

Supplementary Materials

Simultaneous determination of 24 congeners of 2- and 3-monochloropropanediol esters and 7 congeners of glycidyl esters using direct multi-residue analytical LC-MS/MS methods in various food matrices

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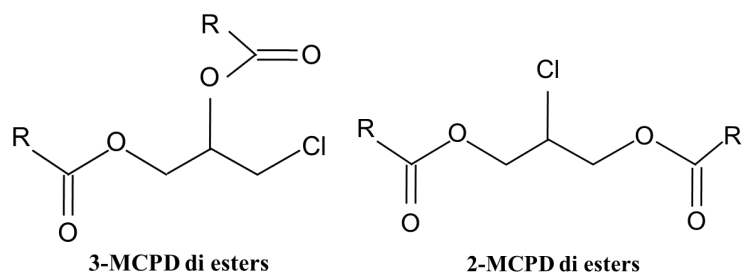
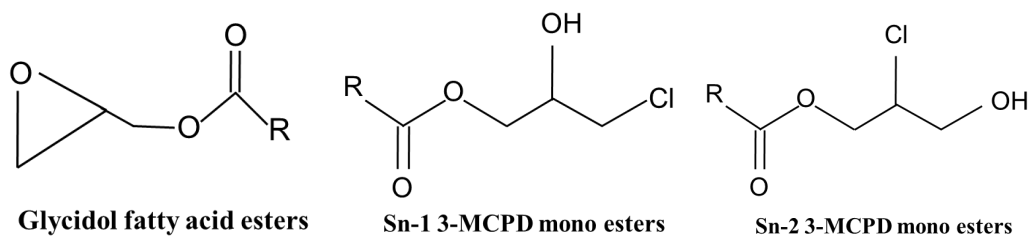
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Figure S1. Structures of fatty acid esters of 3-chloro-1,2-propanediol (3-MCPDE), 2-chloro-1,3-propanediol (2-MCPDE), and glycidol (GE).

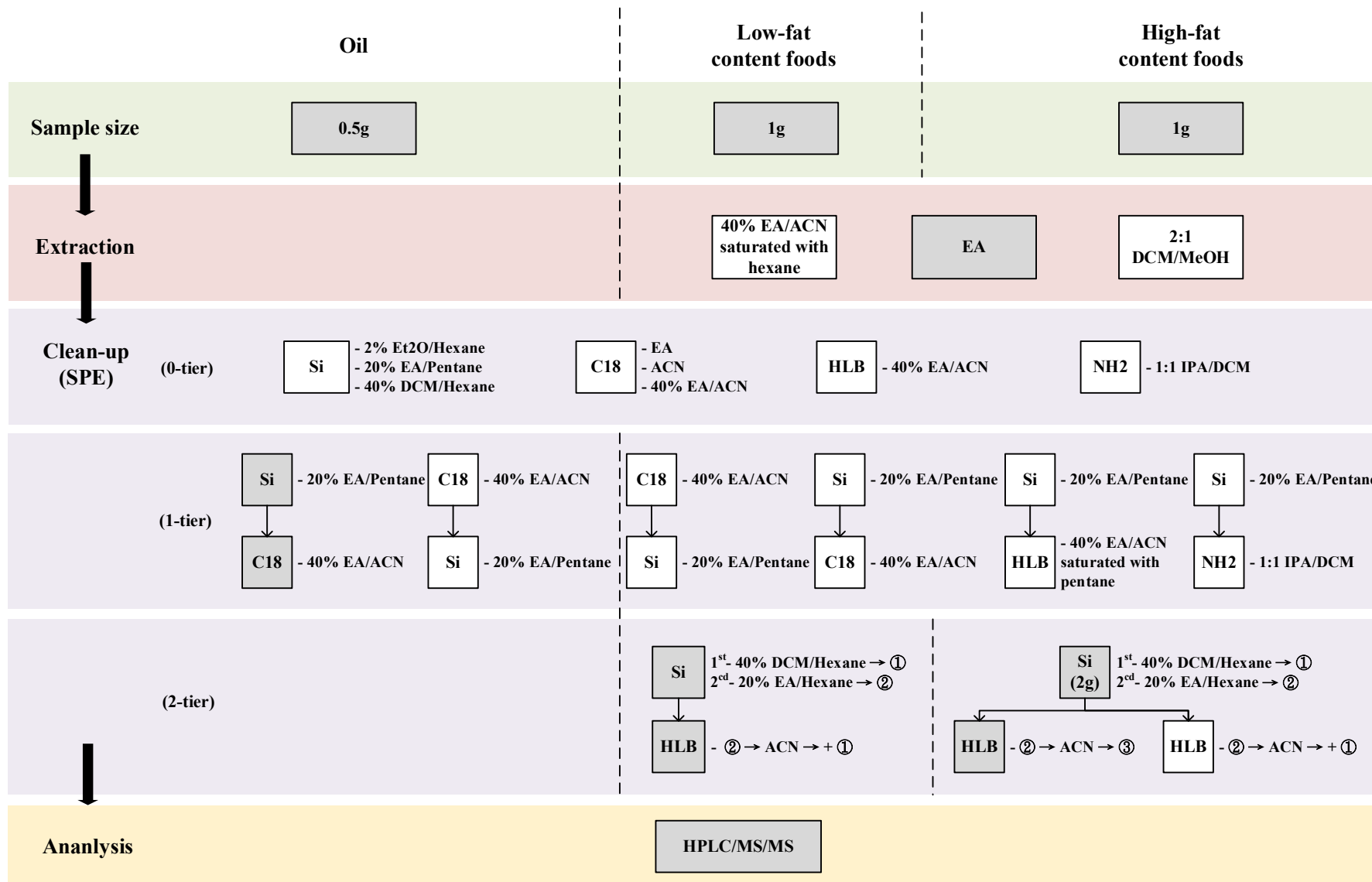
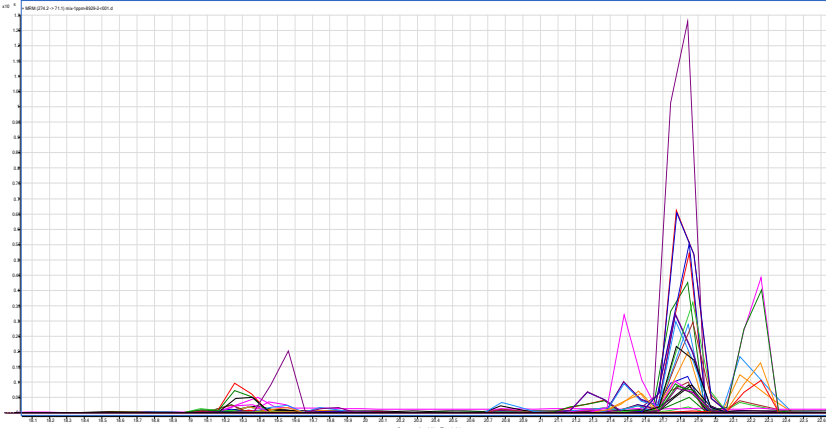
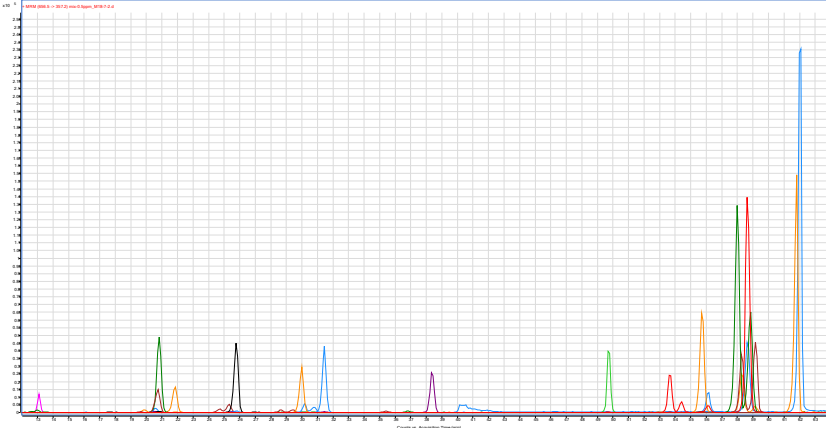
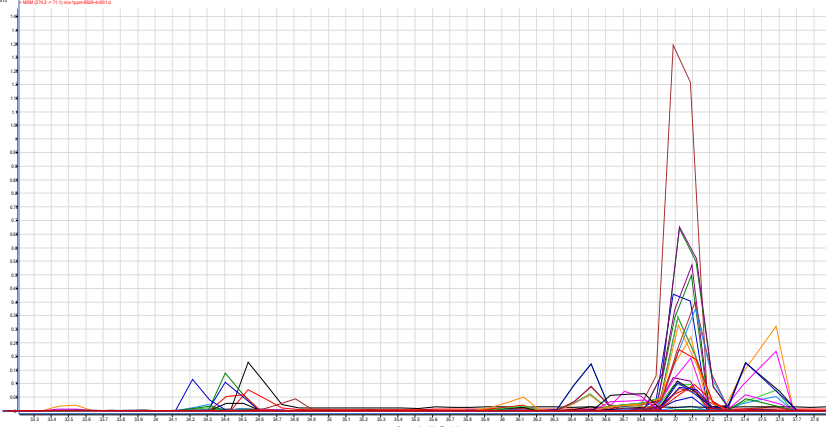


