

MetFrag: Annotating “Unknowns”



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...and many colleagues who contributed to my science over the years!

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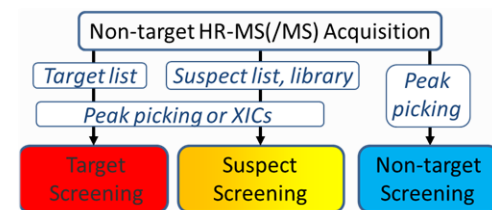
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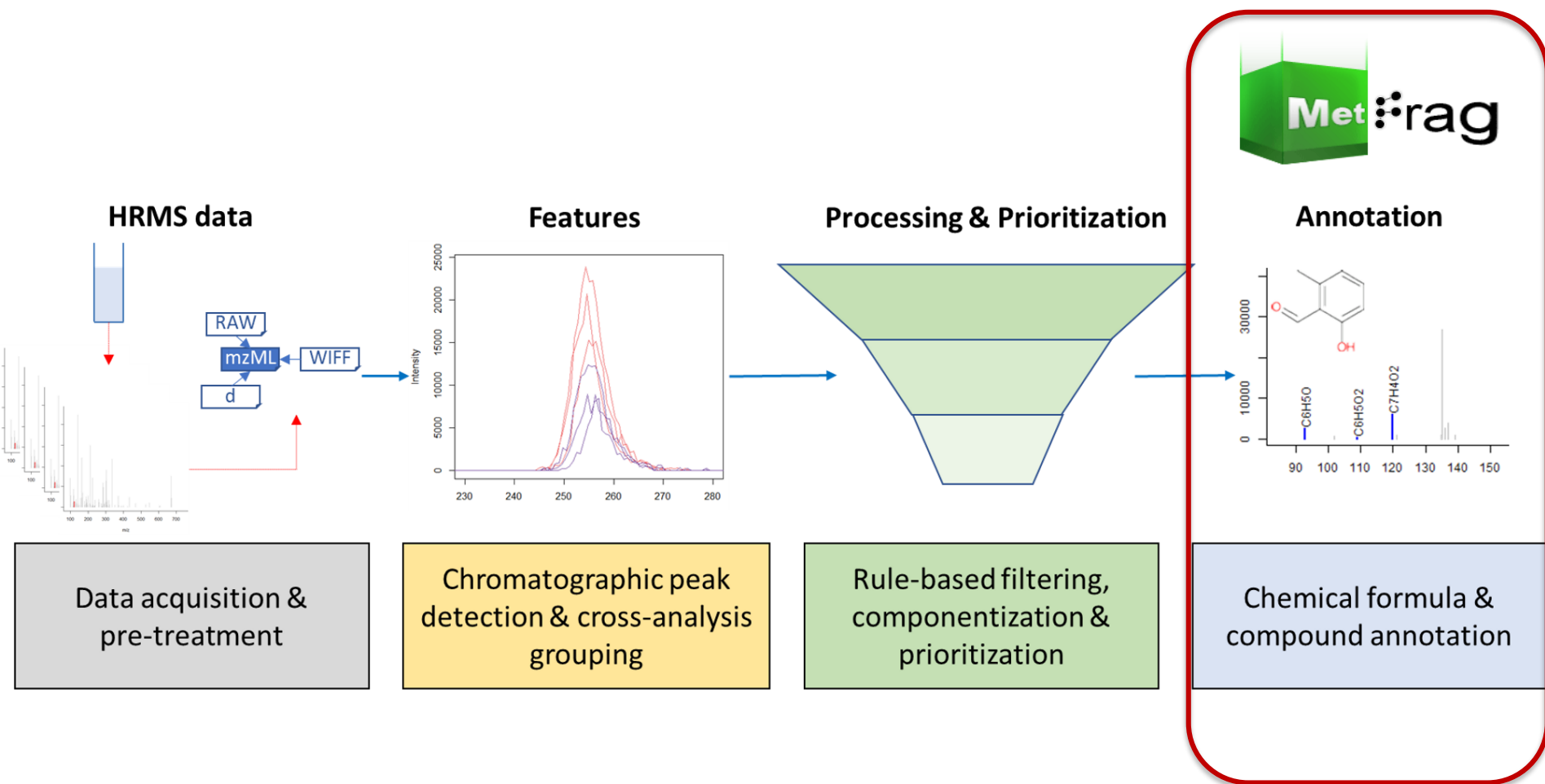
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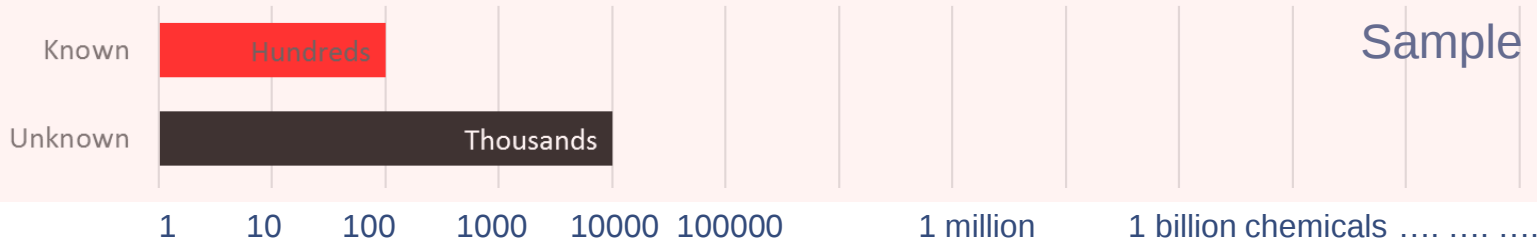
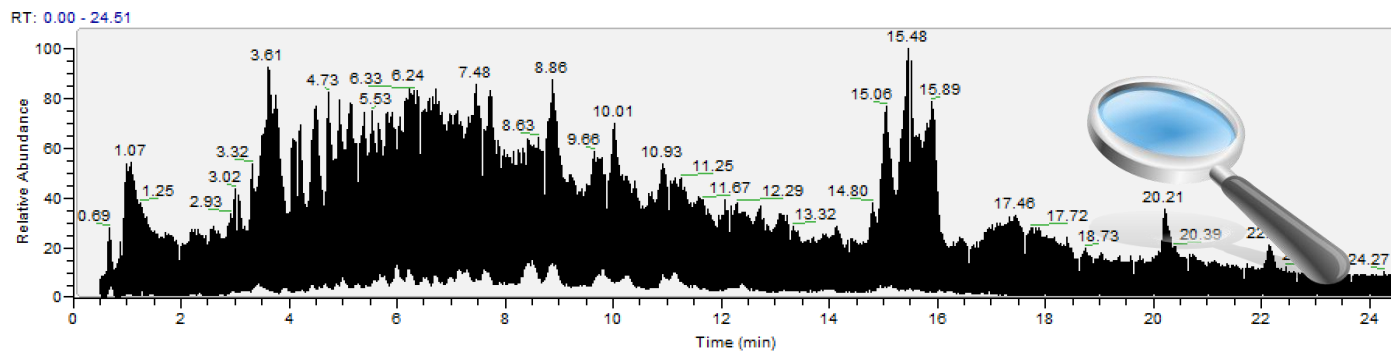


Overview: Identification with HR-MS



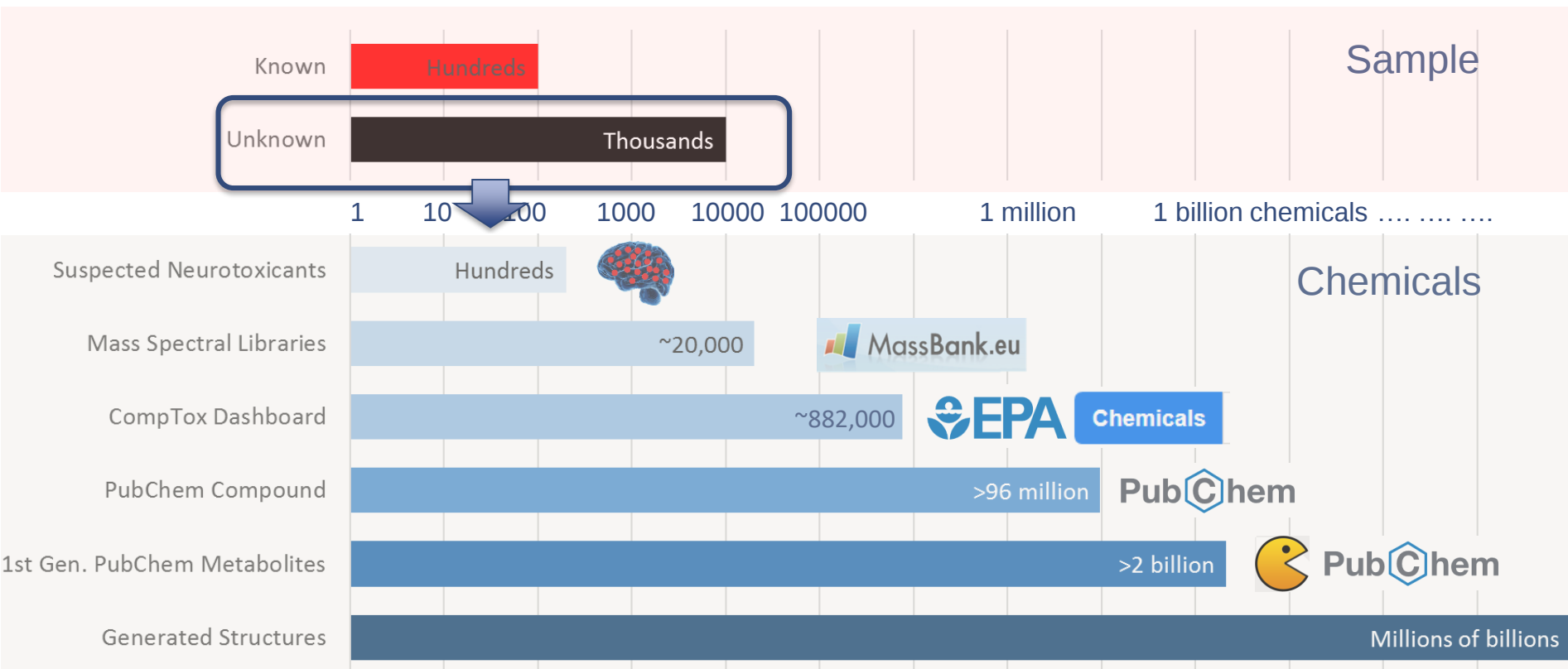
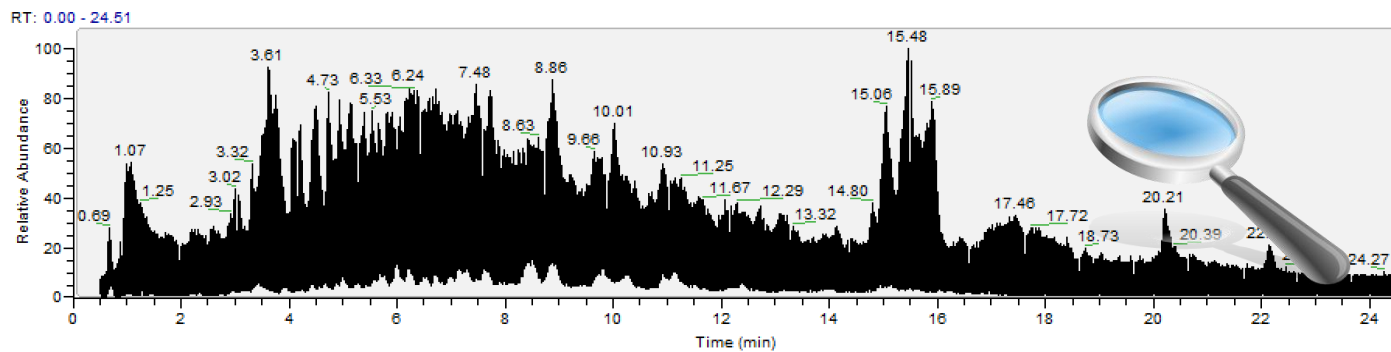
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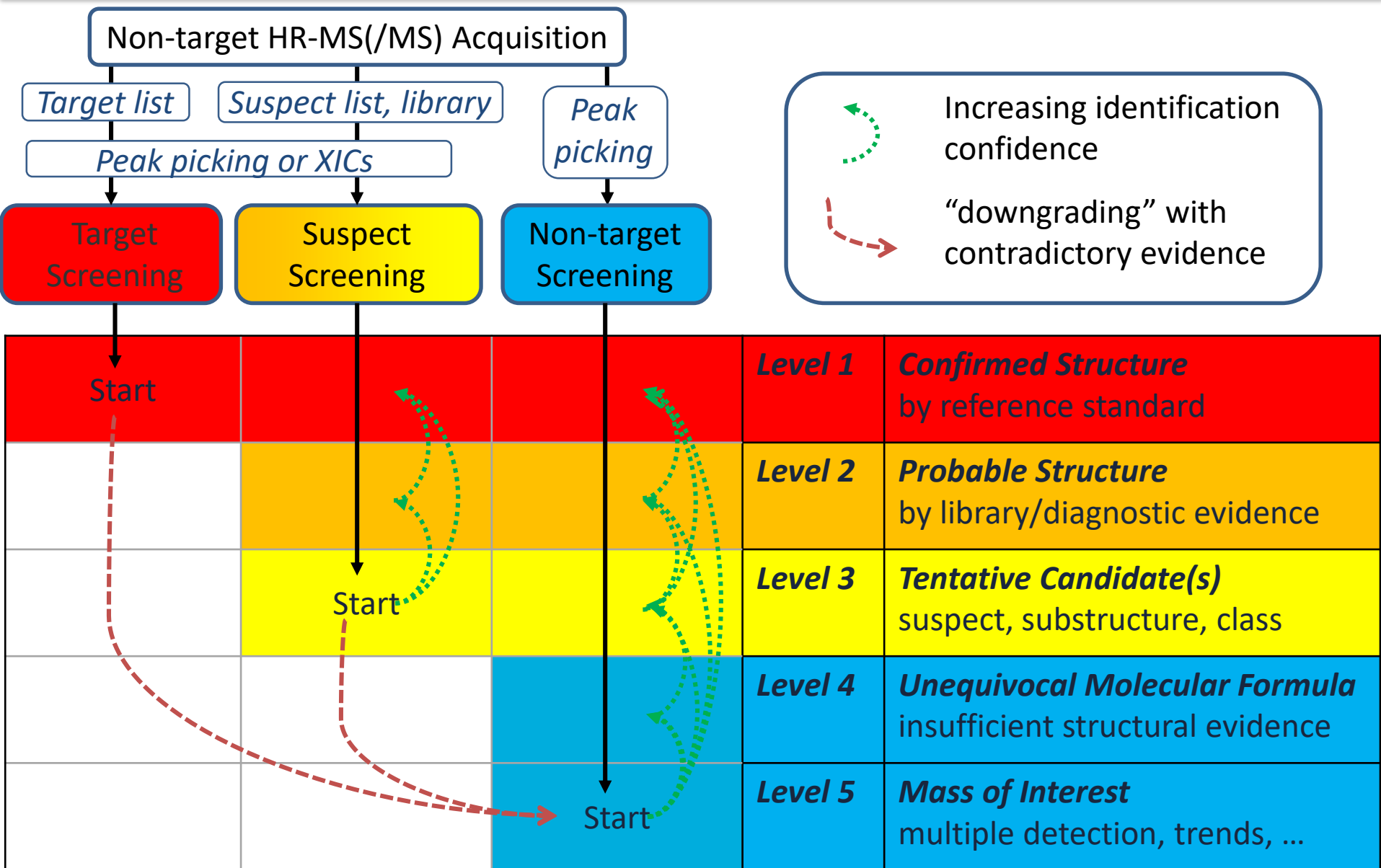


