

Global Profiling of Urinary Mercapturic Acids Using Integrated Library-Guided Analysis

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ABSTRACT

Urinary mercapturic acids (MAs) are often used as biomarkers for monitoring human exposures to occupational and environmental xenobiotics. Untargeted mass spectrometry-based approaches have been applied for the broad characterization of MAs, but the metabolite coverage was limited due to the lack of comprehensive MA databases. In this study, we developed an integrated library-guided analysis (ILGA) workflow using ultra-performance liquid chromatography-quadrupole time-of-flight mass spectrometry (UPLC-QTOF-MS). This method includes expanded assignment criteria and a curated library of ~240 MAs and addresses the shortcomings of previous untargeted approaches. We employed this workflow to profile MAs in the urine of 70 participants - 40 nonsmokers and 30 smokers. We identified approximately 500 MA candidates in each urine sample, and 118 MAs were putatively assigned with the ILGA approach. These include 29 previously unreported MAs derived mostly from alkenals and hydroxyalkenals. In addition, we observed that the levels of 70 MAs were comparable in nonsmokers and smokers, 2 MAs were higher in nonsmokers, and the levels of 46 MAs were elevated in the smokers. These included previously unreported mercapturates of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and hydroxyalkenals and well-documented MAs derived from toxicants present in cigarette smoke (e.g., acrolein, 1,3-butadiene, isoprene, acrylamide, benzene, and toluene). Our untargeted workflow led to the effective identification and discovery of known and unreported MAs derived from endogenous and environmental sources, and the levels of several of these MAs were increased by smoking. Our method can also be expanded and applied to other exposure-wide association studies.

Key Words: xenobiotic exposure, mercapturic acids, exposomics, mercapturomics, cigarettes, LC-MS, aliphatics, aromatics

Abbreviations: cardiovascular disease (CVD), volatile organic compound (VOC), glutathione (GSH), mercapturic acid (MA), integrated library-guided analysis (ILGA), ultra-performance liquid chromatography-quadrupole time-of-flight mass spectrometry (UPLC-QTOF-MS), data-independent acquisition (DIA), common neutral loss (CNL), harmful and potentially harmful constituents (HPHCs)

INTRODUCTION

Humans are likely to be exposed to 1-3 million chemicals in their lifetime¹. Prominent sources of xenobiotic exposure include industrial chemicals, petroleum products, fossil fuels, household chemicals, tobacco smoke, plant products, pesticides, and pharmaceutical reagents^{2, 3}. Several of these chemicals are highly reactive and injurious to health^{4, 5}. Highly reactive chemicals are also generated endogenously, especially during the conditions of oxidative stress^{6, 7}. Due to their high electrophilicity, unsaturated carbonyl compounds such as acrolein (abundant in cigarette smoke and automobile exhaust) and 4, hydroxy trans-2-nonenal (HNE, generated by lipid peroxidation) can react with cellular nucleophiles of proteins and DNA^{6, 8-10}. Assessment of biomarkers of exposure to these toxicants will assist in developing appropriate remediation or detoxification mechanisms to limit the toxicity.

A common way to measure exposures to electrophilic xenobiotics is by analyzing their downstream N-acetyl-L-cysteine S-conjugate metabolites or mercapturic acids (MAs) in the urine^{9, 11}. MAs are formed from xenobiotic-glutathione (GSH) S-conjugates through sequential transformation, including hydrolysis followed by N-acetylation in the kidney to form MAs, which are excreted in the urine¹². The measurement of MAs is non-invasive and has been typically performed using liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry (LC-MS) targeted¹³⁻¹⁵ and untargeted methods¹⁶⁻¹⁸.

The untargeted approaches allow for discovery, identification, and semi-quantification of the detected species. Therefore, they have gained popularity for biomarker discovery and metabolite identification¹⁶⁻¹⁹. Several proof-of-concept studies

relying on untargeted approaches have been previously conducted by screening a common neutral loss (CNL) of 129 Da (a feature of N-acetyl-L-cysteine moiety) for MA detections^{16, 18-20}. Newer methodologies that combined untargeted metabolomics, CNL scanning, and online database searching allowed for the identification of some MAs^{17, 21}. Previous studies have analyzed urine samples from smokers and nonsmokers *via* an untargeted metabolomic approach, and putatively annotated 43 out of 91 MA candidates¹⁷. However, CNL-based screening may miss MA ions that do not undergo a loss of 129 Da. Similarly, CNL alone may lead to false-positive assignments. Moreover, small number of MAs listed in existing databases limits the range of annotated and identified species in previous mercapturomics studies. Due to a relatively small number of untargeted studies and insufficient MA coverage, the field of untargeted MA analysis is still in its infancy.

We developed an integrated library-guided analysis (ILGA) workflow using ultra-performance liquid chromatography-quadrupole time-of-flight mass spectrometry (UPLC-QTOF-MS) with MS^E data-independent acquisition (DIA) for MAs profiling in human urine. This method includes expanded assignment criteria, which yielded ~500 MA candidates in a typical urine sample – a sizable increase over previously reported workflows. In addition, we curated a library of ~240 structures, which markedly enhanced the range of identified MA species – 118 MAs in the urine of study participants.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Chemicals and reagents

Thirteen authentic MA standards, including N-acetyl-S-(2,4-dimethylbenzene)-L-cysteine (MPhMA), N-acetyl-S-(3-hydroxypropyl)cysteine (3HPMA), N-acetyl-S-(2,3-dihydroxypropyl)-L-cysteine (23HPMA), N-acetyl-S-(3-amino-3-oxopropyl)-L-cysteine (2CaEMA), N-acetyl-S-(N-methylcarbamoyl)cysteine (MCAcMA), benzylmercapturic acid (BzMA), propylmercapturic acid (1PMA), N-acetyl-S-(2-carboxyethyl)-L-cysteine (2CoEMA), N-acetyl-S-(2-cyanoethyl)-L-cysteine (2CyEMA), N-acetyl-S-(3,4-dihydroxybutyl)-L-cysteine (34HBMA), N-acetyl-S-[(2S)-3-amino-2-hydroxy-3-oxopropyl]-L-cysteine (2CaHEMA), N-acetyl-S-(3-hydroxy-1-methylpropyl)-L-cysteine (3HMPMA), and N-acetyl-S-[(1R)-2-hydroxy-1-phenylethyl]-L-cysteine (2HPhEMA) were purchased from Toronto Research Chemicals, Canada. UHPLC-MS grade water, UHPLC-MS grade acetonitrile, and LC-MS grade formic acid, and Infinity™ Creatinine Liquid Stable Reagent were purchased from Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc., Waltham MA.

Study population and sample collection

Spot urine specimens were collected from the participants (n=70) and stored at -80 °C until UPLC-QTOF MS^E DIA for MA profiling. **Figure 1** shows the general workflow developed for the analysis and assignment of MAs. Urinary cotinine levels were measured to determine the current smoking status of the study participants²². Demographic information (**Table 1**) including age, sex, race, smoking history, medical information, and other chronic health conditions, was obtained through the questionnaires. The study was approved by the University of Louisville Institutional Review Board (IRB 15.1260).

LC-MS analysis

The urine samples (50 μL) were thawed on ice and mixed with 0.1% formic acid (450 μL) in water. An aliquot of 7.5 μL of the mixture was analyzed using an Acquity I-Class UPLC system (Waters, MA). The separation was performed using a 2.1mm x 150mm Acquity Premier HSS T3 1.8 μm UPLC column (Waters, MA) maintained at 45 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ at a flow rate of 0.45 mL/min. The column was eluted with a gradient composed of 0.1% formic acid in water (solvent A) and 0.1% formic acid in acetonitrile (solvent B). The gradient profile started at 0% of B, increased to 23% B over 11 min, and then increased to 95% B over 3.6 min. The gradient was held at 95 %B for 2.4 min before returning to the initial conditions over 0.05 min, and re-equilibrated for 2.95 min before the next injection. One injection of QC sample, prepared by pooling equal amounts of each urine sample, was performed every ten injections of urine samples.

QTOF-MS data were collected using a Synapt XS HDMS (Waters, MA) with Masslynx 4.2 software and an electrospray ion source operated in negative mode. The capillary voltage was 2.25 kV, the source temperature was 120 $^{\circ}\text{C}$, the desolvation gas flow was 700L/h at a temperature of 650 $^{\circ}\text{C}$, and the cone gas flow was 150 L/h. The MS^E DIA acquisition was performed over the m/z range of 40–930 Da with low collision energy off (function 1) and high collision energy ramping from 10 to 40 V (function 2). Each of these functions employed a scan time of 0.2 s. Sodium formate was used for the mass calibration before the sample run, and leucine enkephalin with m/z ~ 554.2620 was used as the lock mass solution during the acquisition. The raw files were analyzed using UNIFI 1.9 software package (Waters, MA).

Identification and semi-quantification of urinary mercapturic acids

An ILGA workflow was established to profile MAs. This method started with curating a MA library in UNIFI which consists of structures of known and deduced MAs. Structures of 164 reported MAs were collected by searching structures and keywords (e.g., "mercapturic acid" and "L-cysteine, N-acetyl-S") in the SciFinderⁿ database, downloaded as .mol files, and imported into the library. Additional information, including retention times and MS/MS spectra, was added to the library after analyzing available MA standards. Furthermore, we deduced 75 prospective structures for MAs of harmful and potentially harmful constituents (HPHCs) found in tobacco smoke²³. Proposed structures were deduced based on metabolic pathways that are known for major groups of reactive xenobiotics such as alkenals (e.g., acrolein),^{11, 24} aromatic hydrocarbons (e.g., benzene),²⁵ and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs; e.g., phenanthrene)²⁶. Examples of known and proposed formation pathways of MAs from acrolein¹¹ and benzene²⁵ are shown in **Figure 1S**. These pathways were explored to propose MA structures of analogous aliphatic and aromatic compounds. Together, our library comprised ~240 MA structures. Chemical formula, CAS number IUPAC name and a specific acronym created according to the guidelines outlined by Tevis et al²⁷ were also provided for each MA structure in the library (**Table 1S**).

Annotation and assignment criteria

Specific criteria were established for annotation and assignment of MS features. To be considered, selected features had to exhibit either a neutral loss m/z 129.043 Da ($-C_5H_7NO_3$), or at least one of the ion fragments specific to N-acetyl-L-cysteine moiety at

m/z 74.020 (C₃H₆S), 84.045 (C₄H₆NO), m/z 128.035 (C₅H₆NO₃), and m/z 162.023 (C₅H₈NO₃S) in the MS/MS spectra (function 2). **Figure 2S** shows representative MS and MS/MS spectra of N-acetyl-S-[1-(hydroxymethyl)-2-propenyl]-L-cysteine (1HMPeMA) that includes all specified features. Furthermore, confidence level criteria established by the Compound Identification workgroup of the Metabolomics Society (2017) were adapted and included in the ILGA analysis.²⁸ **Table 2S** describes confidence levels (level 0 to level 4) and criteria used for their assignment.

Typically, 500 out of 10,000 features in a single chromatogram matched the assignment criteria. These potential metabolites were inspected to remove duplicates or misassignments and screened against the curated library. Only features that matched monoisotopic mass with ± 5 mDa accuracy in the MS domain (function 1), were putatively annotated and used for further analysis (level 4 features were not considered). Any additional information collected from authentic standard compounds was used to further confirm the identity of MAs. **Figure 3S** shows an example of such confirmation using the standard compound 3HPMA.

Statistical analysis

The characteristics of the total selected study subjects are expressed as mean \pm standard deviation (SD) for continuous variables and frequency (%) for categorical variables. To examine the different characteristics between nonsmokers and smokers, the Student's *t*-test was performed for age, BMI, systolic blood pressure (SBP), diastolic blood pressure (DBP), and the Chi-square test was performed for sex, race, hypertension, and diabetes (**Table 1**).

All MAs were normalized to urinary creatinine levels to adjust for dilution. Intensity values for undetected MAs were imputed by dividing the detector response cutoff value (75 counts) by the square root of 2. Since the distributions of these normalized urinary MAs were right-skewed, they were log-transformed to improve the normality. The fold changes (FC) of the mean MAs were presented in the volcano plot, and 95% confidence limits (CL) between smokers and nonsmokers were presented in the forest plots.

Linear regression models were constructed to examine the associations between urinary cotinine and MAs. Both independent variables (cotinine) and dependent variables were log-transformed to improve the normality in the models. Since demographic and clinical characteristics were not significantly different between nonsmokers and smokers (**Table 1**), these potential confounders were not adjusted in the regression models. The statistical significance was set at the p-value <0.05.

The correlation heatmap of selected MAs and cotinine, and principal component analysis (PCA) of urinary mercapturome were conducted using the MetaboAnalyst 5.0 platform (<https://www.metaboanalyst.ca/>). Other statistical analyses were performed using SAS, version 9.4 (SAS Institute, Inc., NC), and the forest plots were produced in GraphPad Prism, version 9.1 (GraphPad Software, CA).

RESULTS

Characteristics of the Study Population

The demographic and clinical characteristics of the study participants are provided in **Table 1**. This study population comprised 69% females and 31% males, 83% White

and 13% Black. The mean age was 50 ± 12 years, and the mean BMI was 28.8 ± 6.9 kg/m². Forty-three percent of the participants were smokers (urinary cotinine level >40 µg/g creatinine),²⁹ 63% were hypertensive, and 17% were diabetics. No significant differences were observed in the demographics and clinical characteristics of smokers and nonsmokers.

Mercapturic acids levels in the study group

UPLC-MS analysis of the urine samples of study participants (n=70) revealed that out of ~500 annotated features that met assignment criteria, 118 MAs matched the curated library and were putatively assigned as metabolites of 64 parent xenobiotics. These xenobiotics account for 37 aliphatic (alkenals, hydroxyalkenals, halogenated aliphatics etc.) and 27 aromatic compounds (benzene and monocyclic substituted aromatic compounds, aromatic aldehydes, PAHs, halogenated aromatics, pharmaceutical reagents etc.). Full names, acronyms, structures, confidence levels of annotations, and CAS numbers of 118 MAs are provided in **Table 3S**. Notably, to our knowledge, 29 MAs (with no CAS number available) are reported here for the first time. As noted in **Table 3S**, these MAs were derived from 9 aliphatic (2-pentenal, 2-hexenal, 2-heptenal 2-octenal, 4-hydroxy-2-pentenal, 4-hydroxy-2-hexenal, 4-hydroxy-2-heptenal, 4-hydroxy-2-octenal, N-tert-butyl-acetamide) and 1 aromatic (phenanthrene) xenobiotic precursors.

Stratification of data between nonsmokers and smokers showed that 109 out of 118 MAs were detected in nonsmokers; however, as shown in **Table 2**, 55 MAs were above the instrument's detection limit in $>25\%$ samples, 25 MAs in $>50\%$ samples, and 9

MAAs (primarily derived from aliphatic precursors) in >75% samples. Smokers' urine contained all 109 MAAs found in nonsmokers and 9 additional MAAs derived from aromatic (benzene, aniline, styrene, trimethylbenzene, naphthalene, coumarin) and aliphatic (4-hydroxy-2-hexenal, sulforaphane) compounds. Ninety-eight MAAs were found in >25%, 55 MAAs in >50%, and 37 MAAs in >75% smokers' samples (**Table 2**). The levels of 46 MAAs were significantly increased in smokers (**Table 3S**).

Forest plots illustrate significant changes in MA levels in each subgroup of parent compounds between smokers and nonsmokers (**Figure 3**). As shown in **Figure 3a**, 31 MAAs derived from aliphatic precursors, were significantly different between smokers and nonsmokers. The levels of 2 MAAs, N-acetyl-S-methylcysteine (MMA) and N-acetyl-S-ethylcysteine (EMA), were significantly higher in nonsmokers than smokers (**Table 3S**). Twenty nine MAAs were significantly higher in smokers. These comprised of 9 MAAs from alkenals, 6 MAAs from hydroxyalkenals, 1 MA from halogenated aliphatic chemicals, and 13 MAAs from other aliphatics. Levels of all 17 MAAs derived from aromatic precursors were significantly higher in smokers (**Figure 3b**). The levels of 70 MAAs derived from alkenals (acrolein, crotonaldehyde, 2-heptenal), hydroxyalkenals (4-hydroxy-2-pentenal, 4-hydroxy-2-hexenal, 4-hydroxy-2-heptenal, 4-hydroxy-2-octenal, 4-hydroxy-2-nonenal), halogenated aliphatics (halogenated propane, pentane, heptane, 2,3-dichloro-propene, ethyl chloroacetate), other aliphatics (ethylene oxide, allyl halide, 1,3-butadiene, acrylamide, acrylonitrile, methacrylonitrile, methylacrylate, butyl acrylate, 2-ethylhexyl acrylate, N-tert-butyl-acetamide, 4-methylthiobutyl isothiocyanate, allyl isothiocyanate, sulforaphane), and finally, aromatic compounds (benzene, aniline, styrene, xylene, trimethylbenzene, hydroquinone, trihydroxybenzene, orthocetamol, cinnamaldehyde, 2-

phenylpropenal, α -phenylacrylic acid, naphthalene, phenanthrene, bromocyclohexane, halogenated dinitrobenzene, acetaminophen, 1,4-benzoquinone, benzyl isothiocyanate, phenethyl isothiocyanate, coumarin), were comparable between nonsmokers and smokers.

Linear regression, and PCA analyses of all 118 MAs are provided in the Supplemental Materials (**Table 4S, Figure 4S**). However, because the reliability of statistical analyses deteriorates with increasing number of missing values, 55 MAs that were detected in > 50% of smokers were used for the bivariate and multivariate analysis. With the exception of 6HCycHeMA all the other 54 out of the 55 MAs were also detected in nonsmokers (**Table 2S**).

