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3 1 DIRECT CHEMICAL PROFILING OF OLIVE (*Olea europaea*) FRUIT EPICUTICULAR WAXES BY
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5 2 DIRECT ELECTROSPRAY-ULTRAHIGH RESOLUTION MASS SPECTROMETRY

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3 22 **ABSTRACT**
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5 23 In the present paper, an ESI-Orbitrap method is proposed for the direct chemical profiling of
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7 24 epicuticular wax (EW) from *Olea europaea* fruit. It constitutes a rapid and efficient tool
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9 25 suitable for a wide-ranging screening of a large number of samples. In a few minutes, the
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11 26 method provides a comprehensive characterization of total EW extracts, based on the
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13 27 molecular formula of their components. Accurate mass measurements are obtained by
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15 28 UHRMS, and compositional restrictions are set on the basis of the information available from
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17 29 previous studies of olive EW. By alternating positive and negative ESI modes within the same
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19 30 analysis, complementary results are obtained and a wide range of chemical species is covered.
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21 31 This provides a detailed compositional overview that otherwise would only be available by
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23 32 applying multiple analytical techniques.
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38 38 **Short title:** Olive epicuticular waxes by direct ESI-UHRMS
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40 INTRODUCTION

41 Epicuticular wax (EW) is the term used to define the external hydrophobic layer produced by
42 plants as a barrier against the biotic and abiotic environment; such as water loss, herbivorous
43 insects and fungal pathogens. It covers a fatty acid (FA)-based polyester structural backbone:
44 cutin.^[1] The highly hydrophobic compounds that compose the EW are deposited both within
45 the cuticular matrix and on its surface as an unstructured film.^[2,3] The morphology, as well as
46 the composition of EW varies widely between species or cultivars^[4-6] and is also affected by
47 plant age and several environmental factors, such as heat, humidity and irradiance levels.^[7,8]
48 Surface wax has been also shown to play a role in various plant–insect interactions.^[9]
49 Genetic and metabolite profiling has been carried out on a number of plant species, but very
50 few studies have characterized olive fruit EW. Those studies evidenced the presence of
51 alkanes, alcohols, aldehydes, alkyl and phenyl esters, triacylglycerols, triterpenols, FAs and
52 triterpenic acids, among others.^[7,10-12]
53 The most common methods for profiling plant EW are based on solvent extraction, purification
54 and derivatization followed by gas chromatographic analysis.^[1,5,13] Such EW profiling
55 procedures are generally time-consuming and may require a relatively large sample. Advances
56 in MS instrumentation have led to novel approaches for lipid analysis, in accordance with the
57 increasing demand for high-throughput, fast and reliable analytical methods that are suitable
58 for comprehensive screening.^[14,15] Shotgun profiling of total lipid extracts allows a broad
59 speciation without any chromatographic separation, thus enabling fast analysis without any (or
60 only minimal) sample preparation. This direct chemical profiling of total lipid extracts can be
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3 64 In the case of olive, rapid and broad screening of EW metabolites is desirable to extend
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5 65 knowledge of plant–insect interactions and to study the role of EW in resistance to pathogens
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7 66 and various environmental factors, as quickly and economically as possible. Such screening
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9 67 could then be used to prevent decreases in the quality of olive fruit and oil, and the resulting
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11 68 economic losses. In addition, EW are partially diluted in virgin oil during the extraction process
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13 69 in the mills, and these diluted waxes are considered as authenticity markers by EU and
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15 70 international regulations. EW can vary between cultivars, maturity and growing areas,
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17 71 resulting in a different level of potential incorporation in the virgin oil. There is a lack of studies
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19 72 on these topics due to the complexity of actual analytical methods for waxes, which could be
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24 74 In this work, we present an ESI-Orbitrap method for direct chemical profiling of EW from *Olea*
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26 75 *europaea* fruit. UHRMS is used to obtain accurate mass measurements from total EW extracts;
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30 77 studies of olive EW. Complementary mass spectral profiles and relative abundance information
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32 78 were successfully obtained from both positive and negative ESI, and various chemical families
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34 79 of compounds were identified on the basis of their elemental formulae. Olive samples from six
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36 80 different varieties were analyzed to assess the abundance of different EW components,
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42 **MATERIAL AND METHODS**

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46 84 SupraSolv®) and chloroform were purchased from Merck (Darmstadt, Germany). Ammonium
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48 85 formate was from by Sigma-Aldrich (St. Louis, MO, USA). Nitrogen (Alphagaz, purity 99.999%,
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3 88 Olive fruits were hand-picked in November 2010 from the collection of IRTA-Mas de Bover
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5 89 (Constantí, Spain), and were of six varieties: Arbequina, Picual, Morrut, Sevillenca, Canetí and
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7 90 Gordal Sevillana. A further Sevillenca olive sample was obtained in August 2011.

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9 91 For the extraction of EW, each olive fruit was placed into a screw-cap tube, covered with 3 mL
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11 92 of chloroform and gently stirred for 1 min. Before analysis, the extract was diluted 1:100 with
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13 93 dichloromethane:methanol (70:30). Each extract was injected in duplicate.

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16 94 **Direct Electrospray–Ultra-high resolution mass spectrometry (ESI-UHRMS)**

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18 95 Flow injection analysis (FIA) of 5 μ L of the samples was carried out with an Orbitrap-Exactive
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35 103 flow rate, auxiliary gas flow rate, capillary temperature, and heater temperature. Finally, mass
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37 104 spectra were acquired in full scan positive and negative ionization modes. Optimized
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11 116 absolute intensity $> 10^3$. These peaks were exported to peak lists and from these lists feasible
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17 119 measurement, the number of ring plus double bond equivalents (RDBE), the charge, the
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19 120 adducts formed and the elements in use was applied. Different restrictive criteria were set to
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31 125 The elemental compositions assigned were searched for in lists of compounds or lipid classes
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34 35 127 **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

