"Data Curation"

The Forgotten Practice in the Era of Al

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Validation is Always Necessary...Be it (Fake) News or Activity Data





Roger Patterson and Bob Gimlin (1967)

Disclaimer

- My purpose is NOT to
 - Evaluate/Criticize any public or commercial database
 - Hunt for errors in existing research articles
- My intention is to
 - Suggest how we can utilize existing databases efficiently
 - Outline possible steps to avoid mistakes in literature and/or databases
 - Advocate a strategy for chemical data curation

I solemnly swear that I am up to no good



Why Data Curation is Necessary?

From:

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2019 8:46 AM
To: Eric Jamois <<u>eric@simulations-plus.com</u>>
Subject: Re: Access to AP Download Material - ShareFile

Hi Eric

I think it would be useful to have a catch up with you about the prediction accuracy, we have run some test datasets through the ADMEpredictor and we get rather poor correlations, please see the attached word document of the correlations we have done to date with external datasets. If you could set up a meeting with the relevant folks I will send out the invite to the relevant people this end.

Thanks



Performance of HLM CL_{int} Model

Before Data Curation/Conversions



After Data Curation/Conversions



https://www.ebi.ac.uk/chembl/beta/assay_report_card/CHEMBL3301370/

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What Did "The Investigators" miss???

shown below. Note that *CYP_HLM_CLint*, *CYP3A4_HLM_Km* and *CYP3A4_HLM_CLint* are all corrected for microsomal binding, whereas the other (rCYP) models are not.

- Reported values are bound CLint
- Converted to Unbound_CLint

 $Unbound_CLint = \frac{CL_{int}}{S+fumic}$

- Removed 358 cmpds
 - 84 cmpds have CLint > 150.00
 - 274 cmpds have CLint < 3.00

Had the investigators carried out appropriate data curation & conversions, they would have seen good correlations





Outline

• What is data validation?

• Where do errors come from?

• HOW to find them?

• Why should we care about them?





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Making Data Fit for Purpose



 In computer science, data validation is the process of ensuring data have undergone <u>data cleansing</u> to ensure they have data quality, that is, that they are both correct and useful.



Validation in (early) Drug Discovery: An Absolute Necessity

- On average, there are two errors per each medicinal chemistry publication
- The overall error rate for compounds can be as high as 8%
- Errors can be introduced during data extraction and digitalization

• For "accurate and predictive models, the clean and accurate data is mandatory



Few Available Bioactivity Databases: Public & Commercial



The usefulness of public data sources is questionable due to lack of the necessary quality control



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If I have seen further it is only by standing on the shoulders of GIANTS

Isaac Newton





A Selection of GIANTS

Trust, But Verify: On the Importance of Chemical Structure Curation in Cheminformatics and QSAR Modeling Research

> Denis Fo Towards a gold standard: regarding quality in public domain chemistry databases and approaches to improving the situation

> > Antony J. Williams¹, Sean Ekins² and Valery Tkachenko¹

correspondence

Antony J. Williams graduated

Curation of chemogenomics data

Denis Fourches¹, Eugene Muratov² & Alexander Tropsha²

Are the Chemical Structures in Your QSAR Correct?

Douglas Young^a*, Todd Martin^a, Raghuraman Venkatapathy^b, and Paul Harten^a

Tales from the war on error: the art and science of curating QSAR data

Marvin Waldman¹ · Robert Fraczkiewicz¹ · Robert D. Clark¹



Besides chemical structure information, quality of QSAR models also strongly depends on the target biological data.

