# **Supplementary Information**

## S1.1 Additional Models

Multiple additional adaptations to the models were made, with the goal to improve the models' performance. None of the adaptations lead to improvements. The adaptions are:

- L1 regularization: The L1-Norm of the activations of the fingerprint layer was included as an additional part to the loss function. We scaled the Norm to a 10<sup>th</sup> of its original value before adding it to the loss.
- NPL>0 We trained the original models with a new dataset. This dataset also included compounds from the Zinc which had NPL scores above zero. We followed the same steps to remove duplicates and molecules which are known as natural products and or are included in any of the other validation sets. This lead to an increase of synthetic compounds from an initial 210,412 to 274,001 in the training set.
- GCN At last we investigated, how well a Graph Neural Network would be able to generate neural fingerprints. We chose an adaptation of the Graph Convolution Network (GCN) by Kipf and colleagues [28], which includes a more expressive read-out layer. The fingerprint layer is kept a size of 64 and is also the last hidden layer in the network.[12] The network is trained like the NP\_AUX model. Thus it predicts the additional descriptors and whether a given compound is a natural product or not.

For all models, we evaluated the model performance and compared the fingerprints on the three validation tasks. For easier reading, the results of the original models are also included in the tables.

### S1.1.1 Model Performance

Table S1 Results of all models and their adaptation used for identifying natural products within the validation set of the training data. The mean and standard deviation of the AUC across the 5-folds are reported

Model	AUC (SD)	AUC NPL $< 0$ (SD)
NP_AUX	0.9692 (0.0005)	0.9051 (0.001)
NP_AE	0.9659 (0.0006)	0.8935 (0.0015)
Baseline	0.9667 (0.0006)	0.8994 (0.0015)
$NP_AUX + L1$	0.9634 (0.0007)	0.8948 (0.0011)
$NP_AE + L1$	0.9592 (0.0022)	0.8675 (0.0068)
Baseline + L1	0.9654 (0.0007)	0.8965 (0.0014)
NP_AUX + NPL>0	0.9333 (0.0005)	0.8953 (0.0015)
$NP_AE + NPL > 0$	0.9276 (0.0009)	0.8873 (0.002)
Baseline + NPL>0	0.9311 (0.0008)	0.8925 (0.0014)
GCN	0.986 (0.0002)	0.953 (0.0006)

The use of the L1-Norm does not change much of the predictive power of the neural network itself. Only the NP\_AE appears to perform a little worse for compounds with an NPL score below zero. The inclusion of synthetic compounds with higher NPL scores worsens the overall AUC. This is expected as the tasks became more difficult. The GCN performed noticeably better than any of the other models in identifying natural products.

# S1.1.2 "NP Identification"

For the NP Identification, none of the adaptations lead to a strong change in results. Only the GCN works noticeably worse. Both the model and the fingerprint are beaten by any other architecture. This weak performance could be explained by overfitting to the training data which could also explain the exceptional model performance from before.

Table S2 Comparison of AUC in distinguishing between synthetic and natural compounds in the "NP Identification" Task for the additional models and their adaptation.

Fingerprint	Model AUC	Fingerprint AUC
NC MFP	-	0.747
NP AUX	0.947 (0.002)	0.874 (0.005)
NPAE	0.942 (0.001)	0.88 (0.002
Baseline	0.944 (0.001)	0.852 (0.006)
NP AUX + L1	0.944 (0.003)	0.864 (0.006)
NPAE + L1	0.932 (0.002)	0.792 (0.017)
Baseline + L1	0.939 (0.002)	0.828 (0.006)
NP AUX + NPL>0	0.941 (0.003)	0.877 (0.006)
NP AE + NPL>0	0.934 (0.004)	0.878 (0.006)
Baseline + NPL>0	0.938 (0.002)	0.843 (0.009)
GCN	0.733 (0.051)	0.735 (0.007)

**Table S3** Average of all additional models performances across the seven targets of fingerprints in the similarity search on the "Target Identification" task. The Standard Deviation refers to the average deviation across the 7 targets.

	AUC (SD)	EF 1% (SD)
NP_AUX	0.501 (0.04)	1.512 (0.379)
NP_AE	0.509 (0.039)	1.521 (0.343)
Baseline	0.491 (0.021)	1.194 (0.226)
NP_AUX + L1	0.503 (0.044)	1.42 (0.362)
$NP_AE + L1$	0.475 (0.036)	1.199 (0.273)
Baseline + L1	0.489 (0.023)	1.135 (0.218)
NP_AUX + NPL>0	0.504 (0.037)	1.458 (0.359)
$NP_AE + NPL > 0$	0.514 (0.034)	1.442 (0.293)
Baseline + NPL>0	0.499 (0.014)	1.097 (0.209)
GCN	0.504 (0.005)	1.41 (0.026)

**Table S4** Average performance for all models and their adaptations in the similarity search across all targets on the "NP & Target Identification" Task. The Standard Deviation refers to the average deviation across the 14 targets.

