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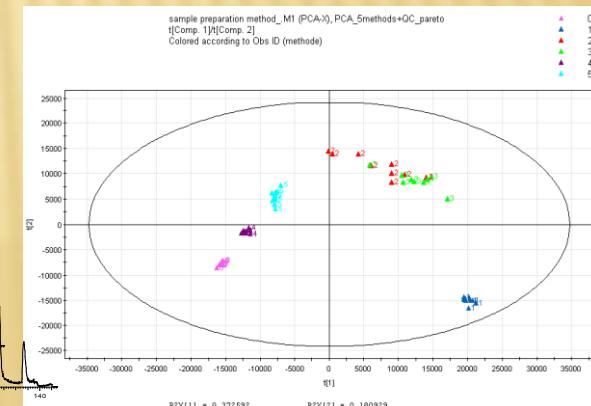
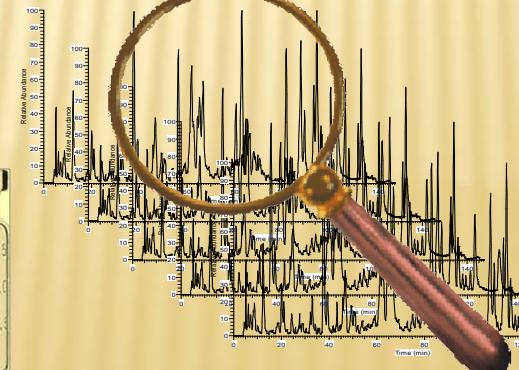


**Natali Stojiljkovic**  
**LCH**

# **LC-HRMS based metabolomic approach as a screening tool in horse racing doping control**



**LC-ESI-HRMS**



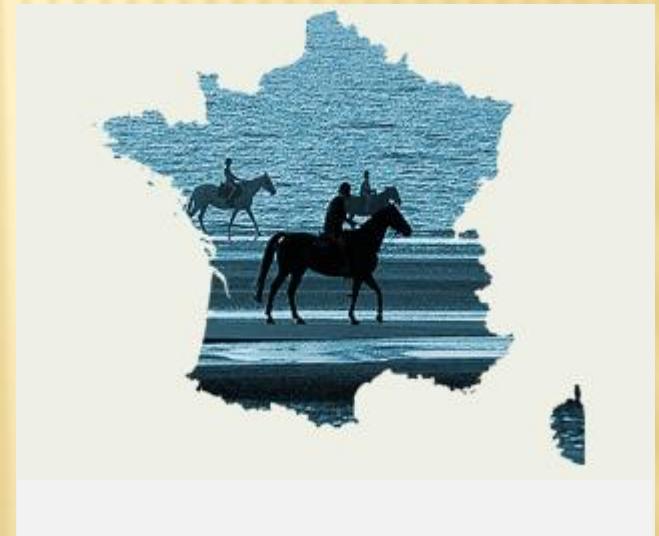
# INTRODUCING LCH



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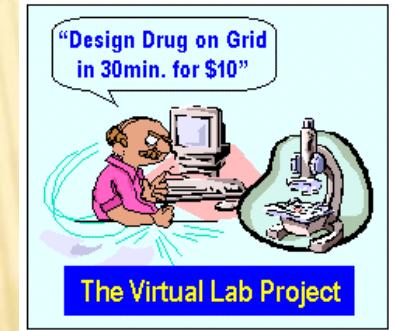
National and International Reference Laboratory  
for horse doping control

- since **1975**
- ~**60** employees
- **35 000** samples per year
- accredited **ISO CEI 17025**  
by french accreditation body COFRAC
- Cornerstone methodology: **MASS SPECTROMETRY**





- “endogenous-like” substances
- designer drugs
- low concentration drug cocktail
- gene doping



**International Federation  
of Horseracing  
Authorities**  
[www.IFHAOnline.org](http://www.IFHAOnline.org)



## INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON BREEDING AND RACING

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11. A finding of a prohibited substance means a finding of the substance itself or a metabolite of the substance or an isomer of the substance or an isomer of a metabolite. The finding of **any scientific indicator** of administration or other exposure to a prohibited substance is also equivalent to the finding of the substance.

# BACKGROUND

# Biomarker importance.....



The ability or tendency of an organism or cell to maintain internal equilibrium by adjusting its physiological processes.



## Biomarkers of exposure

## Biomarkers of effect



Toxicology 129 (1998) 1–12

TOXICOLOGY

Biomarkers in toxicology

John A. Timbrell

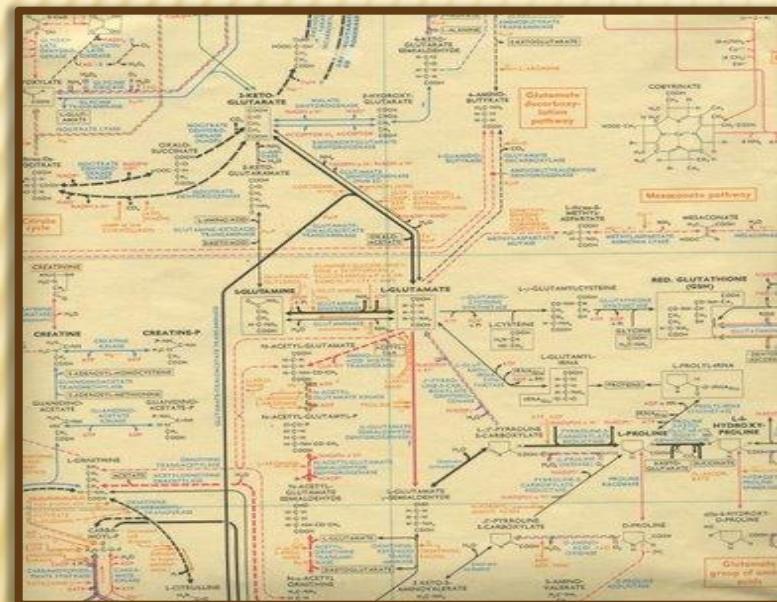
*Department of Pharmacy, King's College London, Manresa Road, London SW3 6LX, UK*

A **biomarker** is an observable and measurable change revealing the past or present exposure of an organism to toxic compounds or pathologies.

The zebra stripes are simple – I am more concerned of the *horse* behind  
Alan Turing, mathematician, 1952

Key point in complex systems is not the surface patterns but *deep structures*  
from “Emergence”, S. Johnson

Biochemical Pathways, by Gerhard Michal, 1974

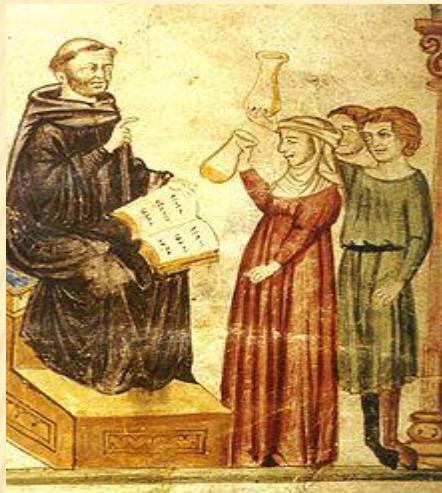


When the many parts of a system interact, they can generate behaviours in the whole system that aren't found in the parts themselves.

