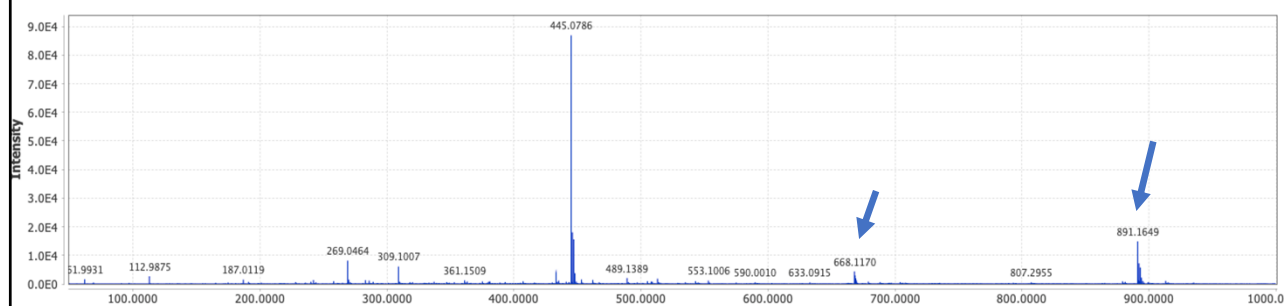


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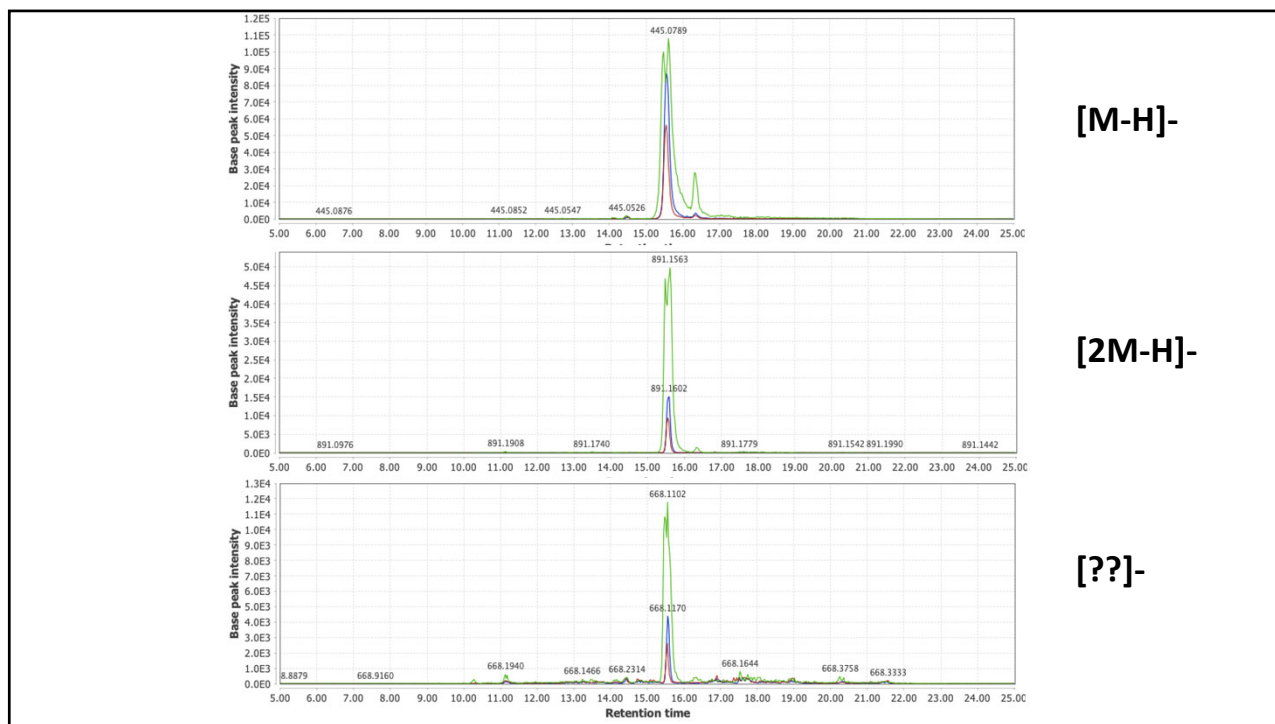
