## **Supporting Information**

## Identifying Cysteine, *N*-Acetylcysteine, and Glutathione-Conjugates as Novel Metabolites of Aristolochic Acid I: Emergence of a New Detoxification Pathway

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Table S1: Optimized MS and MS<sup>2</sup> parameters used in quantitation of AA-I and its metabolites.

Capillary voltage		1.0 kV		
Source temperature		150 °C		
Desolvation temperature		650 °C		
Cone gas flow		150 L/hr		
Desolvation gas flow		850 L/hr		
Collision gas flow		0.15 mL/min		
Nebulizer gas flow		7.0 bar		
	Precursor ion, $m/z$	Product ion, $m/z$	Cone voltage, V	Collision energy, eV
AA-I	359	298	8	8
AA-I	359 359	298 324	8 8	<u>8</u> 12
AA-I AA-Ia	359 359 345	298 324 284	8 8 25	8 12 10
AA-I AA-Ia	359 359 345 345	298 324 284 310	8 8 25 25	8 12 10 8
AA-I AA-Ia AL-I	359 359 345 345 294	298 324 284 310 279	8 8 25 25 40	8 12 10 8 22
AA-I AA-Ia AL-I	359 359 345 345 294 294	298 324 284 310 279 251	8 8 25 25 40 40	8 12 10 8 22 30
AA-I AA-Ia AL-I AAI-Cys	359 359 345 345 294 294 413	298 324 284 310 279 251 324	8 8 25 25 40 40 25	8 12 10 8 22 30 15
AA-I AA-Ia AL-I AAI-Cys	359 359 345 345 294 294 413 413	298 324 284 310 279 251 324 294	8 8 25 25 40 40 25 25 25	8 12 10 8 22 30 15 22
AA-I AA-Ia AL-I AAI-Cys AAI-NAC	359 359 345 345 294 294 413 413 455	298 324 284 310 279 251 324 294 162	8 8 25 25 40 40 40 25 25 25 30	8 12 10 8 22 30 15 22 15
AA-I AA-Ia AL-I AAI-Cys AAI-NAC	359 359 345 345 294 294 413 413 455 455	298 324 284 310 279 251 324 294 162 294	8 8 25 25 40 40 25 25 25 30 30 30	8 12 10 8 22 30 15 22 15 12
AA-I AA-Ia AL-I AAI-Cys AAI-NAC AAI-GSH	359        359        345        345        294        294        413        413        455        455        599	298 324 284 310 279 251 324 294 162 294 177	8 8 25 25 40 40 40 25 25 25 30 30 30 35	8 12 10 8 22 30 15 22 15 12 22



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