

Figure S1

A Plasma LC-MS/MS

	ID	25D (ng/mL)	1,25D (pg/mL)
WT	101	13.4	22.5
	102	15.6	27.4
	103	17.1	21.1
C27KO	318	82.2	3.5
	319	72.5	4.1
	320	78.9	3.6
DIKO	218	61.4	5.7
	219	55.7	6.1
	220	70.3	5.2
12wR-4w 0 IU	273	46.5	6.5
	274	34.3	7.2
	279	27.1	4.2
12wR-4w 20 IU	296	78.5	15.6
	297	71.4	17.8
	302	88.8	20.1

B Lower Limits of Quantitation or Detection

	ID	25D	1,25D
Plasma	LLOQ	2 ng/mL	5 pg/mL
	LLOD	0.5 ng/mL	2 pg/mL
Tissue	LLOQ	5 ng/g	5 pg/g
	LLOD	2 ng/g	2 pg/g

C MSI relative quantitation

	ID	Kidney		Liver		Spleen		Thymus	
		25D (ng/g)	1,25D (pg/g)	25D (ng/g)	1,25D (pg/g)	25D (ng/g)	1,25D (pg/g)	25D (ng/g)	1,25D (pg/g)
WT	101	35.3	61.3	230.1	4.4	7.2	<LLOD	3.3	4
	102	28.2	72.7	192.2	5.6	6.1	<LLOD	4.2	5.3
	103	38.7	65.1	185.3	3.1	7.9	<LLOD	6.3	7.1
C27KO	318	95.6	3.8	235.4	4.5	6.8	5.2	13.5	6.5
	319	110.2	4.5	205.6	5.6	8.4	6.9	20.1	7.8
	320	89.7	3.2	197.1	3.3	5.7	4.1	18.4	5.1
12wR-4w 0 IU	273	43.5	5.2	101.8	4.8	10.5	15.9	8.8	11.5
	274	54.6	6.5	99.3	5.3	7.9	20.4	7.4	11.4
	279	33.3	4.3	84.7	3.7	13.4	12.6	10.1	12.7
12wR-4w 20 IU	296	168.7	5.9	287.9	15.8	34.8	56.1	44.1	15.6
	297	152.1	4.3	263.5	10.6	32.7	50.7	38.7	14.7
	302	201.2	6.7	311	28.9	48.6	66.6	54.3	20.3

D Tissue Homogenate LC-MS/MS

	ID	Kidney		Liver		Spleen		Thymus	
		25D (ng/g)	1,25D (pg/g)	25D (ng/g)	1,25D (pg/g)	25D (ng/g)	1,25D (pg/g)	25D (ng/g)	1,25D (pg/g)
C27KO	318	91.1	4.6	211.2	3.1	5.1	7.7	9	7.2
	319	113.2	5.1	188.3	7	9.3	5.2	24.6	5.3
	320	81.5	4.5	184.6	4.7	6.5	4.8	16.9	6.9
12wR-4w 0 IU	273	38.3	3.9	99.1	5.9	16	23.5	12.1	9.1
	274	57.9	5.1	105.7	4.6	8.2	27.8	11.5	8.8
	279	29.1	3.6	92.2	2.9	20.4	15.3	7.7	15
12wR-4w 20 IU	296	178.8	6.7	265.6	17.1	29.4	43.6	51.3	18.3
	297	133.4	5.4	244	9.9	31.1	38.7	45.4	12.2
	302	215.5	5.9	325.8	34.2	44.2	60	59.9	26.1

Figure S2
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Kidney MSI

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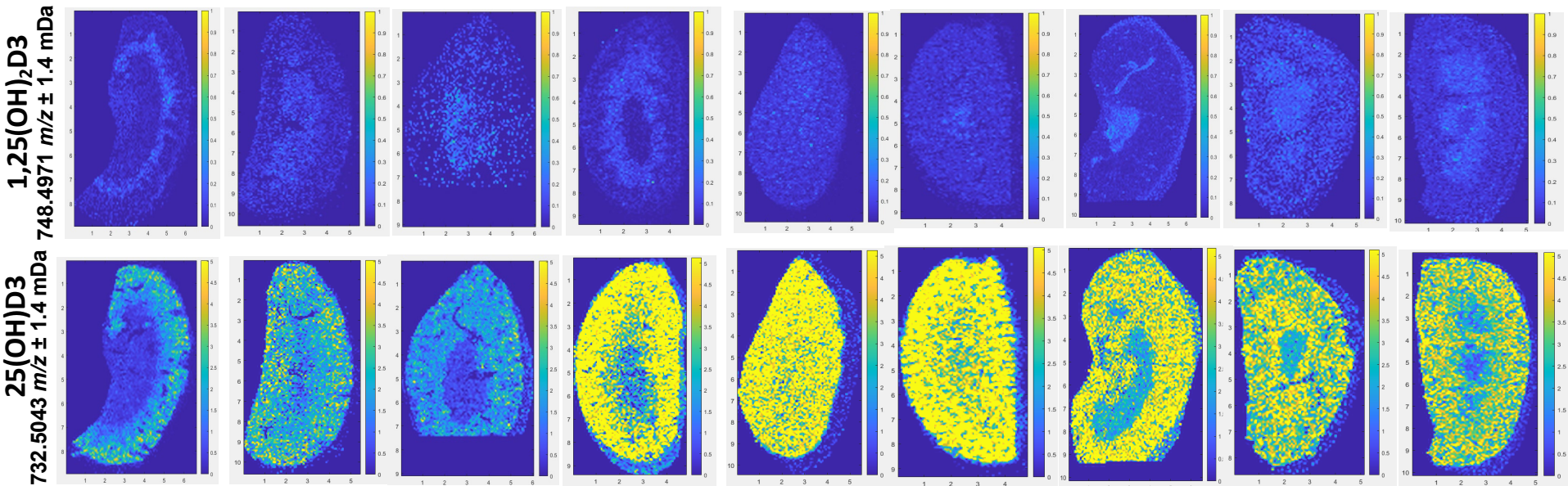
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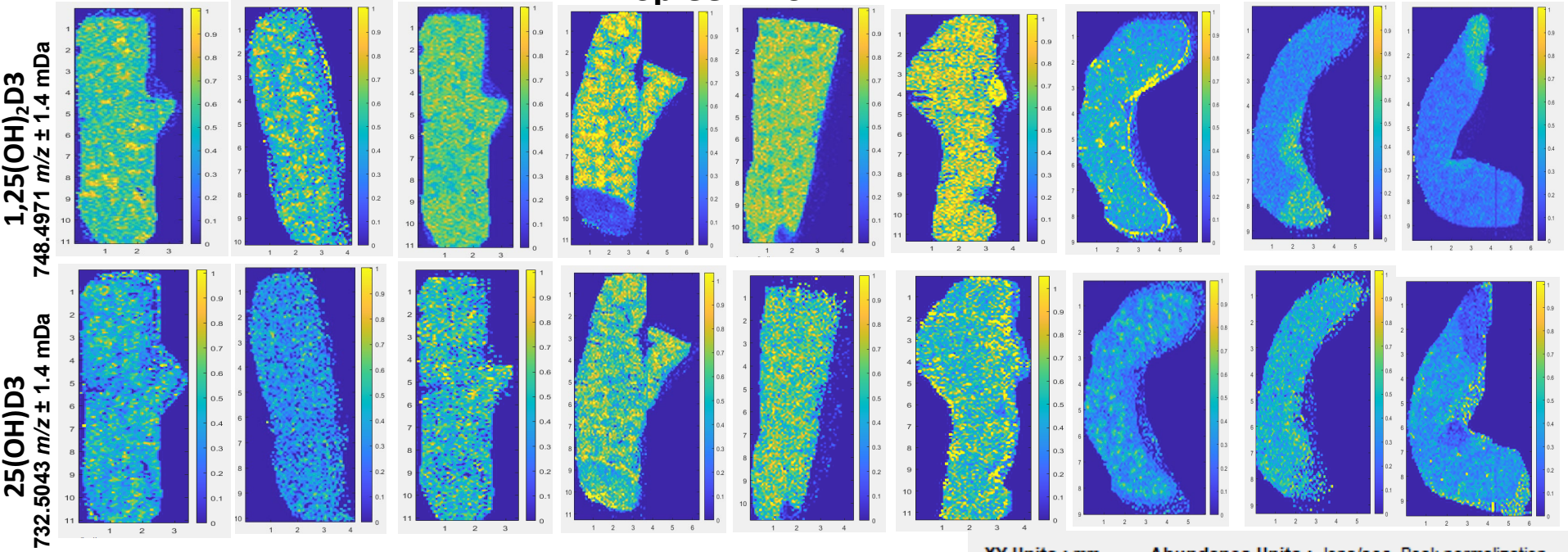
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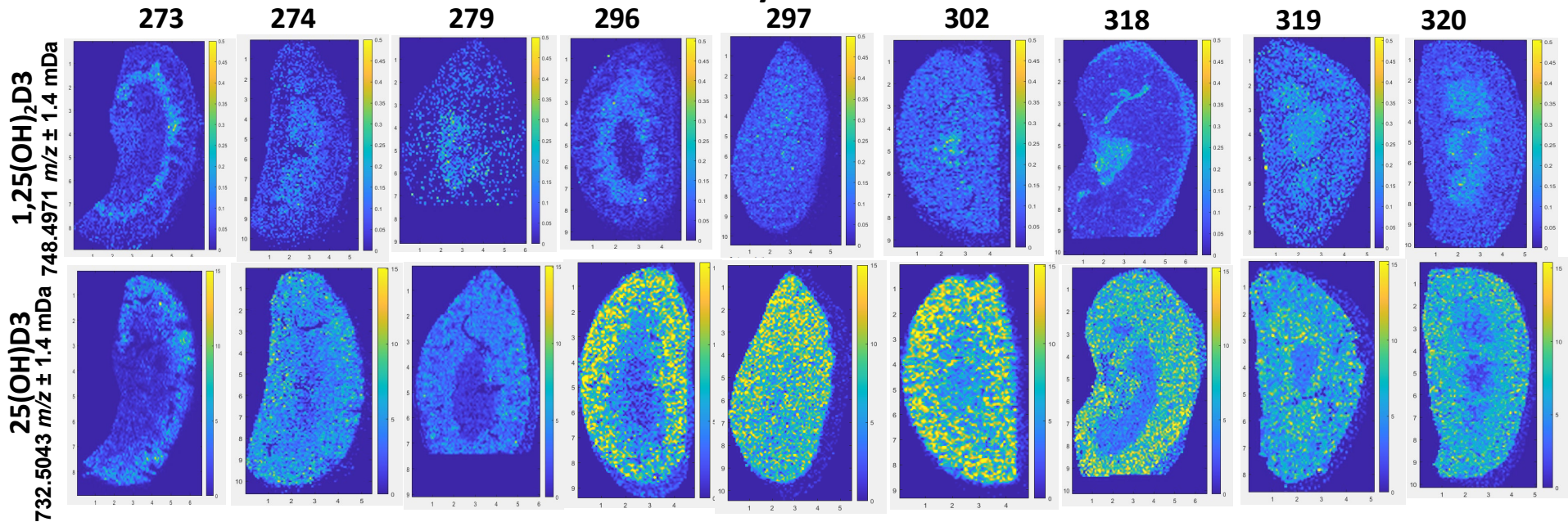


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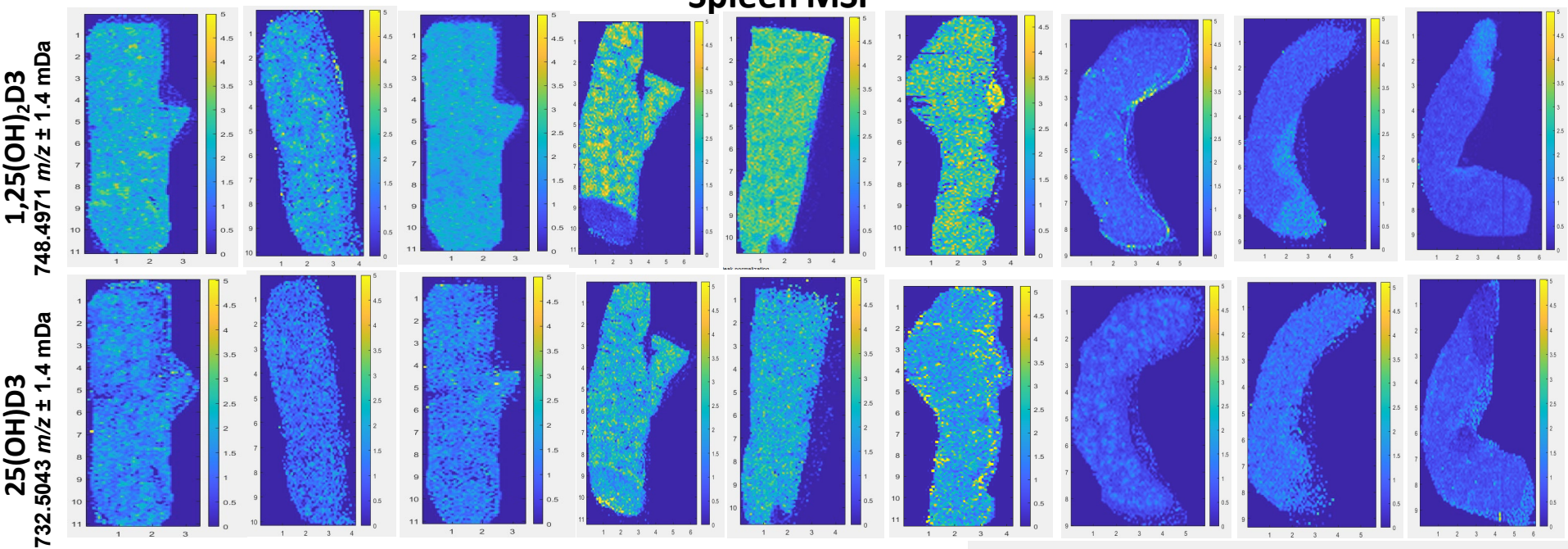


