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**Abstract:**

**Introduction** – Plants utilize various defense mechanisms against their potential biotic stressing agents such as viroids, viruses, bacteria or fungi and abiotic environmental challenges. Among them metabolic alteration is a common response in both compatible and incompatible plant-pathogen interactions. However, the identification of metabolic changes associated with defense response is not an easy task due to the complexity of the metabolome and the plant response. To address the problem of metabolic complexity, a metabolomics approach was employed in this study.

**Objective** – To identify a wide range of pathogen (citrus exocortis viroid (CEVd) or *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *tomato*)-induced metabolites of tomato using metabolomics.

**Methodology** – Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy in combination with multivariate data analysis were performed to analyze the metabolic changes implicated in plant-pathogen interaction.

**Results** – NMR-based metabolomics of crude extracts allowed the identification of different metabolites implicated in the systemic (viroid) and hypersensitive response (bacteria) in plant pathogen interactions. While glycosylated gentisic acid was the most important induced metabolite in the viroid infection, phenylpropanoids and a flavonoid (rutin) were found associated to bacterial infection.

**Conclusions** – NMR metabolomics is a potent platform to analyze the compounds involved in different plant infections. A broad response to different pathogenic infections was revealed at metabolomic levels in the plant. Also, metabolic specificity against each pathogen was observed.

**Keywords:** *Solanum lycopersicum*; *Pseudomonas syringae*; Citrus exocortis viroid  
(CEVd); plant pathogen interaction; NMR-based metabolomics

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## Introduction

Over the years, many studies have been performed to analyze plant-pathogen interactions (reviewed by Mehta *et al.*, 2008). Plants have developed a number of strategies to defend themselves against pathogens and environmental stress. Among the mechanisms by which plants can control the pathogenic or environmental stress, the induction of metabolites acting as defense compounds is the most common feature in plants. However, despite the knowledge about the effect of infection on the biological system of plants, the metabolic changes related to it are still scarcely studied (Jahangir *et al.*, 2008).

Solanaceous plants, especially tomato (*Solanum lycopersicum*) provide an excellent model system to investigate plant-pathogen interactions. Also, tomato is one of the most popular vegetables worldwide from the agricultural point of view. However, this crop suffers from the attack of a number of pathogens including viruses, bacteria, fungi, and nematodes. The study of the interaction of tomato plants with pathogens is important in order to establish effective methods to control pests (Arie *et al.*, 2007).

Citrus exocortis viroid (CEVd), the causal agent of the exocortis disease of citrus trees, produces a systemic compatible infection in Rutgers tomato plants consisting in plant stunting and an extreme leaf epinasty and rugosity (Conejero *et al.*, 1990). On the other hand, *Pseudomonas syringae* causes a rapid tissue necrosis (hypersensitive response-like) of *S. lycopersicum* when injected at high concentration (Bellés *et al.*, 2006).

In the present work a comparative analysis was applied to metabolic characterization of the different responses of tomato plants against the two types of infections.

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3 Metabolism is the end result of biochemical dynamics of living organisms  
4 starting with gene expression, and is therefore an essential part of a systems biology  
5 approach to study plant defence. Different metabolic profiles are indicative of changes  
6 in metabolic pathways, thus, for example, enabling to distinguish health and disease  
7 conditions in a system (Hankemeier, 2007). Comparing metabolic profiles of infected  
8 plants versus the corresponding controls is a powerful tool to unravel the biochemical  
9 pathways involved in multi-factorial disorders. Plants produce a huge number of  
10 metabolites which may largely differ in chemical characteristics. For this reason, a  
11 combination of methods to prepare and analyze samples is required. Thus, an extraction  
12 system and an instrumental technique must be carefully chosen to suit a particular  
13 biological question. The typical analytical equipment employed in metabolomics  
14 includes chromatographic methods (liquid chromatography (LC), gas chromatography  
15 (GC), capillary electrophoresis, and thin layer chromatography), mass spectrometry  
16 (MS) and nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy (Verpoorte *et al.*, 2007).

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In this study, a direct extraction method followed by NMR spectroscopy analysis in combination with multivariate data analysis was employed in order to investigate the metabolites associated with two different infections in tomato plants. Identification of metabolites responsible for the differences between control and infected samples can provide information about the chemical diversity of the signalling compounds involved in the defence response in plant-pathogen interaction.