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37 128 Despite the compositional complexity of olive fruit EW, comprehensive analysis was
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39 129 performed by direct ESI-UHRMS. First of all, as we previously reported^[16] the mobile phase
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27 148 ^[7,10-11] or in olive oil by conventional or non-conventional analysis. ^[18-21]
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35 151 comprised species composed of C, H and O, including N for NH₄⁺ adducts in positive ESI. The
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33 175 **Tables 2** and **3** list the detailed molecular composition of olive fruit EW provided by this rapid
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51 184 Bianchi et al.,^[18-21] with C26 and C28 being the most abundant, in agreement with Biedermann
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53 185 et al.^[18] Moreover, diterpene esters such as geranylgeranyl and phytol esters^[7,12,19] were
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7 188 fifteen DAGs and more than thirty TAGs were identified in the positive ESI spectrum. FAs from
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21 195 been reported in other fruit ^[25] and plants.^[26] Finally, among the most abundant constituents
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38 203 matrix has been reported in other plants.^[23,24] It is worth mentioning the detection of the
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40 204 whole series of FAs from C7 to C30 in negative mode, including saturated, and mono-, di- and
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11 215 In conclusion, the direct ESI-UHRMS method proposed here for the direct chemical profiling of
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5 294 **Figure 1.** General structure of some of the chemical families detected in olive fruit EW by
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7 295 direct ESI-UHRMS. 1: benzyl esters; 2: alkyl esters; 3: phytol esters; 4: geranylgeranyl esters; 5:
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9 296 hydroxyl FAs; 6: dioic FAs. R: $-\text{CH}_2-(\text{CH}_2)_n-\text{CH}_3$.

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13 298 **Figure 2.** Positive and negative ESI-UHRMS spectra of Morrut olive EW extracts showing the
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Table 1. Compositional restrictions applied for the assignment of EW classes' molecular formulae.

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FA	2	≤32	≤1	Mainly even	-0.5-2.5	1.5-4.5
MAG	4	≤35	≤1	Mainly odd	-0.5-2.5	-
DAG	5	≤70	≤1	Mainly odd	0.5-6.5	-
TAG	6	≤100	≤1	Mainly odd	1.5-10.5	-
Benzyl esters	2	≤40	≤1	Mainly odd	3.5	-
Phytol esters	2	≤52	≤1	Mainly even	0.5-2.5	-
Geranylgeranyl esters	2	≤52	≤1	Mainly even	3.5	-
Alkyl esters	2	≤46	≤1	Mainly even	-0.5-2.5	-
Hydrocarbons	0		≤1			-
OH FA	3	≤32	≤1	Mainly even	-0.5-2.5	1.5-4.5
di-OH FA	4	≤32	≤1	Mainly even	-0.5-2.5	1.5-4.5
Dicarboxylic FA	4	≤32	≤1	Mainly even	0.5-2.5	2.5-5.5
Triterpenic acids	3-4	30	≤1		5.5	7.5

^a: EW classes of compounds as reported in previous studies^[7,10-11,14-17]; ^b: number of oxygen atoms; ^c: number of carbon atoms; ^d: number of nitrogen atoms due to the formation of the NH₄⁺ adduct in positive ESI; ^e: predominance of odd/even carbon number in agreement with the natural occurrence of compounds; ^f: rings and double bonds equivalents calculated as RDBE= C-1/2(H)+1/2(N)+1; ^g: corresponding to NH₄⁺ adducts.

Table 2. EW metabolites of *Olea europaea* fruits detected in positive mode by direct-ESI-UHRMS. Mass accuracy and tentative identification according to their molecular formula are also shown, as well as relative intensity ranges within six olive varieties.