Our (Community) Challenge: Identifying Chemicals

High resolution
mass spectrometry
AND connecting
chemical knowledge



Identification Strategies and Confidence



Key Resources for Identification / Annotation

○ Compound Databases

- A collection of structures, their properties and associated information
- Generally little or no spectral data, rather structures & links
- Largest have >100 million structures in them
 - But don't assume that everything is in there – it isn't!!!!

○ Key examples mentioned today:

- PubChem: <https://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>



- CompTox: <https://comptox.epa.gov/dashboard/>



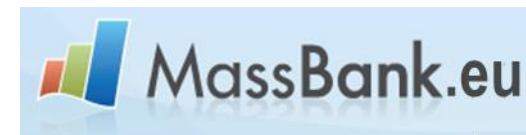
Key Resources for Identification / Annotation

○ Mass Spectral Databases or Libraries

- A collection of structures, mass spectra and associated information
- NIST and Wiley are widely accepted for GC-EI/MS
 - Together >1.2 million spectra of 707,000 compounds
- MS/MS databases are growing, none are yet “established”
 - Together > 2 million spectra, but only approx. 40-80,000 compounds
 - MS/MS available for only ~0.1-4 % of relevant exposomics resources
(see next slide)

○ Key resource(s) mentioned today:

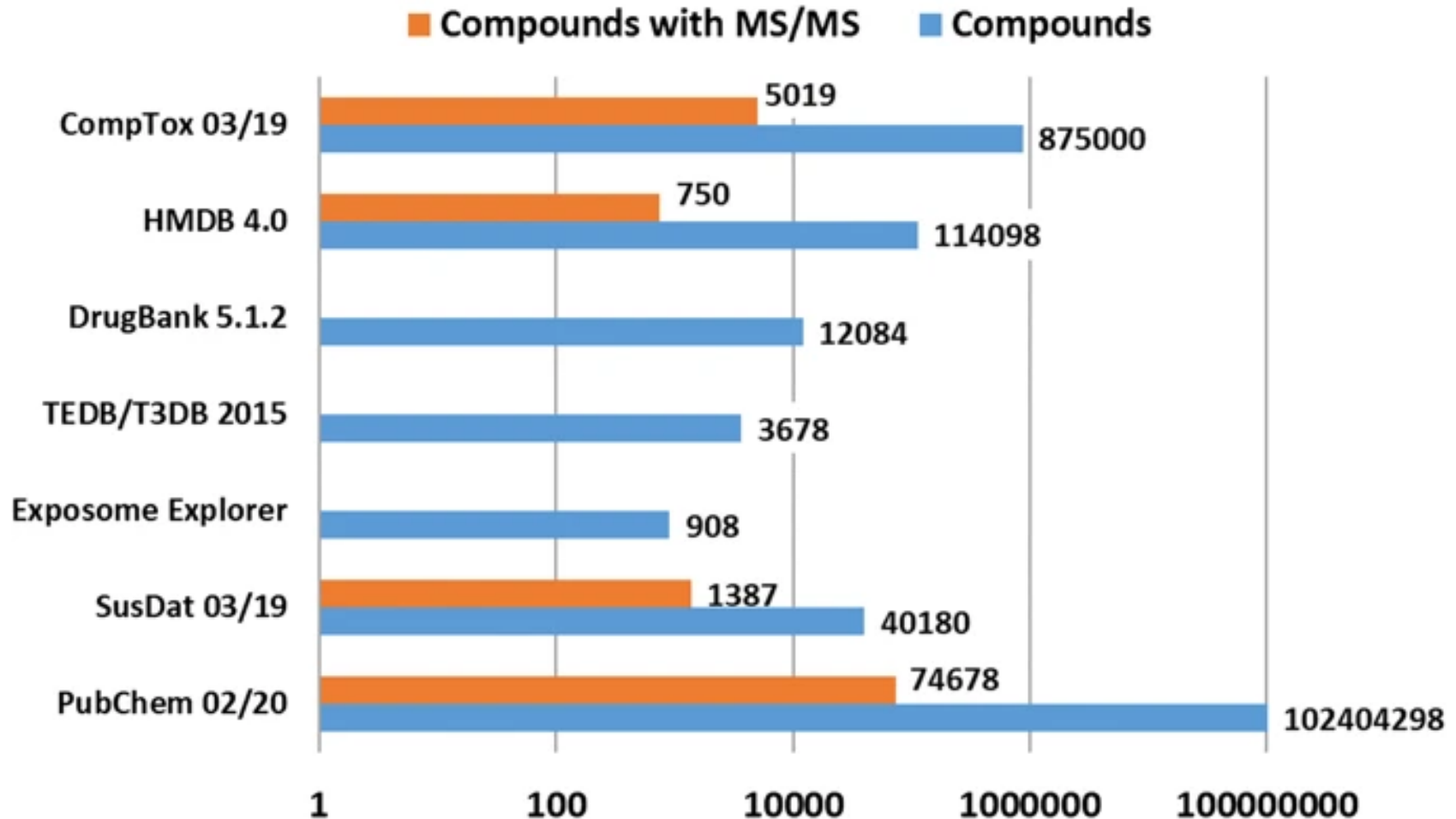
- MassBank EU: <http://massbank.eu/MassBank>
- MoNA: <https://mona.fiehnlab.ucdavis.edu/>



Scarcity of MS/MS Spectra



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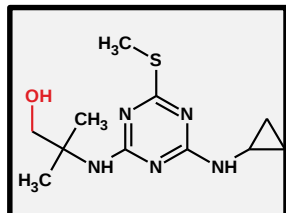


Confidence Levels for Tentative Structures

Example

Identification confidence

Minimum data requirements



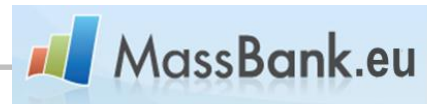
Level 1: Confirmed structure
by reference standard

MS, MS², RT, **Reference Std.**

Level 2: Probable structure

a) by library spectrum match
b) by diagnostic evidence

MS, MS², **Library MS² >0.9 sim**



Level 3: Tentative candidate(s)
structure, substituent, class

MS, MS²,

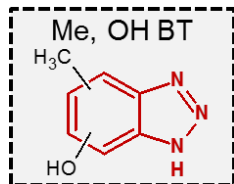
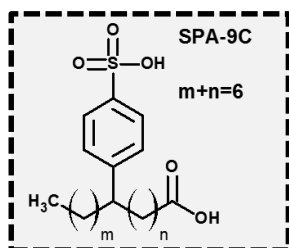


Level 4: Unequivocal molecular formula

MS isotope/adduct

Level 5: Exact mass of interest

MS

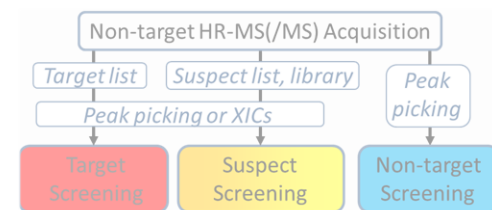


C₆H₅N₃O₄

192.0757

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MetFrag: *In silico* non-target identification

Status: 2010

m/z $[M-H]^-$
213.9637
 ± 5 ppm

5 ppm
0.001 Da

PubChem



MS/MS

134.0054	339689.4
150.0001	77271.2
213.9607	632466.8

135 Candidates

Test set of 473 Eawag Target Substances

<http://ipb-halle.github.io/MetFrag/>

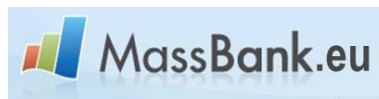
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ChemSpider¹			
Top 1 Ranks	73	105	
% Top 1 Ranks	15 %	22 %	
PubChem²			
Top 1 Ranks	-	30	
% Top 1 Ranks		6 %	

Still some room for improvement!

