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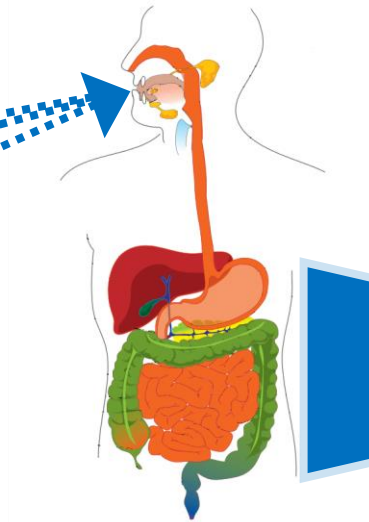
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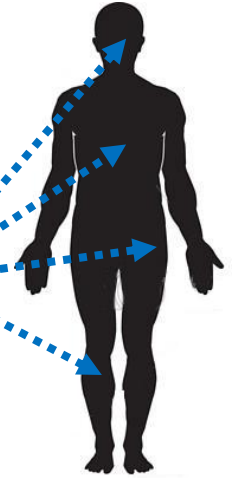
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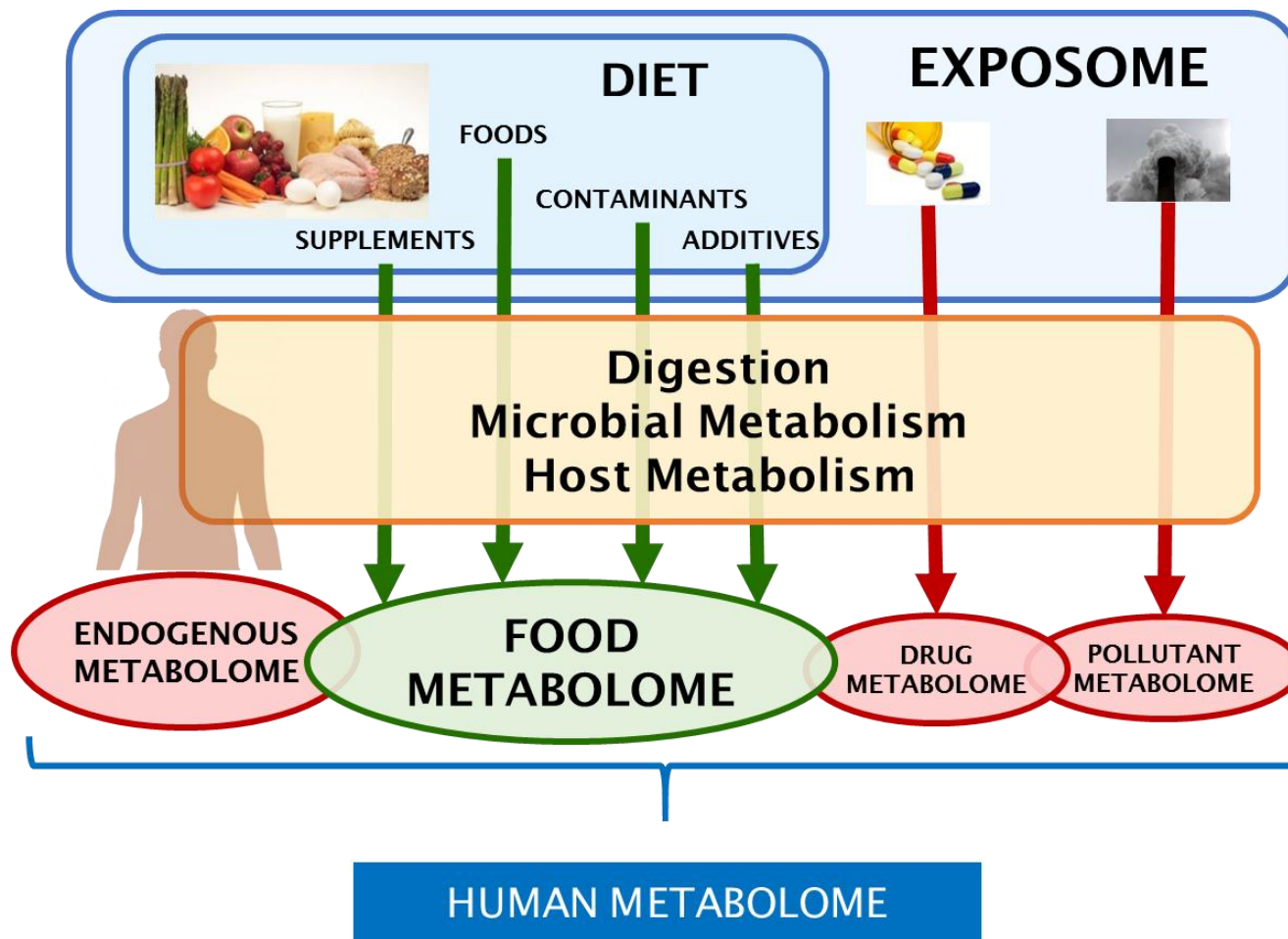
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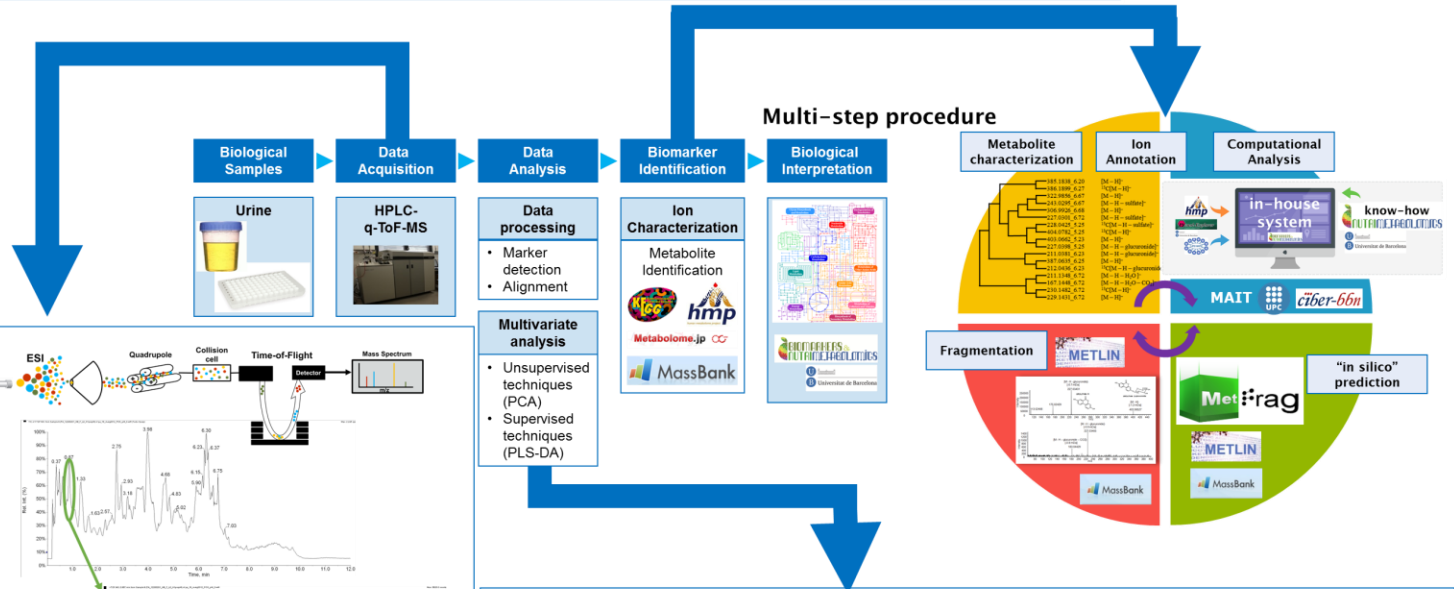


