

## Supporting Information

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Metabolome-Based Genome-Wide Association Study of Duck Meat Leads to Novel Genetic and Biochemical Insights

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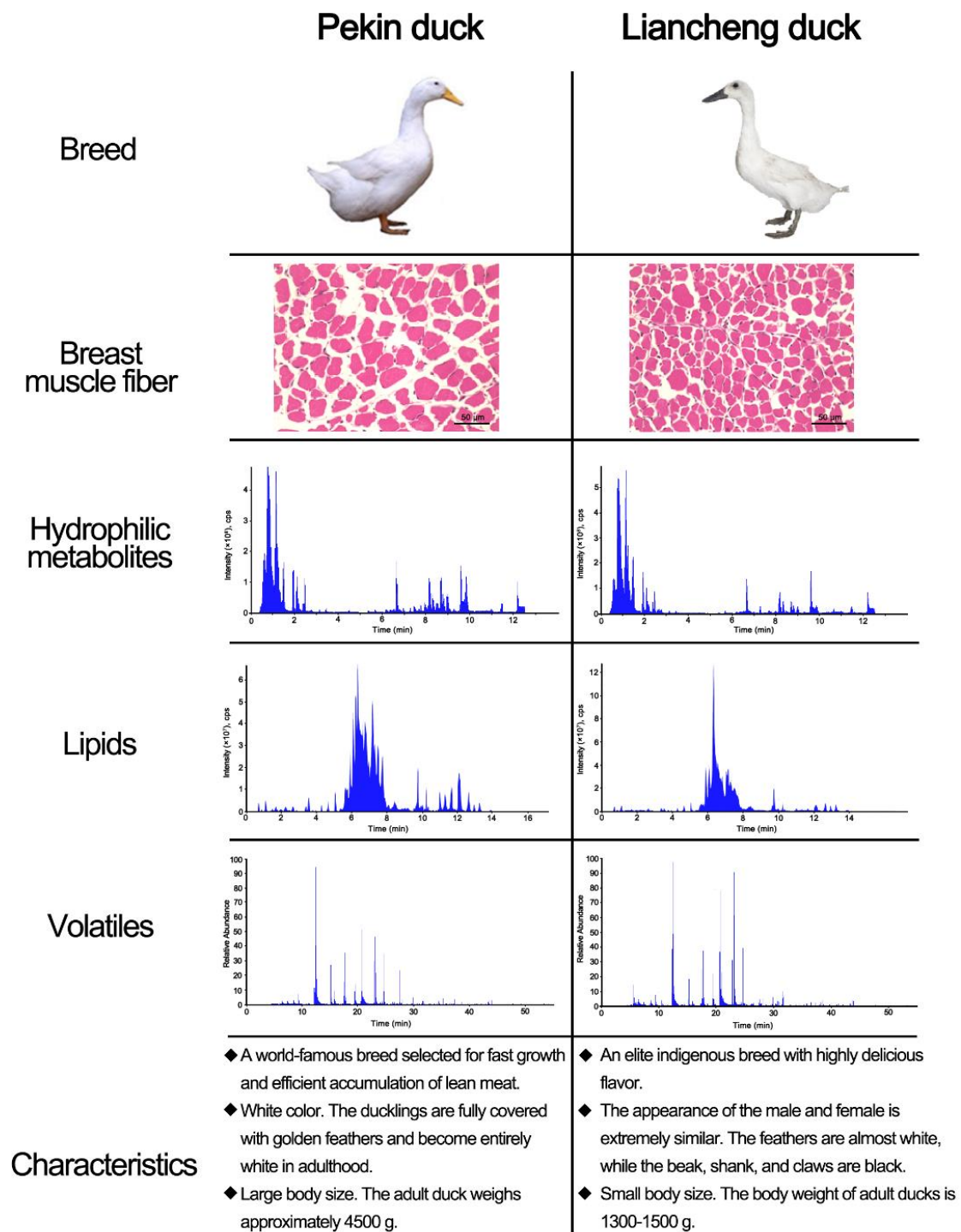
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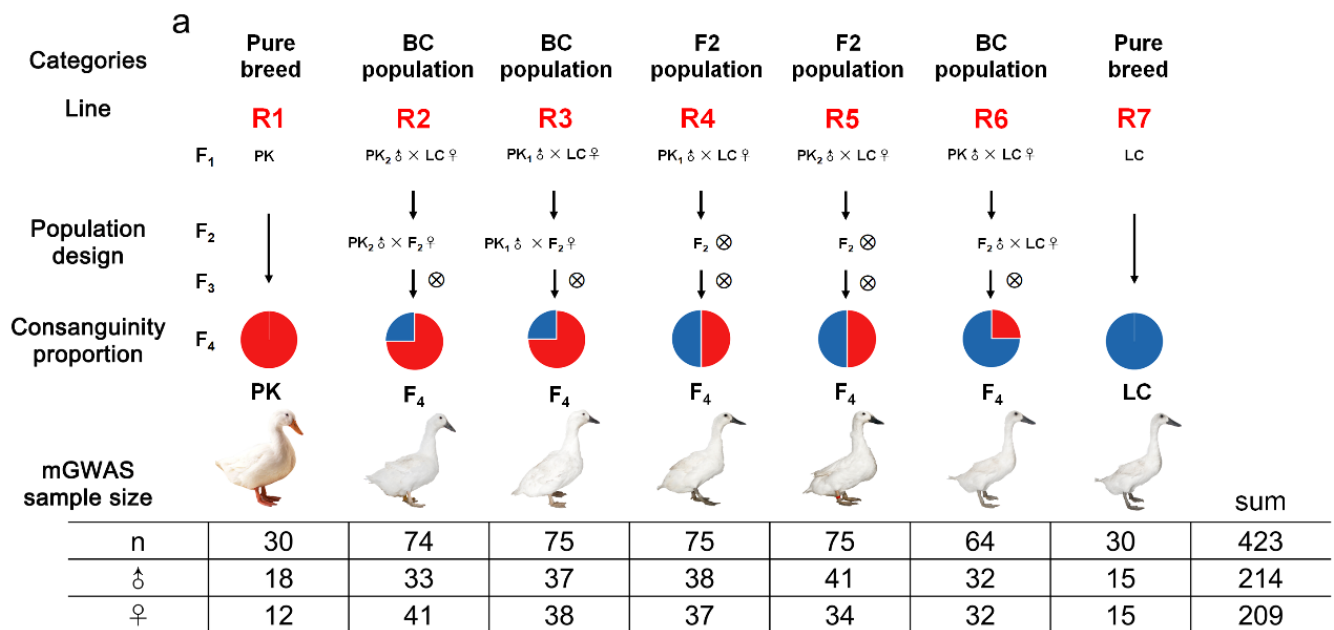
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The differences characteristics between Pekin duck and Liancheng duck, including breast muscle fiber trait, hydrophilic metabolites were analyzed by LC-MS/MS and volatiles were analyzed by SPME-GC-MS.



