

1 Authentication of feeding fats: classification of animal fats, fish  
2 oils and recycled cooking oils

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16 **Abstract**

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18 Classification of fats and oils involves the recognition of one/several markers typical  
19 of the product. The ideal marker(s) should be specific to the fat or oil. Not many  
20 chemical markers fulfill these criteria. In fact, the natural variability of chemical  
21 composition prevents having one discriminative marker for each type of oil. In  
22 addition, oil refining and fat modifications may greatly influence the chemical  
23 composition. Authenticity assessment is a difficult task which in most cases requires  
24 the measurement of several markers and must take into account natural and  
25 technology-induced variation. The present study focuses on the identity prediction of  
26 three by-products of the fat industry (animal fats, fish oils, recycled cooking oils), the  
27 first two of which may be used for animal feeding. Their identities were predicted by  
28 their triacylglycerol fingerprints, their fatty acid fingerprints and their profiles of  
29 volatile organic compounds. Partial Least Square Discriminant Analysis allowed  
30 samples to be assigned successfully into their identity classes. Most successful were  
31 triacylglycerol and fatty acid fingerprints (both 96%). Proton Transfer Reaction Mass  
32 Spectra of the volatile compounds predicted the identity of the fats in 92% of the  
33 samples.

## 34 **1. Introduction**

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36 Co- and by-products of the food industry can have significant nutritional value  
37 and be therefore interesting for animal feeding. For integration of the food and feed  
38 chain a transparent classification of fats is imperative. On the one hand, safe fats with  
39 high nutritional significance should be allowed to use for feeding purposes, on the  
40 other hand a transparent classification will allow better controls and eventually  
41 protection of the consumer (Gasperini et al., 2007). In the EU research project  
42 'Feeding Fats Safety' (FOOD-CT2004-007020) an attempt was made to classify  
43 feeding fats into ten defined classes. Classes included acid oils from chemical or  
44 physical refining, lecithins, recycled cooking oils, animal fats, oils from exhausted  
45 bleaching earth, fish oils, hydrogenated by-products, fatty acid calcium soaps, and a  
46 group miscellaneous products.

47 Fats and oils are complex mixtures comprising of a wide range of compounds.  
48 The main components are triacylglycerols (TAGs), diacylglycerols (DGs), free fatty  
49 acids (FFAs), phospholipids, and other minor components. The most important group  
50 of compounds is the TAGs, which are in chemical terms trihydric alcohols esterified  
51 with fatty acids (FAs) (Buchgraber et al., 2004). TAGs vary in their total carbon  
52 number, their degree of unsaturation and the position and configuration of the double  
53 bonds in each FA. The exact position of the 3 FAs on the glycerol backbone  
54 determine the region-specificity/stereo-specificity of the TAG molecule. In each oil or  
55 fat numerous TAGs are possible due to the large number of possible FA combinations  
56 on the glycerol backbone. Animal fats are rather complex and may consist of 10-40  
57 different FAs. In ruminant fats, additional FAs are present due to the ruminal

58 microbial metabolism. For instance, over 400 different FAs have been identified in  
59 milk fat (Buchgraber et al., 2004).

60         It is important to be able to check the real identity of a feeding fat for a variety  
61 of reasons: legal compliance, economic reasons, use of safe ingredients, guarantee of  
62 a constant well-defined quality, etc.. Traditional analytical strategies to determine the  
63 identity of a feed or food macro-component, or to uncover adulteration and guarantee  
64 quality have relied on wet chemistry determining the quantity of a marker compound  
65 or compounds and subsequent comparison with those established in reference material  
66 (Karoui & Baerdemaker, 2007). Fats used for feedings purposes have so far been  
67 mostly characterized by a few simple parameters relating to caloric value: total fat  
68 content, moisture, impurities, unsaponifiables (Gasperini et al., 2007). Traditional  
69 methods for evaluating the quality of vegetable oils have relied on the measurement of  
70 physico-chemical properties such as density, refractive index, saponification value,  
71 iodine and acid numbers (Zhang et al., 2006). However, in order to discriminate  
72 between fat classes, and to allow the prediction of the identity of unknown samples  
73 for authentication purposes, a multivariate data evaluation seems the more promising  
74 approach.

75         In the present study the identities of three fat classes (animal fats, fish oils,  
76 recycled cooking oils) were predicted by their multivariate TAG profiles, their FA  
77 profiles, and their volatile profiles with application of chemometrics. TAG and FA  
78 profiling are rather relatively simple, commonly used techniques. However, the non-  
79 targeted, non-biased chemometric approach is an interesting new aspect. Volatile  
80 analysis was evaluated for screening purposes. Proton Transfer Reaction Mass  
81 Spectrometry (PTR-MS) allows very rapid non-destructive measurements of volatile

82 organic compounds (VOCs; full mass spectrum < 30s), and may therefore be an  
83 interesting additional technique.

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## 85 **2. Materials and methods**

### 86 *2.1. Materials*

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88 Fifty-three samples, classified as animal fats (36), fish oils (9), and recycled  
89 cooking oils (8) were collected in the EU Research Project ‘Feeding Fats Safety’  
90 (FOOD-CT2004-007020). The samples originated from a variety of European  
91 countries and some had a non-European origin. The samples were selected taking into  
92 account as much as possible both natural and technology-induced variation. Animal  
93 fats concerned products from the rendering process (sterilization, cooking and melting  
94 of animal tissues). Most animal fat samples originated from poultry (10), the  
95 remainder was classified as bovine, pork, sheep, ruminant, and some samples were  
96 mixtures of different species. Fish oils comprised oils obtained by rendering whole  
97 low-value fish or fish waste from the food industry (e.g. canned tuna, smoked salmon,  
98 salted sardines, etc.). The recycled cooking oils involved products from the collection  
99 of exhausted oils, leftover from the deep-frying industry or catering. It is not  
100 permitted to use the latter for feed applications, they are normally applied for  
101 technical/industrial use (Gasperini et al., 2007). Sample material was stored at -20°C  
102 in absence of light until analysis was carried out.

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### 104 *2.2. Methods*

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#### 106 *2.2.1. TAG analysis* (update Maikel/Henk)

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108           The TAG analysis was carried out according to the Draft International  
109 Standard ISO/DIS 17678|IDF 202 (Milk fat – Detection of foreign fats by gas  
110 chromatographic analysis of triglycerides). Tricaprion (C18) was added to each  
111 sample as internal standard. The reference material CRM 519 (IRMM, Geel,  
112 Belgium) was used for determining the calibration factor of each triglyceride. Relative  
113 concentrations (the total TAG measured was normalized to 100%) were calculated.  
114 All fats and oils were analysed in triplicate.

