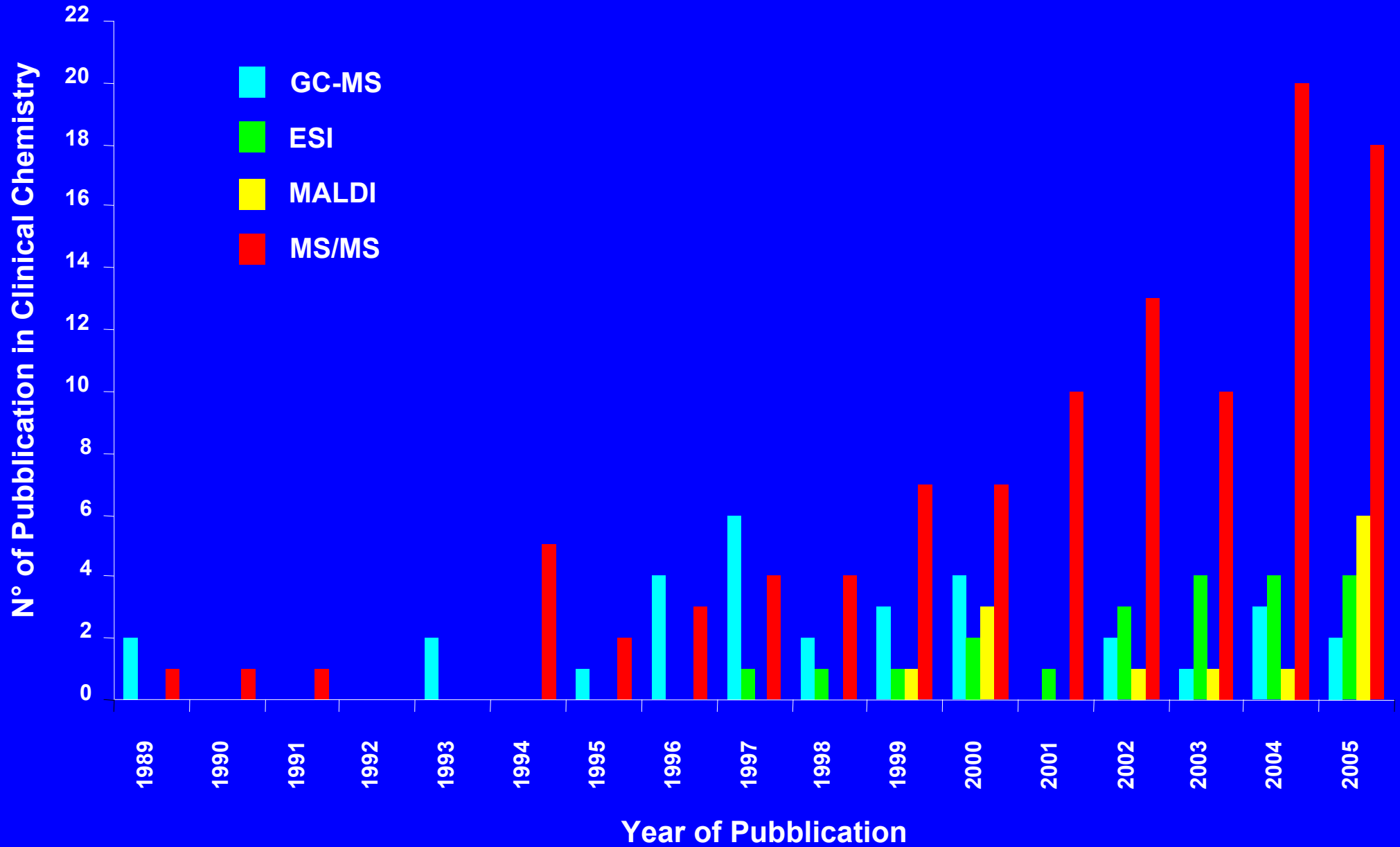


# **LA SPETTROMETRIA DI MASSA IN MS/MS OLTRE LO SCREENING**

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# Mass Spectrometry in Clinical Chemistry



## Aminoacid

- MSUD (allo)
- Argininosuccinic (ASA)
- Tyrosinemia type I (SUAC)

## Bile acid

- 3 $\beta$ -hydroxy- $\Delta$ 5-C27-steroid dehydrogenase (3 $\beta$ -HSD)
- Peroxisomal 3-ketothiolase deficiency (pseudo-Zellweger syndrome)



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## Method for the quantification of underivatized amino acids on dry blood spots from newborn screening by HPLC–ESI–MS/MS

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### Abstract

In our study we have developed an HPLC–ESI–MS/MS method for qualitative and quantitative analysis of underivatized amino acids on dry blood spots. The sensitive and specific instrumental performances permitted the chromatographic separation of 40 amino acids and their isomers within 10 min. The method has been set up for cases of suspected metabolic diseases revealed by newborn screening. What is new is that it is applied on the same blood spots used for newborn screening, instead of plasma, in order to avoid involvement of doctors, increased anxiety for parents, stress for patients for plasma collection, long time of waiting and further costs for analysis.

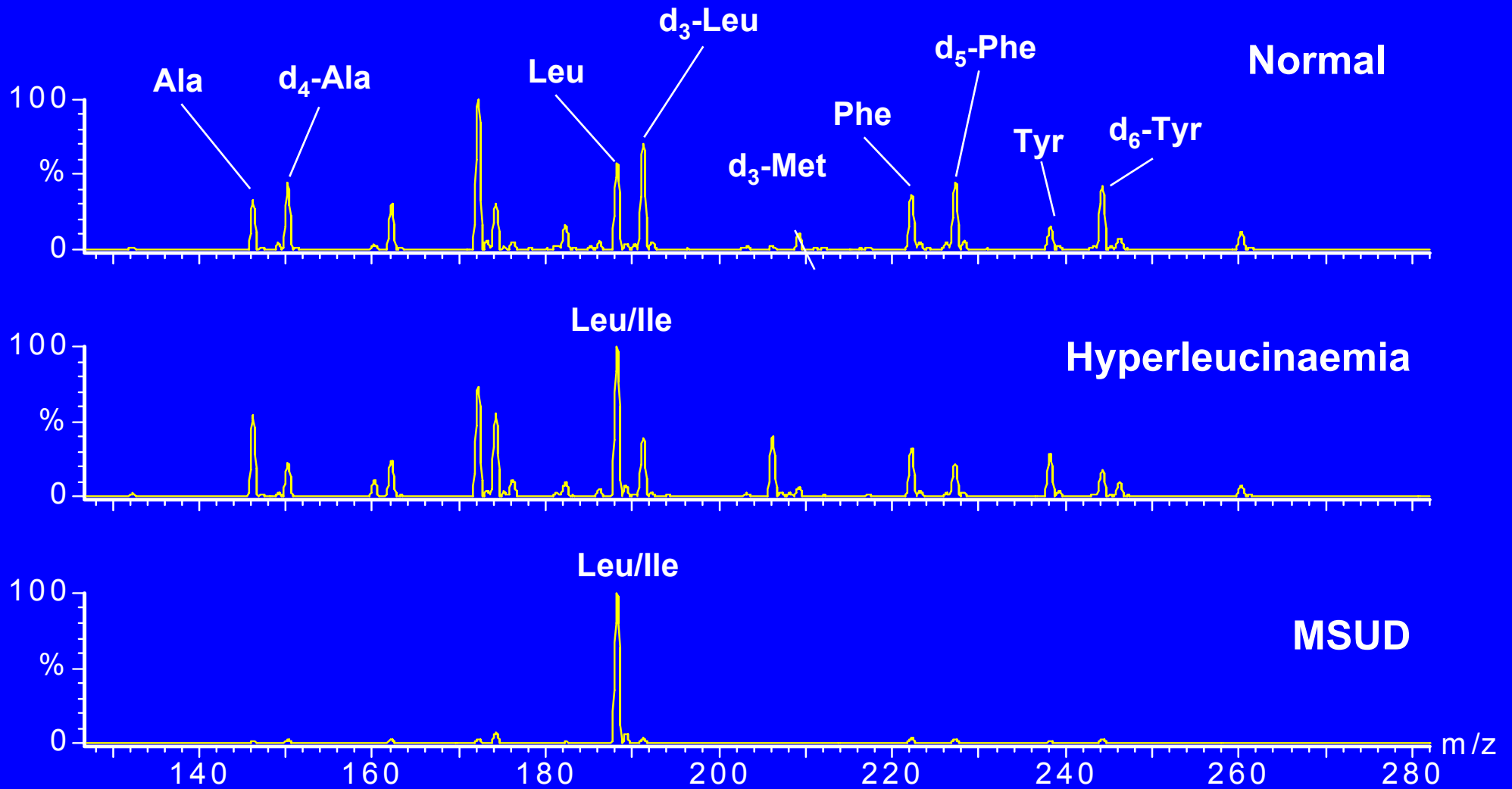
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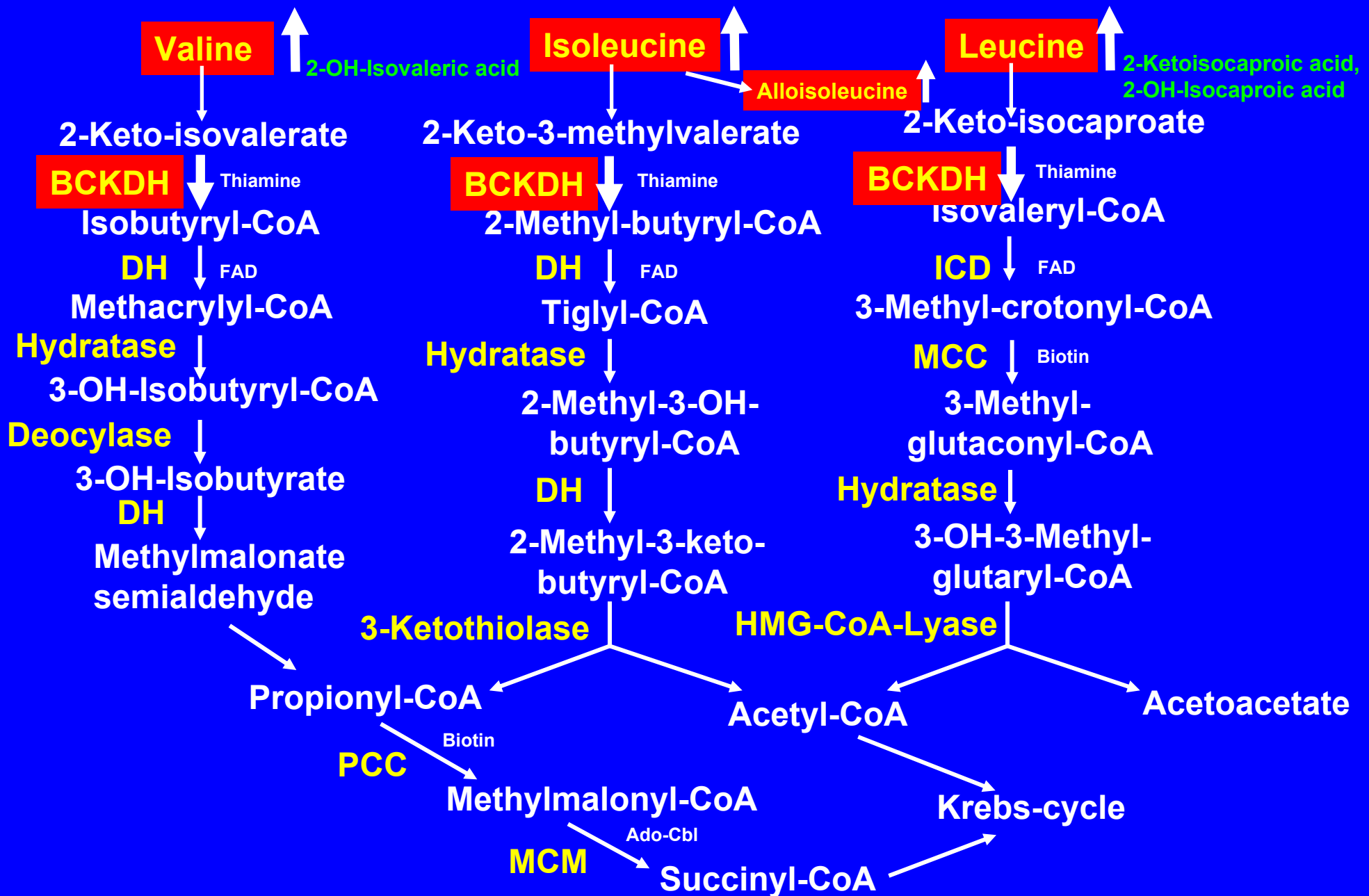
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L'importanza diagnostica  
della leucina e suoi isomeri

# Normal vs Hyperleucinaemia vs MSUD



# MSUD

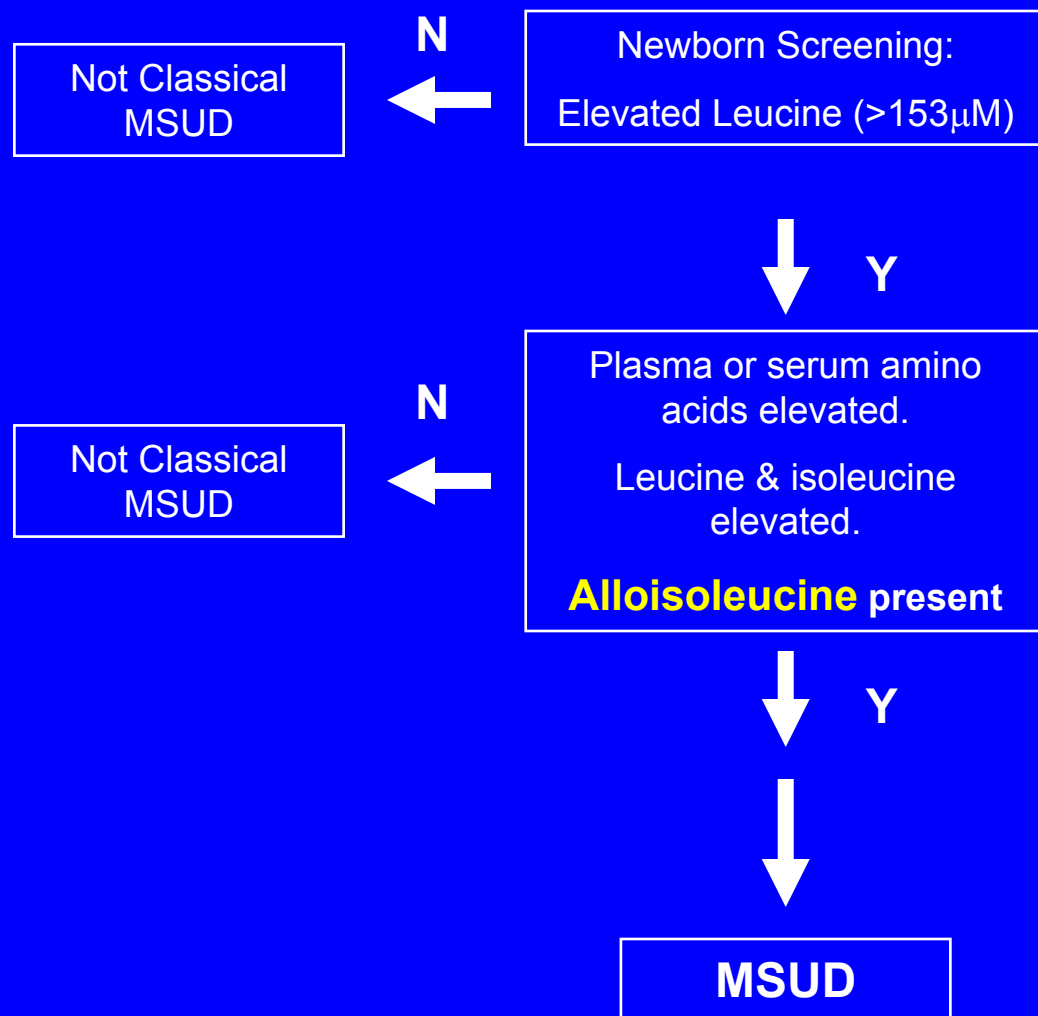


# Normal Reference Values for Inborn Errors of Leucine Metabolism

Age	Valine	Isoleucine	Leucine	Alloisoleucine
Premature	99-220	23-85	151-220	0
0-1 month	86-190	26-91	48-160	0
1-24 months	64-294	31-86	47-155	0
2-18yrs	74-321	22-107	49-201	0
Adult	119-336	30-108	72-201	0

*Blau, Duran & Blaskovics, 1996*

# The presence of allo-iso-leucine is a critical factor in the diagnosis of defects of leucine metabolism



# Leucine values in MSUD

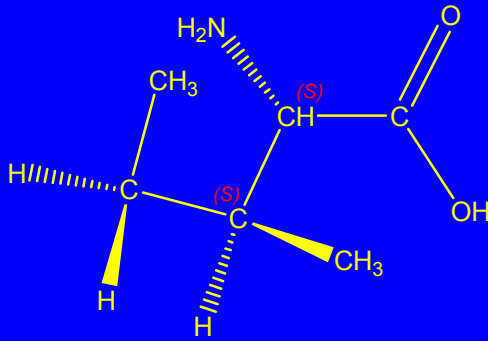
Condition	Valine	Isoleucine	Leucine	Alloisoleucine
Classical	496-1846	199-1298	518-5091	72-310
Intermediate	Elevated (to 1000)	Elevated (to 1000)	400-2000	Present
Intermittent	Elevated (to 1000)	Elevated (to 1000)	50-4000	Present
Thiamine Responsive	Elevated (to 1000)	Elevated (to 1000)	50-5000	Present

*Blau, Duran & Blaskovics, 1996*

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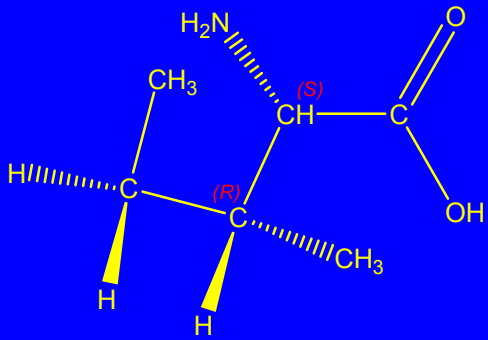
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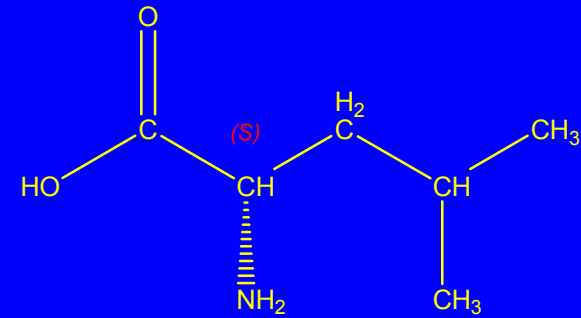
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## L-Leucine