**b** RNA-seq samples of 7 development stages

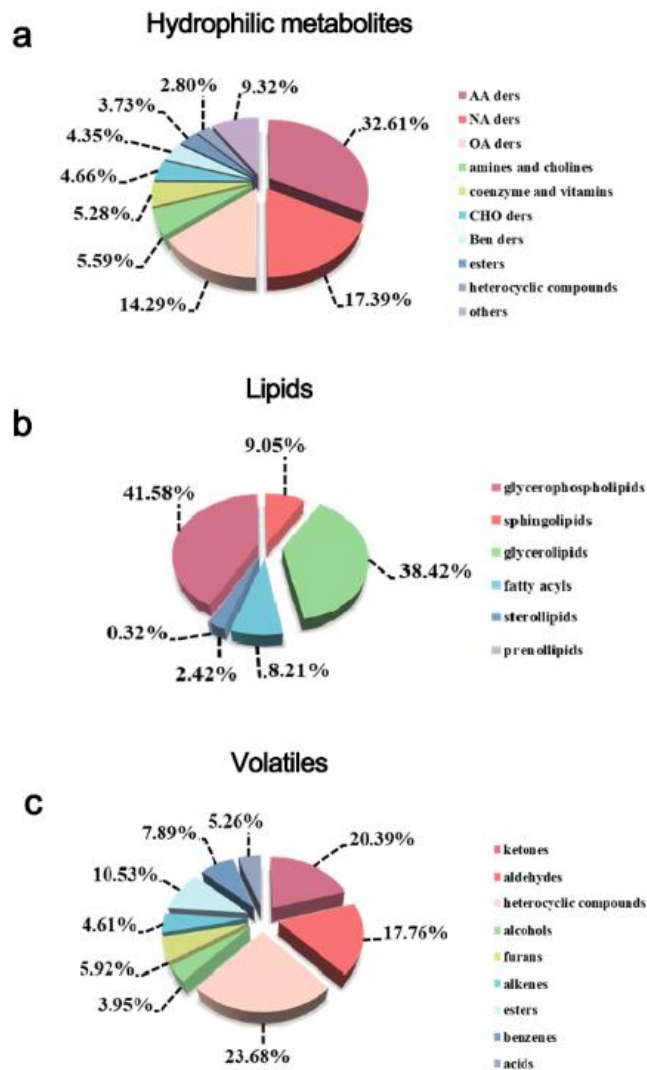
Time	1d	1w	2w	5w	4w	5w	6w
Pekin duck	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Liancheng duck	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

**c** Hydrophilic metabolites and Lipids samples of 7 development stages

Time	1d	1w	2w	3w	4w	5w	6w
Pekin duck	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Liancheng duck	5	5	5	5	5	5	5

