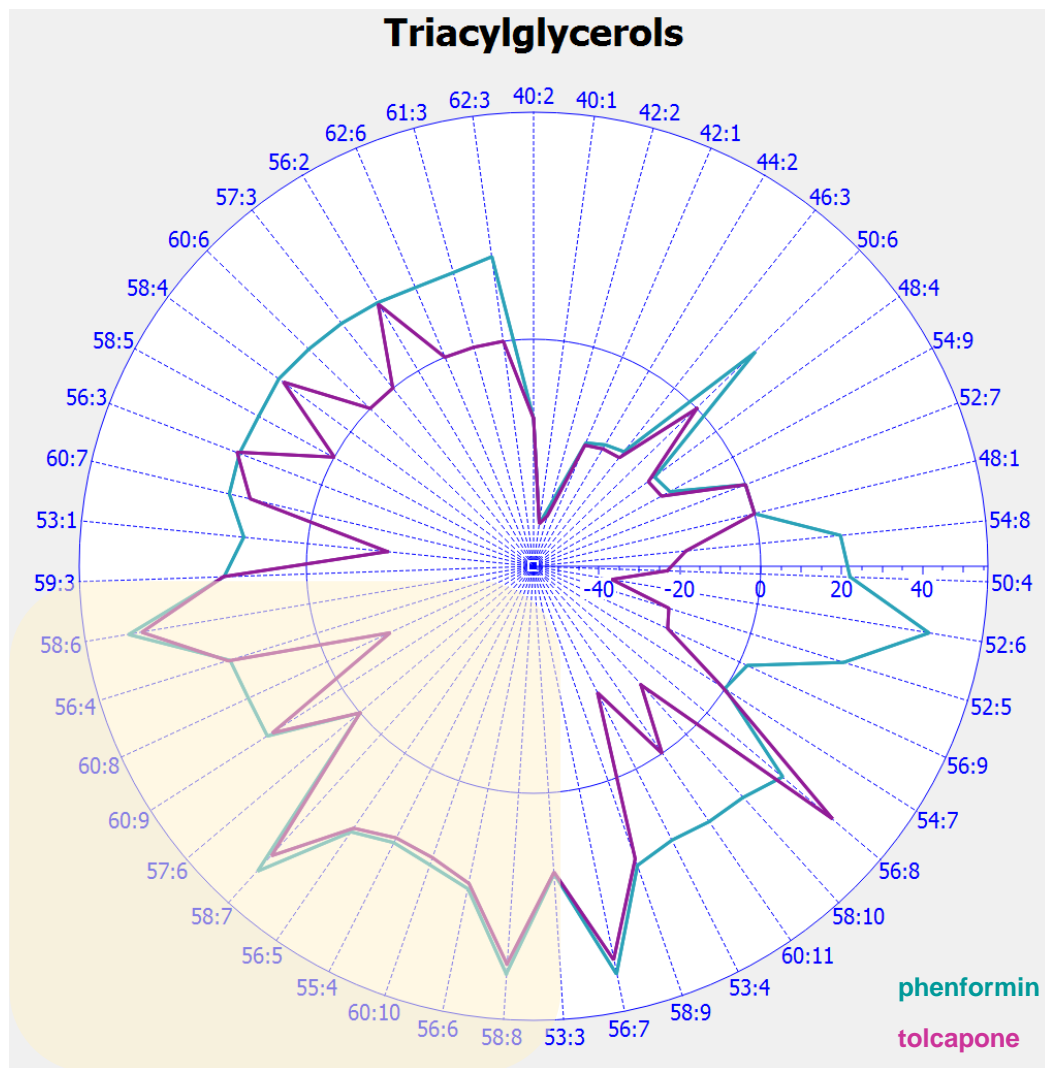
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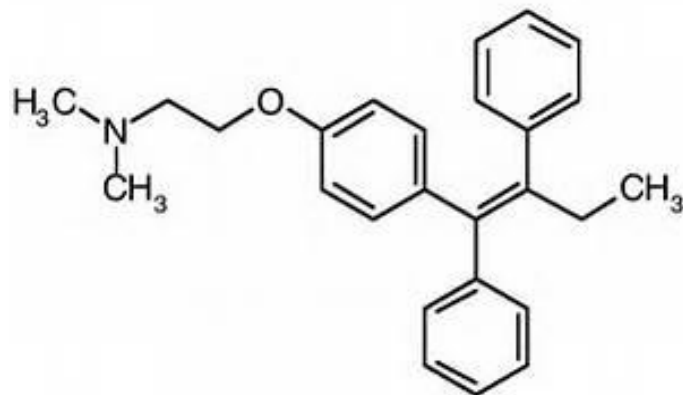
Similarity Analysis of Profiles



