

# MassBank

## Past, Present and Future

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# MassBank History

2006: JST-BIRD Project was initiated by Prof. Takaaki Nishioka at Keio University, Tsuruoka.

PI: Takaaki Nishioka (Keio U)

Co-PI: Shigehiko Kanaya (NAIST), Masanori Arita (U Tokyo)

With Dr. Hisayuki Horai, Mr. Yoshito Nihei, and Mr. Tasuku Ikeda.

2008: IPB Halle (S Neumann) and others joined the consortium.

At that time:

1. There were no free, public database for ESI mass spectra.
2. Massbank was designed as 'data'-distributed style; each researcher is expected to publish data locally.



# History continued

2008: Record editor and download service

2009: JST-BIRD Project was extended for 3 more years.

BIRD project also established KNApSAcK DB and Metabolomics.JP.

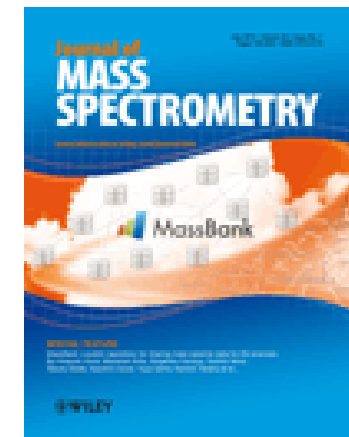
Mr. Yuya Ojima started fragment annotation.

SourceForge site created.

2010: Web API and English manuals ready.

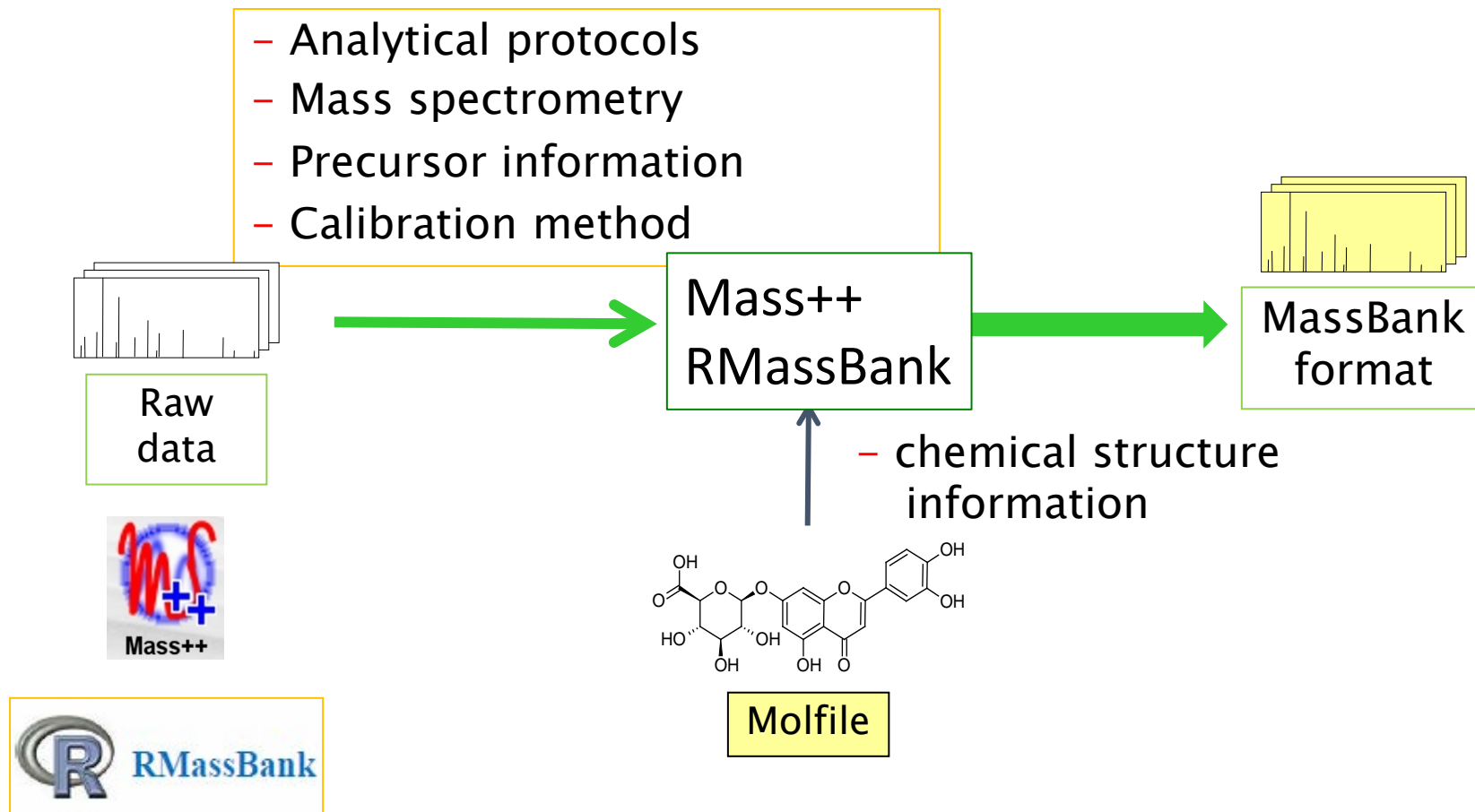
19 groups, >30,000 spectra, 8 data servers