The whole is more than the sum of its parts. Aristotle, *Metaphysica* 5

# BACKGROUND

Economical aspect.....



Constantinus Africanus  
11th century

## Evolution of Analytical Techniques



Abby from NCIS  
21st century

The range of drugs to be screened is wider every year...

Consequence: exponential increase of instruments

- In the 70's: **1 GC/MS**
- In the 80's: **5 GC/MS**
- In the 90's: **10 GC/MS & LC/MS**
- Today: **70 GC/MS & LC/MS**
- In 10 years: > 100 instruments ????
- **A single screening to detect negative samples.**

Pattern recognition



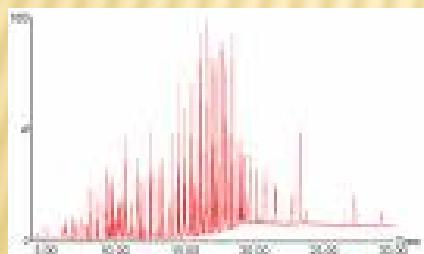
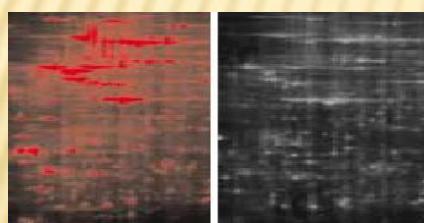
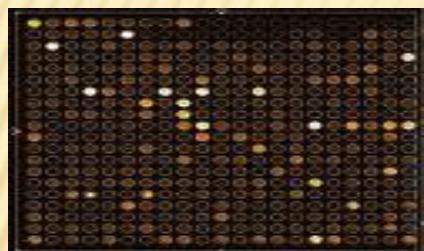
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# BACKGROUND

# The Wonders of Small Molecules.....



Genomics

What can happen



Transcriptomics

What appears  
to be happening



Proteomics

What makes  
it happen



Metabolomics

What has happened  
and is happening

→ **GENOTYPE**

**PHENOTYPE**

**SYSTEMS  
BIOLOGY**



*Plant Molecular Biology* 48: 155–171, 2002.  
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**Metabolomics – the link between genotypes and phenotypes**

Oliver Fiehn

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What can happen



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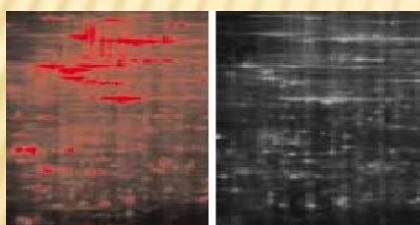
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What makes  
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**Metabolomics**

What has happened  
and is happening



## Definitions

- **Metabolomics**

Comprehensive and simultaneous systematic determination of metabolite levels in the metabolome and their changes over time as a consequence of stimuli.

- **Metabolome**

Complete and dynamic set of small molecule metabolites.

- **Metabolites**

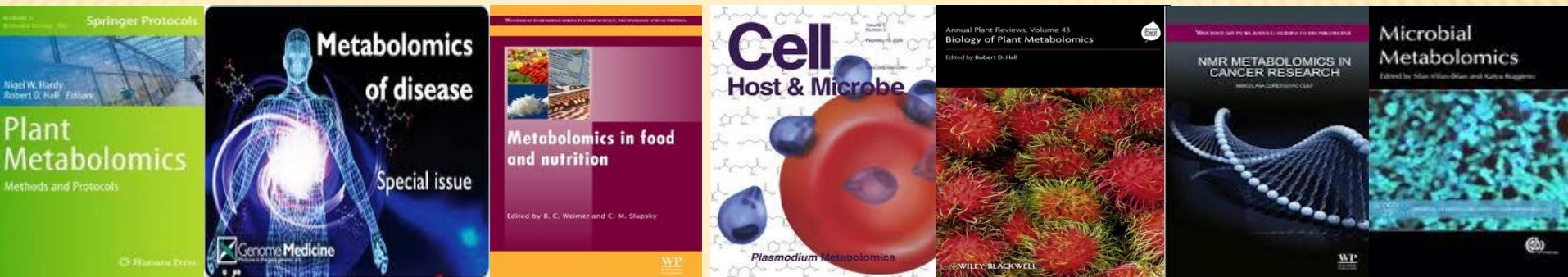
Organic molecule detectable in organisms with MW < 1000 Da.

Intermediates and products of metabolism.



# BACKGROUND

# Application.....



## Brevet (Patent)

« Procédé de discrimination avec repérage et/ou identification de situations de perturbations physiologiques par spectrométrie et reconnaissance de formes »

Alain PARIS, Marc-Emmanuel DUMAS, Joseph VERCAUTEREN et François ANDRE

L'invention vise un procédé de discrimination avec repérage et/ou identification d'une situation de perturbation biologique. Ce procédé est caractérisé en ce qu'on soumet un échantillon biologique à une technique analytique hautement résolutive et qu'on associe cette technique à un traitement statistique ou de classification validé qui prend en compte toutes les variations observées, l'ensemble des variations référençant une **perturbation d'un système biologique** et une **utilisation des anabolisants**.

Application notamment à la caractérisation de l'état physiologique propre à une population, au repérage et/ou à l'identification d'une perturbation d'un système biologique par une substance à activité pharmacologique ou par un microorganisme, à la discrimination indirecte de l'utilisation des anabolisants en élevage et/ou dans le domaine sportif et/ou dans le domaine biomédical et pour constituer un référentiel ou une banque de données.

domaine sportif

# ANALYTICAL STRATEGY

Principles.....

Routine analysis

Biological interpretation

Biomarker identification

? Biological question ?

