

## **LIPID MAPS Lipidomics Workshop**

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## Lipidomic Analysis of Phosphoglycerolipids H. Alex Brown

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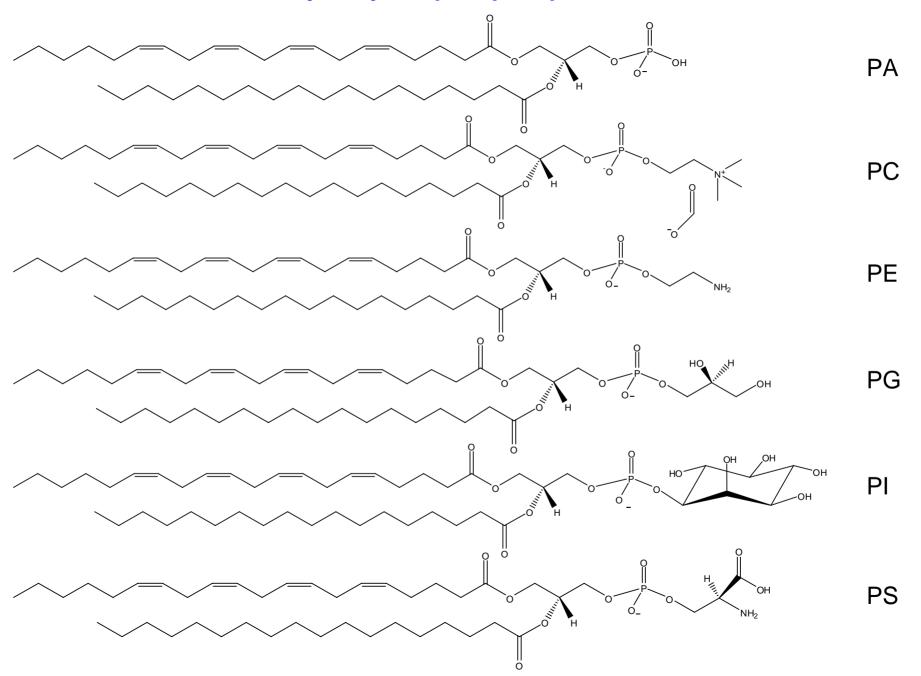
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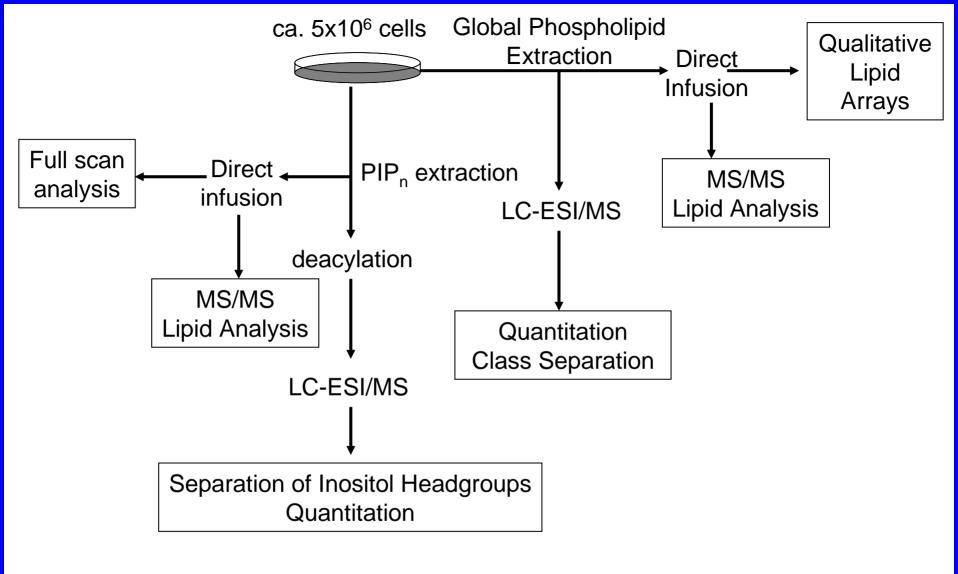
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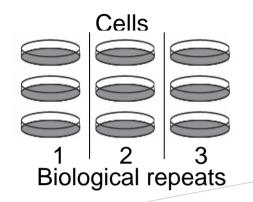
## **Overview**

