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Differential abundance of lipids and metabolites related to SARS-CoV-2 infection

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57 **severe).**

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59 **susceptible comparison.**

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62 **Extra information about methods:**

63 **Chemical Reagents**

64 The aqueous solutions were prepared using reverse-osmosed ultrapure water
65 obtained ‘in-house’ from a Milli-Qplus185 system (Millipore, Billerica, MA,
66 SA). LC-MS grade methanol (MetOH), acetonitrile (ACN), and isopropanol
67 (IPA) were purchased from Fisher Scientific (Pennsylvania, United States).
68 Ammonium fluoride (NH_4F) (ACS reagent, $\geq 98\%$) was obtained from Sigma-
69 Aldrich (Steinheim, Germany), and analytical grade ammonia solution (28%,
70 GPR RECTAPUR®) as well as acetic acid glacial (AnalaR® NORMAPUR®)
71 were obtained from VWR Chemicals (Pennsylvania, United States). The
72 internal standards (IS) used in GC-MS (palmitic acid – d31 and tricosane) and
73 reagents for derivatization (O-methoxyamine hydrochloride and
74 BSTFA:TMCS, 99:1 (Sylon BFT)) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. Two
75 standard mixes for GC-MS, one containing grain fatty acid methyl esters (C8:0-
76 C22:1, n9) and another standard mix with a mixture of n-alkanes (C8-C40) were
77 obtained from Fluka Analytical (Sigma-Aldrich Chemie GmbH, Steinheim,
78 Germany). Finally, n-heptane, 99% and silylation-grade pyridine were obtained

79 from Carlo Erba Reagents-SA (DASITGROUP, Spain) and Analab®
80 NORMAPUR® (VWR Chemicals, Pennsylvania, United States), respectively.

81 **Plasma fingerprinting by LC-MS and GC-MS**

82 ***Sample preparation and analysis for LC-MS***

83 Plasma samples mixed with Ethanol:Methanol (see main text) were vortex-
84 mixed for 1 min, incubated on ice for 5 min, and centrifuged at 12,500 rpm for
85 20 min at 4 °C in order to precipitate and remove proteins. The clean upper layer
86 or supernatant, which contained the metabolites of interest, was transferred to
87 Eppendorf tubes and stored at -80 °C until analysis. 200 µL of frozen
88 supernatant was thawed on ice for sample preparation. The processes were
89 described in detail in the Supporting Information and they were adapted from
90 previously reported protocols [10,11]. For LC-MS, 200 µL of defrosted plasma
91 supernatant were centrifuged for 10 min at 13,200 rpm at 4 °C and transferred
92 to an LC-MS vial for analysis 200 µL of each plasma supernatant was thawed
93 on ice to room temperature and centrifuged for 10 min at 13,200 rpm at 4 °C,
94 transferred to an LC-MS vial and directly injected into the system. The
95 lipidomics data were acquired using an Agilent 1290 Infinity II UHPLC system
96 coupled to an Agilent 6545 quadrupole time-of-flight (QTOF) mass

spectrometer and equipped with an electrospray ionization source (ESI) operating in positive and negative modes.

The analysis was performed using a previously reported method [1] by injecting 1 μ L of sample on an Agilent InfinityLab Poroshell 120 EC-C18 (3.0 x 100mm, 2.7 μ m) equipped with a guard column (Agilent InfinityLab Poroshell 120 EC-18, 3.0 x 5 mm, 2.7 μ m), both from Agilent Technologies, at 50 °C and 0.6 mL/min. The mobile phases for both, positive and negative ionization modes, consisted of (A) 10 mM ammonium acetate, 0.2 mM ammonium fluoride in 9:1 water/MeOH, and (B) 10 mM ammonium acetate, 0.2 mM ammonium fluoride in 2:3:5 acetonitrile/MeOH/isopropanol. The chromatographic gradient started at 70 % of B at 0 – 1 min, 86 % B at 3.5 – 10 min, and 100% B at 11 – 17 min. The starting conditions were recovered by minute 17, followed by a 2 min re-equilibration time, reaching a total running time of 19 min. The multiwash strategy consisted of a mixture of MeOH:IPA (50:50, v/v) with the wash time set at 15 s, and aqueous phase:organic phase (30:70, v/v) mixture to assist in the starting conditions.

The Agilent 6545 QTOF mass spectrometer parameters, equipped with a dual AJS ESI ion source, were as follows: 150 V fragmentor, 65 V skimmer, 3500

115 V capillary voltage, 750 V octopole radio frequency voltage, 10 L/min
116 nebulizer gas flow, 200 °C gas temperature, 50 psi nebulizer gas pressure, 12
117 L/min sheath gas flow, and 300 °C sheath gas temperature. Data in positive and
118 negative ionization modes were acquired in separate runs, operated in full scan
119 mode from 50 to 1800 m/z with a scan rate of 3 spectra/s. A solution containing
120 two reference mass compounds was used throughout the whole analysis: purine
121 ($C_5H_4N_4$) at m/z 121.0509 for the positive and m/z 119.0363 for the negative
122 ion modes; and HP-0921 ($C_{18}H_{18}O_6N_3P_3F_{24}$) at m/z 922.0098 for the positive
123 and m/z 1033.9881 for the negative ionization modes. The solution with
124 reference masses was infused continuously into the system through an Agilent
125 1260 IsoPump at 1 mL/min (split ratio 1:100) to provide a constant mass
126 correction. Ten iterative MS/MS runs were performed also for positive and
127 negative ionization modes at the end of the analytical sequence in a QC sample.
128 They were operated with an MS and MS/MS scan rates of 3 spectra/s, 100-1700
129 m/z mass range, a narrow (~ 1.3 amu) MS/MS isolation width, 3 precursors per
130 cycle, and 500 counts and 0.001 % of MS/MS threshold. Five iterative MS/MS
131 runs were set with a collision energy of 20 eV, and the subsequent five runs
132 were performed at 40 eV. Reference masses and contaminants detected in blank

133 samples were excluded from the analysis to avoid their inclusion in the iterative
134 MS/MS.

135 **Sample preparation and analysis for GC-MS**

136 200 μ L of each plasma supernatant was thawed on ice to room temperature and
137 30 μ L of palmitic acid – d31 in MeOH (80 mg/mL) was added. Samples were
138 vortex mixed for 5 min and 200 μ L were transferred to a GC-MS vial. Then,
139 samples were evaporated to dryness using a SpeedVac Concentrator System
140 (Thermo, Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA) and maintained in the garage at 8
141 $^{\circ}$ C in the Gerstel Multiple Purpose Sample (MPS) Preparation Station
142 (GERSTEL, Inc., Maryland, USA). An automated two-step derivatization
143 process was performed prior to sample injection using an adjusted protocol
144 from a previously reported method [2]. First, each precipitate was redissolved
145 in 20 μ L of O-methoxyamine solution (15 mg/mL in pyridine) for the
146 methoximation process, mixed for 10 min at 1,000 rpm, and incubated for 90
147 min at 60 $^{\circ}$ C at 750 rpm. Second, and after waiting 5 min in the garage, 40 μ L
148 of BSTFA with 1% TMCS were added for the silylation process. Then, samples
149 were mixed for 10 min at 1,000 rpm and incubated for 60 min at 60 $^{\circ}$ C at 750
150 rpm. After waiting 30 min at 8 $^{\circ}$ C, 80 μ L of heptane containing 20 mg/mL of

151 tricosane (IS) was added and mixed for 5 min at 1,000 rpm. Finally, samples
152 were maintained at 8 °C for 30 min prior to injection. The total runtime for each
153 sample preparation was 42 min.