Candidate biomarker selection

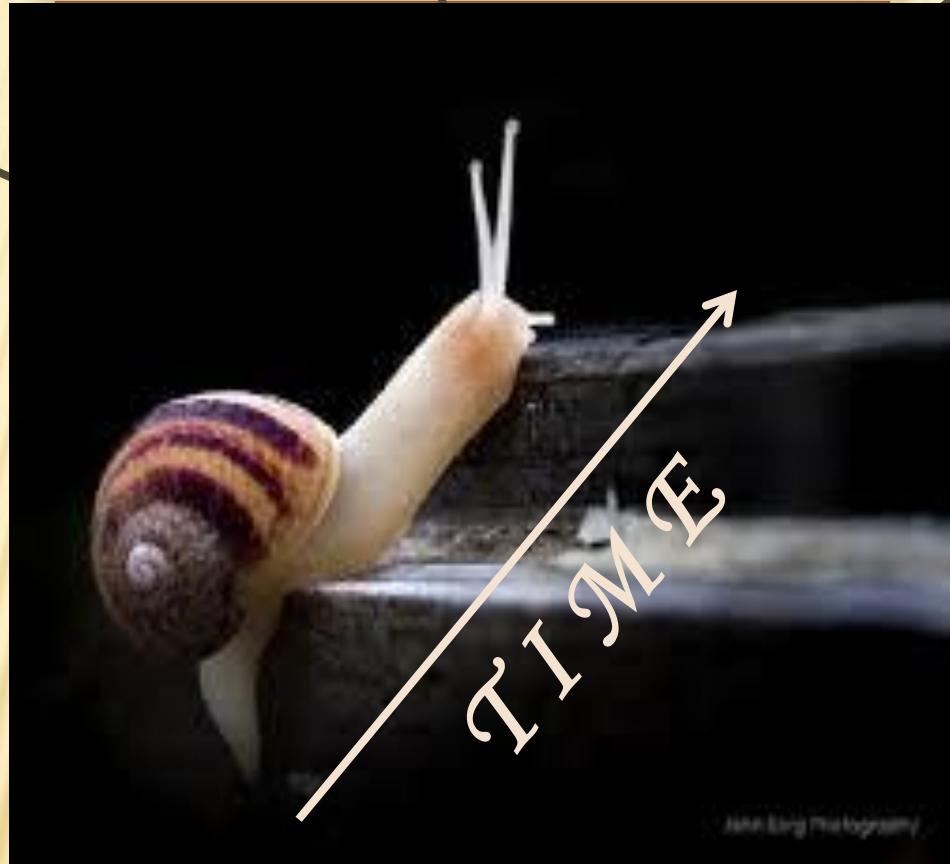
Data analysis

Data processing

*In vivo / vitro* experiments

Sample preparation

Sample fingerprinting

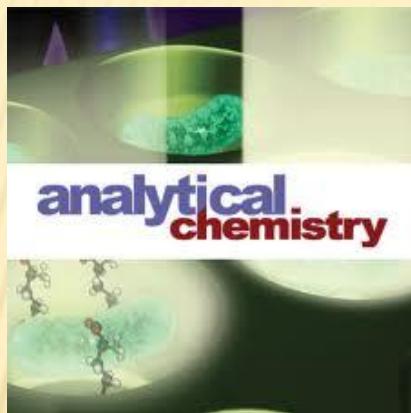


## Whatfor

Insight into our “material” world

## Wherfor

- Experimental design
- Separation
- Detection
- Quantitation
- Identification



## Whatfor

Large scale measurements

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## Wherfor

- Experimental design
- Processing
- Visualisation
- Identification
- Statistics
- Interpretation

## Whyfor

- Inventing and applying the concepts, principles, and strategies for measuring the characteristics of chemical systems and species

## Whyfor

- Metabolite and pathway identification
- Quantification of metabolite levels and isotopic composition
- Analysis of dynamic metabolic experiments
- Quantification of metabolic fluxes

# ANALYTICAL STRATEGY

## Instrumentations.....

### Separation methods

Gas Chromatography

High Performance Liquid Chromatography

Capillary Electrophoresis

Mass Spectrometry

Nuclear Magnet Resonance spectroscopy



### Detection methods

High resolution  
Mass spectral libraries  
Chemical derivatization

Wide range of components  
Soft ionization  
LC depending mass spectra

Separation efficiency  
Easy and predictable selectivity  
Only charged analytes

High sensitivity  
Fast  
Sample preparation

Reproducibility  
No destructive  
Low sensibility

# MATERIAL AND METHOD FOR METABOLOMICS IN LCH



Ultimate 3000  
(Dionex, CA, USA)



Uptisphere Strategy  
(Interchim,  
Montlucon, France)

## Chromatographic conditions

Column	Uptisphere C18 (100 *2.1 mm, 2.2 $\mu$ m)
Solvent	Water /Acetonitrile (0.1% formic acid)
Flow	0.250 mL/min
Analysis Time	25 minutes

## Spectrometric conditions

Analyzer	Q-Time Of Flight $R_p = 10000$
m/z range	Full Scan m/z 50-1000
Ionization / desorption mode	Electrospray Positive / Negative



MicroTOF-Q-II (Bruker, Bremen, Germany)

# ANALYTICAL STRATEGY

In LCH.....



## Animal study



## Sample preparation

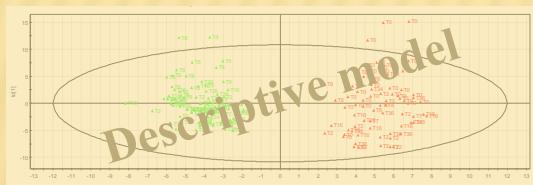


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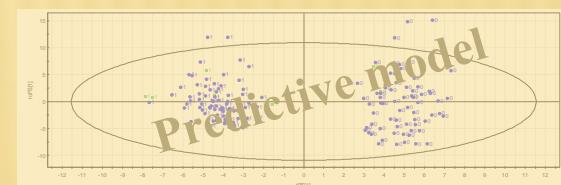


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## Data processing with XCMS



## Statistical analysis with SIMCA



## Biomarker (selection, identification, bio-interpretation)

Metabolomics (2007) 3:179–188  
DOI 10.1007/s11306-007-0077-z

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Standard reporting requirements for biological samples in metabolomics experiments: mammalian/in vivo experiments

Julian L. Griffin · Andrew W. Nicholls · Clare A. Daykin · Sarah Heald ·  
Hector C. Keun · Ina Schuppe-Koistinen · John R. Griffiths · Leo L. Cheng ·  
Philippe Rocca-Serra · Denis V. Rubtsov · Donald Robertson



# ANIMAL STUDY

In LCH.....

## Experimental centre of Chamberet

### Subject description

- 14 mares
- Anglo-Arab
- 4 years old
- 500-600 kg

### Subject description

- 6 pregnant mares
- Anglo-Arab
- 4-17 years old
- 500-600 kg

### Husbandry description

#### Housing

- paddock from mid-April until mid-November
- stable from mid-November until mid-April

### Veterinary treatment

- vermicide (dates)
- vaccine (dates)
- griseofulvin (dates)



## Experimental centre of Côte de Foret

### Subject description

- 2 mares
- Thoroughbred
- 6 years old
- 450-550 kg

### Stanozolol Treatment

#### Control Animals

- 4 horses
- intramuscular injection
- excipient (oil of sesame)
- chronic: 4 times in 16 days

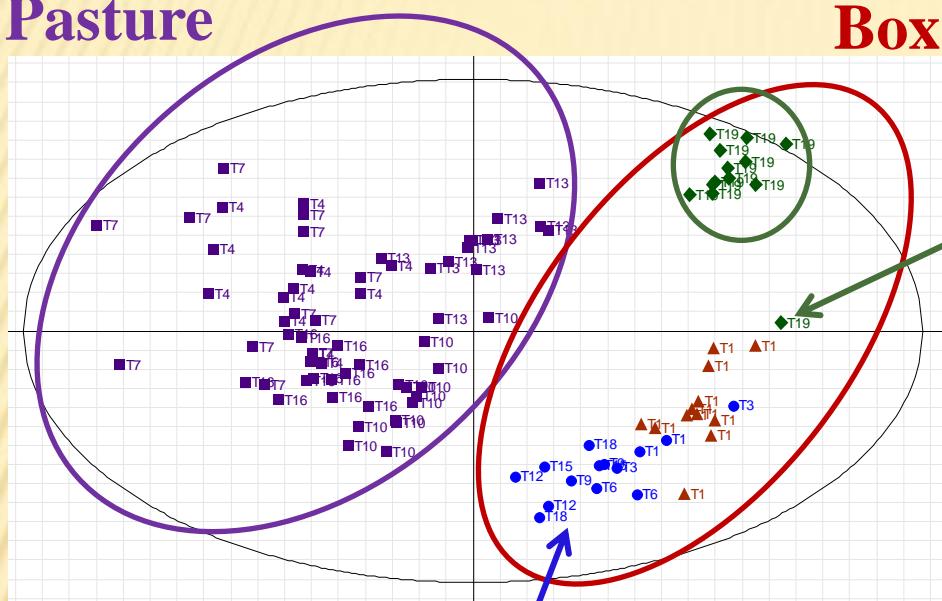
#### Treated Animals

- 10 horses
- intramuscular injection
  - stanozolol
- chronic: 4 times in 16 days
  - 5 horses:  
total dose of 0.4 mg/kg
  - 5 horses:  
total dose of 1.2 mg/kg



