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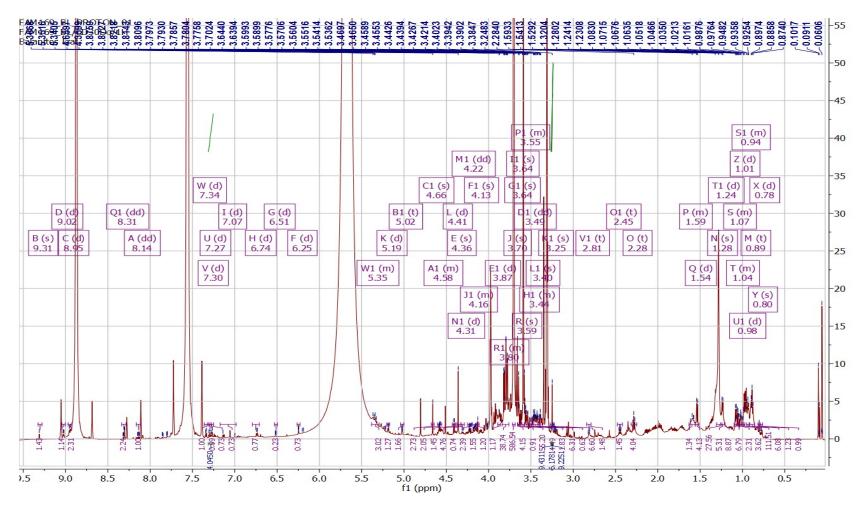
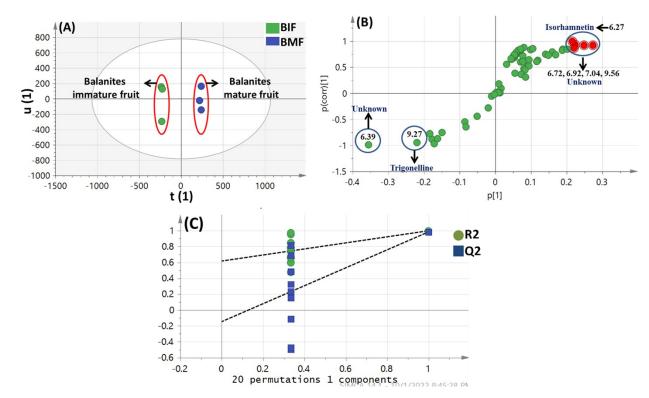
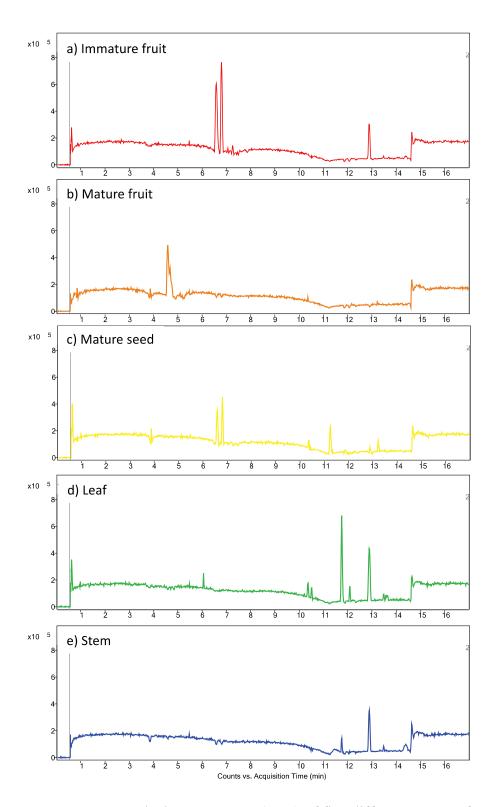