## The food metabolome: a window over dietary exposure<sup>1-3</sup>

Augustin Scalbert, Lorraine Brennan, Claudine Manach, Cristina Andres-Lacueva, Lars O Dragsted, John Draper, Stephen M Rappaport, Justin JJ van der Hoof, and David S Wishart

The main aim of this work was to contribute to the identification of biomarkers related to food ingestion (biomarkers of intake), as well as their potential association with health (biomarkers of effect) through the application of an untargeted HPLC-q-ToF-MS metabolomic approach in nutritional studies with different designs.

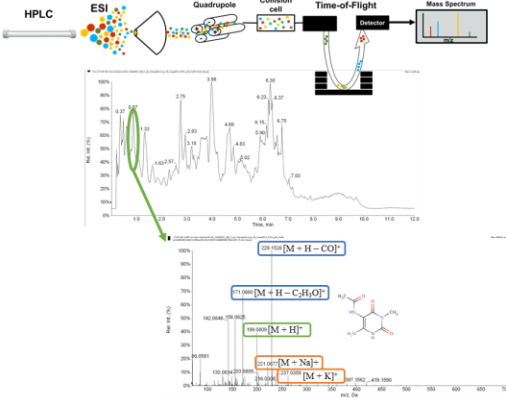
# HPLC-q-ToF-MS UNTARGETED METABOLOMIC ANALYSIS