Analysis of Commercial and Public Bioactivity Databases

Pekka Tiikkainen*,[†] and Lutz Franke[†]

Parallel Worlds of Public and Commercial Bioactive Chemistry Data Miniperspective

Christopher A. Lipinski,[†] Nadia K. Litterman,[‡] Christopher Southan,[§] Antony J. Williams,^{\parallel} Alex M. Clark,^{\perp} and Sean Ekins^{*,‡,#}

Estimating Error Rates in Bioactivity Databases

Pekka Tiikkainen,*^{,†} Louisa Bellis,[‡] Yvonne Light,[‡] and Lutz Franke[†]

The Experimental Uncertainty of Heterogeneous Public K_i Data

Christian Kramer,*^{,†} Tuomo Kalliokoski,^{*,†} Peter Gedeck, and Anna Vulpetti

Activity, assay and target data curation and quality in the ChEMBL database

George Papadatos¹ · Anna Gaulton¹ · Anne Hersey¹ · John P. Overington¹





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Sources of Errors: Data Extraction

Unit inconsistencies is very common during data digitization

Difference of 3/6 orders of magnitudes suggests the error during digitization





Table 1. Comparison of the HERG Channel Affinity to That ofthe Intended Pharmacological Target for Several Drugs

drug	target affinity	HERG IC ₅₀	comment
terfenadine	58 nM (histamine H1 K_i)	56 nM	withdrawn
astemizoie cisapride	29 nM (serotonin 5HT4 <i>K</i> _i)	0.9 nM 47 nM	withdrawn
sertindole thioridazine	0.6 nM (serotonin 5HT2A K_i) 27 nM (dopamine D2 K_i)	3 nM	withdrawn black boy ^a
pimozide	12 nM (dopamine D2 K_i)	18 nM	TDP ^b
grepanoxacin	up to 2.4 μ M (bacterial MIC ^c)	$50\mu\mathrm{M}$	withdrawn

Pearlstein et al. J. Med. Chem. 2003, 46, 2017

Sources of Errors: Data Extraction

Commercial Databases



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Sources of Errors: Data Extraction



Lombardo et al. J. Med. Chem. 2004, 47, 1242



Sources of Errors: Original Research Articles

Singh et al, ACS Med. Chem. Lett. 2014, 5, 609



agents. We evaluated hERG activity in a functional automated patch clamp assay (see Supporting Information for Methods). In this assay, AM8085 showed an IC₅₀ of 0.6 μ M. The 2S-hydroxy group of AM8191 improved the polarity and attenuated the hERG activity (IC₅₀ = 18 μ M). However, more than an order of magnitude attenuation of hERG activity may be required for a clinical development compound.

PX hERG (IC_{50} , nM)

18.00

2.00

NT

 $c \log D_{7.4}$

1.9

1.3

1.3



0.25

0.25

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2

Our model suggested that the correct hERG IC₅₀ of AM8191 is **18 nM** and NOT **18μM**

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16

2.13

2.58

0.5

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89

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Sources of Errors: Database users

Different salts may (or may not) have different activities/toxicities

One cannot necessarily compare activities/toxicities of different salts

Structure	Identifier	Chemical_Name	Salt_Solvent	LD50_mgkg
~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	23142-01-0	Carbetapentane citrate [NF]	oc(cc(o)=0)(cc(o)=0)c(o)=0	810 <b>810</b>
	77-23-6	Carbetapentane	9 9	150 <b>150</b>
	22059-60-5	Disopyramide Phosphate	op(=0)(0)0 phosphate	880 880
	3737-09-5	Disopyramide	?	333 333
H ₂ N	139-10-6	Dextroamphetamine Phosphate	op(=0)(0)0 phosphate	³⁰² 302
H ₂ N	51-64-9	Dextroamphetamine	? 10 100	³⁸ 38

Structure	Identifier	Chemical_Name	Salt_Solvent	LD50_mgkg
	28558-32-9	Thiabendazole hypophosphite	P(0)=0 Hypo- phosphite	3100 <b>3100</b>
	148-79-8	Thiabendazole	? ato ato	2080 2080
H ₂ N _N H ₂ N _N H ₂ N _N H	7327-87-9	Dihydralazine sulfate	s(0)(0)(=0)=0 sulfate	400 <b>400</b>
H ₂ N N H	63868-75-7	Dihydralazine hydrochloride	Cl as as	³⁵⁰ <b>350</b>
	111199-29-2	Thiazolo(4,5-c)quinol monoethanesulfonate	s(0)(=0)(=0)cc Monoethyl- sulfonate	²⁹⁰ <b>290</b>
	111199-28-1	Thiazolo(4,5-c)quinol monohydrochloride	Cl	³⁵⁰ <b>350</b>