¹www.chemspider.com; ~34 million entries

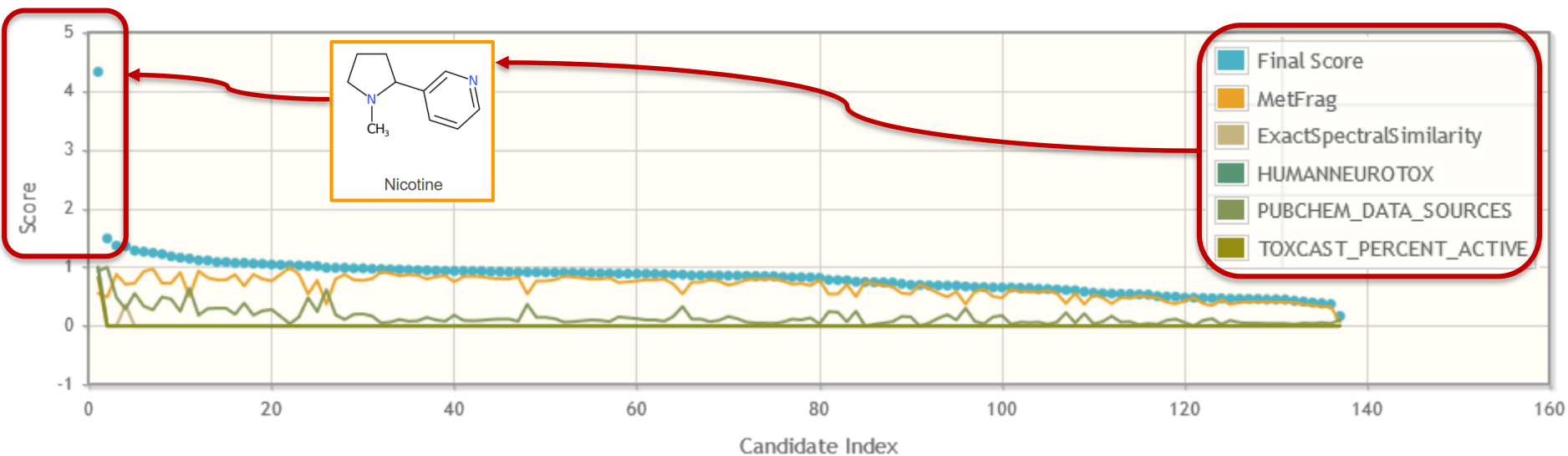
²<https://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>; ~74 million entries

Connecting multiple lines of evidence for identification

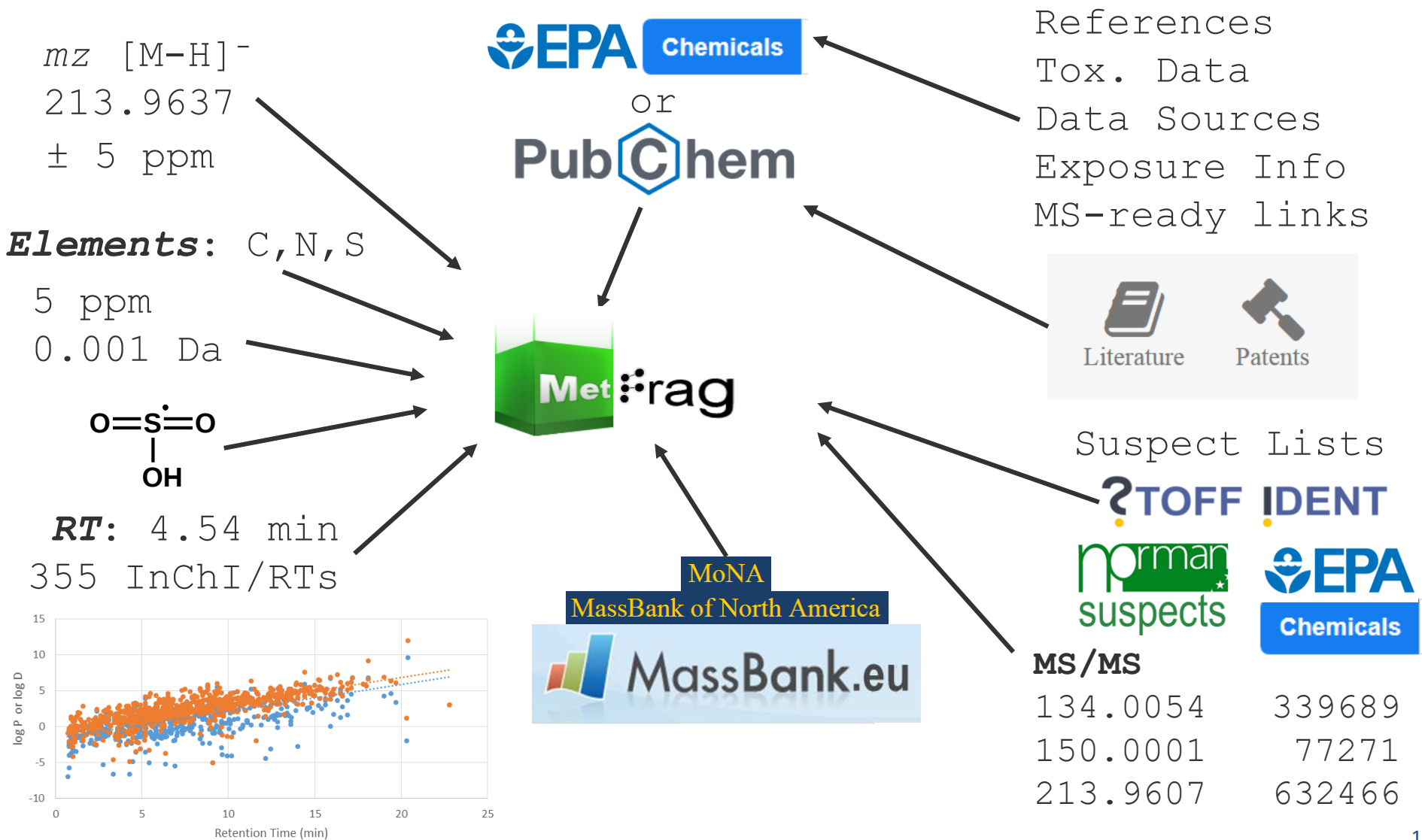


Statistics

Candidate Score Distribution



MetFrag – MS/MS and MORE!



Test set of 473 Eawag Target Substances

	MetFrag 2010	New MetFrag Fragments only	New MetFrag +References +Retention time
ChemSpider¹			
Top 1 Ranks	73	105	420
% Top 1 Ranks	15 %	22 %	89 %
PubChem²			
Top 1 Ranks	-	30	336
% Top 1 Ranks	-	6 %	71 %

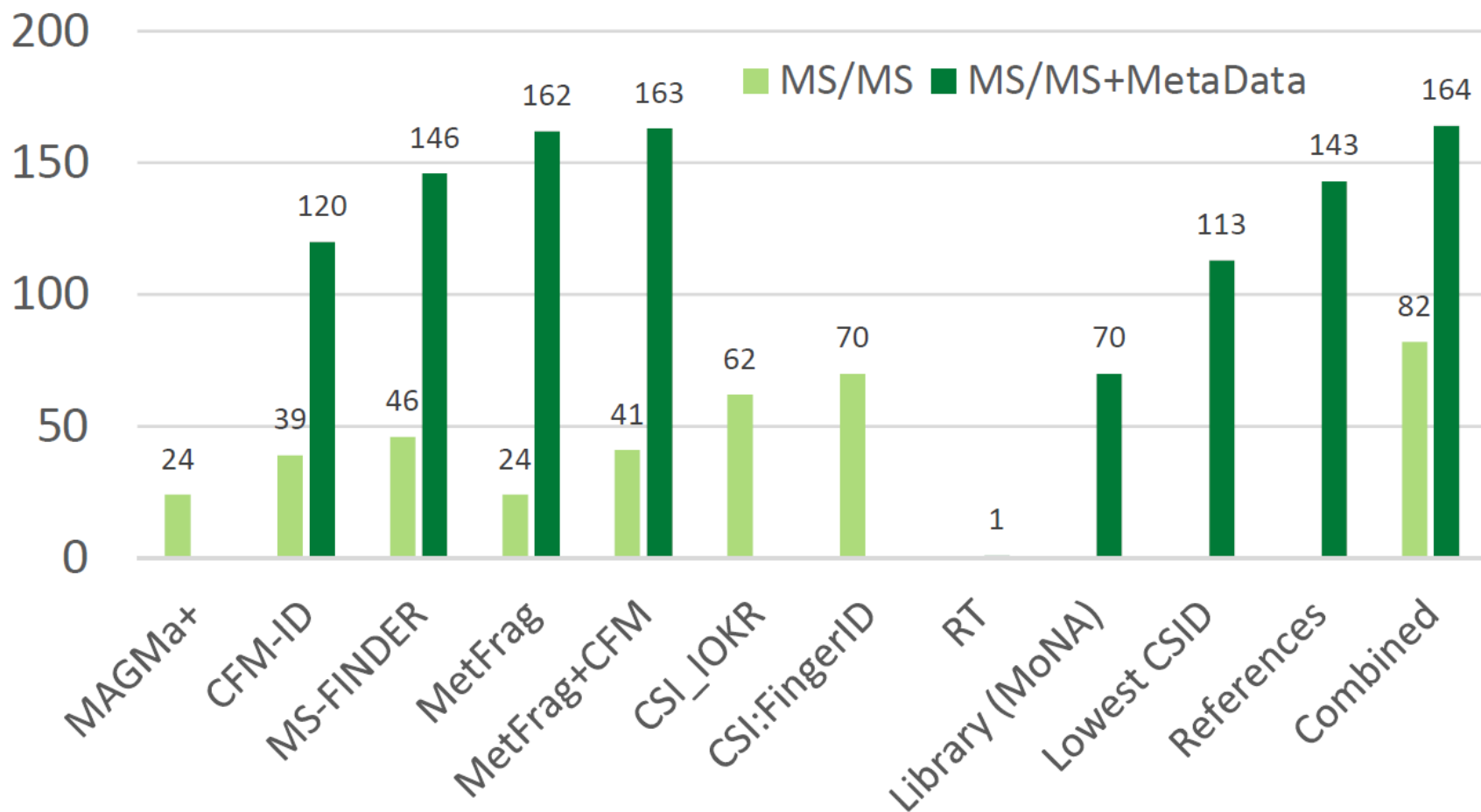
Similar results with 3 independent datasets of 310, 289 and 225 substances from Eawag and UFZ (www.massbank.eu)

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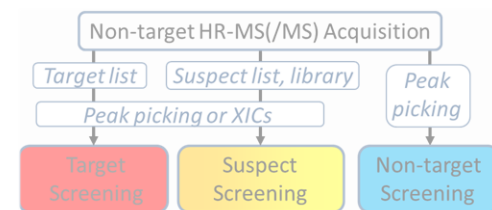
State of the Art in Small Molecule Identification

Metadata is critical to improving annotation of known unknowns!



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MetFrag + CompTox + MassBank + Nicotine



Database Settings

Database: Parent Ion:

Neutral Mass: Search ppm:

Formula:

Identifiers:

Candidate Filter & Score Settings

Fragmentation Settings & Processing

Mzppm:

Mzabs:

Mode:

Tree depth:

Group candidates ☒

MS/MS Peak list

70.065 454569.9 3
78.0334 160392.5 1
80.0494 14365987.5
115
82.065 352108.2 2
84.0807 21553065.2
172
91.0541 243012.2 1
92.0494 1173136.6 9
93.0571 190301.4 1
94.065 1842197.3 14

MetFrag + CompTox + MassBank + Nicotine



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DETAILS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PROPERTIES

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SIMILAR COMPOUNDS

GENRA (BETA)

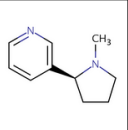
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SYNONYMS

▶ LITERATURE

LINKS

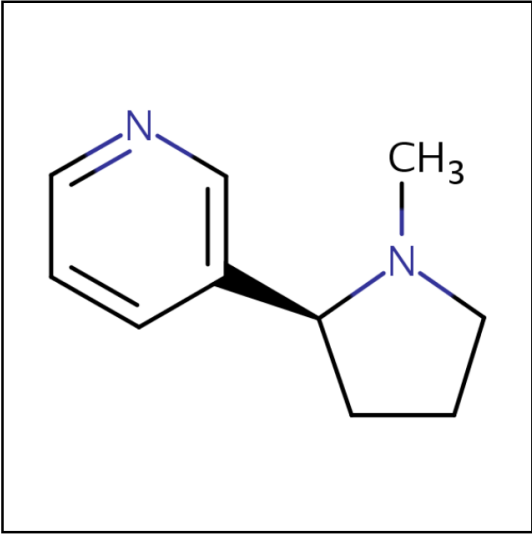
COMMENTS



Nicotine

54-11-5 | DTXSID1020930

Searched by Approved Name.