Figure S2. Pre-treatment tests for GEs and 3- and 2-MCPD mono- and di-esters in oils, low-, and high-fat-content foods.

Test	Gradient				TIC
	Time	A(%)	B(%)	Flow rate	
1	0.00	98	2	0.200	 <p>water phase (2 %)</p>
	3.00	98	2	0.200	
	3.10	83	17	0.200	
	10.10	73	27	0.200	
	14.20	73	27	0.200	
	14.50	2	98	0.250	
	20.50	2	98	0.250	
	20.75	98	2	0.250	
	26.75	98	2	0.250	
	27.00	98	2	0.200	
2	0.00	100	0	0.200	 <p>water phase (25 %)</p>
	2.10	75	25	0.200	
	17.10	75	25	0.200	
	35.0	35	65	0.200	
	36.0	35	65	0.250	
	41.0	25	75	0.250	
	58.0	0	100	0.250	
	69.0	0	100	0.250	
3	0.00	98	2	0.200	 <p>water phase (50 %)</p>
	2.00	98	2	0.200	
	2.10	68	32	0.200	
	15.00	68	32	0.200	
	30.20	33	67	0.200	
	30.5	2	98	0.250	
	40.50	2	98	0.250	
	40.75	98	2	0.250	
	46.75	98	2	0.250	
	47.00	98	2	0.200	

