

# **Computational Tools for the Identification of Unknowns**

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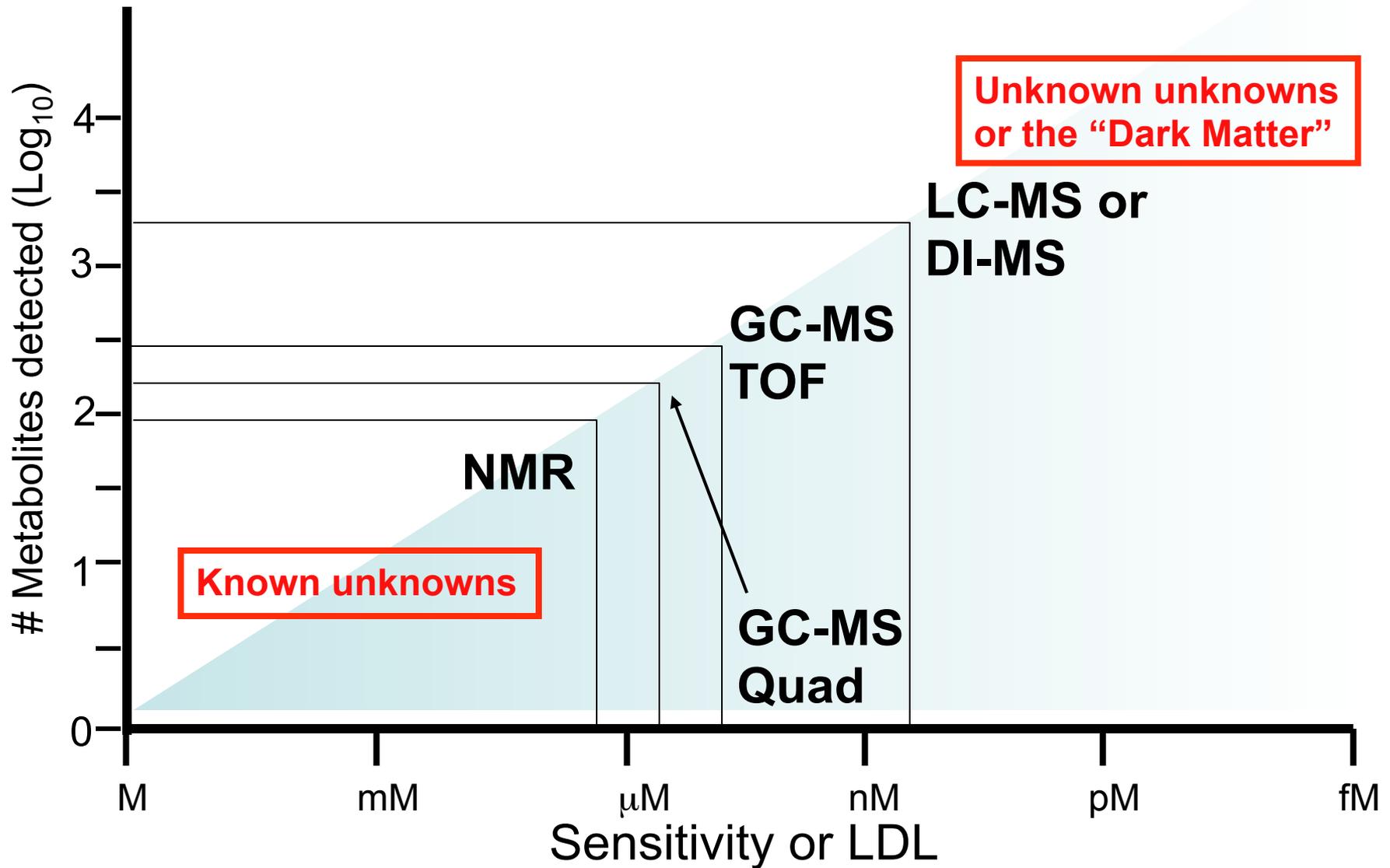
# What We Don't Know

- ***“...there are known unknowns; that is to say we know there are some things we do not know. But there are also unknown unknowns – the ones we don't know we don't know.”***



Donald Rumsfeld, US Secretary of  
Defense - Nov. 2001

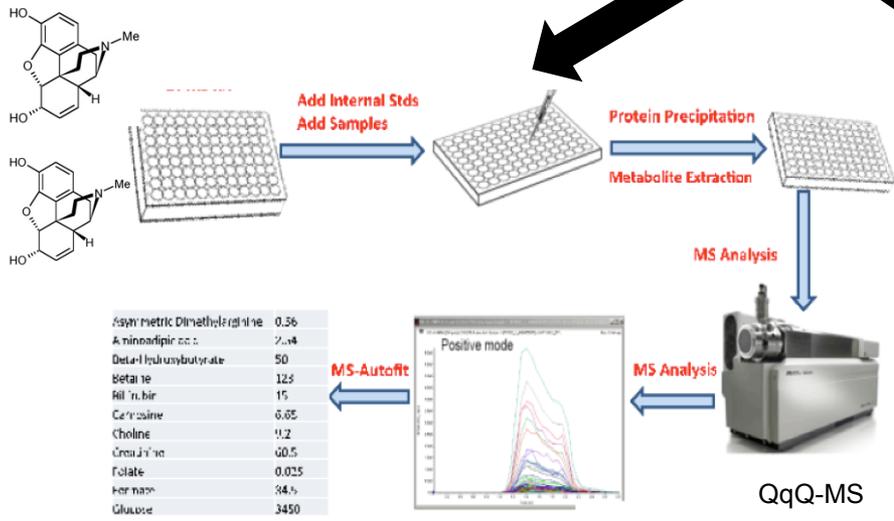
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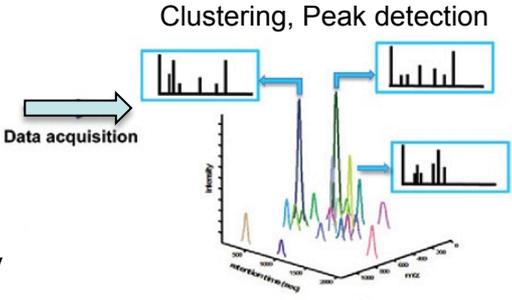
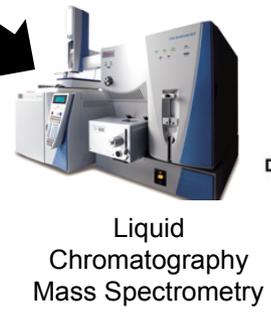
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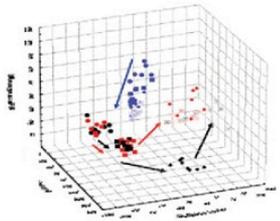
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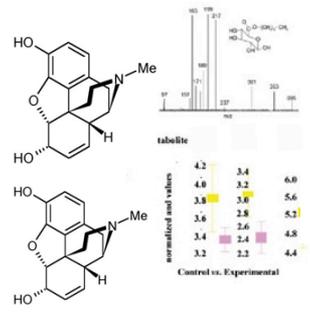
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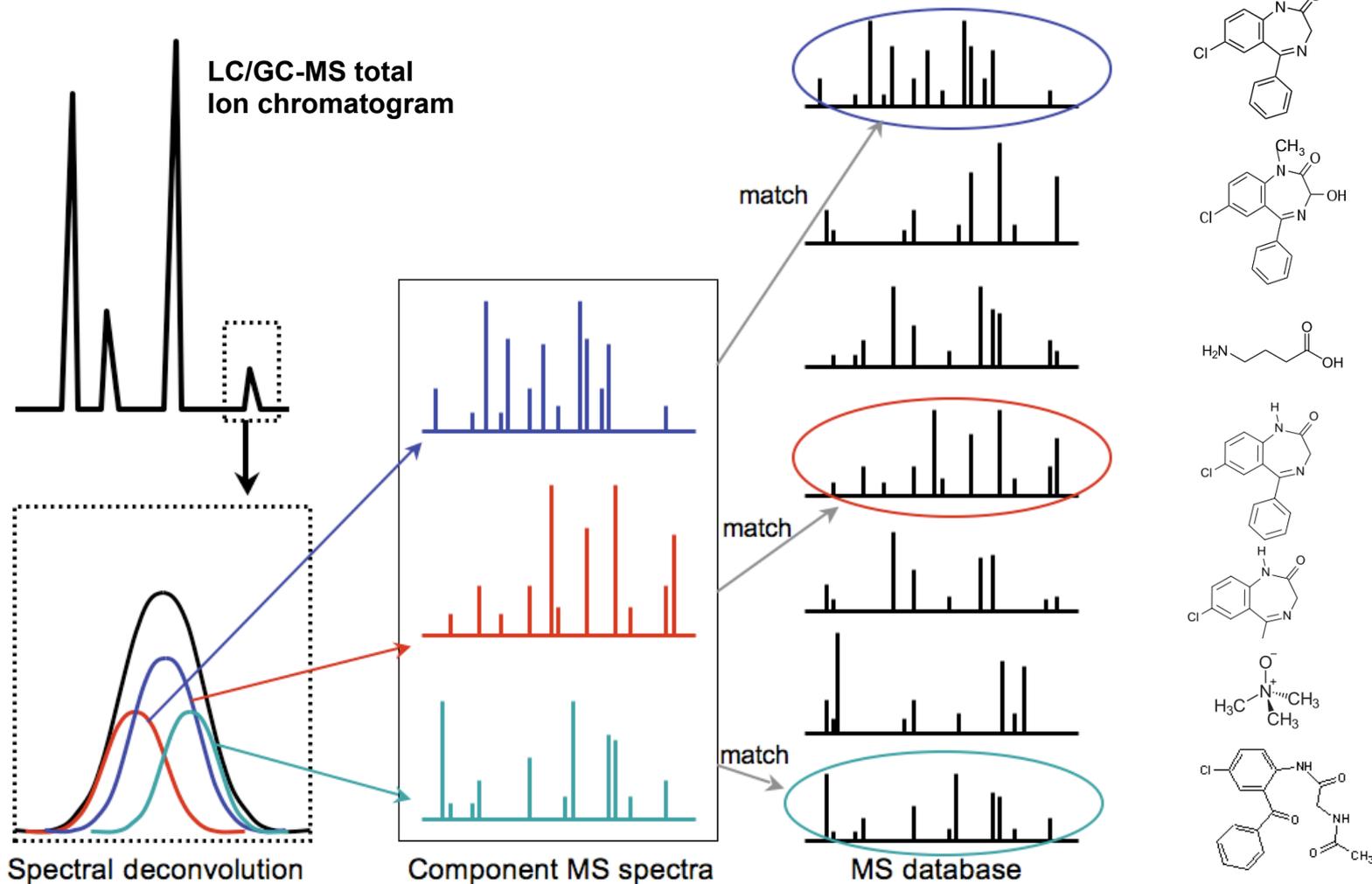
### Feature Selection



### Metabolite Annotation



# Untargeted MS Compound Identification



# Levels of Metabolite ID for Untargeted Metabolomics

- 4 levels of metabolite identification
- **Level 1 - Positively identified compounds**
  - Confirmed by MS/MS match and RT match to an actual/authentic standard
- **Level 2 - Putatively identified compounds**
  - Match to EI-MS + RT or MS/MS + RT from a reference database
- **Level 3 - Compounds putatively identified via molecular formula or m/z matching**
  - Match to high resolution m/z and nothing else
- **Level 4 - Unknown compounds**

# Compound Identification (Formula Matching – Level 3 ID)

The screenshot shows the ChemSpider website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Home', 'About us', 'Web APIs', 'Help', and 'Sign in'. The main header features the ChemSpider logo and the tagline 'Search and share chemistry'. A search bar is prominently displayed. Below the search bar, there are tabs for 'Simple', 'Structure', 'Advanced', and 'History'. The main content area includes a search input field with a search button and a description: 'Matches any text strings used to describe a molecule.' Below this, there are instructions on what to search for: 'Systematic Name, Synonym, Trade Name, Registry Number, SMILES, InChI or CSID'. On the left side, there is a 'What is ChemSpider?' section and a 'Search by chemical names' section with a list of search criteria: Systematic names, Synonyms, Trade names, and Database identifiers. On the right side, there is an advertisement for 'Empower 3' chromatography software.