# **Sources of Errors:** A(B)CD

### **Automated (and Blind) Compilation of Data**

It is tempting to automate curation itself by accepting as correct (.....) but the potential for (false) positive reinforcement (....) is dangerously high. **Table 3** SAR of 3 (4 Hotorocycl 1 yl)phonyl-



21

The Compound **21** shows extracellular double bond in original article

Transcribed likewise in the database

<u>Always "jumped-out" as an outlier in our in-</u> <u>house Rat PPB model. Hence needed careful</u> <u>review.</u> **Table 3.** SAR of 3-(4-Heterocycl-1-yl)phenyl-acetamido-5-cyclopropyl-1*H*-pyrazoles (21-32)



Entry	Het	α-methyl	CDK2/cyc	A2780	Caco-2	Solubility	Plasma
		configu	lin A	(IC ₅₀ ; nM) ^a	Permeabili	(µM; buffer	Protein
		ration	(IC ₅₀ ;		ty	pH 7)	Binding
			nM) ^a				(%)
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23	l	R	455	13,200	Moderate	220	74
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16	Î	R,S	150	6,400		222	67
	_n						

Waldman et al, J Comput Aided Mol Des, 2015, 29, 897

Pevarello et al, J. Med. Chem. 2005, 48, 2944

# **Sources of Errors:** A(B)CD

Table 1 SAR and key <i>in vitro</i> properties of phenykyclopropylcarboxamide analogs									
				RI	I Q ₀				
Compound	R1 ^{R2}	R3	$\sigma 1  \mathrm{p} K_\mathrm{i}^a$	$\sigma 2 \ \mathrm{p} K^b_i$	Off-targets profiling	log D [ACD_log Df	LLE [cLLE] ^d	pKa [ACD_pKa] ^e	Cl _{int} (rat)
(±)-1	0 ¹ ~ ¹ "	н	6.7 ± 0.38	nt	Ca ^{2*} , 5ΗΤ2a, α1 ^g	1.3	5.4	10.1	nt
(+)-1	01	н	6.8 ± 0.38	6.6	<b>5HT2a</b> , Na*, α1, α2c, α2b, Ca ^{⇒h}	1.1	5.7	10.4	147
(-)-1	$\bigcirc^{\sharp \sim \sim^{\sharp_{\alpha}}}$	н	6.8 ± 0.27	nt	Na* ^g	1.1	5.7	10.4	nt
2	and the	н	6.9 ± 0.38	nt	Opiate, 5HT2a ^k	0.6	6.3	8.9	nt
$\bigvee$	$\sim$		M	M		$\mathcal{M}$	$\sim$	$\mathcal{M}$	$\mathcal{N} \setminus$
Mm	$\sim$	$\checkmark$	6/0/	$\$	Van	· ·····	$\sim \sim$	$\sim$	$\mathcal{M}$
14	aa	н	7.1 ± 0.22	$50\%$ inhib. at $10\mu M$	H3, Ca∍ ^k	1.1	6.0	9.3	32
15	àa	F	7.0 ± 0.27	61% inhib, at 10 μM	Clean ⁴	[1.4]	[5.6]	[9.3]	nt
16	oria	н	7.1 ± 0.38	nt	Na*, muscarinic, 5HT1a ^k	[0.5]	[6.6]	[10.6]	17
656   Med. Che	m. Commun., 2011,	2,65	5-660		1	This journal is ©	The Royal S	society of Chemistr	y 2011

Structure	ldentifier	Previous Structure
<b>Correct Structure</b>	Cmpd A	ChEMBL Structure

Even after including in model building efforts (**RLM Clearance**), this compound was predicted as an outlier. Hence needed careful review.