- 1) every 4 days during 16 days
- 2) 1 per week during 6 months

## Pasture



Coye la Foret

PCA based on 1522 ions  
Negative mode of ionization

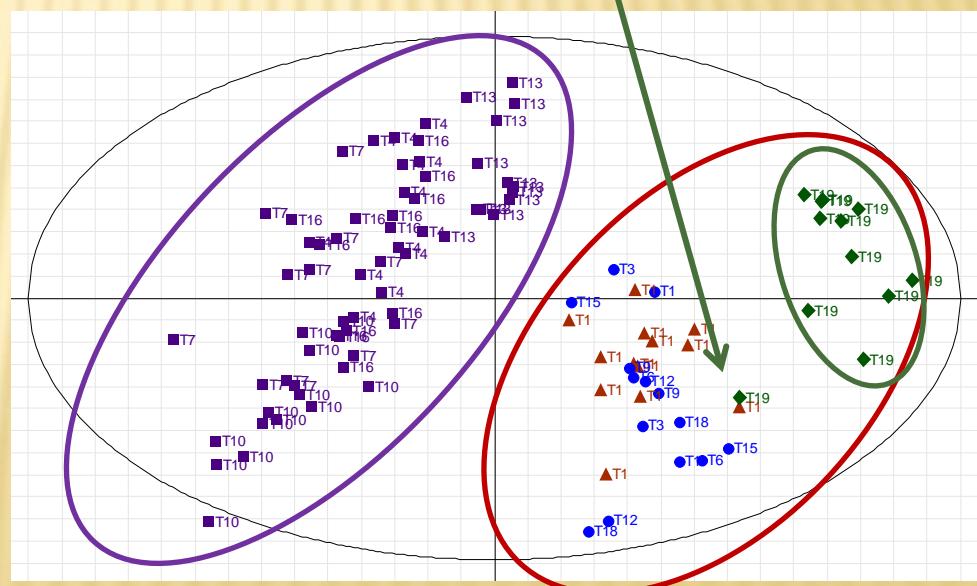
Pasture

## Environmental factor investigation

## Vermifuge

PCA based on 886 ions  
Positive mode of ionization

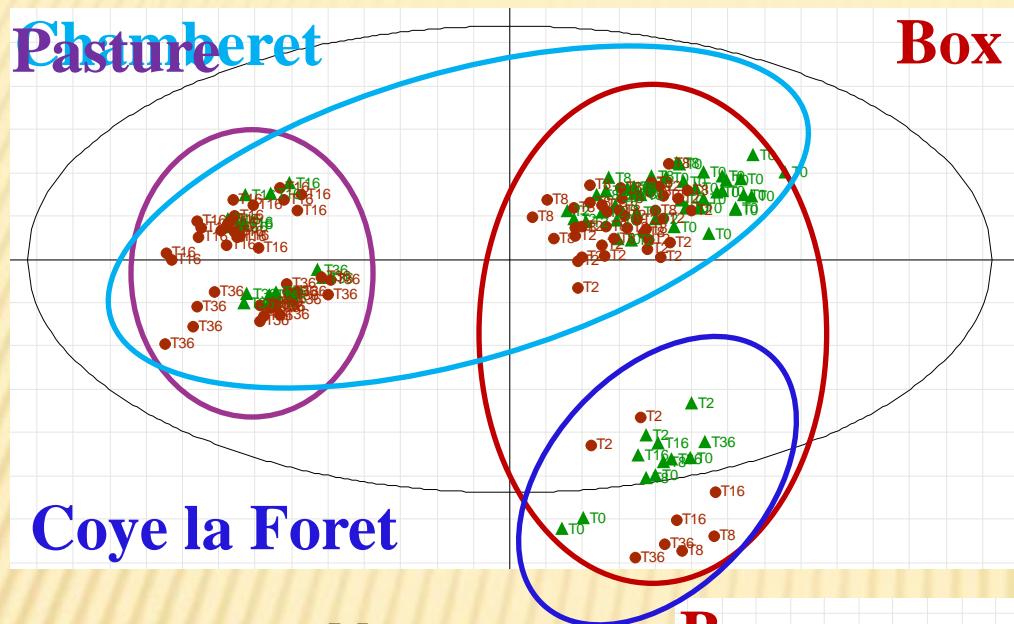
## Vermifuge Box



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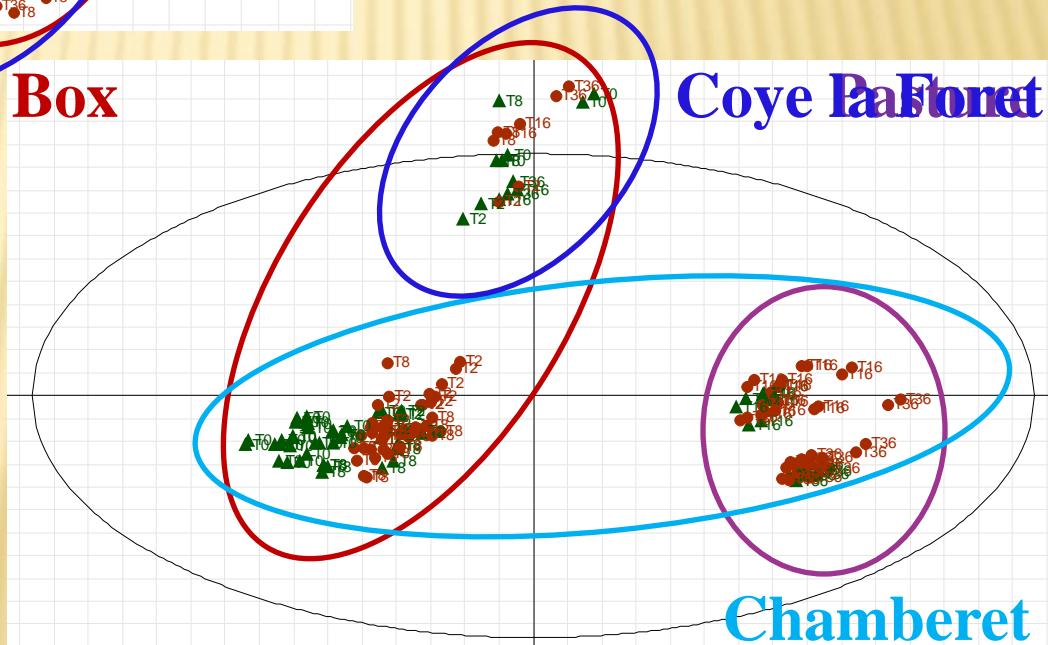
# Results.....

