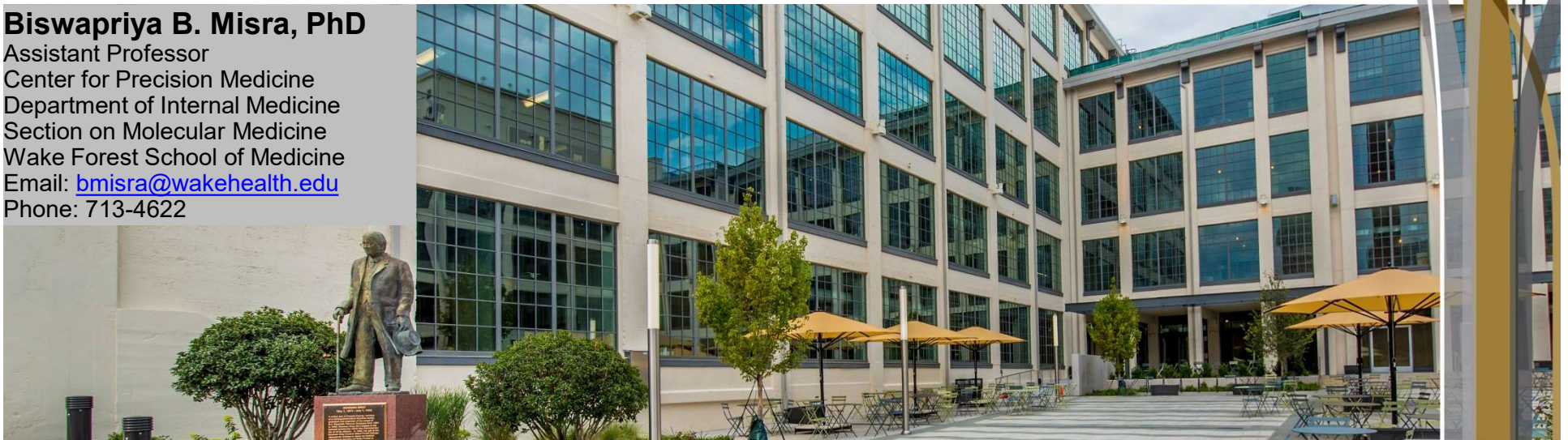


Metabolomics as a Biomarker Discovery Platform: Opportunities in Alzheimer's Disease Research

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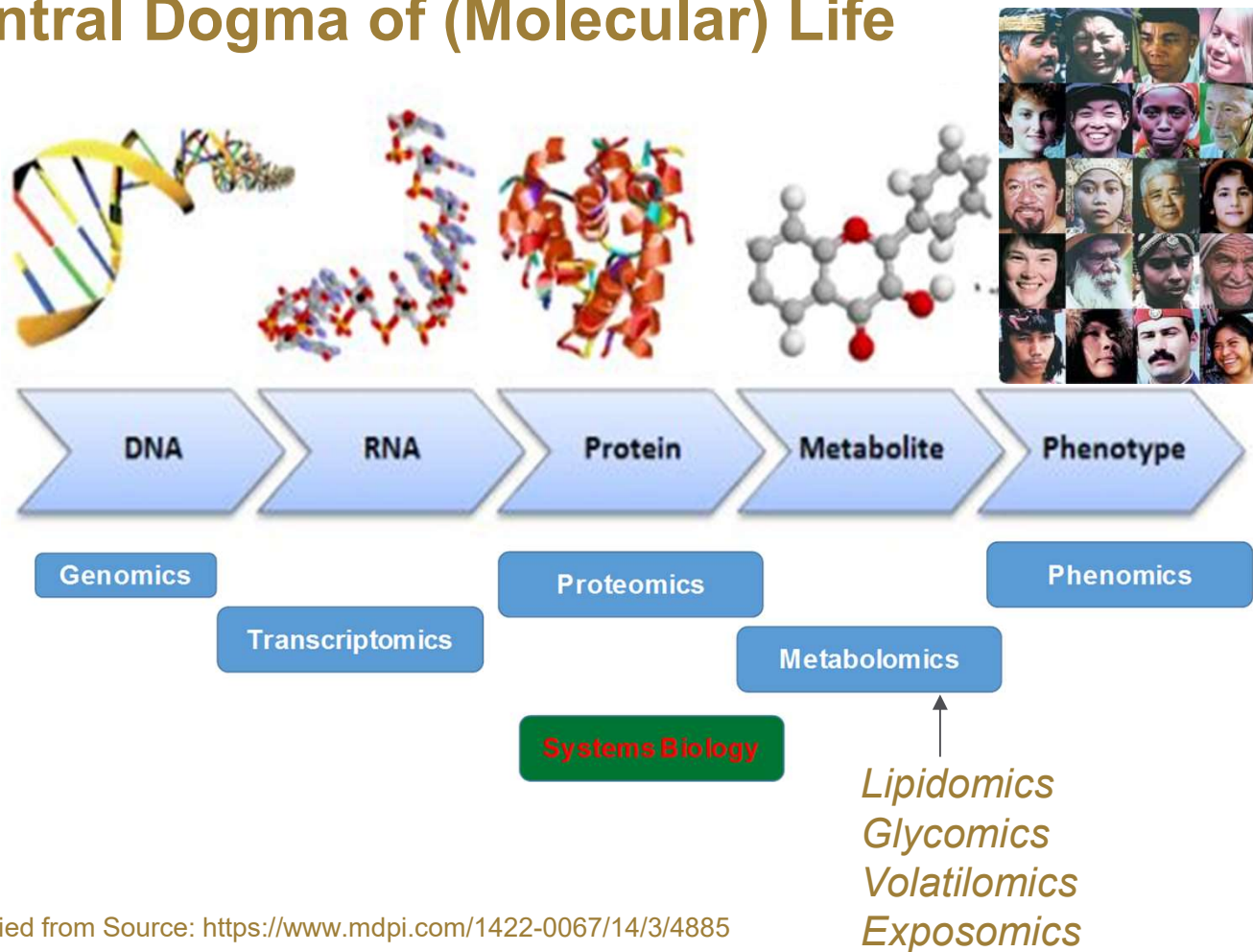


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1. **Why** Metabolomics- Definitions and Scope
2. Metabolomics **Biomarkers**: The State of the Art
3. Metabolomics in **Alzheimer's Disease**
4. **Future Scope** of Metabolomics with CPM

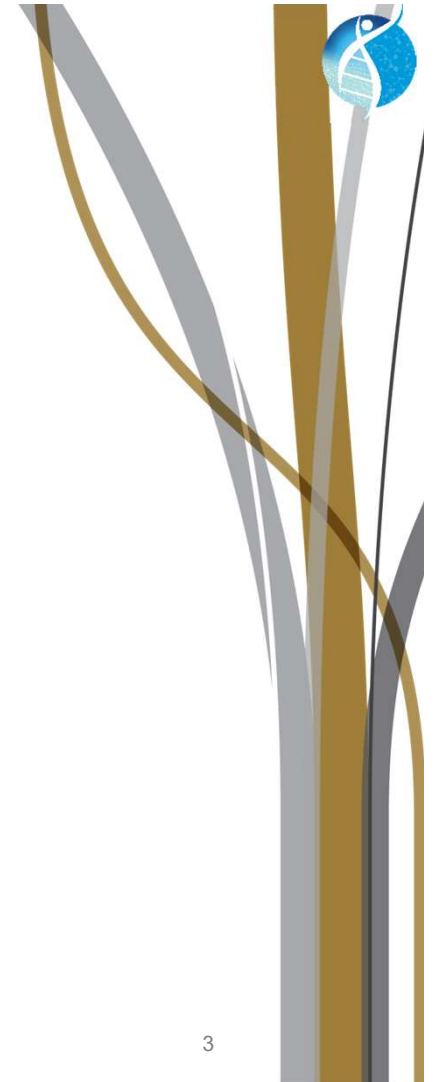


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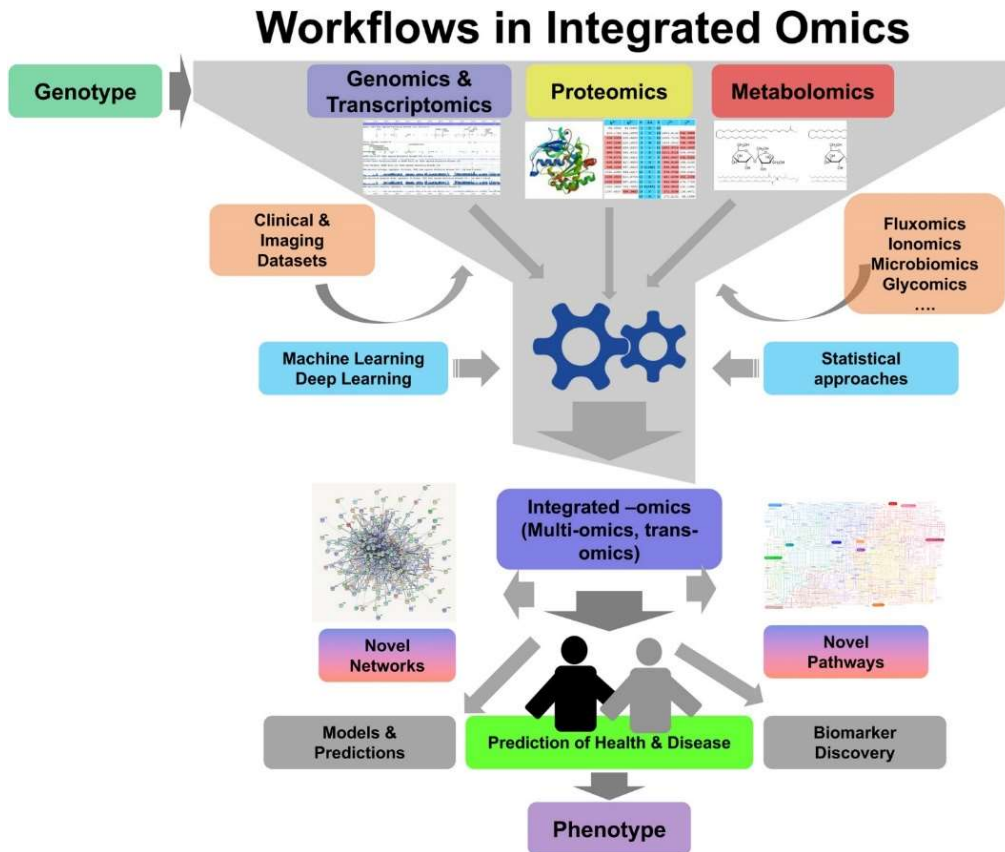


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Current State of Art in Integrated Omics



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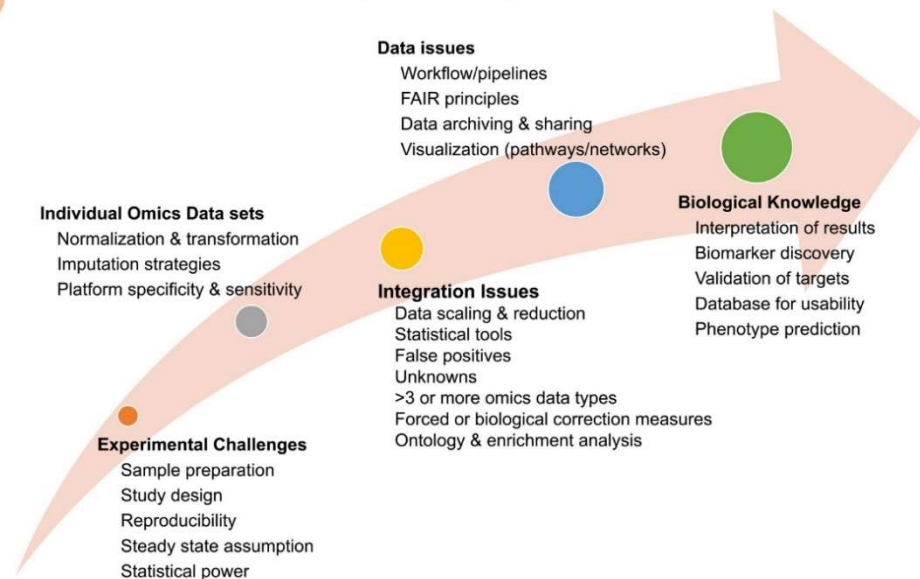
REVIEW

Integrated omics: tools, advances and future approaches

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Challenges in Integrated Omics



Omics: Definitions & Importance

Omics



The English-language neologism **omics** informally refers to a field of study in biology ending in **-omics**, such as genomics, proteomics or metabolomics.

Omics aims at the **collective characterization and quantification of pools of biological molecules** that translate into the structure, function, and dynamics of an organism or organisms.

