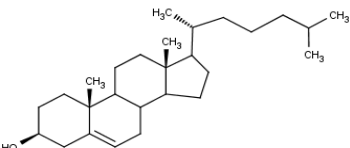
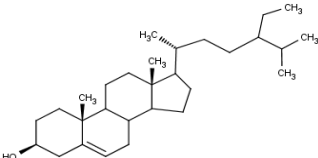
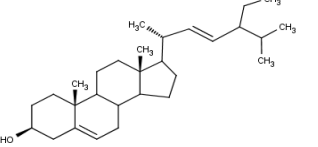
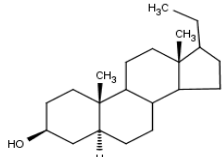
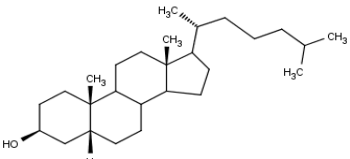
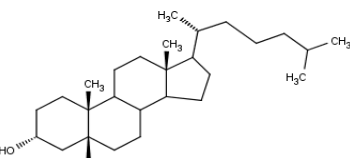
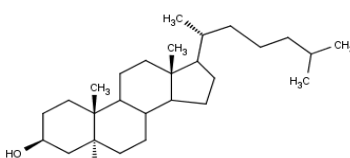
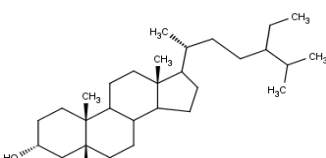
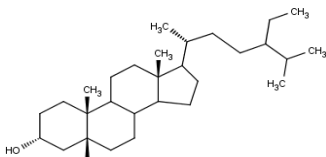
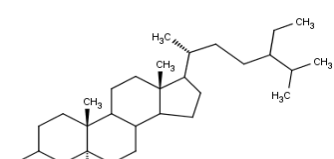
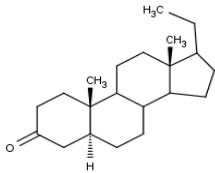
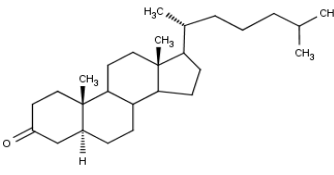
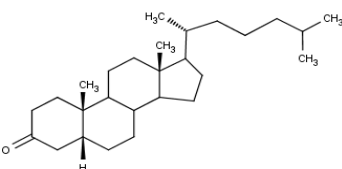
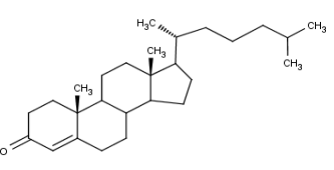
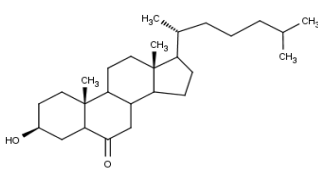
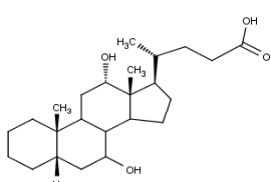
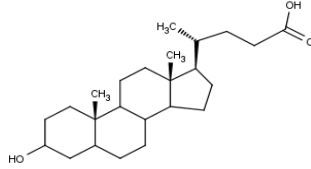
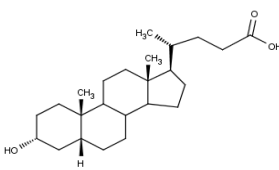
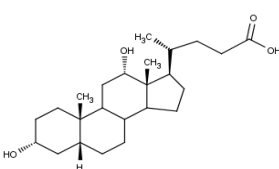
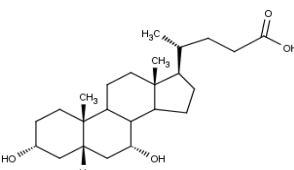
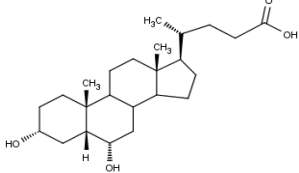
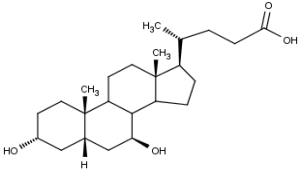
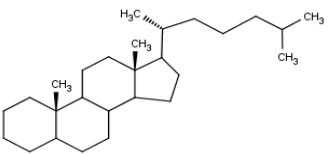


**Table S2: Molecular structures, the retention times, and the selected characteristic ion fragments of the relevant steroids.**