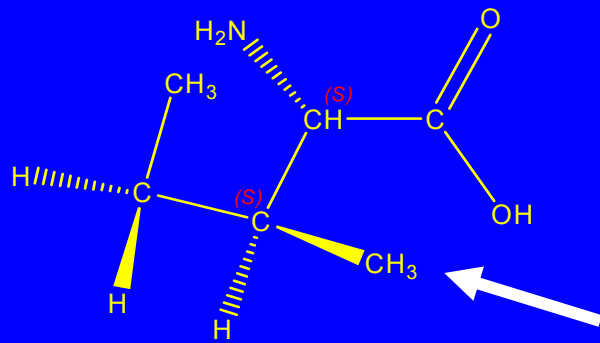
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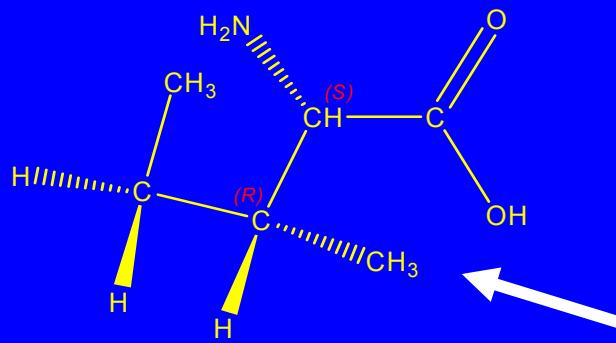
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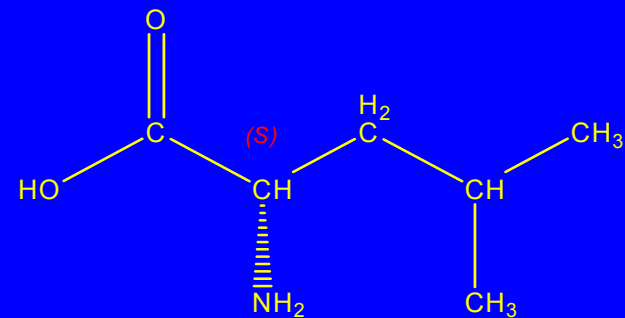
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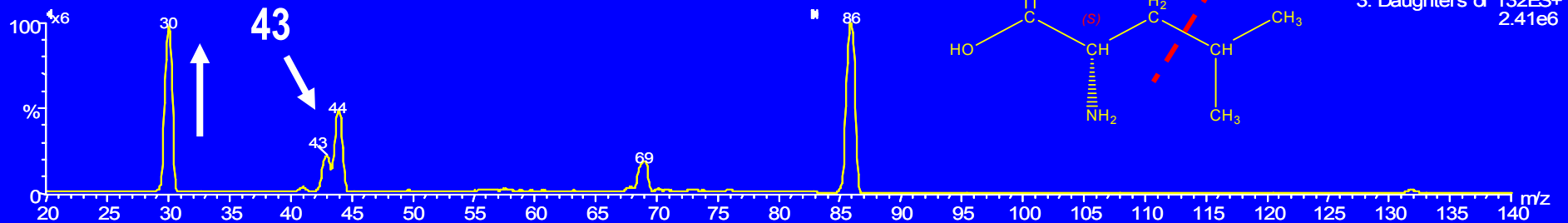
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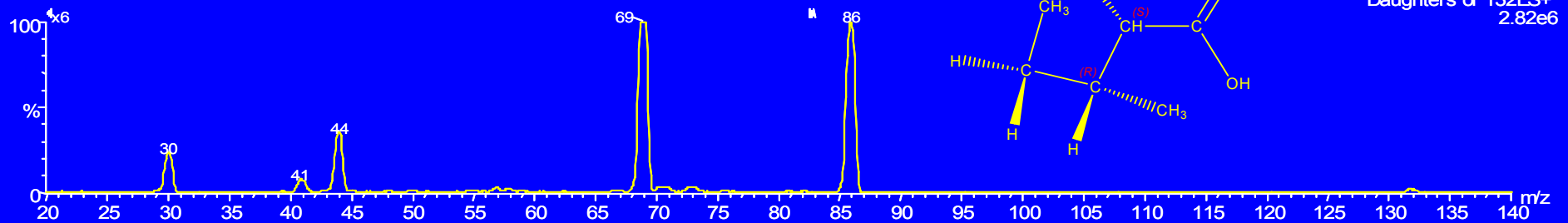


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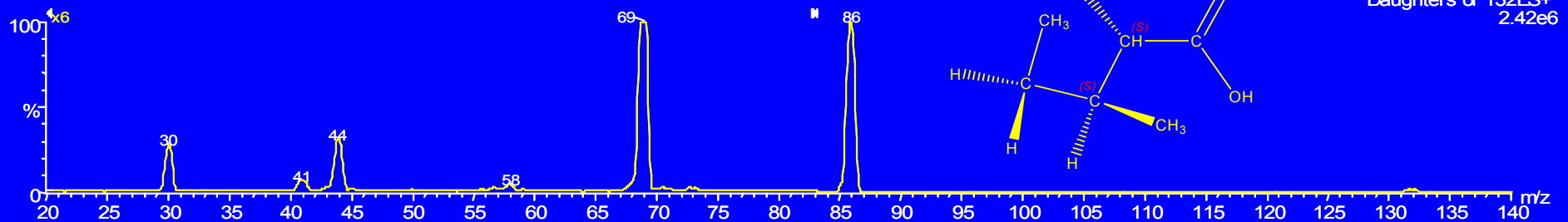
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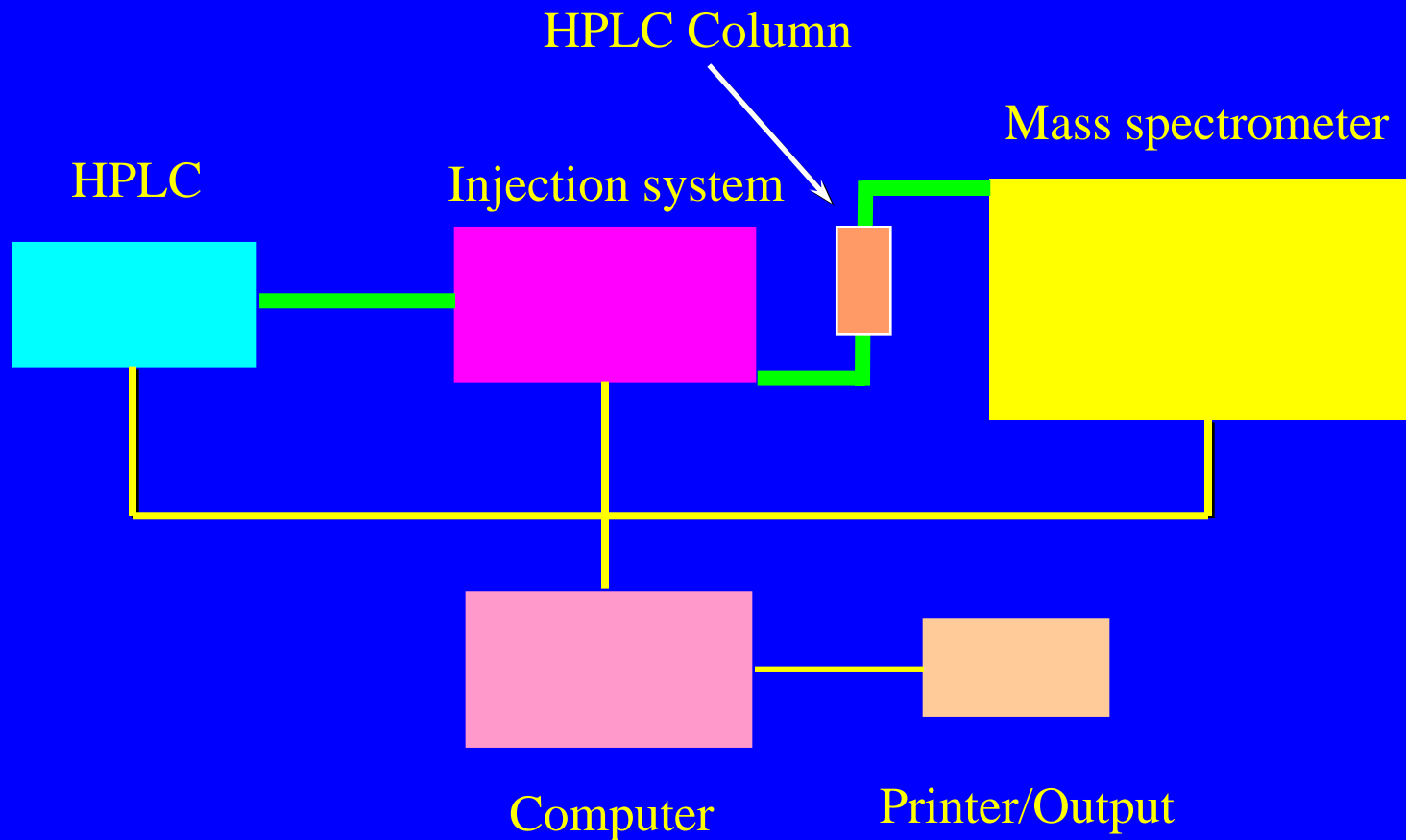
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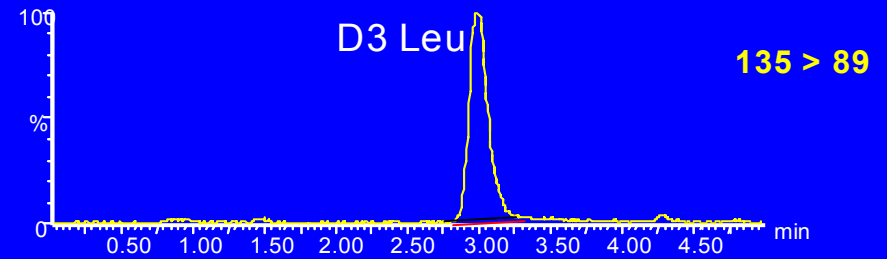
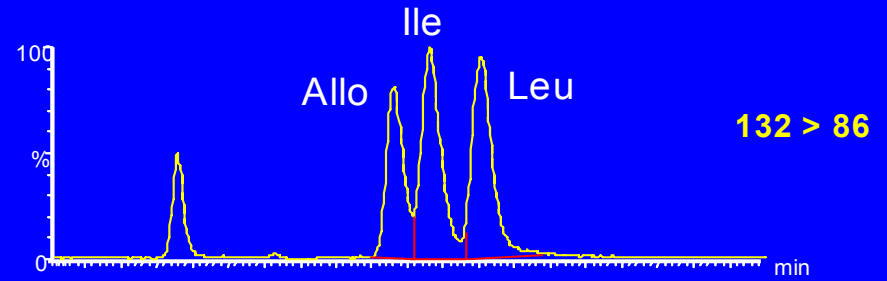
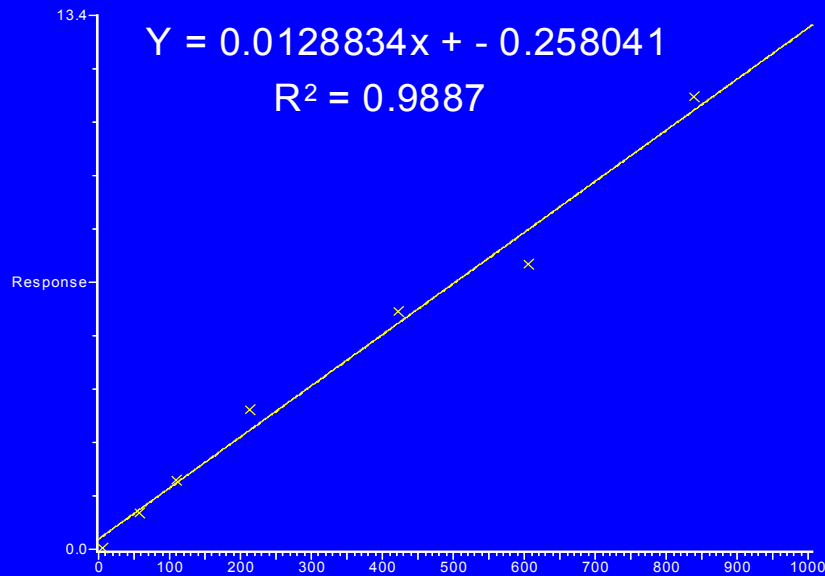


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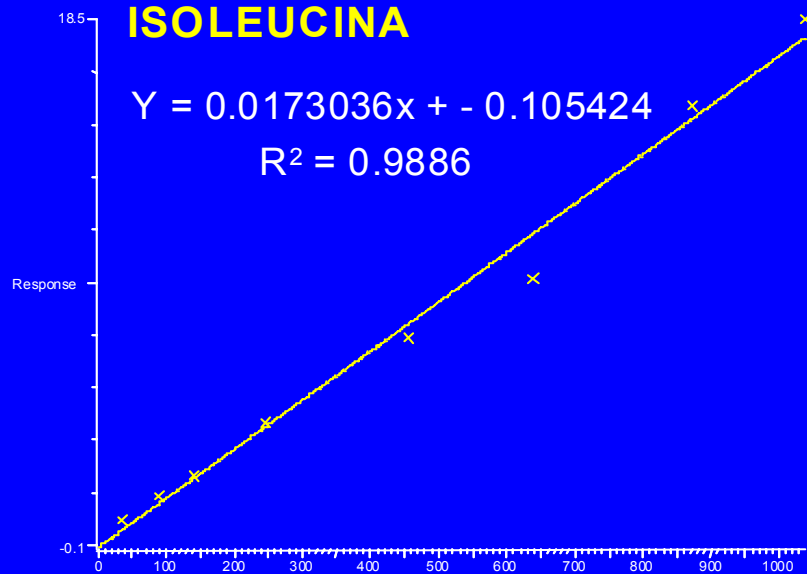


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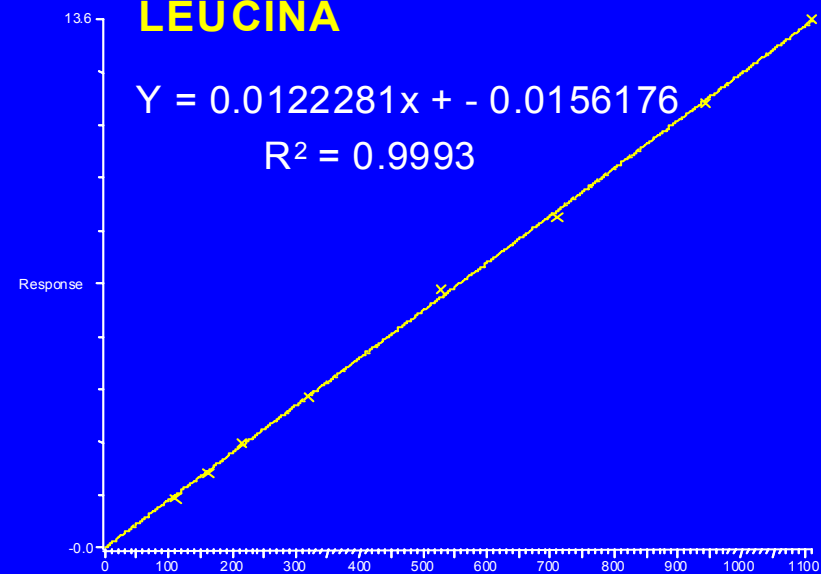
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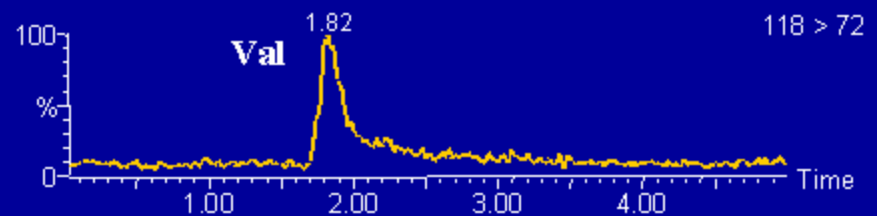
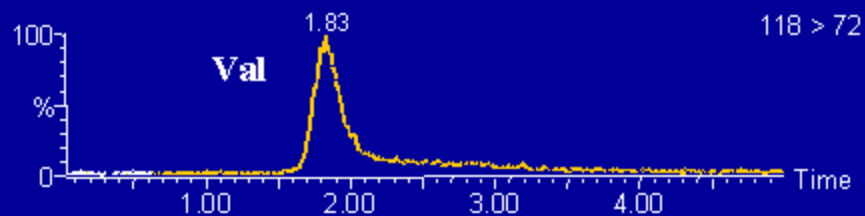
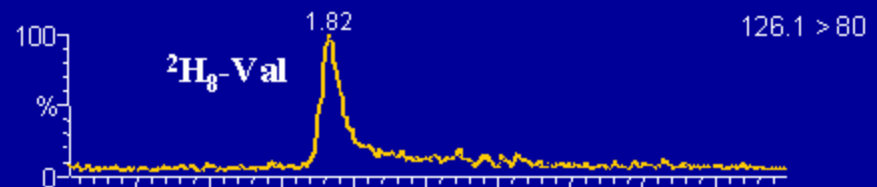
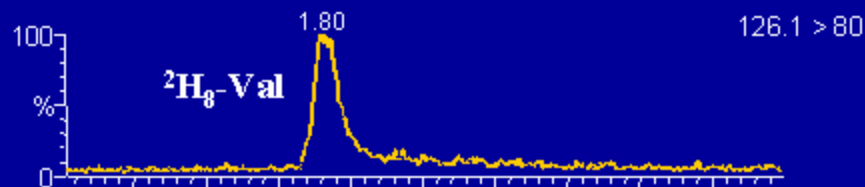
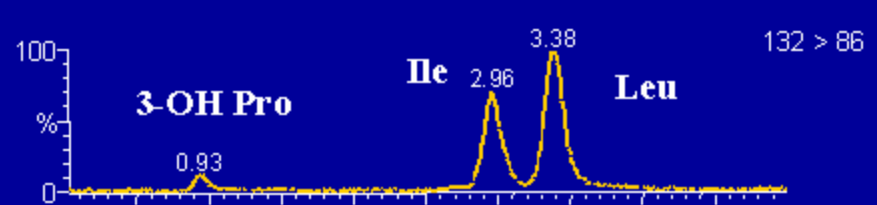
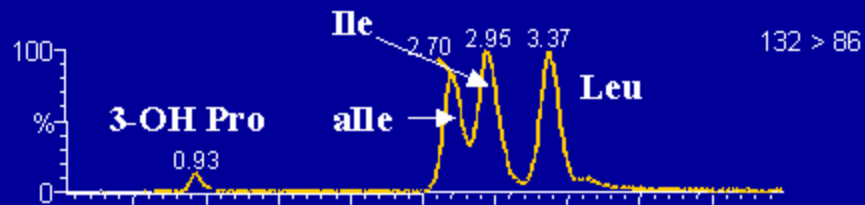
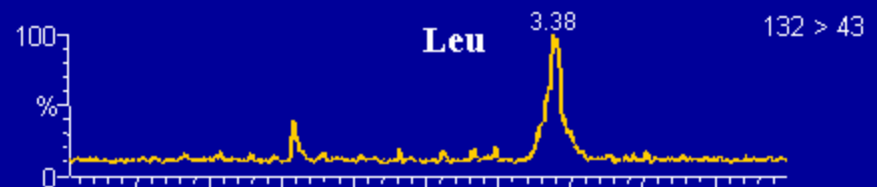
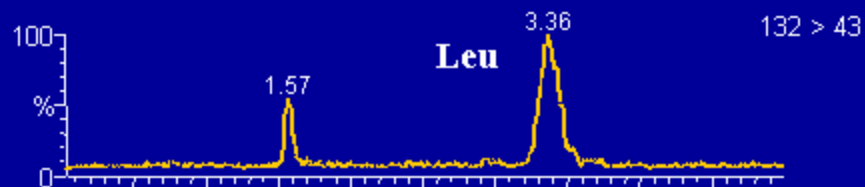
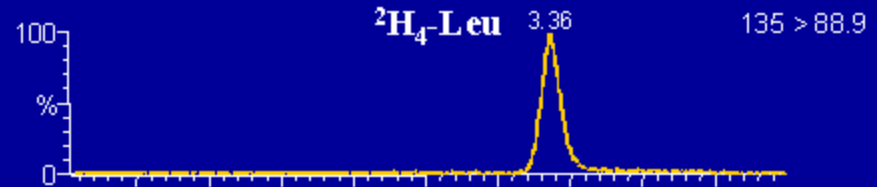
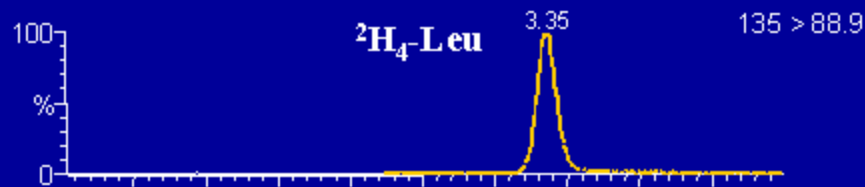
## LEUCINA



# Spot in 150 $\mu$ L Methanol with int. Std and Inj. 5 $\mu$ L

## Leucinosi

## Controllo



# Prima identificazione del campione affetto (ASA)

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All Samples Tested  
Autosampler Format

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Free/C16+C18	218.2	256.4	1.69	Low	1.44	6.58
C2	260.2	263.2	7.70	Low	6.19	47.00
ABSintC2	263.2	0.0	3.53e+5	Low Int.	2.99e+4	6.30e+5
check STD	263.2	459.4	2.48	Clean S.	0.86	5.48
C3/C2	274.2	260.2	0.00	>C3/C2	0.22	0.20
CS:1	300.2	311.3	0.00	>CS:1	0.86	0.35
CS	302.2	311.3	0.30	Low	0.00	0.85
CS-OH	316.2	311.3	0.25	>CS-OH	0.91	0.74
CB:1	342.3	347.3	0.00	>CB:1	0.62	0.30
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C10:1	370.3	347.3	0.00	>C10:1	0.31	0.30
C10	372.3	347.3	0.00	>C10	0.56	0.30

Function

- 1: Pare...
- 2: Neut...
- 3: Neut...
- 4: Neut...
- 5: Neut...
- 6: Pare...