## Experimental

### Plant material and inoculation procedure

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3 Seeds from tomato (*Solanum lycopersicum* cv. Rutgers) (Western Hybrid Seeds Inc.  
4 CA) were used in the experiments. The plants (one per pot) were grown in 15-cm-  
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6 diameter pots containing a mixture of peat (Biolan) and vermiculite 1:1. The pots were  
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8 subirrigated with a nutrient solution as described by Naranjo *et al.* (2003).  
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12 Infection of five-weeks-old tomato plants with *P. syringae* pv. *tomato* was  
13 performed with a bacterial suspension obtained as follows: bacteria were grown  
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15 overnight at 28°C in 20-mL Petri dishes with C3 agar medium (Oxoid, Basington, UK)  
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17 supplemented with 0.45 g of KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> per liter, 2.39 g of Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>·12H<sub>2</sub>O (pH 6.8) per  
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19 liter. Bacterial colonies were then resuspended in 10 mM MgSO<sub>4</sub> to a final  
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21 concentration of OD<sub>600</sub>: 0.1. Dilution plating was used to determine the final inoculum  
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23 concentration, which averaged 10<sup>7</sup> cfu/mL. Two types of bacterial infections were  
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25 carried out by infiltration and immersion. The bacterial infiltration procedure was as  
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27 described in detail by Collinge *et al.* (1987). Briefly, aliquots of 100 µL of this bacterial  
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29 suspension were injected into the abaxial side of each leaflet (3-4 panels per leaflet  
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31 averaging 30 mm<sup>2</sup>) of the third and fourth leaf from the base of the plant with a 1-mL  
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33 sterilized plastic syringe without needle. Equivalent control leaflets were mock-  
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35 inoculated with 10 mM MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The hypersensitive reaction consisted in the appearance  
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37 of necrotic brown spots and cellular death in the inoculated leaf surface area 24 h after  
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39 bacterial infiltration. Also, a strong epinasty of the inoculated leaves was evident at this  
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41 time in response to the biotic stress (Zacarés *et al.*, 2007). For the bacterial immersion  
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43 infection, the aerial portions of tomato plants were dipped in the suspension of bacteria  
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45 (10<sup>7</sup> cfu/mL) containing 10 mM MgSO<sub>4</sub> and Silwet L-77 (0.05%) for 20 seconds as  
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47 described previously (Martin *et al.*, 1993). No symptoms were observed in these  
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49 bacterial treated plants when the samples were collected. For mock inoculations, plants  
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51 were dipped in buffer with Silwet L-77 (0.025%) alone. The tomato plants were  
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3 maintained in the greenhouse at 27 and 23°C (16 h day and 8 h night, respectively) and  
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5 with relative humidity from 50 to 70%. Then the third and fourth leaves were harvested  
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8 48 h after bacterial infection by immersion or infiltration. The leaves were immediately  
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10 frozen under liquid nitrogen, subsequently ground in a mortar and lyophilized. Three  
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12 biological replicates were analyzed for each treatment.  
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15 Inoculation procedure (Bellés *et al.*, 1991) of Rutgers tomato plants of eight days  
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17 after sowing (cotyledon stage) with citrus exocortis viroid (CEVd) was performed by  
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19 puncturing the stems of the seedlings with a needle dipped in either buffer or the 2 M  
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21 LiCl-soluble fraction of nucleic acids from CEVd-infected tissue as described  
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23 previously (Semancik *et al.*, 1975). The control and infected tomato plants were placed  
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25 in a controlled growth room at 30°C/25°C (16 h day/8 h night) with 70% relative  
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27 humidity. Symptoms appeared 15 to 17 days after viroid infection. Control and infected  
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29 tomato leaves were recollected two and four weeks after infection, frozen under liquid  
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31 nitrogen, homogenized using precooled mortar and freeze-dried. Three biological  
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33 replicates were analyzed for each time.  
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#### 41 **Extraction and NMR spectra measurements**

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43 Fifty mg of freeze-dried plant material were extracted in 2 mL-Eppendorf tubes  
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45 with 1.5 mL of a mixture of  $\text{KH}_2\text{PO}_4$  buffer (pH 6) in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  containing 0.05%  
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47 trimethylsilane propionic acid sodium salt (TMSP) and  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}-d_4$  (1:1). The extracts  
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49 were vortexed vigorously, sonicated for 20 min and then centrifuged at 13000 rpm for  
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51 10 min. Eight hundred  $\mu\text{L}$  of the supernatant were transferred in 5 mm-NMR tubes for  
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53 the spectral analysis.  
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57  $^1\text{H}$  NMR, 2D-J resolved,  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  correlated spectroscopy (COSY), and  
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59 heteronuclear multiple bonds coherence (HMBC) spectra were recorder at 25°C on a  
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3 600 MHz Bruker AV 600 spectrometer equipped with cryo-probe operating at a proton  
4 NMR frequency of 600.13 MHz. Methyl signals of  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH-}d_4$  was used as the internal  
5 lock. Each  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum consisted of 128 scans requiring 10 min acquisition time  
6 with the following parameters: 0.25 Hz/point, pulse width (PW) =  $30^\circ$  (10.8  $\mu\text{s}$ ), and  
7 relaxation delay (RD) = 1.5 s. A presaturation sequence was used to suppress the  
8 residual  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  signal with low power selective irradiation at the  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  frequency during  
9 the recycle delay. FIDs were Fourier transformed with LB = 0.3 Hz and the spectra  
10 were zerofilled to 32 K points. The resulting spectra were manually phased and baseline  
11 corrected, and calibrated to TMS at 0.0 ppm, using Topspin (version 2.1, Bruker). All  
12 the 2D NMR parameters were the same as in our previous reports (Jahangir *et al.*,  
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### 32 **Data analysis**

