

# Chemovar Typing of *Cannabis* Strains with MarkerView<sup>®</sup> and SCIEX X500R QTOF System

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# **Different Strains for Different Pains**

Cannabis strains are consumed for specific desired effects

- Consumers of Cannabis have long asserted the differences between cultivars, or strains, for user experience
- Historical classifications no longer explain the differences between or properties of the hundreds of commercially available Cannabis strains



Headaches



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# Cannabinoid Profile: Psychotropic, Therapeutic, etc.

- THC, CBD
- 119 individual cannabinoids have been identified in Cannabis

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THC



CBC

# **Terpene Profile: Flavor and Aroma**

- 200 terpenes have been identified in *Cannabis*
- Unique strains present varying terpene profiles
- Contribute to distinct flavor and aroma
- Both growers and consumers have interest in profiling terpene character

# "The Entourage Effect"



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OH

 $H_3C$ 

H<sub>3</sub>C

HO

THCV

Pinene

Linalool (floral)

#### WHAT YOU SMELL = HOW YOU'LL FEEL IDENTIFYING COMMON CANNABIS TERPENES

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TERPENE:	ALPHA-PINENE BETA-PINENE	MYRCENE	LIMONENE	ACARYOPHY-	LINALOOL
	PINE	MUSKY, EARTHY, CITRUS HINTS	CITRUS	SPICY, WOODY, PEPPERY, CLOVE	FLORAL, CANDY, CITRUS
6	Pine, Dill, Parsley, Basil, Rosemary	Mango, Thyme, Lemongrass, Hops	Juniper, Rosemary, Fruit Rinds, Peppermint,	Black Pepper, Clove, Cotton	Lavender
	Alertness, Euphoria, Creativity, Memory Retention	"Couchlock", Sedation, Relaxation, Body High	Elevated Mood, Stress Relief	No noted effects	Anxiety Releif, Sedation
	Asthma, Antiseptic	Antioxidant, Pain, Muscle Tension, Sleeplessness, Anti-Carcinogenic	Gallstones, Gastroprotective, Heartburn, Anti-fungal, Depression	Gastroprotective, Anti-inflammitory, Arthritis, Ulcers	Anti-anxiety, Anti-convulsant, Anti-depressant, Anti-acne
*	Jack Herer, Trainwreck, Bubba Kush, Chem Dawg, Super Silver Haze	Pure Kush, El Nino, Himalayan Gold, Skunk #1, White Widow	OG Kush, Super Lemon Haze, Jack the Ripper, Lemon Skunk	Big Bang, Damn Sour, Great White Shark, Ice Dream	G-13, Lavender, Amnesia Haze, LA Confidential

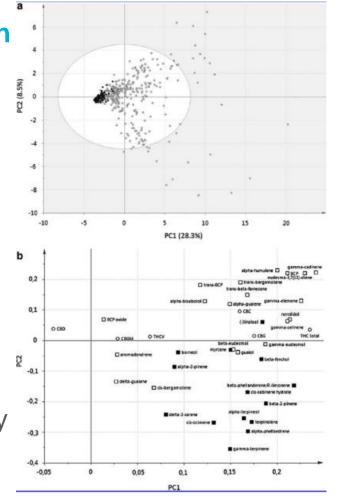
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# **Cultivars vs Chemovars**

Cannabis strains are cultivated for specific profiles and characteristics

- The concept of chemovars- a chemistrybased, phenotypical fingerprint rather than a horticultural cultivar- has been proposed and gained popularity in the scientific community.
- Scientific studies are yet to identify the biochemical markers that can sufficiently explain differences between cannabis varieties.
- Hazekamp *et al.* applied a targeted detection of 44 major terpenes and cannabinoids followed by Multivariate Data Analysis to identify the cannabis constituents that may act as markers for distinction between Indica and Sativa.