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Thymus MSI

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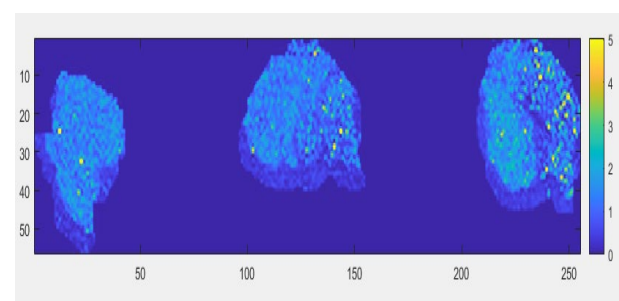
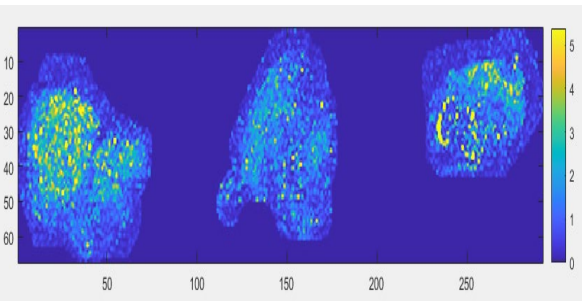
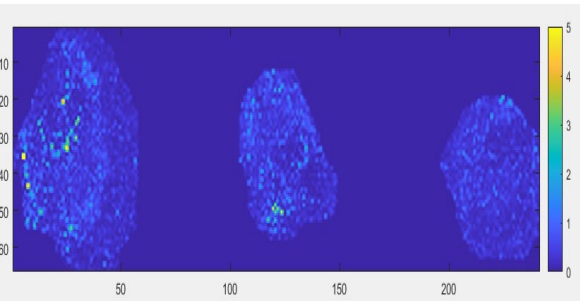
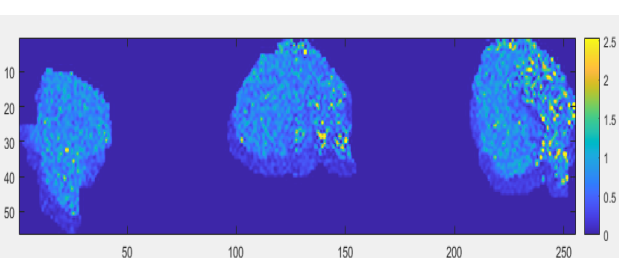
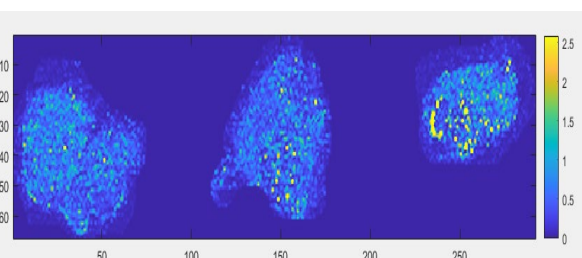
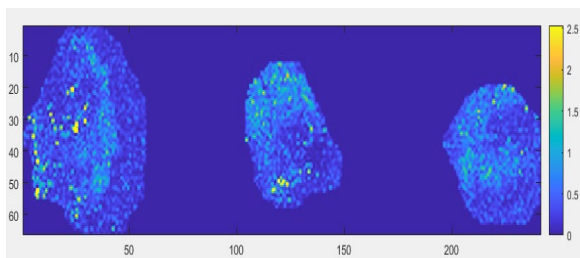
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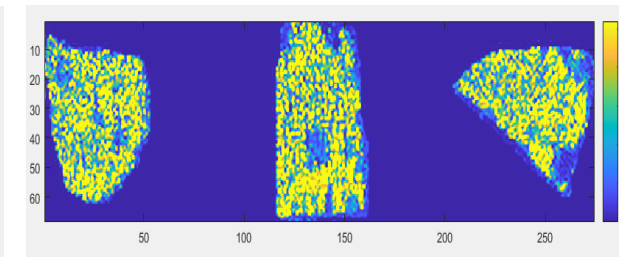
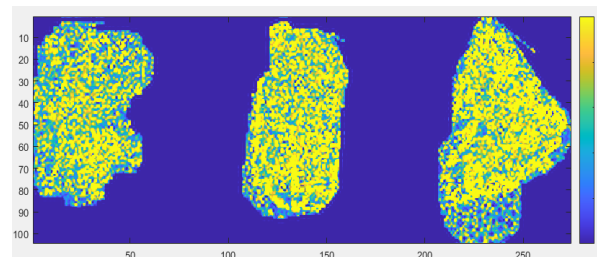
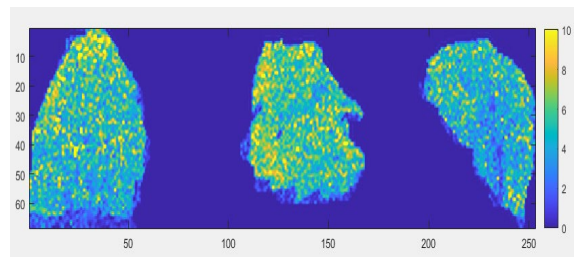
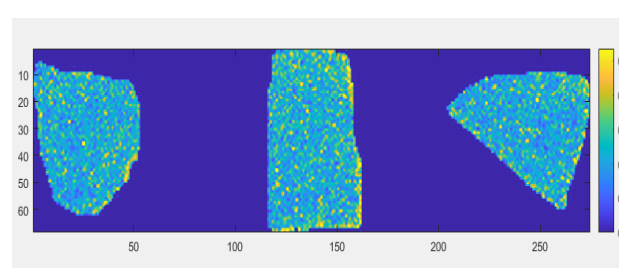
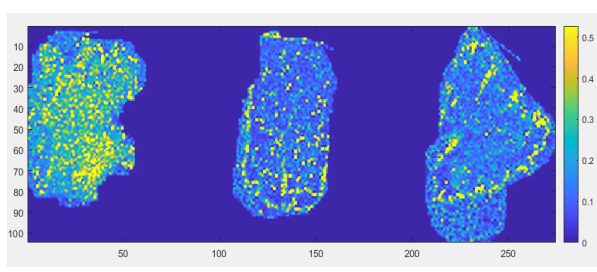
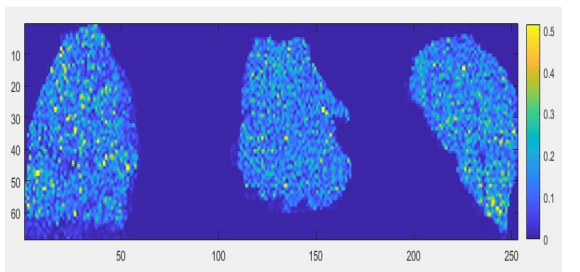
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1,25(OH)₂D3
25(OH)D3
732.5043 $m/z \pm 1.4$ mDa 748.4971 $m/z \pm 1.4$ mDa



Liver MSI

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Thymus MSI

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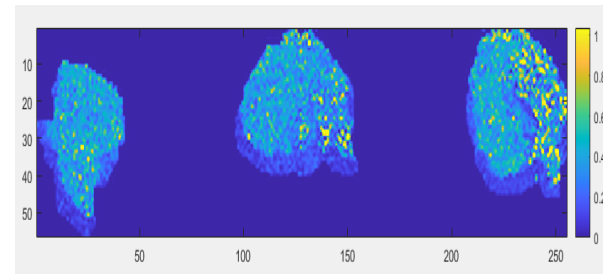
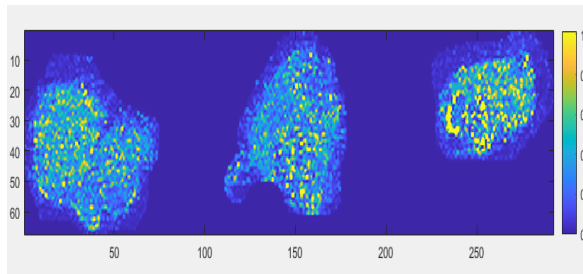
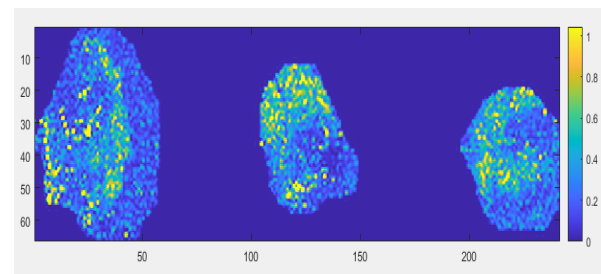
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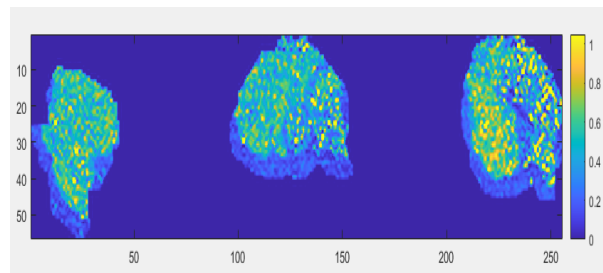
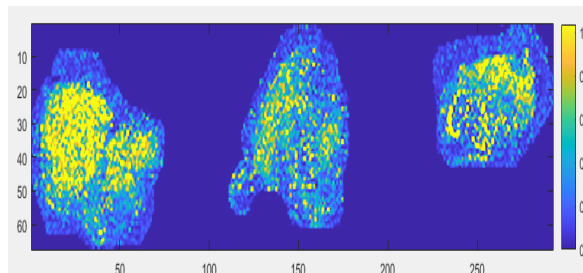
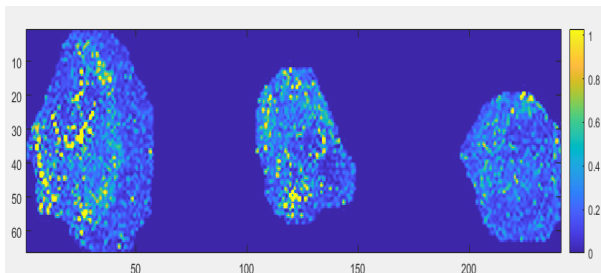
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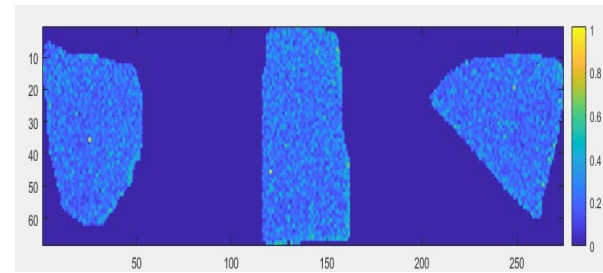
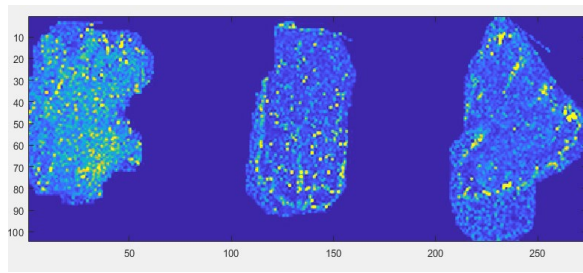
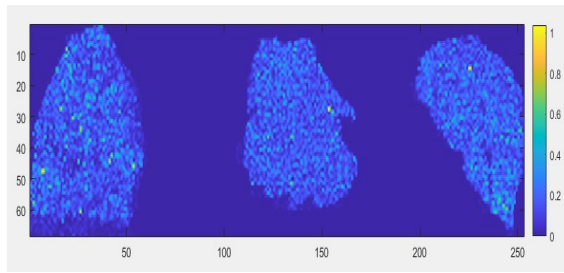


