



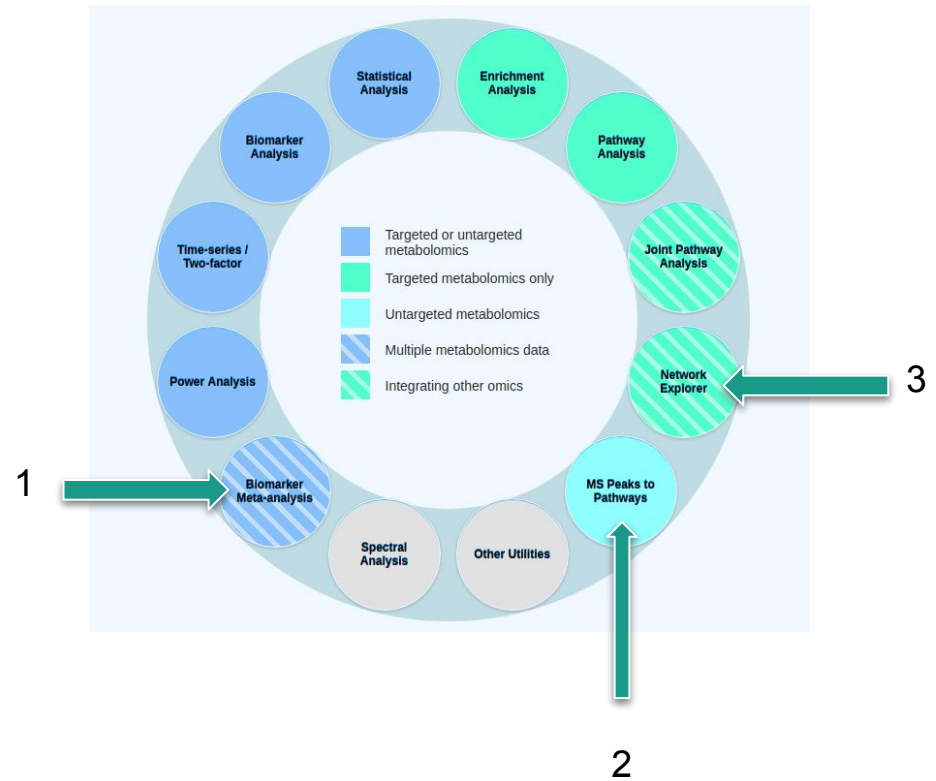
# MetaboAnalyst 4.0 Tutorial

Overview of new modules: Biomarker meta-analysis, MS Peaks to Pathways, and Network Explorer

# Goal for this tutorial

To introduce users to the 3 new modules in MetaboAnalyst Version 4.0:

- 1) Biomarker Meta-Analysis
- 2) MS Peaks to Pathway
- 3) Network Explorer





# 1) What is Biomarker Meta-Analysis?

- The combination of multiple independent studies investigating the same condition in similar populations is termed “horizontal integration” or “meta-analysis”.
- Leverages the collective power of multiple studies to overcome noise, bias, and small effect sizes to improve the precision in identifying true patterns within data.
- In metabolomics, biomarker validation is challenging due to inconsistencies in identified biomarkers amongst similar experiments.
- Solution: Performing meta-analysis across similar studies will increase the sample size and the power to identify robust and precise biomarkers of disease.
- Therefore the aim of the **Biomarker Meta-Analysis** module is the integration of individual metabolomic studies to identify consistent and robust biomarkers of disease.



# Steps for Biomarker Meta-Analysis

1. Users must upload individual datasets in tabular form.
2. Differential enrichment analysis is performed to compute summary level-statistics for each feature (e.g. p-value) for each individual study.
3. The summary level-statistical results from all studies are combined, and meta-analysis is performed using one of several statistical options: **combining p-values**, **vote counting**, or **direct merging** of data into a mega-dataset.
4. The results can be visualized as a Venn diagram to view all possible combinations of shared features between the datasets.



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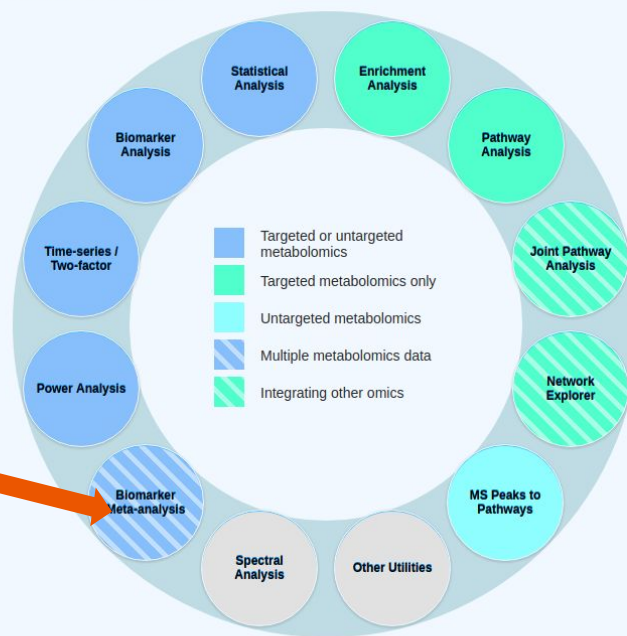
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# Biomarker Meta-Analysis: Data Preparation

Prior to uploading the data, the user must clean the datasets in a spreadsheet program like Excel:

- At least 25% of features must be consistent between all datasets (named compounds, spectral bins, or peaks).
- Metadata must be consistent across all studies (e.g. Cancer vs Control labels for all datasets).
- Sample identifiers must be unique across all studies.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1	Samples	140225dvsa44_1	140226dvsa30_1	140226dvsa36_1	140227dvsa36_1	140225dvsa25_1	140225dvsa33_1	140225dvsa49_1	140226dvsa12_1	140226dvsa14_1
2	Class	Adenocarcinoma	Adenocarcinoma	Adenocarcinoma	Adenocarcinoma	Control	Control	Control	Control	Control
3	1_5-acetylglucitol	6769	17473	35267	12027	10561	19520	7778	23835	7063
4	1-monooctein	165	411	525	726	459	350	1221	673	158
5	1-monopalmitin	107	100	195	122	86	210	189	190	96
6	1-monostearin	67	125	209	200	182	223	139	184	70
7	2_3_5-trihydroxypyrazine NIST	34	54	45	107	49	73	84	58	20
8	2_3-dihydroxybutanoic acid NIST	74	146	183	152	56	115	115	184	17
9	2-deoxythymine	324	765	474	495	240	524	535	532	277
10	2-deoxyseric acid NIST	762	1830	1856	1128	345	1670	1895	1248	597
11	2-hydroxybutanoic acid	7766	15277	7794	9810	1816	15962	17303	10140	8135
12	2-hydroxyglutaric acid	223	1274	1021	1533	979	1765	2282	1274	232
13	2-hydroxyhippuric acid	84	82	107	109	784	153	80	93	118
14	2-hydroxyvaleric acid	1392	1047	876	1170	926	1020	1430	934	1257
15	2-ketocaproic acid	2094	1229	1021	2840	708	1609	1699	1276	2247
16	3-aminobutylic acid	891	473	362	387	742	507	1105	553	735
17	3-hydroxybutanoic acid	5015	2336	1509	4757	905	4786	4152	3013	5299
18	3-hydroxypropanoate	131	61	62	990	114	66	110	66	112
19	4-hydroxyproline	1389	5112	4323	4082	5184	2426	4082	1942	1236
20	5-hydroxytryptamine NIST	197	142	254	178	1065	272	409	223	227
21	5-methoxytryptamine	314	304	246	83	178	269	389	118	246
22	6-acetophenone NIST	299	971	801	1732	1206	1037	1105	779	442