Wikipedia

Nicotine is a stimulant and potent parasymphomimetic alkaloid that is naturally produced in the nightshade family of plants. It is used for the treatment of tobacco use disorders as a smoking cessation aid and nicotine dependence for the relief of withdrawal symptoms. Nicotine acts as a receptor agonist at most nicotinic acetylcholine receptors (nAChRs), except at two nicotinic receptor subunits (nAChRα9 and nAChRα10) where it acts as a receptor antagonist

...
[Read more](#)

Intrinsic Properties

 **Molecular Formula:** C₁₀H₁₄N₂

 Mol File

 Find All Chemicals

 **Average Mass:** 162.236 g/mol

 Isotope Mass Distribution

 **Monoisotopic Mass:** 162.115698 g/mol

Structural Identifiers

Linked Substances

Presence in Lists

Federal

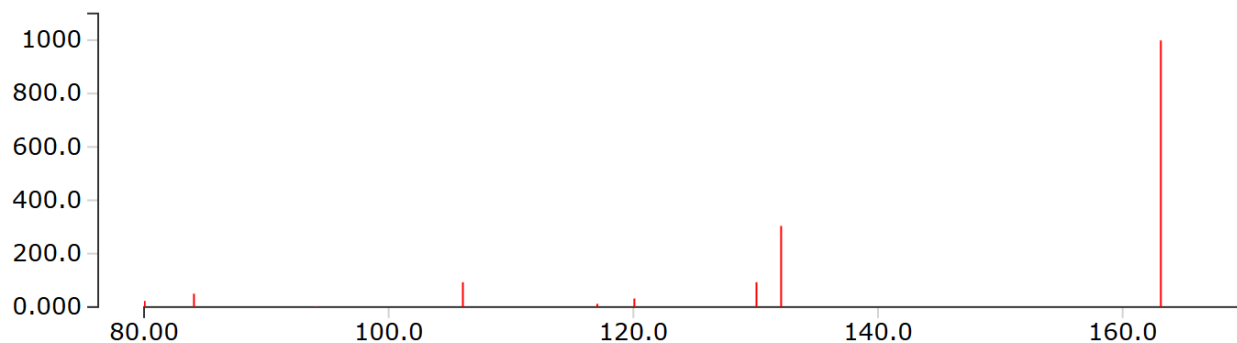
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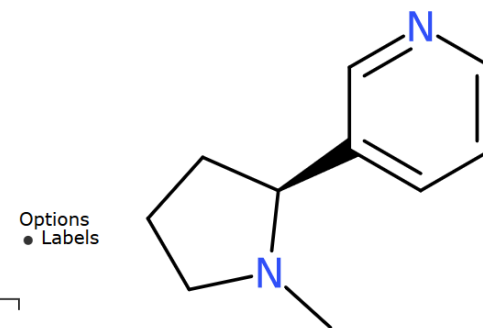
[Home](#) | [Search](#) | [Record Index](#) | [Data Privacy](#) | [Imprint](#) | MassBank ID:

Nicotine; LC-ESI-QFT; MS2; CE: 15; R=35000; [M+H]⁺

Mass Spectrum



Chemical Structure



ACCESSION: EQ300801

RECORD_TITLE:

Nicotine; LC-ESI-QFT; MS2; CE: 15; R=35000; [M+H]⁺

PK\$NUM_PEAK: 9

PK\$PEAK: m/z int. rel.int.

80.0494	6261028.7	23
84.0807	13197924.1	50
94.065	967625.9	3
106.065	24640249.3	93
117.0572	3192413.5	12
120.0807	8648923.7	32
130.0651	24669353.9	93
132.0807	80112590.7	304
163.1229	263120223.6	999

//

MetFrag + CompTox + MassBank + Nicotine

- <https://msbi.ipb-halle.de/MetFrag/>
- CompTox is integrated as a “Local Database”



MetFrag

In silico fragmentation for computer assisted identification of metabolite mass spectra

Database Settings

Database:

CompTox_07March19_Se

Neutral Mass:

Formula:

Identifiers:

Retrieve Candidate

PSV

SDF

Local Databases

CompTox_01May18_AllMetaData

CompTox_01May18_SelectMetaData

CompTox_07March19_SelectMetaData

CompTox_01May18_SelectMetaDataPlu

Candidate Filter & Score Settings

Database Settings

Database:

CompTox_07March19_Se

Neutral Mass:

162.11576

Search ppm: 5

Formula:

C10H14N2

Identifiers:

Retrieve Candidates

225 Candidates

MetaData is included in CompTox

Candidate Filter & Score Settings

Candidate Filters

☐ Element Inclusion

☐ Element Exclusion

☐ Substructure Inclusion

☐ Substructure Exclusion

☐ Substructure Information

☐ Minimum

☐ Maximum

☐ Suspect

MetFrag Scoring Terms

☐ Substructure Inclusion

☐ Substructure Exclusion

☐ Retention Time

☐ Suspect Inclusion Lists

☐ Spectral Similarity (MoNA)

☒ Exact Spectral Similarity (MoNA)

☐ Statistical Scoring

Database Scoring Terms

Select Item(s) 0 of 10 item(s) selected

☐

☒ DATA_SOURCES

☐ ECOTOX

☐ EXPOCAST_MEDIAN_EXPOSURE_PREDICTION_MG/KG-BW/DAY

☐ KEMIMARKET

☐ MZCLOUD

☒ NORMANSUSDAT

☐ NUMBER_OF_PUBMED_ARTICLES

☒ PUBCHEM_DATA_SOURCES

☐ TOX21SL

☒ TOXCAST_PERCENT_ACTIVE

Select Item(s) 4 of 10 item(s) selected

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Fragmentation Settings & Processing

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Mzabs:

Mode:



Tree depth:



Group candidates



Process Candidates

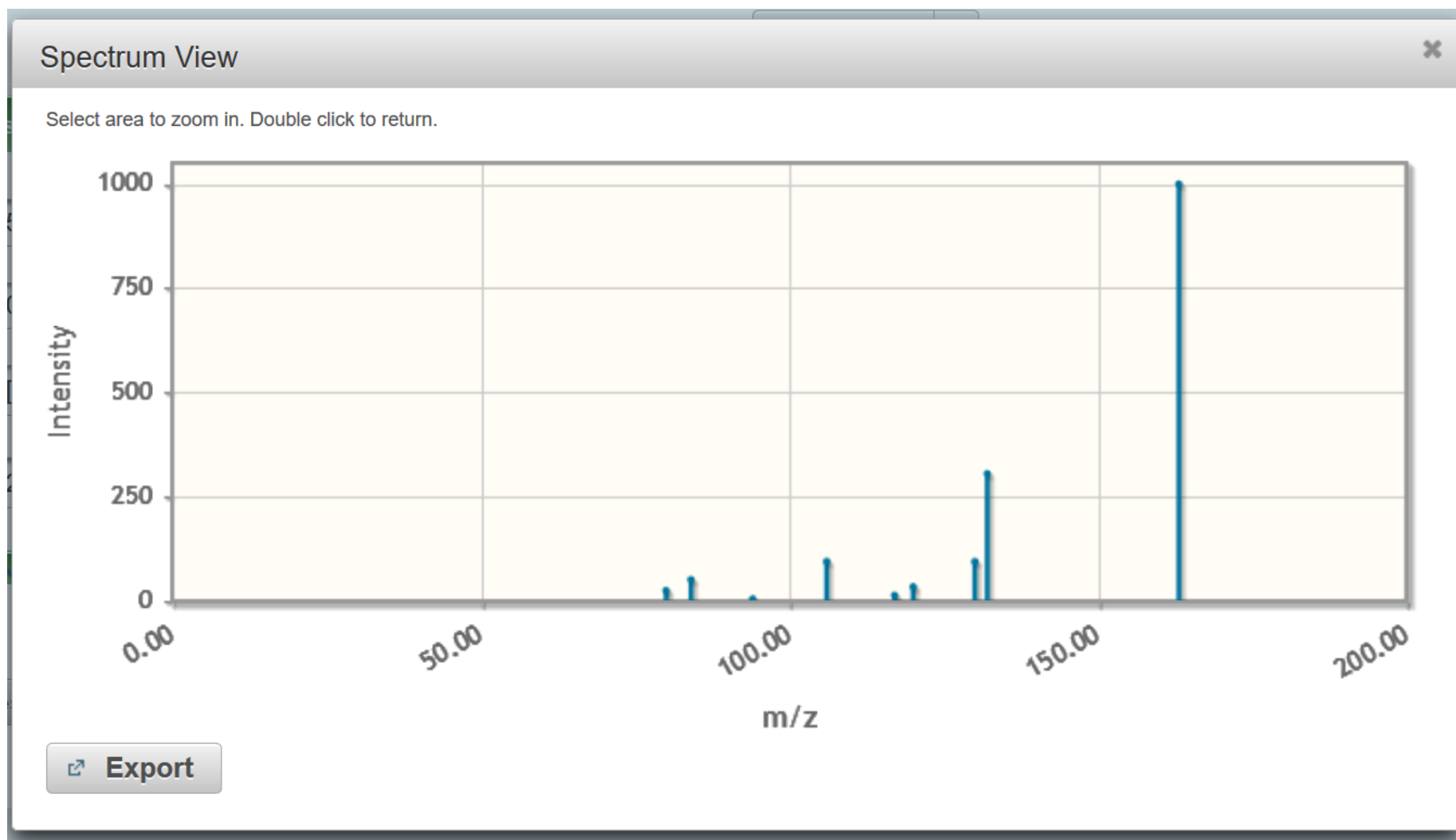
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304
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999
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Show Spectrum

Download Parameters

Check Spectrum



Process Candidates (Grouped)

Fragmentation Settings & Processing

Mzppm:

Mzabs:

Mode: ▼

Tree depth: ▼

Group candidates ☒

Process Candidates

 225 Candidates processed

MS/MS Peak list

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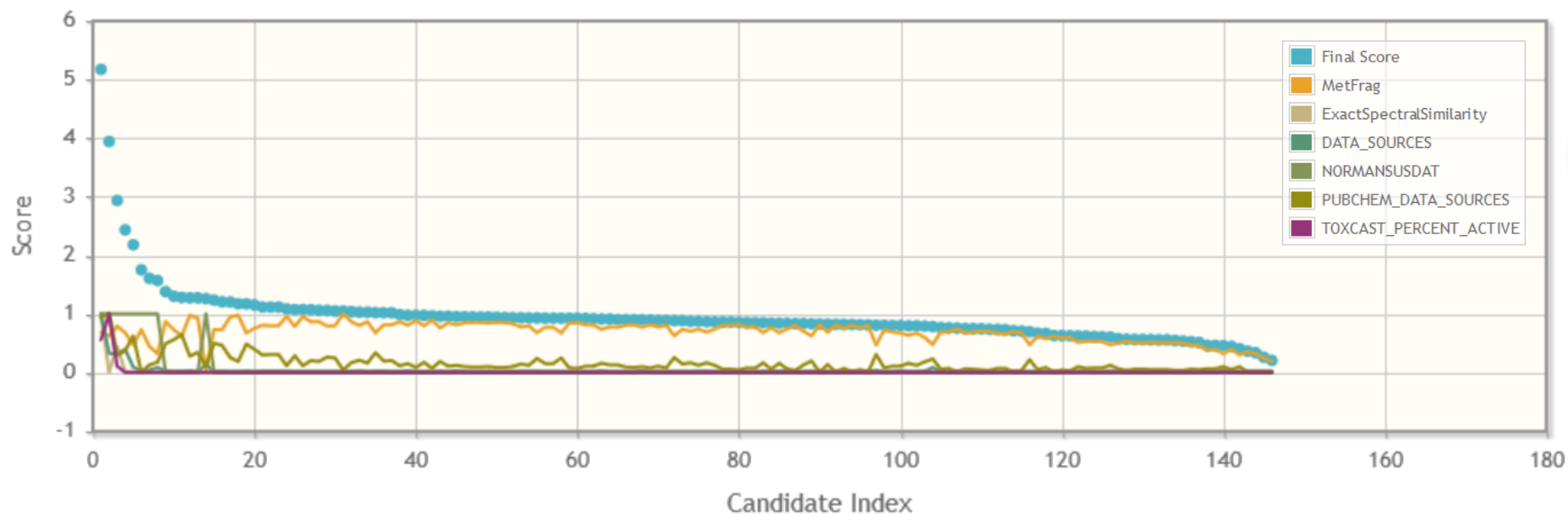
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Process Candidates (Grouped)