- 1) Phospholipid Classes Analyzed
- 2) Extraction Protocol
- 3) LC/MS Analysis
- 4) Internal Standards and Standard Curves
- 5) MS/MS Identification of Lipids
- 6) Online Tools for Lipid Identification
- 7) Phospholipid References

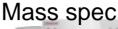
### **6 Major Glycerophospholipid Classes**



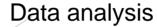














#### Direct inject pipeline



HAB lab analysis programs.

3 stds per mode (+,-)

Match peaks to ID list

Filter S/N>3

Deisotope (isotope
abundance corrections)



Stat analysis Powerful 3x3 design of reps for AnoVa

#### LC-MS pipeline



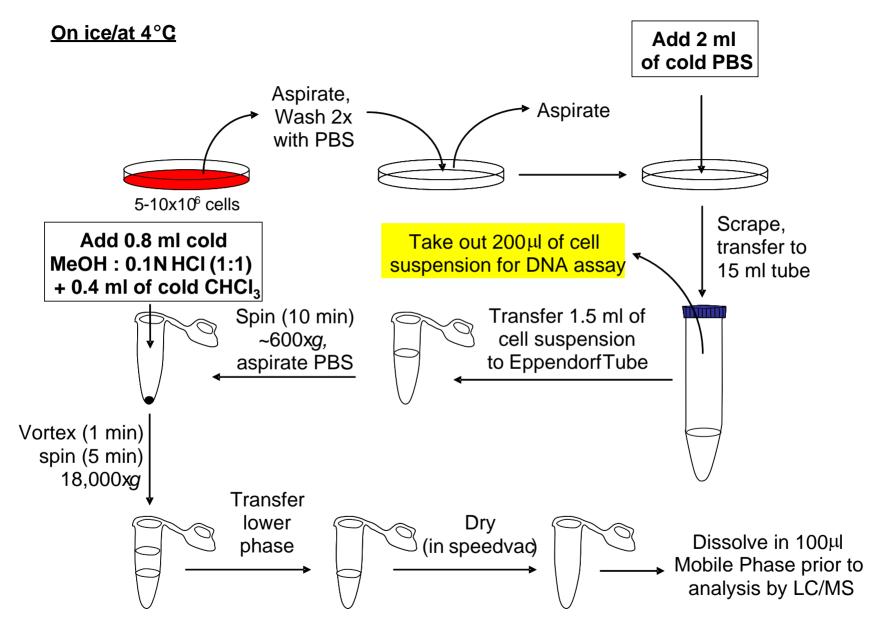


#### Open source converter

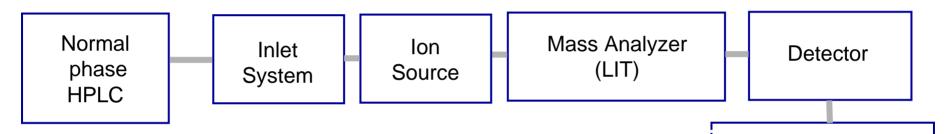
4 odd carbon standards per class.

Match peaks to ID list
Filter S/N>3
Deisotope
Apply nearest neighbor standard curve slope

