

Experiment-Assisted Computational Drug Discovery

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Experiment-Assisted Computational Drug Discovery? Shouldn't it be the other way around?

'The problems of how enzymes are induced, or how proteins are synthesized, or how antibodies are formed, are closer to solution than is generally believed... If you stop doing experiments for a little while and think how proteins can possibly be synthesized, there are only 5 different ways, not 50! And it will take only a few experiments to distinguish these'

L. Szilard

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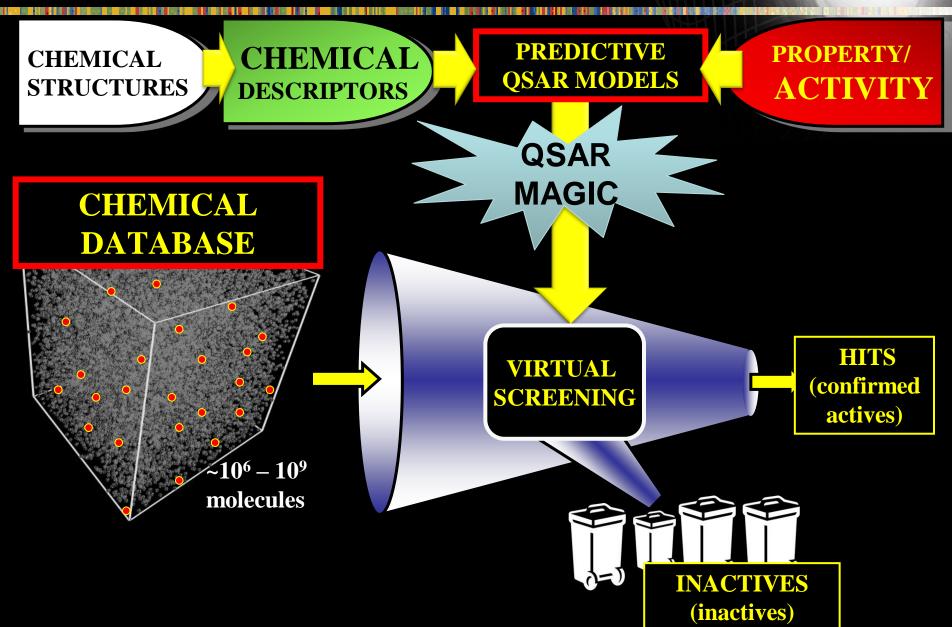


- Methodology
 - Predictive QSAR Modeling Workflow
 - Examples of the Workflow applications : virtual screening and hit/lead identification
- Emerging Areas
 - Integration of QSAR modeling with other knowledge mining approaches
 - QSAR modeling using hybrid chemical/biological descriptors

Conclusions

models are tools for testable hypothesis generation >
focus on accurate, experimentally confirmed predictions

The chief utility of QSAR models: identification of novel hits in external libraries



Predictive QSAR Modeling Workflow* **Original** Y-randomization **Dataset** Multiple Training Split into Sets Training, Test Structure Combi-QSAR and External Curation/ Modeling Validation Harmonization sets Multiple Activity Test Only accept Prediction Sets models that passed both **Database** internal and Screening Using external Validated Predictive **Applicability** External validation accuracy Models with High **Domain** Using Applicability filters Internal & External Domain Accuracy Tropsha, A. Best Practices for QSAR Model Development... Mol. Inf., 2010, 29, Experimental 476 - 488Validation

*Fully implemented on CHEMBENCH.MML.UNC.EDU

How not to develop QSAR (examples of errors)

- Failure to take account of data heterogeneity
- 2. Use of inappropriate endpoint data
- 3. Use of collinear descriptors
- 4. Use of incomprehensible descriptors
- 5. Error in descriptor values
- 6. Poor transferability of QSAR/QSPR
- Inadequate/undefined applicability domain
- Unacknowledged omission of data points
- 9. Use of inadequate data
- 10. Replication of compounds in dataset

- 11. Too narrow a range of endpoint values
- 12. Over-fitting of data
- 13. Use of excessive numbers of descriptors in a QSAR/QSPR
- 14. Lack of/inadequate statistics
- 15. Incorrect calculation
- 16. Lack of descriptor auto-scaling
- 17. Misuse/misinterpretation of statistics
- No consideration of distribution of residuals
- 19. Inadequate training/test set selection
- 20. Failure to validate a QSAR/QSPR correctly
- 21. Lack of mechanistic interpretation

Data dependency and data quality are critical issues in OSAR modeling





Full Papers

DOI: 10.1002/qsar.200810084

Florian Prinz, Thomas Schlange Disc. Sep 2011

Believe it or not: how m rely on published data drug targets?



editorial

Antony J. Williams

medicine and now drug repositioning or repurposing efforts. Their utility depends on the quality of the underlying molecular structures used. Unfortunately, the quality of much of the chemical structure-based data introduced to the public domain is poor. As an example we describe some of the errors found in the recently released NIH Chemical Genomics Center 'NPC browser'

> e as an example. There is an urgent need ernment funded data curation to improve lity of internet chemistry and to limit the ation of errors and wasted efforts.

ling agencies have been investing in the development of main chemistry platforms with the primary attention n to the informatics platform itself rather the quality of

content. This is clearly exemplified by the recently IPC browser from the NIH Chemical Genomics Center 1]. Public online databases such as PubChem, ChemID-

id the EPA's ACToR [3], to name just a few, have rapidly

usted valuable resources which researchers rely on for

able chemical structures and associated data. While emistry databases can certainly be of value, we feel the ould be immediately alerted to consider issues of data

ien using these resources and we call into question both

s and the trust we place in them. To our knowledge the raise, using the example of a recently released database, been described elsewhere and the user community, and



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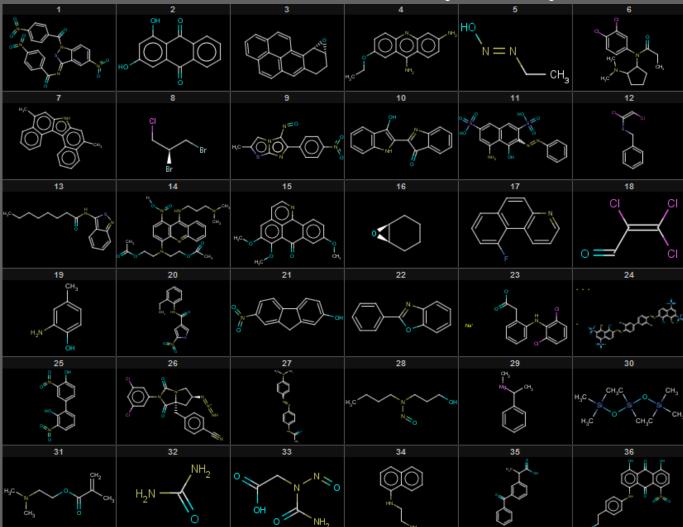
OSAR Comb. Sci. 27, 2008, No. 11-12, 1337 – 1345

Data dependency and data quality are critical issues in QSAR modeling



- Cheminformaticians are at the mercy of data providers with respect to data quality.
- Both chemical and biological data in a dataset may be inaccurate and in need of thorough curation
- The number of published QSAR models that were poor or not too successful due to data quality issue is unknown but possibly large
 - error rates range from 0.1 to 10 %
 - small structural errors could lead to significant loss of predictive power
- Often considered trivial, the basic steps to curate a dataset of compounds are not so obvious especially for beginners.

242 chemical records / one binary activity

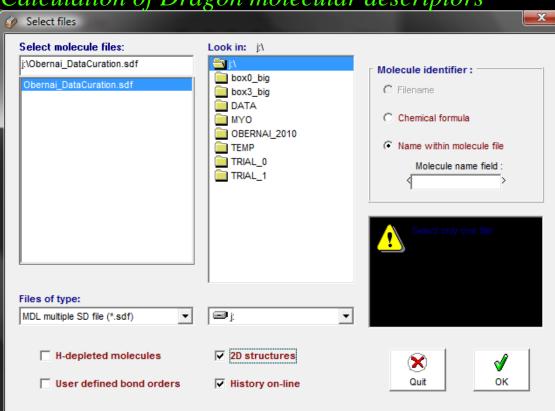




Looks clean ...