After Stanozolol Treatment



- ▲ non-treated horses
- stanozolol-treated horses

PCA based on 1986 ions  
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## Sample preparation



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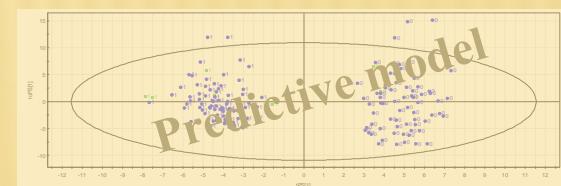


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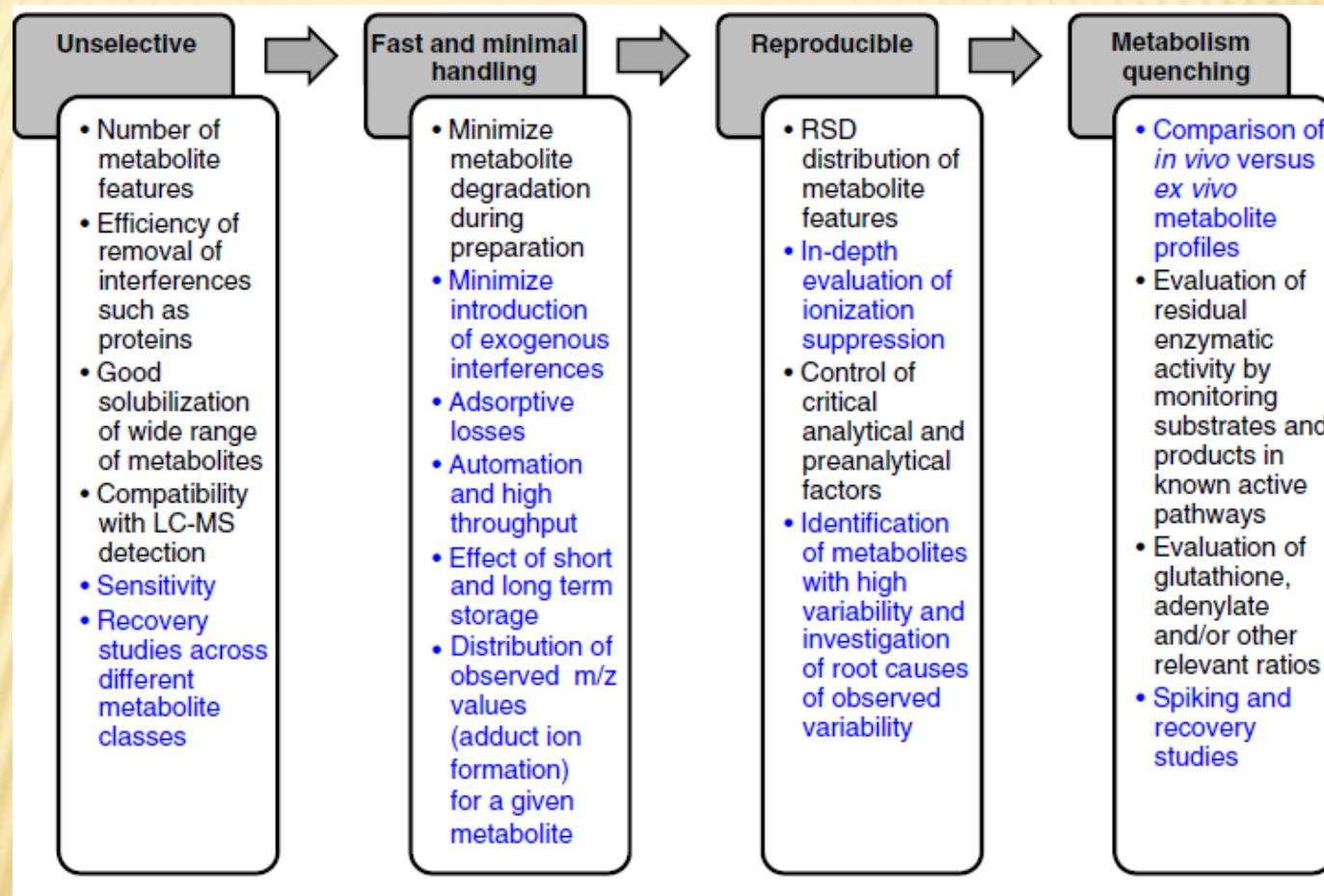


## Statistical analysis with SIMCA



## Biomarker (selection, identification, bio-interpretation)

Affects metabolite coverage and biological interpretation of the data!



Vuckovic, D. (2012) Current trends and challenges in sample preparation for global metabolomics using liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry. *Anal Bioanal Chem* 403, 1523-1548.

# SAMPLE PREPARATION

Principles.....

Depends on biological matrix:



BIOFLUIDS

urine



blood  
serum plasma



dilute-and-shoot

solvent precipitation



muscle

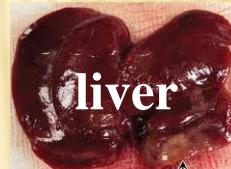


heart

TISSUE



brain



liver



lyophilisation

LLE / SPE extraction

Anal Chem. 2009, 81, 3285–3296

**Investigation of Human Blood Plasma Sample Preparation for Performing Metabolomics Using Ultrahigh Performance Liquid Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry**

Stephen J. Bruce, Isabelle Tavazzi, Véronique Parisod, Serge Rezzi, Sunil Kochhar, and Philippe A. Guy\*

Trends

Trends in Analytical Chemistry, Vol. 29, No. 2, 2010

**Metabolomics analysis II. Preparation of biological samples prior to detection**

B. Álvarez-Sánchez, F. Priego-Capote, M.D. Luque de Castro

**analytical chemistry**

Technical Note

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**Assessment of Compatibility between Extraction Methods for NMR- and LC/MS-Based Metabolomics**