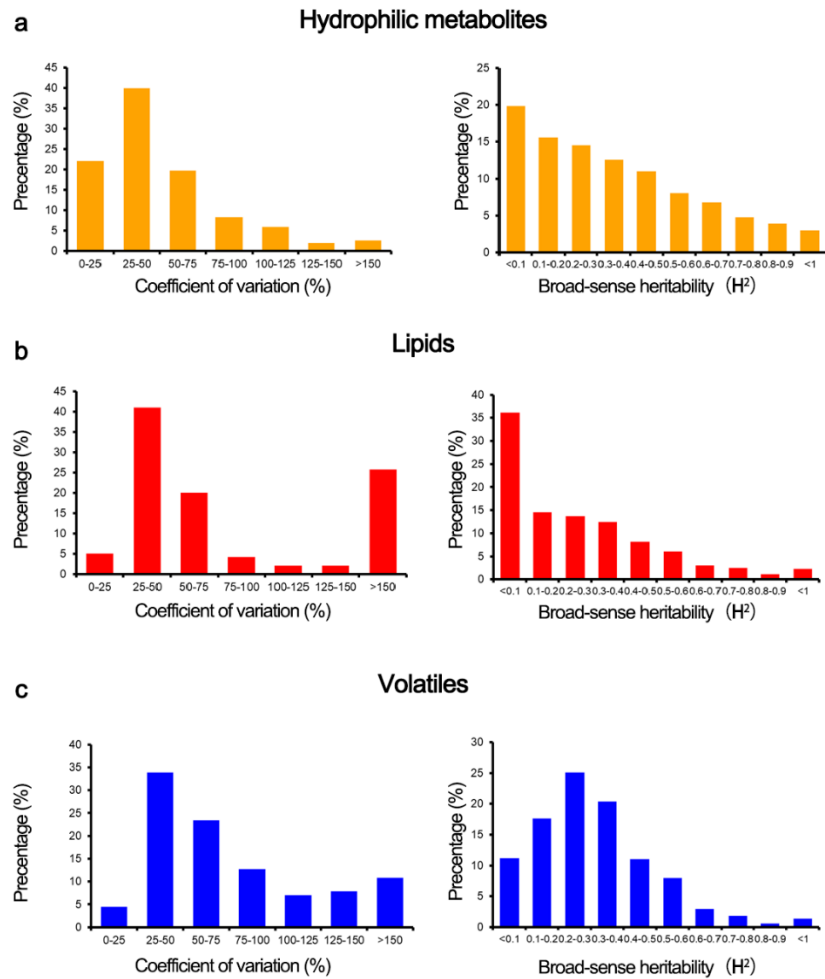
**Supplementary Figure 2** The detailed population and sample design used in this study.

(a) Gradient consanguinity design used for the two purebreds and the fourth generation of a large segregating duck population used for the genetic and biochemical basis of metabolites and volatiles. (b) Detailed information on the 7 developmental stages of RNA-seq samples used in this study. (c) Detailed information on the 7 development stages of hydrophilic metabolites and lipid samples used in this study.



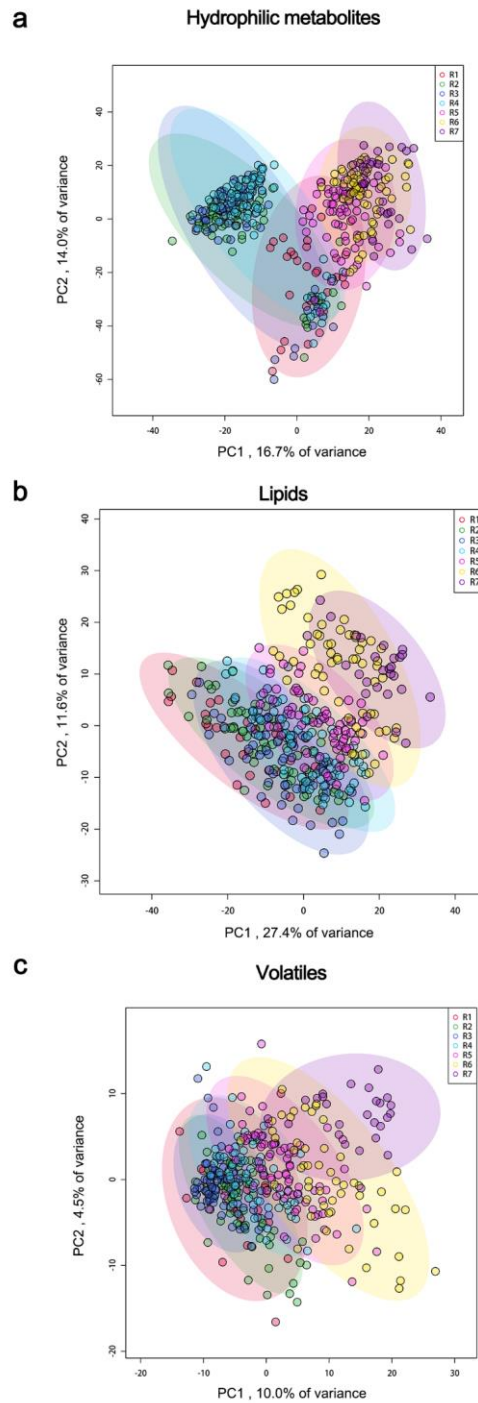
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(a) 10 subclasses of 321 annotated metabolites identified in hydrophilic metabolites. (b) 6 categories of 950 annotated metabolites identified in lipids. (c) 9 subclasses of 152 annotated metabolites identified in volatiles.