Linear regression analysis between urinary cotinine and 55 MAs detected in > 50% of smokers (**Table 3, Figure 3**) showed that 45 out of 55 MAs had positive associations ($\beta > 0$ and $p < 0.05$) with cotinine, and none showed significant negative association ($\beta < 0$ and $p < 0.05$). Notably, among the MAs with β values > 0.4 , metabolites of acrolein (2CoEMA, 3HPMA), crotonaldehyde (3HMPMA), 1,3-butadiene (N-acetyl-S-(2-hydroxy-3-buten-1-yl)-L-cysteine, 2HBeMA), acrylonitrile (2CyEMA), and isoprene (N-acetyl-S-(2-hydroxy-3-methyl-3-buten-1-yl)-L-cysteine, 2HMBEma; N-acetyl-S-(4-hydroxy-2-methyl-2-buten-1-yl)-L-cysteine, 4HMBEma), are well-known biomarkers of exposure to VOCs and HPHCs in cigarette smoke.^{13, 22, 30}

A correlation heatmap was generated with Pearson correlation coefficients (r) between 55 MAs to continue to examine their relationship (**Figure 4**). Consistent with association results (**Table 3**), metabolites of 1,3-butadiene (2HBeMA), isoprene

(4HMBeMA) and acrylonitrile (2CyEMA) were highly correlated with cotinine ($r > 0.66$; **Table 3** and **Figure 4**). Interestingly, metabolites of acrolein (2CoEMA, 3HPMA), crotonaldehyde (3HMPMA), 2-pentenal (N-acetyl-S-(1-ethyl-3-hydroxypropyl)-L-cysteine, 1EHPMA), and ethyl acrylate (N-acetyl-S-(3-ethoxy-3-oxopropyl)-L-cysteine, 3EoOxPMA) were highly correlated with each other ($r > 0.67$), suggesting co-exposure to the parent compounds of these MAs. We also observed that MAs from 2-octenal (2CoEPnMA) and 4-Hydroxy-2-octenal (3OxPHPnMA) were highly correlated to crotonaldehyde metabolite (3HMPMA), indicating the possible relationship between these parent compounds. Moreover, 3OxPMA, a proposed acrolein metabolite, showed a relatively poor correlation with the other two acrolein metabolites, 3HPMA and 2CoEMA.

The PCA analysis performed using the same 55 MAs found in > 50% of smokers (**Figure 5**) shows that this unsupervised technique produced only partial separation between the two groups. In the PCA score plot (**Figure 5a**), smokers were located at the high end of the axis of principal component 1 (PC1). The PC1, which accounts for the highest share of the total variance among all PCs, represents MAs abundant in smokers' urine, such as the ones from acrolein (2CoEMA, 3HPMA), crotonaldehyde (3HMPMA), 1,3-butadiene (2HBeMA), isoprene (4HMBeMA) and acrylonitrile (2CyEMA) (**Figure 5b**). Table 3 shows these MAs were significantly higher in smokers' urine, thus driving high PC1 scores. However, instead of clustering at the low end of the PC1, nonsmokers distributed widely throughout the PC1 range (**Figure 5a**). Some were at the high end of the PC1, overlapping with smokers.

DISCUSSION

We developed a UPLC-QTOF-MS with MS^E DIA workflow that utilizes the ILGA method to profile MAs in the urine of 70 participants. Our workflow expands on and adds to the previous untargeted profiling approaches^{16, 18-20}. To increase confidence, in addition to utilizing the CNL 129 Da, we expanded assignment criteria to include one or more common MS/MS fragments (162.0229, 128.0349, 84.0454, or 74.0244) characteristic to N-acetyl-L-cysteine moiety. Furthermore, the ILGA approach establishes the connection between MAs and their precursors through the generation of an inclusive and expandable library that combines known and imputed structures of ~240 MAs. The structural information of the metabolites and the metabolite-parent connection greatly facilitated the interpretation of the results and improved assignment confidence.

The population characteristics in this study were appropriately distributed, which allowed the comparison of MA levels without adjusting for demographic variables such as age, gender, race, and health conditions.

Our approach allowed for uncovering nearly 500 metabolite candidates and putatively assigning 118 MAs derived from 67 parent xenobiotics. The ILGA workflow uncovered 29 previously unreported MAs derived from 10 xenobiotic precursors mostly derived from alkenals and hydroxyalkenals. Interestingly, two MAs, MMA and EMA, derived from methyl and ethyl halides, respectively, were significantly higher in nonsmokers. Ethyl chloride and halogenated methane are industrial chemicals, used as alkylating agents, and are classified as potential carcinogens and mutagens³¹. Our studies also showed that the levels of 70 MAs were comparable in nonsmokers and

smokers, suggesting that these MAs are derived from organic pollutants present in the ambient air.

Endogenous lipid peroxidation and dietary sources are the other potential sources of MAs. Hydroxyalkenals are predominantly derived from the oxidation of ω -6 polyunsaturated fatty acids. Due to their high electrophilicity, these unsaturated aldehydes are highly reactive and can crosslink with DNAs and proteins. Increased accumulation of α,β -unsaturated aldehydes has been observed in several pathological conditions including atherosclerosis, Alzheimer's, and Parkinson diseases³²⁻³⁴. Lipid peroxidation also generates high concentrations of other alkanal and alkenals. Myeloperoxidase-derived reactions generate alkenals, such as acrolein during inflammatory conditions, metabolism of drugs such as cyclophosphamide and industrial chemicals such as allylamine³²⁻³⁵. Longer chain alkenals - 2-Hexenal and 2-octenal are natural food constituents used widely as flavoring agents^{36, 37}.

Increased abundance of MAs of several hydroxyalkenals and alkenals in smokers is consistent with increased oxidative stress. Our analyses are also in agreement with previous studies demonstrating that metabolites of acrolein (2CoEMA, 3HPMA), crotonaldehyde (3HMPMA), 1,3-butadiene (2HBeMA), N,N-dimethylformamide (N-acetyl-S-(N-methylcarbamoyl)cysteine, MCaMA), and acrylamide (N-acetyl-S-(2-carbamoylethyl)-L-cysteine, 2CaEMA; N-acetyl-S-(2-carbamoyl-2-hydroxyethyl)-L-cysteine, 2CaHEMA) have been reported to elevate in smokers and routinely used as biomarkers of exposure to tobacco smoke^{13, 15, 38}. Also, metabolites of glycidol (N-acetyl-S-(2,3-dihydroxypropyl)-L-cysteine, 23HPMA) and isoprene (N-acetyl-S-[(2E)-4-hydroxy-

2-methyl-2-buten-1-yl]-L-cysteine, 4MBeMA; 2HMBeMA, 4HMBeMA) were previously found to be elevated in the urine of smokers,^{30, 39, 40} but are not specific biomarkers of cigarette use. Moreover, well-established biomarkers of cigarette exposure: aromatics-derived MAs were also elevated in smokers. These included MAs from benzene (N-acetyl-S-(6-hydroxy-2,4-cyclohexadien-1-yl)-L-cysteine, 6HCycHeMA),⁴¹ toluene (benzylmercapturic acid, BzMA),¹³ and xylene (N-acetyl-S-[(2-methylphenyl)methyl]-L-cysteine, 2MPhMMA)⁴².

Similar to several aliphatic compounds, we also observed significantly higher levels of MAs derived from aromatic compounds including naphthalene (N-acetyl-S-(3,4-dihydroxy-1-naphthalenyl)-L-cysteine, 34HNeMA), and phenanthrene (2-phenanthrenemercapturic acid, 2PaMA; 4-phenanthrenemercapturic acid, 4PaMA) in the urine of smokers. These polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) have been found in combustible tobacco products⁴³, and, to the best of our knowledge, this is the first time to report mercapturic acid metabolites of these PAH in human urine. Furthermore, substantially higher levels of PAH MAs in the urine of smokers than nonsmokers suggest these molecules are predominantly derived from cigarette smoking. Additionally, in smokers, we discovered a significantly higher level of MAs derived from precursors present in different environmental settings. For instance, exposures to halogenated alkanes, ethyl acrylate, isobutyl acrylates, trimethylbenzene, 2-fluorobenzaldehyde, 4-tert-butylbenzaldehyde, and 4-chloronitrobenzene are primarily industrial and occupational^{31, 44-47}. Detection of MAs derived from 4-methoxybenzaldehyde, acetaminophen, and 6-chloropurine indicate exposures to biogenic and pharmaceutical parent compounds.⁴⁸⁻⁵⁰ Interestingly, the source of 3-(2-furanyl)-3-hydroxy-1-(4-

methylphenyl)-1-propanone (FHMPP), the precursor of N-acetyl-S-[1-(2-furanyl)-3-(4-methylphenyl)-3-oxopropyl]-L-cysteine (2FuMPhOxPMA), is not well known.

Interestingly, some of the MAs derived from the same parent compounds were not necessarily correlated with each other. For example, among the 3 MAs derived from acrolein, 3OxPMA was not correlated with 3HPMA and 2CoEMA. This could possibly be due to the differences in the metabolism and pharmacokinetics of these metabolites.

CONCLUSIONS

We developed a UPLC-QTOF-MS with MS^E DIA workflow that utilizes the ILGA approach and applied it for profiling MAs in urine samples collected from 70 participants. Our studies identified 29 new MAs, and detected 109 out of 118 MAs in both nonsmokers and smokers, suggesting that these MAs are derived, at least in parts, from environmental exposure. Significantly higher levels of 46 MAs in smokers reveal that smoking increases the levels of these metabolites. The ILGA method used in this study, could be expanded to profile a wider set of metabolites for biomonitoring human exposure to VOCs and xenobiotics.

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Table 1: Characteristics of the participants by nonsmokers and smokers.

Variable	Total	Nonsmokers	Smokers	p value
	(n=70)	(n = 40)	(n = 30)	
Sex, Male	22 (31%)	14 (35%)	8 (27%)	0.457
Race				0.241
White	58 (83%)	33 (83%)	25 (83%)	
Black	9 (13%)	4 (10%)	5 (17%)	
Other	3 (4%)	3 (8%)	0 (0%)	
Age (years)	50 ± 12.3	49.2 ± 13.2	51 ± 11.1	0.543
Body mass index, BMI (kg/m ²)	28.8 ± 6.9	28.8 ± 7.2	28.8 ± 6.5	1.000
systolic blood pressure, SBP (mmHg)	129 ± 21.3	126.8 ± 23.6	132 ± 17.7	0.311
diastolic blood pressure, DBP (mmHg)	79.5 ± 13.9	77.8 ± 14.4	81.7 ± 13.1	0.251
Hypertension	44 (63%)	27 (68%)	17 (57%)	0.353
Diabetes	12 (17%)	7 (18%)	5 (17%)	0.927

Values represent mean ± standard deviation (SD) for continuous variables, and frequency (%) for categorical variables.

Statistical tests for the comparison between nonsmokers and smokers: the Student's *t*-test for age, BMI, SBP, and DBP, the Chi square test for sex, race, hypertension and diabetes.

Table 2: Number of putative mercapturic acids detected in urine samples categorized by their parent compound subgroups.

Main group of the parent compound	Subgroup of the parent compound	Nonsmokers				Smokers			
		At least in one sample	> 25% samples	> 50% samples	> 75% samples	At least in one sample	> 25% samples	> 50% samples	> 75% samples
Aliphatics	Alkenals	13	11	8	3	13	14	11	11
	Hydroxyalkenals	21	8	3	1	22	19	8	5
	Halogenated aliphatics	8	4	1	N.D.	8	8	N.D.	N.D.
	Other aliphatics	28	12	4	3	29	22	15	11
	Aliphatics total	70	35	16	7	72	63	34	27
Aromatics	Benzene and monocyclic substituted aromatics	9	4	3	1	13	12	6	3
	Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons	8	5	1	1	8	9	5	3
	Aromatic aldehydes	5	5	4	N.D.	5	7	5	3
	Halogenated aromatics	2	1	1	N.D.	2	3	2	1
	Pharmaceuticals	11	2	N.D.	N.D.	13	2	2	N.D.
	Other aromatics	4	3	N.D.	N.D.	5	2	1	N.D.
	Aromatics total	39	20	9	2	46	35	21	10
Grand Total		109	55	25	9	118	98	55	37

N.D.: Not detected

Table 3. Associations between urinary cotinine and 55 MAs detected in more than 50% of smokers. β is linear regression coefficient; SE is standard error of β . Before the linear regression, the creatinine normalized levels of MAs were log transformed.

Main group of parent	Subgroup	Harmonized acronym	Full name	β	SE	p value
Aliphatics	Alkenals	3HPPnMA	3-Hydroxypropyl-1-pentylmercapturic acid	0.131	0.038	0.001
		2CoEPnMA	2-Carboxyethyl-1-pentylmercapturic acid	0.325	0.051	<0.001
		2HEBMA	N-Acetyl-S-[1-(2-hydroxyethyl)butyl]-L-cysteine	0.120	0.057	0.035
		2CoEEMA	2-Carboxyethyl-1-ethylmercapturic acid	0.187	0.044	<0.001
		3HPMA	N-Acetyl-S-(3-hydroxypropyl)cysteine	0.418	0.062	<0.001
		2CoEMA	N-acetyl-S-(2-carboxyethyl)-L-cysteine	0.406	0.052	<0.001
		3HMPMA	N-Acetyl-S-(3-hydroxy-1-methylpropyl)-L-cysteine	0.434	0.053	<0.001
		2CoMEMA	2-Carboxy-1-methylethylmercapturic acid	0.081	0.085	0.338
		1EHPMA	N-Acetyl-S-(1-ethyl-3-hydroxypropyl)-L-cysteine	0.365	0.047	<0.001
		2CoEPMA	2-Carboxyethyl-1-propylmercapturic acid	0.242	0.073	0.001
	3OxPMA	N-Acetyl-S-(3-oxopropyl)-L-cysteine	0.081	0.084	0.337	
	Hydroxyalkenals	5HPnFuMA	N-Acetyl-S-(tetrahydro-5-hydroxy-2-pentyl-3-furanyl)-L-cysteine	0.104	0.050	0.036
		5OxPnFuMA	N-Acetyl-S-(tetrahydro-5-oxo-2-pentyl-3-furanyl)-L-cysteine	0.037	0.067	0.584
		3OxPHPMA	3-Oxopropyl-1-(2-hydroxypentyl)mercapturic acid	0.274	0.074	<0.001
3OxPHPMA2		3-Oxopropyl-1-(2-hydroxypentyl)mercapturic acid	0.303	0.039	<0.001	

Main group of parent	Subgroup	Harmonized acronym	Full name	β	SE	p value
		3OxPHPnMA	3-Oxopropyl-1-(2-hydroxypentyl)mercapturic acid	0.197	0.076	0.009
		3OxPHEMA	3-Oxopropyl-1-(2-hydroxyethyl)mercapturic acid	0.233	0.070	0.001
		5MDfMA	4-(5-Methyl-dihydrofuryl)mercapturic acid	0.227	0.040	<0.001
		3HPHEMA	3-Hydroxypropyl-1-(2-hydroxyethyl)mercapturic acid	- 0.068	0.074	0.359
	Other aliphatics	4HMBeMA	N-Acetyl-S-(4-hydroxy-2-methyl-2-buten-1-yl)-L-cysteine	0.543	0.045	<0.001
		23HHMPMA2	N-Acetyl-S-[2,3-dihydroxy-1-(hydroxymethyl)propyl]-L-cysteine M1	0.264	0.047	<0.001
		2MPoOxPMA	N-Acetyl-S-[3-(2-methylpropoxy)-3-oxopropyl]-L-cysteine	0.151	0.047	0.001
		2CaEMA	N-Acetyl-S-(3-amino-3-oxopropyl)-L-cysteine	0.320	0.057	<0.001
		MCaMA	N-Acetyl-S-(N-methylcarbamoyl)cysteine	0.366	0.047	<0.001
		2CyEMA	N-Acetyl-S-(2-cyanoethyl)-L-cysteine	0.509	0.057	<0.001
		34HBMA	N-Acetyl-S-(3,4-dihydroxybutyl)-L-cysteine	0.075	0.066	0.256
		2CaHEMA	N-Acetyl-S-[(2S)-3-amino-2-hydroxy-3-oxopropyl]-L-cysteine	0.207	0.032	<0.001
		2HMBeMA	N-Acetyl-S-(2-hydroxy-3-methyl-3-buten-1-yl)-L-cysteine	0.446	0.062	<0.001
		4MBeMA	N-Acetyl-S-[(2E)-4-hydroxy-2-methyl-2-buten-1-yl]-L-cysteine	0.206	0.071	0.003
		2HBeMA	N-Acetyl-S-(2-hydroxy-3-buten-1-yl)-L-cysteine	0.440	0.040	<0.001
1CyHEMA	N-Acetyl-S-(1-cyano-2-hydroxyethyl)cysteine	0.137	0.060	0.023		

Main group of parent	Subgroup	Harmonized acronym	Full name	β	SE	p value	
Aromatics		23HPMA	N-Acetyl-S-(2,3-dihydroxypropyl)-L-cysteine	0.162	0.040	<0.001	
		2CoPMA	N-Acetyl-S-(2-carboxypropyl)-L-cysteine	0.096	0.053	0.069	
		3EoOxPMA	N-Acetyl-S-(3-ethoxy-3-oxopropyl)-L-cysteine	0.230	0.040	<0.001	
	Benzene and monocyclic substituted aromatics	4NPhMA	N-Acetyl-S-(4-nitrophenyl)-L-cysteine	0.173	0.046	<0.001	
		6HCycHeMA	N-Acetyl-S-(6-hydroxy-2,4-cyclohexadien-1-yl)-L-cysteine	0.208	0.041	<0.001	
		2MPhMMA	N-Acetyl-S-[(2-methylphenyl)methyl]-L-cysteine	0.264	0.068	<0.001	
		235HPhMA	N-Acetyl-S-(2,3,5-trihydroxyphenyl)-L-cysteine	- 0.014	0.066	0.827	
		245HPhMA	N-Acetyl-S-(2,4,5-trihydroxyphenyl)-L-cysteine	- 0.033	0.081	0.682	
		25HPhMA	N-Acetyl-S-(2,5-dihydroxyphenyl)-L-cysteine	0.093	0.046	0.041	
		Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons	10HPaMA	N-Acetyl-S-(9,10-dihydro-10-hydroxy-9-phenanthrenyl)-L-cysteine	0.232	0.090	0.010
			3PaMA	3-Phenanthrenemercapturic acid	0.069	0.084	0.412
			2ANeMA	N-acetyl-3-[(2-amino-1-naphthyl)thio]-alanine	0.205	0.087	0.018
			2NeMA	N-Acetyl-S-(2-naphthalenylmethyl)-L-cysteine	0.277	0.047	<0.001
			34HNeMA	N-Acetyl-S-(3,4-dihydroxy-1-naphthalenyl)-L-cysteine	0.080	0.023	<0.001
		Aromatic aldehydes	2FPhMMA	N-Acetyl-S-[(2-fluorophenyl)methyl]-L-cysteine	0.219	0.087	0.012
4MoPhMMA	N-Acetyl-S-[(4-methoxyphenyl)methyl]-L-cysteine		0.176	0.058	0.002		

Main group of parent	Subgroup	Harmonized acronym	Full name	β	SE	p value
		11MEPhMMA	N-Acetyl-S-[[4-(1,1-dimethylethyl)phenyl]methyl]-L-cysteine	0.178	0.046	<0.001
		BzMA	Benzylmercapturic acid	0.157	0.037	<0.001
		3HPhPMA	N-Acetyl-S-(3-hydroxy-1-phenylpropyl)-L-cysteine	0.062	0.072	0.392
	Halogenated aromatics	6PuMA	S-(6-Puriny)-N-acetyl-L-cysteine	0.210	0.049	<0.001
		2HCycHxMA	N-Acetyl-S-(2-hydroxycyclohexyl)-L-cysteine	0.199	0.058	0.001
	Pharmaceuticals	4AcAPhMA	N-Acetyl-S-[4-(acetilamino)phenyl]-L-cysteine	0.161	0.032	<0.001
		5AcAHPPhMA	N-acetyl-S-[5-(acetilamino)-2-hydroxyphenyl]-L-cysteine	0.265	0.145	0.067
	Other aromatics	2FuMPhOxPMA	N-Acetyl-S-[1-(2-furanyl)-3-(4-methylphenyl)-3-oxopropyl]-L-cysteine	0.168	0.046	<0.001

Figure Legends

Figure 1. Workflow displaying general steps of MA analysis and profiling.

