

## Supplementary Figures and Table

**Figure S1.** Representative chromatogram of  $[\text{HACA}+\text{H}]^+$  from a sample from a confirmed PDE-ALDH7A1-patient not spiked (S1A), spiked with 1  $\mu\text{M}$  (S1b) and spiked with 100  $\mu\text{M}$  HACA (S1c). The retention time of HACA is 2.442 min. Automatic area (AA) refers to the automatically integrated area under the curve.

**Figure S2.** Fragmentation tree [1] obtained from SIRIUS 5 software describing the fragmentation pattern of the  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_4$  isomer. The descending presentation of molecular formula in boxes reflects fragments lost as neutral molecules. The relative intensity from the MSMS spectrum in Figure 5 is given in both color intensity and number.

**Figure S3.** Yielded relative peak area of HACA from a prepared sample which has been stored for 1.5 years at  $-20^\circ\text{C}$ . As from the first analysis, this internal positive control has been kept in the autosampler at  $4^\circ\text{C}$  and the peak area has been normalized to the day 0 run.

**Figure S4.** Left: Representative extracted ion chromatogram of the masses of PIP (top-left) and HACA (bottom-left). PIP is detected after adding HACA into water. Visualization of the possible conversion between HACA and PIP via the  $[\text{HACA}-\text{H}_2\text{O}+\text{H}]^+$ -ion. Right: Peak area value of PIP in dependence of amount HACA injected. Linear regression of the dataset leads to the function  $f(x) = 2\text{E}+06 \cdot x + 590919$ .