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Open Access Review

The Need for Multi-Omics Biomarker Signatures in Precision Medicine

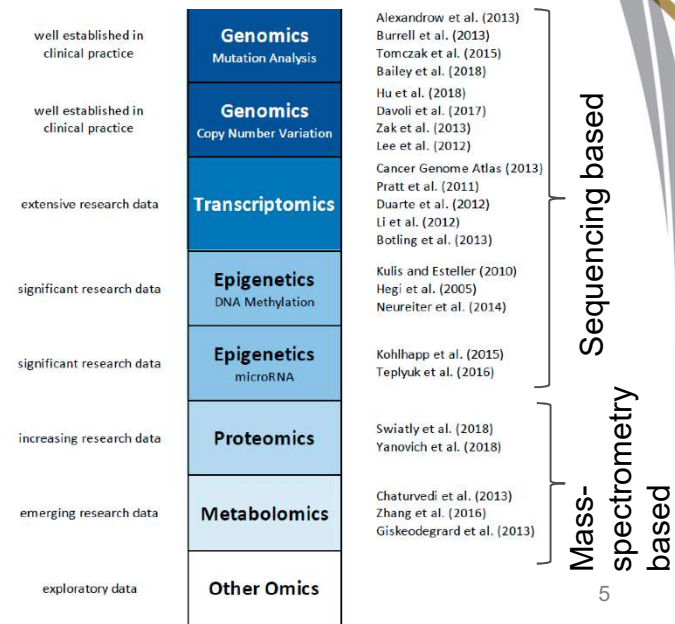
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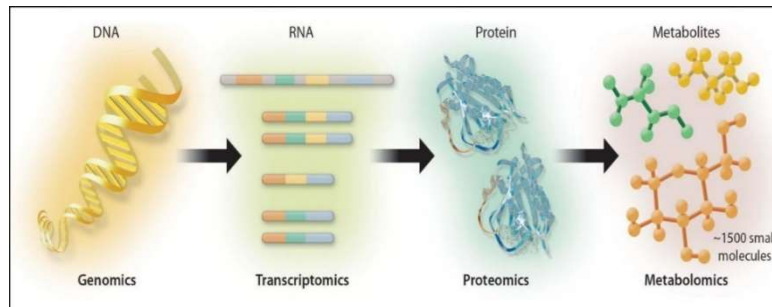
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Metabolomics: Definitions & Concepts



Patti GJ et al., *Nature reviews Molecular cell biology*. 2012;13(4):263-9.

Metabolite: Any organic molecule detectable in the body with a MW < 2000 Da (C, H, N, O, P, S)

Includes *sugars, nucleosides, organic acids, ketones, aldehydes, peptides, oligonucleotides, amines, amino acids, lipids, steroids, alkaloids and drugs (xenobiotics)* from humans, plants & microbial products

Metabolomics: The quantitative measurement of the metabolic profiles of model organisms to characterize their phenotype or phenotypic response to genetic or nutritional perturbations

NOT: ~~Metabolite Profiling~~

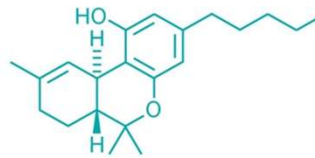


Examples of Metabolites (aka. Biochemicals)

Cannabis



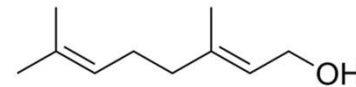
Tetrahydrocannabinol



Rose Scent



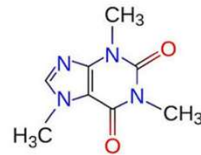
Geraniol



Coffee & Tea



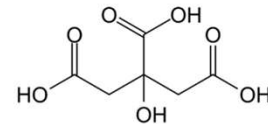
Caffeine



Lime juice



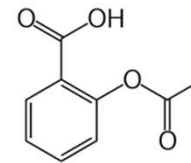
Citric acid



Aspirin

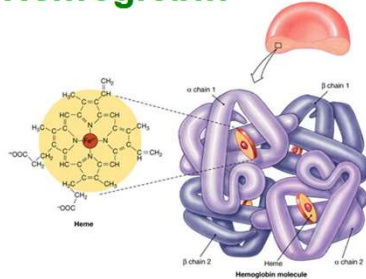


Acetylsalicylic acid



Hemoglobin

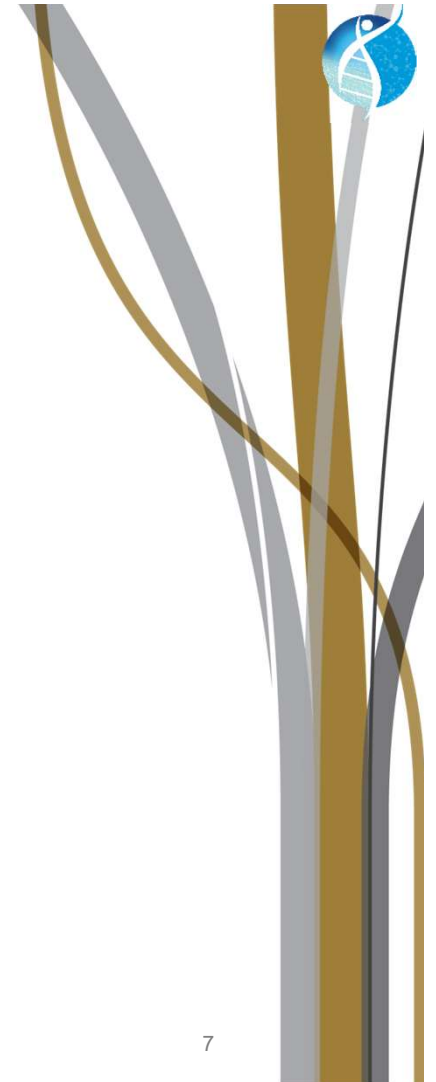
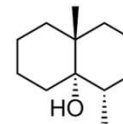
Heme



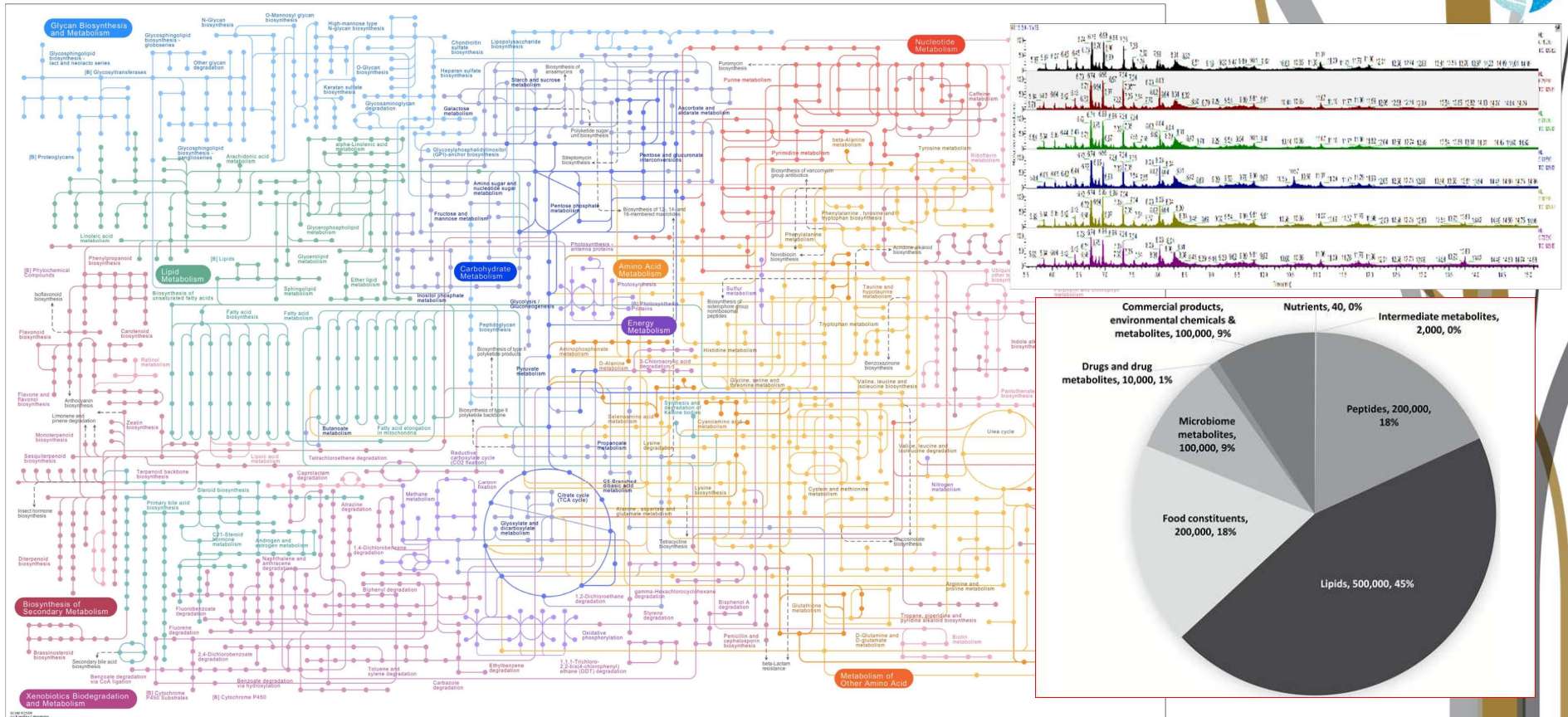
Rain smell



Geosmin



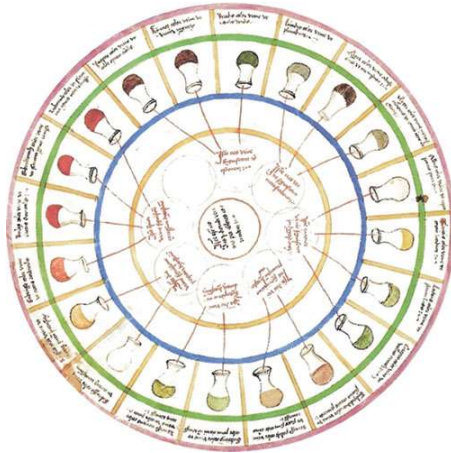
Cellular Metabolism is very Complex!



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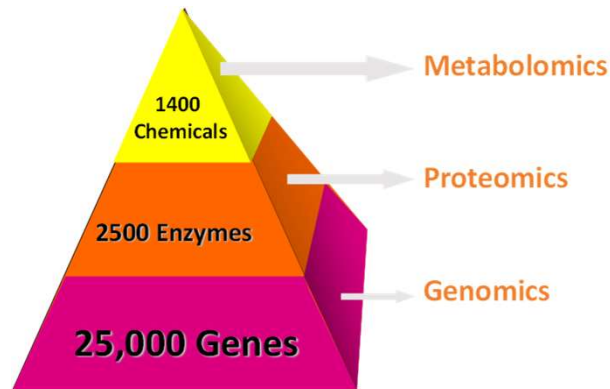
History and Development of Metabolomics

Urine Wheel

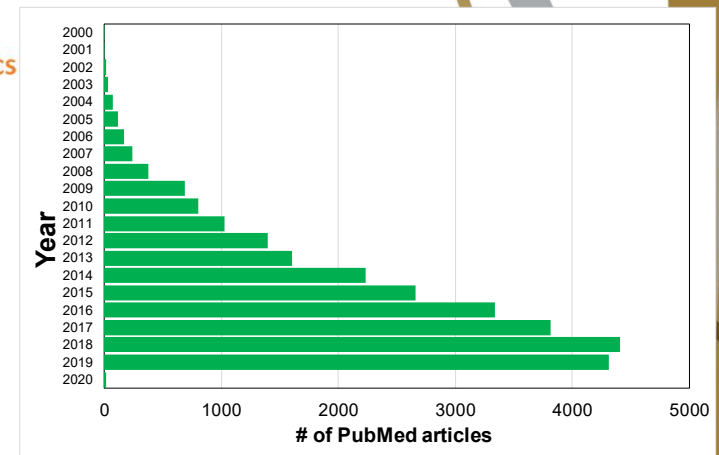


Ullrich Pinder (1506)

The Pyramid of Life



Metabolomics Is Growing



3100 (T3DB)

Toxins/Env. Chemicals

1000 (DrugBank)

Drug metabolites

30000 (FoodDB)

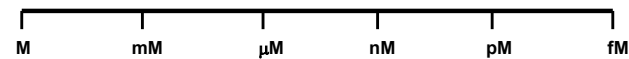
Food additives/Phytochemicals

1450 (DrugBank)

Drugs

8500 (HMDB)

Endogenous metabolites



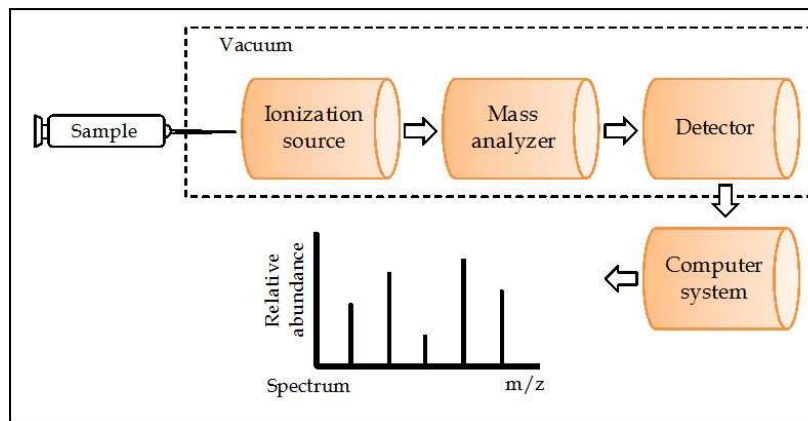
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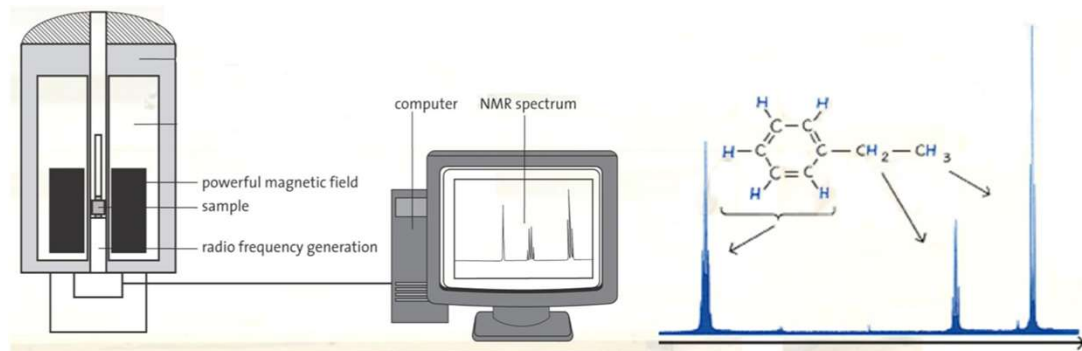
Metabolomics: Technology/ Platforms