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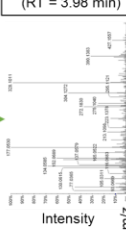
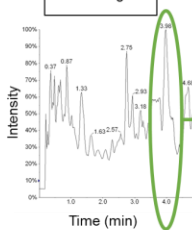


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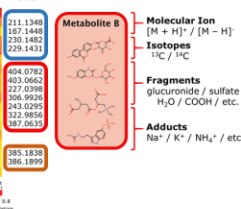


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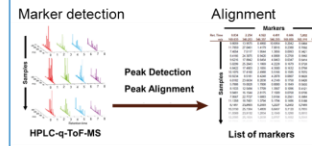
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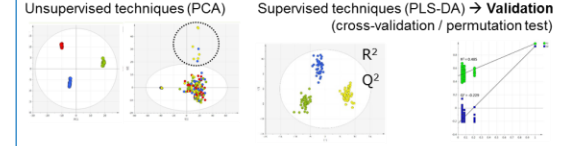
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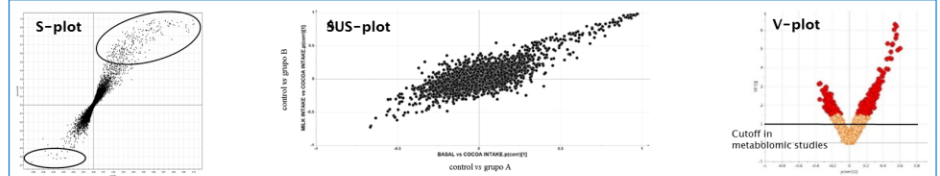
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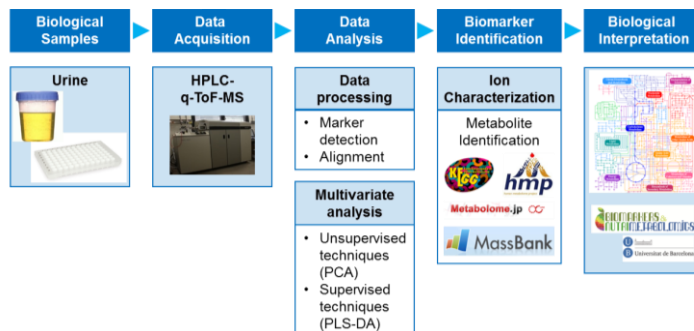
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## Visualization of metabolome results



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Methodological aspects for metabolome visualization and characterization  
A metabolomic evaluation of the 24 h evolution of human urine after  
cocoa powder consumption

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Research Article

**<sup>1</sup>H-NMR-based metabolomic analysis effect of moderate wine consumption subjects with cardiovascular risk factor**

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Peak Aggregation as an Innovative Strategy for Improving the Predictive Power of LC-MS Metabolomic Profiles

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Metabolomics Study of Human Urinary Metabolome Modifications After Intake of Almond (*Prunus dulcis* (Mill.) D.A. Webb) Skin Polyphenols

