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288 **Abstract**

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290 Realizing the potential of the diverse chemistries of natural products in biotechnology and medicine
291 has been limited by manual analysis of experimental data through mining mass spectrometry
292 knowledge solely captured in literature. While mass spectrometry techniques have proven well-
293 suited for high-throughput analyses of natural products, there is no infrastructure for researchers to
294 systematically share knowledge or analyze data. We present Global Natural Products Social
295 molecular networking (GNPS, <http://gnps.ucsd.edu>), an open-access knowledge base for sharing,
296 analysis, and community curation of raw, processed, and identified tandem mass (MS/MS)
297 spectrometry data. GNPS further organizes, curates, and freely redistributes community-wide
298 reference MS libraries, as well as provides a data-driven social networking infrastructure. Finally,
299 GNPS introduces the concept of living data through crowdsourced curation of reference libraries
300 and continuous reanalysis of public data.

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303 **Introduction**

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305 Natural products (NPs) from marine and terrestrial environments, including their inhabiting
306 microorganisms, plants, animals, and humans, are routinely analyzed using mass spectrometry.
307 However a single mass spectrometry experiment can collect thousands of MS/MS spectra in
308 minutes¹ and individual projects can acquire millions of spectra. These datasets are too large for
309 manual analysis. Further, comprehensive software and proper computational infrastructure are not
310 readily available and only low-throughput sharing of either raw or annotated spectra is feasible,
311 even among members of the same lab. The potentially useful information in MS/MS datasets can
312 thus remain buried in papers, laboratory notebooks, and private databases, hindering retrieval,
313 mining, and sharing of data and knowledge. Although there are several NP databases —
314 Dictionary of Natural Products², AntiBase³ and MarinLit⁴ — that assist in dereplication
315 (identification of known compounds), these resources are not freely available and do not process
316 mass spectrometry data. Conversely, mass spectrometry databases including Massbank⁵, Metlin⁶,
317 mzCloud⁷, and ReSpect⁸ host MS/MS spectra but limit data analyses to several individual spectra
318 or a few LC-MS files. While Metlin and mzCloud provide a spectrum search function, unfortunately,
319 their libraries are not freely available.

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321 Global genomics and proteomics research has been facilitated by the development of
322 integral resources such as the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) and UniProt
323 KnowledgeBase (UniProtKB), which provide robust platforms for data sharing and knowledge
324 dissemination^{9,10}. Recognizing the need for an analogous community platform to effectively share
325 and analyze natural products MS data, we present the Global Natural Products Social Molecular
326 Networking (GNPS, available at gnps.ucsd.edu). GNPS is a data-driven platform for the storage,
327 analysis, and knowledge dissemination of MS/MS spectra that enables community sharing of raw
328 spectra, continuous annotation of deposited data, and collaborative curation of reference spectra
329 (referred to as spectral libraries) and experimental data (organized as datasets).

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331 GNPS provides the ability to analyze a dataset and to compare it to all publically available
332 data. By building on the large scale computational infrastructure of the University of California San
333 Diego (UCSD) Center for Computational Mass Spectrometry (CCMS), GNPS provides public
334 dataset deposition/retrieval through the Mass Spectrometry Interactive Virtual Environment
335 (MassIVE) data repository. The GNPS analysis infrastructure further enables online
336 dereplication^{6,11-13}, automated molecular networking analysis¹⁴⁻²¹, and crowdsourced MS/MS
337 spectrum curation. Each dataset added to the GNPS repository is automatically reanalyzed in the
338 next monthly cycle of continuous identification (see **Living Data by Continuous Analysis** below).
339 Each of these tens of millions of spectra in GNPS datasets is matched to reference spectral
340 libraries to annotate molecules and discover putative analogs (**Fig. 1a**). From January 2014 to
341 November 2015, GNPS has grown to serve 9,267 users from 100 countries (**Fig. 1b**), with 42,486
342 analysis sessions that have processed more than 93 million spectra as molecular networks from a
343 quarter million LC-MS runs. Searches against a combined catalog of over 221,000 MS/MS
344 reference library spectra from 18,163 compounds (**Supplementary Table 1**) are possible, and
345 GNPS has matched almost one hundred million MS/MS spectra in all public and private search
346 jobs using an estimated 84,000 compute hours.