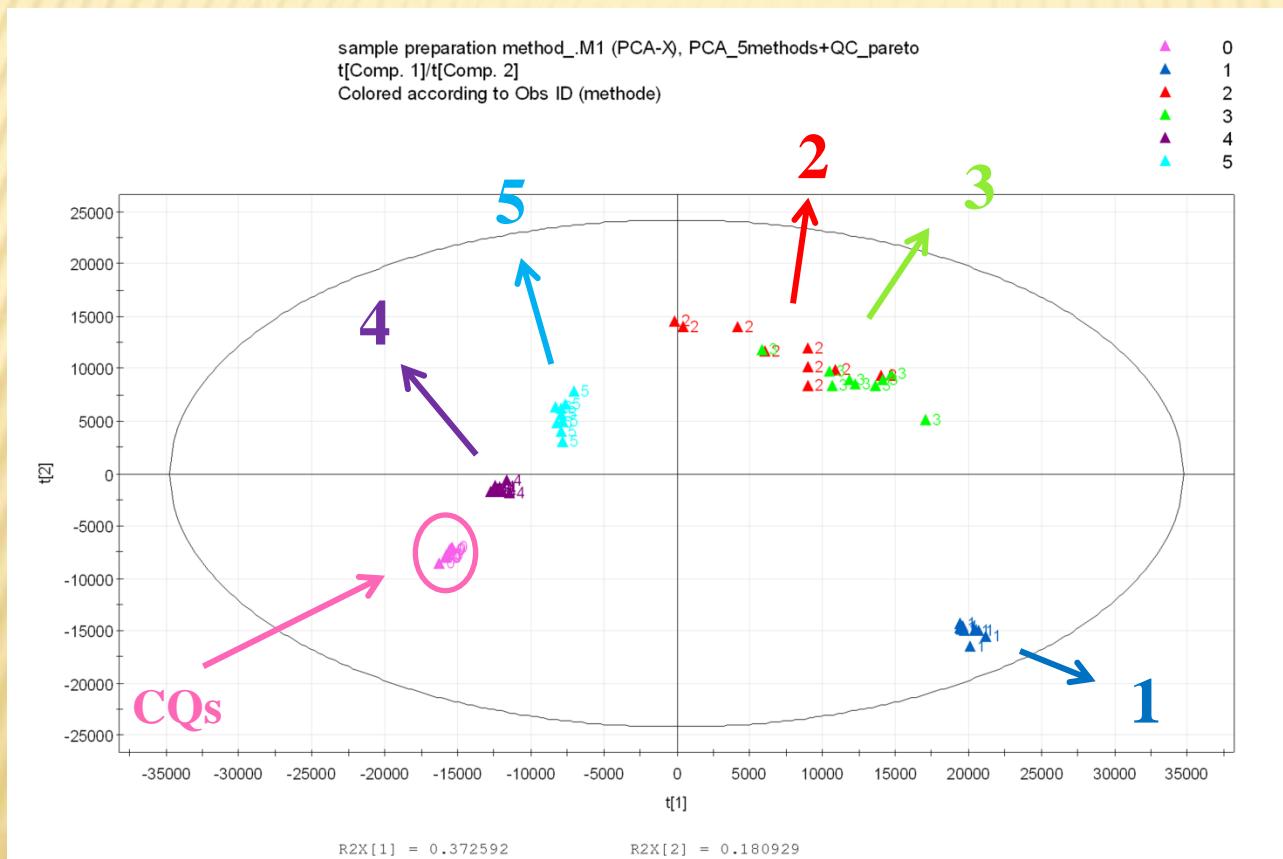
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# SAMPLE PREPARATION

# Results.....

## Horse urine specificity:

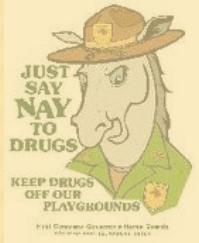
- mucus
- inorganic salts
- wide range of pH



Method	
1	precipitation with acetonitrile
2	enzymatic hydrolysis (protease K)
3	membrane filtration (10 kDa)
4	dilution at 1/20, direct injection
5	dilution at 1/5, direct injection

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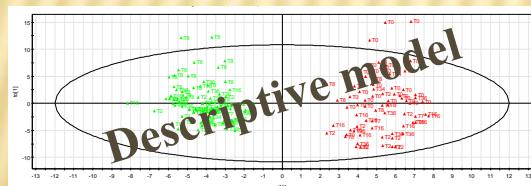


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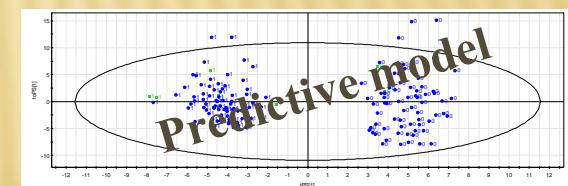


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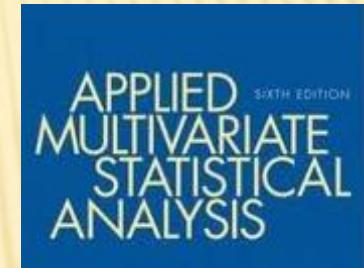
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## ➤ UNSUPERVISED

Principal Components Analysis (PCA)

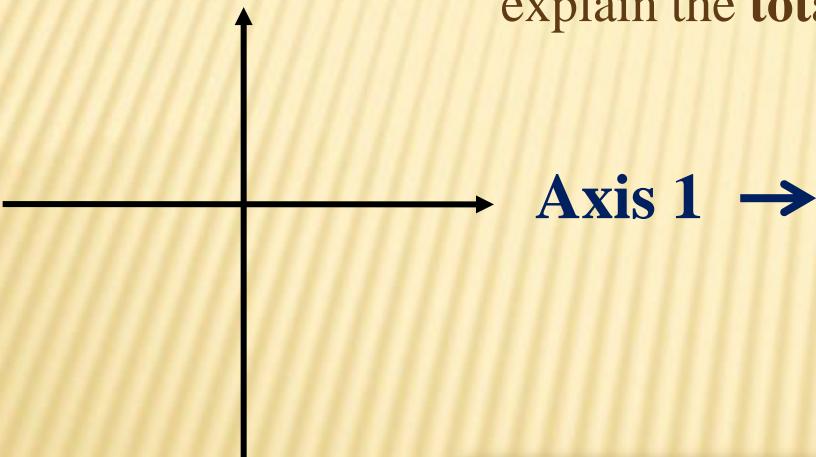
## ➤ SUPERVISED

Partial Least Squares (PLS) & PLS-DA



Axis 2 →

linear combination of ions which aims to explain the total variability



Axis 1 →

linear combination of ions which aims to explain the better separation between non-treated and treated populations