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Nutritional  
Intervention



Consumption  
Stratification



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## OBSERVATIONAL STUDY

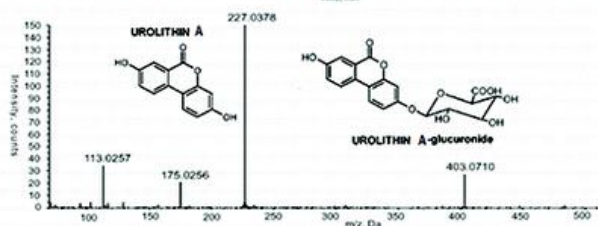
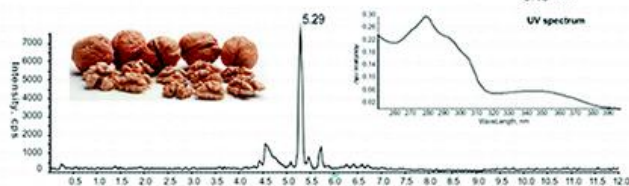
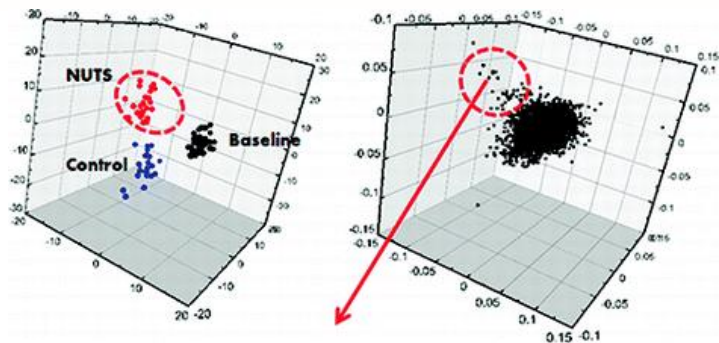
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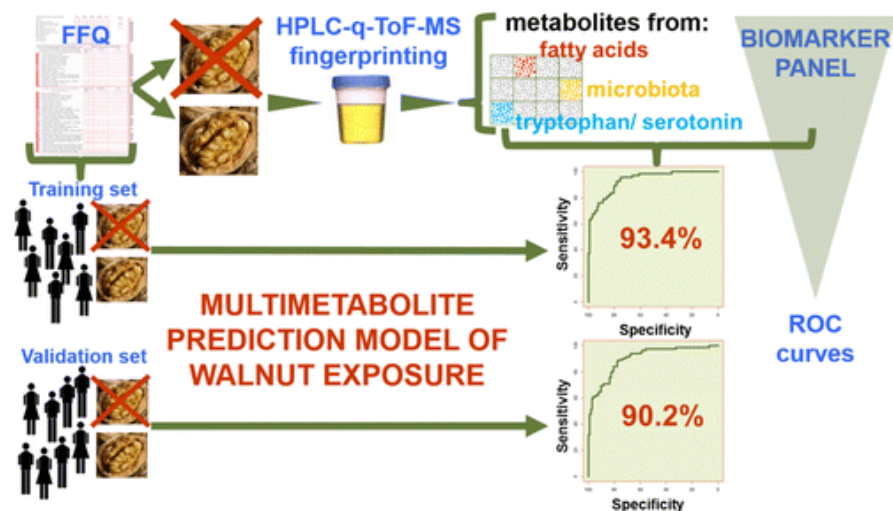
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## INTERVENTION STUDY



RANDOMIZATION

INTERVENTION PERIOD

(12 weeks)

W0

W12

n = 20

**CONTROL GROUP**

n = 22

**NUTS GROUP**



## OBSERVATIONAL STUDY

AGL2009-13906-C02-01



**PREDIMED COHORT**  
(n=7447)

*Predimed*  
Prevenció con Dieta Mediterránea



Subsample 1 (n=275)

[cross-sectional analysis]



Subsample 2 (n=327)

[cross-sectional analysis]

WALNUT consumption stratification

Excluded  
(n=80)Excluded  
(n=141)

**Non-consumers**  
(n=128)



**Habitual consumers**  
(n=67)



**Non-consumers**  
(n=104)



**Habitual consumers**  
(n=82)





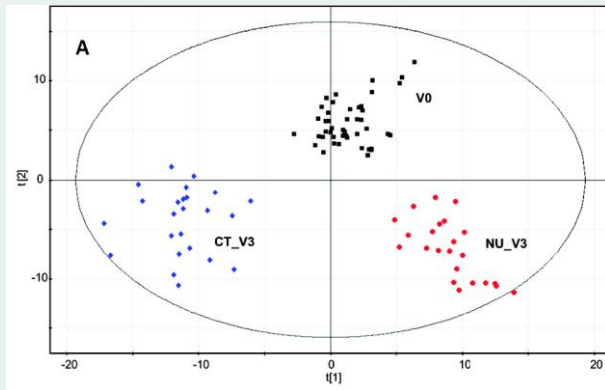
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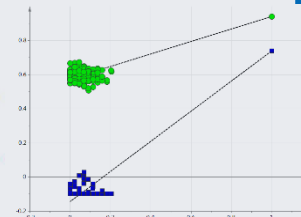
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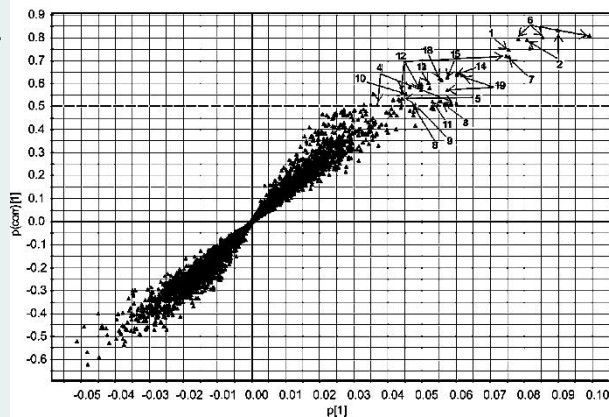
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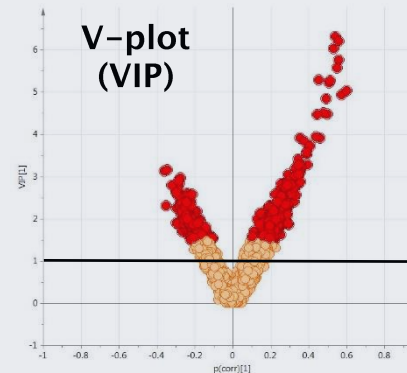
### Permutation test