Looks clean ... but ...

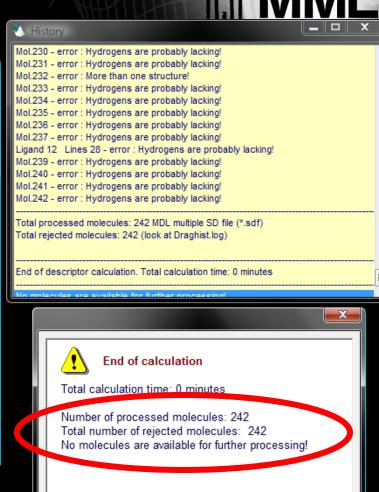
Calculation of Dragon molecular descriptors



All compounds are in fact incorrect

(presence of inorganics, salts, organometallics, duplicates; certain hydrogens are lacking; wrong standardization; etc.)

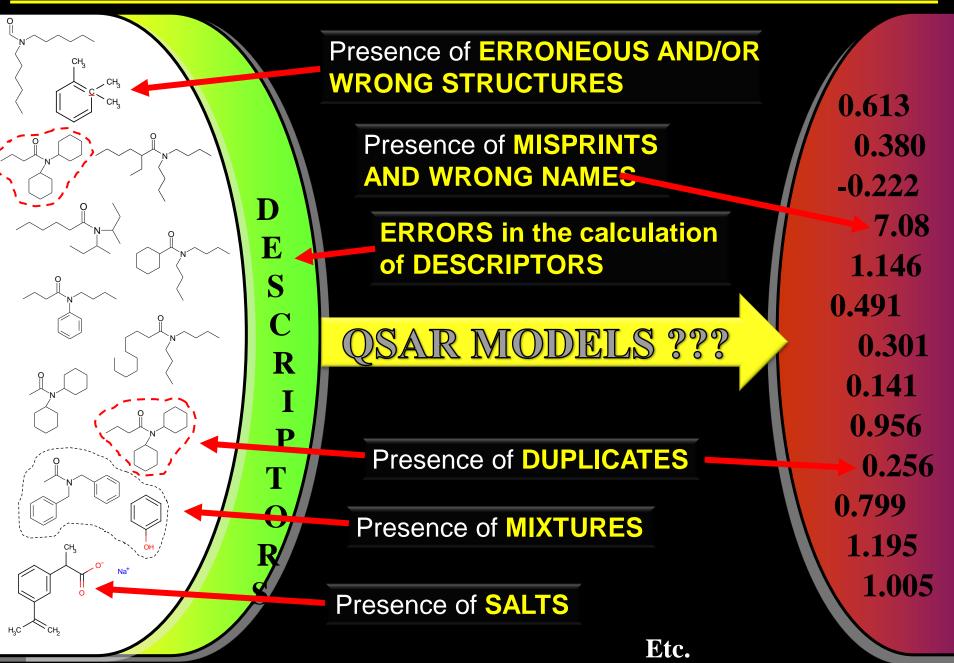




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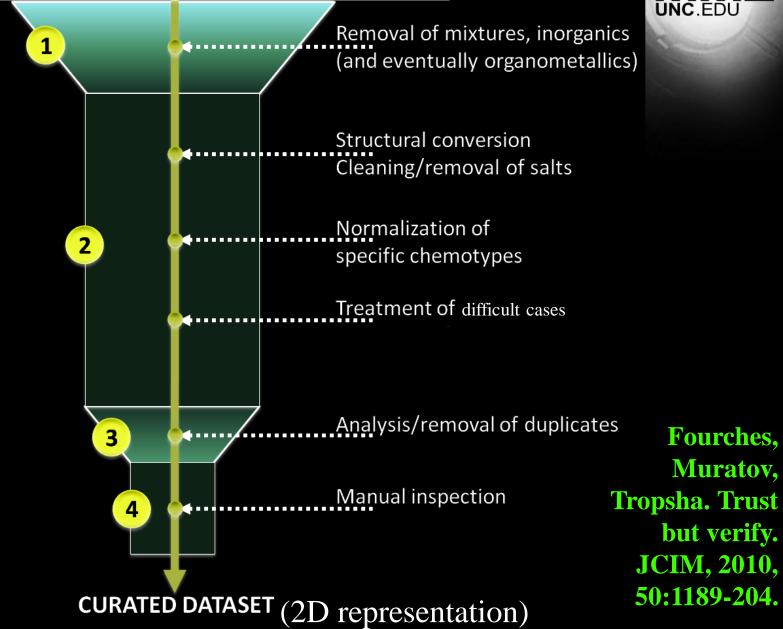
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QSAR modeling with non-curated datasets



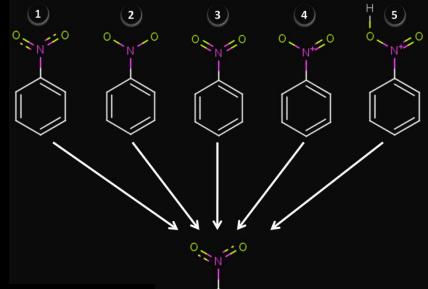
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QSAR modeling of nitro-aromatic toxicants

- -Case Study 1: 28 compounds tested in rats, log(LD50), mmol/kg.
- -Case Study 2: 95 compounds tested against *Tetrahymena pyriformis,* log(IGC50), mmol/ml.

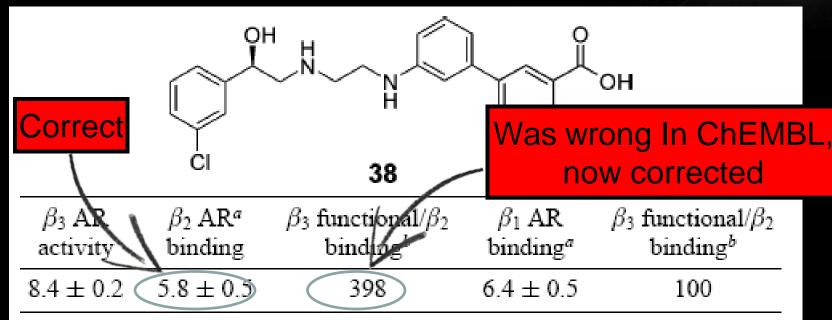


Data curation affects the accuracy (up or down!) of QSAR models

Even small differences in structure representation can lead to significant errors in prediction accuracy of models

Artemenko, Muratov et al. J. SAR QSAR 2011, 22 (5-6), 1-27.

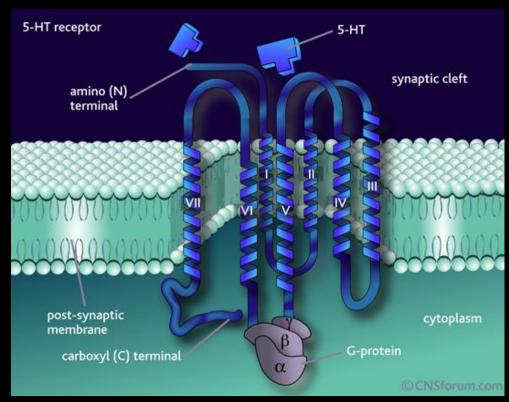
Possible Source of Errors: MML inaccurate extraction from literature



^a The binding constant p K_i of compound 38 (n = 3) against β_2 or β_1 ARs; see Experimental Section. ^b The ratio of the pIC₅₀ of the compound for β_3 AR relative to the binding constant for β_2 or β_1 ARs.