- UPLC, HPLC
- CE/microfluidics
- LC-MS
- GC-MS
- FT-MS
- QqQ-MS
- NMR spectroscopy
- Raman, IR, FTIR
- X-ray crystallography
- LIF detection

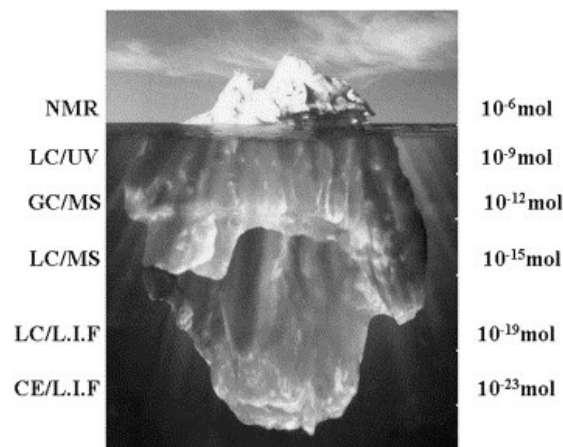
Mass Spectrometry (MS)



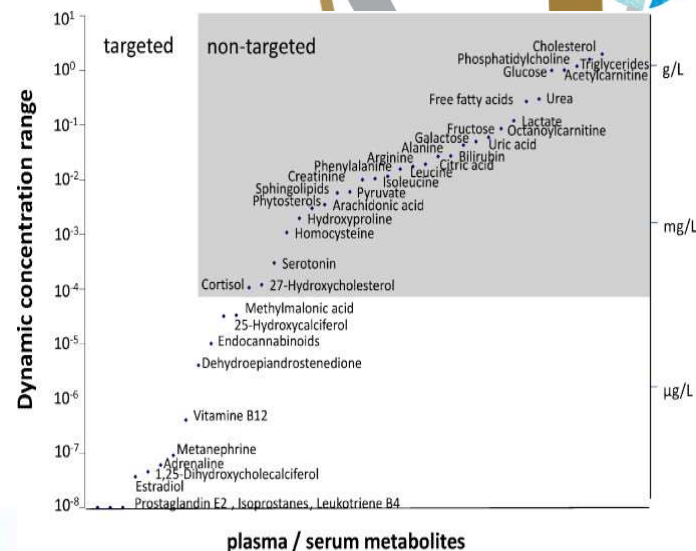
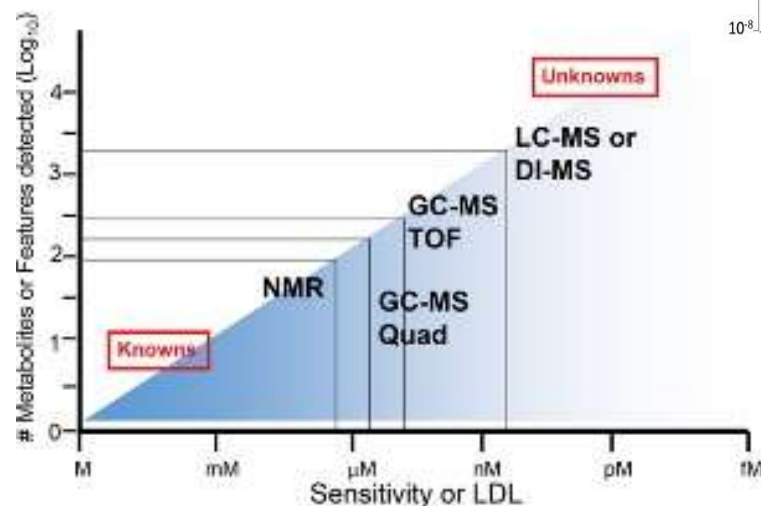
NMR: Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (aka. MRI)



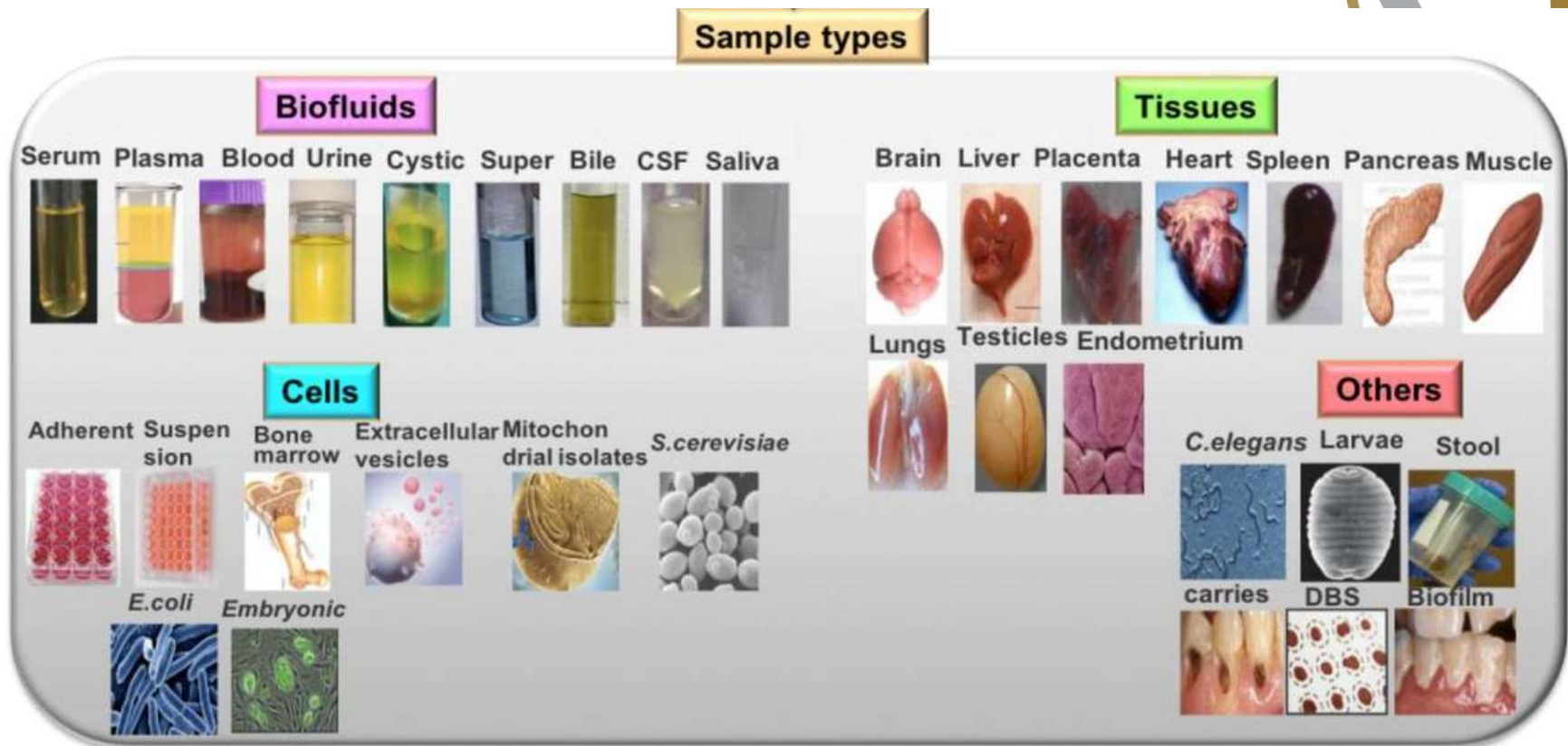
How to choose the right platform for metabolites?



Technology & Sensitivity

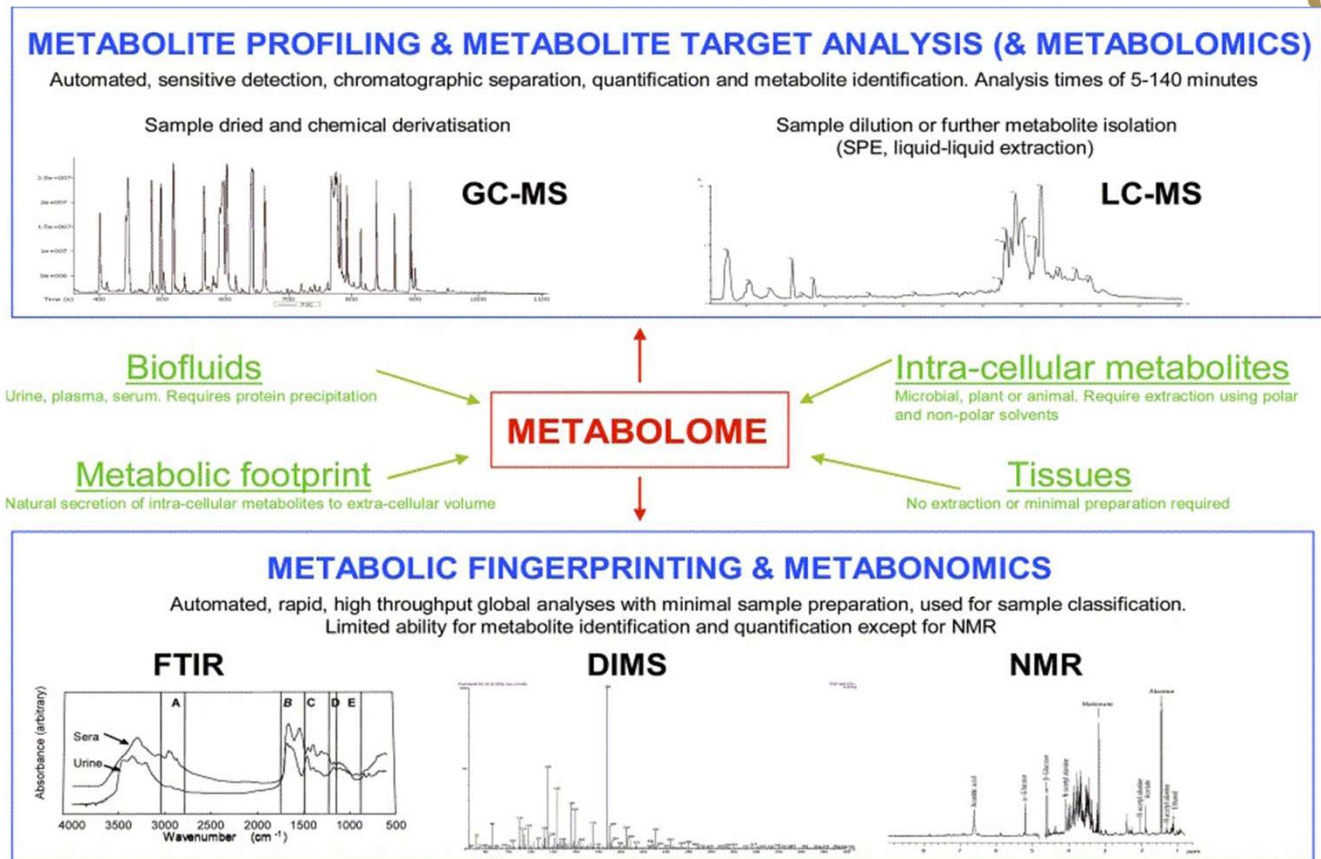


Where does one find metabolites ?



Nandania et al., 2018, bioRxiv

Metabolomics Platforms of Choice



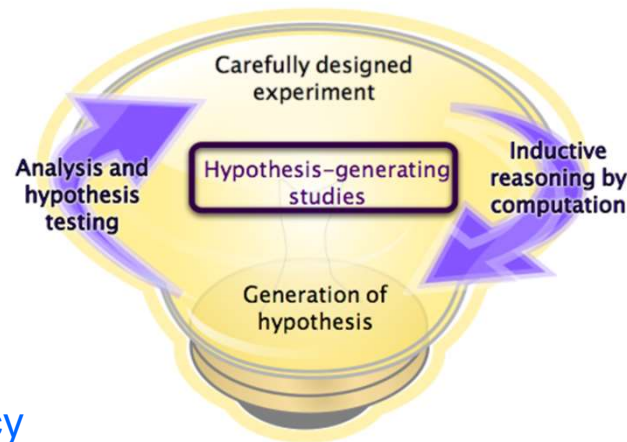
Targeted Metabolomics vs Untargeted Metabolomics

Targeted:

“detect the expected”

- ✓ Hypothesis driven
- ✓ Absolute quantification
- ✓ Needs reference standards
- ✓ Not comprehensive
- ✓ More precision/ accuracy
- ✓ Better sensitivity
- ✓ Easy interpretation
- ✓ Pathway mapping

i.e., do sphingolipids in CSF change in AD?



