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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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Git-hub: https://github.com/LiChenPU/NetID

## 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/

technology/data-science

**Git**: https://git-scm.com/downloads

#### 1.2 Code download

#### 1.2.1 Via Git (recommended)

- Install git via https://support.rstudio.com/hc/en-us/articles/200532077?version=1.3. 1093&mode=desktop
- 2. In Rstudio, go to File → New project → Version control → Git, enter 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, 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.

- Go to website: 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*.

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/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 → 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()
}
```

 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.

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) / (le-10 + |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://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/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 -----
## 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(),
```

```
CE_type = col_character(),
    MSXID = col_logical(),
##
##
    Comment = col_character()
## )
## # A tibble: 16 x 12
      Mass Formula Formula_type Species CS
                                             Polarity Start
                                                              End
                                                                     CE CE_type
##
     <dbl> <lal>
                  <lal>
                               <la1>
                                       <lal> <chr>
                                                       <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <chr>
                   NA
## 1 499. NA
                               NA
                                             Negative 0.456 3.46
                                       NA
                                                                     30 NCE
## 2 722. NA
                   NA
                               NA
                                       NA
                                             Negative 0.733 3.73
                                                                     30 NCE
## 3 403. NA
                   NA
                               NA
                                       NA
                                             Negative 1.06
                                                             4.06
                                                                     30 NCE
## 4 211. NA
                   NA
                               NA
                                       NA
                                             Negative 1.20
                                                             4.20
                                                                     30 NCE
## 5 328. NA
                   NA
                               NA
                                             Negative 1.40
                                                             4.40
                                                                     30 NCE
## 6 149. NA
                               NA
                                             Negative 1.59
                                                             4.59
                                                                     30 NCE
                   NA
                                       NA
   7 151.
                                             Negative 2.69
                                                             5.69
           NA
                   NA
                               NA
                                       NA
                                                                     30 NCE
                   NA
## 8 335. NA
                               NA
                                       NA
                                             Negative 2.70
                                                            5.70
                                                                     30 NCE
## 9 143. NA
                                             Negative 4.07
                   NA
                               NA
                                       NA
                                                             7.07
                                                                     30 NCE
## 10 89.0 NA
                                             Negative 5.67
                   NA
                               NA
                                       NA
                                                             8.67
                                                                     30 NCE
## 11 283.
           NA
                   NA
                               NA
                                       NA
                                             Negative 6.92
                                                             9.92
                                                                     30 NCE
## 12 202.
           NA
                   NA
                               NA
                                       NA
                                             Negative 8.79 11.8
                                                                     30 NCE
## 13 160. NA
                   NA
                               NA
                                       NA
                                             Negative 10.3
                                                            13.3
                                                                     30 NCE
## 14 216. NA
                                             Negative 11.4
                   NA
                               NA
                                       NA
                                                            14.4
                                                                     30 NCE
## 15 125. NA
                   NA
                               NA
                                       NA
                                             Negative 12.0
                                                            15.0
                                                                     30 NCE
## 16 230. NA
                   NA
                               NA
                                       NA
                                             Negative 12.9
                                                            15.9
                                                                     30 NCE
## # ... with 2 more variables: MSXID <lql>, Comment <chr>
```

#### 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/) 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/). The csv files from 1 paired with the MS2 data files in mzXML 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 → dependent → 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 ../dependent/pbcm\_library\_bio.csv.

)

#### 2.3.1.2 Design your own library

1. A workable library requires following columns.

```
read_csv("../../dependent/hmdb_library.csv")
## -- Column specification -----
##
   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
##
     ##
     <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~ C4H603 102.
                                                                  2 Metabol~
   4 HMDB00000~ 2-hydroxybuta~ 2-Hy~ CCC(0)C(~ quant~ C4H803 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~ C4H803 104.
                                                                  1 Metabol~
## 7 HMDB00000 \sim 1 - [(2R, 4S, 5R) \sim Deox \sim OC[C@H]1 \sim quant \sim C9H12N \sim 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 modified 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.