2011: Fragmentation library on wiki



Cover Article:  
J. Mass Spectrom.  
45(7), 2010

# Automatic Preparation of MassBank Records



UC Davis Chemical Translation Service  
NCI Chemical Identifier Resolver

# Format conversion software

Mass++ by Shimadzu project

(AB Sciex, Agilent, Bruker, Shimadzu, Thermo, Waters)

<http://www.first-ms3d.jp/english/achievement/software>

Reifycs ABF converter

(AB Sciex, Agilent, Bruker, Shimadzu, Thermo)

<http://www.reifycs.com/english/AbfConverter/>

# Achievements

- MassBank record ... MSP version for MS/MS is available. We will upload the library on the MassBank site.
- API & Search tools ... Java-applet was the initial choice
- Wiki-based annotations ... details later

# MassBank Format



Dr. Horai is software engineer.

**COMPOUND Section**  
License and metabolite info.  
Listing of DB links

Compound identifiers and database links are supplied manually by the Tsuruoka staff.

**METHOD Section**  
Analytical methods

Methods are often unique to each laboratory. Details are available.

**SPECTRUM Section**  
Precursor information  
Actual spectrum

Similar to MSP format at NIST, but precursor info is valuable.

# Record sample

## <Good>

- Easy to understand and to edit.
- Detailed metadata.
- Formal specification.

