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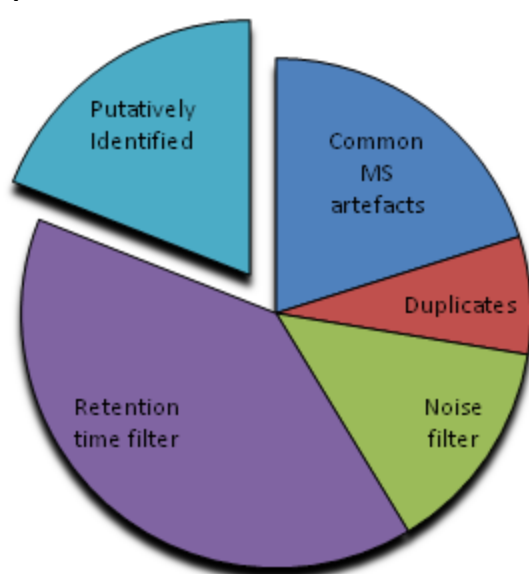
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Supporting information 4: (A) Distribution of 3,133 putatively identified peaks from the mixtures of metabolite standards. 627 peaks were putatively identified; 1,314 peaks rejected based on predicted retention time; 455 were classified as noise if they had very small peaks (< 10,000) or were present in blank samples; 247 were annotated as duplicate or shoulder peaks based on mass and retention time; 667 were common MS artefacts such as isotopes, adducts and fragments (B). (B) Common related peaks observed on HILIC-Orbitrap platform for automated removal in data processing by matching the mass difference (within 3 ppm) and retention time (within 9 seconds) if the peak has a lower intensity than the base peak.

A



B

| Related peak                   | Mass difference       |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <sup>13</sup> C isotopes       | +1.003355             |
| <sup>15</sup> N isotopes       | +0.997035             |
| <sup>18</sup> O isotopes       | +2.004245             |
| <sup>34</sup> S isotopes       | +1.995796             |
| <sup>37</sup> Cl isotopes      | +1.997050             |
| Double charge                  | Mass/2                |
| Triple charge                  | Mass/3                |
| Sodium adduct                  | +21.98194             |
| Potassium adduct               | +37.95588             |
| Sodium–potassium exchange      | +15.97394             |
| Sodium–ammonium exchange       | −4.95540              |
| Sodium formate adduct          | +67.98740             |
| Acetonitrile adduct            | +41.02655             |
| Acetonitrile and sodium adduct | +63.00849             |
| Ammonium adduct                | +17.02655             |
| Water loss                     | −18.01057             |
| CO <sub>2</sub> loss           | −43.98983             |
| Formic acid loss               | −46.00548             |
| Ammonium loss                  | −17.02655             |
| Centroid/apodisation artefact  | +/− <0.9 <sup>a</sup> |

a) Only if peak intensity >50-fold lower than the base peak