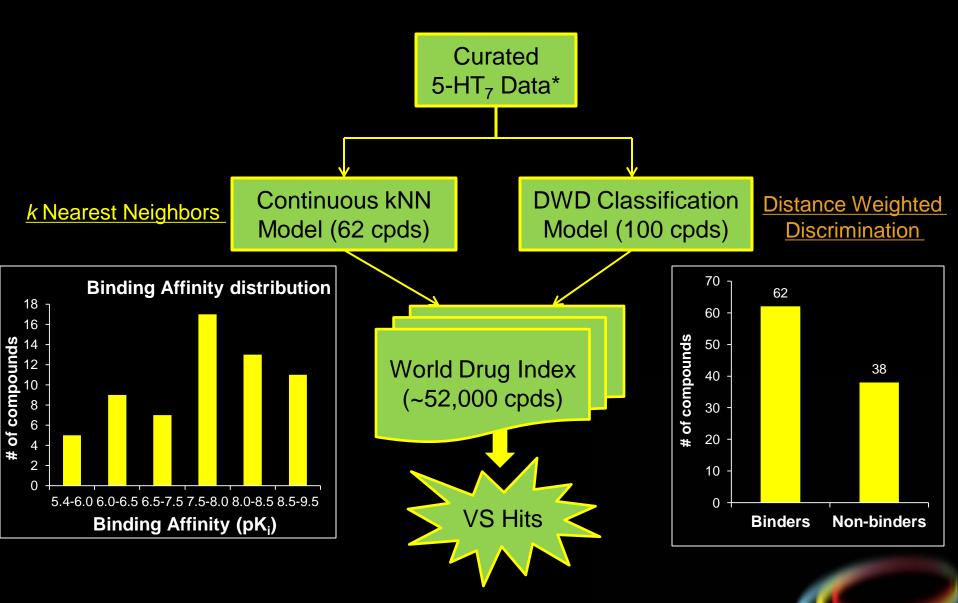
Case study 1: 5-HT₇ Receptor binders

- ❖ A member of the **GPCR** superfamily of cell surface receptors.
- Involved in various cognitive and behavioral functions.
- ❖ A potential drug target for psychotic disorders such as schizophrenia and major depression.



^{*} Basic and clinical pharmacology, 8th edition.2001:265–291

Study Design



^{*} Data were collected from PDSP database provided by Prof. Roth's lab.

Virtual Screening Workflow to identify and confirm 5HT₇ binders

Database: World Drug Index (WDI).

• ~52000

DWD Classification

Classification filter

Continuous kNN Models

- Predicted pK_i≥7.8
- 43 hits prioritized

Experimental Validation

- Predicted pK_i 7.98~8.52
- 7 consensus hits tested

5 consensus hits confirmed experimentally.

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Experimental Validation*: 5 out of 7 Tested Hits Are confirmed 5-HT₇ Binders

Name	Predict K _i (nM)	K _i (nM)	Function	Therapeutic Category	Mechanism of action
Droperidol	3.24	3.5	Antagonist	Butyrophenone antiemetic and antipsychotic agent	Ligand of postsynaptic GABA and dopaminergic receptors; selectively blocks α-adrenergic receptors.
Perospirone	7.08	8.6	Antagonist	Atypical antipsychotic agent	Antagonist of 5-HT2A and dopamine D ₂ receptors
Altanserin	3.39	143.0	N/A	Used in Human neuroimaging study	Strong 5-HT _{2A} ligand
Pravadoline	9.55	3184.0	N/A	Cannabinoid analgesic agent	Inhibit cyclooxygenase (COX)
Clomipramine	13.80	46.0	N/A	Tricyclic antidepressant; antiobsessional agent	Presynaptic receptors are affected: α_1 and β_1 are sensitized, α_2 are desensitized
Clazolam	6.46	>10000	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sulazepam	14.13	>10000	N/A	Sedative and anxiolytic agent	N/A

^{*}data from B. Roth's lab.

Case study 2: 5-HT_{2B}-receptor binders

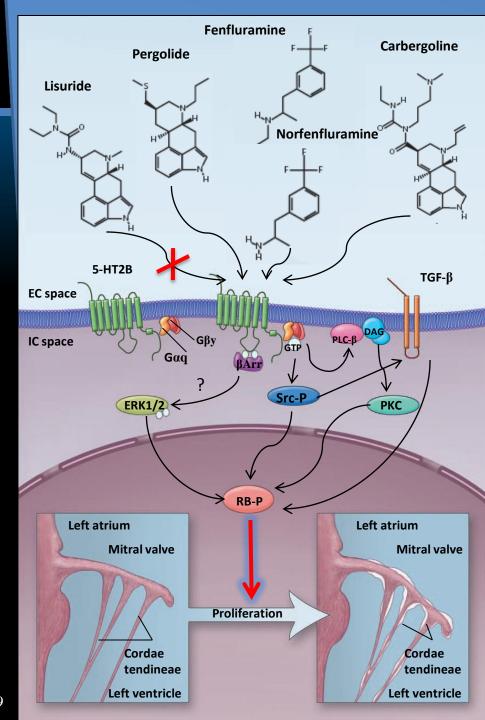
Possible Explanation of cardiotoxicity:

- Activation of 5-HT_{2B} receptors leads to the dissociation of the G protein
- Activation of phospho lipase C-β (PLC-β)
- Activation of Src
- Activation of ERK1/ERK2
- Phosphorylation of retinoblastoma protein

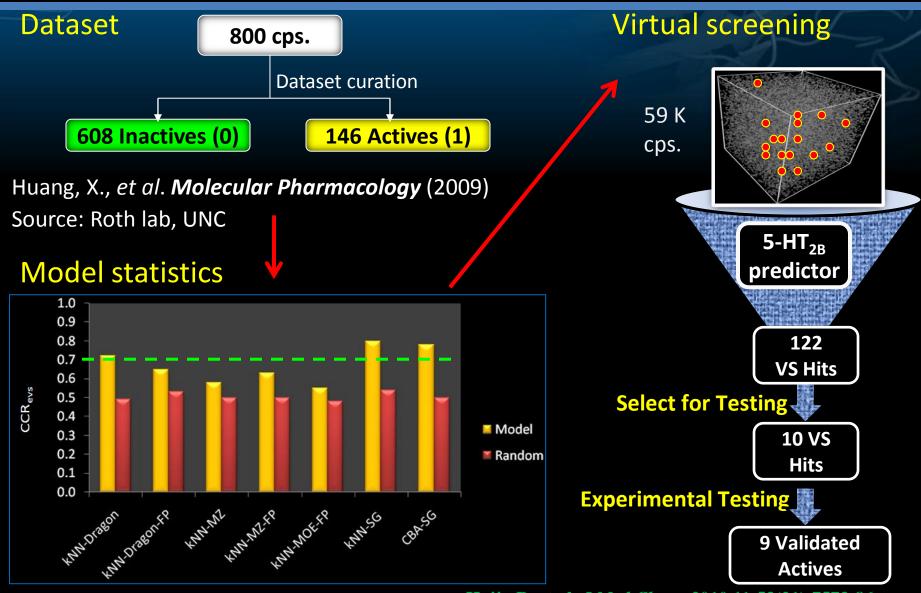
mitogenesis

Overgrowth valvulopathy and subsequent valvular dysfunction.