## <Bad>

- No systematic way to describe MS<sup>n</sup> information.
- Redundant and hard to comply with.

```
ACCESSION: KNA00365
RECORD_TITLE: Phosphoenolpyruvic acid; LC-ESI-ITFT; MS2; m/z:132.10; POS
DATE: 2011.08.03 (Created 2009.11.18)
AUTHORS: Takahashi H, Kanaya S, Ogasawara N, Graduate School of Information
LICENSE: CC BY-SA
```

```
CH$NAME: Phosphoenolpyruvate
CH$NAME: Phosphoenolpyruvic acid
CH$NAME: PEP
CH$COMPOUND_CLASS: Natural Product
CH$FORMULA: C3H5O6P
CH$EXACT_MASS: 167.98237
CH$SMILES: C=C(C(O)=O)OP(O)(O)=O
CH$IUPAC: InChI=1S/C3H5O6P/c1-2(3(4)5)9-10(6,7)8/h1H2,(H,4,5)(H2,6,7,8)
CH$LINK: CAS 138-08-9
CH$LINK: CHEBI 18021
CH$LINK: KEGG C00074
CH$LINK: KNAPSACK C00000798
CH$LINK: NIKKAJI J9.706C
CH$LINK: PUBCHEM 3374
```

```
AC$INSTRUMENT: LTQ Orbitrap XL, Thermo Scientific
AC$INSTRUMENT_TYPE: LC-ESI-ITFT
AC$MASS_SPECTROMETRY: MS_TYPE MS2
AC$MASS_SPECTROMETRY: ION_MODE POSITIVE
AC$MASS_SPECTROMETRY: COLLISION_ENERGY 35eV
AC$MASS_SPECTROMETRY: IONIZATION ESI
AC$CHROMATOGRAPHY: COLUMN_NAME TOSOH TSKgel ODS-100V 5um Part no. 21456
AC$CHROMATOGRAPHY: FLOW_GRADIENT 0min:3%, 45min:97%, 50min:97%, 50.1:3%, 57
AC$CHROMATOGRAPHY: FLOW_RATE 0.5 ml/min
AC$CHROMATOGRAPHY: RETENTION_TIME 6.996967 min
AC$CHROMATOGRAPHY: SOLVENT 0.1%formate-water / 0.1%formate-acetonitrile
```

```
MS$FOCUSED_ION: BASE_PEAK 86.010551
MS$FOCUSED_ION: PRECURSOR_M/Z 132.10
```

```
PK$NUM_PEAK: 2
PK$PEAK: m/z int. rel.int.
```



# Search Tools



Matching method was implemented after the GC/MS dot-product.

Problems:

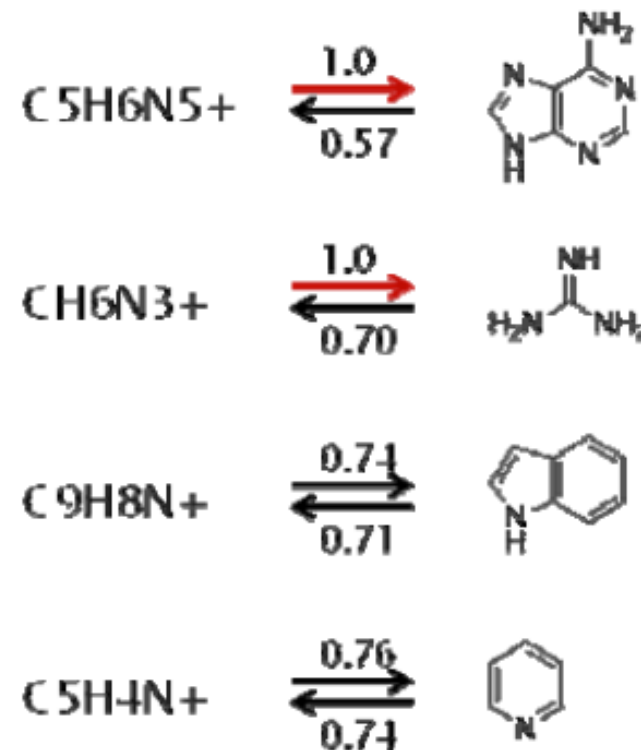
- Fewer peaks and the dependence on collision-energy.

→ Spectral merging and the use of characteristic peaks

(This is why we emphasize peak annotations.)

- Mass accuracy.