#### **Overview**

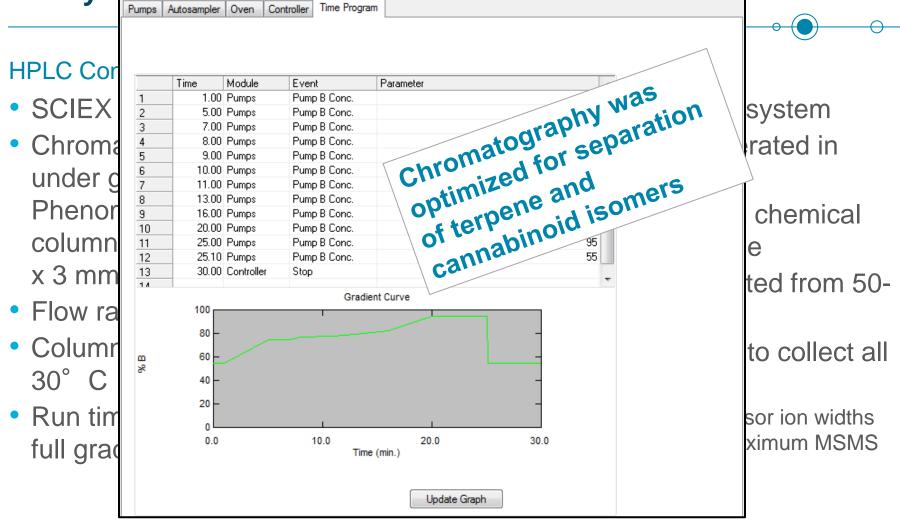
- High resolution mass spec workflow described for the exploration of chemovar profiling for several Cannabis strains
- A nontargeted approach which does not try to target a "short-list" of cannabinoids or terpenes
- X500R QTOF System, SWATH<sup>®</sup> Data Independent Acquisition, SCIEX OS and MarkerView<sup>™</sup> software platforms, SCIEX All-in-One plus NIST MSMS library





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#### Analytical Conditions



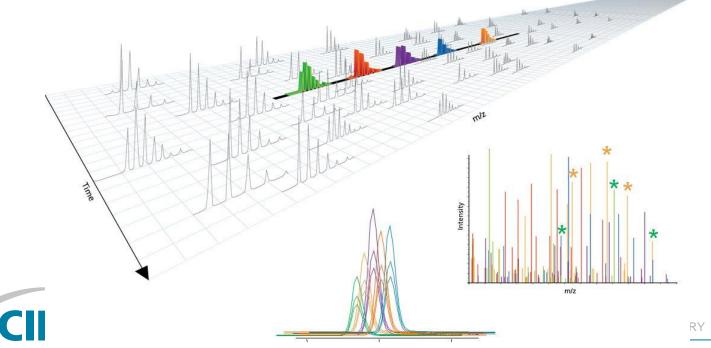


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# **SWATH® Acquisition**

- SWATH = Data Independent Acquisition (DIA)
  - For each cycle, the instrument focuses on a mass window of Q1 precursors
  - Acquires MS/MS data from *all* precursors detected within that window
  - This mass window is then stepped across the *entire* mass range, systematically collecting MS/MS data from every mass and from all detected precursors
  - Unlike IDA (Information Dependent Acquisition), there is no dependence on precursor intensity for MS/MS collection

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# Variable Window SWATH

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- Narrower Q1 isolation windows → increased specificity, but more windows needed to cover the *m/z* range
  - Need to balance m/z coverage, with impact to cycle time
- Optimizing windows of varying width based on *m/z* for enhancement of specificity by narrowing windows where most ion masses occur
  - Allows for increased mass range to be covered while keeping number of windows (and cycle time) down



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#### SCIEX All-in-One High Resolution MS/MS and NIST'17 MS/MS Mass Spectral Libraries

#### Enhanced compound coverage across compound classes

The flexibility of the multiple SCIEX software platforms provide scientists a fast way to analyze large batches of MS/MS data for accurate and efficient MS/MS library searching, data mining, and compound database management. In combination with the National Institute of Technology (NIST) MS/MS Spectral Library we have assembled a comprehensive high resolution, accurate | mass MS/MS spectral library bundle containing 19,143 compound entries.

#### Features of the SCIEX All-in-One <u>High</u> <u>Resolution</u> MS/MS Spectral Library

- Includes a SCIEX proprietary 3900 analyte library created using certified reference materials, including compounds commonly tested for in forensics, food, environmental and metabolomics samples.
- The NIST '17 MS/MS Library bundle adds a comprehensive range of different compounds (13,808 small molecules and 1,435 biologically relevant peptides) for enhanced coverage.
- Contains spectra for both positive and negative ionization for compounds that ionize in both polarities.