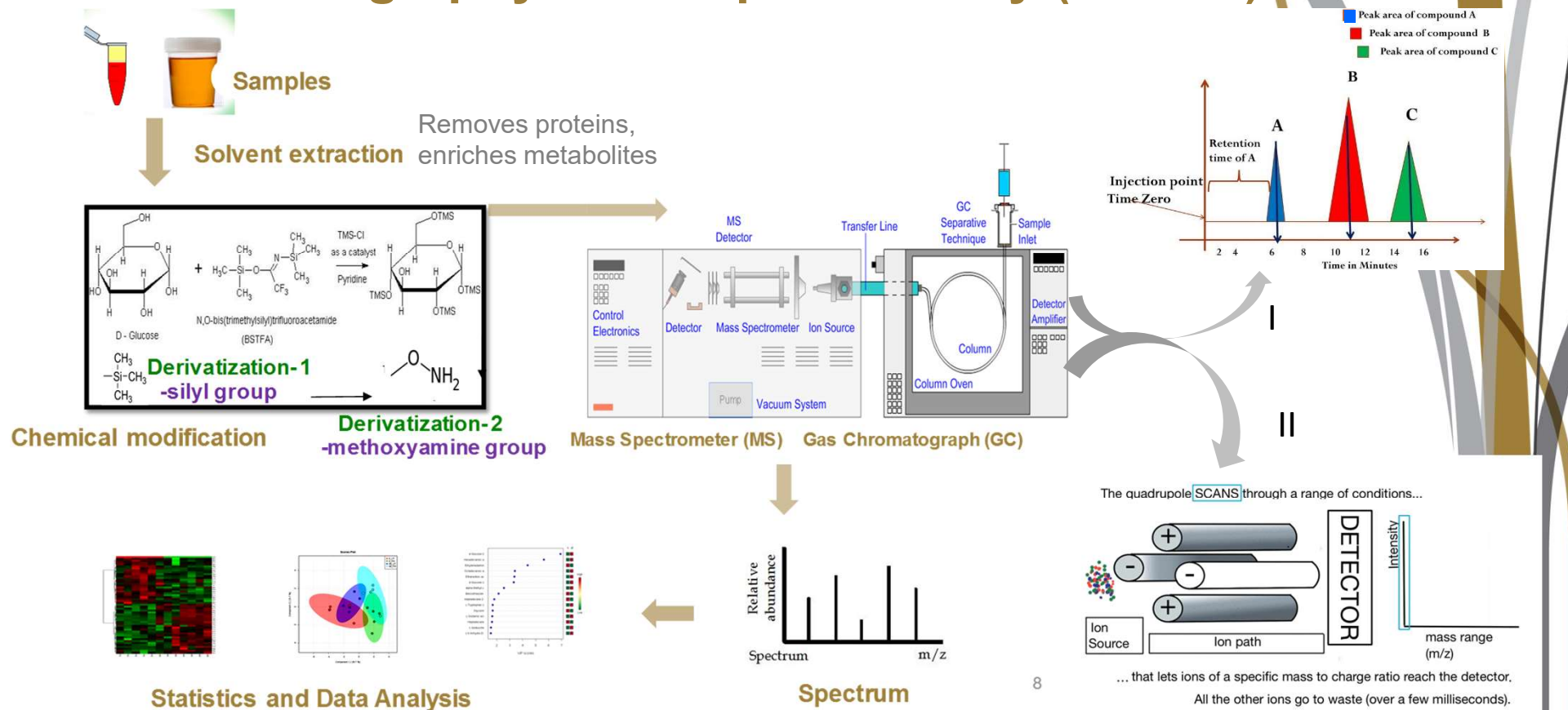
Untargeted:

“detect the unexpected (novel, unknown...)”

- ✓ Hypothesis generating
- ✓ Semi-quantitative
- ✓ No reference standards
- ✓ Fold changes
- ✓ Biomarker discovery
- ✓ Comprehensive, unbiased
- ✓ Lots of unknowns
- ✓ Multivariate, Network analysis

i.e., what metabolites change in urine in AD ?

Metabolomics Workflow: Gas chromatography mass-spectrometry (GC-MS)



What is a Mass Spectrum ? Example



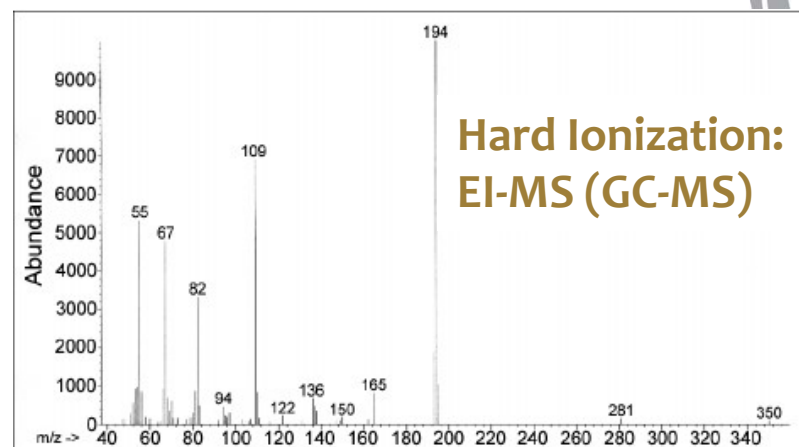
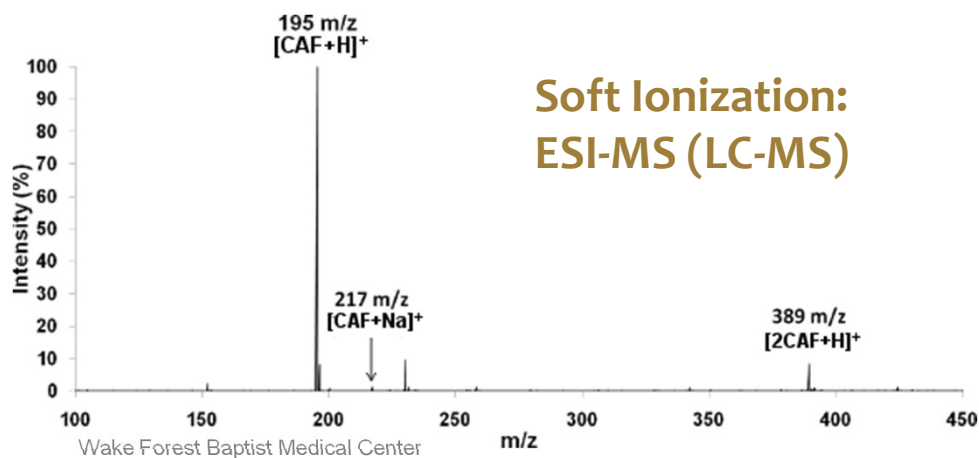
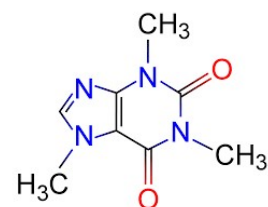
Caffeine

Formula : $C_8H_{10}N_4O_2$

Nominal Mass: 194

Monoisotopic Mass: 194.0804

Average Mass: 194.1932



Steps in a Metabolomics Study

Question-driven

Platform/ Instrument

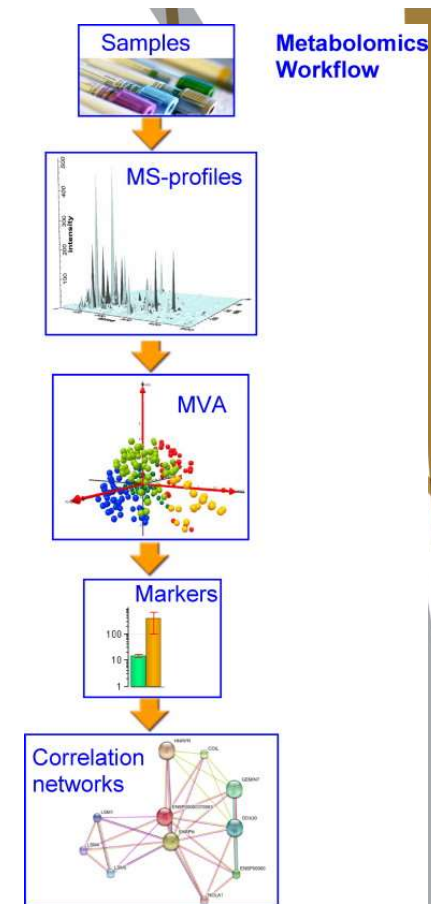
Experimental design

Laboratory steps (Sample Preparation)

Bioinformatic steps/ Data Analysis

Data interpretation (Identification/ Pathway)

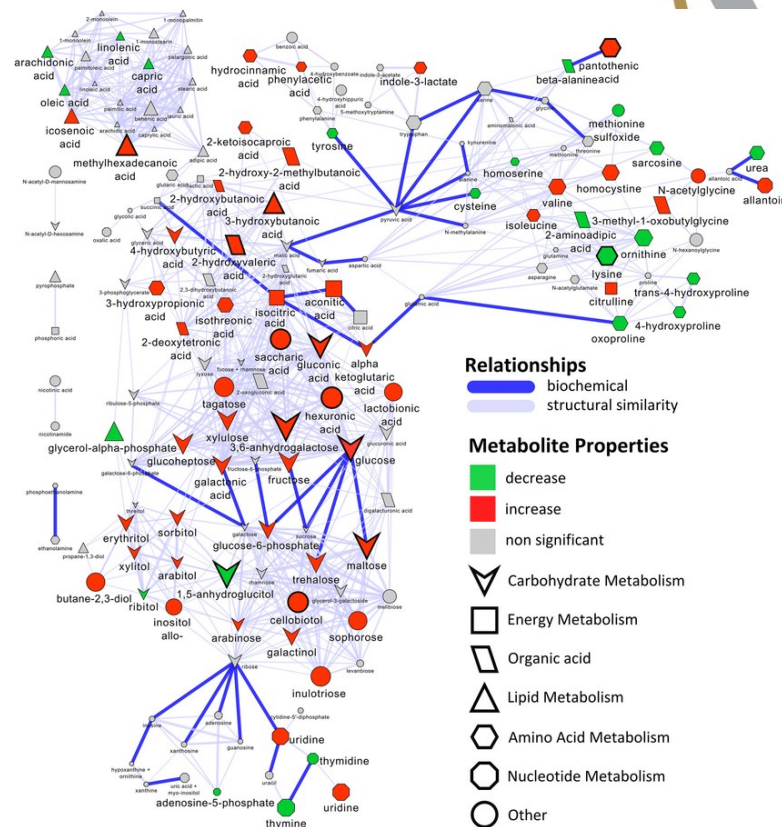
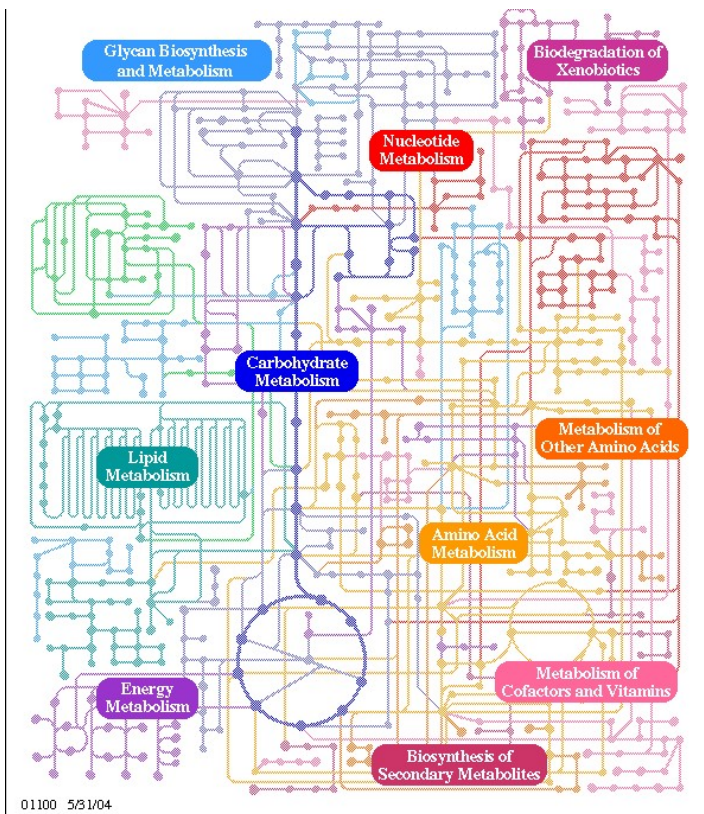
- Goals? Hypotheses? Questions?
- What technology to choose ? Source of metabolites ?
- Targeted vs. Untargeted approaches ?
- Replication level (biological vs technical replicates)
- What statistics, what analysis software?
- Sample selection, preparation, quenching, storage, extraction,
- Running of samples, QCs, MS-based Data acquisition
- Data transformation and normalization
- Analysis of differentially accumulated metabolites (multiple testing issue, multivariate statistics, ID-conversion)
- Pathway mapping/ network viewing
- Visualization (graphics)
- Data storage (databases, MSI standards)
- Answers? New Hypotheses? Follow-up experiments?
- Validation?