154 Derivatized samples were analyzed in a GC-MS system (8890) coupled to a
155 single quadrupole mass spectrometer (5977B), both from Agilent Technologies.

156 2 µL of derivatized plasma samples were automatically injected in split mode
157 (split ratio 1:10) by an Agilent autosampler (7693) into an Agilent ultra-inert
158 deactivated glass wool split liner. Metabolite separation was achieved using a
159 pre-column (10 m J&W integrated with Agilent 122-5532G) combined with a
160 GC DB5-MS column (length, 40 m; inner diameter, 0.25 mm; and 0.25 µm film
161 of 95% dimethyl/5% diphenylpolysiloxane). The flow rate of helium carrier gas
162 was constant at 0.5658 mL/min through the column. The retention time (RT)
163 was locked according to the peak of the internal standard C18 (methyl stearate)
164 at 19.66 minutes. The oven temperature gradient was initially set at 60 °C for 1
165 min. Then, it was raised by 10 °C/min until it reached 325 °C, and then it was
166 held at this temperature for 10 min before cooling down. The total run time was
167 37 min followed by 5 min of post-run. The injector and transfer line
168 temperatures were set at 250 °C and 280 °C, respectively. The operating

parameters of the electron ionization (EI) source were set as follows: filament source temperature at 230 °C and electron ionization energy at 70 eV. Mass spectra were collected in a mass range from 50 to 600 at a scan rate of 2 spectra/s. Data were acquired using the Agilent MassHunter Workstation GC-MS Data Acquisition (version 10.0). To determine the retention rate, a mixture of n-alkanes (C8-C28) dissolved in n-hexane was analyzed before the samples. Quality control samples (QC) were prepared by pooling and mixing equal volumes of each plasma sample supernatant and were treated as previously described for LC-MS and GC-MS. Blank solutions were also prepared with MeOH:EtOH (1:1, v/v) and treated following the previous protocols.

Data Processing

LC-MS data treatment

Acquired raw data, in positive and negative ionization modes, were checked using MassHunter Qualitative software (version 10.0) to determine the data quality, the system mass accuracy, and the reproducibility of QC injections. Then, raw data were processed with the Agilent MassHunter Profinder software (version B.10.0.2) applying a two steps process, first the Batch Molecular Feature Extraction (MFE) and second the Batch Recursive Feature Extraction

(RFE) algorithms. The MFE algorithm was used to clean the data background and unrelated ions or unwanted information. MFE finally creates a list of possible components that represent the full range of time-of-flight (TOF) mass spectral data features, which are the sum of coeluting ions that are related by charge-state envelope, isotopologue pattern, and/or the presence of different adducts and dimers. Afterward, the MFE detects coeluting adducts of the same feature, selecting the following adduct [1]: $[M+H]^+$, $[M+C_2H_6N_2+H]^+$, $[M+Na]^+$, $[M+K]^+$ and $[M+NH_4]^+$ in LC-MS positive ionization; $[M-H]^-$, $[M+CH_3COOH-H]^-$, $[M+CH_3COONa-H]^-$, and $[M+Cl]^-$ in LC-MS negative ion mode. The neutral loss (NL) of water was also considered for both ionizations. Finally, all the molecular features across the study samples were aligned by using the mass and retention time (RT) to build a single spectrum for each compound group. The next step involves the RFE algorithm, using the median values derived from the MFE process to perform a targeted extraction to improve the reliability of finding and reporting features from complex datasets used for differential analysis [3]. The reference masses (m/z 121.0509 and m/z 922.0098, in positive ionization, and m/z 112.0508 and m/z 1033.9881, in negative ionization) infused and monitored during the analysis as well as those

205 features found in blanks, were excluded from the final list. Finally, the data
206 matrix was imported in Microsoft Excel and filtered before statistical analysis
207 as follows: (1) metabolites not presented in 70% of samples in at least one
208 sample group were excluded, (2) missing values obtained from the RFE
209 algorithm were filled by *k*-nearest neighbor (KNN) algorithm, (3) metabolites
210 presented in blanks, and (4) metabolites with a percentage of coefficient of
211 variation (% CV) in the QCs greater than 30% were removed.

212 ***GC-MS data treatment***

213 Similarly to LC-MS, GC-MS data were checked using MassHunter Qualitative
214 software (version 10.0) to assess the analytical performance, the data quality,
215 the QCs injection reproducibility, and the IS signal by analyzing the total ion
216 chromatogram (TIC) obtained for each sample, blanks, and QCs. Then, raw
217 data files were imported into MassHunter Quantitative Unknowns Analysis
218 software (version 10.0) to perform the deconvolution and identification of the
219 metabolites by searching into two target libraries: Fiehn library (version 2008)
220 and the ‘in-house’ plasma library built in CEMBio based on Fiehn, as well as
221 in NIST (National Institute of Standards and Technology, library 2.2 version
222 2014) libraries. Afterward, data obtained were aligned in the Agilent Mass

223 Profiler Professional (version 15.1) and exported into the Agilent MassHunter
224 Quantitative Analysis (version 10.0) to assign target ions and obtain the
225 compound abundances. The correct integration of the peaks was inspected and
226 the data matrix was generated. Finally, the generated matrix with the final
227 abundances of each metabolite was treated following the same workflow
228 mentioned in LC-MS data treatment and, in this case, the data matrix was also
229 normalized according to the IS abundance (palmitic acid - d31) prior to any
230 statistical analysis.

231 **Statistical Analysis**

232 Multivariate (MVDA) and univariate (UVDA) statistical analyses were carried
233 out to find those metabolites that significantly differentiate groups. Different
234 comparisons were performed to evaluate COVID-19 disease (COVID-19- and
235 COVID-19+), susceptibility (non-susceptible and susceptible), and disease
236 severity (mild, moderate, and severe). Furthermore, and considering the small
237 sample size, severity was studied with COVID-19+ samples distributed as mild,
238 moderate, and severe individuals as a tentative and initial approach for future
239 studies. The filtered matrix obtained in the previous step was processed by
240 SIMCA-P version 16.0.1 (Umetrics, Umea, Sweden), MATLAB software

241 (R2018b, The MathWorks, Maticks, MA, USA), MetaboAnalyst 5.0 and/or
242 SPSS version 27 (IBM SPSS Statistics). The intensity drop was corrected with
243 the intra-batch effect correction using the QCs and support vector regression
244 (QC-SVRC) [4].

245 For MVDA, SIMCA-P software was used for both unsupervised (principal
246 component analysis, PCA) and supervised analysis (partial least-squares
247 discriminant analysis, PLS-DA, or orthogonal partial least-squares discriminant
248 analysis, OPLS-DA). PCA was performed to reduce dimensionality and to
249 study the data quality, assess the reliability of the analytical procedure, visualize
250 the natural grouping of the samples and determine the presence of outliers.
251 Samples out of Hotelling's T² (95% confidence level) as well as QC samples
252 were removed for further supervised analysis. Model quality was first analyzed
253 by the explained variance (R^2) and the predicted variance (Q^2). R^2 and Q^2 had
254 to be greater than 0.6 and 0.4, respectively, or the difference between them was
255 less than 0.3 [5]. Afterward, PLS-DA and OPLS-DA were performed to
256 maximize differences between the groups. After a suitable model validation by
257 cross-validated analysis of variance (CV-ANOVA) [5], the OPLS-DA model
258 was used for variable selection. The criteria metabolites must fulfill was a

259 variable influence on projection (VIP) score greater than 1.0 and an absolute
260 value of $p(\text{corr})$ greater than 0.6.