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116 *2.2.2. FA methyl ester (FAME) analysis* **(update Maikel/Henk)**

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118           The fats were methylated and the fatty acid methyl esters analysed according  
119 to the international standard ISO 15885:2002. Nonanoic acid (C9:0) was added as  
120 internal standard (Sigma Aldrich Chemie, Zwijndrecht, the Netherlands). As reference  
121 material a home-made standard FAME mixture composed of C4:0, methyl butyrate  
122 (Fluka, 19358, Sigma Aldrich Chemie, Zwijndrecht, the Netherlands); C6:0, methyl  
123 capraote (Fluka, 21599); C8:0, methyl caprylate (Fluka, 21719); C10:0, methyl  
124 decanoate (Fluka, 21479); C12:0, methyl laurate (Fluka, 61689); C14:0, methyl  
125 myristate (Fluka, 70129); C16:0, methyl palmitate (Fluka, 76159); C18:0, methyl  
126 stearate (Fluka, 85769); C18:1, methyl oleate (Fluka, 75160); C9:0, methyl nonanoate  
127 (Sigma, 245895) was used to calculate calibration factors of the various FAMEs. FA  
128 concentrations were expressed as relative concentrations (the total FAME measured  
129 was normalized to 100%). All fats and oils were analysed in triplicate.

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131 *2.2.3. VOC analysis*

132 PTR-MS is a technique for analysis of volatile compounds. Proton transfer reactions  
133 are used to induce chemical ionization of the vapors to be analyzed. The sample gas is  
134 continuously introduced into a drift tube, where it is mixed with  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  ions formed in  
135 a hollow cathode ion source. Volatile compounds that have proton affinities higher  
136 than water ( $>166.5$  kcal/mol) are ionized by proton transfer from  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$ , mass  
137 analyzed in a quadrupole mass spectrometer and eventually detected as ion counts/s  
138 (cps) by a secondary electron multiplier. The outcome is a mass resolved fingerprint  
139 of the total volatile profile of a samples. PTR-MS is interesting for this fingerprinting  
140 approach as (1) it requires no pre-treatment of the sample, (2) it allows rapid  
141 measurements (typically  $< 1$  min for a complete mass spectrum) and (3) the technique  
142 is extremely sensitive (ppt level). In the present study, the volatiles were measured in  
143 the headspace of the butters after equilibration (van Ruth et al., 2007).

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145 For headspace analysis, 5 ml of fat or oil was placed in a glass flask (250 ml)  
146 at  $30^\circ\text{C}$  for 30 min to allow equilibration. Preliminary experiments showed that 30  
147 min was sufficient for equilibration. Three replicates of each sample were analysed.  
148 The volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in the headspace of the samples were  
149 analysed at  $30^\circ\text{C}$  by PTR-MS according to the method described by Lindinger,  
150 Hirber, & Paretzke (1993). A constant drift voltage of 600 V and a pressure of  
151  $2.09\pm 0.01$  mbar were maintained in the reaction chamber. The headspace was drawn  
152 from the sample flask at  $30^\circ\text{C}$  at a rate of 55 ml/min which was led through a heated  
153 transfer line ( $60^\circ\text{C}$ ) into the high sensitivity PTR-MS for on-line analysis. Data were  
154 collected for the mass range  $m/z$  20-165 using a dwell time of  $0.2 \text{ s.mass}^{-1}$ . The  
155 instrument was operated at a standard E/N (ratio of electric field strength across the  
156 drift tube, E, to buffer gas density, N) of 138 Td ( $1\text{Td}=10^{-17} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V molecule}^{-1}$ ). Inlet

157 and drift chamber temperatures were 60°C. Each sample was analysed for at least 5  
158 full mass scans. The headspace concentrations of the compounds during the cycles #3,  
159 #4 and #5 were calculated as described by Hansel, Jordan, Holzinger, Prazeller,  
160 Vogel, & Lindinger (1995) and background and mass discrimination corrections were  
161 applied. Headspace concentrations were subsequently averaged over the three mass  
162 scans for further statistical analysis. Previously in preliminary experiments some fat  
163 samples had been analysed for seven cycles: the results did not show consistent  
164 changes in headspace concentrations (especially no decrease) after the first cycle.  
165 Therefore, cycles #3, #4 and #5 were selected for calculations.

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#### 167 *2.2.4. Statistical analysis*

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169 The data were explored by Principal Component Analysis (PCA).  
170 Subsequently, they were subjected to Agglomerative Hierarchical Cluster Analysis  
171 (AHC) for non-supervised clustering of the data. In the study the identity of the  
172 samples was known, which allowed use of Partial Least Square Discriminant Analysis  
173 (PLS-DA) models (Barker and Rayens, 2003), a supervised clustering technique.  
174 These models were estimated to predict the identity of the samples using either the  
175 TAG data, FA data or VOC data. PLS-DA performs a dimension reduction on the  
176 predictor variables. The dimensions (components) extracted are composed such that  
177 they exhibit maximal correlation with Y (class membership, e.g. animal fat, fish oil,  
178 recycled cooking oil). After estimation of the classification model, its performance  
179 was evaluated by means of leave-1-out cross-validation: one of the samples was  
180 randomly removed from the data set, and a model built with the remaining samples  
181 was used to classify this left out sample. The procedure was repeated with the



182 remaining samples one by one to obtain predictions for all samples. For model  
183 optimization data pre-treatment was carried out and various numbers of components  
184 were explored before the final model was selected. All statistical analyses were  
185 carried out using Pirouette 4.0 (Infometrix, Bothell, WA, USA).

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### 187 **3. Results and discussion**

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#### 189 *3.1. TAG, FA and VOC data*

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##### 191 *3.1.1. TAG data*

192 The TAG profiles of the animal fats, fish oils, and recycled cooking oils were  
193 analysed by GC. Twenty-one triacylglycerols and cholesterol were quantified in the  
194 fats. Relative concentrations varied between and within fat groups (Table 1). In  
195 animal fats the C52 (44%), C54 (26%), and C50 (17%) were the predominant TAGs,  
196 whereas in fish oils predominant TAGs comprised a larger group: C54 (17%), C56  
197 (17%), C52 (15%), C58 (14%). For the recycled cooking oils highest TAG contents  
198 were observed for C54 (54%), C52 (22%), and C50 (7%). The composition of the  
199 animal fats is similar to the compositions published for lard and beef tallow (Precht,  
200 1992). TAGs make up the major part of naturally occurring fats and oils. Analysis of  
201 intact TAGs is, as in the present study, usually performed by chromatographic  
202 methods. Apart from the GC technique used here, high performance liquid  
203 chromatography in normal and reversed phase mode, thin-layer chromatography, and  
204 supercritical fluid chromatography are employed (Buchgraber et al., 2004).