### Mammalian Cell Glycerophospholipid Extraction Procedure



## Glycerophospholipid analysis by LC-MS/MS



#### **Species routinely analyzed:**

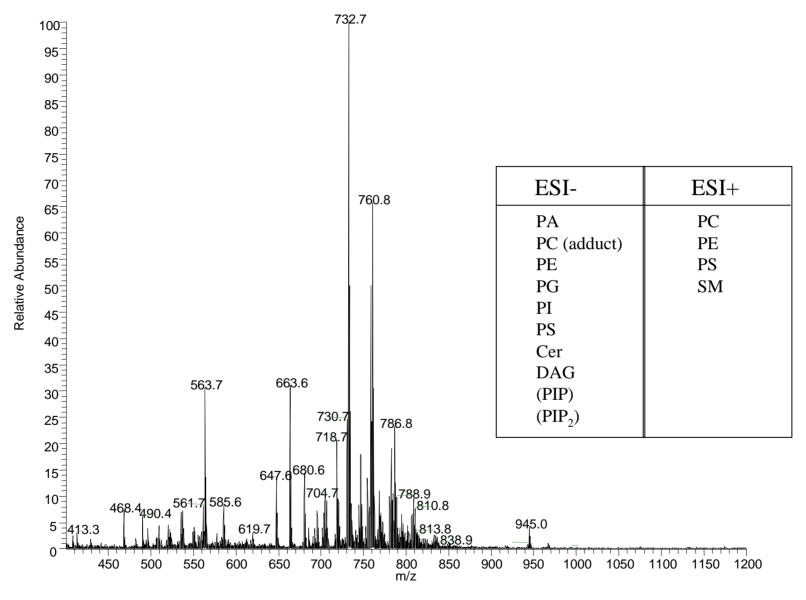
- ✓ Diacyl and plasmalogen PC, LPC
- ✓ Diacyl and plasmalogen PE, LPE
- √PG, LPG
- ✓PI,LPI
- ✓PS,LPS
- ✓PA, LPA
- ✓ PIP, PIP<sub>2</sub>
- √SM

#### **Brown & coworkers**

PNAS (2001),
Mol.Pharm.(2004),
Mol.interventions (2004)
JLR (2005),
Methods (2006),
Meth. Enzymol. (2008)
Nature Chem Bio (2009)

Data System for quantitation with appropriate internal standards

### There are > 1000 Phospholipids in a mammalian cell



The majority fall in the 700 and 900 m/z range

### **Quantitation Via Direct Infusion MS Isn't Possible for Most Phospholipid Classes**

Every m/z between 700 and 900 has either a parent or isotopic peak from two or more lipid classes. As an example, lipids from 4 classes are present between m/z 758-762 in ESI- mode. When considering different fatty acid combinations, there are 28 different phospholipids present in this mass range. Quantitation in regions this complex isn't possible.

m/z	PC	PE	PG	PS
758		38:1e		34:2
759			35:2	
760				34:1
761			35:1	
762	32:1e (form)	38:6		34:0

## LC/MS Analysis of Phospholipids

Instrument Used: 4000 QTrap MS

Luna Silica Column, reconstituted to 100 uL, 20 uL injection, hexane, IPA, ammonium formate solvent system. 350 to 1200 *m/z* scan range

## **HPLC** parameters:

Phenomenex Luna Silica column 2 x 250 mm 5 micron

Mobile phase A: IPA:Hexane: 100 mM NH<sub>4</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H<sub>(aq)</sub> 58:40:2

Mobile phase B: IPA:Hexane: 100 mM NH<sub>4</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H<sub>(aq)</sub> 50:40:10

Flow rate: 300 uL/min

Initial %B 50

#### **Gradient program:**

Time	Even	t
0.01	Controller	Start
5.00	Pump B	50%
30.00	Pump B	100%
40.00	Pump B	100%
41.00	Pump B	50%
50.00	Controller	Stop