Example dataset highlighting class labels and unique sample identifiers

# Biomarker Meta-Analysis: Data Format

Datasets must be in tabular form and uploaded individually:

- Concentration table, spectral binned data, or a peak intensity table.
- Tables may either be in **.csv** or **.txt** format
- Class labels must be present, and only 2 classes are accepted (i.e. Cancer vs. Healthy)

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1 Samples	140225dvs44_1	140226dvs30_1	140227dvs36_1	140227dvs36_1	140225dvs25_1	140225dvs33_1	140225dvs49_1	140226dvs12_1	140226dvs14_1	
2 Class	Adenocarcinoma	Adenocarcinoma	Adenocarcinoma	Adenocarcinoma	Control	Control	Control	Control	Control	
3 1_5-ribose	6789	17473	36267	12027	10561	18520	7778	23835	7063	
4 1-monopalmitin	107	100	195	122	86	210	189	190	96	
5 1-monopalmitin	67	125	209	200	182	223	139	184	70	
6 2_3_5-trihydroxypyrazine NIST	34	54	45	107	49	73	84	58	20	
7 2_3-dihydroxybutanoic acid NIST	74	146	183	152	58	115	115	184	17	
8 2-deoxyribose	334	765	474	495	240	534	535	532	277	
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10 2-hydroxybutanoic acid	7786	15277	7794	9810	1816	15962	17303	10140	8135	
11 2-hydroxybutanoic acid	283	1274	1021	1533	979	1785	2162	1274	232	
12 2-hydroxybutanoic acid	84	82	107	109	784	153	80	93	118	
13 2-hydroxyvaleric acid	1392	1047	876	1170	926	1020	1430	934	1257	
14 2-hydroxyvaleric acid	2084	1229	1021	2840	708	1609	1699	1275	2247	
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17 3-hydroxybutanoic acid	131	61	52	980	114	86	110	84	112	
18 3-phosphoglycerate	1389	5112	4323	4262	5184	2426	4982	1942	1236	
19 4-hydroxyproline	197	142	264	178	1065	272	409	223	227	
20 5-hydroxytryptamine NIST	314	304	246	83	178	269	389	116	246	
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Example dataset highlighting class labels and unique sample identifiers



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Use the panel below to upload and prepare each individual data. Click the individual cell to activate each process. Click **Add New** to add a new data set. The maximum total number of samples allowed is **1000**. When all data sets have been processed, Click **Proceed** to proceed. Click the **Try Examples** button if you want to use example datasets to explore the functions available.

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						<input type="button" value="Add New"/>

Adjust study batch effect

1. Upload each dataset individually

2. Perform sanity check on data

3. Visualize data as box-plots

4. Normalize data

5. Perform DE analysis

6. View summary of DE analysis


7. Click to include in meta-analysis or not

Try our example data here

R Command History  Keep collapsed



## Screenshot using the example data



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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> data4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> View	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Normalize	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Analyze	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Detail	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Adjust study batch effect

