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## **Chemical toxicity prediction for major classes of industrial chemicals: Is it possible to develop universal models covering cosmetics, drugs, and pesticides?**

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## **Abstract**

Computational models have earned broad acceptance for assessing chemical toxicity during early stages of drug discovery or environmental safety assessment. The majority of publicly available QSAR toxicity models have been developed for datasets including mostly drugs or drug-like compounds. We have evaluated and compared chemical spaces occupied by cosmetics, drugs, and pesticides, and explored whether current computational models of toxicity endpoints can be universally applied to all these chemicals. Our analysis of the chemical space overlap and applicability domain (AD) of models built previously for twenty different toxicity endpoints showed that most of these models afforded high coverage (>90%) for all three classes of compounds analyzed herein. Only T. pyriformis models demonstrated lower coverage for drugs and pesticides (38% and 54%, respectively). These results show that, for the most part, historical QSAR models built with data available for different toxicity endpoints can be used for toxicity assessment of novel chemicals irrespective of the intended commercial use; however, the AD

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## **Graphical abstract**



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#### **Keywords**

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## **1 Introduction**

Chemical toxicity assessment is a critical point in regulatory decision making concerning the release of drugs or industrial chemicals into production, which enables their human or environmental exposure (Parasuraman, 2011). There exists also a variety of natural and synthetic substances that are exposed to humans and/or the environment that have never been evaluated in any toxicity testing protocol (Chuprina et al., 2010; Egeghy et al., 2012). Over the years, the society has tolerated the use of animals in laboratory toxicity testing. However, in recent years, there has been an increased pressure on scientists and regulatory agencies to replace potentially hazardous chemicals by safer alternatives (Collins, 2003; Schulte et al., 2013). In addition, there has been a strong push on the part of both regulatory agencies such as FDA and EPA in the United States and their counterparts around the world to avoid animal testing of every chemical as such testing has become increasingly unsustainable in terms of both cost and time needed to conduct animal trials (Burden et al., 2015).

The development of the alternative *in vitro* and *in silico* approaches has been encouraged and supported by both NIH and EPA through large-scale programs such as ToxCast project (Dix et al., 2007) and the Tox21 consortium (Tice et al., 2013). Similar programs such as Endocrine Disruptors Prioritization List ([http://ec.europa.eu/environment/chemicals/](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/chemicals/endocrine/index_en.htm) [endocrine/index\\_en.htm\)](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/chemicals/endocrine/index_en.htm) and the priority substances for water safety (European Union, 2013) have been funded by the European Union. Since the acceptance of Registration, Evaluation, Authorization, and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) legislation in 2006 by the European Union (European Union, 2007; Nicolotti et al., 2014), the use of structural alerts and statistical QSAR models (often collectively referred to as (Q)SAR) have become a major computational approach to chemical safety assessment and regulatory decision support.

The majority of publicly available models for toxicity prediction have been built for drugs or drug candidates (Benfenati et al., 2009; Melnikov et al., 2016) or environmental chemicals (Naven and Louise-May, 2015). In contrast, computational toxicity models for another large group of industrial chemicals, namely cosmetics products have been developed to a much lesser extent as the animal testing has been used as a preferred approach. However, with recent regulations banning the use of animals for testing of the cosmetics products (European Commission, 2013), there has been a resurgence of interest in employing computational models for their toxicity assessment (Bois et al., 2016; Cronin et al., 2012).

Naturally, a question can be posed as to whether toxicity prediction models built for environmental chemicals or drug molecules could be employed for the cosmetics products. The answer to this question depends on the overlap of the chemical spaces occupied by cosmetics, drugs, and environmental chemicals and the size of the applicability domain (AD) of the respective models. AD is commonly defined as the threshold of similarity between a new chemical and molecules in the training set used to develop the respective QSAR model (Netzeva et al., 2005; Tropsha, 2010; Tropsha and Golbraikh, 2007); only predictions for new molecules within the AD of QSAR models, i.e., relatively similar to the modeling set are considered reliable. Importantly, the size of the AD is fully defined by the size and diversity of the modeling set and the computational method used to develop QSAR models. For instance, it is known that the chemical space of drugs has been changing over the past few decades (Deng et al., 2013) creating a challenge for "old" models' ability to evaluate new compounds. The applicability of current models to many new compounds was also questioned due to limited size and diversity of data available publicly for model building (Kulkarni et al., 2016).

