

# FlavourDB

**Molecule Search:** Allows users to search for specific molecules by name, CAS number, or chemical structure. This type of search is useful for finding detailed information about particular flavor molecules.

**Food Search:** Enables users to search for foods by name. This search provides information about the flavor molecules found in each food and how they contribute to the overall flavor profile.

**Flavor Profile Search:** Allows users to search for flavor profiles by combining different flavor notes. Users can explore which foods or molecules match a specific combination of flavors.

**Molecular Descriptor Search:** Users can search based on molecular descriptors such as molecular weight, hydrogen bond donors, or acceptors. This search is particularly useful for researchers looking for molecules with specific chemical properties.

**Similarity Search:** A search option that allows users to find molecules similar to a given molecule based on structural or flavor profile similarity.

**Advanced Search:** Combines multiple search parameters for a more refined search, allowing users to filter results based on various criteria like molecule type, food type, flavor notes, and molecular properties.

## 1. Molecule Search API

**Endpoint:** `/api/molecule-search`

**Methods:**

- **GET:** Search for molecules by name, CAS number, or chemical structure.

**Parameters:**

- `name` (string): Name of the molecule.
- `cas_number` (string): CAS number of the molecule.
- `structure` (string): Chemical structure represented in SMILES, InChI, or other formats.

```
{
  "molecules": [
    {
      "id": 1,
      "name": "Vanillin",
      "cas_number": "121-33-5",
      "structure": "C8H8O3",
      "properties": {
        "molecular_weight": 152.15,
        "hydrogen_bond_donors": 1,
        "hydrogen_bond_acceptors": 3
      },
      "flavor_profile": ["vanilla", "sweet"]
    },
    ...
  ]
}
```

## 2. Food Search API

Endpoint: `/api/food-search`

Methods:

- **GET**: Search for foods by name.

Parameters:

- `name` (string): Name of the food.

```

{
  "foods": [
    {
      "id": 1,
      "name": "Chocolate",
      "flavor_molecules": [
        {
          "name": "Vanillin",
          "contribution": "vanilla flavor"
        },
        {
          "name": "Theobromine",
          "contribution": "bitter taste"
        }
      ]
    },
    ...
  ]
}

```

### 3. Flavor Profile Search API

Endpoint: `/api/flavor-profile-search`

Methods:

- **GET**: Search for flavor profiles by combining different flavor notes.

Parameters:

- `flavor_notes` (string): Comma-separated list of flavor notes (e.g., "sweet, vanilla, fruity").

```
{
  "results": [
    {
      "type": "food",
      "name": "Strawberry",
      "flavor_profile": ["sweet", "fruity", "tart"]
    },
    {
      "type": "molecule",
      "name": "Ethyl butyrate",
      "flavor_profile": ["fruity", "pineapple"]
    },
    ...
  ]
}
```

#### 4. Molecular Descriptor Search API

Endpoint: `/api/molecular-descriptor-search`

**Methods:**

- **GET:** Search based on molecular descriptors such as molecular weight, hydrogen bond donors, or acceptors.

**Parameters:**

- `molecular_weight_min` (float): Minimum molecular weight.
- `molecular_weight_max` (float): Maximum molecular weight.
- `h_bond_donors` (integer): Number of hydrogen bond donors.
- `h_bond_acceptors` (integer): Number of hydrogen bond acceptors.

```
{
  "molecules": [
    {
      "id": 1,
      "name": "Vanillin",
      "molecular_weight": 152.15,
      "hydrogen_bond_donors": 1,
      "hydrogen_bond_acceptors": 3
    },
    ...
  ]
}
```

## 5. Similarity Search API

Endpoint: `/api/similarity-search`

### Methods:

- **GET:** Find molecules similar to a given molecule based on structural or flavor profile similarity.

### Parameters:

- `reference_molecule_id` (integer): ID of the reference molecule.

- `similarity_type` (string): Type of similarity ("structural", "flavor").

```
{
  "similar_molecules": [
    {
      "id": 2,
      "name": "Ethyl Vanillin",
      "similarity_score": 0.85,
      "similarity_type": "structural"
    },
    ...
  ]
}
```

## 6. Advanced Search API

Endpoint: `/api/advanced-search`

Methods:

- **GET**: Combines multiple search parameters for a more refined search.