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348 GNPS Spectral Libraries

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350 GNPS spectral libraries enable dereplication, variable dereplication (approximate matches
351 to spectra of related molecules), and identification of spectra in molecular networks. GNPS has
352 collected available MS/MS spectral libraries relevant to NPs (which also include other metabolites
353 and molecules), including MassBank⁵, ReSpect⁸ and NIST²² (**Table 1, Fig. 2a, and**
354 **Supplementary Table 1**). Altogether, these third party libraries total 212,230 MS/MS spectra
355 representing 12,694 unique compounds (**Fig. 2b**). While this combined collection of reference
356 spectra, provides a starting point for dereplication, only 1.01% of all spectra public GNPS datasets
357 has been matched to this collection, indicating insufficient chemical space coverage.

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359 Although the NP community is working to populate this “missing” chemical space, there is no way
360 to report discoveries of new chemistries in an easily verifiable and reusable format. To begin
361 addressing this pressing need, GNPS offers both newly-acquired reference spectra (GNPS-

362 Collections) as well as a crowdsourced library of community-contributed reference spectra (GNPS-
363 Community). GNPS-Collections includes NPs and pharmacologically active compounds totaling
364 6,629 MS/MS spectra of 4,243 compounds (**Fig 2b, Supplementary Table 1, Supplementary**
365 **Note 1,2, and Supplementary Table 2**). The GNPS-Community library has grown to include 2,224
366 MS/MS spectra of 1,325 compounds from 55 worldwide contributors. While the total number of
367 MS/MS spectra in GNPS libraries is only 4% of the MS/MS spectra in third party libraries, GNPS
368 libraries contribute matches of MS/MS spectra at a scale disproportionate to their size (**Fig. 2c**).
369 The GNPS libraries account for 29% of the unique compound matches and 59% of the MS/MS
370 matches in public (88% of public+private) data. This indicates that the GNPS libraries contain
371 compounds that are complementary to the chemical space represented in other libraries (**Fig.**
372 **2c,d**). Moreover, in difference from third party libraries, spectra submitted to GNPS-Community
373 libraries become immediately searchable by the whole community, so such submissions
374 seamlessly transfer knowledge between laboratories (**Fig. 1a**) – a process that is akin to the
375 addition of genome annotations contributed to GenBank⁹.
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377 In order to create a robust library, it is important for submissions to be peer-reviewed and, if
378 necessary, annotations corrected or updated as appropriate. Reference spectra submitted to the
379 GNPS-Community library are categorized by the estimated reliability of the proposed submissions.
380 Gold reference spectra must be derived from structurally characterized synthetic or purified
381 compounds and can only be submitted by approved users. Approval is given to contributors who
382 have undergone training. Training is initiated by contacting the corresponding authors or CCMS
383 administrators. Silver reference spectra need to be supported by an associated publication, while
384 Bronze reference spectra are all remaining putative annotations (**Supplementary Table 3**). This
385 type of division of spectra is reminiscent of RefSeq/TPA/GenBank^{9,23} (genomics) and Swiss-
386 Prot/TrEMBL/UniProt^{24,25} (proteomics), allowing for varying tradeoffs between comprehensiveness
387 and reliability of annotations defined as Gold, Silver, and Bronze (**Fig 2e**).
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389 To enable refinements or corrections of annotations, GNPS allows for community-driven, iterative
390 re-annotation of reference MS/MS spectra in a wiki-like fashion, to progressively improve the
391 library and converge towards consensus annotation of all MS/MS spectra of interest. This is a
392 process similar to the iterative annotation of the human genome (e.g., see series of papers on
393 NCBI GenBank⁹). To date, 563 annotation revisions have been made (**Supplementary Table 4**),
394 most of which added metadata to library spectra or refined compound names. The history of each
395 annotation is retained so that users can discuss the proper annotation and address disagreements
396 via comment threads.
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398 **Dereplication using GNPS**