Statistics

Candidate Score Distribution



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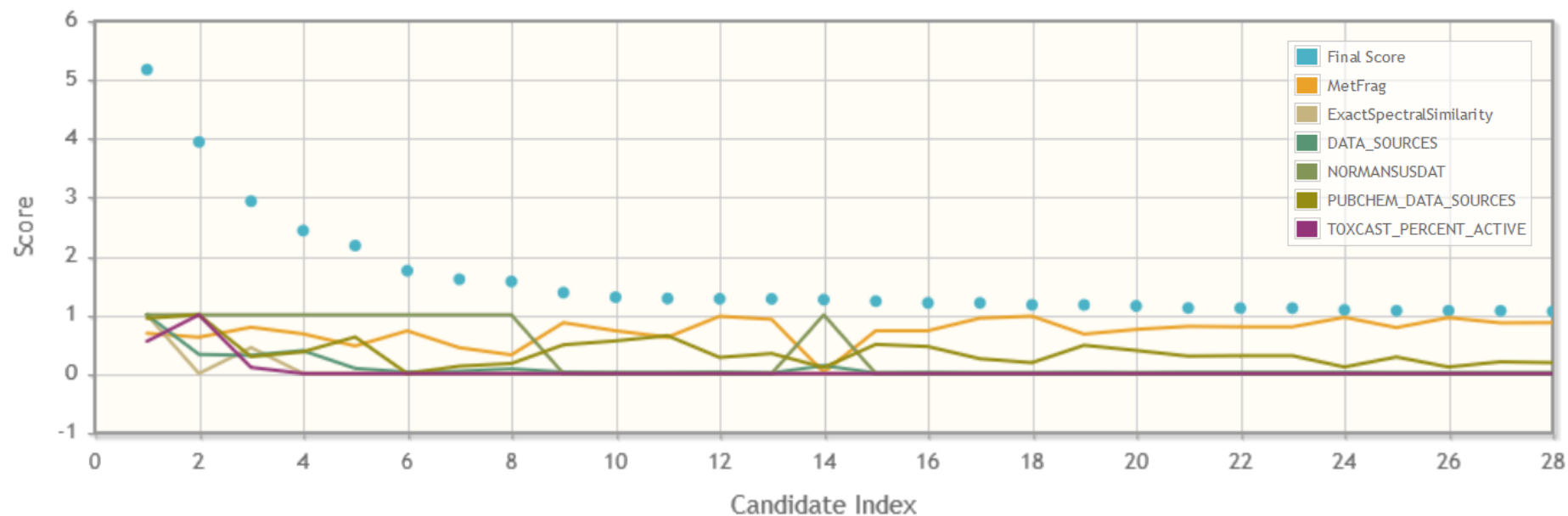
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Process Candidates (Grouped) – Zoomed In

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Candidate Score Distribution



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Results Overview (Grouped)

Results

Weights

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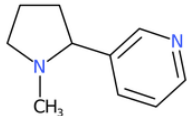
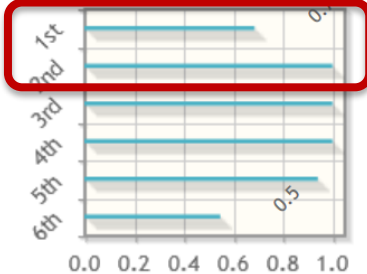
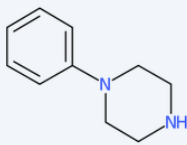
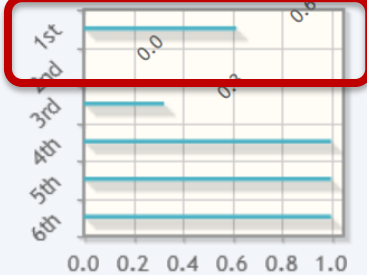
Experimental evidence / values

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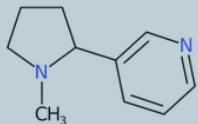
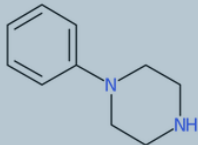
Filter Candidates by explained MS/MS Peaks

MS/MS Peaks

Filter Candidates

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2	 Phenylpiperazine	DTXSID8057855 DTXSID40176612 DTXSID40193102 DTXSID90296632 DTXSID50293046 DTXSID00293011 DTXSID50296633 InChIKeyBlock1 = YZTJYBICZXZGCT	162.11576	C ₁₀ H ₁₄ N ₂		3.943	Peaks: 6 / 8 Fragments Scores Download

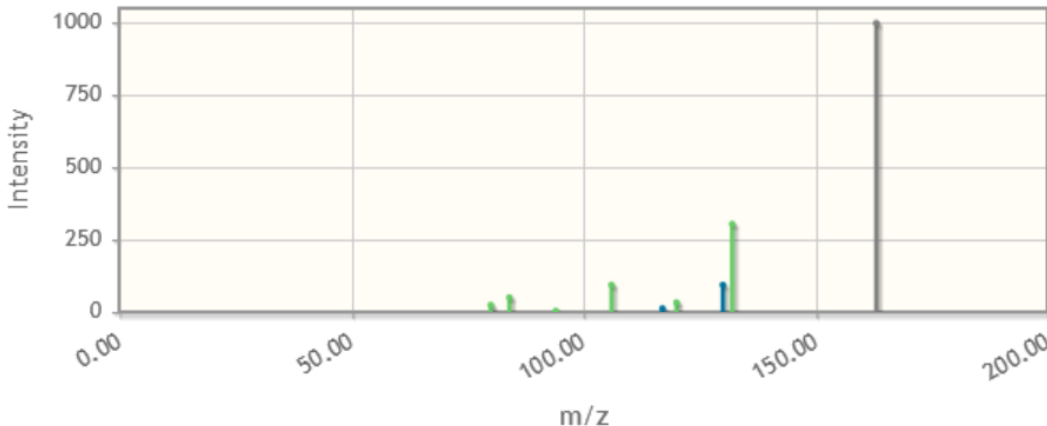
Fragments View

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2	 Phenylpiperazine	943	Peaks: 6 / 8 Fragments Scores Download
			Peaks: 6 / 8

Fragments View

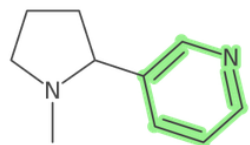
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■ matched
■ not matched
■ excluded



Fragment	Peak m/z	Fragment Mass	Fragment Formula
Fragment 1	80.0494	80.0495 Da	$[C_5H_4N+H]^+H^+$

Fragments

 **Fragment 1**

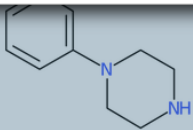
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Fragment Formula: $[C_5H_4N+H]^+H^+$

Scores View

Scores View

Candidate Name: Nicotine
Candidate Identifier: DTXSID1020930|6575

	Name	Normalized Value	Raw Value
1	MetFrag	0.6856	246.1725
2	ExactSpectralSimilarity	1.0	1.0
3	DATA_SOURCES	1.0	126.0
4	NORMANSUSDAT	1.0	1.0
5	PUBCHEM_DATA_SOURCES	0.9407	127.0
6	TOXCAST_PERCENT_ACTIVE	0.5476	2.489

2  Phenylpiperazine

DTXSID40193102
DTXSID90296632
DTXSID50293046
DTXSID00293011
DTXSID50296633

162.11576 C₁₀H₁₄N₂

Peaks: 6 / 8

5.1739

Peaks: 6 / 8

3.943

Nicotine: Spectral Match= 1.0

Level 2a

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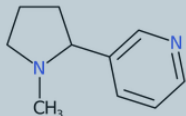
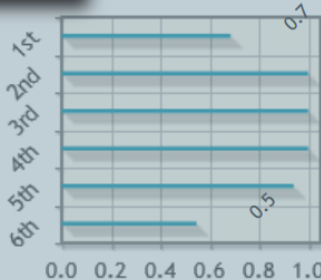
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		DTXSID8057855					

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MetFragWeb_Candidates.csv [Read-Only] - Excel

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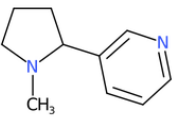
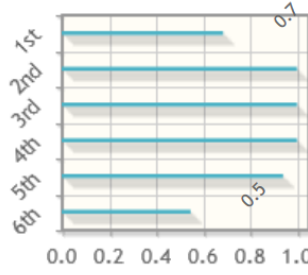
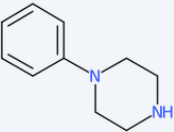
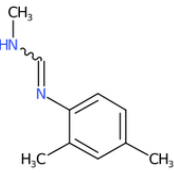
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3	3.943	162.1158	C1CN(CCN	221.7454	1	8	6	InChI=1S/	41	0	135	DTXSID80	4.545455	80.0494_7	Phenylpip	C10H14N2	1834.0;19	80.0494:[C5H6N]	
4	2.9337	162.1158	CNC=NC1=	283.0788	1	8	6	InChI=1S/	39	0.44262	39	DTXSID10	0.473934	80.0494_7	N'-(2,4-Dir	C10H14N2	1529.0;16	80.0494:[C5H5N]	
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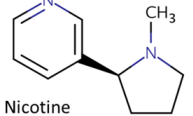
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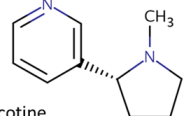
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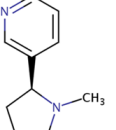
"MS-ready" Form: Grouped vs Ungrouped...

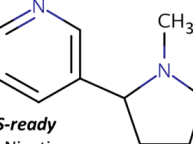
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2	 Phenylpiperazine	DTXSID40176612 DTXSID40193102 DTXSID90296632 DTXSID50293046 DTXSID00291011 DTXSID50296033 InChIKeyBlock1 = YZTJYBJCZXZGCT	162.11				
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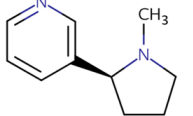
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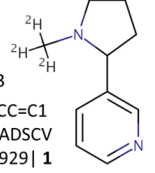

Nicotine
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DTXSID1020930 | SNICXCGAKADSCV
54-11-5 | **162.1157** | 0.929 | **72**
Tox: **yes** | Expo: **yes** | Bioassay: **yes**


D-Nicotine
CN1CCC[C@H]1C1=CN=CC=C1
DTXSID0046351 | SNICXCGAKADSCV
25162-00-9 | **162.1157** | 0.929 | **20**
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Benzoic acid, 2-hydroxy-, compd. with 3-[(2S)-1-methyl-2-pyrrolidinyl]pyridine (1:1)
OC(=O)C1=C(O)C=CC=C1.CN1CCC[C@H]1C1=CN=CC=C1
DTXSID5075319 | AIBWBPBUAKCMKNS
29790-52-1 | **300.1474** | 0.929 | **6**
Tox: **no** | Expo: **yes** | Bioassay: **no**


MS-ready DL-Nicotine
CN1CCCC1C1=CN=CC=C1
DTXSID3048154 | SNICXCGAKADSCV
22083-74-5 | **162.1157** | 0.953 | **9**
Tox: **yes** | Expo: **no** | Bioassay: **yes**


Nicotine hydrochloride
Cl.CN1CCC[C@H]1C1=CN=CC=C1
DTXSID6020931 | HDJBTCJAJIMNXEW
2820-51-1 | **198.0924** | 0.929 | **9**
Tox: **no** | Expo: **yes** | Bioassay: **yes**


DL-Nicotine-d3
[2H]C([2H])([2H])N1CCCC1C1=CN=CC=C1
DTXSID80442666 | SNICXCGAKADSCV
69980-24-1 | **165.1345** | 0.929 | **1**
Tox: **no** | Expo: **no** | Bioassay: **no**

Process Candidates (Ungrouped)

Fragmentation Settings & Processing

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Mode:

Tree depth:

Group candidates



Process Candidates

225 Candidates processed

MS/MS Peak list

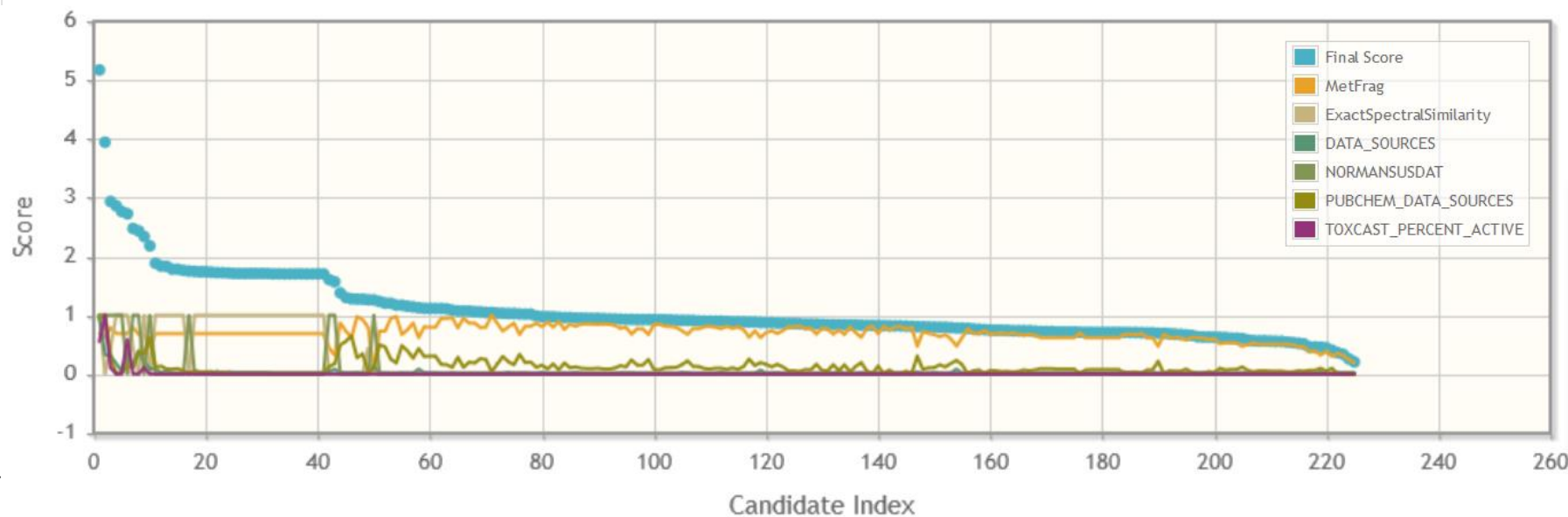
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Show Spectrum