Figure 2. Volcano plot showing differences in levels of 118 MAs between smokers and nonsmokers. The creatinine normalized levels of MAs were log-transformed, and shown as a point in the plot. The Student's t-test was conducted to examine the mean difference of the natural log-transformed 118 MAs between smokers and nonsmokers. Red points represent fold change (FC) >2 and $p < 0.05$. Blue points represent $FC < 0.5$ and $p < 0.05$. Grey points represent $p > 0.05$ or $0.5 < FC < 2$.

Figure 3. Forest plots showing differences in levels of 118 MAs derived from **a**) aliphatic, and **b**) aromatic precursors between smokers and nonsmokers. The mean differences (round points) and 95% confidence limits (horizontal bars) were presented for each MA. The dotted lines represent no change.

Figure 4. Correlation heatmap of urinary cotinine and 55 MAs in the total selected subjects ($n = 70$) including smokers and nonsmokers. The dendrogram was generated by hierarchical cluster analysis based on Pearson correlation coefficient (r). The MAs and cotinine are in both columns and rows with their r values represented by color (blue is low and red is high).

Figure 5. PCA analysis of 55 MAs in the total selected subjects ($n = 70$) including smokers and nonsmokers: **a**) PCA score plot of PC1 and PC2 with symbols denoting nonsmoker (blue circles) and smoker (red triangles) samples, and **b**) loading plot of PC1 and PC2 with each dot representing individual MA.

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Figure 1.

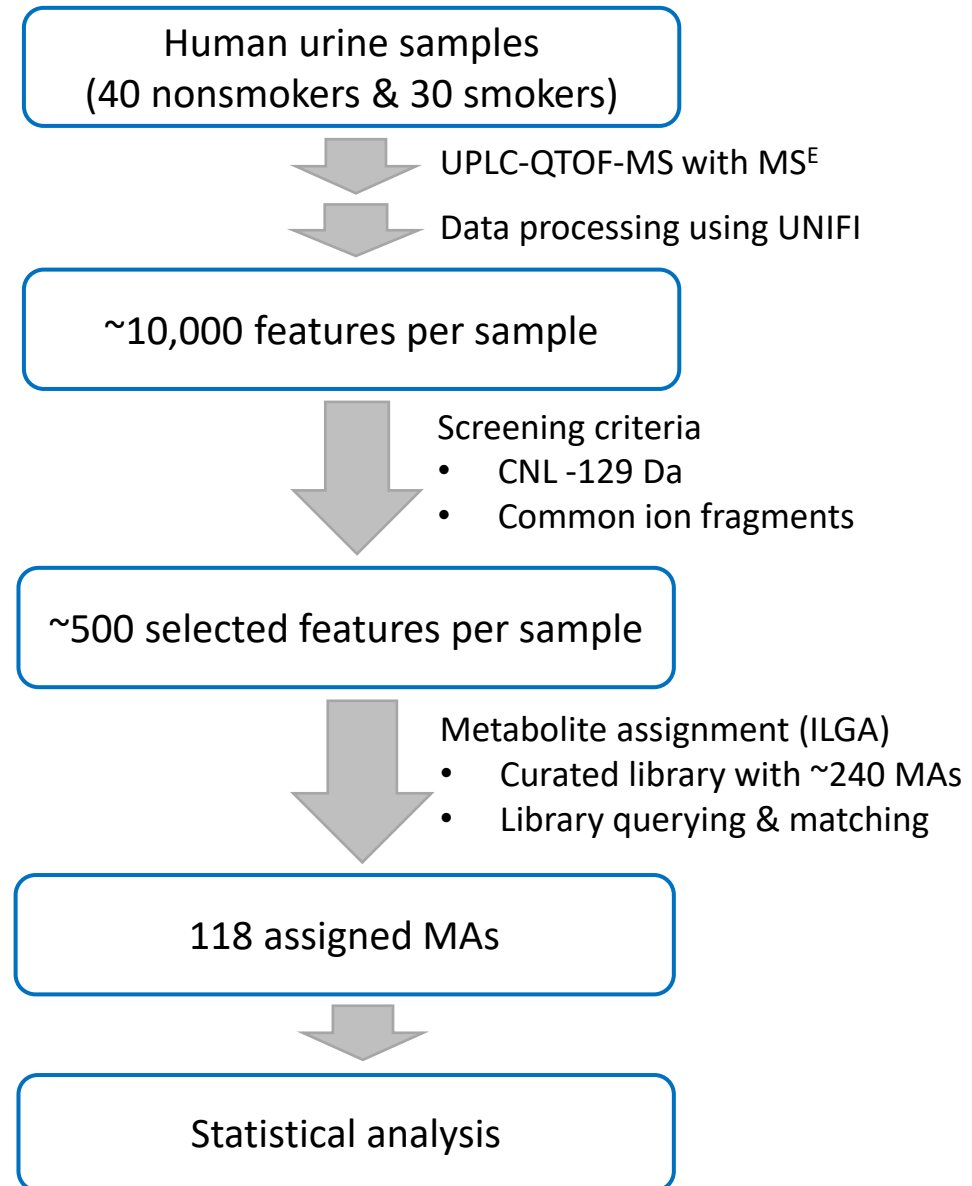


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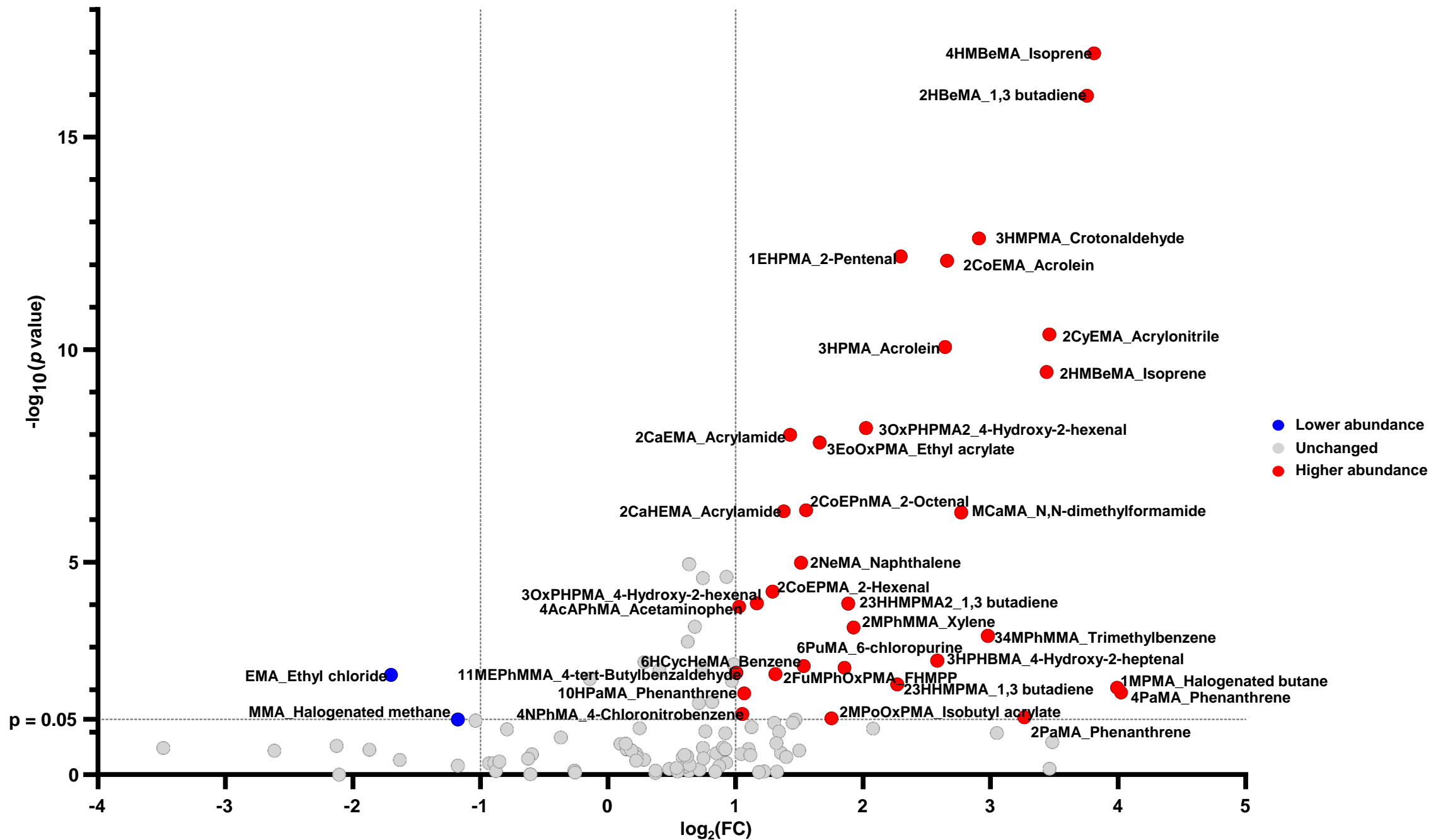
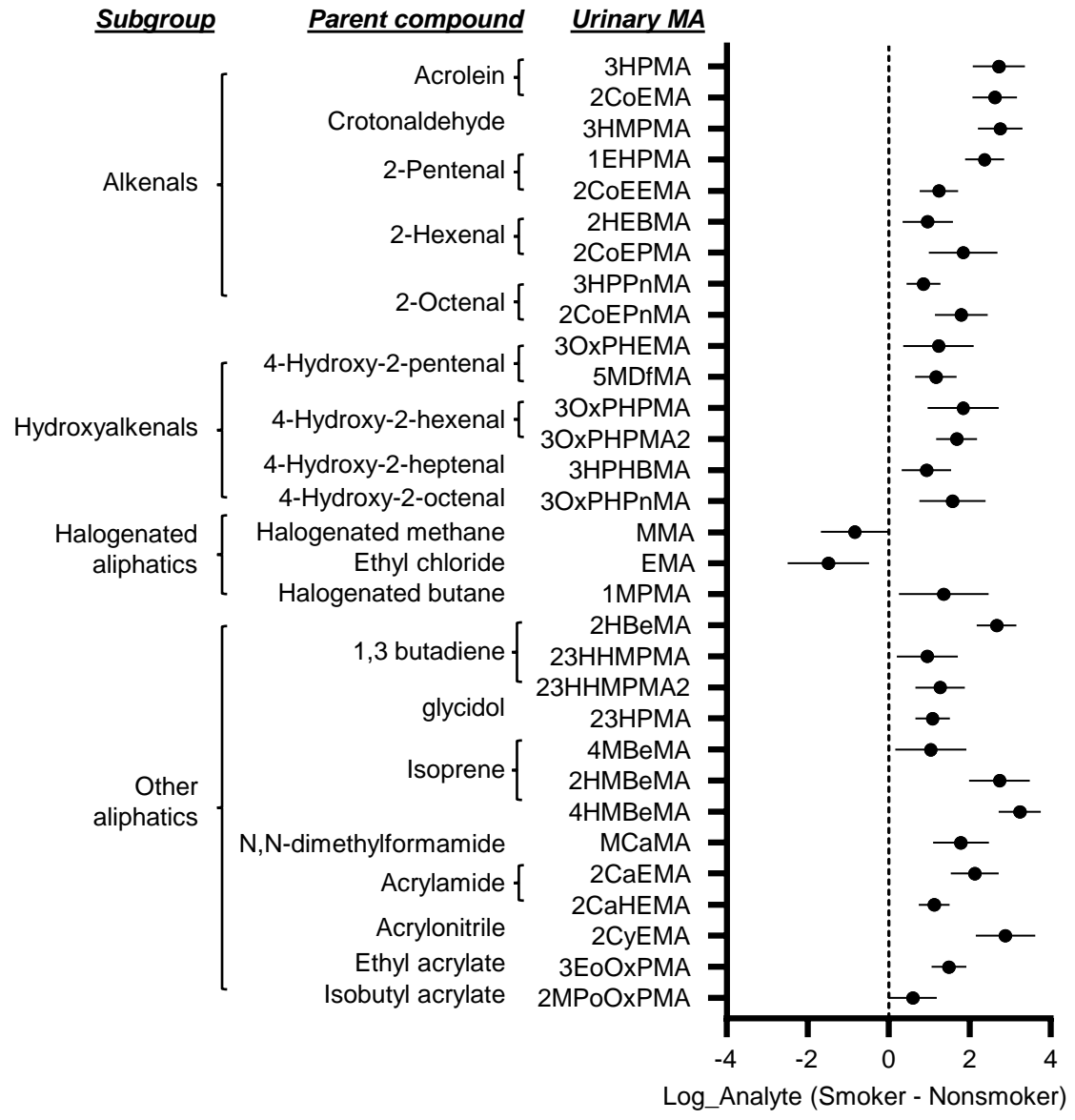


Figure 3.

