Predicting Metabolites

Enhancing An Expert System With Machine Learning

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Derek Nexus

An expert system for the assessment of toxicity



Meteor Nexus An expert system for the assessment of xenobiotic metabolism



Sarah Nexus A (Q)SAR tool for the assessment of mutagenicity



Vitic Nexus A structure-searchable toxicity database

Zeneth

An expert system for the assessment of chemical degradation

Why Predict The Structure Of Metabolites?

- Support identification of...
- Metabolites formed in analytical studies
- Sites of metabolism driving high metabolic clearance
- Potentially toxic metabolites
 - Some *in silico* toxicity models implicitly include metabolism
 - ...but they may miss unusual metabolic precursors
 -specific off-target pharmacology, or modelling through AOP's
- Metabolites that may not translate between assays
 - Some in vitro / in vivo assays may not translate

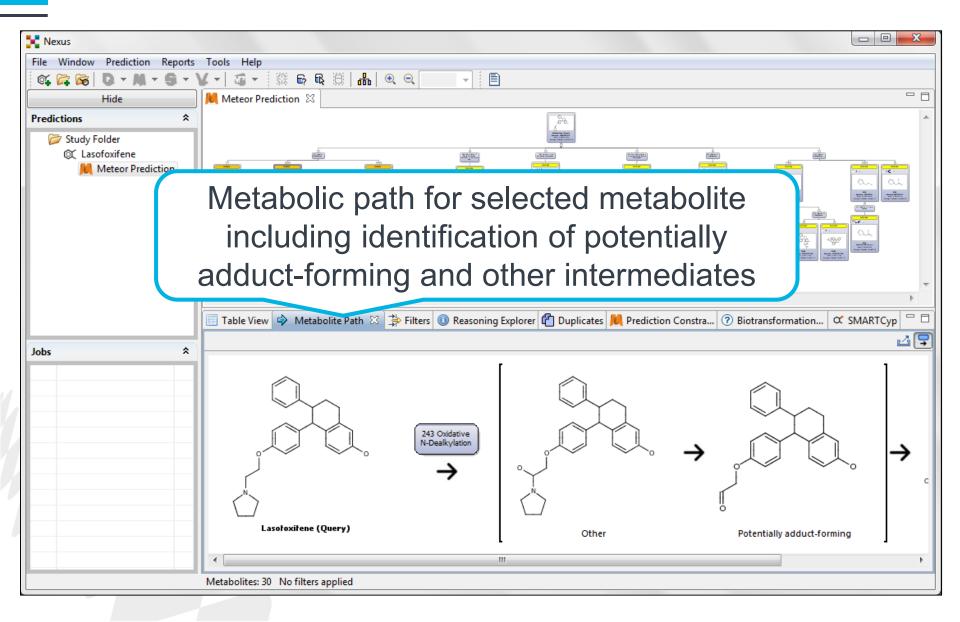


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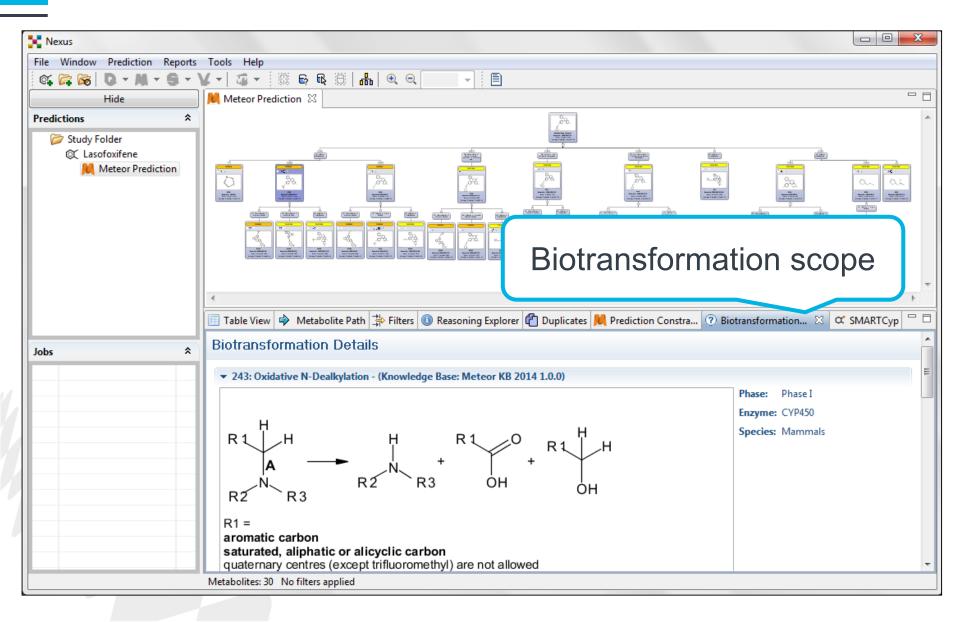