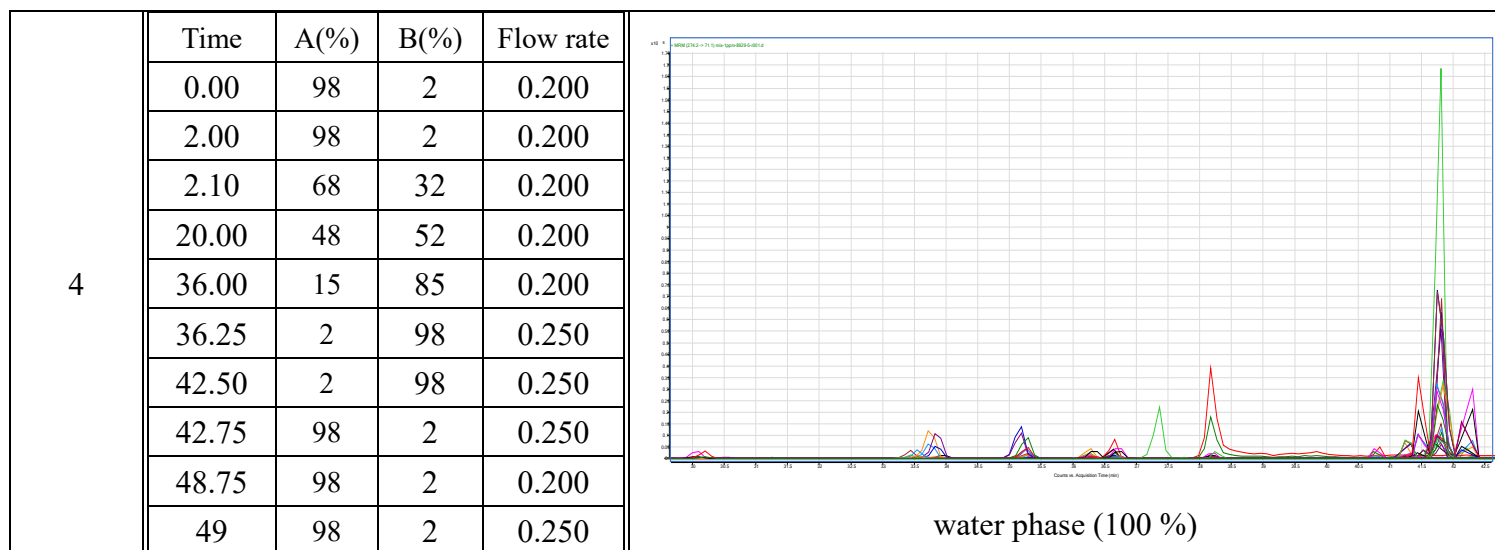


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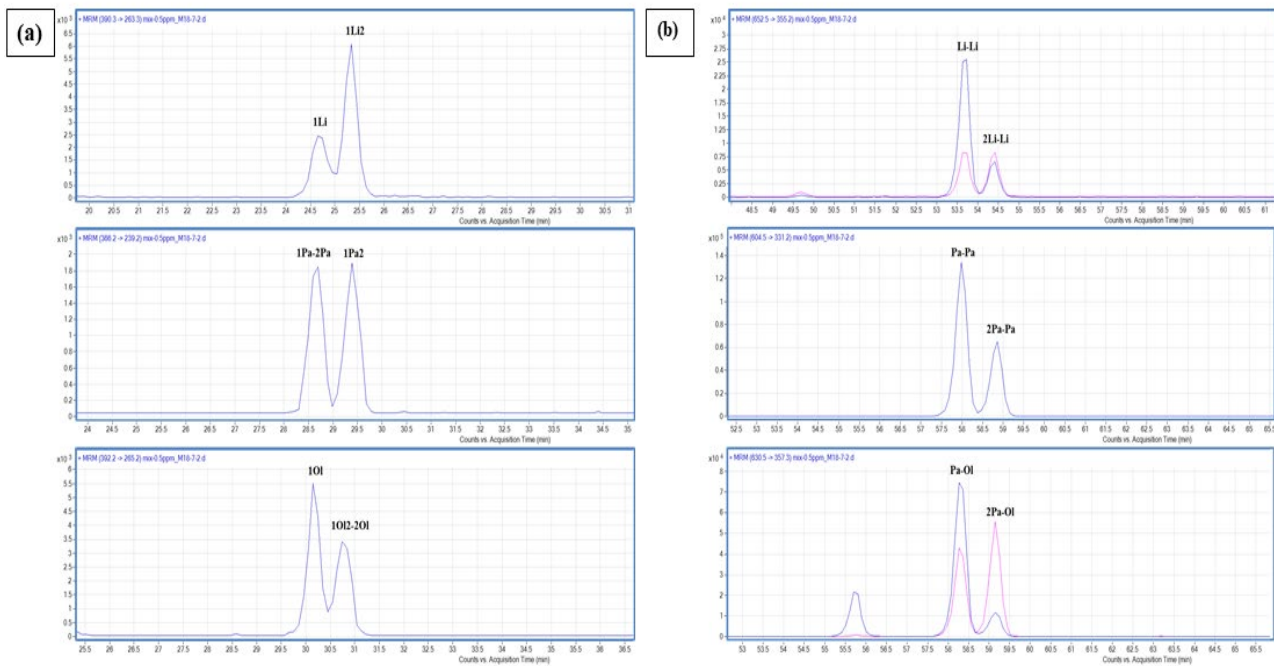


Figure S4. Efficient separation of (a) 2-MCPD and sn1/sn2 3-MCPD Li, Pa, and Ol mono-esters; (b) 2-MCPD and 3-MCPD Li–Li, Pa–Pa and Pa–Ol di-esters.