a. Aliphatic



b. Aromatic

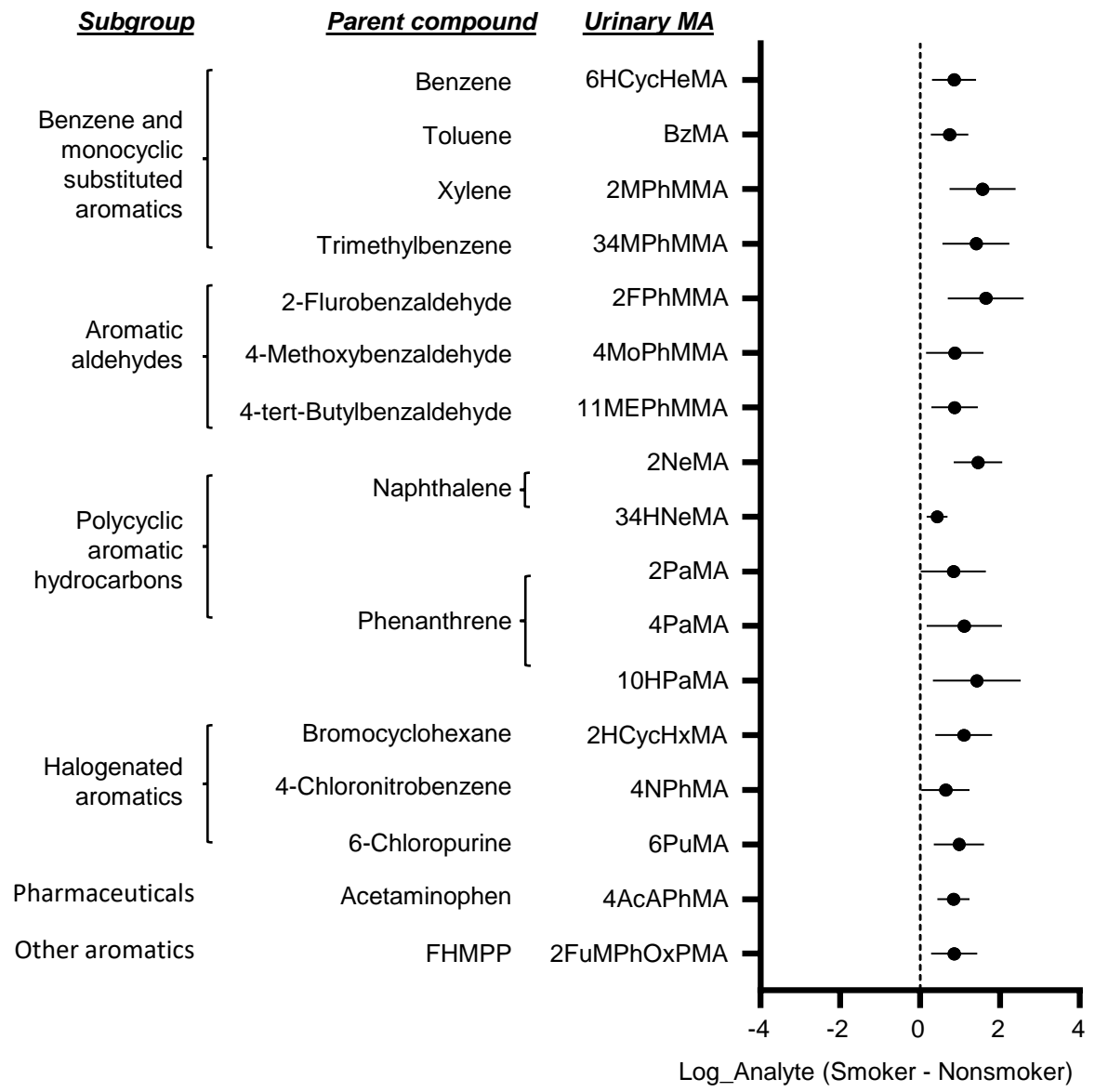


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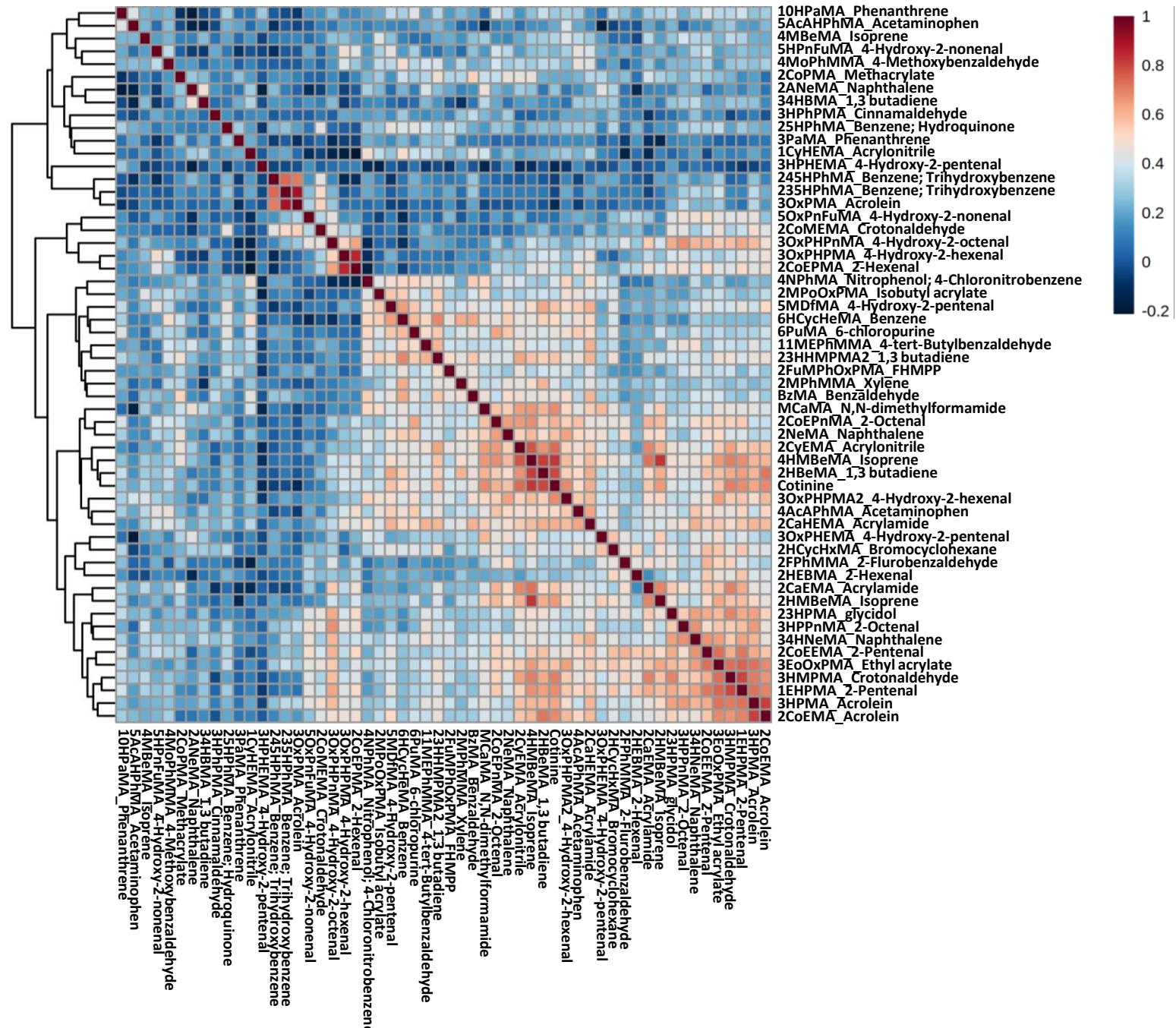
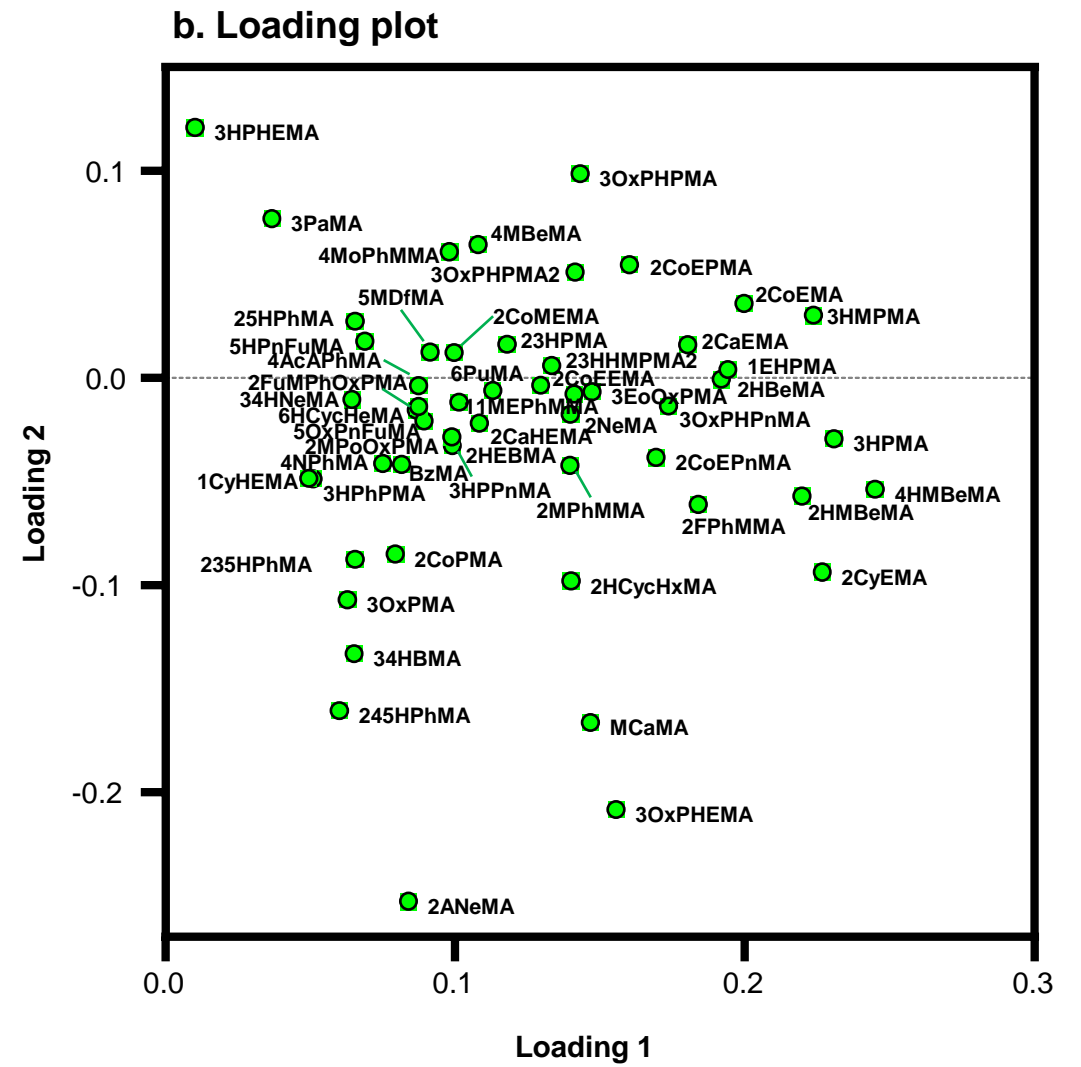
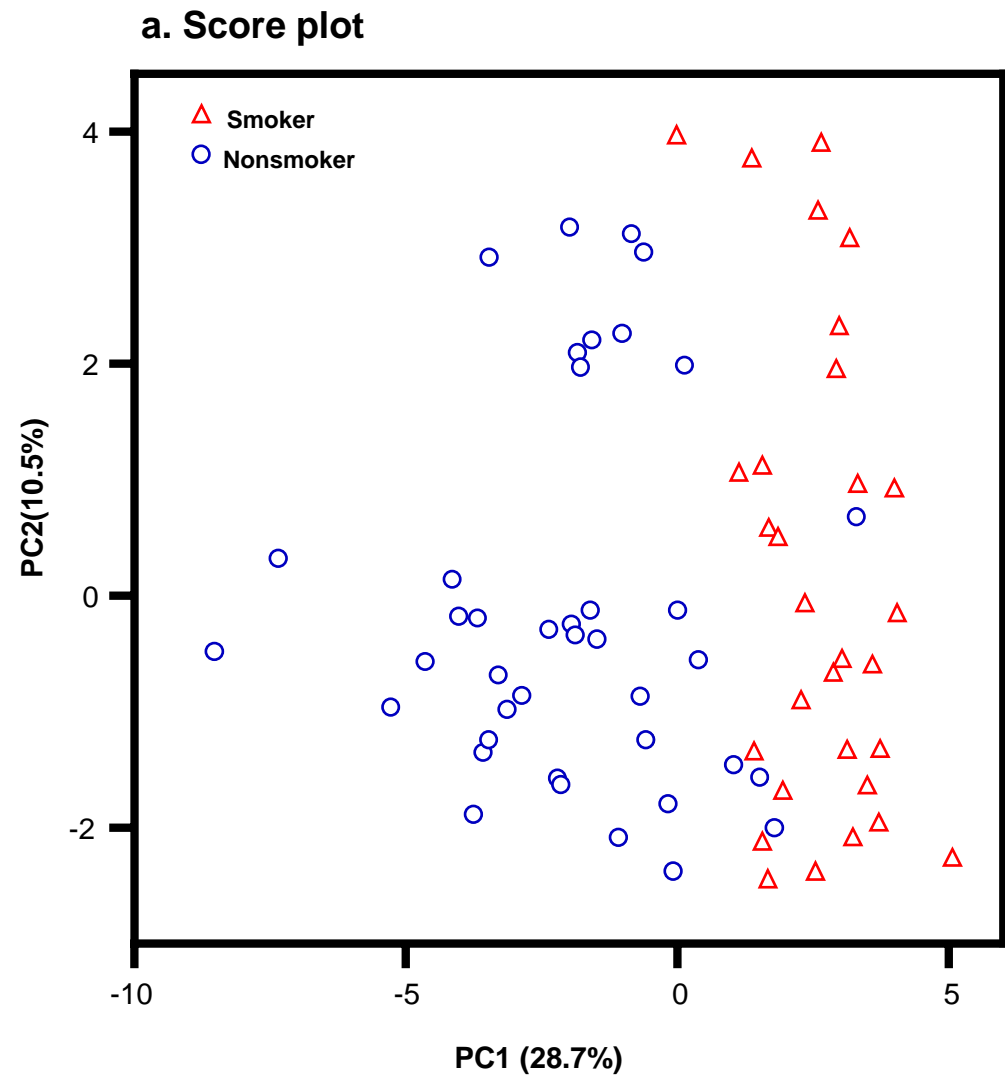


Figure 5.



Global Profiling of Urinary Mercapturic Acids Using Integrated Library-Guided Analysis

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Supplementary Materials

Figure Legends

Figure 1S. MS/MS fragments and features specific to mercapturic acids. Representative MS and MS/MS spectra are shown for metabolite N-acetyl-S-[1-(hydroxymethyl)-2-propenyl]-L-cysteine (1HMPeMA).

Figure 2S. Metabolic routes leading to MA formation from acrolein. Dashed arrow represents the proposed MA structure. S-NAc = S-N-acetyl-L-cysteine.

Figure 3S. Validation of putative assignment using an authentic standard. Example of 3HPMA. Upper insert represents chromatograms and MS, and MS/MS spectra of 3HPMA standard. Lower panel represents the corresponding results for the putatively assigned 3HPMA in a urine sample.

Figure 4S. Correlation heatmap of urinary cotinine and 118 MAs in the total selected subjects (n = 70) including smokers and nonsmokers. The dendrogram was generated by hierarchical cluster analysis based on Pearson correlation coefficient (r). The MAs and cotinine are in both columns and rows with their r values represented by color (blue is low and red is high).

Table 1S: Substituent abbreviations for MAs.

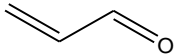
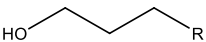
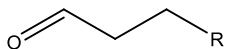
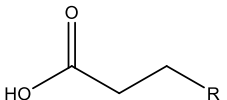
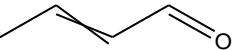
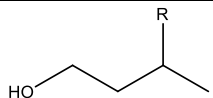
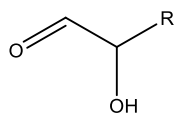
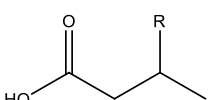
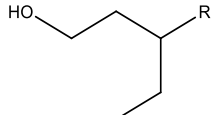
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Ethyl	E
Propyl	P
Butyl	B
Pentyl	Pn
Hexyl	Hx
Heptyl	Hp
Propenyl	Pe
Butenyl	Be
Propynyl	Py
Butynyl	By
Hexadienyl	He
Carboxy	Co
Methoxy	Mo
Ethoxy	Eo
Propoxy	Po
Butoxy	Bo
Hexoxy	Ho
Cyano	Cy
Fluoro	F
Chloro	C
Bromo	Br
Iodo	I
Phenyl	Ph
Benzyl	Bz
Thiazoline	T
Thiazolidine	TI
Thioxo	To
Vinyl	V
Nitro	N
Amino	A
Carbamoyl	Ca
Naphthyl	Np

Naphthalenyl	Ne
Phenanthrenyl	Pa
Furanyl	Fu
Acetyl	Ac
Purinyl	Pu
Sulfinyl	Sf
Oxo	Ox
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Cysteine	Cs
Dihydrofuryl	Df
Benzoquinone	Bq
Coumarinyl	Cou

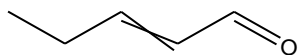
Table 2S: Confidence levels of compound annotations adapted from Blazenovic et al., 2018.

Confidence Level	Description	Data requirements
Level 0	Unambiguous 3D structure. Isolated pure compound, including full stereochemistry.	Following natural product guidelines for 3D structure determination.
Level 1	Confident 2D structure. Matches reference standard or full structure elucidation.	At least MS/MS and RT match.
Level 2	Probable structure. Matches curated library and/or other databases, and literature.	At least two orthogonal pieces of information, including evidence excluding other candidates.
Level 3	Possible MA. Matches one or more selection criteria (neutral loss m/z 129.043 Da ($-C_5H_7NO_3$), or at least one of the ion fragments specific to N-acetyl-L-cysteine moiety at m/z 74.020 (C_3H_6S), 84.045 (C_4H_6NO), m/z 128.035 ($C_5H_6NO_3$), and m/z 162.023 ($C_5H_8NO_3S$) in MS/MS spectra (function 2)	One or more candidates are possible. Requires at least one piece of information that supports the candidate.
Level 4	Unknown feature	Found in sample

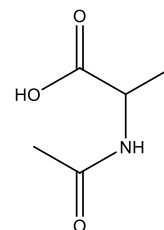
Table 3S: Names and structures of proposed parent compounds and 118 putative identified MAs. Bolded MAs indicated significant changes in levels between smokers and nonsmokers. Underlined MAs were validated using authentic standards.