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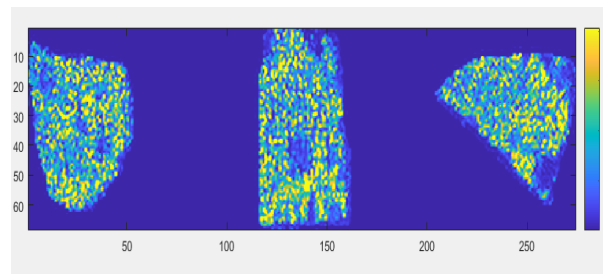
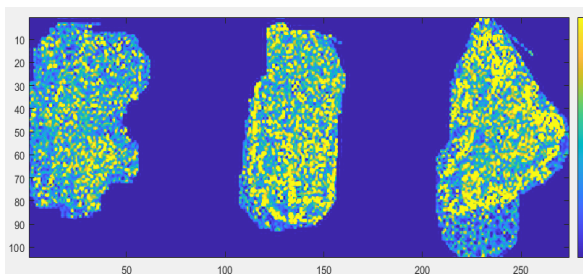
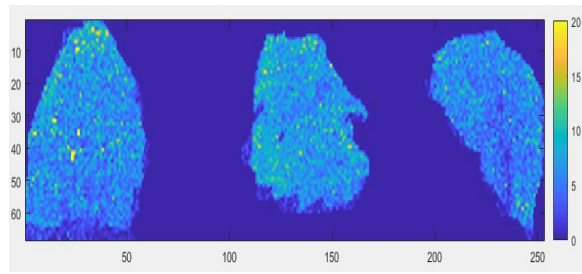


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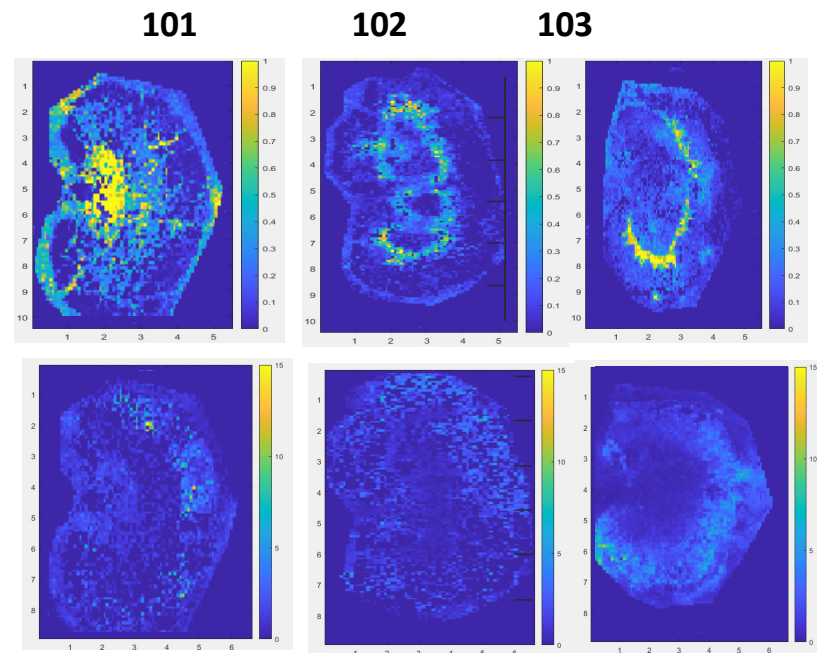
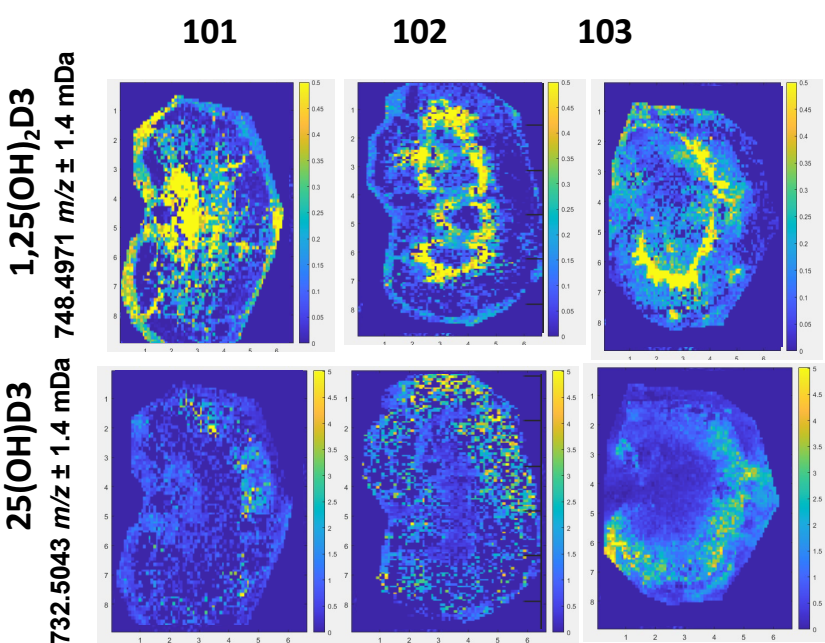
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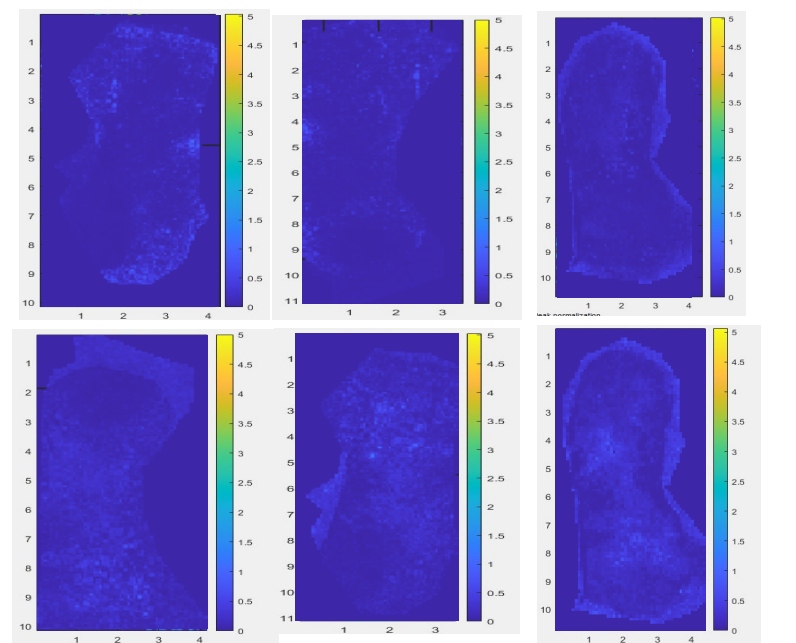
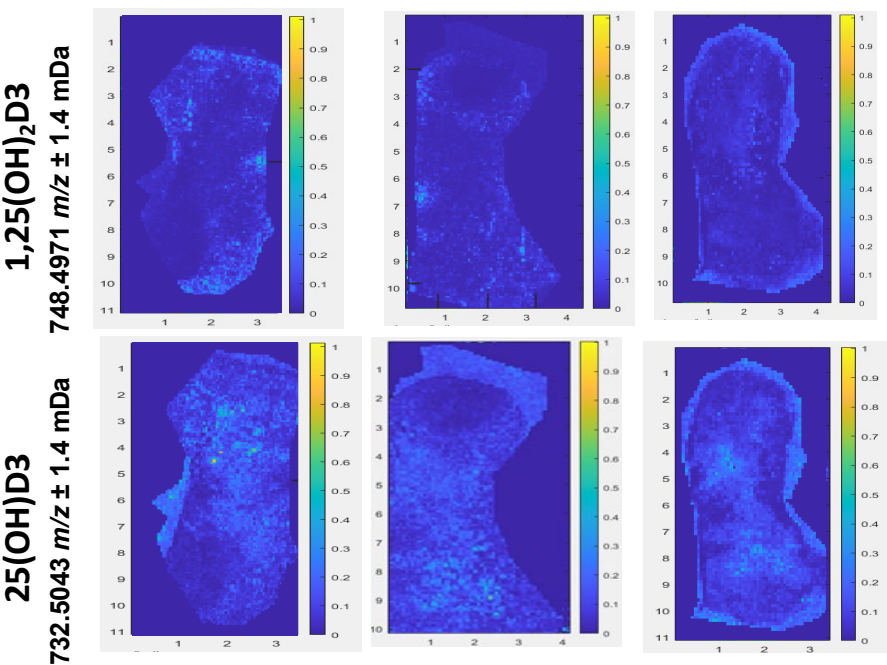
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Kidney MSI



Spleen MSI



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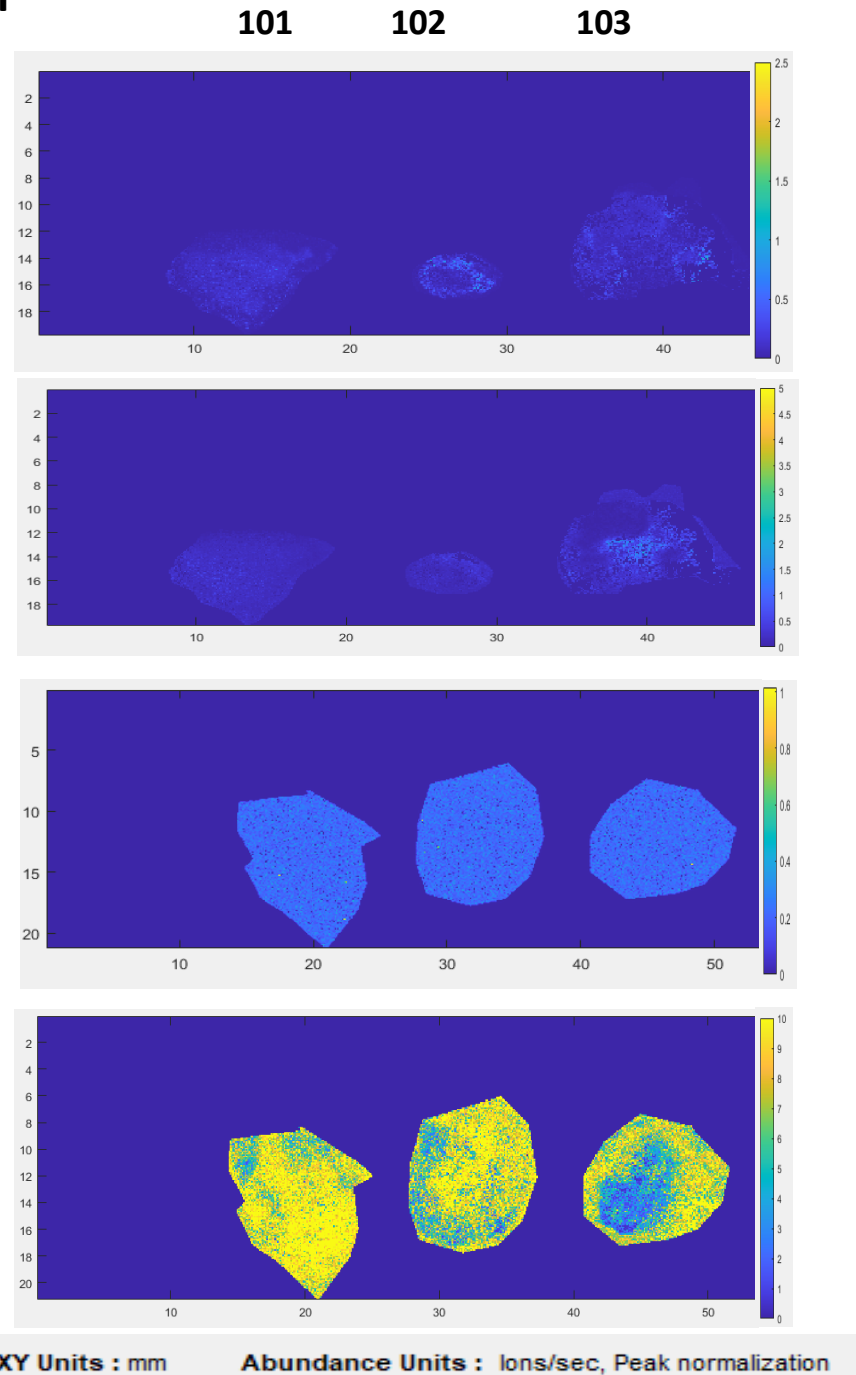
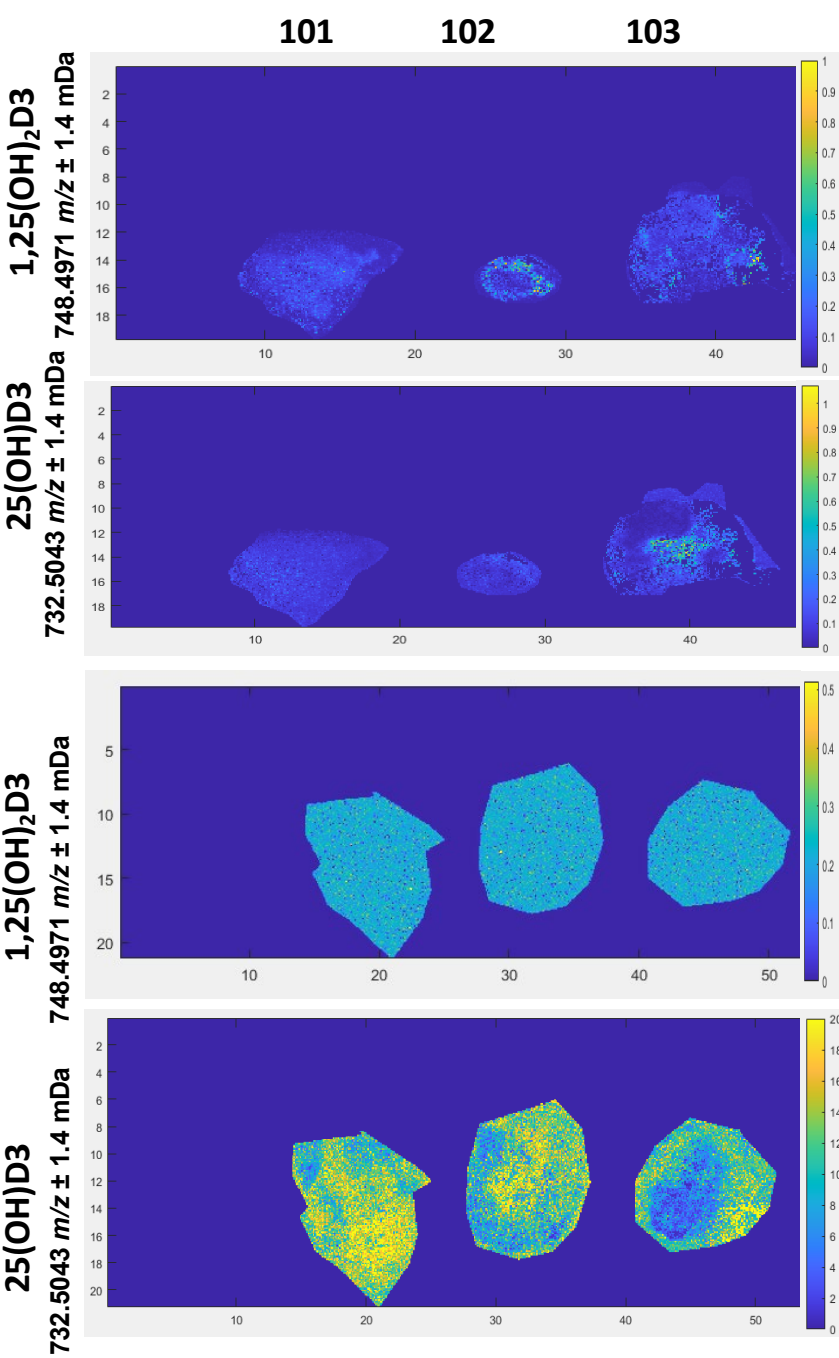