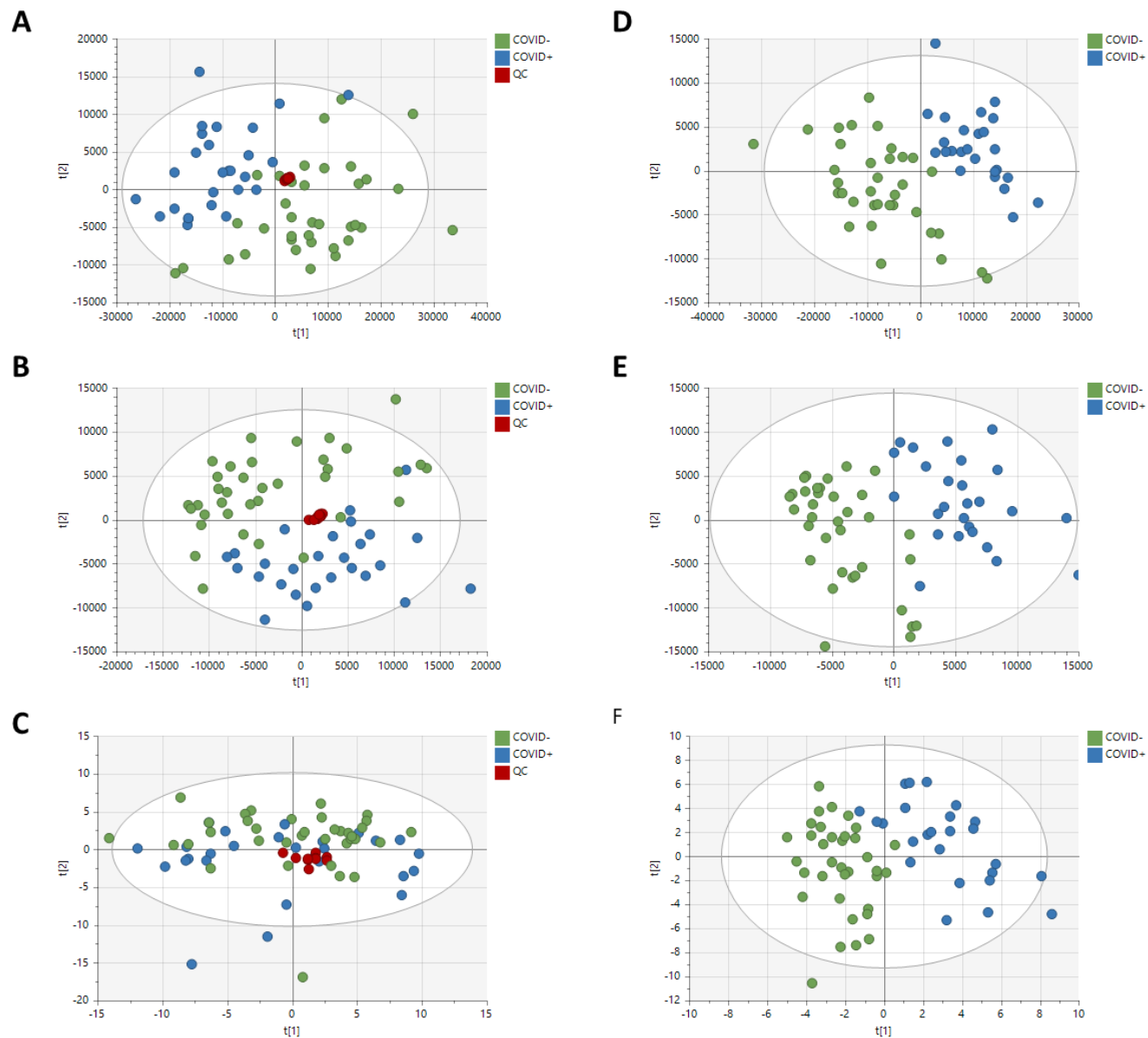
261 For UVDA, the Mann-Whitney U test ($p\text{-value} \leq 0.05$), performed in Matlab
262 (R2018b, The MathWorks, Maticks, MA, USA), for COVID-19 disease and
263 susceptibility was used, as well as analysis of covariance (ANCOVA, the p -
264 value for interesting label ≤ 0.05), carried out in SPSS (IBM SPSS Statistics 27),
265 when the confounding factors were found to be significant among groups (see
266 Table 1 in the Manuscript). In both cases, the false discovery rate at a level of
267 $\alpha = 0.05$ was controlled by the Benjamini-Hochberg correction test ($q\text{-value} \leq$
268 0.05). Both statistical methods and the significant metabolites obtained were
269 considered for biological interpretation as these reveal a broader range for
270 biological interpretation and consequently pathophysiological alterations.
271 Finally, the means and standard deviations (or their adjusted values) were used
272 to calculate the fold-change (FC) and estimated effect size (d) following
273 Cohen's distribution and determine the size of the difference between the two
274 groups [6,7].

275 **Metabolites identification**

276 In the case of LC-MS, the annotation was performed by different approaches
277 and tools. Iterative-MS/MS raw data were imported into two different types of
278 software. The first one, the Lipid Annotator software (Agilent Technologies
279 Inc., Santa Clara, CA, USA) was used following a previously reported method
280 [15]. The Lipid Annotator software built a fragmentation-based (MS/MS)
281 library comprising the m/z of all the precursors identified as lipids by the
282 software and their corresponding RT. The Lipid Annotator method parameters
283 were set as follows: ion species $[M+H]^+$, $[M+Na]^+$, and $[M+NH_4]^+$ for
284 positive; and $[M-H]^-$, and $[M+CH_3COOH-H]^-$ for negative ionization mode.
285 Then, for both ionization modes, Q-Score was set as greater than 50 for feature
286 finding, mass deviation less than 20 ppm, fragment score threshold, and total
287 score for identification greater than 30 and 60, respectively. In this annotation
288 process, all available lipids classes were selected. The second one, MS-Dial
289 version 4.70, a freely available software, was used as a complementary tool for
290 annotation following the recommendations included in the tutorial for LC-
291 MS/MS (data-dependent MS/MS) [16]. The MS-Dial method parameters, such
292 as retention time run, MS1 mass range, MS/MS mass range, and accurate mass
293 tolerance or adducts, were fixed and selected based on the acquisition method,

294 the mobile phases, and previously reported findings [15]. All lipids with their
295 MS/MS spectra annotated by Lipid Annotator and/or MS-Dial were manually
296 confirmed by using the Agilent MassHunter (version 10.0), matching the
297 retention time and MS/MS fragmentation. Finally, a manual spectra
298 interpretation (MS1 and MS/MS) was carried out using the CEU Mass Mediator
299 (CMM), which includes information available in different databases such as
300 KEGG [17], HMDB [18], METLIN [19], LIPID MAPS [20], and an in-house
301 library [21,22] to annotate other metabolites detected during data processing
302 but not identified with Lipid Annotator or MS-Dial. Differential Abundance
303 (DA) of the identified lipids was considered when they meet the following
304 criteria: $VIP > 1$, $|p(\text{corr})| > 0.6$, and jackknife from the validated OPLS-DA
305 model and q-value less than 0.05 by Mann-Whitney U test and/or ANCOVA.
306 Furthermore, for those metabolites ionized in positive and negative modes in
307 LC-MS only positive information was kept to reduce redundant information.

