## **Supplemental Materials**

## Identification of metabolites involved in the aerobic degradation of estrogen A/B-rings

Running title: Aerobic estrogen degradation pathway

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Compound ID	UPLC behavior (RT <sup>a</sup> , min)	Molecular formula/ (predicted molecular mass) <sup>b</sup>	Dominant ion peaks	Identification of product ions	Mode observed
estrone	8.11	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O <sub>2</sub> 270.16	253.16 271.17	$\begin{array}{l} \left[ M\text{-}H_{2}\text{O}\text{+}H\right] ^{+}\\ \left[ M\text{+}H\right] ^{+}\end{array}$	ESI and APCI ESI and APCI
pyridinestrone acid	3.99	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>21</sub> O <sub>3</sub> N 299.15	282.17 300.15 322.14	$[M-H_2O+H]^+$ $[M+H]^+$ $[M+Na]^+$	ESI and APCI ESI and APCI ESI
Compound Ie	5.58	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>24</sub> O <sub>4</sub> 280.17	245.16 263.16 281.17 303.15	$[M-2H_2O+H]^+$ $[M-H_2O+H]^+$ $[M+H]^+$ $[M+Na]^+$	ESI and APCI ESI and APCI ESI and APCI ESI
4-norestrogenic acid (Metabolite 5)*	5.90	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>24</sub> O <sub>4</sub> 292.17	257.15 275.17 293.17 315.16	$[M-2H_2O+H]^+$ $[M-H_2O+H]^+$ $[M+H]^+$ $[M+Na]^+$	APCI ESI and APCI ESI and APCI ESI
metabolite 7*	6.22	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>24</sub> O <sub>5</sub> 308.16	273.15 291.16 309.17 331.15	$[M-2H_2O+H]^+$ $[M-H_2O+H]^+$ $[M+H]^+$ $[M+Na]^+$	APCI ESI and APCI ESI and APCI ESI
metabolite 10*	5.03	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O <sub>5</sub> 282.15	247.14 265.15 283.15 305.14	$[M-2H_2O+H]^+$ $[M-H_2O+H]^+$ $[M+H]^+$ $[M+Na]^+$	ESI and APCI ESI and APCI ESI and APCI ESI
metabolite 11*	5.44	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>20</sub> O <sub>5</sub> 280.13	245.13 263.14 281.14 303.13	$[M-2H_2O+H]^+$ $[M-H_2O+H]^+$ $[M+H]^+$ $[M+Na]^+$	APCI ESI and APCI ESI and APCI ESI
metabolite 12*	5.15	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O <sub>6</sub> 298.14	263.15 281.16 299.15	$[M-2H_2O+H]^+$ $[M-H_2O+H]^+$ $[M+H]^+$	ESI and APCI ESI and APCI ESI and APCI
HIP	3.75	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>18</sub> O <sub>4</sub> 238.12	221.12 239.13 261.11	$[M-H_2O+H]^+$ $[M+H]^+$ $[M+Na]^+$	ESI and APCI ESI and APCI ESI

**Table S1.** UPLC-HRMS analysis of estrogen metabolites involved in aerobic estrone catabolism by strain SLCC.

<sup>a</sup>RT, retention time. <sup>b</sup>The predicated molecular mass was calculated using the atom mass of <sup>12</sup>C (12.00), <sup>16</sup>O (15.99), and <sup>1</sup>H (1.01). \*, the non-CoA structures deconjugated from the hypothetical CoA-ester intermediates were identified using UPLC–HRMS.



**Figure S1** UPLC–ESI–HRMS analysis of the authentic standard of HIP purchased from the Sigma-Aldrich.



Figure S2 <sup>1</sup>H- (500 MHz) (A) and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz) (B) spectra of 4-norestrogenic acid.





Figure S3 COSY (A) and HMBC (B) spectra of 4-norestrogenic acid.



**Figure S4** UPLC–ESI–HRMS analysis of the strain KC8 cell extract incubated with 4-norestrogenic acid and CoASH. (A) Extracted ion chromatograms (m/z = 293.17 for 4-norestrogenic acid) of the ethyl acetate extracts. (B) Total ion chromatograms (m/z = 700~1200) of the CoA-esters extracted from the reaction mixtures. The reaction mixture (1 mL) contained 0.5 mL of the strain KC8 proteins (20 mg/mL), 0.1 mM 4-norestrogenic acid, 1 mM CoASH, 5 mM ATP, and 10 mM MgSO<sub>4</sub>. Negative controls were reaction mixtures without 4-norestrogenic acid (middle panel) or soluble proteins (lower panel). The reaction mixtures were incubated at 30 °C for 16 hours. The 4-norestrogenic acid and CoA-esters were extracted through liquid-liquid partition and solid phase extraction, respectively.



**Figure S5** Incubation of strain KC8 cells with 4-norestrogenic acid (0.1 mM) for 6 days. After different time intervals of incubation, samples (0.5 mL) were withdrawn from the bacterial culture. The bacterial cells were removed through centrifugation. 4-norestrogenic acid remaining in the supernatant was extracted using ethyl acetate, and the extracted 4-norestrogenic acid was quantified through UPLC–ESI–HRMS.