Biomarker group	Substance	Trivial name, molecular formular	Structure	Retention time (min) <sup>a</sup>	Characteristic ion fragments (m/z) <sup>a</sup>
<b><u>Sterols</u></b>	Cholest-5-en-3 $\beta$ -ol	Cholesterol C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>46</sub> O		36.3	329; 368; 458
	Stigmast-5-en-3 $\beta$ -ol, 24-Ethyl-5-cholesten-3 $\beta$ -ol	$\beta$ -Sitosterol C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>50</sub> O		41.4	357; 396; 486
	Stigmasta-5,22-dien-3 $\beta$ -ol	Stigmasterol C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>48</sub> O		43.6	255; 394; 484
	5 $\beta$ -pregnan-3 $\alpha$ -ol	Desoxypregnanolone <sup>b</sup> C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>35</sub> O		21.2	215; 286; 361
<b><u>Stanols</u></b>	5 $\beta$ -cholestan-3 $\beta$ -ol	<b>Coprostanol</b> C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>48</sub> O		33.3	215; 257; 370
	5 $\beta$ -cholestan-3 $\alpha$ -ol	<b>Epicoprostanol</b> C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>48</sub> O		33.5	215; 355; 370
	5 $\alpha$ -Cholestanol	<b><math>\alpha</math>-Cholestanol</b> (Dihydrocholesterol) C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>48</sub> O		36.7	217; 445; 460
	24-ethyl-5 $\beta$ -cholestan-3 $\beta$ -ol	<b><math>\beta</math>-Stigmastanol</b> (24-Ethyl-Coprostanol) C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>52</sub> O		40.5	215; 383; 398
	24 $\beta$ -ethyl-5 $\beta$ -cholestan-3 $\alpha$ -ol	<b>Epi-stigmastanol</b> C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>52</sub> O		40.5	215; 383; 398
	24 $\alpha$ -Ethyl-5 $\alpha$ -cholestan-3 $\beta$ -ol	<b><math>\alpha</math>-Stigmastanol</b> C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>52</sub> O		44.1	215; 383; 398

<b>Stanones</b>	5 $\alpha$ -Pregnan-3-one	<b>Pregnanolone</b> <sup>b,c</sup> C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>34</sub> O		24.6	215; 300; 375
	5 $\alpha$ -Cholestan-3-one	<b>Cholestanone</b> C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>46</sub> O		35.0	231; 386
	5 $\beta$ -Cholestan-3-one	<b>Coprostanone</b> C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>46</sub> O		36.5	231; 386
	4-Cholesten-3-one	<b>4-Cholesten-3-one</b> C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>44</sub> O		39.3	229; 261; 384
	5 $\alpha$ -Cholestan-3 $\beta$ -ol-6-one	<b>6-Ketocholestanol</b> C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>46</sub> O <sub>2</sub>		46.6	445; 459; 474
<b>Bile acids</b>	7 $\alpha$ ,12 $\alpha$ -Dihydroxy-5 $\beta$ -cholanoic acid	Isodeoxycholic acid <sup>d</sup> (IDCA) C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>40</sub> O <sub>4</sub>		31.6	255; 355; 370
	3 $\beta$ -Hydroxy-5 $\beta$ -cholanoic acid	Isolithocholic acid (ILCA) C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>40</sub> O <sub>3</sub>		34.1	215; 257; 372
	3 $\alpha$ -Hydroxy-5 $\beta$ -cholanoic acid	Lithocholic acid (LCA) C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>40</sub> O <sub>3</sub>		34.4	215; 257; 372
	3 $\alpha$ ,12 $\alpha$ -Dihydroxy-5 $\beta$ -cholanoic acid	Deoxycholic acid (DCA) C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>40</sub> O <sub>4</sub>		36.5	255; 345; 370
	3 $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ -Dihydroxy-5 $\beta$ -cholanoic acid	Chenodeoxycholic acid (CDCA) C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>40</sub> O <sub>4</sub>		37.2	255; 355; 370

3 $\alpha$ , 6 $\alpha$ -Dihydroxy-5 $\beta$ -cholanoic acid	Hydoxychoholic acid (HDCA) C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>40</sub> O <sub>4</sub>		37.7	255; 355; 370
3 $\alpha$ , 7 $\beta$ -Dihydroxy-5 $\beta$ -cholanoic acid	Ursodeoxychoholic acid (UDCA) C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>40</sub> O <sub>4</sub>		38.5	255; 355; 460
<b><u>second internal standard (IS2)</u></b>	5 $\alpha$ -Cholestane <sup>e</sup>		27.9 <sup>f</sup> ; 25.4 <sup>g</sup>	271; 357; 372

<sup>a</sup> according to own measurements; <sup>b</sup> first internal standard for stanols and sterols; <sup>c</sup> first internal standard for stanones; <sup>d</sup> first internal standard for bile acids; <sup>e</sup> second internal standard; <sup>f</sup> measurement of stanols, stanones, and sterols; <sup>g</sup> measurement of bile acids.