205 Some exploratory statistics were applied to the TAG data set: data were  
206 subjected to PCA. PCA is used abundantly in all forms of analysis – from

207 neuroscience to computer graphics – because it is a simple, non-parametric method of  
208 extracting relevant information from confusing data sets. PCA provides a roadmap for  
209 how to reduce a complex data set to a lower dimension to reveal the sometimes  
210 hidden, simplified structure that often underlie it. It is a way of identifying patterns in  
211 data, and expressing the data in such a way as to highlight their similarities and  
212 differences. PCA involves a mathematical procedure that transforms a number of  
213 (possibly) correlated variables into a (smaller) number of uncorrelated variables called  
214 principal components. The first principal component accounts for as much of the  
215 variability in the data as possible, and each succeeding component accounts for as  
216 much of the remaining variability as possible. A scores (sample) plot and loadings  
217 (TAGs) plot of the first two dimensions of the PCA are displayed in Fig. 1. Fish oils  
218 formed a group and were separated from animal fats and recycled cooking in the first  
219 dimension (upper plot, horizontal axis). The animal fats and the recycled cooking oils  
220 were separated in the second dimension (upper plot, vertical axis), although some  
221 overlap existed. The fish oil samples correlated with relatively high intensities of the  
222 TAGs in the lower right quadrant of the loadings plot (lower plot), i.e. C46, C54-C58,  
223 C60-C64.

224         Cluster analysis was carried out on the TAG data in order to find  
225 (unsupervised) an optimum tree (dendrogram) or set of clusters. A hierarchical  
226 classification proceeds by grouping together the most similar samples, and  
227 subsequently groups into progressively larger and more heterogeneous units. At each  
228 stage the groups or samples linked are those giving the minimum increase in group  
229 heterogeneity. A dendrogram is presented in Fig. 2. It reveals that initially two groups  
230 are formed: the fish samples and the other samples. A division in the other samples  
231 group perfectly divides the animal fats and the recycled cooking oils.

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233 *3.1.2. FA and VOC data*

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235 The TAG composition is directly related to the FAME composition, which is  
236 presented in Table 2. Thirty different FAs were determined. Animal fats were rich in  
237 C18:1 (40%), C16:0 (23%), C18:0 (13%), and C18:2 (11%). Fish oils were composed  
238 mainly of C18:1 (17%), C16:0 (16%), C22:6 (15%), C20:5 (9%), and recycled  
239 cooking oils of C18:1 (39%), C18:2 (37%), C16:0 (13%).

240 Volatile profiles of the fat samples were analyzed by PTR-MS, and mass  
241 resolved fingerprints of headspace volatiles were obtained. All of the fat samples  
242 produced signals on most masses in the measurement range 20-130 amu indicating the  
243 complex VOC composition of the three types of fat. Ions of volatiles in the mass  
244 range > 130 amu were more common in fish oils and recycled cooking oils than in  
245 animal fats. Mean sample mass spectra for each fat group are displayed in Fig. 3. The  
246 VOCs with higher volatility (lower mass) dominate the spectrum in terms of signal  
247 intensity, although lower masses may also result from fragmentation of larger  
248 compounds. Generally, fish oils and recycled oils showed considerably higher  
249 intensities of volatiles than the animal fats. Although PTR-MS is a one dimensional  
250 technique, mass resolved fingerprints allow tentative assignment of ions to origins in  
251 volatiles with fragmentations patterns typical of PTR-MS (Buhr et al., 2002). Some of  
252 the protonated masses showing large signals can be tentatively assigned to volatiles  
253 based on reports of their presence in fats and oils and their known fragmentation  
254 patterns: e.g. m/z 39 (hexenyl acetate, fragment), 41 (hexanol (fragment), 43 (acetic  
255 acid, hexanol), 45 (acetaldehyde), 47 (ethanol), 57 (hexanal, hexenal, hexanol), 59  
256 (acetone, propanal, hexenol (fragment)), 61 (acetic acid, variety of esters), 63

257 (dimethyl sulfide, acetaldehyde (hydrate)), 69 (pentanal), 73 (butanal, 2-butanone), 75  
258 (methyl acetate), 81 (hexanal (fragment), 87 (hexanol), 89 (butyrate esters, butanoic  
259 acid). Hai and Wang (2006) reported an oil authentication study with use of an  
260 electronic nose. The electronic nose was used for the detection of maize oil  
261 adulteration in camellia seed oil and sesame oil. Based on artificial neural network  
262 models, the electronic nose could not predict the percentage of adulteration in  
263 camellia seed oil, but could be used successfully in the quantitative determination of  
264 adulteration in sesame oil. Gonzalez Martin et al. (2001) reported the successful  
265 classification of virgin olive oil, non-virgin olive oil and seed oils by their electronic  
266 nose fingerprints. The concept of an electronic nose was proposed in 1982 by Persaud  
267 and Dodd. It is an electronic system with a dynamic headspace sampler which detects  
268 volatiles with a variety of sensors. Its sensor output is usually processed with a  
269 statistical pattern recognition technique. Major drawback is that no information on the  
270 identity of the compounds is obtained.

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## 272 *3.2. Classifications*

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### 274 *3.2.1. TAG data*

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276 Due to the large variation within fat groups it is difficult to evaluate the data  
277 using a univariate approach. Therefore, a multivariate approach was adopted.

278 When considering the available pattern recognition methods, a distinction can be  
279 made between pure classification and class-modeling techniques (Vandeginste et al.,  
280 1998). The former divide the sample space in as many regions as the number of  
281 classes under investigation, so that if a sample falls in a specific region of the

282 hyperspace it is assigned to the corresponding class. On the other hand, class-  
283 modeling tools build a separate model for each category: samples fitting the model are  
284 accepted by that category, while samples falling outside the model are considered as  
285 outliers for the specific class. In the present study all classes (fat types) were known,  
286 which means that a pure classification method could be used. Furthermore, in PTR-  
287 MS analysis we deal with more variables than samples, which implies that  
288 discriminant analysis is not appropriate and a PCA-like reduction of the variables is  
289 required before samples can be classified. PLS-DA combines both aspects.

290         The statistical analyses in this study used the TAG, FA and VOC data as  
291 ‘fingerprints’, i.e. the compounds/masses and their corresponding signal intensities in  
292 each sample mass spectrum act as a pattern for inter-comparison of the samples.

293         PLS-DA was applied to the TAG data to classify the samples into fat types  
294 (animal fat, fish oil, recycled cooking oil). A five-component model (data auto-scaled)  
295 was fitted to estimate the identity of the samples. Rates of successful classification in  
296 cross-validation are listed in the leftmost part of Table 3. Of all samples, 96% were  
297 successfully classified into their fat type classes: 100% of the animal fats, 89% of the  
298 fish oil and 88% of the recycled cooking oils. The scores of the samples on the first  
299 two PLS-dimensions are presented in Fig. 4. Samples FISH-6 and RECI-6 were the  
300 only samples that were misclassified. Both were more or less on the demarcation line  
301 between two classes. The fish oil originated from France, and the recycled cooking oil  
302 from Italy. Considering the wide range of sample material (origin, species,  
303 technology, etc.) it is surprising that the samples could be so successfully classified.  
304 The animal fat group was the largest subset and consisted of 10 poultry fat samples  
305 and 26 fat samples of other species. PLS-DA classification of the animal fat samples  
306 into poultry and non-poultry groups resulted in a two component model (no data pre-

307 treatment). Cross-validation resulted in 97% correct classification. The single  
308 misclassification concerned a chicken fat sample from Spain that was classified as  
309 'other fats'. A scores plot of the first two dimensions of the PLS-DA on the animal fat  
310 data is displayed in Fig. 5. ANFA-23 is the incorrectly classified fat sample.

