Quantitative Metabolomics Facility at C-CAMP

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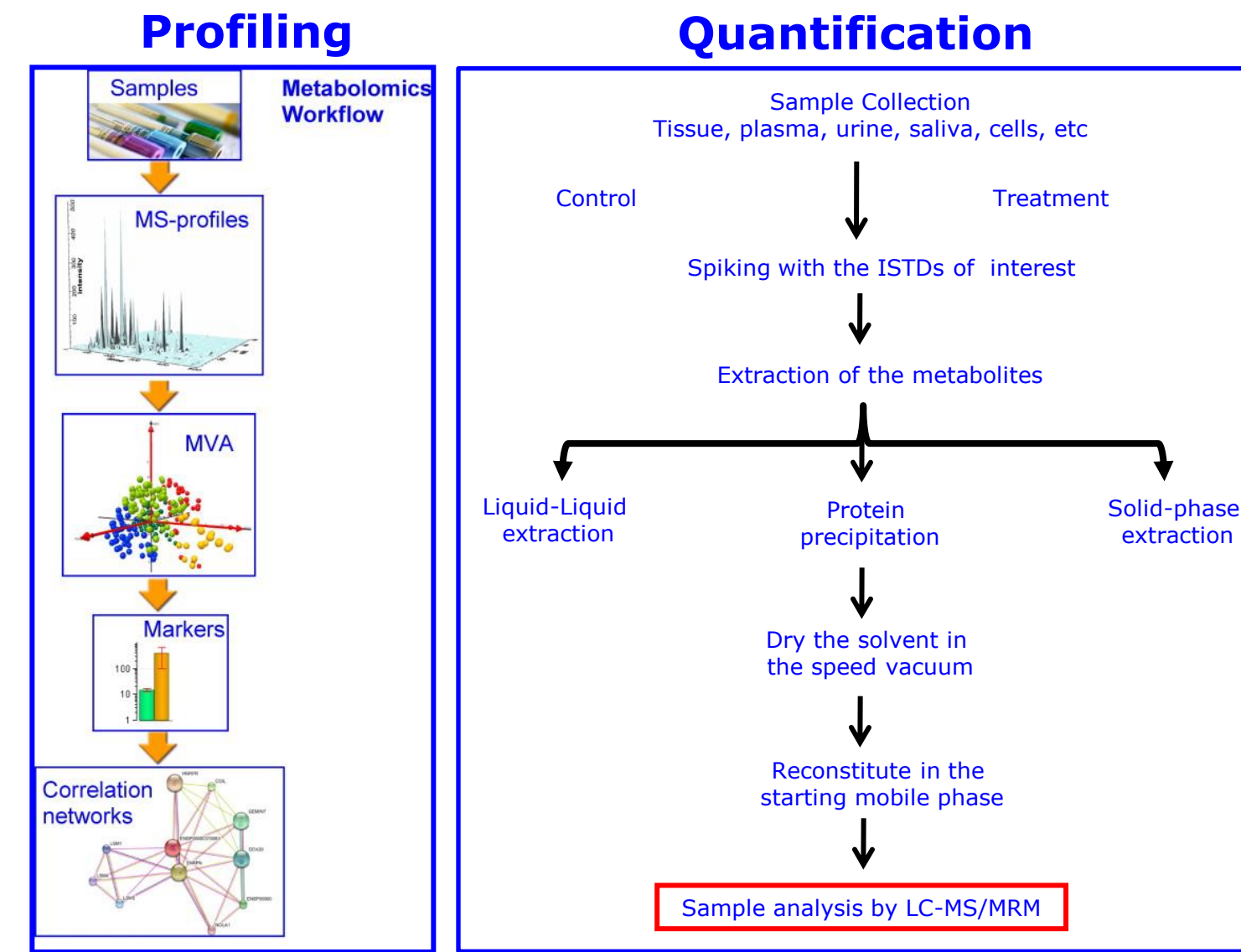
Introductions

Metabolomics:

Metabolomics is the "systematic study of the unique chemical fingerprints that specific cellular processes leave behind" or "Identification and quantification of the compounds (<1500 Da) in the metabolome".
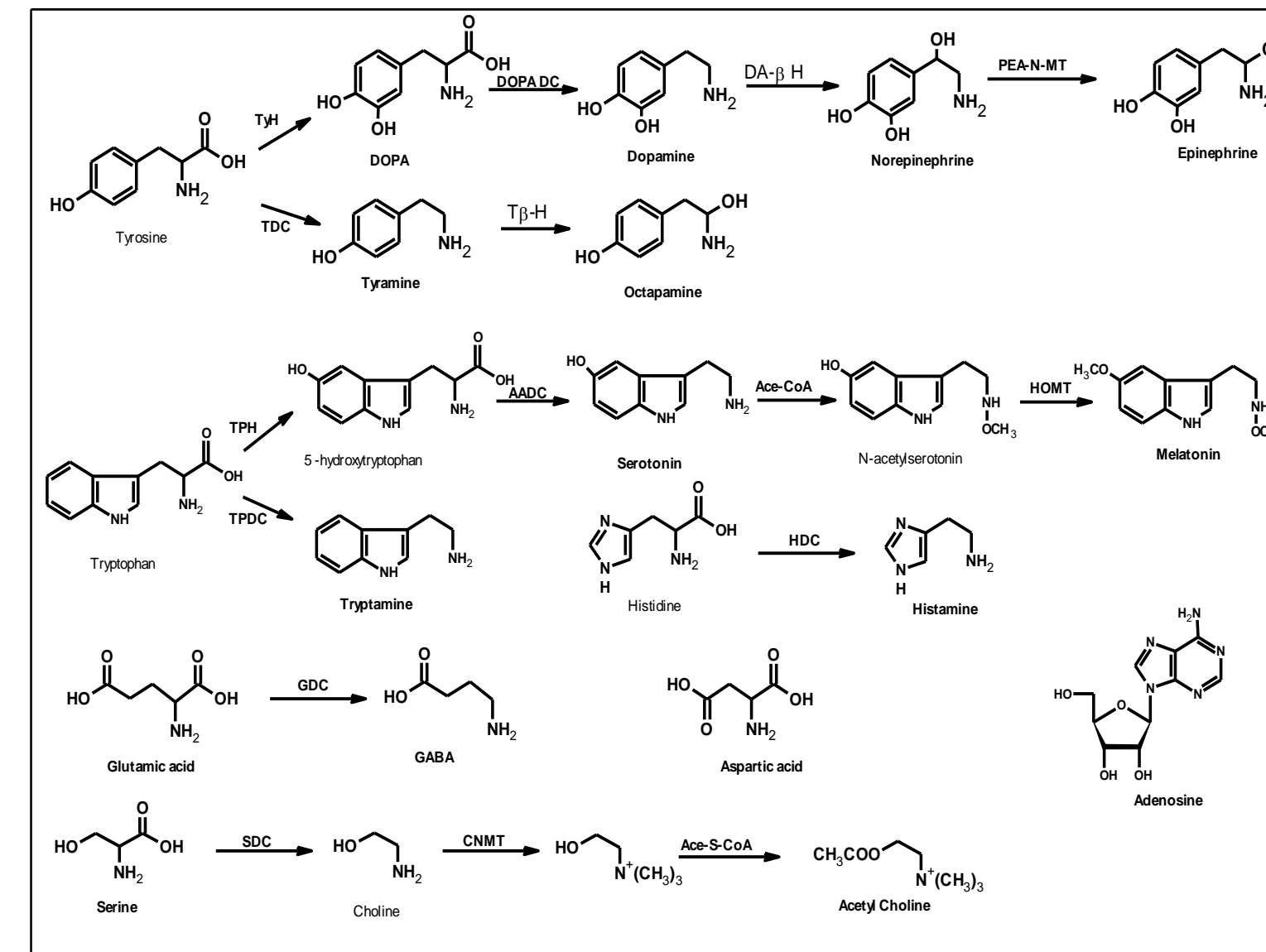
Untargeted and Targeted Metabolomics:

Untargeted metabolomics is commonly used to profile the entire metabolome in an organ, tissue, cell, or biological fluid (e.g., urine, plasma, saliva, or culture medium). Mainly used to discover and identify differential metabolites.