Roth, B.L. *N ENGL J MED*, 356;1 (2007)



5-HT_{2B} models and VS results



Hajjo R. et al, J Med Chem. 2010 11;53(21):7573-86

Results of VS and radioligand binding assays

Compound	Experimental K _i (nM)
Methylergometrine	0.8
6-Fluoromelatonin	2495
Adrenoglumerulotropin	491
CGP-13698	>10000
PIM-35	1617
Fendiline	3217
Fluspirilene	151.4
PNU-96415E	69.6
Prestwick-559	33.1
Raloxifene	69

Success rate for active *vs.* inactive models = **90** %

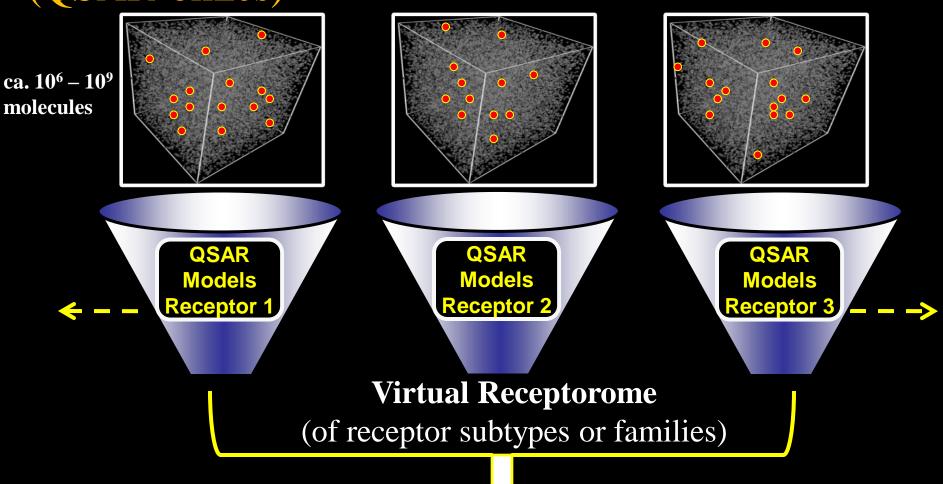
Tested by collaborators at PDSP.

Can we identify these same hits with simple similarity searches??

	WDI	122 VS	10 Tested
Тс	Compounds	Hits	Hits
≥ 0.9	286	2	2
≥ 0.8	1341	4	3
≥ 0.7	7048	13	8
≥ 0.6	21431	38	9
≥ 0.5	36719	81	9
≥ 0.4	44208	115	10
≥ 0.3	45860	122	10
≥ 0.2	46220	122	10
≥ 0.1	46301	122	10
≥ 0.0	46406	122	10

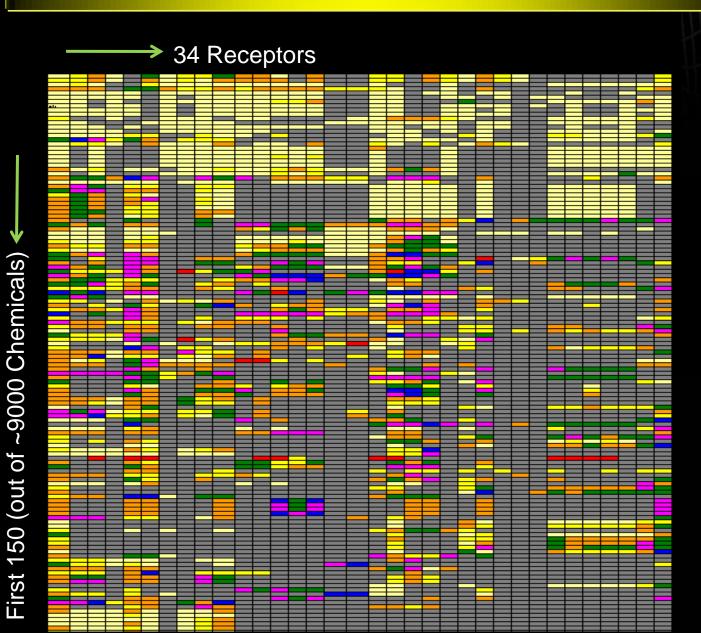
Tanimoto coefficients (Tc) & 166 MACCS structural keys were used for similarity calculations

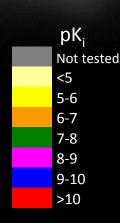
Case study 3: QSAR-based virtual receptoromics (QSAR-omics)



Predicting Pharmacological Profiles

GPCRome Data Matrix: filling the gaps





Degree of sparsity = 93.25% # of tested ligands per receptor: >100

Examples of structure curation MML



Issues	Source	Before curation	After curation
Organometallics	ChEMBL		Deleted
Organosilicon	PDSP	N—————————————————————————————————————	Deleted
Salts	PDSP	CI Na ⁺	
Tautomers	ChEMBL PDSP		

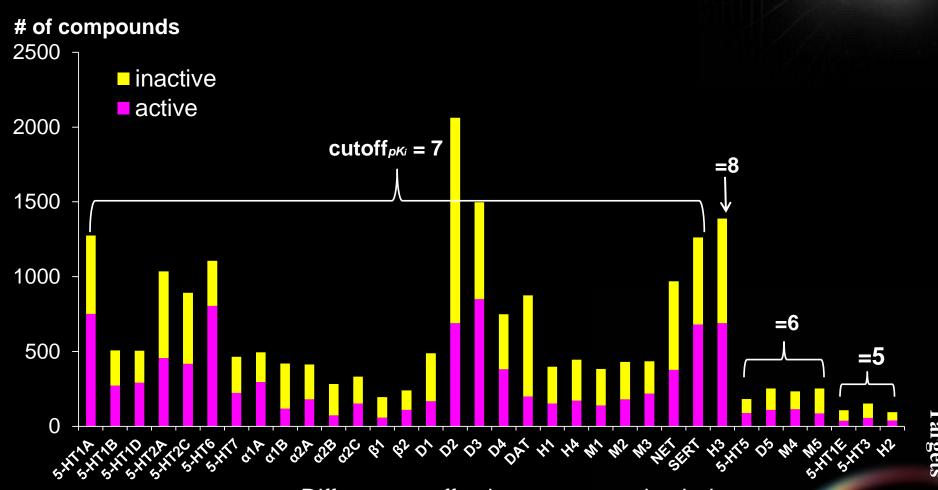
Biological Data Curation



Prazosin	0	N N N NH ₂	
Targets	5-HT _{2A}	α-1Α	D2
Standard Deviation	2.80	0.63	0.4
Assay records (pK _i)	5.15 5.45	9.16 10.22 8.74 8.14 9.29 9.23 9.23	7.24 7.51 7.84 7.97 7.02

34 Datasets: Distribution of Actives and Inactives

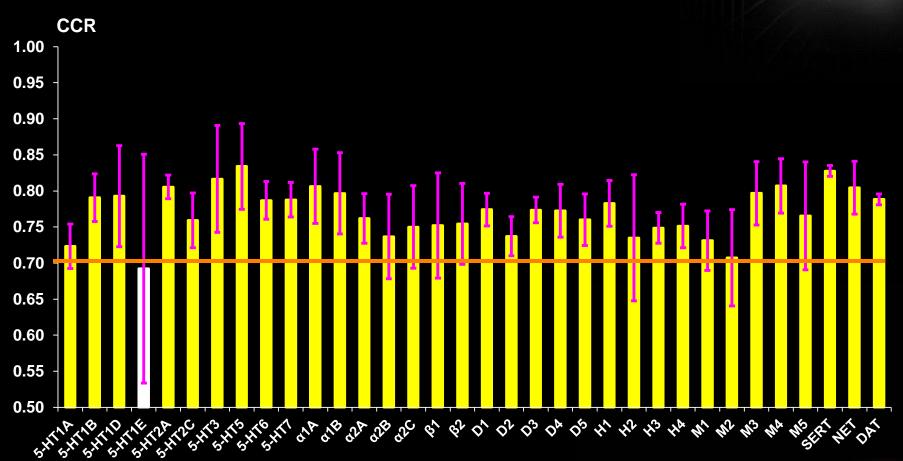




Different cutoff values were used to balance the ratio of actives and inactives.

