

## ***Supporting Information***

### **Accurate Identification of Unknown and Known Metabolic Mixture Components by Combining 3D NMR and Fourier Transform Ion Cyclotron Resonance Tandem Mass Spectrometry**

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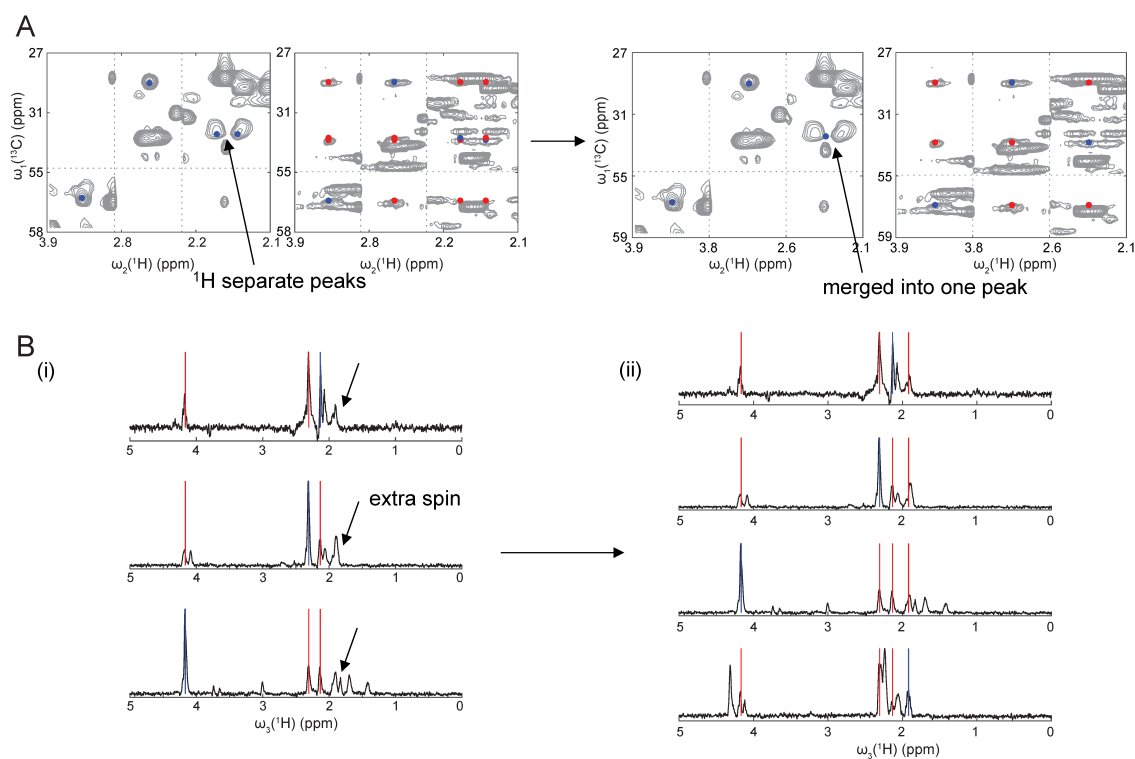
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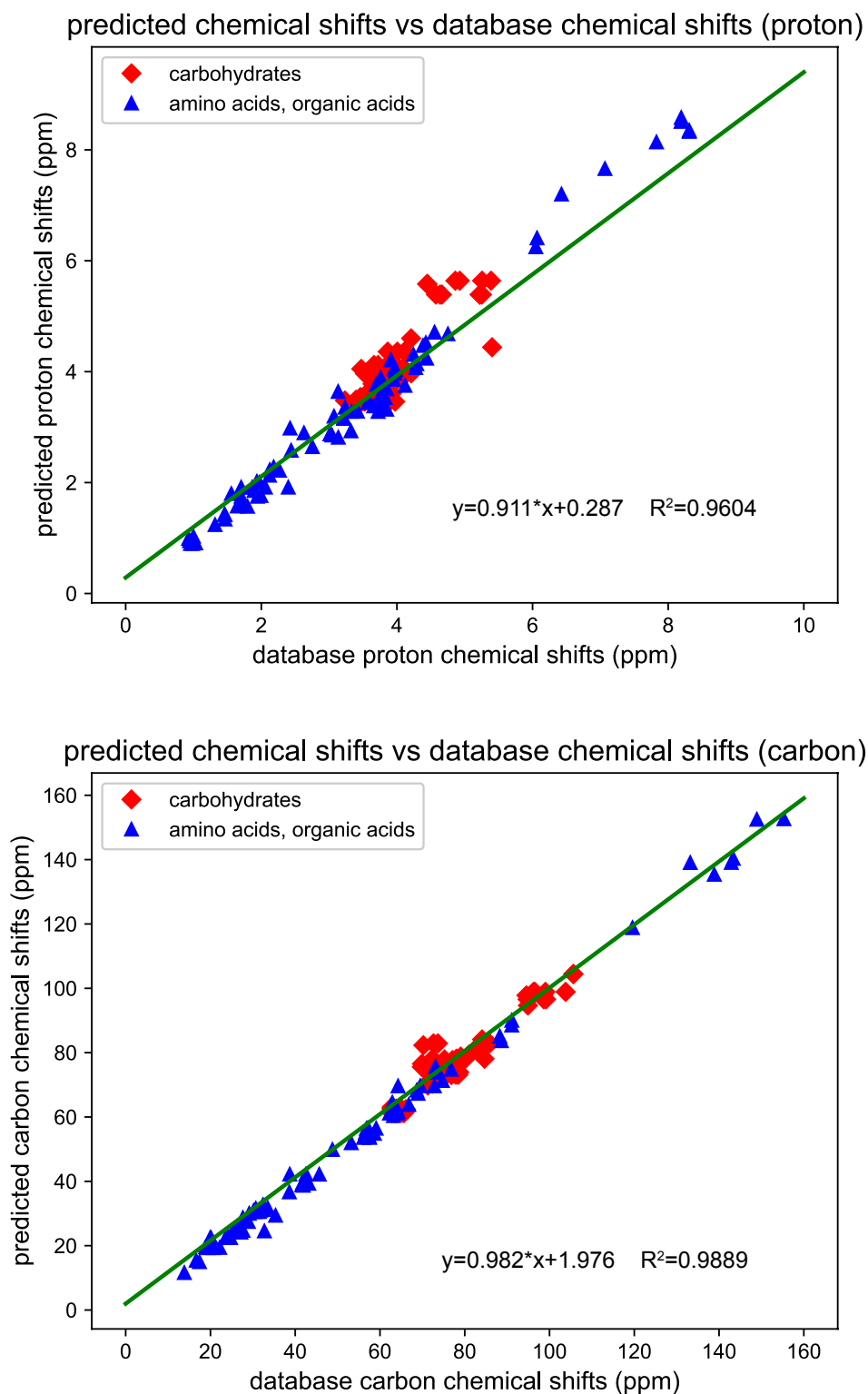