68 million chemicals

The screenshot shows the PubChem website. The URL in the browser is 'https://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov'. The main header features the PubChem logo. Below the logo, there are navigation tabs for 'BioAssay', 'Compound', and 'Substance'. A search bar is present with a 'Go' button and a 'Limits Advanced' link. Below the search bar, there is a link to 'Try the PubChem Search Beta'. A notification banner states: 'PubChem BioAssay Tools, a legacy collection of bioactivity analysis services, will be retired on Nov. 1, 2018. Read more...'. At the bottom, there are links for 'Write to Helpdesk', 'Disclaimer', 'Privacy Statement', 'Accessibility', and 'Data Citation Guidelines'. On the right side, there is a sidebar with various tools and services: BioAssay Tools, Structure Search, 3D Conformer Tools, Structure Clustering, Classification, Upload, Download, and PubChem FTP.

96 million chemicals

# Compound Identification (Spectral Matching – Level 2 ID)

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CHOLINE ADENOSINE TRIPHOSPHATE CHOLESTEROL TESTOSTERONE GLUCOSE  
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Latest News and  
Analytical Chemistry 2018 - METLIN: A Technology Platform  
METLIN now has over 150,000 molecular standards with MS/MS

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14,009 “real” compounds  
72,036 “real” spectra  
~150,000 total compounds

213,019 MS spectra  
75,270 compounds

MoNA - MassBank of North America Spectra Downloads Upload Help Search...

## Welcome to MoNA!

MassBank of North America (MoNA) is a metadata-centric, auto-curating repository designed for efficient storage and querying of mass spectral records. It intends to serve as the framework for a centralized, collaborative database of metabolite mass spectra, metadata and associated compounds. MoNA currently contains over 200,000 mass spectral records from experimental and in-silico libraries as well as from user contributions.

MoNA has recently been redesigned, with significant improvements to server-side architecture, query structure, and search speed. We are actively improving and adding features, so please be patient as functionality is added. If you notice any major issues, feel free to report them using the issue tracker link below.

Search Spectra Browse Spectra Issue Tracker

### News

#### Fiehn HILIC Library

May 10, 2018  
The Fiehn Lab HILIC MS/MS and retention time library has been uploaded, consisting of over 1,100 standards acquired on both Q Exactive and TripleTOF.

#### Improved Spectrum Browser

September 8, 2017  
The spectrum browser has been updated with improved panel and table views. The infinite scroll has been replaced with pagination to make browsing spectra easier, the panel view now displays the most valuable metadata first, and the table view has fully customizable columns.

### Submitter High Scores

Name	Avg. Score	Spectra
Tobias Schulze	★★★★★	2,867
Stephan Beisen	★★★★★	58
Nikolaos Thomaidis	★★★★★	1,492
4  Martin Krauss	★★★★★	622
5  Emma Schymanski	★★★★★	11,656
6  Megan Showalter	★★★★★	1,301

# Other Resources for MS/MS Spectral Matching

- **HMDB** – 302,219 spectra, 114,100 cmpds
- **mzCloud** – 191,722 spectra, 8304 cmpds
- **NIST17 MS/MS** – 652,475 spectra, 14,351 cmpds
- **MassBank** – 28,185 spectra, 11,500 cmpds
- **Wiley LC-MS<sup>n</sup>** – >10,000 spectra, 4500 poisons
- **ReSpect** – 9017 spectra, 3595 cmpds
- **GNPS** – 221,000 spectra, 18,163 cmpds

# How Well Do We Do?

- **Untargeted LC-MS of human biofluids** – 100-250 compounds positively ID'd (level 2) out of 10,000+ features (1%), 700-1000 tentatively ID'd (level 3) out of 10,000+ features (8%)
- **Untargeted LC-MS of river water** – 649 compounds identified (level 1 or 2) out of 8535 features (8%) (*Schymanski et al. Anal Bioanal Chem (2015) 407:6237–6255*)

***Overall we are doing pretty badly***

# Why Are We Doing So Badly?

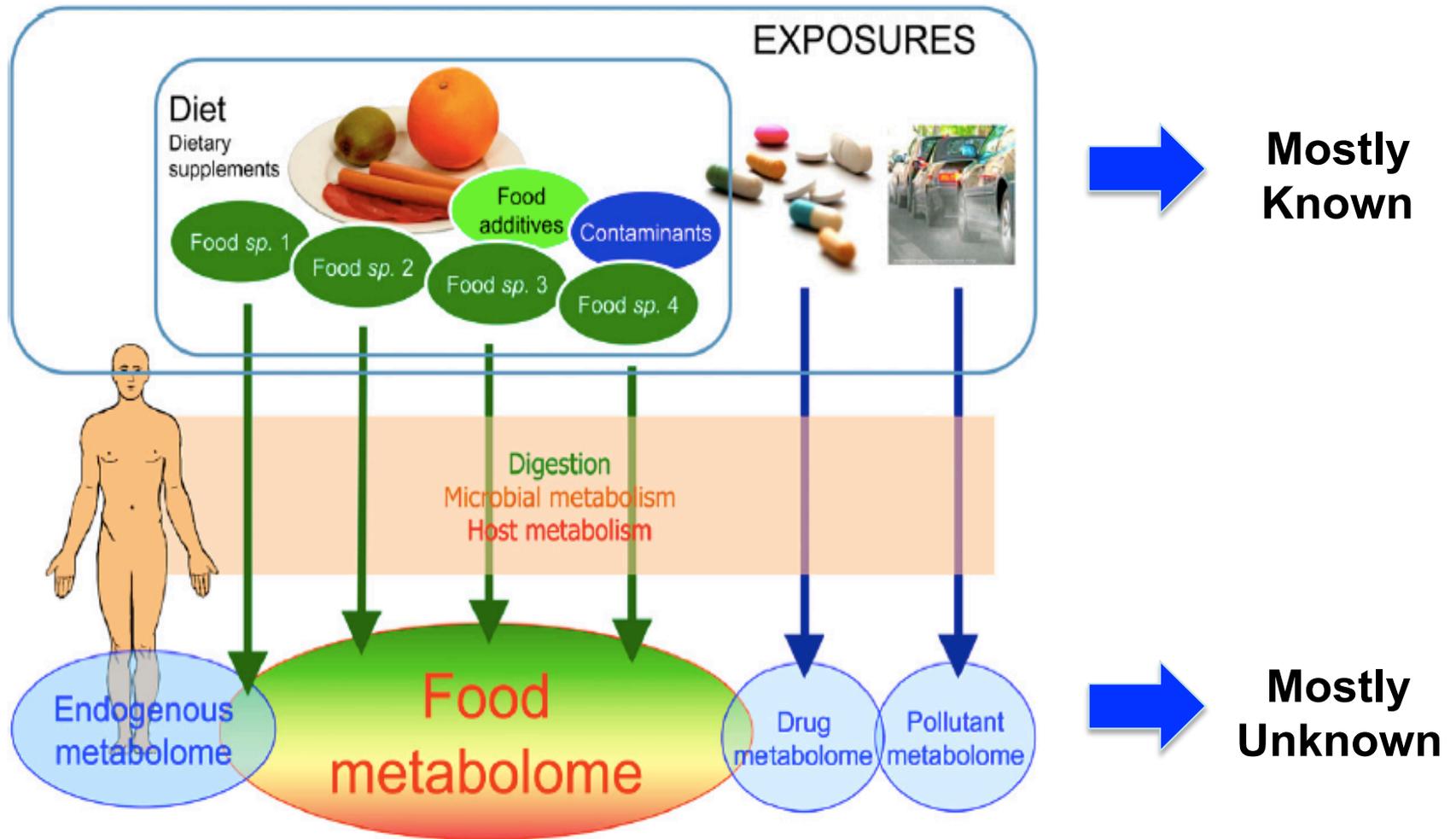
- **32,000,000,000** chemical formulae (<2000 Da)
- **2,400,000,000** chemically feasible formulae
- **96,500,000** chemicals in PubChem
- **1,500,000** LC/GC-MS spectra collected on ~15 different platforms
- **80,000** chemicals with EI-MS spectra
- **~20,000** chemicals with high resolution MS spectra
- **~1500** chemicals that are biologically relevant



# Why Are We Doing So Badly?

- Using larger databases (PubChem, ChemSpider) and m/z matching is leading to many, many false positives
- <0.2% of compounds in PubChem or ChemSpider have ever left the laboratory or are likely to be found in humans or in the environment (**Bigger isn't better**)
- Only 1500 “meaningful” chemicals are routinely available from vendors (**Synthetic chemistry is hard**)
- Enormous resources going to collect lots of MS spectra on a tiny number of chemicals (**Measuring the same thing over doesn't make the problem go away**)
- Most of the unknowns are not in PubChem or Chemspider, or anywhere else (**Where are they?**)

# What Are These Unknowns?



# What To Do?

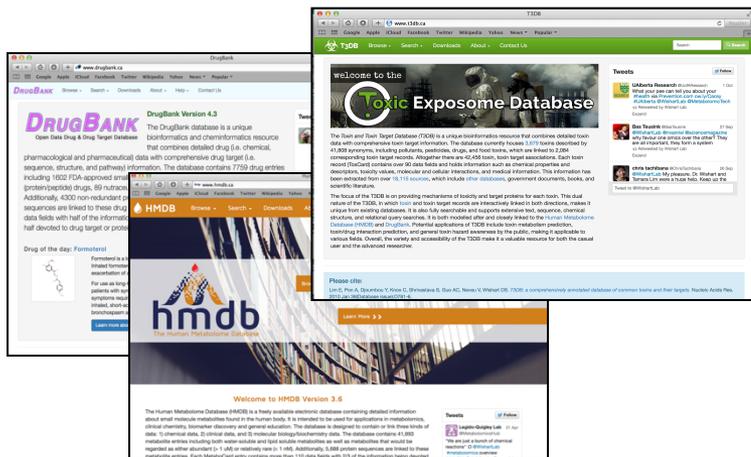
- Obtain or synthesize all commonly available xenobiotics (HPVs, drugs, pollutants, foods, etc.), prepare or synthesize their metabolites and collect their NMR, LC-MS and GC-MS spectra  
**COST: 5 million cmpds X \$1000/cmpd = \$5 billion**
- **OR**
- Do this entire exercise computationally  
**COST - 5,000,000 cmpds X \$0.10/cmpd = \$500,000**

# ***In Silico* Metabolomics**

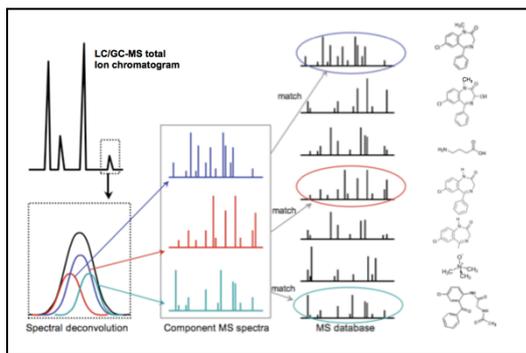
- **An emerging concept to facilitate metabolite ID of unknown unknowns**
- **Realization that all metabolites will never be synthesized or isolated and most will never have reference MS/MS or NMR spectra collected**
- **Based on *in silico* prediction of biologically feasible metabolites**
- **Based on *in silico* prediction of observables (RI, RT, NMR spectra, IR, CCS, MW, MS/MS spectra)**