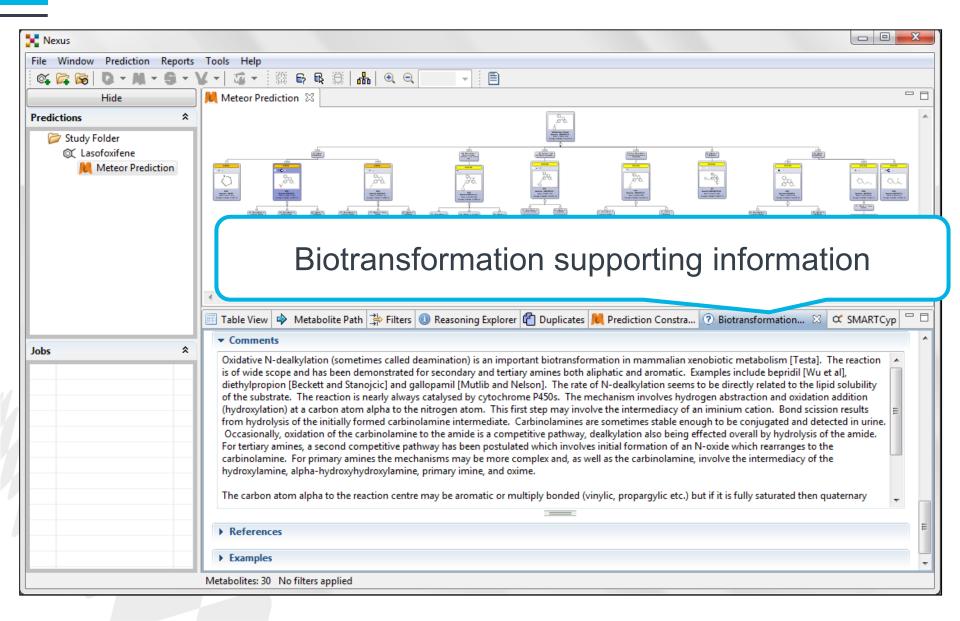


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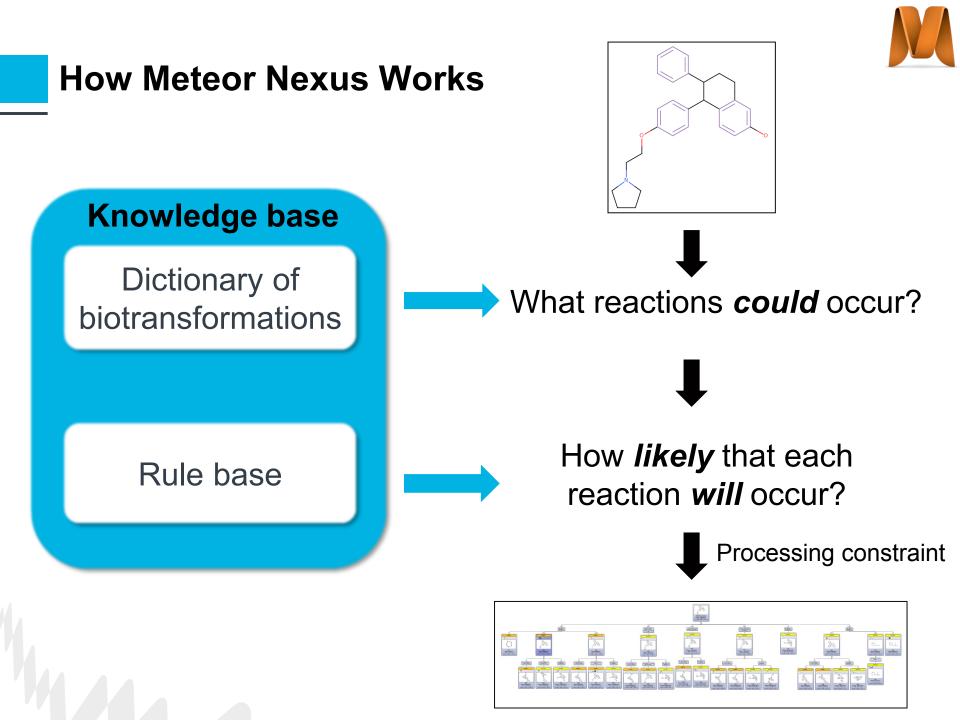




Dictionary Of Biotransformations

- Dictionary of 500 biotransformations
 - Covering both phase I and phase II reactions

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Oxidative N-dealkylation (sometimes called deamination) is an important biotransformation in mammalian xenobiotic metabolism [Testa]. The reaction is of wide scope and has been demonstrated for secondary and tertiary amines both aliphatic and aromatic. Examples include bepridil [Wu et al], diethylpropion [Beckett and Stanojcic] and gallopamil [Mutlib and Nelson]. The rate of N-dealkylation seems to be directly related to the lipid solubility of the substrate. The reaction is nearly always catalysed by cytochrome P450s. The mechanism involves hydrogen abstraction and oxidation addition (hydroxylation) at a carbon atom alpha to the nitrogen atom. This first step may involve the intermediacy of an iminium cation. Bond scission results from hydrolysis of the initially formed carbinolamine intermediate. Carbinolamines are sometimes stable enough to be conjugated and detected in urine. Occasionally, oxidation of the carbinolamine to the amide is a competitive pathway, dealkylation also being effected overall by hydrolysis of the amide. For tertiary amines, a second competitive pathway has been postulated which involves initial formation							
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Relative likelihood of a pair

of biotransformations

Rule Base

 Biotransformation ranking is determined by a reasoningbased interpretation of two types of rules describing