**Click proceed to select meta-analysis method**

**R Command History**

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1. InitDataObjects("conc", "metadata", FALS);
2. mSet<-ReadIndData(mSet, "data1.csv", "colu");
3. mSet<-SanityCheckIndData(mSet, "data1.csv");
4. mSet<-PerformIndNormalization(mSet, "data1.csv", "log", 1);
5. mSet<-PerformLimmaDE(mSet, "data1.csv", 0.05, 0.0);
6. mSet<-ReadIndData(mSet, "data2.csv", "colu");
7. mSet<-SanityCheckIndData(mSet, "data2.csv");
8. mSet<-PerformIndNormalization(mSet, "data2.csv", "log", 1);
9. mSet<-PerformLimmaDE(mSet, "data2.csv", 0.05, 0.0);
10. mSet<-ReadIndData(mSet, "data3.csv", "colu");
11. mSet<-SanityCheckIndData(mSet, "data3.csv");
12. mSet<-PerformIndNormalization(mSet, "data3.csv", "log", 1);
13. mSet<-PerformLimmaDE(mSet, "data3.csv", 0.05, 0.0);
14. mSet<-ReadIndData(mSet, "data4.csv", "colu");
15. mSet<-SanityCheckIndData(mSet, "data4.csv");
16. mSet<-PerformIndNormalization(mSet, "data4.csv", "log", 1);
17. mSet<-PerformLimmaDE(mSet, "data4.csv", 0.05, 0.0);
18. PlotDataProfile("data1.csv", "qc_boxplot_0_", "qc_pca_0_");
```

• Try Examples      Proceed

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R Command History appears real-time and is ordered sequentially

# Screenshot of meta-analysis methods



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1. Select **one** of three methods to perform meta-analysis

### Combining P Values

There are two widely used methods to combine p values from multiple studies for information integration - the Fisher's method ( $-2 \sum \log(p)$ ) and the Stouffer's method (based on inverse normal transformation). Stouffer's method incorporates weight (i.e. based on sample sizes) into the calculation; while Fisher's method is known as a 'weight-free' method. They usually have very similar performance. However, in metabolomic meta-analysis, larger sample sizes do not warrant larger weights as the quality of each study can vary. Users should choose to apply Stouffer's method only when all studies are of similar qualities (i.e. same analytical platforms with similar levels of missing values).

Select a method    
Set a significance level

### Vote Counting

This is the simplest method to perform meta-analysis. Differentially expressed metabolites are first selected based on a threshold to obtain a list of significant features from each study. The vote for each feature can then be calculated as the total number of times it appears as significant in all features lists. The final significant features can be selected based on the **minimal number of votes** set by the user.

Set a significance level    
Set the minimal number of votes

### Direct Merging

This approach directly merges all datasets into a mega-dataset and then analyzes it as a single dataset. It should only be used when all datasets are very similar (i.e. collected by the same lab using the same analytical platforms)

Set a significance level

### R Command History

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1. InitDataObjects("conc", "metadata", FALSE)
2. mSet<-ReadIndData(mSet, "data1.csv", "colu");
3. mSet<-SanityCheckIndData(mSet, "data1.csv")
4. mSet<-PerformIndNormalization(mSet, "data1.csv", "log", 1);
5. mSet<-PerformLimmaDE(mSet, "data1.csv", 0.05, 0.0);
6. mSet<-ReadIndData(mSet, "data2.csv", "colu");
7. mSet<-SanityCheckIndData(mSet, "data2.csv")
8. mSet<-PerformIndNormalization(mSet, "data2.csv", "log", 1);
9. mSet<-PerformLimmaDE(mSet, "data2.csv", 0.05, 0.0);
10. mSet<-ReadIndData(mSet, "data3.csv", "colu");
11. mSet<-SanityCheckIndData(mSet, "data3.csv")
12. mSet<-PerformIndNormalization(mSet, "data3.csv", "log", 1);
13. mSet<-PerformLimmaDE(mSet, "data3.csv", 0.05, 0.0);
14. mSet<-ReadIndData(mSet, "data4.csv", "colu");
15. mSet<-SanityCheckIndData(mSet, "data4.csv")
16. mSet<-PerformIndNormalization(mSet, "data4.csv", "log", 1);
17. mSet<-PerformLimmaDE(mSet, "data4.csv", 0.05, 0.0);
18. mSet<-CheckMetaDataConsistency(mSet, F);

2. Click **proceed** to view results

# Screenshot of meta-analysis example results



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Top metabolite features identified in the meta-analysis

The statistics from individual data analysis are given in columns with the corresponding dataset names. You can either adjust its content or sort the table.

Data summary: **Log fold change** Sort by: **CombinedPval** Order: **Ascending** **Update** **Search** **Download**

ID	data1	data2	data3	data4	CombinedTstat	CombinedPval	View
adenosine-5-phosphate	-1.7535	-0.81954	-0.89017	-1.6839	-187.97	0.0	
pyrophosphate	-1.6539	-0.68801	-1.0106	-1.6181	-174.04	0.0	
pyruvic acid	-1.7275	-0.02462	-1.154	-0.18216	-123.22	0.0	
maltotriose	-0.57042	-0.78002	-0.62125	-0.34062	-45.974	8.2354E-6	
glutamine	0.25055	0.58333	0.9243	0.23142	42.535	2.9447E-5	
lactamide	-0.16134	-0.33998	-0.99086	-0.14049	-37.845	1.8363E-4	
citrulline	0.17019	0.70856	0.64683	0.23439	34.702	5.1871E-4	
lactic acid	-0.048584	-0.13516	-1.0411	0.010808	-34.79	5.1871E-4	
alpha ketoglutaric acid	-0.52005	-0.28152	-0.58456	-0.40263	-32.543	0.0011327	
cystine	0.21575	0.80808	0.38177	0.20646	31.319	0.0015355	
taurine	0.0050866	-0.21137	-0.88704	-0.27037	-31.389	0.0015355	
maltose	-0.35858	-0.69713	-0.38259	-0.22187	-30.371	0.0020746	
fructose	0.54515	0.28723	0.60315	0.1174	29.697	0.0025194	
asparagine	0.26279	0.37151	0.66667	0.28026	29.053	0.0030375	
oxalic acid	-0.24872	-0.55199	-0.44125	-0.32291	-27.222	0.0059119	

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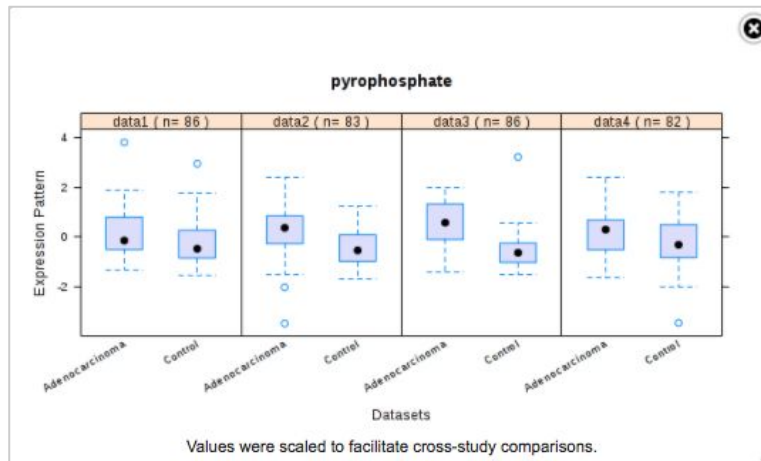
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7. "colu");
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9. mSet<-PerformIndNormalization(mSet,
10. mSet<-PerformLimmaDE(mSet, "data2.cs
11. mSet<-ReadIndData(mSet, "data3.csv",
12. mSet<-SanityCheckIndData(mSet, "data
13. mSet<-PerformIndNormalization(mSet,
14. mSet<-ReadIndData(mSet, "data4.csv",
15. mSet<-SanityCheckIndData(mSet, "data
16. mSet<-PerformIndNormalization(mSet,
17. mSet<-PerformLimmaDE(mSet, "data4.cs
18. mSet<-CheckMetaDataConsistency(mSet,
19. mSet<-PerformPvalCombination(mSet, "
```

Click View for box-plot of your selected feature across all the data sets

Click Venn Diagram to view data in Venn



Example of a box-plot of pyrophosphate across the 4 different datasets.

From the image, pyrophosphate is consistently more expressed in patients with Adenocarcinoma than in healthy patients.



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ID	data1	data2	data3	data4	CombinedTstat	
adenosine-5-phosphate	-1.7535				0.0	
pyrophosphate	-1.6539				0.0	
pyruvic acid	-1.7275				0.0	
maltotriose	-0.57042				8.2	
glutamine	0.25055				2.4	
lactamide	-0.16134				1.8	
citrulline	0.17019				5.1	
lactic acid	-0.048584				5.1871E-4	
alpha ketoglutaric acid	-0.52005				0.0	
cystine	0.21575				0.0	
taurine	0.0050866				0.0	
maltose	-0.35858				0.0	
fructose	0.54515	0.28723	0.60315	0.1174	29.697	
asparagine	0.26279	0.37151	0.66667	0.28026	29.053	0.0030375
oxalic acid	-0.24872	-0.55199	-0.44125	-0.32291	-27.222	0.0059119

The max number of datasets that can be compared is **four**. Datasets without significant hits will be excluded.