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# Activity/Toxicity Cliff (in database could be dubious)



LD₅₀ = 3955 mg/kg

31 most similar structures (sim > 0.8)

The  $LD_{50}$  range is 0.25-77 mg/kg.

https://chem.nlm.nih.gov/chemidplus/rn/ startswith/89427-25-8

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Adamson et al, Pesticide Science, 1984, 15, 31





# Activity/Toxicity Cliff (in database could be dubious)





Our analysis suggested that expected  $LD_{50}$  could be in the range of 6-12 mg/kg



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National Technical Information Service., OTS0571926

# **Insights from Molecular Matched Pair Analysis**

Rat Plasma protein binding data from a single research article.



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# "Leave Group Out" in QSAR Model

#### helps to find the abnormalities in the dataset

- While building the <u>Rat Liver Microsomal Clearance</u> Model, a few cmpds needed correction of units & biological scaling
- Interim model suggested necessary corrections before including in the final dataset



<u>Reported units</u>:μL/min/mg of protein<u>Actual units</u>:mL/min per gm of liver

Unit discrepancies... <u>1000 fold</u>

# **Knowledge is Knowing that Tomato is a Fruit...**

...wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.



Many times, we just miss on removing a few data points that are wayyyyyyyy (?) out of the NORMAL RANGES



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Waring et al, Med Chem Commun, 2013, 4, 663

### **35 Different Chemotypes Have Identical RBP Values**

For 35 compounds: Blood:Plasma Ratio = 1.00For 22 compounds: Blood:Plasma Ratio = 0.55



# Blood:Plasma Ratio : "Mischief Managed"

If no data is available, value of RBP is assumed For Acidic compounds: **0.55** For Basic compounds: **1.00** 



Gill et al, *Drug Metab Dispos*, **2012**, *40*, 825

Cubitt et al, *Drug Metab Dispos*, **2011**, *39*, 864

Nakamori et al, *Drug Metab Dispos*, **2012**, *40*, 1771





Mammals have problems metabolizing odd-carbon long chain fatty acids, so they are not very common when it comes to prepare the prodrugs.

Courtesy: Bob Clark's Diaries



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# A lie repeated a thousand times becomes truth...



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# **Amiodarone Vs Amiodarone HCl**



### Amiodarone

#### Solubility

Low

from DrugBank

Soluble @ 25 deg C (g/100 ml): chloroform 44.51; methylene chloride 19.20; methanol 9.98; ethanol 1.28; benzene 0.65; tetrahydrofuran 0.60; acetonitrile 0.32; 1-octanol 0.30; ether 0.17; 1-propanol 0.13; hexane 0.03; petroleum ether 0.001; sparingly soluble in iso- propanol; slightly soluble in acetone, dioxane, and carbon tetrachloride

O'Neil, M.J. (ed.). The Merck Index - An Encyclopedia of Chemicals, Drugs, and Biologicals. 13th Edition, Whitehouse Station, NJ: Merck and Co., Inc., 2001., p. 85

from HSDB

#### In <mark>water</mark>, 700 mg/l @ 25 deg C

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from HSDB

Amiodarone hydrochloride

#### Solubility

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from HSDB

While building solubility models **ADMET Modeler** consistently finds it as an outlier

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Its nominal solubility of 0.7 mg/mL is predicted to be much less by **ADMET Predictor** 

https://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/compound/2157 https://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/compound/441325

Courtesy: Bob Clark's Diaries



# Pentazine...



... is a nonexistent compound that has a DSSTOx record.

... got into the literature for computational work trying to rationalize the fact that it does not exist

- ... got a CAS Number
- ... is (surprisingly) available to purchase from chemical vendors

Once that happened, it became "*virtually real*" regardless.