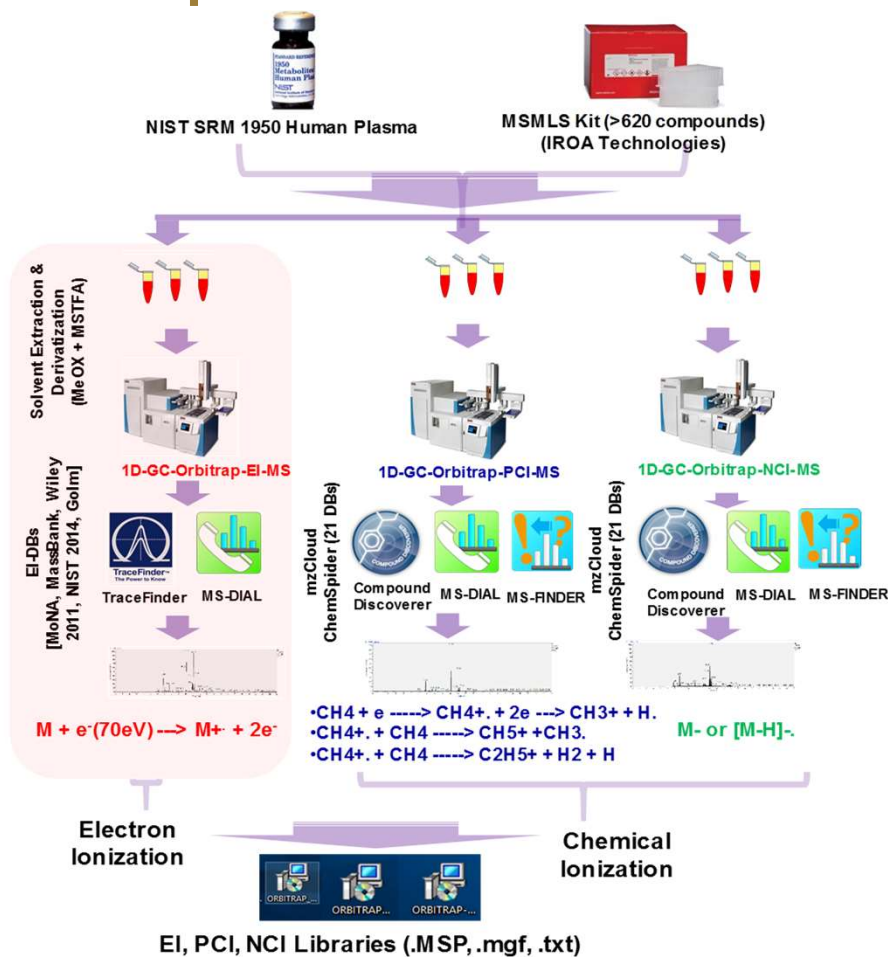
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Metabolic Pathways

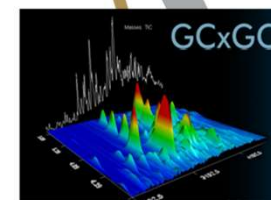
vs Metabolic Networks



GC-MS Spectral and RT Libraries *in house*



Metabolomics



Triple TOF 6600+ System (Sciex)
Metabolomics, Exposomics



Pegasus IV GC-ToF-MS (Leco)
Metabolomics



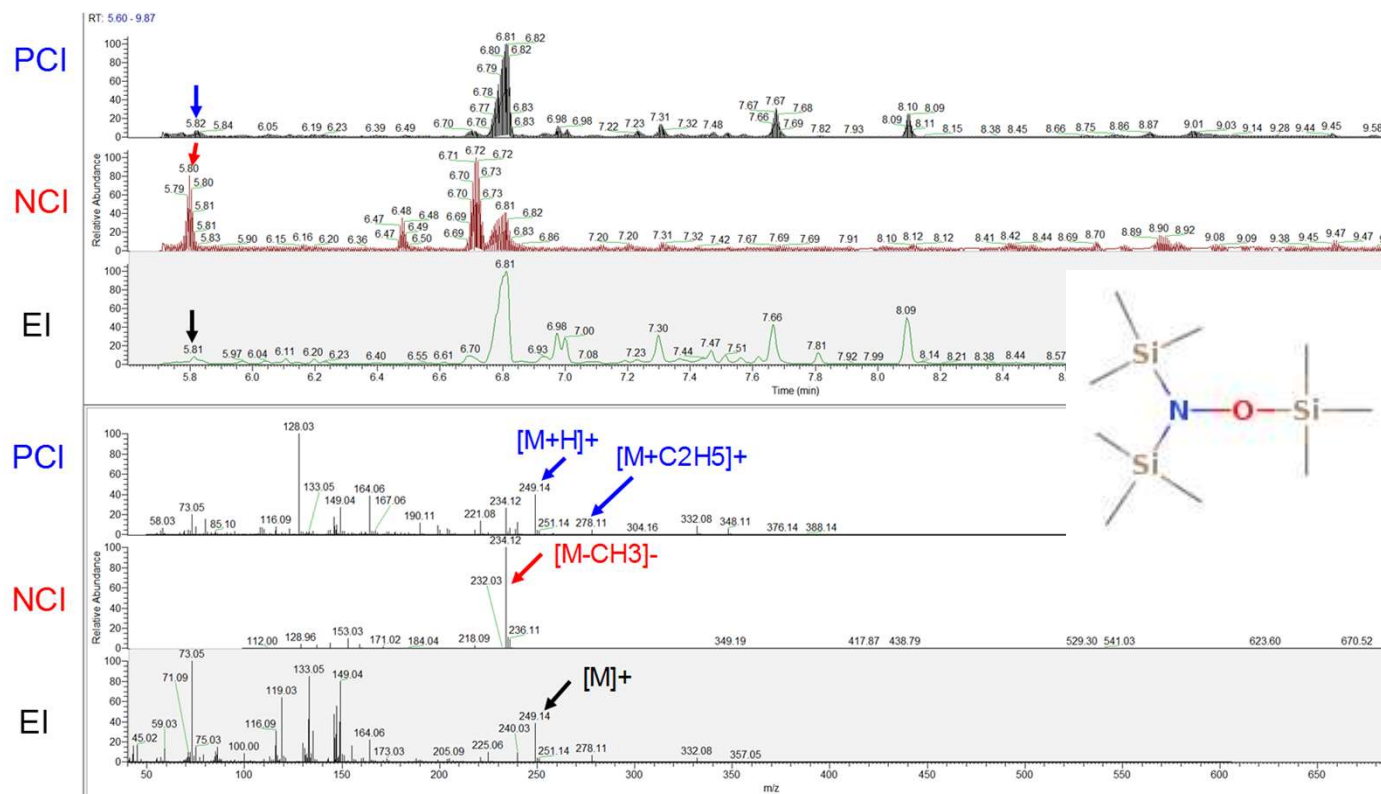
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Lipidomics

QEGC-Orbitrap-MS at work for metabolomics at CPM

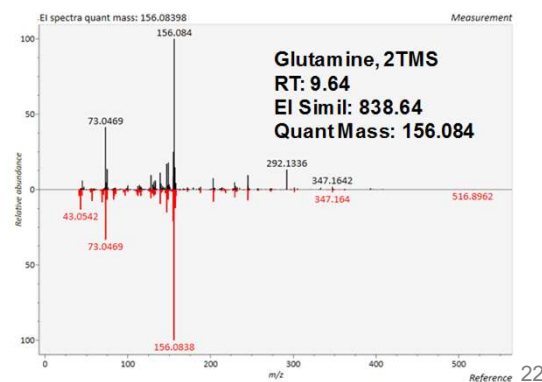
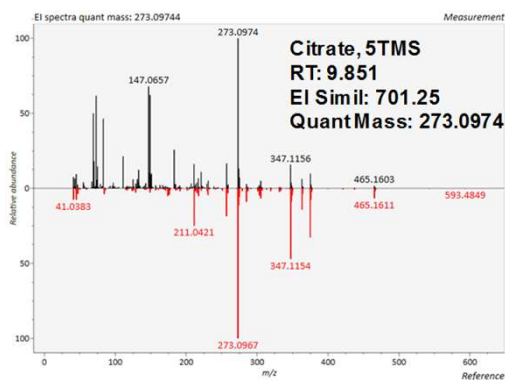
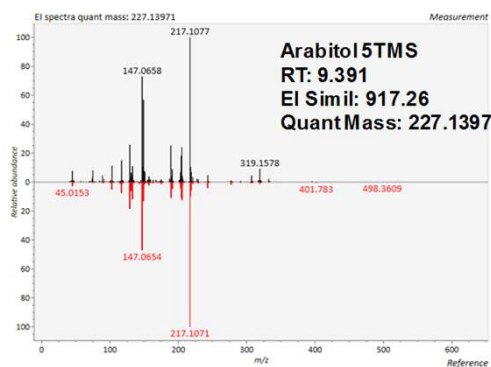
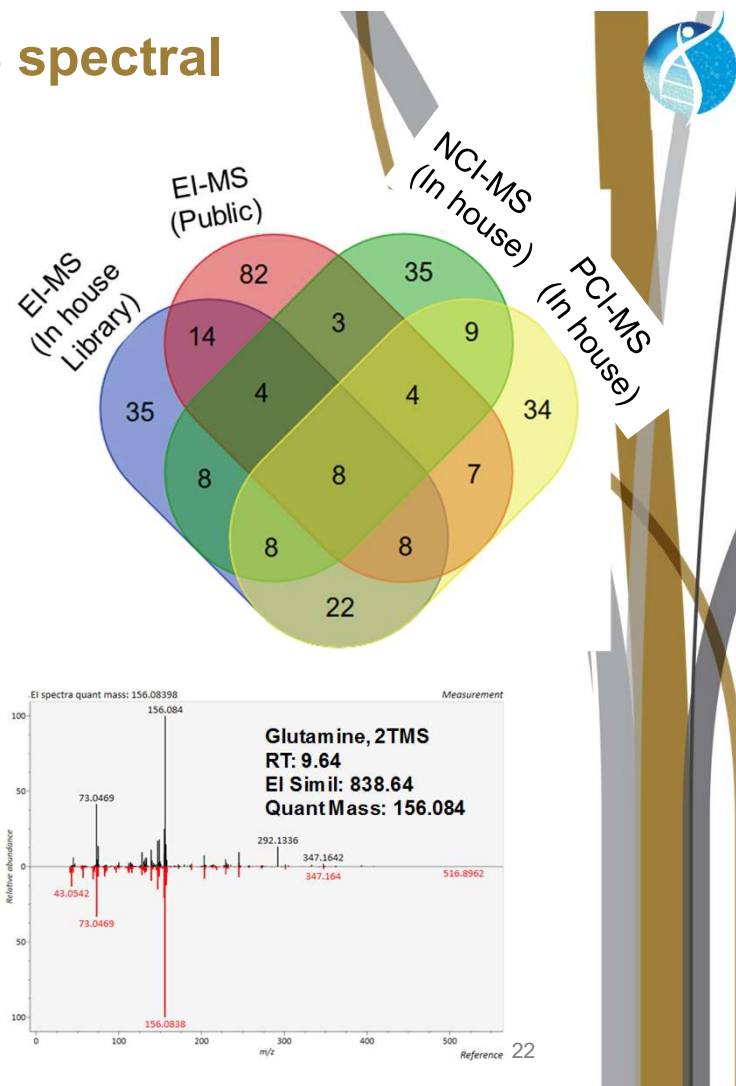
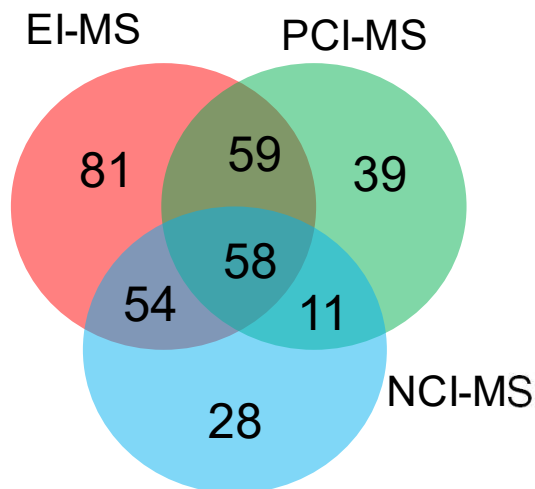
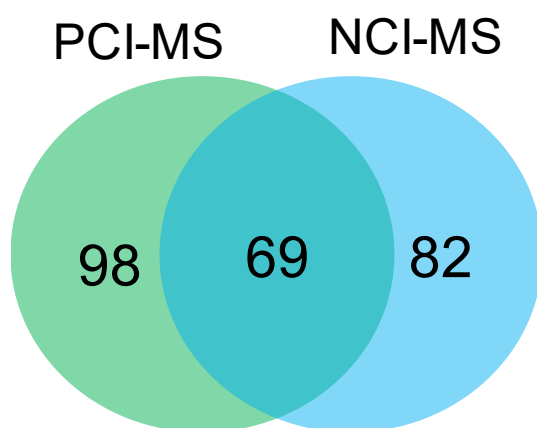