Triacylglycerols profiles for Drug 1 and Drug 2 (negative values are differences from control)

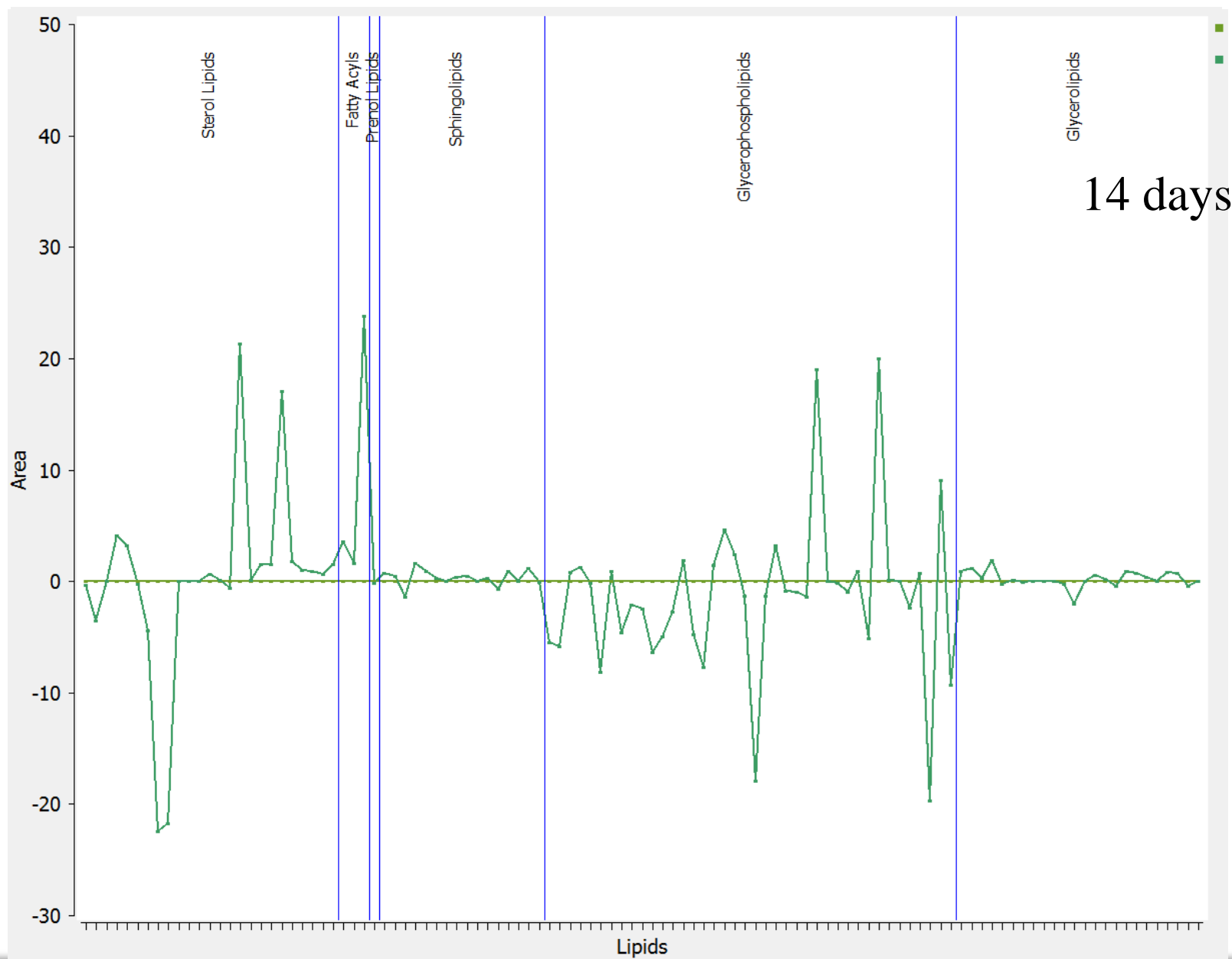


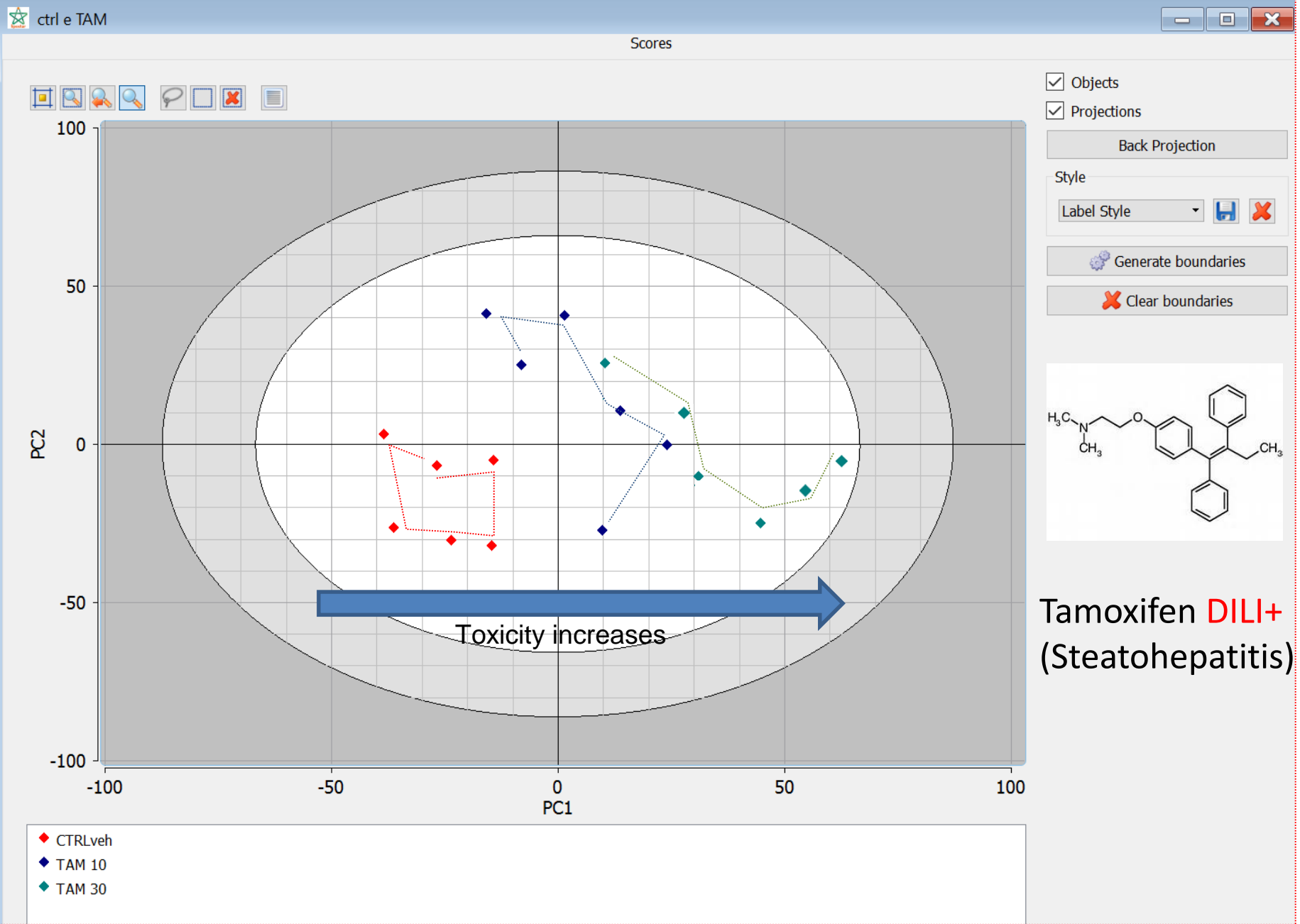