Theoretical mass ^a	Δ (ppm)	RDBE ^b	Formula [M+NH4] ⁺	Relative intensity ^c		Tentative identification	Theoretical mass ^a	Δ (ppm)	RDBE ^b	Formula [M+NH4] ⁺	Relative intensity ^c		Tentative identification
				MIN	MAX						MIN	MAX	
Benzy l esters							Triacylglycerols (TAG)						
476.4462	0.8	3.5	C ₃₁ H ₅₈ O ₂ N	0.0	2.4	C24-benzyl ester	754.6919	1.2	1.5	C ₄₆ H ₉₂ O ₆ N	0.0	1.0	C43:0
490.4619	-0.5	3.5	C ₃₂ H ₆₀ O ₂ N	0.0	0.3	C25-benzyl ester	766.6919	1.2	2.5	C ₄₇ H ₉₂ O ₆ N	0.0	0.6	C44:1
504.4775	0.8	3.5	C ₃₃ H ₆₂ O ₂ N	5.8	38.9	C26-benzyl ester	768.7076	1.1	1.5	C ₄₇ H ₉₄ O ₆ N	0.0	0.7	C44:0
518.4932	0.6	3.5	C ₃₄ H ₆₄ O ₂ N	0.4	2.2	C27-benzyl ester	780.7076	1.5	2.5	C ₄₈ H ₉₄ O ₆ N	0.0	0.9	C45:1
532.5088	0.8	3.5	C ₃₅ H ₆₆ O ₂ N	1.5	10.7	C28-benzyl ester	782.7232	1.6	1.5	C ₄₈ H ₉₆ O ₆ N	0.0	1.2	C45:0
560.5401	0.5	3.5	C ₃₇ H ₇₀ O ₂ N	0.0	0.9	C30-benzyl ester	792.7076	1.8	3.5	C ₄₉ H ₉₄ O ₆ N	0.4	1.0	C46:2
Phytyl and geranyl esters							794.7232	1.5	2.5	C ₄₉ H ₉₆ O ₆ N	0.5	1.4	C46:1
546.5245	0.1	3.5	C ₃₆ H ₆₈ O ₂ N	0.0	0.4	Geranylgeranyl-C16:0	796.7389	1.6	1.5	C ₄₉ H ₉₈ O ₆ N	0.0	1.4	C46:0
550.5558	0.8	1.5	C ₃₆ H ₇₂ O ₂ N	1.7	20.8	phytyl-C16:1/C18:1-C18:1/C18:0-C18:2	806.7232	1.6	3.5	C ₅₀ H ₉₆ O ₆ N	0.3	1.0	C47:2
552.5714	0.7	0.5	C ₃₆ H ₇₄ O ₂ N	0.2	1.0	phytyl-C16:0/C18:0-C18:1	808.7389	1.9	2.5	C ₅₀ H ₉₈ O ₆ N	0.4	1.5	C47:1
576.5714	0.5	2.5	C ₃₈ H ₇₄ O ₂ N	0.0	1.5	phytyl-C18:2/C18:1-C20:0/C16:1-C22:2	818.7232	1.7	4.5	C ₅₁ H ₉₆ O ₆ N	0.0	0.7	C48:3
578.5871	0.9	1.5	C ₃₈ H ₇₆ O ₂ N	1.1	4.5	phytyl-C18:1/C18:2-C20:0/C16:1-C22:1	820.7389	1.6	3.5	C ₅₁ H ₉₈ O ₆ N	0.5	1.8	C48:2
580.6027	0.9	0.5	C ₃₈ H ₇₈ O ₂ N	1.7	2.5	Phytyl-C18:0/C18:1-C20:0/C16:1-C22:0	822.7545	1.2	2.5	C ₅₁ H ₁₀₀ O ₆ N	0.0	1.8	C48:1
602.5871	0.9	3.5	C ₄₀ H ₇₆ O ₂ N	0.0	0.5	geranylgeranyl-C20:0	834.7545	1.3	3.5	C ₅₂ H ₁₀₀ O ₆ N	0.0	1.2	C49:2
608.6340	0.9	0.5	C ₄₀ H ₈₂ O ₂ N	12.1	32.1	phytyl-C20:0/C18:1-C22:0/C20:1-C20:1	846.7545	1.6	4.5	C ₅₃ H ₁₀₀ O ₆ N	0.3	1.0	C50:3
622.6497	1.1	0.5	C ₄₁ H ₈₄ O ₂ N	0.6	1.5	Phytyl-C23:0	848.7702	1.6	3.5	C ₅₃ H ₁₀₂ O ₆ N	0.9	2.4	C50:2
630.6184	1.0	3.5	C ₄₂ H ₈₀ O ₂ N	0.0	0.7	geranylgeranyl-C22:0	850.7858	1.8	2.5	C ₅₃ H ₁₀₄ O ₆ N	0.0	3.2	C50:1
634.6497	0.9	1.5	C ₄₂ H ₈₄ O ₂ N	7.1	36.9	phytyl-C22:1/C20:1-C22:1	860.7702	1.5	4.5	C ₅₄ H ₁₀₂ O ₆ N	0.0	0.2	C51:3
636.6653	0.8	0.5	C ₄₂ H ₈₆ O ₂ N	8.5	17.4	Phytyl-C22:0	862.7858	1.6	3.5	C ₅₄ H ₁₀₄ O ₆ N	0.0	0.7	C51:2
664.6966	1.2	0.5	C ₄₄ H ₉₀ O ₂ N	0.2	1.4	phytyl-C24:0/C22:1-C22:0/C18:1-C24:0	872.7702	0.7	5.5	C ₅₅ H ₁₀₂ O ₆ N	0.3	3.2	C52:4
874.7858	1.5	4.5				874.7858	1.5	4.5	C ₅₅ H ₁₀₄ O ₆ N	1.1	8.0	C52:3	
Alkyl esters							876.8015	1.4	3.5	C ₅₅ H ₁₀₆ O ₆ N	2.9	23.4	C52:2
522.5245	0.6	1.5	C ₃₄ H ₆₈ O ₂ N	0.0	0.4	C34:2 (C16:1-C18:1/C16:0-C18:2)	876.8015	1.4	3.5	C ₅₅ H ₁₀₆ O ₆ N	2.9	23.4	C52:2
524.5401	0.3	0.5	C ₃₄ H ₇₀ O ₂ N	0.0	0.9	C34:1 (C16:0-C18:1)	888.8015	1.4	4.5	C ₅₆ H ₁₀₆ O ₆ N	0.0	0.3	C53:3
536.5401	1.6	1.5	C ₃₅ H ₇₀ O ₂ N	0.0	0.4	C35:2 (C17:1-C18:1/C17:0-C18:2)	890.8171	1.6	3.5	C ₅₆ H ₁₀₈ O ₆ N	0.0	0.1	C53:2
538.5558	0.9	0.5	C ₃₅ H ₇₂ O ₂ N	0.0	0.4	C35:1 (C17:0-C18:1/C17:1-C18:0)	896.7702	1.2	7.5	C ₅₇ H ₁₀₂ O ₆ N	0.0	1.9	C54:6
548.5401	0.7	2.5	C ₃₆ H ₇₀ O ₂ N	0.0	1.4	C36:3 (C18:1-C18:2/C18:0-C18:3)	898.7858	1.7	6.5	C ₅₇ H ₁₀₄ O ₆ N	0.0	5.5	C54:5
582.6184	0.2	-0.5	C ₃₈ H ₈₀ O ₂ N	0.2	2.8	C38:0 (C18:0-C20:0/C16:0-C22:0)	900.8015	1.4	5.5	C ₅₇ H ₁₀₆ O ₆ N	1.1	19.2	C54:4
594.6184	0.8	0.5	C ₃₉ H ₈₀ O ₂ N	0.2	0.7	C39:1	902.8171	1.3	4.5	C ₅₇ H ₁₀₈ O ₆ N	5.1	72.6	C54:3
604.6027	0.9	2.5	C ₄₀ H ₇₈ O ₂ N	1.9	9.3	C40:3 (C18:3-C22:0)	930.8484	0.7	4.5	C ₅₉ H ₁₁₂ O ₆ N	0.0	1.6	C56:3
606.6184	0.8	1.5	C ₄₀ H ₈₀ O ₂ N	10.3	47.3	C40:2 (C18:2-C22:0)	932.8641	1.9	3.5	C ₅₉ H ₁₁₄ O ₆ N	0.0	0.3	C56:2
632.6340	1.0	2.5	C ₄₂ H ₈₂ O ₂ N	1.3	9.1	C42:3 (C18:2-C22:1/C18:3-C22:0)	934.8797	1.4	2.5	C ₅₉ H ₁₁₆ O ₆ N	0.0	0.6	C56:1
660.6653	1.7	2.5	C ₄₄ H ₈₆ O ₂ N	0.0	0.7	C44:3 (C18:3-C24:0)	Fatty acids (FA)						