Example of GC-MS Metabolomics Spectral Acquisition

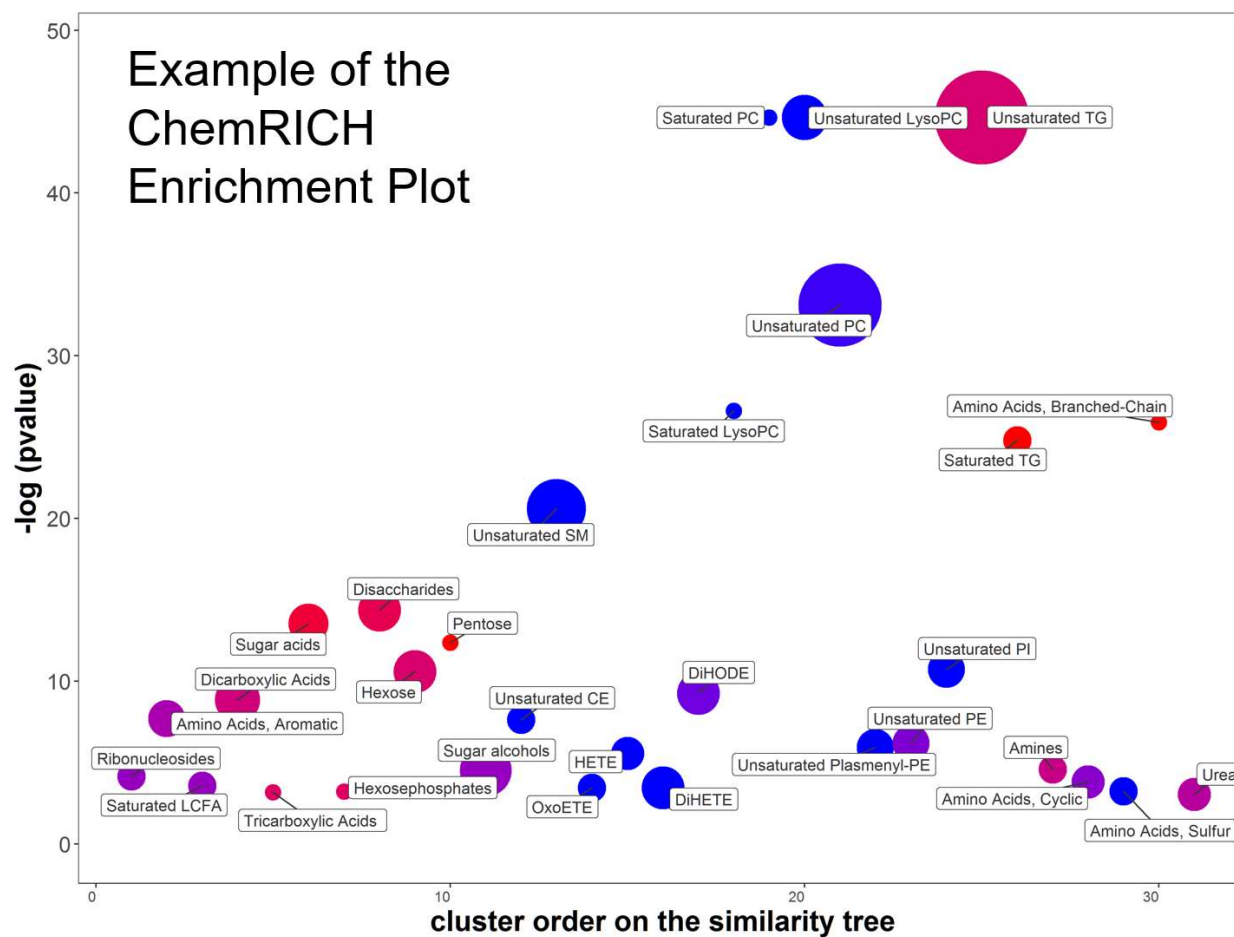
Hydroxylamine 3TMS [RT: 5.81] MW: 249.5733



Validation of in house EI-MS, PCI-MS, NCI-MS spectral library using *NIST SRM 1950 plasma*

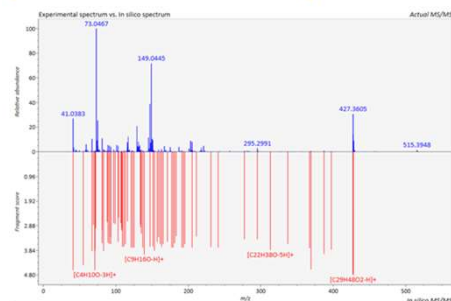


What metabolite classes do the platforms capture ?

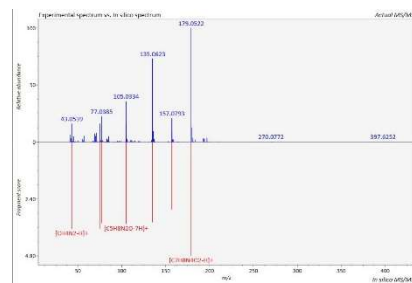


Expanding on the In House High Resolution Spectral Libraries

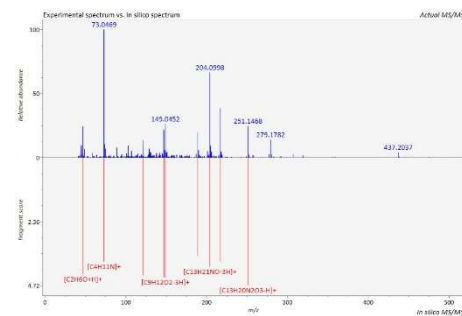
Exposomal Compounds:



Betulin, Score: 6.91

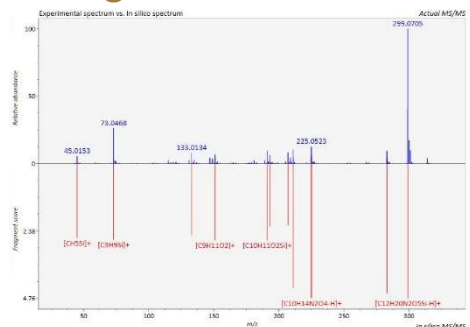


Caffeine, Score: 8.29

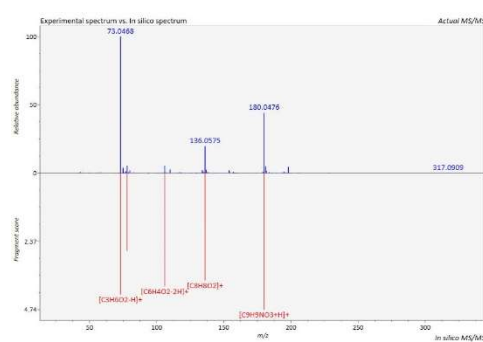


Atenolol, Score: 8.06

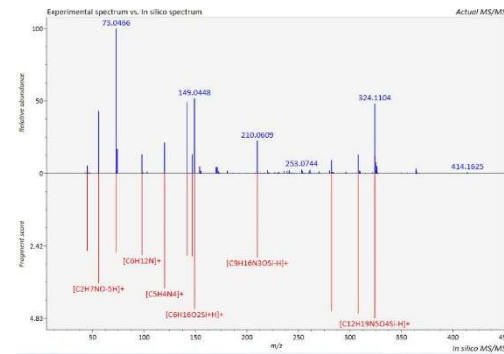
Endogenous Metabolites:



Thymidine, Score: 9.04



Dopaquinone, Score: 8.36

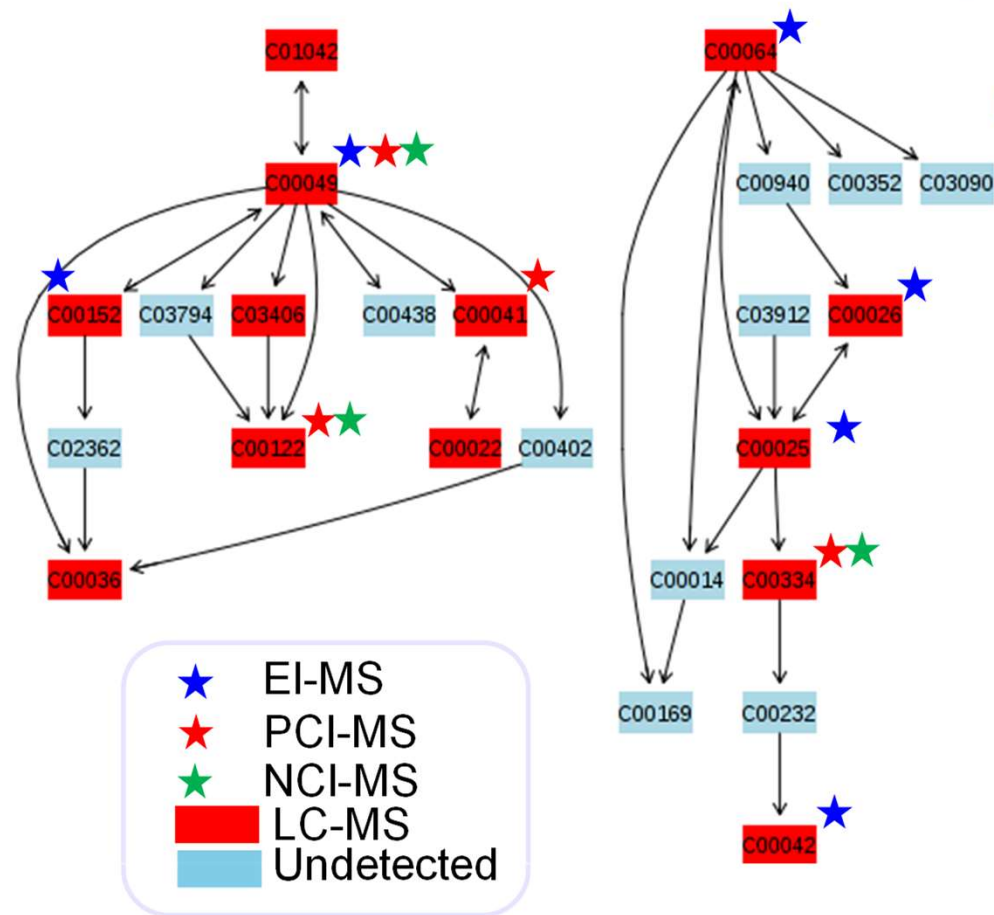


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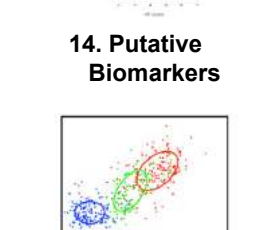
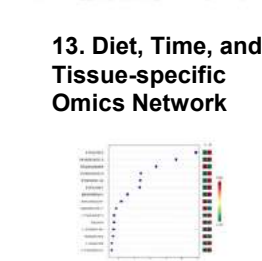
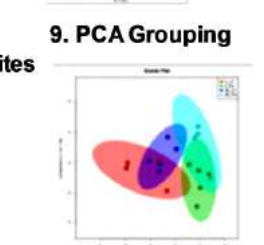
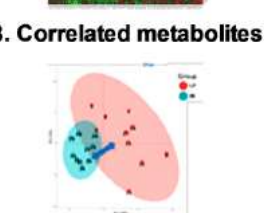
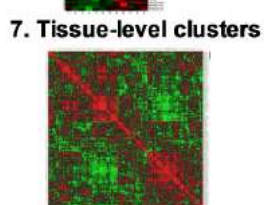
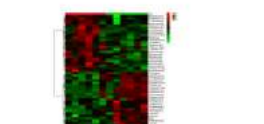
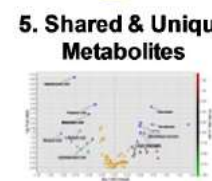
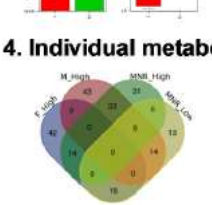
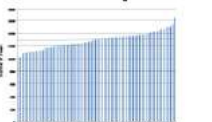
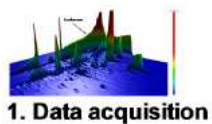
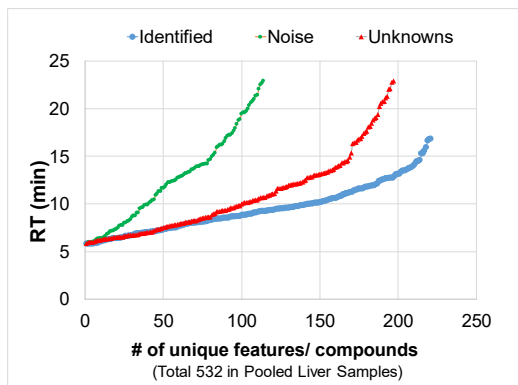
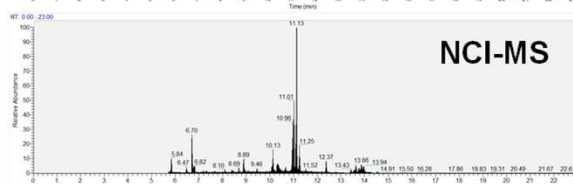
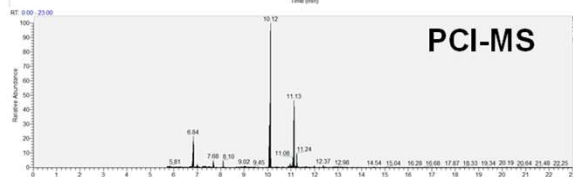
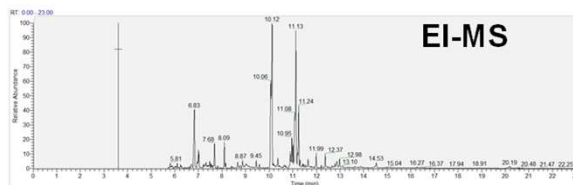