→ Annotation by chemical formulas

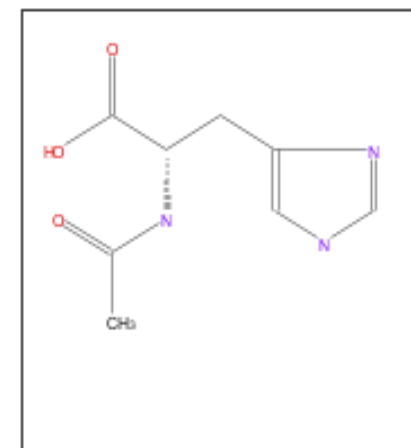
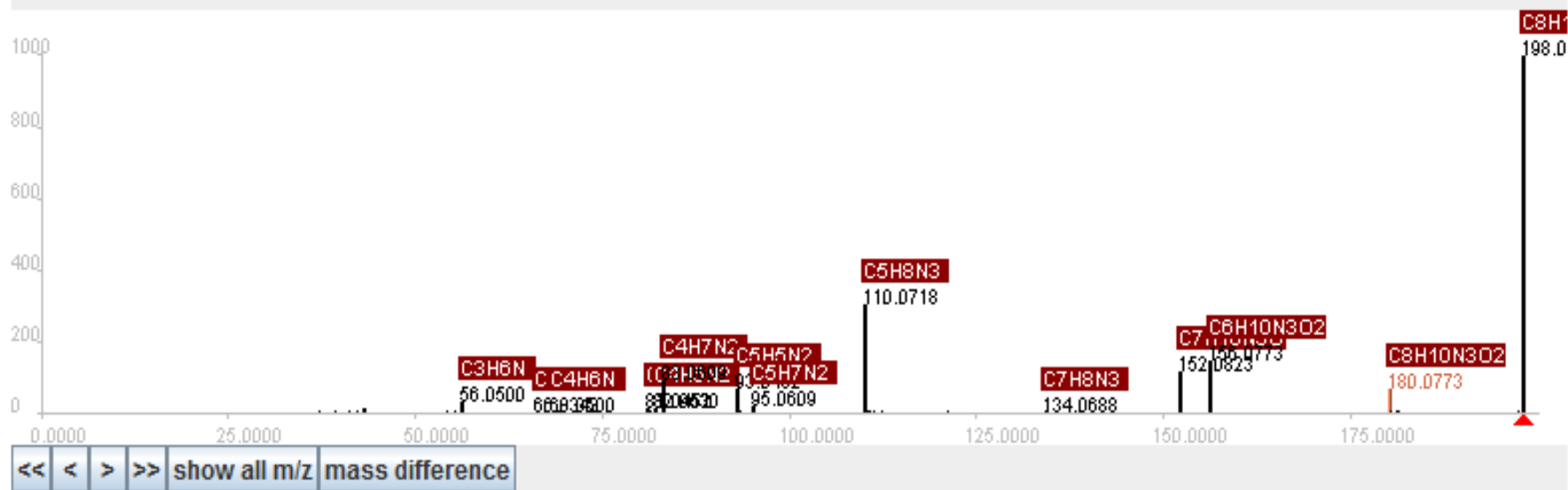


# “Chemically Accurate” ESI-MS<sup>2</sup> Data

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 MassBank ID:

KOX00056: N-Acetylhistidine; LC-ESI-QTOF; MS2; MERGED; [M+H]<sup>+</sup>

Formula: **C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>**  
 Exact Mass: **197.08004**



Annotated Peak	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> N	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>4</sub> N	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>6</sub> N	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>5</sub> N <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>6</sub> N <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>7</sub> N <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>5</sub> N <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>7</sub> N <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>12</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
KOX00056	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

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# Web API and interface



- SOAP vs REST: We need to offer spectral search queries.
- BATCH search service: If possible, why not?

The SOAP API is usually hard to use (SOAP + XML), but a Perl wrapper is available.

We insist on chemical annotation!