Parameters:

- `molecule_type` (string): Type of molecule (e.g., "aromatic", "terpenoid").
- `food_type` (string): Type of food (e.g., "fruit", "spice").
- `flavor_notes` (string): Comma-separated list of flavor notes.
- `molecular_properties` (string): Comma-separated list of molecular properties (e.g., "molecular\_weight>150", "h\_bond\_donors<2").

```

{
  "results": [
    {
      "type": "molecule",
      "name": "Linalool",
      "molecular_properties": {
        "molecular_weight": 154.25,
        "h_bond_donors": 1,
        "h_bond_acceptors": 1
      },
      "flavor_profile": ["floral", "citrus"]
    },
    {
      "type": "food",
      "name": "Cinnamon",
      "flavor_molecules": [
        {
          "name": "Cinnamaldehyde",
          "contribution": "spicy, warm flavor"
        }
      ]
    },
    ...
  ]
}

```



## FlavourDB2

Search by Alternative IDs:

- Search using common name, IUPAC, SMILES, CAS Number, FEMA Number, FL Number, NAS Number, EINECS Number, or JFCFA Number.

#### **Search by Food Category:**

- Find compounds used in specific food categories, showing usual and maximum concentrations. Combine multiple categories using @ (AND) or ! (OR).

#### **Search by Regulatory Status:**

- Search based on IOFI (natural, artificial, etc.) and COE (approved, provisional, etc.) values.

#### **Search by Synthesis:**

- Search for compounds using specific chemicals or processes in their synthesis. Combine searches using @ (AND) or ! (OR).

## **1. Search by Alternative IDs API**

**Endpoint:** `/api/alternative-id-search`

#### **Methods:**

- **GET:** Search using various alternative identifiers like common name, IUPAC, SMILES, CAS Number, FEMA Number, FL Number, NAS Number, EINECS Number, or JFCFA Number.

#### **Parameters:**

- `common_name` (string): Common name of the molecule.
- `iupac_name` (string): IUPAC name of the molecule.
- `smiles` (string): SMILES notation of the molecule.
- `cas_number` (string): CAS number of the molecule.
- `fema_number` (string): FEMA number of the molecule.
- `fl_number` (string): FL number of the molecule.
- `nas_number` (string): NAS number of the molecule.
- `einecs_number` (string): EINECS number of the molecule.
- `jfcfa_number` (string): JFCFA number of the molecule.



```

{
  "molecules": [
    {
      "id": 1,
      "name": "Limonene",
      "alternative_ids": {
        "common_name": "Limonene",
        "iupac_name": "1-Methyl-4-(1-methylethenyl)-cyclohexene",
        "smiles": "CC1=CCCC2=C1C(=CC=C2)C",
        "cas_number": "138-86-3",
        "fema_number": "2175",
        "fl_number": "5",
        "nas_number": "105-92-5",
        "einecs_number": "205-341-0",
        "jfc_a_number": "1234"
      }
    },
    ...
  ]
}

```

## 2. Search by Food Category API

Endpoint: `/api/food-category-search`

### Methods:

- **GET:** Find compounds used in specific food categories, showing usual and maximum concentrations. Combine multiple categories using @ (AND) or ! (OR).

### Parameters:

- **categories** (string): Comma-separated list of food categories with logical operators (@, !). (e.g., "fruit@spice", "beverage!candy")

```

"compounds": [
  {
    "id": 1,
    "name": "Cinnamonaldehyde",
    "food_categories": [
      {
        "category": "spice",
        "usual_concentration": "0.5%",
        "maximum_concentration": "1.5%"
      }
    ]
  },
  {
    "id": 2,
    "name": "Vanillin",
    "food_categories": [
      {
        "category": "dessert",
        "usual_concentration": "0.2%",
        "maximum_concentration": "1.0%"
      },
      {
        "category": "beverage",
        "usual_concentration": "0.1%",
        "maximum_concentration": "0.5%"
      }
    ]
  }
]

```

### 3. Search by Regulatory Status API

Endpoint: `/api/regulatory-status-search`

Methods:

- **GET:** Search based on IOFI (natural, artificial, etc.) and COE (approved, provisional, etc.) values.