308 **Supplementary Figures:**



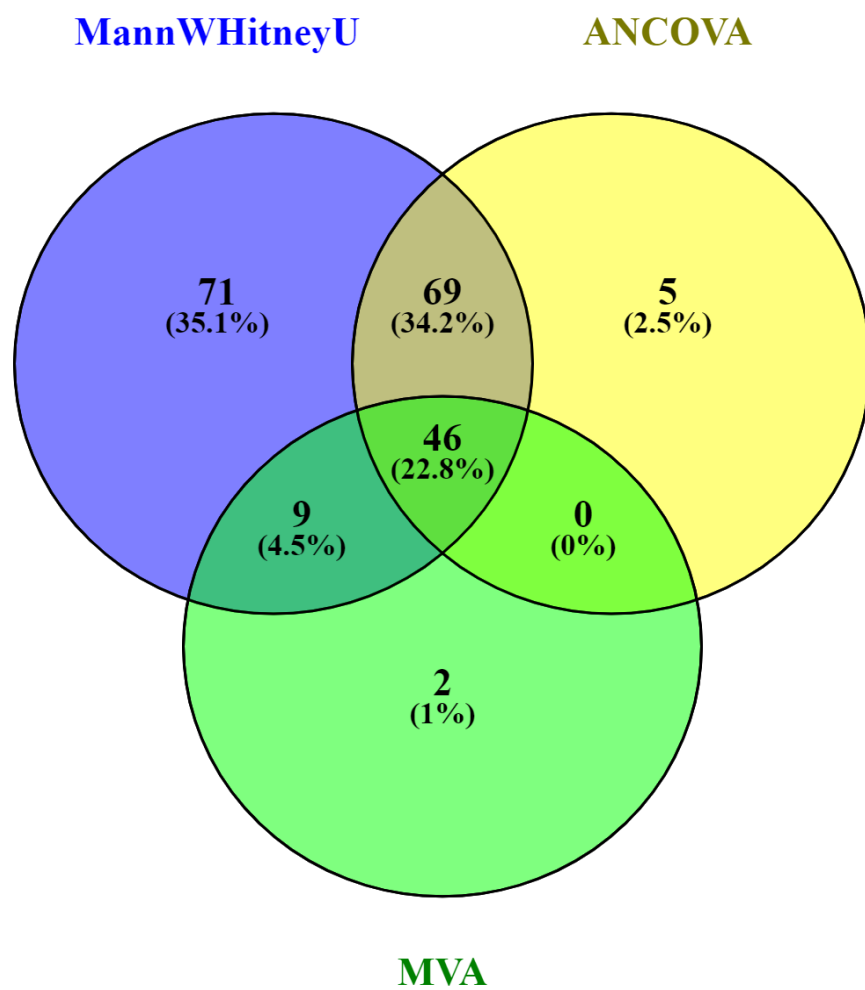
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311 **Figure S1. PCA-X and PLS-DA scores plots obtained for COVID-19 positive and COVID-19**
312 **negative groups by different metabolomics platforms. LC-MS data were pareto scaling and GC-MS**
313 **was autoscaled. In all cases, the samples considered outliers, as well as QCs, were removed and PLS-DA**
314 **models were built and validated (CV-ANOVA p-value ≤ 0.05). Plot A – PCA score plot of LC-MS**

315 **(ESI+) $R^2 = 0.621$; $Q^2 = 0.476$. Plot B –PCA score plot of LC-MS (ESI-) $R^2 = 0.628$; $Q^2 = 0.501$. Plot**
316 **C –PCA score plot of GC-MS $R^2 = 0.393$; $Q^2 = 0.139$. Plot D – PLS-DA score plot of LC-MS (ESI+)**
317 **$R^2 = 0.870$; $Q^2 = 0.769$; CV-ANOVA = $4.20\text{e-}15$. Plot E –PLS-DA score plot of LC-MS (ESI-) $R^2 =$**
318 **0.893 ; $Q^2 = 0.75$; CV-ANOVA = $6.83\text{e-}15$. and Plot F –PLS-DA score plot of GC-MS $R^2 = 0.393$; $Q^2 =$**
319 **0.139 ; CV-ANOVA = $2.95\text{e-}10$.**

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322 **Figure S2. Common significant metabolites obtained by LC-MS and comparing COVID-19+ and**
 323 **COVID-19- groups.** Three statistical analyses are compared: MVA = multivariate analysis, ANCOVA,
 324 and MannWhitneyU.