Targeted metabolomics is mainly used to elucidate the association between known metabolic pathways and modifications/perturbations that arise as a result of drug intervention, disease, or gene modification.

Metabolomics — Profiling — Targeted (ISTD) LC-SRM/MS

1H NMR Spectroscopy
1. Direct identification and quantification of a range of abundant analytes
2. More Robust and reproducible

Mass Spectrometry (LC-MS & MS/MS)
1. More sensitive than 1H NMR and the sensitivity is analyte specific
2. Sensitivity can be enhanced by specific derivatization
3. Both targeted and untargeted analysis can be done

Absolute Quantification:

By using specific internal standards (ISTDs) trying to quantify the molecule of interest with the help of advanced LC-MS system. Quantification of the known metabolites by using its stable isotope analog (^{13}C, ^{15}N, ^{3}D) by generating standard curve (Ratio of L/H versus Concentration).

Stable Isotope Dilution Method:

Normally involves the use of a stable isotope-labeled internal standard, which is spiked into a sample at a known concentration. The response ratio between the analyte and the labeled compound obtained by LC-MRM-MS can then be interpolated onto a standard curve to calculate the absolute amount of the analyte in the unknown sample.

Using stable isotope analogue one can quantify molecules using Full scan, MS/MS scan and SRM scan.

Metabolomics Work Flow

Facilities Offered

➢ Full scan analysis of known/purified compounds (Solid/Liquid)

➢ Product ion scan (MS/MS) analysis of known/purified compounds (Solid/Liquid)

➢ Analysis of known compounds in biological matrix

➢ Method development for specific metabolites to know the absolute quantification (STDs and ISTDs to be obtained from the companies)

• Limit of detection (LOD) and quantitation (LOQ)
• Precision, Accuracy and Stability (Freez-Thaw)
• Standard curve
• Quality control samples (lower, middle, upper)
• Intra and inter-day validation