Absolute likelihood of a single biotransformation

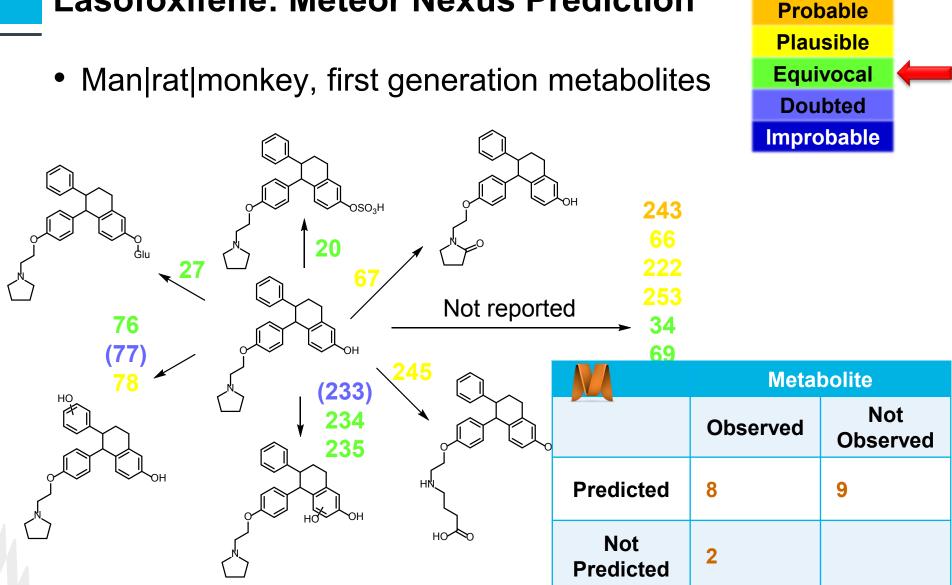


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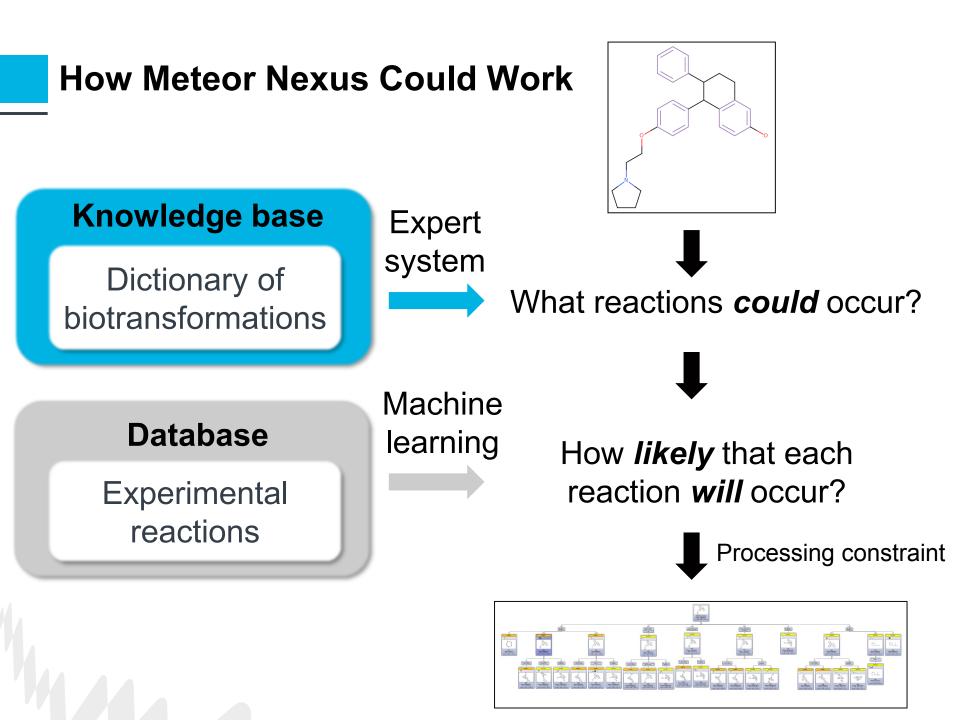
Meteor Nexus Performance

- T'jollyn et al, Drug Metab Dispos <u>39</u>, 2066-2075 (2011)
 - Comparative study of Meteor, MetaSite and StarDrop
 - Meteor has higher sensitivity but lower precision
 - High sensitivity is good for metabolite identification but high precision is of more value in a discovery setting
- Research objective
 - Develop methodology to better rank-order metabolite likelihoods



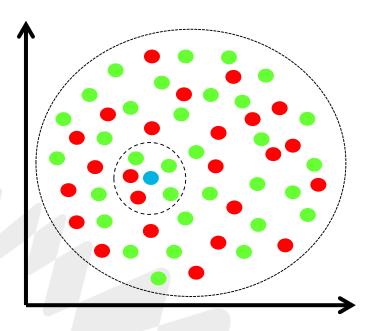
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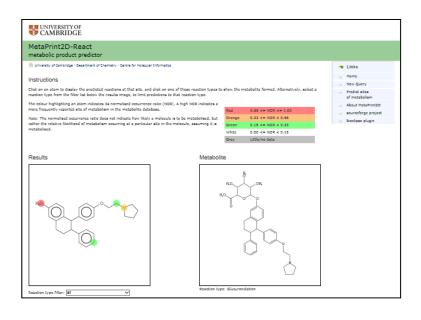
Lasofoxifene: Meteor Nexus Prediction