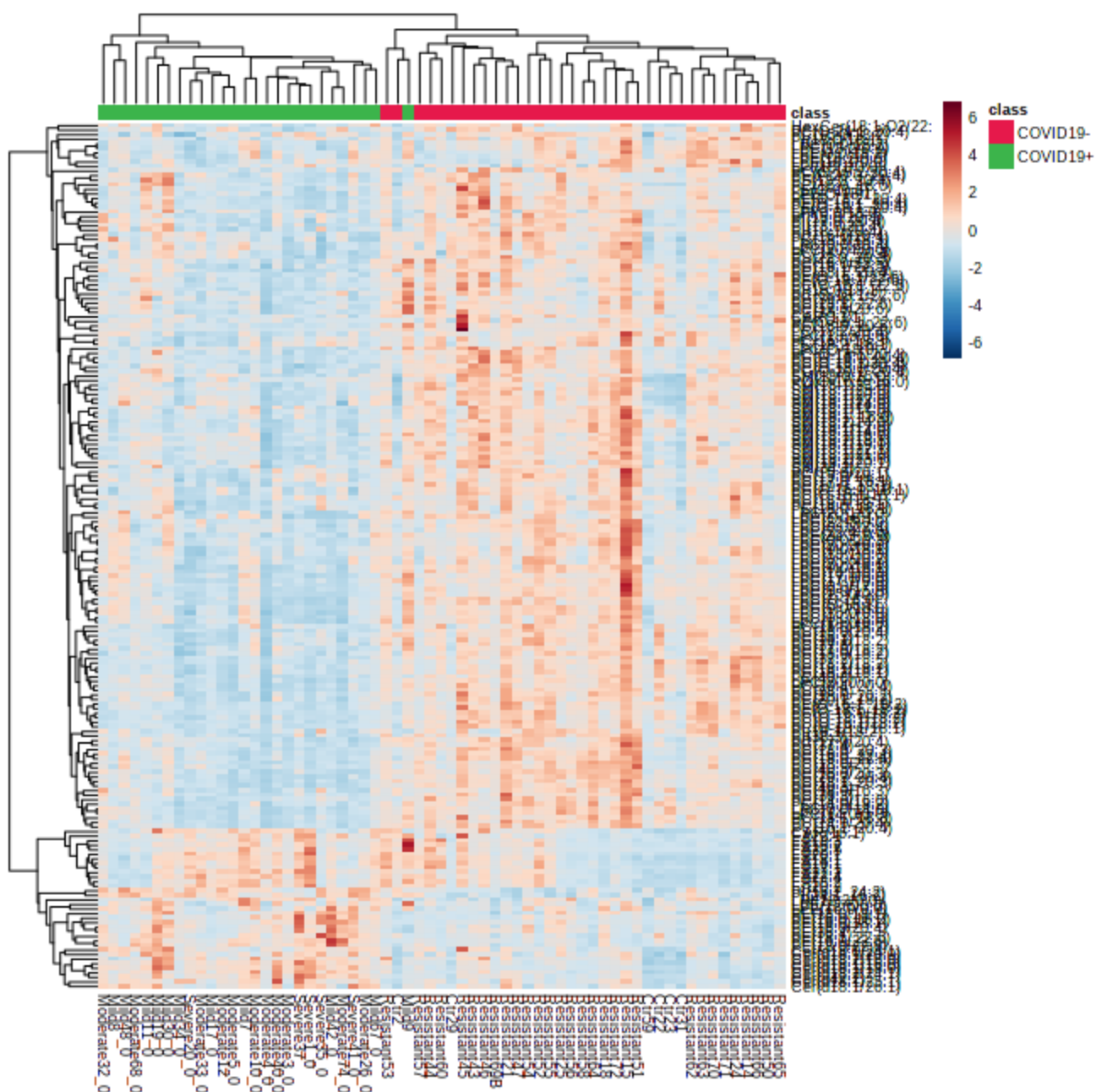


Figure S3. Heatmaps obtained using the significant metabolites obtained by LC-MS and comparing COVID-19 + and COVID-19- individuals. The scale color on the right represents the relative abundances. Samples for COVID-19- patients are depicted in green. Samples for COVID-19+ patients are depicted in red. Samples names are depicted below and lipid names in the right. Detailed information about this graph can be found in Table S3. Distance measure: Pearson. Clustering method: Ward. **Top:** only for significant metabolites. **Bottom:** heatmap for all metabolites.

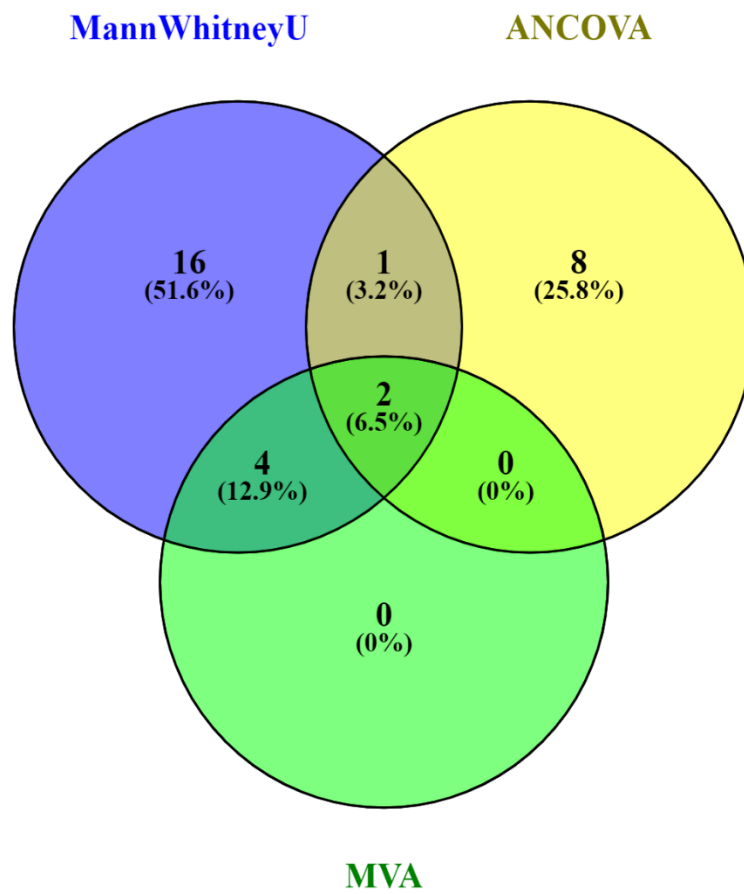


Figure S4. Significant metabolites obtained by GC-MS. Top: Venn diagram of MannWhitneyU, ANCOVA, and MVA statistical analyses were applied to compare COVID-19+ and COVID-19- groups.

Bottom: Heatmap of common significant metabolites. The scale color on the right represents the relative abundances. Samples for COVID-19+ patients are depicted in green. Samples for COVID-19- patients are depicted in red. Specific data corresponding to this graph is shown in Table S4-Sheet 2.