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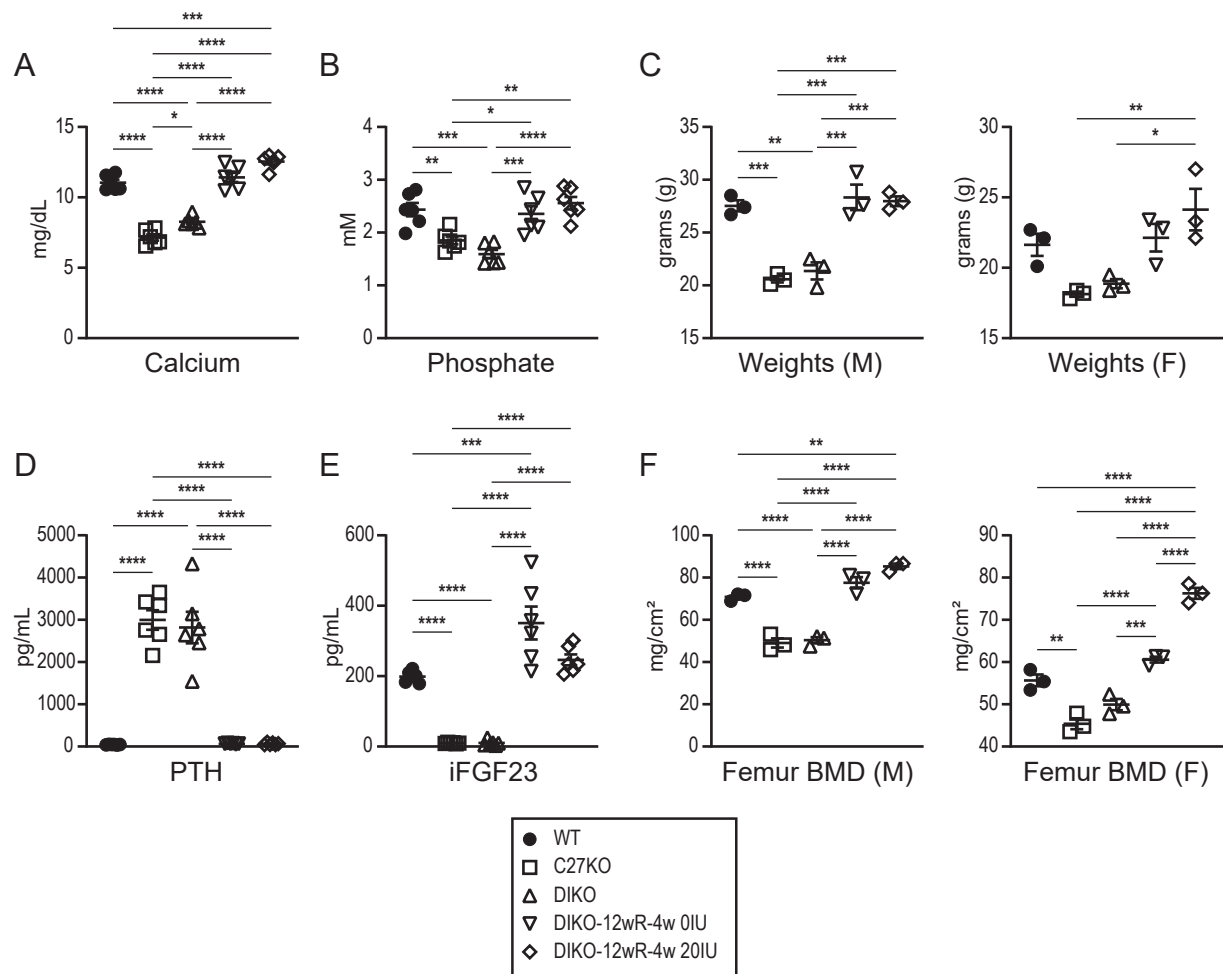
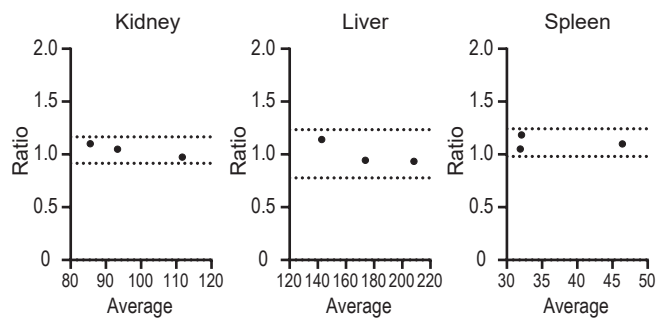


Figure S4

A Ratio vs. average: Bland-Altman - 25D



B Ratio vs. average: Bland-Altman - 1,25D

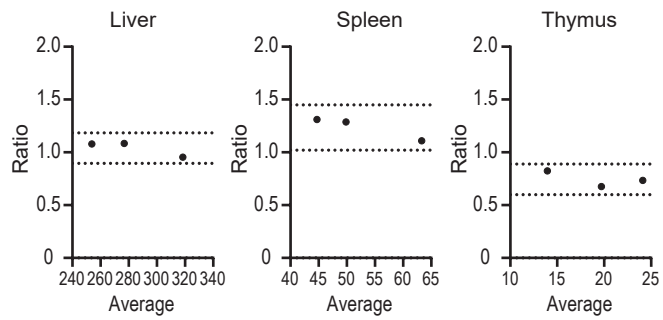


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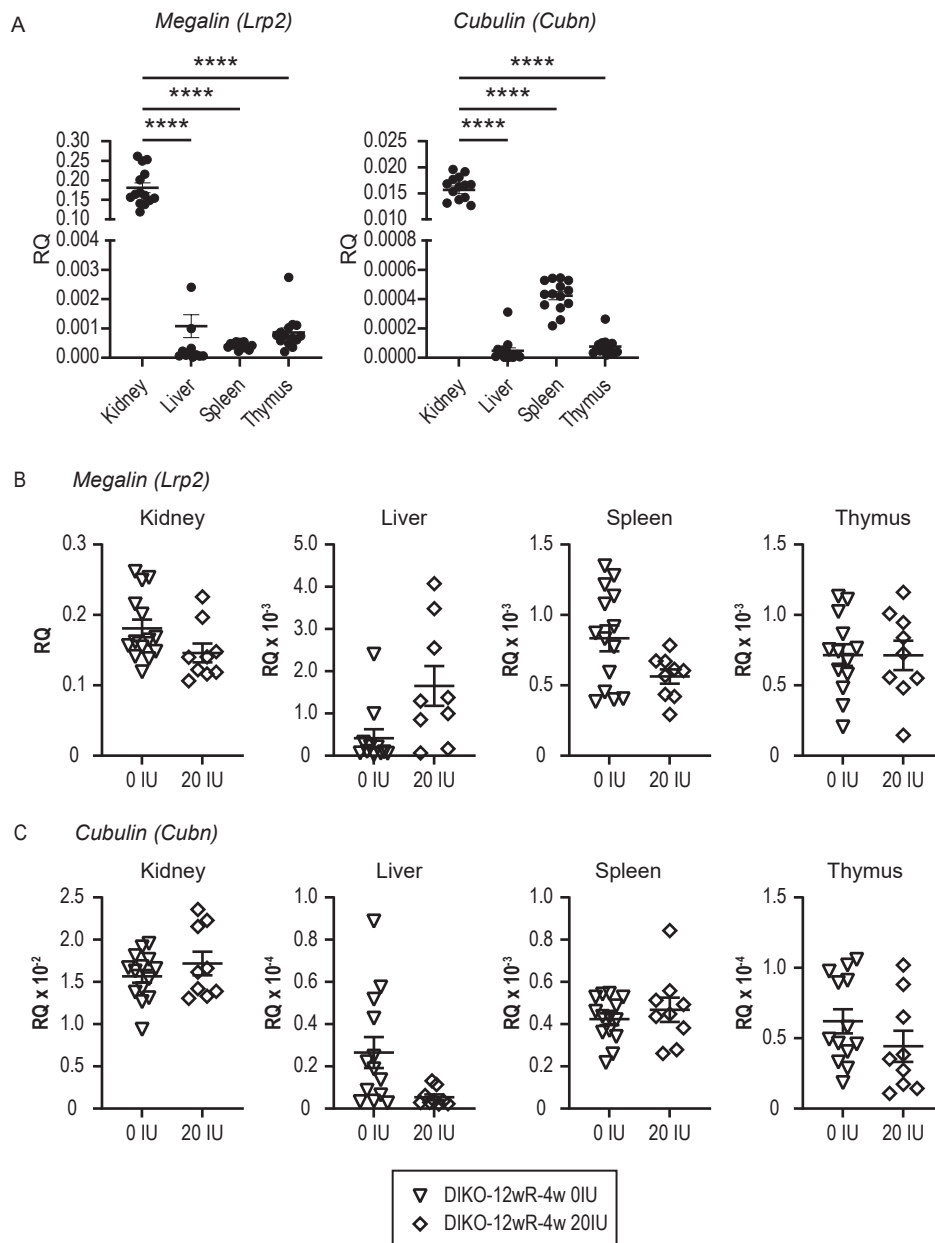