Other statistical approaches to metabolite ranking

- SyGMa
 - L Ridder & M Wagener, ChemMedChem <u>3</u> 821-832 (2008)
- MetaPrint2D-React
 - SE Adams, Molecular Similarity and Xenobiotic Metabolism, PhD Thesis, University of Cambridge (2010)





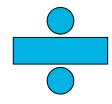
Occurrence Ratio Method





How often does a reaction actually occur?

Large metabolism database

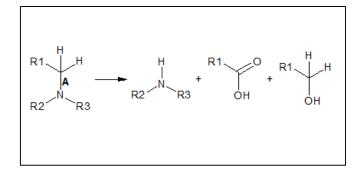






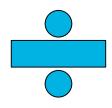
How often could a reaction occur?

Occurrence Ratio Method: Biotransformation 243







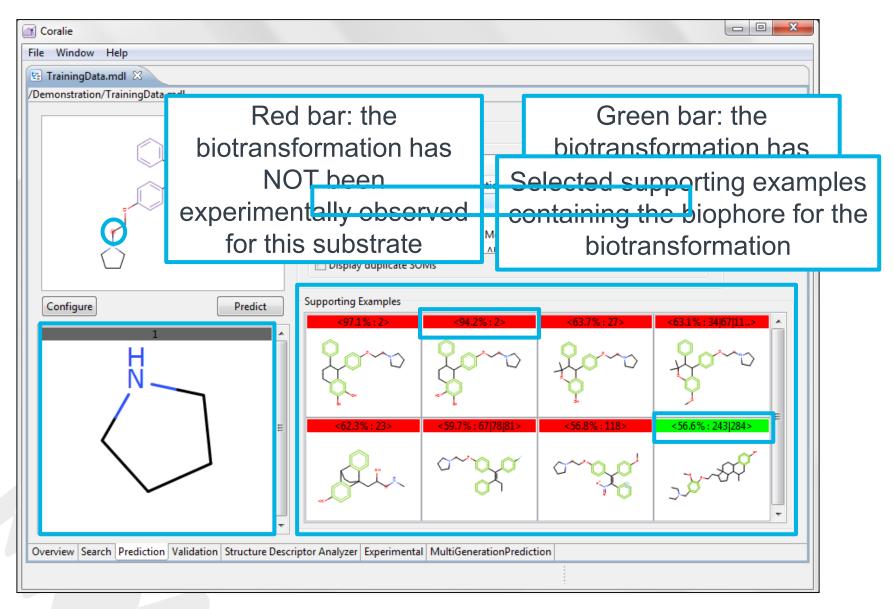




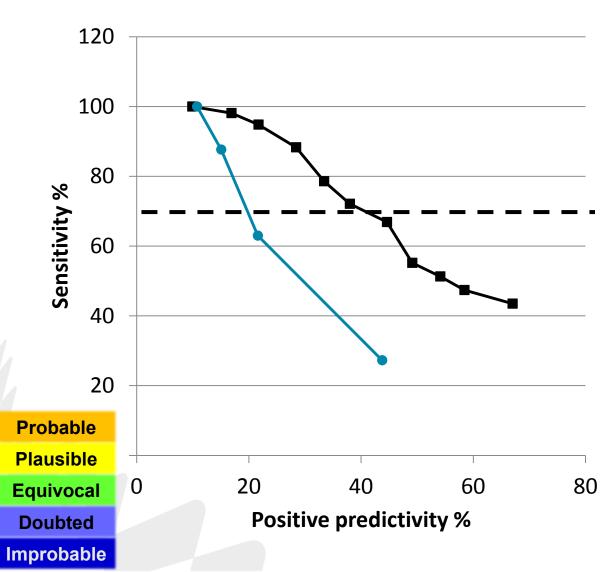


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Occurrence Ratio Method



Occurrence Ratio Method Versus Meteor Nexus



Occurrence Ratio Method

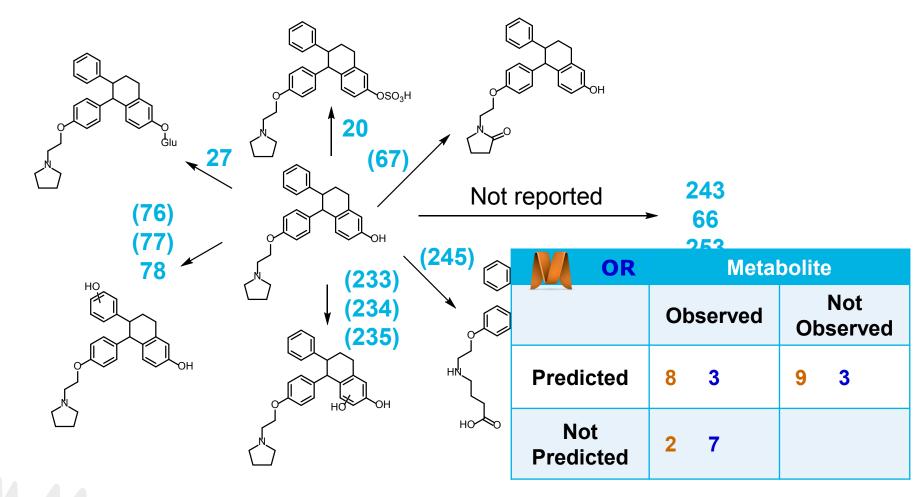
Meteor Nexus

At any given sensitivity, the Occurrence Ratio method gives higher precision than Meteor Nexus