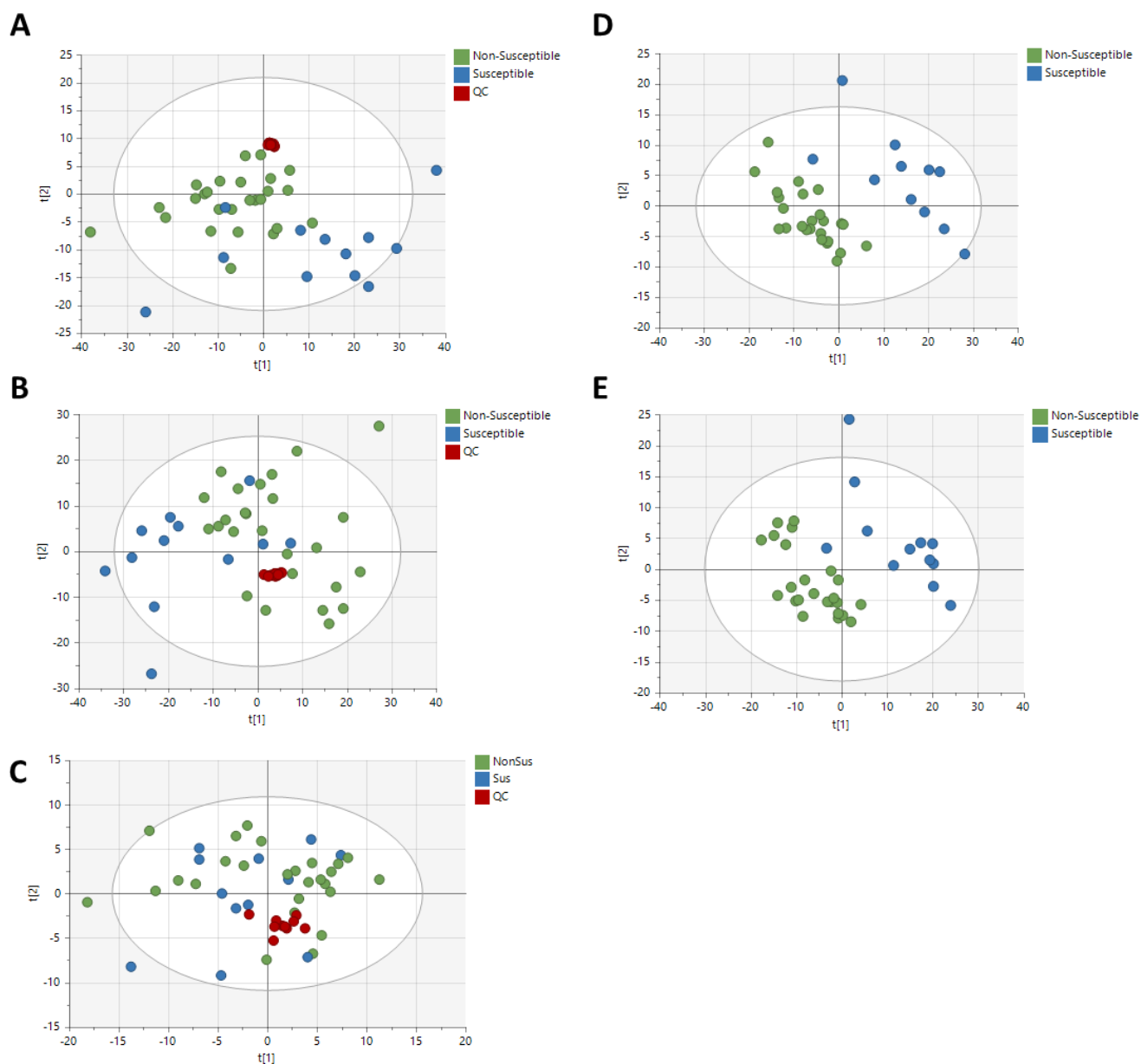


Figure S5. PCA-X and PLS-DA scores plots obtained for susceptible and non-susceptible groups by different metabolomics platforms. Plot A – PCA score plot of LC-MS (ESI+) $R^2 = 0.493$; $Q^2 = 0.340$. Plot B – PCA score plot of LC-MS (ESI-) $R^2 = 0.470$; $Q^2 = 0.347$. Plot C – PCA score plot of GC-MS $R^2 = 0.493$; $Q^2 = 0.340$. Plot D – PLS-DA score plot of LC-MS (ESI+) $R^2 = 0.861$; $Q^2 = 0.699$; CV-ANOVA = $1.36e-7$. Plot E – PLS-DA score plot of LC-MS (ESI-) $R^2 = 0.843$; $Q^2 = 0.629$; CV-ANOVA = $2.66e-6$.

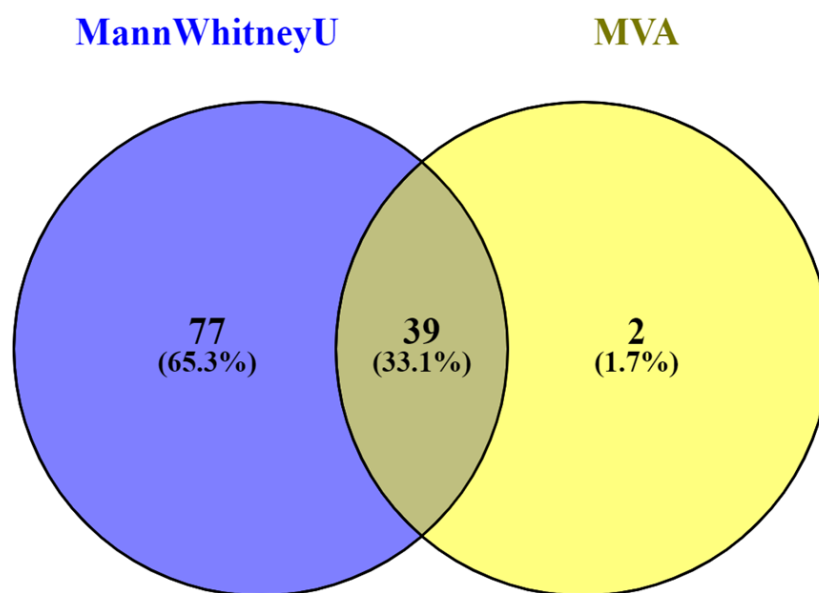
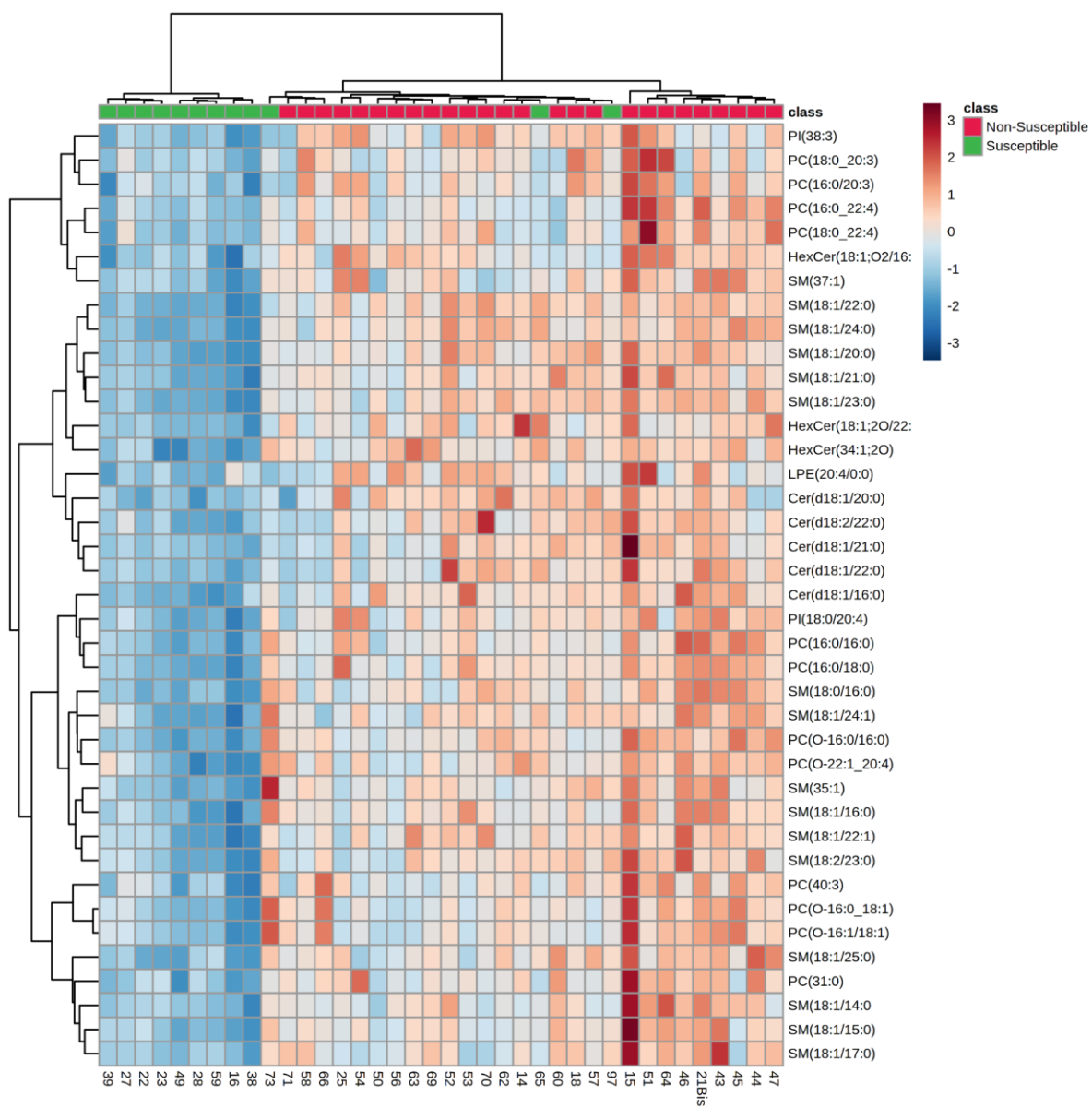