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### 312 3.2.2. FA and VOC data

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314 FA data were subjected to the same statistical treatment as the TAG data,  
315 results are listed in the center of Table 3 (data pre-treatment: autoscaling). Overall,  
316 96% of the samples were successfully classified. There were two misclassifications  
317 only: samples FISH-9 and RECI-6. Since RECI-6 was also misclassified in the TAG  
318 analysis, this sample had probably unusual compositional characteristics compared to  
319 the other recycled cooking oils. The raw data showed that RECI-6 was high in FA  
320 C16:0 and low in C18:2 compared to the other samples. Its TAG composition  
321 revealed correspondingly higher concentrations of C50 and C52, and lower levels of  
322 C54.

323 PLS-DA classification of the VOC data resulted in 92% of the samples in  
324 successful classifications: 100% of the animal fats, 88% of the fish oils and 63% of  
325 the recycled cooking oils (Table 3, rightmost; data pre-treatment: autoscaling). Four  
326 samples were misclassified, one fish oil (FISH-8) and three recycled cooking oils  
327 (RECI-1, -4, -5). The fish oil originated from Norway, the cooking oils from Italy (1)  
328 and Spain (2). The PLS-DA plot in Fig. 6 shows that the misclassified samples are at  
329 the demarcation line of the classes.

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## 331 4. Conclusions

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333 TAG, FA and VOC ‘fingerprints’ were made for a range of animal fats, fish oils, and  
334 recycled cooking oils. Multivariate statistical analysis of these data allowed samples  
335 to be separated successfully into classes of identity. Most successful in terms of  
336 prediction rate were the TAG and FA fingerprints (both 96%). VOC mass spectral  
337 fingerprints acquired by PTR-MS resulted in a success rate of 92% but its advantage  
338 of the other two methods is its simplicity, rapidity, efficiency, and reproducibility.  
339 Direct PTR-MS headspace analyses were made without prior sample preparation and  
340 mass spectra were obtained in just over 2 min. Such a method could, combined with  
341 auto-sampling procedures, a future screening technique that is both fast and accurate.  
342 The TAG and FA methods are more time-consuming, robust, and can be used for  
343 identity confirmation assessments.

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Table 1  
Relative triacylglycerol composition of animal fats, fish oils, and recycled cooking oils (mean  $\pm$  SD<sup>a</sup>)

Triacylglycerol	Animal fats (n=36)	Fish oils (n=9)	Recycled cooking oils (n=8)
Cholesterol	0.28 $\pm$ 0.21	0.77 $\pm$ 0.37	0.02 $\pm$ 0.01
C24	0.01 $\pm$ 0.01	0.25 $\pm$ 0.52	0.03 $\pm$ 0.01
C26	0.01 $\pm$ 0.01	0.00 $\pm$ 0.01	0.08 $\pm$ 0.03
C28	0.00 $\pm$ 0.01	0.02 $\pm$ 0.04	0.02 $\pm$ 0.01
C30	0.02 $\pm$ 0.01	0.11 $\pm$ 0.14	0.00 $\pm$ 0.01
C32	0.06 $\pm$ 0.07	0.22 $\pm$ 0.27	0.14 $\pm$ 0.28
C34	0.41 $\pm$ 0.36	0.51 $\pm$ 0.35	0.28 $\pm$ 0.20
C36	1.49 $\pm$ 1.29	0.79 $\pm$ 0.55	1.45 $\pm$ 0.87
C38	1.34 $\pm$ 1.21	0.83 $\pm$ 0.51	3.26 $\pm$ 2.10
C40	0.08 $\pm$ 0.06	0.81 $\pm$ 0.44	0.36 $\pm$ 0.09
C42	0.10 $\pm$ 0.06	0.78 $\pm$ 0.32	0.26 $\pm$ 0.04
C44	0.38 $\pm$ 0.16	0.67 $\pm$ 0.15	0.51 $\pm$ 0.06
C46	1.14 $\pm$ 0.74	1.62 $\pm$ 0.58	0.95 $\pm$ 0.21
C48	5.04 $\pm$ 2.44	4.74 $\pm$ 1.32	1.32 $\pm$ 0.78
C50	17.22 $\pm$ 2.90	9.55 $\pm$ 1.85	6.81 $\pm$ 3.57
C52	43.55 $\pm$ 6.13	14.51 $\pm$ 1.80	21.59 $\pm$ 3.63
C54	26.04 $\pm$ 5.14	17.30 $\pm$ 0.71	53.51 $\pm$ 8.92
C56	2.39 $\pm$ 0.65	17.03 $\pm$ 1.04	5.68 $\pm$ 0.44
C58	0.43 $\pm$ 0.12	14.06 $\pm$ 1.34	2.34 $\pm$ 0.38
C60	0.00 $\pm$ 0.00	9.46 $\pm$ 1.71	1.06 $\pm$ 0.16
C62	0.00 $\pm$ 0.00	5.01 $\pm$ 0.96	0.30 $\pm$ 0.04
C64	0.00 $\pm$ 0.00	0.97 $\pm$ 0.23	0.00 $\pm$ 0.00

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Table 2  
Relative fatty acid composition of animal fats, fish oils and recycled cooking oils  
(mean  $\pm$  SD<sup>a</sup>)