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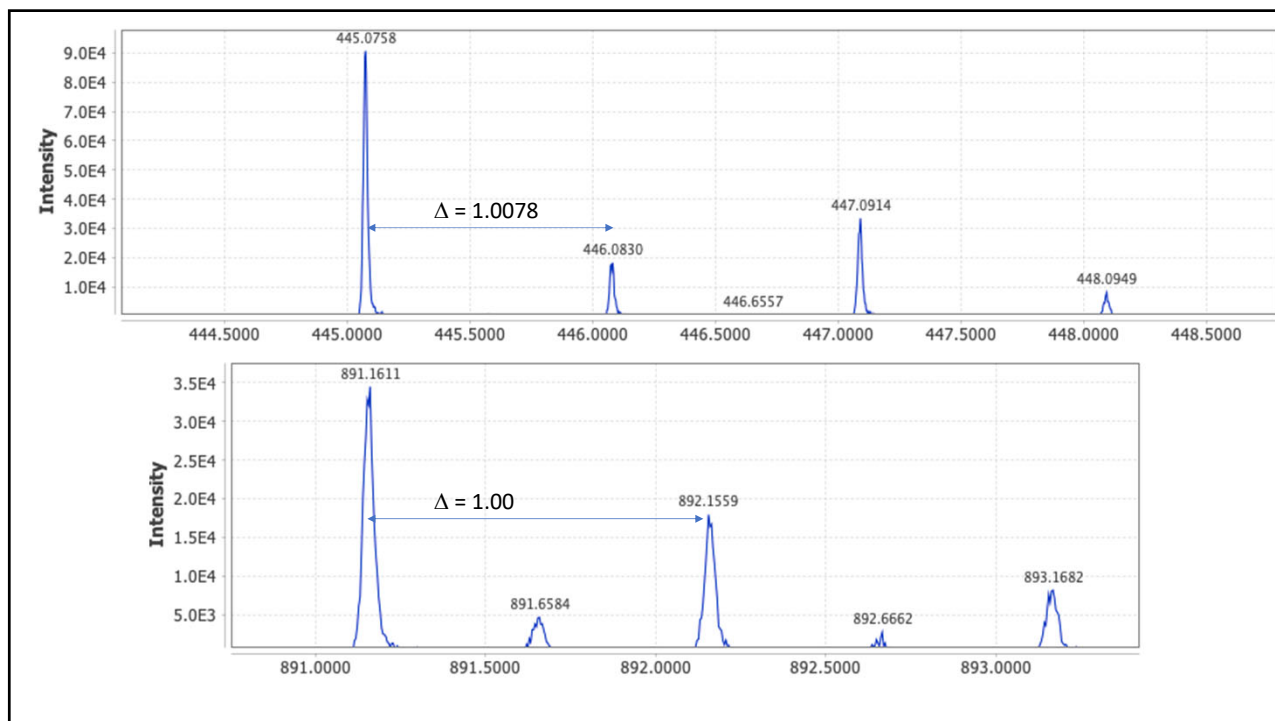
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