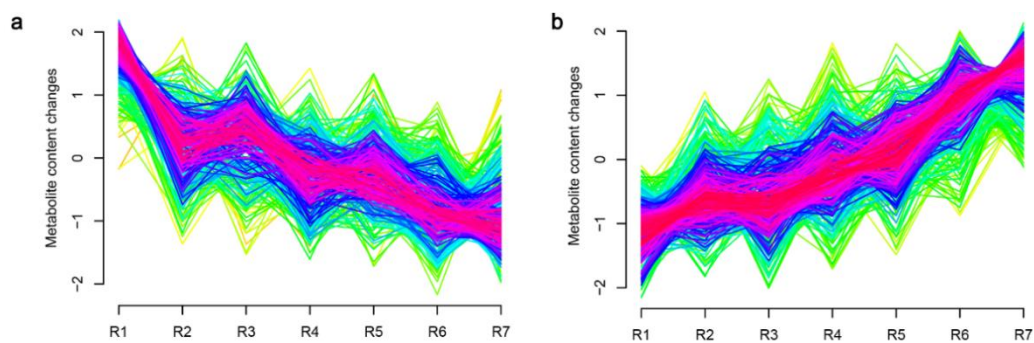
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(a) Distribution of broad-sense heritability ( $H^2$ ) and coefficients of variation (CV) of hydrophilic metabolites ( $n= 2481$ ). (b) Distribution of broad-sense heritability ( $H^2$ ) and coefficients of variation (CV) of lipids ( $n= 950$ ). (c) Distribution of broad-sense heritability ( $H^2$ ) and coefficients of variation (CV) of volatiles ( $n= 702$ ).



**Supplementary Figure 5** Partial least squares discriminant analysis (PLS-DA) based on the levels of hydrophilic metabolites, lipids and volatiles.

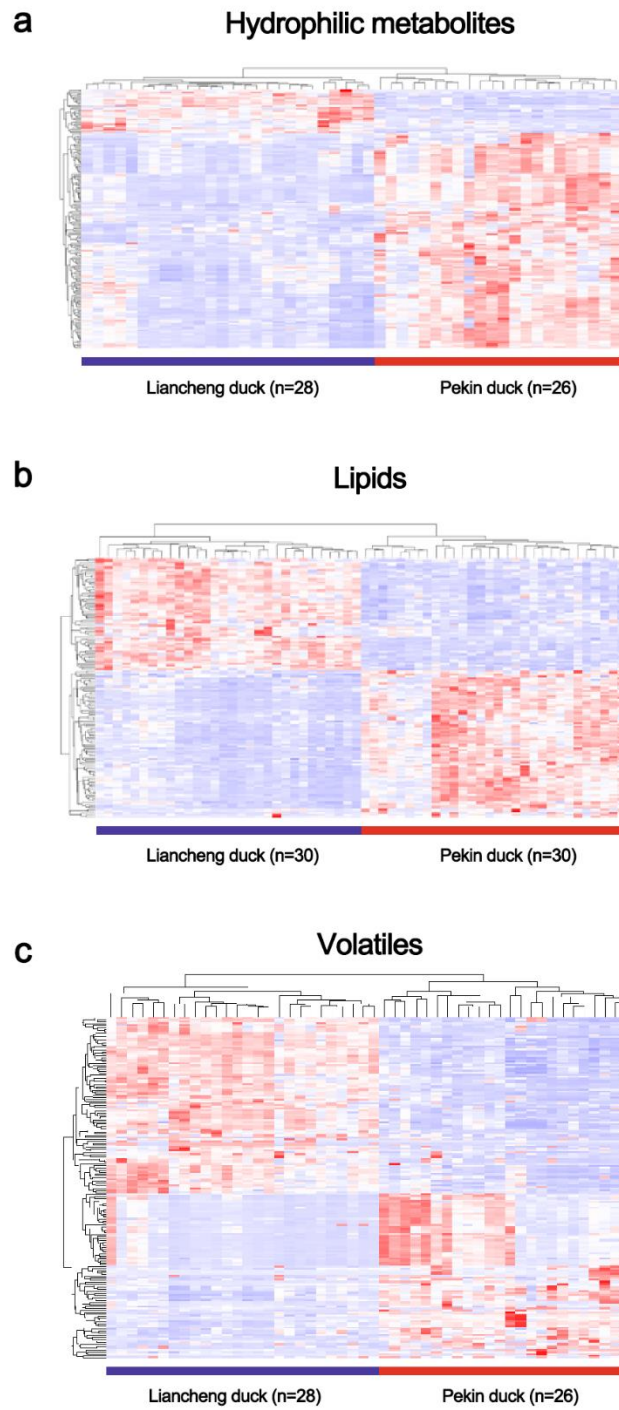
(a) 423 individuals could be divided into seven independent clusters by the levels of hydrophilic metabolites (n=2481). (b) 423 individuals could be divided into seven independent clusters by the levels of lipids (n= 950). (c) 423 individuals could be divided into seven independent clusters by the levels of volatiles (n= 702).