```
## 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> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <chr>
## 1 Biotransform O-HN 01N-1H-1 0.984
                                       0 0 Deamination
                                         0 -1 Transamination
## 2 Biotransform NH3-0 N1H30-1 1.03
## 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 0 01
                           16.0
                                         0     0 Hydroxylation
                                         0 -1 Amination (+NH3)
## 7 Biotransform N1H3 N1H3 17.0
## 8 Biotransform H20 H201
                            18.0
                                         0 -1 Hydration
## 9 Biotransform CO C101
## 9 Biotransform CO C101 28.0 0 1 Formylation (+C ## 10 Biotransform C2H4 C2H4 28.0 0 0 Beta oxidation
                                         0 1 Formylation (+CO)
## # ... 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_QE = col_double(),
   No_RT = col_logical()
## )
## # A tibble: 5 x 6
## name
                         HMDB
                                 formula SMILES Hilic_25min_QE No_RT
## <chr>
                         <chr>
                                 <chr>
                                          <chr>
                                                             <dbl> <lql>
## 1 1-Methyl imidozolacetic~ HMDB000~ C6H8N202 CN1C=C(N=C1~
                                                              9.05 NA
## 2 5-L-Hydroxytryptophan <NA> C11H12N2O3 <NA>
                                                             10.2 NA
## 3 ADP
                         <NA>
                                C10H15N50~ <NA>
                                                             13.9 NA
## 4 CDP
                         <NA> C9H15N3O1~ <NA>
                                                             NA
                                                                  NA
## 5 CDP-choline
                         <NA>
                                C14H26N40~ <NA>
                                                             NA
                                                                   NA
```

- 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.

#### 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

- What is Cytoscape For more info regarding what is Cytoscape, check https://cytoscape. org/what\_is\_cytoscape.html.
- 1. install **Cytoscape** Download **Cytoscape** (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 nodelas 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.

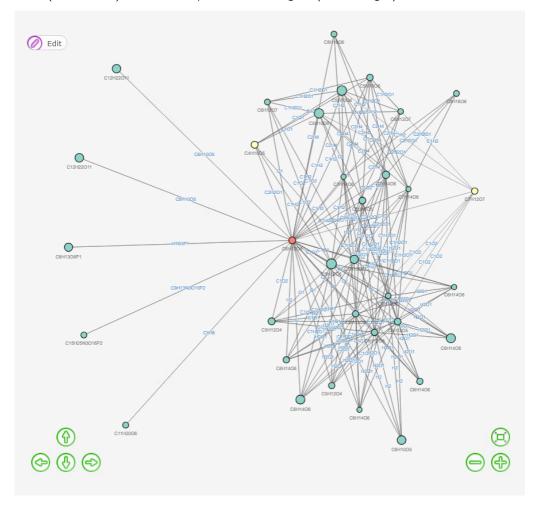


#### 3.2.3 Network Visualization

- 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.



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).

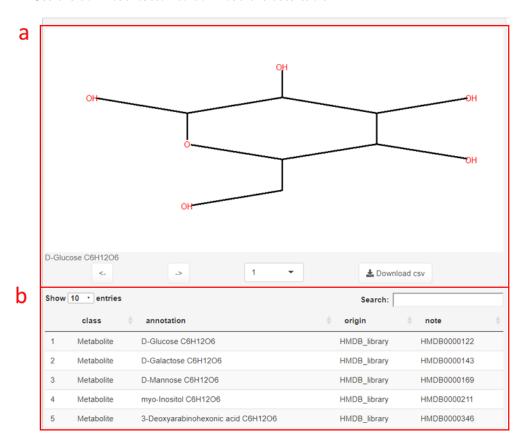


6. You can use the "Download plot" button to download a html webpage to visualize the network graph independent of the Shiny app, and the "Download csv" button to download the information of the nodes in the network. The download buttons will appear after hitting the plot button. Note: edits within the 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 Variables or control panel  $\rightarrow$  system and security  $\rightarrow$  System  $\rightarrow$  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="\${RT00LS40\_H0ME}\\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