

Supplementary **Table S1**: Settings of the final EI – GC-MS/MS method operated in MRM mode.

Analyte	Precursor ion (m/z)	Product ion (m/z)	Dwell time [ms]	Cone voltage [V]
β-Caryophyllene (BCP)	204	93	40	10
		147 (Q)		5
		121		5
IS (Humulene)	204	93	40	10
		147 (Q)		5
		133		5

MRM: multiple reaction monitoring, Q: Quantifier ion transition.

GC-MS/MS system details: ZB-MR1ms column (dimension: 30 m x 0.25 mm x 0.25 μm; Art: 7HG-G016-11), splitless injection with 2 μL at 250 °C with 1.0-1.2 mL/min column flow and 3 mL/min purge flow;

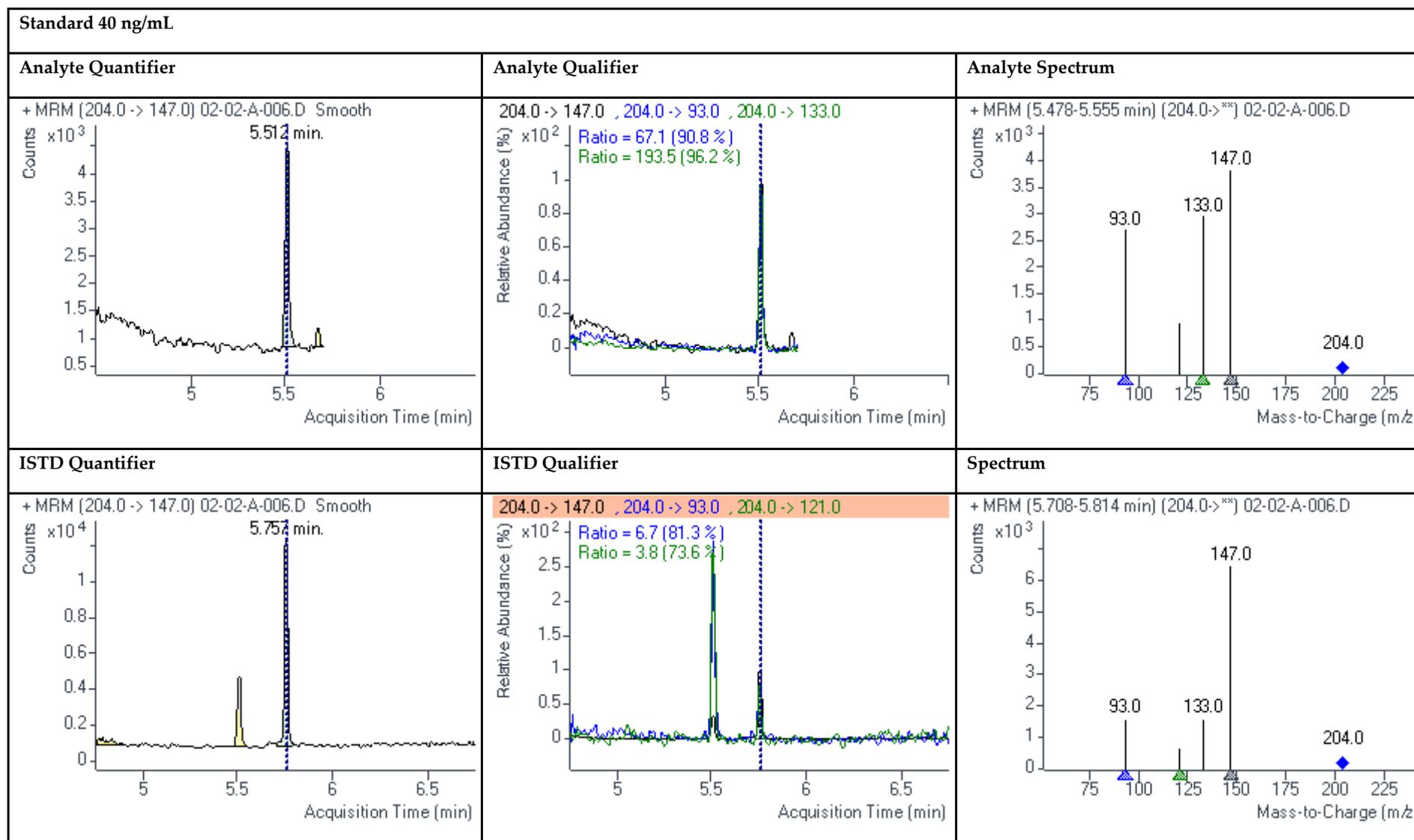
GC-parameter: collision gas (N₂) at 1.5 mL/min and quench gas (He) at 2.25 mL/min (MS/MS 7000 C) or 4.0 mL/min (MS/MS 7010 B) at constant flow and 280 °C transfer line temperature; Run time: appr. 10 min.

Oven program:

Heating rate [°C/min]	Temperature [°C]	Hold time [min]
initial	40	0.5
40	150	0.0
15	185	0.0
60	320	2.0

MS-Parameter: Ion Source EI, 230 °C source temperature, fixed electron energy (70 eV), 4 min solvent delay; 200 – 400 V relative EMV Delta.

Supplementary Figure S1: Chromatogram of standard Caryophyllene ($\beta = 40$ ng/mL) and an example plasma sample of a subject.



Example plasma sample		
Analyte Quantifier	Analyte Qualifier	Analyte Spectrum
<p>+ MRM (204.0 -> 147.0) 02-02-A-019.D Smooth</p> <p>5.506 min.</p> <p>Counts $\times 10^4$</p> <p>Acquisition Time (min)</p>	<p>204.0 -> 147.0 , 204.0 -> 93.0 , 204.0 -> 133.0</p> <p>Ratio = 72.8 (98.5 %) Ratio = 196.9 (97.9 %)</p> <p>Relative Abundance (%) $\times 10^2$</p> <p>Acquisition Time (min)</p>	<p>+ MRM (5.475-5.579 min) (204.0->*) 02-02-A-019.D</p> <p>Counts $\times 10^4$</p> <p>Mass-to-Charge (m/z)</p>
ISTD Quantifier	ISTD Qualifier	Spectrum
<p>+ MRM (204.0 -> 147.0) 02-02-A-019.D Smooth</p> <p>5.751 min.</p> <p>Counts $\times 10^5$</p> <p>Acquisition Time (min)</p>	<p>204.0 -> 147.0 , 204.0 -> 93.0 , 204.0 -> 121.0</p> <p>Ratio = 7.1 (86.2 %) Ratio = 4.4 (85.2 %)</p> <p>Relative Abundance (%) $\times 10^2$</p> <p>Acquisition Time (min)</p>	<p>+ MRM (5.714-5.868 min) (204.0->*) 02-02-A-019.D</p> <p>Counts $\times 10^5$</p> <p>Mass-to-Charge (m/z)</p>