Compound Result

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1:C2	Low
1:ABSintC2	Low Int.
1:check STD	Clean S.
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1:CS:1	>CS:1
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1:C10	>C10
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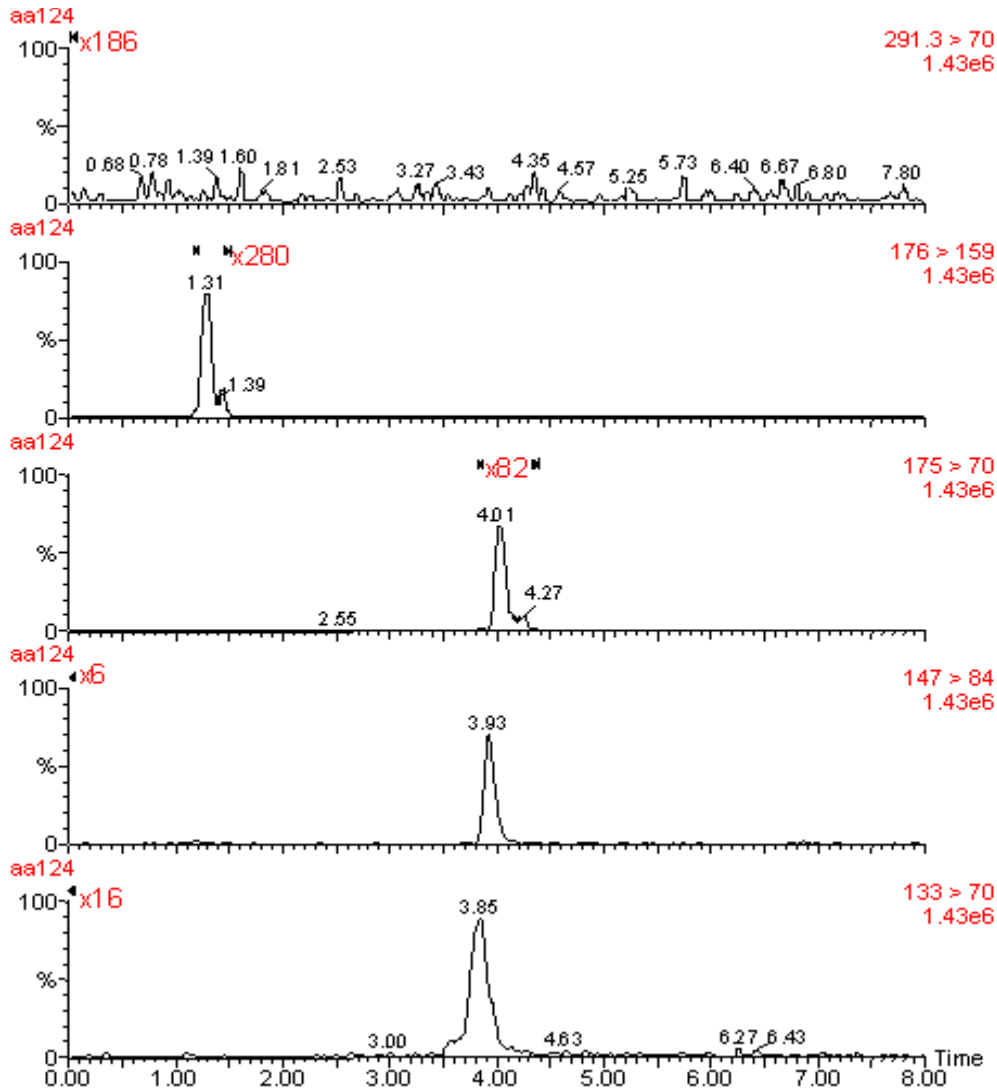
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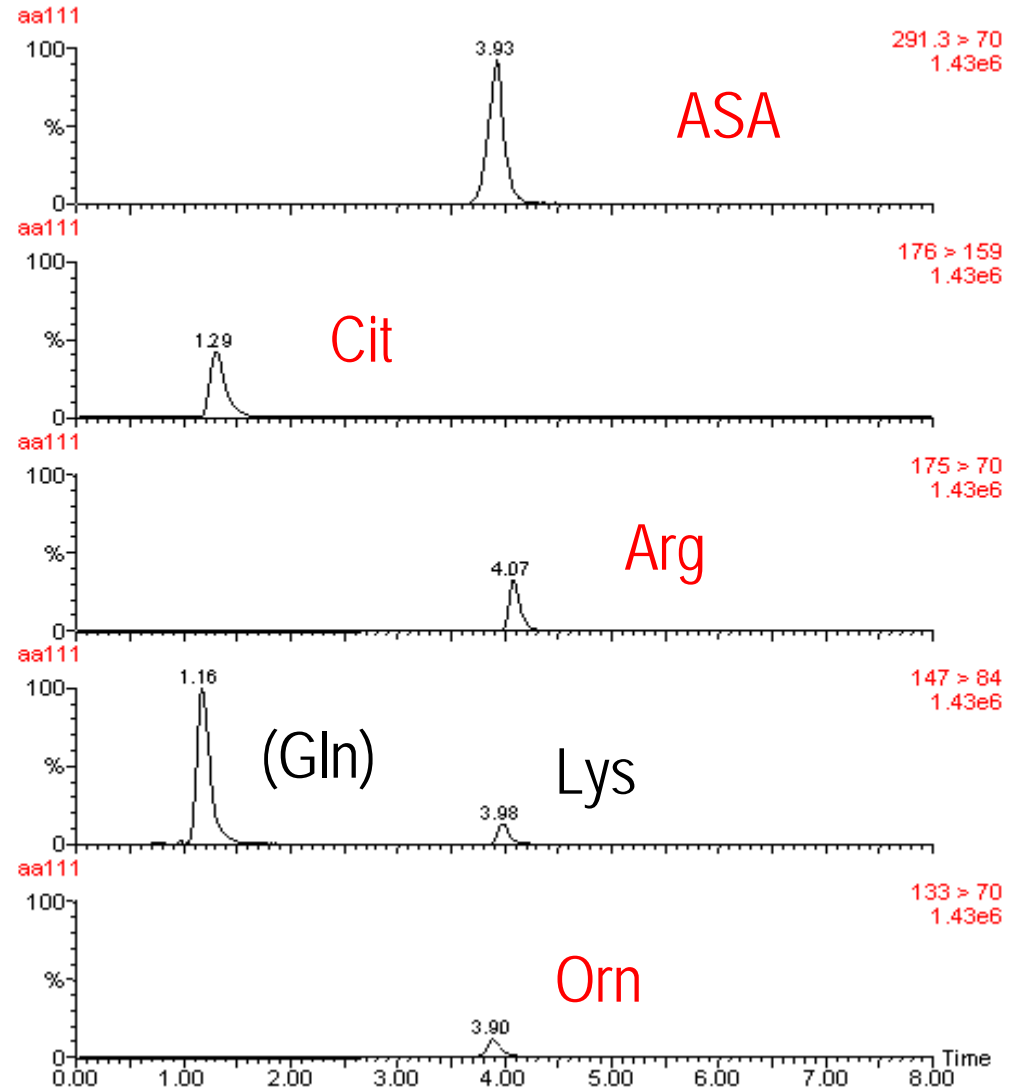
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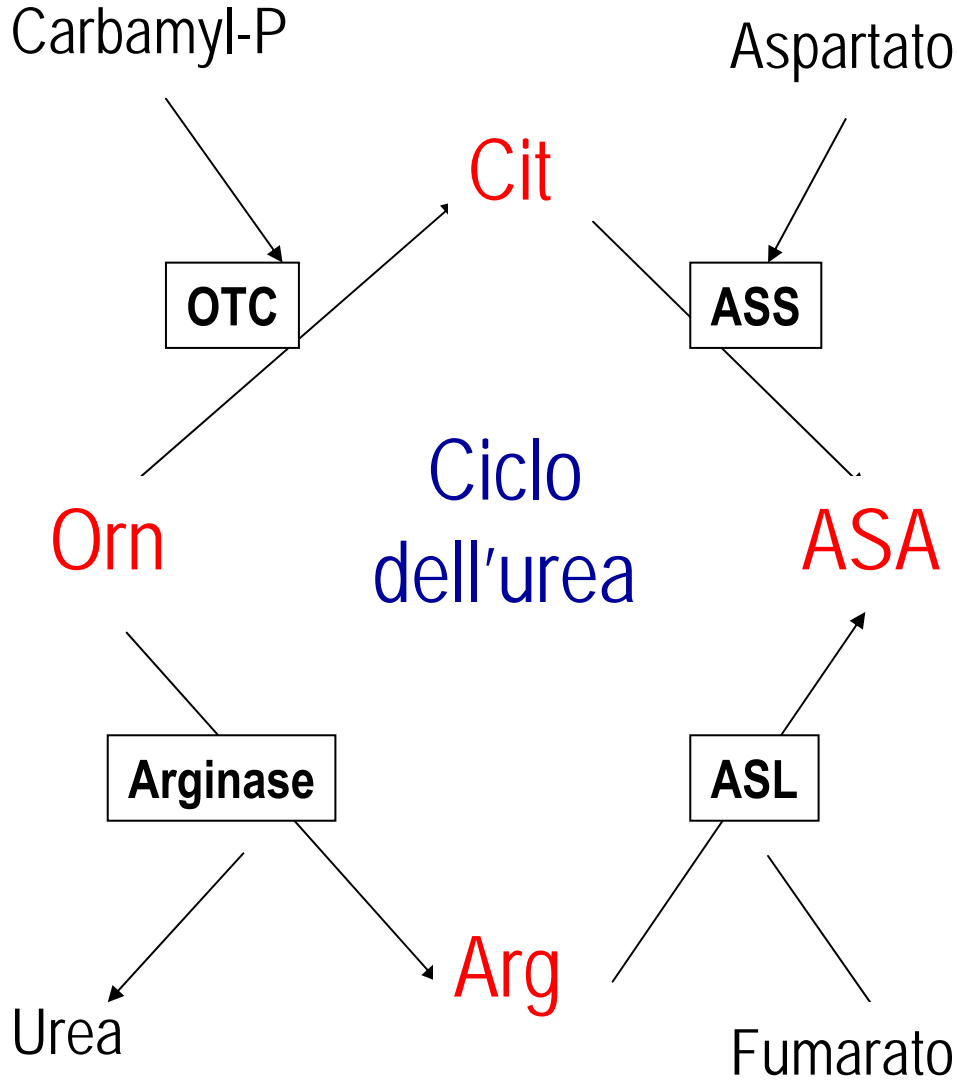
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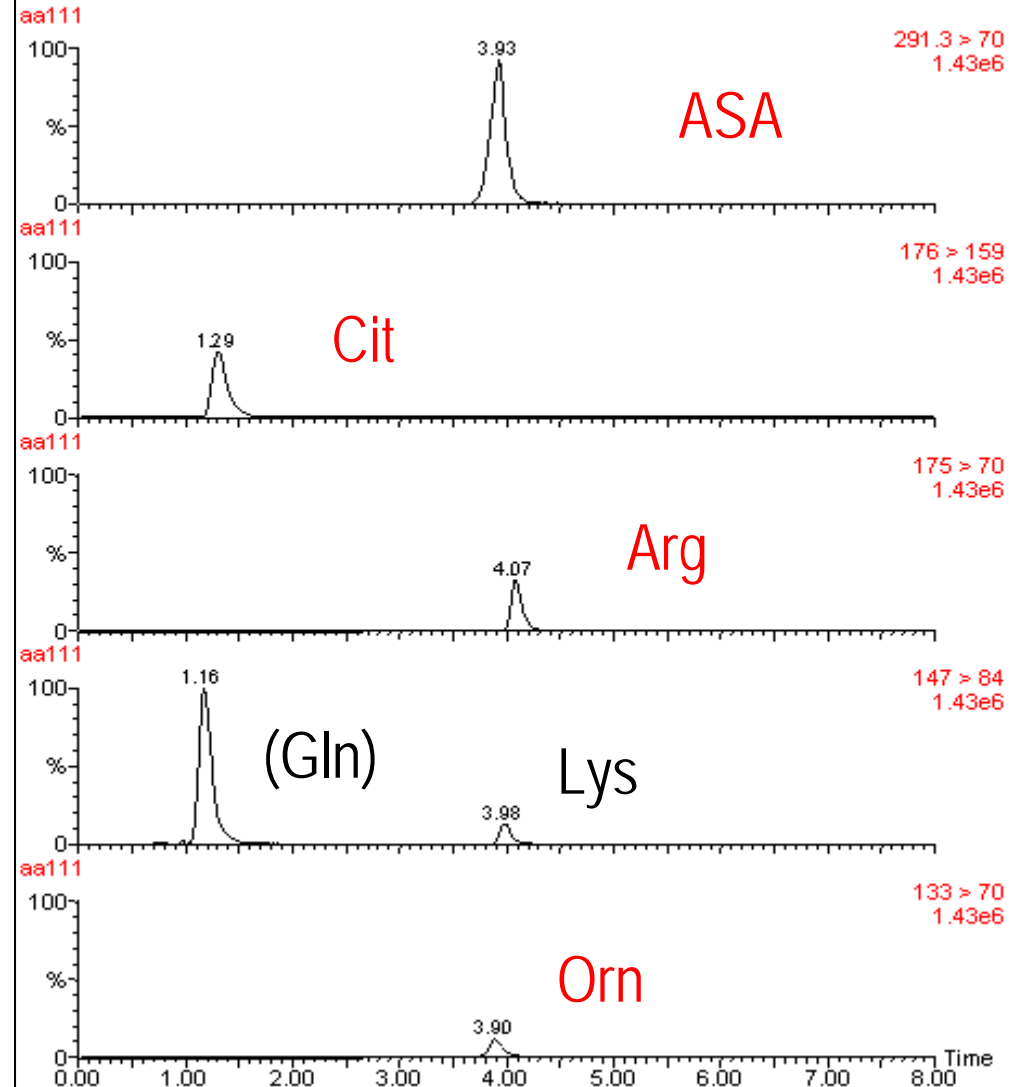
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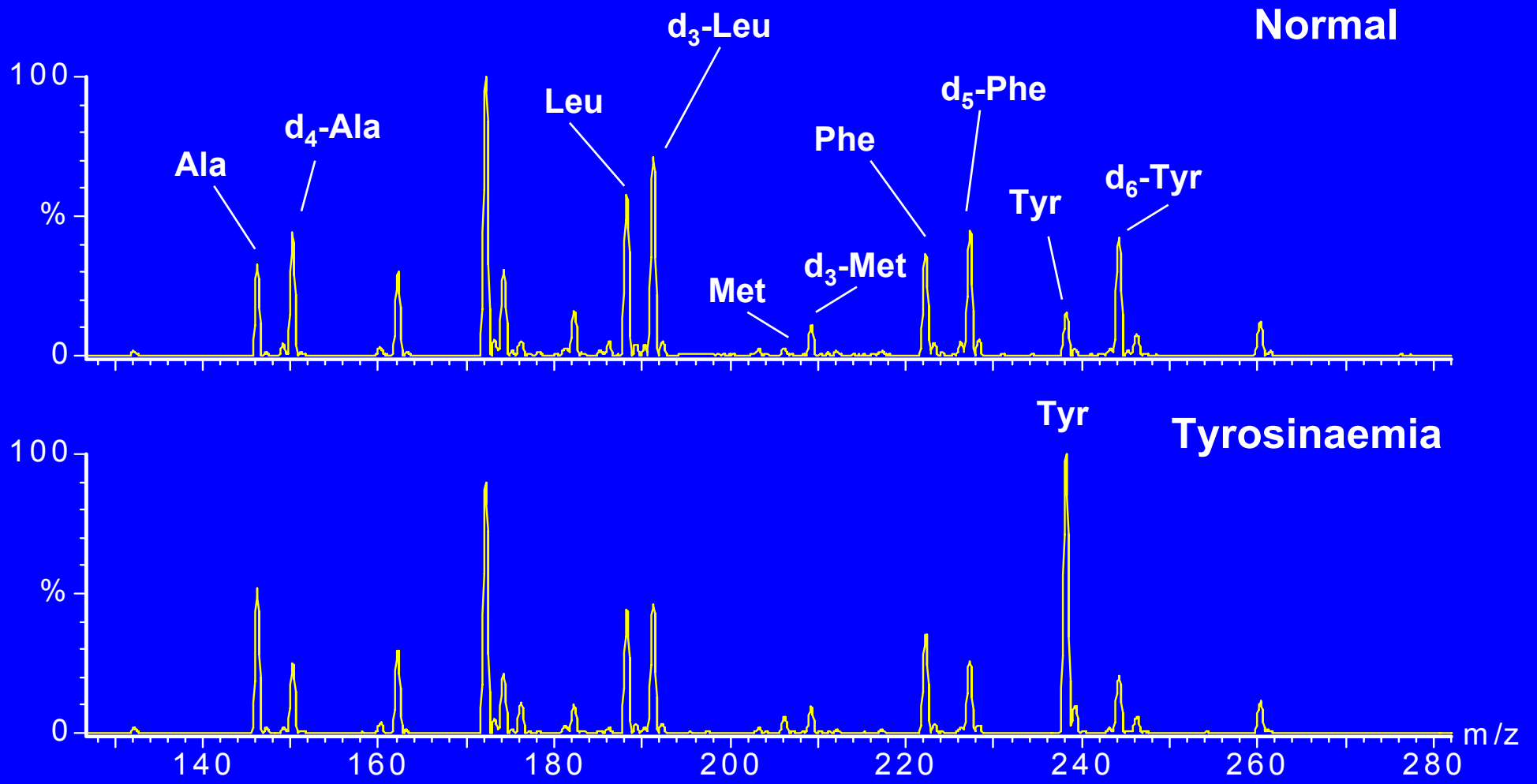
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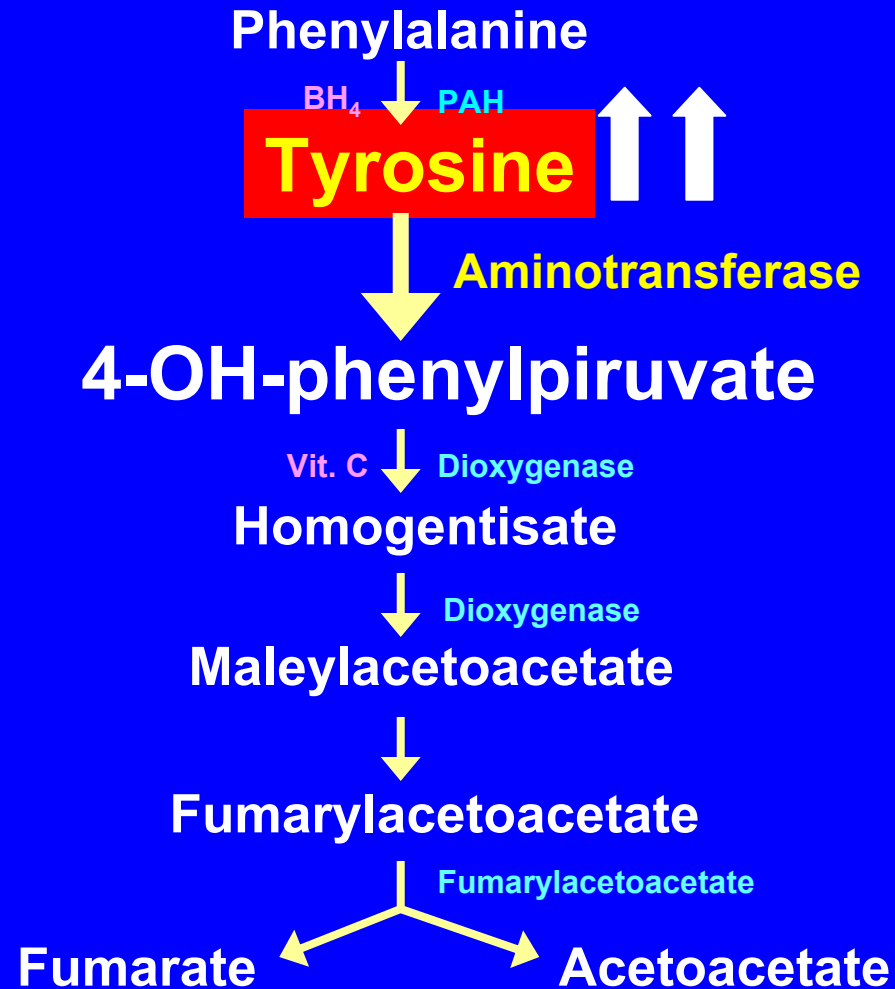
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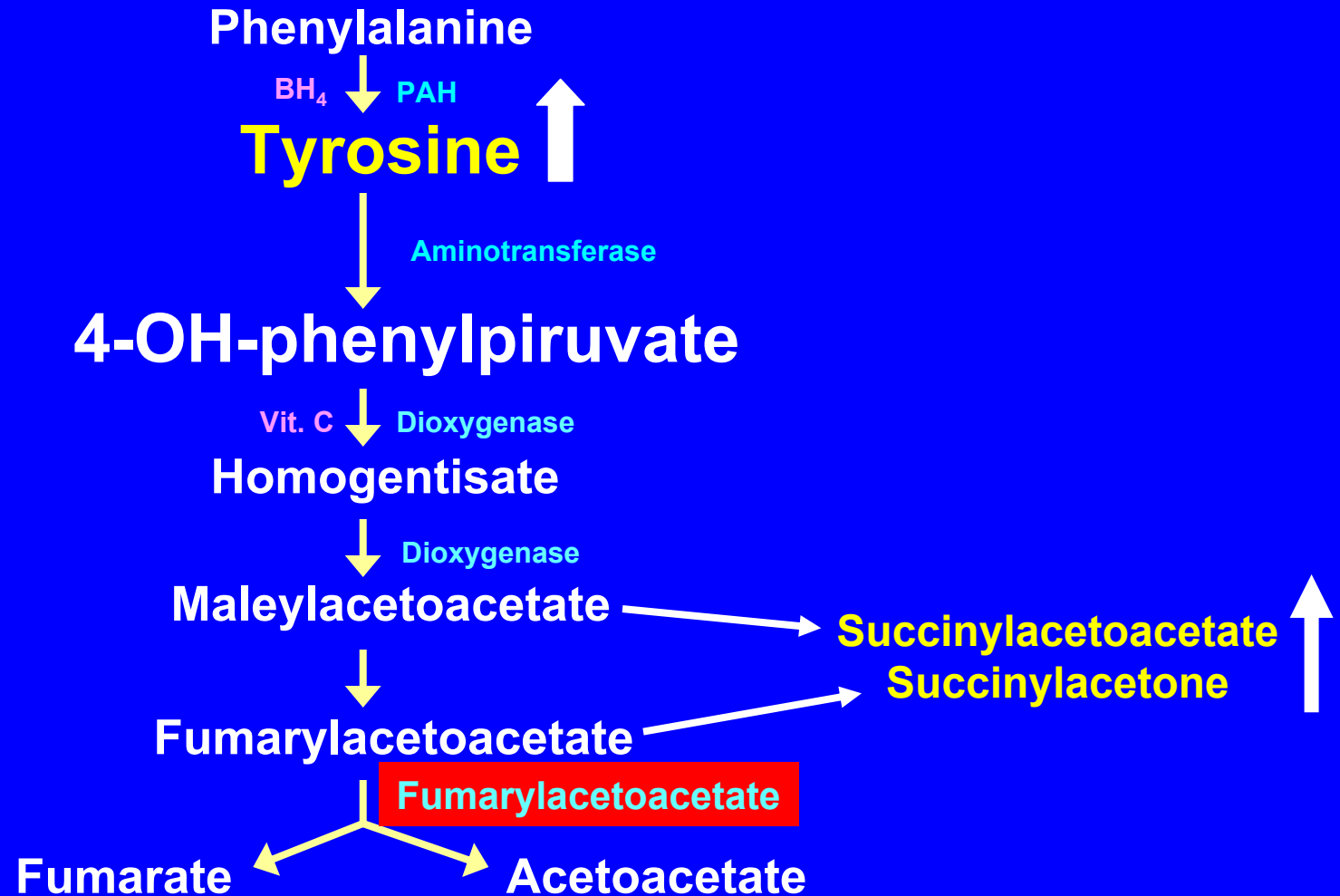
# Normal vs Tyrosinaemia



