Metabolite identification

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Introduction Analytical Technologies

- Metabolomics utilizes different analytical chemistry methods for analysis of metabolites
- These methods include
 - Mass Spectrometry (MS) without or with prior metabolite separation
 - Gas Chromatography (GC)
 - Liquid Chromatography (LC)
 - Capillary Electrophoresis (CE)
 - Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR)
- Each method has its specific advantages and disadvantages
- No method can cover all metabolites!
- Certain overlap between the different methods exists











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Introduction *Terminology*

- Following cases have to be consider once it comes to metabolite identification
 - *Known metabolites* = known structure, present in matrix, detected by method of choice
 - *Known unknown metabolites* = know structure, shown to be not present in in matrix so far, detected by method of choice, e.g. comparison of MS/MS spectra
 - Unknown metabolites = de novo identification of truly novel compounds





Introduction

Terminology

- Not every single metabolite gives a single peak
- GC-MS
 - Different derivatization products
 - In source fragments (EI is a hard ionization technique)
- Although ESI is a soft ionization technique many signals are generated in LC-MS, SFC-MS and CE-MS for a single metabolite
 - Isotopes, adducts and multimers
 - In source fragments
 - Different charge states
- NMR
 - Different shifts and coupling
- It is important to differentiate between
 - Annotation = potential metabolites, e.g. based on comparison with exact masses
 - Identification = proven metabolites





Introduction Terminology – GC-MS multiple peaks



Ionization Accelerating Slits Anode Region Sample Ions to Analyzer Repeller Reagent Filament Gas $CH_4 + e^- \rightarrow CH_4^{+\cdot} + 2 e^ CH_4 + CH_4^{+} \rightarrow CH_5^{+} + CH_3^{-}$ $CH_4 + CH_3^+ \rightarrow C_2H_5^+ + H_2$ $M + CH_5^+ \rightarrow CH_4 + [M + H]^+$ $AH + CH_3^+ \rightarrow CH_4 + A^+$



Introduction Terminology – LC-MS multiple peaks







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| M+3H | M/3 + 1.007276 | 3+ | 0.33 | 1.007276 |
|----------------|------------------|----|------|-----------|
| M+2H+Na | M/3 + 8.334590 | 3+ | 0.33 | 8.334590 |
| M+H+2Na | M/3 + 15.7661904 | 3+ | 0.33 | 15.766190 |
| M+3Na | M/3 + 22.989218 | 3+ | 0.33 | 22.989218 |
| M+2H | M/2 + 1.007276 | 2+ | 0.50 | 1.007276 |
| M+H+NH4 | M/2 + 9.520550 | 2+ | 0.50 | 9.520550 |
| M+H+Na | M/2 + 11.998247 | 2+ | 0.50 | 11.998247 |
| M+H+K | M/2 + 19.985217 | 2+ | 0.50 | 19.985217 |
| M+ACN+2H | M/2 + 21.520550 | 2+ | 0.50 | 21.520550 |
| M+2Na | M/2 + 22.989218 | 2+ | 0.50 | 22.989218 |
| M+2ACN+2H | M/2 + 42.033823 | 2+ | 0.50 | 42.033823 |
| M+3ACN+2H | M/2 + 62.547097 | 2+ | 0.50 | 62.547097 |
| M+H | M + 1.007276 | 1+ | 1.00 | 1.007276 |
| M+NH4 | M + 18.033823 | 1+ | 1.00 | 18.033823 |
| M+Na | M + 22.989218 | 1+ | 1.00 | 22.989218 |
| М+СНЗОН+Н | M + 33.033489 | 1+ | 1.00 | 33.033489 |
| M+K | M + 38.963158 | 1+ | 1.00 | 38.963158 |
| M+ACN+H | M + 42.033823 | 1+ | 1.00 | 42.033823 |
| M+2Na-H | M + 44.971160 | 1+ | 1.00 | 44.971160 |
| M+IsoProp+H | M + 61.06534 | 1+ | 1.00 | 61.065340 |
| M+ACN+Na | M + 64.015765 | 1+ | 1.00 | 64.015765 |
| M+2K-H | M + 76.919040 | 1+ | 1.00 | 76.919040 |
| M+DMSO+H | M + 79.02122 | 1+ | 1.00 | 79.021220 |
| M+2ACN+H | M + 83.060370 | 1+ | 1.00 | 83.060370 |
| M+IsoProp+Na+H | M + 84.05511 | 1+ | 1.00 | 84.055110 |
| 2M+H | 2M + 1.007276 | 1+ | 2.00 | 1.007276 |
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| 2M+ACN+Na | 2M + 64.015765 | 1+ | 2.00 | 64.015765 |