662.6810	1.1	1.5	C ₄₄ H ₈₈ O ₂ N	0.4	3.9	C44:2 (C22:1-C22:1/C18:2-C24:0)	272.2584	1.2	0.5	C ₁₆ H ₃₄ O ₂ N	0.0	0.6	C16:1
Hydrocarbons							286.2741	0.5	0.5	C ₁₇ H ₃₆ O ₂ N	0.0	0.5	C17:1
200.2373	1.07	-0.5	C ₁₃ H ₃₀ N	0.0	0.0	C13:1	296.2584	0.7	2.5	C ₁₈ H ₃₄ O ₂ N	0.0	0.4	C18:3
214.2529	1.2	-0.5	C ₁₄ H ₃₂ N	0.0	1.4	C14:1	298.2741	0.8	1.5	C ₁₈ H ₃₆ O ₂ N	0.2	1.0	C18:2
242.2842	1.27	-0.5	C ₁₆ H ₃₆ N	0.0	0.0	C16:1	300.2897	0.8	0.5	C ₁₈ H ₃₈ O ₂ N	0.0	0.8	C18:1
270.3155	1.27	-0.5	C ₁₈ H ₄₀ N	0.0	0.4	C18:1	328.321	0.8	0.5	C ₂₀ H ₄₂ O ₂ N	0.0	0.1	C20:1
284.3312	0.5	-0.5	C ₁₉ H ₄₂ N	0.0	1.5	C19:1	356.3523	1.0	0.5	C ₂₂ H ₄₆ O ₂ N	0.0	0.1	C22:1
298.3468	0.97	-0.5	C ₂₀ H ₄₄ N	0.0	0.0	C20:1	358.368	1.0	-0.5	C ₂₂ H ₄₈ O ₂ N	0.0	0.4	C22:0
312.3625	0.74	-0.5	C ₂₁ H ₄₆ N	0.2	1.5	C21:1	412.4149	1.2	0.5	C ₂₆ H ₅₄ O ₂ N	0.0	0.6	C26:1
326.3781	0.91	-0.5	C ₂₂ H ₄₈ N	3.0	25.4	C22:1	414.4306	0.5	-0.5	C ₂₆ H ₅₆ O ₂ N	0.5	1.2	C26:0
340.3938	0.76	-0.5	C ₂₃ H ₅₀ N	0.4	3.2	C23:1	440.4462	0.6	0.5	C ₂₈ H ₅₈ O ₂ N	0.0	0.5	C28:1
368.4251	0.85	-0.5	C ₂₅ H ₅₄ N	1.9	19.6	C25:1	442.4619	0.8	-0.5	C ₂₈ H ₆₀ O ₂ N	0.0	3.6	C28:0
466.5346	1.53	-0.5	C ₃₂ H ₆₈ N	0.0	0.4	C32:1	496.5088	1.0	0.5	C ₃₂ H ₆₆ O ₂ N	0.0	31	C32:1
494.5659	1.33	-0.5	C ₃₄ H ₇₂ N	0.3	1.8	C34:1	510.5245	0.8	0.5	C ₃₃ H ₆₈ O ₂ N	0.0	0.4	C32:0
522.5972	0.5	-0.5	C ₃₆ H ₇₆ N	0.7	4.6	C36:1	Hydroxy fatty acids (OH FA)						
536.6129	0.88	-0.5	C ₃₇ H ₇₈ N	0.0	0.0	C37:1	288.2533	1.1	0.5	C ₁₆ H ₃₄ O ₃ N	0.0	1.0	OH-C16:1
550.6285	0.62	-0.5	C ₃₈ H ₈₀ N	0.8	4.5	C38:1	290.269	1.2	-0.5	C ₁₆ H ₃₆ O ₃ N	0.0	0.6	OH-C16:0
Monoacylglycerols (MAG)							312.2533	1.4	2.5	C ₁₈ H ₃₄ O ₃ N	0.0	0.2	OH-C18:3
370.2952	0.74	2.5	C ₂₁ H ₄₀ O ₄ N	0.0	0.3	C18:3	314.269	0.8	1.5	C ₁₈ H ₃₆ O ₃ N	0.2	0.7	OH-C18:2
372.3108	1.19	1.5	C ₂₁ H ₄₂ O ₄ N	0.0	0.5	C18:2	316.2846	0.7	0.5	C ₁₈ H ₃₈ O ₃ N	0.9	2.2	OH-C18:1
374.3265	0.91	0.5	C ₂₁ H ₄₄ O ₄ N	0.4	1.1	C18:1	344.3159	1.1	0.5	C ₂₀ H ₄₂ O ₃ N	0.0	0.4	OH-C20:1
376.3421	0.92	-0.5	C ₂₁ H ₄₆ O ₄ N	0.9	2.4	C18:0	372.3472	0.6	0.5	C ₂₂ H ₄₆ O ₃ N	0.0	1.0	OH-C22:1
402.3578	0.67	0.5	C ₂₃ H ₄₈ O ₄ N	0.6	6.7	C20:1	386.3629	0.4	0.5	C ₂₃ H ₄₈ O ₃ N	0.0	0.0	OH-C23:1
418.3891	0.94	-0.5	C ₂₄ H ₅₂ O ₄ N	0.1	1.0	C24:0	400.3785	0.8	0.5	C ₂₄ H ₅₀ O ₃ N	0.2	1.3	OH-C24:1
430.3891	0.9	0.5	C ₂₅ H ₅₂ O ₄ N	0.5	2.6	C21:1	428.4098	0.4	0.5	C ₂₆ H ₅₄ O ₃ N	0.2	7.4	OH-C26:1
458.4204	1.25	0.5	C ₂₇ H ₅₆ O ₄ N	0.7	6.8	C24:0	456.4411	0.6	0.5	C ₂₈ H ₅₈ O ₃ N	0.0	0.6	OH-C28:1
Diacylglycerols (DAG)							Dihydroxy fatty acids (di-OH FA)						
584.5249	0.71	1.5	C ₃₅ H ₇₀ O ₅ N	0.2	0.6	C32:1 (C16:0-C16:1)	306.2639	0.4	-0.5	C ₁₆ H ₃₆ O ₄ N	0.0	0.3	2OH-C16:0
586.5405	0.45	0.5	C ₃₅ H ₇₂ O ₅ N	0.0	0.6	C32:0 (C16:0-C16:0)	334.2952	1.0	-0.5	C ₁₈ H ₄₀ O ₄ N	0.2	0.8	2OH-C18:0
610.5405	0.78	2.5	C ₃₇ H ₇₂ O ₅ N	0.0	7.9	C34:2 (C16:0-C18:2)	362.3265	0.6	-0.5	C ₂₀ H ₄₄ O ₄ N	0.0	0.2	2OH-C20:0
612.5562	0.71	1.5	C ₃₇ H ₇₄ O ₅ N	1.6	13.4	C34:1 (C16:0-C18:1)	390.3578	0.4	-0.5	C ₂₂ H ₄₈ O ₄ N	0.2	0.6	2OH-C22:0
626.5718	1.19	1.5	C ₃₈ H ₇₆ O ₅ N	0.3	1.1	C35:1(C17:0-C18:1)	446.4204	1.4	-0.5	C ₂₆ H ₅₆ O ₄ N	0.2	0.8	2OH-C26:0
628.5875	0.38	0.5	C ₃₈ H ₇₈ O ₅ N	0.0	3.2	C35:0 (C17:0-C18:0)	Dicarboxylic fatty acids						
636.5562	1.18	3.5	C ₃₉ H ₇₄ O ₅ N	1.2	9.9	C36:3 (C18:1-C18:2)	302.2326	1.2	1.5	C ₁₆ H ₃₂ O ₄ N	0.0	0.0	C16:1-dioic acid
638.5718	0.74	2.5	C ₃₉ H ₇₆ O ₅ N	2.4	18.4	C36:2 (C18:1-C18:1)	304.2482	0.9	0.5	C ₁₆ H ₃₄ O ₄ N	0.0	5.5	C16:0-dioic acid
640.5875	0.82	1.5	C ₃₉ H ₇₈ O ₅ N	0.0	4.6	C36:1 (C18:0-C18:1)	328.2482	0.8	2.5	C ₁₈ H ₃₄ O ₄ N	0.0	0.2	C18:2-dioic acid
642.6031	-0.08	0.5	C ₃₉ H ₈₀ O ₅ N	0.0	0.7	C36:0 (C16:0-C20:0)	330.2639	0.6	1.5	C ₁₈ H ₃₆ O ₄ N	0.3	0.6	C18:1-dioic acid
666.6031	-0.32	2.5	C ₄₁ H ₈₀ O ₅ N	0.3	1.0	C38:2 (C18:1-C20:1/C18:2-C20:0)	332.2795	0.7	0.5	C ₁₈ H ₃₈ O ₄ N	0.0	2.2	C18:0-dioic acid
668.6188	0.79	1.5	C ₄₁ H ₈₂ O ₅ N	1.0	6.7	C38:1 (C18:1-C20:0)	360.3108	1.2	0.5	C ₂₀ H ₄₂ O ₄ N	0.0	0.0	C20:0-dioic acid