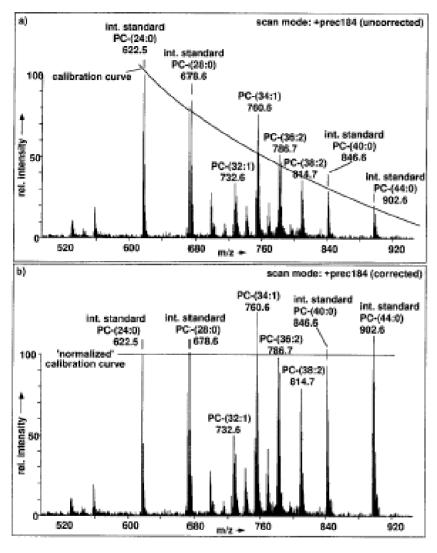


FIG. 7. An unprocessed total lipid extract of 5000 CHO cells containing equimolar amounts of PC-(24:0), -(28:0), -(40:0), and -(44:0) was analyzed by parent ion scanning for m/z 184. (a) Uncorrected ion intensities. The signal intensities of the internal standards were used for generation of the calibration plot insert. (b) Corrected ion intensities of the PC signals so that the monoisotopic signals represent the true molar abundances of the corresponding PC molecular species.

Standard Curves Should be Generated for as Many Analytes as Possible. Curves for Other Lipids can be Approximated from their Nearest Neighbors. At Least 2-4 Internal Standards per Class Should be Added to Every Sample.

Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA Vol. 94, pp. 2339–2344, March 1997 Cell Biology

Cell Biology: Brugger et al.

## Selection of internal standards

- It is essential to use IS with similar instrument response
- Use several IS for each class
  - Allows greater number of low abundance species to be detected and quantified at higher total PL concentration
  - Loosens the requirements for control the total PL concentration (low, to use fewer or 1 IS)
  - Helpful with peak assignments

## LIPID MAPS internal standard cocktail

4 Odd-Carbon different length FA standards are used

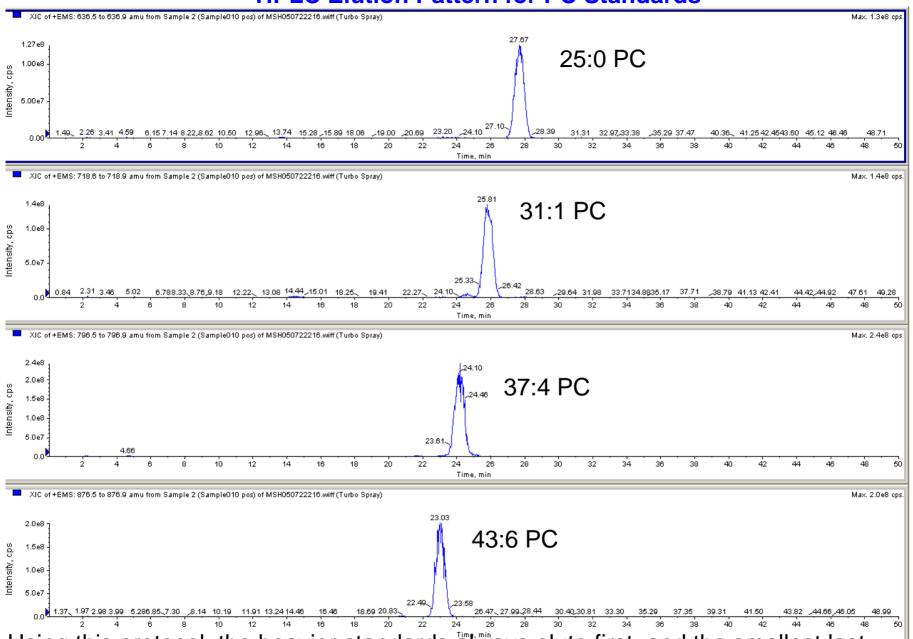
for each class, containing different number of

double bonds (25:0,31:1,37:4 and 43:6)

LIPID MAPS MS standards (available from Avanti Polar Lipids): 28 uncommon phospholipid species that are used to spike samples prior to analysis