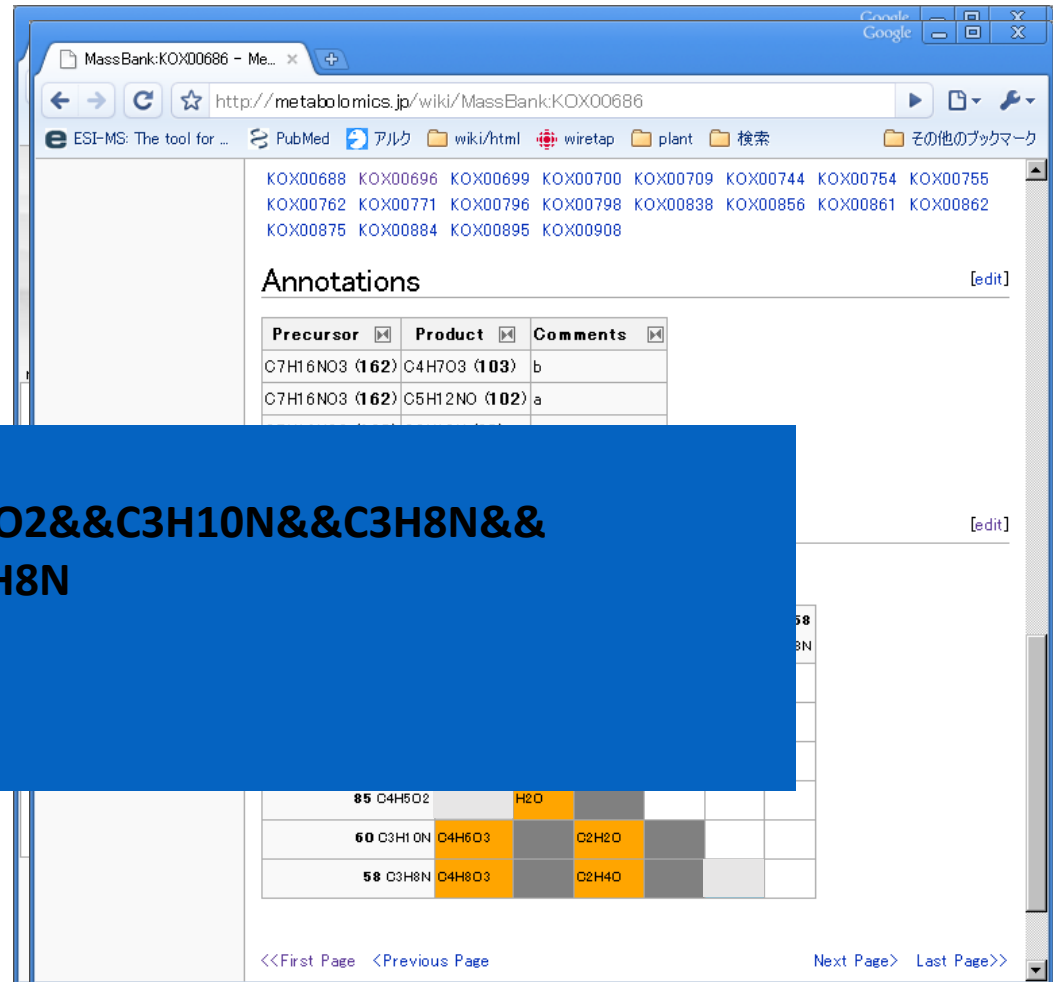
```
$msbk = &connectMassBank();  
@inst = &getInstrumentTypes($msbk);  
  
%rec = &getRecordInof($msbk, $id1, $id2, ...);  
  
%specs = &getPeak($msbk, $id1, $id2, ...);  
  
@res = &searchSpectrum($msbk, {%spec},  
                      $max, $ion, [@inst], $unit, $tol, $cut);  
  
@res = &searchPeak($msbk, [@mz],  
                 $max, $ion, [@inst], $cut, $tol);  
  
@res = &searchPeakDiff($msbk, [@diff],  
                     $max, $ion, [@inst], $cut, $tol);  
  
$jobId = &execBatchJob($msbk,  
                    {%specset}, $ion, [@inst], $mail);  
  
($stat, $code, $date) = &getJobStatus($msbk,  
                                    $jobId);  
  
@bres = &getJobResults($msbk, $jobId);
```

# Wikifying annotation

From spectra, we want to obtain fragmentation rules for ESI-MS.