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34  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra were automatically reduced to ASCII files using AMIX (v. 3.7, Bruker  
35 Biospin). Spectral intensities were scaled to total intensity TMS and reduced to  
36 integrated regions of equal width (0.04 ppm) corresponding to the region of  $\delta$  0.4 –  $\delta$   
37 10.00. The region of  $\delta$  4.7 -  $\delta$  4.9 was excluded from the analysis because of the  
38 residual signal of water as well as  $\delta$  3.28 -  $\delta$  3.34 for residual methanol. Principal  
39 component analysis (PCA) and partial least square-discriminant analysis (PLS-DA)  
40 were performed with the SIMCA-P software (v. 11.0, Umetrics, Umeå, Sweden) using  
41 Pareto or unit variance (UV) scaling method.  
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### 56 **Extraction and LC-MS analysis**

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58 Leaflets (0.5 g fresh weight) of tissue were ground with a pestle in a mortar using liquid  
59 nitrogen, then homogenized in 1.5 mL of 90% methanol. The extracts were vortexed  
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3 vigorously, sonicated for 15 min and then centrifuged at 14000 g for 15 min using 2  
4 mL-Eppendorf tubes to remove cellular debris. The supernatant (1.5 mL) was dried at  
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6 35°C under a flow of nitrogen. The residue was resuspended in 100 µL of methanol and  
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8 filtered through 0.45 µm Spartan 13/0.45RC filters (Schleicher & Schuell, Keene, NH,  
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10 U.S.A) nylon filters (Waters, Millford, MA, U.S.A). The samples were analyzed in  
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12 electrospray ionization (ESI) -MS using a 1515 Waters HPLC binary pump, a 996  
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14 Waters photodiode detector (range of maxplot between 240 and 400 nm, spectral  
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16 resolution of 1.2 nm), and a ZMD Waters single quadrupole mass spectrometer ESI ion  
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18 source. The source parameters of the mass spectrometer for ESI in positive mode were  
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20 the following: capillary voltage 2500 V, cone voltage 20 V, extractor 5 V, RF Lens 0.5  
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22 V, source block temperature 100°C and desolvation gas temperature 300°C. The  
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24 desolvation and cone gas used was nitrogen at a flow of 400 L and 60 L per min,  
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26 respectively. The ESI data acquisition was in the conditions of a full scan range from  
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28 mass-to-charge ratio (m/z) 100 to 700 at 1 s per scan. Filtered samples (20 µL) from  
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30 methanolic extracts were injected at room temperature into a reverse-phase SunFire 5  
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32 µm C18 (4.6 x 150 mm; Waters) column. A 20-min linear gradient of 1% (v/v) acetic  
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34 acid (J. T. Baker, Phillipsburg, NJ, U.S.A) in Milli Q water to 100% methanol (J. T.  
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36 Baker) at a flow rate of 1.0 mL/min was applied. A post-column split delivered  
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38 approximately 25% of the flow to the mass spectrometer and the rest to the PDA  
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40 detector. Mass and UV-absorption spectra were obtained using the Masslynx Waters  
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## 55 **Results and Discussion**

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58 To investigate the metabolites involved in tomato pathogen interactions, Rutgers tomato  
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60 plants were infected with CEVd or *P. syringae* pv. *tomato* and the metabolic changes