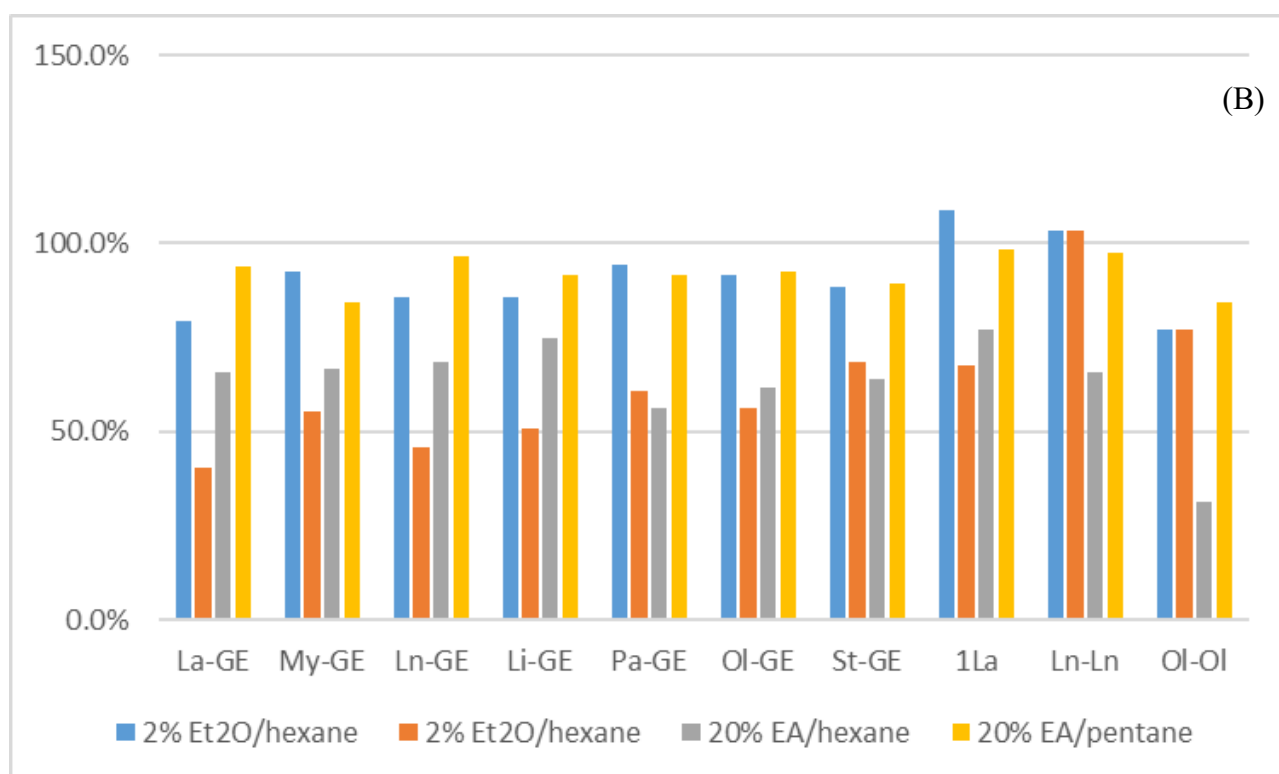
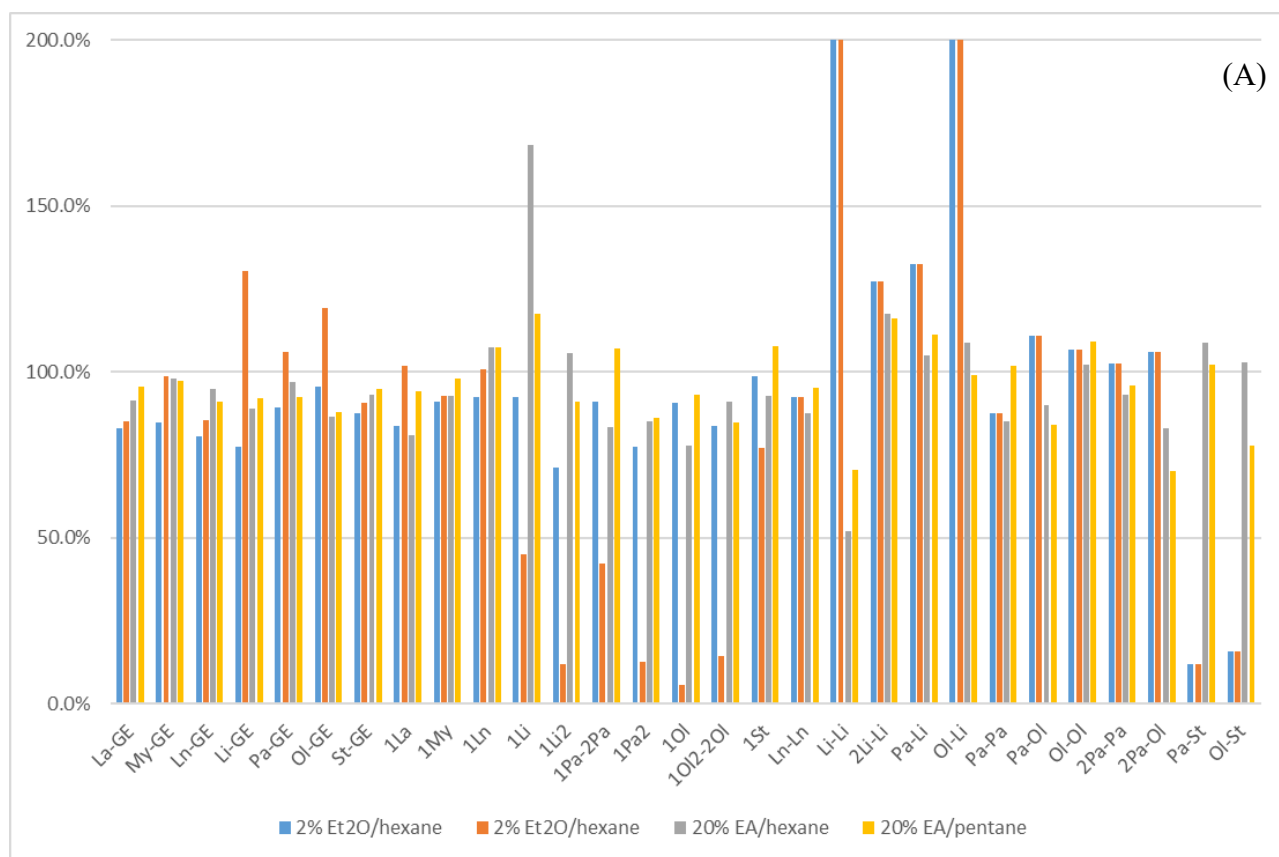


Figure S5. Elution solvent tests for a Si SPE cartridge using an edible oil sample: (A) recoveries of spiked standards (50 ng/mL); (B) recoveries of labelled standards.