The considerations above capture both significant advantages and challenges associated with the idea of using models developed with one group of industrial chemicals to evaluate toxicity of another group. Obvious advantages deal with significant savings in time and effort afforded by the opportunity to use previously developed models of multiple toxicity endpoints relevant to drugs and/or environmental chemicals (e.g., pesticides) to evaluate toxicity of cosmetic products. However, since chemicals used in different areas of commerce such as drug, chemical, or cosmetic industries are developed with very different applications in mind, there is no a priori reason to expect that their respective chemical spaces overlap. Taking the issue of the AD into account, investigations into studying the degree of such overlap and the applicability of models developed for one group of chemicals to predict toxicity of another group are potentially highly impactful for the respective industries, especially, cosmetics. To the best of our knowledge, such investigations have not been conducted in the public domain with large groups of industrial chemicals.

Herein, we have aimed to compare chemical spaces occupied by cosmetics, drugs, and pesticides, and analyze whether current computational models of different toxicity endpoints can be universally applied to all chemicals. To achieve these aims, we have (i) compiled, curated, and integrated chemical structures of known cosmetics, drugs, and pesticides; (ii) analyzed the distribution of these compounds in chemical space and estimated the structural similarity between the datasets; (iii) performed cluster analysis followed by toxicity annotation comparison for structurally similar compounds in the same clusters; (iv)

predicted toxicities of investigated compounds with QSAR models for endpoints developed by us earlier; (v) and analyzed the coverage of these models separately for drugs, cosmetics, and pesticides. We observed that, with some exceptions, the majority of compounds in all three groups of industrial chemicals were found within the AD of QSAR models built previously for twenty different toxicity endpoints. These findings open the door for the development and employment of global toxicity models applicable to the majority of chemicals in commerce while suggesting the need to develop local models that could capture AD outliers of the global models.

## **2 Materials and methods**

#### **2.1 Datasets**

**2.1.1 Cosmetic ingredients (Dataset A)—The cosmetics ingredients were retrieved** from the CosIng, European Commission database for information on cosmetic substances and ingredients [\(https://ec.europa.eu/growth/sectors/cosmetics/cosing\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/growth/sectors/cosmetics/cosing_en)). This dataset included 5,166 chemical records with a defined chemical structure. After curation (vide infra), 3,930 unique chemical substances were kept for this study.

**2.1.2 Drugs (Dataset B)—**We retrieved 7,000 chemical records from the 2014 Leadscope Marketed Drugs ([http://www.leadscope.com/marketed\\_drugs\\_database/\)](http://www.leadscope.com/marketed_drugs_database/). After curation, 4,671 unique chemical substances were kept for this study.

**2.1.3 Pesticides (Dataset C)—We retrieved 3,001 chemical records from the EPA's** Pesticide Product Information System Database ([https://www.epa.gov/ingredients-used](https://www.epa.gov/ingredients-used-pesticide-products/ppis-download-product-information-data)[pesticide-products/ppis-download-product-information-data\)](https://www.epa.gov/ingredients-used-pesticide-products/ppis-download-product-information-data). After curation, 2,044 unique chemical substances were kept for this study.

#### **2.2 Data curation**

The datasets were thoroughly curated using the workflows proposed by our group earlier (Fourches et al., 2016, 2015, 2010). Briefly, specific chemotypes such as aromatic and nitro groups as well as double bonds were normalized, and absolute stereo configurations removed using the ChemAxon Standardizer (v.16.10.24.0, ChemAxon, Budapest, Hungary, <http://www.chemaxon.com>). Polymers, substances with undefined chemical substructure, and substances with molecular weight above 1,000 DA were removed. Counterions, inorganic salts, organometallic compounds, and mixtures were removed. After structural standardization, the duplicates were identified with HiT QSAR software (Kuz'min et al., 2008) and carefully analyzed. Within the same dataset, only one record was kept and all duplicates were eliminated. The entire collection (datasets A, B, and C) comprised 9,785 unique chemical compounds. As one can see in Figure 1, 99 compounds were simultaneously labeled as cosmetics, drug, and pesticide; 220 were labeled as cosmetics and drugs; 270 were labeled as cosmetics and pesticides; 172 were labeled as drugs and pesticides; 3,341 compounds were labeled only as cosmetics; 4,180 were labeled only as drugs; and 1,503 were labeled only as pesticides.