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400 High throughput dereplication of NP MS/MS data is implemented in GNPS by querying newly
401 acquired MS/MS spectra against all the accumulated reference spectra in GNPS spectral libraries
402 (**Fig. 3a**). To date, more than 93 million MS/MS spectra from various instruments (including
403 Orbitrap, Ion Trap, qTof, and FT-ICR) have been searched at GNPS, yielding putative dereplication

404 matches of 7.7 million spectra to 15,477 compounds. In the second stage of dereplication, GNPS
405 goes beyond re-identification by utilizing variable dereplication - a modification-tolerant spectral
406 library search that is mediated by a spectral alignment algorithm. Variable dereplication enables
407 the detection of significant matches to either putative analogs of known compounds (e.g., differing
408 by one modification or substitution of a chemical group) or compounds belonging to the same
409 general class of molecules (**Fig. 3b**). Variable dereplication is not available through any other
410 computational platform. For example, GNPS variable dereplication has detected compounds with
411 different levels of glycosylation on various substrates. As MS/MS fragmentation preferentially
412 results in peaks from glycan fragments, it is possible to detect sets of compounds with related
413 glycans even when the substrates to which the glycans are attached are themselves unrelated²⁶.
414 To date, 3,891 putative analogs have been identified in public data using GNPS variable
415 dereplication (**Supplementary Table 5**). These 3,891 putative analogs include several unique
416 molecules that could be user-curated and added to GNPS reference libraries (see **Molecular**
417 **Explorer** below on accessing and annotating putative analogs).

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419 To assess the reliability of the MS/MS matches found by GNPS dereplication, GNPS users can
420 rate the quality of matches returned by automated GNPS reanalysis (see below). These ratings are
421 4 star (correct), 3 star (likely correct, e.g. could also be isomers with similar fragmentation
422 patterns), 2 star (unable to confirm the annotation due to limited information) and 1 star (incorrect)
423 (**Supplementary Table 6**). So far, of the 3,608 matches that have been rated, 139 (3.9%) matches
424 were given 1 or 2 stars (insufficient information (2.9%) or incorrect (1%)) by user ratings. These
425 percentages are consistent with the false discovery rates estimated using spectral library searches
426 of benchmark LC-MS datasets with compound standards (**Supplementary Note 3 and**
427 **Supplementary Fig. 1,2**). Furthermore, these 3,608 match ratings were associated with 2,041
428 library spectra, therefore the average rating of a library spectrum can offer insight into the reliability
429 of its reference annotation, not unlike Yelp ratings for restaurants. Incorrect matches can arise
430 through either spurious high-scoring matches to library spectra or incorrect annotations for library
431 spectra. Of the 2,041 library spectra with match ratings, 72 (3.5%) spectra had average ratings
432 below 2.5 stars. These percentage ratings were further broken down by spectral library (**Fig. 2e**).
433 We found that for GNPS-Collection and GNPS-Community libraries, only 29 out of 1746 (1.7%) of
434 the rated library spectra had average ratings below 2.5 stars. These ratings demonstrate that the
435 perceived reliability of GNPS spectral libraries compares favorably with established community
436 resources such as NIST and Massbank, with 10.5% and 20.1% of the ratings were below 2.5 stars
437 respectively, and reinforces confidence that the community curation process is, and will continue to
438 be, a success. Thus, the key advantages of searching using GNPS are that one can run simple or
439 variable dereplication against all publicly accessible reference spectra, where community-rated
440 matches can be used to improve the quality of the reference libraries and matching algorithms.
441 None of these dereplication capabilities are possible with existing published resources.