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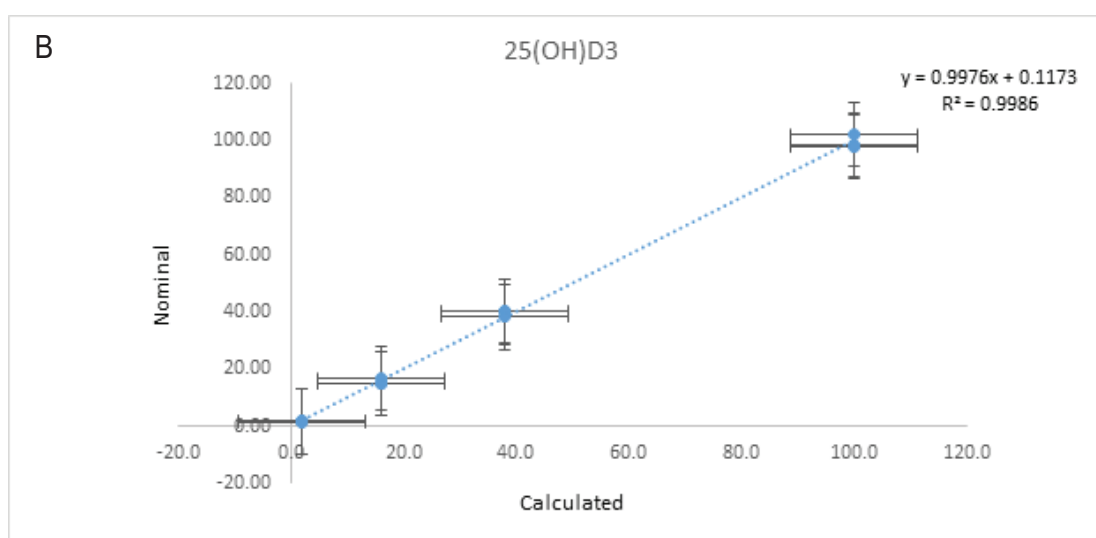
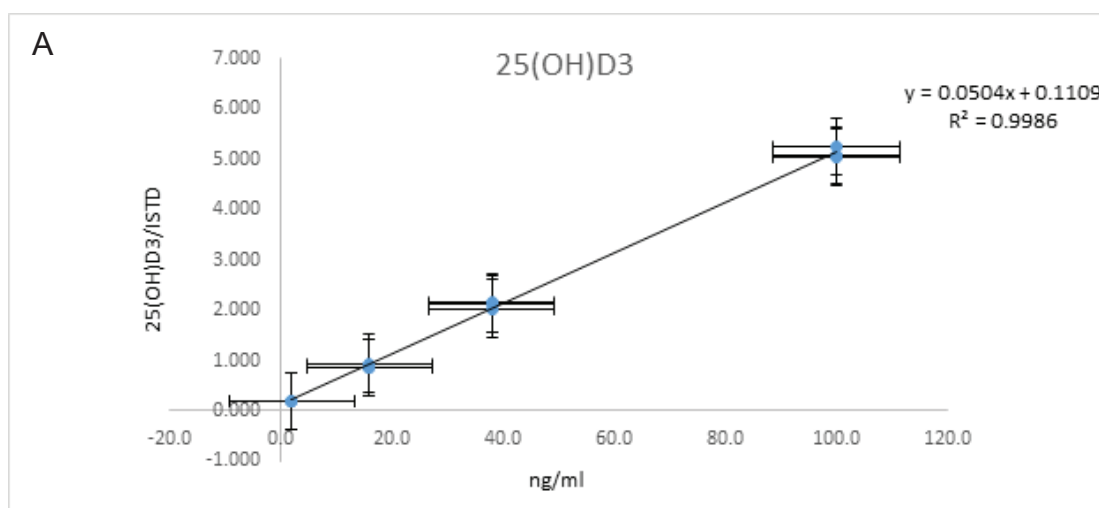


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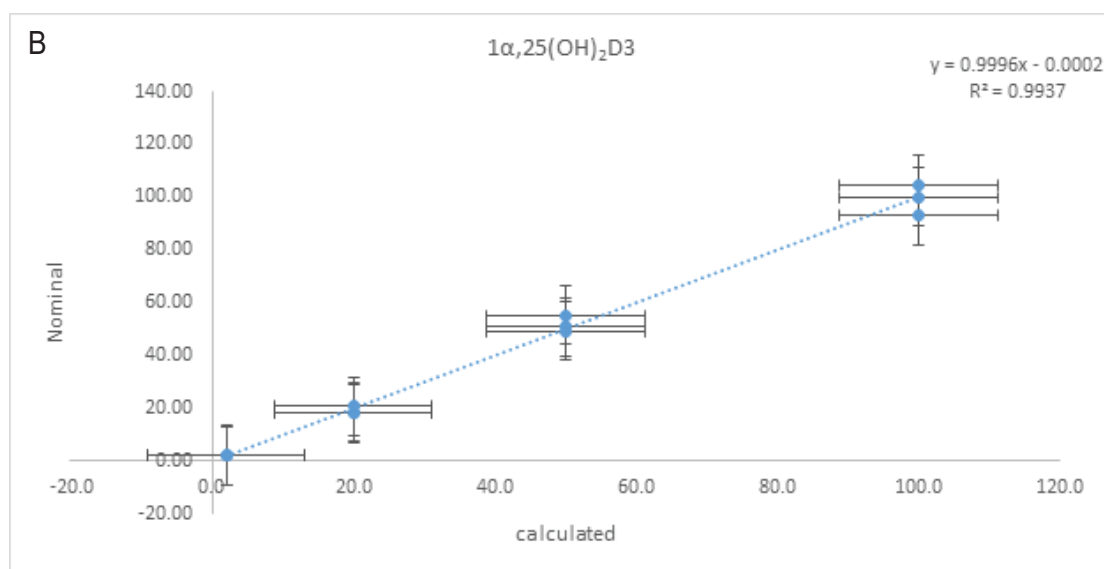
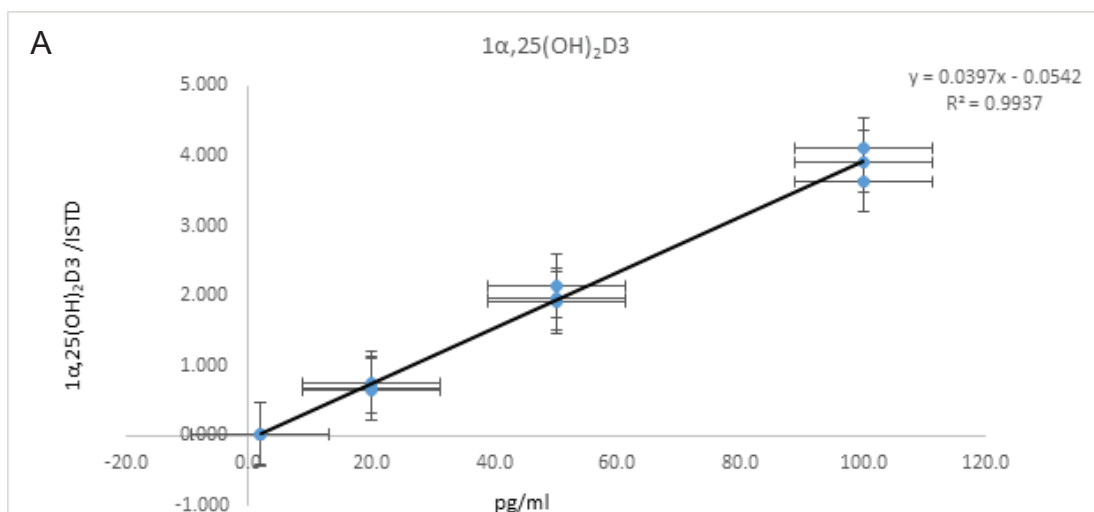