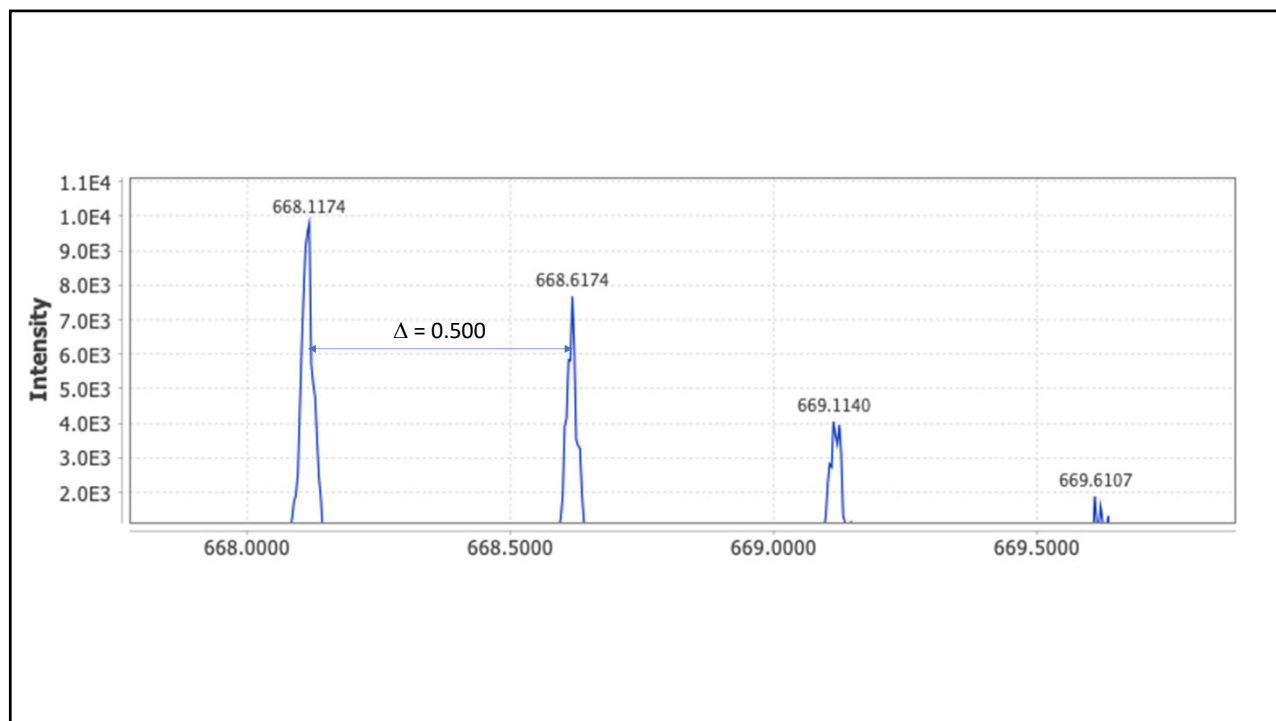
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## Resolving the $m/z$ 445, 668 and 891 ions