Fatty acid	Animal fats (n=36)	Fish oils (n=9)	Recycled cooking oils (n=8)
C4:0	0.00 $\pm$ 0.00	0.00 $\pm$ 0.00	0.01 $\pm$ 0.01
C6:0	0.00 $\pm$ 0.00	0.00 $\pm$ 0.00	0.01 $\pm$ 0.01
C8:0	0.02 $\pm$ 0.01	0.10 $\pm$ 0.01	0.11 $\pm$ 0.02
C10:0	0.06 $\pm$ 0.03	0.00 $\pm$ 0.00	0.02 $\pm$ 0.02
C12:0	0.14 $\pm$ 0.07	0.08 $\pm$ 0.02	0.10 $\pm$ 0.10
C14:0	1.89 $\pm$ 0.95	4.78 $\pm$ 1.32	0.35 $\pm$ 0.19
C14:1	0.25 $\pm$ 0.17	0.05 $\pm$ 0.01	0.01 $\pm$ 0.01
C15:0	0.22 $\pm$ 0.15	0.57 $\pm$ 0.19	0.03 $\pm$ 0.01
C16:0	23.29 $\pm$ 1.97	15.94 $\pm$ 2.30	12.77 $\pm$ 4.68
C16:1	3.05 $\pm$ 0.78	5.44 $\pm$ 1.10	0.37 $\pm$ 0.19
C18:0	13.32 $\pm$ 5.46	3.81 $\pm$ 1.06	4.33 $\pm$ 0.50
C18:1 trans 1	0.30 $\pm$ 0.18	0.13 $\pm$ 0.04	0.64 $\pm$ 0.79
C18:1 trans 2	1.00 $\pm$ 1.02	0.31 $\pm$ 0.28	0.08 $\pm$ 0.19
C18:1	36.32 $\pm$ 3.95	12.94 $\pm$ 3.08	36.69 $\pm$ 3.80
C18:1 cis 1	1.88 $\pm$ 0.58	3.21 $\pm$ 0.80	1.27 $\pm$ 0.58
C18:1 cis 2	0.35 $\pm$ 0.23	0.22 $\pm$ 0.07	0.14 $\pm$ 0.09
C18:1 total <sup>b</sup>	39.85 $\pm$ 3.56	16.80 $\pm$ 3.06	38.83 $\pm$ 4.92
C18:2	10.81 $\pm$ 7.90	2.21 $\pm$ 1.39	37.33 $\pm$ 11.18
C18:2 conj	0.18 $\pm$ 0.13	0.04 $\pm$ 0.03	0.04 $\pm$ 0.01
C18:3	1.05 $\pm$ 0.77	0.89 $\pm$ 0.47	0.92 $\pm$ 0.94
C20:1	0.00 $\pm$ 0.00	3.72 $\pm$ 1.77	0.00 $\pm$ 0.00
C20:2	0.00 $\pm$ 0.00	0.38 $\pm$ 0.10	0.00 $\pm$ 0.00
C20:3 (n-6)	0.00 $\pm$ 0.00	0.15 $\pm$ 0.03	0.00 $\pm$ 0.00
C20:5 (n-3)	0.00 $\pm$ 0.00	9.02 $\pm$ 3.99	0.00 $\pm$ 0.00
C22:0	0.00 $\pm$ 0.00	0.17 $\pm$ 0.06	0.00 $\pm$ 0.00
C22:1	0.00 $\pm$ 0.00	0.53 $\pm$ 0.18	0.00 $\pm$ 0.00
C22:2	0.00 $\pm$ 0.00	0.07 $\pm$ 0.02	0.00 $\pm$ 0.00
C22:5	0.00 $\pm$ 0.00	1.98 $\pm$ 0.59	0.00 $\pm$ 0.00
C22:6	0.00 $\pm$ 0.00	14.58 $\pm$ 5.53	0.00 $\pm$ 0.00
C24:0	0.00 $\pm$ 0.00	0.11 $\pm$ 0.06	0.00 $\pm$ 0.00
C24:1	0.00 $\pm$ 0.00	0.68 $\pm$ 0.11	0.00 $\pm$ 0.00
Rest	5.86 $\pm$ 1.19	17.89 $\pm$ 3.56	4.77 $\pm$ 0.85

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404 <sup>b</sup> C18:1 total is the sum of C18:1, C18:1 trans 1 and 2, and C18:1 cis 1 and 2.

Table 3

Prediction of the identities of animal fats, fish oils and recycled cooking oils by their triacylglycerol profiles, their fatty acid profiles, and volatile profiles determined by PTR-MS: number of correctly and incorrectly predicted samples (percentages) per product class and analytical technique

Sample	PLS-DA classification					
	Triacylglycerol composition		Fatty acid composition		Volatile profiles*	
	Correct	Incorrect	Correct	Incorrect	Correct	Incorrect
Animal fats	36 (100%)	0 (0%)	36 (100%)	0 (0%)	36 (100%)	0 (0%)
Fish oils	8 (89%)	1 (11%)	8 (89%)	1 (11%)	7 (88%)	1 (12%)
Recycled cooking oils	7 (88%)	1 (12%)	7 (88%)	1 (12%)	5 (63%)	3 (37%)
Mean	51 (96%)	2 (4%)	51 (96%)	2 (4%)	48 (92%)	4 (8%)

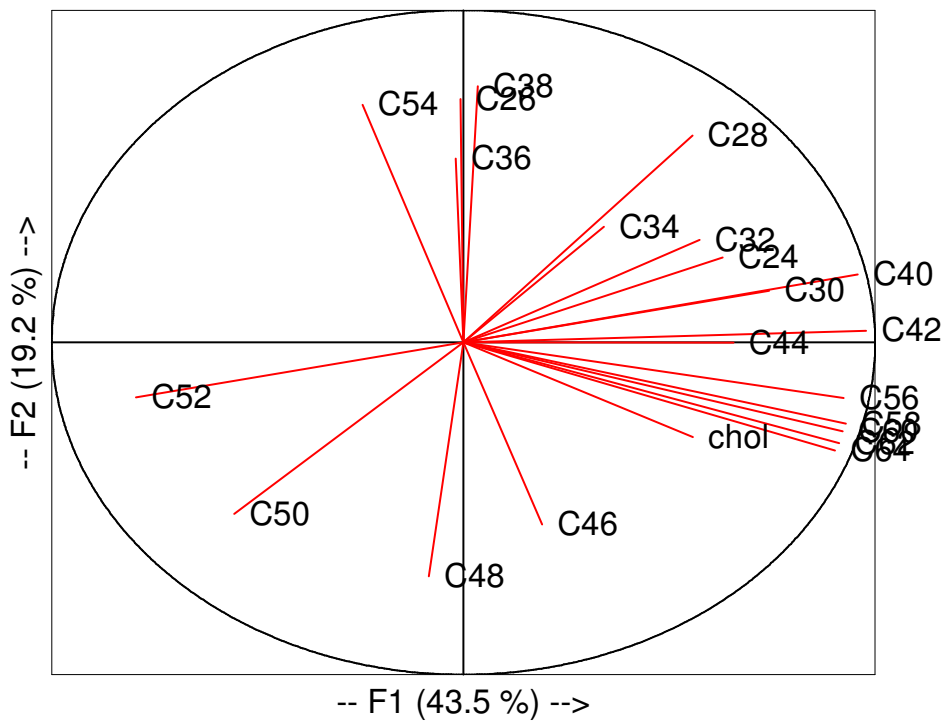
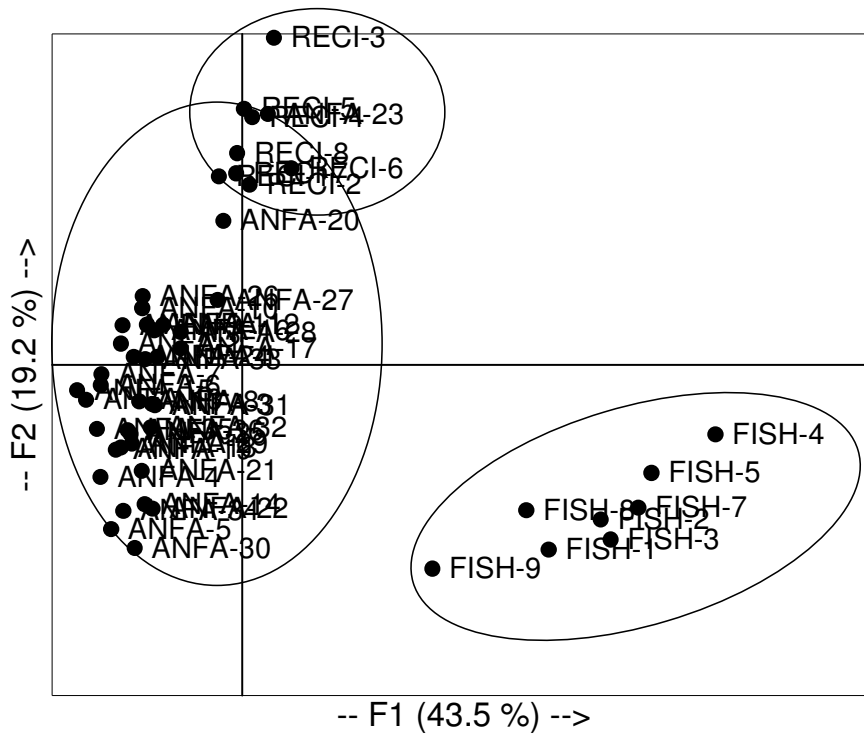