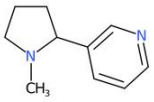
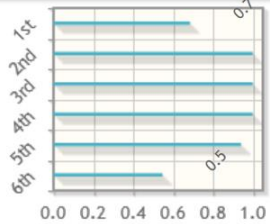
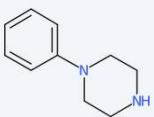
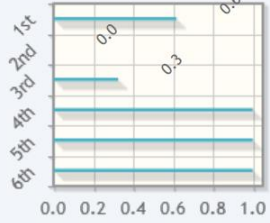
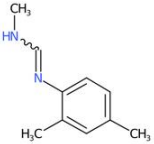
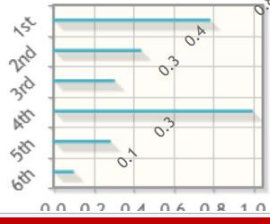
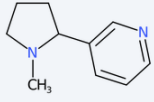
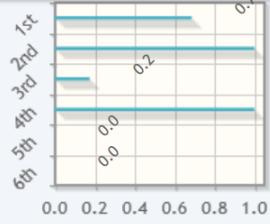
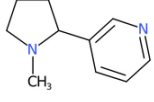
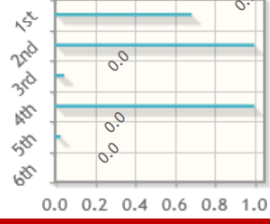
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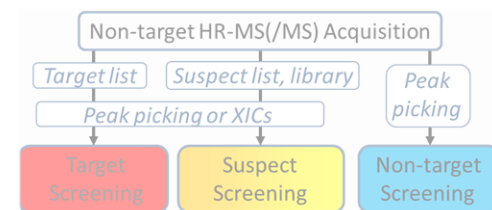


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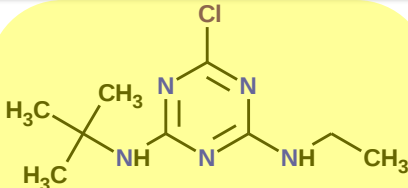
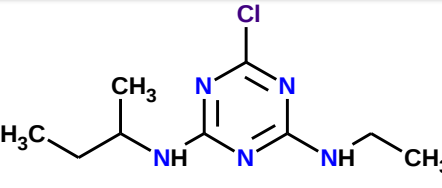
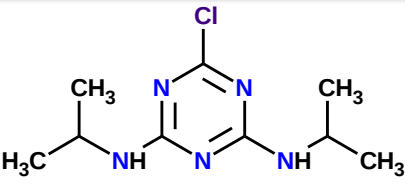
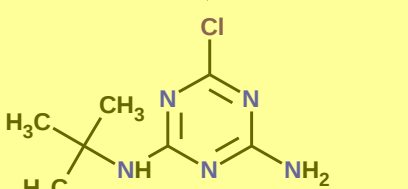
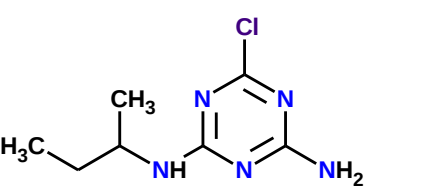
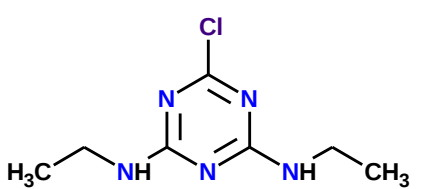
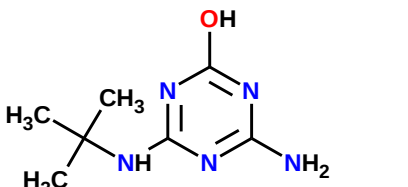
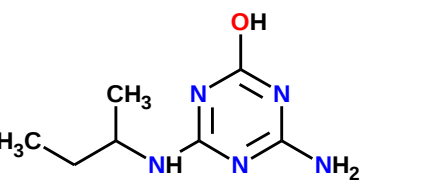
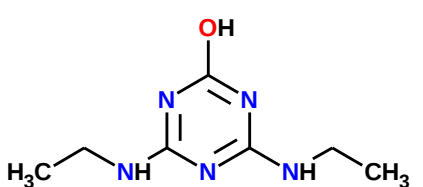
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2	 Phenylpiperazine	DTXSID8057855 InChIKeyBlock1 = YZTJYBJCZXGCT	162.11576	C ₁₀ H ₁₄ N ₂		3.943	Peaks: 6 / 8 Fragments Scores Download
3	 N'-(2,4-Dimethylphenyl)-N-methylformamidin	DTXSID1037696 InChIKeyBlock1 = JIIOLEGNERQDIP	162.11576	C ₁₀ H ₁₄ N ₂		2.9337	Peaks: 6 / 8 Fragments Scores Download
4	 DL-Nicotine	DTXSID3048154 InChIKeyBlock1 = SNICXCGAKADSCV	162.11576	C ₁₀ H ₁₄ N ₂		2.8602	Peaks: 6 / 8 Fragments Scores Download
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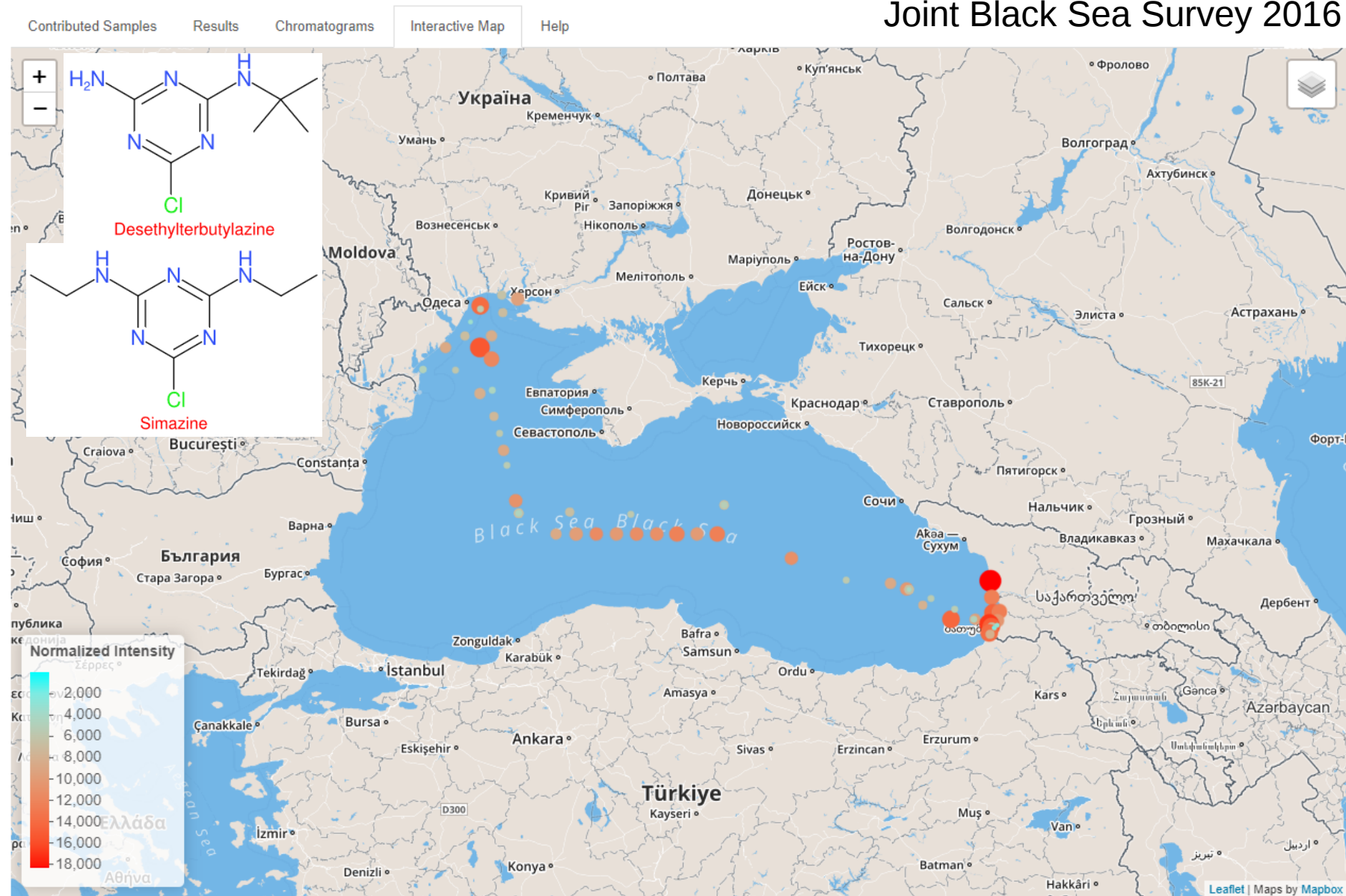
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 - Compound Databases and Spectral Libraries
- Introduction to MetFrag: MS/MS and Metadata
- MetFrag + CompTox + MassBank + Nicotine
 - MS-ready groupings ... or not
- MetFrag + PubChem + MassBank + Isobars
 - The relevance of spectral matching!
- Future: MetFrag for High Throughput Exposomics
 - Build your own databases ... PubChemLite



Isobars: The tricky cases!

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MetFrag + PubChem + MS/MS + Metadata



MetFrag

In silico fragmentation for computer assisted identification of metabolite mass spectra

Database Settings

Database:

PubChem

Include references:



Parent
Ion:

☐

Neutral Mass:

201.07816

Search ppm:

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Formula:

C7H12ClN5

Identifiers:

Retrieve Candidates



73 Candidates

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MetFrag Web Interface – Add MS/MS Details



MetFrag

In silico fragmentation for computer assisted identification of metabolite mass spectra

Fragmentation Settings & Processing

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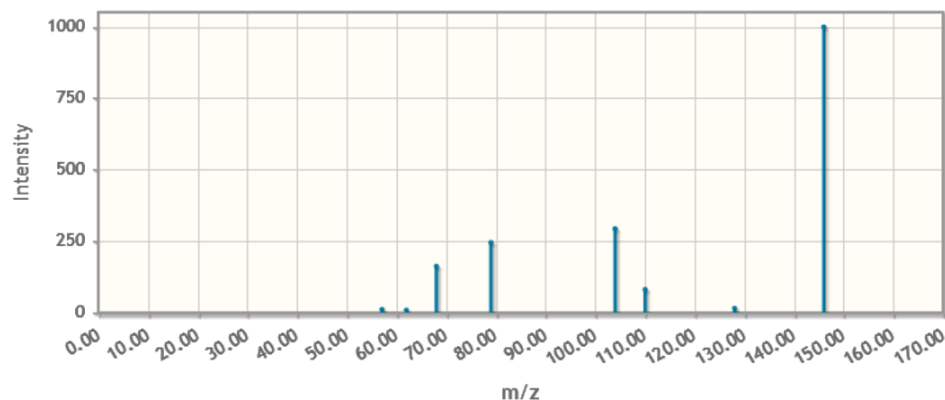
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Process Candidates

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Show Spectrum

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MetFrag + PubChem: add MS Library + Metadata