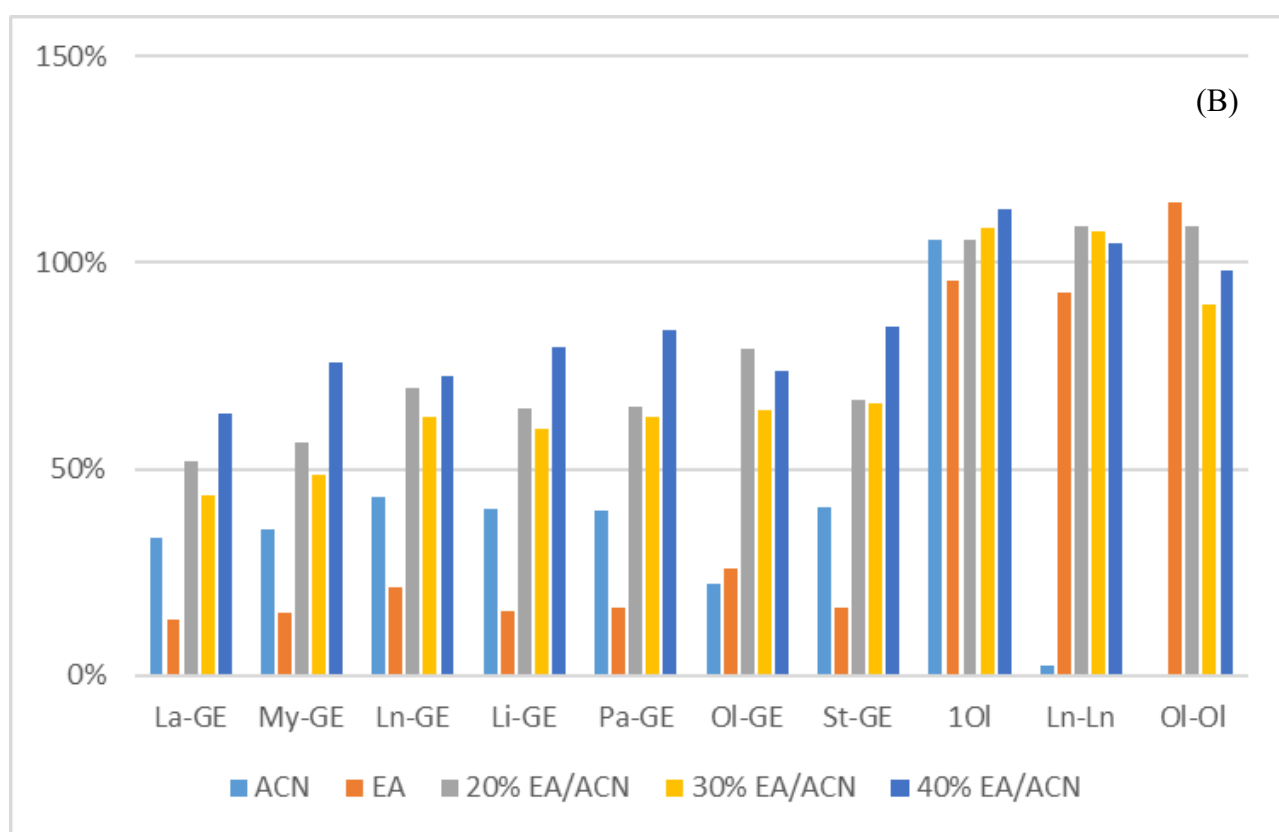
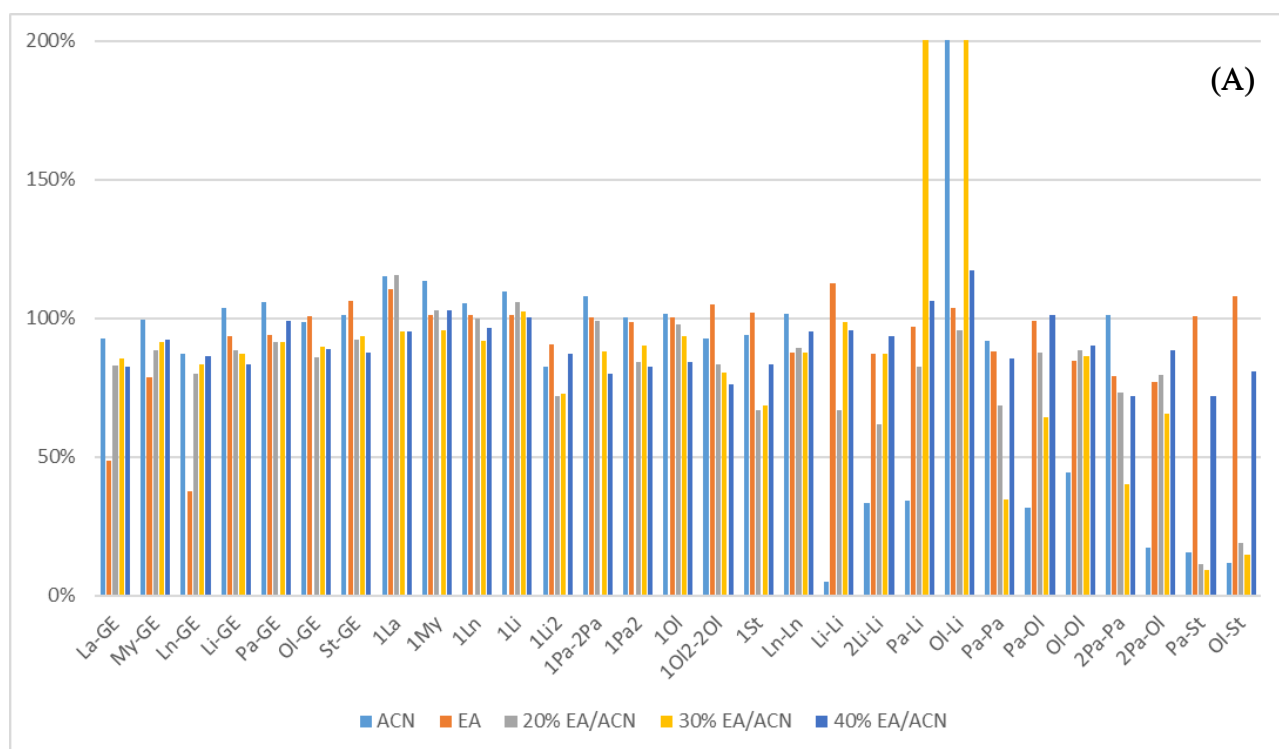


Figure S6. Elution solvent tests for a C₁₈ SPE cartridge using an edible oil sample: (A) recoveries of spiked standards (50 ng/mL); (B) recoveries of labelled standards.