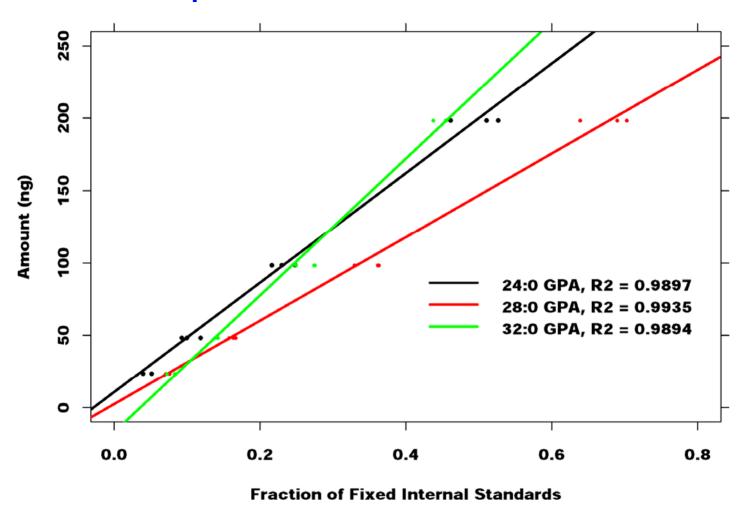
#### **Odd-Carbon PC Internal Standards**

#### **HPLC Elution Pattern for PC Standards**



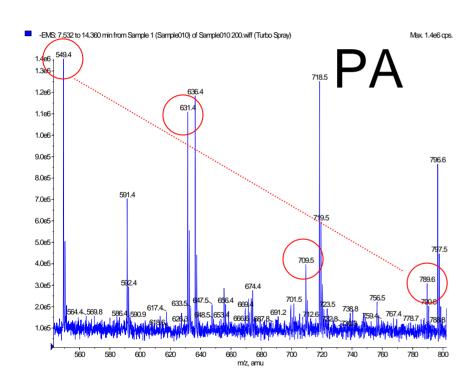
Using this protocol, the heavier standards always elute first, and the smallest last. Carbon number has greater impact on RT than does degree of unsaturation.

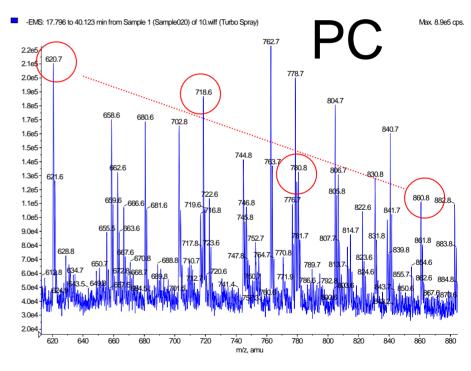
### **Example of 3 Saturated PA Standard Curves**



The above curves were generated using even carbon PA standards and fixed amounts of 4 odd-carbon PA internal standards.

## Use multiple odd internal standards per class (25:0, 31:1, 37:4, 43:6) covers the diversity of heterogenous, chemically defined space





## LC/MS analysis

- Elution Order of Phospholipid Classes:
   PG<PE<PI<PA<PS<<PC</li>
- Least Polar Most Polar
- Lyso Lipids Elute a Few Minutes After Diacyl Variants.

## Identification of Phospholipids by MS/MS Fragmentation

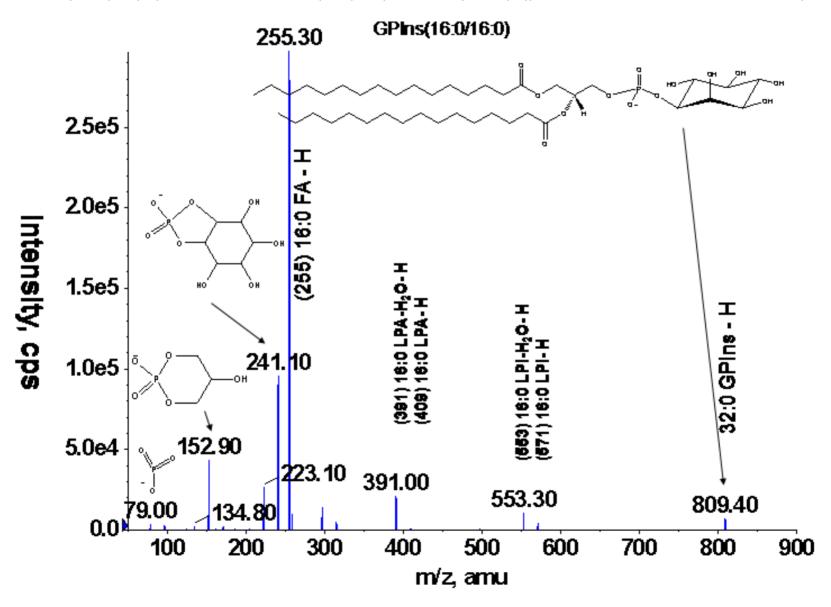
- 1) All six classes can be analyzed in ESI negative mode.
- 2) ESI negative mode is best for gathering structural information.
- 3) sn-1 and sn-2 fatty acid positions in mixtures of lipids can not be determined.
- 4) Each lipid class (except PA) has characteristic headgroup MS/MS fragments.