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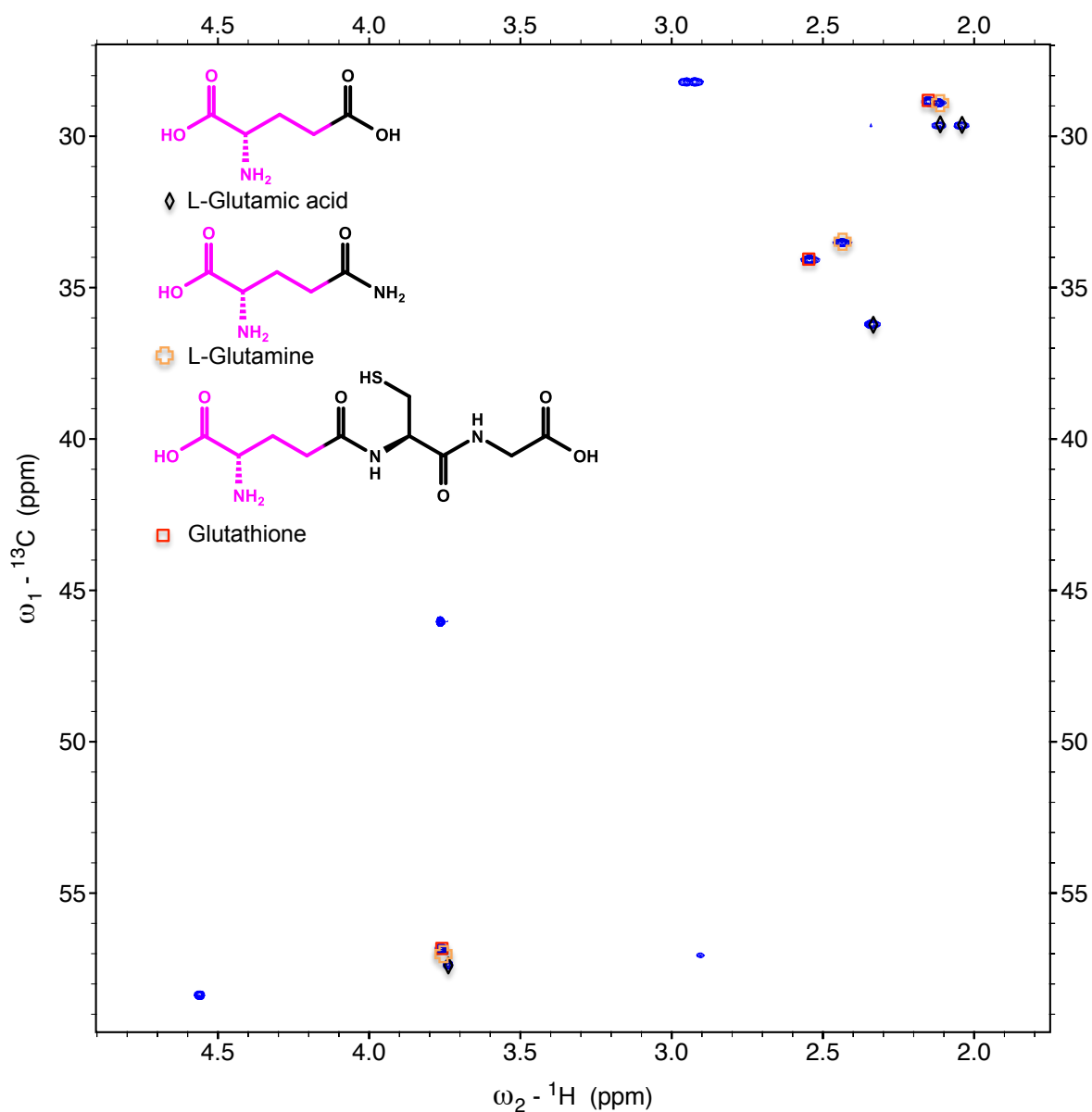
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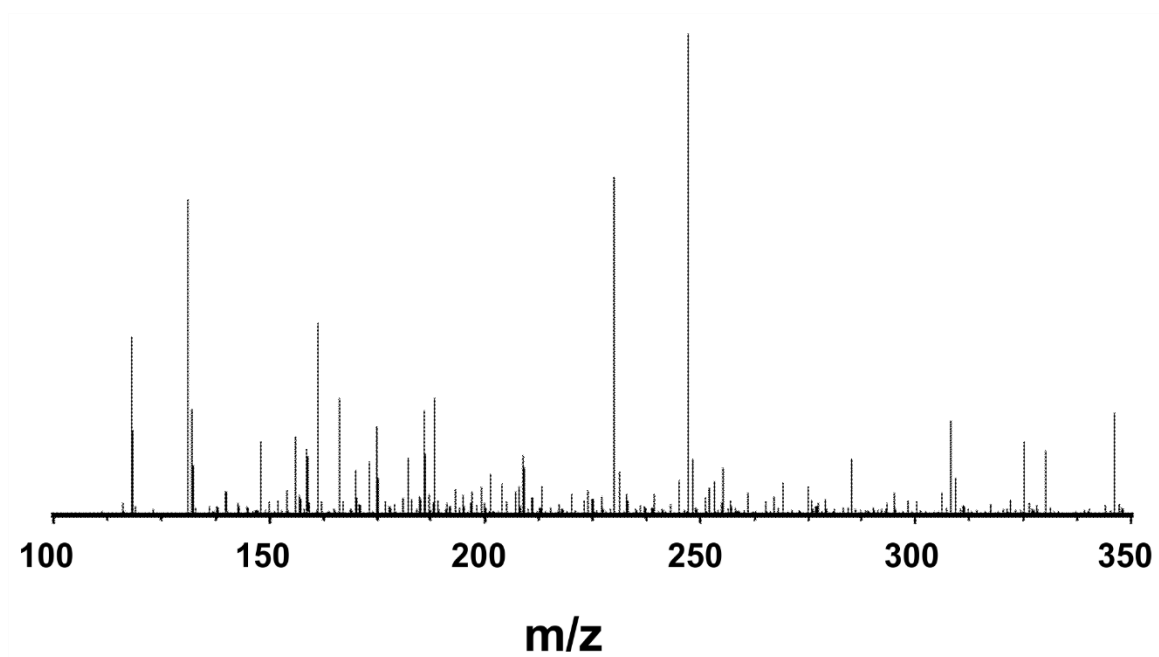
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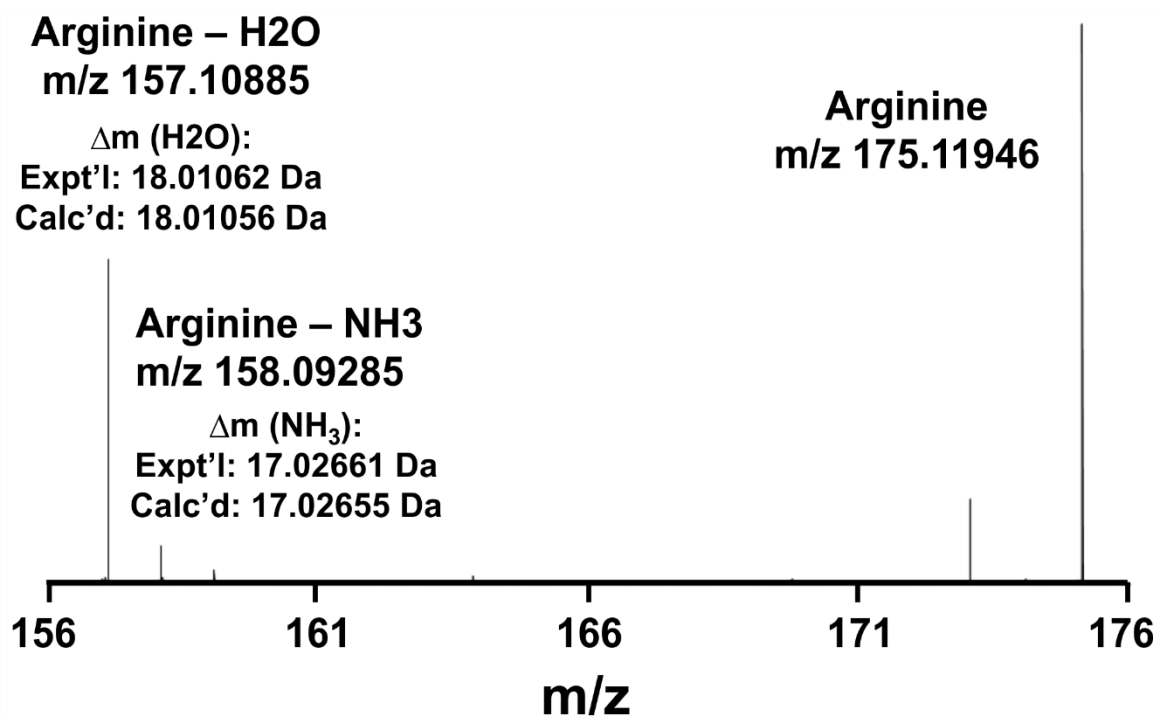
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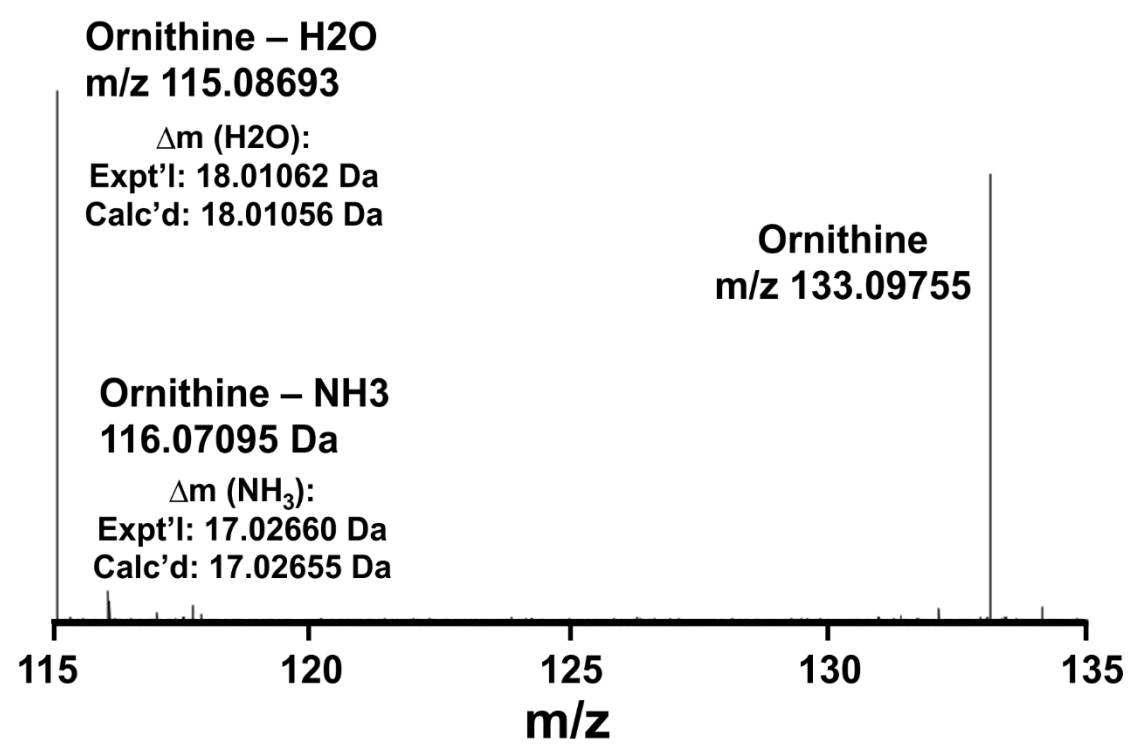
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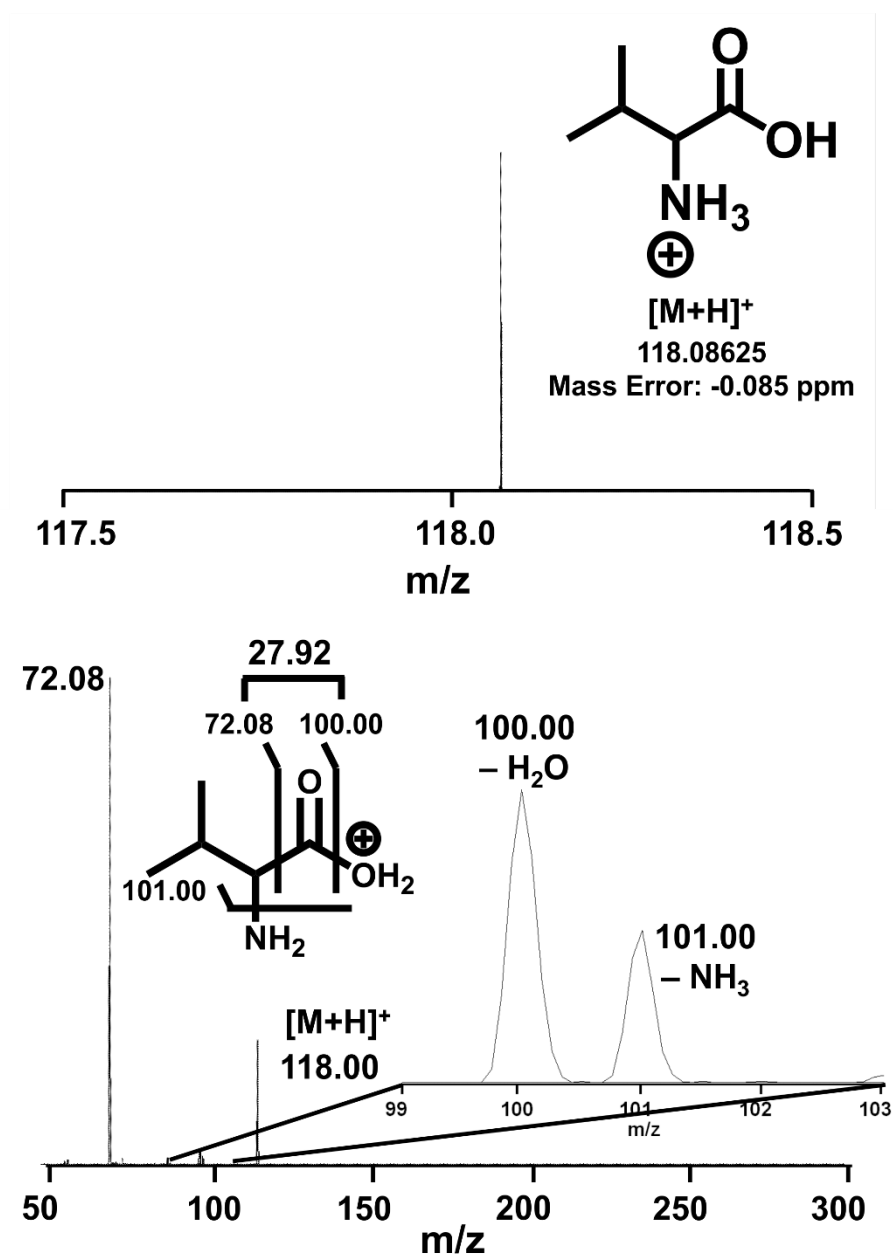