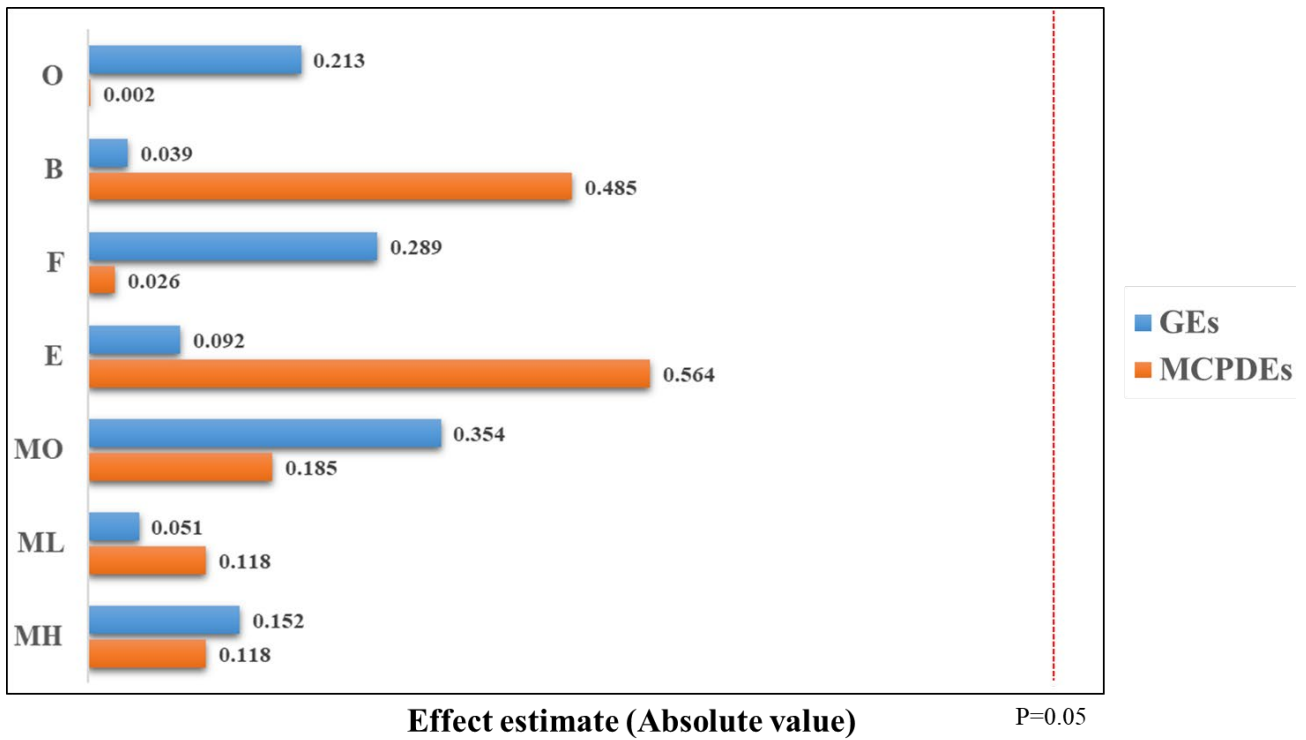


Figure S7 Factor effects of method robustness. The bar indicates the magnitude and the bias of the effects. The effect is the change in response due to the change of a factor. It is the average response at the high level minus the average response at the spiked level (50 ng/mL). There are both main effects and interaction effects.

Table S1. Structures of fatty acid esters of 3-chloro-1,2- propanediol (3-MCPDE), 2-chloro-1,3-propanediol (2-MCPDE), and glycidol (GEs).

Glycidyl esters			3-MCPDE				2-MCPDE			
Compound name	Abbreviation	R =	Compound name	Abbreviation	R =		Compound name	Abbreviation	R =	
Glycidyl laurate	La-GE	A	3-MCPD mono-esters				2-MCPD mono-esters			
			1-Lauroyl-3-chloropropanediol	1-La	A		1-Palmitoyl-2-chloropropanediol	1-Pa2	C	
1-Myristoyl-3-chloropropanediol	1-My	B								
Glycidyl Myristate	My-GE	B	1-Palmitoyl-3-chloropropanediol	1-Pa	C		1-Oleoyl-2-chloropropanediol	1-OI2	D	
			1-Oleoyl-3-chloropropanediol	1-OI	D					
			1-Linoleoyl-3-chloropropanediol	1-Li	E					
Glycidyl Palmitate	Pa-GE	C	1-Linolenoyl-3-chloropropanediol	1-Ln	F		1-Linoleoyl-2-chloropropanediol	1-Li2	E	
			1-Stearoyl-3-chloropropanediol	1-St	G					
			2-Palmitoyl-3-chloropropanediol	2-Pa	C					
Glycidyl Oleate	OI-GE	D	2-Oleoyl-3-chloropropanediol	2-OI	D		2-MCPD di-esters			
			3-MCPD di-esters				Dilinoleoyl-2-chloropropanediol	2Li-Li	E E	
Glycidyl Linoleate	Li-GE	E	Palmitoyl-linoleoyl-3-chloropropanediol	Pa-Li	C	E				
			Oleoyl-linoleoyl-3-chloropropanediol	OI-Li	D	E				
			Palmitoyl-oleoyl-3-chloropropanediol	Pa-OI	C	D				
Glycidyl Linolenate	Ln-GE	F	Palmitoyl-stearoyl-3-chloropropanediol	Pa-St	C	G	Dipalmitoyl-2-chloropropanediol	2Pa-Pa	C C	
			Oleoyl-stearoyl-3-chloropropanediol	OI-St	D	G				
			1,2-Bis-palmitoyl-3-chloropropanediol	Pa-Pa	C	C				
Glycidyl Stearate	St-GE	G	1,2-Bis-linoleoyl-3-chloropropanediol	Li-Li	E	E	Palmitoyl-oleoyl-2-chloropropanediol	2Pa-OI	C D	
			1,2-Bis-oleoyl-3-chloropropanediol	OI-OI	D	D				
			1,2-Bis-linolenoyl-3-chloropropanediol	Ln-Ln	F	F				

Table S2. Spike recovery rate of GEs and MCPDEs using multi-SPE purification in edible oil (n = 6).