**Supplementary Figure 6** The metabolites and volatiles with increasing or decreasing trends from R1 to R7.

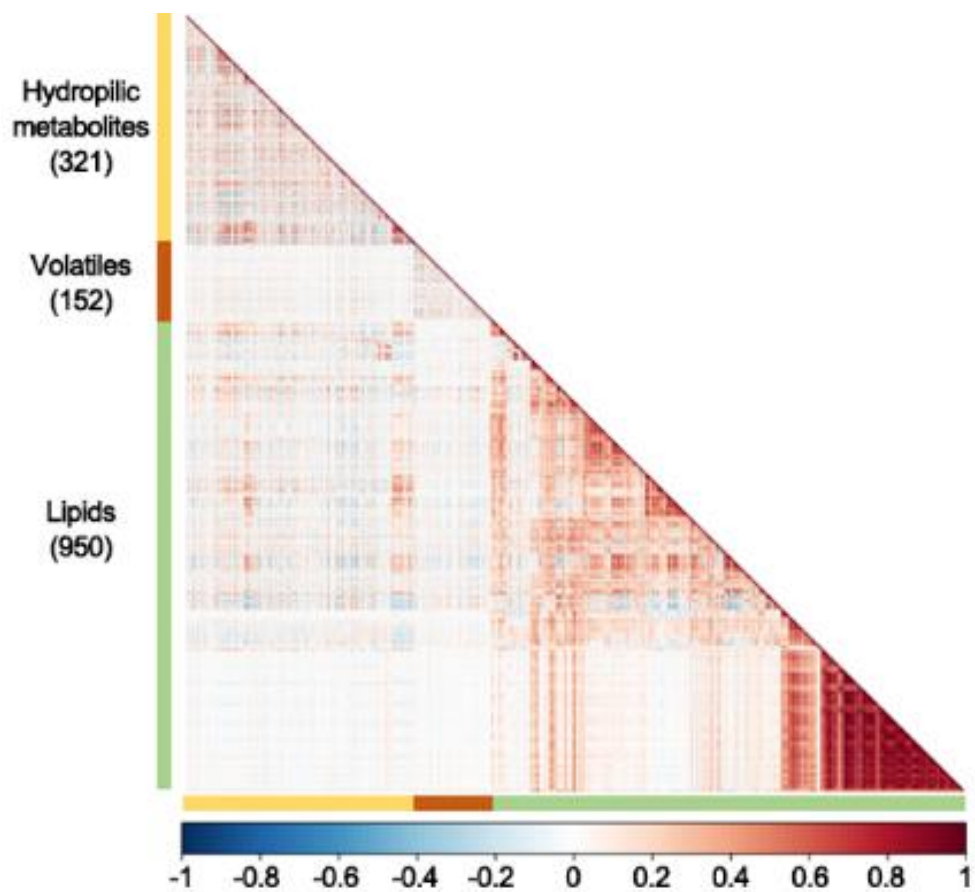
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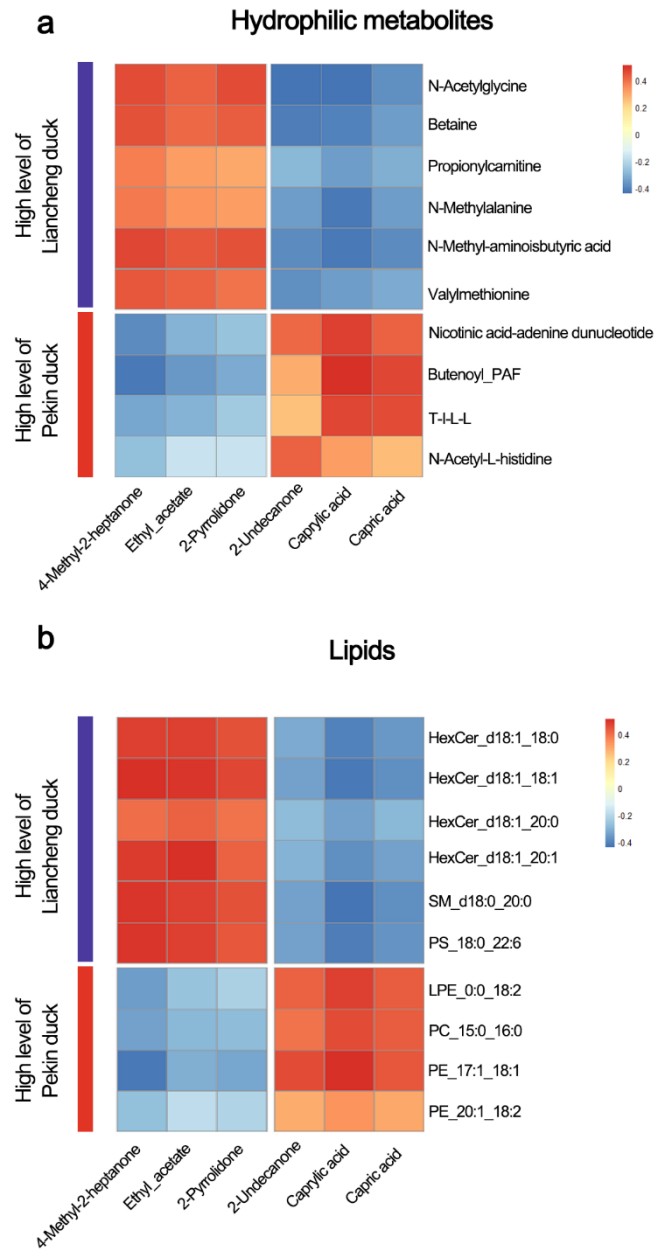
**Supplementary Figure 7** Differential hydrophilic metabolites, lipids and volatiles between Pekin ducks and Liancheng ducks at 6 weeks.