#### Advantages of the SCIEX All-in-One MS/MS Spectral Library

- Use the integrated MS and MS/MS information to build methods without the need to infuse standards and optimize conditions for a given compound.
- Easily create processing methods for a TOF-MS-IDA-MS/MS workflow or SWATH<sup>®</sup> Acquisition for use on <u>TripleTOF</u><sup>®</sup> and X-Series QTOF Systems.
  - Quickly setup XIC tables for quantitation and identification with SCIEX OS Software or MasterView<sup>™</sup> software. Build customized libraries by simply selecting only the compounds of interest using the LibrarView<sup>™</sup> Software.

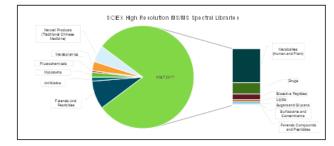


Figure 1. Gain Comprehensive Compound Coverage using the SCIEX AII-In-One <u>High.</u> <u>Resolution</u> MS/MS Spectral Library bundle containing over 19000 compounds. The inclusion of the NIST '17 MS/MS library increases compound coverage all the way from human and plant Metabolites, to additional Forensic Compounds and Pesticides contained in the proprietary SCIEX MS/MS Spectral Libraries This comprehensive library, bundled with the NIST '17 MS/MS Library, provides spectra for over **19000 compounds** including pesticides, pharmaceuticals and personal care products (PPCPs), and natural products found in foods and traditional medicines.



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## **Data Processing Workflow: Nontargeted Approach**

#### Statistical Tools to Identify: Which Features Are Distinctive For Strain Classification?

MarkerView<sup>™</sup> software to identify important features using PCA

Build Peaks of Interest list from the distinguishing features identified

Import Peaks of Interest list into Analytics

Search MSMS libraries for first-pass identification of the Peaks of Interest

#### **Identify Those Features!**

Choose a probable formula from the formula finder based on HR-AM TOF MS data (mass error, elemental composition, hit count)

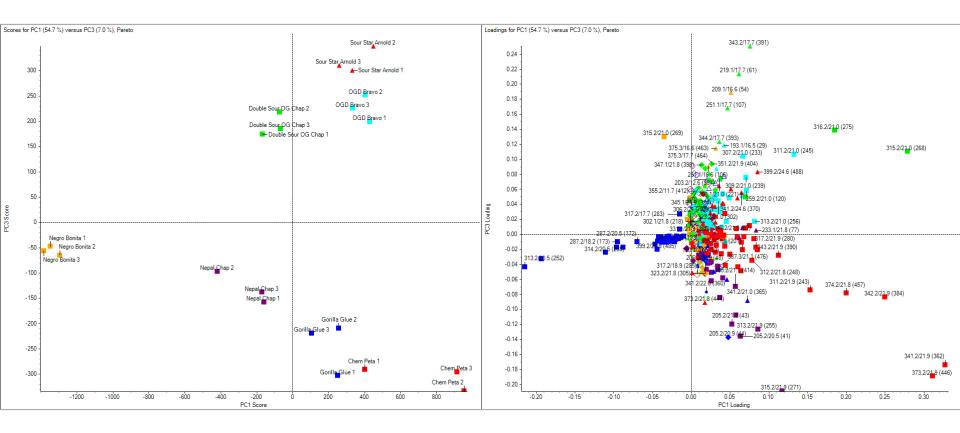
Start ChemSpider session to open the ChemSpider list of hits with that formula ChemSpider database lists predicted fragments from each structure in the "hit list" Choose a candidate structure based on the fit of the collected MSMS spectrum to the predicted fragmentation (mass error, number of matched fragment peaks, does the fragment make sense)



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### Step 1: Load up Data into MarkerView