| M-3H | M/3 - 1.007276 | 3- | 0.33 | -1.007276 |
|----------|----------------|----|------|------------|
| M-2H | M/2 - 1.007276 | 2- | 0.50 | -1.007276 |
| M-H2O-H | M- 19.01839 | 1- | 1.00 | -19.01839 |
| M-H | M - 1.007276 | 1- | 1.00 | -1.007276 |
| M+Na-2H | M + 20.974666 | 1- | 1.00 | 20.974666 |
| M+Cl | M + 34.969402 | 1- | 1.00 | 34.969402 |
| M+K-2H | M + 36.948606 | 1- | 1.00 | 36.948606 |
| M+FA-H | M + 44.998201 | 1- | 1.00 | 44.998201 |
| M+Hac-H | M + 59.013851 | 1- | 1.00 | 59.013851 |
| M+Br | M + 78.918885 | 1- | 1.00 | 78.918885 |
| M+TFA-H | M + 112.985586 | 1- | 1.00 | 112.985586 |
| 2M-H | 2M - 1.007276 | 1- | 2.00 | -1.007276 |
| 2M+FA-H | 2M + 44.998201 | 1- | 2.00 | 44.998201 |
| 2M+Hac-H | 2M + 59.013851 | 1- | 2.00 | 59.013851 |
| 3M-H | 3M - 1.007276 | 1- | 3.00 | 1.007276 |
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| Chemical shift | Net intensity | Multiplet information |
|----------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| 3.87 ppm | 2 | S |
| 7.47 ppm | 2 | t |
| 7.53 ppm | 1 | n |
| 7.80 ppm | 2 | q |
| 8.36 ppm | 1 | S |
| 12.79 ppm | 1 | S |





Introduction MSI levels of identification

| Level | Confidence of identity | Level of evidence |
|-------|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Confidently identified compounds | Comparison of two or more orthogonal properties with an authentic standard analyzed under identical analytical conditions |
| 2 | Putatively annotated compounds | Based upon physicochemical properties and/or spectral similarity with public/commercial spectral libraries, without reference to authentic chemical standards |
| 3 | Putatively annotated compound classes | Based upon characteristic physicochemical properties of a chemical class of compounds or by spectra similarity to known compounds of chemical class |
| 4 | Unknown compounds | Although unidentified and unclassified, these metabolites can still be differentiated and quantified based upon spectra data |

Sumner et al., Metabolomics . 2007 September ; 3(3): 211-221 ШТ



Introduction MSI levels of identification

- Sumner et al. suggested a scoring system for metabolite identification
- Based on different scores for different analytical techniques you "quantitatively" report your confidence
- The sum of individual scores would give the final score
- If data is compared to an authentic standard the score is multiplied with 2, if compared to a public database the score is multiplied with 1.5
- Example 1: UPLC-MS with accurate mass and comparison with an authentic standard
- (1.5 + 1.0) x 2 = 5.0
- Example 2: GC-MS with high resolution RI, nominal mass and match to NIST library
- (1.5 + 0.5 + 1.5) x 1.5 = 5.25

 Table 1 Suggested quantitative scoring system for summarizing a metabolite identification confidence

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| 1.: | .5 |
| 2.0 | 2.0 |
| 2.0 | 2.0 |
| 3.0 | 3.0 |
| 4.0 | 1.0 |
| | |