# TYROSINAEMIA II



# TYROSINAEMIA I





## Quantitative determination of succinylacetone in dried blood spots for newborn screening of tyrosinemia type I

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### Abstract

**Background:** Tyrosinemia type I (TYR 1) is a severe disorder causing early death if left untreated. While tyrosine can be determined in dried blood spots (DBS), it is not a specific marker for TYR 1 and most often associated with benign transient tyrosinemia of the newborn. Succinylacetone (SUAC) is a specific marker for TYR 1 but not detectable by routine newborn screening. We developed a new assay that determines SUAC in DBS by liquid-chromatography tandem mass spectrometry (LC–MS/MS).

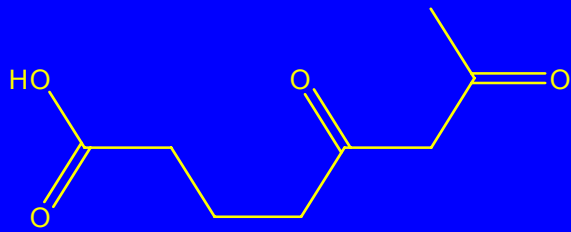
**Methods:** Whole blood is eluted from a 3/16-in. DBS by an aqueous solution containing deuterium labeled SUAC as internal standard (IS). SUAC and IS are oxidized, then extracted, butylated, and analyzed by LC–MS/MS. Quantitation is from SUAC spiked calibrator DBS over the range 0–200  $\mu$ M using selected reaction monitoring of transitions  $m/z$  212 to 156 and  $m/z$  214 to 140 for SUAC and IS, respectively. Analysis time is 5 min. To assess the effectiveness of a two-tier screening approach for TYR 1 we applied this assay to our newborn screening program over the last 15 months.

**Results:** The intra-assay precision was determined for three different levels of SUAC (5, 20, and 50  $\mu$ mol/L) and the CV calculated to be 4.7, 2.6, and 3.1%, respectively ( $n = 5$ ). Inter-assay precision CVs were 12.7, 8.2, and 7.8%, respectively on the same samples. SUAC levels in DBS from 10 confirmed TYR 1 cases not treated with 2-(2-nitro-4-trifluoromethylbenzoyl)-1,3-cyclohexanedione (NTBC) were clearly abnormal (16–150  $\mu$ mol/L; mean: 61  $\mu$ mol/L; controls: <5  $\mu$ mol/L). Over a 15-month period, SUAC was determined in newborn screening samples with elevated tyrosine concentrations when applying different cut off values until it was settled at 150  $\mu$ mol/L. No case of TYR 1 was detected in 124,780 newborns tested.

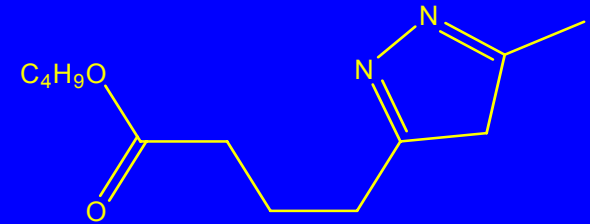
**Conclusion:** We have developed a new LC–MS/MS based method for the determination of SUAC in DBS. This assay has the potential to significantly reduce the number of false positive results in newborn screening for TYR 1 and can also be used for the laboratory follow up of patients treated for TYR 1.

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# ANALYSIS OF SUCCINYLACETONE FROM DRIED BLOOD SPOTS

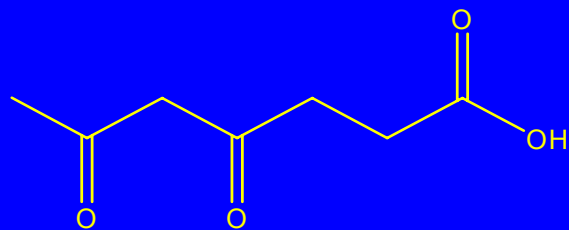


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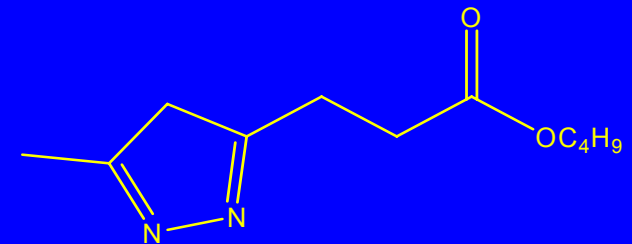


**C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>**  
**Exact Mass: 224.1**

**oximated extracted  
and  
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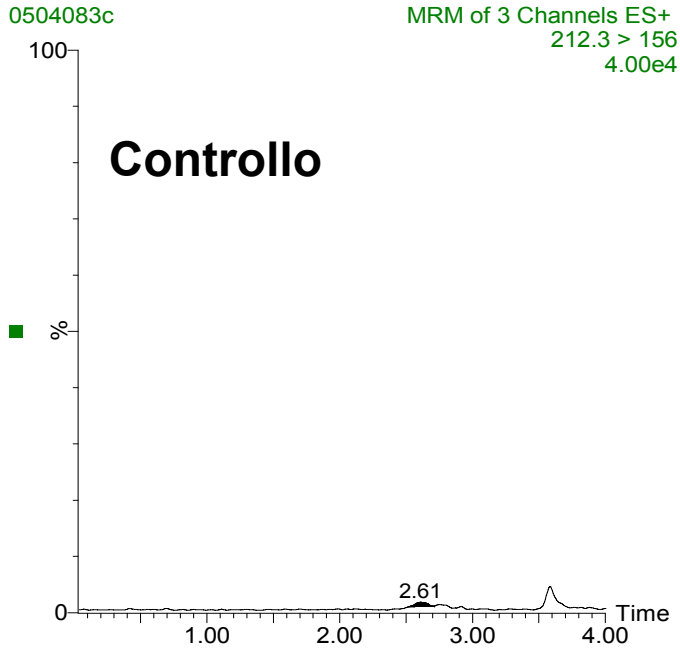
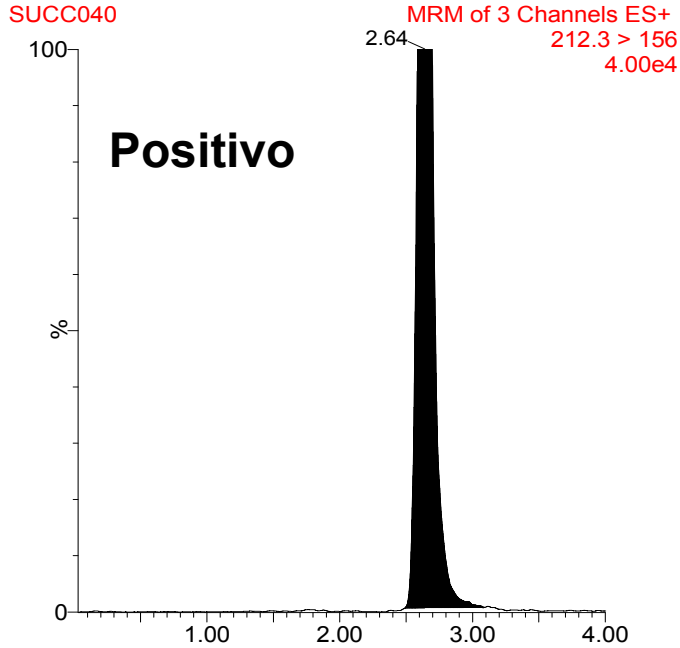


**4-6-Dioxoheptanoic acid**  
**Succinylacetone**

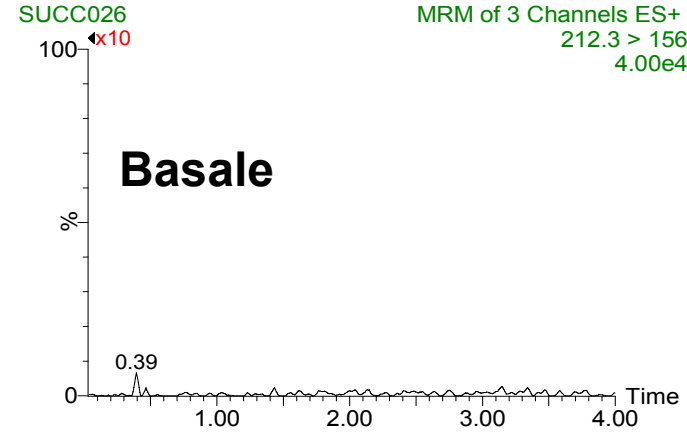
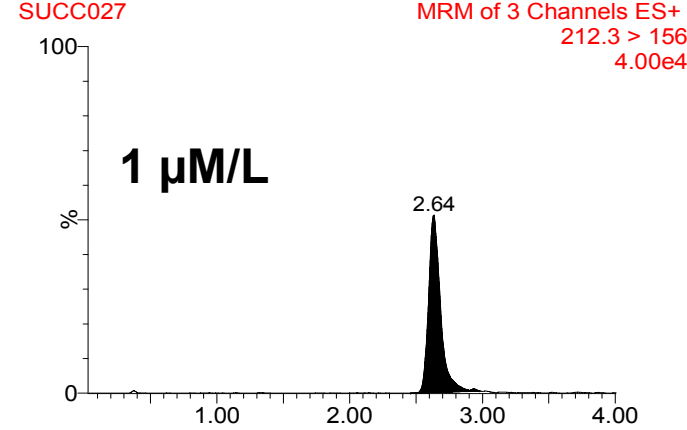
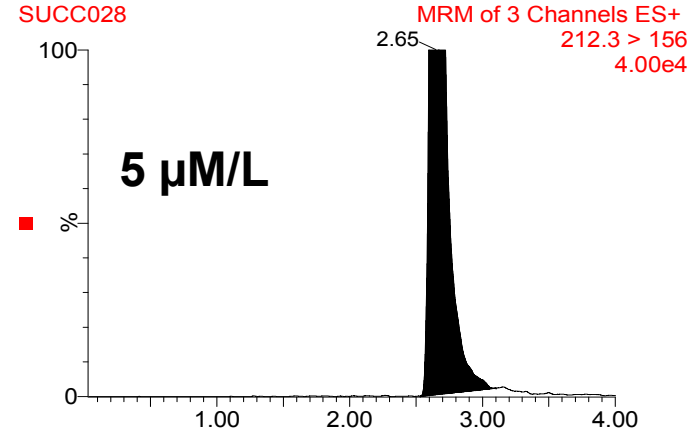


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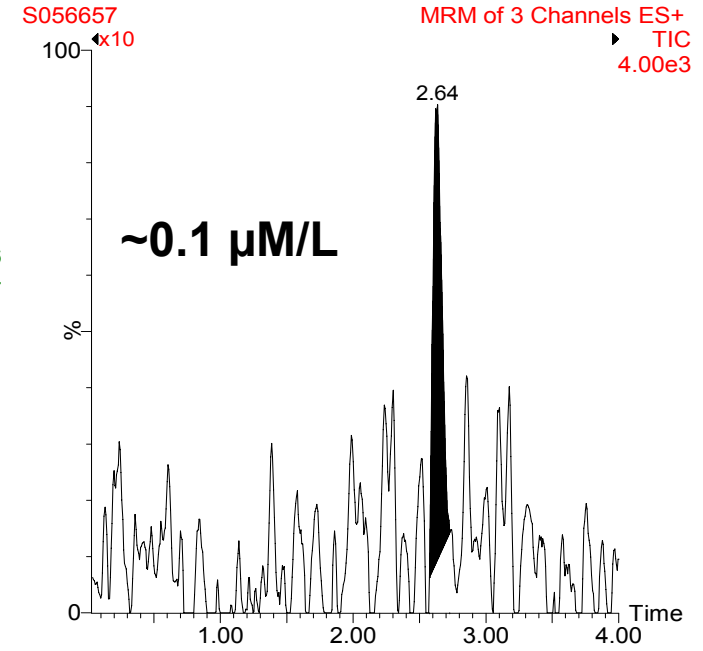
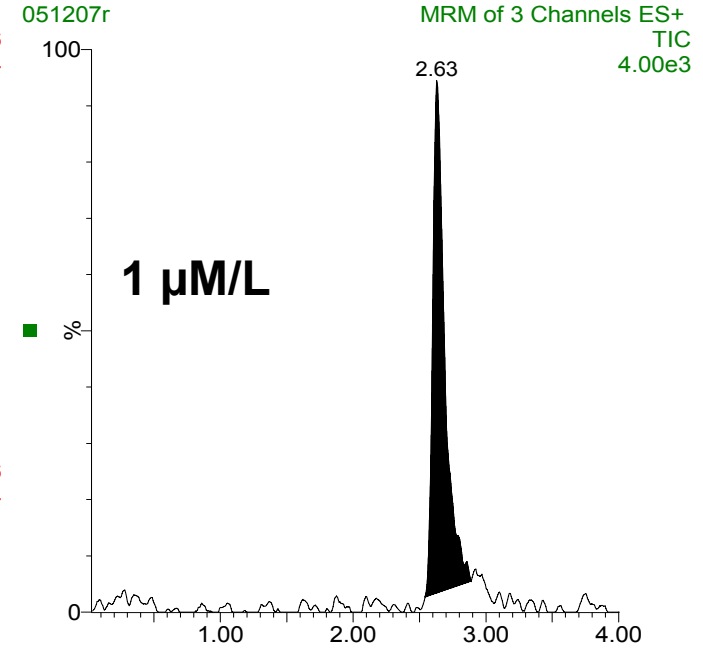
# Urine SUAC



