Metabolite discovery through global annotation of untargeted metabolomics data

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Supplementary table 1. List of biochemical atom differences

1. RDBE stands for ring and double bond equivalence.

2. Allowed propagation direction: "1" means only forward propagation is allowed, i.e. adding the indicated atom differences to the parent formula; "-1" means reverse only, i.e. subtracting the indicated atom differences from the parent formula, and "0" means propagation is allowed for both directions.

Supplementary table 2. List of abiotic atom differences

Supplementary table 3. Examples of nickel related peaks

* "[60]Ni1Ni-1" means adding an isotope ⁶⁰Ni and subtracting a regular Ni, representing the atom difference of nickel isotope. This representation aligns atom difference to mass difference.

Supplementary table 4. Search results of newly identified metabolites in compound databases

Note:

1. Pyrophosphate form of the metabolite exists.

2. Reported only as a synthetic chemical, not a metabolite or biological chemical.

Supplementary Table 5. Memory and run-time used in NetID.

Note: The maximum memory and run-time reported here is under default parameter setting in NetID.

Supplementary Note 1 – NetID scoring parameters

Scoring candidate node annotations

NetID scores every candidate node and edge annotation assigned in the candidate annotation step. The node scoring system aims to assign high scores to annotations that align observed ion peaks with known metabolites based on m/z, retention time, MS/MS, and/or isotope abundances.

Let the set of candidate annotations for node *u* be denoted as $\{a_1 \dots a_i \dots a_m\}$. For each node *u* and each of its candidate annotation a_i , let S(u, a_i) denotes the score of candidate annotation a_i for node u. Different scoring components for candidate node annotations are defined as below:

(a) $S_{m/z}(u, a_i)$ is negative when measured m/z differs from the calculated m/z of assigned molecular formula. A larger ppm difference between calculated formula m/z and measurement m/z results to lower scores. The default scale factor is -0.5. Let $a_{i,m/z}$ be the calculated m/z of annotation a_i , and $u_{m/z}$ be the measured m/z of node *u*, then

$$
S_{m/z}(u, a_i) = -0.5 \times \left| u_{m/z} - a_{i,m/z} \right| / u_{m/z} \times 10^6 \tag{1}
$$

(b) $S_{RT}(u, a_i)$ is positive if the measured RT for the peak corresponding to node *u* matches to a known standard. A smaller difference between known and measured RT results in a higher score. Let $a_{i,RT}$ be the known RT of annotation a_i , and $u_{\rm RT}$ be the measured RT of node u , then

$$
S_{RT}(u, a_i) = 1 - |u_{RT} - a_{i, RT}|, \text{ if } |u_{RT} - a_{i, RT}| < 0.5 \text{ min}
$$

Otherwise, $S_{RT}(u, a_i) = 0$ (2)

(c) $S_{MS2}(u, a_i)$ is positive if the measured MS2 spectrum of node *u* matches the database MS2 spectrum of annotation a_i . A cosine similarity-based scoring function is used to score the MS2 spectra similarity^{1,2}. The intensities of the fragment ions in the MS2 spectra are rescaled so that the highest fragment ion is set to 1.

MS2 spectrum is represented as a data table containing m/z and corresponding relative intensity. Data tables for two spectra (one from experiment and one from database) are merged by m/z, which yields two equal-length vectors to represent relative intensity for experimental measured MS2 spectrum of $u \cdot (W_u)$ and database MS2 spectrum of a_i (W_{a_i}). Cosine similarity (DP) and score for MS2 match ($S_{MS2}(u, a_i)$) are defined as below.

$$
DP = \frac{\Sigma w_u w_{a_i}}{\sqrt{\Sigma w_u^2 \times \Sigma w_{a_i}^2}}
$$
\n(3)

 $S_{MS2}(u, a_i) = DP$, if $DP > 0.5$

Otherwise
$$
S_{MS2}(u, a_i) = 0
$$
 (4)

(d) $S_{\text{database}}(u, a_i)$ is positive if the annotated formula a_i exists in HMDB. We give a positive score to a primary seed node annotation if that annotated formula exists in HMDB.

$$
S_{\text{database}}(u, a_i) = 0.5
$$
, if a_i in HMDB

Otherwise,
$$
S_{\text{database}}(u, a_i) = 0
$$
 (5)

(e)S_{missing_isotope}(u, a_i) is negative if an isotopic peak is missing. We penalize a formula annotation if it

passes the intensity threshold (default at 5x10⁴) but does not have isotopic peaks of specified elements. The default isotope being evaluated is ³⁷Cl. Any other elements, such as ¹³C or ¹⁸O, can be included by users.

$$
S_{\text{missing_isotope}}(u, a_i) = -1
$$
, if isotopic peak is missing

Otherwise
$$
S_{missing_isotope}(u, a_i) = 0
$$
 (6)

(f) $S_{rule}(u, a_i)$ is negative if annotation a_i violates basic chemical rules. We strongly penalize formulae that violate basic chemical rules, including a negative RDBE (ring and double bond equivalents), and unlikely element ratios in metabolites (O/P < 3, O/Si < 2).

 $S_{rule}(u, a_i) = -10$, if chemical rules are violated

Otherwise,
$$
S_{rule}(u, a_i) = 0
$$
 (7)

(g) $S_{\text{derivative}}(u, a_i)$ is a non-negative score that reflects annotation a_i for node u gains confidence that derived from its parent node *p* with candidate annotation *h*. Thisis particularly helpful in annotating abiotic peaks. For example, annotation of glutamate sodium adduct will be given a positive $S_{\text{derivative}}$ when its parent node is annotated as glutamate with high score $S_{\text{parent}}(p, h)$. $S_{\text{parent}}(p, h)$ is calculated by summing up scores in (a)-(f).