6	670.6344	0.53	0.5	C ₄₁ H ₈₄ O ₅ N	0.0	0.8	C38:0 (C18:0-C20:0)	416.3734	0.9	0.5	C ₂₄ H ₅₀ O ₄ N	0.1	1.0	C24:0-dioic acid
7	694.6344	1.44	2.5	C ₄₃ H ₈₄ O ₅ N	0.0	0.9	C40:2 (C20:1-C20:1/C22:1-C18:1)	444.4047	0.9	0.5	C ₂₆ H ₅₄ O ₄ N	0.2	1.3	C26:0-dioic acid
8	696.6501	0.87	1.5	C ₄₃ H ₈₆ O ₅ N	0.5	3.8	C40:1 (C20:0-C20:1/C22:0-C18:1)	472.436	0.7	0.5	C ₂₈ H ₅₈ O ₄ N	0.0	16.8	C28:0-dioic acid
								Triterpenic acids						
								474.3942	0.8	5.5	C ₃₀ H ₅₂ O ₃ N	0.1	14.8	oleanolic+ursolic acid
								490.3891	0.9	5.5	C ₃₀ H ₅₂ O ₄ N	100	100	maslinic acid

^a: *m/z* values of NH₄⁺ adduct ions; ^b:rings and double bonds equivalents; ^c: relative intensity ranges within six olive varieties.

Table 3. EW metabolites of *Olea europaea* fruits detected in negative mode by direct-ESI-UHRMS. Mass accuracy and tentative identification according to their molecular formula are also shown, as well as relative intensity ranges within six olive varieties