442 443 **Molecular Networking**

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445 Molecular networks are visual displays of the chemical space present in mass spectrometry
446 experiments. GNPS can be used for molecular networking^{14–21,27,28}, a spectral correlation and
447 visualization approach that can detect sets of spectra from related molecules (so-called spectral
448 networks²⁹) even when the spectra themselves are not matched to any known compounds (**Fig.**
449 **3a**). Spectral alignment^{15,27} detects similar spectra from structurally related molecules, assuming
450 these molecules fragment in similar ways reflected in their MS/MS patterns (**Fig. 3b**), analogous to
451 the detection of related protein or nucleotide sequences by sequence alignment. GNPS is currently
452 the only public infrastructure that enables molecular networking. The visualization of molecular
453 networks in GNPS represents each spectrum as a node and spectrum-to-spectrum alignments as
454 edges (connections), between nodes. Nodes can be supplemented with metadata including
455 dereplication matches or information that is provided by the user, such as abundance, origin of
456 product, biochemical activity, hydrophobicity, etc., which can be reflected in a node's size or color.
457 It is possible to visualize the map of related molecules as a molecular network^{21,30–33}
458 (**Supplementary Fig. 3**) both online at GNPS (**Fig. 3c**) or exported for analysis in Cytoscape³¹.
459 Molecular networking analyses of 272 public datasets (**Fig. 4a**) from a diverse range of samples
460 reveals that on average 35.2% of all unidentified nodes are significantly matched to other spectra
461 of related molecules within a cosine score of 0.8 (increasing to 44.7% of all nodes in more
462 exploratory networks with a cosine score of 0.65). This indicates that a large fraction of all
463 unidentified spectra could be identifiable if their or their neighboring nodes' reference spectra were
464 available in the reference spectral libraries.

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466 **Living Data by Continuous Analysis**

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468 Funding agencies and publishers have called for raw scientific data, including mass spectrometry
469 data, and analysis methods to be made publically available where possible. Consistent with this
470 aim, GNPS datasets usually comprise the full set of mass spectrometry files produced during a NP
471 research project or the full set of spectra analyzed for a peer-reviewed publication
472 (**Supplementary Note 4**). While it is potentially advantageous to the community for all data to be
473 made public, GNPS user data can remain private until users explicitly choose to make it public
474 (private data is also analyzable and privately sharable, with >93 million spectra in >250,000 private
475 LC/MS runs already searched using GNPS). GNPS has the largest collection of publicly accessible
476 natural product and metabolomics MS/MS datasets and is the only infrastructure where public data
477 sets can be reanalyzed together and compared to each other (**Table 1**). To date, GNPS has made
478 272 public GNPS datasets openly available which are comprised of more than 30,000 mass
479 spectrometry runs with approximately 84 million MS/MS spectra. In common with other public
480 repositories^{34,35}, GNPS datasets can be downloaded. However, data availability on its own does
481 not serve to enable data reuse. GNPS is unique among MS repositories by enabling continuous
482 identification: the periodic and automated re-analysis of all public datasets (**Supplementary Note**
483 **5,6 and Supplementary Table 7,8**). This continuous re-analysis, which incorporates molecular
484 networking and dereplication tools, implements a 'virtuous cycle' as illustrated in **Figure 1a**.
485 Because GNPS spectral libraries are constantly growing due to community contributions and
486 continued generation of reference spectra, the number of matches made by successive re-

487 analyses of public datasets has already grown and is expected to continue to grow over time (**Fig.**
488 **4b**). GNPS users are periodically updated with alerts of new search results.

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490 For example, a *Streptomyces roseosporus* project ([MSV000078577](#)) was deposited April 8, 2014.
491 At first, only 7 MS/MS spectra were matched. However as of July 14, 2015 36 spectral matches
492 have been made to GNPS libraries. Overall, the total number of compounds matched to GNPS
493 datasets increased more than tenfold, while the number of matched MS/MS spectra in GNPS
494 datasets increased more than twenty-fold in 2015 (**Fig. 4b**). GNPS users can also subscribe to
495 specific datasets of interest, rather like ‘following’ people on Twitter. When new matches are made,
496 changed, or revoked, all subscribers are notified of new information by an email summarizing
497 changes in identification. From April 2014 to July 2015, 45 updates were initiated by CCMS and
498 automatically sent to subscribers (**Supplementary Fig. 4**). Update emails have led to substantially
499 more views per dataset, compared to non-GNPS datasets (192 proteomics datasets) deposited in
500 MassIVE. Continuous identification not only keeps a single dataset ‘alive’, it can create
501 connections between datasets and users over time. Similarities between datasets could form the
502 basis of a data-mediated social network of users with potentially related research interests despite
503 seemingly disparate research fields, rather like the “People You May Know” feature on LinkedIn.
504 On average each GNPS user already has 5 suggested collaborators (**Supplementary Fig. 5**).