Name	DE #	Include
data1	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
data2	12	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
data3	21	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
data4	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
meta_dat	34	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Cancel** **Submit**

1. Click here to select datasets to be included in the meta-analysis (max 4)

2. Click **submit** to view resulting Venn Diagram

```
R Command History
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1. InitDataObjects("conc", "metadata", F
ALSE)
2. mSet<-ReadIndData(mSet, "data1.csv",
"colu");
3. mSet<-SanityCheckIndData(mSet, "data
1.csv")
4. mSet<-PerformIndNormalization(mSet,
"data1.csv", "log", 1);
5. mSet<-PerformLimmaDE(mSet, "data1.cs
v", 0.05, 0.0);
6. mSet<-ReadIndData(mSet, "data2.csv",
"colu");
7. mSet<-SanityCheckIndData(mSet, "data
2.csv")
8. mSet<-PerformIndNormalization(mSet,
"data2.csv", "log", 1);
9. mSet<-PerformLimmaDE(mSet, "data2.cs
v", 0.05, 0.0);
10. mSet<-ReadIndData(mSet, "data3.csv",
"colu");
11. mSet<-SanityCheckIndData(mSet, "data
3.csv")
12. mSet<-PerformIndNormalization(mSet,
"data3.csv", "log", 1);
13. mSet<-PerformLimmaDE(mSet, "data3.cs
v", 0.05, 0.0);
14. mSet<-ReadIndData(mSet, "data4.csv",
"colu");
15. mSet<-SanityCheckIndData(mSet, "data
4.csv")
16. mSet<-PerformIndNormalization(mSet,
"data4.csv", "log", 1);
17. mSet<-PerformLimmaDE(mSet, "data4.cs
v", 0.05, 0.0);
18. mSet<-CheckMetaDataConsistency(mSet,
F);
19. mSet<-PerformPvalCombination(mSet, "f
isher", 0.05)
20. mSet<-GetMetaResultMatrix(mSet, "fc")
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Venn Diagram

# Screenshot of meta-analysis venn diagram view



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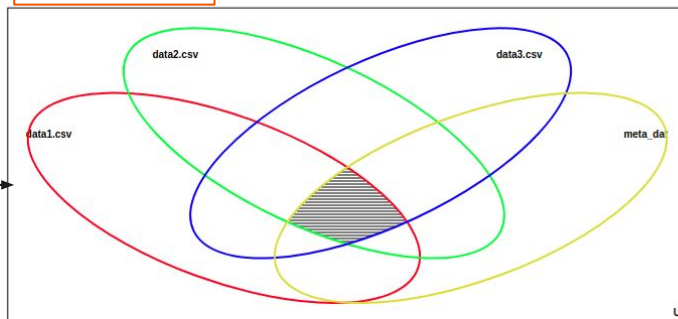
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1. Click anywhere inside the Venn Diagram to explore common features between the different datasets

Different regions in the Venn diagram represent all possible comparisons among the data sets.

- At most **four** datasets can be compared at the same time. Datasets without hits will **NOT** be shown here;
- The **area** of the region does **NOT** relate to the number of features; corresponding features on the left panel.

3. Download results here



2. The common features will be listed above

- Total:2
- adenosine-5-phosphate
- pyrophosphate

### R Command History

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2. mSet<-ReadIndData(mSet, "data1.csv", "colu");
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7. mSet<-SanityCheckIndData(mSet, "data2.csv")
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13. mSet<-PerformLimmaDE(mSet, "data3.csv", 0.05, 0.0);
14. mSet<-ReadIndData(mSet, "data4.csv", "colu");
15. mSet<-SanityCheckIndData(mSet, "data4.csv")
16. mSet<-PerformIndNormalization(mSet, "data4.csv", "log", 1);
17. mSet<-PerformLimmaDE(mSet, "data4.csv", 0.05, 0.0);
18. mSet<-CheckMetaDataConsistency(mSet, F);
19. mSet<-PerformPvalCombination(mSet, "fisher", 0.05)
20. mSet<-GetMetaResultMatrix(mSet, "fc")
21. mSet<-PrepareVennData(mSet);
```

# Example of analysis-report

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## Metabolomic Data Analysis with MetaboAnalystR

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### 1 Background

The combination of multiple independent metabolomics studies investigating the same condition in similar populations, which is often termed "horizontal integration", or "metabolomic meta-analysis". The aim of metabolomic meta-analysis is to leverage the collective power of multiple studies to overcome potential noise, bias, and small effect sizes to improve the precision in identifying true patterns within data. Specifically, biomarker identification remains a large area of research in metabolomics, and their validation is challenging due to inconsistencies in identified biomarkers amongst similar experiments. Performing meta-analysis across similar studies will thereby increase the sample size and the power to identify robust and precise biomarkers of disease. The aim of the Meta-Analysis module for the integration of individual metabolomic studies to identify consistent and robust biomarkers of disease. This module supports three methods for performing meta-analysis: 1) Combining p-values, 2) Vote counting, and 3) Direct merging of data into a mega-dataset.

### 2 Meta-Analysis Overview

The Meta-Analysis module consists of six steps: 1) uploading the individual datasets; 2) data processing of each individual dataset, however it is suggested that the data-processing steps are consistent amongst the studies; 3) differential expression analysis of individual datasets; 4) data integrity check prior to meta-analysis ; 5) selection of the statistical method for meta-analysis, and 6) visualization of results as a Venn diagram to view all possible combinations of shared features between the datasets.

### 3 Data Input

The Meta-Analysis module accepts individual datasets which must be prepared by users prior to being uploaded. In general, the datasets must have been collected under comparable experimental conditions/share the same hypothesis or have the same mechanistic underpinnings. At the moment, the module only supports two-group comparisons (ex: control vs disease). Further, the module accepts either a compound concentration table, spectral binned data, or a peak intensity table. The format of the data must be specified, identifying whether the samples are in rows or columns, or may either be .csv or .txt files.