Instruments

TSQ Vantage-Agilent 1290 UHPLC (LC-MS)   **Shimadzu Nexera UHPLC**

Methods developed

➢ Quantification of sixteen neurotransmitters from Planarian extract
➢ Quantification of neurotransmitters from biological fluids (Tissue, Sera and Urine)
➢ Quantification of Olanzapine (Psychotic drug) and its metabolites from sera
➢ Quantification of bio-pesticides (azadirachtin, nimbin and salanin) from plant extract (Leaf and Seed)
➢ Quantification of amino acids form biological fluids
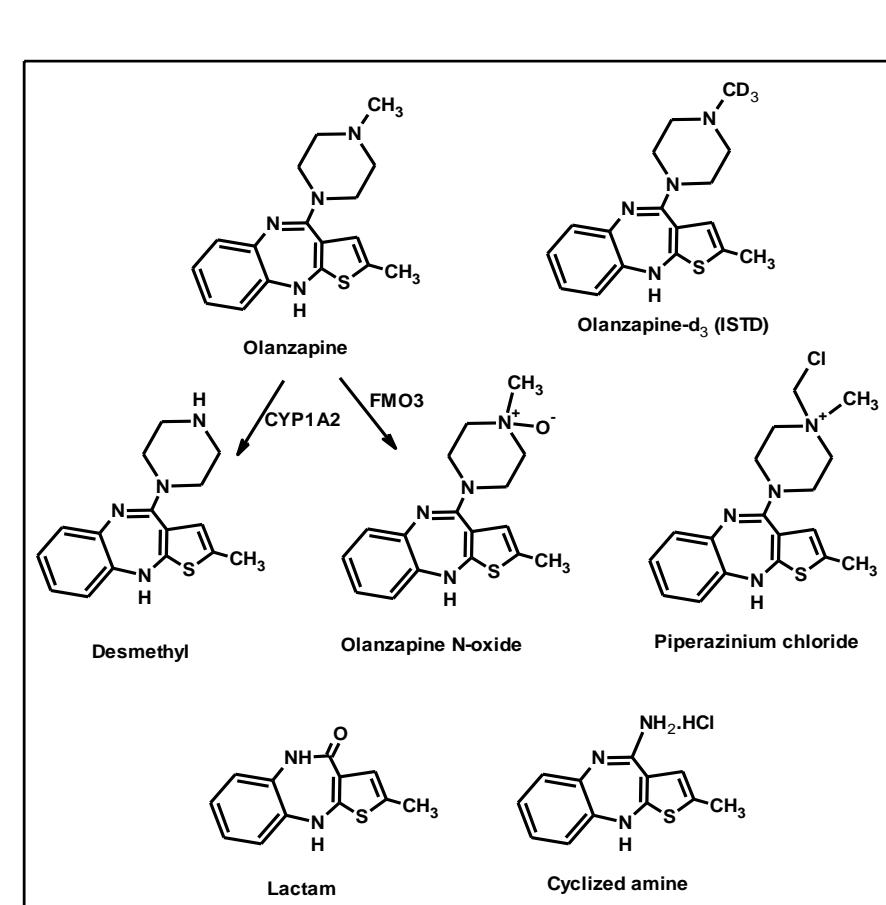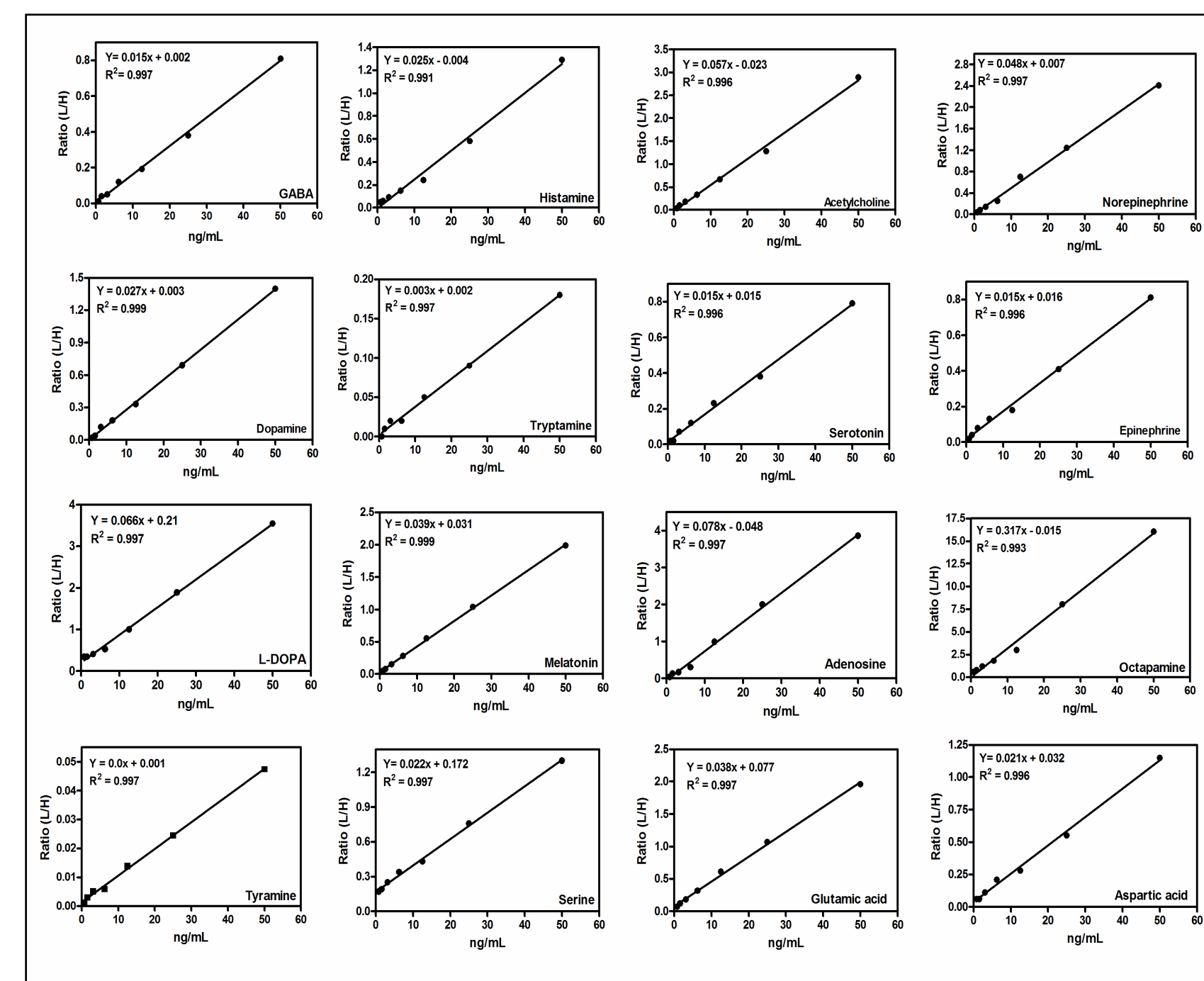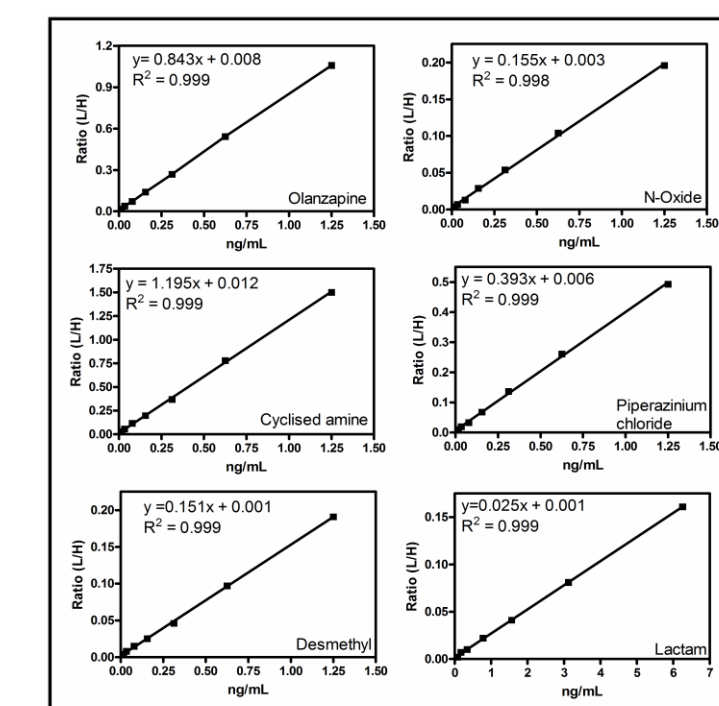
Quantification of Neurotransmitters and method to quantify Olanzapine from sera