### S-plot



### V-plot (VIP)





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## INTERVENTION STUDY

RT (min)	DETECTED MASS (m/z)	ASSIGNATION	IDENTIFICATION
4.80	257.0085	[M - H] <sup>-</sup>	10-Hydroxy-decene-4,6-dienoic acid sulfate
	177.0545	[M - H - sulfate] <sup>-</sup>	
6.25	385.1844	[M - H] <sup>-</sup>	Tridecadienoic/tridecynoic acid glucuronide
	386.1880	<sup>13</sup> C[M - H] <sup>-</sup>	
	387.2011	[M + H] <sup>+</sup>	
	211.1688	[M + H - GlcA] <sup>+</sup>	
	193.1576	[M + H - GlcA - H <sub>2</sub> O] <sup>+</sup>	
6.72	229.1403	[M - H] <sup>-</sup>	Dodecanedioic acid
	230.1441	<sup>13</sup> C[M - H] <sup>-</sup>	
	211.1314	[M - H - H <sub>2</sub> O] <sup>-</sup>	
	167.1433	[M - H - H <sub>2</sub> O - CO <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	
2.55	204.9827	[M - H] <sup>-</sup>	Pyrogallol sulfate
	233.0118	[HSO <sub>3</sub> - H] <sup>-</sup>	
5.10	325.0890	[M - H] <sup>-</sup>	<i>p</i> -Coumaryl alcohol glucuronide
	326.0987	<sup>13</sup> C[M - H] <sup>-</sup>	
5.28	403.0627	[M - H] <sup>-</sup>	Urolithin A glucuronide
	404.0654	<sup>13</sup> C[M - H] <sup>-</sup>	
	227.0357	[M - H - GlcA] <sup>-</sup>	
	405.0817	[M + H] <sup>+</sup>	
	229.0495	[M + H - GlcA] <sup>+</sup>	
5.30	483.0195	[M - H] <sup>-</sup>	Urolithin A sulfoglucuronide
6.55	229.0197	[M - H] <sup>-</sup>	<i>p</i> -Coumaryl alcohol sulfate
	230.0221	<sup>13</sup> C[M - H] <sup>-</sup>	
	149.0615	[M - H - sulfate] <sup>-</sup>	
	150.0646	<sup>13</sup> C[M - H - sulfate] <sup>-</sup>	
6.75	306.9885	[M - H] <sup>-</sup>	Urolithin A sulfate
4.30	297.0560	[M - H] <sup>-</sup>	<i>N</i> -Acetylserotonin sulfate
4.62	190.0505	[M - H] <sup>-</sup>	Hydroxyindoleacetic acid
	146.0614	[M - H - CO <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	
	192.0648	[M + H] <sup>+</sup>	
	174.0539	[M + H - H <sub>2</sub> O] <sup>+</sup>	
	146.0592	[M + H - CH <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	

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6.20	385.1838	[M - H] <sup>-</sup>	Tridecadienoic/tridecynoic acid glucuronide
	386.1899	<sup>13</sup> C[M - H] <sup>-</sup>	
	387.1995	[M + H] <sup>+</sup>	
	388.2035	<sup>13</sup> C[M + H] <sup>+</sup>	
	211.1668	[M + H - GlcA] <sup>+</sup>	
5.22	419.0618	[M - H] <sup>-</sup>	Urolithin C glucuronide
5.25	403.0662	[M - H] <sup>-</sup>	Urolithin A glucuronide
	404.0677	<sup>13</sup> C[M - H] <sup>-</sup>	
	227.0398	[M - H - GlcA] <sup>-</sup>	
	228.0425	<sup>13</sup> C[M - H - GlcA] <sup>-</sup>	
	405.0830	[M + H] <sup>+</sup>	
	422.1100	[M + NH <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	
229.0490	[M + H - GlcA] <sup>+</sup>		
5.35	483.0227	[M - H] <sup>-</sup>	Urolithin A sulfoglucuronide
6.25	387.0770	[M - H] <sup>-</sup>	Urolithin B glucuronide
	211.0381	[M - H - GlcA] <sup>-</sup>	
	212.0436	<sup>13</sup> C[M - H - GlcA] <sup>-</sup>	
	389.0864	[M + H] <sup>+</sup>	
	213.0534	[M + H - GlcA] <sup>+</sup>	
6.34	473.1491	[M - H] <sup>-</sup>	Enterolactone glucuronide
	474.1525	<sup>13</sup> C[M - H] <sup>-</sup>	
	297.1127	[M - H - GlcA] <sup>-</sup>	
	492.1842	[M + NH <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	
6.67	243.0295	[M - H - sulfate] <sup>-</sup>	Urolithin C sulfate
6.72	306.9915	[M - H] <sup>-</sup>	Urolithin A sulfate
	227.0348	[M - H - sulfate] <sup>-</sup>	
3.23	336.0751	[M - H] <sup>-</sup>	3-Indolecarboxylic acid glucuronide
	338.0854	[M + H] <sup>+</sup>	
3.83	270.0081	[M - H] <sup>-</sup>	Hydroxyindoleacetic acid sulfate
4.20	297.0561	[M - H] <sup>-</sup>	<i>N</i> -Acetylserotonin sulfate