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3 were analyzed by NMR spectroscopy. For bacterial infection of *P. syringae* pv. *tomato*,  
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5 two different infection methods, either infiltration or immersion, were performed on  
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7 five weeks old plants and metabolic analysis was carried out 48 h after infection of the  
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9 plants. However, in the case of viroid infection, eight days old plants were used because  
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11 it is known that viroid infection is effective at cotyledon stage of Rutgers tomato plants  
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13 (Granell *et al.*, 1987), and samples were collected two and four weeks after infection.  
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19 NMR and 2D J-resolved spectra with assistance of 2D-NMR techniques including  $^1\text{H}$ -  
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21  $^1\text{H}$  COSY and HMBC. The NMR data (chemical shifts and coupling constants) of the  
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23 identified metabolites are listed in Table 1. All the signals were assigned and confirmed  
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25 by using an in-house built data base of NMR spectra of natural products from plants.  
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29 In the amino acid region ( $\delta$  0.8 -  $\delta$  4.0) alanine, glycine, isoleucine, threonine, and  
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31 valine were identified. Organic acids such as acetic, aspartic, citric, glutamic, glyceric,  
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33 malic and GABA ( $\gamma$ -amino-butyric acid) as well as choline and the signals of linoleic  
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35 acid were identified. For sugars, resonances for  $\beta$ -glucose,  $\alpha$ -glucose, sucrose, rhamnose  
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37 and fructose were assigned. Also, a sugar alcohol, inositol was found to be present in  
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39 the extract. This was confirmed by the fact that H-4 ( $\delta$  3.61) of inositol correlated with  
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41 H-5 ( $\delta$  3.24) and H-3 ( $\delta$  3.47) in the COSY spectrum.  
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47 Most of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR signals in the aromatic region ( $\delta$  6.0 -  $\delta$  8.5) belong to  
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49 secondary metabolites. The presence of four doublets with the same coupling constant  
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51 ( $d$ ,  $J = 16.0$  Hz) in the range of  $\delta$  6.35 -  $\delta$  6.52 indicated the presence of the *trans*  
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53 olefinic protons of the phenylpropanoids. The  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY correlation observed with  
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55 protons at  $\delta$  7.60 -  $\delta$  7.70 ( $d$ ,  $J = 16.0$  Hz) and the coupling with carbonyl carbons at  $\delta$   
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57 171 in HMBC spectrum, confirmed a phenylpropanoid moiety. A flavonoid glycoside,  
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3 rutin was detected. The signals at  $\delta$  6.32 and  $\delta$  6.54 correlated with a *meta* coupling  
4 constant ( $J = 2.0$  Hz) in the COSY spectrum were assigned as H-6 and H-8 of quercetin  
5 moiety from rutin, respectively. The correlations between the signals at  $\delta$  6.99 of H-5'  
6 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz) and  $\delta$  7.63 of H-6' (dd,  $J = 8.4, 2.0$  Hz) and the presence of H-2' at  $\delta$   
7 7.68 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz) led to elucidation of the B-ring protons of the flavonoid. The  
8 anomeric proton of rutin were detected at  $\delta$  5.02 ( $\beta$ -glucosyl, d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz) and  $\delta$  4.54  
9 ( $\alpha$ -rhamnosyl, d,  $J = 1.5$  Hz). In HMBC spectrum, the  $\beta$ -glucosyl proton correlates with  
10 C-3 at  $\delta$  133.6. Also, the H-6 of rhamnose of rutin was detected at  $\delta$  1.09. The  
11 identification of rutin was further confirmed by the presence of a peak ( $t_r = 12.23$  min)  
12 with  $m/z$  609.3  $[M-H]^-$  in the LC-MS chromatograms of tomato leaves methanolic  
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33 To deal with the large number of  $^1H$  NMR data, multivariate data analysis was  
34 employed. From the diverse multivariate handling techniques principal component  
35 analysis (PCA) was firstly used to identify metabolic changes after viroid and bacterial  
36 infection of Rutgers plants. No clear separation of bacterial or viroid infected plants  
37 from their respective controls was observed in the PCA score plot (Fig. 1). Instead, the  
38 separation between two experimental conditions was clearly observed. It might be due  
39 to the fact that the effect of different growing conditions between both experiments was  
40 bigger than the infection itself. One of the distinguishable growing conditions is  
41 temperature. We used different temperature condition for the sample because a  
42 photoperiod of 30°C/25°C was necessary for successful viroid infection but 27°C /23 °C  
43 was the right one for bacterial infection. This temperature variation could explain the  
44 discrimination of two groups in PC1. For the investigation of differentiating metabolites  
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3 affected by temperature conditions a loading plot was used to correlate the different  
4 groups with the corresponding metabolites. All the tomato plants grown at high  
5 temperatures were correlated with elevated levels of gentisic acid, sucrose, inositol,  
6 GABA, threonine, valine and linoleic acid. On the other hand the plants cultivated at  
7 27°C/23°C temperatures showed higher concentrations of phenylpropanoids, rutin,  
8 glucose, aspartate, glutamate, citrate, malate and alanine. However, there are many  
9 unknown factors in growing condition. The exact factor to affect the metabolic change  
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22 A large discrimination between infected and control plants was observed in PCA  
23 when the two types of plant-pathogen interactions were analyzed separately (Fig. 2 and  
24 3). In particular a clear separation in PCA was shown between Rutgers infected with  
25 *Pseudomas* by infiltration and control plants (Fig. 2). Nevertheless, after 48 h from  
26 bacterial immersion there were no significant changes in the metabolomic profile of  
27 plants compared to control. This is in agreement with previous reports on bacterial-  
28 infected tomato leaves (Lund *et al.*, 1998; Ciardi *et al.*, 2000; O'Donnell *et al.*, 2001), in  
29 which the plant response occurred during later stages of the infection when compared  
30 with the rapid hypersensitive-like response of the leaves after inoculation by infiltration  
31 with high doses of bacteria. In this case, for the identification of the metabolites induced  
32 in the hypersensitive interaction with bacteria, the loading plot of PC1 was analyzed  
33 (Fig 2). High concentrations of amino acids, organic acids, rutin and phenylpropanoids  
34 were characteristic of bacteria infected plants by infiltration. Also, the <sup>1</sup>H NMR signal  
35 at  $\delta$  5.17 (d,  $J = 3.0$  Hz) was clearly increased and probably belongs to a sugar  
36 derivative. This class of compounds has already been found to have an important  
37 defensive role against insects in many *Solanaceae* species (Slocombe *et al.*, 2008). Only  
38 alanine, malic acid, inositol, glucose were at higher levels in the control plants. This  
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3 increase of primary and secondary metabolism upon bacterial infection suggests that  
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7 (ISR) as described by Jahangir and co-workers in infected *Brassica* leaves by different  
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9 bacteria (Jahangir *et al.*, 2008). The decreased level of sugars is a typical indication of  
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11 the alteration of carbohydrates metabolism following infection (Abdel-Farid *et al.*,  
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13 2009). A part of the sugars is involved in energy generation and a part is implicated as  
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15 precursors in the secondary metabolites biosynthesis, as shown by the increased level of  
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17 flavonoids and phenylpropanoids known as having a generic defensive role in the  
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19 response of plants against bacterial attack (Treutter, 2006; Tan *et al.*, 2004). In fact, an  
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21 accumulation of *p*-coumaric, caffeic, and ferulic acids mainly forming esters with  
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23 glucose has been observed in other plant-pathogen systems such as *Cucumis sativus* and  
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25 *Cucumis melo* infected with prunus necrotic ringspot virus (PNRSV) or melon necrotic  
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27 spot virus (MNSV), respectively (Bellés *et al.*, 2008).  
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36 control plants, the loading plot of PC2 was analyzed in the PCA performed by only this  
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38 systematic interaction (Fig. 3). In contrast to bacterial infection, only a few primary  
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40 metabolites were induced by the viroid infection such as glucose, and malic acid. In the  
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42 aromatic region, high concentrations of gentisic acid glycoside were characteristic of  
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44 viroid infected plants. The increased signals in the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum at  $\delta$  7.52 (d,  $J$  =  
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48 other in the  $^1\text{H}$  - $^1\text{H}$  COSY spectrum, indicate the presence of the phenolic compound.  
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50 The upfield shift of the phenolic protons, in comparison with those of the reference  
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52 compound gentisic acid ( $\delta$  7.30,  $\delta$  7.01, and  $\delta$  6.82), confirmed that the compound was  
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54 accumulated in a glycosylated form. Gentisic acid (GA) has been described as  
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3 *et al.*, 1999). GA has also been reported in the literature to be induced to high levels in  
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5 systemic, non necrotizing infections as CEVd and ToMV infected tomato plants, but not  
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7 in those plants infected with the necrotizing pathogen *Pseudomonas syringae* (Bellés *et*  
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9 *al.*, 1999). In addition, in other compatible plant-pathogen interaction systems as  
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11 *Cucumis sativus* and *Gynura aurantiaca* infected with either prunus necrotic ringspot  
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13 virus (PNRSV) or CEVd respectively, GA was accumulated and thus associated with  
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15 these systemic infections (Bellés *et al.*, 2006). In plants, phenolic acids are mostly  
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17 present in the glucosylated form, but in previous report GA was demonstrated to be  
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19 conjugated to xylose (Fayos *et al.*, 2006). Here, for analysing GA-glycoside, we  
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21 followed the same protocol described previously in detail (Fayos *et al.*, 2006). LC-MS  
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23 chromatograms of infected CEVd plants confirmed the induction of GA-xyloside by the  
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25 presence of a peak ( $t_r = 9.64$  min) whose mass spectrum showed a molecular ion  $[M-H]^-$   
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27  $m/z$  285.2 and an ion fragmentation:  $[Gentisic\ acid-H]^-$   $m/z$  153.1, and  $[Gentisic\ acid-$   
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29  $COOH]^-$   $m/z$  108 by electrospray ionization negative ion mode. In addition, this peak  
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31 also coeluted with authentic standard GA 5-*O*- $\beta$ -D-xylopyranoside under different  
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33 conditions of HPLC eluent. Unambiguously identification of the glycoside was  
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37 of the compound and analysis of the carbohydrate in a pulsed electrochemical detector  
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39 by spiking with xylose (data no shown). The metabolic changes in time during the  
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41 viroid infection were investigated by principal component analysis of the NMR spectra  
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43 at early (2 weeks) and late (4 weeks) stages. The loading plot of PC1 revealed that the  
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3 infected plants were created for this supervised multivariate data analysis. Results are  
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10 Interestingly, the induced metabolites are different from each other depending on  
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12 the infection source, bacteria or viroid. A wide range of primary and secondary  
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16 the different plant microbe interaction systems after multivariate data analysis. In  
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18 conclusion, the analytical techniques used in this study have greatly expanded the range  
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20 of metabolites previously found in response to pathogen exposure (Bellés *et al.* 1999;  
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22 2006; 2008). Thus, our work may help to identify metabolites involved in compatible  
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Table 1.  $^1\text{H}$  chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) and coupling constants (Hz) of control and infected *S. lycopersicum* leaves detected from 1D and 2D NMR spectra in 50% MeOH- $d_4$  in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  ( $\text{KH}_2\text{PO}_4$  buffer pH 6.0).

