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# Applying an untargeted metabolomics approach using two complementary platforms for the discovery and validation of banana intake biomarkers

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What do we know about banana?



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## What do we know about banana?

✓ Highly consumed fruit in different countries.



✓ Intake of unripe banana ameliorates diarrhoea in children.

Green Banana Reduces Clinical Severity of Childhood Shigellosis A Double-Blind, Randomized, Controlled Clinical Trial

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✓ Biomarkers of banana intake following a meal intervention have not yet been reported.



# Why do we need biomarkers?

- ✓ Strengthening the information obtained from paper based dietary assessment tools (FFQ, 24HR) is needed.
- The use of biomarkers of intake to determine dietary exposure offers more objective information.



Cheung, W et al 2017 A metabolomic study of biomarkers of meat and fish intake doi:10.3945/ajcn.116.146639

Kristensen M, et al 2017 A High Rate of Non-Compliance Confounds the Study of Whole Grains and Weight Maintenance in a Randomised Intervention Tria.l doi:10.3390/nu9010055.

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# Main Objective

- Identify and validate novel urinary biomarkers of intake of banana using an untargeted metabolomics approach.
- ✓ Untargeted metabolomics approach in two different platforms (UPLC-QTOF-MS and GC×GC-MS) to analyse urine samples of two different study designs.





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✓ ESI(+)



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74 ions had a VIP>2 47 ions have a higher intensity in the banana group



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36 ions with p<0.05 BH



31 ions Higher in Banana

All significant ions in univariate have a VIP>2

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Discovery ESI (-)





40 ions had a VIP>2 37 ions have a higher intensity in the banana group



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22 ions with p<0.05 BH

22 ions Higher in Banana

All significant ions in univariate have a VIP>2

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### Identification pipeline overview



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### Parsimonious biomarker of banana intake! Good sensitivity and higher specificity



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### **Untargeted GCxGC-MS analysis**



- ✓ To obtain a broader coverage of biomarkers of banana intake.
- Confirm the robustness of the biomarkers of banana intake identified using UPLC-QTOF-MS.





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Discovery



Validation

Previously observed in

UPLC-QTOF-MS







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# Conclusions

- Applying an untargeted metabolomics approach in two different platforms provided a broader coverage of metabolites and candidate biomarkers for banana intake.
- Dopamine and serotonin metabolites are among the most discriminant metabolites following banana intake.
- The combination of m/z 195.1014 and 283.0474 putatively annotated as methoxy eugenol and 6-OH-T $\beta C$  sulfate offers a parsimonious biomarker of banana intake.
- Further validation in independent cohorts is needed using a quantitative method to further assess the utility of these biomarkers to predict the intake of banana.



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