## 2) What is MS Peaks to Pathways?

- High-throughput analysis and functional interpretation of untargeted MS-based metabolomics data is a major bottleneck
- A promising approach is to shift the unit of analysis from individual compounds to pathways  
- similar to GSEA/MSEA
- Mummichog algorithm (Li et al. 2013) bypasses the bottleneck of identification prior to pathway analysis, leveraging a priori pathway/network knowledge to directly infer biological activity
- The **MS Peaks to Pathways** module implements this algorithm in a user-friendly interface, including an expanded library of 21 organisms derived from KEGG metabolic pathways



# Steps for MS Peaks to Pathways

- 1) Users must upload a table containing three-columns, m/z features, p-values, and statistical scores (t-scores/fold-change values) --- see example below
- 2) Users must specify the mass accuracy and ion mode of their MS instrument, and the p-value cutoff
- 3) Users must select an organism's library from which to perform pathway analysis
- 4) View pathway analysis results
- 5) Visualize results in a global KEGG metabolic network

Example of a dataset to upload: user's data must have identical column titles, **m.z**, **p.value**, and **t.score**

	A	B	C
1	m.z	p.value	t.score
2	304.2979	1.02E-10	14.7179316
3	177.1024	1.62E-10	14.2666
4	345.0277	1.72E-10	-14.209195
5	491.0325	1.83E-10	-14.146348
6	258.0048	2.17E-10	-13.987636
7	483.1205	2.22E-10	-13.967634
8	694.9937	2.81E-10	-13.745172
9	270.9767	3.27E-10	13.6060705
10	371.604	3.53E-10	-13.534483
11	316.5773	3.71E-10	13.4893333
12	451.0505	4.04E-10	-13.412347



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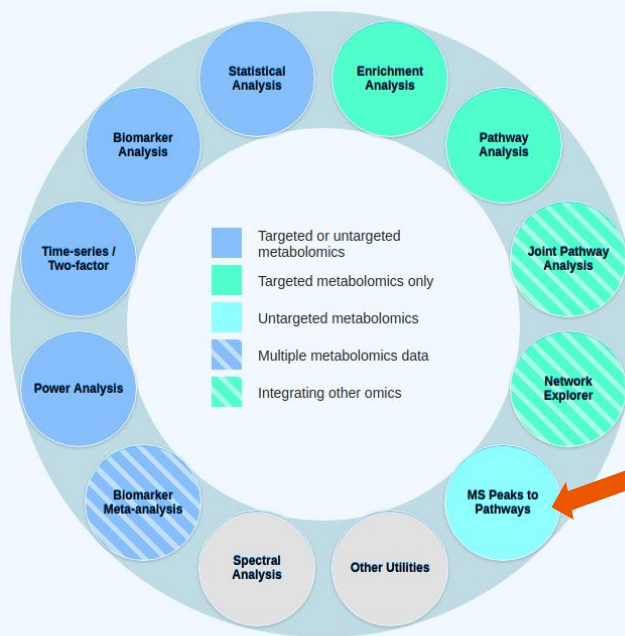
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### Upload a peak list profile

Mass accuracy: 10 ppm

Analytical Mode:  Positive Mode  Negative Mode

P-value Cutoff: 1.0E-4 (editable)

Choose Data File:  No file chosen



#### Use the example data

[Dataset](#)  
An example peak list data obtained from untargeted metabolomics using Orbitrap  
LC-MS (positive mode, human samples, p.value cutoff: 0.0001)

1. Specify the  
mass-accuracy of  
your MS instrument

2. Specify the mode  
of your MS  
instrument

3. Specify the  
p-value cutoff  
between DE features

4. Upload your file

5. Click **Submit** to  
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### Data Integrity Check:

1. Checking the class labels - at least three replicates are required in each class.
2. If the samples are paired, the pair labels must conform to the specified format.
3. The data (except class labels) must not contain non-numeric values.
4. The presence of missing values or features with constant values (i.e. all zeros)

#### Data processing information:

Checking data content ...passed

A total of 3934 input mz features were retained for further analysis

The optimal number of significant features ~300.

A total of 261 significant mz features were found based on the selected p-value cutoff: 1e-04

Missing value estimation

Skip

Click **Skip** to continue

Data Integrity Check performs a check on your uploaded data to ensure it is suitable for further analysis

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4. mSet<-SanityCheckMummichogData(mSet)

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Please select a pathway library:

<b>Mammals</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Homo sapiens (human) [MFN] <input type="radio"/> Homo sapiens (human) [BioCyc] <input type="radio"/> Homo sapiens (human) [KEGG] <input type="radio"/> Mus musculus (mouse) [BioCyc] <input type="radio"/> Mus musculus (mouse) [KEGG] <input type="radio"/> Rattus norvegicus (rat) [KEGG] <input type="radio"/> Bos taurus (cow) [KEGG]
<b>Birds</b>	<input type="radio"/> Gallus gallus (chicken) [KEGG]
<b>Fish</b>	<input type="radio"/> Danio rerio (zebrafish) [KEGG] <input type="radio"/> Danio rerio (zebrafish) [MTF]
<b>Insects</b>	<input type="radio"/> Drosophila melanogaster (fruit fly) [KEGG] <input type="radio"/> Drosophila melanogaster (fruit fly) [BioCyc]
<b>Nematodes</b>	<input type="radio"/> Caenorhabditis elegans (nematode) [KEGG]
<b>Fungi</b>	<input type="radio"/> Saccharomyces cerevisiae (yeast) [KEGG] <input type="radio"/> Saccharomyces cerevisiae (yeast) [BioCyc]
<b>Plants</b>	<input type="radio"/> Oryza sativa japonica (Japanese rice) [KEGG] <input type="radio"/> Arabidopsis thaliana (thale cress) [KEGG]
<b>Parasites</b>	<input type="radio"/> Schistosoma mansoni [KEGG] <input type="radio"/> Plasmodium falciparum 3D7 (Malaria) [KEGG] <input type="radio"/> Trypanosoma brucei [KEGG] <input type="radio"/> Escherichia coli K-12 MG1655 [KEGG]

1. Select the organism library that best matches your data

2. Scroll down and click **Submit** to continue

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```

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### Predicted pathway activity profiles based on Mummichog:

Click [View](#) under Match Details to view the compounds within each pathway (with matched compounds highlighted). The detailed pathways and matched compounds tables can be downloaded using the links [at the bottom](#).