External Prediction Accuracy





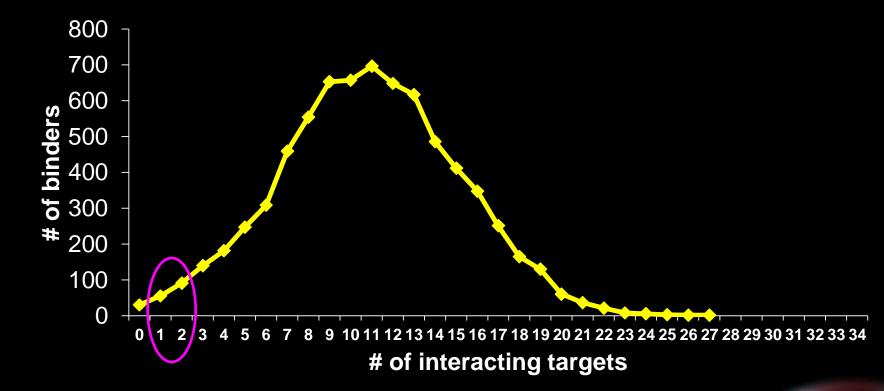
33 out of 34 models have 5-fold external CV cumulative balanced accuracy > 0.7

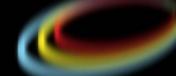


Binding Promiscuity



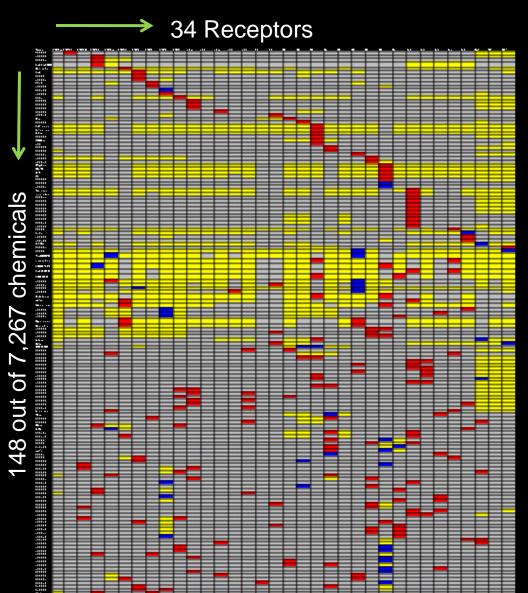
Most compounds are predicted to bind several GPCRs.





Selective Ligands

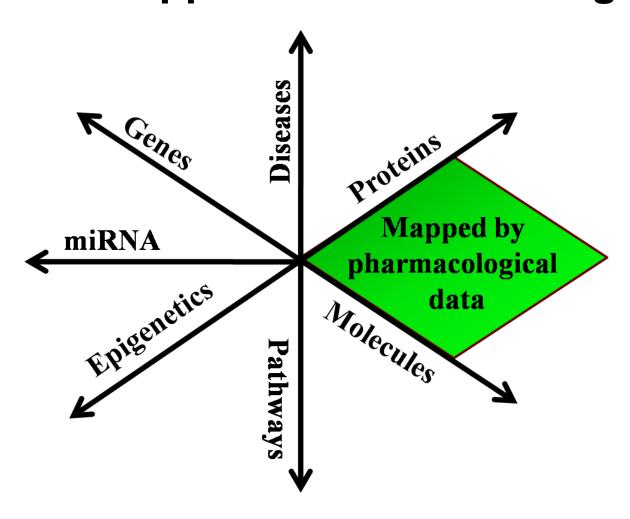


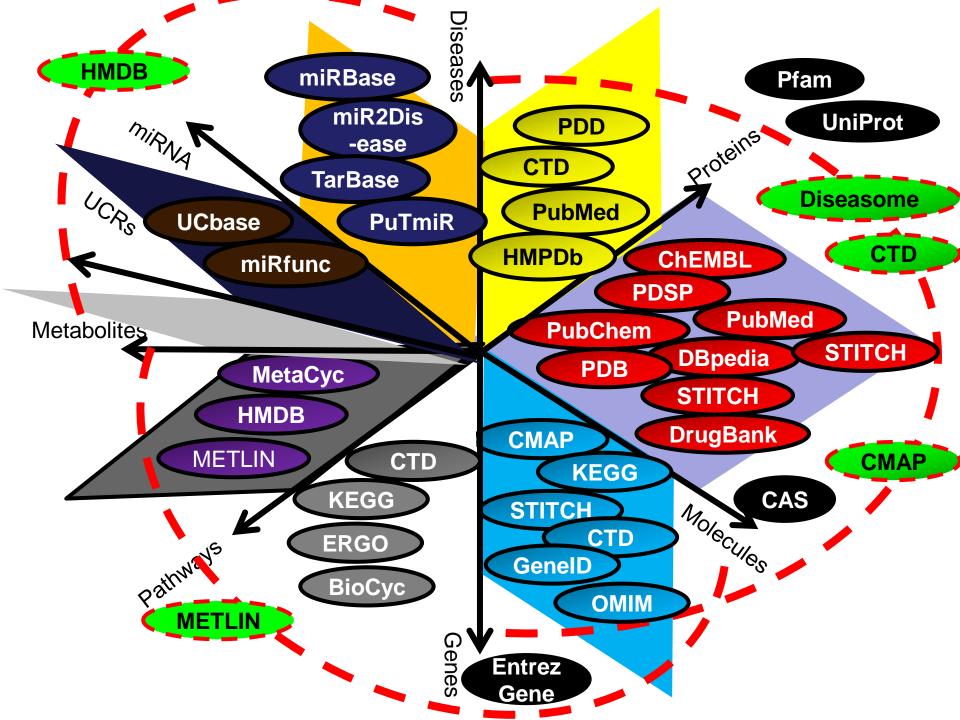


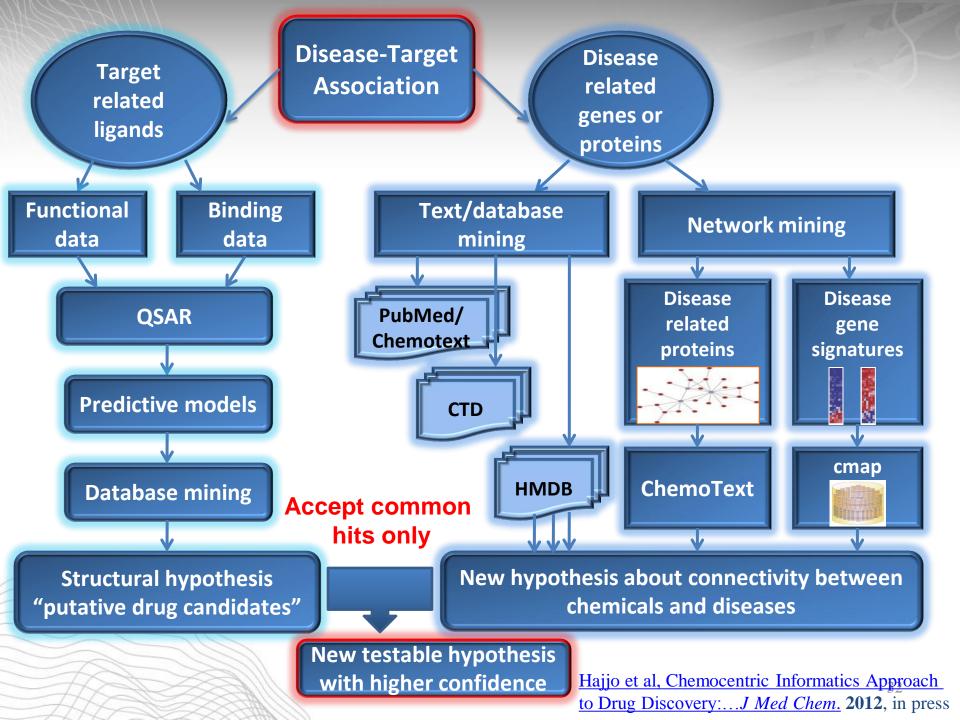
predicted non-binder
experimental non-binder
predicted binder
experimental binder

- 148 compounds were identified to bind one or two GPCRs.
 - ✓ 55 selective
 - √ 93 dual selective
- These compounds are selected for further experimental investigation in B. Roth lab.