Muti-SPE	C18-Si			C18-Si-Si			Si-Si-C18		
	% reco.	%RSD	IS reco.	% reco.	%RSD	IS reco.	% reco.	%RSD	IS reco.
Glycidyl esters									
La-GE	93.3	0.05	61.7	85.5	0.21	66.0	94.6	4.92	86.3
My-GE	102	16.6	72.2	88.2	0.88	75.0	96.2	3.25	90.2
Ln-GE	89.9	3.09	69.1	80.2	6.40	71.6	91.8	4.69	94.1
Li-GE	95.0	14.5	73.1	89.2	3.06	72.2	95.7	2.81	89.3
Pa-GE	95.6	1.42	68.0	103	7.85	67.2	96.7	0.26	91.6
Ol-GE	103	2.87	63.8	84.4	0.02	67.5	95.8	4.15	92.8
St-GE	97.7	10.4	60.9	89.5	2.07	67.7	102	5.08	88.8
Mono-MCPDEs									
1La	94.7	9.48	-	86.5	22.4	-	81.1	5.26	-
1My	94.1	16.6	-	98.7	34.6	-	91.4	6.09	-
1Ln	113	20.5	-	82.0	1.26	-	96.4	13.8	-
1Li	114	10.6	-	91.7	6.33	-	109	9.39	-
1Li2	97.9	5.87	-	88.9	25.1	-	99.4	6.17	-
1Pa/2Pa	91.6	10.8	-	99.7	3.38	-	84.4	14.2	-
1Pa2	82.9	10.4	-	80.9	13.8	-	81.1	2.75	-
1Ol	85.9	2.91	81.1	96.6	10.5	76.8	90.3	6.18	102
1Ol2/2Ol	88.1	12.8	-	73.6	16.0	-	86.2	19.1	-
1St	94.2	3.85	102	87.3	25.5	82.6	105	13.8	103
Di-MCPDEs									
Ln-Ln	83.4	5.50	103	78.6	1.03	104	90.7	12.7	97.7
Li-Li	39.7	2.48	-	72.4	9.76	-	75.2	4.82	-
2Li-Li	79.4	18.6	-	100	5.09	-	102	4.77	-
Pa-Li	136.	1.63	-	82.4	0.45	-	109	12.5	-
Ol-Li	153	6.15	-	106	0.54	-	129	3.70	-
Pa-Pa	84.2	2.35	60.7	78.4	7.20	83.5	85.6	1.46	99.8
2Pa-Pa	76.5	4.25	-	70.6	0.78	-	89.4	5.41	-
Pa-Ol	100	3.82	-	99.3	2.49	-	99.1	2.24	-
2Pa-Ol	91.7	3.06	-	117	9.34	-	103	6.18	-
Ol-Ol	79.1	10.7	52.6	80.1	0.32	80.2	101	2.59	91.7
Pa-St	89.5	0.94	-	81.7	2.51	-	107	19.1	-
Ol-St	89.2	0.32	5.0	83.8	5.15	7.8	90.3	8.60	9.9

^a 50 ng/mL was spiked into the edible oil. Reco.: recovery; RSD: relative standard deviation.

Table S3. Comparison of fat recovery in various extraction solvents.

Solvent	Extraction system		
	EA	40% EA/ACN saturated with hexane	2:1 DCM/MeOH
Food matrix	Infant formula (Fat content=28%)		
Extraction efficiency	89%	71%	68%
Extract appearance	Transparent	Turbid	Turbid
Reference	Dubois, et al. 2019, Leigh and MacMahon 2016	This study	Becalski, et al. 2015

Table S4. Spike recovery rate of GEs and MCPDEs using multi-SPE purification in low-fat-content food (rice cereal, n = 6).

Muti-SPE	C18-Si			Si-C18			Si-NH2			Si-HLB		
	% reco.	%RSD	IS reco.	% reco.	%RSD	IS reco.	% reco.	%RSD	IS reco.	% reco.	%RSD	IS reco.
Glycidyl esters												
La-GE	80.0	7.24	56.6	90.3	1.82	34.0	100	22.9	76.5	80.6	3.19	78.4
My-GE	92.3	10.9	61.5	97.5	3.26	57.2	101	33.5	97.2	85.6	2.63	86.7
Ln-GE	80.8	2.70	74.5	73.2	6.71	62.2	91.1	29.3	102	85.2	3.52	86.1
Li-GE	85.7	10.9	71.7	89.9	8.40	64.8	97.2	20.7	90.0	83.3	1.85	92.2
Pa-GE	94.7	12.7	27.2	103	14.2	23.4	119	29.7	70.3	93.0	1.37	79.5
Ol-GE	86.1	1.65	39.2	91.9	1.97	30.9	91.0	17.7	82.0	88.7	0.95	81.0
St-GE	85.7	6.36	37.1	75.2	5.18	39.1	100	23.1	91.8	89.1	2.22	79.9
Mono-MCPDEs												
1La	88.7	5.94	-	117	4.01	-	90.0	26.7	-	127	4.54	-
1My	95.4	27.1	-	118	7.30	-	81.1	21.2	-	116	7.40	-
1Ln	84.9	14.3	-	157	2.27	-	100	1.85	-	124	7.31	-
1Li	84.6	7.29	-	151	6.01	-	101	25.6	-	108	10.9	-
1Li2	80.5	17.3	-	132	11.4	-	100	27.9	-	107	12.8	-
1Pa/2Pa	88.3	13.2	-	133	13.1	-	88.8	28.9	-	113	8.04	-
1Pa2	81.5	33.5	-	85.1	11.1	-	91.0	15.8	-	111	9.43	-
1Ol	98.1	15.0	52.4	99.0	5.99	46.6	98.1	19.8	112	105	5.14	84.8
1Ol2/2Ol	81.6	19.9	-	128	0.73	-	94.6	32.3	-	127	10.7	-
1St	99.0	34.5	50.5	121	20.6	45.6	135	43.2	112	123	4.22	82.6
Di-MCPDEs												
Ln-Ln	1.0	97.3	146	0.11	44.7	197	0.81	93.1	130	87.9	1.52	94.8
Li-Li	6.50	91.6	-	3.63	54.3	-	314	34.3	-	104	8.67	-
2Li-Li	8.20	26.9	-	5.41	123	-	12.1	13.7	-	105	9.67	-
Pa-Li	137	26.9	-	1520	82.9	-	520	87.1	-	93.4	9.97	-
Ol-Li	126.	23.3	-	0.15	200	-	0.95	132	-	105	5.04	-
Pa-Pa	109	17.5	-	114	36.8	-	94.4	22.2	3.53	100	4.52	105
2Pa-Pa	138	11.6	-	78.9	116	-	63.1	35.7	-	104	1.92	-
Pa-Ol	95.1	20.2	-	43.1	103	-	153	10.1	-	89.0	3.62	-
2Pa-Ol	65.6	1.30	-	68.2	16.3	-	80.8	3.45	-	88.1	1.14	-
Ol-Ol	55.2	3.77	4.30	73.8	28.2	0.40%	58.8	30.6	3.26	91.8	9.20	113
Pa-St	11.9	12.6	-	9.28	10.4	-	184	20.1	-	98.5	3.34	-
Ol-St	3.00	40.1	-	7.74	70.5	-	71.7	47.8	0.14	101	3.34	112

^a 50 ng/mL was spiked into the edible oil. Reco.: recovery; RSD: relative standard deviation.

Table S5. Spike recovery rate of GEs and MCPDEs using multi-SPE purification in high-fat-content food (infant formula, n = 6).