Theoretical mass	Δ (ppm)	RDBE ^a	Formula [M-H] ⁻	Relative intensity ^b		Tentative identification ^a	Theoretical mass	Δ (ppm)	RDBE ^a	Formula [M-H] ⁻	Relative intensity ^b		Tentative identification ^a
				MIN	MAX						MIN	MAX	
Fatty acids (FA)						Hydroxy fatty acids (OH FA)							
129.0921	-1.2	1.5	C ₇ H ₁₃ O ₂	<0.1	0.34	C7:0	269.2122	0.5	2.5	C ₁₆ H ₂₉ O ₃	0.12	0.4	OH-C16:0
143.1078	-0.8	1.5	C ₈ H ₁₅ O ₂	<0.1	2.6	C8:0	271.2279	0.6	1.5	C ₁₆ H ₃₁ O ₃	0.11	0.36	OH-C16:1
157.1234	-1.7	1.5	C ₉ H ₂₉ O ₃	<0.1	0.23	C9:0	295.2279	0.3	3.5	C ₁₈ H ₃₁ O ₃	0.41	0.79	OH-C18:0
171.1389	-0.9	1.5	C ₁₀ H ₁₉ O ₂	<0.1	0.17	C10:0	297.2435	0.4	2.5	C ₁₈ H ₃₃ O ₃	1.32	3.01	OH-C18:1
199.1704	0.3	1.5	C ₁₂ H ₂₃ O ₂	<0.1	0.12	C12:0	299.2592	0.3	1.5	C ₁₈ H ₃₅ O ₃	0.1	0.23	OH-C18:0
227.2017	-0.1	1.5	C ₁₄ H ₂₇ O ₂	0.11	0.38	C14:0	355.3218	-0.2	1.5	C ₂₂ H ₄₃ O ₃	0.15	0.43	OH-C22:0
241.2173	0.4	1.5	C ₁₅ H ₂₉ O ₂	0.11	0.46	C15:0	381.3374	-0.7	2.5	C ₂₄ H ₄₅ O ₃	<0.1	0.1	OH-C24:1
253.2173	0.8	2.5	C ₁₆ H ₂₉ O ₂	0.53	1.42	C16:1	383.3531	-0.5	1.5	C ₂₄ H ₄₇ O ₃	0.13	0.38	OH-C24:0
255.2330	0.7	1.5	C ₁₆ H ₃₁ O ₂	1.5	4.7	C16:0	409.3687	-0.1	2.5	C ₂₆ H ₄₉ O ₃	<0.1	0.2	OH-C26:1
267.2330	0.7	2.5	C ₁₇ H ₃₁ O ₂	<0.1	0.32	C17:1	411.3844	-0.2	1.5	C ₂₆ H ₅₁ O ₃	<0.1	0.17	OH-C26:0
269.2486	0.7	1.5	C ₁₇ H ₃₃ O ₂	0.15	0.5	C17:0	437.4000	-1.5	2.5	C ₂₈ H ₅₃ O ₃	0.15	0.29	OH-C28:1
277.2173	-0.5	4.5	C ₁₈ H ₂₉ O ₂	<0.1	0.11	C18:3	439.4157	-1.2	1.5	C ₂₈ H ₅₅ O ₃	<0.1	0.12	OH-C28:0
279.2330	0.4	3.5	C ₁₈ H ₃₁ O ₂	0.67	1.21	C18:2	459.1027	0.1	1.5	C ₈ H ₁₅ O ₃	0.15	0.35	OH-C8:0
281.2486	0.7	2.5	C ₁₈ H ₃₃ O ₂	4.26	10.13	C18:1	173.1183	0.3	1.5	C ₉ H ₁₇ O ₃	0.16	0.42	OH-C9:0
283.2643	0.6	1.5	C ₁₈ H ₃₅ O ₂	1.18	4.08	C18:0	Dihydroxy fatty acids (di-OH FA)						
309.2799	-0.3	2.5	C ₂₀ H ₃₇ O ₂	0.1	0.29	C20:1	231.1602	1.7	1.5	C ₁₂ H ₂₃ O ₄	<0.1	0.16	di-OH C16:0
311.2956	0.4	1.5	C ₂₀ H ₃₉ O ₂	<0.1	0.26	C20:0	287.2228	0.1	1.5	C ₁₆ H ₃₁ O ₄	0.12	0.34	di-OH C16:0
337.3112	0.5	2.5	C ₂₂ H ₄₁ O ₂	0.15	2.44	C22:1	301.2384	-0.4	1.5	C ₁₇ H ₃₃ O ₄	0.12	0.34	di-OH C17:0
339.3269	0.7	1.5	C ₂₂ H ₄₃ O ₂	1.62	7.54	C22:0	315.2541	0.2	1.5	C ₁₈ H ₃₅ O ₄	0.31	0.54	di-OH C18:0
353.3425	0.7	1.5	C ₂₃ H ₄₅ O ₂	0.17	0.5	C23:0	329.2697	0.2	1.5	C ₁₉ H ₃₇ O ₄	<0.1	0.3	di-OH C19:0
365.3425	-0.5	2.5	C ₂₄ H ₄₅ O ₂	<0.1	0.53	C24:1	385.3323	-0.4	1.5	C ₂₃ H ₄₅ O ₄	0.11	0.47	di-OH C23:0
367.3582	0.9	1.5	C ₂₄ H ₄₇ O ₂	9.61	18.36	C24:0	413.3636	-0.3	1.5	C ₂₅ H ₄₉ O ₄	0.71	1.42	di-OH C25:0
381.3738	0.0	1.5	C ₂₅ H ₄₉ O ₂	0.68	1.15	C25:0	427.3793	-1.2	1.5	C ₂₆ H ₅₁ O ₄	<0.1	0.11	di-OH C26:0
393.3738	-0.8	2.5	C ₂₆ H ₄₉ O ₂	<0.1	0.27	C26:1	441.3949	-0.1	1.5	C ₂₇ H ₅₃ O ₄	0.97	1.89	di-OH C27:0
395.3895	1.0	1.5	C ₂₆ H ₅₁ O ₂	13.3	22.89	C26:0	469.4262	-1.5	1.5	C ₂₉ H ₅₇ O ₄	0.18	0.82	di-OH C29:0
409.4051	-0.6	1.5	C ₂₇ H ₅₃ O ₂	0.25	0.61	C27:0	Triterpenic						
423.4208	0.1	1.5	C ₂₈ H ₅₅ O ₂	1.61	9.17	C28:0	471.3480	1.4	7.5	C ₃₀ H ₄₇ O ₄	100	100	maslinic acid
451.4521	-0.3	1.5	C ₃₀ H ₅₉ O ₂	0.16	0.71	C30:0	455.3531	1.5	7.5	C ₃₀ H ₄₇ O ₃	54.4	82.29	ursolic/oleanolic acid
Dicarboxylic fatty acids						Phenolics							
171.1027	0.1	2.5	C ₉ H ₁₅ O ₃	0.37	0.81	C9:0-dioic acid	471.3480	1.4	7.5	C ₃₀ H ₄₇ O ₄	100	100	maslinic acid
201.1132	1.7	2.5	C ₁₀ H ₁₇ O ₄	<0.1	0.34	C10-dioic acid	151.0401	-1.7	5.5	C ₈ H ₇ O ₃	0.11	0.4	vanillin/hydroxyphenylacetic acid
327.2541	0.1	2.5	C ₁₉ H ₃₅ O ₄	0.2	0.4	C19:0-dioic acid/ di-OH C19:1	153.0557	-0.6	4.5	C ₈ H ₉ O ₃	0.15	2.67	vanillyl alcohol

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311.2228	0.4	3.5	C ₁₈ H ₃₁ O ₄	0.15	0.28	C18:1-dioic acid/ di-OH C18:2	195.0663	1.9	5.5	C ₁₀ H ₁₁ O ₄	0.1	7.2	Hydroxytyrosyl acetate
313.2384	0.1	2.5	C ₁₈ H ₃₃ O ₄	0.38	0.7	C18:0-dioic acid/ di-OH C18:1	241.0718	0.5	5.5	C ₁₁ H ₁₃ O ₆	<0.1	19.14	Elenolic acid aglycone
369.3010	-1.1	2.5	C ₂₂ H ₄₁ O ₄	<0.1	0.12	C23:0-dioic acid/ di-OH C22:1	319.1187	0.0	8.5	C ₁₇ H ₁₉ O ₆	<0.1	12.22	Decarboxymethyl oleuropein aglycone
383.3167	0.54	2.5	C ₂₃ H ₄₃ O ₄	<0.1	0.2	C23:0-dioic acid/ di-OH C23:1							
523.4732	-0.86	2.5	C ₃₃ H ₆₃ O ₄	<0.1	2.51	C33:0-dioic acid/ di-OH C33:1							
551.5045	-0.63	2.5	C ₃₅ H ₆₇ O ₄	<0.1	0.35	C35:0-dioic acid/ di-OH C35:1							

^a: rings and double bonds equivalents; ^b: relative intensity ranges within six olive varieties.