→ Use wiki to collect annotations.

```
{{MassBank/Matrix|data=
&&C7H16NO3&&C4H7O3&&C5H12NO&&C4H5O2&&C3H10N&&C3H8N&&
&&C7H16NO3: C4H7O3 C5H12NO C3H10N C3H8N
&&C4H7O3: C4H5O2
&&C5H12NO: C3H10N C3H8N
}}
```



MassBank:KOX00686 - Me... x

http://metabolomics.jp/wiki/MassBank:KOX00686

KOX00688 KOX00696 KOX00699 KOX00700 KOX00709 KOX00744 KOX00754 KOX00755  
KOX00762 KOX00771 KOX00796 KOX00798 KOX00838 KOX00856 KOX00861 KOX00862  
KOX00875 KOX00884 KOX00895 KOX00908

Annotations [\[edit\]](#)

Precursor	Product	Comments
C7H16NO3 (162)	C4H7O3 (103)	b
C7H16NO3 (162)	C5H12NO (102)	a

[\[edit\]](#)

85	C4H5O2	H2O			
60	C3H10N	C4H6O3	C2H2O		
58	C3H8N	C4H8O3	C2H4O		

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# Data Description in Wiki

<http://metabolomics.jp/wiki/Index:MassBank>

```
{{MassBank/Matrix | data=  
&&C7H16NO3&&C4H7O3&&C5H1  
2NO&&C4H5O2&&C3H10N&&C3H  
8N&&  
&&C7H16NO3: C4H7O3 C5H12NO  
C3H10N C3H8N  
&&C4H7O3: C4H5O2  
&&C5H12NO: C3H10N C3H8N  
}}
```

Identified ions in mass spectra  
(written in molecular formula)

Fragmentation pattern for each  
ion  
(detected by considering  
structural information)

Open development. Open discussion.

# Example. Annotation of MS

Collaborative edit  
changes all the  
related pages  
automatically.

```
{{MassBank/Matrix|data=
&&C7H16NO3&&C4H7O3&&C5H12NO&&C4H5O2
&&C3H10N&&C3H8N&&
&&C7H16NO3: C4H7O3 C5H12NO C3H10N
C3H8N
comments
&&C4H7O3: C4H5O2
comments
&&C5H12NO: C3H10N C3H8N
comments
}}
```