$$
S_{\text{derivative}}(u, a_i) = S_{\text{parent}}(p, h) - 0.5, \text{ if } S_{\text{parent}}(p, h) > 0.5
$$
\n
$$
\text{Otherwise, } S_{\text{derivative}}(u, a_i) = 0
$$
\n
$$
S_{\text{parent}}(p, h) = S_{\text{m/z}}(p, h) + S_{\text{RT}}(p, h) + S_{\text{MS2}}(p, h) + S_{\text{MS2}}(p, h) + S_{\text{MSE}}(p, h) + S_{\text{MS2}}(p, h) + S_{\text{MSE}}(p, h) + S_{\text
$$

 $S_{\text{database}}(p, h) + S_{\text{missing isotope}}(p, h) + S_{\text{rule}}(p, h)$ (9)

A final score S(u, a_i) for each candidate annotation a_i of node u is calculated by summing scores in (a)-(g).

$$
S(u, a_i) = S_{m/z}(u, a_i) + S_{RT}(u, a_i) + S_{MS2}(u, a_i) + S_{database}(u, a_i) + S_{missing}\n\nS_{missing}\n\n(s(u, a_i) + S_{rule}(u, a_i) + S_{derivative}(u, a_i) + S_{derivative}(u, a_i) \n\n(10)
$$

Note that for each node *u*, no annotation is always a candidate option. The node score for this null annotation is 0 at default. It can also be set to a positive value to decrease false positive annotations or a negative value to promote increased annotation completeness (at the expense of more false positives).

Scoring candidate edge annotations

The edge scoring system aims to assign high scores to edge annotations that correctly capture biochemical connections between metabolites (based on MS2 spectra similarity) and abiotic connections between metabolites and their mass spectrometry phenomena derivatives, such as isotopes and adducts. Biochemical, isotope, and adduct edge annotations are the most common types. Other less common abiotic connection types are described in a subsequent section.

Suppose we consider two nodes *u* and *v* that are connected by an edge (*u*, *v*). For each pair of nodes *u* and *v* such that there is an edge (*u*, *v*), let the set of candidate formula for node *u* and *v* be denoted as $\{a_1 ... a_i ... a_m\}$ and $\{b_1 ... b_j ... b_n\}$, respectively, and let the set of candidate atom differences for edge (*u*, *v*) be $\{D_1 ... D_k ... D_l\}$. Let $S(u, v, a_i, b_j, D_k)$ be the score of choosing candidate formula a_i for node *u*, candidate formula b_j for node *v* and candidate atom difference D_k for edge (*u*, *v*). Note that S(u, v , a_i , b_j , D_k) is set to be 0 if atom difference D_k does not represent the formula difference of a_i and b_j .

$$
S(u, v, a_i, b_j, D_k) = 0, \text{ if } |a_i - b_j| \neq D_k
$$
\n(11)

Different scoring components for candidate edge annotations are defined as below:

(h) When node *u* and *v* have experimental measured MS2 spectra, $S_{MS2_similarity}(u, v, a_i, b_j, D_k)$ is defined for a biochemical edge, and is a positive score if two connected nodes *u* and *v* have MS2 similarity. S_{MS2} similarity is determined using the cosine similarity of the MS2 spectra (DP), as described in previous section, and the neutral ion loss similarity (DP_R) in the MS2 spectra¹. In calculating DP_R, data tables for two spectra (one from node u and one from node v) are merged by [precursor m/z – fragment m/z]. Two equal-length vectors representing the relative intensity of measured MS2 spectrum of u and v are denoted as R_u and R_v respectively. $S_{MS2_similarity}$ is set at 0 for abiotic edges.

$$
DP = \frac{\sum W_u W_v}{\sqrt{\sum W_u^2 \times \sum W_v^2}}
$$
(12)

$$
DP_R = \frac{\sum R_u R_v}{\sqrt{\sum R_u^2} \times \sum R_v^2}
$$
 (13)

$$
S_{MS2_similarity}(u, v, a_i, b_j, D_k) = \max(DP, DP_R), \text{ if } \max(DP, DP_R) > 0.3
$$

Otherwise,
$$
S_{MS2_similarity}(u, v, a_i, b_j, D_k) = 0
$$
 (14)

(i) $S_{\text{co_elution}}(u, v, a_i, b_j, D_k)$ is defined for an abiotic edge, and is a negative score if the RT of two connected nodes differ more than a threshold (0.05 min), given the formula difference of a_i and b_i matches the atom difference defined by D_k . S_{co elution} is set at 0 for biochemical edges.

$$
S_{\text{co_elution}}(u, v, a_i, b_j, D_k) = -5 \times |u_{\text{RT}} - v_{\text{RT}}|, \text{ if } |u_{\text{RT}} - v_{\text{RT}}| \ge 0.05 \text{ min}
$$

Otherwise,
$$
S_{\text{co_elution}}(u, v, a_i, b_j, D_k) = 0
$$
 (15)

(j) $S_{type}(u, v, a_i, b_j, D_k)$ is defined for all edges, given the formula difference of a_i and b_j matches the atom difference defined by D_k , and is a non-negative score depending on the connection type of edge, which is defined by D_k , including biotransformation, adduct, isotope and fragment (Supplementary Table 1, 2). The magnitude of scores reflects the empirical confidence in the annotation type when certain atom differences occur, and can be adjusted based on user preferences.

$$
S_{type}(u, v, a_i, b_j, D_k) = 0, \text{ if } D_k \text{ e biotransformation}
$$

\n
$$
S_{type}(u, v, a_i, b_j, D_k) = 0.5, \text{ if } D_k \text{ e adduct}
$$

\n
$$
S_{type}(u, v, a_i, b_j, D_k) = 2, \text{ if } D_k \text{ e isotope}
$$

\n
$$
S_{type}(u, v, a_i, b_j, D_k) = 0.3, \text{ if } D_k \text{ e common neutral loss}
$$
 (16)

(k) For each $D_k \epsilon$ isotope, $S_{isotope_intensity}(u, v, a_i, b_j, D_k)$ is defined for isotope edge (u, v) where b_j is the isotopic derivative of a_i with atom difference of D_k , and is a negative score if the measured isotope peaks deviate from expected natural abundance. The score for an isotope edge depends on how likely the ratio of measured and expected isotopic intensity (Ratio_{isotope}) is observed in an empirical normal distribution $N(1,\sigma_{isotope}^2)$. Isotopes of all elements included in the atom difference table are evaluated.