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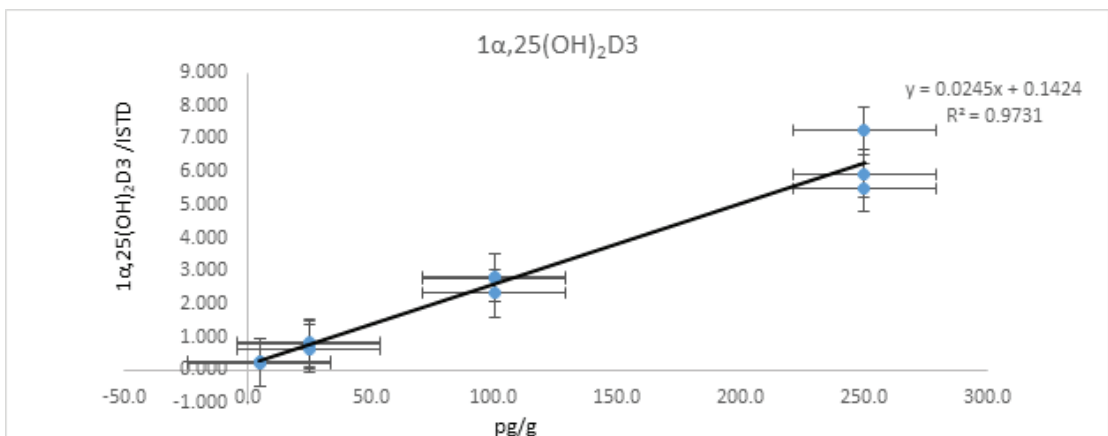
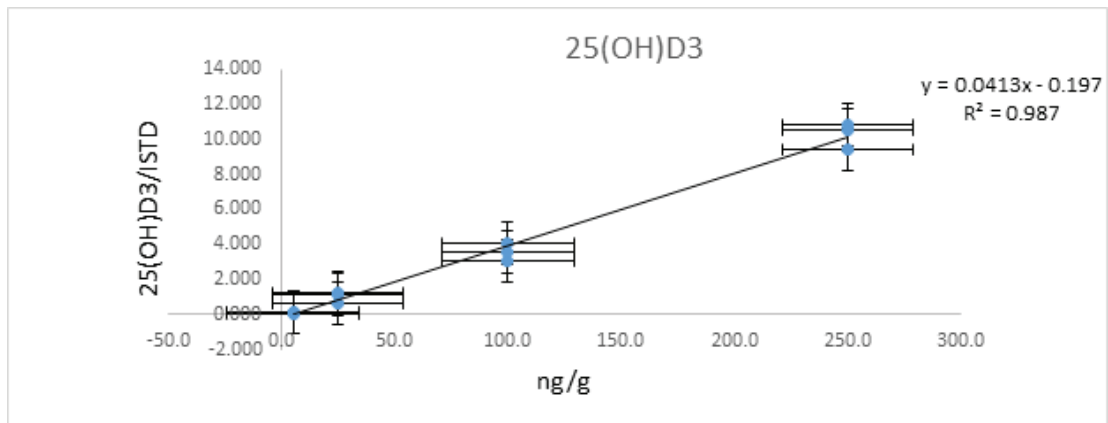
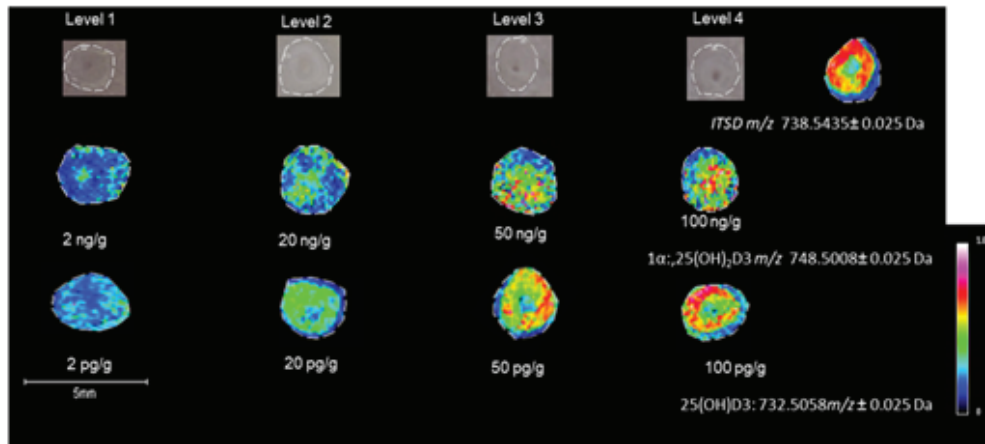
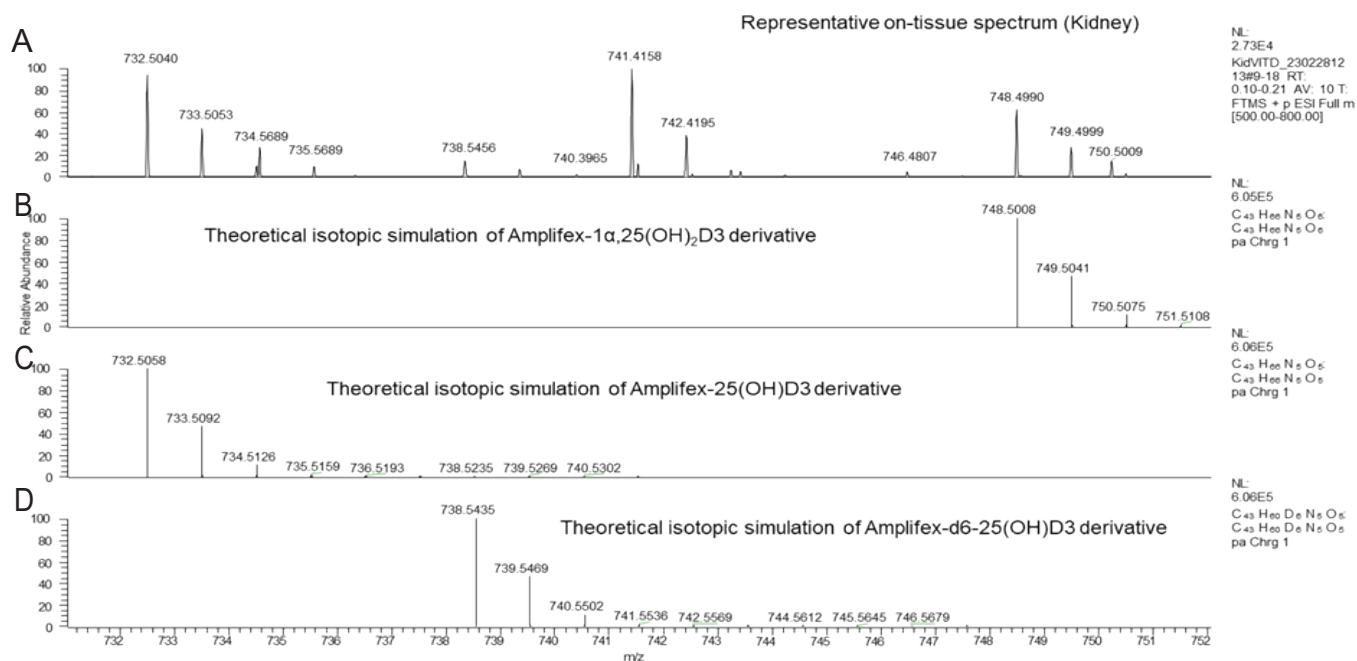
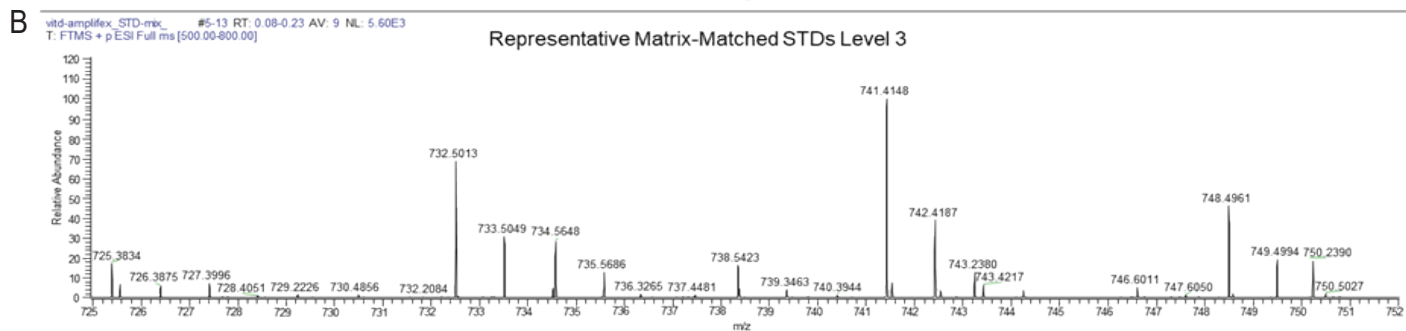
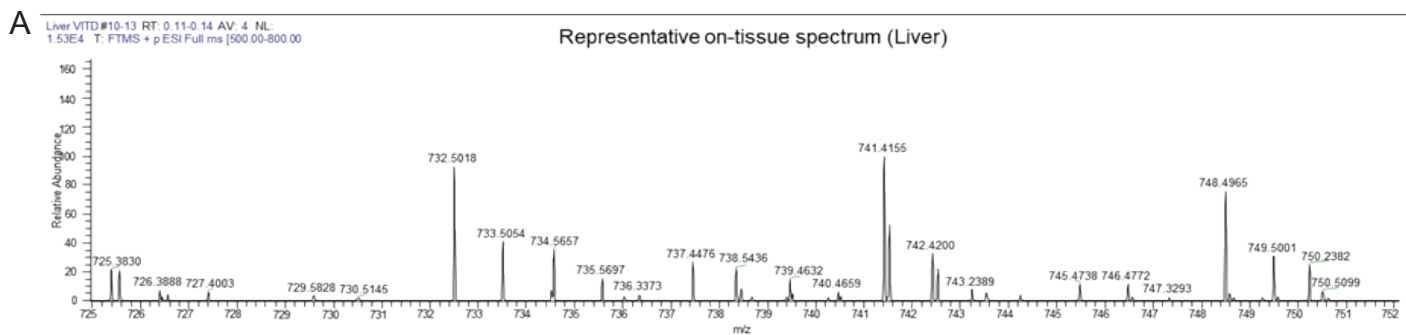


Figure S9



Analyte	Observed protonated mass (Th)	Theoretical protonated mass (Th)	Mass accuracy (ppm)
25(OH)D ₃	732.5040	732.5058	2.45
1,25(OH) ₂ D ₃	748.4990	748.5008	2.40

Figure S10



Analyte	On-tissue protonated mass (Th)	Standard mix protonated (Th)	Mass accuracy (ppm)
25(OH)D3	732.5018	732.5013	0.7
1 α ,25(OH) ₂ D3	748.4965	748.4961	0.5

Figure S11

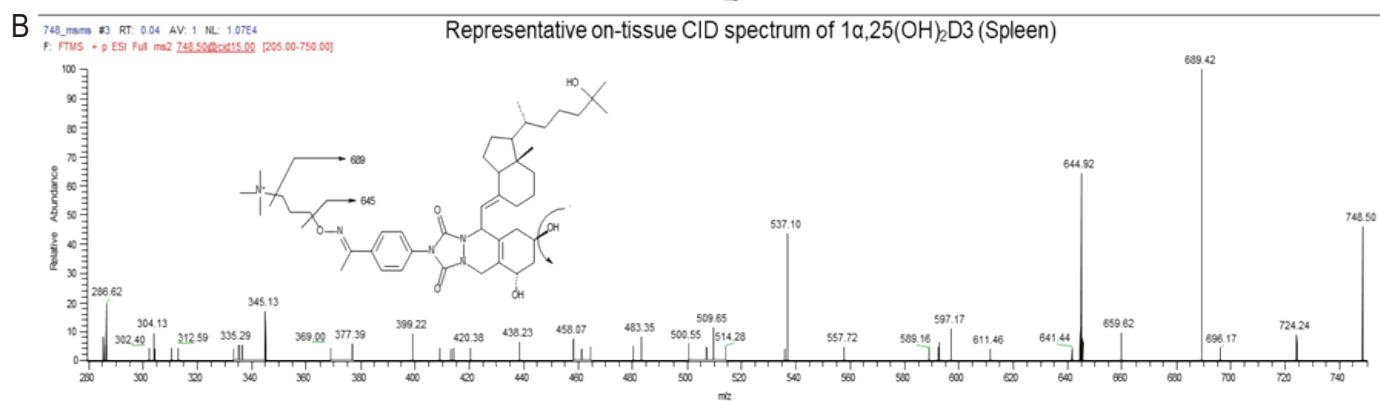
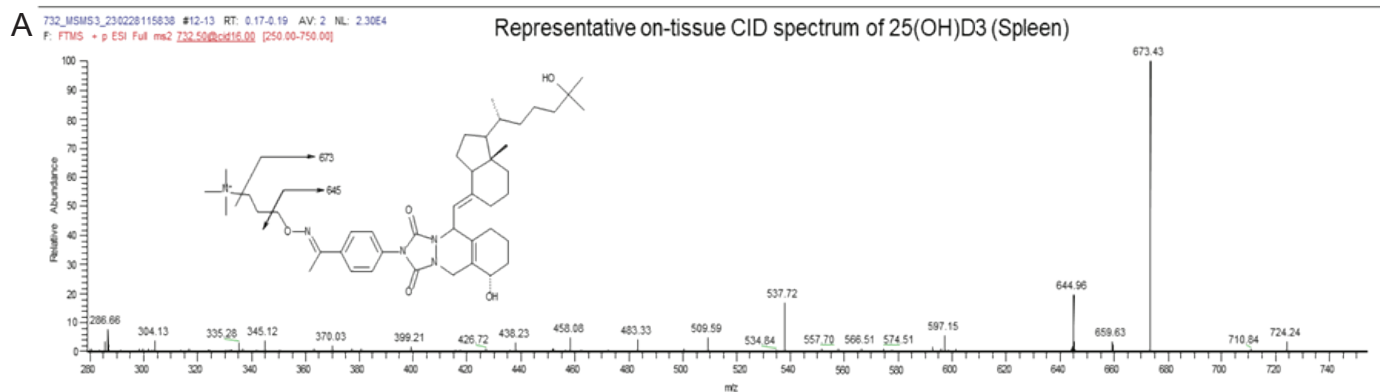
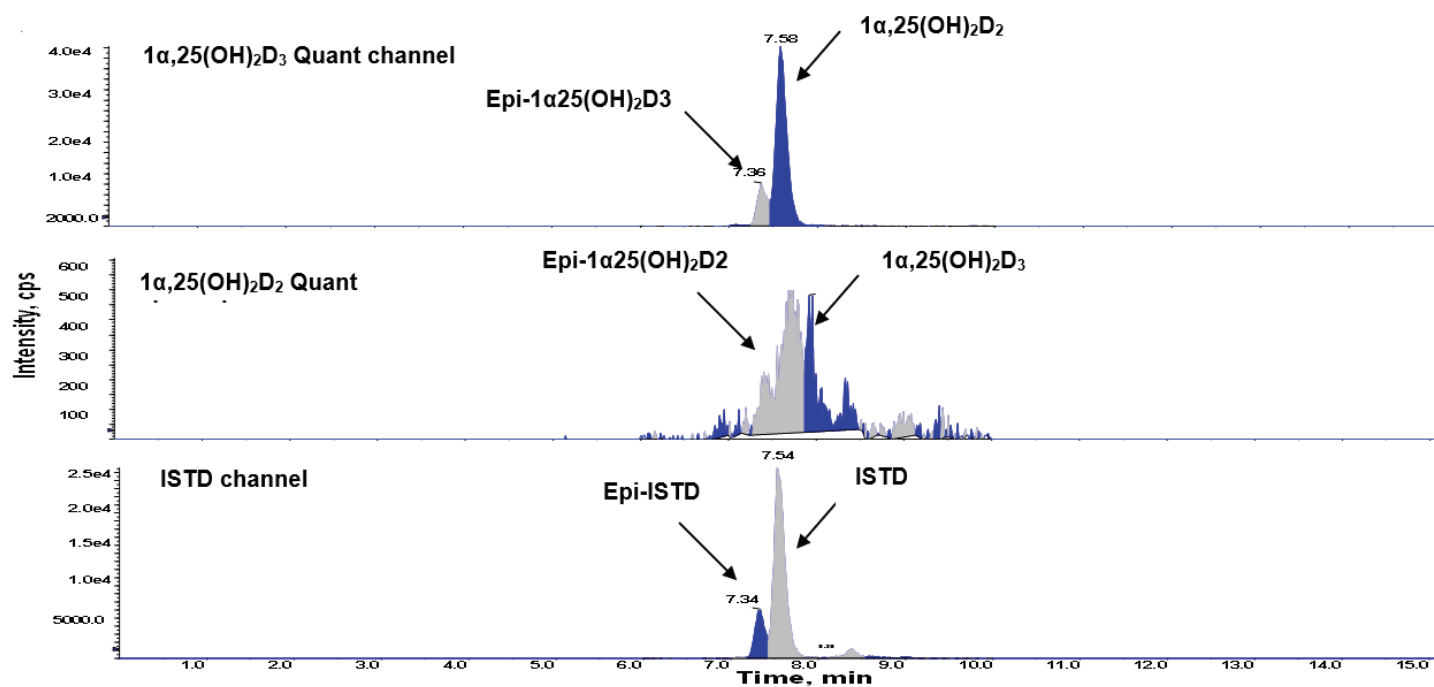
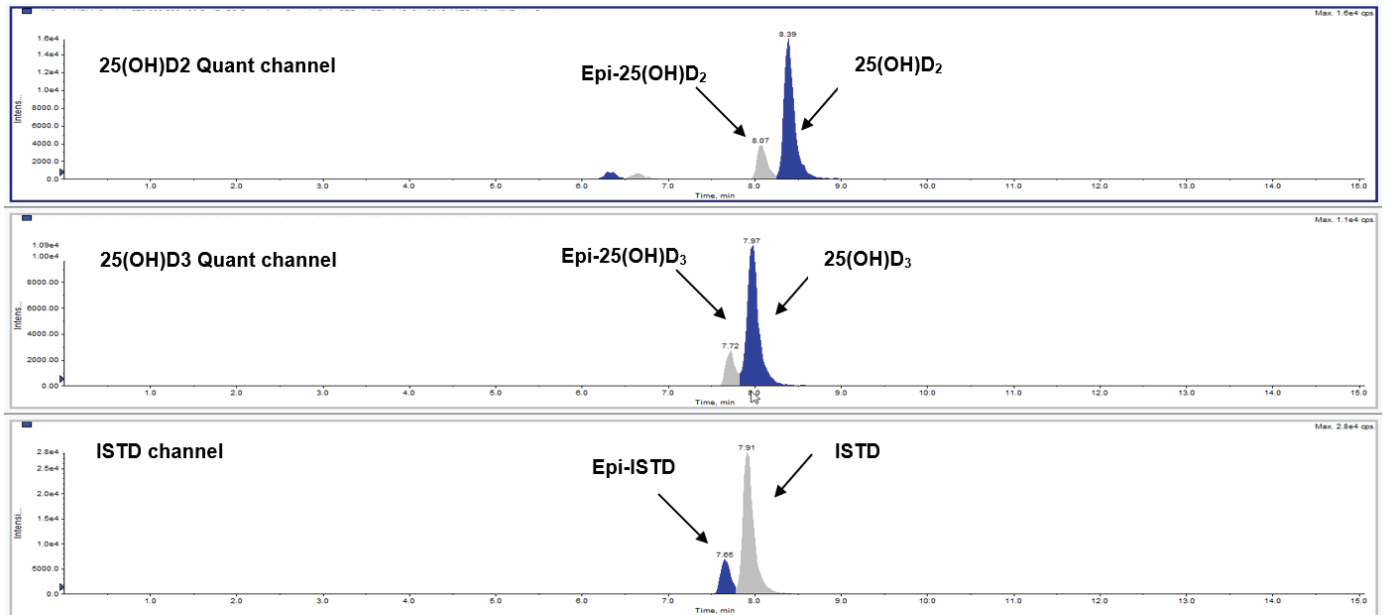