Test set: 100 compounds Biotransformation counts Relative threshold

Lasofoxifene: Occurrence Ratio Prediction

• Man|rat|monkey, first generation metabolites



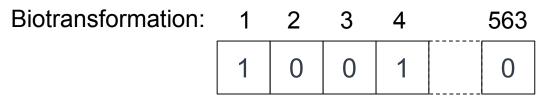
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Ways to Calculate the Occurrence Ratios

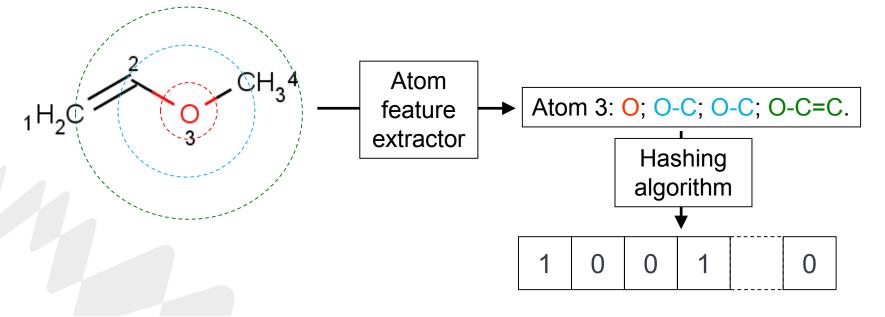
- How often is a predicted transformation observed?
 - Ratio of observed / predicted across all data
- If 2 transformations could occur, which will win?
 - Relative ranking of each pair of transformations
- How often is a predicted transformation observed...
 for compounds like mine?

Similarity-based Occurrence Ratios

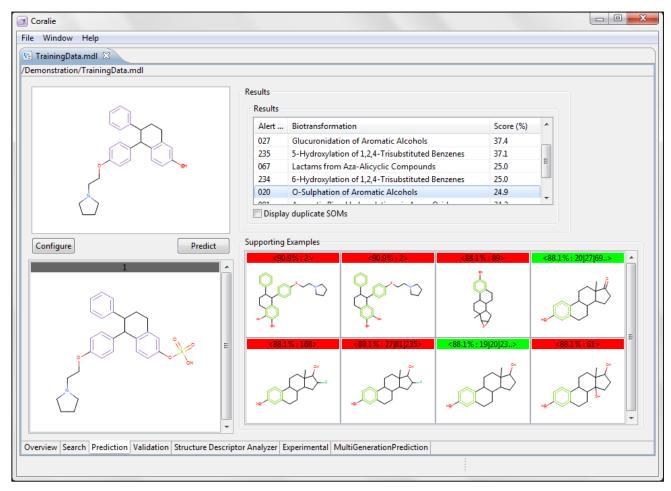
Meteor biotransformation structural key



- Ceres fingerprint (whole structure)
- Ceres fingerprint (site of metabolism)