#### **2.3 Molecular descriptors**

We have calculated the same molecular descriptors as in our previously built QSAR models of toxicity endpoints used in this study (see Table 1 for more detailed information about descriptors, models, and respective references). Majority of the models were built using DRAGON descriptors (Talete SRL, 2007). hERG models were built using Morgan fingerprints and human skin sensitization models were developed with whole-molecule descriptors and QNA (quantitative neighborhoods of atoms) descriptors calculated in GUSAR software (Filimonov et al., 2009). Daphnia magna and fathead minnow models were built using whole-molecule, QNA, and "biological" descriptors, which represent multiple bioactivity predictions by the PASS (prediction of activity spectra of substances) software (Lagunin et al., 2009). Occasionally, several models based on different types of descriptors were built in the same study. We decided to use limited number of descriptor's types per dataset for simplicity.

#### **2.4 Chemical space of cosmetics, drugs, and pesticides**

Chemical space formed by Datasets A, B, and C was analyzed by plotting the barycentric coordinates of all the 9,785 structures, which were defined by the DRAGON descriptors. Barycentric coordinates correspond to the location of the points of a simplex (a triangle, tetrahedron, etc.) in the space, defined by the vertices (Vityuk et al., 1999). In this case, a simplex is defined by all the DRAGON descriptors of a particular chemical substance. Barycentric coordinates were determined using Methods of Data Analysis module of HiT QSAR software (Kuz'min et al., 2008). In addition, a similarity map was generated using OSIRIS DataWarrior software (Sander et al., 2015).

## **2.5 How well does the applicability domain of toxicity QSAR models cover cosmetics, drugs, and pesticides?**

We have assessed if Datasets A, B, and C were inside the AD of QSAR models built previously. The ADs were calculated as  $D_{\text{cutoff}} \le D \ge +Z$ s, where Z is a similarity threshold parameter defined by a user  $(0.5 \text{ in this study})$ , and  $\langle D \rangle$  and s are the average and standard deviation, respectively, of all Euclidian distances in the multidimensional descriptor space between each compound and its nearest neighbors for all compounds in the training set (Golbraikh et al., 2003; Tropsha and Golbraikh, 2007). This analysis involved datasets used to build models for Ames mutagenicity (Sushko et al., 2010), aquatic toxicity (Daphnia magna, fathead minnow (Zakharov et al., 2014), and *Tetrahymena pyriformis* (Zhu et al., 2008)), hepatotoxicity (Low et al., 2011), hERG (Braga et al., 2015), and human (Alves et al., 2016) and murine (Alves et al., 2015a) skin sensitization. In addition, twelve stress response and nuclear receptor signaling pathways toxicity datasets used to generate QSAR models published by our group as part of the 2014 Tox21 Challenge (Capuzzi et al., 2016) were used as well. These respective endpoints included androgen receptor (AR), androgen receptor-ligand binding domain (AR\_LBD), aromatase, aryl hydrocarbon receptor (AhR), ATPase family AAA Domain-containing 5 (ATAD5); estrogen receptor alpha-full (ER), estrogen receptor alpha-ligand binding domain (ER\_LBD), peroxisome proliferatoractivated receptor gamma (PPAR-gamma), nuclear factor (erythroid-derived 2)-like 2/

antioxidant responsive element (ARE), heat shock factor response element (HSE), mitochondrial membrane potential (MMP), and tumor suppressor p53.

#### **2.6 Cluster analysis**

Chemical clusters were generated by the Sequential Agglomerative Hierarchical Nonoverlapping method implemented in the ISIDA/Cluster software (Varnek et al., 2008). Briefly, the software generates a dendrogram of the parent-child relationships between clusters and a heat map of the proximity matrix colored according to the pairwise chemical similarity between compounds. To better visualize the clusters, the distance matrix of the 9,785 compounds from datasets A, B, and C was calculated and the compounds were clustered into 100 clusters. A stratified sample containing 500 compounds representative of all clusters was taken, with similar proportion of cosmetics, drugs, and pesticides. Then, 500 compounds from the training sets of QSAR models analyzed in this study were randomly selected. The total clustering set was composed of 1000 compounds. This method was applied to check the structural diversity of compounds in cosmetics, drugs and pesticides and whether compounds from training sets of QSAR models, not overlapping with the datasets A, B, and C, would cluster with them.