	Best Method for Detection	Characteristic Headgroup Fragments		
		ESI (-)	ESI (+)	
PA	ESI (-)	no unique fragments		
PC	ESI (+)	224 (PC detected as adduct with anion)	184	
PE	ESI (-)	196	NL 141	
PG	ESI (-)	227		
PI	ESI (-)	223, 241, 259, 297, 315		
PS	ESI (-)	NL 87	NL 185	

## Fragmentation of a PI(16:0/16:0) standard

-MS2 (809.00) CE (-60): 0.034 to 0.972 min from Sample 1 (809PI) of 809PI.wiff (Turbo Spray).

Max. 3.0e5 cps.



# Number of species quantified from a typical LC/MS scan

PA	PC(p) PE(p)	PG	PI	PS	<u>PThr</u>
18	51(15) 37(13)	18	16	31	3

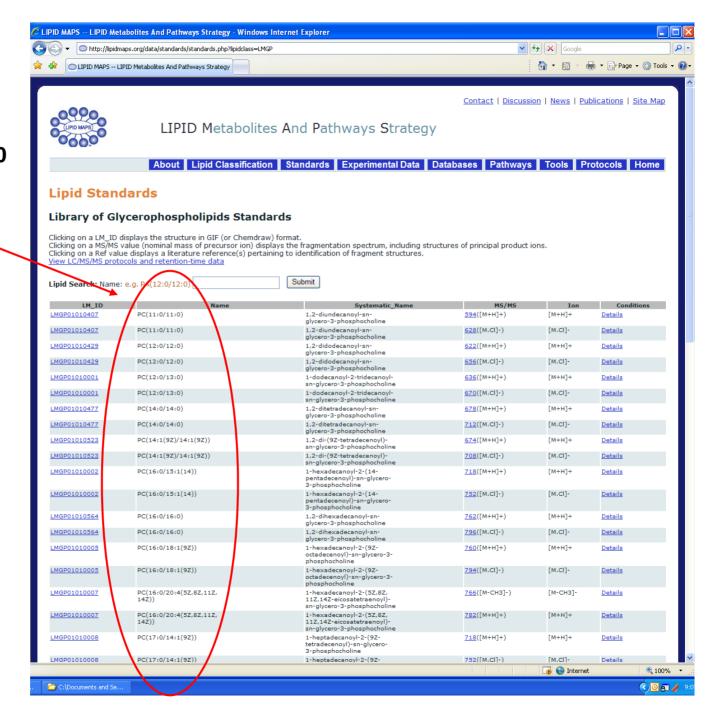
(e.g., total = 174 from this sample).

