FAME 3: Predicting the Sites of Metabolism in Small Molecules for Phase 1 and Phase 2 Metabolic Enzymes



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Understanding xenobiotic metabolism is key to the design of safe and efficacious small molecules

- Metabolism is the main clearance pathway of 75 to 90% of all drugs
- Xenobiotics on average have six metabolites¹



Detoxification

Targeted (de-) activation

• Organisms, tissues, cells

- Only 3% of all drug metabolites are confirmed to maintain their pharmacological activity¹
- At least 7% of all metabolites are known to be toxic or reactive¹

Challenges and Risks

(De-) activation

Toxification

Changes in distribution

Drug-drug interaction

Drug resistance



What atoms of my small-molecule are susceptible to metabolism?

- Knowing the SoMs in a molecule can aid the derivation of likely metabolites and hence, optimisation strategies
- Models based on diverse approaches
- Several good models available for CYPs, few for other metabolizing enzymes
- + Some models cover different mammalian species
- Accuracy: At least one known SoM among the top-2 ranked atom positions in a molecule in >85% of all cases
- + Large applicability domain





- Most models limited to CYPs
- Most models lack definition of applicability domain and error estimation
- Models able to discriminate major and minor metabolites at most terms







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FAst Metabolizer (FAME)

	FAME 1 (2013)	FAME 2 (2017)	FAME 3 (2019)
Training set source	Metabolite DB (proprietary, discontinued)	Zaretzki Dataset	MetaQSAR DB
Training set size	Up to ~21,000 substrates	Up to ~540 substrates	Up to ~2150 substrates
CYP P450 enzymes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Phase 1 metabolism	Yes	CYPs only	Yes
Phase 2 metabolism	Yes	No	Yes
SoM quality	Automated assignment based on substructure matching	Expert-curated but some quality issues	Expert-curated
Machine learning approach	Random forest	Extremely randomized trees	
Descriptors	15 2D-descriptors including Sybyl atom types	Circular fingerprints encoding Sybyl atom types plus 15 2D-descriptors	
Applicability domain definition and error estimation	No	No	Yes
Prediction accuracy	Mediocre	High	High
Availability	Discontinued	Software package	Software package and web service
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Characterization of the MetaQSAR database

Content	No. of Substrates	No. of reactions
Total	2167	6307
CYP substrates	1106	3517
Phase 1 (excl. CYP)	622	1551
Phase 2	784	1239
Zaretzki dataset	678	1672



FAME 3: Atom descriptors

- Four sets of descriptors have been explored
- Combination of ATFs with circCDK descriptors identified as most suitable descriptors set

Acronym	Description
ATF	Circular fingerprint based on Sybyl atom types
CDK	15 Basic 2D descriptors implemented in CDK
circCDK	Circular descriptors derived from the CDK descriptor set
QC	10 AM1-based descriptors calculated with MOPAC





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FAME 3: Model development

- MetaQSAR database split into training set (80%) and test set (20%)
- Four different sets of descriptors (ATF, CDK, circCDK and QC) explored
- Feature reduction down to max. of 400 by ANOVA F-Test
- Model generation: Extremely randomized trees
- Hyperparameters derived by grid search with 10-fold cross-validation





	Model	MCC	AUC	Top-2
	P1+P2	0.50	0.90	82%
Ь	P1+P2 100+	0.55	0.92	87%
th=1	СҮР	0.57	0.92	90%
dep	CYP 100+	0.63	0.94	86%
ond	P1	0.53	0.88	83%
q	P1 100+	0.52	0.92	80%
	P2	0.71	0.97	92%
1	P2 100+	0.75	0.97	91%



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test on holdout data

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FAME 3: Performance of the final models on holdout data



FAME 3: Prediction of the sites of metabolism of imatinib



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Molecule mol 1		
Atom Probability FAMEscore		
N.2	0.888	0.785
C.1	0.884	0.809
C.36	0.684	0.944
C.4	0.684	0.944
C.6	0.668	0.808
C.20	0.66	0.826
C.37	0.652	0.939
C.3	0.652	0.939
N.33	0.644	0.912
C.13	0.128	0.804
N.22	0.044	0.814
N.5	0.044	0.788



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GLORY: Predictor of likely metabolites



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- 1. Extracted CYP-mediated reaction types from the literature
- 2. Represented reaction types by SMIRKS:
 - e.g. "[c:1][H:2]>>[c:1][O][H:2]"

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- Applied transformations using AMBIT SMIRKS
 Open-source Java library (IdeaConsult Ltd)
- 4. If sites of metabolism were predicted, the transformations are only applied at those positions



FAME 3: CDK descriptors

Name	Description
effectiveAtomPolarizability	Effective polarizability of a heavy atom
stabilizationPlusCharge	Positive charge stabilization of an atom
sigmaElectronegativity	Gasteiger-Marsili σ-electronegativity of an atom
piElectronegativity	Gasteiger-Marsili π -orbitals electronegativity of an atom
partialSigmaCharge	Gasteiger-Marsili σ-orbitals partial charges
partialTChargeMMFF94	Partial charge of a heavy atom derived from the MMFF94
AtomType	Sybyl atom type, describing the element type and hybridization state
atomDegree	Number of non-hydrogen atoms bonded to an atom
atomValence	Formal valence of an atom
atomHybridizationVSEPR	Hybridization state of an atom according to VSEPR
atomHybridization	Hybridization state of an atom
longestMaxTopDistInMolecule	Maximum number of bonds (topological distance) between two atoms in the molecule (i.e. the maximum in the topological distance matrix for the whole molecule)
highestMaxTopDistInMatrixRow	Maximum number of bonds (topological distance) between two particular atoms in the molecule (maximum in the particular topological distance matrix row)
diffSPAN	longestMaxTopDistInMolecule - highestMaxTopDistInMatrixRow
relSPAN	highestMaxTopDistInMatrixRow / longestMaxTopDistInMolecule