# In Silico Metabolomics

HMDB/DrugBank/T3DB

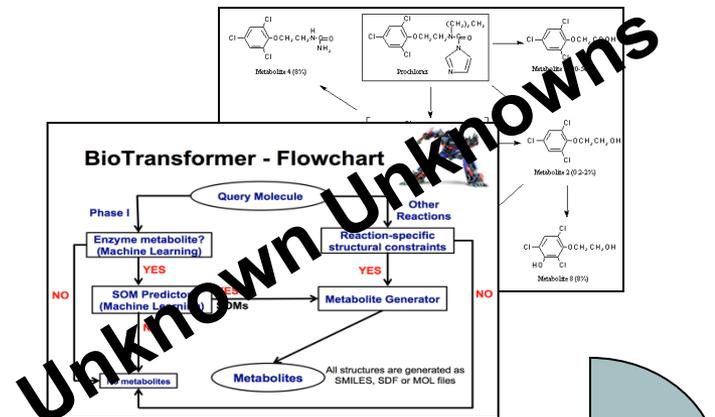


Known compounds (250,000)



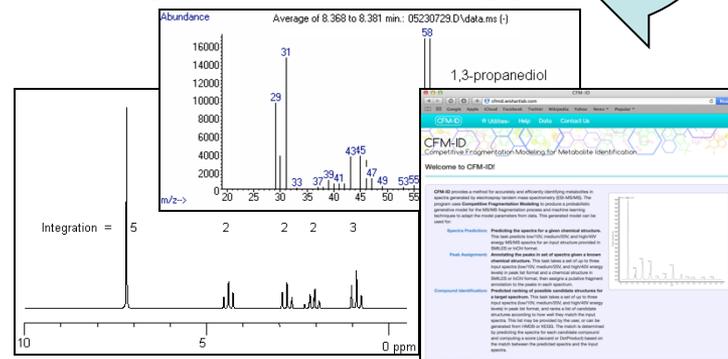
Match observed spectra to predicted spectra to ID compounds

BioTransformer



Predicted biotransformations (250,000 --> 5,000,000)

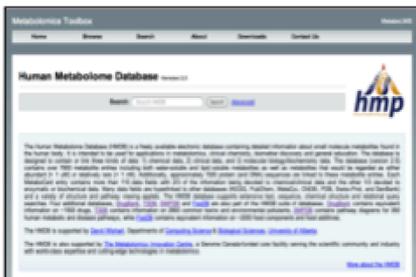
CFM-ID/NMRPred



Predicted MS/MS, NMR, GC-MS spectra of knowns + biotransformed

**What Is Known?**

# UofA Metabolomics Databases



[www.hmdb.ca](http://www.hmdb.ca)



[www.drugbank.ca](http://www.drugbank.ca)



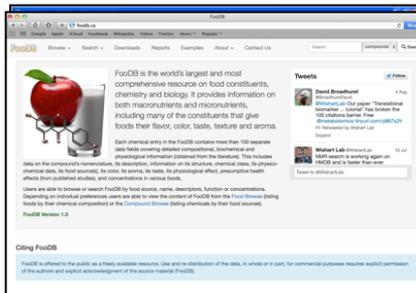
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[www.phenol-explorer.eu](http://www.phenol-explorer.eu)



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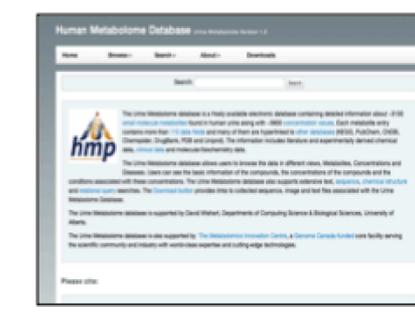
[www.smpdb.ca](http://www.smpdb.ca)



[www.csfmetabolome.ca](http://www.csfmetabolome.ca)

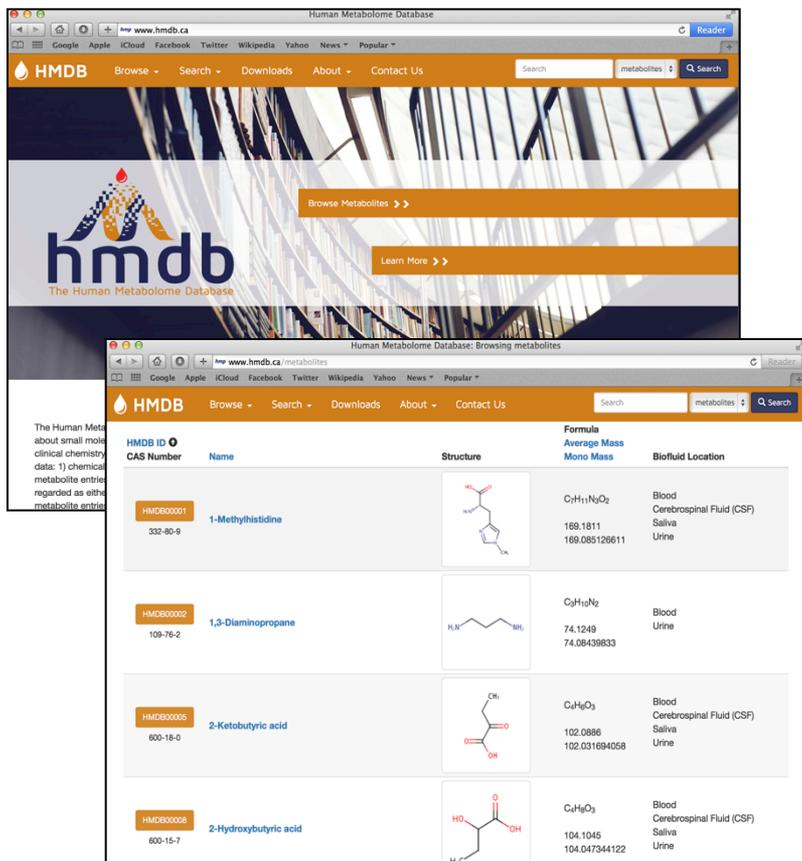


[www.serummetabolome.ca](http://www.serummetabolome.ca)



[www.urinemetabolome.ca](http://www.urinemetabolome.ca)

# The **New** Human Metabolome Database (HMDB)



The image shows two overlapping screenshots of the Human Metabolome Database (HMDB) website. The top screenshot displays the main homepage with the HMDB logo and navigation options. The bottom screenshot shows a detailed view of metabolites, listing their names, structures, formulas, average masses, mono masses, and biofluid locations.

HMDB ID	Name	Structure	Formula	Average Mass	Mono Mass	Biofluid Location
HMDB000001 332-80-9	1-Methylhistidine	<chem>CN1C=NC(=C1)C(=O)N</chem>	$C_7H_{11}N_3O_2$	169.1811	169.085126611	Blood Cerebrospinal Fluid (CSF) Saliva Urine
HMDB000002 109-76-2	1,3-Diaminopropane	<chem>NCCN</chem>	$C_3H_{12}N_2$	74.1249	74.08439633	Blood Urine
HMDB000006 600-18-0	2-Ketobutyric acid	<chem>CC(=O)C(=O)O</chem>	$C_4H_6O_3$	102.0886	102.031694058	Blood Cerebrospinal Fluid (CSF) Saliva Urine
HMDB000008 600-15-7	2-Hydroxybutyric acid	<chem>CC(O)C(=O)O</chem>	$C_4H_8O_3$	104.1045	104.047344122	Blood Cerebrospinal Fluid (CSF) Saliva Urine

<http://www.hmdb.ca>

- HMDB 4.0 has 114,100 “quantified”, “detected”, “expected” and “predicted” metabolites (3X more than version 3.0)
- HMDB 3.0 had 442 biological pathways, HMDB 4.1 has 48,627 (100X more than version 3.0)
- New version has >500,000 MS/MS & GC-MS spectra, 3900 NMR spectra
- New version has 6800 metabolite-SNP associations, 2500 metabolite-drug associations and 2900 metabolite-age/gender associations
- 78,000 new lipids/peptides to be added in late 2018 – total = 192,000

# The **New** Drug Database (DrugBank v. 5.0)

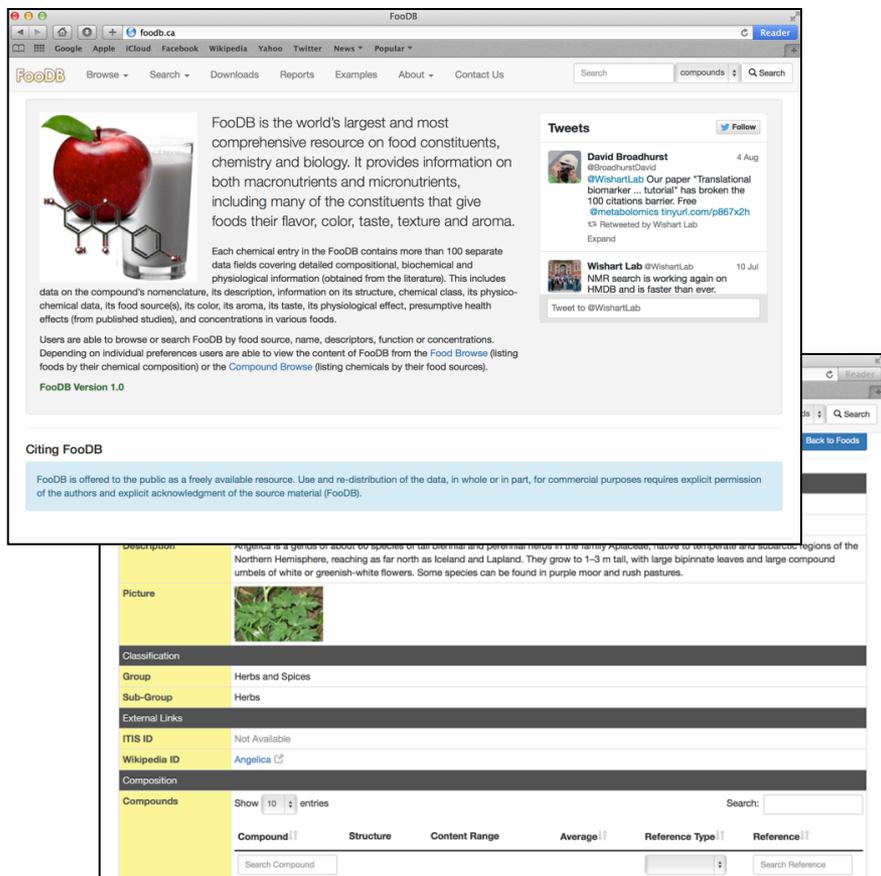
The screenshot shows the DrugBank website interface. The top navigation bar includes 'DRUGBANK', 'Browse', 'Search', 'Downloads', 'About', 'Help', 'Blog', and 'Contact Us'. A search bar contains the text 'Tylenol'. Below the search bar are buttons for 'Drugs', 'Targets', 'Pathways', and 'Indications'. The main content area displays the DrugBank logo and a brief description: 'The DrugBank database is a unique bioinformatics and cheminformatics resource with comprehensive data on drugs, drug actions and drug targets. The latest release contains 2,533 approved pharmaceuticals, 2,533 approved nutraceuticals, 2,533 approved drug targets/enzymes, and 2,533 approved drug metabolites.' Below this, a detailed view of Acetaminophen is shown, including its name, accession number (DB00316), type (Small Molecule), groups (Approved), description, chemical structure, and synonyms.