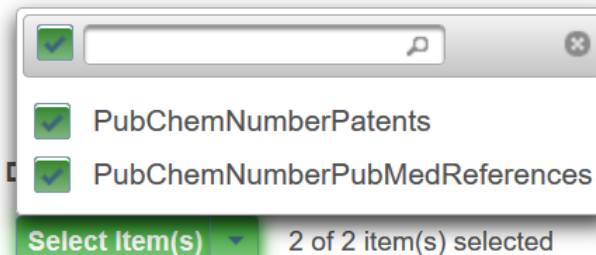
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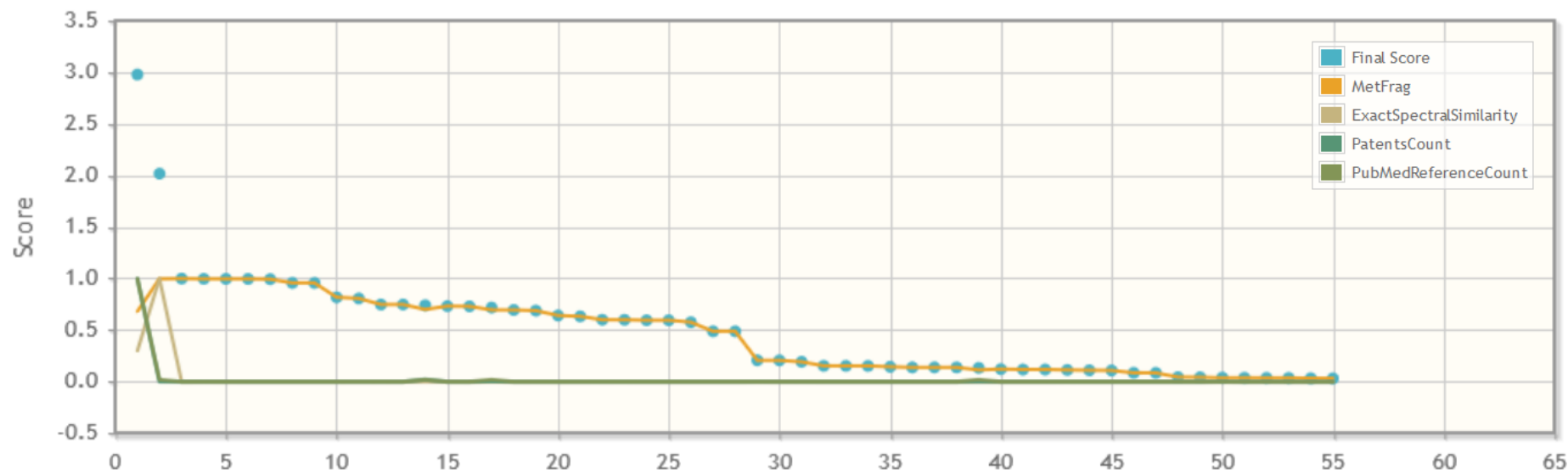
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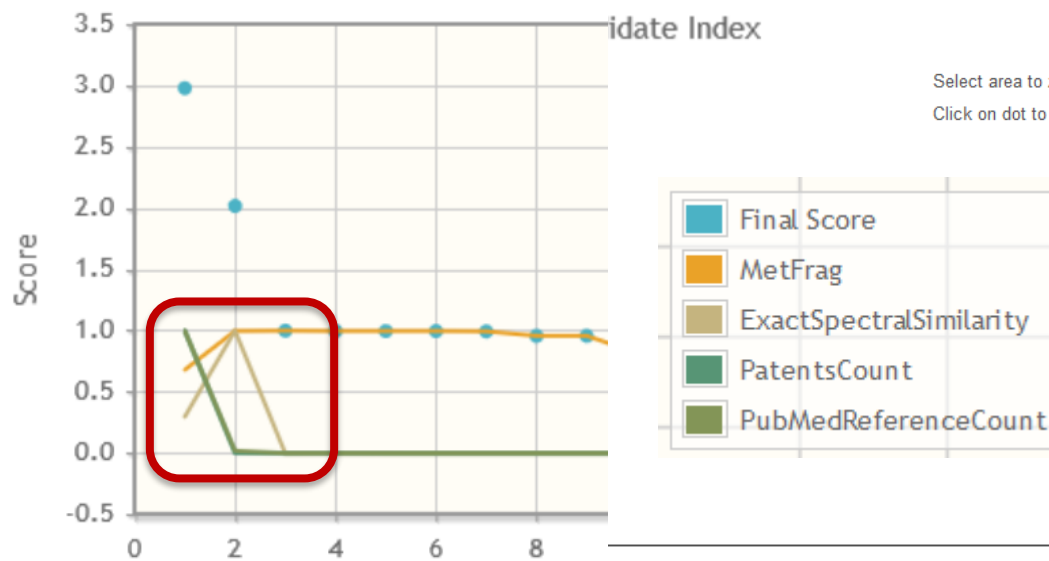
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MetFrag Results – Metadata is good ... but ...

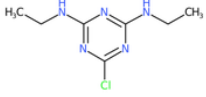
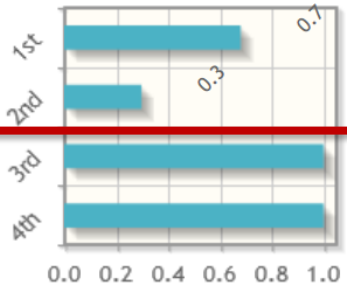
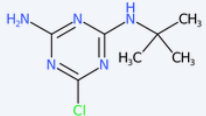
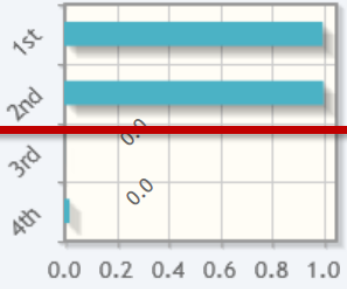
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Filter Candidates by explained MS/MS Peaks

MS/MS Peaks **Filter Candidates**

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2	 N2-tert-butyl-6-chloro-1,3,5-triazine-2,4-diamine	<u>108201</u> InChIKeyBlock1 = <u>LMKQNTMFZLAJDV</u>	201.078	C ₇ H ₁₂ ClN ₅		2.0178	Peaks: 6 / 8 Fragments Scores Download

Weights

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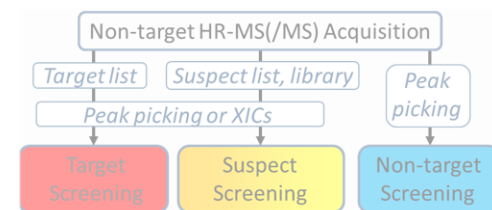
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#	Molecule	Identifier	Mass	Formula	Normalized Scores	FinalScore	Details
1	6-chloro-N2,N4-diethyl-1,3,5-triazine-2,4-diamine	5216 InChIKeyBlock1 =	201.078	C ₇ H ₁₂ ClN ₅	Spectral Match: 0.2976	2.978	Peaks: 4 / 8 Fragments Scores Download
2	N2-tert-butyl-6-chloro-1,3,5-triazine-2,4-diamine	108201 InChIKeyBlock1 =	201.078	C ₇ H ₁₂ ClN ₅	Spectral Match: 0.9999	2.0178	Peaks: 6 / 8 Fragments Scores Download

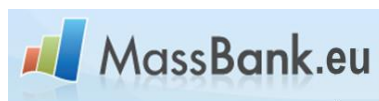
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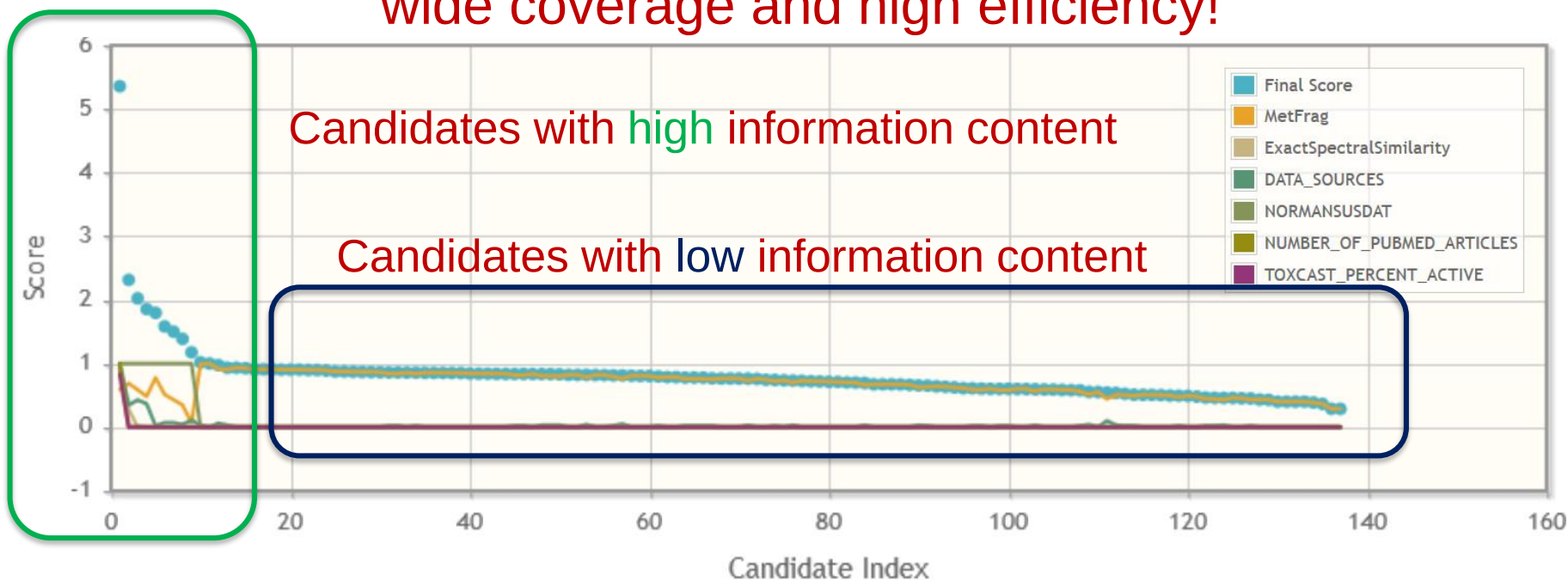
- Non-target Screening & Identification Confidence
- Compound Databases and Spectral Libraries
- Introduction to MetFrag: MS/MS and Metadata
- MetFrag + CompTox + MassBank + Nicotine
 - MS-ready groupings ... or not
- MetFrag + PubChem + MassBank + Isobars
 - The relevance of spectral matching!
- Future: MetFrag for High Throughput Exposomics
 - Build your own databases ... PubChemLite



Connecting multiple lines of evidence for identification



Challenge: the growing number of candidates ...
High throughput exposomics needs both
wide coverage and high efficiency!



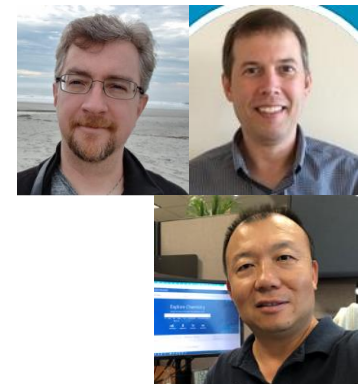
500 masses $\approx$ 2-3 hrs with CompTox or **2-3 DAYS** with PubChem

PubChem Compound TOC	?	33,765,953
Agrochemical Information	?	2,002
Biologic Description	?	1,539,532
Biological Test Results	?	3,467,416
Biomolecular Interactions and Pathways	?	109,610
Chemical and Physical Properties	?	237,729
Classification	?	18,569,627
Diseases	?	
Drug and Medication Information	?	15,955
Food Additives and Ingredients	?	7,447
Identification	?	5,746
Information Sources	?	20,654,780
Literature	?	1,668,437
Names and Identifiers	?	1,310,169
Patents	?	22,144,888
Pharmacology and Biochemistry	?	130,367
Related Records	?	5,297,096
Safety and Hazards	?	125,607
Spectral Information	?	761,478
Structures	?	5,926,225
Toxicity	?	114,554
Use and Manufacturing	?	108,745
Chemical Safety	?	122,739

103 million ... OR ...
the most relevant / annotated?

PubChemLite tier0: 316 K

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tier0 is 316,810 compounds (14 Jan 2020) compiled from 7 categories: AgroChemInfo, DrugMedicInfo, FoodRelated, PharmacolInfo, SafetyInfo, ToxicityInfo, KnownUse

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The 103 million PubChem Challenge ..