- $m/z$  445.077 is genistein glucuronide  $[M-H]^-$ 
  - M is 446.086
- $[2M-H]^-$  is  $m/z$  892.172-1.008 = 891.164 (obs.  $m/z$  891.163)
  - The  $m/z$  891-893 series are the 2M-H series with  $^{13}C$ -isotopes
- The  $m/z$  668-669 series are doubly charged
  - The  $^{13}C$ -isotope spacing is 0.5
  - $m/z$  668.119 is  $[M-2H]^{2-}$
  - M is therefore  $2 \times 668.119 + 2 \times 1.0072 = 1336.238 + 2.014 = 1338.252$
  - Divide 1338.252 by 446.086 = 3
- $m/z$  668.119 is therefore  $[3M-2H]^{2-}$
- All these ions are from genistein glucuronide

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M+Cl  
M+K-2H  
M+FA-H  
M-2H  
M-3H  
M+CH<sub>3</sub>COO  
M+F

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Select the ion types – M-H, M-H<sub>2</sub>O-H, 2M-H, 3M-H

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112.9885 m/z  
(113.9952 - 113.9963 daltons): 1 Metabolite [M-H]<sup>-</sup>

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Acetylenedicarboxylate  
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Mass (m/z)

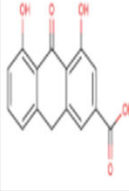

(+) 10 V [M+H]<sup>+</sup>  
 (+) 20 V [M+H]<sup>+</sup>  
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MSMS spectrum not useful.  
Would be better if METLIN didn't link negative ions to positive MSMS spectra

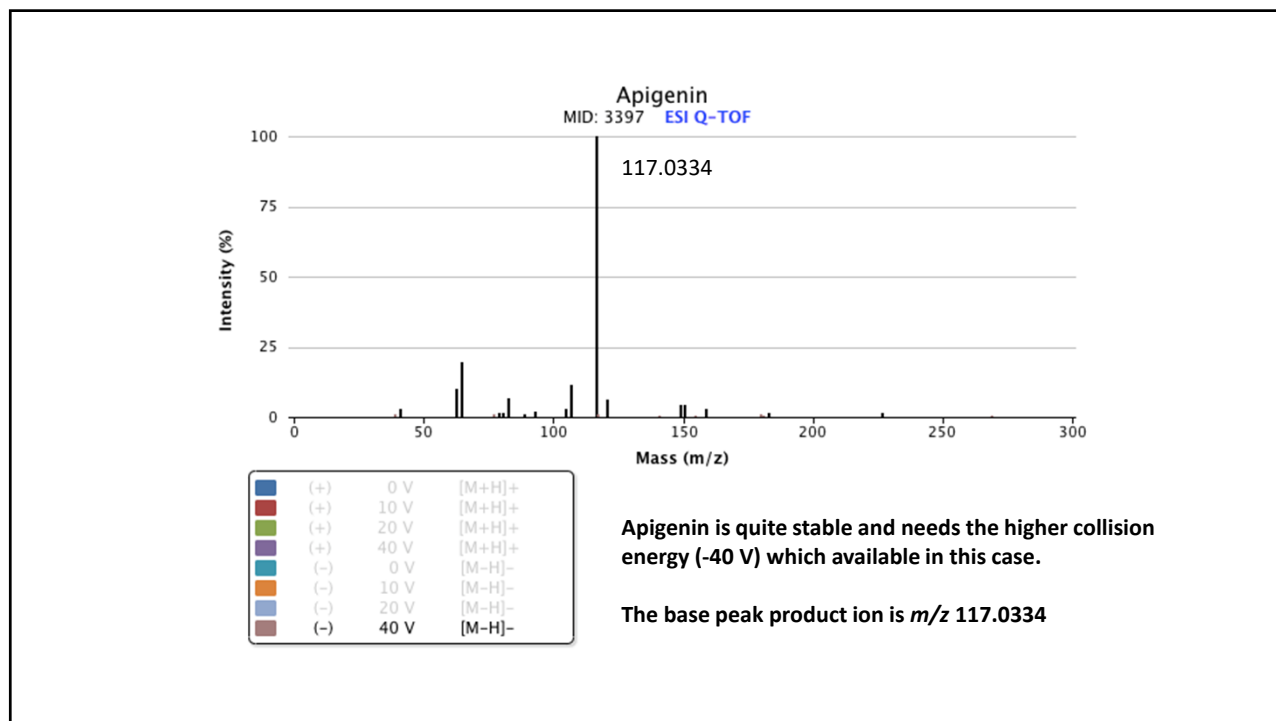
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(270.0523 - 270.055 daltons): 29 Metabolites [M-H]<sup>-</sup>

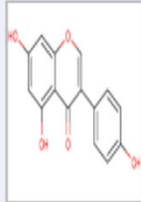
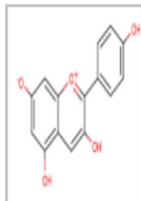