**Table S1.** Settings used for all MSMS analyses performed with the Q Exactive Orbitrap.

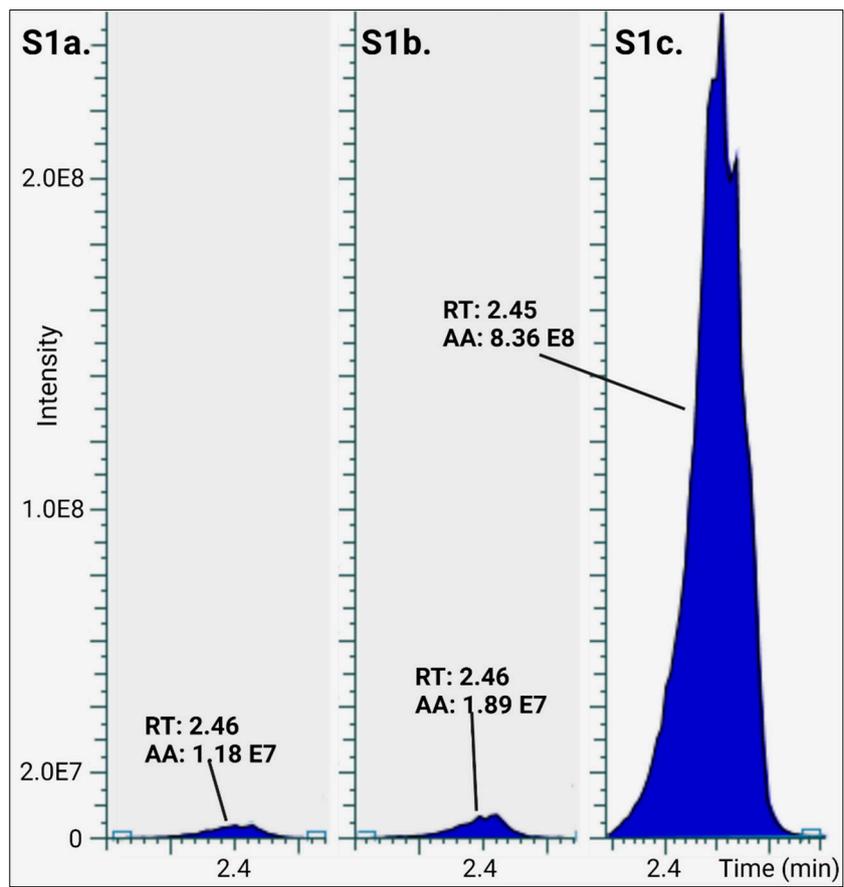


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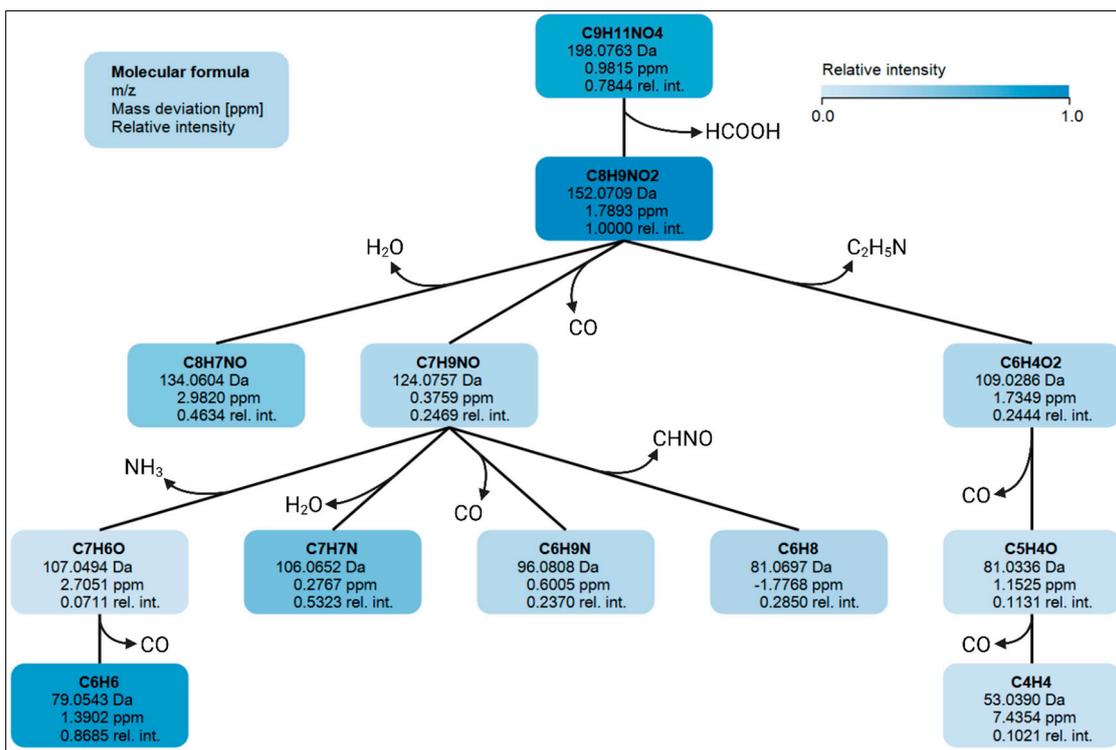
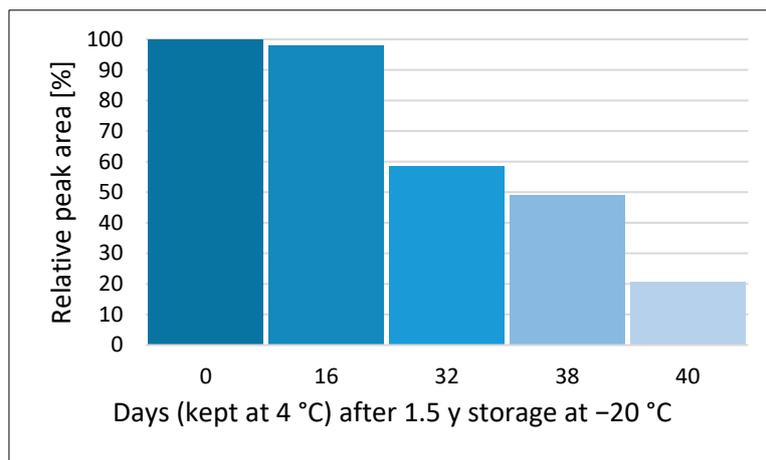
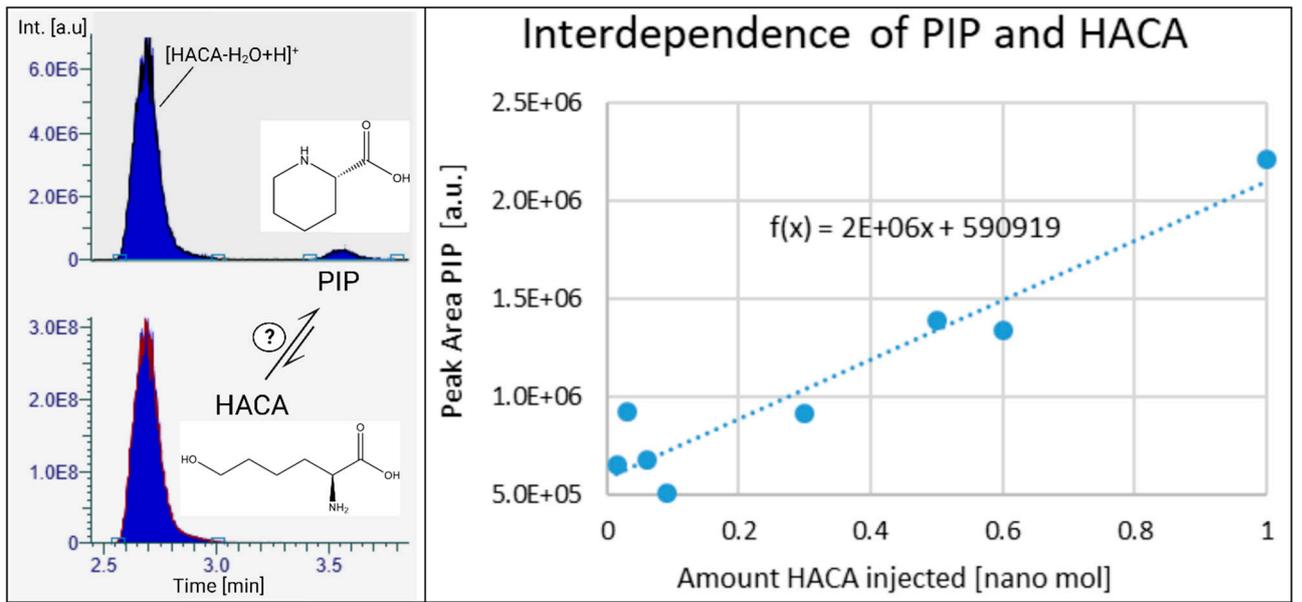


Figure S2.



**Figure S3.**



**Figure S4.**

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Scan range	<i>m/z</i> 50 – 750
Resolution	Full MS: 70 000 MSMS: 17 500
AGC target value	Full MS: 1 000 000 ion counts MSMS: 500 000 ion counts
Maximum injection time	Full MS: 200 ms MSMS: 100 ms
Polarity	Positive
Scan type	Data dependent acquisition, top 5
Dynamic exclusion time	10 s
Intensity threshold	50 000 counts per second
Stepped normalized collision energy	20, 50, 80

## References

1. Böcker, S.; Dührkop, K. Fragmentation trees reloaded. *Journal of cheminformatics* **2016**, *8*, 1-26.