#### Parameters:

- `iofi_status` (string): IOFI regulatory status (e.g., "natural", "artificial").
- `coe_status` (string): COE regulatory status (e.g., "approved", "provisional").

```
{
  "compounds": [
    {
      "id": 1,
      "name": "Ethyl Vanillin",
      "regulatory_status": {
        "iofi_status": "artificial",
        "coe_status": "approved"
      }
    },
    {
      "id": 2,
      "name": "Limonene",
      "regulatory_status": {
        "iofi_status": "natural",
        "coe_status": "approved"
      }
    },
  ],
}
```

#### 4. Search by Synthesis API

Endpoint: `/api/synthesis-search`

### Methods:

- **GET:** Search for compounds using specific chemicals or processes in their synthesis. Combine searches using @ (AND) or ! (OR).

### Parameters:

- **chemicals** (string): Comma-separated list of chemicals used in synthesis with logical operators (@, !). (e.g., "benzene@ethyl\_alcohol", "acetone!ethanol")
- **processes** (string): Comma-separated list of synthesis processes with logical operators.

```
"compounds": [  
  {  
    "id": 1,  
    "name": "Cinnamaldehyde",  
    "synthesis": {  
      "chemicals": ["cinnamon", "aldehyde"],  
      "processes": ["oxidation", "distillation"]  
    }  
  },  
  {  
    "id": 2,  
    "name": "Linalool",  
    "synthesis": {  
      "chemicals": ["linalyl_acetate", "terpene"],  
      "processes": ["hydrolysis", "fermentation"]  
    }  
  }  
]
```

## A. Searching Flavor Compounds by Alternative IDs

- **Overview:** FlavorDB2 allows users to search for flavor compounds using various molecular identifiers or nomenclature systems.
- **Search Parameters:** Users can search using:
  - **Common Name:** The everyday name of a compound.
  - **IUPAC:** The International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry naming convention.
  - **SMILES:** Simplified Molecular Input Line Entry System, a notation to describe a chemical structure using ASCII strings.
  - **CAS Number:** Unique numerical identifiers assigned by the Chemical Abstracts Service.
  - **FEMA Number:** Assigned by the Flavor and Extract Manufacturers Association for flavoring substances.
  - **FL Number:** Flavor numbers that identify substances for regulatory purposes.
  - **NAS Number:** Numbers provided by the National Academy of Sciences for identifying flavor substances.
  - **EINECS Number:** European Inventory of Existing Commercial chemical Substances number.
  - **JFCFA Number:** Japanese Food Chemistry and Food Additives number.
- **Benefit:** This flexibility allows users to find flavor compounds in the database regardless of which identifier they have or prefer.

## B. Flavor Compounds Used in Food Category

- **Overview:** Users can search the database based on food categories to identify all flavor compounds associated with those categories.
- **Details Provided:** For each compound found in a particular food category, the database lists:
  - **Usual Concentration:** The typical concentration at which the compound is used.
  - **Maximum Concentration:** The highest concentration at which the compound is safely used.
- **Advanced Search:** Users can perform advanced queries by combining multiple food categories using:
  - **@ (AND) Operator:** To search for compounds associated with all specified categories.
  - **! (OR) Operator:** To search for compounds associated with any of the specified categories.

## C. Flavor Compounds Based on Regulatory Status

- **Overview:** This search allows users to find flavor compounds based on their regulatory status.
- **Search Parameters:**
  - **IOFI Values:** International Organization of the Flavor Industry classifications, which indicate the nature of the compound (natural, artificial, nature identical, not nature identical, artificial, and identical).
  - **COE Values:** Council of Europe classifications, which specify regulatory status such as approved, approved in some quantity, used provisionally, or unknown.
- **Functionality:** By specifying these values, users can generate a list of flavor molecules that match the regulatory criteria they are interested in.

## D. Flavor Compound Synthesis

- **Overview:** Users can search for flavor compounds based on the chemicals used in their synthesis process.
- **Search Options:**
  - **Chemical Name:** Searching by a specific chemical (e.g., 'acetic acid') will display a list of flavor compounds synthesized using that chemical.
  - **Compounded Queries:** Users can refine their searches further by adding multiple chemicals using the @ (**AND**) or ! (**OR**) operators.
  - **Processes and Terms:** Searches can also be performed based on chemical processes (e.g., 'esterification', 'distillation') or other related terms in the synthesis field.
- **Purpose:** This search functionality helps users understand the synthesis processes of flavor compounds and the chemicals involved.