Proposed parent & structure	MA full name & acronym	Structure	CAS #	Confidence Level	Detected in
<i>Alkenals</i>					
Acrolein 	<u>N-Acetyl-S-(3-hydroxypropyl)cysteine; 3HPMA</u>		23127-40-4	1	Smokers & Nonsmokers
	N-Acetyl-S-(3-oxopropyl)-L-cysteine; 3OxPMA		140226-30-8	2	Smokers & Nonsmokers
	<u>N-acetyl-S-(2-carboxyethyl)-L-cysteine; 2CoEMA</u>		51868-61-2	1	Smokers & Nonsmokers
Crotonaldehyde 	<u>N-Acetyl-S-(3-hydroxy-1-methylpropyl)-L-cysteine; 3HMPMA</u>		33164-64-6	1	Smokers & Nonsmokers
	N-Acetyl-S-(1-hydroxy-2-oxoethyl)-L-cysteine; 1HOxEMA		1456776-73-0	2	Smokers & Nonsmokers
	2-Carboxy-1-methylethylmercapturic acid; 2CoMEMA		33164-65-7	2	Smokers & Nonsmokers
	<u>N-Acetyl-S-(1-ethyl-3-hydroxypropyl)-L-cysteine; 1EHPMA</u>		207226-97-9	2	Smokers & Nonsmokers

2-Pentenal



2-Carboxyethyl-1-ethylmercapturic acid; 2CoEEMA*

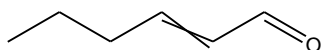


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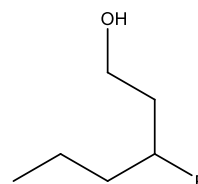
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Smokers & Nonsmokers

2-Hexenal



N-Acetyl-S-[1-(2-hydroxyethyl)butyl]-L-cysteine; 2HEBMA

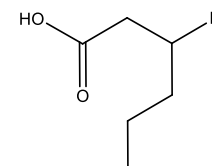


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2-Carboxyethyl-1-propylmercapturic acid; 2CoEPMA*

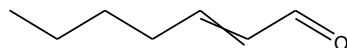


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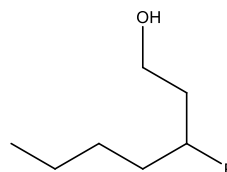
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2-Heptenal



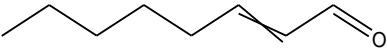
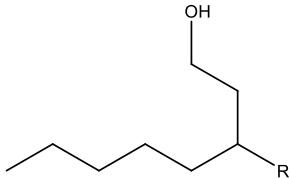
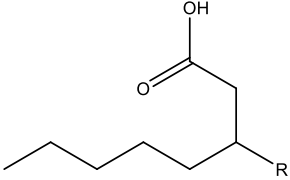
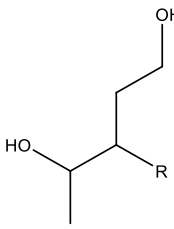
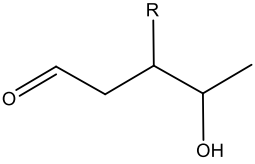
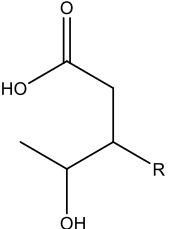
3-Hydroxypropyl-1-butylmercapturic acid; 3HPBMA*



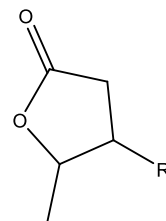
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Smokers & Nonsmokers

<p>2-Octenal</p> 	<p>3-Hydroxypropyl-1-pentylmercapturic acid; 3HPPnMA*</p>		N.A.	2	Smokers & Nonsmokers
	<p>2-Carboxyethyl-1-pentylmercapturic acid; 2CoEPnMA*</p>		N.A.	2	Smokers & Nonsmokers
<i>Hydroxyalkenals</i>					
<p>4-Hydroxy-2-pentenal</p>	<p>3-Hydroxypropyl-1-(2-hydroxyethyl)mercapturic acid; 3HPHEMA*</p>		N.A.	2	Smokers & Nonsmokers
	<p>3-Oxopropyl-1-(2-hydroxyethyl)mercapturic acid; 3OxPHEMA*</p>		N.A.	2	Smokers & Nonsmokers
	<p>Carboxyethyl-1-(2-hydroxyethyl)mercapturic acid; CoEHEMA*</p>		N.A.	2	Smokers & Nonsmokers

4-(5-Methyl-dihydrofuryl)mercapturic acid; 5MDfMA*

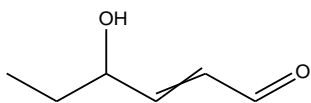


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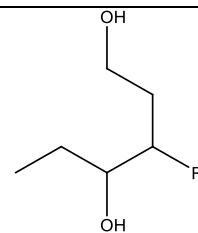
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4-Hydroxy-2-hexenal



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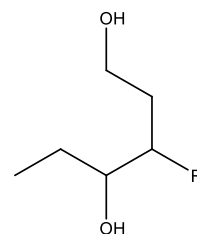


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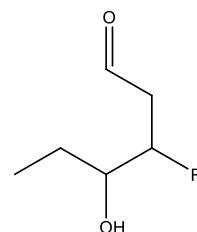


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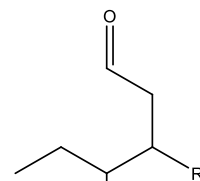


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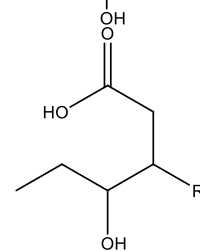


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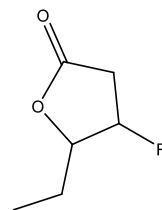


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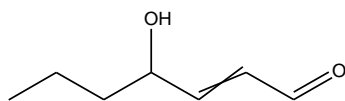


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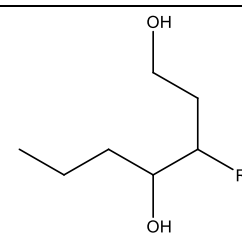
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4-Hydroxy-2-heptenal



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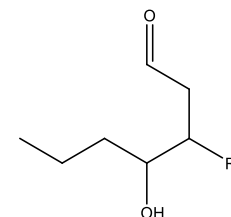


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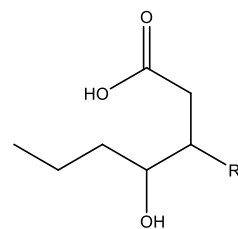


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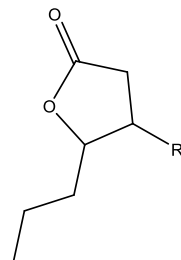


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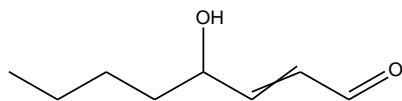


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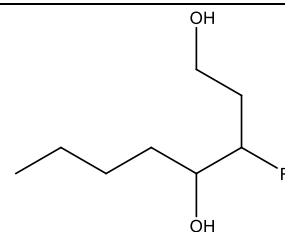
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4-Hydroxy-2-octenal



3-Hydroxypropyl-1-(2-hydroxypentyl)mercapturic acid; 3HPPnMA*

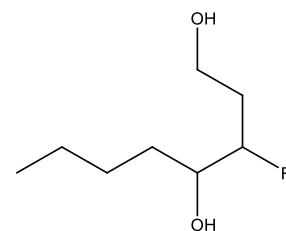


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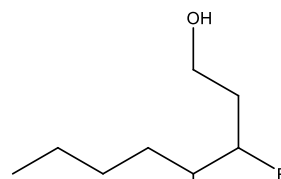


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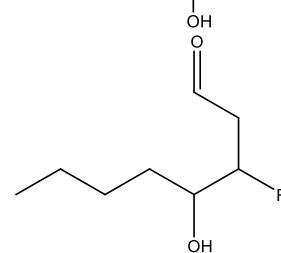


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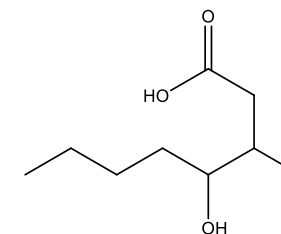


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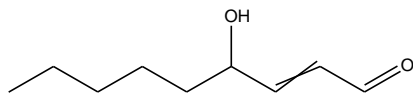


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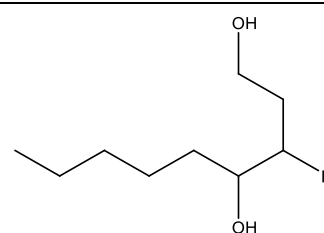
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4-Hydroxy-2-nonenal



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2HHEHpMA

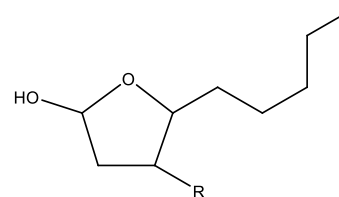


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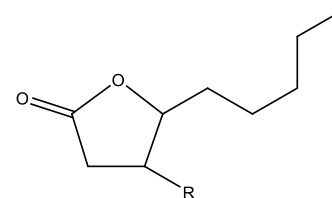


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Smokers & Nonsmokers

Halogenated aliphatics

Halogenated methane

N-Acetyl-S-methylcysteine; MMA



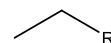
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Smokers & Nonsmokers

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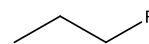
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Smokers & Nonsmokers

Halogenated propane

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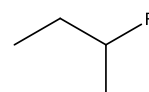
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Smokers & Nonsmokers

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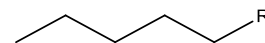
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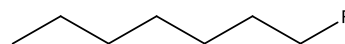
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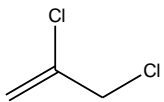
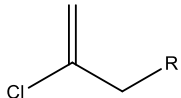
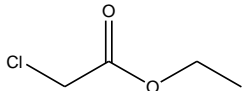
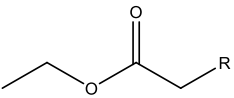

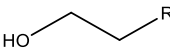
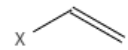
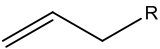
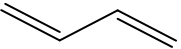
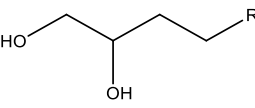
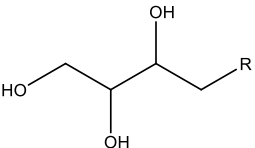
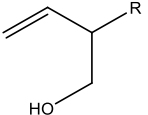
N-Acetyl-S-heptyl-L-cysteine; HpMA



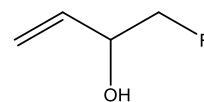
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Smokers & Nonsmokers

2,3-Dichloro-1-propene 	N-Acetyl-S-(2-chloro-2-propen-1-yl)-L-cysteine; CPeMA		109702-06-9	2	Smokers & Nonsmokers
Ethyl chloroacetate 	N-Acetyl-S-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-L-cysteine; 3EoOxEMA		77549-13-4	2	Smokers & Nonsmokers
<i>Other aliphatics</i>					
Ethylene oxide 	N-Acetyl-S-(2-hydroxyethyl)-L-cysteine; 2HEMA		15060-26-1	1	Smokers & Nonsmokers
Allyl halide 	N-Acetyl-S-2-propen-1-yl-L-cysteine; 2PeMA		23127-41-5	2	Smokers & Nonsmokers
1,3-Butadiene 	<u>N-Acetyl-S-(3,4-dihydroxybutyl)-L-cysteine; 34HBMA</u>		144889-50-9	1	Smokers & Nonsmokers
	N-Acetyl-S-(2,3,4-trihydroxybutyl)-L-cysteine; 234HBMA		219965-90-9	1	Smokers & Nonsmokers
	N-acetyl-S-[1-(hydroxymethyl)-2-propenyl]-L-cysteine; 1HMPeMA		144889-51-0	2	Smokers & Nonsmokers

N-Acetyl-S-(2-hydroxy-3-buten-1-yl)-L-cysteine; 2HBeMA

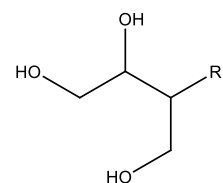


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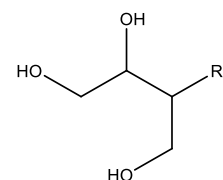


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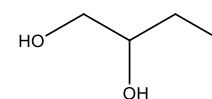


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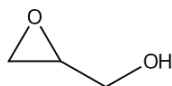


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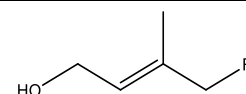
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Glycidol



L-Cysteine, N-acetyl-S-[(2E)-4-hydroxy-2-methyl-2-buten-1-yl]-; 4MBeMA

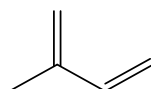


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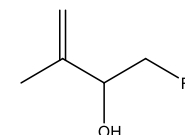
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Isoprene



L-Cysteine, N-acetyl-S-(2-hydroxy-3-methyl-3-buten-1-yl)-; 2HMBE MA

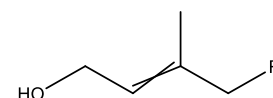


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N-Acetyl-S-(4-hydroxy-2-methyl-2-buten-1-yl)-L-cysteine; 4HMBE MA

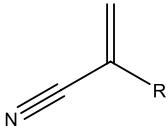
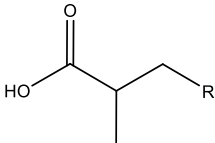
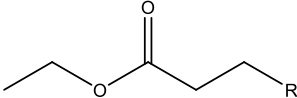
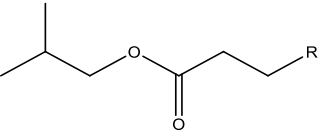
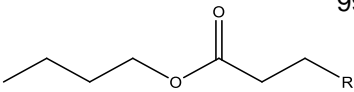


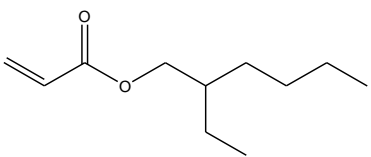
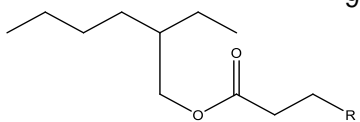
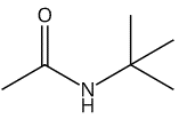
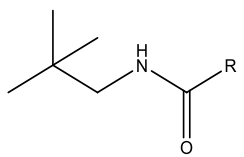
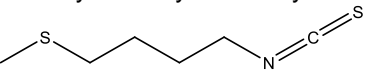
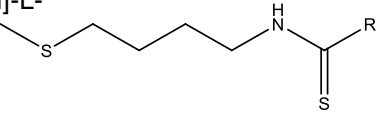
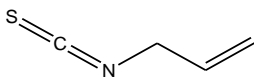
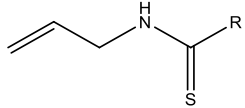
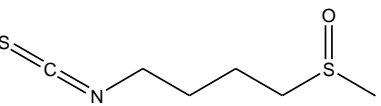
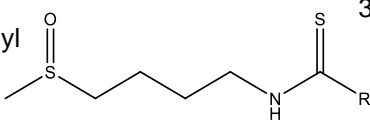
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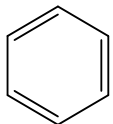
Smokers & Nonsmokers

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Acrylamide	<u>N-Acetyl-S-(2-carbamoylethyl)-L-cysteine; 2CaEMA</u>		81690-92-8	1	Smokers & Nonsmokers
	<u>N-Acetyl-S-(2-carbamoyl-2-hydroxyethyl)-L-cysteine; 2CaHEMA</u>		196620-45-8	1	Smokers & Nonsmokers
	N-Acetyl-S-(2-carbamoyl-2-hydroxyethyl)-L-cysteine; 2CaHEMA2		137698-08-9	2	Smokers & Nonsmokers
	N-Acetyl-3-[(3-amino-3-oxopropyl)sulfinyl]-L-alanine; 3AOxPSfMA		861959-88-8	2	Smokers & Nonsmokers
Acrylonitrile	<u>N-Acetyl-S-(2-cyanoethyl)-L-cysteine; 2CyEMA</u>		74514-75-3	1	Smokers & Nonsmokers
	N-Acetyl-S-(1-cyano-2-hydroxyethyl)cysteine; 1CyHEMA		116477-44-2	2	Smokers & Nonsmokers

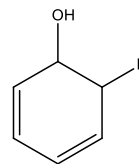
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Methacrylate	N-Acetyl-S-(2-carboxypropyl)-L-cysteine; 2CoPMA		73614-35-4	2	Smokers & Nonsmokers
Ethyl acrylate	N-Acetyl-S-(3-ethoxy-3-oxopropyl)-L-cysteine; 3EoOxPMA		99651-61-3	2	Smokers & Nonsmokers
Isobutyl acrylate	N-Acetyl-S-[3-(2-methylpropoxy)-3-oxopropyl]-L-cysteine; 2MPoOxPMA		99651-63-5	2	Smokers & Nonsmokers
Butyl acrylate	N-Acetyl-S-(3-butoxy-3-oxopropyl)-L-cysteine; 3BoOxPMA		99651-62-4	2	Smokers & Nonsmokers

<p>2-Ethylhexyl acrylate</p> 	<p>N-Acetyl-S-[3-[(2-ethylhexyl)oxy]-3-oxopropyl]-L-cysteine; 2EHoOxPMA</p> 	99651-64-6	2	Smokers & Nonsmokers
<p>N-tert-Butyl-acetamide</p> 	<p>N-Acetyl-S-(isobutylcarbamoyl)-L-cysteine; 2BCaMA*</p> 	N.A.	2	Smokers & Nonsmokers
<p>4-Methylthiobutyl isothiocyanate</p> 	<p>N-Acetyl-S-[[[4-(methylthio)butyl]amino]thioxomethyl]-L-cysteine; MTBAToMMA</p> 	547755-87-3	2	Smokers & Nonsmokers
<p>Allyl isothiocyanate</p> 	<p>N-Acetyl-S-[(2-propen-1-ylamino)thioxomethyl]-L-cysteine; 2PeAToMMA</p> 	87321-45-7	2	Smokers & Nonsmokers
<p>Sulforaphane</p> 	<p>N-Acetyl-S-[[[4-(methylsulfinyl)butyl]amino]thioxomethyl]-L-cysteine; 4MSfBAToMMA</p> 	334829-66-2	2	Smokers
<i>Benzene and monocyclic substituted aromatics</i>				

Benzene



N-Acetyl-S-(6-hydroxy-2,4-cyclohexadien-1-yl)-L-cysteine; 6HCycHeMA

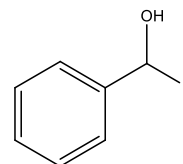


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N-Acetyl-S-(hydroxyphenylmethyl)-L-cysteine; HPhMMA

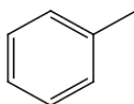


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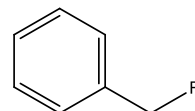
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Toluene



Benzylmercapturic acid; BzMA

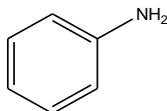


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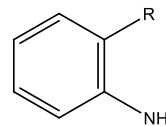
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Smokers & Nonsmokers