Fig. 1. First two dimensions of Principal Component Analysis on the triacylglycerol data of animal fats, fish oils, and recycled cooking oils: scores plot (upper) and loadings plot (lower).

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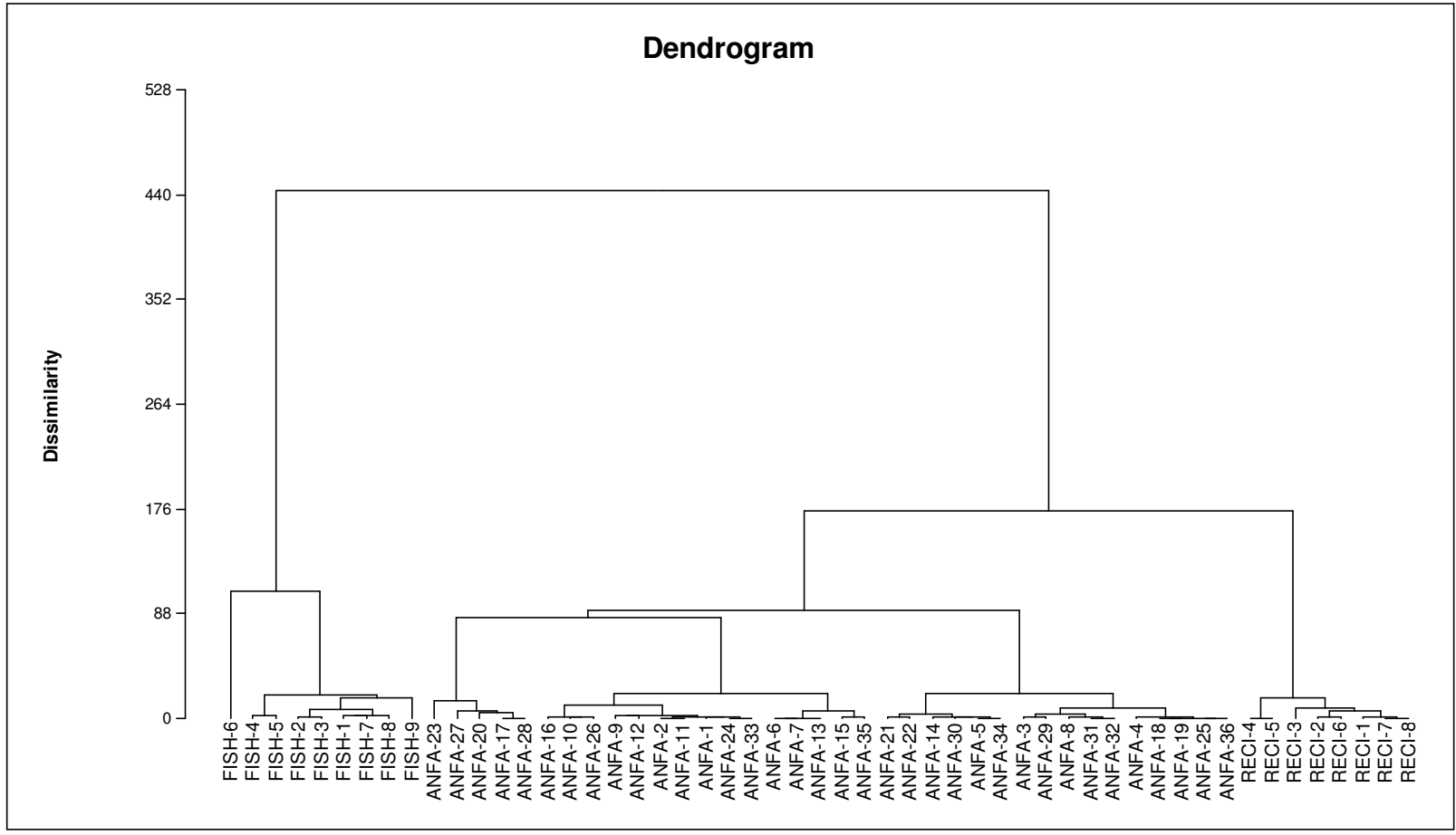
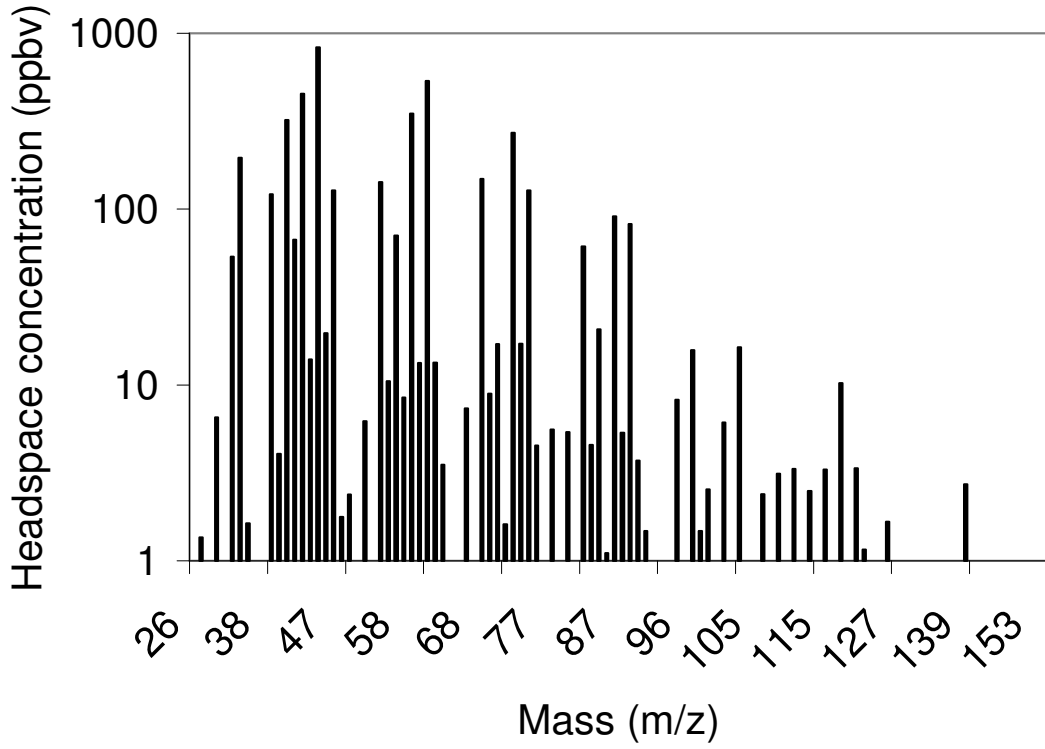