## **3 Results**

#### **3.1 Analysis of chemical space of cosmetics, drugs, and pesticides**

A plot of calculated logP (ClogP) vs. molecular weight (MW) is shown in Figure 2. As one can see, there is a big overlap between all the industrial classes of compounds, as well as with compounds from datasets used to develop historical QSAR models. At higher MW, drugs and cosmetics separate from pesticides. Drugs present the same range of ClogP, even at higher MW, while cosmetics tend to have higher ClogP, i.e., include compounds with low solubility. In Figure 2B, the difference between drugs and pesticides almost disappear albeit pesticides are spread more. Most of drugs, cosmetics, and pesticides occupy the space from the bottom left to the center. In the top right part of the plot, there is a region of the chemical space that is covered mostly by drugs and cosmetics; the number of pesticides is very limited there. Apparently, QSAR models based on drugs and cosmetics could also be used to predict pesticides, but the opposite may not work for a fraction of drugs and pesticides dissimilar from pesticides.

The overlap between QSAR datasets and cosmetics, drug, and pesticides (See Table 2) has shown that drugs are well represented in almost all cases, except for aquatic toxicity (D. magna, fathead minnow, and T. pyriformis) and skin sensitization (both human and murine) datasets. D. magna and fathead minnow predominantly include pesticides, while T. pyriformis and skin sensitization predominantly include cosmetics. Hepatotoxicity and hERG datasets mainly include drugs and drug-like compounds. Nine out of twenty datasets (D. magna, fathead minnow, hepatotoxicity, hERG, AhR, AR\_LBD, Aromatase, HSE, and MMP) included higher number of pesticides than cosmetics. The other eleven datasets had higher number of cosmetics than pesticides.

The estimation of AD showed that most of the models used in this study provided high coverage (>90%) for all three classes of compounds analyzed in this study (see Table 3). Only the model for T. pyriformis (Zhu et al., 2008) has shown a big difference between cosmetics and drugs and pesticides. In this case, the coverage for cosmetics was 90%, while the coverage of drugs and pesticides was significantly smaller (38% and 54%, respectively). The fathead minnow model (Zakharov et al., 2014) presented a slightly lower coverage (by  $\sim$ 9%) for drugs (86.7%), when compared to cosmetics (95%) and pesticides (95.9%). Chemical structures of all compounds and toxicity predictions made by all twenty models (considering AD restriction) are available in the Supplementary Materials.

The cluster analysis made with 500 representatives of cosmetics, drugs, and pesticides and 500 compounds from training sets of QSAR models showed high structural diversity (Figure 3). This analysis was made using a sample containing 500 compounds from the 100 clusters produced from the initial dataset containing 9,785 compounds and 500 compounds from training sets of QSAR models not overlapping with dataset A, B, and C. The 500 compounds from training sets spread across all the 27 smaller clusters, revealing an overlap of the chemical space (see Supplementary Materials).

## **4 Discussion**

#### **4.1 Compounds simultaneously used as cosmetics, drugs, or pesticides**

We shall note that compounds labeled as cosmetics, drugs, and pesticides may not be the active ingredients, but rather excipients used in the formulations of final products, e.g., mannitol or stearic acid. This explains the big overlap between these three categories. In addition, we fully realize that defining these labels as "categories" is an oversimplification, since these terms do not reflect chemical classes, but rather their final use. For instance, several compounds such as methane, trichloromethane, benzene, urea, formaldehyde, formic acid, etc., are related to multiple industrial chemical processes, which may be the reason of their multi-labelling. On other hand, there were a few drugs related to pesticides as well. For instance, diazepam is used in the treatment of intoxication of organophosphorus ester pesticide poisoning (Marrs, 2003). Phenobarbital is indicated to cause insecticide resistance in house flies (Hayaoka and Dauterman, 1982) and Aedes aegypti (Sousa-Polezzi and Bicudo, 2004). Conversely, difenacoum is labelled as both drug and pesticide. This compound is a warfarin analog used as a rodenticide (Feinstein et al., 2016). Apparently, the EPA's Pesticide Product Information System Database includes any chemical associated with pesticides. Leadscope Marketed Drugs database comprises the historically marketed drug records from FDA and parent compounds of the active ingredients, which explains why a few compounds overlapped.

