Biomarker and Omics Solutions for Discovery and Targeted Lipidomics
Lipids play a key role in many biological processes, such as the formation of cell membranes and signaling pathways. They are a chemically diverse group of molecules that vary widely in size and structure.

The *lipidome* refers to all the lipids that exist in cells and how they affect diverse cellular processes. To understand the lipidome, it is important to characterize and quantify lipids, both collectively and individually. Mass spectrometry has emerged as a powerful analytical tool for lipidomics research.

AB SCIEX provides a powerful suite of electrospray mass spectrometry tools, and partners with other industry providers to enable systems-level lipidomics.

Starting with the right tools

Powerful mass spectrometry systems combined with innovative software and reagents enable workflows that increase productivity, while saving time and money.

**Lipidomics solutions**

Hardware and software for non-targeted and targeted workflows
Accurate mass, high-resolution lipid analysis can be achieved on the AB SCIEX TripleTOF™ 5600 System for lipid identification in both positive and negative modes.

The AB SCIEX QTRAP® 5500 System offers a more targeted quantitative approach to lipid analysis, with fast multiplexed scanning by MRM, precursor ion, or neutral loss scanning.

Data types from either approach are fully supported by dedicated software and algorithms that enable you to:
- Automate deciphering of lipid MS and MS/MS spectra
- Identify lipid species by database searching
- Correct isotopes
- Perform semi-quantitation analysis against lipid-class internal standards

You can also visualize and quantify data with advanced statistical tools in MarkerView™ Software and seamlessly process targeted lipid assays with MultiQuant™ Software.

When used with the Advion TriVersa NanoMate®, these systems provide reproducible, long stable spray times, for deeper interrogation and consistent profiling, with no sample to sample carryover.
The AB SCIEX TripleTOF™ 5600 System combines our leadership in high sensitivity triple quadrupole quantification with high resolution and accurate mass for comprehensive lipid characterization. This new hybrid time-of-flight platform offers in-depth lipid profiling by molecular compositions at high speeds without compromising resolution or sensitivity. Whether the experimental approach benefits from LC fractionation or could simply be carried out by a direct infusion shotgun approach, a novel MS/MSALL workflow with high resolution TOF MS and MS/MS is a powerful toolset for lipid systems analysis.

Key benefits of the TripleTOF™ 5600 System:

- Accurate mass and high resolution full scan TOF MS and MS/MS at the detectable dynamic range achieved on 4000 QTRAP® System
- Up to 100 MS/MS per second, 50 in data dependent mode
- Resolution > 30,000 in both MS and MS/MS
- Mass accuracy of 2 ppm across mass range
- Dynamic range is approximately 4 orders
- Multiple precursor ion scanning simultaneously while storing all TOF product ions
- Novel workflows for acquiring data; MS/MSALL and neutral loss dependant MS/MS scanning

High resolution and accurate mass discovery with sensitive triple quad-like quantitation

A data-independent approach offers advantages when profiling lipids in complex biological extracts by providing MS/MS data for all lipid species in a given sample.

In an MS/MSALL workflow, Q1 steps through the mass range at unit-mass resolution, fragmenting all precursors and storing all product ions. This enables the recall of any precursor ion spectrum and post-acquisition lipid-class specific profiling.

Additionally, a high resolution TOF MS scan is looped within the acquisition to supplement the precursor profile with high mass accuracy measurements for optimal lipid identification.

Graphical representations of a single cycle of MS/MSALL acquisition technique on the TripleTOF™ 5600 system.

MS/MSALL on the TripleTOF 5600 system for lipidomics

TOP: Ordered MS/MS acquisition of every precursor mass from 200 to 1000 m/z at 1 Da/Q1 steps, resolved at UNIT resolution. A full product ion spectra is acquired at each step in as little as 10 ms producing 800 high resolution MS/MS collected across the mass range. BOTTOM: Three-dimensional plot of product ion m/z (y-axis) against peak intensity (blue to red). Data shown is negative mode cycle MS/MSALL workflow of a rat brain lipid extract.
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**Principle component analysis**

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With a new user-friendly workflow driven format, LipidView™-software implements a simple 4-step workflow for automated data processing to obtain lipid species identification, isotope contribution removal of species with close lower m/z, multiple internal standards-based quantification, graphical visualization and reporting of the results. LipidView™ Software supports all data types from AB SCIEX Triple Quad®, QTRAP® and TripleTOF™ systems and complements to provide a full solution for mammalian lipid profiling research.

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QTRAP® 5500 System for lipidomics

The AB SCIEX QTRAP® 5500 System is a triple quadrupole (QqQ) and linear ion trap (LIT) hybrid platform with unique scanning functions that provide the selectivity to deal with lipid species diversity within lipid classes and the sensitivity needed to characterize lipid structures in samples of wide dynamic range. Highly multiplexed MRM, Precursor Ion, and Neutral Loss scanning shows a 5x improvement in sensitivity compared to similar acquisitions carried out on the 4000 QTRAP® System and a 30-100 times sensitivity improvement in LIT MS/MS modes (enhanced product ion). This hybrid QqLIT design therefore enables class-specific lipid quantitative measurements combined with full scan MS/MS for lipid species molecular confirmation.

Targeted lipid quantitation

Targeted quantitative approaches represent a highly robust, sensitive and reproducible mode for lipid quantitation. Using LC methods suitable for the intended lipid class targets, targeted acquisitions can be collected on either the TripleTOF™ or QTRAP® system and then processed automatically using MultiQuant™ Software. On the TripleTOF System, a set of lipids can be analyzed using the MRM™ workflow and high quality quantitation data is derived from the post-acquisition extraction of product ions collected at high resolution.

Scheduled MRM™ acquisition experiments on the QTRAP 5500 system benefit from the highest MRM sensitivity enabling high speed acquisition with high multiplexing to cover a wide range of lipid species with specific fatty acid compositions. With a proper internal standard strategy, reference ions are measured in the same fashion for lipid-class normalization or signal correction by the quantitative detection of common fragments. Such experiments can couple a series of specified fragment ions representing a unique lipid species, representing a value-added benefit to refining quantitation methods even after the data is acquired.

MultiQuant™ Software—Automation drives productivity

Built upon years of experience in MRM quantitative processing, MultiQuant™ Software was designed to enhance and automate the processing of MRM datasets in an intuitive, user-friendly workspace. It supports all internal standard strategies for both relative and absolute quantitation and provides query tools to minimize manual data review and data integration. Flexible reporting capabilities are available to create user-specific reports, and the data can be easily exported to Microsoft Excel®.

Liver Tissue Lipid Extract

Global lipid profiling strategies using TripleTrap™ scanning

Multiple precursor ion and neutral loss scanning in negative mode on the QTRAP® system enables up to 60 targeted lipid class-specific scans in a single acquisition method. Liver tissue lipid extract data is shown where 57 precursor and neutral loss scans are overlaid providing fatty acid profiles for the targeted glycerophospholipids.

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