<u>Case study 4</u>: Chemocentric Integrative Informatics? Application to 5HT6 lihgands



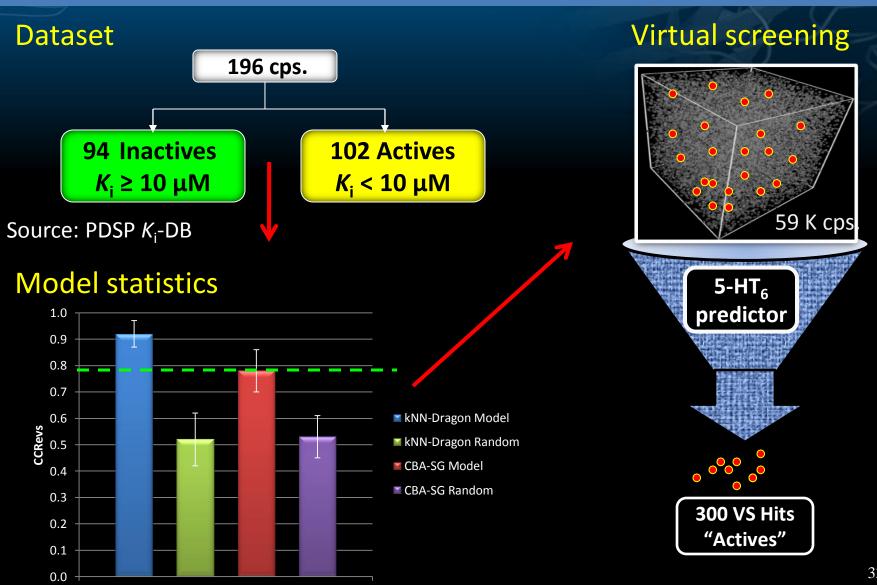




5-HT₆ receptor QSAR models & QSAR-based VS

Model





The connectivity map



Input **Database** Output BIOLOGICAL STATE OF INTEREST (SIGNATURE) Biological state 1 query Signature Control

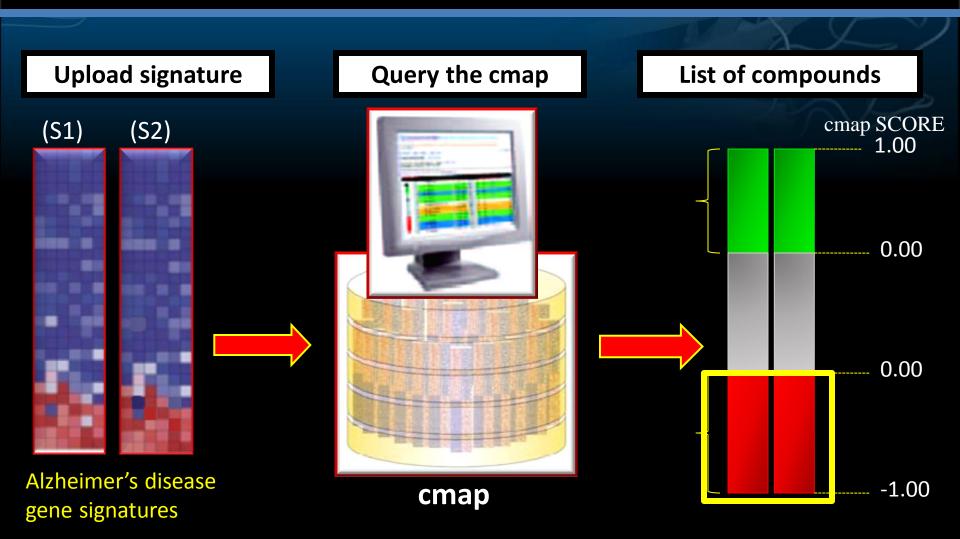
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Step2: query the cmap

Step3: list of correlated compounds

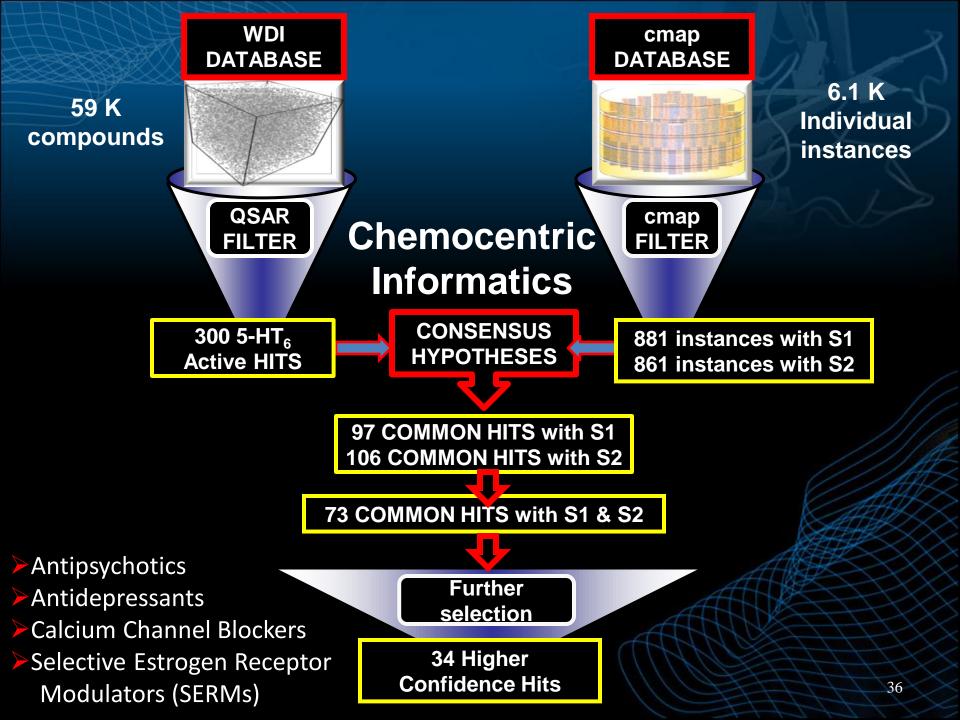
Querying the cmap





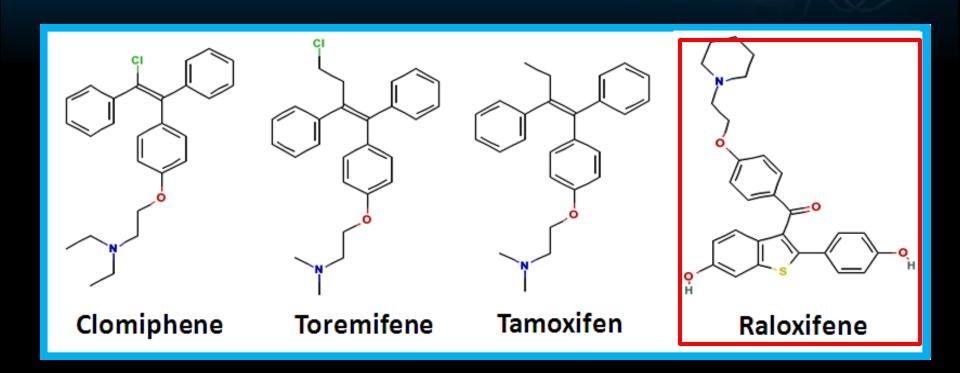
S1: Hata, R. et al., *Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun* 284, 310 (2001).

S2: Ricciarelli, R. et al., *IUBMB Life* 56, 349 (2004).