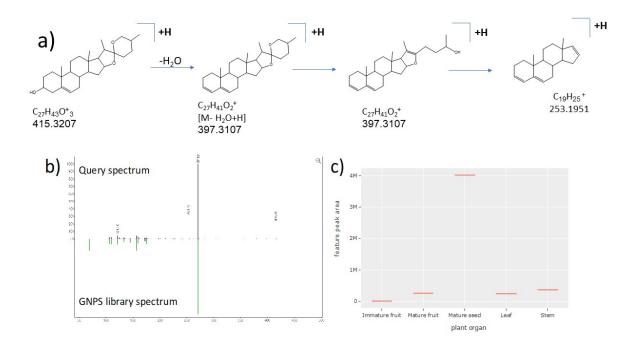
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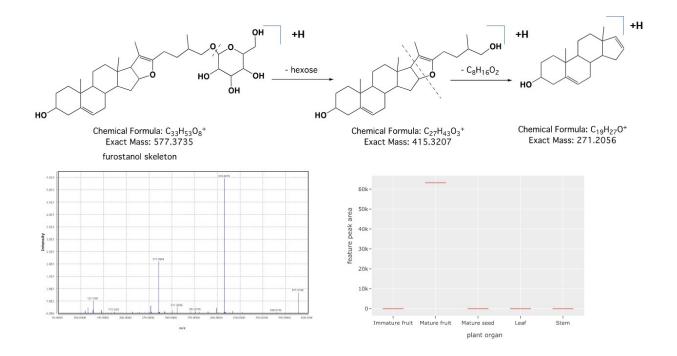


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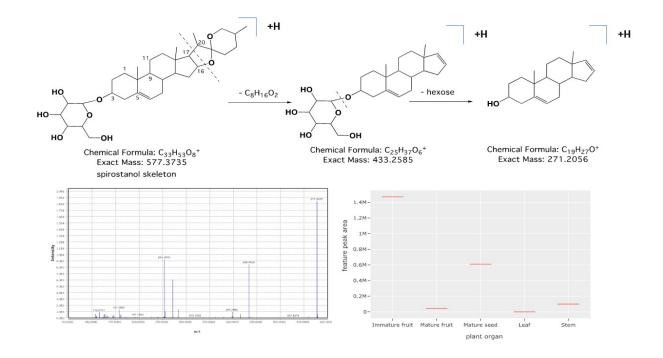
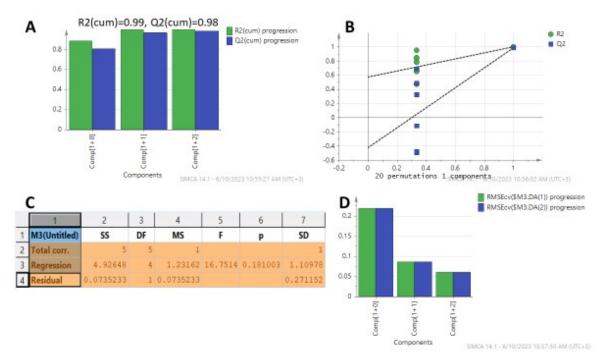


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**Fig. S7.** OPLS-DA model validation for modelling *B. aegyptiaca* samples based on LCMS in positive mode **A.** the diagnostic metrics R2 and Q2 **B.** permutation testing. n=20, and **C.** CV-ANOVA to assess for model statistical significance. **D.** SECV residuals.

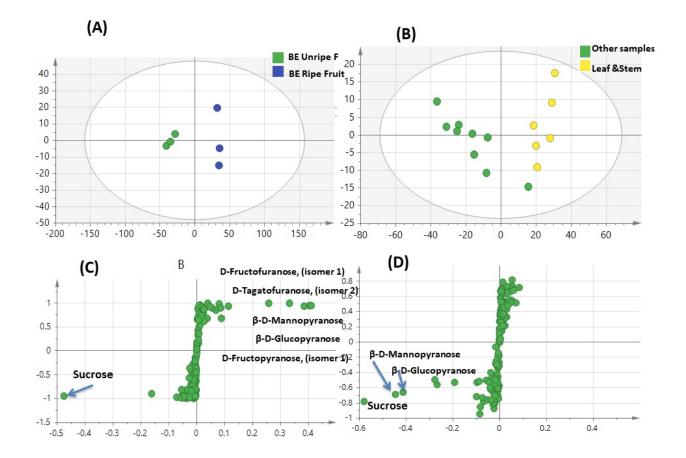


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Relative IC <sub>50</sub> (µg/mL)	PC-3		HCT-116	
	MTT assay	CV assay	MTT assay	CV assay
BS	$4.8 \pm 1.2$	$5.6\pm0.6$	$6.8\pm0.5$	$7.8 \pm 1.2$
BMF	$98.4 \pm 19.5$	$112.6 \pm 19.1$	> 200	> 200
BST	$38.3\pm7.3$	$45.6\pm2.7$	$47.7\pm22.0$	$48.2\pm18.5$
BL	> 200	> 200	> 200	> 200
BIF	$2.8\pm0.3$	$2.8\pm0.3$	$3.4\pm0.7$	$3.5\pm 0.4$