Metabolite	Chemical shifts (ppm) and coupling constants (Hz)
Linoleic acid	0.96 (t, $J=7.5$ Hz), 1.30 (brs)
Valine	1.01 (d, $J=7.0$ Hz), 1.06 (d, $J=7.0$ Hz)
Isoleucine	1.02 (d, $J=7.0$ Hz)
Threonine	1.33 (d, $J=6.6$ Hz)
Alanine	1.48 (d, $J=7.2$ Hz),
GABA	1.90 (m), 2.31 (t, $J=7.2$ Hz), 3.01 (t, $J=7.2$ Hz)
Acetic acid	1.94 (s)
Glutamic acid	2.42(m), 2.13 (m), 2.05 (m)
Malic acid	4.29 (dd, $J= 8.3, 3.9\text{Hz}$ ), 2.72 (dd, $J= 15.8, 3.9$ Hz), 2.47 (dd, $J= 15.8, 8.3$ Hz)
Citric acid	2.71 (d, $J=16.3$ Hz), 2.53 (d, $J=16.3$ Hz)
Aspartic acid	2.81 (dd, $J=17.4, 3.5$ Hz), 2.65 (dd, $J=17.4, 9.3$ Hz)
Ethanolamine	3.12 (t, 5.5 Hz)
Choline	3.21 (s)
Glycine	3.51 (s)
Inositol	3.61 (t, $J=9.9$ Hz), 3.47 (dd, $J=9.9, 2.8$ Hz), 3.24 (t, $J=9.4$ Hz)
Glyceric acid	4.01 (dd, $J= 5.9, 2.6$ Hz), 3.80 (dd, $J= 12.1, 2.6$ Hz)
Sucrose	5.40 (d, $J=3.8$ Hz), 4.17 (d, $J=8.7$ Hz)
$\beta$ -glucose	4.58 (d, $J=7.9\text{Hz}$ )
$\alpha$ -glucose	5.18 (d, $J=3.7$ Hz)
Rhamnose in rutin	1.09 (d, $J=6.1\text{Hz}$ )
Fumaric acid	6.54 (s)
Tyrosine	6.91 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz)
Phenylalanine	7.33 (m), 3.93 (dd, $J=8, 4$ Hz)
Formic acid	8.46 (s)
Ferulic acid glucoside	7.66 (d, $J=16.0$ Hz), 7.18 (d, $J=2.0$ Hz), 7.10 (dd, $J=8.2, 2.0$ Hz), 6.89 (d, $J=8.2$ Hz), 6.47 (d, $J=16.0$ Hz), 5.10 (d, $J=4.9$ Hz),
Ferulic acid	7.63 (d, $J=15.9$ Hz), 7.16 (d, $J=2.0$ Hz), 7.06 (dd, $J=8.2, 2.0$ Hz), 6.87 (d, $J=8.2$ Hz), 6.40 (d, $J=16.0$ Hz)
Caffeic acid	7.64 (d, $J=15.9$ Hz), 7.16 (d, $J=2.0$ Hz), 7.07 (dd, $J=8.2, 2.0$ Hz), 6.86 (d, $J=8.2$ Hz), 6.39 (d, $J=16.0$ Hz)
Chlorogenic acid	7.61 (d, $J=15.9$ Hz), 6.37 (d, $J=15.9$ Hz), 7.15 (d, $J=2.0$ Hz), 7.05 (dd, $J=8.2, 2.0$ Hz), 6.86 (d, $J=8.2$ Hz), 5.33 (td, $J=10.0, 4.8$ Hz),
Rutin	6.99 (d, $J=8.4$ Hz), 6.54 (d, $J=2.0$ Hz), 6.32 (d, $J=2.0$ Hz), 7.68 (d, $J=2.0$ Hz), 7.63 (dd, $J=8.4, 2.0$ Hz), 5.02 (d, $J= 7.9$ Hz)
Gentisic acid glycosylated	7.52 (d, $J=3.0$ Hz), 7.12 (dd, $J=8.8, 3.0$ Hz), 6.84 (d, $J=8.8$ Hz), 5.04 (d, $J=7.8$ Hz)
Adenosin	5.96 (d, $J=4.0$ Hz), 8.24 (s), 8.54 (s)
Trigonelline	9.14 (s), 8.87 (m), 8.10 (dd, $J=7.5, 6.5$ Hz)