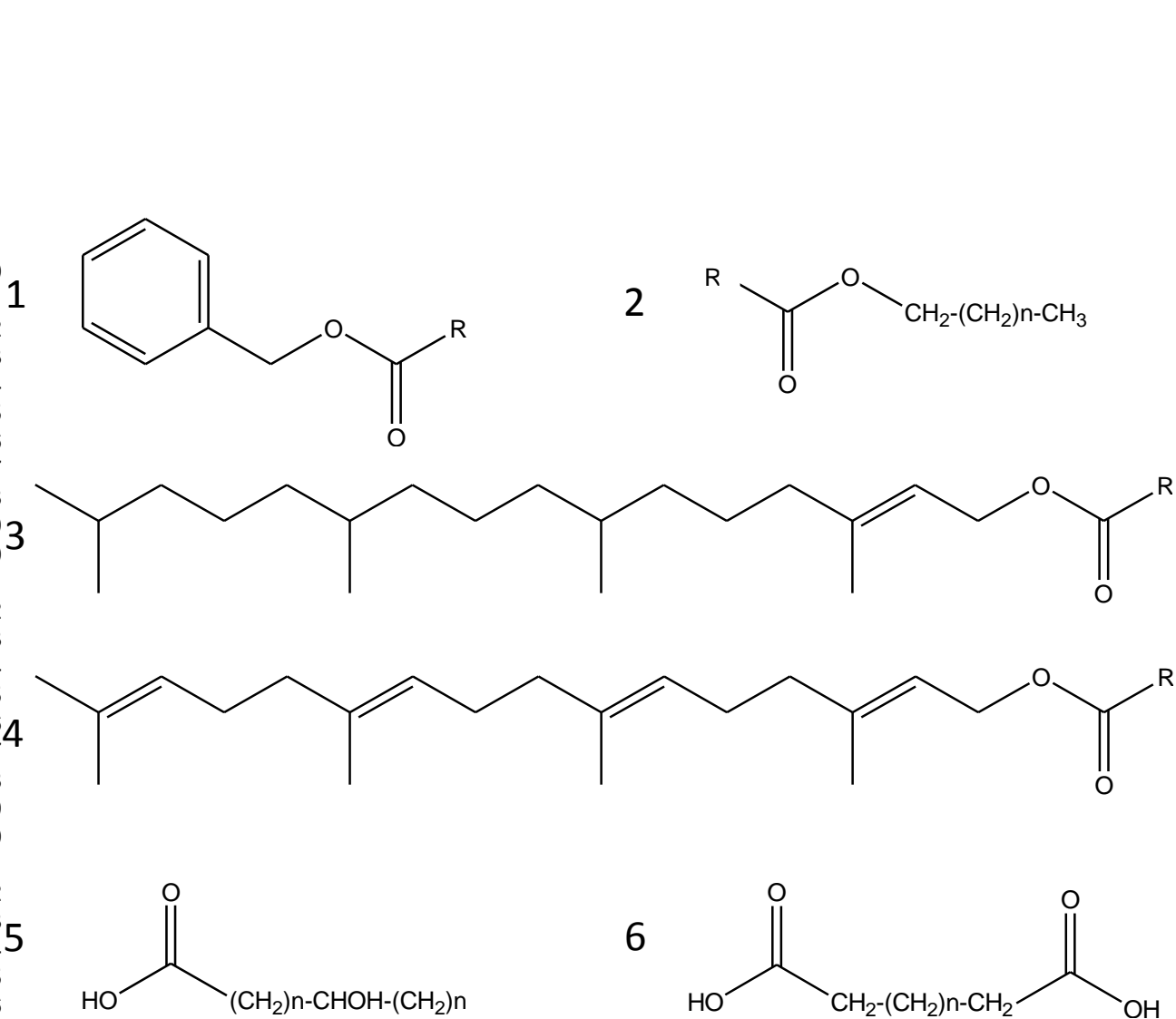


Figure 1

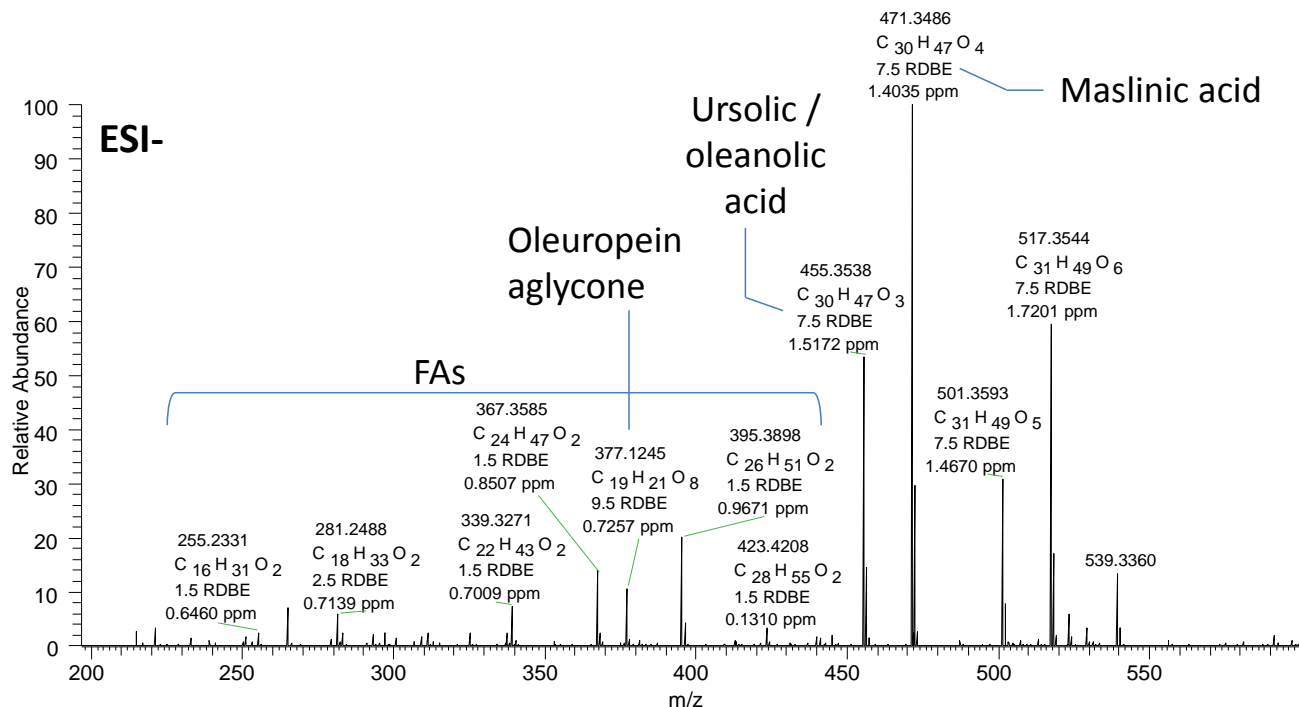
