



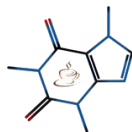
Chasing natural products: the COLlection of Open Natural Products COCONUT

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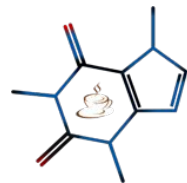


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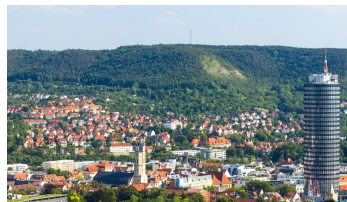
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- Natural Products cheminformatics (databases)
- Research Data Management for the ChemBioSys CRC
- Omics for marine diatoms



Natural products research: a field (re)gaining in popularity

- Between 2000 and 2020 123 NP databases/datasets were mentioned in the literature
- 90 are open, 50 are downloadable
- Extremely heterogeneous data

<https://npreview.naturalproducts.net/>

Review | [Open Access](#) | Published: 03 April 2020

Review on natural products databases: where to find data in 2020

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... so we decided to build yet another NP database

- Which gathers in the same place NP data from 53 (now 55) public databases
- Chemical structure-centred
- Following the **FAIR principles**
- Current version contains 406,744 unique “flat” molecules

<https://coconut.naturalproducts.net/>

Database | [Open Access](#) | [Published: 10 January 2021](#)

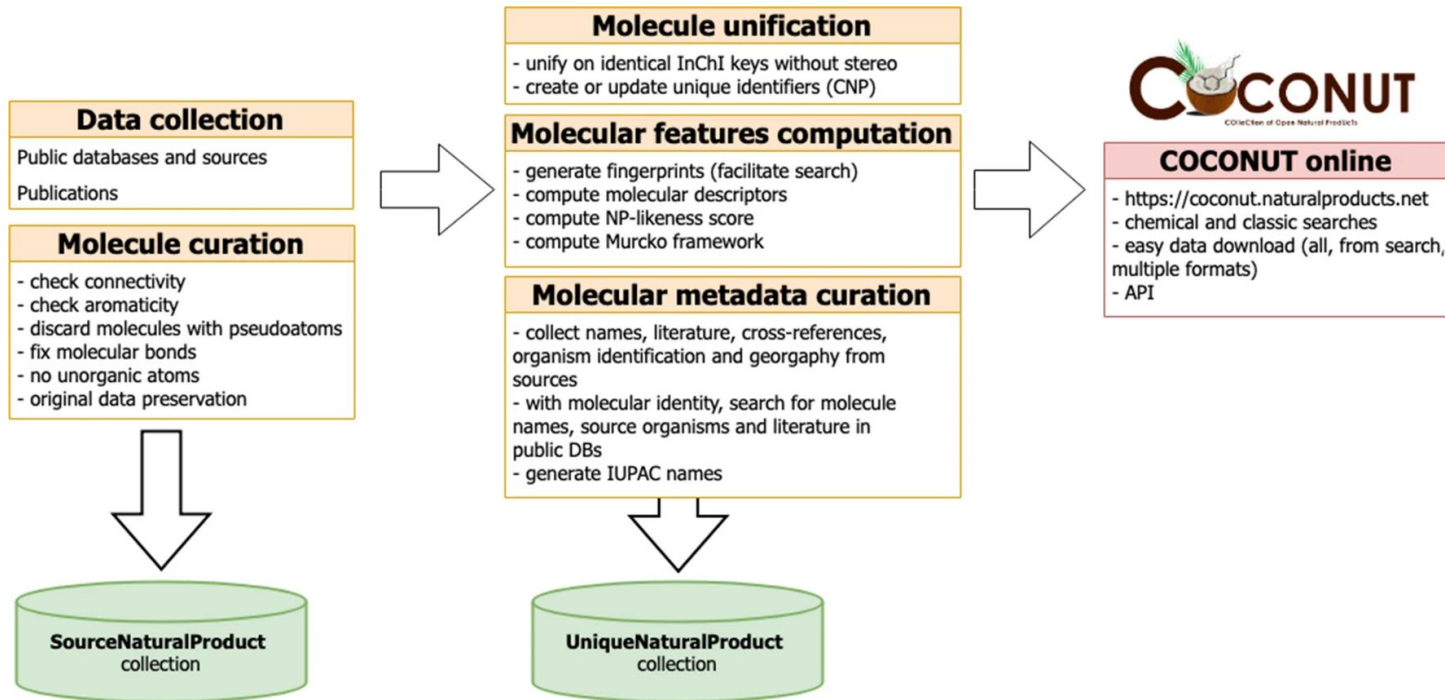
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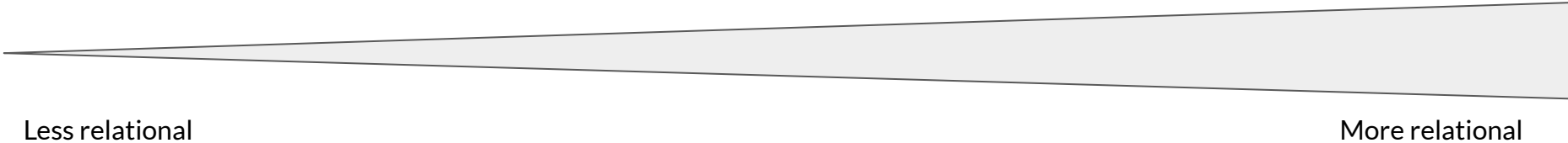
COCONUT data model