#### PC1 v PC3, Unsupervised PCA

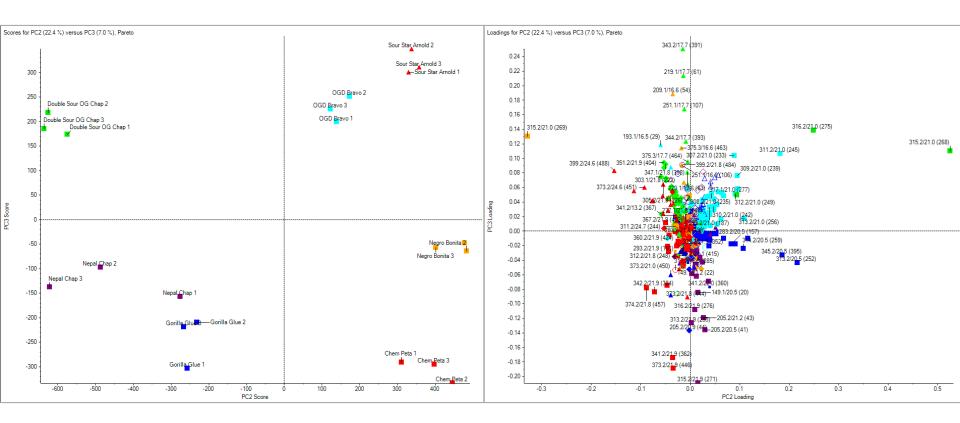




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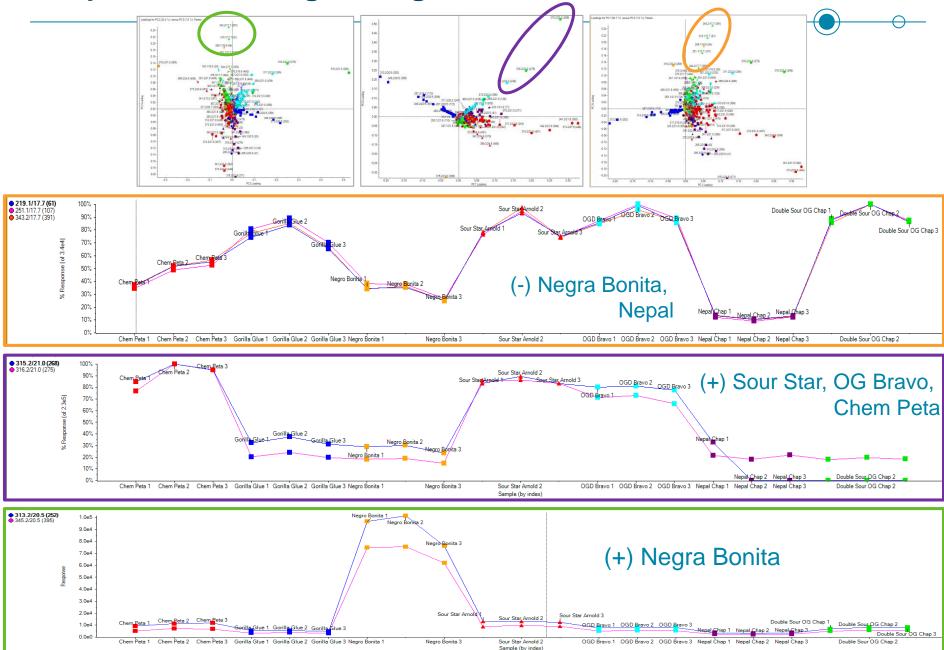
#### PC2 v PC3, Unsupervised PCA, Data Normalized (MLR method)





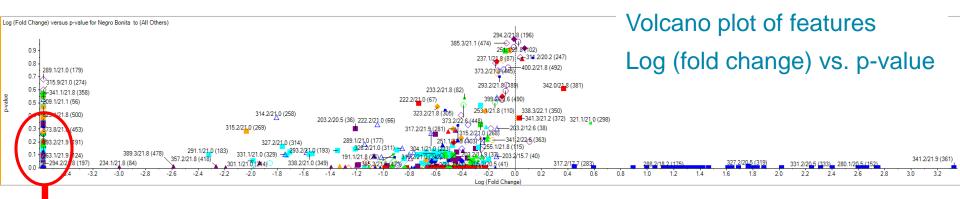
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#### Step 2: Find Distinguishing Features → Peaks of Interest

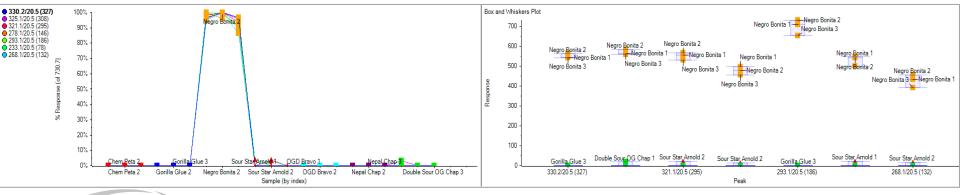


# Step 2: Find Distinguishing Features → Peaks of Interest

#### Perform t-Test



Lowest p-value and greatest fold change Features which are most distinguishing between the two groups compared in the t-Test