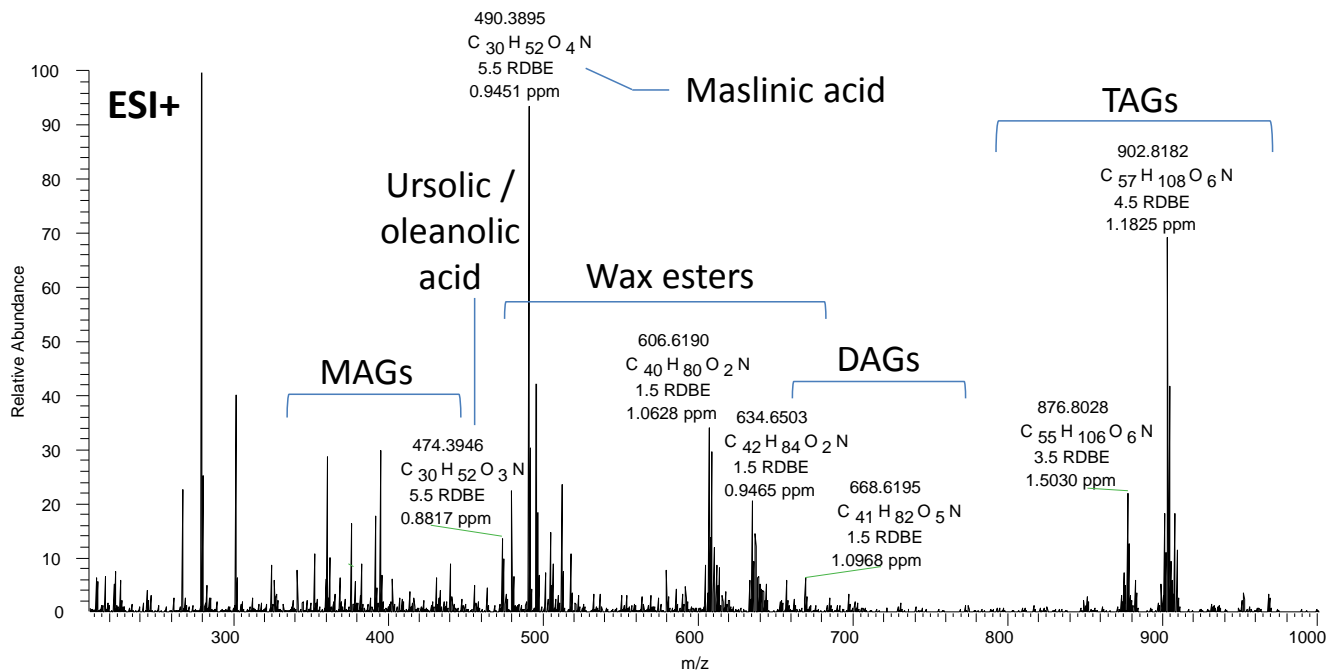


Figure 2

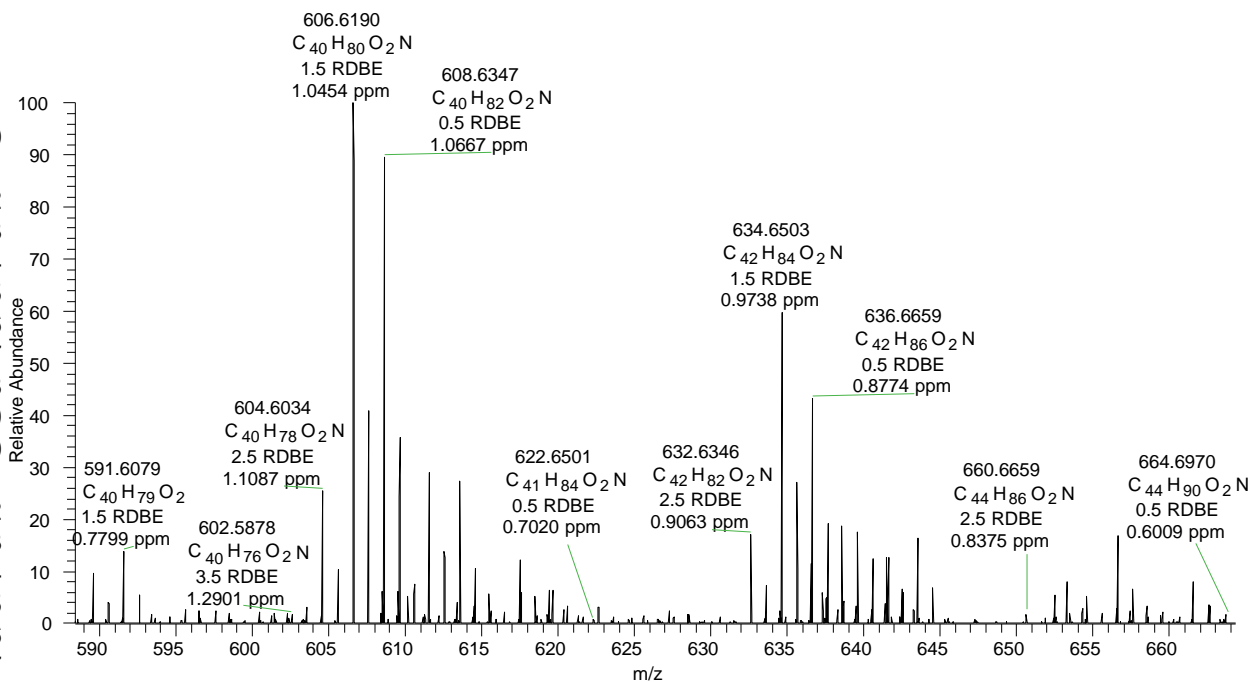


Figure 3