Figure S6. Significant metabolites obtained by GC-MS comparing susceptible and non-susceptible groups. MVA = multivariate analysis. ANCOVA was not applied here because of a similar representation of potential confounding factors. One-third (33.1 %) of significant metabolites were commonly found in multivariate and Mann-Whitney U tests



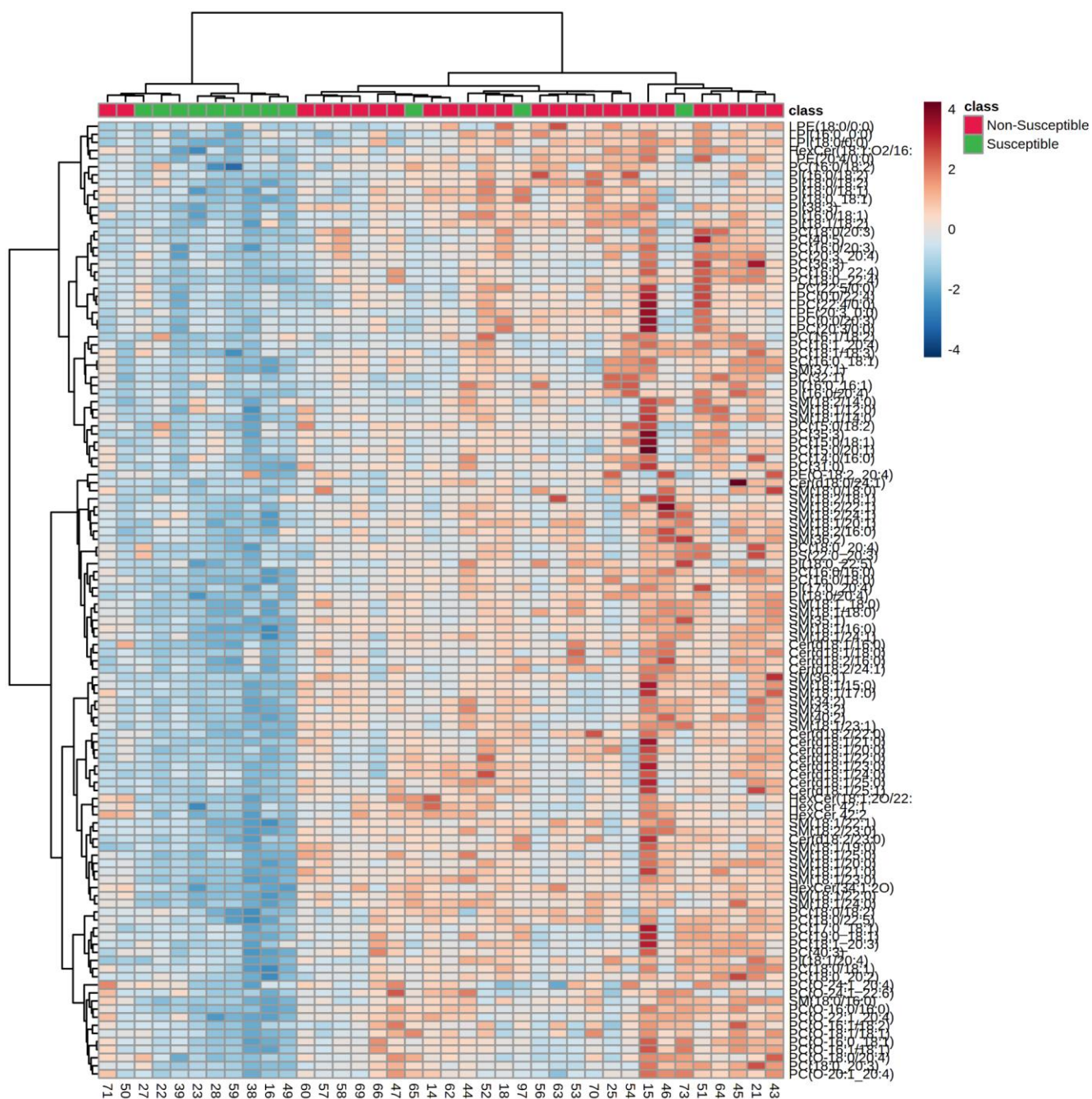


Figure S7. Heatmaps obtained using the significant metabolites obtained by LC-MS and comparing susceptible and non-susceptible groups. The scale color on the right represents the relative abundances. Samples for the susceptible group are depicted in green. Samples for the non-susceptible group are depicted in red. Samples names are depicted below and lipid names in the right. Detailed information

about this graph can be found in Table S6. Distance measure: Pearson. Clustering method: Ward. **Top:** only for significant metabolites. **Bottom:** heatmap for all metabolites.