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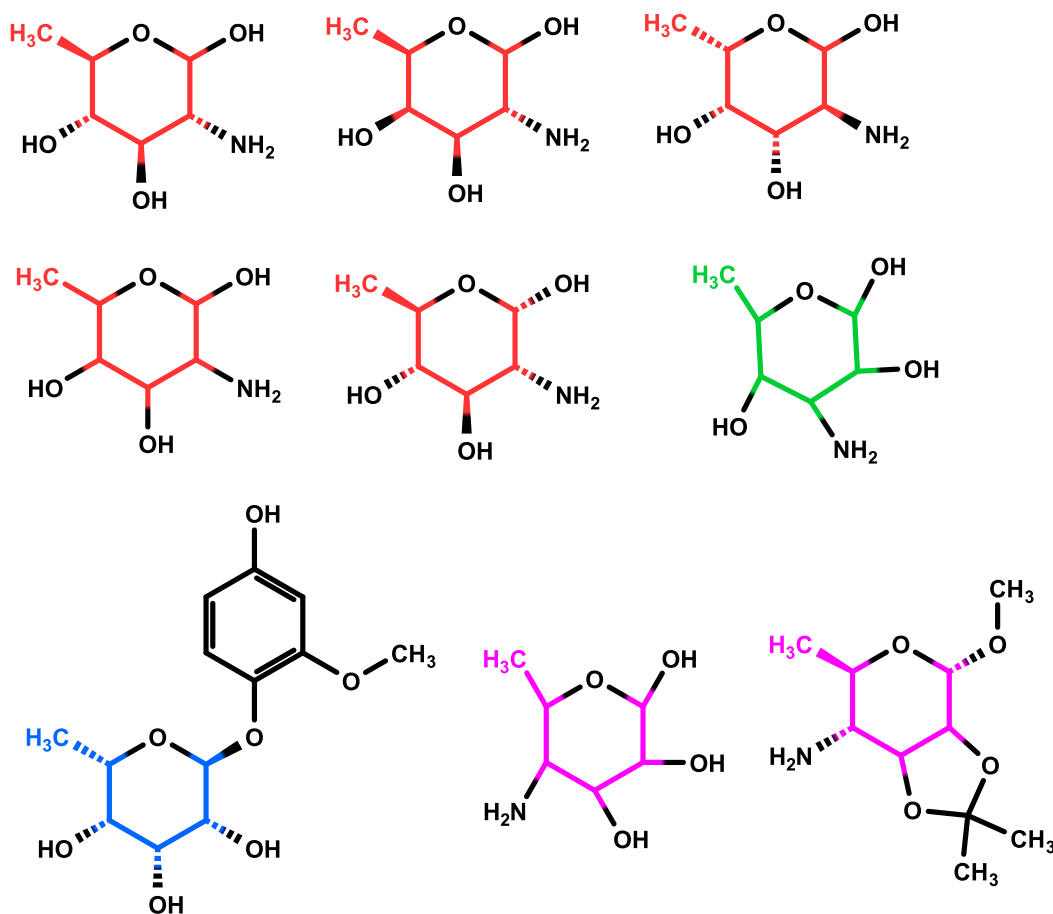