$$
Ratio_{isotope} = \frac{v_{intensity} / u_{intensity}}{Expected isotopic intensity ratio (a_i, b_j, D_k)}
$$
(17)

$$
S_{isotope_intensity}(u, v, a_i, b_j, D_k) = log_{10}\left[\frac{normPPF(Ratio_{isotope}, 1, \sigma_{isotope}^2)}{normPPF(1, 1, \sigma_{isotope}^2)}\right]
$$
(18)

normPDF(x, μ , $\sigma_{isotope}^2$) is defined as the normal probability density function with mean μ and variance $\sigma_{isotope}^2$ evaluated at the values in x. $\sigma_{isotope}$ is empirically defined as below, so that when measured isotope intensity is close to detection limit, a larger σ_{isotope} (a widened distribution, which is more tolerant to discrepancy) will be used.

$$
\sigma_{\text{isotope}} = 0.2 + 10^{3 - \log_{10}(v_{\text{intensity}})} \tag{19}
$$

A final edge annotation score S(u, v, a_i , b_j , D_k) for choosing candidate formula a_i for node u, candidate formula b_j for node *v* and candidate atom difference D_k for edge (*u*, *v*) is calculated by summing scores in (h)-(n).

$$
S(u, v, a_i, b_j, D_k) = S_{MS2_similarity}(u, v, a_i, b_j, D_k) + S_{co_elution}(u, v, a_i, b_j, D_k) + S_{type}(u, v, a_i, b_j, D_k) + S_{isotope_intensity}(u, v, a_i, b_j, D_k)
$$
\n(20)

Less common edge annotations

LC-MS metabolomics may include additional abiotic relationships. In orbitrap data, these include oligomers, multi-charge species, heterodimers, in-source fragments of known or unknown metabolites³, and ringing artifact peaks surrounding high intensity ions^{4,5}. These relationships were included in NetID as additional edge types, which are evaluated for all m/z pairs within a predefined RT range (0.2 min). Associated scores are provided at the end of the section.

(l) Oligomer and multi-charge species. An oligomer/multi-charge edge is assigned between two nodes *u* and *v*, if their m/z satisfy

$$
|v_{m/z} - n \times u_{m/z}| < u_{m/z} \times 10 \text{ ppm, } n \in \{\text{positive integers}\}\tag{21}
$$

(m) Heterodimer. Heterodimer peak (node *v*) may be observed when one abundant metabolite (node *u*) forms ion cluster with other ion species (node t). We examine nodes that have intensity above 10⁵, and assign a heterodimer edge between two nodes *u* and *v* if their m/z difference satisfy

$$
|(v_{\text{m}/z} - u_{\text{m}/z}) - t_{\text{m}/z}| < u_{\text{m}/z} \times 10 \text{ ppm} \tag{22}
$$

(n) In-source fragments. Such peaks may be observed when one abundant metabolite breaks up into fragments during the ionization process.

Database MS2 of known metabolites can be used to identify known ion fragment peaks³. If candidate annotation b_i of node *v* is annotated with a HMDB ID associated with database MS2 spectrum, and m/z

of node *u* matches to a fragment m/z in b_j 's MS2 spectrum, then a database fragment edge will connect such two nodes. That is,

 $u_{\text{m/z}}$ ϵ Database MS2 spectrum of candidate annotation b_i of node *v* (23) Measured MS2 spectra can also be used to identify fragment peaks (including covering unknowns not present in MS2 database). If node *v* is associated with a measured MS2 spectrum, and m/z of another node *u* matches to a fragment m/z in the MS2 spectra, then an experiment fragment edge will connect such two nodes. That is,

$$
u_{\mathrm{m/z}} \in \mathrm{Measured\,MS2\,spectrum\,of\,node\,v} \tag{24}
$$

(o) Ringing artifacts. Ringing peaks are artifact peaks (node *v*) often observed on both sides of the m/z of an intense ion peak (node *u*) in Fourier-transformed MS instrument including orbitrap. We examine nodes that have intensity above 10⁶, and assign a ringing artifact edge between two nodes if two nodes satisfy

$$
50 \text{ ppm} < |v_{\text{m/z}} - u_{\text{m/z}}| / u_{\text{m/z}} < 1000 \text{ ppm}
$$
\n
$$
u_{\text{intensity}} / v_{\text{intensity}} > 50 \tag{25}
$$

Scoring of these additional abiotic edges follow the same rules described in the "Scoring edge annotations" section with additional S_{type} defined as below.

$$
S_{type}(u, v, a_i, b_j, D_k) = 0.5
$$
, if $D_k \in$ oligomer or multi-charge
\n
$$
S_{type}(u, v, a_i, b_j, D_k) = 0
$$
, if $D_k \in$ heterodimer
\n
$$
S_{type}(u, v, a_i, b_j, D_k) = 0.3
$$
, if $D_k \in$ database MS2 fragment
\n
$$
S_{type}(u, v, a_i, b_j, D_k) = 1
$$
, if $D_k \in$ measured MS2 fragment
\n
$$
S_{type}(u, v, a_i, b_j, D_k) = 2
$$
, if $D_k \in$ ringing artifacts (26)

A final edge annotation score S(u, v, a_i , b_j , D_k) for choosing candidate formula a_i for node u, candidate formula b_j for node *v* and candidate atom difference D_k for edge (*u*, *v*) is calculated by summing scores in (h)-(o).

$$
S(u, v, a_i, b_j, D_k) = S_{MS2_similarity}(u, v, a_i, b_j, D_k) + S_{co_elution}(u, v, a_i, b_j, D_k) + S_{type}(u, v, a_i, b_j, D_k) + S_{isotope_intensity}(u, v, a_i, b_j, D_k)
$$
\n(27)

Parameters to edit in different usage situations

Currently the algorithm is developed using Thermo Orbitrap instruments results. We anticipate the algorithm will work for other high mass accuracy data, such as TOF data. Due to the difference in mass resolving power and mass accuracy between TOF and orbitrap, in applying NetID to TOF data, it would be important to check parameters related to mass accuracy, e.g. the m/z tolerance for seed matching and candidate node annotations, and the score evaluating m/z accuracy for candidate node annotations. Other data acquisition differences may also impact the optimal parameter settings in NetID. For example, if sample type (e.g. yeast vs mouse) is different, users may check on choice of reference library and if ionization settings (e.g. high vs low in-source CID) is different, users may check on the scoring parameters related to forming clustered ion species such as oligomers or heterodimers. The overall logics is to assign high scores to those candidate annotations that effectively align the experimentally observed ion peaks with prior metabolomics knowledge, so the network optimization will lead to an optimal annotation.