MassBank:K0X00004 - Me... x

http://metabolomics.jp/wiki/MassBank:K0X00004

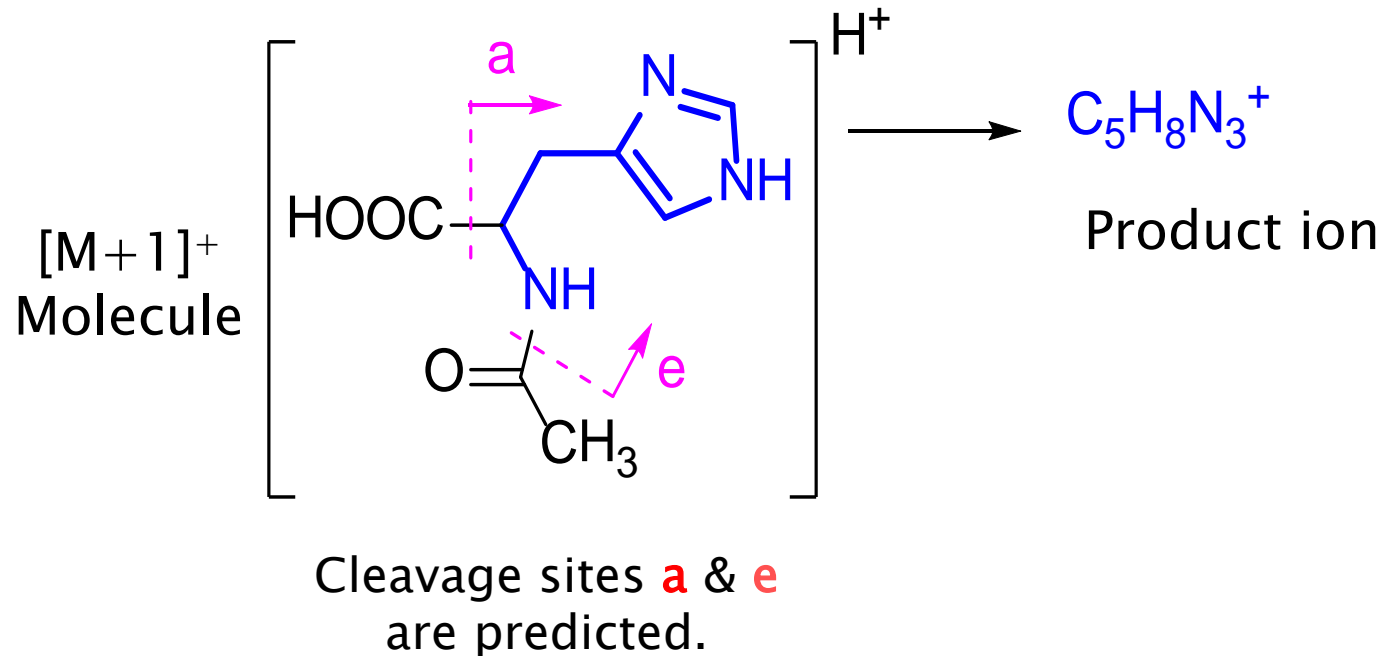
ESI-MS: The tool for ... PubMed アルク wiki/html wiretap plant その他のブックマーク

### Precursor-Product Relationship [\[edit\]](#)

About the PP Table (行列表示について) [\[show\]](#)

[hide]	268	251	250	232	136	133	119	115
<b>K0X00004</b>	C1 0H1 4N5O4	C1 0H1 1 N4O4	C1 0H1 2N5O3	C1 0H1 0N5O2	C5H6N5	C5H9O4	C5H3N4	C5H7O3
<b>268</b> C1 0H1 4N5O4								
<b>251</b> C1 0H1 1 N4O4	H3N							
<b>250</b> C1 0H1 2N5O3	H2O							
<b>232</b> C1 0H1 0N5O2	H4O2		H2O					
<b>136</b> C5H6N5	C5H8O4		C5H6O3	C5H4O2				
<b>133</b> C5H9O4	C5H5N5	C5H2N4						

# Relationships between product ions and substructures



<http://metabolomics.jp/wiki/Index:MassBank>

# History continued

2012: JST Togo(Integration)-DB Project succeeded the MassBank.

PI: Shigehiko Kanaya (NAIST) co-PI: Arita and Nozomu Sakurai (Kazusa DNA)