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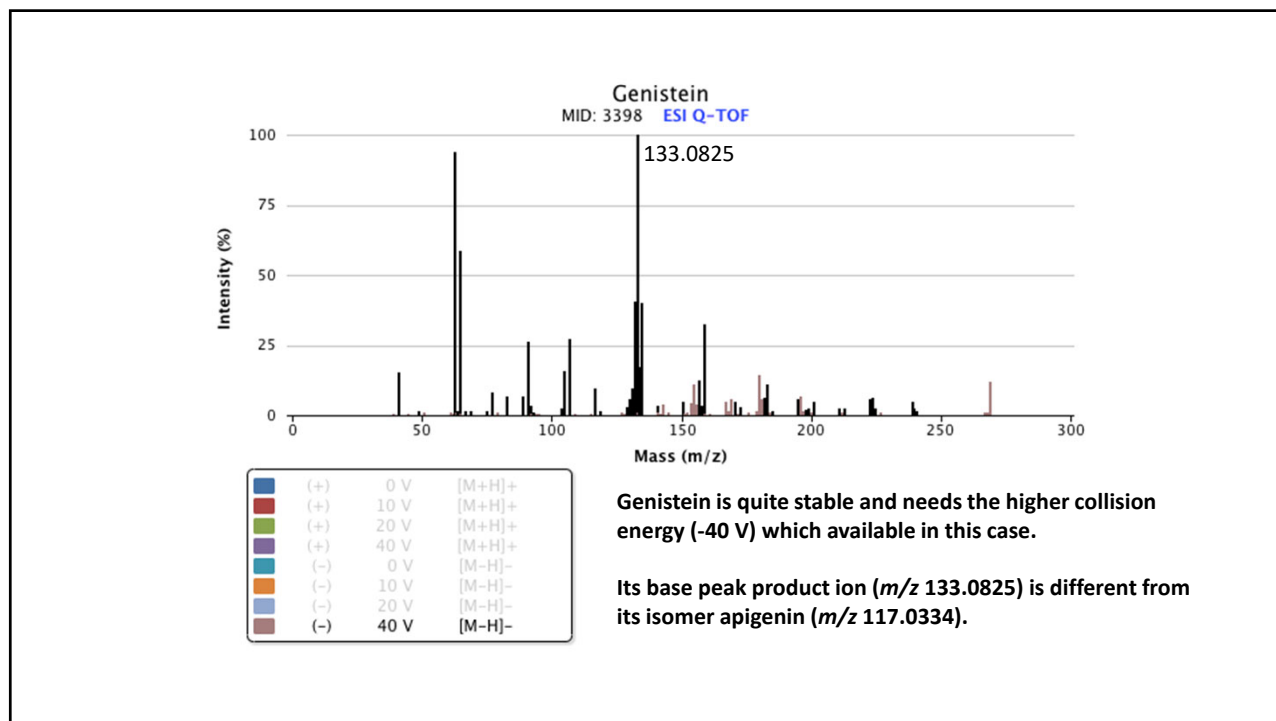
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3399	270.0528	3	Pelargonidin	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	7690-51-9	<a href="#">View</a>	
41039	270.0528	3	Aloe-emodin	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	NA	<a href="#">View</a>	