Biosynthetic pathways for the formation of neurotransmitters in biological systems.

Structure of Olanzapine, Olanzapine-d_3 (ISTD), two metabolites and three of its impurity standards.

SRM Table for NTs analyzed

MRM Table for Olanzapine and its Impurities

Compound	Parent ion (m/z)	Product ion (m/z)	Collision Energy (CE)	S-lens voltage
Olanzapine	313.4	256.07	23	105
Olanzapine-d3	316.4	256.07	23	105
Cyclized amine	230.06	213.05	19	88
Lactam	231.2	214.03	20	106
Desmethyl	299.4	213.02	26	107
Olanzapine N-oxide	329.4	229.05	17	92
Piperazinium chloride	362.9	325.12	11	81

LC-MS/SRM chromatogram of Olanzapine and its impurity metabolites (LOQ and HQC)

UHPLC-MS/SRM chromatogram of all sixteen NTs and thirteen ISTDs in HQC level. NL-Normalized Level

STD curves for Olanzapine and its impurity metabolites.

Standard curves and regression line analysis of sixteen NTs.
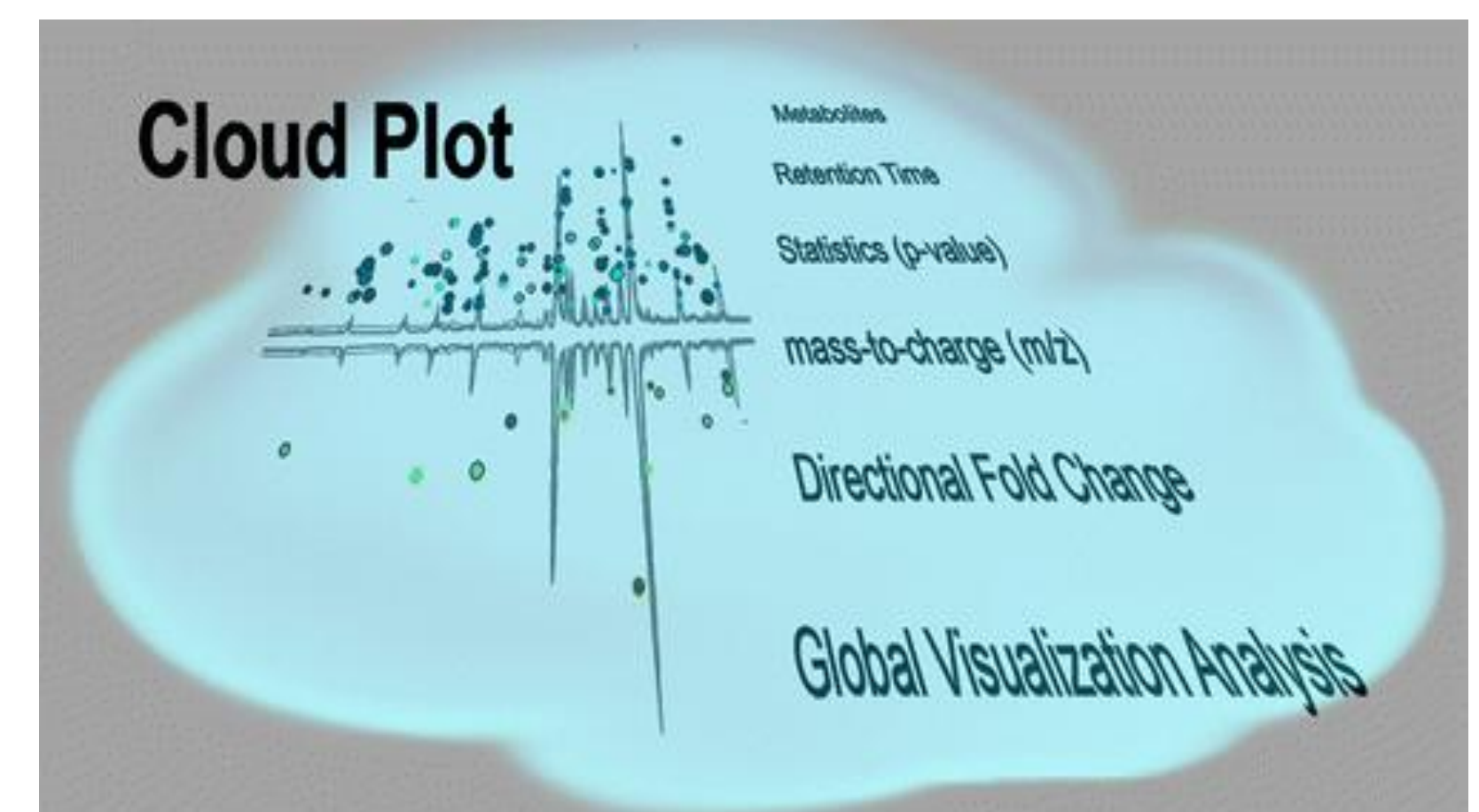
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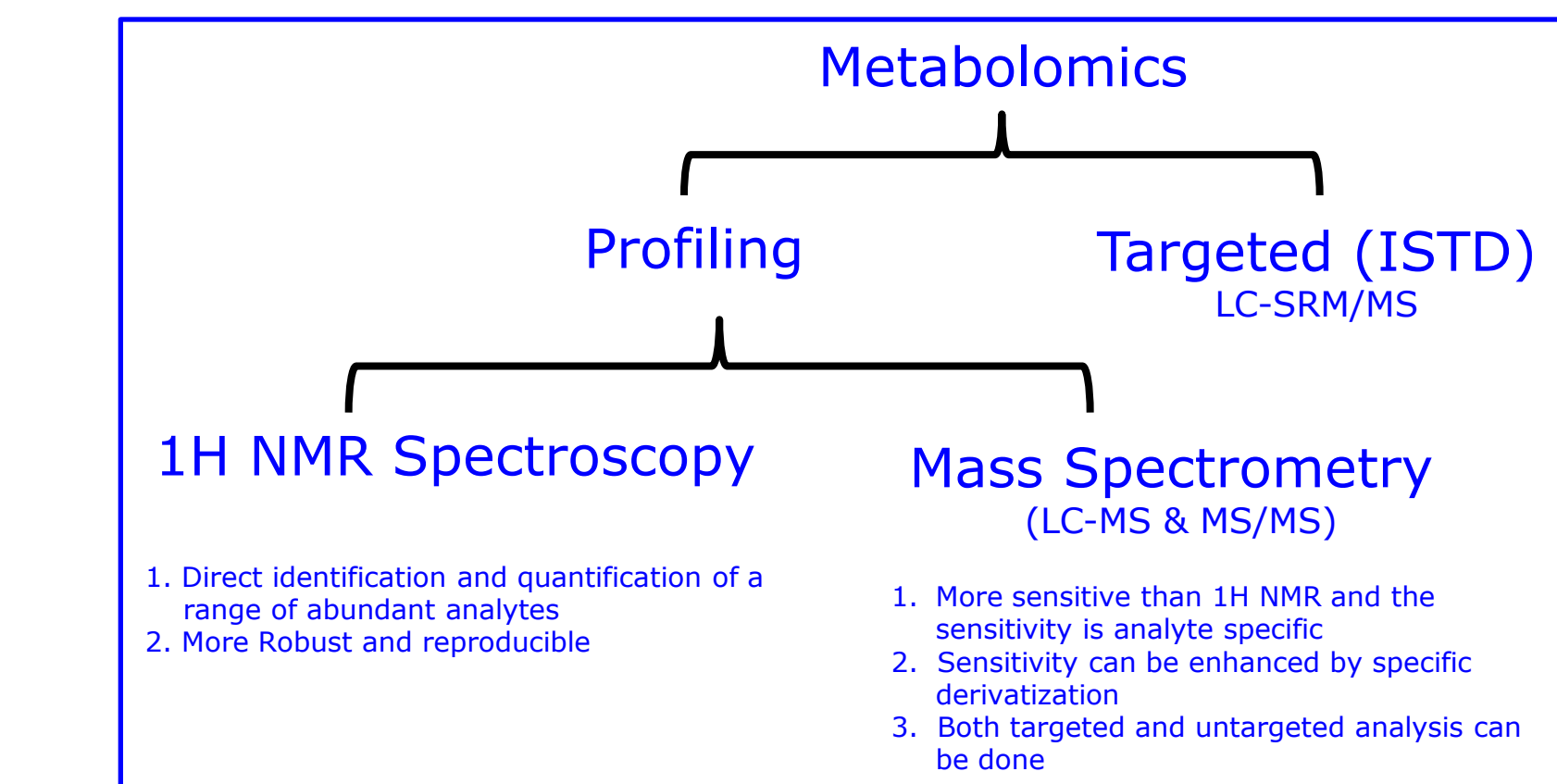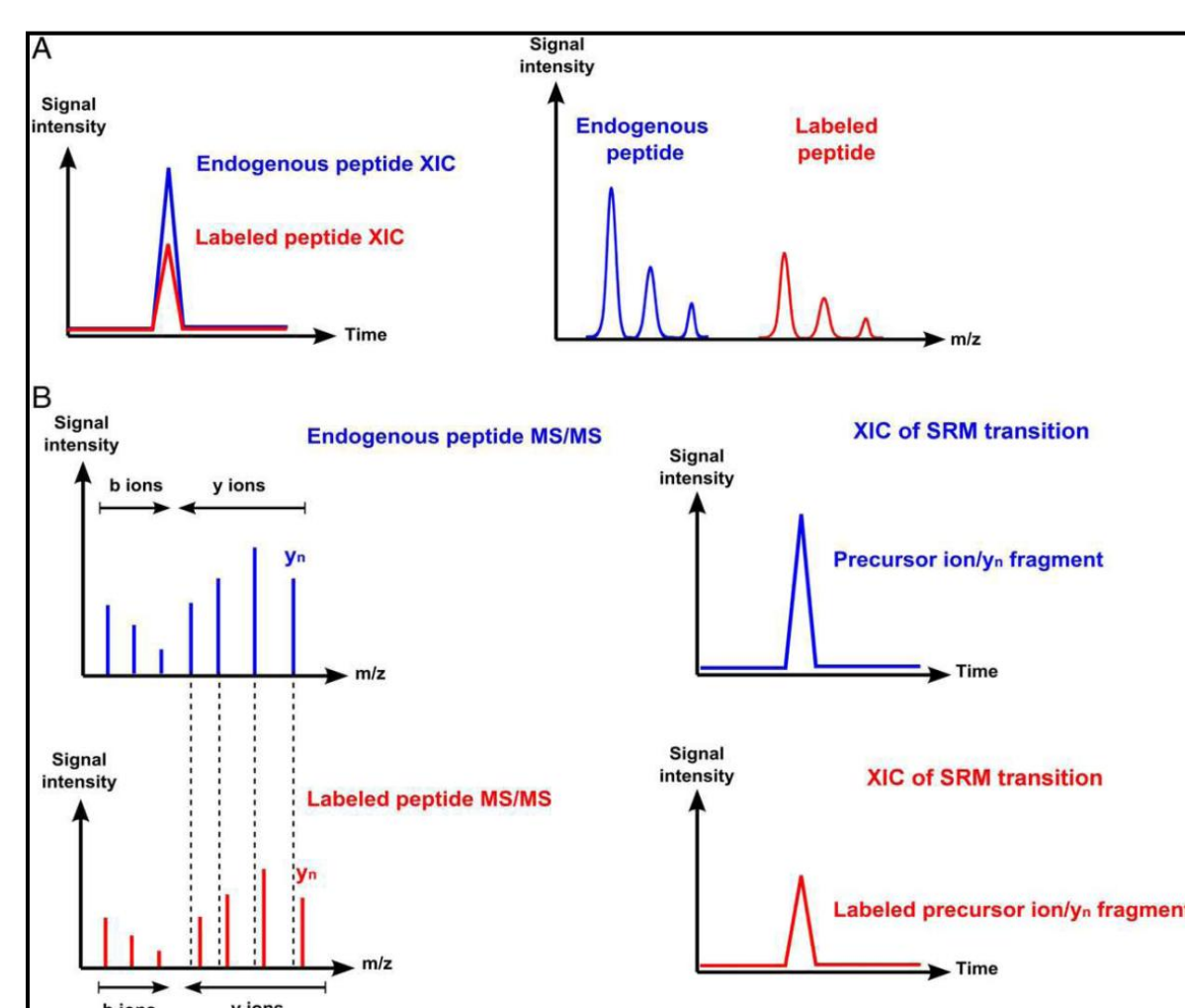
Future expansions

Planning to setup the facility to do the profiling of small molecules from the biological system and using XCMS software to do the global visualization of data analysis.

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