Introduction

Objective

Methodology

Results

Conclusions



# COCOA

DIETARY INTERVENTION

OBSERVATIONAL EPIDEMIOLOGY



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## Acute Intervention Study

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

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## Observational Study

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Metabolomic analysis



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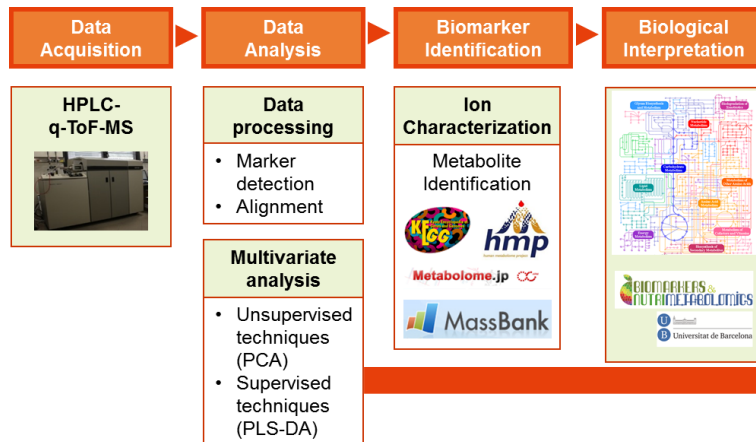
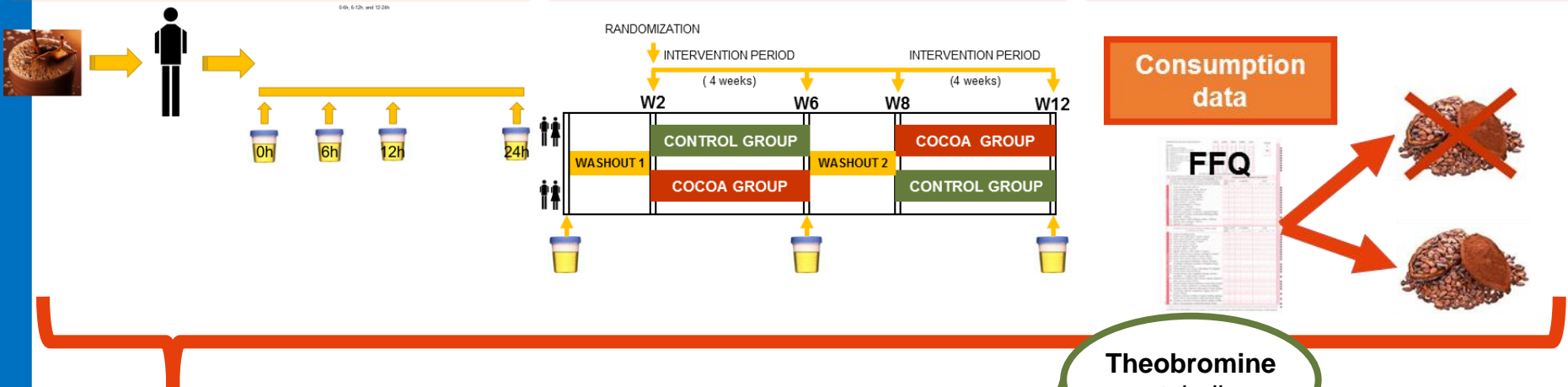