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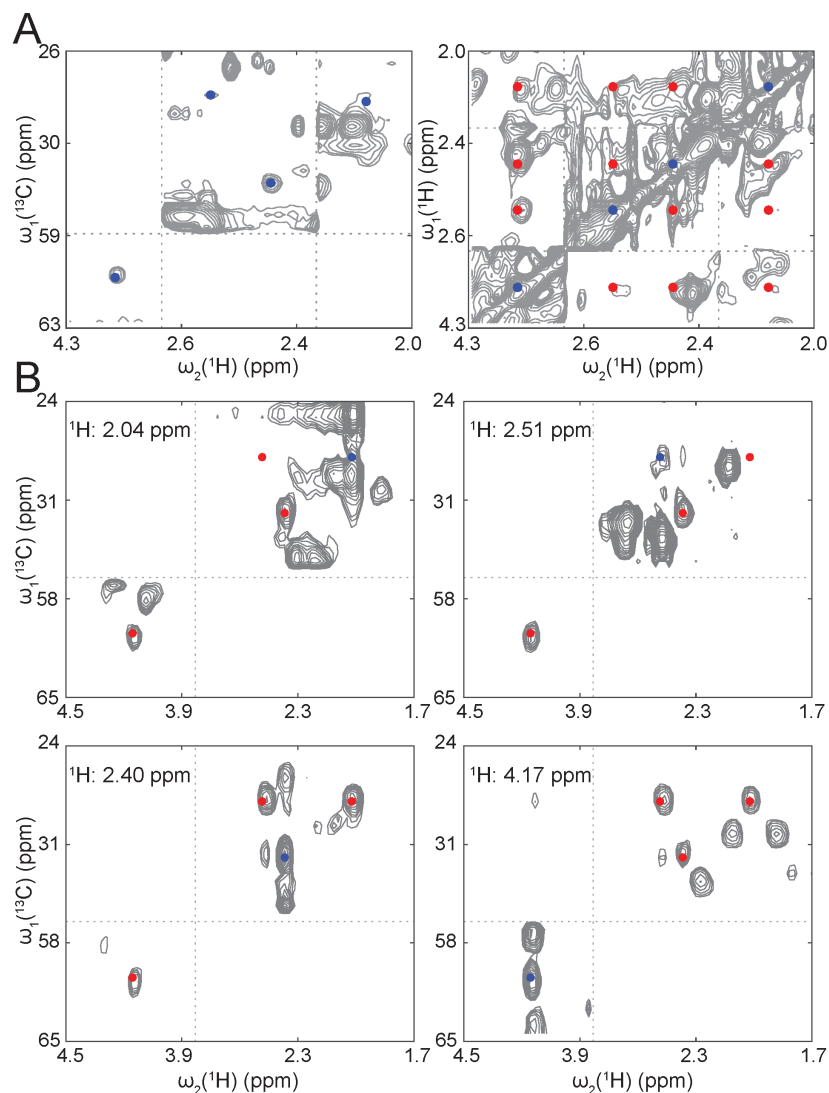