### **4.2 Overlap between QSAR datasets and cosmetics, drug, and pesticides**

Despite the low number of QSAR studies totally focused on cosmetics, our results presented on Figure 1 and Table 2 demonstrate that existing QSAR models, in general, could predict cosmetic products well. Drugs and drug-like are well-represented in the majority of studied models, except for aquatic toxicity and skin sensitization. D. magna and fathead minnow

predominantly contain pesticides, while T. pyriformis and both skin sensitization datasets mostly contain cosmetics.

It is understandable that D. magna and fathead minnow contain mostly pesticides, since both endpoints are related to aquatic toxicity and represent important ecotoxicity assays (EPA, 2002). On the other hand, it is surprising that most of the compounds for  $T$ , pyriformis are composed of cosmetics and not of pesticides (see the next section for additional discussion). Although our findings show that current QSAR models contains a significant number of cosmetics, there is still a lack of QSAR studies focused on this industrial chemical class. Recently, our group has extensively studied skin sensitization (Alves et al., 2016, 2015a, 2015b). Skin sensitization is an autoimmune inflammatory reaction, which is caused by topical exposure to chemical allergens (Hennino et al., 2005), therefore, this endpoint has high importance to cosmetic industry (Vandebriel and van Loveren, 2010). In addition, the animal testing has been completely banned for cosmetics in Europe (European Commission, 2013), which explains the high number of cosmetics in this dataset.

Surprisingly, despite the fact that drugs are the most common industrial class present in the hERG dataset, this analysis showed that the number of drugs with public hERG data was very low. The hERG channels have a key hole in the mediating the repolarization of cardiac action potential. Its blockage is related to heart arrhythmia and death (Picard et al., 2011). This is one of the most important anti-targets to be considered in the early stages of the drug development process due to its high ligand promiscuity, mainly due to its large hydrophobic intracellular binding pocket and its multiple states (open, inactive, and closed) (Mitcheson et al., 2000). As hERG safety testing is a mandatory FDA-required procedure (FDA, 2005a, 2005b), scientific community would benefit from models developed based on marketed drugs.

#### **4.3 Analysis of chemical space of cosmetics, drugs, and pesticides**

The analysis of chemical space characterized by all descriptors revealed a huge overlap between cosmetics, drugs, and pesticides (Figure 2A–C). The overlap shown in both figures indicates that distinguishing these compounds by simple analysis, such as using ClogP and MW is impossible, reinforcing the importance of using QSAR models instead. Although some regions of chemical space are not covered by pesticides, current global QSAR models for toxicity could be used to predict cosmetics, drugs, and pesticides, since most of these models were build using drugs or compounds designed to be drugs. Cluster analysis revealed high structural diversity and the distribution of the 500 query compounds from training sets through all the 27 clusters (see Supplementary Materials).

The low coverage of drugs for T. pyriformis is probably due to the high similarity of compounds used to generate this model. Our analysis reveals that T. pyriformis dataset of 644 compounds contains 161 cosmetics, 9 drugs, 25 pesticides, 5 cosmetics and drugs, 50 cosmetics and pesticides, 5 drugs and pesticides, and 14 cosmetics, drugs, and pesticides. As shown on Figure 4A, compounds in T. pyriformis dataset could be easily clustered. The most representative clusters are shown on Figure 4A and C. Cluster 1 contains primary alcohols and other mid and long chain compounds; cluster 2 – fatty acids and aldehydes; cluster 3 – nitro aromatics; and cluster 4 – halogenated aromatics. Compounds in clusters 1 and 2 are

mostly cosmetic products, which is confirmed by the higher similarity with cosmetics that is shown on Figure 4B. Cluster 3 and 4 presents high dissimilarity with most compounds outside its cluster. The representatives of Clusters 1–4: hexanol (cosmetic), octanoic acid (cosmetic), 1,3-dinitrobenzene (explosive), and 2,4-dichloroaniline (pesticide) are shown on Figure 4C. As could be seen from there, in general cosmetics, unlike drugs and pesticides, are structurally similar to compounds from T. pyriformis dataset, which explains the high coverage for cosmetics and low coverage for compounds from two other industrial classes.