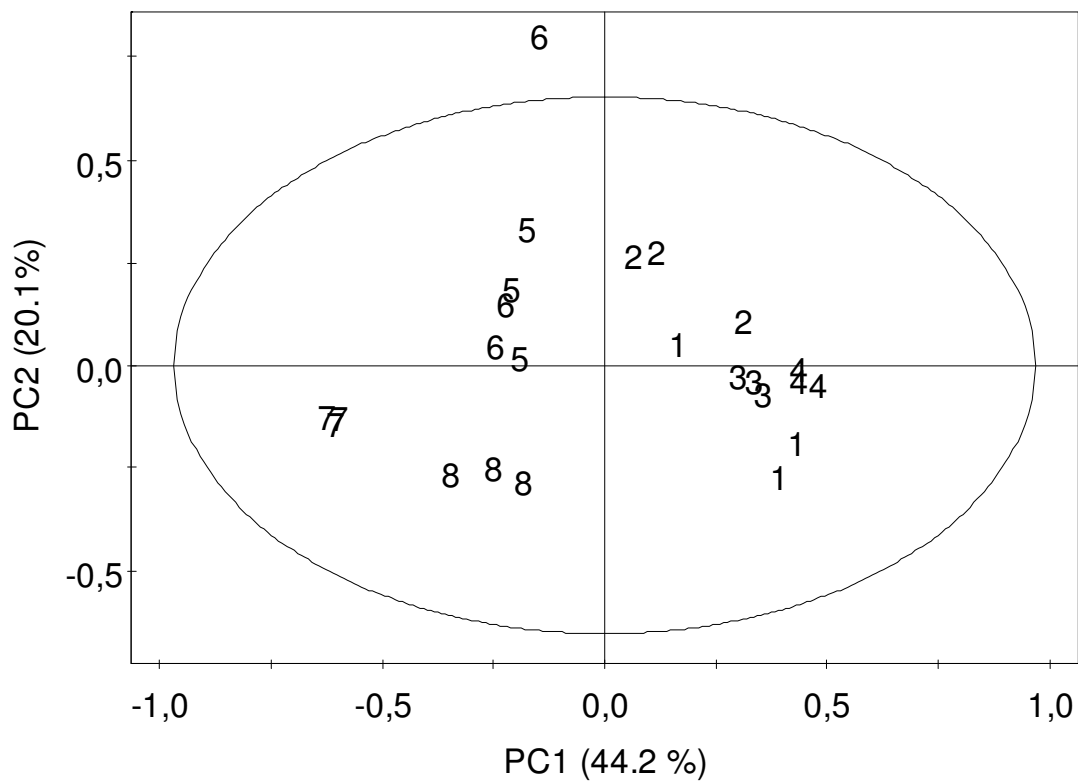
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**Figure 1.** Score plot of PCA based on whole range of the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR signals in the range of  $\delta$  0.3-10.0. 1: Control for bacterial infection (infiltration), 2: Rutgers tomato infected by *Pseudomonas syringae* by infiltration, 3: Control for bacterial infection (immersion), 4: Rutgers tomato infected by *Pseudomonas syringae* by immersion, 5: Control for viroid infection (2 weeks), 6: Rutgers tomato infected by CEVd 2 weeks, 7: Control for viroid infection (4 weeks), 8: Rutgers tomato infected by CEVd 4 weeks.