Aniline



N-Acetyl-S-(2-aminophenyl)cysteine; 2APhMA

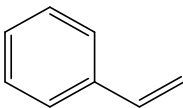


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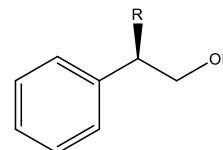
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Smokers

Styrene



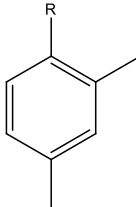
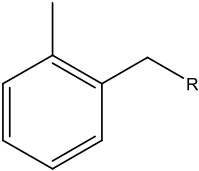
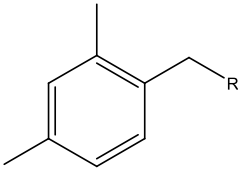
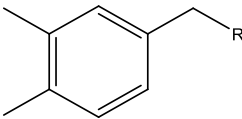
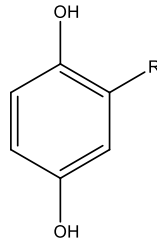
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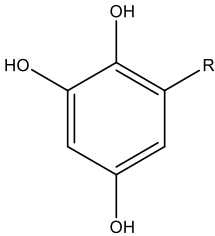
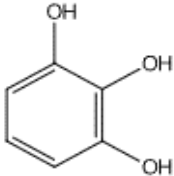
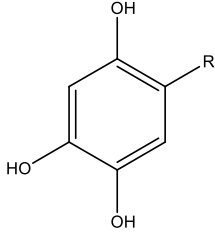
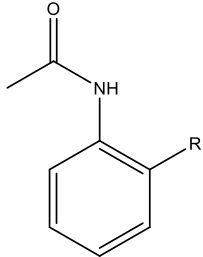
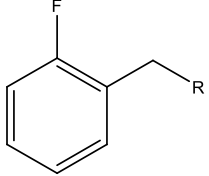
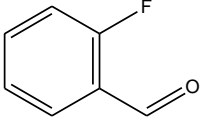


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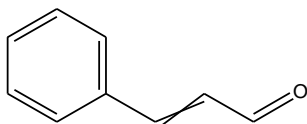
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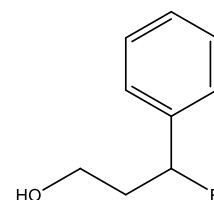
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Hydroquinone	N-Acetyl-S-(2,5-dihydroxyphenyl)-L-cysteine; 25HPhMA		39484-09-8	2	Smokers & Nonsmokers

Trihydroxybenzene	N-Acetyl-S-(2,3,5-trihydroxyphenyl)-L-cysteine; 235HPhMA		215814-13-4	2	Smokers & Nonsmokers
	N-Acetyl-S-(2,4,5-trihydroxyphenyl)-L-cysteine; 245HPhMA		215814-12-3	2	Smokers & Nonsmokers
Orthocetamol	N-Acetyl-S-[2-(acetilamino)phenyl]-L-cysteine; 2AcAPhMA		321835-23-8	2	Smokers & Nonsmokers
<i>Aromatic aldehydes</i>					
2-Fluorobenzaldehyde	N-Acetyl-S-[(2-fluorophenyl)methyl]-L-cysteine; 2FPhMMA		85680-00-8	2	Smokers & Nonsmokers
					

Cinnamaldehyde



N-Acetyl-S-(3-hydroxy-1-phenylpropyl)-L-cysteine; 3HPhPMA

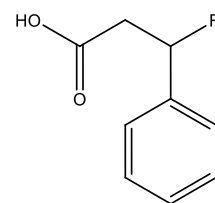


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Smokers & Nonsmokers

β -[[2-(Acetylamino)-2-carboxyethyl]thio]benzenepropanoic acid; 1CoEMBzMA

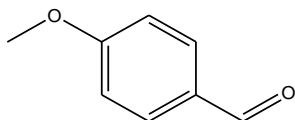


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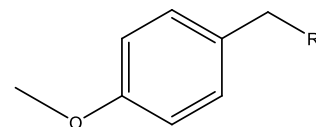
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Smokers & Nonsmokers

4-Methoxybenzaldehyde



N-Acetyl-S-[[4-(4-methoxyphenyl)methyl]-L-cysteine; 4MoPhMMA

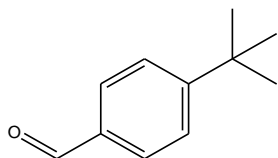


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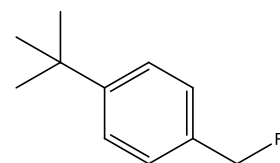
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4-tert-Butylbenzaldehyde



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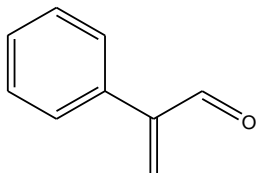


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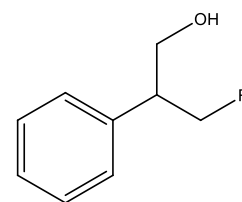
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Smokers & Nonsmokers

2-Phenylpropenal



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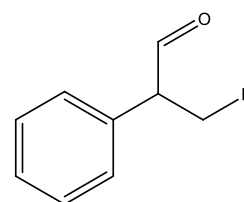


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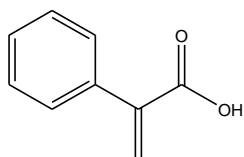
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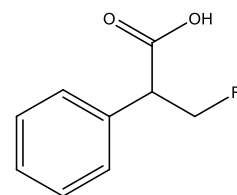
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α -Phenylacrylic acid



α -[[[(2R)-2-(Acetylamino)-2-carboxyethyl]thio]methyl]benzeneacetic acid; 2CoEMBzMA



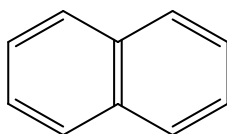
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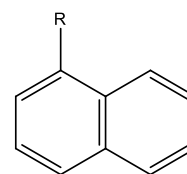
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Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs)

Naphthalene



N-Acetyl-S-1-naphthalenyl-L-cysteine; 1NeMA

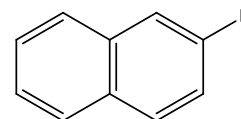


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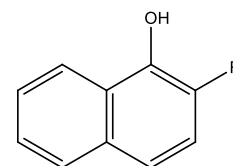


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Smokers & Nonsmokers

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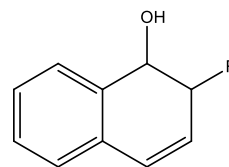


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Smokers

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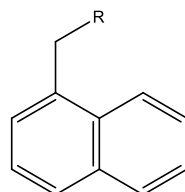


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Smokers

N-Acetyl-S-(1-naphthalenylmethyl)-L-cysteine; 1NeMMA

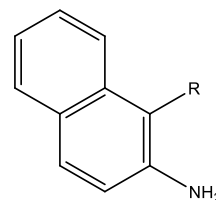


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Smokers & Nonsmokers

Alanine, N-acetyl-3-[(2-amino-1-naphthyl)thio]-; 2ANeMA

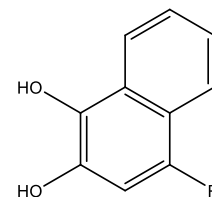


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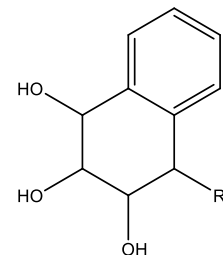


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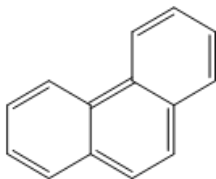


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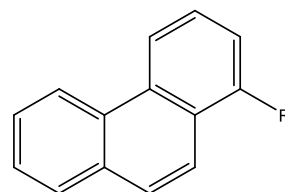
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Phenanthrene



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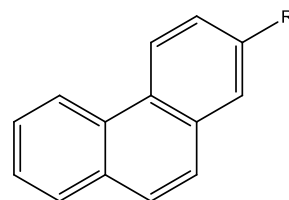


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Phenanthrene mercapturic acid 2;
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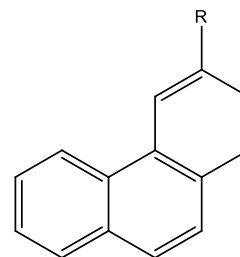


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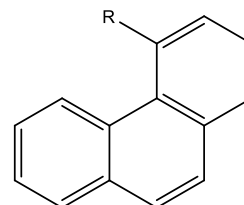


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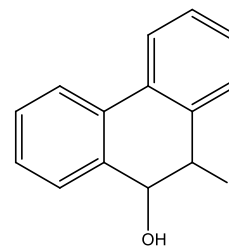


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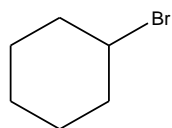
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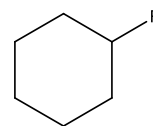
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Halogenated aromatics

Bromocyclohexane



N-Acetyl-S-cyclohexyl-L-cysteine;
CycHxMA

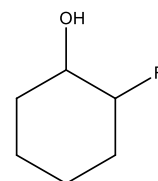


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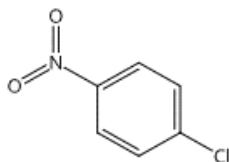


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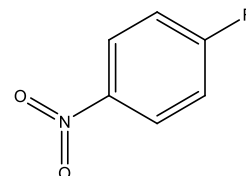
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4-Chloronitrobenzene



**N-Acetyl-S-(4-nitrophenyl)-L-cysteine;
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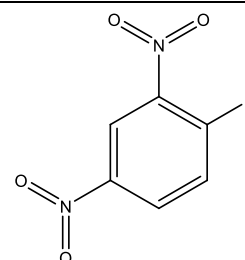


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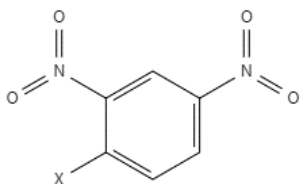


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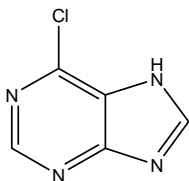
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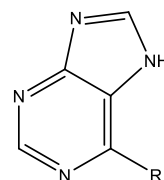
Halogenated dinitrobenzene



6-Chloropurine



**S-(6-PurinyI)-N-acetyl-L-cysteine;
6PuMA**



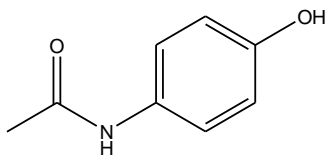
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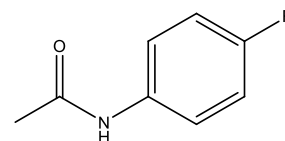
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Pharmaceuticals

Acetaminophen



**N-Acetyl-S-[4-(acetamino)phenyl]-
L-cysteine; 4AcAPhMA**

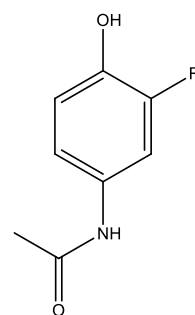


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Acetaminophen mercapturate; L-
Cysteine, N-acetyl-S-[5-(acetamino)-
2-hydroxyphenyl]-; 5AcAHPMA



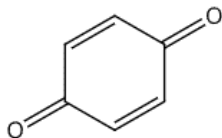
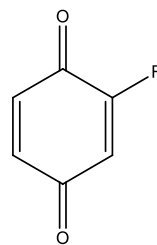
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Other aromatics

1,4-Benzoquinone

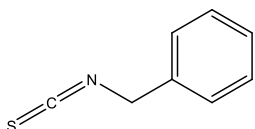
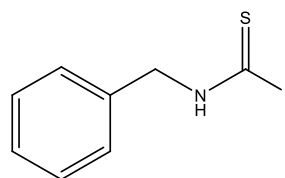
2-Benzoquinone mercapturic acid;
2BqMA

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Benzyl isothiocyanate

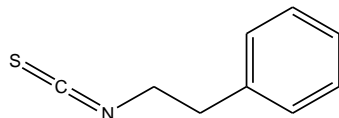
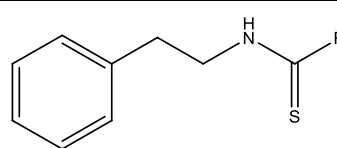
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[[[(phenylmethyl)amino]thioxomethyl]-L-
cysteine; PhMAToMMA

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Phenethyl isothiocyanate

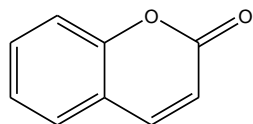
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cysteine; 2PhEAToMMA

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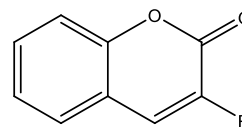
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Coumarin



3-Coumaryl mercapturic acid; 3CouMA

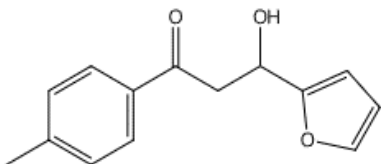


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Smokers

3-(2-furanyl)-3-hydroxy-1-(4-methylphenyl)-1-propanone
(FHMPP)

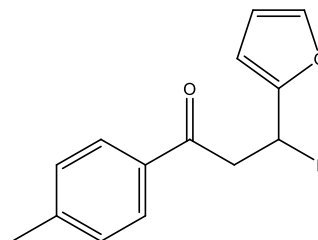


N-Acetyl-S-[1-(2-furanyl)-3-(4-methylphenyl)-3-oxopropyl]-L-cysteine; 2FuMPhOxPMA

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X: a halogen in parent structures

R: the N-acetyl-S-L-cysteine moiety in MA structures

*: MAs first reported in our study

Table 4S. Associations between urinary cotinine and 118 MAs. β is linear regression coefficient; SE is standard error of β . Before the linear regression, the creatinine normalized levels of MAs were log transformed.

Main group of parent	Subgroup	Harmonized acronym	Full name	β	SE	p value
Aliphatics	Alkenals	3HPPnMA	3-Hydroxypropyl-1-pentyl MA	0.131	0.038	0.001
		2CoEPnMA	2-Carboxyethyl-1-Pentyl MA	0.325	0.051	0.000
		2HEBMA	N-Acetyl-S-[1-(2-hydroxyethyl)butyl]-L-cysteine	0.120	0.057	0.035
		2CoEEMA	2-Carboxyethyl-1-ethyl MA	0.187	0.044	0.000
		3HPMA	N-Acetyl-S-(3-hydroxypropyl)cysteine	0.418	0.062	0.000
		2CoEMA	N-acetyl-S-(2-carboxyethyl)-L-cysteine	0.406	0.052	0.000
		3HMPMA	N-Acetyl-S-(3-hydroxy-1-methylpropyl)-L-cysteine	0.434	0.053	0.000
		2CoMEMA	2-Carboxy-1-methylethylmercapturic acid	0.081	0.085	0.338
		1EHPMA	N-Acetyl-S-(1-ethyl-3-hydroxypropyl)-L-cysteine	0.365	0.047	0.000
		3HPBMA	3-Hydroxypropyl-1-butyl MA	0.163	0.056	0.004
		1HOxEMA	N-Acetyl-S-(1-hydroxy-2-oxoethyl)-L-cysteine	0.096	0.042	0.022
		2CoEPMA	2-Carboxyethyl-1-propyl MA	0.242	0.073	0.001
		3OxPMA	N-Acetyl-S-(3-oxopropyl)-L-cysteine	-0.081	0.084	0.337
	Hydroxyalkenals	5HPnFuMA	N-Acetyl-S-(tetrahydro-5-hydroxy-2-pentyl-3-furanyl)-L-cysteine	0.104	0.050	0.036
		5OxPnFuMA	N-Acetyl-S-(tetrahydro-5-oxo-2-pentyl-3-furanyl)-L-cysteine	0.037	0.067	0.584
		2HHEHpMA	N-Acetyl-S-[2-hydroxy-1-(2-hydroxyethyl)heptyl]-L-cysteine	0.035	0.064	0.586
		3OxPHBMA	3-Oxopropyl-1-(2-hydroxybutyl) MA	0.098	0.049	0.048
		5PDfMA	4-(5-Propyl-Dihydrofuryl) MA	0.099	0.053	0.060
		CoEHBMA	Carboxyethyl-1-(2-hydroxybutyl) MA	0.002	0.048	0.972
		3HPHBMA	3-Hydroxypropyl-1-(2-hydroxybutyl) MA	0.200	0.045	0.000
		3OxPHPMA	3-Oxopropyl-1-(2-hydroxypropyl) MA	0.274	0.074	0.000
		3OxPHPMA2	3-Oxopropyl-1-(2-hydroxypropyl) MA	0.303	0.039	0.000
		5EDfMA	4-(5-Ethyl-Dihydrofuryl) MA	0.043	0.059	0.460
		CoEHPMA	Carboxyethyl-1-(2-hydroxypropyl) MA	0.107	0.046	0.019
		3HPHPMA	3-Hydroxypropyl-1-(2-hydroxypropyl) MA	0.069	0.044	0.114
		3HPHPMA2	3-Hydroxypropyl-1-(2-hydroxypropyl) MA	0.110	0.041	0.007
3OxPHPnMA	3-Oxopropyl-1-(2-hydroxypentyl) MA	0.197	0.076	0.009		
CoEHPnMA	Carboxyethyl-1-(2-hydroxypentyl) MA	0.111	0.043	0.011		
3HPHPnMA	3-Hydroxypropyl-1-(2-hydroxypentyl) MA	-0.032	0.062	0.601		