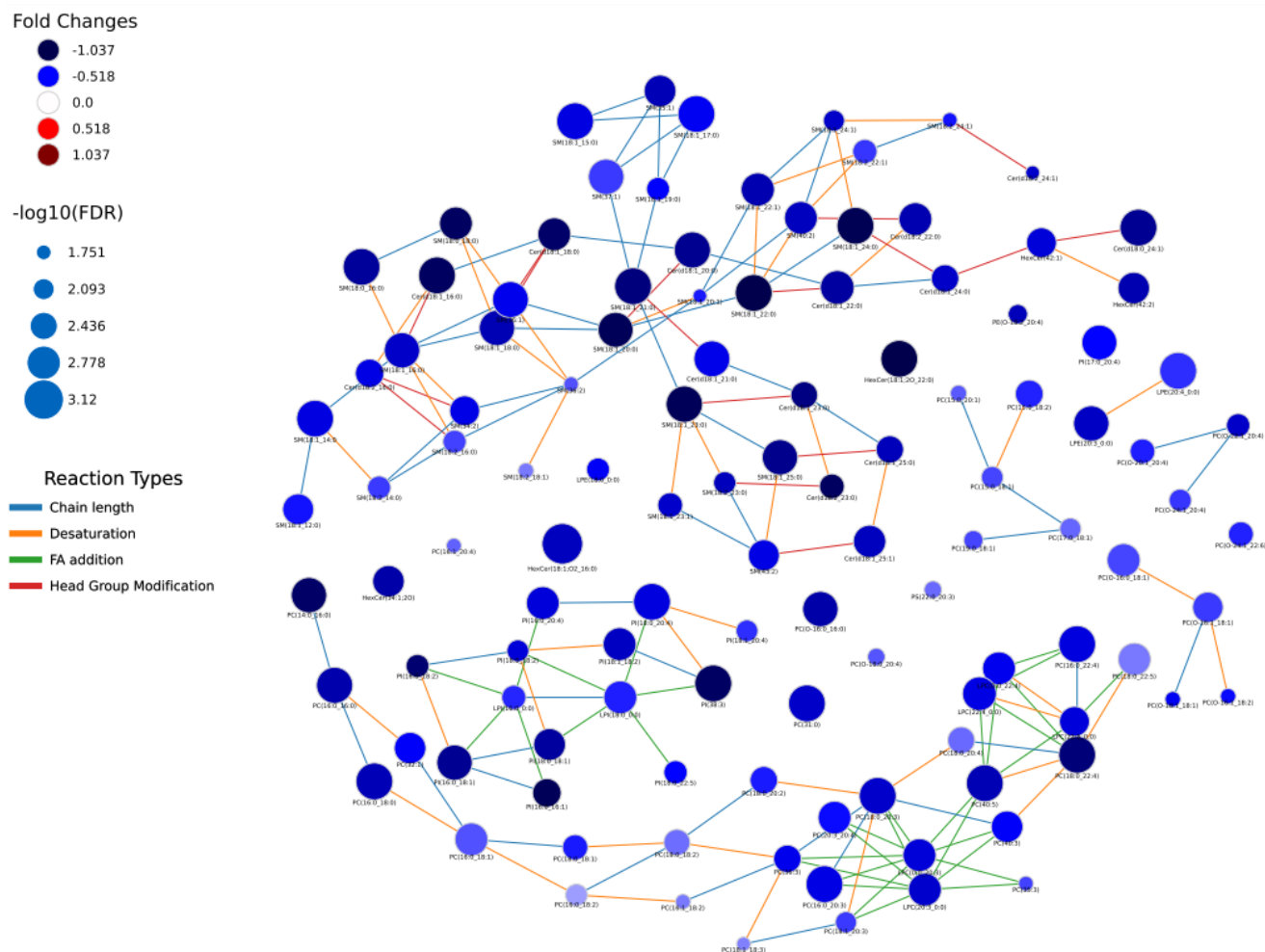


Figure S8. Lipid network connections generated by LINEX based on data from LC-MS and the comparison of susceptible vs non-susceptible groups. All significant metabolites obtained by the Mann-Whitney U test and multivariate statistical analysis were introduced in LINEX. Node colors represent the fold change based on susceptible compared to non-susceptible, which means red nodes are upregulated in susceptible and blue nodes are upregulated in non-susceptible. Node size is $-\log_{10}(\text{FDR})$, which is related

to q-value, and line colors represent the reaction types that occurred between two metabolites indicated in the legend.

Supplementary Tables info:

Table S1. Total data matrix from all metabolomics techniques used. Includes the corrected areas of each analytical technique GCMS, LCMSPos, and LCMSNeg together with the sample infection label, group, and sample name.

Table S2. Common metabolites found to be statistically significant from multivariate statistical analysis (MVDA). It contains two sheets: the first one “COVID+ vs COVID” gathers the significant metabolites obtained for LC-MS and GC-MS by several statistical approaches (Mann Whitney U, ANCOVA, and Multivariate analysis – MVA) when COVID-19+ and COVID-19- individuals are compared. Also, for both analytical techniques, a Venn diagram including this information to see common significant metabolites are included. The second one “Sus vs Non-Sus” includes the same but when susceptible and non-susceptible individuals are considered. The selected hits fulfill $VIP > 1$ and $|p(\text{corr})| > 0.5$ for any of the comparisons performed. Detected signals: 588 at positive and 686 at negative ionization modes. Only the signals with a CV less than 30 % in QCs, a proper peak shape, and an adequate isotopic pattern in both, positive and negative ionization modes, were selected as metabolites. Similarly, 115 metabolites were found in plasma profiles by GC-MS.

Table S3. Differential metabolites found by LC-MS and significant for COVID-19 disease (COVID-19+ vs COVID-19-). Contains 5 sheets with the results of significant metabolites obtained by LC-MS when COVID-19+ and COVID-19- individuals are compared. “Mann-Whitney U” gathers the 195 significant lipids obtained by Mann Whitney-U test with the Feature ID, Mass, RT, Specie identified, LINEX Name, Annotation level, q-value, dCohen (effect size), and so on, as well as the areas in each

sample. “ANCOVA” includes the 120 significant lipids obtained by the ANCOVA test with the same information as that in the “Mann-Whitney U” sheet. “MVA” contains the 57 significant lipids obtained by OPLS-DA models with VIP values and absolute p(corr) greater than 1 and 0.8, respectively with the information previously mentioned in previous sheets. “LINEX_AllSigMet” includes all the significant lipids obtained by the three approaches (202 lipids in total) that are visually included in Figure S2 together with the percentage of variation colored in red or blue based on the tendency. These colors fit with the colors of the nodes included in Figure S3. Finally, “LINEX_CommonSigMet” similar to “LINEX_AllSigMet” contains only the common significant metabolites obtained by the three statistical approaches (46 lipids) and the tendency of the color fits with Figure 3 node colors to see the upregulated or downregulated tendencies.

Table S4. Metabolites found by GC-MS and significant for COVID-19 disease (COVID-19+ vs COVID-19-). It has two sheets. The first (“COVID+COVID- _SigMet _Identified”) gathers the significant metabolites, with the tendency, q-value, fold change, percentage of variation, and effect size, obtained by Mann Whitney-U test, ANCOVA, and multivariate statistical analysis when COVID-19+ and COVID-19- individuals are compared. The Venn Diagram shows the common and uncommon metabolites among the three approaches. In short, 2 metabolites are significantly obtained by the three approaches, whereas the remaining 29 metabolites are significant by at least one statistical approach. Specifically, for the comparison of COVID-19+ and COVID-19- groups, 60.87 % and 90.91 % of the significant metabolites obtained by Mann-Whitney U or ANCOVA, respectively, showed effect sizes greater than 0.8. The second (“HeatmapAbunSigMet_COVID+COVID-“) includes the area of each metabolite (31 metabolites in total) for each sample. Correspond to significant metabolites detected by comparison of COVID-19+ and COVID-19- groups analyzed by GC-MS that are depicted as a heatmap in Figure 4.

Table S5. Differential metabolites found by LC-MS and significant when two-by-two comparisons are performed using different disease progression states (mild, moderate, and severe). In total, 9 lipids significantly distinguish mild and moderate individuals, 17 mild and severe, and 5 moderate and moderate patients. The “GC-MS” sheet, similar to “LC-MS”, contains 2 significant metabolites that differentiate the three progression groups (mild, moderate, and severe) together with the two-by-two comparisons results. 2 metabolites significantly distinguish mild and moderate individuals, 5 mild and severe, and 9 moderate and moderate patients.

Table S6. Differential metabolites found by LC-MS and significant for susceptible vs non-susceptible comparison. Similar to Table S2, this table contains 4 sheets with the results of significant metabolites: “Mann-Whitney U” gathers the 116 significant lipids obtained by Mann Whitney-U test with the Feature ID, Mass, RT, Specie identified, LINEX Name, Annotation level, q-value, dCohen (effect size), and so on, as well as the areas in each sample. “MVA” contains the 41 significant lipids obtained by OPLS-DA models with VIP values and absolute p(corr) greater than 1 and 0.8, respectively. “LINEX_AllSigMet” includes all the significant lipids obtained together with the percentage of variation colored in red or blue based on the tendency. These colors fit with the colors of the nodes included in Figure S9. Finally, “LINEX_CommonSigMet” similar to “LINEX_AllSigMet” contains only the common significant metabolites obtained by the three statistical approaches (38 lipids) and the tendency of the color fits with Figure 8 node colors to see the upregulated or downregulated tendencies.

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