Explore Results in Network

Pathway Name	Total	Hits (all)	Hits (sig.)	Fisher's Pvalue	EASE Score	Gamma Pvalue	Match Details
Vitamin B9 (folate) metabolism	33	8	3	0.061284	0.24646	0.0011975	<a href="#">View</a>
Drug metabolism - cytochrome P450	53	11	3	0.13848	0.38654	0.0026042	<a href="#">View</a>
Glycosphingolipid biosynthesis - globoseries	16	5	2	0.11403	0.47249	0.0042576	<a href="#">View</a>
Glycosphingolipid biosynthesis - ganglioseries	62	6	2	0.15795	0.53617	0.006189	<a href="#">View</a>
Sialic acid metabolism	107	15	3	0.27033	0.55362	0.0068691	<a href="#">View</a>
Tryptophan metabolism	94	42	6	0.40228	0.58196	0.0081517	<a href="#">View</a>
N-Glycan biosynthesis	48	7	2	0.20437	0.59226	0.0086803	<a href="#">View</a>
Vitamin E metabolism	54	7	2	0.20437	0.59226	0.0086803	<a href="#">View</a>
Phosphatidylinositol phosphate metabolism	59	8	2	0.25207	0.64166	0.011793	<a href="#">View</a>
Glycerophospholipid metabolism	156	18	3	0.37673	0.65677	0.012976	<a href="#">View</a>
Glycolysis and Gluconeogenesis	49	19	3	0.41186	0.68674	0.015735	<a href="#">View</a>
Methionine and cysteine metabolism	94	21	3	0.48018	0.74034	0.022487	<a href="#">View</a>
Glycosphingolipid metabolism	67	16	2	0.59885	0.87363	0.06139	<a href="#">View</a>
Aminosugars metabolism	69	16	2	0.59885	0.87363	0.06139	<a href="#">View</a>
Pyrimidine metabolism	70	21	2	0.74822	0.93467	0.1107	<a href="#">View</a>
Tyrosine metabolism	160	47	3	0.94362	0.98475	0.23503	<a href="#">View</a>
C5-Branched dibasic acid metabolism	10	3	1	0.32235	1.0	1.0	<a href="#">View</a>
Chondroitin sulfate degradation	37	3	1	0.32235	1.0	1.0	<a href="#">View</a>
Hexose phosphorylation	20	7	1	0.59805	1.0	1.0	<a href="#">View</a>
Galactose metabolism	41	12	1	0.79196	1.0	1.0	<a href="#">View</a>

Download Result Tables: [Pathway Hits](#) [Compound Hits](#)

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4. mSet<-SanityCheckMummichogData(mSet)
5. mSet<-SetMass\_PathLib(mSet, "hca\_mfn")

Click **Explore Results in Network** to visualize your results on a global KEGG metabolic network

Click **view** to see detailed hits for each pathway

A table of results containing ranked pathways enriched in user-uploaded data

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MS Peaks to Pathways analysis results

Top toolbar containing different menus to customize the network (change background colour, download image)

Name	Hits	Sigs	P-value	Color
Vitamin B9 (folate) metab	8	3	0.061284	
Drug metabolism - cytoch	11	4	0.13848	
Glycosphingolipid biosyn	5	2	0.11403	
Glycosphingolipid biosyn	6	3	0.15795	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sialic acid metabolism	15	7	0.27033	Orange
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tryptophan metabolism	42	13	0.40228	Pink
N-Glycan biosynthesis	7	3	0.20437	
Vitamin E metabolism	7	2	0.20437	
Phosphatidylinositol phos	8	3	0.25207	
Glycerophospholipid meta	18	4	0.37673	
Glycolysis and Gluconeog	19	6	0.41186	
Methionine and cysteine n	21	3	0.48018	
Glycosphingolipid metab	16	5	0.59885	
Aminosugars metabolism	16	2	0.59885	
Pyrimidine metabolism	21	2	0.74822	
Tyrosine metabolism	47	3	0.94362	
C5-Branched dibasic acid	3	2	0.32235	
Chondroitin sulfate degra	3	1	0.32235	
Hexose phosphorylation	7	5	0.59805	
Galactose metabolism	12	8	0.79196	
Keratan sulfate degradati	7	1	0.59805	
Alkaloid biosynthesis II	3	1	0.32235	
Vitamin B1 (thiamin) met	5	1	0.47784	
Glycosphingolipid biosyn	3	1	0.32235	
Propanoate metabolism	9	2	0.6909	
Blood Group Biosynthesis	4	1		

View compounds within the selected pathway

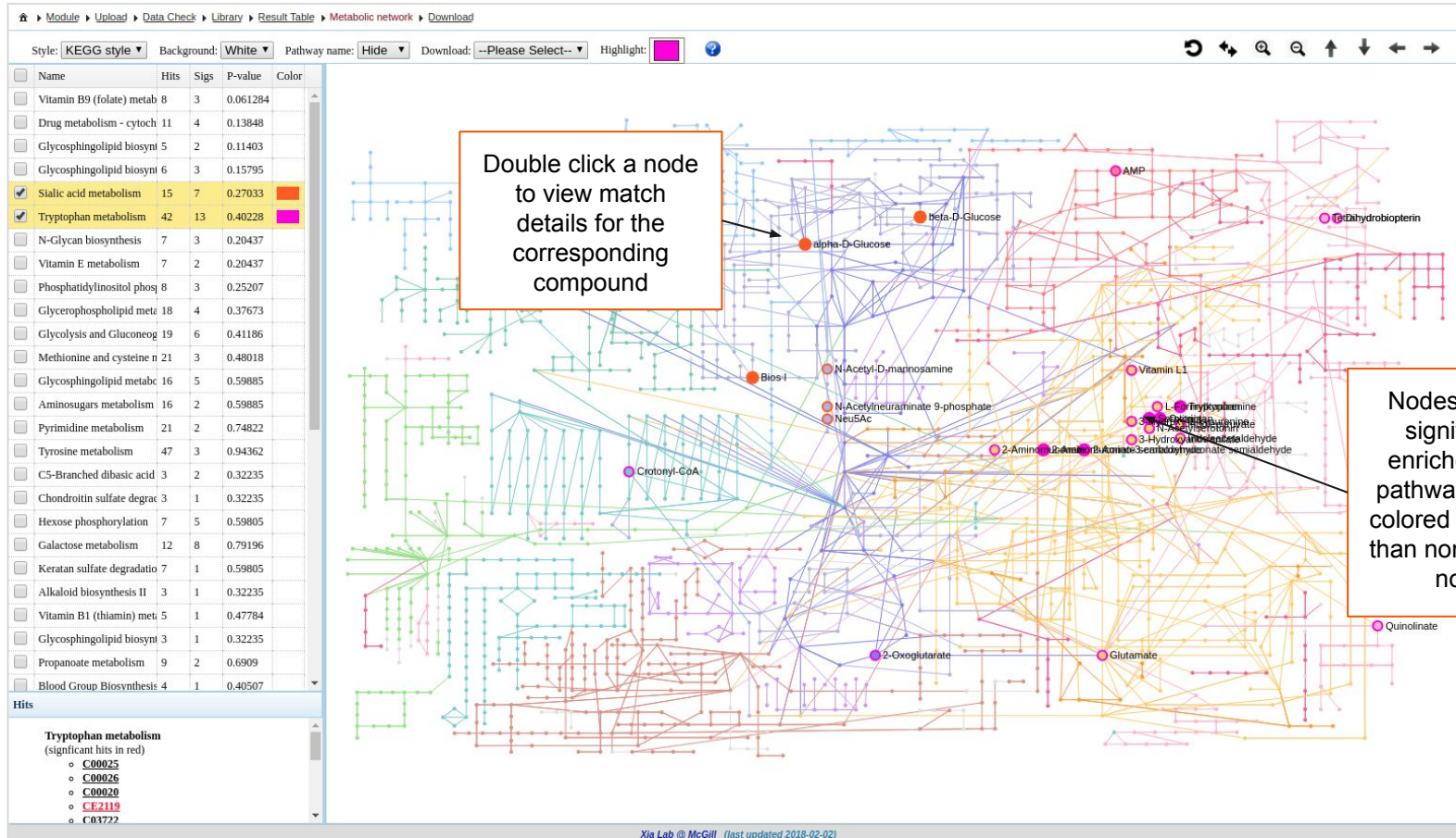
Mapped features are highlighted in user-selected color