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#### **Peaks of Interest**

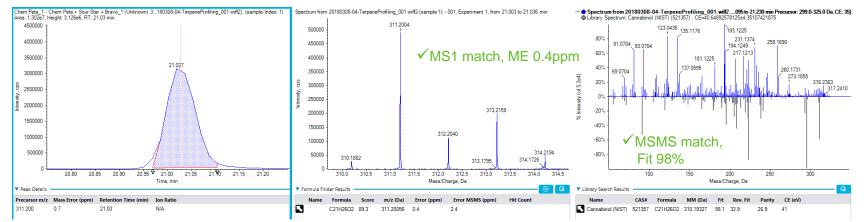
Peak of Interest	m/z	RT
1 (-) Negro Bonita_1	341.2107	21.86
2(-) Negro Bonita_2	341.2109	21
3(-) Negro Bonita_3	373.2363	21.86
4(-) Nepal_1	219.1014	17.67
5 <b>(-) Nepal_2</b>	251.1277	17.66
6 <b>(-) Nepal_3</b>	343.2266	17.67
7(+) Chem Peta + Sour Star + Bravo_1	311.2002	21
8(+) Chem Peta + Sour Star + Bravo_2	315.2309	20.99
9(+) Chem Peta + Sour Star + Bravo_3	316.235	21
10 <b>(+) Negro Bonita_1</b>	313.1794	20.52
11 (+) Negro Bonita_2	345.2057	20.52
12(+) Sour Star + Double Sour_1	375.2528	16.56



#### Step 3: Suspect Screening Some Peaks of Interest Identified by MSMS Library Matches

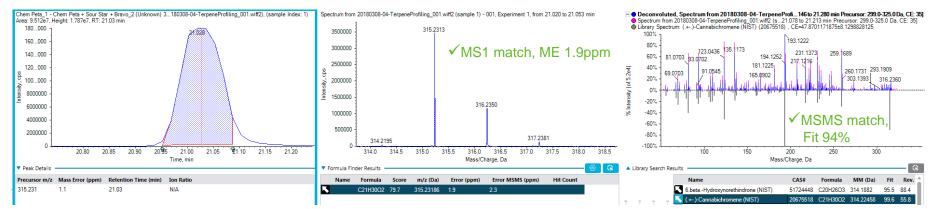
#### Peak of Interest #7: (+) in Chem Peta, Sour Star, OG Bravo (m/z 311.2003)

- NIST Library Match for Cannabinol (CBN)
- · A non-psychoactive cannabinoid usually found only in trace levels



#### Peak of Interest #8: (+) in Chem Peta, Sour Star, OG Bravo (m/z 315.2313)

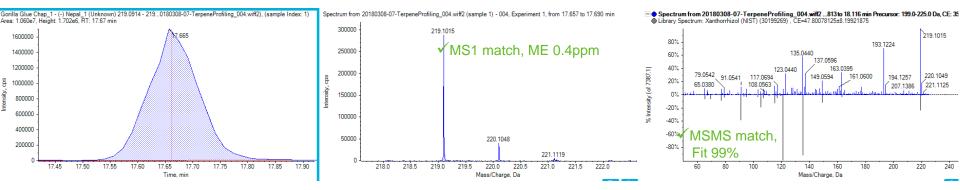
- NIST Library Match for Cannabichromene (CBC)
- May have anti-inflammatory, anti-viral, antifungal properties
- Contribute to the analgesic effects



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#### Peak of Interest #4: (-) in Nepal (*m*/*z* 219.1015)

- NIST Library Match for Xanthorrizol
- · A sesquiterpenoid which exhibits natural antibacterial, antifungal activity



