

**Retention time prediction and MRM validation reinforces the
biomarker identification of LC-MS based phospholipidomics**

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SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES AND TABLES

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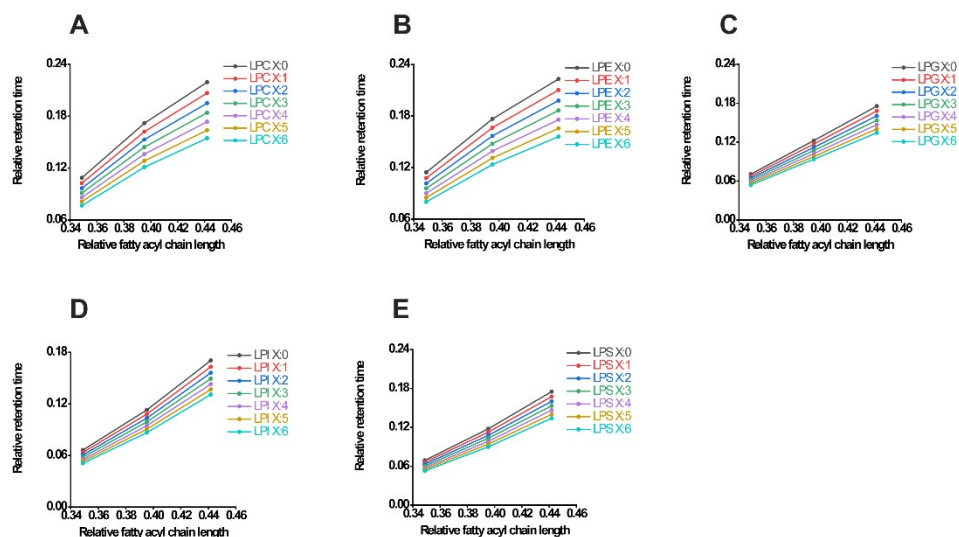


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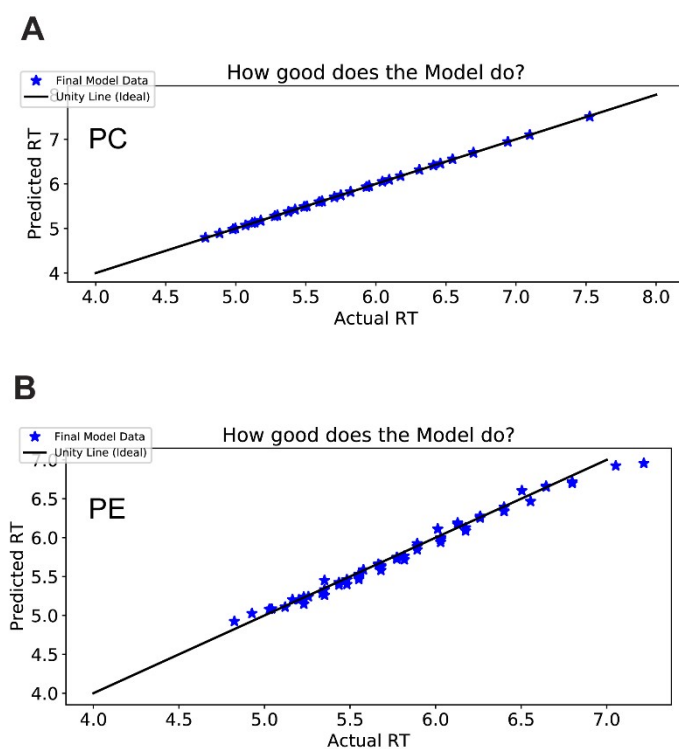


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| Headgroup | Adduct | Characteristic fragment ions |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| PC | [M+CH ₃ COO] ⁻ | [FA1-H] ⁻ , [FA2-H] ⁻ |
| PE | [M-H] ⁻ | [FA1-H] ⁻ , [FA2-H] ⁻ |
| PG | [M-H] ⁻ | [FA1-H] ⁻ , [FA2-H] ⁻ |
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| FA1 and FA2 are fatty acids | | |

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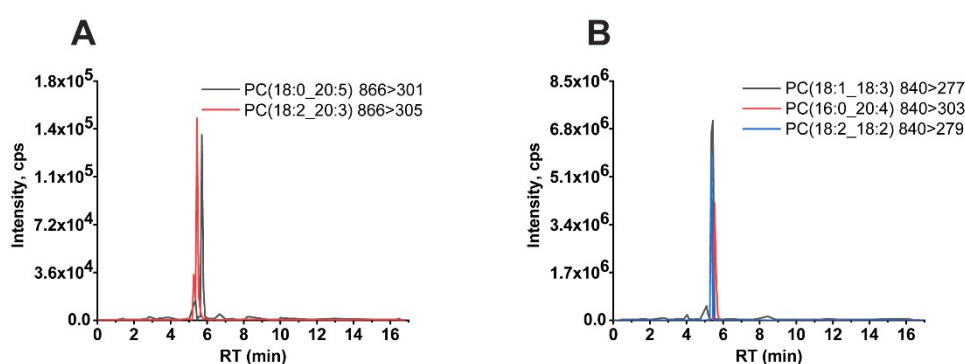


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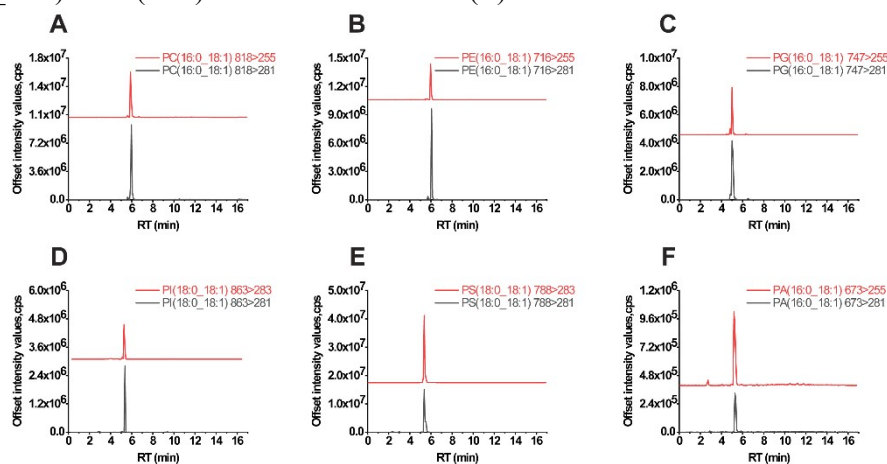


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