Name	Acetaminophen
Accession Number	DB00316 (APR000252)
Type	Small Molecule
Groups	Approved
Description	Acetaminophen, also known as paracetamol, is commonly used for its analgesic and antipyretic effects. Its therapeutic effects are similar to salicylates, but it lacks anti-inflammatory, antiplatelet, and gastric ulcerative effects.
Structure	 <a href="#">3D</a> <a href="#">Download</a> <a href="#">Similar Structures</a>
Synonyms	4-(Acetylamino)phenol 4-acetamidophenol 4'-hydroxyacetanilide

- A comprehensive database of drugs, drug actions and drug targets
- 2533 small molecule drugs
- >5700 experimental drugs
- Detailed ADMET, MOA and pharmacokinetic data
- >3850 drugs with metabolizing enzyme data
- >1360 drug metabolites
- >6000 MS+NMR spectra
- >5130 unique drug targets
- 215 data fields/drug
- **Published on Jan. 1, 2018**

<http://www.drugbank.ca>

# The Food Database (FoodDB)



The screenshot shows the FoodDB website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Browse', 'Search', 'Downloads', 'Reports', 'Examples', 'About', and 'Contact Us'. A search bar is present with 'compounds' selected. The main content area features a large image of a red apple and a glass of milk, with a chemical structure overlaid. Text describes FoodDB as the world's largest and most comprehensive resource on food constituents, chemistry, and biology. It provides information on both macronutrients and micronutrients, including many of the constituents that give foods their flavor, color, taste, texture and aroma. Below this, it states that each chemical entry contains more than 100 separate data fields covering detailed compositional, biochemical and physiological information. A 'Citing FoodDB' section is also visible, stating that the database is offered to the public as a freely available resource. The bottom part of the screenshot shows a detailed entry for 'Angelica', including its description, a picture, classification (Herbs and Spices), and a table for 'Composition' with columns for Compound, Structure, Content Range, Average, Reference Type, and Reference.

- A comprehensive food composition database (more than polyphenols)
- 28,771 compounds
- 718,405 concentration values for 722 raw/processed foods
- 31,791 references
- 1435 cmpds with health effects
- 2692 cmpds w flavour attributes
- 2000+ reference MS/NMR spectra
- Structure & text searches
- >100 data fields/compound
- *Publicly released on Jan. 1, 2018, manuscript being prepared*

[www.foodb.ca](http://www.foodb.ca)

# The Toxic Exposome Database (T3DB)

The screenshot shows the T3DB website. The top part is the homepage with a 'welcome to the Toxic Exposome Database' banner. Below the banner is a paragraph describing the database: 'The Toxin and Toxin Target Database (T3DB) is a unique bioinformatics resource that combines detailed toxin data with comprehensive toxin target information. The database currently houses 3,679 toxins described by 41,808 synonyms, including pollutants, pesticides, drugs, and food toxins, which are linked to 2,084 corresponding toxin target records. Altogether there are 42,456 toxin, toxin target associations. Each toxin record (ToxCard) contains over 90 data fields and holds information such as chemical properties and descriptors, toxicity values, molecular and cellular interactions, and medical information. This information has been extracted from over 18,115 sources, which include other databases, government documents, books, and scientific literature.' Below this is another paragraph: 'The focus of the T3DB is on providing mechanisms of toxicity and target proteins for each toxin. This dual nature of the T3DB, in which toxin and toxin target records are interactively linked in both directions, makes it unique from existing databases. It is also fully searchable and supports extensive text development, chemical structure, and relational query Database (HMDB) and DrugBank toxin/drug interaction prediction various fields. Overall, the various user and the advanced research'.

The bottom part of the screenshot shows a detailed entry for Digoxin (T3D2670). The entry includes a table with the following data:

Predicted LogP	2.3667
Route of Exposure	Injection or dermal contact. (W468)
Mechanism of Action	Digoxin binds to a site on the extracellular aspect of the alpha-subunit of the Na <sup>+</sup> /K <sup>+</sup> ATPase pump in the membranes of heart cells (myocytes) and decreases its function. This causes an increase in the level of sodium ions in the myocytes. This effect causes an increase in the length of the cardiac action potential, which when combined with the effects of digoxin on the parasympathetic nervous system, lead to a decrease in heart rate. Increased amounts of calcium are then stored in the sarcoplasmic reticulum and released by each action potential, which is unchanged by digoxin. This leads to increased contractility of the heart. Digoxin also increases vagal activity via its action on the central nervous system, thus decreasing the conduction of electrical impulses through the AV node. (S805)
Metabolism	Hepatic (but not dependent upon the cytochrome P-450 system). The end metabolites, which include 3-b-digoxigenin, 3-keto-digoxigenin, and their glucuronide and sulfate conjugates, are polar in nature and are postulated to be formed via hydrolysis, oxidation, and conjugation.
Toxicity Values	Not Available
Lethal Dose	Not Available
Carcinogenicity (IARC Classification)	Not Available
Uses/Sources	Digoxin is a plant toxin found in the foxglove plant ( <i>Digitalis lanata</i> ). It is used as a drug to treat various heart conditions, namely atrial fibrillation, atrial flutter and sometimes heart failure. (S805)
Minimum Risk Level	Not Available
Health Effects	Digoxin mainly affects the heart. (S805)
Symptoms	Adverse affects of digoxin include loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, blurred vision, visual disturbances (yellow-green halos), confusion, drowsiness, dizziness, nightmares, agitation, and/or depression, as well as a higher acute sense of sensual activities. (S805)
Treatment	Treatment of dioxin overdose includes supportive measure and administration of the antidote, antidigoxin (DIGIBIND). Toxicity can also be treated with higher than normal doses of potassium. (S805) • S805 - Wikipedia. Digoxin. Last Updated 8 July 2009. • VIKR - Karjalanski J, Weinhouse F, Tonzar M, Gschik R. Verapamil and digoxin interactions in the rat.

<http://www.t3db.ca>

- Comprehensive data on toxic compounds (drugs, pesticides, herbicides, endocrine disruptors, drugs, solvents, carcinogens, etc.)
- Detailed mechanisms, binding constants, target info, lots of ToxCast data
- >3600 toxic compounds
- >1900 reference spectra
- ~2100 toxic targets
- Supports sequence, spectral, structure, text searches as well as compound browsing
- Full data downloads



# ContaminantDB



Welcome to ContaminantDB Version 1.0

The ContaminantDB is a unique bioinformatics resource that combines detailed contaminant data from different online references and databases on contaminants. The database currently houses 54,249 compounds. It is both modelled after and closely linked to the Human Metabome Database (HMDB) and DrugBank. The databases and sources used to gather contaminant data includes IARC Carcinogens Group 1, 2A, 2B, 3 and 4, Drugbank drugs and metabolites, Disinfection ByProducts, My Exposome Chemicals, ToxCast and Tox21 Chemicals, EPA High Production Volume Chemicals, OSHA Hazardous Chemicals, Clean Air Act Chemicals, T3DB Toxins, ECHA Substances of High Concern, DEA Chemicals, EPA Endocrine Screening Chemicals, EAFUS Chemicals, and OECD High Production Volume Chemicals.

CHEM003955	<b>Epinephrine</b> 51-43-4	$C_9H_{13}NO_3$ 183.204		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>HMDB Contaminants - Urine</li><li>STOFF IDENT Compounds</li><li>ToxCast &amp; Tox21 Chemicals</li></ul>
CHEM003956	<b>Carbachol chloride</b> 51-83-2	$C_8H_{15}ClN_2O_2$ 182.649		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Clean Air Act Chemicals</li><li>HMDB Contaminants - Urine</li><li>STOFF IDENT Compounds</li><li>ToxCast &amp; Tox21 Chemicals</li></ul>
CHEM003957	<b>Famphur</b> 52-85-7	$C_{10}H_{16}NO_5PS_2$ 325.330		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Clean Air Act Chemicals</li><li>HPV EPA Chemicals</li><li>My Exposome Chemicals</li><li>STOFF IDENT Compounds</li><li>ToxCast &amp; Tox21 Chemicals</li></ul>
CHEM003958	<b>2-Acetylaminofluorene</b> 53-96-3	$C_{15}H_{13}NO$ 223.270		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Clean Air Act Chemicals</li><li>HPV EPA Chemicals</li><li>ToxCast &amp; Tox21 Chemicals</li></ul>

- Data on 54,249 probable or known chemical contaminants
- Expected to grow to 80,000+ by Sept. 2018
- Exp. MS data for 5000+ cmpds
- Pred. 54,000 EI-MS spectra, 150,000 ESI-MS/MS spectra
- Source or role information for most compounds
- >40% of the compounds in ContaminantDB are not found in PubChem or ChemSpider
- Supports spectral, structure and text searches as well as compound browsing

[www.contaminantdb.ca](http://www.contaminantdb.ca)



# PhytoBank



The image shows two screenshots of the PhytoMap website. The top screenshot is the home page, featuring a navigation bar with 'PhytoMap', 'Viewer', 'Methods', 'Phyto-Compounds', and 'PhytoBank'. The main content area includes a 'Welcome to PhytoMap' heading and a description of the project's goal to create a comprehensive 'Google Map' of food crop metabolism. A photograph of several red tomatoes is displayed on the right. The bottom screenshot shows a 'Partial Listing of PhytoBank Metabolites' page. It includes a search bar and a table of metabolites.

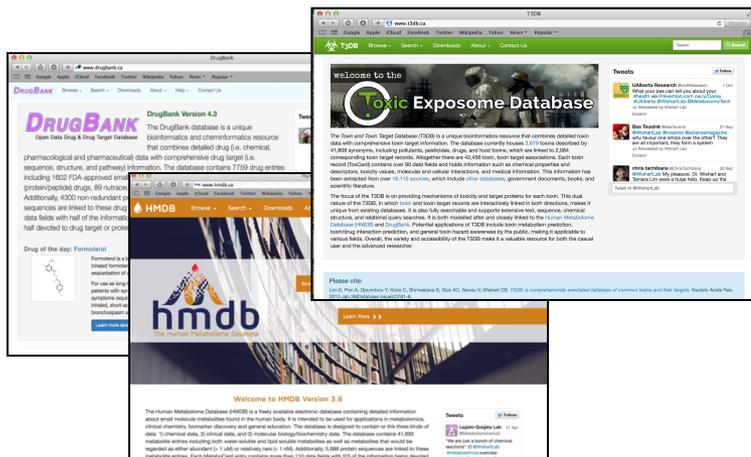
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PMC000001	sarcostolide F		C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>26</sub> O <sub>4</sub> 330.424 330.183109317	<i>Sarcophyton stolidotum</i>
PMC000002	Everminomicin C		C <sub>62</sub> H <sub>82</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> O <sub>33</sub> 1436.29 1434.4897908	<i>Micromonospora carbonacea</i> Luedemann & Brodsky, 1965
PMC000003			C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>18</sub> NO <sub>4</sub>	<i>Citrus junos</i>

- 179,729 plant-derived compounds from more than 23,700 plant species including >8,318 food/crop plants and >2,439 medicinal plants
- >33% of the compounds in PhytoBank are not found in PubChem or ChemSpider
- Will offer same resources as HMDB, DrugBank, etc.