# Spot + aggiunta SUAC



# Spot



## Aminoacid

- MSUD (allo)
- Tyrosinemia type I (SUAC)
- (ASA)

## Bile acid

- $3\beta$ -hydroxy- $\Delta^5$ -C27-steroid dehydrogenase ( $3\beta$ -HSD)
- Peroxisomal 3-ketothiolase deficiency (pseudo-Zellweger syndrome)

# Gli acidi biliari

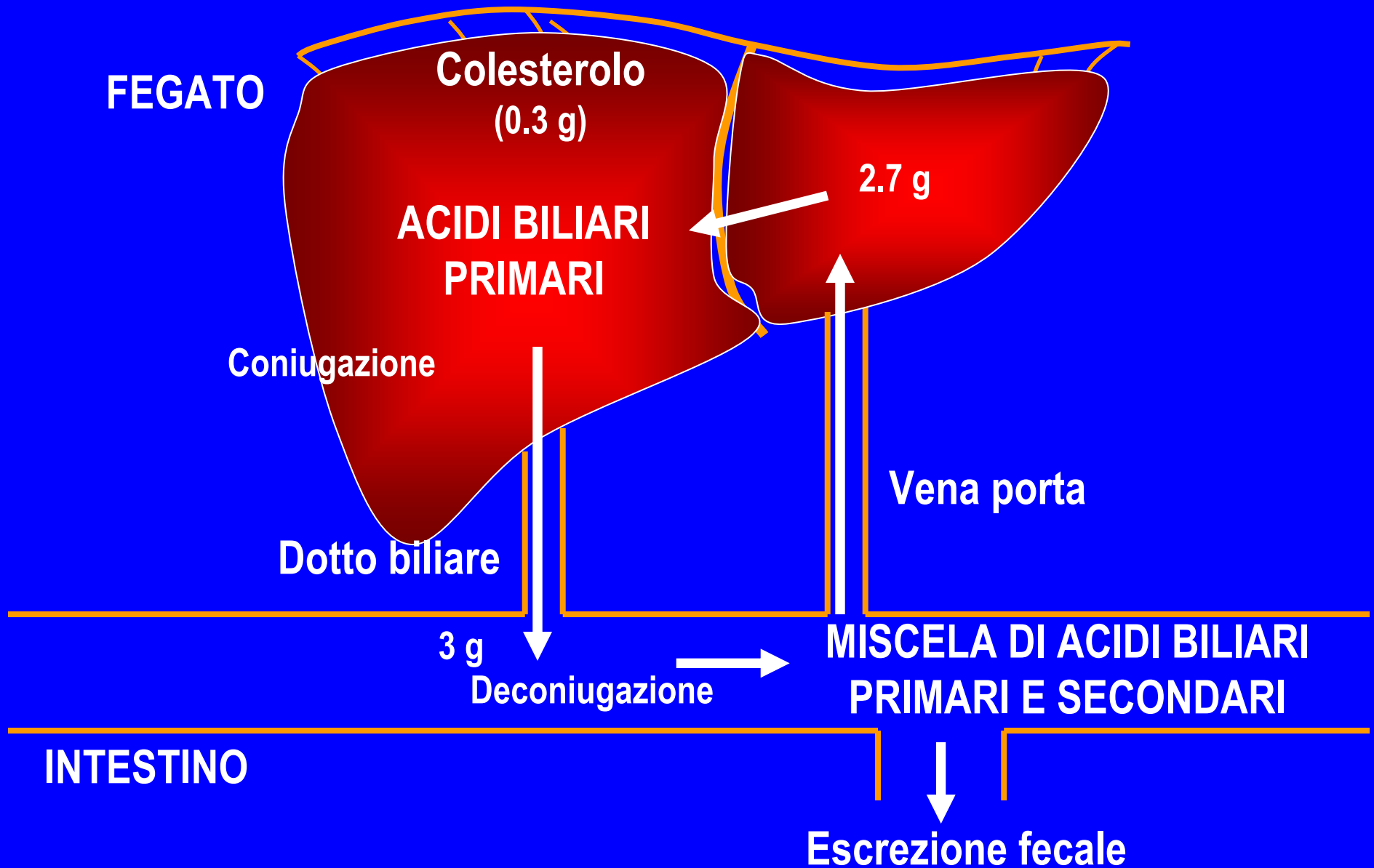
Gli acidi biliari vengono prodotti dal catabolismo del colesterolo

Nel fegato vengono sintetizzati gli acidi biliari primari (colico e chenodeossicolico). Dopo coniugazione con glicina e taurina vengono secreti nelle vie biliari attraverso le quali passano nell'intestino dove svolgono la loro funzione prodigestiva di emulsione dei lipidi

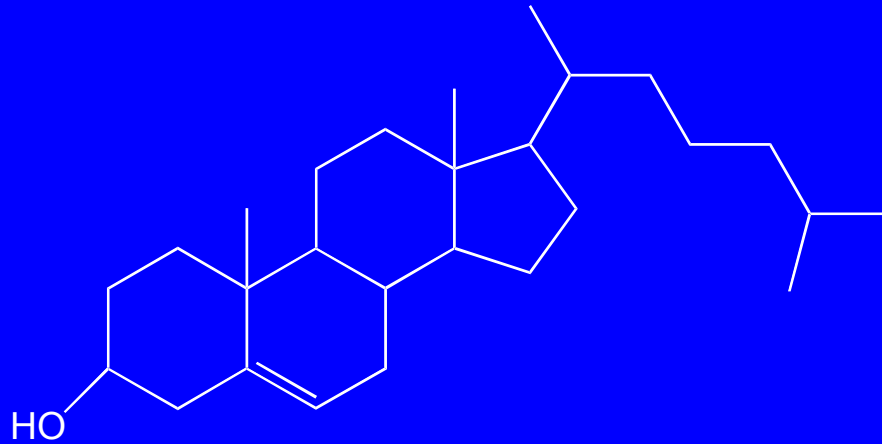
Nel lume intestinale parte degli acidi primari viene trasformata in acidi secondari (deossicolico e litocolico)

Acidi primari e secondari sono infine riassorbiti a livello intestinale dopo deconiugazione ritornano al fegato per mezzo dei vasi portali

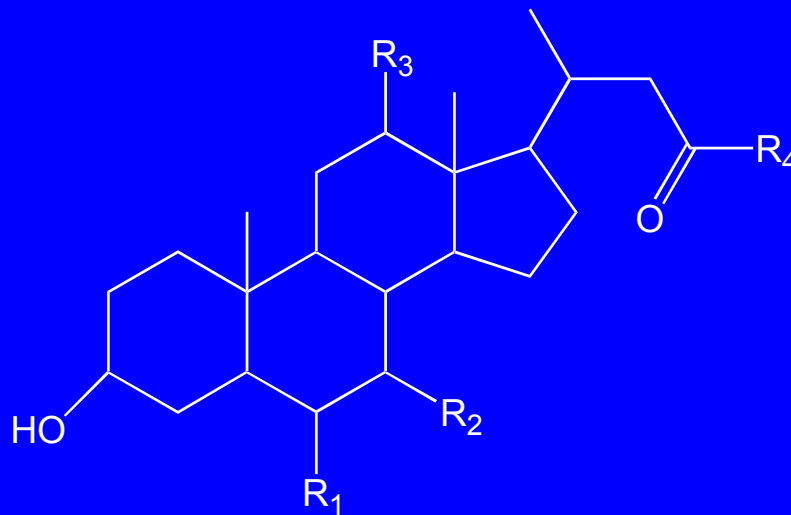
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# Il colesterolo e gli acidi biliari



Colesterolo



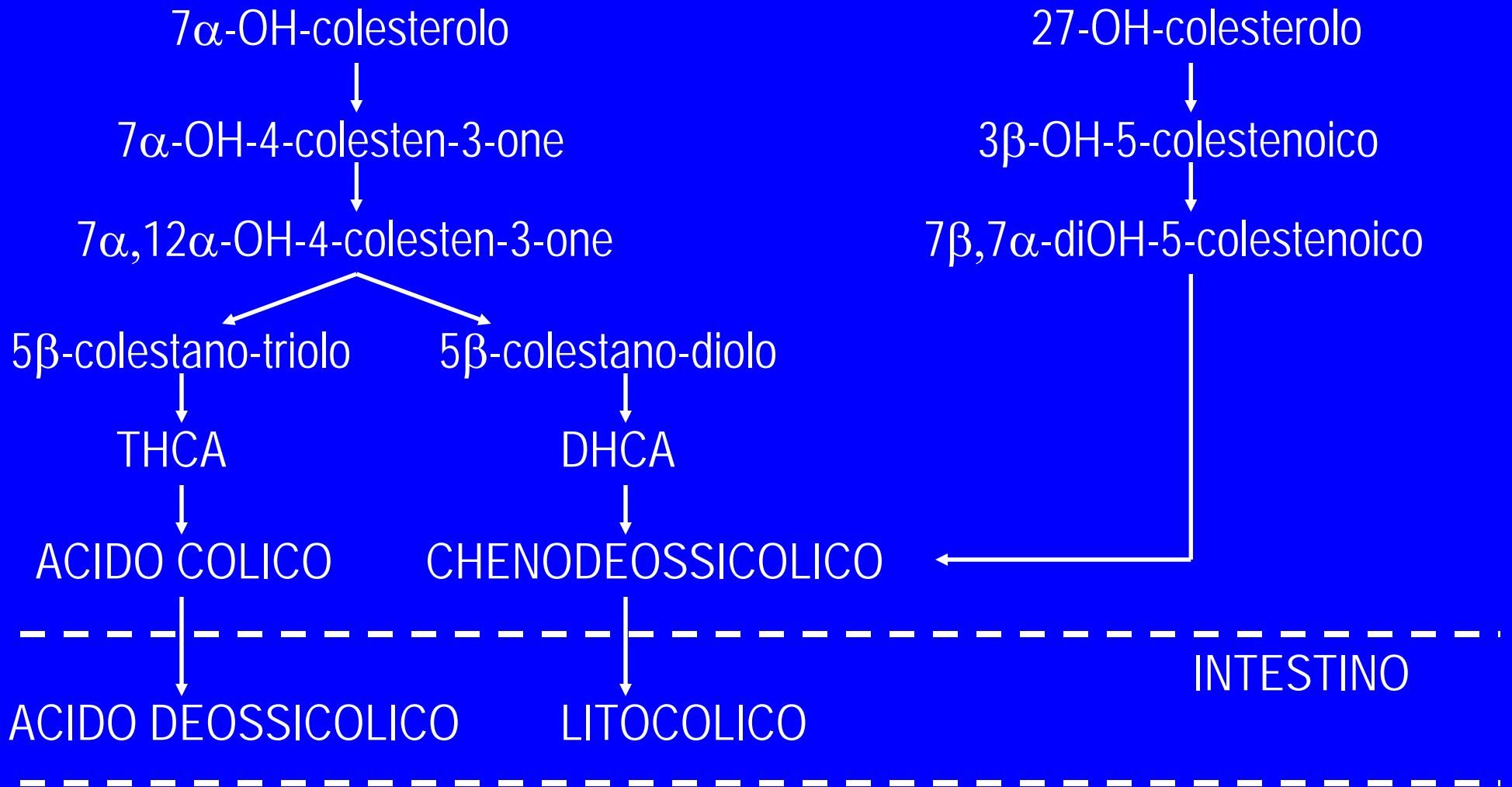
Acido biliare

# Sintesi degli acidi biliari dal colesterolo

## COLESTEROLO

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### VIA ACIDICA



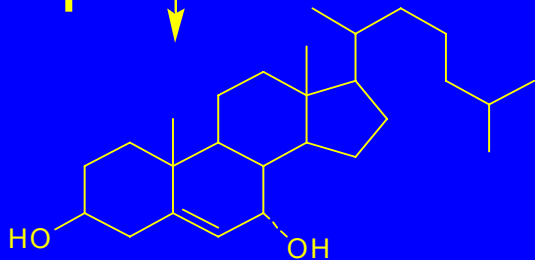
# Biochimica del difetto di HSD

**Colesterolo**



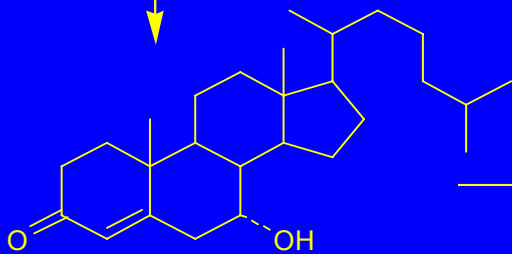
**1**

**7 $\alpha$ -idrossicolesterolo**

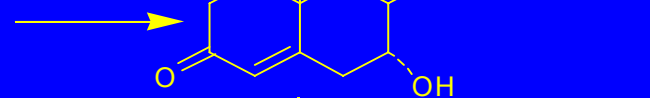


**2**

**7 $\alpha$ -idrossi-3 $\beta$ -ossicolesterolo**



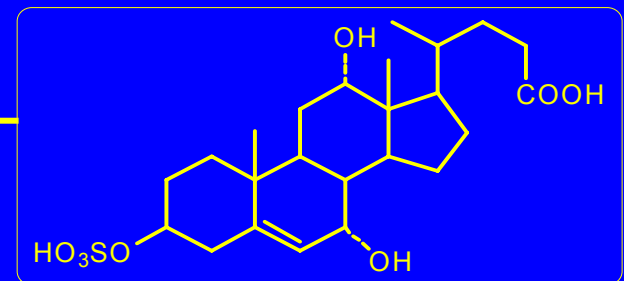
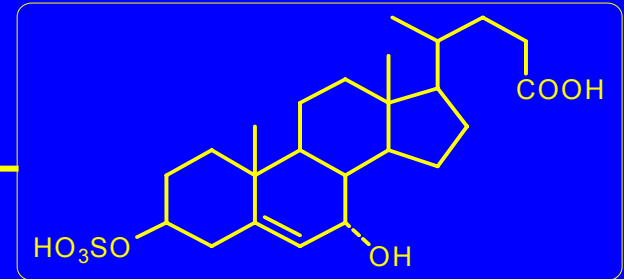
**3**



**Chenodeossicolico**

**Colico**

**3 $\beta$ ,7 $\alpha$  diidrossi-5-Colenoico solfato**



**3 $\beta$ ,7 $\alpha$  12 $\alpha$  triidrossi-5-colenoico solfato**

# Background

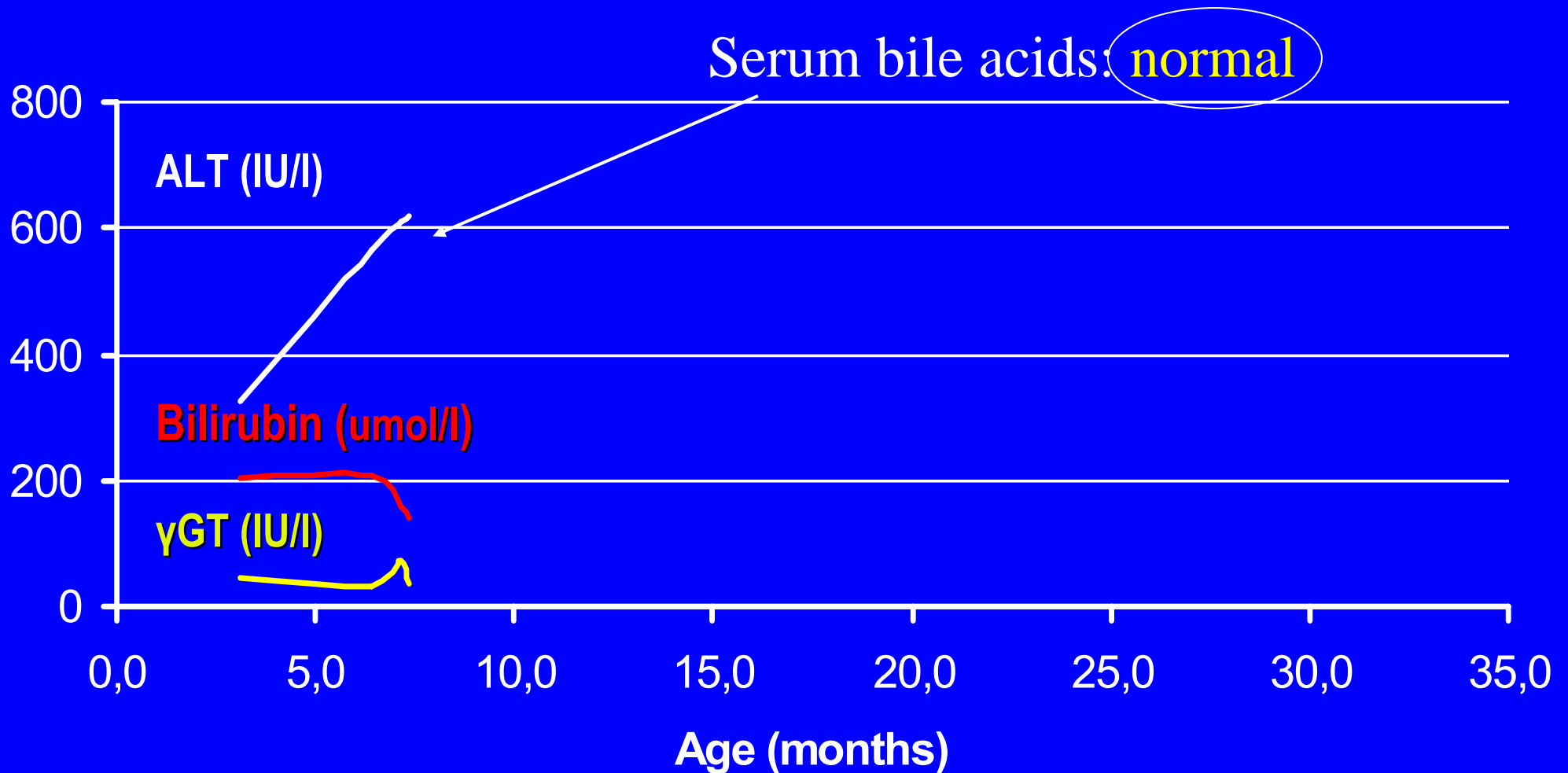
3 $\beta$ -hydroxy- $\Delta$ 5-C27-steroid dehydrogenase (3 $\beta$ -HSD) deficiency is a rare inborn error of bile acid metabolism