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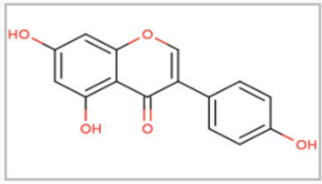
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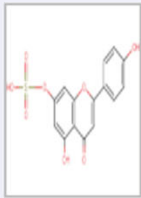
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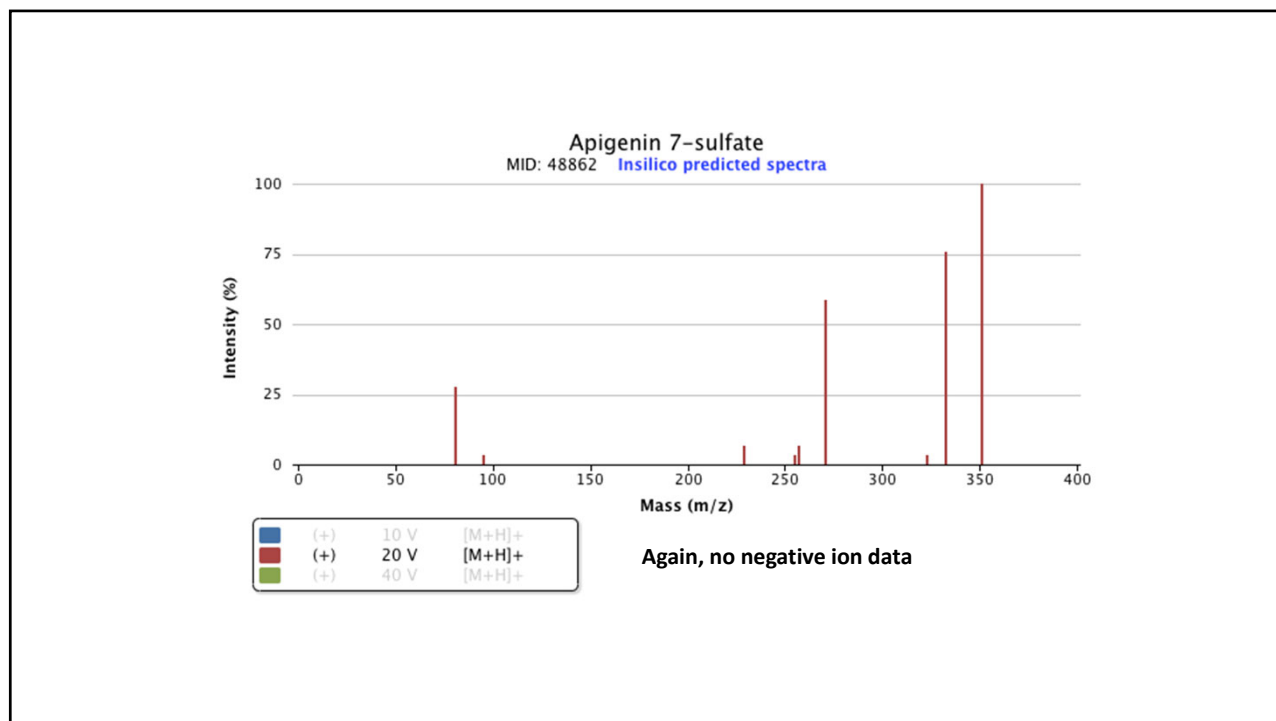
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(684.2622 - 684.2657 daltons): 0 Metabolites [M-2H]<sup>2-</sup>  
(1026.3942 - 1026.3976 daltons): 0 Metabolites [M-3H]<sup>3-</sup>  
**349.0029 m/z**  
(350.0084 - 350.0119 daltons): 1 Metabolite [M-H]<sup>-</sup>

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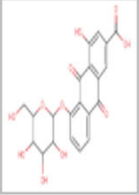
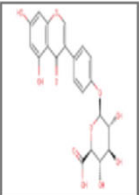
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**445.0773 m/z**  
(446.0824 - 446.0868 daltons): 12 Metabolites [M-H]<sup>-</sup>