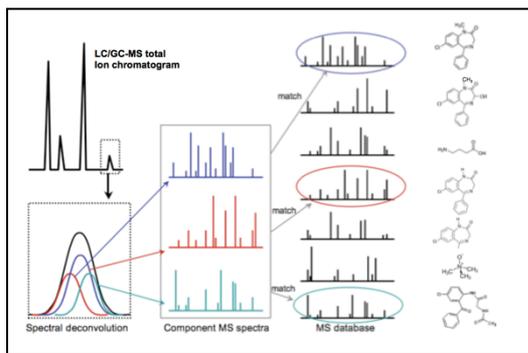
**What Can We Predict?**

# In Silico Metabolomics

HMDB/DrugBank/T3DB

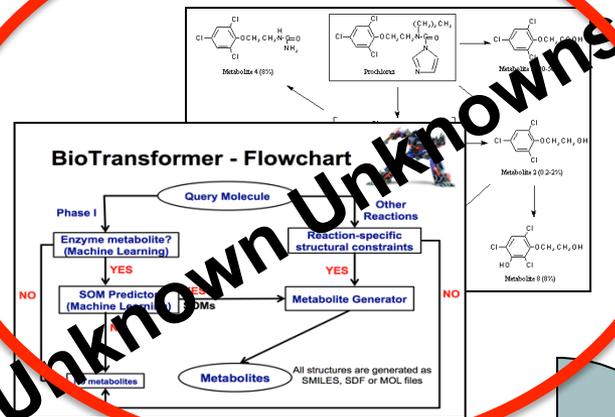


Known compounds (250,000)



Match observed spectra to predicted spectra to ID compounds

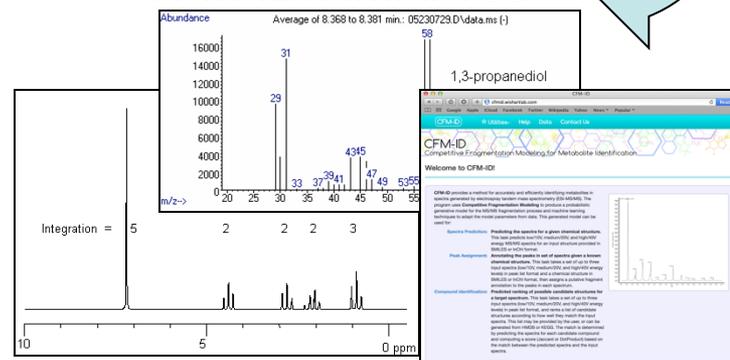
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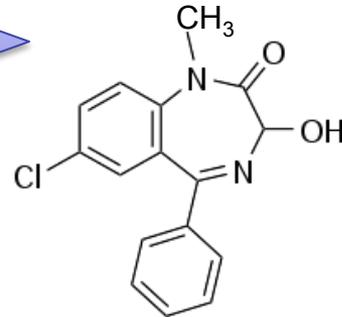
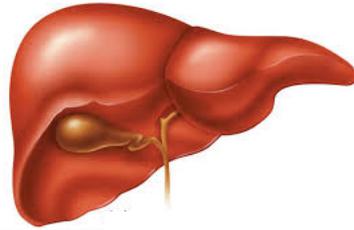
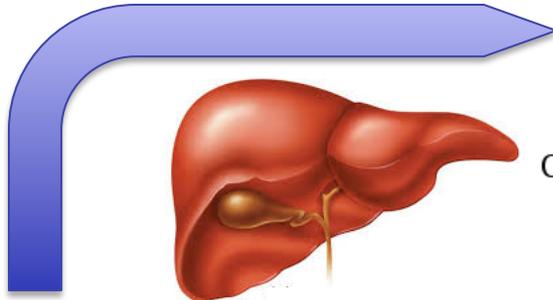
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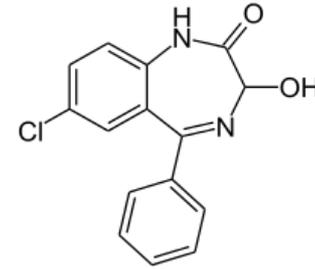


Predicted MS/MS, NMR, GC-MS Spectra of knowns + biotransformed

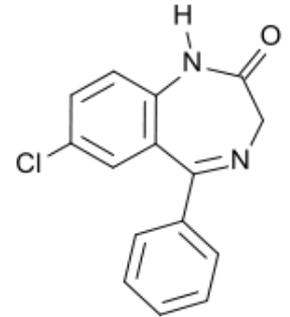
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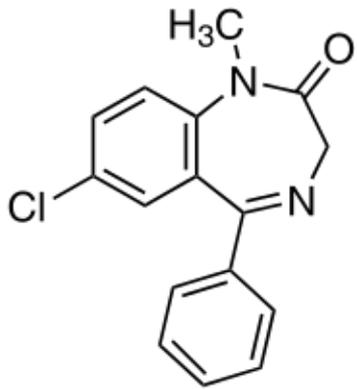
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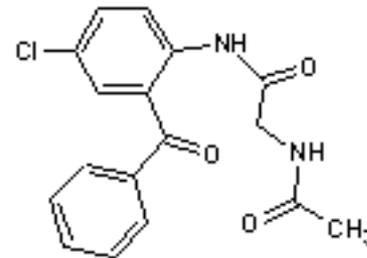
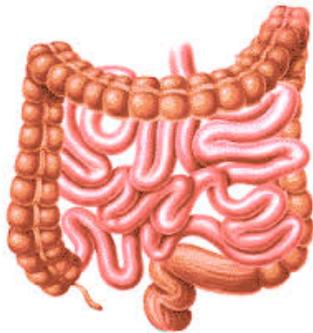
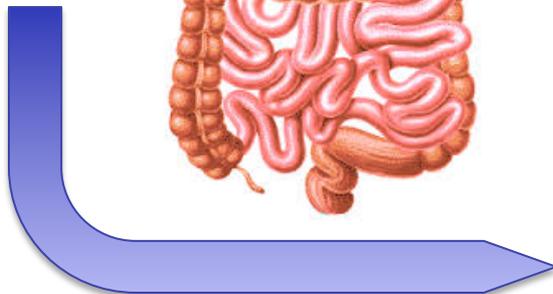
Oxazepam



Nordazepam



Diazepam



N-(2-Benzoyl-4-chlorophenyl)-2-acetamidoacetamide

# Commercial Tools

**IN SILICO PREDICTION OF METABOLISM: METEOR NEXUS (LHASA LTD)**

Meteor Nexus then predicts the first generation metabolites by using:

- lipophilicity
- the presence or absence of structural features
- the relative likelihood of competing transformations

Choose	Structure	Name	Parent	Formula	Biotransformation Name	Phase	UGT	Exact Mass	Parent Mass Difference	LogP
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		MB9	MB8	C15H20O11	Glucuronidation of Aromatic Alcohols	Phase II	UGT	372.2603	176.0209	-1.92
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Meteor-Nexus

ADMET Predictor(TM) C:\Program Files\Simulations Plus, Inc\ADMET Predictor\Demo2D.gmd

Basic Batch Epicalcuate Options ADMET Modeler(TM) Help

Mole Molecular Descriptors and ADMET Properties

Ensemble Statistics Prop./Desc. Correlations Model Export #D Data Mining

Generic	TPSA	TPSA_100	TPSA_1000	TPSA_10000	TPSA_100000	ADMET_Risk	ADMET_Code
Acetamide	95.94	95.95	95.95	95.95	95.95	0.79	1.0
Acetic acid	93.36	93.36	93.36	93.36	93.36	2.25	1.0
Androstenedione	72.03	68.99	45.8	9.9	5.56	0.0	
Arabinose	78.2	78.2	78.2	78.2	78.2	1.63	2.0

Current Column = 91 104 records 325 descriptors 14.48

ADMET Predictor

Metabolizer 5.2.1 -Untitled\*

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Metabolic Tree

- 0.13%
- 0.01%
- 27.20% Transmissibility
- 9.87% Accumulation
- 28.80% Stability
- 11.50% Production
- 0.13%

Metabolic Route

AlphNaphCOH → OxidNaph → OxidNaph → OxidNaph

Selected Molecule

Metabolizer

MetabolExpert

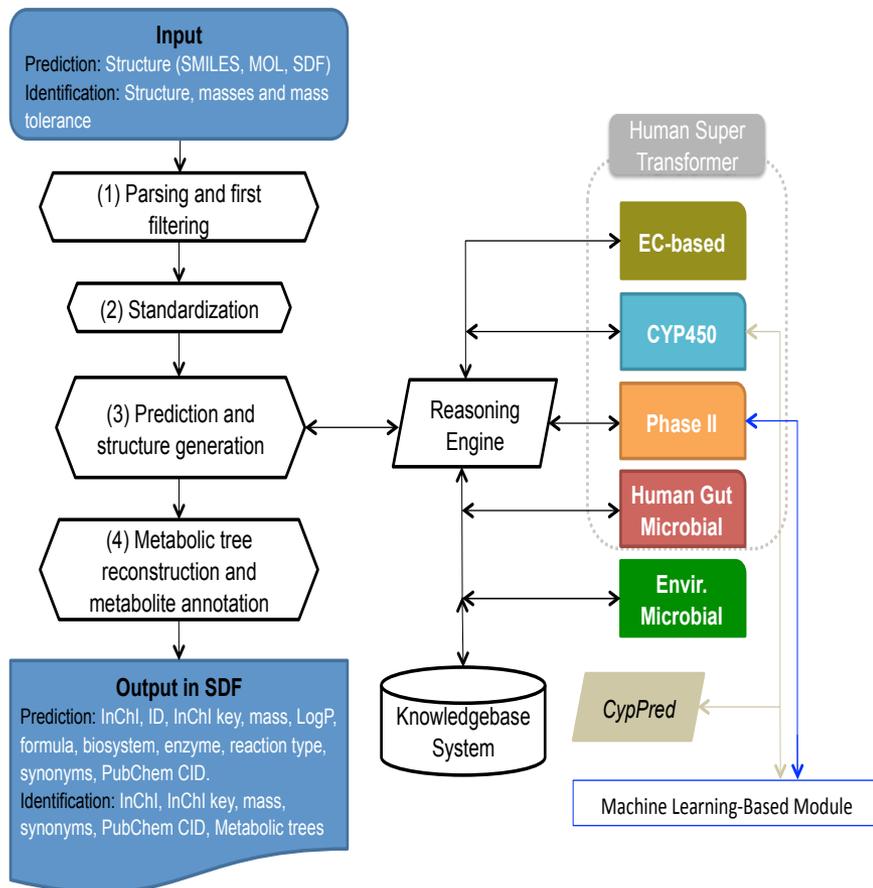
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Result of AMPHE TAMINE

02 AMPHETAMINE Size: 100 Zoom: 30 (1287/351)

MetabolExpert

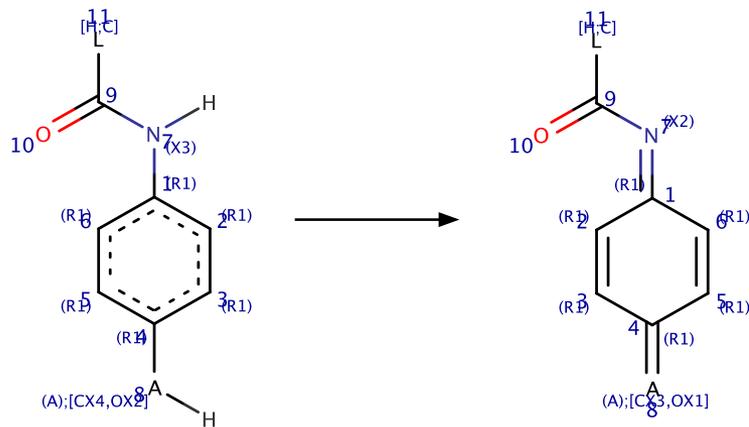
# BioTransformer (Free)



