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2 **Simultaneous determination of daidzein, its prodrug and major conjugative metabolites in rat**
3 **plasma and application in a pharmacokinetic study**

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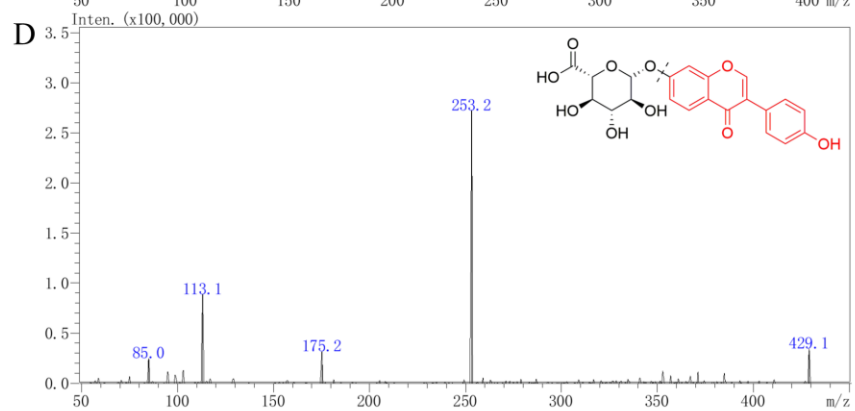
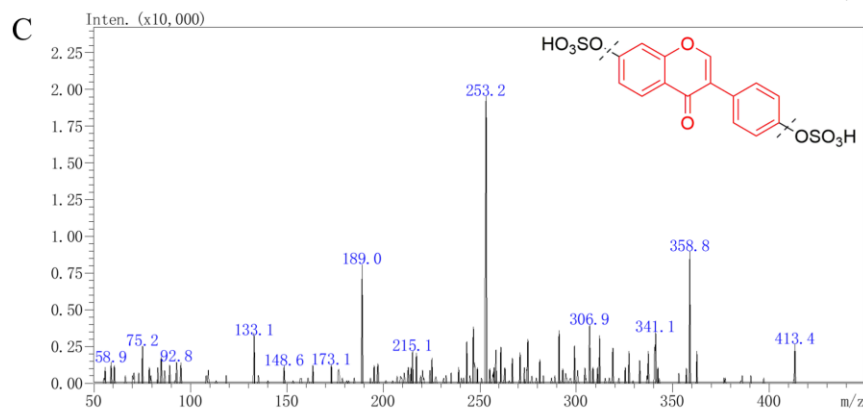
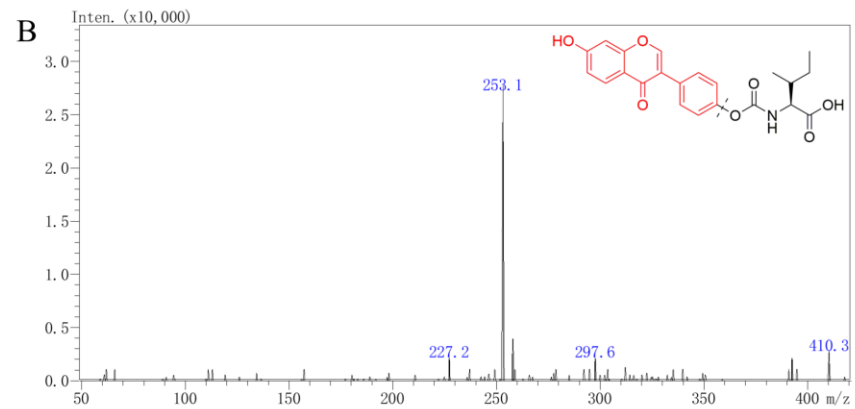
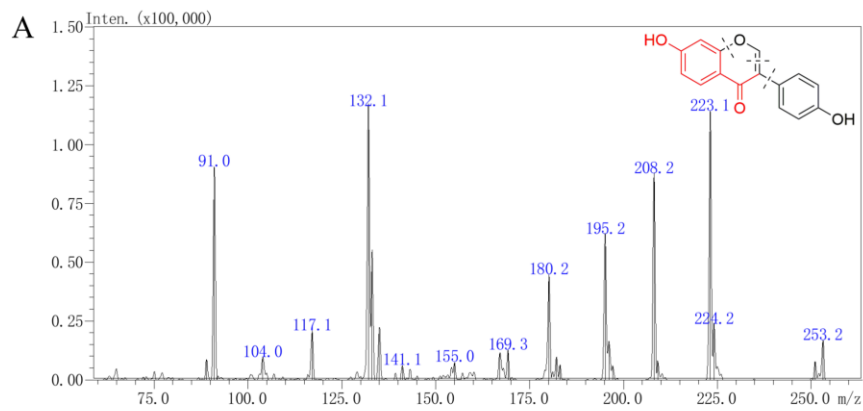
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16 **Abbreviations:** DAN, daidzein; 4'-I-P, 4'-O-L-isoleucyl carbamate prodrug of daidzein;
17 DAN-7-4'-DS, daidzein-7-4'-disulfate; DAN-7-G, daidzein-7-O-glucuronide; LLOQ, lower limit of
18 quantification; CID, collision-induced dissociation; PPT, protein precipitation; SD, Sprague-Dawley;
19 MRM, multiple reaction monitoring; QC, quality control; ESI, electrospray ionization.