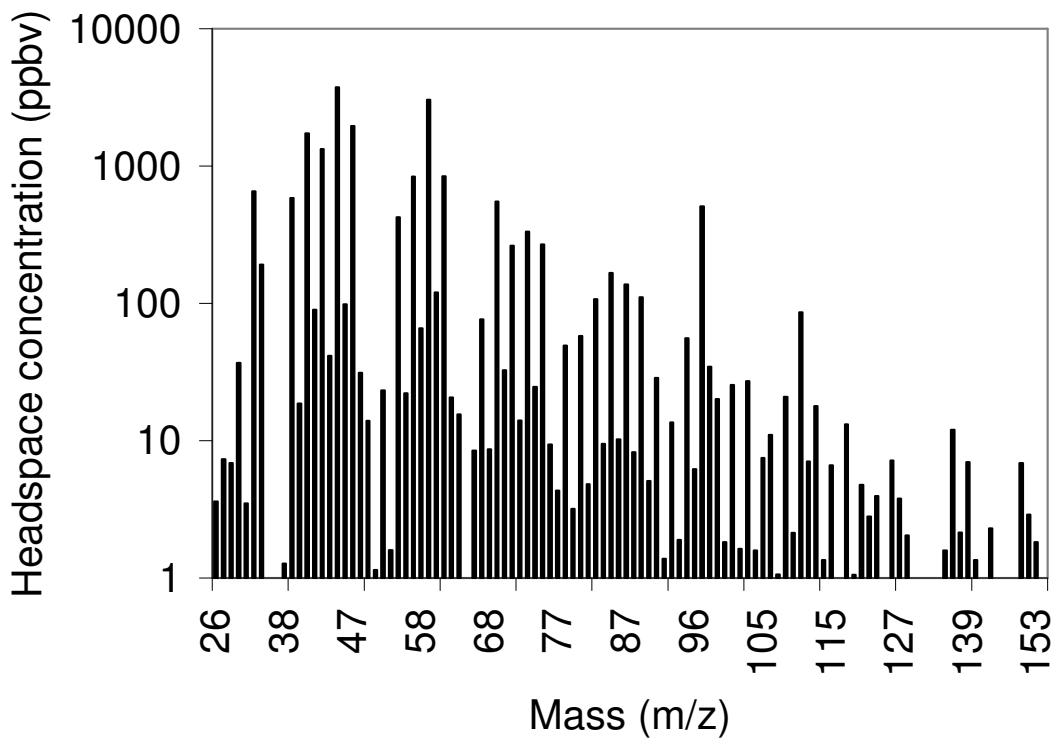
Fig. 2. Dendrogram of Agglomerative Hierarchical Cluster Analysis on the triacylglycerol data of animal fats, fish oils, and recycled cooking oils.

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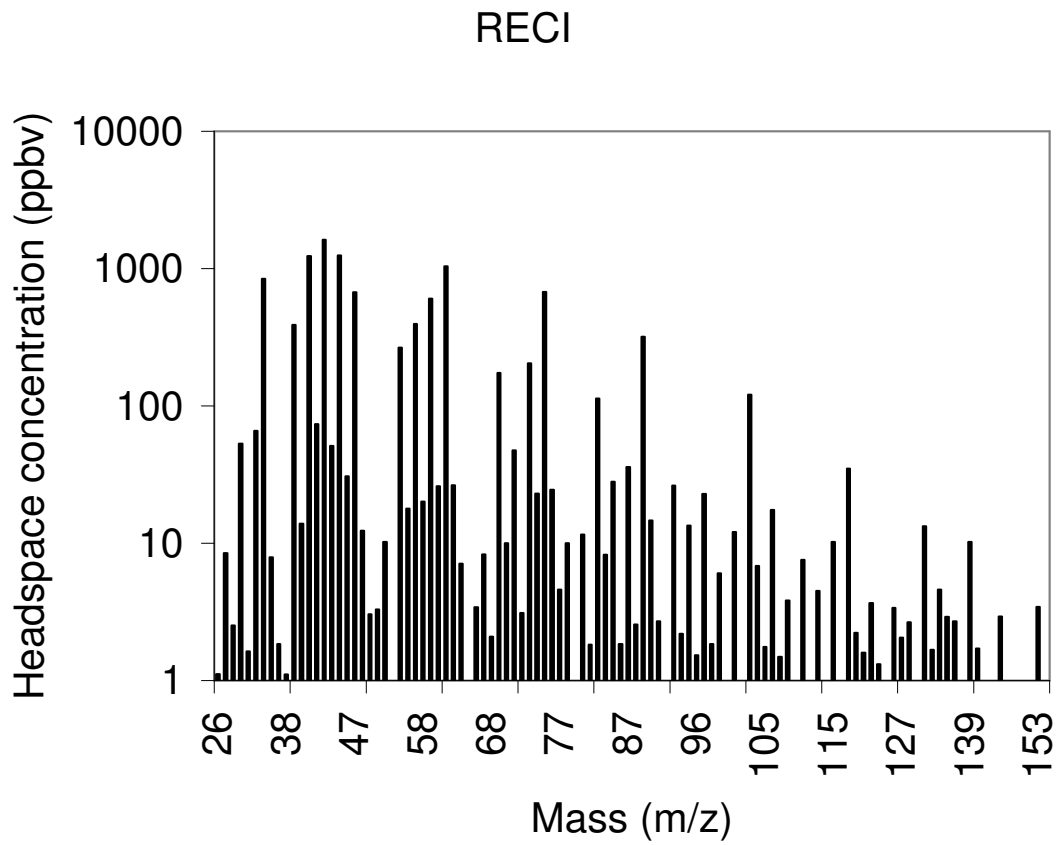