**Figure 2.** Score plot of PCA, from Rutgers tomato plants infected with *P. syringae*, based on whole range of the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR signals in the range of  $\delta$  0.3-10.0. Numbers of the samples are the same than in Fig.1.

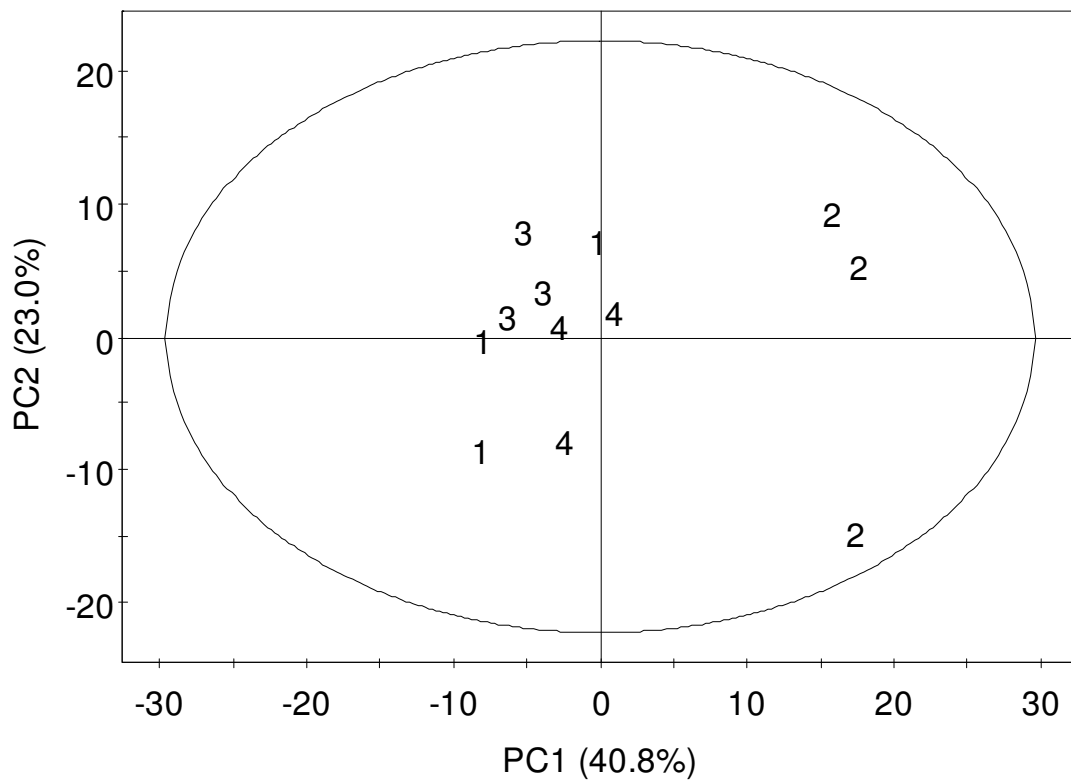
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**Figure 4.** Score plot of PLS-DA based on the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR signals in the range of  $\delta$  0.3-10.0. Numbers of the samples are the same than in Fig.1.