The metabolic derangements of the disorder involve

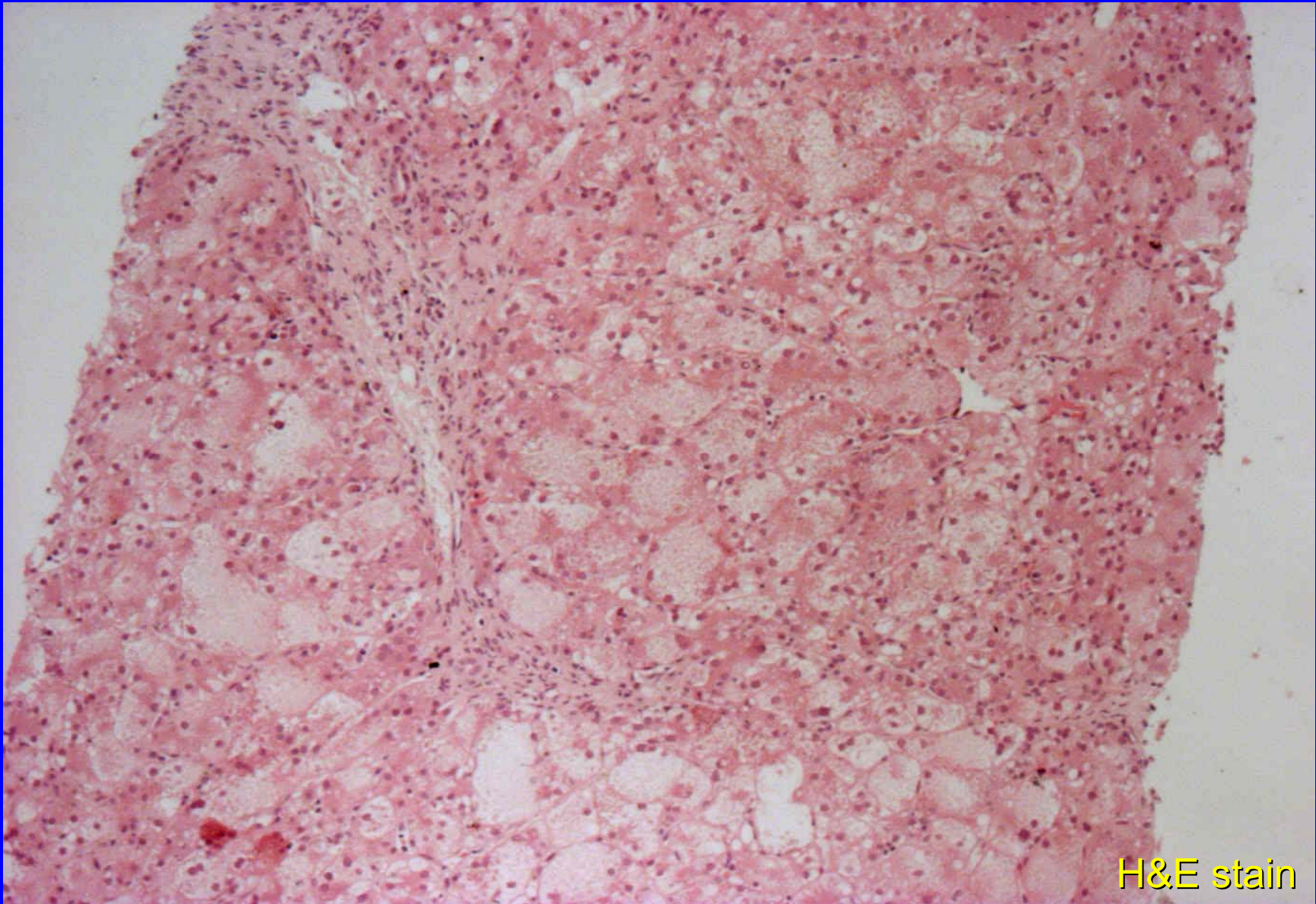
- Severe cholestasis from lack of primary bile acids

- Chronic liver injury from toxic metabolites

# Liver function tests at presentation



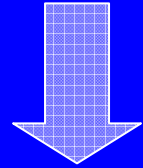
# Liver biopsy at presentation



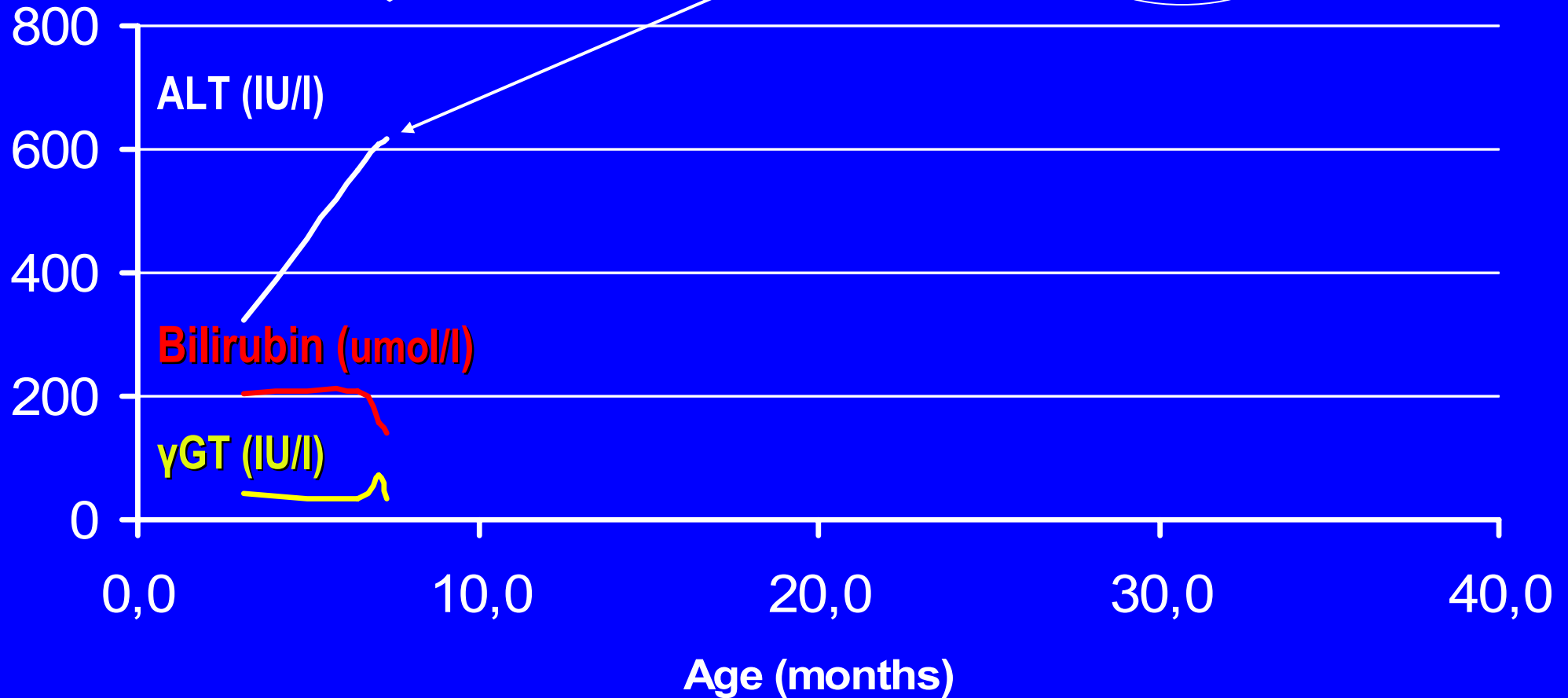
H&E stain

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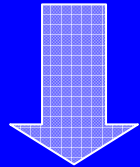


Serum bile acids: normal

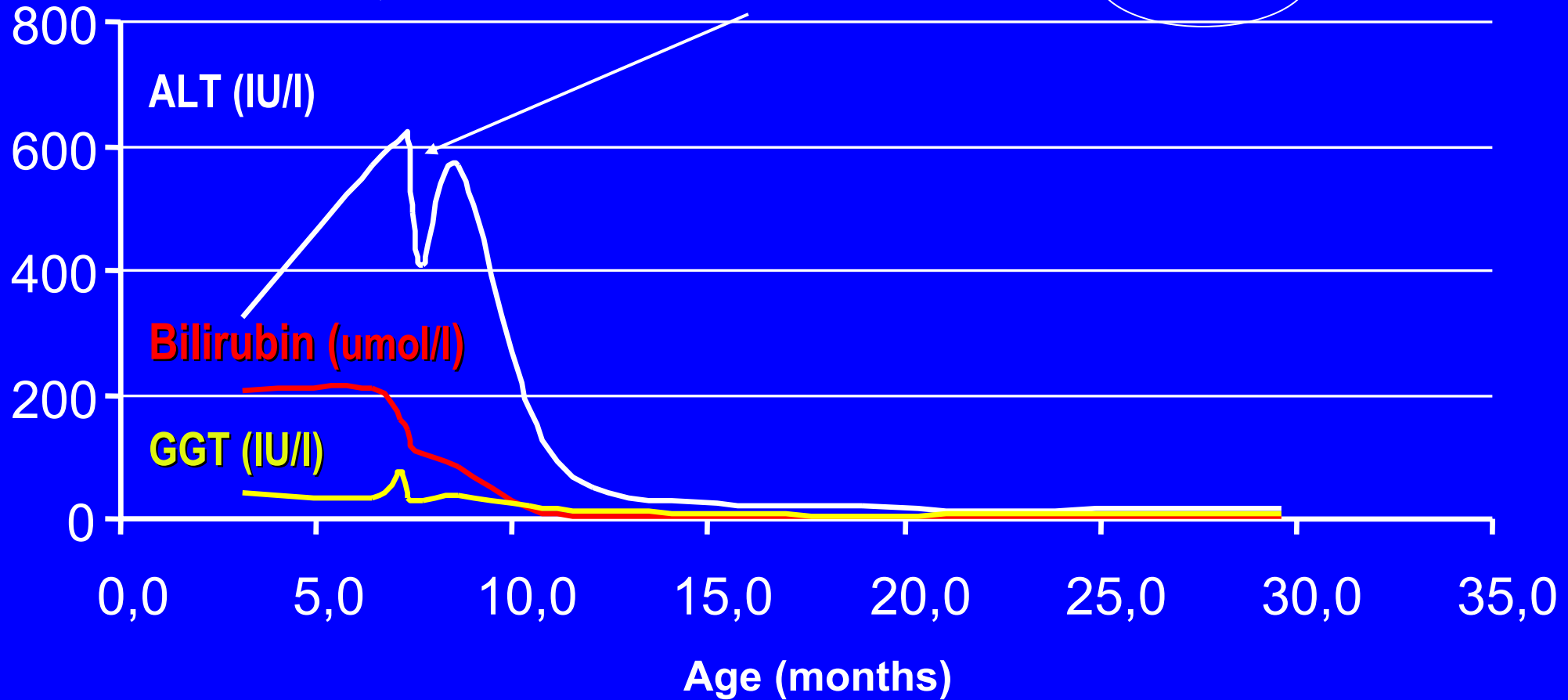


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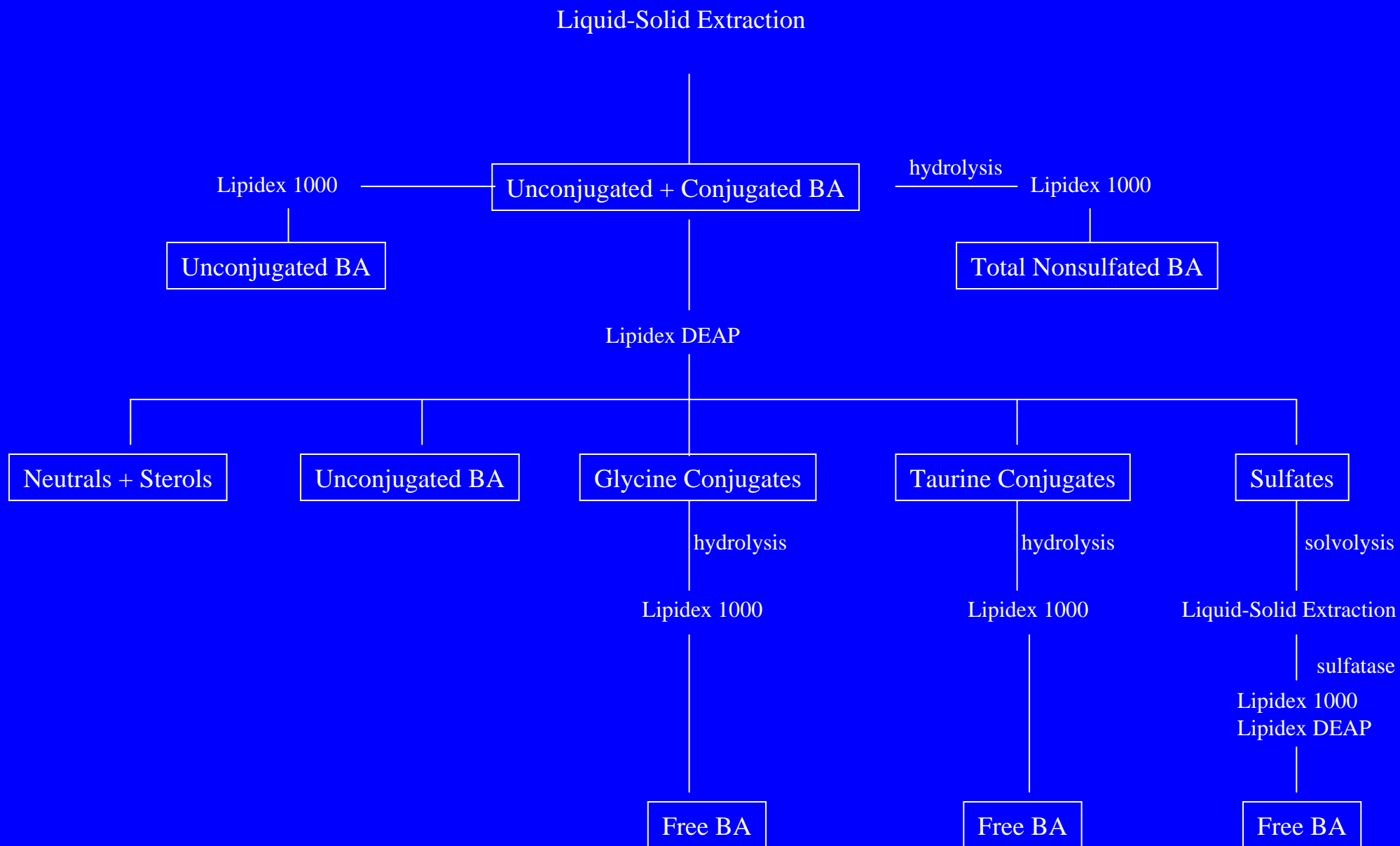
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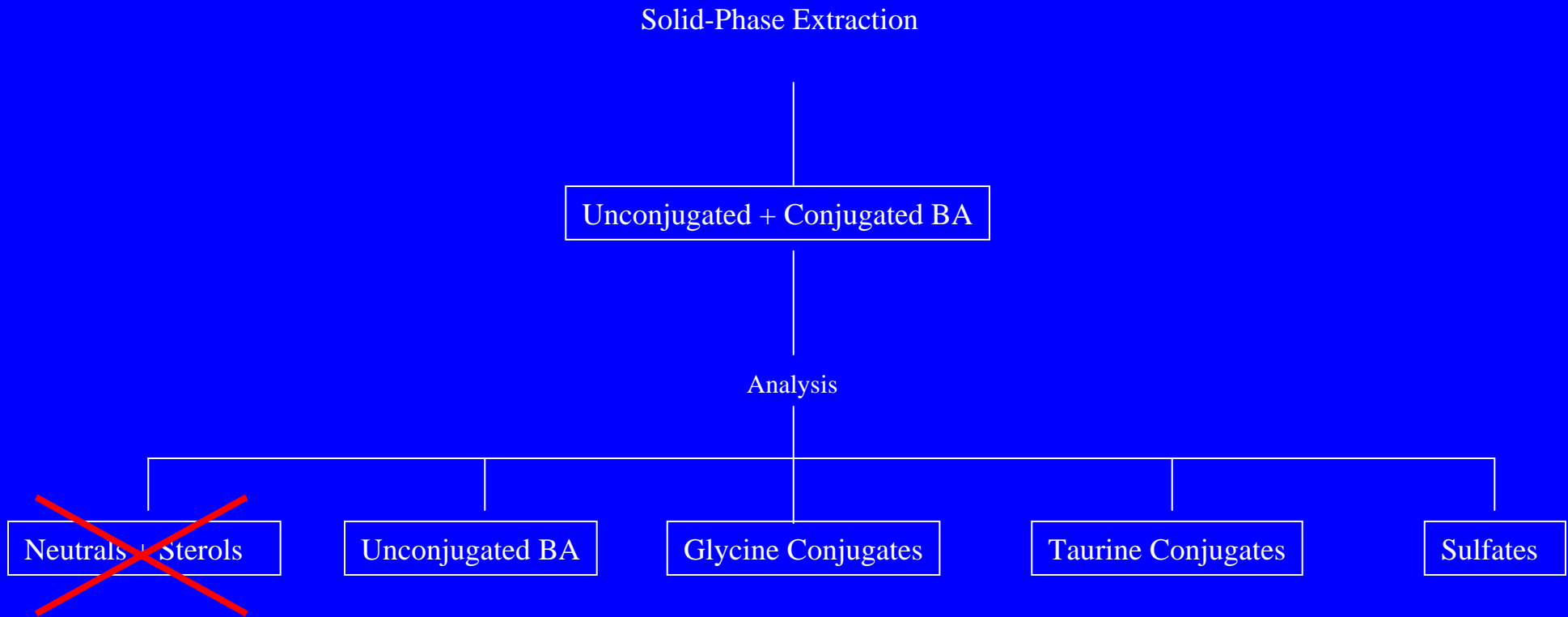
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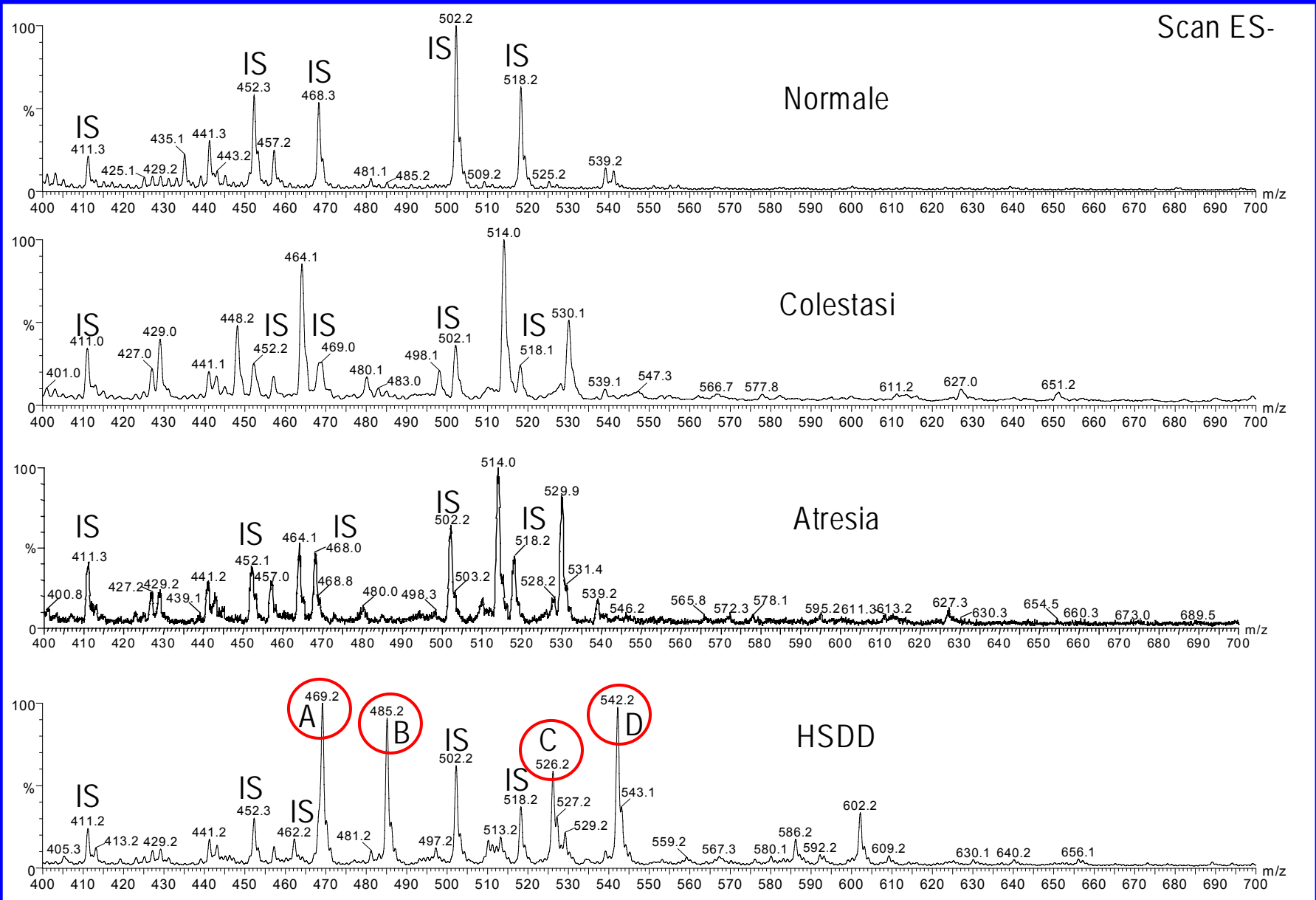
# Schema dell'analisi degli acidi biliari in GC-MS