Significant hits in red:

- C00025
- C00026
- C00020
- CE2119**
- C03722

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# Screenshot of MS Peaks to Pathways Network View







## 3) Network Explorer

- Integrating multiple omics data and interpreting these results at a systems level is a significant challenge
- Biological networks are an intuitive and flexible vehicle to convey a priori knowledge with users data at a systems level
- The **Network Explorer** module provides users an easy-to-use tool that permits mapping of metabolites and/or genes onto any of the 5 molecular interactions networks:
  - KEGG global metabolic network, gene-metabolite interaction network, metabolite-disease interaction network, metabolite-metabolite interaction network, and a metabolite-gene-disease interaction network



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Upload a list of genes and/or a list of metabolites. You can first [try our example data](#).

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Gene List

Gene list with optional fold changes

ID Type:

Metabolite List

Compound list with optional fold changes

ID Type:

1. Copy and paste either a list of genes, a list of metabolites, or both

2. Specify the ID type

3. Click **Submit** to upload your data and continue



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Results of the name mapping of the uploaded data to MetaboAnalyst's internal database. Scroll down and click **Submit** to continue.

Compound Name Mapping

Gene Name Mapping

Query	Hit	HMDB	KEGG	Details	
C00116	Glycerol	<a href="#">HMDB0000131</a>	<a href="#">C00116</a>		<a href="#">Delete</a>
C00565	Trimethylamine	<a href="#">HMDB0000906</a>	<a href="#">C00565</a>		<a href="#">Delete</a>
C00033	Acetic acid	<a href="#">HMDB0000042</a>	<a href="#">C00033</a>		<a href="#">Delete</a>
C00583	Propylene glycol	<a href="#">HMDB0001881</a>	<a href="#">C00583</a>		<a href="#">Delete</a>
C00022	Pyruvic acid	<a href="#">HMDB0000243</a>	<a href="#">C00022</a>		<a href="#">Delete</a>
C00719	Betaine	<a href="#">HMDB0000043</a>	<a href="#">C00719</a>		<a href="#">Delete</a>
C05984	2-Hydroxybutyric acid	<a href="#">HMDB0000008</a>	<a href="#">C05984</a>		<a href="#">Delete</a>
C00207	Acetone	<a href="#">HMDB0001659</a>	<a href="#">C00207</a>		<a href="#">Delete</a>
C00065	L-Serine	<a href="#">HMDB0000187</a>	<a href="#">C00065</a>		<a href="#">Delete</a>
C00031	D-Glucose	<a href="#">HMDB0000122</a>	<a href="#">C00031</a>		<a href="#">Delete</a>
C00079	L-Phenylalanine	<a href="#">HMDB0000159</a>	<a href="#">C00079</a>		<a href="#">Delete</a>
C02632	Isobutyric acid	<a href="#">HMDB0001873</a>	<a href="#">C02632</a>		<a href="#">Delete</a>
C00064	L-Glutamine	<a href="#">HMDB0000641</a>	<a href="#">C00064</a>		<a href="#">Delete</a>
C00114	Choline	<a href="#">HMDB0000097</a>	<a href="#">C00114</a>		<a href="#">Delete</a>
C00073	L-Methionine	<a href="#">HMDB0000696</a>	<a href="#">C00073</a>		<a href="#">Delete</a>
C00082	L-Tyrosine	<a href="#">HMDB0000158</a>	<a href="#">C00082</a>		<a href="#">Delete</a>
C00186	L-Lactic acid	<a href="#">HMDB0000190</a>	<a href="#">C00186</a>		<a href="#">Delete</a>
C00037	Glycine	<a href="#">HMDB0000123</a>	<a href="#">C00037</a>		<a href="#">Delete</a>
C00543	Dimethylamine	<a href="#">HMDB0000087</a>	<a href="#">C00543</a>		<a href="#">Delete</a>
C00077	Ornithine	<a href="#">HMDB0000214</a>	<a href="#">C00077</a>		<a href="#">Delete</a>
C00058	Formic acid	<a href="#">HMDB0000142</a>	<a href="#">C00058</a>		<a href="#">Delete</a>
C00188	L-Threonine	<a href="#">HMDB0000167</a>	<a href="#">C00188</a>		<a href="#">Delete</a>
C00007	L-Isoleucine	<a href="#">HMDB0000172</a>	<a href="#">C00007</a>		<a href="#">Delete</a>

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```
1. InitDataObjects("conc", "network", FALSE)
2. mSet<-SetOrganism(mSet, "hsa")
3. geneListFile<-"replace_with_your_file_name"
4. geneList<-readChar(geneListFile, file.info(geneListFile)$size)
5. mSet<-PerformIntegGeneMapping(mSet, geneList, "hsa", "entrez");
6. cmpdListFile<-"replace_with_your_file_name"
7. cmpdList<-readChar(cmpdListFile, file.info(cmpdListFile)$size)
8. mSet<-PerformIntegCmpdMapping(mSet, cmpdList, "hsa", "kegg");
9. mSet<-CreateMappingResultTable(mSet)
```

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Select one network to explore your data

Users can choose one of five different modes of networks analysis:

### [KEGG Global Metabolic Network](#)

Users can map metabolites and enzymes/KOs (KEGG Orthologs), and then visually explore the results in the KEGG global KEGG metabolic network (ko01100). This feature is specially suitable to integrate results from joint **metabolomics and metagenomics** studies.

### [Gene-Metabolite Interaction Network](#)

The gene-metabolite interaction network enables exploration and visualization of interactions between functionally related metabolites and genes. The chemical and human gene associations were extracted from STITCH, such that only highly confident interactions are used. Most of associations in STITCH are based on co-mentions highlighted in PubMed Abstracts including reactions from similar chemical structures and similar molecular activities.

### [Metabolite-Disease Interaction Network](#)

The metabolite-disease interaction network enables exploration of disease-related metabolites. The associations were obtained from HMDB. Disease association have been added to HMDB via the Human Metabolome Project's literature curation team.

### [Metabolite-Metabolite Interaction Network](#)

The metabolite-metabolite interaction network helps to highlight potential functional relationships between a wide set of annotated metabolites. The chemical-chemical associations for the metabolites network were extracted from STITCH, such that only highly confident interactions are used. Most of associations in STITCH are based on co-mentions highlighted in PubMed Abstracts including reactions from similar chemical structures and similar molecular activities.

### [Metabolite-Gene-Disease Interaction Network](#)

The metabolite-gene-disease interaction network provides a global view of potential functional relationships between metabolites, connected genes, and target diseases. The network is an integration of gene-metabolite, metabolite-disease and gene-disease interaction networks.

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7. cmpdList<-readChar(cmpdListFile, file.info(cmpdListFile)$size)
8. mSet<-PerformIntegCmpdMapping(mSet, cmpdList, "hsa", "kegg");
9. mSet<-CreateMappingResultTable(mSet)
10. mSet<-PrepareNetworkData(mSet);
```