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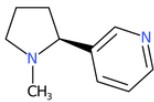
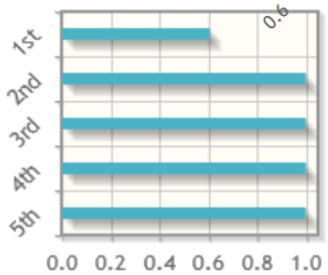
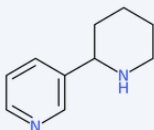
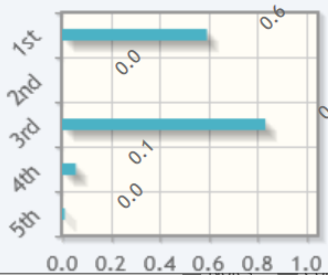
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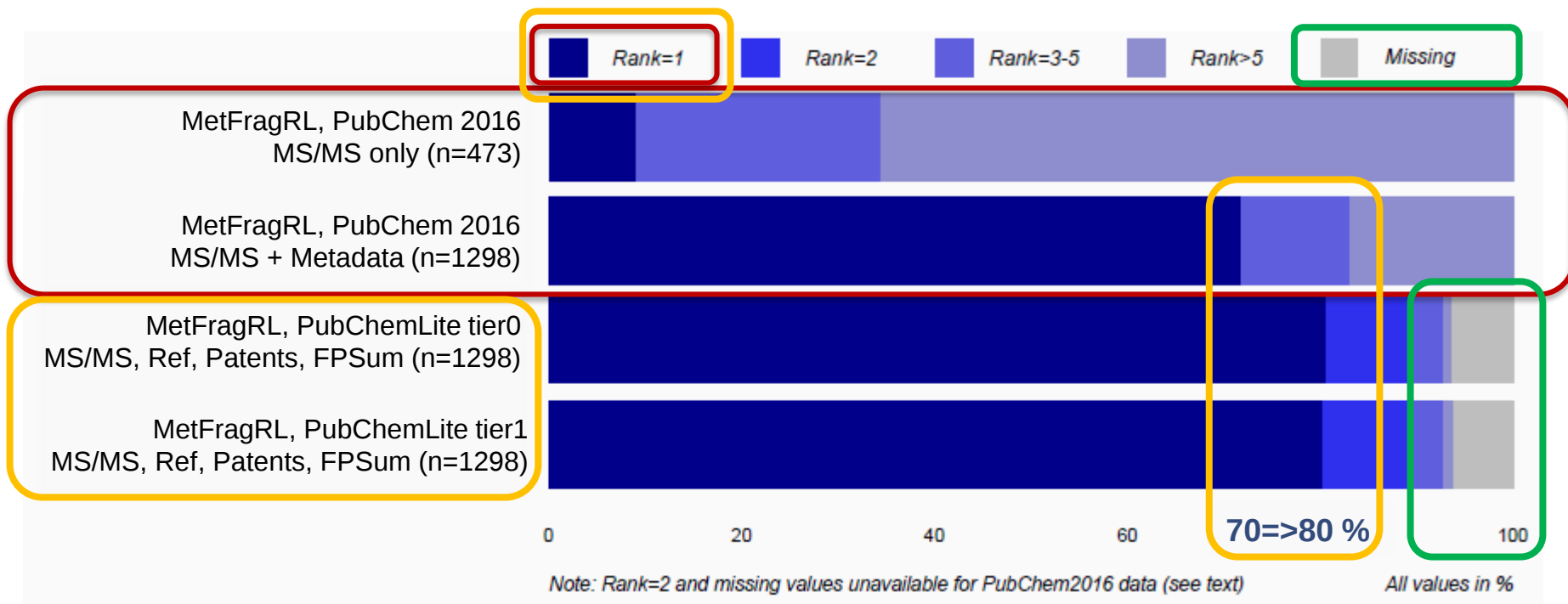
Scores View

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Candidate Identifier: 89594|47009

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▶	ExactSpectralSimilarity	1.0	1.0
▶	AnnoTypeCount	1.0	6.0
▶	Patent_Count	1.0	78331.0
▶	PubMed_Count	1.0	35157.0

#	Molecule	Identifier	Mass	Formula	Normalized Scores	FinalScore	Details
1	 3-[(2S)-1-methylpyrrolidin-2-yl]pyridine	89594 InChIKeyBlock1 = SNICXCGAKADSCV	162.1157	C ₁₀ H ₁₄ N ₂		4.6058	Peaks: 18 / 23 Fragments Scores Download
2	 3-piperidin-2-ylpyridine	2181 InChIKeyBlock1 = MTXSIJUGVMTTMU	162.1157	C ₁₀ H ₁₄ N ₂		1.4939	Peaks: 18 / 23 Fragments Scores Download

- 103 M => 300 K ... how does this influence performance?

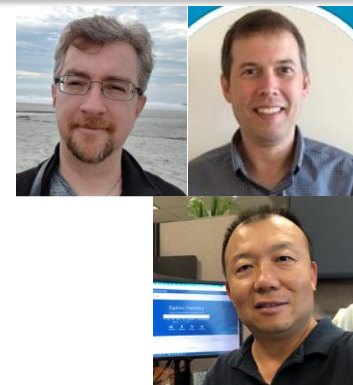


MetFragRL: Ruttkies et al. (2016) DOI: [10.1186/s13321-016-0115-9](https://doi.org/10.1186/s13321-016-0115-9)

Bolton, Schymanski et al., in prep. +

Bolton & Schymanski (2020). PubChemLite tier0 and tier1, DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.3611238](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3611238)

Transformation Products: Filling the Data Gaps!



PubChem NORMAN Suspect List Exchange

▼ NORMAN Suspect List Exchange Classification ? ↗ 115,510

▶ S25 | OECDPFAS | List of PFAS from the OECD ? 3,680

▼ S60 | SWISSPEST19 | Swiss Pesticides and Metabolites ? 1,358

Pesticide transformation products (TPs, metabolites, successors) ? 1,107

Pesticides (parents, predecessors) ? 267

▶ S66 | EAWAGTPS | Parent-Transformation Product Pa

S00 | SUSDAT | Merged NORMAN Suspect List: SusDat

S01 | MASSBANK | NORMAN Compounds in MassBank

S02 | STOFFIDENT | HSWT/Lfu STOFF-IDENT Databas

S03 | NORMANCT15 | NORMAN Collaborative Trial Targ

S04 | UJIBADE | Target List from UJI used in Bade et al 2

S05 | KWRSJERPS | KWR Drinking Water Suspect List

S06 | ITNANTIBIOTIC | Antibiotic List from the ITN MSCA

S07 | EAWAGSURF | Eawag Surfactants Suspect List ?

S08 | ATHENSSUS | University of Athens Surfactants and

S09 | PFASTRIER | PFAS Suspect List of fluorinated sub

S10 | SWISSPHARMA | Pharmaceutical List with Consum

S11 | SWISSPEST | Swiss Insecticides, Fungicides and T

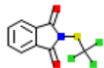
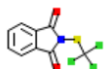
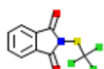
S12 | NORMANEWS | NormaNEWS for Retrospective Sc

PubChem Folpet (Compound)

8.7 Transformations

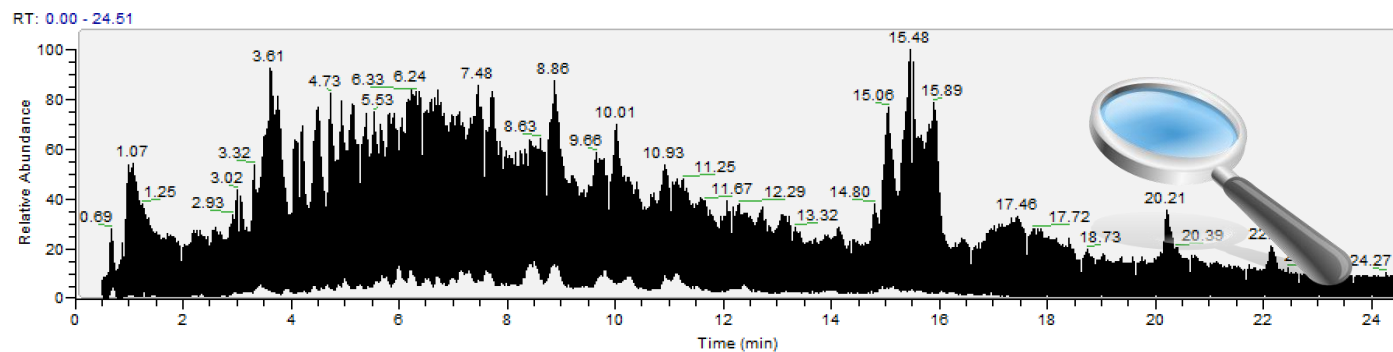
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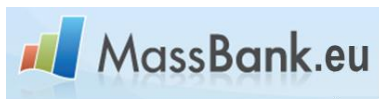
Take Home Messages

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Take Home Messages

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- **Annotating unknowns** requires data and evidence from **many different sources**
 - Many excellent workflows available to collate this information
 - Incorporation of **all available metadata** is critical to success => **70-80 %!**

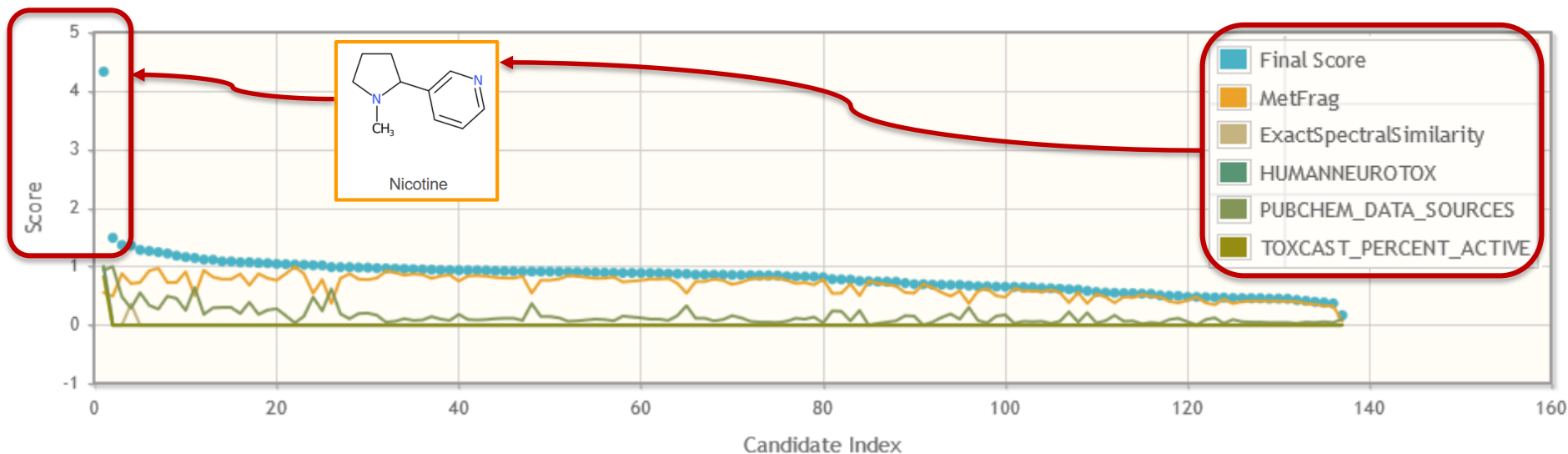


Take Home Messages

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- Annotating exposomics “known unknowns” with MetFrag is “Ready to go”!
 - Community efforts contribute greatly to improved cross-annotation
 - Information in the public domain helps everyone!
 - You never know when it will help you 😊

Statistics

Candidate Score Distribution



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Further Information:

<https://massbank.eu/MassBank/>

<https://ipb-halle.github.io/MetFrag/>

<https://www.norman-network.com/nds/SLE/>

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Periodic Table

103M Compounds

252M Substances

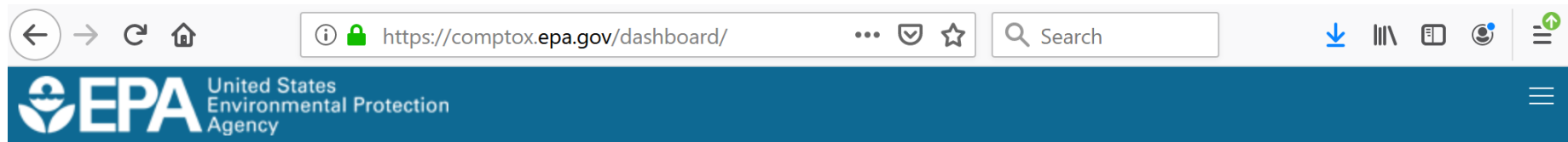
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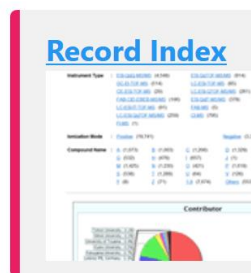
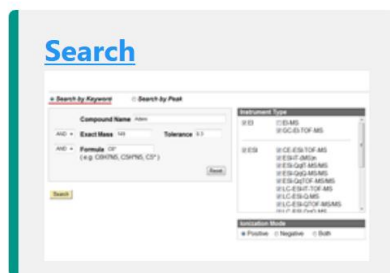
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