SERMs predicted as 5-HT₆ receptor ligands





Raloxifene identified as a 5-HT₆ receptor ligand and potential preventative for Alzheimer's disease

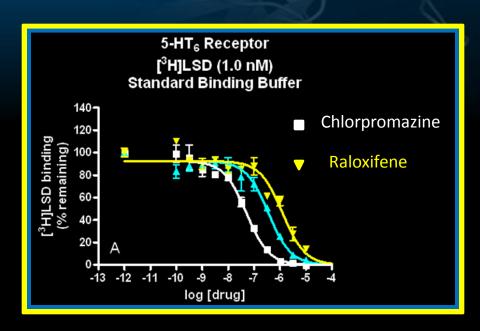


- Raloxifene binds to 5-HT₆ receptor with a *K_i*= **750 nM**.
- Raloxifene given at a dose of 120 mg/day led to reduced risk of cognitive impairment in postmenopausal women.

Yaffe, K. et al., **Am J Psychiatry**, 162, 683–690 (2005).

A newly funded study by NIH is ongoing to evaluate its effects in AD patients.

http://www.nia.nih.gov/alzheimers/public ations/adprevented/



Competition binding at 5-HT₆ receptors for raloxifene (yellow triangle) and chlorpromazine (square) versus [3H] LSD. <u>Tested by our collaborators at PDSP.</u>

Exploration and exploitation of diverse data streams



Cheminformatics

Inherent chemical properties







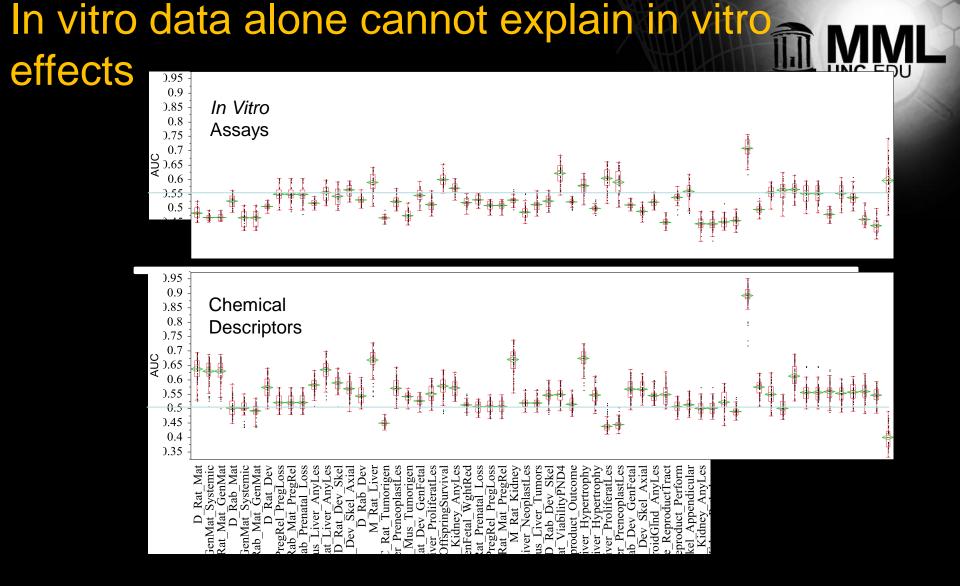
Bioinformatics

Multiple biological assays



Integrate cheminformatics and short term assay data to improve predictive power and interpretability

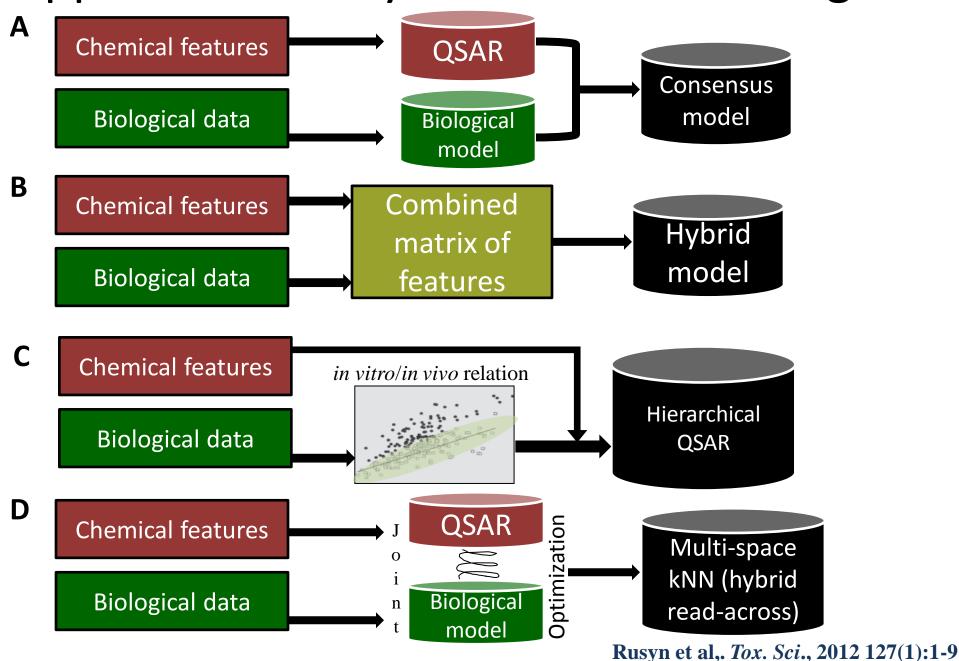




Emerging approaches combining cheminformatics and short-term assays: The Use of Biological Screening Data as Additional Biological Descriptors Improves the Prediction Accuracy of Conventional QSAR Models of Chemical Toxicity

- Zhu, H., Rusyn I, Richard A, Tropsha A. Use of cell viability assay data improves the prediction accuracy of conventional quantitative structure-activity relationship models of animal carcinogenicity. *EHP*, 2008, (116): 506-513
- Sedykh A, Zhu H, Tang H, Zhang L, Richard A, Rusyn I, Tropsha A. Use of in vitro HTS-derived concentrationresponse data as biological descriptors improves the accuracy of QSAR models of in vivo toxicity. EHP, 2011, 119(3):364-70.
- Low et al., Predicting drug-induced hepatotoxicity using QSAR and toxicogenomics approaches. *Chem Res Toxicol.* 2011 Aug 15;24(8):1251-62
- Rusyn et al, Predictive modeling of chemical hazard by integrating numerical descriptors of chemical structures and short-term toxicity assay data. *Tox. Sci.*, 2012, 127(1):1-9

Approaches to Hybrid QSAR Modeling



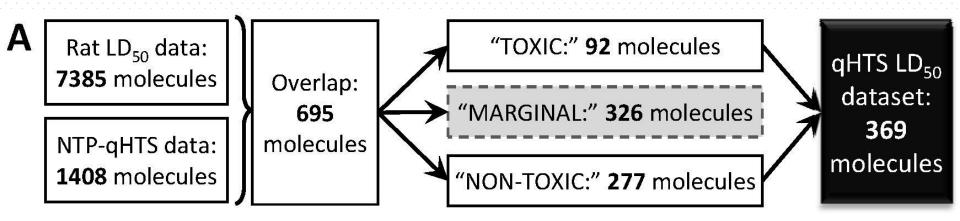
Case study 5. In vitro dose-response data improve the predictive power of QSAR models of in vivo toxicity (rat LD₅₀)

- •1408 substances
- •382 chemical structure descriptors (Dragon v5.5)
- 13 in vitro NCGC cell viability assays *:

 - 14 test concentrations: 0.6nm .. 92.2μm

May yield up to 13x14 = 182 in vitro qHTS descriptors, but the issue of data noise becomes important.