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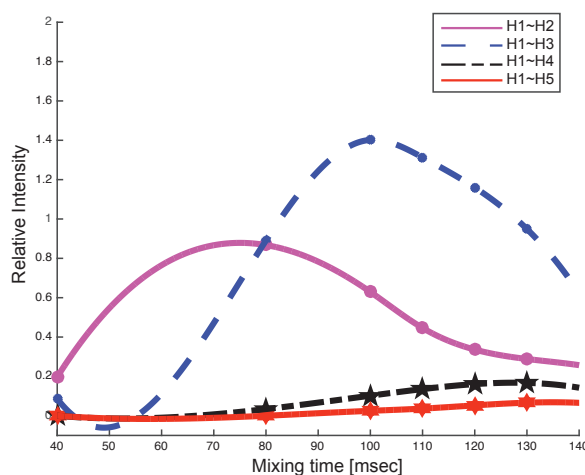
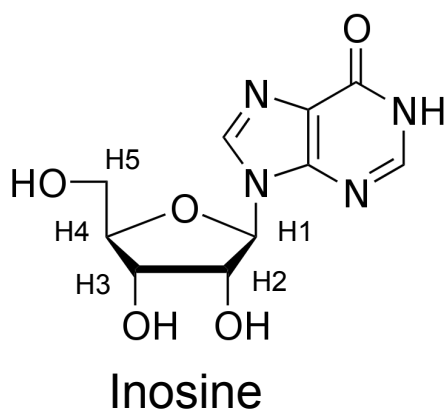
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### 3D HSQC-TOCSY mixing time optimization