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## **Pentazine....**Possible Hazards



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# **CID 20681682**



## **US6281371**

#### (12) United States Patent Klösel et al.

#### (54) LIPOPOLYAMINES, AND THE PREPARATION AND USE THEREOF

- (75) Inventors: Roland Klösel; Stephan König, both of München (DE)
- (73) Assignee: Biontex Laboratories GmbH, Munich (DE)



#### CID 20681682... story continues

All compounds in the patent are various lipopolyamines and substances (raw materials) to synthesize them





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### The Wages of A(B)CD's

The only graphics that looks similar to CID 20681682 is a bar-chart depicting comparison of transfection efficiencies







### The Wages of A(B)CD's

Assumption is that <u>CID-20681682</u> is a result of *A*(*B*)*CD* as the bar chart and the cmpd have identical griddimensions including extra "spikes"





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### Validation is Necessary: **Be it News or Activity Data**

Daily A Mail RGEON'S PHOTO OF THE MO from Lochside": See Enlargement in Be



But always remember: There really are (some) black swans out there... THE NEW YORK TIMES, TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 198

#### Are Scientists a Threat to Rare 'Fossil Fish'?

#### **Continued From Page C1**

German scientists had used a small German scientists hid used a small submarine to film coelacanths in their natural habitat off the Comoros islands. The German group, led by Dr. Hans Fricke of the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Physiology in Scewiester, succeeded for the first time in photographing the peculiar e-foot fish at the bottom of the ean. Coelacanths sometimes per rm headstands or swim

Subsequently, the New York Ex-lorers Club, the New York Aquar-im and a consortium of academic institutions organized an effort to cap-ture and transport a live coelacanth to an aquarium, or, failing that, to acre dead specimens for dissection organizers published an invitaion to volunteers willing to pay \$4,000 n costs to join a coelacanth expedi-

A nine-member delegation, includ ing two paying volunteers, went to the Comoros last November in search of coelacanths. The group caught no live animals but acquired two frozen specimens from sources that scienspecimens from sources that scen-lists declined to identify. A weeklong post-mortem examination of the two has was conducted in January at the Virginial Institute of Marine Science by about 30 scientists from 10 univer-**Claritying Role in Evolution** 

From computed tomography (CT) cans, microphotographs of tissue ells and analysis of DNA collected in the post-mortem, the team hopes to clarify the role the coelacanth may have played in the evolution of land

Louis E. Garibaldi, acting director of the New York Aquarium and a leader of the campaign to capture a coelacanth, said in an interview that his group had established a network contacts among fishermen and oros, so that if a

catches. For one thing, they're using much heavier lines than in the past, to hold the big coelacanths when they hook them. Dr. Fricke said he easily could have captured coelacanths and maintaine

them under pressure in his own sub-

canth's domain in June, supported in part by the National Geographic Soci-Breeding coelacanths Meanwhile he is pursuing an in captivity might found in help save the species,

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Join Expedition Seeking Ancient Coelacanth

Headline of notice recruiting volunteers willing to pay to join an expedition to capture a coelacar

Hans Fricke, who opposes such expeditions, and an assistant, photographing dead coelacanths.

### **Black Swans Do Exist: Activity/Toxicity Cliff**



- Not all Activity cliffs are Mistakes/Errors
- Some <u>Activity Cliffs</u> are Real. (hERG IC₅₀ data)
- VALIDATE/VERIFY what you see is real and not an artifact or human error



Brudeli et al, Bioorg Med Chem, 2013, 21, 7134

# **Can We Automate the Data Curation Process?**

SAR AND QSAR IN ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH, 2016 VOL. 27, NO. 11, 911–937 http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/1062936X.2016.1253611



An automated curation procedure for addressing chemical errors and inconsistencies in public datasets used in QSAR modelling^{\$}





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# **Can We Automate the Data Curation Process?**



# "To Validate or Not to Validate" That is The Question

A model can never be better than the data used to build it.

Good and correct data helps to build **Extra-Ordinary** model NOT just **Extra & Ordinary** Model



OR





### Conclusion

- Poor-quality data is enemy number one to the effective application of machine learning
- One needs to be vigilant while using any bioactivity databases or compilations
- Watch out for <u>A(B)CD's</u>
- Automation is necessary but it could be dangerous
- What is desired?
  - The Extra-Ordinary OR Extra & Ordinary ???
- If you see something, say something
  - Pears for your heirs





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