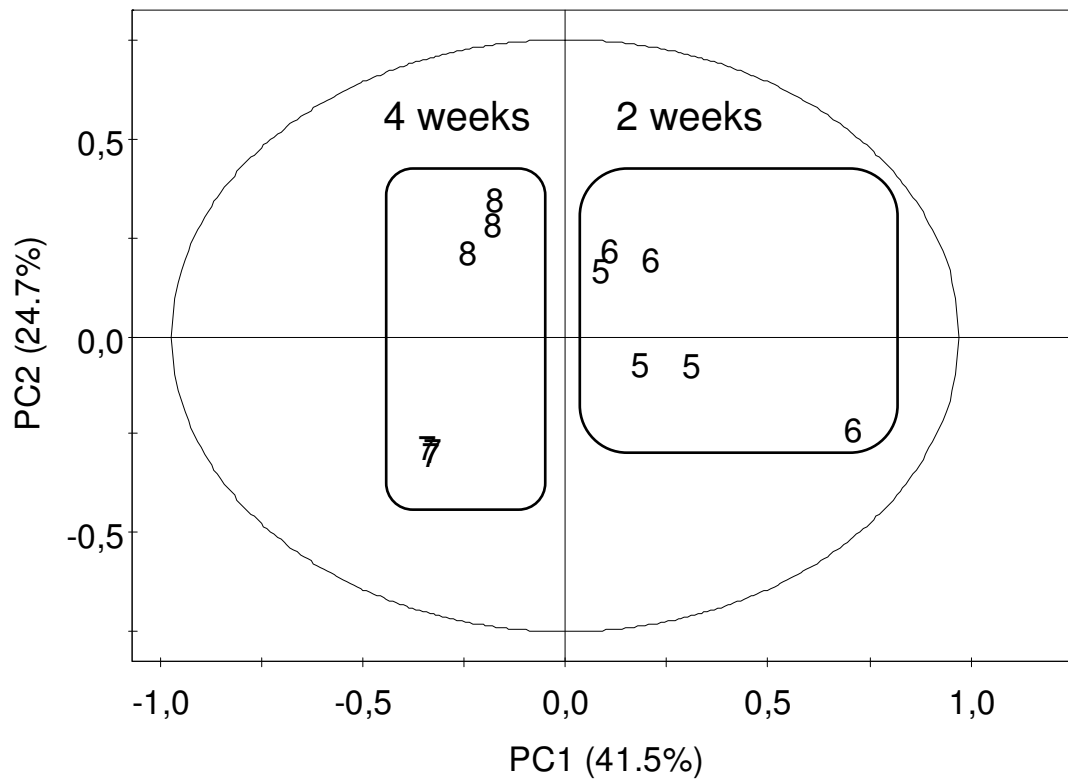


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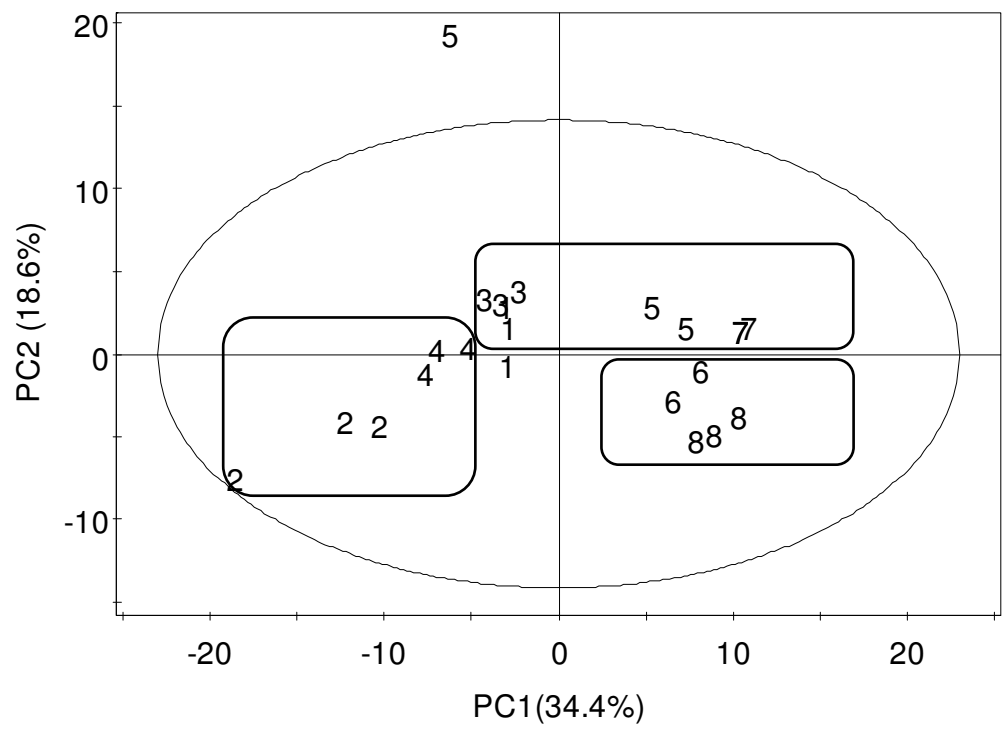
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