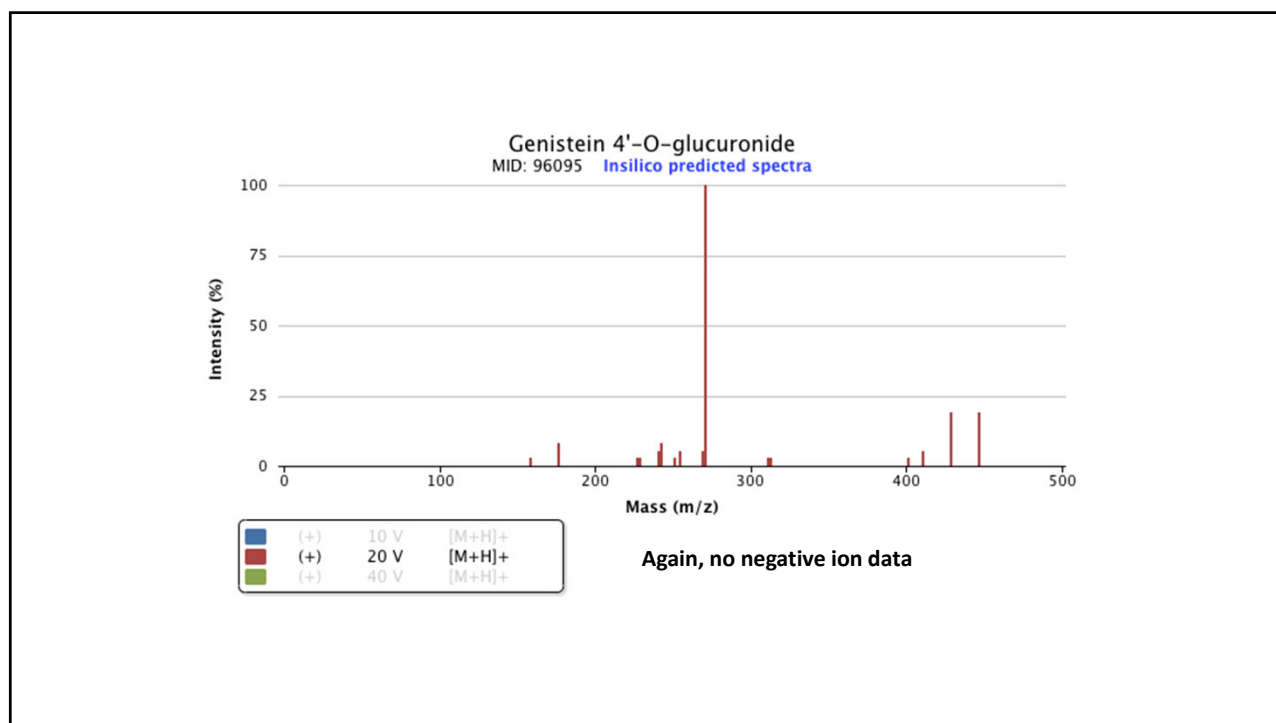
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88791	446.0849	0	Glucorhein	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>18</sub> O <sub>11</sub>	34298-86-7	<a href="#">View</a>	
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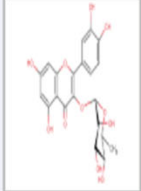
This is really the  $^{13}\text{C}_2$ -isotope ion of  $m/z$  445.077

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447.0932  $m/z$

(448.0982 - 448.1027 daltons): 74 Metabolites  $[\text{M-H}]^-$

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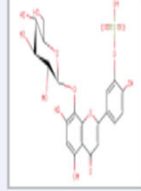
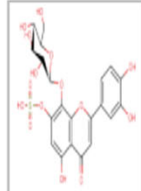
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525.0333  $m/z$

(526.038 - 526.0432 daltons): 0 Metabolites  $[\text{M-H}]^-$


(544.0491 - 544.0543 daltons): 5 Metabolites  $[\text{M-H}_2\text{O-H}]^-$


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**None of the five records are of genistein  $\beta$ -glucuronide sulfate**

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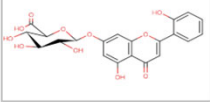
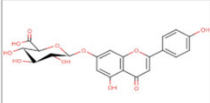
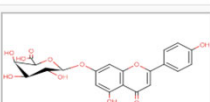
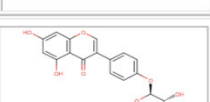
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96095	446.084911418	Genistein 4'-O-glucuronide	C21H18O11			<i>in silico</i>	

**Again, no negative ion data**

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