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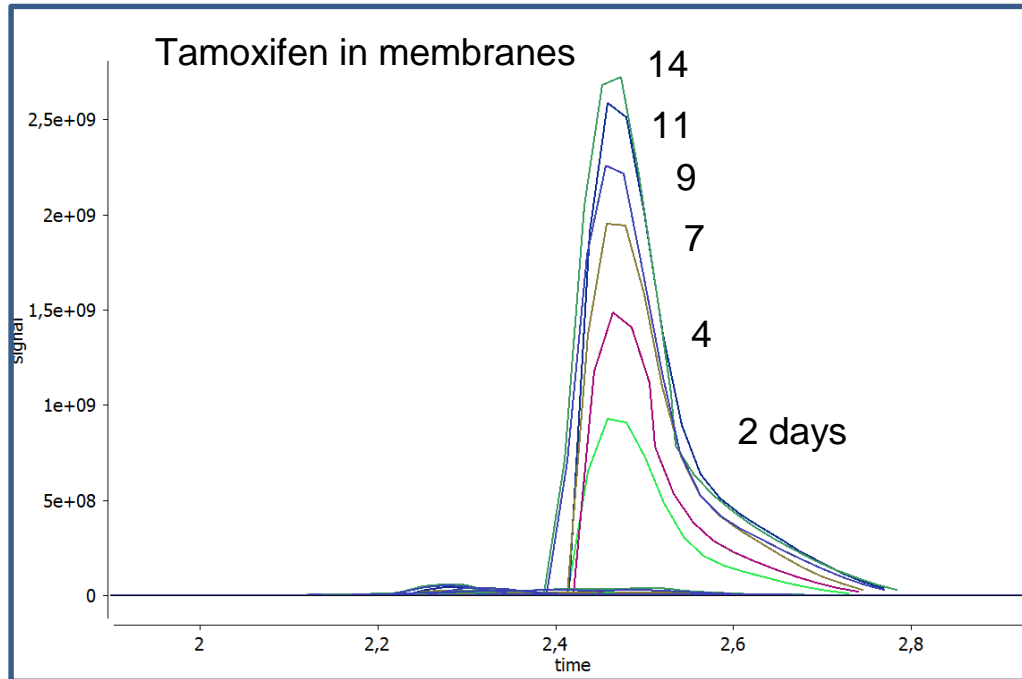
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(Steatohepatitis)