# COCOA

## ACUTE INTERVENTION

## CHRONIC INTERVENTION

## OBSERVATIONAL STUDY



Theobromine  
metabolism

Polyphenol  
metabolism

Cocoa taste and  
flavour

Endogenous  
markers

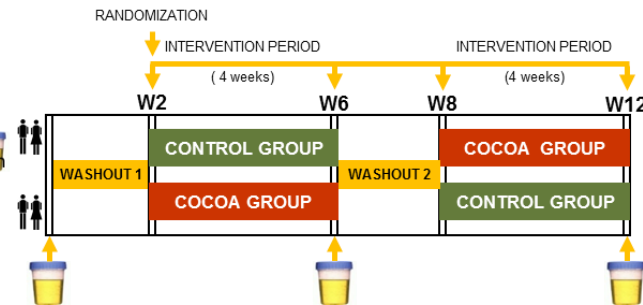


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## ACUTE INTERVENTION



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Consumption data

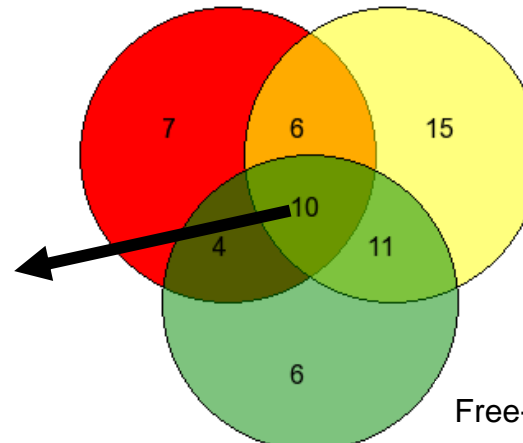


Acute Intervention

Long-term intervention

AMMU  
AMMU *isomer*  
3-Methyluric acid  
7-Metilxanthine  
3-Metilxanthine  
3,7-Dimethyluric acid  
Theobromine

## Theobromine Metabolism



Free-living population

Methoxyhydroxyphenylvalerolactone  
5-(3',4'-Dihydroxyphenyl)-valerolactone glucuronide  
5-(3',4'- Dihydroxyphenyl)-valerolactone sulfate

**Polyphenol metabolites produced by microbiota**



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## OBSERVATIONAL STUDY

*Predimed*  
Prevención con Dieta Mediterránea

AMMU

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3-Methyluric acid

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Theobromine

Methoxyhydroxyphenylvalerolactone

5-(3',4'-Dihydroxyphenyl)-valerolactone GlcA

5-(3',4'- Dihydroxyphenyl)-valerolactone sulfate

88.18% (79.47%-96.90%)

76.66% (65.05%-88.27%)

82.23% (71.23%-93.22%)

88.28% (80.09%-96.48%)

85.16% (75.59%-94.72%)

83.59% (73.28%-93.91%)

69.82% (56.45%-83.20%)

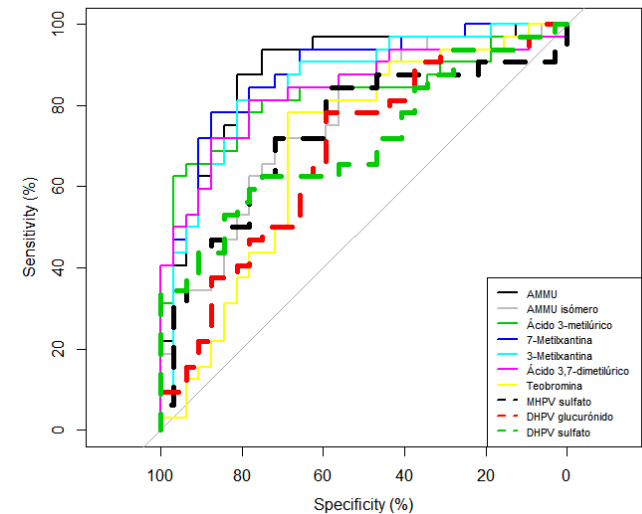
73.44% (60.63%-86.24%)

68.26% (55.02%-81.51%)

71.09% (58.27%-83.92%)

### AUCs

### ROC



90%-100% = excellent; **80%-90% = good**; 70%-80% = fair; 60%-70% = poor; y 50%-60% = fail



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## MULTIMETABOLITE COMBINED MODELS

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### STEPWISE LOGISTIC REGRESSION

#### TRAINING SET

	Coefficient	Standard Error	<i>p</i>
AMMU			
AMMU isomer			
3-Methyluric acid			
7-Metilxanthine	5,563	1,899	0,003
3-Metilxanthine			
3,7-Dimethyluric acid			
Theobromine			
Methoxyhydroxyphenylvalerolactone			
5-(3',4'-Dihydroxyphenyl)-valerolactone GlcA	4,081	1,559	0,009
5-(3',4'- Dihydroxyphenyl)-valerolactone sulfate			