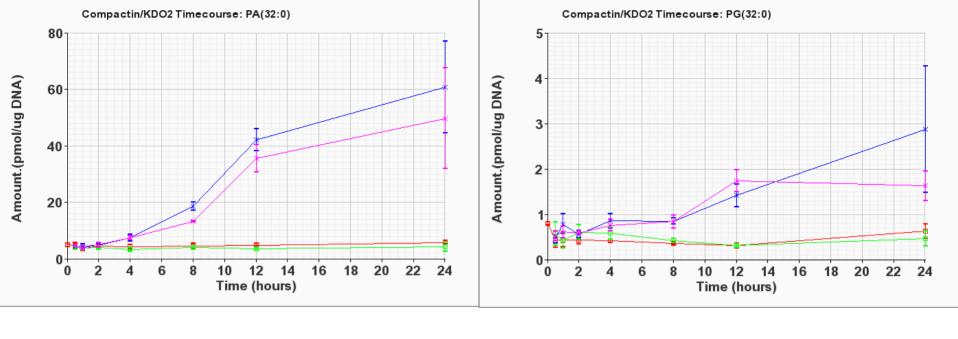
To date we have identified > 1200 species of GPL in macrophages (spectra and fragmentation available at

http://www.lipidmaps.org/ and publications available at http://www.alexbrownlab.org).

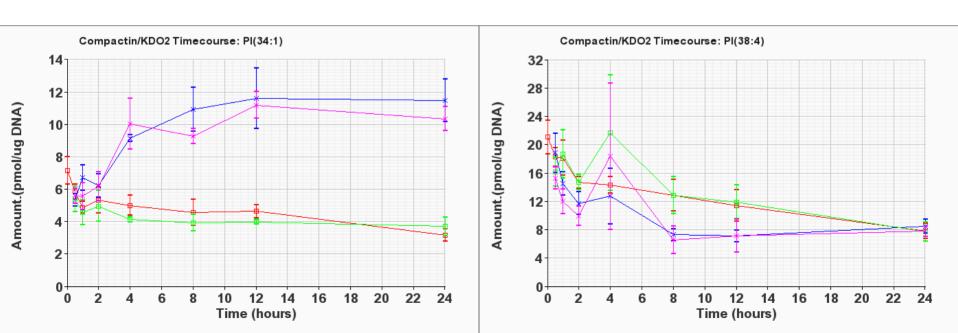
#### lipidmaps.org

## Standards for over 200 glycerophospholipids

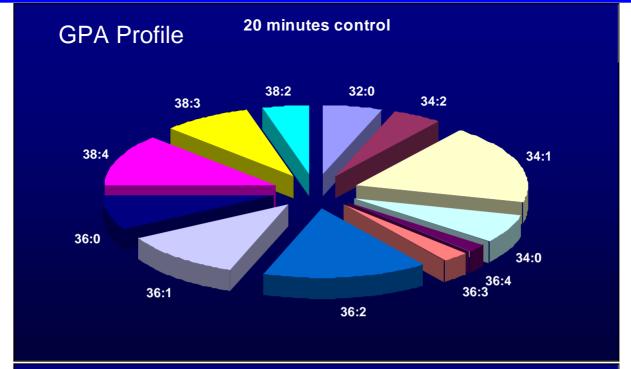


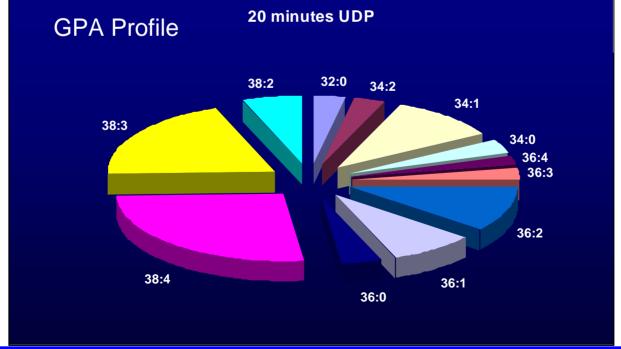


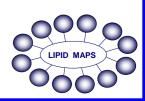
### KDO/Compactin experiments in RAW cells (ctrl kdo compactin kdo+compactin)



## **UDP**







## "Challenges and opportunities"

- Novel and Atypical lipids (e.g., ether PI) discovery.
- New MS based assay for PLD activity ( PtdBuOH measurements by deuterated BuOH transesterification).
- Define lipome of cells & organisms (e.g., viruses, bacteria, macrophages, tumors).
- Substrate-product relationships (signaling and metabolic networks).