To obtain a high quality 3D HSQC-TOCSY spectrum with maximal proton-proton magnetization transfer efficiency, optimization of the isotropic mixing time is critical for spin-system assignment and the sequential spin-system extraction process.<sup>1,2</sup> Because 3D HSQC-TOCSY and 2D  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  TOCSY share the same pulse sequence element for isotropic mixing, the 25-compound model mixture was used for the 2D  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  TOCSY experiment to obtain the optimal mixing time with good overall magnetization transfer efficiency between resonances at extreme ends of a spin system. A series of TOCSY experiments was performed with 40 ms, 80 ms, 100 ms, 110 ms, 120 ms and 130 ms mixing times. The effect of the TOCSY mixing time on proton-proton magnetization transfer efficiency is shown in Figure S10. Based on these results a mixing time of 120 ms was chosen for both 2D  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  TOCSY and 3D HSQC-TOCSY experiment.



**Figure S10.** Effect of TOCSY-mixing time on magnetization transfer efficiency of inosine. The figure depicts magnetization transfer across the whole spin system as a function of the mixing time.

**Table S1.** Metabolites of *E. coli* cell lysate identified by COLMARm web server and database

| Compound identified by COLMARm         | Formula       | <sup>13</sup> C RMSD (ppm) | <sup>1</sup> H RMSD (ppm) |
|--|---------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| L-glutamine                            | C5H10N2O3     | 0.050                      | 0.019                     |
| L-valine                               | C5H11NO2      | 0.070                      | 0.013                     |
| maltose                                | C12H22O11     | 0.130                      | 0.010                     |
| cellobiose                             | C12H22O11     | 0.120                      | 0.010                     |
| N-acetyl-putrescine                    | C6H14N2O      | 0.180                      | 0.016                     |
| L-glutamic acid                        | C5H9NO4       | 0.070                      | 0.016                     |
| D-glucose                              | C6H12O6       | 0.130                      | 0.011                     |
| spermidine                             | C7H19N3       | 0.080                      | 0.016                     |
| L-phenylalanine                        | C9H11NO2      | 0.130                      | 0.015                     |
| L-tyrosine                             | C9H11NO3      | 0.180                      | 0.020                     |
| N- $\alpha$ -acetyl-L-lysine           | C8H16N2O3     | 0.160                      | 0.016                     |
| L-glutathione-reduced                  | C10H17N3O6S   | 0.090                      | 0.008                     |
| L-methionine                           | C5H11NO2S     | 0.050                      | 0.010                     |
| adenosine                              | C10H13N5O4    | 0.070                      | 0.011                     |
| inosine                                | C10H12N4O5    | 0.170                      | 0.019                     |
| L-proline                              | C5H9NO2       | 0.090                      | 0.015                     |
| leucine                                | C6H13NO2      | 0.060                      | 0.012                     |
| pyridoxamine-5-phosphate-1             | C8H13N2O5P    | 0.170                      | 0.014                     |
| guanosine                              | C10H13N5O5    | 0.130                      | 0.005                     |
| DL- $\alpha$ -glycerol-phosphoric acid | C3H9O6P       | 0.110                      | 0.010                     |
| N-acetyl-L-glutamine                   | C7H12N2O4     | 0.230                      | 0.017                     |
| D-glucuronic acid                      | C6H10O7       | 0.200                      | 0.011                     |
| methyl-uridine                         | C10H14N2O6    | 0.160                      | 0.018                     |
| dAMP                                   | C10H14N5O6P   | 0.150                      | 0.014                     |
| dTMP                                   | C10H15N2O8P   | 0.140                      | 0.019                     |
| UMP                                    | C9H13N2O9P    | 0.180                      | 0.013                     |
| ethanolamine                           | C2H7NO        | 0.130                      | 0.006                     |
| uracil                                 | C4H4N2O2      | 0.220                      | 0.021                     |
| N-acetyl-L-alanine                     | C5H9NO3       | 0.090                      | 0.012                     |
| malic acid                             | C4H6O5        | 0.080                      | 0.007                     |
| rhamnose                               | C6H12O5       | 0.110                      | 0.013                     |
| N1-acetyl-spermine                     | C12H28N4O     | 0.090                      | 0.010                     |
| cysteine-glutathione-disulfide         | C13H22N4O8S2  | 0.180                      | 0.011                     |
| dTTP                                   | C10H17N2O14P3 | 0.170                      | 0.022                     |
| UDP-GlcNAc                             | C17H27N3O17P2 | 0.110                      | 0.005                     |

|             |               |       |       |
|-------------|---------------|-------|-------|
| ADP         | C10H15N5O10P2 | 0.140 | 0.016 |
| ATP         | C10H16N5O13P3 | 0.110 | 0.019 |
| ITP         | C10H15N4O14P3 | 0.160 | 0.022 |
| UDP-glucose | C15H24N2O17P2 | 0.080 | 0.018 |
| NAD         | C21H27N7O14P2 | 0.060 | 0.018 |
| NADP+       | C21H29N7O17P3 | 0.170 | 0.017 |