IR infrared spectroscopy, *UV* ultraviolet, *Rt* retention time, *RI* retention index, $W_{1/2}$ peak width at half-height, m/z mass-to-charge ratio, *EI* electron ionization, *1D* one-dimensional, *2D* two-dimensional, *NMR* nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy

Sumner et al., Metabolomics (2014) 10:1047-1049

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Metabolite Identification GC-MS MetID – El spectral deconvolution





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- Fragmentation-rich ionization methods like EI lead to mixed mass spectra
- Mixed spectra have to be deconvoluted into individual compound spectra
- AMDIS is a software capable of deconvoluting GC-MS runs

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 Deconvoluted compounds and compound spectra can be searched in EI libraries, e.g. NIST, Golm Metabolome Database, Fiehn library, etc..







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No hit in El library search?











GC-APCI-TOF/MS coupling

- Soft ionization
- Molecular ion preserved
- High resolution data
- ID by SmartFormula







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- GC-MS spectral databases still contain only a limited number of APCI-QToF spectra
- Ruttkies et al. developed a workflow based on in silico derivatization of metabolites and in silico fragmentation to identify potential candidate structures



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| Table 1: Example of a molecular form | ula search for C ₁₅ H ₁₂ O7 in different | chemical databases. Search date: July 2007 |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|
|--------------------------------------|--|--|

| Database name | Compounds found | Total database entries | |
|--|-----------------|------------------------|--|
| Chemical Abstracts (CAS) | 181 | 24,000,000 | |
| Beilstein Database (MDL) | 166 | 8,000,000 | |
| Dictionary of Natural Products (DNP) | 129 | 170,000 | |
| PubChem (NIH) | 19 | 800,000 | |
| Available Chemicals Directory (MDL) | 6 | 400,000 | |
| ChemIDplus (NIH) | 6 | 370,000 | |
| KEGG (Kyoto University) | 3 | 13,000 | |
| NIST05 (NIST mass spectral database) | 2 | 163,000 | |
| MOLGEN molecular isomer generator (allowing 2 benzene groups; I ether group, I keto group; 5 hydroxy groups) | 788,000 | - | |

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mass range (u)

Kind & Fiehn, BMC Bioinformatics 2006, 7:234



Table 3: Number of possible molecular formulas at different levels of mass accuracy and the impact of isotopic abundance accuracy. A mass spectrometer capable of 3 ppm but with 2% correct isotopic pattern outperforms even a (non-existing) mass spectrometer with 0.1 ppm mass accuracy! The results are computed for randomly selected targets, so single results vary but the trend remains. LEWIS and SENIOR check was applied. Candidates with unrelated high element counts were already excluded

| | | without isotope abundance information | | | 2% isotopic abundance accuracy | 5% isotopic abundance accuracy | |
|------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|
| molecular mass [Da] | 10 ppm | 5 ppm | 3 ppm | l ppm | 0.1 ppm | 3 ppm | 5 ppm |
| 150 | 2 | I | I | I | I | I | I |
| 200 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | I | 1 | I. |
| 300 | 24 | 11 | 7 | 2 | I. | 1 | 6 |
| 400 | 78 | 37 | 23 | 7 | I. | 2 | 13 |
| 500 | 266 | 115 | 64 | 21 | 2 | 3 | 33 |
| 600 | 505 | 257 | 155 | 50 | 5 | 4 | 36 |
| 700 | 1046 | 538 | 321 | 108 | 10 | 10 | 97 |
| 800 | 1964 | 973 | 599 | 200 | 20 | 13 | 111 |
| 900 | 3447 | 1712 | 1045 | 345 | 32 | 18 | 196 |

Kind & Fiehn, BMC Bioinformatics 2006, 7:234





- MS signals from the same metabolite coelute and co-vary
- Correlation analysis can be used to identify in-source fragments, multimers
- The yielded mass spectra can be used for search in different spectral databases
- Based on the same approach, indiscriminant MS/MS can be used to generate fragmentation for every eluting compound







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Kind & Fiehn, BMC Bioinformatics 2007, 8:105