Earlier, our group (Golbraikh et al., 2003; Muratov et al., 2010; Tropsha and Golbraikh, 2007) and others (Gadaleta et al., 2016; Mathea et al., 2016) have demonstrated the importance of AD in QSAR modeling. In most of QSAR models used in this study, the use of AD resulted in increase of prediction accuracy at the expense of coverage, except skin sensitization and hERG models (Alves et al., 2015b; Braga et al., 2015, 2014), where significant reduction in coverage was not accompanied by an improvement in the predictivity. Thus, we decided to use the model's coverage of our collection as a measure of model's capability to predict a specific class of industrial chemicals. Our results demonstrate (see Table 3) that majority of models provided high (>90%) coverage for all three classes of industrial compounds, except for the model for fathead minnow (Zakharov et al., 2014) and T. pyriformis (Zhu et al., 2008). Fathead minnow showed a slightly lower coverage for drugs (86.7%) than for cosmetics and pesticides (95% and 95.6%, respectively). This dataset includes smaller number of drugs (cf. Table 2), which explains the slight reduction in coverage. The T. pyriformis model had better coverage for cosmetics (90%) than for drugs and pesticides (38% and 54%, respectively). These results allowed us to draw a conclusion that most of existing publicly available QSAR models could predict chemical toxicity of drugs, pesticides, and cosmetics with similar success.

## **5 Conclusions**

Vast majority of current QSAR models of various toxicity endpoints have been developed to predict toxicity of drugs, drug-like compounds, and, less frequently, pesticides, or other environmental chemicals. The ability of these models to predict toxicity for another big class of industrial chemicals – cosmetics, was not examined previously. The analysis of chemical space revealed a huge overlap between cosmetics, drugs, and pesticides. Our results also show that drugs and cosmetics are more structurally dissimilar than pesticides. In addition, we found that the datasets used for building existing toxicity models contain many drugs, while cosmetics and pesticides are less represented. However, the similarity of cosmetics, drugs, and pesticides to compounds in QSAR datasets is reasonably high. This is reflected in high (>90%) coverage of all three classes of chemicals by all the studied models except T. pyriformis. These results allow us to conclude that, because of high structural similarity between cosmetics; drugs; and pesticides, publicly available QSAR models of various toxicity endpoints (typically built either for drugs or for pesticides) could be successfully used to predict respective toxicities for all three classes of industrial chemicals. We posit that this conclusion is especially valuable for the cosmetic industry where toxicity modeling has been limited in the past but where the demand for alternative, non-animal toxicity testing is very high. Thus, our findings provide critical support for reusing existing toxicity models,

irrespective of the classes of compounds they have been developed for, to predict cosmetics' toxicity.

## **Supplementary Material**

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- **•** The majority of publicly available QSAR models for toxicity endpoints were built on datasets consisted mostly of drugs, drug-like compounds, and pesticides;
- **•** There is a lack of data for cosmetics and the question we would like to address whether current models could be applied for predicting toxicity of cosmetics;
- **•** The analysis of chemical space revealed a huge overlap between cosmetics, drugs, and pesticides;
- **•** Our results indicate that current QSAR models could be used to predict chemical toxicity for cosmetics, drugs, and pesticides.



**Figure 1.**  Distribution of investigated compounds on cosmetics, drugs, and pesticides.

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## **Figure 2.**

A) Chemical space of investigated compounds defined by ClogP and MW. B) Chemical space of investigated compounds in barycentric coordinates obtained from 2D DRAGON descriptors. Shadowed area represent the chemical space occupied by compounds from datasets used to generate current toxicity QSAR models. Two outliers (coordinates 1631, 160 and 960, −794) from the training sets of QSAR models are not shown.





## **Figure 3.**

Results of cluster analysis of 1,000 compounds including cosmetics, drugs, and pesticides. Heatmap and dendrogram of the distance matrix are both colored according to structural similarity (blue/violet = similar; yellow/red = dissimilar).



#### **Figure 4.**

A) Distribution of cosmetics, drugs, pesticides, and T. pyriformis dataset (644 compounds) in chemical space. Four clusters of highly similar compounds are highlighted by black circles and numbered. B) Distribution of Tanimoto coefficients between industrial compounds and their nearest neighbor in the T. pyriformis dataset. C) Representative compounds for clusters 1–4.

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## **Table 1**

List of datasets and respective molecular descriptors used in this study to compare the chemical space of cosmetics, drugs, and pesticides.



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Overlap between QSAR datasets and cosmetics, drug, and pesticides. Overlap between QSAR datasets and cosmetics, drug, and pesticides.





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**Table 3**

Percentage of compounds inside the AD of studied QSAR models. Percentage of compounds inside the AD of studied QSAR models.