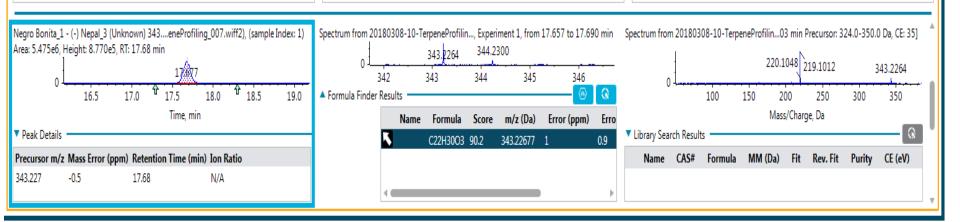


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# ...but some needed some more digging to ID

#### Peak of Interest #6: (-) in Nepal (*m*/*z* 343.2266)

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6	MeOH Blank	(-) Nepal_3	343.227	N/A			N/A	N/A		N/A		N/A
439	Chem Peta_1	(-) Nepal_3	343.227	N/A	<ul> <li></li> </ul>	•	343.2268	0.5	No Match	0.0	C22H30O3	99.125
872	Gorilla Glue Chap_1	(-) Nepal_3	343.227	N/A	<ul> <li></li> </ul>	•	343.2265	-0.3	No Match	0.0	C22H30O3	87.331
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303	7 Double Sour OG Chap_1	(-) Nepal_3	343.227	N/A	<ul> <li>Image: A second s</li></ul>	•	343.2266	-0.1	No Match	0.0	C22H30O3	93.956



Peak of Interest #6: C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

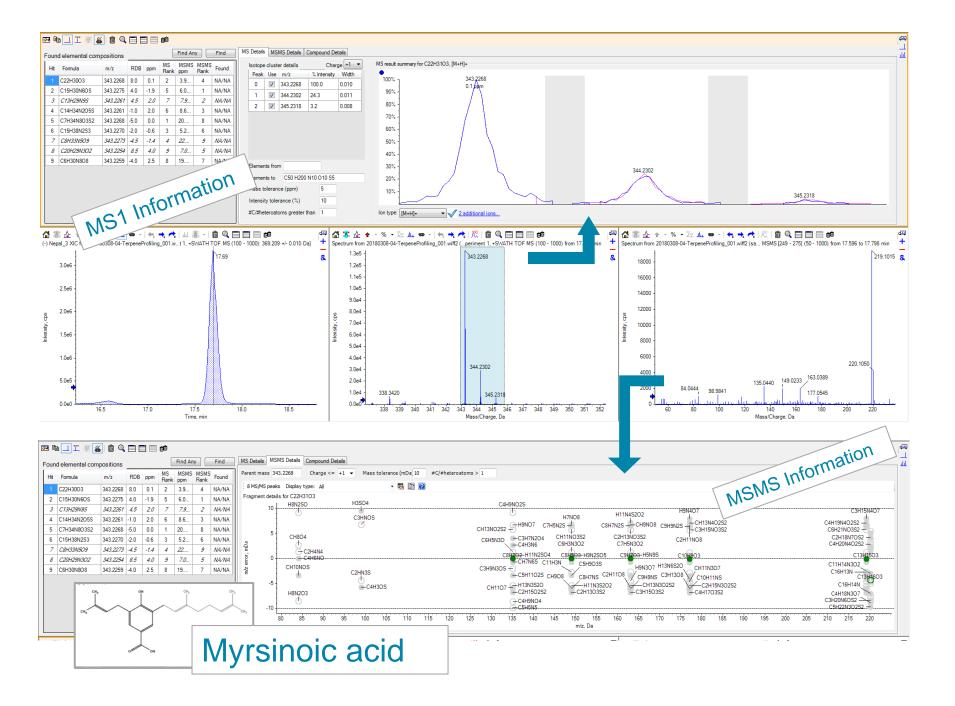
#### No MSMS library match



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# **A** Ranking Confidence Level in Unknown Identification

- 1. Analytical Standard Comparison
- 2. Accurate Mass/ Isotope/ Fragments consistent with published data
- 3. Accurate Mass/ Isotope/ Fragments are consistent with proposed structure, but published spectra are not available
- Accurate Mass and Isotopes are consistent with proposed structure, but unable to attribute the major fragments to the proposed structure

Schymanski, E. L., Jeon, J., Gulde, R., Fenner, K., Ru, M., Singer, H. P., Hollender, J. (2014) Identifying Small Molecules via High Resolution Mass Spectrometry: Communicating Confidence. 2097–2098.