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Metabolite Identification

- 1. Apply heuristic restrictions for number of elements during formula generation
- 2. Perform LEWIS and SENIOR check
 - LEWIS rule: In its simplest form, the LEWIS rule demands that molecules consisting of main group elements, especially carbon, nitrogen and oxygen, share electrons in a way that all atoms have completely filled s, p-valence shells ('octet rule').
 - SENIOR rule: i) The sum of valences or the total number of atoms having odd valences is even. ii) The sum of valences is greater than or equal to twice the maximum valence. iii) The sum of valences is greater than or equal to twice the number of atoms minus 1.
- 3. Perform isotopic pattern filter
- 4. Perform H/C ratio check (hydrogen/carbon ratio)
- 5. Perform NOPS ratio check (N, O, P, S/C ratios)
- 6. Perform heuristic HNOPS probability check (H, N, O, P, S/C high probability ratios)
- 7. Perform –TMS check (for GC-MS if a silylation step is involved)



Kind & Fiehn, BMC Bioinformatics 2007, 8:105

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- Formula calculation can be enhanced by using results from MS/MS
- Sum of fragment sum formula +/- neutral losses = parent sum formula



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T. Nagao et al., Analytica Chimica Acta 813 (2014) 70-76





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| Element | Isotope | Abundance (%) | Mass | Massdifference |
|---------------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| H, hydrogen | ¹ H | 99.985 | 1.007825 | |
| C, carbon | ¹² C ¹³ C | 98.93 1.07 | 12.000000 13.003355 | 1.003355 |
| N, nitrogen | ¹⁴ N ¹⁵ N | 99.632 0.368 | 14.003074 15.000109 | 0.997035 |
| O, oxygen | ¹⁶ O ¹⁷ O ¹⁸ O | 99.757 0.038 0.205 | 15.994915 16.999132 17.999160 | 1.004217 2.004245 |
| P, phosphorus | ³¹ P | 100 | 30.973762 | |
| S, sulfur | ³² S ³³ S ³⁴ S | 94.93 0.76 4.29 | 31.972071 32.971459 33.967867 | 0.999388 1.995796 |
| Cl, chlorine | ³⁵ Cl ³⁷ Cl | 75.78 24.22 | 34.968853 36.965903 | 1.99705 |









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LC-MS MetID – MS/MS and RT

- Metabolomics Tandem MS databases
 - Metlin
 - MassBank of Japan
 - MassBank of Europe
 - MassBank of North America (Mona)
 - Global Natural Products Social Molecular Networking (GNPS)
 - Human Metabolome Database (HMDB)
 - RIKEN MSn spectral database (Respect)
- Overlap between all spectra (Splash http://splash.fiehnlab.ucdavis.edu/)
- in silico tandem solutions
 - MetFrag / MetFusion
 - CSI:FingerID
 - CFM-ID
 - MAGMa









https://gnps.ucsd.edu/ProteoSAFe/gnpslibraryspectrum.jsp?SpectrumID=CCMSLIB00000079354&#{} http://mona.fiehnlab.ucdavis.edu/spectra/browse













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http://msbi.ipb-halle.de/MetFusion/



Gerlich et al., J. Mass Spectrom. 2013, 48, 291-298





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| Exact Mass: | 286.048493545 | | | | | |
| Limit # of Structures: | 500 | | | | | |
| C,H,N,O,P,S only? | | | | | | |
| Search PPM: | 10.0 | | | | | |
| mz abs: | 0.01 | | | | | |
| mz ppm: | 10.0 | | | | | |
| Start Reset | | | | | | |

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Metabolite Identification LC-MS MetID – MS/MS and RT

3.69 minutes



4.01 minutes



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Luteolin; LC-ESI-QTOF; MS2; CE:40 eV; [M+H]+



ACCESSION: PB000743

RECORD_TITLE: Luteolin; LC-ESI-QTOF; MS2; CE:40 eV; [M+H]+ DATE: 2016.01.19 (Created 2008.03.23, modified 2013.06.04) AUTHORS: Boetcher C, Institute of Plant Biochemistry, Halle, Germany LICENSE: <u>CC BY-SB</u> COMMENT: CONFIDENCE: confident structure