*OPLS model*

$R^2(X)$ : % of the total variance explained by the model

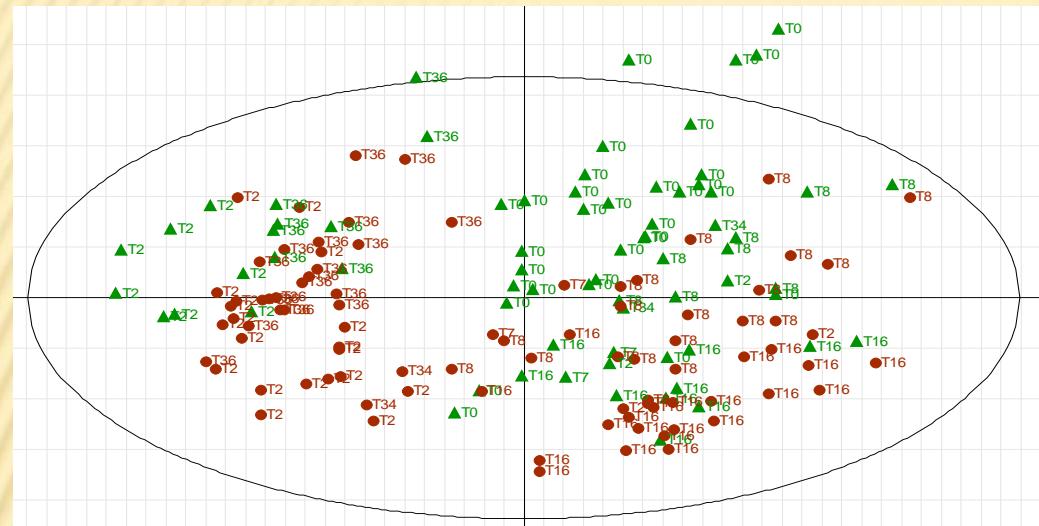
$R^2(Y)$ : % of the total variance of Y

$Q^2$ : Predictive ability of the model

# STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

## **Results.....**

## Descriptive model

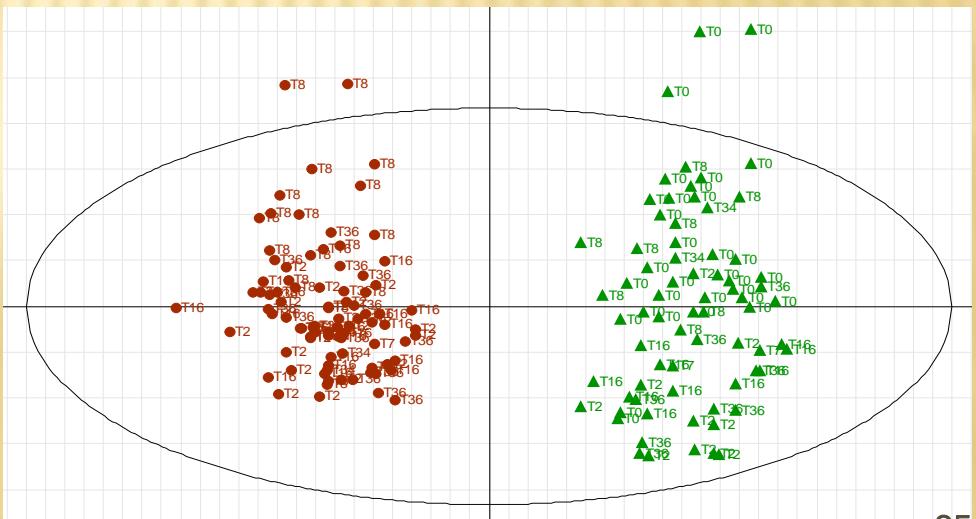


## **non-treated horses**

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## **stanozolol-treated horses**

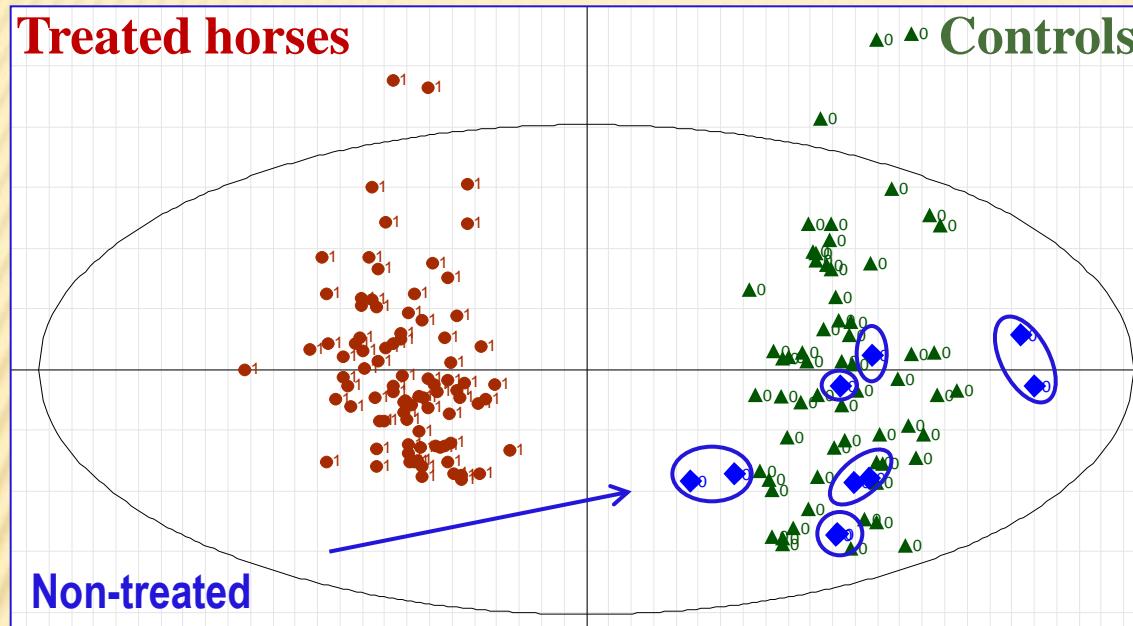
## OPLS-DA based on 221 ions (VIP from 614 ions)



# STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

Results.....

Treated horses



Controls

Predictive model

Prediction of  
one non-treated horse

Non-treated

Prediction of  
one stanozolol-treated  
horse.

OPLS-DA based on 221 ions

Treated horses

Treated horse

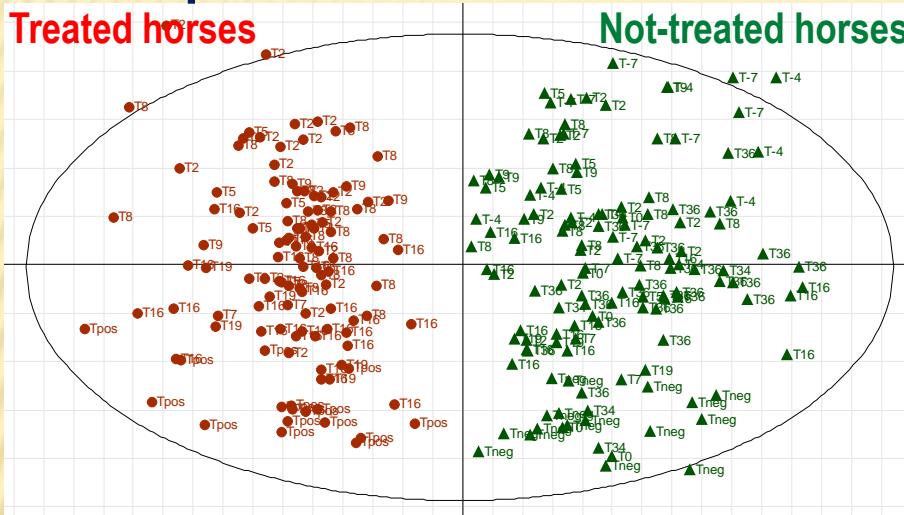
post-administration  
pre-administration