# Ranking Confidence Level in Unknown Identification

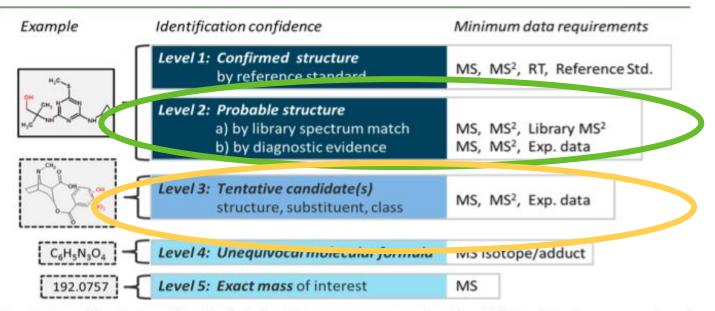


Figure 1. Proposed identification confidence levels in high resolution mass spectrometric analysis. Note: MS<sup>2</sup> is intended to also represent any form of MS fragmentation (e.g., MS<sup>e</sup>, MS<sup>e</sup>).

Schymanski *et al.* describes levels of identification criteria for nontargeted screening. With a library hit from a suspect screen, you can get as high as level 2 confidence (no reference standard, but good MS1 and MS2 matches). Without a library match, just your work on in silico fragment prediction of structures etc, you may only get as high as level 3 match.



- Peak of Interest #1: C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (492 structures in ChemSpider)
- Peak of Interest #5: C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (3,022 structures in ChemSpider)
- Peak of Interest #10: C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (16 structures in ChemSpider)
- Peak of Interest #11: C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (16 structures in ChemSpider)