Supplementary Note 2 – Glucosyl-taurine synthesis

Glucosyl-taurine synthesis was carried out following previous literature reports with slight modifications⁶. In brief, dry methanol was obtained by distillation of HPLC-grade methanol (Fisher; HPLC grade 0.2 micron filtered) over CaH² (Acros Organics; ca. 93% extra pure, 0-2 mm grain size). A flame-dried round-bottom flask equipped with a reflux condenser and stir bar was charged with 2.0 g taurine (Alfa Aesar; 99%), 3.1 g D-glucose (Acros Organics; ACS reagent), and 80 mL of dry methanol. This mixture was sonicated under an inert atmosphere for 30 min before being returned to the manifold for the reaction. To the fine-suspension of taurine and glucose in dry methanol at room temperature, 4.0 mL 5.4 M sodium methoxide in methanol (Acros Organics) was added via glass syringe. At this point, the suspension began to dissolve and after 30 minutes, gave a clear and colorless solution. The solution was stirred vigorously under an inert atmosphere for 72 hours, which resulted in a faint peach-colored solution. This solution was chilled to 0 C , and ~200 mL of absolute ethanol (200 proof) was added and precipitation was allowed to occur at this temperature for 30 minutes. Solvent was then removed by filtration over a glass filter (medium porosity), and washed with ~100 mL of absolute ethanol, affording a fine pale-yellow powder (2.4 g; crude material).

NMR was carried out to validate the structure of synthesized N-glucosyl-taurine. Selective TOCSY experiments using DIPSI2 spin-lock and with added chemical shift filter⁷ were run on a Bruker Avance III HD NMR spectrometer equipped with a custom-made QCI-F cryoprobe (Bruker, Billerica, MA) at 800 MHz and at 295 K controlled temperature. The sample was dissolved in DMSO-d6. The spectra shown on the plots are results of 200 ms SL mixing, 8 scans each. Data processing (MNova v.14, Mestrelab Research S.L., Santiago de Compostela, Spain) included zero filling, 1 Hz Gaussian apodization, phase- and baseline correction. NMR analysis suggests that the final crude material contains 5.2% N-glucosyl-taurine mixed with unreacted substrates (Extended Data Fig. 8).

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Supplementary Note 3 - NetID User Guide

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Liquid chromatography-high resolution mass spectrometry (LC-MS)-based metabolomics aims to identify and quantitate all metabolites, but most LC-MS peaks remain unidentified. Here, we present a global network optimization approach, NetID, to annotate untargeted LC-MS metabolomics data. The approach aims to generate, for all experimentally observed ion peaks, annotations that match the measured masses, retention times, and (when available) MS/MS fragmentation patterns. Peaks are connected based on mass differences reflecting adducting, fragmentation, isotopes, or feasible biochemical transformations. Global optimization generates a single network linking most observed ion peaks, enhances peak assignment accuracy, and produces chemically-informative peak-peak relationships, including for peaks lacking MS/MS spectra. Applying this approach to yeast and mouse data, we identified five previously unrecognized metabolites (thiamine derivatives and N-glucosyl-taurine). Isotope tracer studies indicate active flux through these metabolites. Thus, NetID applies existing metabolomic knowledge and global optimization to substantially improve annotation coverage and accuracy in untargeted metabolomics datasets, facilitating metabolite discovery.

NetID requires (1) a peak table (in .csv format) containing m/z , RT and intensity from high-resolution mass spectrometry data; (2) a reference compound database, for which we provide HMDB, YMDB, a lite version of PubChem (PubChemLite.0.2.0) and a subset of 47,101 biopathway related entries (PubChemLite_Bio) that the user may choose; and. (3) a transformation table (in .csv format), for which we assembled a list of 25 biochemical atom differences and 59 abiotic atom differences. NetID optionally use (4) a list of excel files containing MS2 fragmentation information (m/z) and intensity) for peaks in the above peak table and (5) a list of known metabolites' retention time, for which we provide our in-house retention time list for demonstration. Users can customize the compound database, the transformation table and the retention time list following the user guide. Currently the algorithm is developed using Thermo Orbitrap instruments results. We anticipate the algorithm will work for other high mass accuracy data, such as TOF data, but parameters may need to be optimized for the best performance.

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1 Environment Setup

This section provides step-by-step instructions to set up the environment to run NetID algorithm in a local computer. A Windows system is recommended. Typical install time on a "normal" desktop computer is within a few hours.

1.1 Software installation

• Install R, Rstudio, Rtools40, ILOG CPLEX Optimization Studio (CPLEX) and Git, preferably at default location.