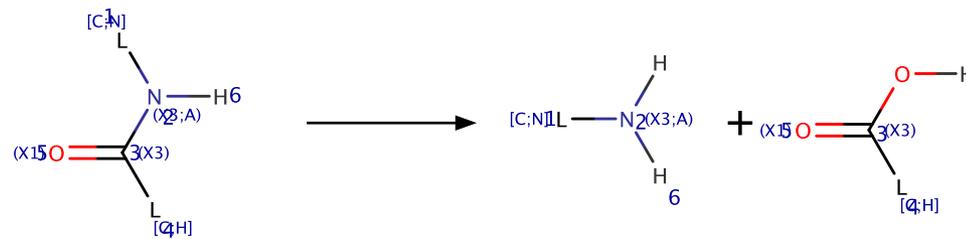
- A comprehensive tool for predicting metabolite structures that have been biotransformed through phase I, phase II, microbial, promiscuous and environmental processes
- Uses a large knowledgebase and a large set of heuristic (and machine-learned) biotransformation rules
- Performs much better than well-known commercial tools
- **Publicly released, manuscript submitted**



# BioTransformer



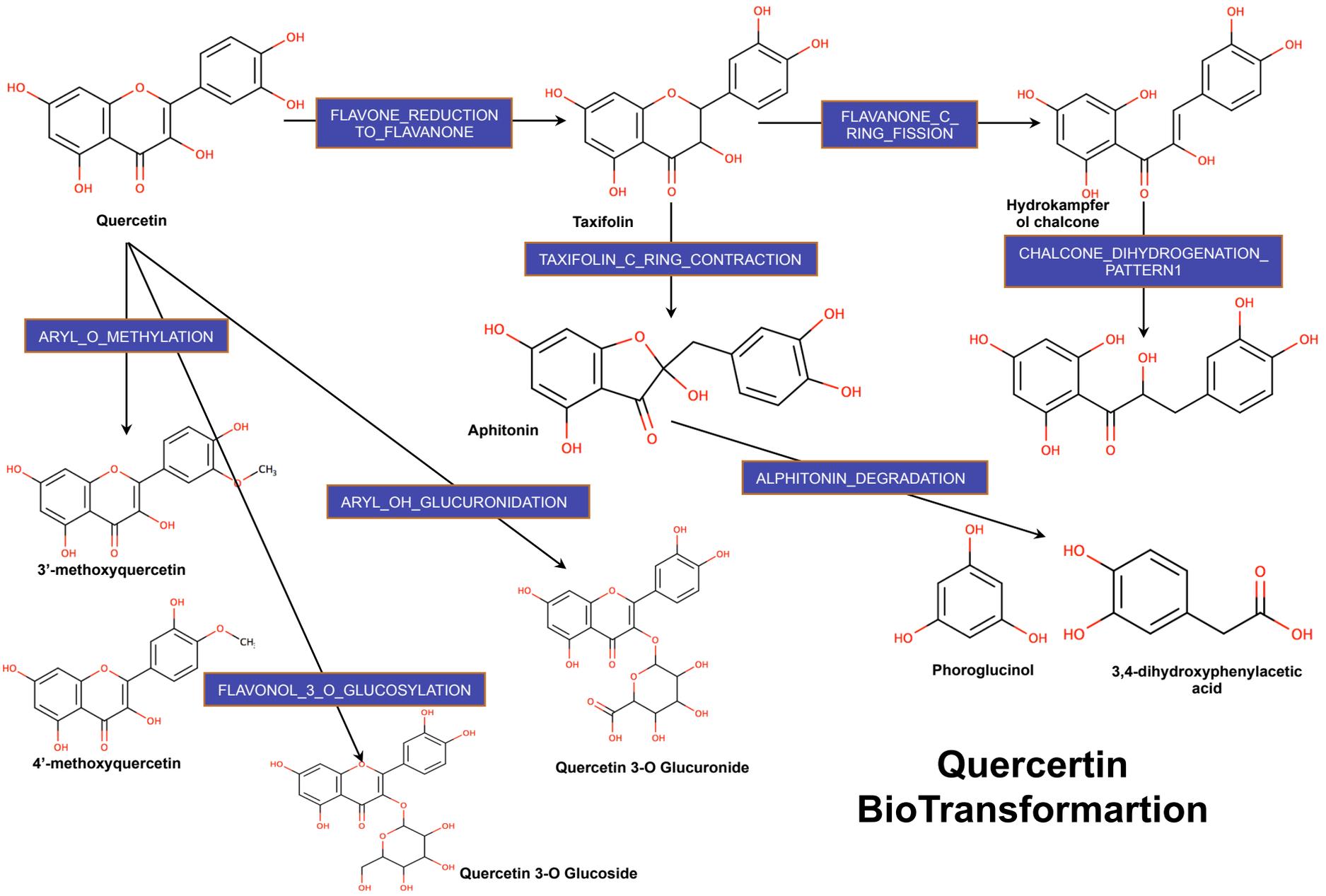
**Oxidation of p-substituted anilides (BTMR1018)**  
Human (Liver) Phase I Metabolism



**Hydrolysis of secondary amide (BTMR0704)**  
Environmental microbial (EAWAG-BBD)

	No. of enzymes	No. of biotransformation rules	No. of enzyme-rule associations	No. of covered biosystems
<b>EC-based</b>	285	408	459	2
<b>CYP450</b>	9	163	712	1
<b>Human gut micro.</b>	53	201	204	2
<b>Phase II</b>	9	74	81	2
<b>Envir. microbial</b>	1	301	301	1

**Overall, 1,240 biotransformation rules were manually designed and tested. Overall, 2,150 reaction preference rules were implemented.**



# Quercetin BioTransformation

# BioTransformer Evaluation



	BioTransformer	Meteor
True Positives	188	153
False Positives	198	281
False Negatives	35	70
Total No. of Predictions	386	431
Precision	0.49	0.35
Recall	0.84	0.69
# of reported metabolites	223	

1. Test set: 40 compounds (incl. drugs and pesticides)
2. Metabolism data was retrieved from >60 references
3. BioTransformer (v. 1.0.4) and Meteor Nexus (v. 3.0.1) were used for 1- step prediction of **human metabolism**

# BioTransformer Evaluation



1. Test set: 60 compounds (incl. drugs, pesticides, food compounds, steroids)
2. Metabolism data was retrieved from 60+ references
3. BioTransformer (v. 1.0.4) and ADMET Predictor (v. 8.5.11) were used for 1- step prediction of **human CYP450 metabolism**

	BioTransformer	ADMET Predictor
True Positives	162	110
False Positives	188	122
False Negatives	18	70
Total No. Predictions	350	232
Precision	0.46	0.47
Recall	0.9	0.61
No. of Reported Metabolites	180	

1. Test set: 20 compounds (incl. endogenous metabolites, phytochemicals, and other xenobiotics)
2. Metabolism data was retrieved from >50 references
3. BioTransformer (v. 1.0.4) was used for 1-step prediction of **human and gut microbial metabolism**

	BioTransformer
True Positives	111
False Positives	49
False Negatives	17
Total No. Predictions	160
Precision	0.69
Recall	0.87
No. of Reported Metabolites	128

# BioTransformer Updates



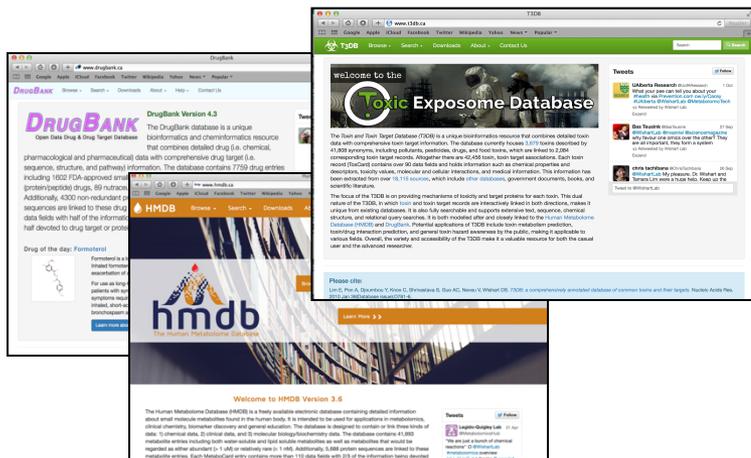
- **Added/updated:**
  - Available as a web server and a program, added metabolite ID option via m/z or molecular formula
- **Number of compounds expected**
  - 1-step reactions generate 5X as many compounds while 2-step reactions generate 20X as many compounds
  - Expect HMDB+BioTransformer will generate 2.2 million new compounds, all DBs+BioTransformer = 5 million cpds
- **Benchmark for computing time**
  - 1,000 FooDB compounds generate 5,071 human and gut microbial metabolites in 1 step (all enzymes)
  - 1h 29 mins (~5.35 s/compound per processor)

If you want compounds processed now, send your queries to  
Yannick Djoumbou Feunang --- [djoumbou@ualberta.ca](mailto:djoumbou@ualberta.ca)

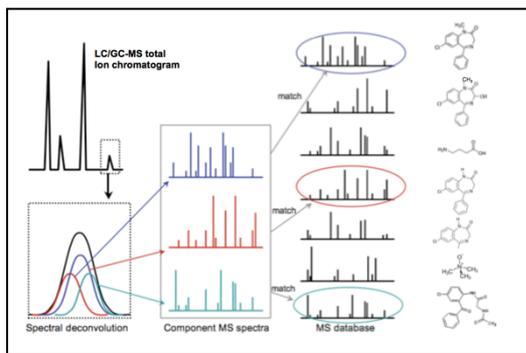
# In Silico Metabolomics

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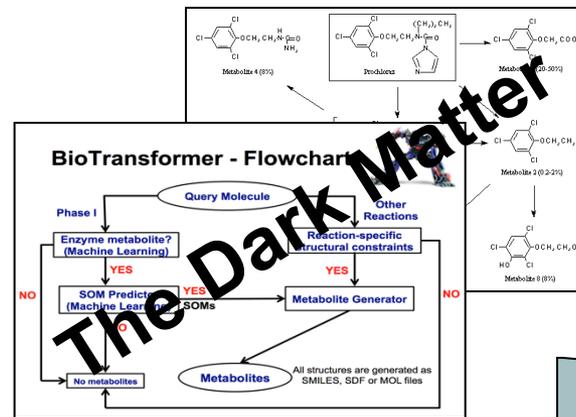
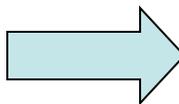
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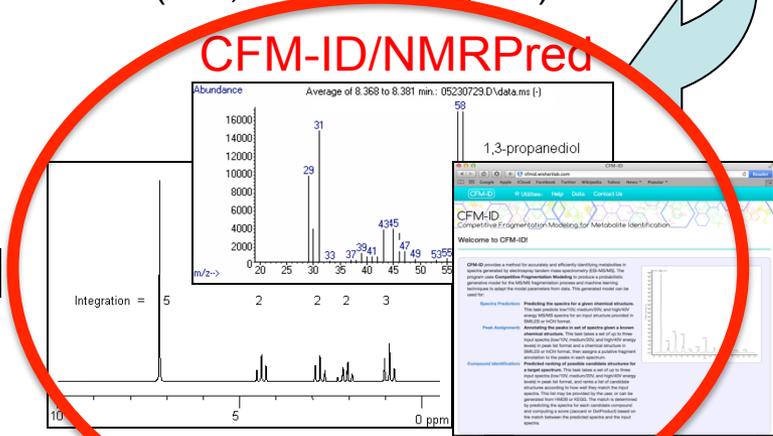
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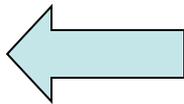
Match observed spectra to predicted spectra to ID compounds



