Supplementary Information

Figure S1. MALDI MSI analyses of MCF-7, MDA-MB-231 and MDA-MB-435 tumor sections in broadband mode. Inset indicates minor molecular species in a mass range comprised between m/z values 796.46 and 796.64 considered for lipid mapping.



Figure S2. Determination of low-abundant PL species associated with different tumor compartments by correlation between MALDI MSI data and histochemical stainings. (A) MALDI MSI ion image representing the localization of three PLs (m/z values of 703.5728 in red, 706.5379 in blue and 796.6218 in green) in a section of tumor induced by MCF-7 cells (right panel) and hematoxylin/eosin staining (left panel). Dotted lines on hematoxylin/eosin stained section delineate necrosis "N" and tumor "T" areas. And (B) Binary images of CD45 (right panel), Ki-67 (central panel) and CA IX (left panel) immunostainings of MCF-7 serial tissue sections. Dotted lines of each binary image delineate the localization of PL (1) (m/z value of 703.5728 in red), PL (2) (m/z value of 706.5379 in blue) and PL (3) (m/z value of 796.6218 in green) shown in ion image.



Figure S3. Localization of major PL species in MDA-MB-435 tumor sections. MALDI MSI ion images representing the localization of four major PL species (m/z values of 732.5513, 758.5703, 760.5849 and 786.6012) in a section of tumor induced by MDA-MB-435 cells.



Figure S4. MALDI MSI analyses of MCF-7 and MDA-MB-435 tumor sections in narrowband mode. Associated ion images represent the localization of low-abundant PLs with m/z values of 796.52524 (peak 1), 796.58547 (peak 2) and 796.62181 (peak 3).



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Table S1. Low-abundant PL species identified from elemental formula of Table 3 by database searching in lipidmaps.

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	LMGP02010607	PE(17:2(9Z,12Z)/19:0)	$C_{41}H_{78}NO_8P$	PE
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	LMGP02011193	PE(18:2(9Z,12Z)/18:0)	$C_{41}H_{78}NO_8P$	PE
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	LMGP01030006	PC(P-16:0/18:1(9Z))	$C_{42}H_{82}NO_7P$	PC
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	LMGP01030077	PC(P-20:0/14:1(9Z))	$C_{42}H_{82}NO_7P$	PC
	LMGP01030128	PC(P-16:0/18:1(11Z))	$C_{42}H_{82}NO_7P$	PC
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Table S1. Cont.

Note: ¹ Lipidmaps accession numbers. ² PC (phosphatidylcholine) and PE (phosphatidylethanolamine) PL classes. Grey highlighted lines corresponds to the PL species characterized by LC-ESI-MS/MS analyses.

Table S2. Low-abundant PL species identified from elemental formula of Table 4 by database searching in lipidmaps.

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	LMGP01010678	PC(16:1(2Z)/18:1(9Z))	$C_{42}H_{80}NO_8P$	PC
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	LMGP01010586	PC(16:0/18:2(11Z,13Z))	$C_{42}H_{80}NO_8P$	PC		
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	LMGP01011542	PC(17:1(9Z)/20:3(8Z,11Z,14Z))	$C_{45}H_{82}NO_8P$	PC		
	LMGP01011571	PC(17:2(9Z,12Z)/20:2(11Z,14Z))	$C_{45}H_{82}NO_8P$	PC		
	LMGP01011658	PC(18:3(6Z,9Z,12Z)/19:1(9Z))	$C_{45}H_{82}NO_8P$	PC		
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	LMGP01011770	PC(19:1(9Z)/18:3(6Z,9Z,12Z))	$C_{45}H_{82}NO_8P$	PC		
	LMGP01011771	PC(19:1(9Z)/18:3(9Z,12Z,15Z))	$C_{45}H_{82}NO_8P$	PC		
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	LMGP02011027	PE(22:0/18:4(6Z,9Z,12Z,15Z))	$C_{45}H_{82}NO_8P$	PE
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	LMGP02011113	PE(22:4(7Z,10Z,13Z,16Z)/18:0)	$C_{45}H_{82}NO_8P$	PE
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	LMGP01020192	PC(O-16:0/22:4(7Z,10Z,13Z,16Z))	$C_{46}H_{86}NO_7P$	PC
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Table S2. Cont.