The 3 Modes and Coverage of Metabolic Pathways

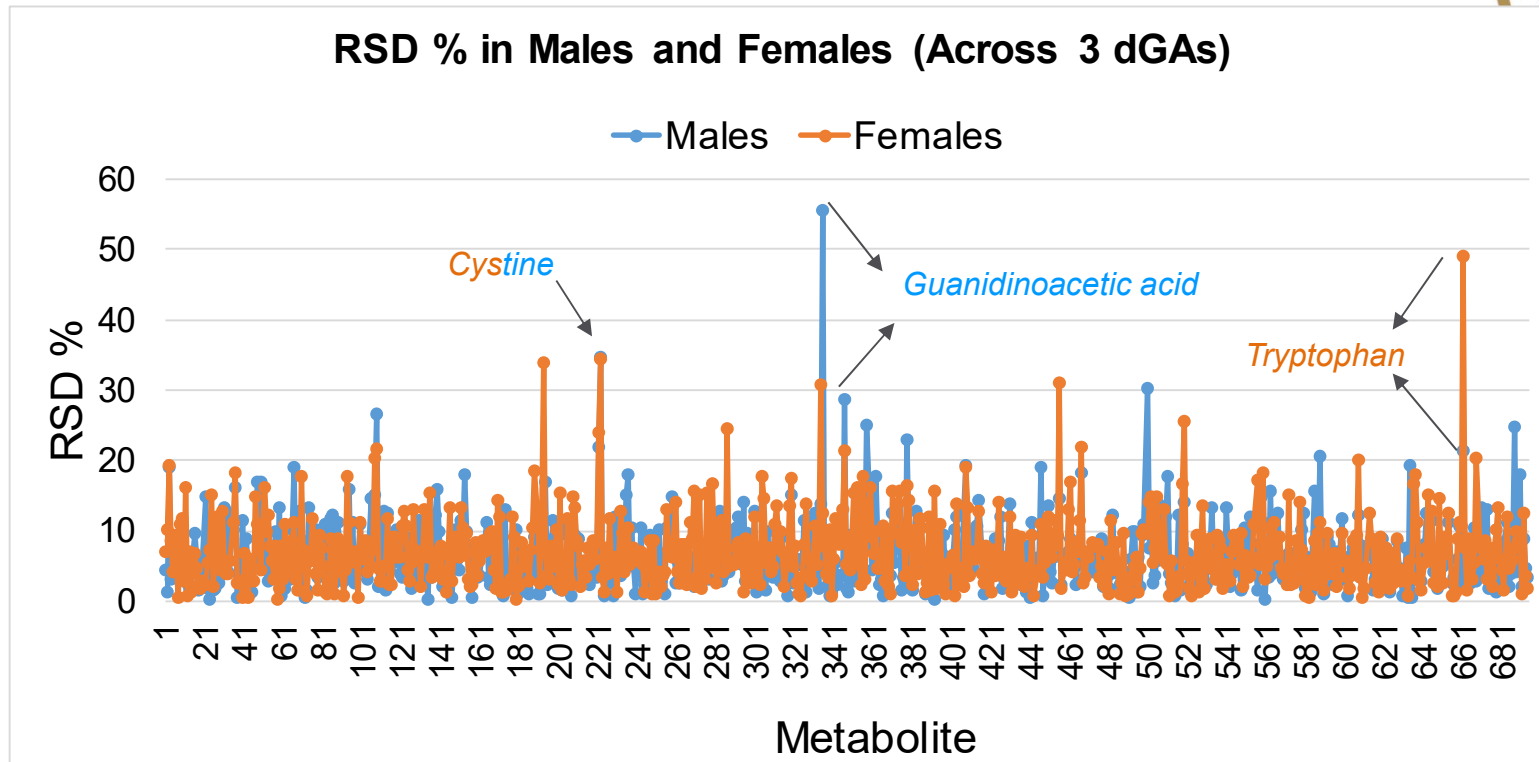
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Alanine,
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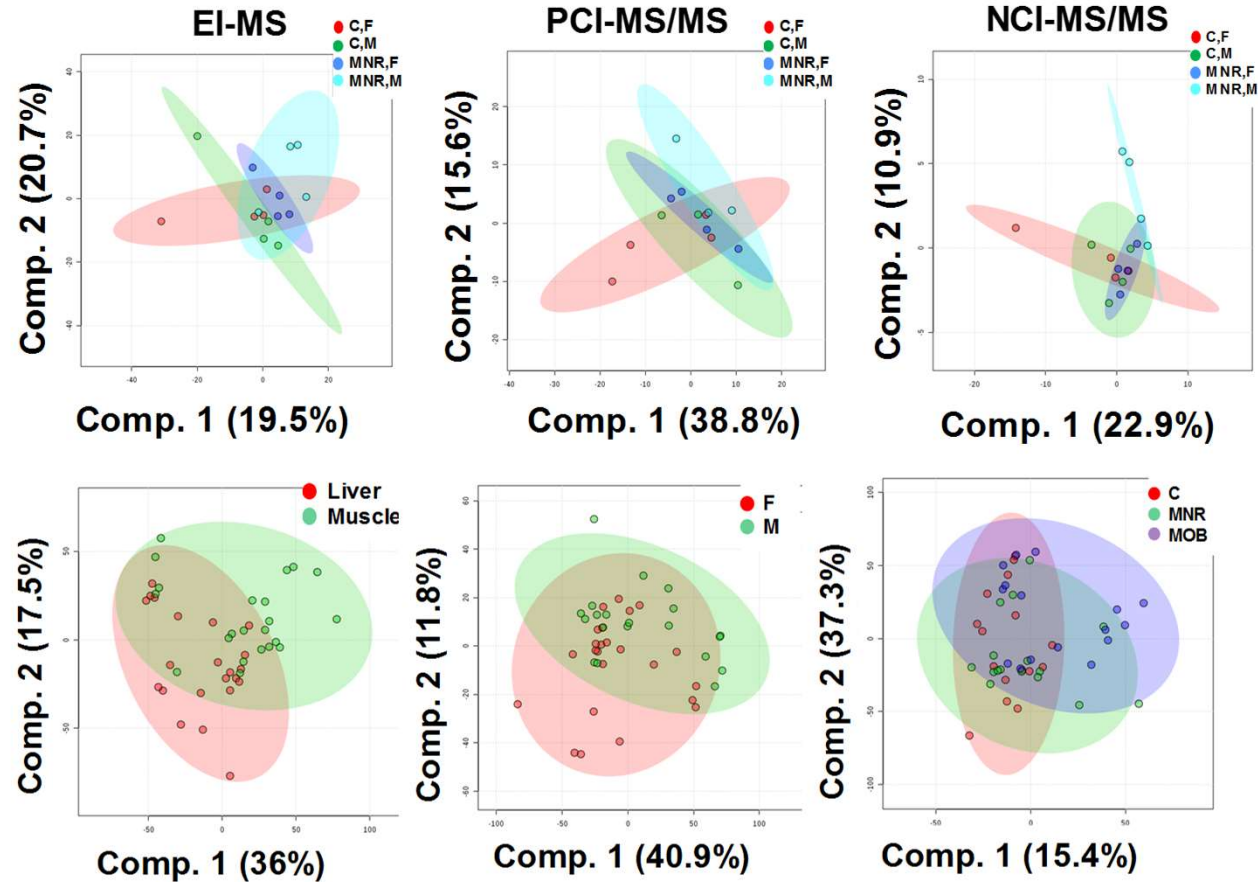
Data Analysis Workflow



Sex-specific Changes in Metabolites



Platform-independent Discrimination of Samples (i.e. metabotypes)



Metabolomics @ Center for Precision Medicine (2018-2019)

RESEARCH ARTICLE



High-resolution gas chromatography/mass spectrometry metabolomics of non-human primate serum

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PAPER

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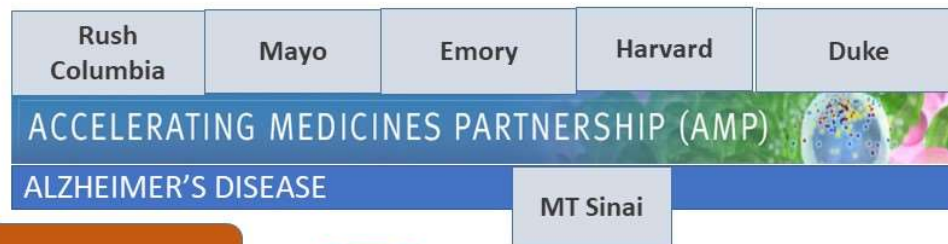
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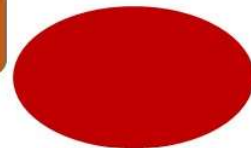


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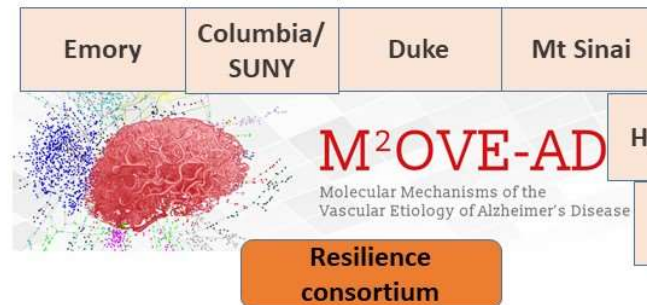
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Metabolites as Biomarkers in AD

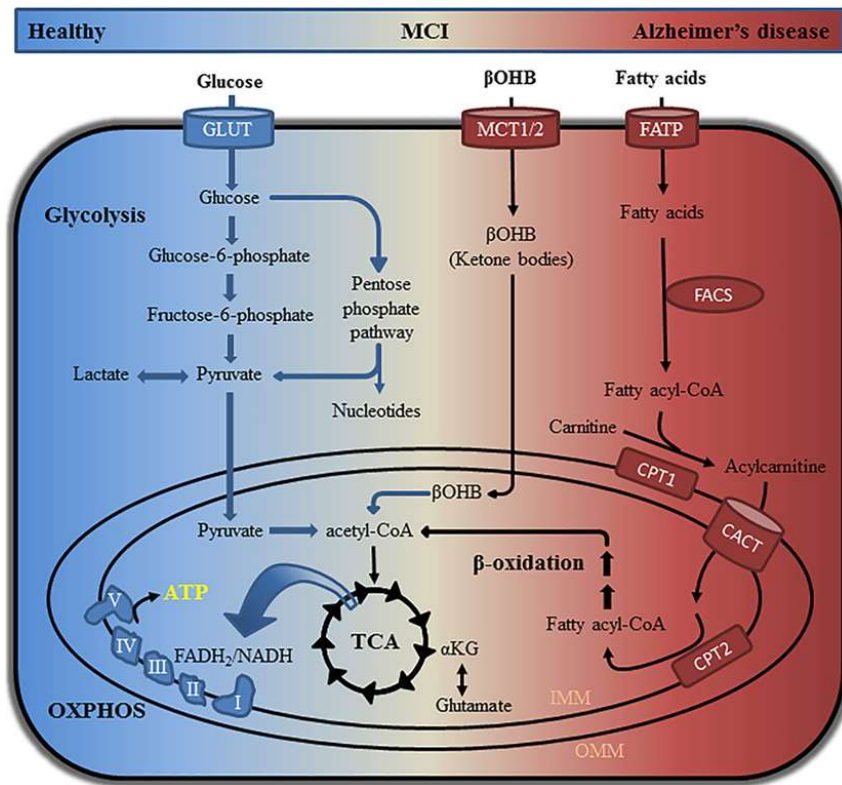
Title of the Manuscript	Authors	N	Platforms	No. of Metabolites	Major Findings	Tissue/ Biofluid	Year	Model
¹ H NMR Metabolomic Si	Toulouse, Ce	18	NMR	30s	Glu, NAA, myo-inositol, creatine, phosphocholin	5 Brain Regions	2014	Mice
Graded perturbations of	UK, New Zea	1 AD, 1C	GC-MS	100s	total of 55 metabolites that were altered in at leas	7 Brain Regions [H	2016	Human
Investigation of the Hum	UK	15 AD, 15 C	High resolutio	1264 and 1457 ions	36 ions responsible for explaining the variation i	Brain	2013	Human
Metabolic profiling of Alz	Nagoya, Jap	10 AD, 10 C	UPLC-TOF-M	300-1100 Compounds	downstream metabolites of ornithine are increas	Brain	2013	Human
Metabolomic Profiling of	Green et al.,	10 AD, 10 C APP/PS	LC-MS/MS	22 bile acids	higher brain lithocholic acid (p = 0.05) and lowe	Brain extracts, Pla	2017	Mice
Metabolomic Signatures	Korea	10 Alike, 10 C	NMR,HR-MAS	30s	metabolites involved in energy metabolism, inclu	Brain hippocampus	2014	Mice
Region-specific metabol	CYSMA, Spa	60 mice	UPLC-MS, GC	60 metabolite s+ lipids	associated with abnormal fatty acid composition	Brain regions	2014	mice
Defects in Mitochondrial	Mayo Clinic	9 mice	GC-MS	100	mitochondrial stress and altered energy metabol	Brain tissue	2012	Mouse
Metabolic signatures of	UK	15 AD, 15 C	NMR	30s metabolites	elevations in brain alanine (15.4 %) and taurine	Brain tissue	2013	Human
¹ H NMR metabolomics in	Northern Ire	6	NMR	16-20 mets	ascorbate, creatine, γ-aminobutyric acid and N	Brain tissue	2013	Mice
Metabonomic Profiling o	China, PNNL	16 TASTPM, 5 WT	GC-MS	75-143 chromatograph	both brain (d-fructose, l-valine, l-serine, l-threon	Brain, Plasma	2012	Mice
Alzheimer's disease-like	Green et al.,	8-9 mice/ group C, AF	LC-MS	187 metabolites	disturbances in essential amino acids, branched	Brain, Plasma	2016	Mice
Toward a Predictive Moc	Cifuentes, K	73	CE-MS	71 metabolites, unknow	Choline, dimethylarginine, arginine, valine, prol	CSF	2012	Human
Metabolite Profiling of Al	Roche, Swis	79 patients, 51 C	GC-MS, LC-M	343 identified	Increased cortisol levels	CSF	2012	Human
Comparing metabolomic	Rima, Fiehn	40 AD, 38 C	GCMS, LC-M	299 metbaolites	monopalmitin , Phosphoethanolamine	CSF	2013	Human
Metabolomic changes in	Rima, Duke	15 AD + 15 C	LC-MS, target	30 metabolites	alterations in tyrosine, tryptophan, purine, and t	CSF	2010	Human
Alterations in metabolic	Rima	40 AD, 36 MCI, 38 C	LC-MS-electro	71 metabolites	methionine (MET), 5-hydroxyindoleacetic acid (CSF	2013	Human
Deregulation of purine m	Ferrer et al.,	23 +35 Ads, 34 C	LC-MS	100s?	altered levels of Purine metabolism dGMP, glyci	Entorhinal cortex	2014	Human
A metabolomic study of	Babraham In	13 mice	NMR	30-40s	a decrease in N-acetyl-l-aspartate, glutamate, g	Extract from eight brain re		Mice
Metabolic network failure	Rim, Cristina	199 C, 365 MCI, 175	UPLC-MS/MS	180 metabolites	sphingomyelins and ether-containing phosphati	Fasting Serum	2017	Human