Muti-SPE	C18-Si-Si			Si-Si-C18			Si-HLB-Si			Si-Si-HLB			Si-Si-HLB plus		
	% reco.	%RSD	IS reco.	% reco.	%RSD	IS reco.	% reco.	%RSD	IS reco.	% reco.	%RSD	IS reco.	% reco.	%RSD	IS reco.
Glycidyl esters															
La-GE	65.2	1.33	56.6	79.3	1.35	41.3	80.1	1.35	107	88.1	1.47	68.7	97.6	0.60	103
My-GE	88.1	13.6	61.5	92.3	6.82	54.9	85.1	6.12	117	74.2	5.71	80.5	103	1.46	85.8
Ln-GE	72.6	7.33	74.5	90.8	20.2	52.4	81.7	8.47	110	78.4	4.48	74.9	91.5	1.43	89.9
Li-GE	95.1	4.94	71.7	93.5	1.76	63.0	80.6	2.89	112	79.2	9.53	78.0	106	1.30	89.4
Pa-GE	119	5.30	27.2	133	5.60	24.8	85.4	6.34	114	77.7	0.92	77.7	99.2	0.86	89.2
Ol-GE	87.9	3.53	39.2	96.5	5.53	36.5	89.0	8.50	107	82.5	5.57	73.3	103	0.81	88.3
St-GE	93.1	8.77	37.1	90.1	3.89	36.4	86.8	1.78	105	85.4	6.51	77.5	98.7	0.22	90.2
Mono-MCPDEs															
1La	143	12.3	-	99.1	10.1	48.3	118	8.99	-	78.5	3.69	-	87.3	6.42	-
1My	132	24.0	-	121	3.71	-	112	0.81	-	84.3	1.78	-	92.1	12.9	-
1Ln	160	13.2	-	149	4.12	-	107	11.7	-	86.5	8.17	-	98.4	2.55	-
1Li	156	5.92	-	136	19.8	-	108	5.93	-	81.5	0.41	-	85.8	15.8	-
1Li2	128	14.2	-	127	6.68	-	100	8.23	-	90.8	2.75	-	82.6	8.94	-
1Pa/2Pa	136	22.9	-	107	28.8	-	111	16.2	-	86.8	2.61	-	100	0.66	-
1Pa2	163	12.98	-	99.4	13.4	-	99.5	5.44	-	90.8	14.1	-	94.9	14.5	-
1Ol	109	22.4	-	94.5	22.3	-	102	4.46	-	87.4	1.36	-	90.6	0.61	-
1Ol2/2Ol	136	19.7	-	114	4.84	-	123	13.9	-	93.3	0.96	-	86.9	2.97	-
1St	151	21.5	52.4	101	27.1	75.9	104	5.80	109	106	5.25	91.8	117	7.36	108
Di-MCPDEs															
Ln-Ln	0.17	38.4	174	0.62	3.79		86.9	6.30	102	78.5	5.77	79.9	81.9	0.18	93.9
Li-Li	6.05	14.4	-	404	72.9		104	7.69	-	73.7	0.38	-	78.9	0.95	-
2Li-Li	0.66	0.00	-	9.00	34.8		109	32.1	-	58.8	19.3	-	87.1	3.40	-
Pa-Li	395	82.3	-	35.0	48.3	49.9	35.3	13.9	-	37.0	20.8	-	80.1	4.05	-
Ol-Li	0.00	0.00	-	0.05	85.8		62.8	1.81	-	66.2	4.50	-	120	0.31	-
Pa-Pa	140		-	83.1	6.58		88.4	6.57	97.3	70.4	9.12	102	92.4	0.55	100
2Pa-Pa	65.5	41.8	-	58.3	27.5		119	5.42	-	82.0	15.6	-	102	2.98	-
Pa-Ol	37.3	26.4	-	186	17.7		40.3	5.15	-	64.3	12.4	-	82.6	0.86	-
2Pa-Ol	76.6	3.00	-	28.6	16.7		76.8	17.1	-	69.0	20.6	-	89.6	0.10	-
Ol-Ol	60.5	6.70	0.25	61.5	68.1	0.48	22.3	10.9	10.4	45.4	39.0	32.6	74.3	3.14	103
Pa-St	6.55	14.6	-	224	5.80		361	19.2	-	164	5.63	-	107	4.05	-
Ol-St	10.0	9.22	-	2.42	84.7	0.03	39.5	5.26	7.34	49.6	19.9	20.2	91.9	0.12	84.5

^a 50 ng/mL was spiked into the edible oil. Reco.: recovery; RSD: relative standard deviation.

Table S6. Evaluation of the robustness of six factors during determination of HPLC-MS/MS.

Factor	Parameter	- 1 level	Central point	+ 1 level
O	Organic solvent concentration (%)	70	75	80
B	Buffer concentration (mM/%)	1.5 mM / 0.01%	2 mM / 0.05%	2.5 mM / 0.1%
F	Flow rate (mL/min)	0.15	0.2	0.25
E	Extraction time (min)	5	10	15
MO	Matrix effect (%)	Recovery of internal standard in 12 food samples categorized into three pretreatment methods (edible oils, low-fat content food, and high-fat content food)		
ML				
MH				

Table S7. Comparison of the effectiveness of direct analytical methods: separated method (USFDA) and multi-phase extraction and clean-up system (this work).

	Food matrices	Direct analytical method	
		The present study	US FDA method
Usability		Various processed foods Oils and fats, low fat content food, and high fat content food	Edible oils and Infant formulas
Experiment efficiency	Oils and fats	One validated procedure and one injection on LC-MS/MS	2 validated procedures and 2 injection on LC-MS/MS
	Infant formula		
Analysis time	LC-MS/MS	69 mins	47 + 49 = 96 mins
Pretreatment time	Oils and fats	Shorter	Longer
Experiment cost		Lower	Higher
Accuracy	Oils and fats	75~127%	72~118%
	Infant formula	77~113%	88.7~107.5%
Precision	Oils and fats	RPD%= 0~18%	RSD%= 1~17%
	Infant formula	RPD%= 1~19%	RSD%= 1~9.5%
LOQ (ng/g)	Oils and fats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCPD mono-esters= 4.37~16.48 • MCPD di-esters= 2.07~8.81 (OI-Li=38.21) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCPD mono-esters= 60~180 • MCPD di-esters= 10~30
Reference		This study	(Leigh and MacMahon 2016, MacMahon, et al. 2013, MacMahon, et al. 2013)