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21 **Keywords:** daidzein; prodrug; metabolites; HPLC–MS/MS; pharmacokinetic study.



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Fig. S1 Full scan product ion mass spectrum of (A) DAN, (B) 4'-I-P, (C) DAN-7-4'-DS and (D) DAN-7-G in negative mode.

24 **Table S1** Gradient time table for HPLC-MS/MS method. Mobile phase A was water containing 5 mM
25 ammonium acetate adjusted to pH 4.2 with acetic acid. Mobile phase B was acetonitrile.

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Time (min)	Flow rate (mL/min)	A %	B %
0.00	0.3	90	10
4.50	0.3	18	82
4.70	0.3	90	10
6.20	0.3	90	10

Table S2 The precision and trueness values of the analytes for dilution integrity (mean \pm SD., n = 6).

Analytes	Added concentration (ng/mL)	Dilution times	Found concentration (ng/mL)	Accuracy RSD (%)	Precision RE (%)
DAN	2000	2.5	750.6 \pm 19.5	2.7	-6.2
	4000	5	770.7 \pm 34.4	4.5	-3.7
4'-I-P	10000	2.5	4096 \pm 122	3.0	2.5
	20000	5	4156 \pm 214	5.2	4.0
D-7-4'-DS	10000	2.5	4298 \pm 156	3.7	7.5
	20000	5	4152 \pm 69	1.7	3.8
D-7-G	10000	2.5	4206 \pm 282	6.8	5.2
	20000	5	4062 \pm 211	5.2	1.6

Table S3 Stability of DAN, 4'-I-P, DAN-7-4'-DS and D-7-G in rat plasma under different storage conditions (mean \pm SD., n = 3).

Analytes	Nominal (ng/mL)	Room temperature for 4 h		Pretreatment for 8 h		three freeze–thaw cycles		-80°C frozen storage 30 days	
		Measured (ng/mL)	RSD (%)	Measured (ng/mL)	RSD (%)	Measured (ng/mL)	RSD (%)	Measured (ng/mL)	RSD (%)
DAN	1.600	1.638 \pm 0.106	6.5	1.600 \pm 0.092	5.8	1.649 \pm 0.104	3.3	1.538 \pm 0.160	11
	40.00	36.47 \pm 0.93	2.6	36.52 \pm 0.94	3.6	37.07 \pm 0.96	2.9	37.34 \pm 1.40	3.8
	800	711.8 \pm 14.0	2.0	724.7 \pm 10.46	1.5	706.1 \pm 17.0	2.5	737.7 \pm 19.0	2.6
4'-I-P	8.00	7.917 \pm 0.620	7.9	7.842 \pm 0.355	4.6	8.31 \pm 0.56	6.8	8.07 \pm 0.40	5.1
	200.0	183.3 \pm 10.5	5.8	187.3 \pm 11.74	6.3	200.6 \pm 15.6	7.9	214.6 \pm 7.05	3.3
	4000	4132 \pm 175	4.3	4218 \pm 316	7.5	3893 \pm 333	9	4182 \pm 225	5.4
D-7-4'-DS	8.00	7.727 \pm 0.371	4.9	8.64 \pm 0.159	1.9	7.837 \pm 0.886	12	7.879 \pm 0.700	9
	200.0	202.7 \pm 5.6	2.8	213.7 \pm 6.2	2.9	201.2 \pm 15.8	7.9	199.5 \pm 9.9	5.0
	4000	4369 \pm 189	4.4	4132 \pm 299	7.3	4396 \pm 197	4.5	4346 \pm 143	3.3
D-7-G	8.00	8.20 \pm 0.34	4.2	7.401 \pm 0.449	6.1	8.38 \pm 0.66	7.9	8.01 \pm 0.62	7.8
	200.0	183.1 \pm 8.0	4.4	180.6 \pm 8.4	4.7	176.2 \pm 2.6	1.5	183.3 \pm 11.1	6.1
	4000	4297 \pm 172	4.1	3862 \pm 242	6.3	4284 \pm 193	4.6	4253 \pm 304	7.2