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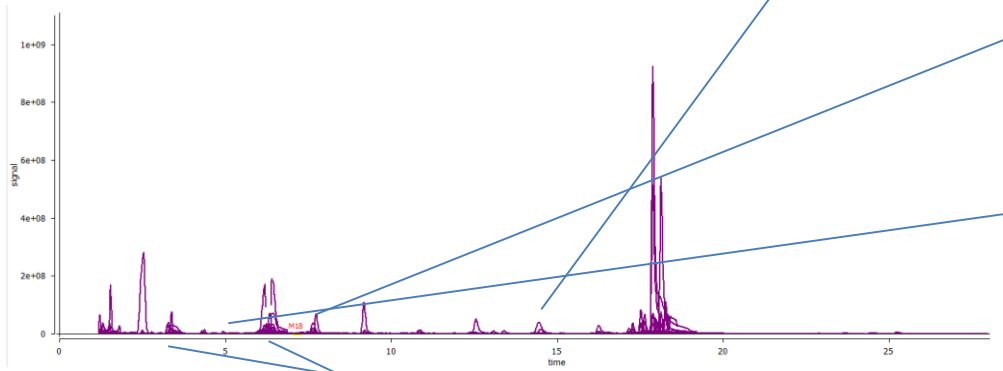


Drug in membranes

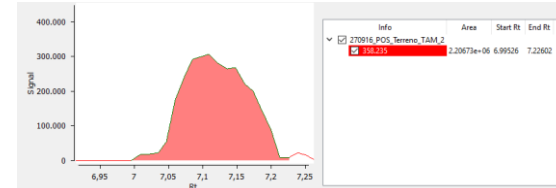


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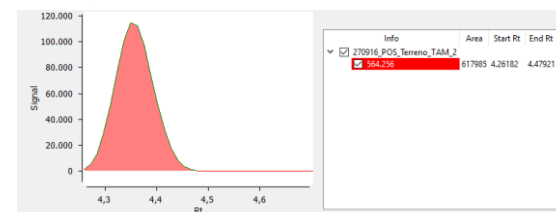
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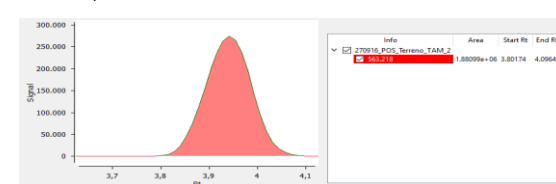
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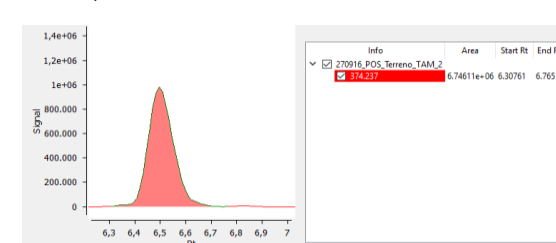
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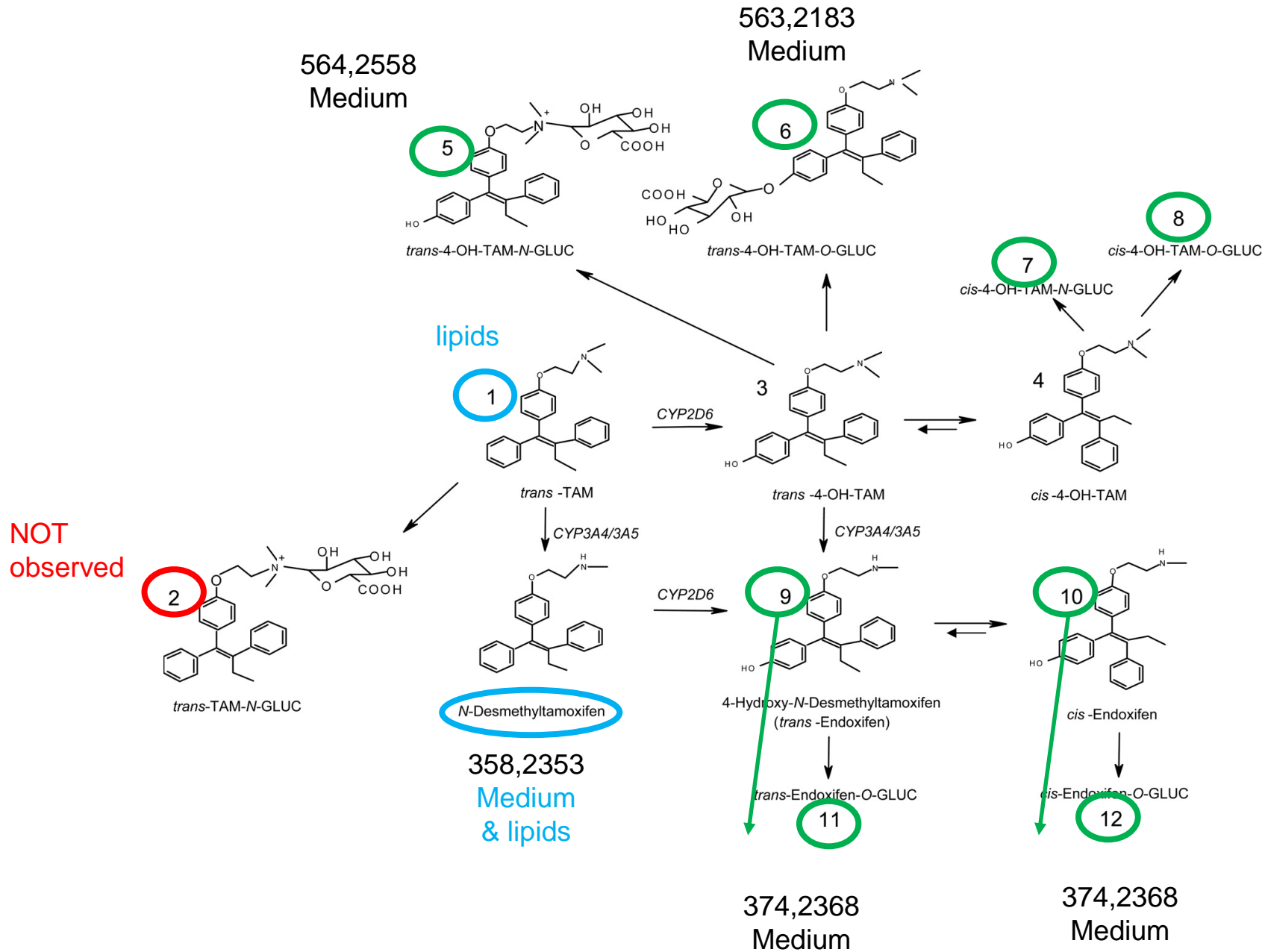
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Ultra fast automatic MetID



What Can We Do With LipoTox Profile Data?

- **Analyze overall toxicity profiles**
 - Profile characteristics
 - Unsupervised and supervised approaches to compare profiles
- **Focus on individual endpoints**
 - Correlate to external data
 - Build an understanding of clinical mechanisms

Applications

- **Compound characterization**
 - ADME Property profiles
 - Pathways, possible clinical indications
- **Mechanism of action**
 - Unexpected off-targets (toxicity)
- **Support therapeutic hypotheses**
 - Compare to competitor molecules, clinical standards of care
 - Identify translational biomarkers

Drug Combinations

- **Challenges for studying drug combinations:**
 - System may include more drugs
 - Suitably robust to capture combination effects

Summary

- Lipid profiling in human (or animal) 3D-microtissues generates property profiles (close to disease process) that can be used to:
 - Group chemicals into bio-activity classes
 - Generate mechanistic hypotheses
 - Identify properties that may correlate with *in vivo* outcomes
- High throughput *in vitro* data is most informative when combined with available external information
 - Known drugs as reference
 - *In vivo* properties

LipoTox gives biological insight that may be crucial to improve drugs and to reduce time to market substantially.

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Rosso di sera .. bel tempo si spera !!

Red sky at night, shepherd's delight



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