CH\$NAME: Luteolin

CHSNNME: 5,7,3',4'-tetrahydroxy-flavone CHSCOMPOND: CLASS: Netural Product; Flavone CHSCOMPOND: CLASS: Netural Product; Flavone CHSCOMPOND: CLASS: 286.04774 CHSENCE: CH=CC(=C(C=CC=C(=0)C3=C(C=C(C=C302)0)0)0) CHSUPAC: InChI=13/ClSH1006/cl-8-4-11(19)15-12(20)6-13(21-14(15)5-8)7-1-2-9(17)10(18)3-7/h1-6,16-19H CHSLINK: NEGG <u>CO1514</u> CHSLINK: NEGG <u>CO1514</u> CHSLINK: NEGG <u>CO1514</u>

ACSINSTRUMENT: API QSTAR Pulsar 1 ACSINSTRUMENT_TYPE: LC-ESI-QTOF ACSNAS_SPECTROMETRY: NS_TYPE MS2 ACSNASS_SPECTROMETRY: ION_MODE POSITIVE ACSNASS_SPECTROMETRY: IONIZATION ESI

MS\$FOCUSED_ION: PRECURSOR_TYPE [M+H]+

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68.996 198.486 18
69.038 161.870 15
107.048 123.989 11
111.007 233.672 22
117.032 564.586 55
125.020 104.437 9

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Metabolite Identification *LC-MS MetID – MS/MS and RT*









- RTs can projected between different (comparable) LC-MS setups
- If the same compounds have been measured on both systems a function for projection can be calculated allowing to predict RT of compound measured on one system to another













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New approaches for MetID Ion mobility







New approaches for MetID Ion mobility

- IM experiments take usually a few milliseconds
- This makes IM ideal for combination with chromatography and MS
- UPLC peaks have a typical duration of a few seconds, IM ٠ needs a few ms and the MS scans in the µs range

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$$K_0 = \frac{(18\pi)^{1/2}}{16} \frac{z}{(k_b T)^{1/2}} \left[\frac{1}{m_I} + \frac{1}{m_B}\right]^{1/2} \frac{1}{N} \frac{1}{\Omega}$$

Example: Lipid analysis on a Agilent 6560 IMS-QToF



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New approaches for MetID *in silico approaches*

- in silico approaches do not rely on previously acquired MS/MS for the exact molecule, but either matches predicted fragments from simple bond breaking or rule based fragmentation
- A selection of *in silico* tandem solutions are
 - MetFrag / MetFusion (IPB Halle)
 - CSI:FingerID (University of Jena)
 - CFM-ID (Wishart Lab)
 - MAGMa (Netherlands Metabolomics Center)





New approaches for MetID in silico approaches - MetFrag





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Metabolite Identification de novo *identification of unknowns*

- Complete de novo identification is a tedious process and involves several steps
- *de novo* identification should be only conducted if metabolite cannot be identified by any other means
- Complete *de novo* identification requires
 - Full structural elucidation
 - Synthesis of a pure reference substance





- Enough biomass available?
- Potential activity of metabolite, e.g. hormone?
- Test system available?
- Simple or activity guided fractionation









- Mahanti et al. searched for novel ligands of the nuclear hormone receptor DAF-12 in *C. elegans*
- Activity guided fractionation was used in combination with 2D-NMR based metabolomics to find bioactive molecules
- Activity was checked in vivo and in vitro
- Previously known molecules Δ4- and Δ7-Dafachronic acid were re-identified together with novel variants
- Synthesis of chemical reference standards confirmed identity





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Mahanti et al., Cell Metabolism 19, 73–83, January 7, 2014

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de novo identification *in silico strategies*



Krumsiek et al., PLoS Genet 8(10): e1003005



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de novo identification Reporting

• Please report your de novo identified metabolite in (electronically) searchable manner



http://fiehnlab.ucdavis.edu/projects/rice_metabolome/hamburger-to-cow-algorithm.png



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