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View details of subnetwork construction from user's data

### Mapping Overview

The input metabolites and genes (seeds) are mapped to the selected molecular interaction network to create subnetworks containing these seeds and their direct neighbours (i.e. first-order subnetworks). The procedure often produces one big subnetwork ("continent") with several smaller ones ("islands"). Subnetworks with at least 3 nodes are listed below. You can visually explore them in the next step. These subnetworks can be downloaded as SIF (simple interaction format) files to be explored in other tools (i.e. Cytoscape).

Networks	Nodes	Edges	Seeds	Interactions (.SIF)
subnetwork1	60	77	9	<a href="#">Download</a>
subnetwork2	5	4	1	<a href="#">Download</a>
subnetwork3	5	4	1	<a href="#">Download</a>
subnetwork4	3	2	0	<a href="#">Download</a>
subnetwork5	3	2	1	<a href="#">Download</a>
subnetwork6	3	2	1	<a href="#">Download</a>
subnetwork7	3	2	1	<a href="#">Download</a>
subnetwork8	3	2	1	<a href="#">Download</a>

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5. mSet<-PerformIntegGeneMapping(mSet, geneList, "hsa", "entrez");
6. cmpdListFile<-"replace_with_your_file_name"
7. cmpdList<-readChar(cmpdListFile, file.info(cmpdListFile)$size)
8. mSet<-PerformIntegCmpdMapping(mSet, cmpdList, "hsa", "kegg");
9. mSet<-CreateMappingResultTable(mSet)
10. mSet<-PrepareNetworkData(mSet);
11. mSet<-SearchNetDB(mSet, "pheno", "global", FALSE, 0.5)
12. mSet<-CreateGraph(mSet)
```

Click Proceed to visualize your network

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## Screenshot of Network Explorer View

The screenshot displays the Network Explorer interface. At the top, a toolbar includes options for Network, Background, View, Layout, Scope, and Download. A central network diagram shows nodes connected by edges, with labels such as ALZHEIMER DISEASE, LUNG CANCER, and SCHIZOPHRENIA. On the left, a 'Node Explorer' table lists nodes with their IDs, names, degrees, betweenness centrality, and expression levels. On the right, a search results table lists features with their names, hits, p-values, and colors. Annotations provide instructions on how to interact with these elements.

**Top toolbar containing different menus to customize the network (change background colour, download image)**

**Click on a feature to zoom-in on it in the network**

**Table of features showing its name, the node degree, the betweenness centrality, and the expression level**

**Use your mouse to zoom-in and out of your network, as well as highlight, drag and drop nodes**

ID	Name	Degree	Betweenness	Expr.
C00030	ALZHEIM	10	908.6	0
C00037	Glycine	9	522.67	0
C00031	D-Glucos	9	469.58	0
211980	LUNG C/	7	284.74	0
181500	SCHIZOP	7	362.28	0
C00077	Ornithine	6	165	0
6	165	0		
5	212.28	0		
5	195.71	0		
5	226	0		
5	203.28	0		
la 5	162.9	0		
5	311.83	-1.042		
mp 4	105.9	0		
TE 4	183.83	0		
ni 3	64.159	0		
C00064	L-Glutami	3	38.538	0
C00207	Acetone	3	98.967	0
63826	SRR	3	60	-1.405
C00022	Pyruvic ac	2	58	0
218700	HYPOTH	2	2	0
222700	LYSINUR	2	0.8	0
11186	RASSF1	2	0	-0.823
606904	EPILEPS*	2	5.1494	0

Name	Hits	P-value	Color
Bladder cancer	2	0.00101	
Glycine, serine and threoni	2	0.00131	Green
Non-small cell lung cancer	2	0.00325	
p53 signaling pathway	2	0.00551	
Small cell lung cancer	2	0.00756	
Pathways in cancer	3	0.0126	
Cell cycle	2	0.0176	
Glyoxylate and dicarboxyl	1	0.032	
Alanine, aspartate and glut	1	0.0534	
Cocaine addiction	1	0.0712	

**Current Selections**

- Glycine, serine and threonine metabolism
  - AGXT
  - SRR
  - CYP2U1

# Screenshot of Network Explorer View

The screenshot displays the Network Explorer interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with options like 'Module', 'Upload', 'ID mapping', 'Set parameter', 'Network viewer', and 'Download'. Below this, a toolbar shows 'Network: subnetwork1', 'Background: Black', 'View: Topology', 'Layout: -- Specify --', 'Scope: -- Specify --', and 'Download: -- Specify --'. The main area is divided into three panels:

- Node Explorer:** A table listing nodes with columns for ID, Name, Degree, Betweenness, and Expr. The table contains 20 rows of data.
- Network Graph:** A central visualization of a network with nodes represented by colored squares and diamonds, connected by lines. Nodes include 'D-Glucose', 'L-Arginine', 'Glycine', 'L-Serine', 'AGXT', and 'SRR'.
- Function Explorer:** A table showing enrichment analysis results for selected nodes. The table has columns for Name, Hits, P-value, and Color.

Annotations provide additional context:

- Details of current selection, showing their name and databank IDs:** Points to the 'Current Selections' panel at the bottom left, which lists 'Glycine, serine and threonine metabolism' and its associated genes: AGXT, SRR, and CYP2U1.
- Users can also perform Path Explorer to view all possible paths from one feature to another:** Points to the 'Path Explorer' button at the bottom right.
- Results of functional enrichment analysis on selected nodes. Users can highlight all nodes of the selected pathway in the network.** Points to the 'Function Explorer' table, where 'Glycine, serine and threonine' is highlighted in yellow.

At the bottom center, the footer reads: 'Xia Lab @ McGill (last updated 2018-02-02)'.