R(version 4.0, 4.1 tested): <https://www.r-project.org/> **RStudio**: <https://rstudio.com/products/rstudio/download> **Rtools40**: <https://cran.r-project.org/bin/windows/Rtools/ow> **CPLEX**(version 12.8,12.10,20.10 tested): [https://www.ibm.com/academic/](https://www.ibm.com/academic/technology/data-science) [technology/data-science](https://www.ibm.com/academic/technology/data-science) **Git**: <https://git-scm.com/downloads>

1.2 Code download

1.2.1 Via Git (recommended)

- 1. Install **git** via [https://support.rstudio.com/hc/en-us/articles/200532077?version=1.3.](https://support.rstudio.com/hc/en-us/articles/200532077?version=1.3.1093&mode=desktop) [1093&mode=desktop](https://support.rstudio.com/hc/en-us/articles/200532077?version=1.3.1093&mode=desktop)
- 2. In Rstudio, go to File \rightarrow New project \rightarrow Version control \rightarrow Git, enter [https:](https://github.com/LiChenPU/NetID.git) [//github.com/LiChenPU/NetID.git](https://github.com/LiChenPU/NetID.git) for URL, select a subdirectory, and create project.
- 3. You should be able to see all files in place under your selected subdirectory. Use pull option to check for latest updates.

1.2.2 Via Github

1. Go to website [https://github.com/LiChenPU/NetID,](https://github.com/LiChenPU/NetID) hit the green code button, select download zip, and unzip files.

1.3 Package dependency installation

1.3.1 Install common packages

- 1. Open the R script NetID_packages.R in get started folder.
- 2. Run all lines.
- 3. Run all lines again. If you see "No new packages added. . . ", then it means all packages are successfully installed.

1.3.2 Install cplexAPI

The package, **cplexAPI**, connecting R to CPLEX, requires additional installation steps.

- 1. Go to website: [https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/cplexAPI/index.html,](https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/cplexAPI/index.html) look for Package source, and download cplexAPI_1.4.0.tar.gz. In the same page, look for Materials, a package installation guide can be found in the link INSTALL.
- 2. Unzip the folder cplexAPI to the **desktop**, open subfolder src, follow the installation guide to modify the file Makevars.win.
	- **Note**: Replace \ in the Makevars.win file into / in order for R to recognize the path.
		- For example, the -I"\${CPLEX_STUDIO_DIR}\cplex\include" needs to be replaced with the path CPLEX_studio is installed, such as: -I"C:/Program Files/IBM/ILOG/CPLEX_Studio1210/cplex/include"
		- The -L"\${CPLEX_STUDIO_LIB}" needs to be replaced with the path CPLEX_studio is installed, such as: -L"C:/Program Files/IBM/ILOG/CPLEX_Studio1210/cplex/bin/x64_win64"
- The last part "-lcplexXXX" needs to be replaced with specific version code. For example, use "-lcplex12100" for CPLEX_Studio1210, and "-lcplex2010" for CPLEX_Studio201
- 3. build package,
	- In command line, change \${Username} to the actual user name and run line below, R CMD build --no-build-vignettes --no-manual --md5 "C:\Users\\${Username}\Desktop\cplexAPI"
	- Alternatively, you can run the lines below in Rstudio: setwd('C:/Users/\${Username}/Desktop/cplexAPI') devtools::build(vignettes $=$ FALSE)

a new package cplexAPI_1.4.0.tar.gz will be built under the default path (for example, C:\Users\\${Username})

Note: You need to add R and Rtools40 to Environmental Variables PATH, with instruction provided at the end.

4. In command line, run line below to install package.

R CMD INSTALL --build --no-multiarch .\cplexAPI_1.4.0.tar.gz If you see DONE (cplexAPI), then the package installation is successful. **Note**: if error occurs relating to __declspec(dllimport deprecated), you need to go to C:\Program Files\IBM\ILOG\CPLEX_Studio1210\cplex\include\ilcplex (or your own installation folder), open the file cpxconst.h, go to the line indicated in the error message or search for __declspec(dllimport deprecated), add _ in between, make it to __declspec(dllimport_deprecated). Save file and repeat step 4.

5. To test if cplexAPI is installed properly and to take a short venture using CPLEX in R, refer to **Package cplexAPI – Quick Start** in [https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/](https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/cplexAPI/index.html) [cplexAPI/index.html.](https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/cplexAPI/index.html)

2 Using NetID

This section will use yeast negative-mode dataset and mouse liver negative-mode dataset as examples to walk through the NetID workflow.

Note 1: If other El-MAVEN version was used, check the "raw_data.csv" for the column number where the first sample is located, and specify that in the NetID_run_script.R file. For example, In El-MAVEN (version 7.0), first_sample_col_num is set at 15 as default. If El-MAVEN (version 12.0) is used, first_sample_col_num should be set at 16.

Note 2: for more advanced uses, scoring and other parameters can be edited in NetID_function.R and NetID_run_script.R. Read the manuscript method section for detailed explanation on parameters.*

2.1 Yeast negative-mode dataset

In the Sc_neg folder, file raw_data.csv is the output from **Elmaven** recording MS information, and is the input file for **NetID**. MS2 is not collected for this dataset.

2.1.1 Running the code

1. Open code folder \rightarrow NetID_run_script.R

2. In the # Setting path #### section, set work_dir as "../Sc_neg/".

```
# Setting path ####
{
 setwd(dirname(rstudioapi::getSourceEditorContext()$path))
 source("NetID_function.R")
 work_dir = "../Sc_neg/"
 setwd(work_dir)
 printtime = Sys.time()
```
}

3. In the # Read data and files #### section, set filename as "raw_data.csv", set MS2_folder as "".

set ion_mode as -1 if negative ionization data is loaded, and 1 if positive ionization data loaded.

```
# Read data and files ####
{
 Mset = list()# Read in files
  Mset = read_files(filename = "raw_data.csv",
                    LC_method = "Hilic_25min_QE",
                    ion_{mode} = -1 # 1 for pos mode and -1 for neg mode)
  Mset = read_MS2data(Mset,
                      MS2_folder = "") # MS2}
```
4. Keep all other parameters as default, and run all lines.

2.1.2 Expected outputs

1. In the console, error message should not occur. If optimization step is successful, you will see messages in the following format.

```
"Optimization ended successfull - integer optimal, tolerance - OBJ_value = 2963.71
(bestobjective - bestinteger) / (1e-10 + |\text{bestinteger}|) = 0.000048268"
95.74 sec elapsed
```
- 2. Three files will be generated in the Sc_neg folder. Expected run time on a "normal" desktop computer should be within an hour.
	- NetID_output.csv contains the annotation information for each peak.
	- NetID_output.RData contains node, edge and network information. The file will be used for network visualization in Shiny R app.
	- .RData records the environmental information after running codes. The file is mainly used for development and debugging.