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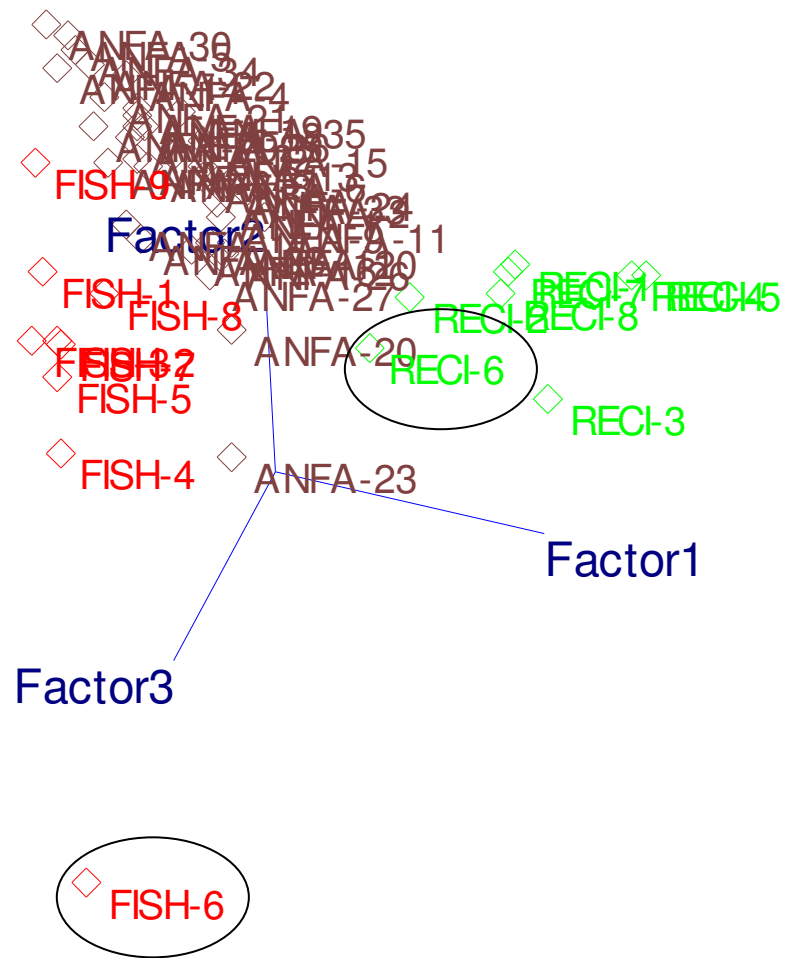
444 Fig. 3. Volatile profiles of animal fats (ANFA), fish oils (FISH), and recycled cooking

445 oils (RECI): mean fingerprint mass spectra of the volatile organic compounds in the

446 headspace of samples generated by Proton Transfer Reaction Mass Spectrometry.

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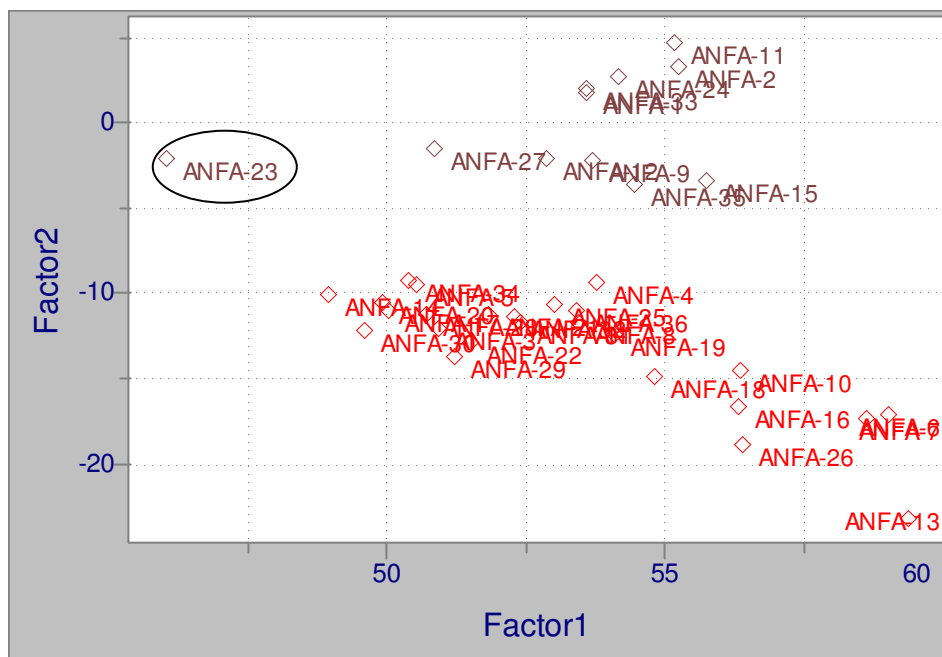




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Fig. 4. Scores plot of the first three dimensions of PLS-DA on the triacylglycerol data of animal fats (ANFA, brown), fish oils (FISH, red), and recycled cooking oils (RECI, green). Incorrectly classified samples are circled.

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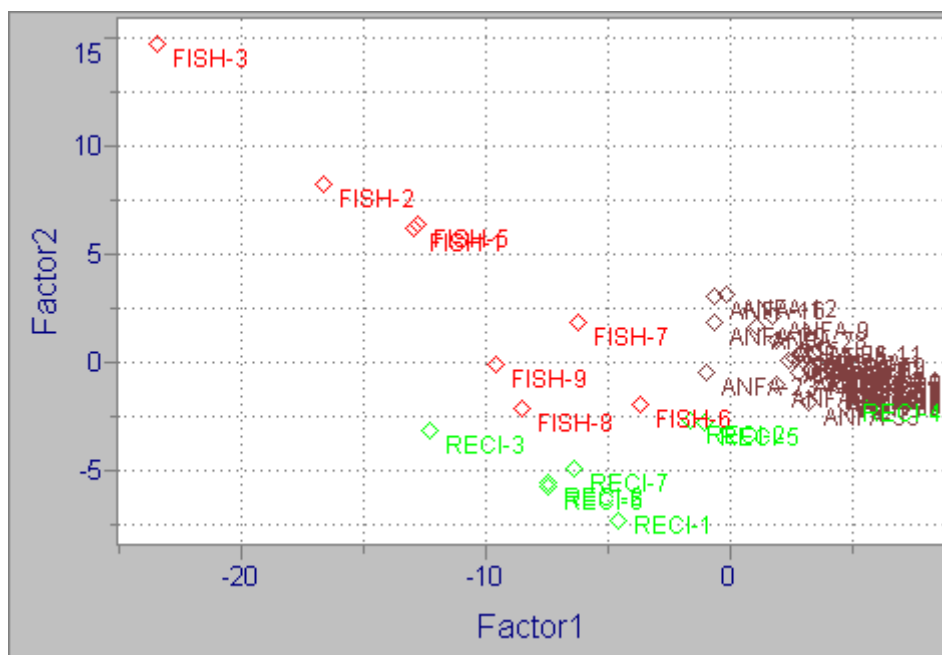
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458 Fig. 5. Scores plot of the first two dimensions of PLS-DA on the triacylglycerol data

459 of animal fats: poultry fat (brown) and others (red). Incorrectly classified sample is

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463 Fig. 6. Scores plot of the first two dimensions of PLS-DA on the volatile organic  
 464 compounds data of animal fats (ANFA, brown), fish oils (FISH, red), and recycled  
 465 cooking oils (RECI, green).