Model	AUC (SD)	EF <sub>1%</sub> (SD)
NP_AUX	0.747 (0.066)	11.067 (5.902)
NP_AE	0.731 (0.058)	12.265 (6.063)
Baseline	0.701 (0.063)	10.115 (4.416)
NP_AUX + L1	0.71 (0.063)	9.643 (5.474)
NPAE + L1	0.615 (0.054)	7.97 (2.836)
Baseline + L1	0.705 (0.062)	7.789 (4.029)
NP_AUX + NPL>0	0.644 (0.073)	9.334 (5.406)
$NP_AE + NPL > 0$	0.594 (0.058)	10.175 (5.962)
Baseline + NPL>0	0.573 (0.072)	9.425 (6.798)
GCN	0.537 (0.072)	5.047 (3.968)

### S1.1.3 Target Identification

For the "Target Identification" task, all adaptions lead to a worse performing fingerprint, especially the L1-Norm leads to great reduction for the AE model. This time the GCN can beat the Baseline o both average AUC and  $EF_{1\%}$ 

### S1.1.4 "NP & Target Identification"

In the "NP & Target" a similar story is repeated all adaptation leads to worse performance. The GCN performs much worse than any of the other models.

## S1.2 Targets

#### Descriptors

EStat\_VSA1, EState\_VSA10, EState\_VSA11, EState\_VSA2, EState\_VSA3, EState\_VSA4, EState\_VSA5, EState\_VSA6, EState\_VSA7, EState\_VSA8, EState\_VSA9, LabuteASA, PEOE\_VSA11, PEOE\_VSA10, PEOE\_VSA11, PEOE\_VSA12, PEOE\_VSA13, PEOE\_VSA14,

Table S5 Number of active and inactive compounds in the "NP & Target Identification" dataset split by target

	Target	NP Active	Synthetic Active	NP Inactive	Synthetic Inactive	Total
1	ROR-Gamma	30	2008	81	5742	7861
2	MAPT	13	1198	43	6188	7442
3	Acetylcholesterase	31	1759	279	3916	5985
4	PPARD	20	282	46	267	615
5	H3-K9-HMTase 6	39	1520	103	6770	8432
6	Prelamin-A/C	72	2426	47	5157	7702
7	Androgen Receptor	90	976	200	1569	2835
8	DNA AP lyase	68	3278	141	6192	9679
9	Geminin	199	3130	582	6965	10876
10	ALDH1A1	11	785	312	7516	8624
11	NRF2	63	1679	470	6282	8494
12	VDR	14	175	37	4512	4738
13	TAD5	21	1459	27	7380	8887
14	CYP 3A4	16	627	200	4825	5668

PEOE\_VSA2, PEOE\_VSA3, PEOE\_VSA4, PEOE\_VSA5, PEOE\_VSA6, PEOE\_VSA7, PEOE\_VSA8, PEOE\_VSA9, SMR\_VSA1, SMR\_VSA10, SMR\_VSA2, SMR\_VSA3, SMR\_VSA4, SMR\_VSA5, SMR\_VSA6, SMR\_VSA7, SMR\_VSA8, SMR\_VSA9, SlogP\_VSA1, SlogP\_VSA10, SlogP\_VSA11, SlogP\_VSA12, SlogP\_VSA2, SlogP\_VSA3, SlogP\_VSA4, SlogP\_VSA5, SlogP\_VSA6, SlogP\_VSA7, SlogP\_VSA8, SlogP\_VSA9, TPSA

## Hyperparameters

Table S6 Hyperparameters used for training of the models. Bold indicates the fingerprint layer.

Hyperparameters	Baseline	NP_AUX	NP_AE
Layer Size	[2048,1024,1024,64,1]	[2048,1000,1000, <b>64</b> ,50]	[2048,512, <b>64</b> ,512,2048][ <b>64</b> ,2]*
Dropout	0.2	0.2	0.2
Epochs	20	20	300
max LR	0.0005	0.0005	0.0001
Batchsize	128	128	128
Early Stopping	Yes	Yes	Yes

\*additional layer that is used to make predictions based on the neural fingerprint

# Similarity Search Pseudo Natural Products



Figure S1 Results of Similarity Search with 15 pseudo-natural products. For each pseudo-NP a similarity search was performed on the Zinc. The five most similar compounds are reported for the ECFP and neural fingerprint.