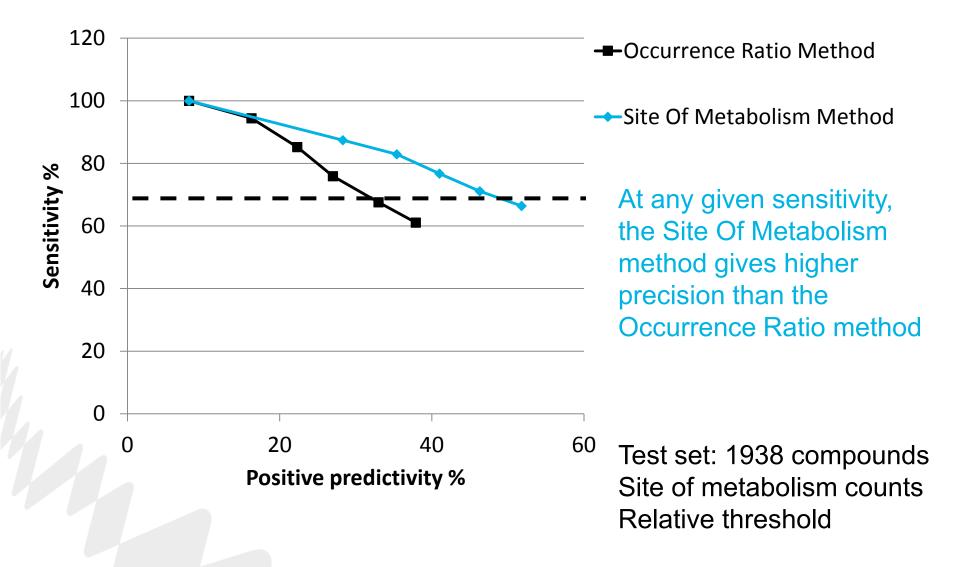


Site of Metabolism-driven Occurrence Ratios



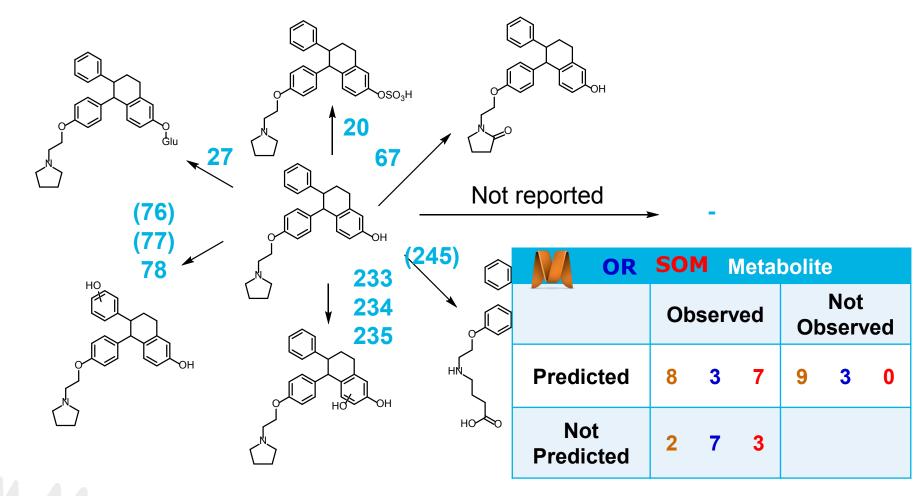
- Occurrence ratio for a biotransformation determined by
 - signal of nearest neighbours
 - weighted by similarity around the site of metabolism

Site Of Metabolism vs. Occurrence Ratio Method



Lasofoxifene: Site Of Metabolism Prediction

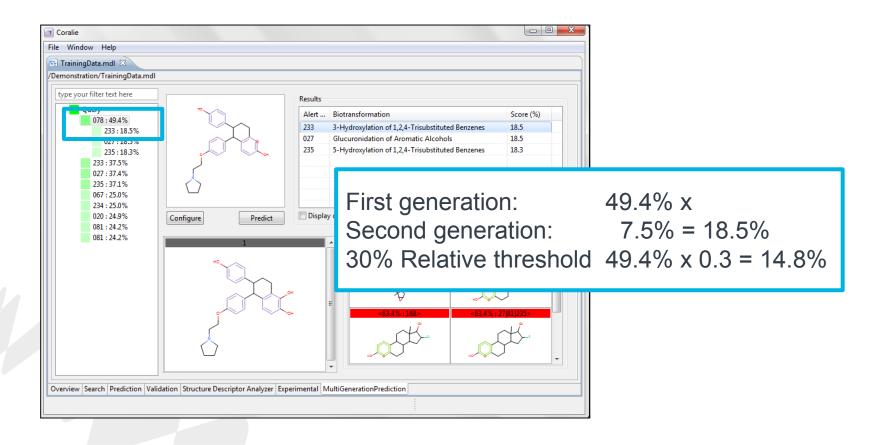
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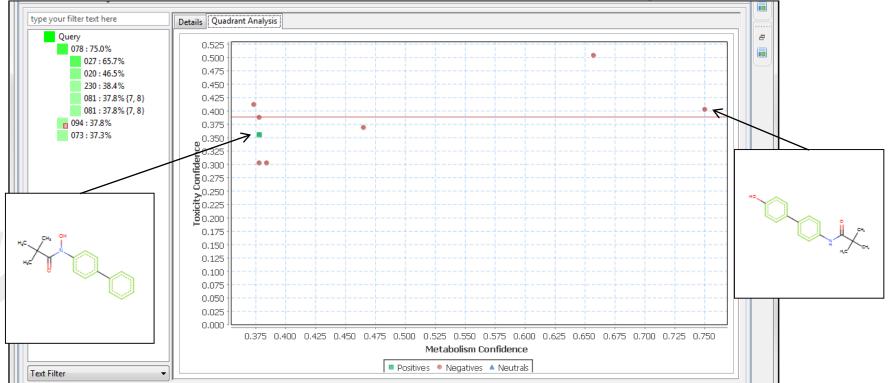
Extending Predictions To Multiple Generations

- Propagate occurrence ratios down branches of metabolic tree
- Apply threshold constraint to the overall metabolic tree



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 - Have been collecting data for a year (4 student interns)
 - Currently ~1,370 parent compounds (>10K reactions)
 - Test performance against member proprietary data
 - Implement into Meteor Nexus