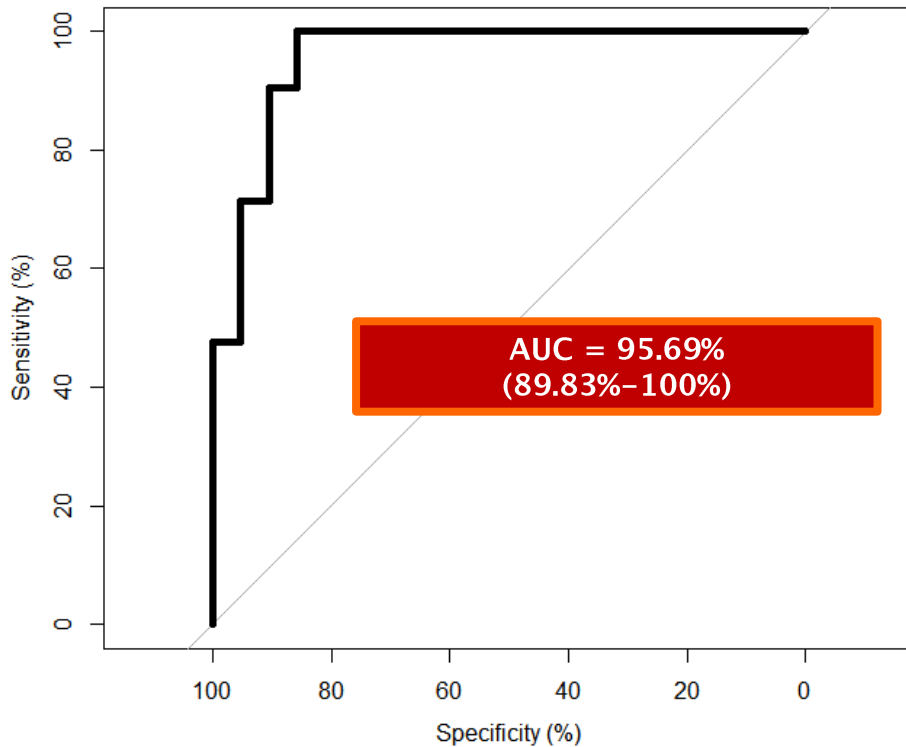
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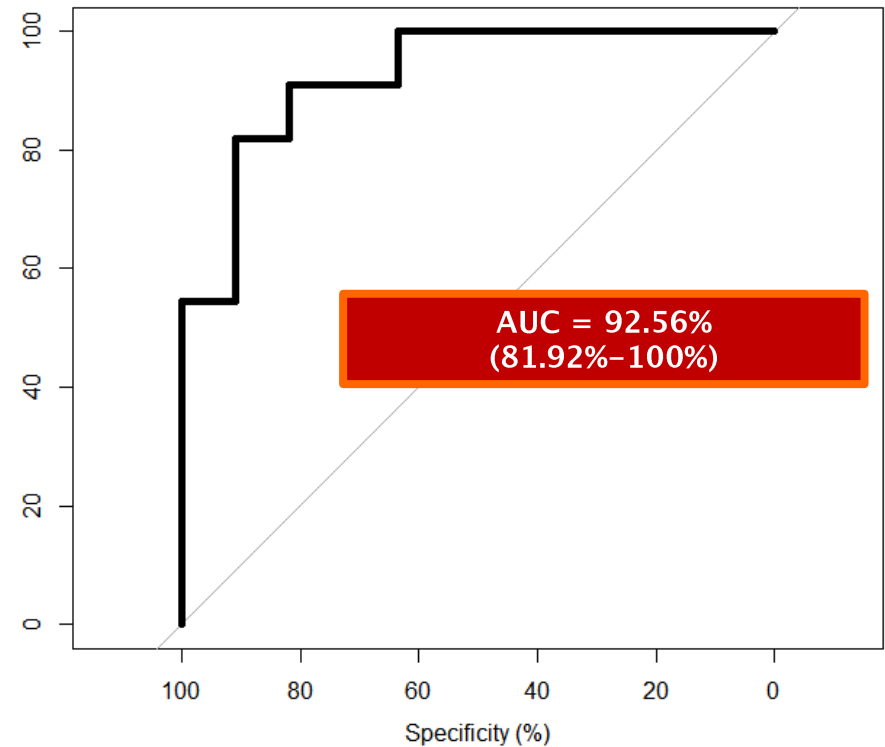
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### AUCs

#### TRAINING SET



#### VALIDATION SET



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- ✓ Diet-related differences in urinary metabolome are associated with food digestion, microbiota metabolism and endogenous metabolism.
- ✓ Discriminating metabolites of metabolic fingerprint were replicated among studies with different design.
- ✓ Multi-metabolite models are a more accurate measurement of food intake as nutritional biomarkers than individual compounds.
- ✓ Non-targeted metabolomics approach allows to access unexplored pathways that are affected by diet.

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