Launch of Bio-massbank

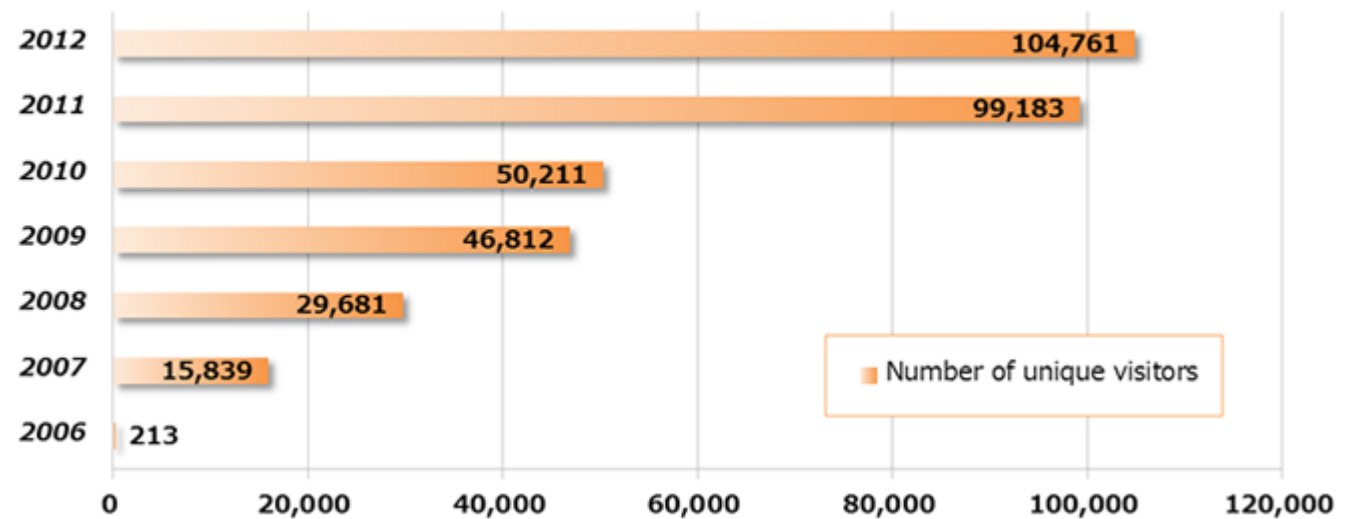
Eawag & EU-mirror

2013: Project scale-down

Closing data servers and  
Tsuruoka office.



The number of unique visitors to MassBank





Bio.massbank.jp



Repository for LC- and GC-MS results from biological samples in collaboration with Kazusa DNA Institute.

Most peaks are “unknowns”.

Metadata are stored in the Metabolonote database.

[http://metabolonote.kazusa.or.jp/Main\\_Page](http://metabolonote.kazusa.or.jp/Main_Page)

But needs an overhaul.



# Future

2014: JST Togo (Integration) DB Project continues for additional 2 years.

PI: Masanori Arita (NIG), Co-PI: Shigehiko Kanaya,  
Nozomu Sakurai

Tasks

- Replace all applets with JavaScript components.
- Overhaul and refactor the Bio-massbank.

2015: Construction of “model” metabolome site as the alternative to Bio-massbank.



# Policy

- MassBank allows users to freely download and to contribute.  
CC license and free use.  
No institutional logos on the website, no representative face.
- International alliance is most important.  
We share data but not necessarily the search interfaces.  
MassBank in Japan, Norman MassBank in EU, and MassBank of North America
- Code sharing (GitHub) and international developer team  
Establish a mailing list and exchange information live.

# Ongoing

- Retrieving all the source codes and developer items from the Tsuruoka (now NAIST) server.
  - We will put everything first on the GitHub (early Oct)
- Create a cloud server that will replace the current NAIST one.
  - Batch API service will be temporarily closed.
  - Replace all Java applets with JavaScript codes
  - 3D spectral comparison will be discontinued.
  - Substructure-search will be discontinued.
  - Query interfaces will be simplified.

# Year 2015

- We keep the data sharing with EU-MassBank and MONA, and MassBank format needs to change.
  - MS<sup>n</sup> consideration is necessary.
  - Method section will move to the Metabolonote DB at Kazusa DNA Institute.
  - Compound section may be discontinued, if we have a ChemSpider link.
  - Easier bulk download option.
  - Curation and merging of spectra, i.e., reduction in the spectral number.
  - Original spectra will be kept on the wiki site.

# Future

- Collaboration with DDBJ (DNA Data Bank of Japan), which allies with GenBank and ENA (EBI).
- Establishment of “consensus” metabolome information for model species such as Arabidopsis and Yeast.
- Creation of “verified” theoretical spectra for various classes of metabolites.

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