Questions

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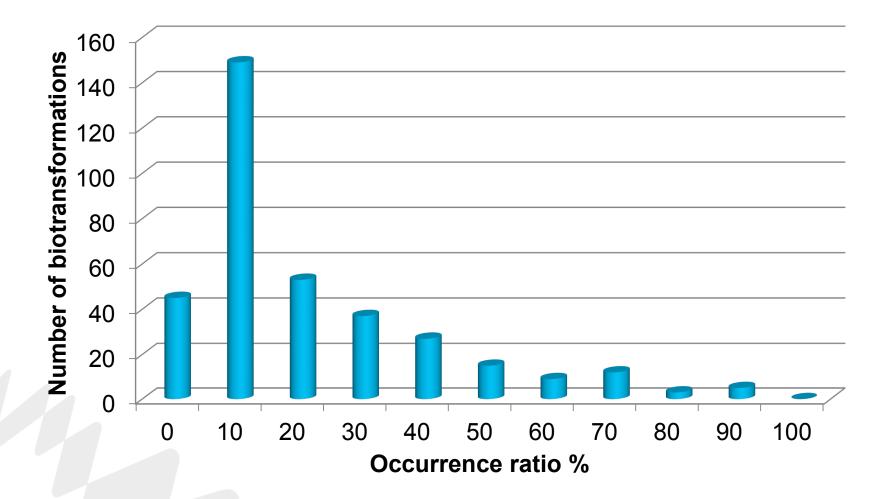
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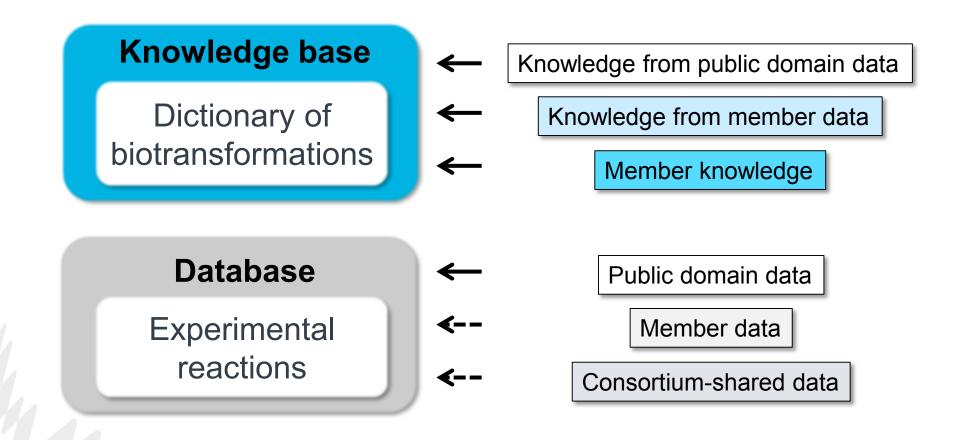
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Distribution Of Training Set Occurrence Ratios

Omits 145 biotransformations with rare biophores



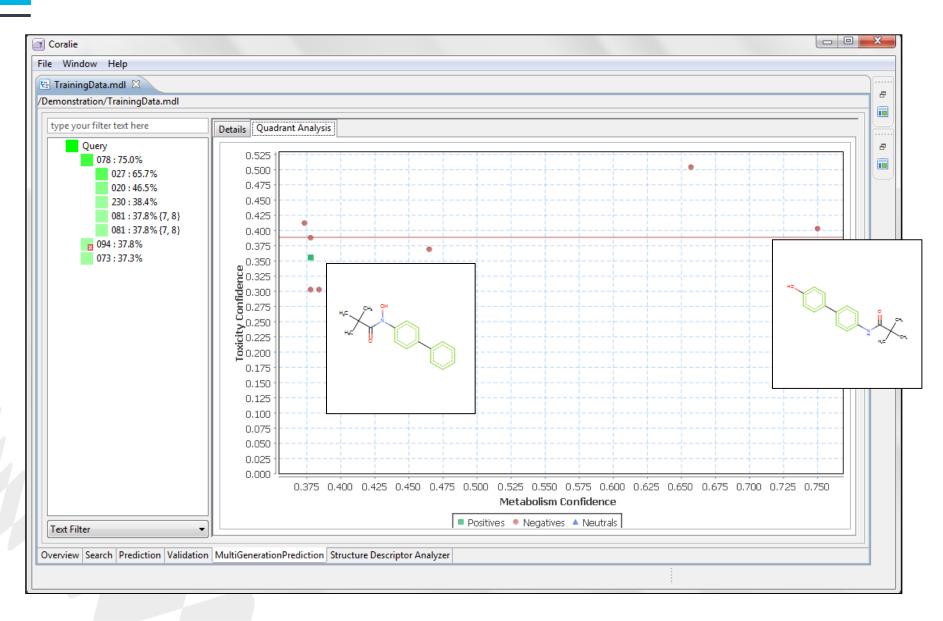
Meteor Nexus Data And Knowledge Sharing



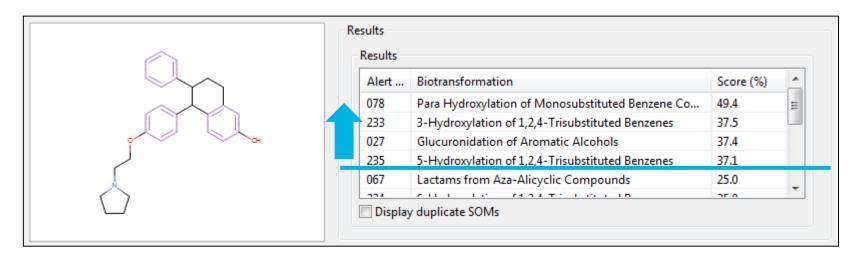
Site Of Metabolism View

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Metabolite Toxicity View



Threshold Definitions



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 - Only display biotransformations with the top N scores