2.2 Your own dataset

2.2.1 MS1 dataset preparation

1. File conversion. Use software **ProteoWizard40** (version 3.0.11392) to convert LC-MS raw data files (.raw) into mzXML format. A command line script specifies the conversion parameter. Assuming the raw data are in D:/MS data/test. Type in the scripts below.

```
D:
cd D:/MS data/test
"C:/Program Files/ProteoWizard/ProteoWizard 3.0.11392/msconvert.exe"
*.raw --filter "peakPicking true 1-" --simAsSpectra --srmAsSpectra --mzXML
```
If **ProteoWizard** is installed in location other than C:/Program Files/ProteoWizard/ProteoWizard 3.0.11392/msconvert.exe, specify your path to where you can find the msconvert.exe file. Expected outputs will be .mzXML files from .raw data.

2. **El-MAVEN (version 7.0)** is used to generate a peak table containing m/z, retention time, intensity for peaks. Detailed guides for peak picking can be found in [https:](https://elucidatainc.github.io/ElMaven/faq/) [//elucidatainc.github.io/ElMaven/faq/.](https://elucidatainc.github.io/ElMaven/faq/)

After peak picking and a peak table tab has shown up, click export to CSV. Choose ex port all groups. In the pop-up saved window, choose format Groups Summary Matrix Format Comma Delimited. Save to the desired path.

3. Under the NetID folder, create a new folder NetID_test, copy the csv file from step 2 into the folder, and change the filename into raw_data.csv.

2.2.2 MS2 dataset preparation

NetID currently utilizes targeted MS2 data for better MS2 quality, and will incorporate data-dependent MS2 data in the future.

1. Prepare MS2 inclusion list

For targeted MS2 analysis, from the peak list generated in step 1, select the peaks $(m/z, RT)$ that you want to perform MS2, and arrange them into multiple csv files that will serve as the inclusion lists to set up the PRM method on **Thermo QExactive** instrument. Instruction can be found in [https://proteomicsresource.washington.edu/](https://proteomicsresource.washington.edu/docs/protocols05/PRM_QExactive.pdf) [docs/protocols05/PRM_QExactive.pdf.](https://proteomicsresource.washington.edu/docs/protocols05/PRM_QExactive.pdf)

Note: Arrange the parent ions so as to avoid to perform many PRMs at same time. An example is shown below with the start and End time set as $RT-1.5$ and $RT+1.5$ (min) to have good chromatogram coverage.

```
library(readr)
```

```
read_csv("example.csv")
##
## -- Column specification --------------------------------------------------------
## cols(
\# Mass = col_double(),
\# Formula = col_logical(),
## Formula_type = col_logical(),
\# Species = col_logical(),
\# CS = col\_logical(),
## Polarity = col_character(),
\# Start = col_double(),
\# End = col_double(),
\# \# CE = col_double(),
```


2. Instrument setup

Set up the **QExactive** instrument so that it contains both "Full MS" and "PRM" scan events. For PRM setup, use the above file as inclusion list to perform targeted MS2 analysis. We typically use the following setting for MS2 analysis: resolution 17500, AGC target 1e6, Maximum IT 500 ms, isolation window 1.5 m/z. For a total of 1500 parent ions and 15 parent ions for each method, it requires a total of 100 runs, or \sim 42 hours using a 25-min LC method.

3. MS2 file conversion.

RawConverter (version 1.2.0.1, [http://fields.scripps.edu/rawconv/\)](http://fields.scripps.edu/rawconv/) is used to convert the .raw file into .mzXML file that contains MS2 information. Keep the default parameters except setting Environment Type as Data Independent, and Output Formats as mzXML.

4. MS2 reading and cleaning.

A matlab code is used for MS2 reading and cleaning, which can be found in **CodeOcean** as a published capsule [\(https://codeocean.com/capsule/1048398/tree/v1\)](https://codeocean.com/capsule/1048398/tree/v1). The csv files from 1 paired with the MS2 data files in $mZMIL$ format from 3 are the required input data. Refer to capsule description and readme.md file for more details of how the code works. In Brief,

- Prepare filename. Filenames for both csv and mzXML files should be named as prefixNNN, where prefix is the given file name and NNN is the 3 digits number in continuous order (e.g. M001.csv, M002.csv,... and M001.mzXML, M002.mzXML,... in the /data folder).
- Duplicate the capsule to your own account so you can edit and use the capsule. Upload your own files and remove the previous files in /data folder.
- Specify the prefix and the range of numbers at the beginning section of the main code Main_example.m.
- Set the main code as file to run in Code Ocean using the dropdown menu next to main code.
- Click reproducible run to perform the batch processing.
- The resulting output files in .xlsx format with the same filenames will appear in the timeline. Each xlsx file contains multiple tabs of cleaned MS2 spectra. The names of the tabs correspond to the row numbers of the csv file specifying the individual parent peak information.
- 5. Save files to folders.

Back to the NetID_test folder, create a new folder MS2, download all xlsx files from 4 into the folder.

2.2.3 Running the code

- 1. Open code folder \rightarrow NetID_run_script.R.
- 2. In the # Setting path #### section, set work_dir as "../NetID_test/".
- 3. In the $#$ Read data and files $####$ section, set filename as raw_data.csv, set MS2_folder as MS2. set LC_method to specify column to read for the retention time of known standards. (In folder NetID \rightarrow dependent \rightarrow known_library.csv, update the retention time info as needed.) set ion_mode as -1 if negative ionization data is loaded, and 1 if positive ionization data loaded.
- 4. Keep all other parameters as default, and run all lines.

2.2.4 Expected outputs

Similar to the demo file, the console will print out message indicating optimization step is successful, and three files NetID_output.csv, NetID_output.RData and .RData will be generated in the NetID_test folder

2.3 Other Settings

2.3.1 Compound librarys

2.3.1.1 Other provided librarys NetID provides 4 librarys for the user to choose: **HMDB**, **YMDB**, **PubChem**, **PubChem Bio-pathway only**.