Main group of parent	Subgroup	Harmonized acronym	Full name	β	SE	p value
		3HHPnMA2	3-Hydroxypropyl-1-(2-hydroxypentyl) MA	0.081	0.040	0.044
		3HHPnMA3	3-Hydroxypropyl-1-(2-hydroxypentyl) MA	0.088	0.051	0.083
		3OxPHEMA	3-Oxopropyl-1-(2-hydroxyethyl) MA	0.233	0.070	0.001
		5MDfMA	4-(5-Methyl-dihydrofuryl) MA	0.227	0.040	0.000
		CoHEMA	Carboxyethyl-1-(2-hydroxyethyl) MA	0.163	0.048	0.001
		3HPHEMA	3-Hydroxypropyl-1-(2-hydroxyethyl) MA	-0.068	0.074	0.359
	Other aliphatics	4HMBEMA	N-Acetyl-S-(4-hydroxy-2-methyl-2-buten-1-yl)-L-cysteine	0.543	0.045	0.000
		2BCaMA	N-Acetyl-S-(isobutylcarbamoyl)-L-cysteine	0.001	0.055	0.982
		2PeAToMMA	N-Acetyl-S-[(2-propen-1-ylamino)thioxomethyl]-L-cysteine	0.012	0.074	0.871
		MTBAToMMA	N-Acetyl-S-[[[4-(methylthio)butyl]amino]thioxomethyl]-L-cysteine	0.136	0.051	0.008
		23HHMPMA	N-Acetyl-S-[2,3-dihydroxy-1-(hydroxymethyl)propyl]-L-cysteine	0.201	0.055	0.000
		23HHMPMA2	N-Acetyl-S-[2,3-dihydroxy-1-(hydroxymethyl)propyl]-L-cysteine M1	0.264	0.047	0.000
		2MPoOxPMA	N-Acetyl-S-[3-(2-methylpropoxy)-3-oxopropyl]-L-cysteine	0.151	0.047	0.001
		2EHoOxPMA	N-Acetyl-S-[3-[(2-ethylhexyl)oxy]-3-oxopropyl]-L-cysteine	0.069	0.059	0.241
		2PeMA	N-Acetyl-S-2-propen-1-yl-L-cysteine	-0.027	0.093	0.770
		2CaEMA	N-Acetyl-S-(3-amino-3-oxopropyl)-L-cysteine	0.320	0.057	0.000
		MCaMA	N-Acetyl-S-(N-methylcarbamoyl)cysteine	0.366	0.047	0.000
		2CyEMA	N-Acetyl-S-(2-cyanoethyl)-L-cysteine	0.509	0.057	0.000
		34HBMA	N-Acetyl-S-(3,4-dihydroxybutyl)-L-cysteine	0.074	0.066	0.256
		4MSfBAToMMA	N-Acetyl-S-[[[4-(methylsulfinyl)butyl]amino]thioxomethyl]-L-cysteine	0.072	0.044	0.105
		2CaHEMA	N-Acetyl-S-[(2S)-3-amino-2-hydroxy-3-oxopropyl]-L-cysteine	0.207	0.032	0.000
		2HEMA	N-Acetyl-S-(2-hydroxyethyl)-L-cysteine	0.045	0.044	0.316
		2CaHEMA2	isoGAMA N-Acetyl-S-(3-amino-2-hydroxy-3-oxopropyl)-L-cysteine	0.136	0.046	0.003
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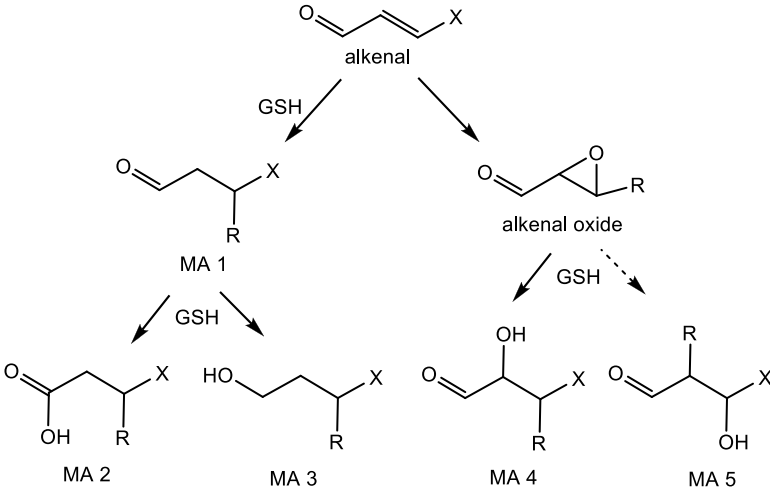
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		1HMPeMA	N-acetyl-S-[1-(hydroxymethyl)-2-propenyl]-L-cysteine	0.092	0.043	0.032
		2HBeMA	N-Acetyl-S-(2-hydroxy-3-buten-1-yl)-L-cysteine	0.440	0.040	0.000
		3AOxPSfMA	N-Acetyl-3-[(3-amino-3-oxopropyl)sulfinyl]-L-alanine	0.111	0.050	0.028
		1CyHEMA	N-Acetyl-S-(1-cyano-2-hydroxyethyl)cysteine	0.137	0.060	0.023
		1CyVMA	N-Acetyl-S-(1-cyanovinyl)-L-cysteine	0.155	0.042	0.000
		234HBMA	N-Acetyl-S-(2,3,4-trihydroxybutyl)-L-cysteine	0.063	0.073	0.387
		23HPMA	N-Acetyl-S-(2,3-dihydroxypropyl)-L-cysteine	0.161	0.040	0.000
		2CoPMA	N-Acetyl-S-(2-carboxypropyl)-L-cysteine	0.096	0.053	0.069
		3BoOxPMA	N-Acetyl-S-(3-butoxy-3-oxopropyl)-L-cysteine	0.147	0.052	0.004
		3EoOxPMA	N-Acetyl-S-(3-ethoxy-3-oxopropyl)-L-cysteine	0.230	0.040	0.000
Aromatics	Benzene and monocyclic substituted aromatics	2HPhEMA	12PHEMA_SR N-Acetyl-S-[(1R)-2-hydroxy-1-phenylethyl]-L-cysteine	0.131	0.038	0.001
		6HCycHeMA	N-Acetyl-S-(6-hydroxy-2,4-cyclohexadien-1-yl)-L-cysteine	0.208	0.041	0.000
		HPhMMA	N-Acetyl-S-(hydroxyphenylmethyl)-L-cysteine	0.080	0.043	0.067
		24MPhMMA	N-Acetyl-S-[(2,4-dimethylphenyl)methyl]-L-cysteine	0.055	0.043	0.199
		2MPhMMA	N-Acetyl-S-[(2-methylphenyl)methyl]-L-cysteine	0.263	0.068	0.000
		34MPhMMA	N-Acetyl-S-[(3,4-dimethylphenyl)methyl]-L-cysteine	0.278	0.060	0.000
		2AcAPhMA	N-Acetyl-S-[2-(acetilamino)phenyl]-L-cysteine	0.089	0.046	0.054
		MPhMA	N-Acetyl-S-(2,4-dimethylbenzene)-L-cysteine	0.127	0.047	0.007
		BzMA	Benzylmercapturic acid	0.157	0.037	0.000
		235HPhMA	N-Acetyl-S-(2,3,5-trihydroxyphenyl)-L-cysteine	-0.014	0.066	0.827
		245HPhMA	N-Acetyl-S-(2,4,5-trihydroxyphenyl)-L-cysteine	-0.033	0.081	0.682

Main group of parent	Subgroup	Harmonized acronym	Full name	β	SE	p value
		25HPhMA	N-Acetyl-S-(2,5-dihydroxyphenyl)-L-cysteine	0.093	0.046	0.041
		2APhMA	N-Acetyl-S-(2-aminophenyl)cysteine	0.117	0.043	0.007
	Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons	10HPaMA	N-Acetyl-S-(9,10-dihydro-10-hydroxy-9-phenanthrenyl)-L-cysteine	0.232	0.090	0.010
		1NeMA	N-Acetyl-S-1-naphthalenyl-L-cysteine	0.077	0.054	0.154
		1PaMA	Phenanthrene MA1	0.046	0.053	0.388
		2PaMA	Phenanthrene MA2	0.137	0.067	0.040
		3PaMA	Phenanthrene MA3	0.069	0.084	0.412
		4PaMA	Phenanthrene MA4	0.199	0.069	0.004
		2ANeMA	Alanine, N-acetyl-3-[(2-amino-1-naphthyl)thio]-	0.205	0.087	0.018
		234HNeMA	L-Cysteine, N-acetyl-S-(1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2,3,4-trihydroxy-1-naphthalenyl)-	-0.023	0.066	0.731
		12HHNeMA	N-Acetyl-S-(1,2-dihydro-1-hydroxy-2-naphthalenyl)-L-cysteine	0.101	0.046	0.029
		1HNeMA	N-Acetyl-S-(1-hydroxy-2-naphthalenyl)-L-cysteine	0.056	0.045	0.219
		1NeMMA	N-Acetyl-S-(1-naphthalenylmethyl)-L-cysteine	0.044	0.043	0.304
		2NeMA	N-Acetyl-S-(2-naphthalenyl)-L-cysteine	0.277	0.047	0.000
		34HNeMA	N-Acetyl-S-(3,4-dihydroxy-1-naphthalenyl)-L-cysteine	0.080	0.023	0.000
		Aromatic aldehydes	2FPhMMA	N-Acetyl-S-[(2-fluorophenyl)methyl]-L-cysteine	0.219	0.087
	4MoPhMMA		N-Acetyl-S-[(4-methoxyphenyl)methyl]-L-cysteine	0.176	0.058	0.002
	11MEPhMMA		N-Acetyl-S-[[4-(1,1-dimethylethyl)phenyl]methyl]-L-cysteine	0.178	0.046	0.000
	2CoEMBzMA		α -[[[(2R)-2-(Acetylamino)-2-carboxyethyl]thio]methyl]benzeneacetic acid	0.050	0.047	0.284
	1CoEMBzMA		β -[[2-(Acetylamino)-2-carboxyethyl]thio]benzenepropanoic acid	0.143	0.049	0.003
	3HPhPMA		N-Acetyl-S-(3-hydroxy-1-phenylpropyl)-L-cysteine	0.062	0.072	0.392
	3HPhPMA2		N-Acetyl-S-(3-hydroxy-2-phenylpropyl)-L-cysteine	0.001	0.075	0.989
	3OxPhPMA		N-Acetyl-S-(3-oxo-2-phenylpropyl)-L-cysteine	0.046	0.048	0.340
	EMA	N-Acetyl-S-ethylcysteine	-0.241	0.083	0.004	

Main group of parent	Subgroup	Harmonized acronym	Full name	β	SE	p value
	Halogenated aliphatics	HpMA	N-Acetyl-S-heptyl-L-cysteine	0.118	0.045	0.008
		MMA	N-Acetyl-S-methylcysteine	-0.075	0.070	0.284
		PnMA	N-Acetyl-S-pentyl-L-cysteine	0.007	0.059	0.908
		1PMA	Propylmercapturic acid	0.015	0.055	0.788
		1MPMA	N-Acetyl-S-(1-methylpropyl)-L-cysteine	0.244	0.082	0.003
		CPeMA	N-Acetyl-S-(2-chloro-2-propen-1-yl)-L-cysteine	-0.044	0.114	0.700
		3EoOxEMA	N-Acetyl-S-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-L-cysteine	0.147	0.057	0.009
		4NPhMA	N-Acetyl-S-(4-nitrophenyl)-L-cysteine	0.173	0.046	0.000
		CycHxMA	N-Acetyl-S-cyclohexyl-L-cysteine	0.094	0.045	0.039
		6PuMA	S-(6-Purinyl)-N-acetyl-L-cysteine	0.210	0.049	0.000
		24NPhMA	N-Acetyl-S-(2,4-dinitrophenyl)-L-cysteine	0.035	0.043	0.419
		2HCycHxMA	N-Acetyl-S-(2-hydroxycyclohexyl)-L-cysteine	0.198	0.058	0.001
	Pharmaceuticals	4AcAPhMA	N-Acetyl-S-[4-(acetilamino)phenyl]-L-cysteine	0.161	0.032	0.000
		5AcAHPPhMA	L-Cysteine, N-acetyl-S-[5-(acetilamino)-2-hydroxyphenyl]-	0.265	0.145	0.067
	Other aromatics	2PhEAToMMA	N-Acetyl-S-[[[(2-phenylethyl)amino]thioxomethyl]-L-cysteine	-0.097	0.081	0.232
		PhMAToMMA	N-Acetyl-S-[[[(phenylmethyl)amino]thioxomethyl]-L-cysteine	-0.036	0.129	0.780
		2FuMPPhOxPMA	N-Acetyl-S-[1-(2-furanyl)-3-(4-methylphenyl)-3-oxopropyl]-L-cysteine	0.168	0.046	0.000
		3CouMA	N-Acetyl-S-(2-oxo-2H-1-benzopyran-3-yl)-L-cysteine	0.056	0.052	0.285
		2BqMA	N-Acetyl-S-(3,6-dioxo-1,4-cyclohexadien-1-yl)-L-cysteine	0.145	0.067	0.031

Figure 1S.

a. Alkenals



b. Benzene

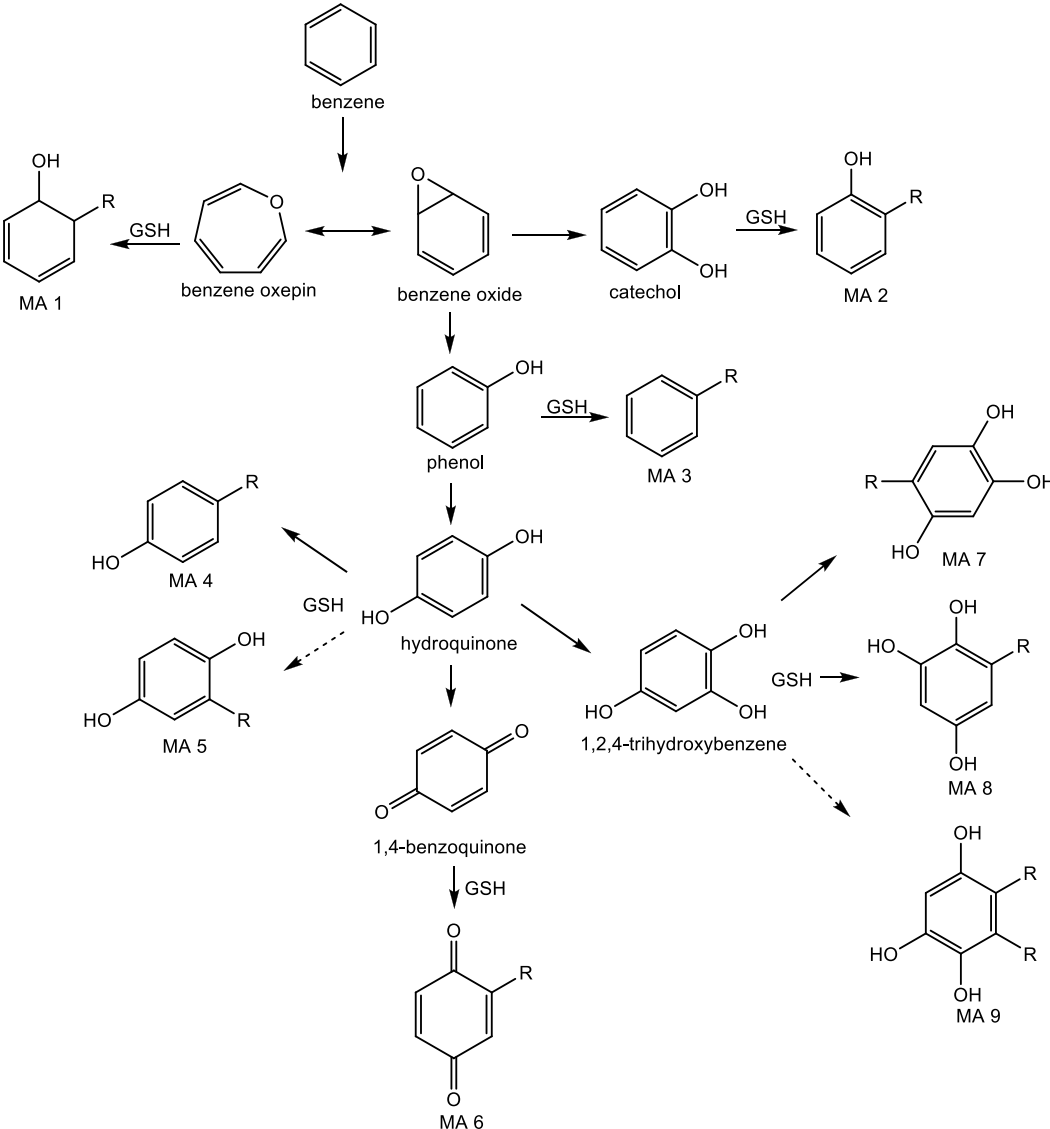
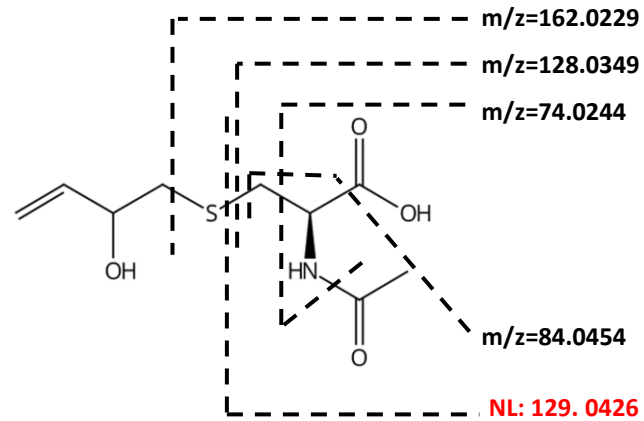


Figure 2S.