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(db-dependent, e.g. CQL)

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```
{ "_id" : CNP000XX1, "PubChemFP" : "00110110" }  
{ "_id" : CNP000XX2, "PubChemFP" : "10110100" }  
{ "_id" : CNP000XX3, "PubChemFP" : "01110111" }
```

```
db.uniqueNaturalProduct.find( { PubChemFP: { $bitsAllSet: [ 1, 5 ] } } )  
> CNP000XX3
```

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- Similarity search: PubChem fingerprints + inverted indexes + Tanimoto on MongoDB server side

THE CHEMBL-OG

The Organization of Drug Discovery Data

ChEMBL

| SureChEMBL

| UniChem

| MAIP

SEARCH

LSH-based similarity search in MongoDB is faster than postgres cartridge.

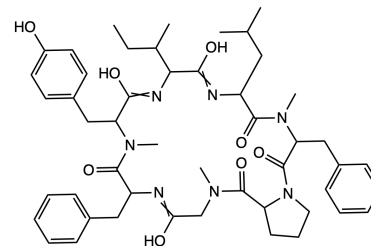
<http://chembl.blogspot.com/2015/08/lsh-based-similarity-search-in-mongodb.html>

COCONUT data model - representations

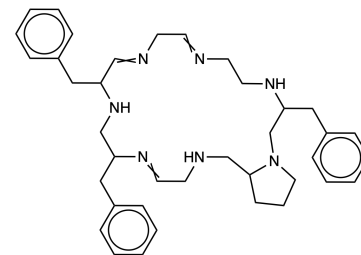
Classic SMILES, InChI, InChI keys, names and synonyms

Murcko frameworks

Deep SMILES (more suitable for deep & machine learning)



Cordyheptapeptide A (CNP0267851)



Murcko framework of Cordyheptapeptide A

ChemRxivTM

doi.org/10.26434/chemrxiv.7097960.v1

DeepSMILES: An Adaptation of SMILES for Use in Machine-Learning of Chemical Structures

Noel O'Boyle, Andrew Dalke

Submitted date: 18/09/2018 - Posted date: 19/09/2018

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COCONUT data model - glycosidic moieties

Glycosidic moieties are generally considered as redundant, monotonous substructures that prevent efficient NP structure study

BUT! They actually can greatly quantitatively and qualitatively influence the bioactivity

→ The glycosylation status of NPs therefore described in COCONUT

Research article | [Open Access](#) | Published: 04 November 2020

Too sweet: cheminformatics for deglycosylation in natural products

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Article

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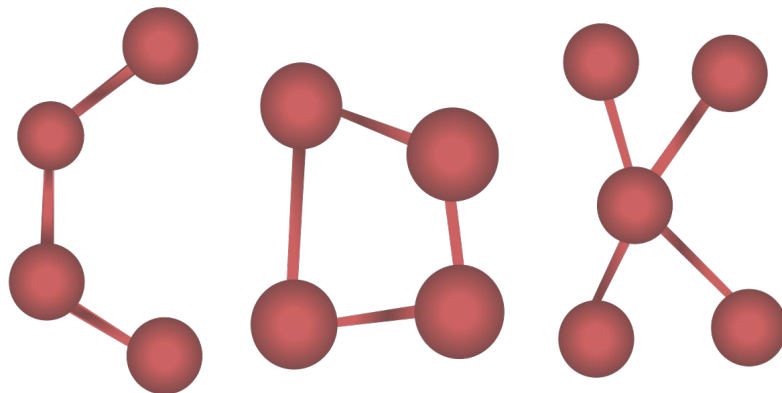
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COCONUT data model - physicochemical properties

>30 molecular descriptors were calculated for each NP

AlogP, Lipinski Rule of 5 failures, circular fragments, apol, bpol, FMF, fsp3,

Kappa Shape Index, Petitjean number, Zagreb index....



<https://cdk.github.io/>

COCONUT data model - annotations

- Taxonomic provenance (~15 %)
- Geographic provenance of the producer organism (~10%)
- Chemical ontology: ClassyFire (NPclassifier classifications will be added)
- Cross-references (can be challenging due to URL organization in the target DB)

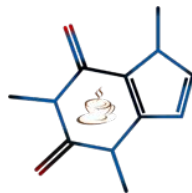


Current and future developments

- LOTUS (with J-L. Wolfender & P-M. Allard, Univ. Geneva): lotus.naturalproducts.net/
 - improvement of COCONUT annotations
- ML-based taxonomic annotations prediction
- Implement user-driven NP submission (this summer)
- **Elaboration of minimal information standards for NP declaration**
- Predicted C13 NMR shifts representations (with J-M. Nuzillard, Univ. Reims)
- Predicted MS spectra representations (with P-M. Allard, Univ. Geneva)
- **And especially: stabilize the server**



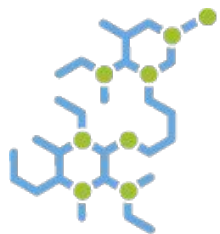
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