# Hmmm.... Why bother with the statistical analysis?

#### Can you just start with the SWATH data and the SUSPECT SCREEN?

Index	Sample Name □ ▽	Component Name ⊽	Precursor Mass ▽	Area Ratio… ▽	Mass Error	Library Confi	Found At Mass ⊽	Mass Error ( ⊽	Library Hit ⊽	Library ⊽ ⊽ Score	Formula Finder Results	Formula Finder
755	Chem Peta_1	357.2420 / 21.83 [M+H]+	357.242	N/A		<b>V</b>	357.2420	N/A	3.betaHydroxy-5-cholenoic a	100.0	No formula found	0.000
2487	OGD Bravo_1	357.2420/21.83 [M+H]+	357.242	N/A		~	357.2420	N/A	3.betaHydroxy-5-cholenoic a	100.0	No formula found	0.000
2192	OGD Bravo_1	136.0616 / 1.90	136.062	N/A		<ul> <li>Image: A set of the set of the</li></ul>	136.0616	N/A	Adenine (NIST)	99.5	C5H5N5	85.840
2321	OGD Bravo_1	317.2471/16.55	317.247	667.733		<ul> <li>Image: A set of the set of the</li></ul>	317.2474	N/A	Cannabigerol (NIST)	98.6	C21H32O2	95.408
1281	Gorilla Glue Chap_1	397.3829 / 25.79	397.383	77.424		~	397.3825	N/A	Monobehenin (NIST)	98.5	C29H48	92.728
1759	Sour Star Arnold_1	136.0616 / 1.90	136.062	N/A		~	136.0615	N/A	Adenine (NIST)	97.9	C5H5N5	82.204
3187	Double Sour OG Chap_1	317.2471 / 16.55	317.247	757.118		~	317.2472	N/A	Cannabigerol (NIST)	97.7	C21H32O2	88.288
460	Chem Peta_1	136.0616 / 1.90	136.062	N/A		~	136.0617	N/A	Adenine (NIST)	97.0	No formula found	0.000
2360	OGD Bravo_1	399.2339 / 19.10	399.234	N/A		~	399.2338	N/A	Methanesulfonamide, N-3-(9H	96.6	C16H34N2O9	97.624
2366	OGD Bravo_1	399.2340 / 19.61	399.234	N/A		~	399.2338	N/A	Methanesulfonamide, N-3-(9H	96.6	C16H34N2O9	97.624
597	Chem Peta_1	317.2474 / 17.62	317.247	N/A		~	317.2471	N/A	Cannabigerol (NIST)	95.7	C21H32O2	90.542
3013	Nepal Chap_1	397.3829 / 25.79	397.383	75.450		~	397.3825	N/A	Monobehenin (NIST)	95.5	C29H48	90.778
1888	Sour Star Arnold_1	317.2471 / 16.55	317.247	497.440		~	317.2473	N/A	Cannabigerol (NIST)	95.0	C21H32O2	94.419
2754	Nepal Chap_1	317.2471 / 16.55	317.247	381.961		~	317.2469	N/A	Cannabigerol (NIST)	95.0	C21H32O2	85.415
1022	Gorilla Glue Chap_1	317.2471 / 16.55	317.247	357.408		~	317.2472	N/A	Cannabigerol (NIST)	94.9	C21H32O2	90.432
1455	Negro Bonita_1	317.2471 / 16.55	317.247	159.548		~	317.2472	N/A	Cannabigerol (NIST)	94.8	C21H32O2	93.263
2762	Nepal Chap_1	317.2474 / 17.62	317.247	N/A		~	317.2472	N/A	Cannabigerol (NIST)	94.4	C21H32O2	92.589
589	Chem Peta_1	317.2471 / 16.55	317.247	336.278		~	317.2471	N/A	Cannabigerol (NIST)	93.7	C21H32O2	89.434
3154	Double Sour OG Chap_1	369.1332 / 12.70	369.133	N/A		~	369.1334	N/A	Methoxyfenozide (NIST)	92.3	C21H20O6	95.444
1544	Negro Bonita_1	337.1794 / 20.57 [M+CH3OH+H]+	337.179	192.132		~	337.1795	N/A	Acebutolol (NIST)	90.8	C21H20O2	92.439
3351	Double Sour OG Chap_1	233.1169 / 21.83 [M+H]+	233.117	562.790		<ul> <li>Image: A start of the start of</li></ul>	233.1171	N/A	2,4-Di-tert-amylphenol (NIST)	90.8	C7H16N6OS	66.430
1855	Sour Star Arnold_1	369.1332 / 12.70	369.133	N/A		~	369.1332	N/A	Methoxyfenozide (NIST)	90.3	C21H20O6	96.888
753	Chem Peta_1	233.1169/21.83 [M+H]+	233.117	1411.374		~	233.1169	N/A	2,4-Di-tert-amylphenol (NIST)	90.2	C14H16O3	87.243
1422	Negro Bonita_1	369.1332 / 12.70	369.133	N/A		<ul> <li>Image: A second s</li></ul>	369.1333	N/A	Methoxyfenozide (NIST)	90.0	C21H20O6	97.845
609	Chem Peta_1	287.2007 / 18.23	287.201	N/A		<ul> <li>Image: A second s</li></ul>	287.2004	N/A	Tetrahydrocannabivarin (NIST)	89.3	C19H26O2	91.959
1908	Sour Star Arnold_1	287.2007 / 18.23	287.201	N/A		<ul> <li></li> </ul>	287.2006	N/A	Tetrahydrocannabivarin (NIST)	88.5	C19H26O2	96.788
2054	Sour Star Arnold_1	357.2420 / 21.83 [M+H]+	357.242	N/A		~	357.2418	N/A	Ethanethioic acid, S-2-(hexade	88.5	No formula found	0.000

- THOUSANDS of hits, often across multiple sample groups
- Do we need all of them to get to the answer we seek???
- We want to CLASSIFY, DISTINGUISH and find DIFFERENCES that matter

# Summary, Potential Applications, Potential Implications

- Unique Cannabis chemovars can be distinguished by their molecular signature
  - Strains cluster together and separate easily by PCA, even with no target masses defined
- Trace cannabinoids CBC and CBN identified as upregulated in Sour Star, Chem Peta, OG Bravo
- Myrsinoic Acid identified as a natural product downregulated in Nepal versus other strains
- Xanthorrhizol identified as a sesquiterpenoid present in multiple strains
  - Not one of the terpenes included in most targeted analyses



# Summary, Potential Applications, Potential Implications

- Unique Cannabis chemovars can be distinguished by their molecular signature
  - Intellectual Property?
  - New strain behavior prediction?
  - Authenticity testing? Identifying fraudulent strain labelling?
  - Extraction and manufacturing process refinement?
  - Pharmaceutical/therapy design?
  - Identifying novel natural products?
- Food authenticity
- Metabolomic research
- Workflow: Classification of other types of complex samples



# **Questions?**



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