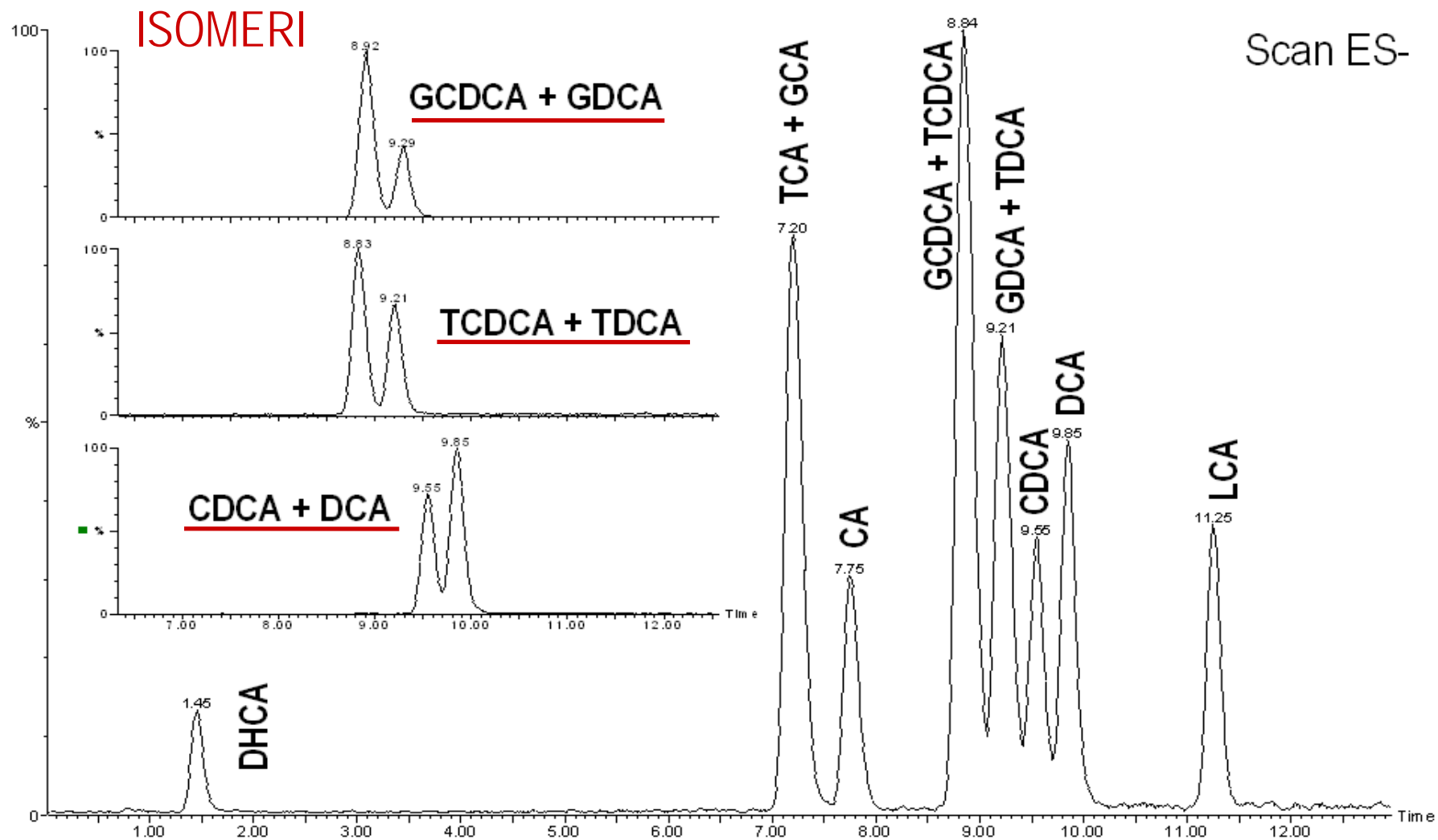
# Schema dell'analisi acidi biliari in FIA dopo una SPE extraction



# Profilo degli acidi biliari in ES-MS

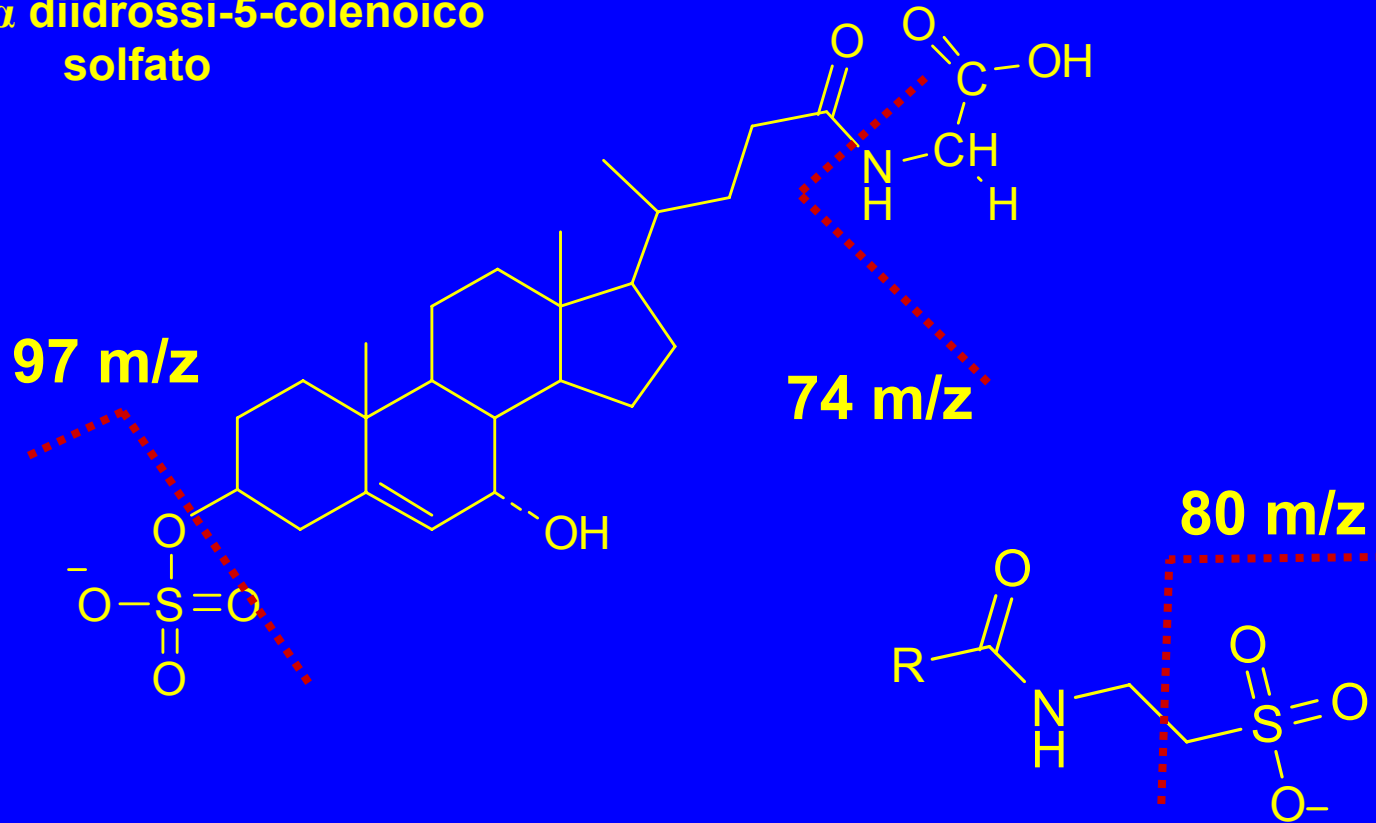


# Separazione cromatografica degli acidi biliari in scansione



# IONI FRAMMENTO

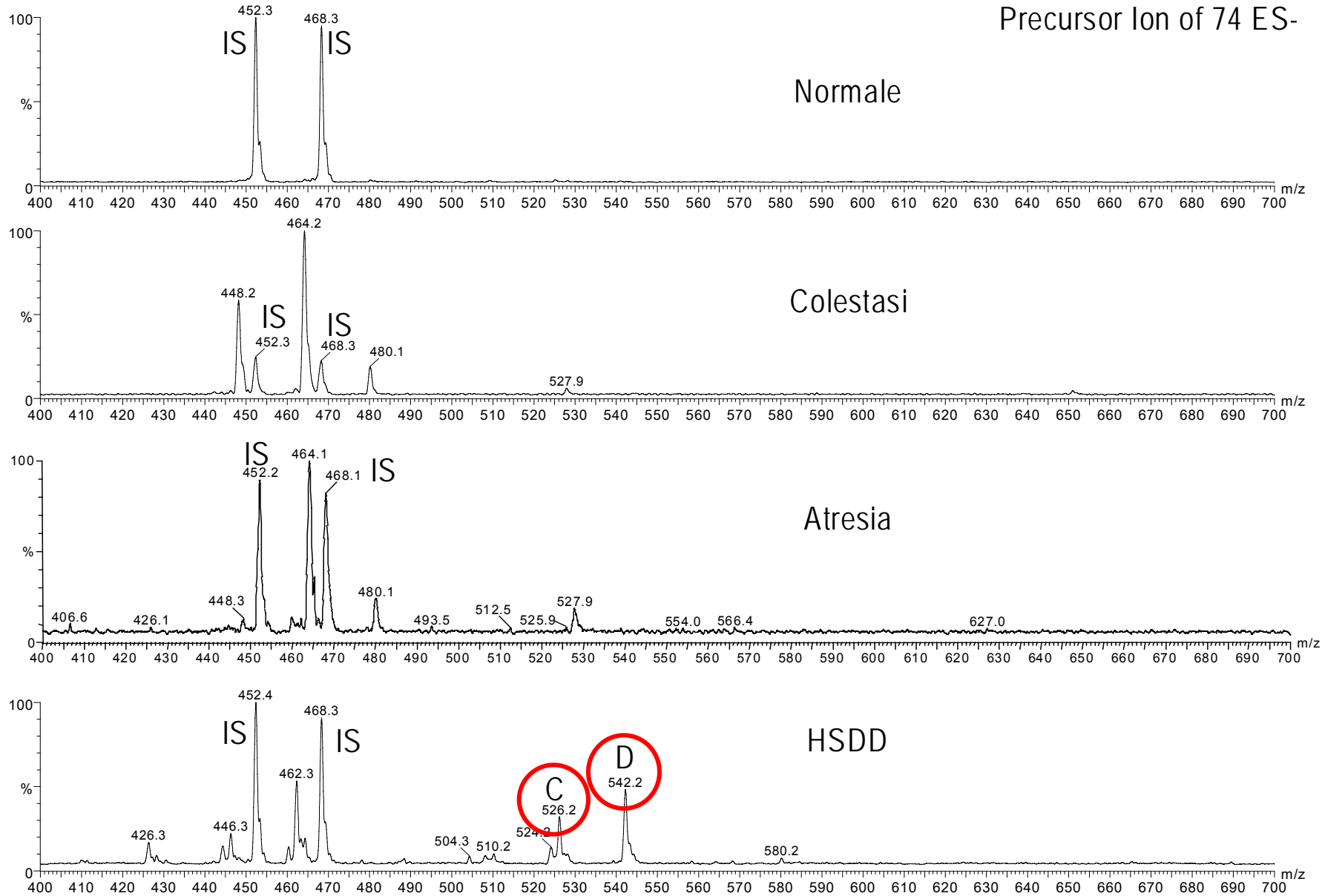
Glico 3 $\beta$ ,7 $\alpha$  diidrossi-5-colenoico solfato



Tauro 3 $\beta$ ,7 $\alpha$  diidrossi-5-colenoico

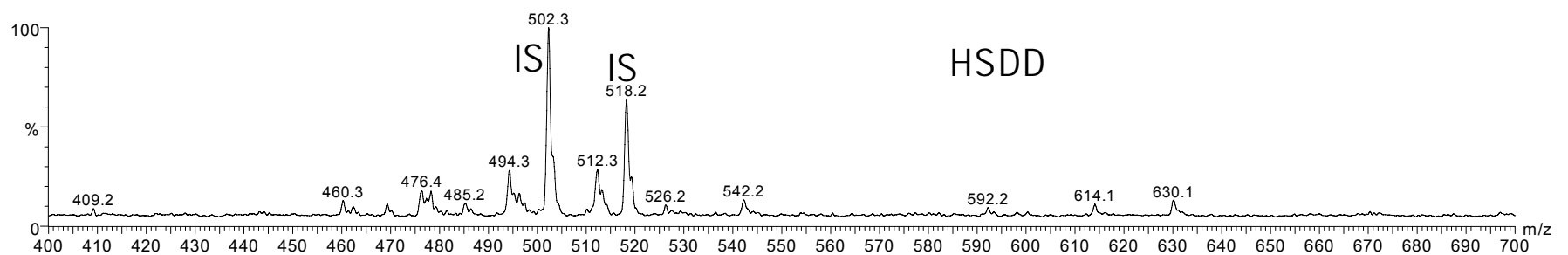
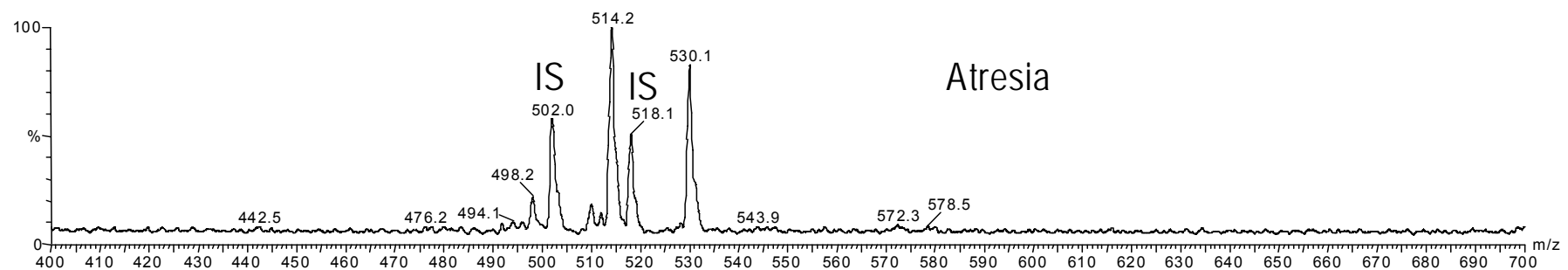
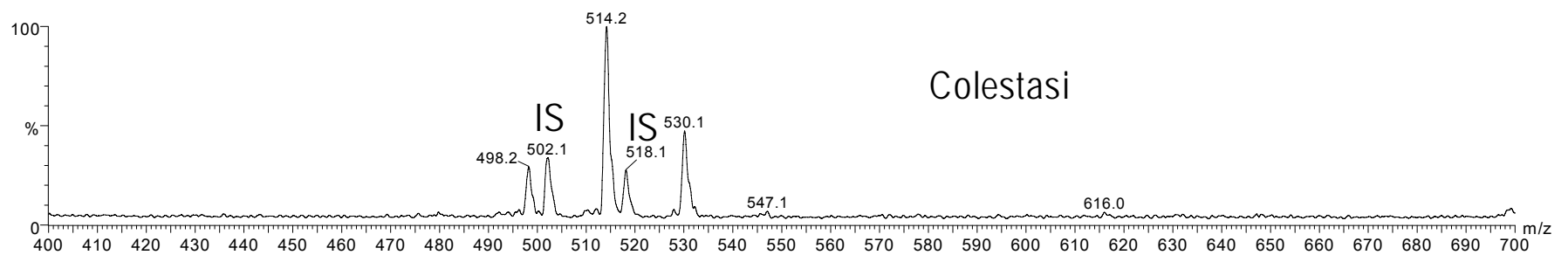
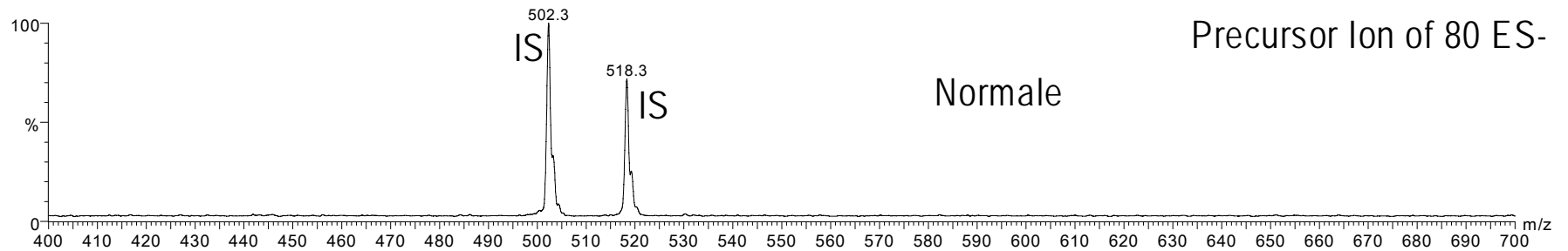
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Precursor Ion of 74 ES-