Predicted biotransformations (250,000 --> 2,500,000)

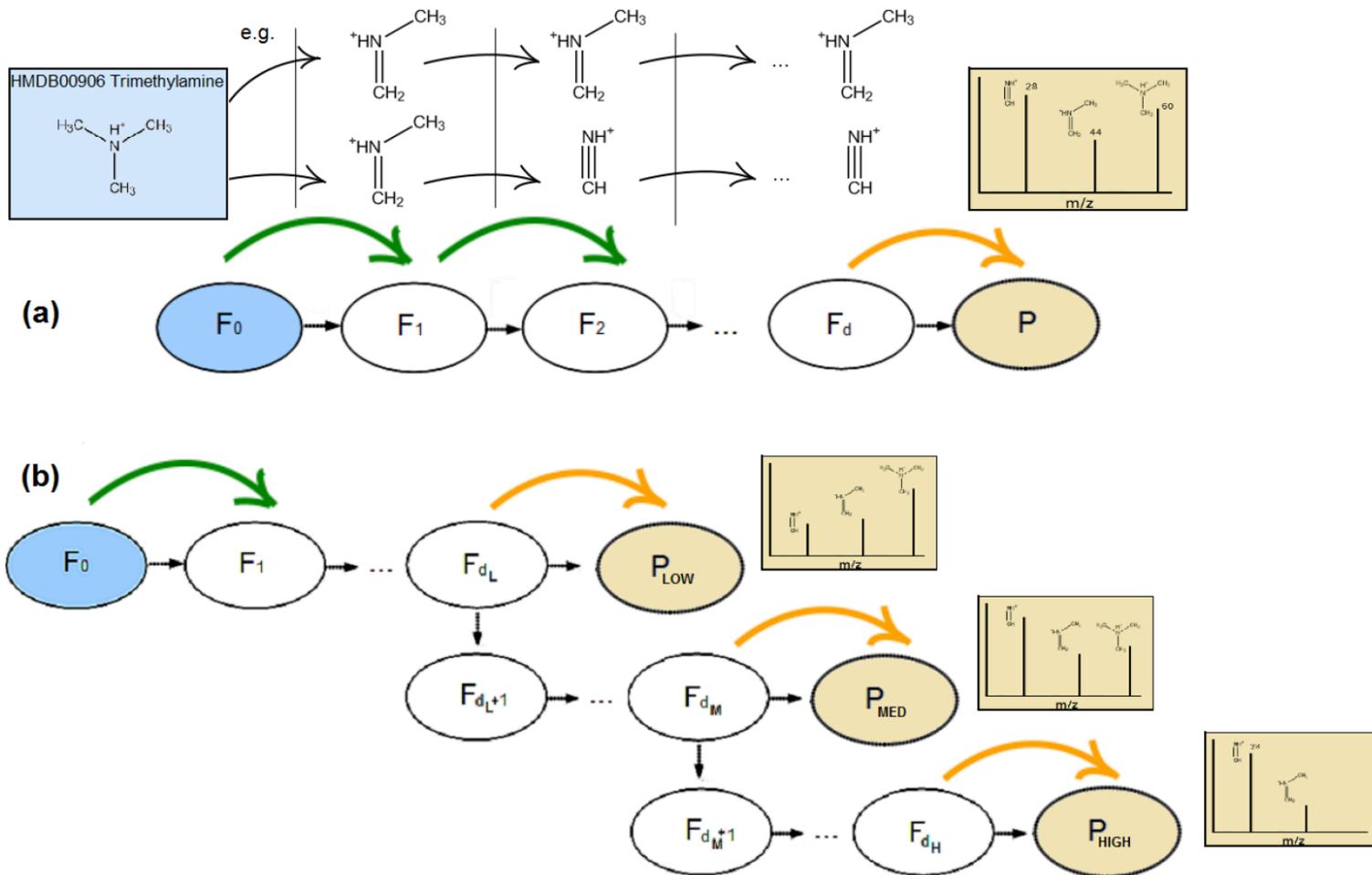


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**The Dark Matter**

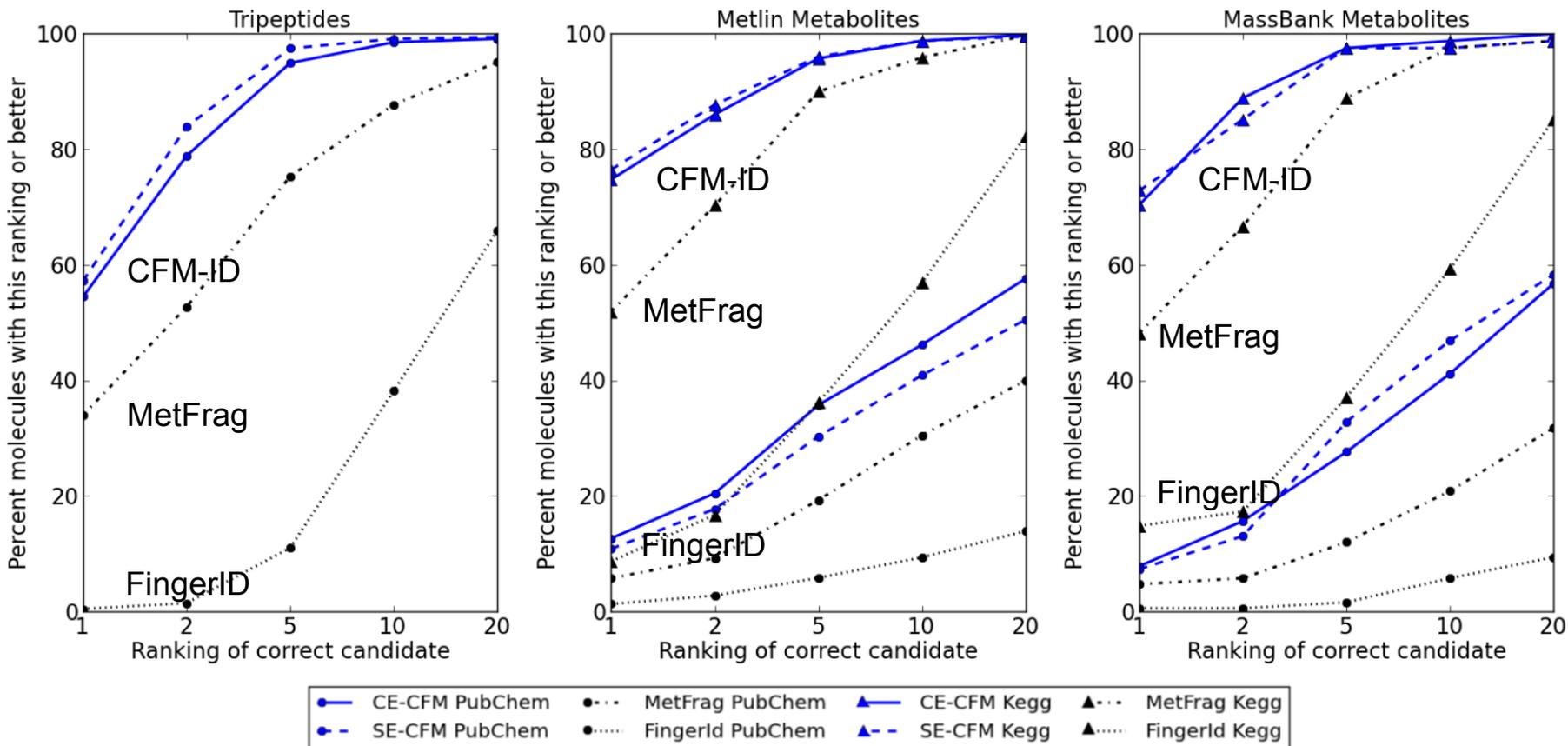
# Competitive Fragment Modeling (CFM-ID)



# CFM-ID

- Uses a large training set of high resolution MS/MS data of known compounds at low (10 eV) medium (20 eV) and high (40 eV) collision energies
- Employs an initially naïve chemical fragmenter that generates potential fragments and the corresponding MS/MS spectra
- The fragmenter slowly learns from its training data (via an HMM)
- *The more training data, the better the overall performance*

# CFM-ID Performance



# Performance

- **Significant performance improvement in CFM-ID and all other fragment or structure predictors if the database being searched is smaller or more targeted**
- **Significant improvement if multiple collision energies (10, 20, 40 eV) are used rather than a single collision energy**
- **80% correct for DB ~30,000 cmpds**
- **50% correct for DB ~1,000,000 cmpds**
- **20% correct for DB ~50,000,000 cmpds**

# The CFM-ID Server

The screenshot displays the CFM-ID web server interface. The top navigation bar includes links for Utilities, Help, Data, and Contact Us. The main content area features a welcome message and a brief description of the CFM-ID method. Below this, there are three sections: Spectra Prediction, Peak Assignment, and Compound Identification. The results page shows a mass spectrum plot for a Low Energy Input MsMs Spectrum (10V, M+H) with intensity on the y-axis and m/z on the x-axis. Below the plot, there are sections for Medium Energy Input MsMs Spectrum (20V, M+H) and High Energy Input MsMs Spectrum (40V, M+H), both showing 'No Spectra'. The Candidate Rankings table is as follows:

Rank	Score	Structure	ID	Name	Chemical Formula	Mass	Compare
1	0.28571429		HMDB29101	Tyrosyl-Aspartate	C13H16N2O6	296.100836254	Current
2	0.19047619		HMDB28765	Aspartyl-Tyrosine	C13H16N2O6	296.100836254	Compare
3	0.076923077		HMDB11685	DHAP(B,0)	C11H21O7P	296.102489538	Compare

- A web server that predicts MS/MS spectra, annotates input MS/MS spectra and permits compound identification from input MS/MS spectra
- Matches predicted MS/MS spectra (from HMDB or KEGG) to input MS/MS spectra
- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 2014 CASMI competition, used by winners of 2016 CASMI competition