Modeling Workflow







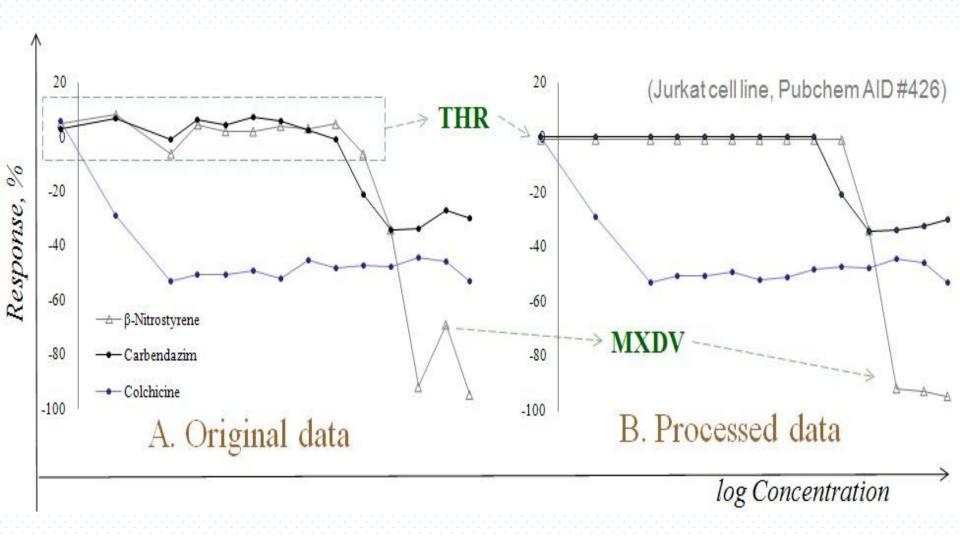
QSAR Table – qHTS descriptors

Descriptor #: 1 2

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ID	Name	Structure	3T3 9.2mkM	3T3 21mkM		SHSY 92mkM
1	Acrolein	0	0	0		-92
2	2-Amino-4- nitrophenol	ON NH ₂	0	-22		0
	•••			•••	•••	•••
369	Tebuco- nazole	CI OH	-21	-24		-18

SMOOTHING CONCENTRATION-RESPONSE CURVES.



Sedykh A, Zhu H, Tang H, Zhang L, Richard A, Rusyn I, Tropsha A. EHP, 2011, 119(3):364-70

Smoothing the concentrationresponse data improves the prediction accuracy of hybrid models.

*k*NN models

%	Chemical descriptors only	Hybrid descriptors (Original)	Hybrid descriptors (THR=15%)
Sensitivity	68±8	63±9	76±5
Specificity	85±4	86±4	87±2
CCR	76 ±5 *	74 ±5	82 ±3

Random Forest (RF) models

Sensitivity	74±9	66±8	77±10
Specificity	82±7	87±4	86±3
CCR	78 ±4 *	77 ± 5	82 ±5

Shown are averaged results of five-fold external validation. *Chemical descriptors only models were significantly different (p < 0.05) from all other models of the corresponding group by the permutation test (10,000 times).

Hybrid QSAR models have higher predictive power than commercial software TOPKAT

%	ТОРКАТ	Chemical descriptors only		Hybrid descriptors (Original)		Hybrid descriptors (THR=15%)	
		kNN	RF	kNN	RF	kNN	RF
Sensitivity	0.45	0.73	0.73	0.55	0.82	0.91	0.91
Specificity	0.93	0.78	0.80	0.85	0.78	0.85	0.83
CCR	0.69 *	0.75	0.77	0.70	0.80	0.88	0.87

Results are shown for 52 compounds in our external validation sets, which were also absent in the TOPKAT training set.

^{*}TOPKAT model was significantly different (p < 0.05) from all other models by the permutation test (10,000 times).

Conclusions and Outlook

Methodology

- data curation is critical (NB: QSAR models could be used to spot and correct erroneous data!)
- Rigorous external model validation is mandatory and should precede any mechanistic interpretation
- Consensus (collaborative!) prediction using all acceptable models affords the highest accuracy and chemical space coverage
- Novel chemical descriptors for (so far) uncommon substances (mixtures, materials, nanomaterials)
- outcome: decision support tools for prioritizing compounds for experimental screening and/or regulatory decision making

Conclusions and Outlook MIN

Emerging trends in QSAR modeling

- Rapid accumulation of large biomolecular datasets (especially, in public domain)
- Non-traditional sources of datasets (text mining of biomedical literature, patents, EMRs, ...)
- Extension of QSAR modeling beyond organic molecules (mixtures, materials, nanomaterials, ...)
- Integration of inherent chemical properties with <u>short term</u> biological profiles (biodescriptors) in the context of <u>structure</u> in vitro in vivo extrapolation
- Interpretation of significant chemical and biological descriptors emerging from externally validated models to inform the selection or design of effective and safe chemicals

QSAR Modeling: Where have you been, where are you going?



Where have you been?
Where are you going to?
I want to know what is new
I want to go with you
What have you seen?
What do you know that is new?
Where are you going to?
Because I want to go with you
Chris Rea, "The Blue Café" song

Experiment-Assisted Computational Drug Discovery? Recent examples of experimentally validated QSAR-based predictions

- Anticonvulsants: Shen, M. et al, J. Med. Chem. 2004, 47, 2356-2364.
- <u>HIV-1 reverse transcriptase inhibitors</u>: Medina-Franco, J., *et al, J. Comput. Aided. Mol. Des.*, **2005**, 19, 229–242
- <u>D1 receptor antagonists</u>: Oloff et al, *J. Med. Chem.*, **2005**, 48, 7322-32
- Anticancer agents: Zhang et al, J. Comp. Aid. Molec. Des., 2007, 21, 97-112.
- <u>AmpC inhibitors</u>: Hsieh, J.-H.. et al, *J. Comp. Aid. Molec. Des.*, **2008**, 22(9):593-609
- HDAC inhibitors: Wang, S. et al, (JCIM, **2009**, 49, 461-76)
- <u>GGT-I inhibitors:</u> Wang, Peterson, et al (JMC, **2009**, 52(14):4210-20; provisional patent)
- 5Ht2B binders: Hajjo et al, JMC, 2010, 11;53(21):7573-86
- 5HT6 binders: Hajjo et al, JMC, 2012 (in press)
- <u>5HT7 binders</u>; <u>5HT1A ligands</u>, <u>etc...</u>(in preparation)



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Toxicity Predictors

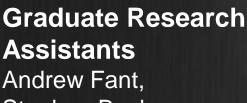
These are public predictors useful for toxicity prediction.

Select	Name_	<u>Date</u> <u>Created</u>	<u>Modeling</u> <u>Method</u> ■	<u>Descriptor</u> <u>Type</u> ■	Description
	5HT2B_Binder_DragonkNN	2010-09-16 03:57	KNN	DRAGONH	This predictor contains models generated using Dragon and kNN by R Hajjo; etal in http://dx.doi.org/10.1021/jm100600y. These models built and validated using 304 compounds with binder/non-binder classification defined based on functional assays.
	Ames_Genotoxicity_kNN	2011-06-14 15:28	KNN	DRAGONH	
	Ames_Genotoxicity_SVM	2011-06-14 15:28	SVM	DRAGONH	
	cb101ld50_369_cdk_RF	2011-08-28 20:46	RANDOMFOREST	UPLOADED CDK	
	cb101ld50_369_hts_RF	2011-09-09 23:03	RANDOMFOREST	UPLOADED HTS	
	cb101ld50_369_hybrid_RF	2011-08-28 20:46	RANDOMFOREST	UPLOADED HYBRID	
	cb101ld50_369_sdf_RF	2011-08-30 11:22	RANDOMFOREST	CDK	
	ER_binding_affinity	2011-09-12 14:07	SVM	UPLOADED	
	RAT-ACUTE- LD50_DragonkNN	2010-09-23 03:57	KNN	DRAGONH	This predictor contains models generated using Dragon and kNN by H Zhu; etal in http://dx.doi.org/10.1021/tx900189p. These models built and validated using 3472 compounds predict Acute Toxicity (pLD50(mol/kg)) in Rats.
	T.Pyriformis	2009-10-09 16:46	KNN	MOLCONNZ	This predictor contains the kNN-MolconnZ models generated by H Zhu; et al in http://dx.doi.org/10.1021/ci700443v. These models built using 983 compounds (644 training/339 external test) predict aquatic toxicity (pIGC50) against Tetrahymena Pyriformis.

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