Figure S12



Peak	Component	Retention Time (minutes)
1	ISTD	~7.5
2	1α,25(OH) ₂ D ₂	~7.9
3	1α, 25(OH) ₂ D ₃	~7.5

Figure S13



Peak	Component	Retention Time (minutes)
1	ISTD	~7.9
2	25(OH)D ₃	~7.9
3	25(OH)D ₂	~8.4

Supplemental Figure Legends

Supplemental Figure S1: Tables of plasma LC-MS/MS, MSI relative quantitation, and tissue homogenate LC-MS/MS. A, plasma concentrations of 25(OH)D₃ (25D, ng/mL) and 1,25(OH)₂D₃ (1,25D, pg/mL) in the wildtype littermates (WT), *Cyp27b1*-KO (C27KO), M1/M21-DIKO (DIKO), M1/M21-DIKO 12 w rescue diet followed by 4 w of 0 IU vitamin D diet (12wR-4w 0 IU), and M1/M21-DIKO 12 w rescue diet followed by 4 w of 20 IU vitamin D diet (12wR-4w 20 IU). Mouse ID is listed in the ID column. Plasma and tissue samples were taken from the same animals. B, lower limits of quantitation (LLOQ) and lower limits of detection (LLOD) for both plasma and tissue samples for 25(OH)D₃ (25D) and 1,25(OH)₂D₃ (1,25D). C, Tissue levels of 25(OH)D₃ (25D, ng/g) and 1,25(OH)₂D₃ (1,25D, pg/g) as calculated from relative quantitation of the MSI in kidney, liver, spleen, and thymus for the wildtype littermates (WT), *Cyp27b1*-KO (C27KO), M1/M21-DIKO 12 w rescue diet followed by 4 w of 0 IU vitamin D diet (12wR-4w 0 IU), and M1/M21-DIKO 12 w rescue diet followed by 4 w of 20 IU vitamin D diet (12wR-4w 20 IU). D, confirmatory tissue homogenate levels of 25(OH)D₃ (25D, ng/g) and 1,25(OH)₂D₃ (1,25D, pg/g) as calculated from LC-MS/MS in kidney, liver, spleen, and thymus for the *Cyp27b1*-KO (C27KO), M1/M21-DIKO 12 w rescue diet followed by 4 w of 0 IU vitamin D diet (12wR-4w 0 IU), and M1/M21-DIKO 12 w rescue diet followed by 4 w of 20 IU vitamin D diet (12wR-4w 20 IU). Values that fall between the LLOQ and the LLOD are included in the table and highlighted in red.

Supplemental Figure S2: Mass spectrometry imaging for all tissue sections from all mice. Each tissue is displayed with 2 different relative scales to display the metabolite levels appropriately across tissues. Mouse IDs are identical to those found in Fig S1: WT: 101, 102, 103; *Cyp27b1*-KO: 318, 319, 320; M1/M21-DIKO 0 IU: 273, 274, 279; M1/M21-DIKO 20 IU: 296, 297, 302. Intensity was normalized by stable isotope internal standard protonated mass. Signal intensity is depicted by color on the scale shown.

Supplemental Figure S3: Serum profiles for experimental mice. Serum was collected and measured for calcium (A) and phosphate (B) (n=6, male/female combined). Weights of mice (C) were examined as male and female separately. EDTA-treated plasma was collected and assayed for PTH (D) and intact FGF23 (iFGF23, E) (n=6, male/female combined). Bone mineral density was measured and femoral BMD (F) was displayed for male and female separately. One-way ANOVA with tukey post-test: ****, p<0.0001; ***, p<0.001; *, p<0.05.

Supplemental Figure S4: Bland-altman analysis comparing the two methods of MSI vs. Tissue Homogenate LC-MS/MS. Ratio of (MSI / Tissue Homogenate) vs. Average is shown for kidney, liver, spleen for 25(OH)D₃ (A) and liver, spleen, and thymus for 1,25(OH)₂D₃.

Supplemental Figure S5: Gene expression for megalin (*Lrp2*) and cubulin (*Cubn*) was performed in the kidney, liver, spleen, and thymus for mice on the M1/M21-DIKO 12 w rescue diet followed by 4 w of 0 IU vitamin D diet (12wR-4w 0 IU), and M1/M21-DIKO 12 w rescue diet followed by 4 w of 20 IU vitamin D diet (12wR-4w 20 IU). A, data from the M1/M21-DIKO (12wR-4w 0 IU) plotted on same axis. Split axis to show expression differences between tissues. One-way ANOVA with tukey post-test: ****, p<0.0001; ***, p<0.001; *, p<0.05. B, data displayed from both the 0 IU and 20 IU diets. Unpaired t-tests were performed: ****, p<0.0001; ***, p<0.001; *, p<0.05 - 20 IU vs 0 IU.

Supplemental Figure S6: a) Calibration curve of 25(OH)D₃ dynamic range (2-100 ng/ml) n=3 per time point. **b)** Nominal Vs Back calculated values. Errors bars in standard error. Calculation was performed using Excel for Office 365.

Supplemental Figure S7: a) Calibration curve of 1 α ,25(OH)₂D₃ dynamic range (2-100 pg/ml) n=3 per time point. **b)** Nominal Vs Back calculated values. Errors bars in standard error. Calculation was performed using Excel for Office 365.

Supplemental Figure S8: Matrix-matched standard-Tissue mimetic model standards curves. Intensity was normalized by stable isotope internal standard protonated mass. Signal intensity is depicted by color on the scale shown.

Supplemental Figure S9: Representative FTMS spectrum of **a)** Kidney tissue section along with theoretical monoisotopic simulation of **b)** $1\alpha,25(\text{OH})_2\text{D}_3$ **c)** $25(\text{OH})\text{D}_3$ and **d)** ISTD of $\text{d}_6\text{-}25(\text{OH})\text{D}_3$ as Ampiflex derivatives with mass accuracy calculation.

Supplemental Figure S10: Representative FTMS spectrum of **a)** Liver tissue section **b)** Matrix-matched standard level along with mass accuracy calculation.

Supplemental Figure S11: Representative collision induced dissociation (CID) spectra of spleen tissue of **a)** $25(\text{OH})\text{D}_3$ and **b)** $1\alpha,25(\text{OH})_2\text{D}_3$ along with corresponding embedded proposed fragmentation pattern.

Supplemental Figure S12: Representative MRM chromatogram of $1\alpha,25(\text{OH})_2\text{D}$ metabolites as Ampiflex® derivatives in target tissues.

Supplemental Figure S13: Representative MRM chromatogram of $25(\text{OH})\text{D}$ metabolites in target tissues.

Supplemental Methods and Tables

Supplemental Table 1: TaqMan gene expression primers

Gene	Catalog #	Assay ID	Dye
<i>Gapdh</i>	4352339E	Mm99999915_g1	VIC
<i>Cyp24a1</i>	4331182	Mm00487244_m1	FAM
<i>Cyp27b1</i>	4331182	Mm01165918_g1	FAM
<i>Vdr</i>	4331182	Mm00437297_m1	FAM
<i>Il4</i>	4331182	Mm00445259_m1	FAM
<i>Il10</i>	4331182	Mm00439614_m1	FAM
<i>Il17a</i>	4331182	Mm00439618_m1	FAM
<i>Il1b</i>	4331182	Mm00434228_m1	FAM
<i>Il2</i>	4331182	Mm00434256_m1	FAM
<i>Il6</i>	4453320	Mm00446190_m1	FAM
<i>Tnfa</i>	4331182	Mm00443258_m1	FAM

<i>Lrp2</i>	4331182	Mm01328171_m1	FAM
<i>Cubn</i>	4331182	Mm01325040_m1	FAM

Analysis of 25(OH)D₃ and 1 α ,25(OH)₂D₃ in plasma and tissue homogenate: Vitamin D metabolites 25(OH)D₃ and 1 α ,25(OH)₂D₃ were analyzed by Liquid Chromatography Tandem Mass Spectrometry (LC-MS/MS). An automated Multipurpose Sampler (MPS) equipped with a pre-column micro solid phase extraction (ISTP hardware Kit, Anatune, CA, UK) was used for biomatrix cleaning and analyte extraction (Gerstel, GmbH). Pre-column derivatization only for 1 α ,25(OH)₂D₃ was performed using Ampiflex® (Sciex, Chemistry and Consumables R&D, Framingham, MA, US). The method was adapted from Higashi et al., 2010 and Shan Xu et al., 2022 (1, 2).

Preparation of Standards and Quality Control Samples: For 1 α ,25(OH)₂D₃: Stock solution of both 1 α ,25(OH)₂D₃ and d6-1 α ,25(OH)₂D₃ (as internal standard (ISTD)) (100 μ g/ml, in methanol) were used to prepare working solutions, standards calibration curves and quality controls (QCs). 1 α ,25(OH)₂D₃ stock solution was further diluted with surrogate biomatrix (Golden Mass Spect Gold® Human Serum, Ultra-Low Vitamin D, Lipid Free, Cell Culture Collective INC, CA, US) to provide calibration standards in the range of 5-100pg/ml and an ISTD concentration of 100 pg/ml. Quality control samples were independently prepared in the surrogate biomatrix at four different concentrations (2,20,50,100 pg/ml) corresponding to (LLOQ, QCL, QCM, QCH). For 25(OH)D₃, commercially available lyophilized four-point calibration standards and QC material (2, 16, 38 and 100ng/ml) corresponding to (LLOQ, QCL, QCM and QCH) respectively were prepared according to manufacture specifications (Chromsystem, München, GmbH). Stock solution of d6-25(OH)D₃ at 100 μ g/ml in methanol was prepared and used as ISTD for quantitation. Quality surrogate calibration standards were prepared freshly daily from the working solutions. All stock and working solution were stored at -80°C until analysis.