(a) 145 differential hydrophilic metabolites were identified. (b) 144 differential lipids were identified. (c) 180 differential volatiles were identified.



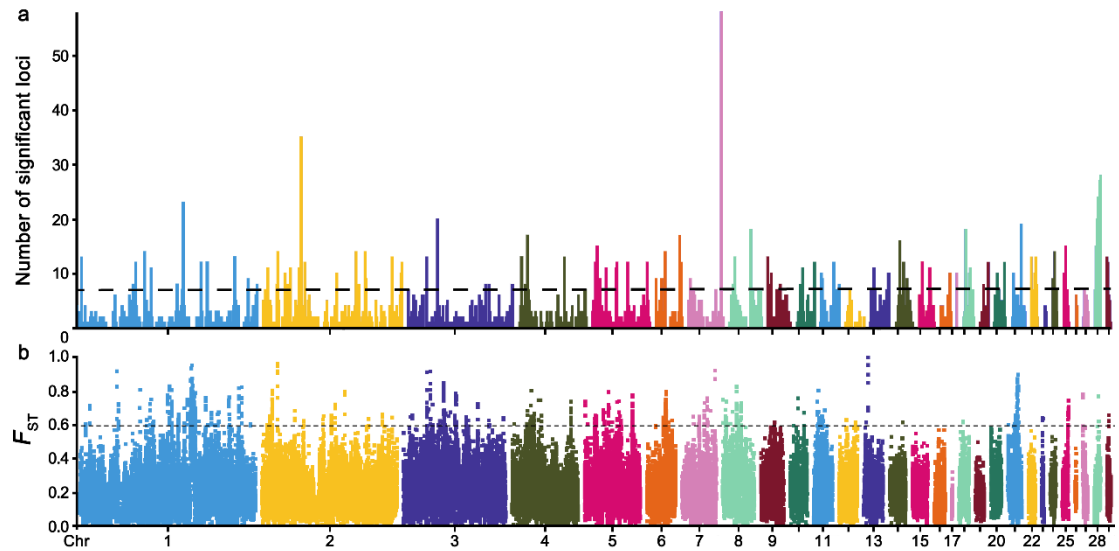
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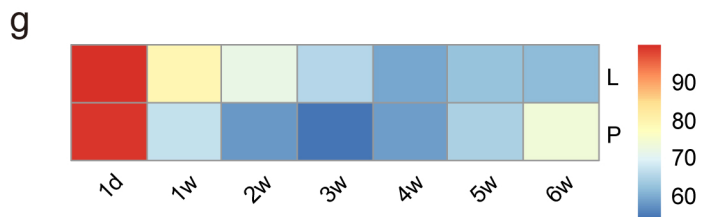