Controls

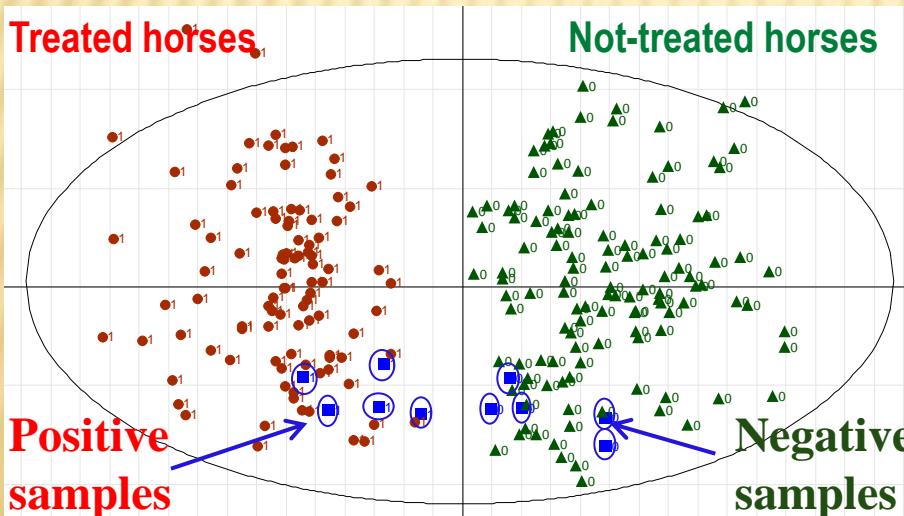
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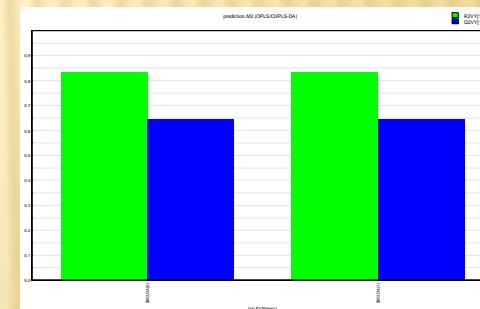
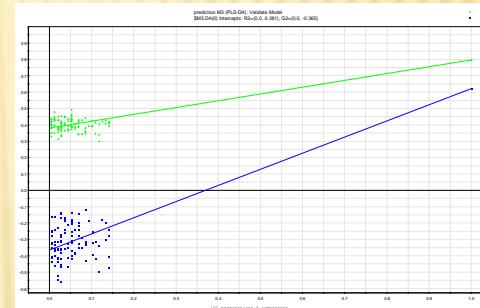
## Descriptive model



## Predictive model



## OPLS-DA data analysis



$$R^2Y=0.835$$

$$Q^2Y=0.646$$

Not OK

## 50 best French Trotters

total blood



urine



Transcriptomics

(EPO, GH)

Proteomics  
(anti rGH antibodies)

Biomarkers  
(IGF-I ELISA)

Blood count



Metabolomics  
(GH)

Steroidomics  
(AAS)

Equine Biological Passport

# LONGITUDINAL PROFILING

# Metabolomics GH .....

Sample collection:  
before, during and after treatment up to 80 days



## GH administration

13 Horses			Week 1	Week 2
Group N 1	7 controls	Physiological Serum		2 mL (S.C.)
Group N 2	6 treated	EquiGen-5		18 µg/kg/day (S.C.)

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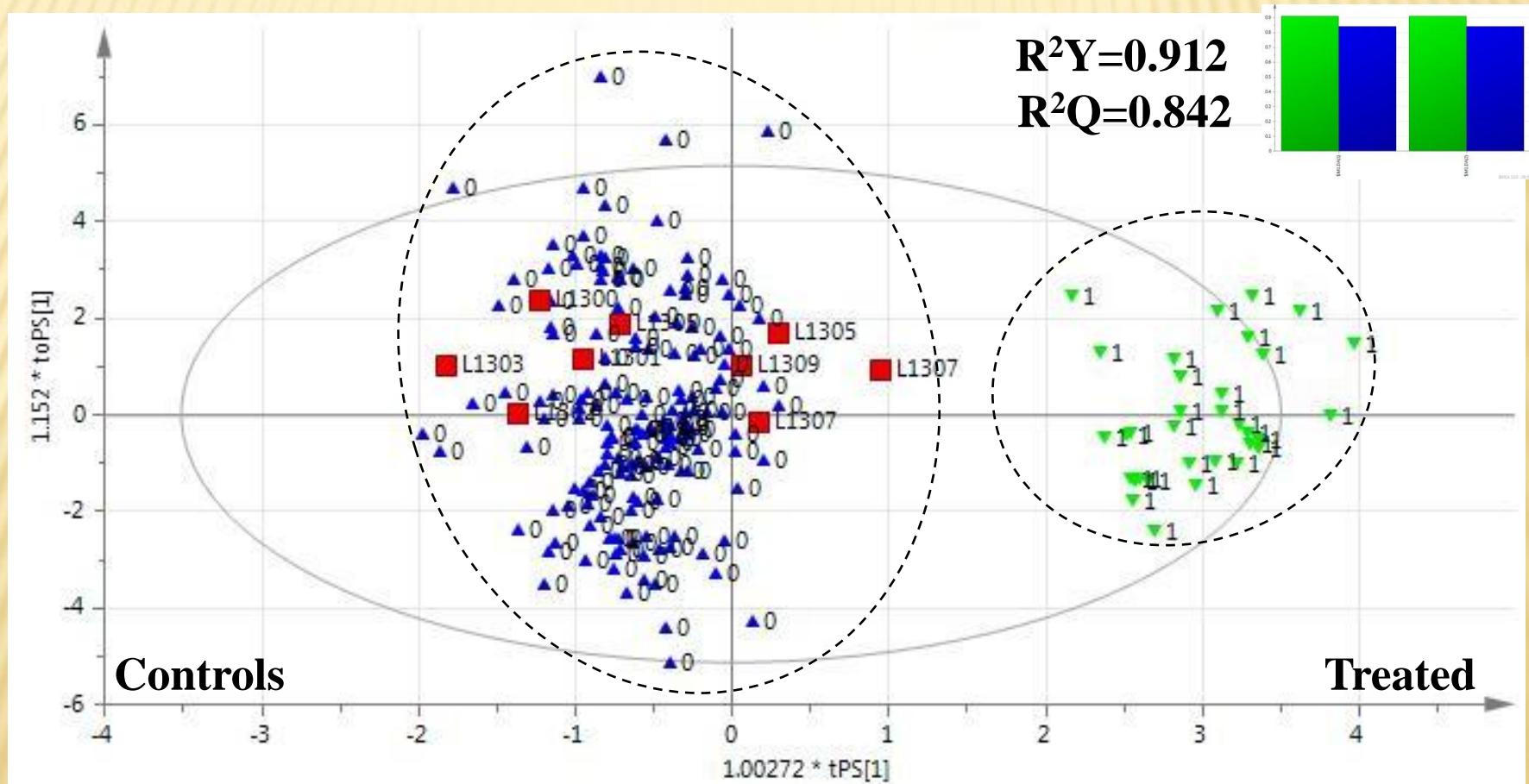
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- GH predictive model for longitudinal follow-up obtained in August



# CONCLUSION

Question of balance.....

- Leader role shift :

Industrial research → Academic research

- Application role shift :

Descriptive science → Predictive science

- Status role shift :

« Nice to have » → « Need to have »



Method development



Screening

# CONCLUSION

Still a lot of work left....

Improvement and  
standardization of  
metabolite detection

High-throughput  
metabolic profiling



## DATA EXCHANGE



Metabolite  
identification

Data set annotation  
Spectral databases  
Structural elucidation

Informatics and  
bioinformatics

Data analysis tools  
Data visualization tools  
Standard data formats



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