a. Characteristic fragmentation patterns



b. MS and MS/MS spectra

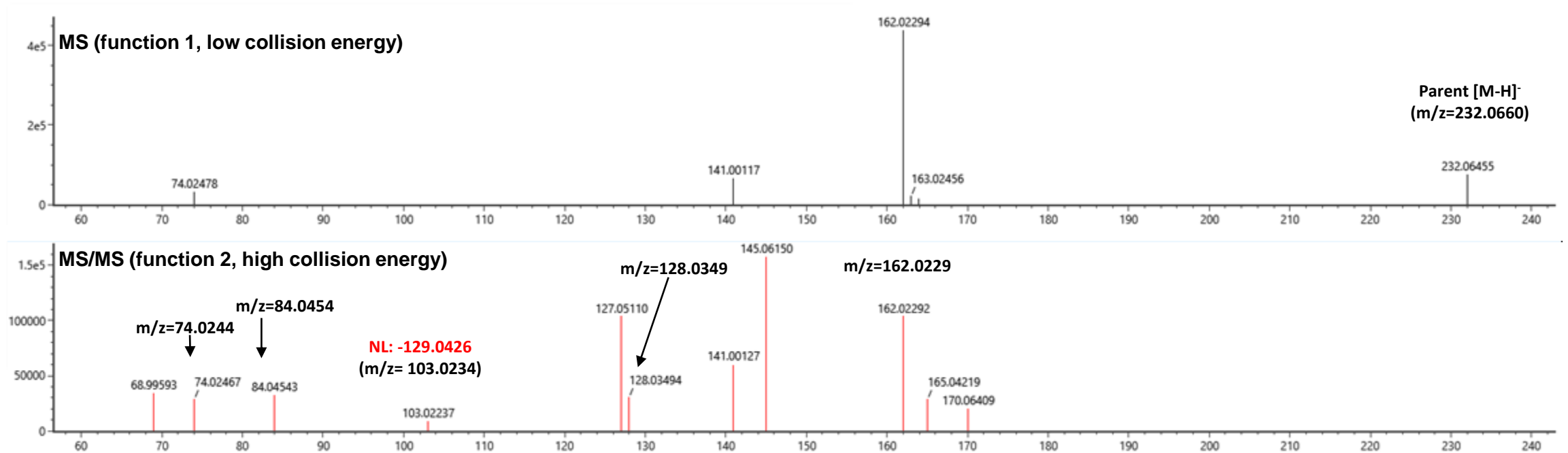
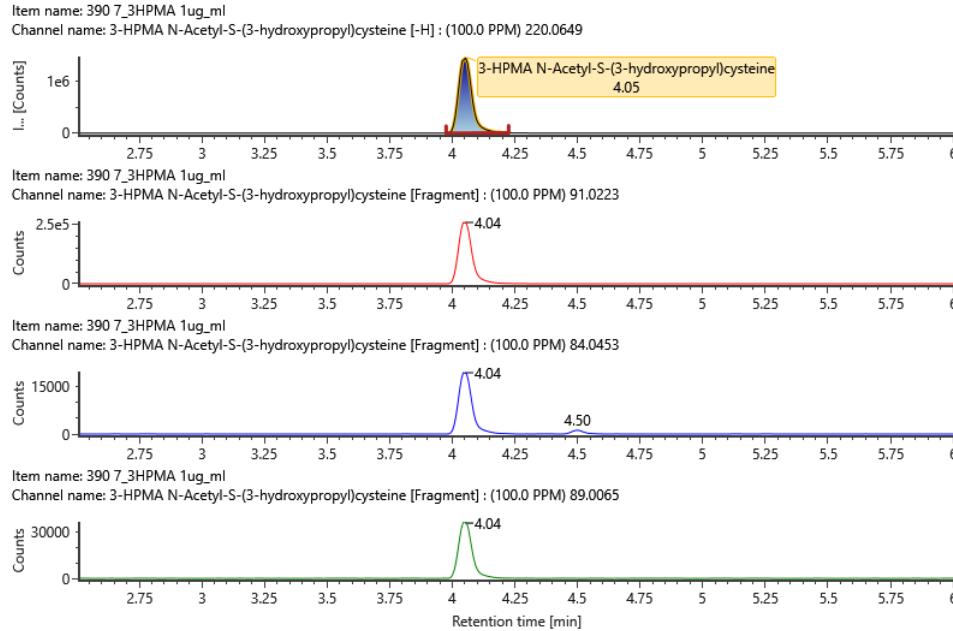
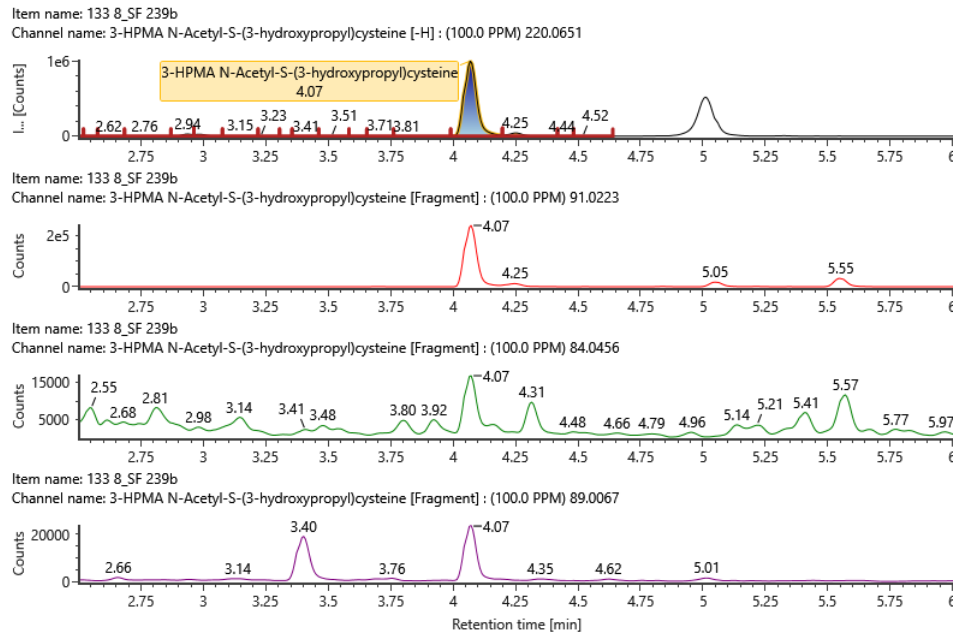


Figure 3S.

Chromatography



3HPMA standard



3HPMA in urine sample

MS (Low energy) and MS/MS (high energy) spectra

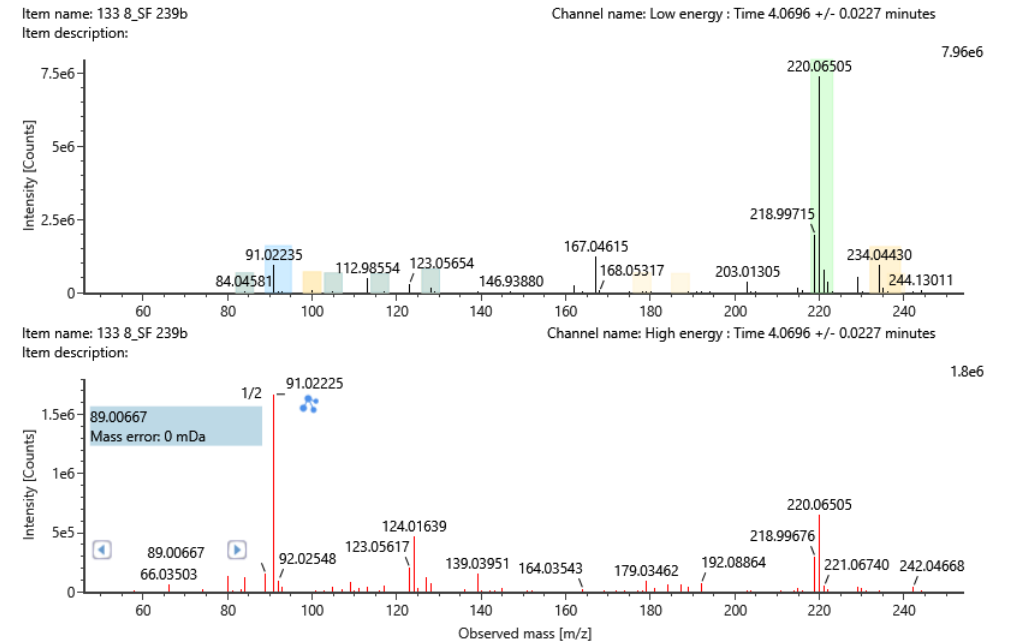
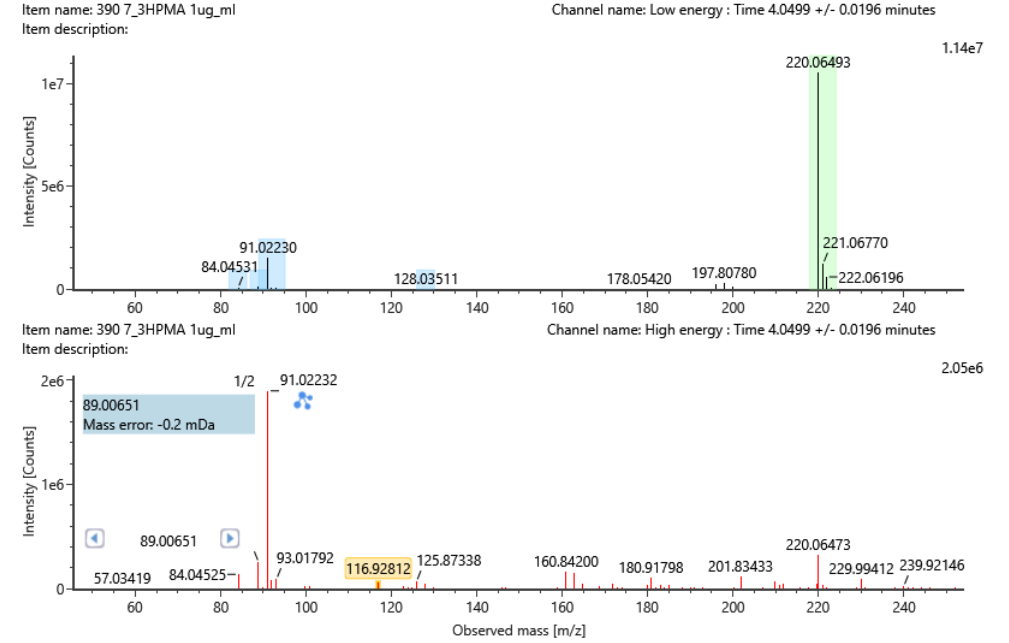
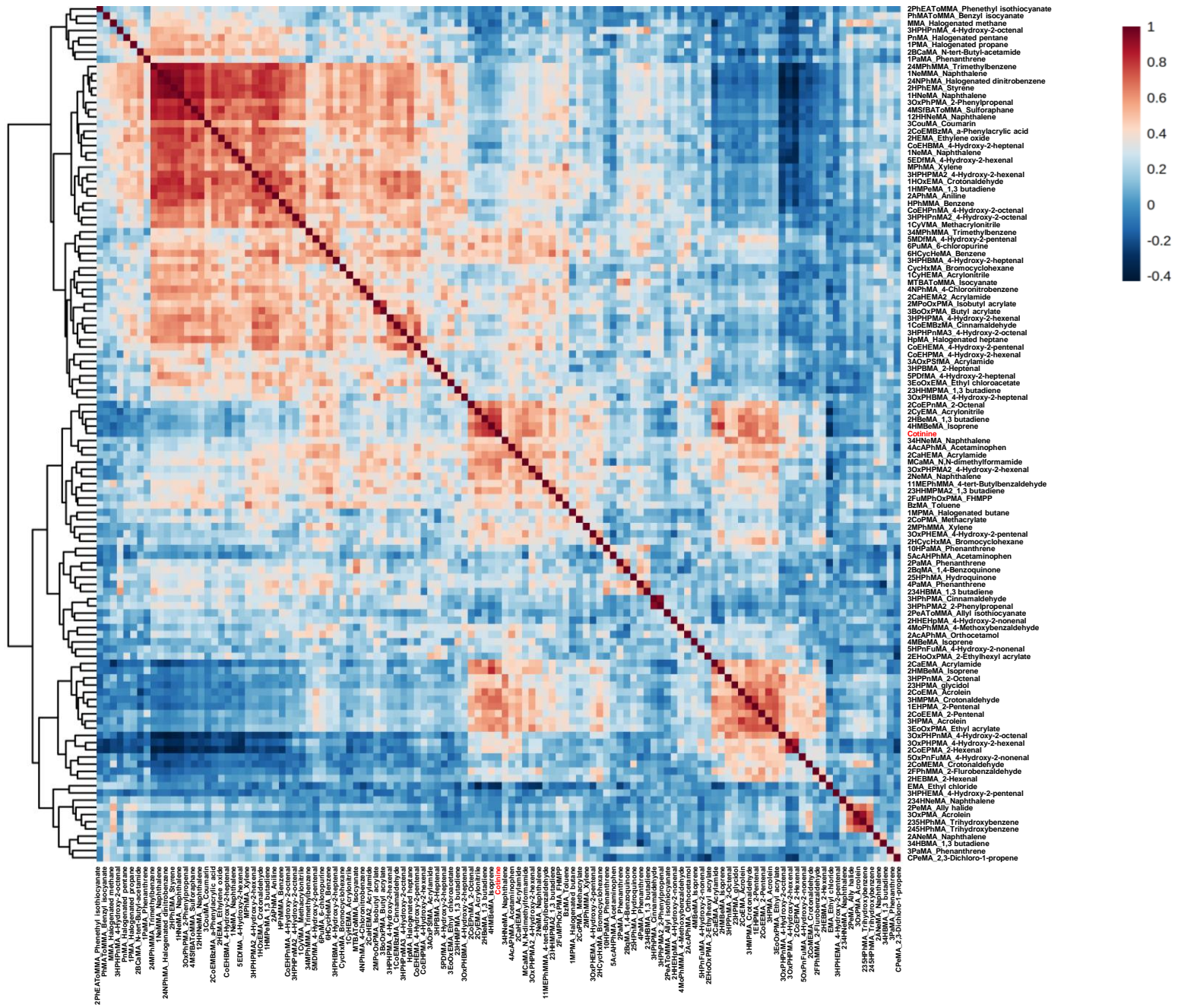


Figure 4S.



2PHEtMMA Phenethyl isothiocyanate
PhMAToMMA Benzyl isocyanate
MMA Halogenated methane
3HPPhMA 4-Hydroxy-2-octenal
PhMA Halogenated pentane
1PMA Halogenated propane
2BCaMA N-tert-Butylacetamide
1PhMA Phenanthrene
2AMPhMA Trimethylbenzene
1NeMMA Naphthalene
2ANPhMA Halogenated dinitrobenzene
2HPhEMA Styrene
1HNeMA Naphthalene
3OxPhMA 2-Phenylpropenal
4MSBATO MMA Sulfophane
2HNeMMA Naphthalene
3CoUMA Coumarin
2CoEMEMA a-Phenylacrylic acid
2HEMA Ethylene oxide
CoEHbMA 4-Hydroxy-2-heptenal
1NeMA Naphthalene
5EDfMA 4-Hydroxy-2-hexenal
1HPPhMA Xylene
3HPPhMA2 4-Hydroxy-2-hexenal
1HOxEMA Crotonaldehyde
1HMPhMA 1,3 butadiene
2APhMA Aniline
1HPHMA Benzene
CoEHPhMA 4-Hydroxy-2-octenal
3HPPhMA2 4-Hydroxy-2-octenal
1CyUMA Methacrylonitrile
3AMPhMA Trimethylbenzene
5MDfMA 4-Hydroxy-2-pentenal
6PhUMA 6-chloropurine
6HChyEMA Benzene
3HPPhMA 4-Hydroxy-2-heptenal
CycHbMA Bromocyclohexane
1CyHEMA Acrylonitrile
MTBATO MMA Isocyanate
4PhUMA 4-Chloronitrobenzene
2CoEHMA2 Acrylamide
2MPOxPMA Isobutyl acrylate
3HPPhMA Butyl acrylate
3HPPhMA 4-Hydroxy-2-hexenal
1CoEMzMA Cinnamaldehyde
3HPPhMA3 4-Hydroxy-2-octenal
HPhMA Halogenated heptane
CoEHEMA 4-Hydroxy-2-pentenal
CoEHfMA 4-Hydroxy-2-hexenal
3AOxPMA Acrylamide
3HPbMA 2-Heptenal
5PDfMA 4-Hydroxy-2-heptenal
2EOxEMA Ethyl chloroacetate
23HMPMA 1,3 butadiene
3OxPhEMA 4-Hydroxy-2-heptenal
2CoEPfMA 2-Octenal
2CyEMA Acrylonitrile
2HbMA 1,3 butadiene
4HMBEMA Isoprene
CoUMA Coumarin
34HNeMA Naphthalene
4AcAPhMA Acetaminophen
2CoHEMA Acrylamide
MCaMA N,N-dimethylformamide
3OxPhEMA 2-4-Hydroxy-2-hexenal
2NeMA Naphthalene
1MEPhfMA 4-tert-Butylbenzaldehyde
1MEPhfMA2 4-tert-Butylbenzaldehyde
23HMPMA2 1,3 butadiene
2FUMPhOxPMA FHMPP
BzMA Toluene
1MPMA Halogenated butane
2CoPMA Methacrylate
2MPHMA Xylene
3OxPhEMA 4-Hydroxy-2-pentenal
2HChyEMA Bromocyclohexane
10PhMA Phenanthrene
5AcAPhMA Acetaminophen
2PaMA Phenanthrene
2BqMA 1,4-Benzoquinone
4PhMA Phenanthrene
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3HPPhMA Cinnamaldehyde
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25HPMA glycol
2CoEMA Acrolein
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2CoEMA Crotonaldehyde
2FPhfMA 2-Fluorobenzaldehyde
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234HNeMA Naphthalene
2PhMA Allyl halide
3OxPhMA Acrolein
235HPPhMA Trihydroxybenzene
245HPPhMA Trihydroxybenzene
2ANMA Naphthalene
34HbMA 1,3 butadiene
3PaMA Phenanthrene
2CoEMA 2,2-Dichloro-1-propene

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