To select the desired database, change HMDB_library_file = "../dependent/hmdb_library.csv" to ../dependent/ymdb_library.csv, ../dependent/pbcm_library.csv or ../depen dent/pbcm_library_bio.csv.

```
Mset = read_files(filename = "raw_data.csv",
                  LC_method = "Hilic_25min_QE",
                  ion_{mode} = -1, # 1 for pos mode and -1 for neg mode
                  HMDB_library_file = "../dependent/hmdb_library.csv"
```
2.3.1.2 Design your own library

1. A workable library requires following columns.

)

```
read_csv("../../dependent/hmdb_library.csv")
##
## -- Column specification --------------------------------------------------------
## cols(
## accession = col_character(),
\# iupac_name = col_character(),
\# name = col_character(),
## SMILES = col_character(),
## status = col_character(),
## formula = col_character(),
\# mass = col_double(),
\# rdbe = col_double(),
## category = col_character()
## )
## # A tibble: 114,014 x 9
## accession iupac_name name SMILES status formula mass rdbe category
## <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <chr>
## 1 HMDB00000~ (2S)-2-amino-~ 1-Me~ CN1C=NC(~ quant~ C7H11N~ 169. 4 Metabol~
## 2 HMDB00000~ propane-1,3-d~ 1,3-~ NCCCN quant~ C3H10N2 74.1 0 Metabol~
## 3 HMDB00000~ 2-oxobutanoic~ 2-Ke~ CCC(=0)C~ quant~ C4H6O3 102. 2 Metabol~
## 4 HMDB00000~ 2-hydroxybuta~ 2-Hy~ CCC(0)C(~ quant~ C4H8O3 104. 1 Metabol~
## 5 HMDB00000~ (1S,10R,11S,1~ 2-Me~ [H][C@@]~ quant~ C19H24~ 300. 8 Metabol~
## 6 HMDB00000~ (3R)-3-hydrox~ (R)-~ C[C@@H] (~ quant~ C4H8O3 104. 1 Metabol~
## 7 HMDB00000~ 1-[(2R,4S,5R)~ Deox~ OC[C@H]1~ quant~ C9H12N~ 228. 5 Metabol~
## 8 HMDB00000~ 4-amino-1-[(2~ Deox~ NC1=NC(=~ quant~ C9H13N~ 227. 5 Metabol~
## 9 HMDB00000~ (1S,2R,10R,11~ Cort~ [H][C@@]~ quant~ C21H30~ 346. 7 Metabol~
## 10 HMDB00000~ (1S,2R,10S,11~ Deox~ [H][C@@]~ quant~ C21H30~ 330. 7 Metabol~
## # ... with 114,004 more rows
```
2. To build your own library, make a csv file in the same format as the one shown above, and set HMDB_library_file = "../dependent/hmdb_library.csv" to your desired directory in NetID_run_script.R.

2.3.2 Modifying emperical_rules.csv

emperical_rules.csv can also be created or modifed to support specific biotransformation. A workable emperical_rules requires following columns. * name and note is not necessary. * category includes: Biotransform, Natural_abundance, Adduct, Fragment and Radical * rbde is calculated using the formula_rbde function of the package lc8 * direction states the possible direction of transformation: 1 means from larger mass to smaller mass; 0 means the opposite; -1 means both direction are possible.

```
read_csv("../../dependent/empirical_rules.csv")
##
## -- Column specification --------------------------------------------------------
```

```
## cols(
## category = col_character(),
\# name = col_character(),
\# formula = col_character(),
\# mass = col_double(),
\# direction = col_double(),
\# rdbe = col_double(),
## note = col_character()
## )
## # A tibble: 84 x 7
## category name formula mass direction rdbe note
## <chr> <chr> <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <chr>
## 1 Biotransform O-HN O1N-1H-1 0.984 0 0 Deamination
## 2 Biotransform NH3-O N1H3O-1 1.03 0 -1 Transamination
## 3 Biotransform H2 H2 2.02 0 -1 Hydrogenation
## 4 Biotransform CH2 C1H2 14.0 0 0 Methylation
## 5 Biotransform NH N1H1 15.0 0 0 Amination
## 6 Biotransform O O1 16.0 0 0 Hydroxylation
## 7 Biotransform N1H3 N1H3 17.0 0 -1 Amination (+NH3)
## 8 Biotransform H2O H2O1 18.0 0 -1 Hydration
## 9 Biotransform CO C1O1 28.0 0 1 Formylation (+CO)
## 10 Biotransform C2H4 C2H4 28.0 0 0 Beta oxidation
## # ... with 74 more rows
```
2.3.3 Retention time list

2.3.3.1 Customize your own RT table

1. In the dependent folder, open the known_library_customized.csv file

```
read_csv("../../dependent/known_library_customized.csv")[1:5,]
##
## -- Column specification --------------------------------------------------------
## cols(
\# name = col_character(),
## HMDB = col_character(),
\# formula = col_character(),
\# SMILES = col_character(),
\# Hilic_25min_0E = col_double(),
\# No_RT = col_logical()
## )
## # A tibble: 5 \times 6## name HMDB formula SMILES Hilic_25min_QE No_RT
## <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <dbl> <lgl>
## 1 1-Methyl imidozolacetic~ HMDB000~ C6H8N2O2                                CN1C=C(N=C1~ 9.05 NA
## 2 5-L-Hydroxytryptophan <NA> C11H12N2O3 <NA> 10.2 NA
## 3 ADP <NA> C10H15N5O~ <NA> 13.9 NA
## 4 CDP <NA> C9H15N3O1~ <NA> NA NA
## 5 CDP-choline <NA> C14H26N4O~ <NA> NA NA
```
2. Column Name, formula are required. Column HMDB, SMILES are optional. For each RT list (e.g. Hilic_25min_QE), record the retention time under the column. Multiple RT lists can be stored by adding additional columns. Empty retention time is allowed for a entry.