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Plasma Metabolite Profile	China	57 AD, 58 aMCI, 57 C	UPLC-ToF-MS	85 + 238 metabolites	plasma metabolites (thymine, arachidonic acid, histidines, acylglycines	Plasma	2014	Human
A new metabolomic work	Cifuentes, K	75 patients	R+HILIC_UPLC-MS	524 high confident met	Desmosterol	Plasma	2013	Human
Identification of a new pl	Eisaid Co, J	10 people	LC-APCI-MS,	1-50s	Cholesterol and sphingolipids transport	Plasma + CSF	2011	Human
Identification of Altered I	Mayo Clinic	30 patients	LC-MS	352 + 351 metabolites	lysophosphatidylcholine and intermediates of sph	Plasma + CSF	2013	Human
Studies on diagnostic bi	China	AD, C, Therapeutic	UPLC-QTOF-MS	? Metabolites	3 PCs were found to be significantly lower in Plasma?	Plasma, Hippocampus	2017	Rats
Evidence of altered ph	Cristina, Kir	42 AD, 50 MCI, 49 C	NMR, LC-MS	100s	identified significant concentration changes in 2	Saliva	2017	Human
Diagnostic Biomarkers c	USA, Canada	8 MCI, 9 AD, 12 C	1H-NMR	50s, 22 metabolites	sphinganine-1-phosphate, Sphinganine-1-phosphate	Saliva	2015	Human
Metabolomics-based scr	China	256 AD, 218 C	F-UPLC-MS	?	major contributors were cytidine (P = 0.0003) and	Salivary	2016	Human
High-throughput metabol	China	AD, MCI, C	UPLC-MS	? Features?	sphinganine-1-phosphate and 7-ketocholesterol	Serum	2015	Human
Discovery of serum met	China	AD, MCI, C	??	??	increase in levels of choline, creatinine, asyn	Serum	2014	Human
Metabolomic profiling of	CYSMA, Sp	42 AD, 14 MCI, 37 C	CE-MS	537 features, 20 biom	impaired homeostasis of histamine, altered meta	Serum	2015	Mice
Metabolomic research o	CYSMA, Sp	7 Mice	DI-MS	100s	membrane breakdown, diacylglycerols, oleamide	Serum	2014	Human
Metabolomic study of lip	Spain	22 AD , 18 C	DI-MS	??	high levels of phospholipids containing saturated	Serum	2014	Human
Using direct infusion ma	CYSMA, Sp	22 AD, 18 C	DIMS-ESI+ve	??	phospholipids, fatty acids, purine and pyrimidine	Serum	2015	Mice
Metabolomic screening c	CYSMA, Sp	30 mice	DIMS-ESI+ve	??	phosphatidylcholines, phosphatidylethanolamine	Serum	2014	Human
Combination of metaboli	CYSMA, Sp	17 AD, 19 C	ESI-LC-MS, +	60> Lipids	energy metabolites, amino acids and lipids	Serum	2015	Mice
Application of metabolon	CYSMA, Sp	60 mice	FI-APPI-MS,	46 (TAGs, CE, DAG, F	2 saturated fatty acids (C14:0 and C16:0; p < 0.	Serum	2012	Human
Serum fatty acid profiles	China	46 AD, 39 C	GC-MS	50-80s	pyroglutamate, adenosine, impaired metabolism	Serum	2014	Serum
Metabolite profiling for th	CYSMA, Sp	23 AD, 21 C	GC-MS	50-100 metabolites	DAGs were increased in the serum of a subset c	Serum	2015	Human
Targeted lipidomics disti	Italy, USA	77 MCI, 90 AD, C 51	LCOrbitrap-MS	??	deficiencies in energy metabolism, altered amin	Serum	2015	Mice
Deciphering metabolic a	CYSMA, Sp	30 AD, 30 C	UPLC-MS	100s, LP, SL, P, SL	sphinganine-1-phosphate and 7-ketocholesterol	Serum	2016	Human
Discovery of serum met	China	MCI, AD, C	UPLC-MS	?	lowered ether phospholipids, phosphatidylcholine	Serum	2011	Human
Metabolome in progress	VTT, Finland	46 C, 143 MCI, 47 AD		100s	distinct metabolites associated , phospholipids	Serum- Time course	2016	Human
Blood metabolite markers of preclin	93 AD, 99 C	HPLC-MS, tar	187 metabolite	lipid PC aeC40:4 significantly differentiated AD	soluble lysates of p	2017	Human	
Targeted Metabolomic A	Austria	90 C, MCI, AD	FIA-MS/MS ta	163 metabolites	abnormal metabolism of phospholipids, energy d	Spleen and Thymus	2015	Mice
Metabolomics reveals sig	CYSMA, Sp	30 APP/PS1, 30 C	GC-MS and t	64 metabolites	perturbations of aromatic amino acid metabolism	Urinary	2016	Mice
Urinary Metabolomics R	China	CRND8 mice AC, C	?	73 diff. metabolites	methionine, desaminotyrosine, taurine, N1-acety	Urine	2014	Mice
Development of Isotope	Wishart, Car	24	Iso-LC-MS	600 metabolites	3-hydroxykynurenine, homogentisate and allant	Urine	2013	Mice
NMR-based metabolomic	Japan	3-5 mice	NMR	30s	pentose and glucuronate interconversions, glyox	Urine	2017	Mice
High-Throughput Metab	China	30 AD, 30 C	UPLC-ToF-MS	24 diff metabolites	phenylacetone (increased concentration in APP	Urine	2016	Mice
Alterations of the volatile	Cleveland	10 AD, 12 C	Volatilome, GC	80s				

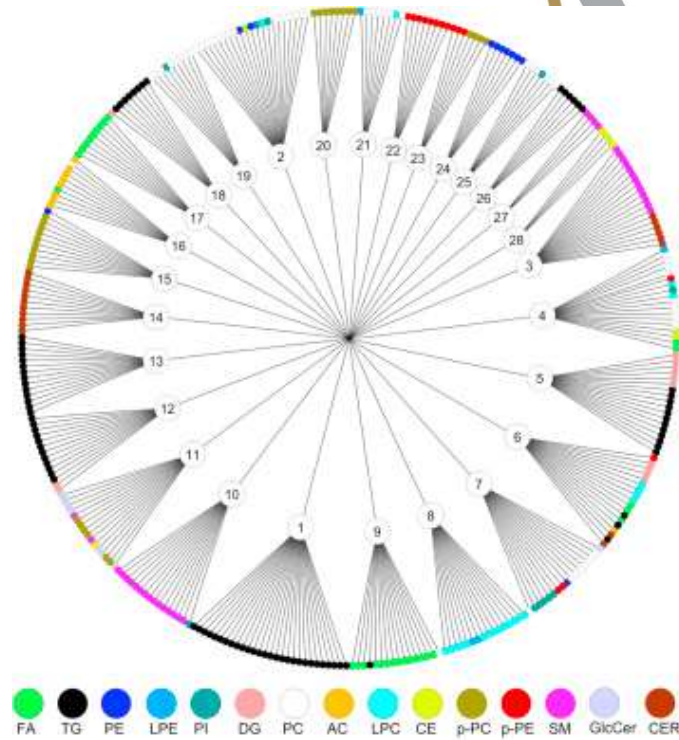


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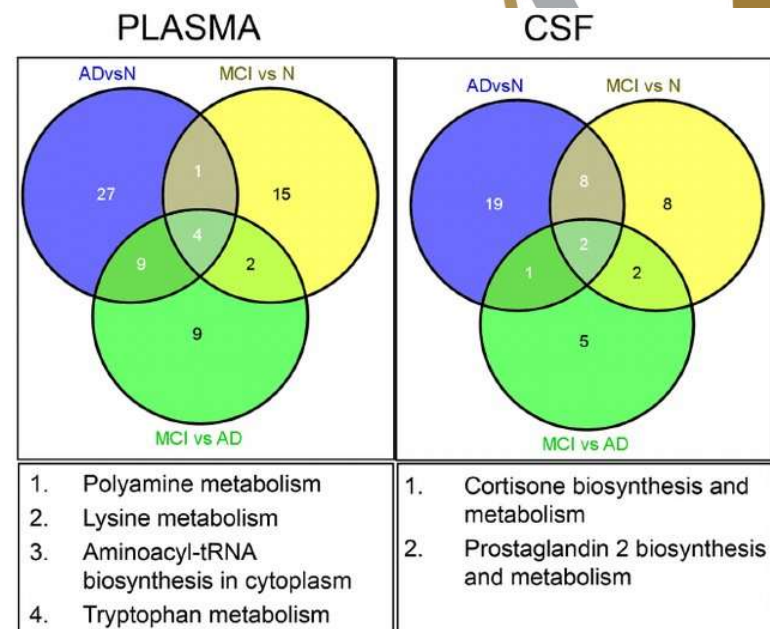
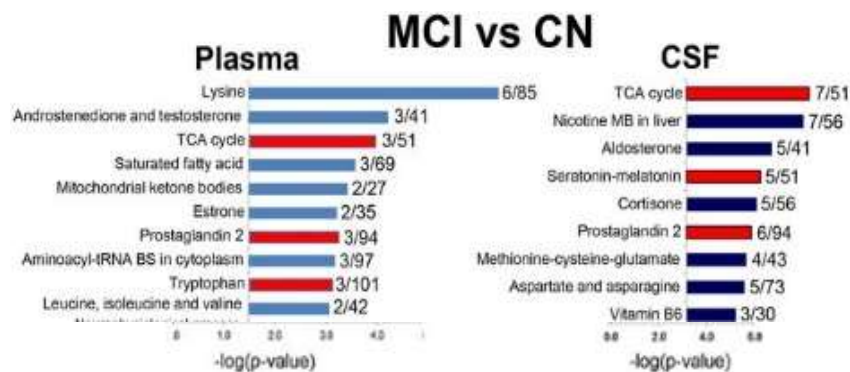
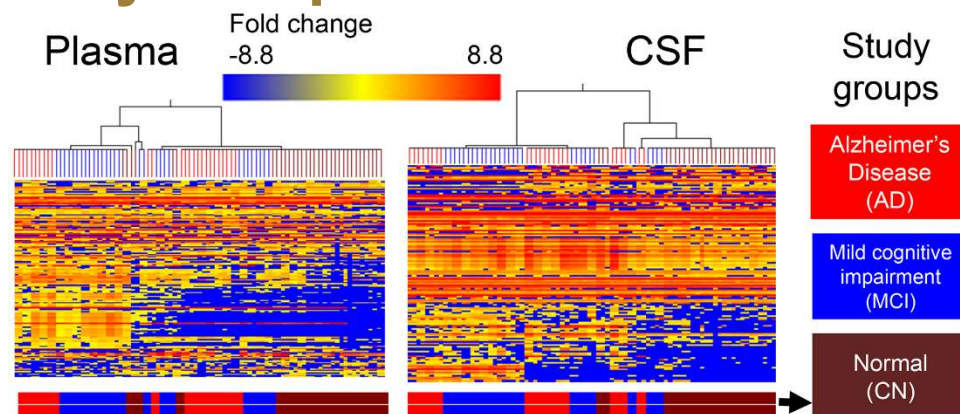
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Summary

- Spectral acquisition and validation of **> 330 unique compounds** with EI and CI HR spectra in the EI-MS and CI-MS/MS libraries. And is growing with novel annotation (in silico approaches).
- Quantification of **>500 unique compounds** in muscles and liver in a single sample using 3 runs (~66 mins together) using spectral and RT libraries.
- Ample opportunities and scope to find AD Biomarkers of Metabolism in CSF, Plasma, Urine, Fecal samples and tissues from NHP models, mice etc.
- Complementarity of metabolomics in ongoing/ future ADRC collections and (-omics) studies.



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