

# Quantitative Analysis of Short-Chain Fatty Acids by Gas Chromatography

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## **Chromatography Technology**

### Quantitative analysis by gas chromatography

Short-chain fatty acids in organisms play diversified physiological roles in various cells and molecular systems, such as affecting immune regulation, inhibiting the production of anti-inflammatory factors, blocking tumor cell proliferation, and controlling proto-oncogene expression. A variety of short chain fatty acid concentrations can be quantified by gas chromatography (GC) in combination with other techniques. Creative Proteomics offers a state-of-the-art gas separation platform for the identification and quantification of a wide range of volatile and/or semi-volatile organic compounds.

#### **Features**

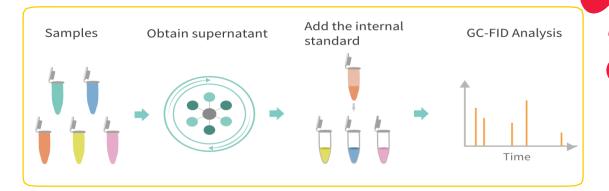
- A Finnigan TRACE DSQ GC-MS system with Electron Ionization (EI) and Chemical Ionization (CI) capability, allowing for identification of unknown compounds down to below part-per-billion levels.
- Experts at Creative Proteomics's extensive experience with powerful mass spectrum database available to identify/quantify a series of compounds as well as many unique or rare compounds

#### We are capable of:

- Air Monitoring Samples
- Clinical Samples
- Colors Samples
- Environmental Samples
- Food & Beverage Samples
- Forensic and Veterinary Samples

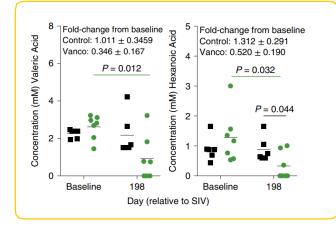
- Gas Calibration Samples
- Gasoline, Diesel, & Petroleum Samples
- Life Sciences Samples
- · Pharmaceutical Samples
- Polymer Samples
- Personal Care and Cosmetic Samples

#### **ASSAY OVERVIEW**



Fecal pellets were homogenized in 17% (wt/wt) water suspension, and titrated to pH 2.0 using 5M HCl. Fecal debris were pelleted and removed by centrifugation. The remaining supernatant was spiked with internal standard 2-Ethylbutyric acid. Samples were injected into the GC flame ionization detector and calibrated against a cocktail of standardized SCFAs—sodium propionate and acetic, butyric, isobutyric, valeric, isovaleric, hexanoic, and heptanoic acids.

#### **DATA OVERVIEW**



Short-chain fatty acids (SCFA)—microbial-produced metabolites important for gastrointestinal (GI) immunity and epithelial barrier maintenance—were perturbed in Vanco monkeys, with significant disruptions from baseline observed for fecal valeric and hexanoic acids at d198 p.i.

#### WHAT WE DO

Analytical services at Creative Proteomics cover Gas Chromatography (GC), Liquid Chromatography (LC), High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC), Mass Spectrometry (MS), GC-MS, LC-MS, HPLC-MS, and *et al.*, analytical instrumentation and expertise for clients' testing and research projects.

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