2.3.3.2 Skip RT table Setting the LC_method = "No_RT". Then RT information will not be considered in the algorithm.

```
Mset = read_files(filename = "raw_data.csv",
                  LC_method = "No_RT",
                  ion_{mode} = -1, # 1 for pos mode and -1 for neg mode
                  HMDB_library_file = "../dependent/hmdb_library.csv"
                  )
```
2.3.4 Score Setting

See Supplementary Note 2 of NetID paper for explanation

3 NetID Visualization

This section provides instruction to visualize and explore **NetID** output results in either **Cytoscape** software or interactive **Shiny R app**. After running **NetID** algorithm, it will export one .R and two .csvfiles (cyto_node.csv and cyto_edges.csv), storing the nodes and edges of the output network.

3.1 Cytoscape

- 0. What is **Cytoscape** For more info regarding what is **Cytoscape**, check [https://cytoscape.](https://cytoscape.org/what_is_cytoscape.html) [org/what_is_cytoscape.html.](https://cytoscape.org/what_is_cytoscape.html)
- 1. install **Cytoscape** Download **Cytoscape** [\(https://cytoscape.org/download.html\)](https://cytoscape.org/download.html) and follow installation instruction to install onto your computer.
- 2. Load the example **NetID** output into **Cytoscape**
	- Run **Cytoscape**, click import network from file system, and load cyto_edges.csv, set edge_id column as the key, set node1as source node, set node2 column as target node, and the rest columns as edge attribute.
	- Click import table from file, load cyto_node.csv, set node_id column as the key, and the rest columns as node attribute.
	- Select subnetwork, set styles, and explore the network with various functionalities inside **Cytoscape**.
- 3. Explore in Cytoscape

<http://manual.cytoscape.org/en/stable/index.html> provides all you need to know about exploring in **Cytoscape**. (This writer knew little about this cool software, so all he could give was this link and may the Force be with you.)

4. Export

The network as well as the curated subnetworks can be exported for future analysis or sharing with others. An example network file example.cys is included along with the two .csv files, which is created using **Cytoscape** version 3.8.2

3.2 Shiny App

This part provides instruction to visualize and explore **NetID** output results in the interactive **Shiny R app**. A 21-inch or larger screen is recommended for best visualization.

3.2.1 Runing Shiny App

- 1. Open code folder \rightarrow R_shiny_App.R.
- 2. In the # Read in files #### section, set datapath as ../Sc_neg/
- 3. Keep all other parameters as default, and run all lines.
- 4. A Shiny app will pop up.

3.2.2 Searching peaks of interest

- 1. On the left panel, you can enter a m/z or a formula to search your peak of interest. For example, 180.0631 or C6H12O6 will automatically update the data table on the right. Enter 0 to restore full list for the data table.
- 2. Change ionization and ppm window to adjust calculated m/z. W
- 3. On the right, you can explore the peak list in an interactive data table, including global text search on top right, specifying ranges for numeric column or searching text within character columns, ranking each column etc.

3.2.3 Network Visualization

- 1. Peak ID, formula and class determines the center node for the network graph. Peak ID will be automatically updated by the first line in the data table if a m/z or formula is given. Alternatively, you can manually enter Peak ID.
- 2. The degree parameter controls how far the network expands from the center node. Degree 1 means only nodes directly connected to the center node will be shown and degree 2 means nodes connected to degree 1 will be shown, etc.
- 3. Biochemical graph shows biochemical connections. Abiotic graph shows abiotic connections. Node labels and Edge labels determines if the graph show node or edge labels. Optimized only determines whether to show only the optimal annotations or all possible annotations in the network.
- 4. When setting parameters, hit plot to see the network graph.

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5. A sample network graph is shown below (a different center node may give less complicated graph). You may edit the nodes or edges (top left), move figures with the arrow buttons (bottom left), and zoom in/out or center figure (bottom right).

6. You can use the "Download plot" button to download a html webpage to visualize the network graph independent of the Shiny app, and the "Download csv" button to download the information of the nodes in the network. The download buttons will appear after hitting the plot button. Note: edits within the Shiny app will not go into the html file.

3.2.4 Possible structures exploration

A figure $+$ data table is provided to explore structures of the selected node in the network graph.

1. The figure shows the chemical structure of the annotated metabolites. If the node is annotated as a putative metabolite, only the known parts of the putative metabolite will be shown.

Scroll left or right, or select the entry number, to visualize different annotations. Right click and select to save image.

2. In the data table, class has 3 possible entries: Metabolite if it is documented in database such as HMDB library; Putative metabolite if it is transformed from a metabolite through a biotransformation edge; and Artifact if it is transformed by an abiotic edge. Use the download button to download the data table

4 Troubleshooting

4.1 Failing to install package lc8

Reinstall the packages devtools and digest.

4.2 Cannot find cplexAPI even if the installation seems successful

Check **R** version used in **RStudio** to see if cplexAPI is installed under the same R version library. Which R library cplexAPI goes to depends on the R path specified in Environment Variables.

4.3 Add **R** to PATH

- 1. Go to Environment Variables: search PATH in windows \rightarrow open edit Environment Variables \rightarrow Environment Vari ables or control panel → system and security → System → Advanced system Settings (on your $left) \rightarrow$ Advanced \rightarrow Environment Variables
- 2. In the lower Panel select the Path Variable and select Edit, add the R path (C:\Program Files\R\R-4.0.3\bin\x64, if installed at default location) to the Path Variable.
- 3. You may need to restart computer for the R path to take effect.

4.4 Add **Rtools40** to PATH

- 1. Add the path C:\Rtools\bin to the Path Variablein Environment Variables
- 2. Run the line in **R**: writeLines('PATH="\${RTOOLS40_HOME}\\usr\\bin;\${PATH}"', con = "~/.Renvi ron") Use the line below in R console to check for successfully adding Rtools40 Sys.which("make") Expected output: ## "C:\\rtools40\\usr\\bin\\make.exe