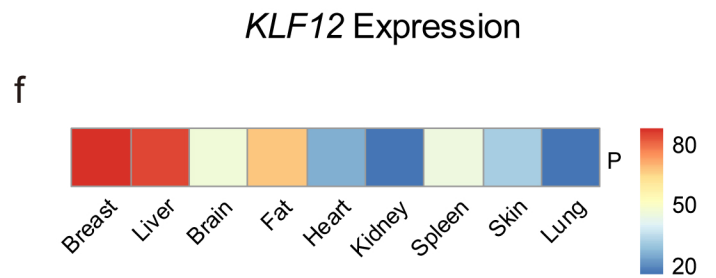
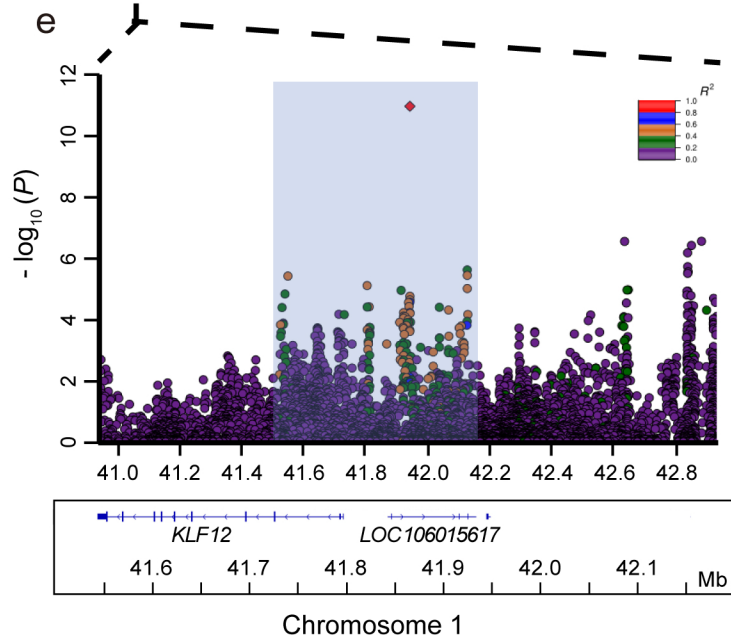
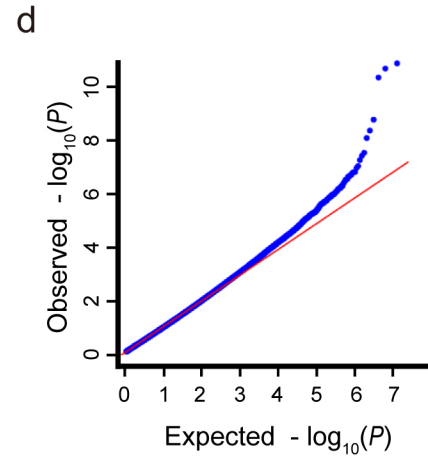
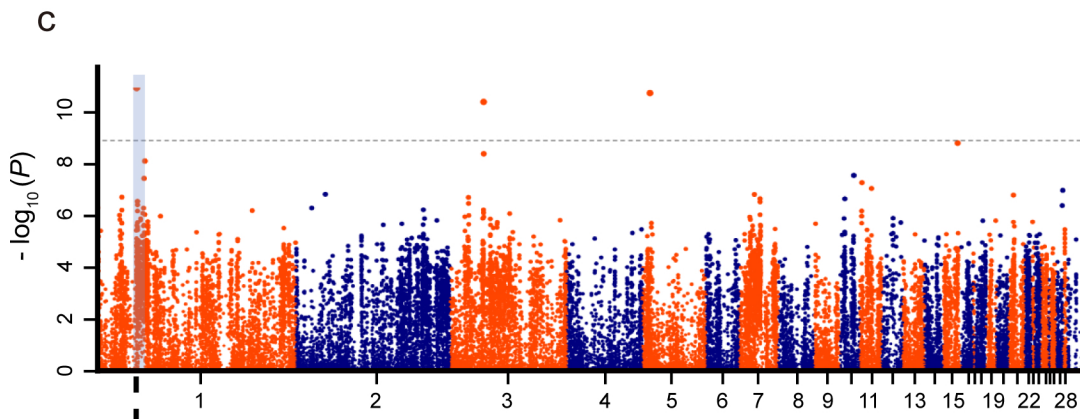
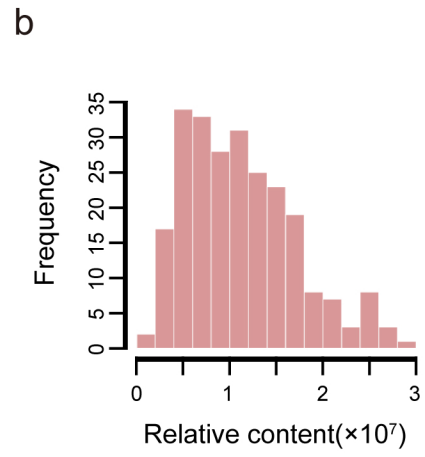
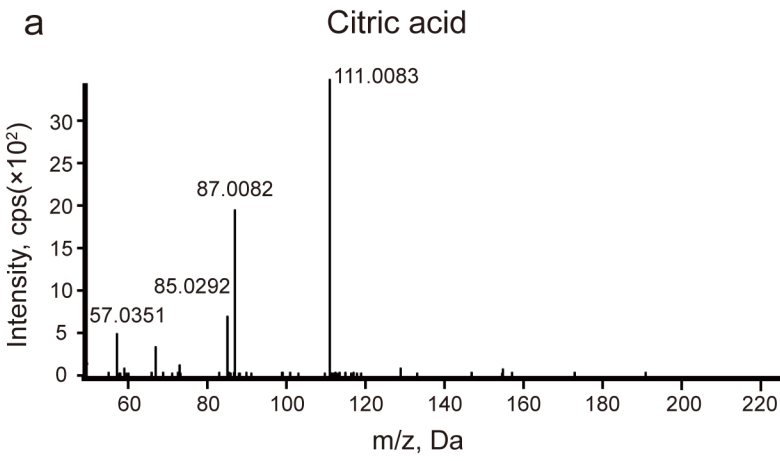