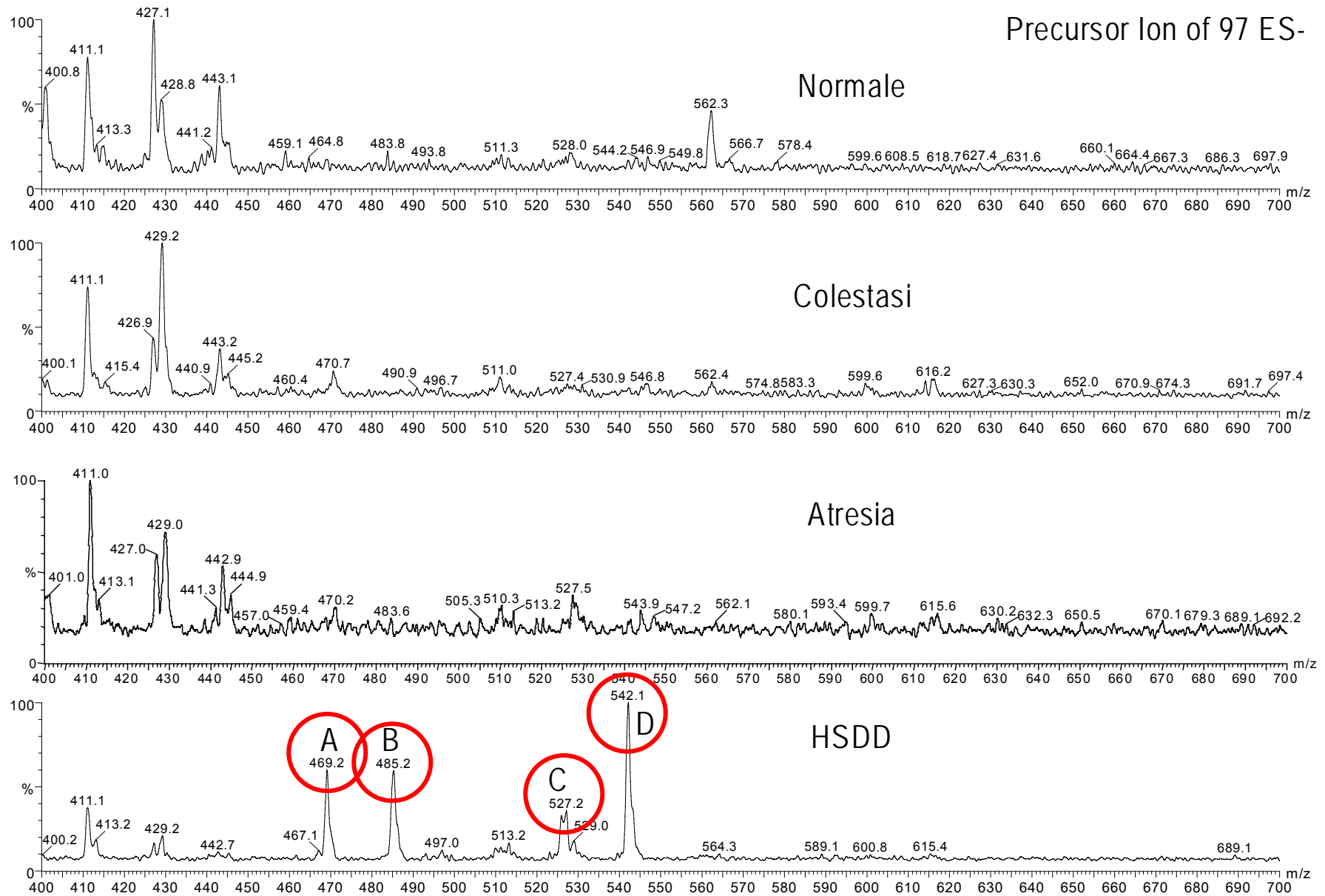


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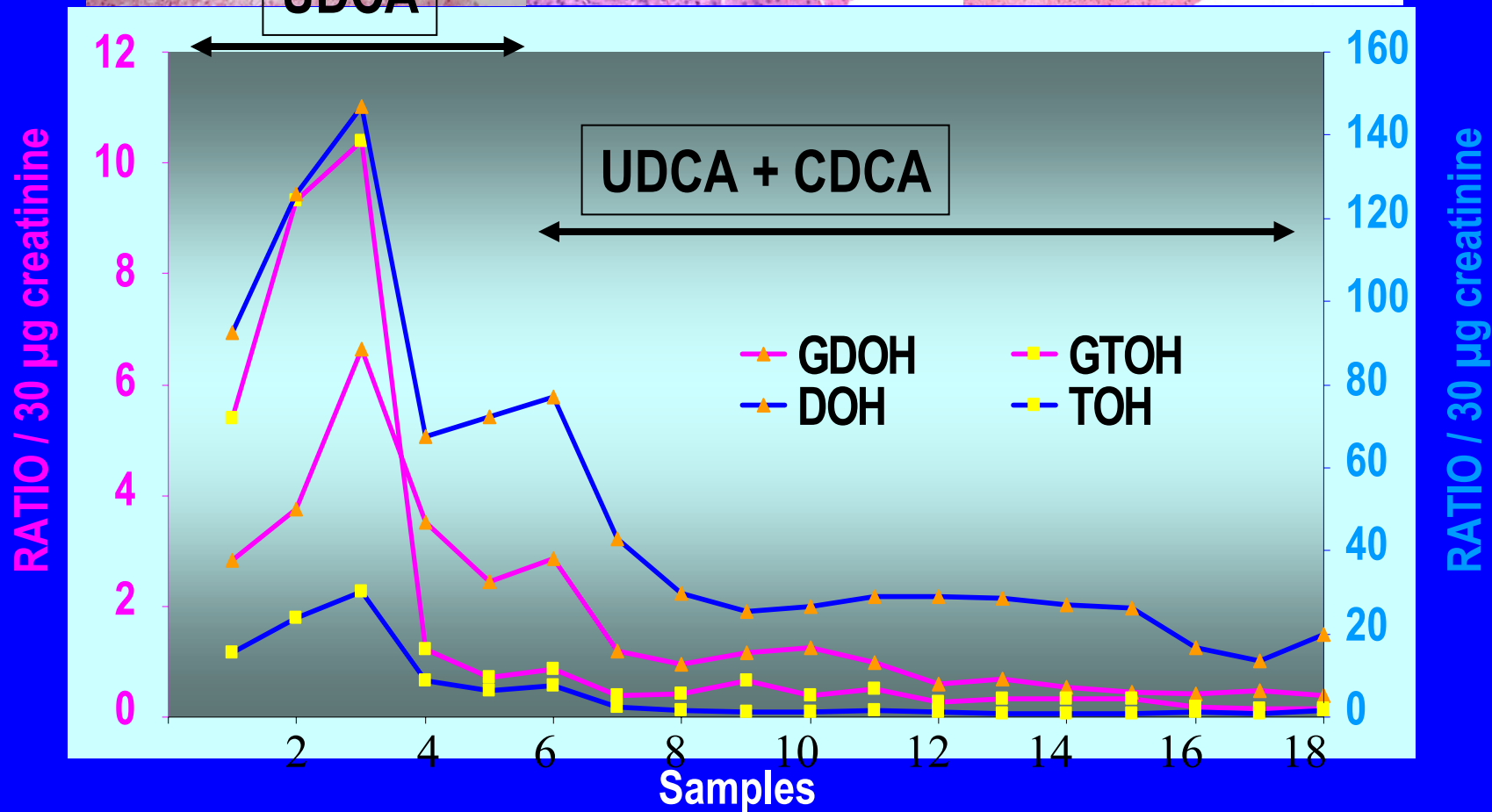
Precursor Ion of 80 ES-



# Profilo degli acidi biliari coniugati con solfato in ES-MS/MS

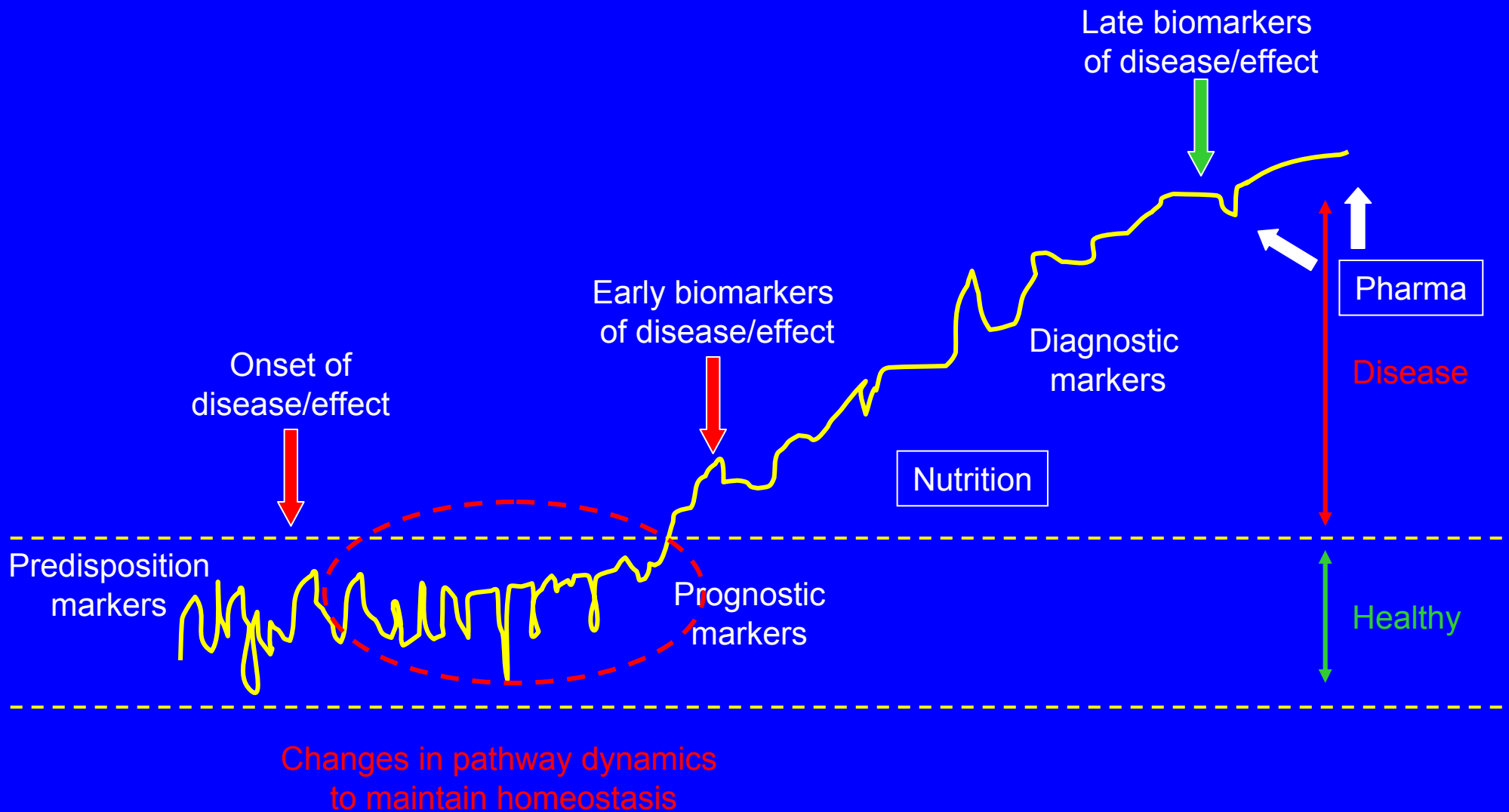


# Liver biopsy of the first patient



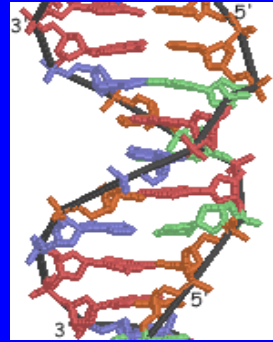


# Scheme of development of disease from healthy



# Biochemical Context of Genomics and Proteomics

DNA



Genomics – 25,000 Gene



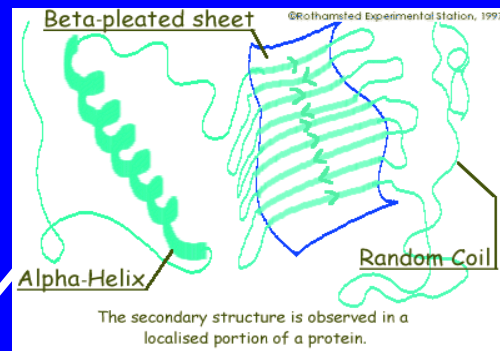
RNA



Transcriptomics – 100,000 Transcripts



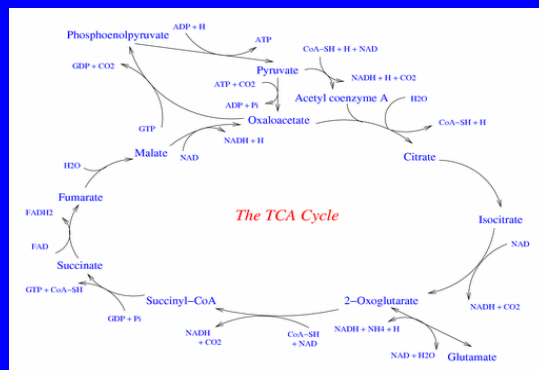
Protein



Proteomics – 1,000,000 Proteins



Biochemicals  
(Metabolites)



Metabolomics – 2,400 Compounds

# Metabolomics

## **METABOLOMICS**

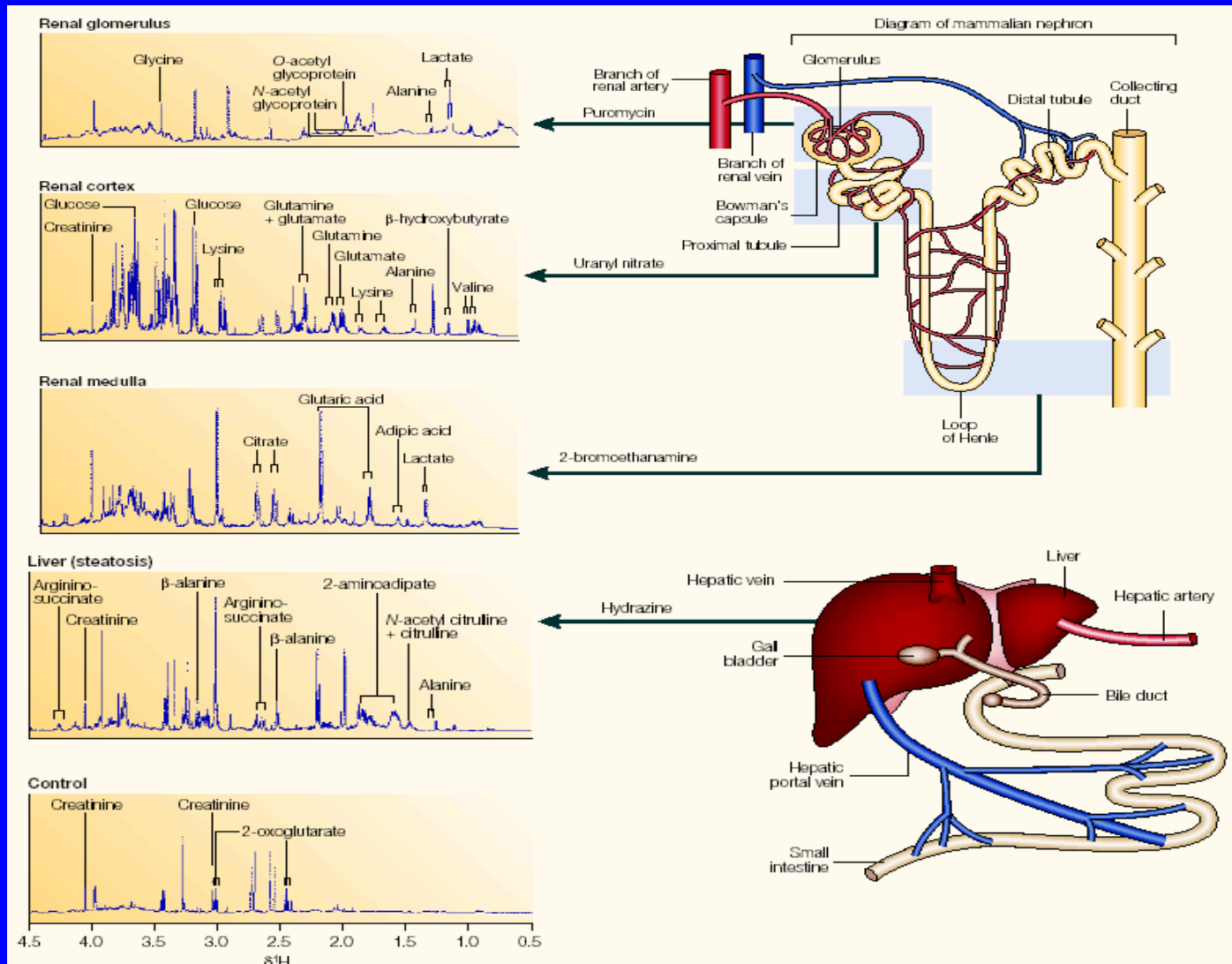
**THE MEASUREMENT OF METABOLITE CONCENTRATIONS AND FLUXES AND SECRETION IN CELLS AND TISSUES IN WHICH THERE IS A DIRECT CONNECTION BETWEEN THE GENETIC ACTIVITY (GENE EXPRESSION), PROTEIN ACTIVITY (PROTEOME) AND THE METABOLIC ACTIVITY ITSELF.**

## **METABONOMICS**

**THE QUANTITATIVE MEASUREMENT OF THE MULTIVARIATE METABOLIC RESPONSES OF MULTICELLULAR SYSTEMS TO PATHOPHYSIOLOGICAL STIMULI OR GENETIC MODIFICATION. AN APPROACH TO UNDERSTANDING GLOBAL METABOLIC REGULATION OF ORGANISM AND ITS COMMENSAL AND SYMBIOTIC PARTNERS.**

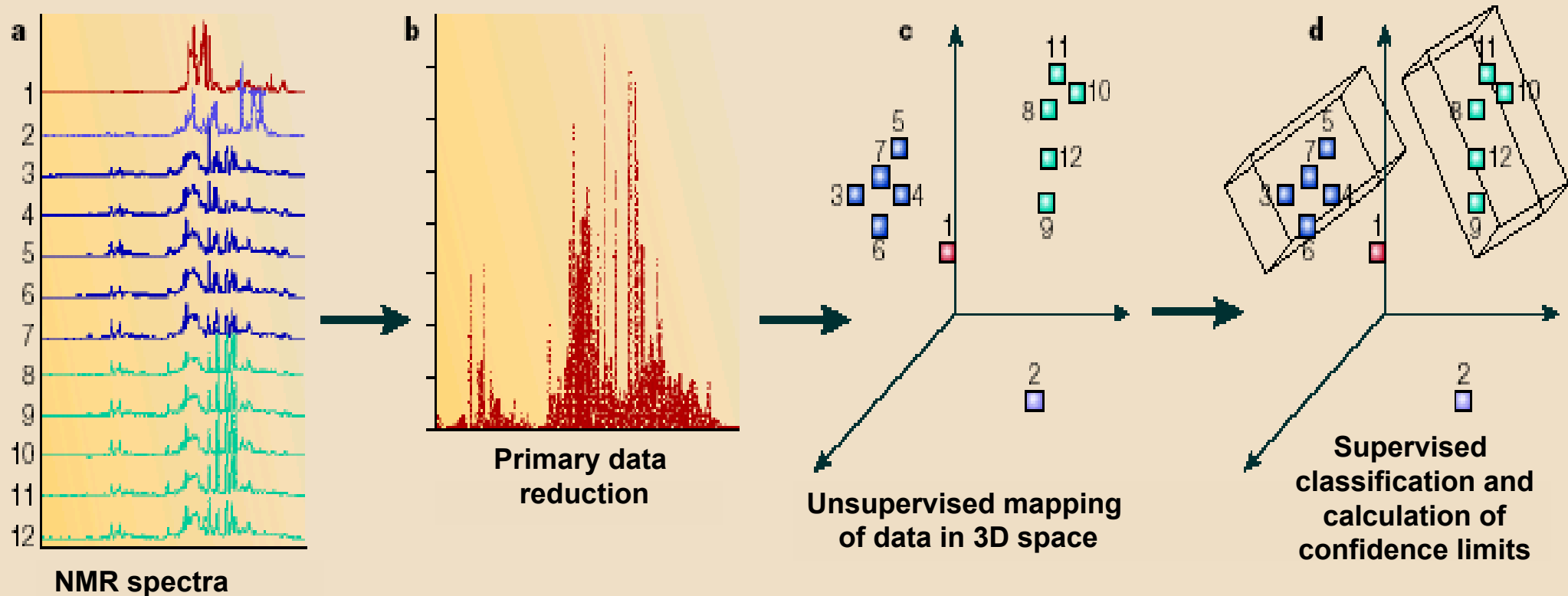
**Ref.: Nicholson J. K. et al., 2002, *Nature Reviews* 1: 153-161.**

# METABONOMIC DETECTION OF LIVER AND KIDNEY TOXICITY



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# IMPORTANT TECHNIQUES AND PROCEDURES IN METABONOMICS



# Conclusions

- **LC-MS/MS has great potential for a clinical laboratory and as analytical engine for metabonomics (complementary to NMR)**
- **Chromatography is often necessary for these kind of experiments due to the large number of endogenous components present in biological fluids**
- **Data interpretation is an important part of the process and this maybe a “real bottleneck”**
- **Biomarkers may be identified by Exact Mass and MS/MS analysis together with NMR**
- **Rapid simple transfer of methodology from discovery to high throughput analysis using LC-MS/MS**