Note: ¹ Lipidmaps accession numbers. ² PC (phosphatidylcholine) and PE (phosphatidylethanolamine) PL classes. Grey highlighted lines corresponds to the PL species characterized by LC-ESI-MS/MS analyses.

Table S3. LC-ESI-MS relative content determination of PLs observed during MALDI MSI analyses of MCF-7 and MDA-MB-435 tumor sections.

^{MSI} m/z _{obs} ¹	MCF-7		MDA-MB-435	
	$^{\rm LC-MS}$ m/z _{obs} 2	Relative content ³	$^{\rm LC-MS}$ m/z _{obs} 2	Relative content ³
744.49419 ⁴	-	-	-	-
744.55385 ⁵	744.54992	1	744.55021	0.25
744.59019 ⁵	744.59332	1	744.58834	18.95

Note: ¹ Experimental m/z values acquired during MALDI MSI analyses. ² Experimental m/z values acquired during LC-ESI-MS analyses. ³ Relative PL content normalized against MCF-7 PL content. ⁴ Adducted ([M+K]⁺) ion specie presented in Table 3. ⁵ Protonated ([M+H]⁺) ion species presented in Table 3.

Figure S5. Relative intensities of peaks of three couples low-abundant PLs from MCF-7, MDA-MB-231 and MDA-MB-435 samples. (A) PLs with m/z values comprised between m/z 744.45 and 744.60. (B) PLs with m/z values comprised between m/z 796.50 and 796.65. And (C) PLs with m/z values comprised between m/z 790.50 and 790.58. Arrows indicate the patterns of relative intensities directly associated with the aggressive phenotype of each tumor.



Figure S6. pLSA analysis from MALDI MSI data of MCF-7, MDA-MB-231 and MDA-MB-435 samples. Excerpts of the m/z range showing results of pLSA analyses of MCF-7 *versus* MDA-MB-231 (**A**) and MCF-7 *versus* MDA-MB-435 (**B**) for peaks comprised between m/z 744.45 and 744.60, m/z 796.50 and 796.65 and m/z 790.50 and 790.58. Bar plots result from the analysis of two components. Blue bars correspond to PL species localized in MCF-7 tumor section and red bars those ones localized in MDA-MB-231 (**A**) or MDA-MB-435 (**B**) tumor sections, respectively. At these m/z values, the blue and red bar plots have unequal intensity for the two component spectra, indicative of a discriminatory power from the m/z values. Arrows indicate the patterns of relative intensities directly associated with the aggressive phenotype of each tumor [blue for MCF-7 and red for MDA-MB-231 in (**A**) or MDA-MB-435 in (**B**)].



Figure S7. LC-ESI-MS analyses of lipid extracts from MCF-7 (**A**) and MDA-MB-231 (**B**) and MDA-MB-435 tissues (**C**). Upper panels correspond to the base peak chromatograms of the LC-ESI-MS analyses of lipid extracts. Lower panels correspond to XIC ranged from *m/z* values 744.5 to 744.6.



Figure S8. LC-ESI-MS analyses of lipid extracts from MCF-7 and MDA-MB-231 tissues. (A) Total ion currents (TIC) of LC-ESI-MS analyses. Insets show the extract ion currents ranged from m/z values 796 to 797. (B), (C) and (D) Exact mass measurements acquired with the FTICR analyzer. Insets show MS/MS spectra at respective retention times. The visualization of an ion with an m/z value of 184 indicates that the PL is a PC.



Figure S9. Specific localization of minor PL species in MDA-MB-435 tumor sections. Schema of the gradient of minor PL species from the necrotic area to the proliferating tumor region in a section of tumor induced by MDA-MB-435 cells. Dotted lines delineate necrosis "N" and tumor "T" areas.



Figure S10. Localization of PC(18:0/18:2) in MCF7 and MDA-MB-435 tumor sections. MALDI MSI ion images representing the localization of PC(18:0/18:2) (m/z values of 786.6008) in sections of tumor induced by MCF-7 cells (**A**) and MDA-MB-435 (**B**).



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