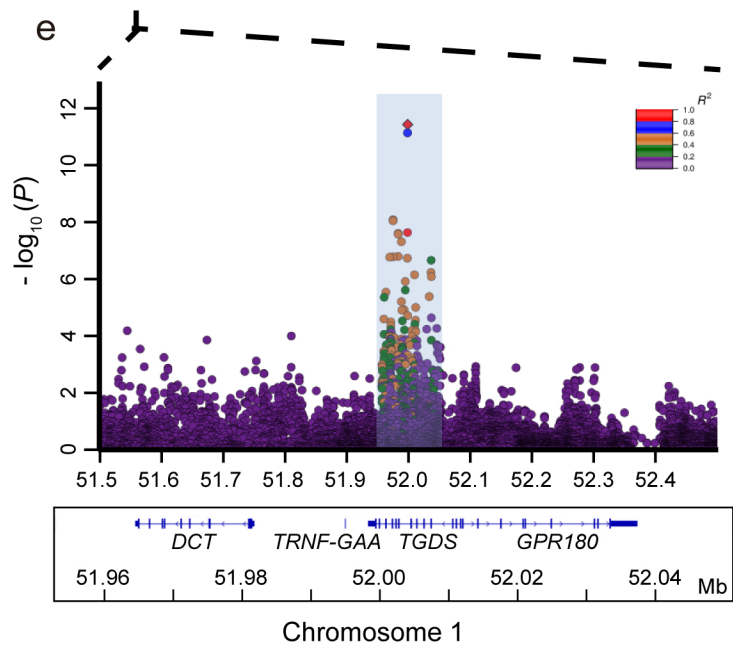
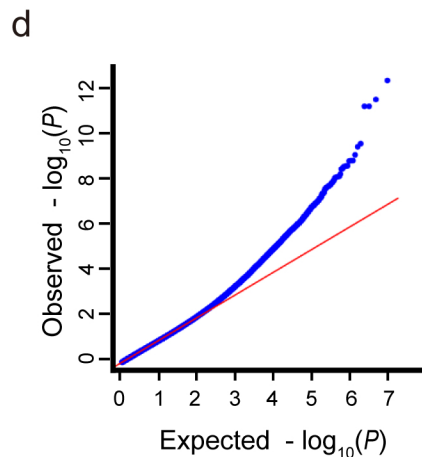
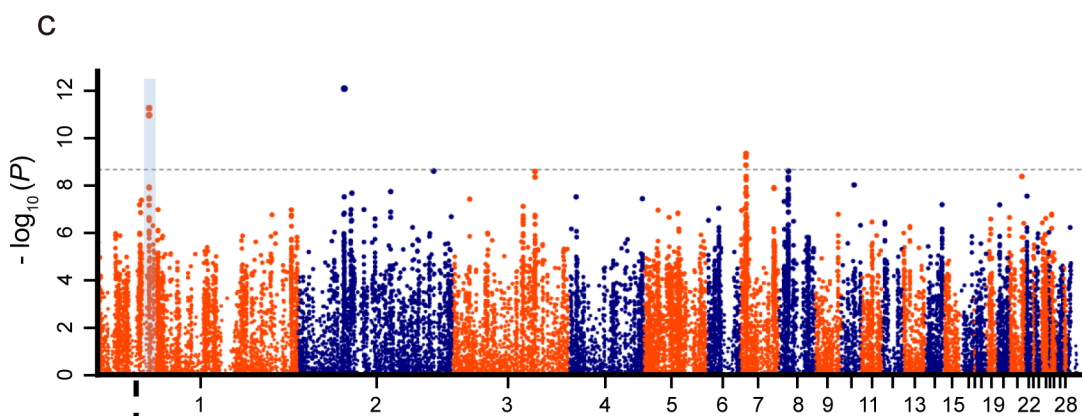
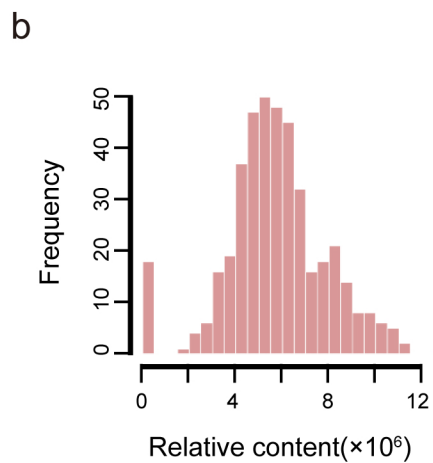
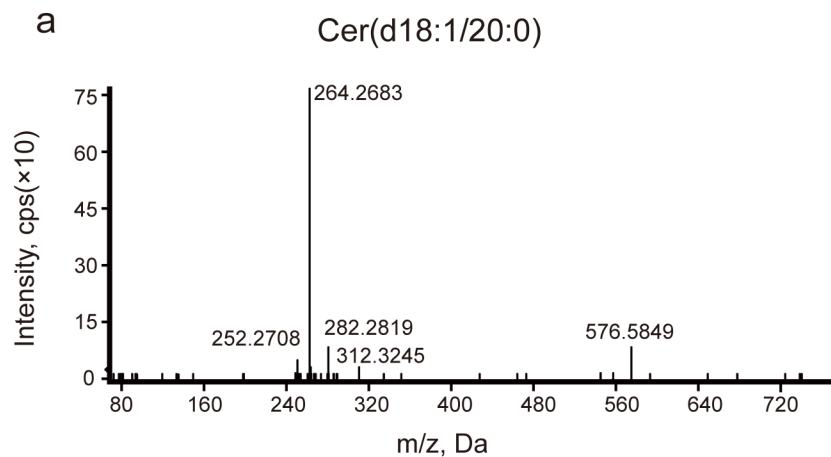
**Supplementary Figure 10** Correlations in the systematic relationship between differential hydrophilic metabolites, lipids and volatiles.

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*TGDS* Expression