Sample extraction plasma: 125 μ l of plasma sample was placed in a standard 2 ml glass screw top autosampler vial and the vial capped using a magnetically transportable PolyMag™ cap (GERSTEL, Germany). The sample is then placed on the vial tray of the MultiPurpose Sampler (MPS). 50 μ L of internal standard solution (d6-25OH-D₃, 100ng/ml) and 50 μ L (1d6-1 α ,25(OH)₂D₃, 100 pg/ml) were added to the sample leading to a final concentration of 25 ng/ml) and 25 pg/ml respectively, followed by 200 μ L of a 0.2 M zinc sulphate solution to enhance the sensitivity of the assay. Following this, 500 μ l of methanol is added to the vial to precipitate the proteins. The vial was then moved using magnetic transport to the CF-100 centrifuge whereby the contents were thoroughly vortexed for 1 minute to assist in the protein precipitation. The vial was then centrifuged at 3000 rpm for 1 minute to separate the proteins from the supernatant. A 10 mg C18 Vitamin D ITSP SPE cartridge was solvated with 100 μ l of methanol and then equilibrated with 100 μ L of HPLC grade water. 500 μ L of the supernatant is then loaded onto the SPE cartridge, before the cartridge was washed with 100 μ L of 70 % methanol in water. The cartridge was then dried with 250 μ L of air. Analytes are eluted with one 250 μ L aliquot of methanol into a 500 μ l high recovery vial. The polarity of the final solution is then adjusted by the addition of 100 μ L of HPLC grade water, to improve the peak shape of the analytes. Samples were then divided in two aliquots of 150 μ L. One aliquot was transferred to a 200 μ L insert (2ml amber vial) for LC-MS/MS analysis. The other 150 μ L was dried under gently stream of Nitrogen at RT and then subjected to a one-step derivatization using Ampiflex® Diene as reagent to improve the ionization efficiency. To the dried residue, 30 μ L of Ampiflex solution was added as per manufacture specification, vortexed 30 and incubated for 60 min at RT. Then, sodium Borohydride solution (10mM) (10 μ L) was then added to reduce the complexity of the Chromatogram by reducing the enamine double bond formation of the Ampiflex derivative. Finally, MiliQ water (30 μ L) was added to the sample, vortexed for 15 s, and then transferred into 200 μ L HPLC inserts (2ml amber vials) for further LC-MS/MS.

Sample extraction for tissue homogenate: Tissue sections (~50 mg) were homogenized by adding 700 μ L of hexane/acetone mixture (1:1, v/v) and using ultrasonication for 1min, amplitude 80% and interval of 0.5-0.9s (UP50H, MMTG, US) in a 1.2 mL Eppendorf and then added 50 μ L and 100 μ L of 25(OH)D₃ (100ng/ml) and 1 α ,25(OH)₂D₃ (100pg/ml) respectively. Samples were kept in ice bath during homogenization. 300 μ L of MilliQ water was added to the mixture, vortexed for 30s, ultrasonicated for 10 min and centrifuged for 10 min at 15,000 RPM. The supernatant (~600 μ L) was dried down by evaporation using a gently steam of nitrogen at RT. Samples were reconstituted in (80:20 (v/v)) water: methanol and transferred to the MPS (200 μ L) and then followed sample preparation steps as per plasma analysis previously described in Experimental Procedures except for the addition of ISTDs.

Liquid Chromatography Tandem Mass Spectrometry (LC-MS/MS) Conditions: Standards and samples were separated using a Zorbax-extended C18 (100x2.1mmx3.0 μ m) HPLC column (Agilent, CA, US) on a Nexera UPLC system (Shimadzu, Kyoto, Japan). The chromatography mobile phases for 25(OH)D₃ consisted of 0.1% (v/v) formic acid in water: methanol (50:50, v/v) (Eluent A) and 0.1% (v/v) formic acid in methanol (Eluent B). The chromatographic conditions for 1 α ,25(OH)₂D₃ consisted of 0.1% (v/v) formic acid in water (Eluent C) and 0.1% (v/v) formic acid in water: methanol (70:30, v/v) (Eluent D). A gradient elution was performed as per **Table S2**. Same gradient elution was used for both analytes.

Table S2: HPLC Gradient Profile

Time	25(OH)D ₃		1 α ,25(OH) ₂ D ₃	
	A (%)	B (%)	C (%)	D(%)
0.00	100	0	100	0
3.00	100	0	100	0
10.00	0	100	0	100
10.10	100	0	100	0
15.10	100	0	100	0

The HPLC column flow rate was set to 0.35 ml/min throughout the chromatographic run and the column temperature was maintained at 40°C. A divert valve was used to minimize the contamination of the MS system and it was set to waste in the time interval of 0-5 min and 11-15 min.

Mass Spectrometry analysis (Qtrap Ready 5500+ Mass Spectrometer (MS), SCIEX, Framingham, US) was carried out in positive ion mode using the TurboIonSpray Electrospray ionization (ESI) for detection of 1 α ,25(OH)₂D₃ and the corresponding ISTD and Atmospheric pressure Chemical Ionization (APCI) for detection of 25(OH)D₃ and the corresponding ISTD. Multiple Reaction Monitoring (MRM) was used as acquisition mode. MS source parameters were set as follows: CAD: (Arb) 6, CUR (Arb): 40, I Spray Voltage (V): 5000, GSI (Arb): 35, GSII (Arb): 40, TEM (°C): 450 and corona current (APCI): (5 μ A). For MRM transitions, please see Table S2. 25(OH)D₂ and 1 α ,25(OH)₂D₂ were also monitored (not quantified) for information only.

Table S3: Multiple Reaction Monitoring Table

Compound	Parent (m/z)	Quantifier (m/z)	Qualifier (m/z)	CE (V)	DP (V)	CXP (V)	EP (V)
25(OH)D ₃	401.3	383.3	159.1	23/47	91	10/16	10
25(OH)D ₂	413.3	395.3	159.1	23/49	96	10/12	10
d6-25(OH)D ₃	407.3	389.3	N/A	23	101	10	10
1 α ,25(OH) ₂ D ₃	748.5	689.2	644.8	21/35	99	9/10	10

1 α ,25(OH) ₂ D ₂	761.5	701.2	644.9	17/29	115	10/11	10
d6-1 α ,25(OH) ₂ D ₃	754.5	695.4	N/A	16	96	10	10

N/A: Not applicable, CE: Collision energy, DP: Delustering potential, CXP: Collision cell exit potential and EP: Exit potential.

Acquisition and validation parameters: Duplicate injections were made of each sample preparation and analysis reposted as the average (ng/ml) for plasma and (ng/g) for tissues for 25(OH)D₃ and (pg/ml) and (pg/g) for plasma and tissue respectively for 1 α ,25(OH)₂D₃. For each analyte (native and derivatized) calibration curves were plotted with peak area ratios of vit D metabolites to the respective ISTD versus a range of analyte concentration in the corresponding units. For both analytes, two peak were observed (corresponded to their diastereomers) and summed areas were used for quantitation.

For 25(OH)D₃, dynamic range (triplicate injection) was from 2-100 ng/ml (plasma) equivalent to 5-250 ng/g (tissue homogenate) with a lower Limit of Quantitation (LLOQ) of 2ng/ml (plasma) and 5 ng/g (tissues). The calibration curve for plasma was used for quantitation of tissue homogenate factoring a dilution factor of 1.5 in the calculations. Three replicates for each concentration level (2,16,38 and 100 ng/ml) were processed. The average percentage of Coefficient of Variation (CV%) was 9.5 for calibrators and 8-13% for QCs with a mass accuracy of between 77 (at LLOQ) -106% for both calibration and QCs (**Fig. S5**).

For 1 α ,25(OH)₂D₃, dynamic range (triplicate injection) was form 2-100pg/ml (plasma) equivalent to 5-250 ng/g (tissue homogenate) with a lower Limit of Quantitation (LLOQ) of 2pg/ml (plasma) and 5 pg/g (tissues). The calibration curve for plasma was used for quantitation of tissue homogenate factoring a dilution factor of 2.5 in the calculations. Three replicates for each concentration level (2, 20, 50 and 100 ng/ml) were processed. The average percentage of Coefficient of Variation (CV%) was 5.7 for calibrators and 10-17% for QCs with a mass accuracy of between 89 -104% for both calibration and QCs (**Fig. S6**).

Accuracy and precision replicated samples at two concentration levels were analyzed in separate runs to determine intra-day precision and accuracy. Intra-day accuracy and precision were calculated by processing six replicates at two concentration levels. Precision of the assay was estimated by the CV% for each concentration level. Accuracy was represented as recovery% from the nominal concentration as per **Table S4**.

Table S4: Tissue homogenate accuracy and precision result summary

25(OH)D ₃ Level nominal (ng/ml)	Calculated concentration (ng/L)	Recovery (%)	1 α ,25(OH) ₂ D ₃ Level nominal (pg/ml)	Calculated concentration (pg/L)	Recovery (%)
16.8	16.1	95.8	20.2	21.2	104.9
	16.6	99.0		18.8	93.1
	15.8	94.0		19.6	97.2
	15.3	90.8		20.7	102.7
	16.9	100.4		18.7	92.5
	16.1	95.9		18.7	92.5
CV (%)	3.3			4.5	
25(OH)D ₃	Calculated concentration	Recovery (%)	1 α ,25(OH) ₂ D ₃ Level 4	Calculated concentration	

Level nominal (ng/ml)	4: (ng/L)		nominal (pg/ml)	(pg/L)	Recovery (%)
100.1	95.7	95.6	100.3	100.1	99.8
	105.2	105.1		103.9	103.6
	112.2	112.1		98.1	97.8
	114.2	114.1		108.4	108.0
	107.8	107.7		113.0	112.7
	111.6	111.50		89.5	89.2
CV (%)	5.7			7.4	

Mass Spectrometry Imaging: Matrix-matched standard-Tissue mimetic model: The protocol was adapted from Groseclose et al., 2018 (3). The process is outlined in **Fig. S9** which is adapted from the aforementioned protocol. For a given model, approximately 2 g (~250 mg/layer × eight layers) of the concordant Vit D metabolites free (Golden West Biological, CA, USA) bulk tissue was homogenized without additional solvent using the FastPrep 24 bead homogenizer (MP Biomedicals) and stainless-steel lysing matrix (MP Biomedicals). The bulk homogenate was then aliquoted into four homogenizing vials using a positive displacement pipette. After determining the mass of the tissue homogenate in each vial, an appropriate amount of the standard was spiked into each homogenate to yield the desired final tissue concentration for (5-250 ng/g) for 25OHD₃ and (5-250 pg/g) for 1 α ,25(OH)₂D₃. The volume of standard spiked into each homogenate was maintained below approximately 3% (w/w) to minimize the impact on the native tissue density. A mold was prepared from a 3 ml syringe by drawing back the plunger and removing the luered end. Enough of the blank tissue homogenate was added to the mold to sufficiently coat the plunger of the syringe (~250 μ L). The mold was immersed into dry ice cooled isopropanol to freeze the homogenate layer without submerging the open end of the syringe. Once completely frozen, the tissue plug was removed from the mold by carefully depressing the syringe plunger. A longitudinal (vertical) cross-section of the tissue plug sampling all concentration levels was then obtained by cryosectioning as previously described for target tissue sections. Sections were collected at the same thickness as the tissue to be quantified and thaw-mounted to the same substrate (indium tin oxide (ITO) coated microscope slide) as the sample to be quantified so that both exhibited to the same sample preparation conditions.

Histological Staining: Tissue sections (kidney and spleen) were stained using hematoxylin (0.02 g/L in ethanol) (Sigma-Aldrich, Dorset, UK) and eosin (0.003g/L in water + 1% Na₂CO₃) dyes as follows: fixed in 20°C acetone (Honeywell, UK) for 10 min and air-dried. Sections were rehydrated in 70 % v/v ethanol (EtOH) (\geq 99.8 %, Honeywell, Arlington, UK) (2 min) and tap water (5 min). They were then immersed in hematoxylin dye (6 min), rinsed in water (2 min) and placed in a solution of 10 % v/v acetic acid (Sigma Aldrich, Dorset, UK) in 95 % EtOH (1 min). To enhance the efficacy of the hematoxylin stain, slides were rinsed in water for 15 min in a bluing step. Sections were transferred to eosin dye for 15 s and dipped in water 2-3 times rapidly or until streaking stopped. Stained sections were dehydrated in increasing concentrations of EtOH (50 % - 100 % v/v) for 2 min each and cleared by two changes of xylene (reagent grade, Fisher Scientific, Loughborough, UK) also at 2 min each. Histological mount (Histamount National Diagnostics, Atlanta, US) was applied before sections were completely dry and a glass coverslip was applied. A 600-dpi image was taken of tissues on slides using a scanner (Epson Perfection V330, software version3.9.2.5 EN, Seiko Epson Corporation, Nagano, Japan).

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