Supplementary Information

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Supplementary Figure 1. Frequency of the observed mass offsets. Several mass offsets occur hundreds to thousands of times, whereas less frequent mass offsets occur only a handful of times. Spectra with delta masses that occur fewer than ten times were not included in the final suspect library. These mass offsets could not be interpreted by matching against modifications in the UNIMOD database^{[1](https://www.zotero.org/google-docs/?QpZxsX)} and a community curated list of delta masses, and are considered to be non-reproducible mass differences that likely do not correspond to real modifications.

Supplementary Figure 2. Agreement between the delta mass explanations, molecular formulas predicted by SIRIUS,^{[2](https://www.zotero.org/google-docs/?XWukD0)} and molecular formulas predicted by BUDDY^{[3](https://www.zotero.org/google-docs/?V71LvN)} for suspects for which the molecular formula of the initial molecule is known, that have a valid delta mass explanation, and for which a molecular formula could be predicted by at least SIRIUS or BUDDY. There is a large agreement between the delta mass explanations, SIRIUS, and BUDDY, with only a handful of delta mass explanations that conflict with both the SIRIUS and BUDDY predicted molecular formulas. This indicates that the delta mass explanations and the predicted molecular formulas provide complementary information that can be used to interpret the nearest neighbor suspects.

Supplementary Figure 3. Comparison of ¹H NMR spectra (600 MHz, CDCl₃) of apratoxin A (top) and its related suspect (apratoxin A - 26.015 Da; bottom). Indicated by green shading are the proton signals for the *N*-methyl groups on the *N*-methyl-isoleucine and adjacent *N*-methyl-alanine at 2.71 ppm and 2.81 ppm, respectively. In the suspect there is an additional singlet proton signal observed at 3.41 ppm corresponding to the *N*-methyl-alanine adjacent to the ester bond (turquoise shading). Although the NMR results are consistent with the proposed suspect structure based on the MS/MS data, a full structure assignment was not possible due to the limited and semi-pure sample available for the NMR analysis.

Supplementary Figure 4. Comparison of ¹H-¹³C HSQC spectra (600 MHz, CDCl₃) of apratoxin A (top) and its related suspect (apratoxin A - 26.015 Da; bottom). The ¹H-¹³C correlations associated with the proline ring (turquoise boxes) are notably absent in the suspect. Based on the MS/MS fragmentation pattern, the suspect also possesses one less methyl group in the polyketide portion of the molecule: this is possibly explained by an isopropyl rather than a *tert*-butyl group at the initiating terminus, as seen in apratoxin C. Although the NMR results are consistent with the proposed suspect structure based on the MS/MS data, a full structure assignment was not possible due to the limited and semi-pure sample available for the NMR analysis.

Supplementary Figure 5. Although human breast milk is the gold standard of infant nutrition, the presence of exogenous metabolites—such as food and drugs consumed by the mother—therein is not well understood. This is especially pressing in the case of antibiotics in breast milk, as it is known that antibiotic administration in infancy can cause lasting changes in microbial colonization and host health. [4](https://www.zotero.org/google-docs/?jGV4Jf) A public human breast milk dataset was searched for suspects related to the antibiotic azithromycin (**a**) and found specific azithromycin metabolites, including 3'-*O*-desmethyl-azithromycin (**b**), an azithromycin metabolite previously identified only in snakes. [5](https://www.zotero.org/google-docs/?0mUUyW)

Supplementary Figure 6. Investigation of suspects from a dataset of medicinal plants listed in the Korean Pharmacopeia. [6](https://www.zotero.org/google-docs/?F88xzA) **a.** Flavonoids cluster in a molecular network created from the Korean Pharmacopeia medicinal plants dataset. The reference library hits are shown by the blue squares. The purple and pink diamonds are nodes that represent matches to the nearest neighbor suspect spectral library, with the purple diamonds matching the MS/MS spectra shown in panel c for which structures could be proposed. The white nodes are additional MS/MS spectra within the flavonoids molecular family that could not be annotated, even when utilizing the suspect library. **b.** Reference library annotation of an MS/MS spectrum matching to apigenin-8-*C*-hexosylhexoside. **c.** MS/MS spectra and structural hypotheses of apigenin-8-*C*-hexosylhexoside suspects.

Supplementary Figure 7. Molecular networking of the HOMEChem study to explore the chemistry of a house and how it relates to human activities within. [7](https://www.zotero.org/google-docs/?NM6l81) **a.** Inclusion of the suspect library revealed a large portion of the otherwise hidden chemistry, including multiple newly annotated clusters that were found to originate from various skincare-related chemistries, in particular polyether variants. As MS/MS libraries are far from comprehensive, they contain spectra for only a small subset of possible variants of these molecules. This is especially problematic for molecules such as polyethers, as the likelihood of encountering any one particular isomer of many possible variants of polyethers, and related molecules, is very low. **b.** Example of a cluster in the molecular network where multiple spectra could be interpreted based on suspect annotations, while only a single spectrum could be annotated with conventional libraries. **c.** In the majority of cases no annotations were possible at all for skincare ingredient molecules. In contrast, using the suspect library these molecules could be readily identified. All annotations in the cluster are concordant with each other, reinforcing the suspect annotations.

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