<http://cfmid.wishartlab.com>

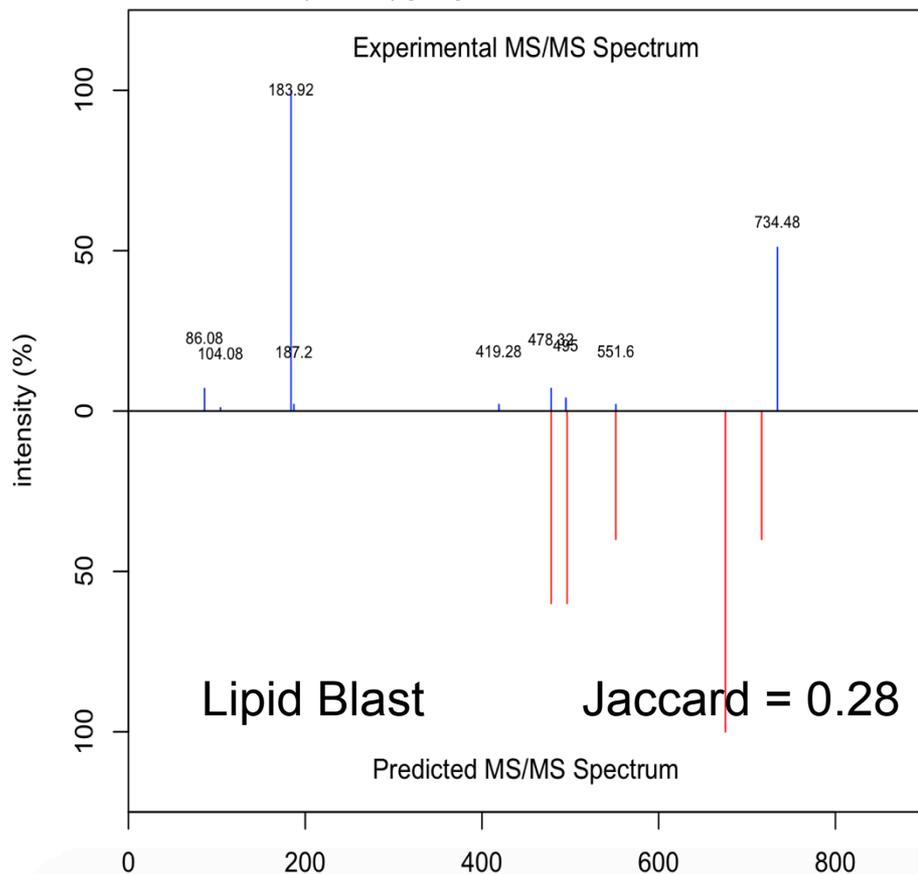


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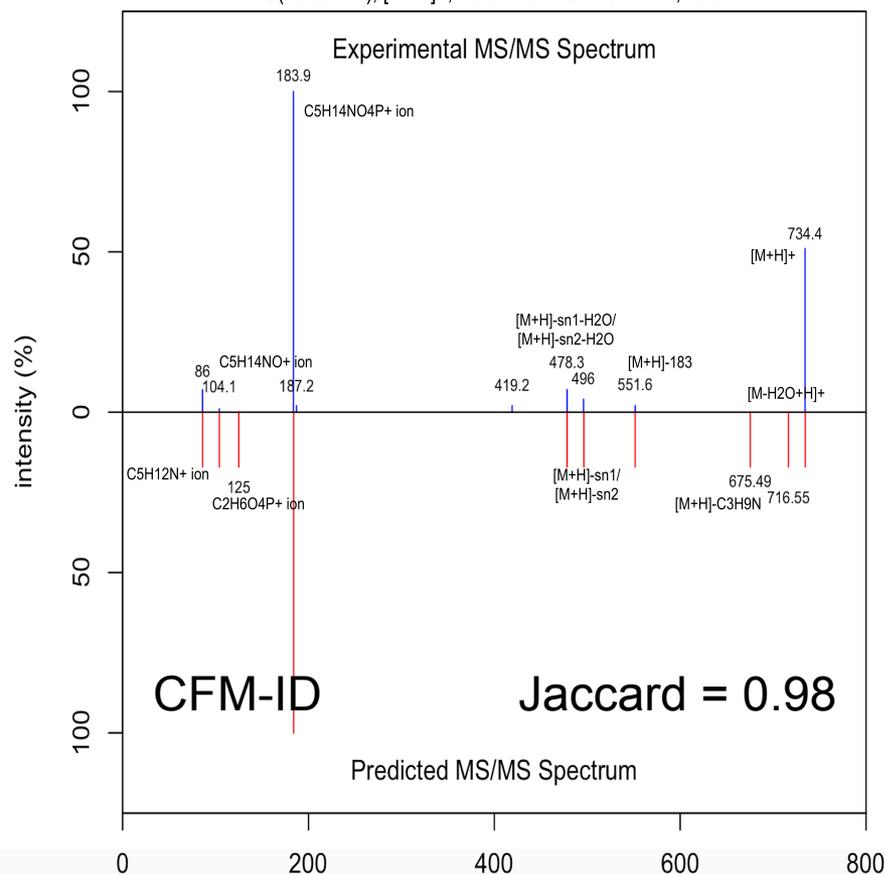
- **Version 3.0 completed (to be released in Dec):**
  - Significantly improved (5X) performance with respect to lipid MS/MS spectral prediction
  - Supports matches to known MS/MS spectra for better compound ID, improved scoring based on citations
- **Version 4.0 in progress (to be finished by 2019)**
  - Much larger training data set (4X larger) covering QTOF and OrbiTrap MS/MS spectra at multiple collision energies
  - Improved generative function, improved chemical and bond descriptors boosts spectral prediction performance by 30-40% over previous CFM-ID version
  - Combined improvements should increase overall performance by at least 50% (still not perfect)

# CFM-ID 3.0 for Predicting 70,000 Lipid Spectra in the HMDB

PC(16:0/16:0); [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; Parent ion m/z = 734.4 Da; 40 eV



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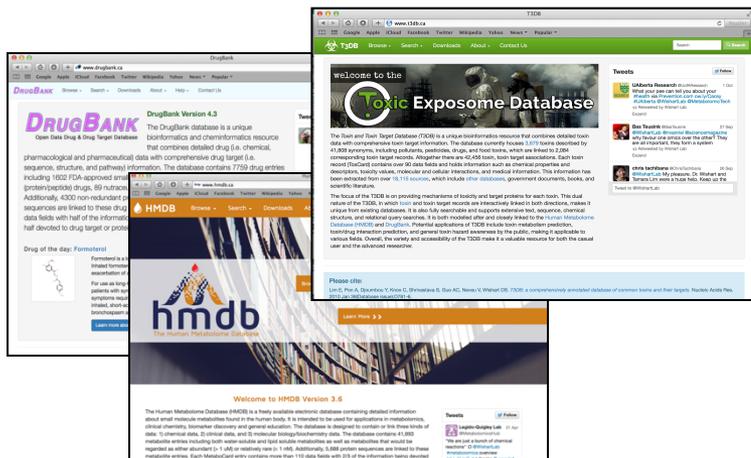
# “Observables” Prediction

- **MS/MS spectral prediction alone will not be sufficient to ID all unknown compounds**
- **Other observables need to be included for confirmation such as RT (retention time), RI (retention index), CCS (collisional cross section), and gas phase IR or IR ion spectra**

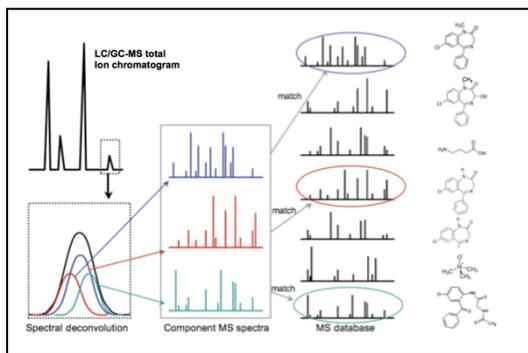
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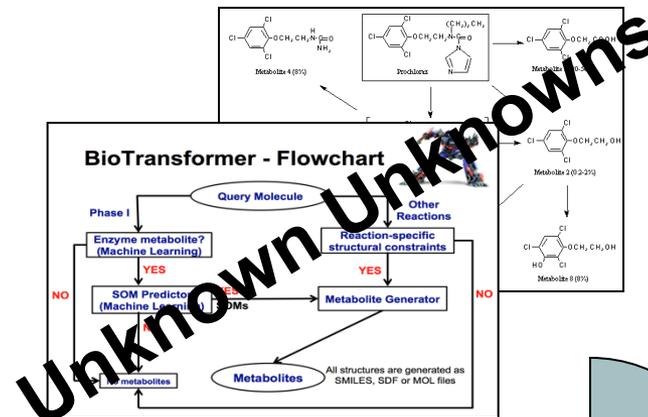
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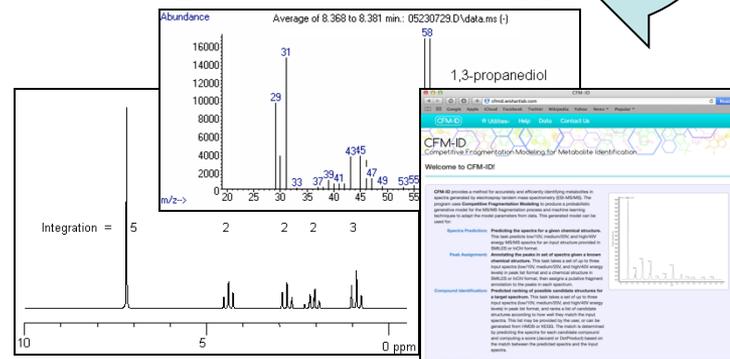


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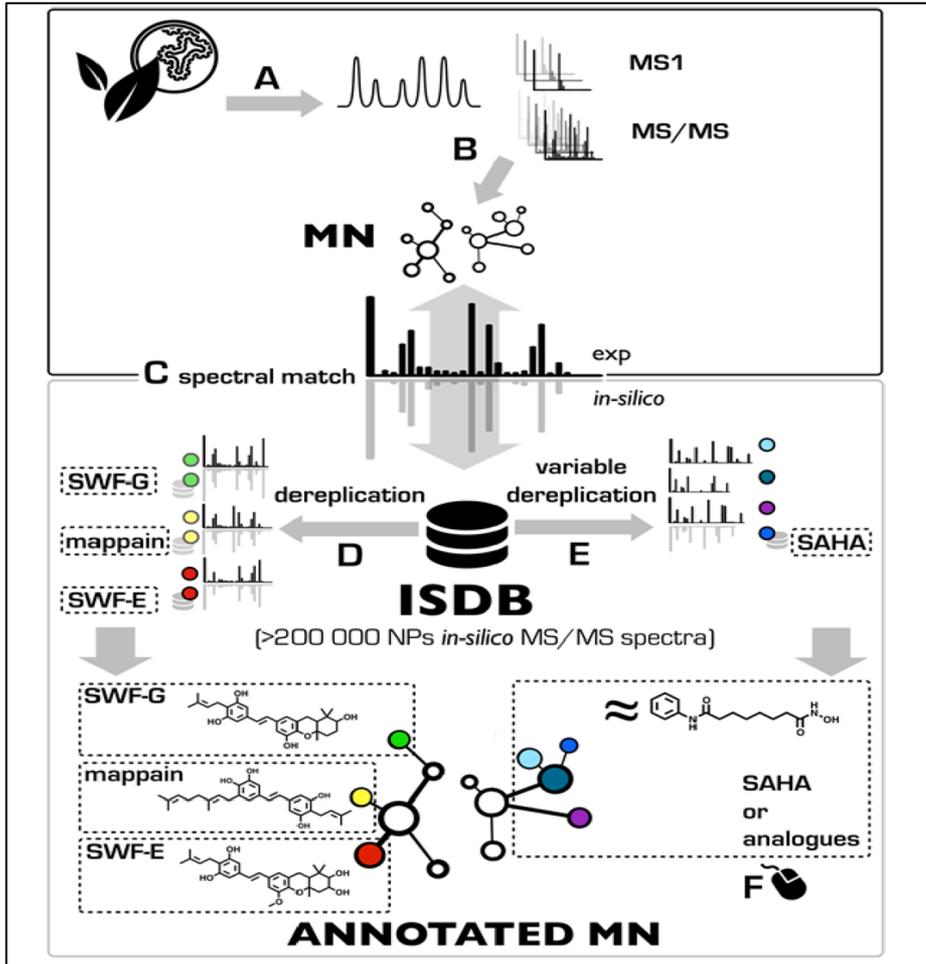
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# Who Is Doing This?



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# Conclusions

- **Compound identification of unknown compounds by MS/MS analysis is hard**
- **We have insufficient MS/MS and compound resources now and the foreseeable future**
- ***In silico* methods offer a possible solution to the problem of inadequate spectral libraries and inadequate collections of compounds**
- **Predicted compound libraries and predicted MS/MS spectra are still imperfect, but they are getting better every year**
- **These *in silico* methods are already being used by several groups in natural product analysis**

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