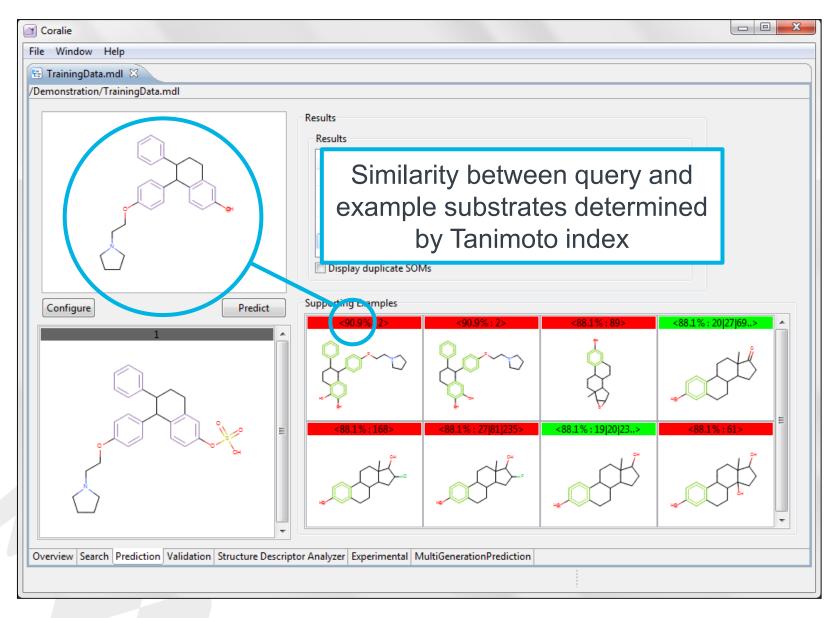
• Absolute threshold

- Only display biotransformations with scores at or above some absolute value
- Relative threshold
 - Only display biotransformations with scores at or above some percentage of the maximum score (eg 60% of 49.4% = 29.6%)

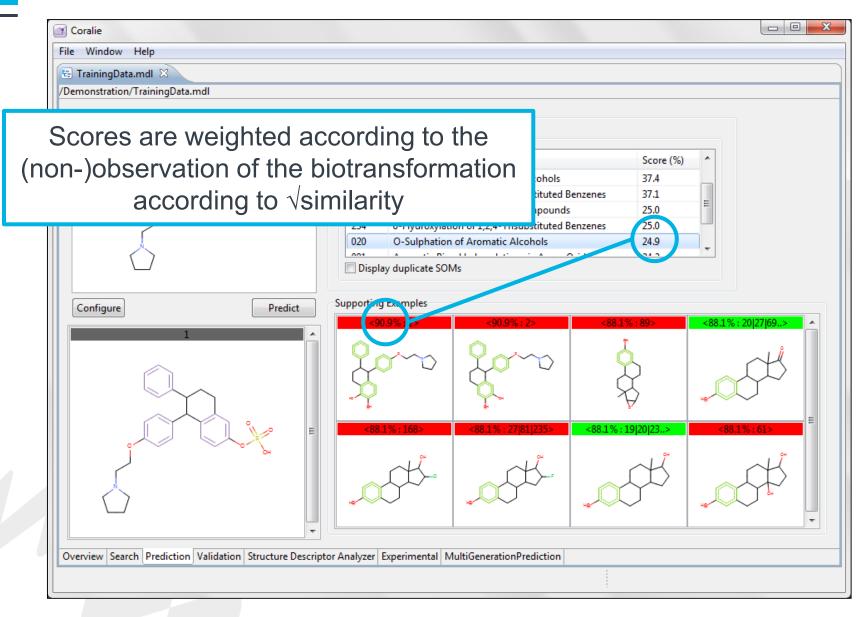
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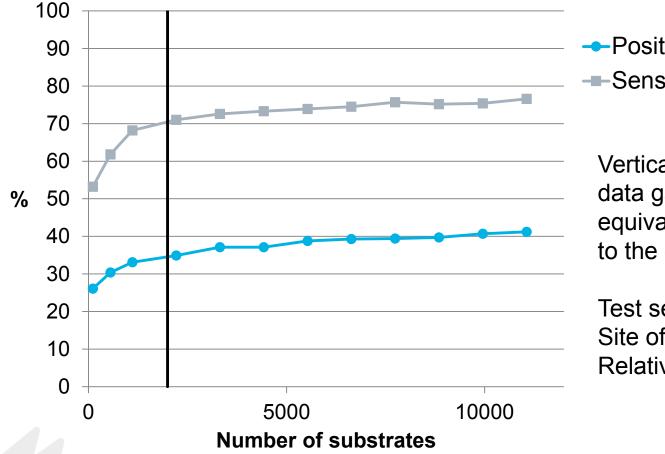
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Performance With Training Data Set Size



Positive predictivity
 Sensitivity

Vertical line shows size of data gathering efforts using equivalent data preparation to the original training set

Test set: 1938 compounds Site of metabolism counts Relative threshold

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