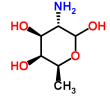
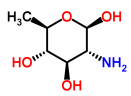
**Table S2.** Metabolites identified in *E. coli* cell lysate and verified by COLMAR web server and SUMMIT MS/NMR. (Highlighted metabolites in **green** were consistent with identification by COLMARm (based on HSQC for query and TOCSY + HSQC-TOCSY for validation); highlighted metabolites in **blue** were identified based on the COLMAR HSQC database alone.

| Compound                      | Rank | Total hits<br>(RMSD<5.0 ppm) | Mass error<br>(ppm) | RMSD<br>(ppm) | RMSD (ppm)<br>(COLMAR) |
|-------------------------------|------|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| L-glutamine                   | 1    | 6268                         | 0.14                | 1.27          | 0.14                   |
| L-valine                      | 5    | 5089                         | 0.13                | 0.99          | 0.10                   |
| maltose                       | 14   | 641                          | 0.08                | 1.52          | 0.12                   |
| cellobiose                    | 29   | 641                          | 0.08                | 1.73          | 0.11                   |
| N-acetyl-putrescine           | 45   | 1697                         | 0.08                | 1.87          | 0.17                   |
| L-glutamic acid               | 79   | 5549                         | 0.14                | 1.58          | 0.12                   |
| D-glucose                     | 170  | 659                          | -0.07               | 2.17          | 0.12                   |
| spermidine                    | 213  | 1697                         | 0.14                | 2.82          | 0.13                   |
| L-phenylalanine               | 230  | 7685                         | 0.06                | 2.06          | 0.14                   |
| L-tyrosine                    | 251  | 7685                         | 0.11                | 2.07          | 0.19                   |
| N-alpha-acetyl-L-lysine       | 278  | 576                          | 0.11                | 2.94          | 0.16                   |
| L-glutathione-reduced         | 313  | 6268                         | 0.10                | 2.55          | 0.09                   |
| L-methionine                  | 417  | 4982                         | 0.13                | 2.49          | 0.08                   |
| D-xylose                      | 1    | 96                           | 0.09                | 1.85          | 0.47                   |
| D-sorbose                     | 3    | 285                          | -0.07               | 1.59          | 0.16                   |
| lactose                       | 6    | 744                          | 0.08                | 1.71          | 0.18                   |
| N-alpha-acetyl-ornithine      | 7    | 1552                         | 0.18                | 2.18          | 0.18                   |
| AMP                           | 19   | 36                           | 0.12                | 2.69          | 0.76                   |
| D-ribose                      | 26   | 142                          | 0.09                | 2.51          | 0.19                   |
| D-galactose                   | 33   | 659                          | -0.07               | 1.74          | 0.64                   |
| 2-pyrrolidinone-5-carboxylate | 275  | 5549                         | 0.08                | 2.02          | 0.30                   |
| lysine                        | 281  | 576                          | 0.20                | 2.95          | 0.12                   |
| isovalerylglutamic acid       | 289  | 3773                         | 0.13                | 1.8           | 0.14                   |
| S-adenosyl-L-homocysteine     | 332  | 4982                         | 0.07                | 2.3           | 0.62                   |
| gamma-glutamylcysteine        | 367  | 6268                         | -0.05               | 2.55          | 0.19                   |
| D-glucosamine                 | 9    | 144                          | 0.12                | 2.46          | 0.17                   |
| xylulose                      | 10   | 1629                         | 0.09                | 1.69          | 0.74                   |

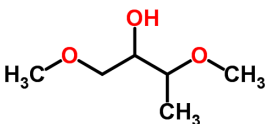
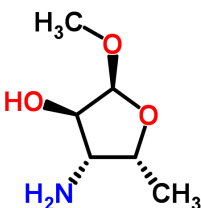
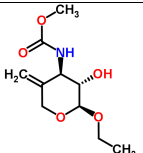
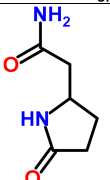
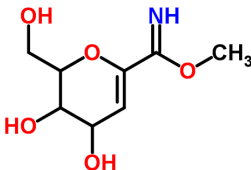
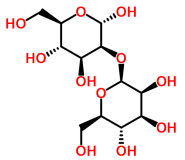
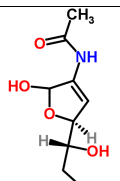
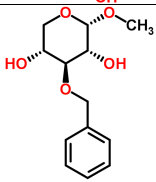
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| L-arabinose          | 25  | 96   | 0.09  | 2.58 | 0.71 |
| D-tagatose           | 26  | 285  | -0.07 | 1.84 | 0.65 |
| muramic acid         | 32  | 81   | 0.01  | 3.09 | 0.41 |
| melibiose            | 36  | 99   | 0.08  | 2.22 | 0.28 |
| isomaltose           | 38  | 99   | 0.08  | 2.41 | 0.19 |
| D-salicin            | 80  | 744  | -0.06 | 2.29 | 0.25 |
| sucrose              | 136 | 168  | 0.08  | 3.26 | 0.29 |
| beta-gentiobiose     | 345 | 956  | 0.08  | 2.48 | 0.40 |
| D-trehalose          | 378 | 1139 | 0.08  | 2.42 | 0.23 |
| N-acetyl-lactosamine | 427 | 1079 | 0.09  | 2.45 | 0.48 |

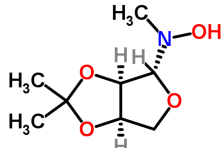
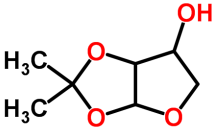
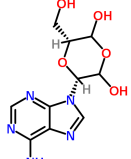
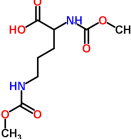
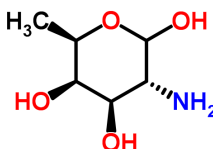
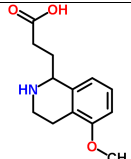
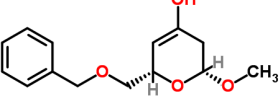


**Table S3.** Quantum-chemical calculations of NMR chemical shifts for two selected compounds, together with matching results from experimental spectra. The quantum-chemical calculations were performed according to our MOSS-DFT protocol published recently.<sup>3</sup>

| Compound  | Peak index | Predicted $^1\text{H}$<br>c.s. (ppm) <sup>a</sup> | Predicted $^{13}\text{C}$<br>c.s. (ppm) <sup>a</sup> | Expt. $^1\text{H}$ c.s.<br>(ppm) | Expt. $^{13}\text{C}$ c.s.<br>(ppm) |
|---|------------|---|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| L-fucosamine<br>           | 1          | 1.342   | 17.506   | 1.167                            | 19.542                              |
|   | 2          | 3.252   | 60.607   | 3.618                            | 59.207                              |
|   | 3          | 3.835   | 71.816   | 4.032                            | 70.725                              |
|   | 4          | 3.893   | 73.883   | 3.632                            | 75.944                              |
|   | 5          | 3.901   | 72.945   | 3.767                            | 73.296                              |
|   | 6          | 4.887   | 94.099   | 5.573                            | 98.048                              |
|   | RMSD (ppm) | 2.9335  |  |                                  |                                     |
| 6-desoxy-D-glucosamine<br> | 1          | 1.337   | 18.311   | 1.167                            | 19.542                              |
|   | 2          | 3.207   | 61.619   | 3.618                            | 59.207                              |
|   | 3          | 3.737   | 73.449   | 4.032                            | 70.725                              |
|   | 4          | 3.326   | 77.943   | 3.632                            | 75.944                              |
|   | 5          | 3.565   | 74.916   | 3.767                            | 73.296                              |
|   | 6          | 4.949   | 93.834   | 5.573                            | 98.048                              |
|   | RMSD (ppm) | 3.1622  |  |                                  |                                     |

**Table S4.** Unknown spin systems identified in *E. coli* cell lysate by 3D HSQC-TOCSY and compound candidates (top hits) returned by SUMMIT.

| Unknown spin system peak list<br>( $\delta_H$ , $\delta_C$ ) ppm  | Top hit   | ChemSpider ID | RMSD (ppm) |
|---|---|---------------|------------|
| (4.093, 73.531)<br>(3.434, 75.502)<br>(3.387, 74.313)<br>(1.315, 19.470)  |    | 36208103      | 1.98       |
| (1.167, 19.542)<br>(3.767, 73.296)<br>(4.032, 70.725)<br>(3.618, 59.207)<br>(5.573, 98.048)                     |    | 32971157      | 3.23       |
| (4.523, 55.624)<br>(4.063, 74.956)<br>(3.809, 80.235)<br>(4.864, 100.947)                                       |    | 26596688      | 2.69       |
| (2.058, 30.448)<br>(2.283, 36.248)<br>(4.305, 56.298)<br>(1.918, 30.569)  |   | 32970114      | 2.58       |
| (3.948, 63.316)<br>(3.481, 71.620)<br>(3.801, 78.104)<br>(3.781, 63.146)<br>(4.858, 105.234)                    |  | 4324706       | 2.38       |
| (4.058, 67.096)<br>(4.189, 67.116)<br>(3.592, 77.226)<br>(3.391, 75.683)<br>(3.481, 71.620)<br>(4.643, 105.803) |  | 27471393      | 2.36       |
| (3.481, 71.620)<br>(3.801, 78.104)<br>(3.864, 63.231)<br>(4.858, 105.234)                                       |  | 29369739      | 2.81       |
| (4.376, 65.593)<br>(3.714, 75.454)<br>(3.703, 76.472)<br>(4.464, 65.664)<br>(4.841, 105.758)                    |  | 10264285      | 3.96       |

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|--|---|----------|------|
| (3.864, 63.231)<br>(3.607, 84.515)<br>(3.772, 78.845)<br>(4.858, 105.234)                                      |    | 9334888  | 3.03 |
| (3.781, 63.146)<br>(3.607, 84.515)<br>(4.858, 105.234)<br>(3.772, 78.845)                                      |    | 263432   | 4.23 |
| (3.607, 84.515)<br>(3.948, 63.316)<br>(5.418, 94.247)  |    | 4981062  | 3.68 |
| (1.413, 24.783)<br>(3.002, 41.766)<br>(4.166, 57.181)<br>(1.766, 33.713)                                       |    | 9314583  | 2.03 |
| (1.167, 19.542)<br>(3.767, 73.296)<br>(4.032, 70.725)<br>(3.618, 59.207)<br>(5.573, 98.048)<br>(3.598, 75.523) |    | 9919658  | 3.22 |
| (2.705, 29.164)<br>(3.864, 56.460)<br>(2.162, 32.873)  |  | 37527314 | 0.86 |
| (3.817, 70.012)<br>(3.593, 72.692)<br>(5.241, 94.598)  |  | 17253887 | 2.39 |

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