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506 **Molecular Explorer**

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508 Molecular Explorer is a new feature that can only be implemented on ‘living data’ repositories and
509 thus exists only in GNPS. Molecular Explorer allows users to find all datasets and putative analogs
510 that have ever been observed for a given molecule of interest. We anticipate this can guide the
511 discovery of previously unknown analogs of existing antibiotics. Public NP data contains more than
512 one hundred unidentified putative analogs of antibiotics such as valinomycin, actinomycin,
513 etamycin, hormaomycin, stendomycin, daptomycin, erythromycin, napsamycin, clindamycin,
514 arylomycin, and rifamycin, highlighting a clear potential to generate leads to discover structurally
515 related antibiotics through the application of GNPS (**Supplementary Fig. 6, Supplementary Table**
516 **5, and Supplementary Note 7**).

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518 To demonstrate this principle we searched for an analog of stenothricin, a broad spectrum
519 antibiotic produced by *S. roseosporus* with a unique biological response profile^{36,37}
520 (**Supplementary Fig. 7**). MS/MS data from *S. roseosporus* and *Streptomyces* sp. DSM5940
521 extracts ([MSV000079204](#)) were analyzed by molecular networking and dereplication in GNPS
522 (**Supplementary Note 8 and Supplementary Fig. 8**). Nodes corresponding to the stenothricin³⁷
523 from *S. roseosporus* were identified in the molecular network. In addition, a small sub-network
524 corresponding to spectra from *Streptomyces* sp. DSM5940 (**Fig. 5a**) included 14 nodes that were
525 41 Da smaller than nodes already known to be stenothricin analogs. This sub-network seemed to
526 indicate that *Streptomyces* sp. DSM5940 produces a set of 5 abundant analogs of stenothricin
527 which we named stenothricin-GNPS 1-5 (**Supplementary Table 9**). To our knowledge, a chemical
528 entity that is related to stenothricin with a mass shift of -41 Da has not been described in any

529 database or in the literature. The most abundant analog, stenothricin-GNPS 2 (m/z 1105) was
530 purified and the MS/MS spectra manually compared to MS/MS spectra produced from stenothricin
531 D. This confirmed structural similarity (**Fig. 5b,c Supplementary Fig. 9**). Differential 2D NMR
532 (**Supplementary Fig. 10-14, Supplementary Table 10, and Supplementary Note 9**), Marfey's
533 analysis³⁸ (**Supplementary Fig. 15**), and genome mining (**Supplementary Fig. 16,17,**
534 **Supplementary Table 11, and Supplementary Note 10**) all support that the -41 Da mass shift is
535 due to a lysine to serine substitution.
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537 The structural comparison between stenothricin D and stenothricin-GNPS has identified a
538 potential role for the lysine residue of stenothricin D in biological function. Stenothricin-GNPS was
539 subjected to fluorescence microscopy based bacterial cytological profiling^{39,40} (**Fig. 5d**). Unlike
540 stenothricin D, stenothricin-GNPS is only active against *Escherichia coli lptD* cells, which are
541 defective in the essential outer membrane protein LptD (**Supplementary Fig. 18 and**
542 **Supplementary Note 11**). Although both stenothricin D and stenothricin-GNPS increased
543 membrane permeability of bacterial cells within two hours, stenothricin-GNPS did not have the
544 membrane solubilization function of stenothricin D (**Fig. 5d**), indicating that the activity of
545 stenothricin D is altered by the presence of a lysine residue that is absent from stenothricin-GNPS.
546 Several published applications of molecular networking and MS/MS based dereplication using
547 GNPS have been reported while the infrastructure has been under development. Specifically,
548 GNPS has enabled the discovery of natural products including colibactin⁴¹⁻⁴⁵, characterization of
549 biosynthetic pathways^{46,47}, understanding of the chemistry of ecological interactions^{28,48-52}, and
550 development of metabolomics bioinformatics methods⁵³. The application of GNPS workflows to
551 such diverse research areas demonstrates the utility of GNPS to broad interdisciplinary science.
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553 **Conclusion**

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555 GNPS aims to expand our understanding of nature's chemical diversity by supporting community-
556 wide identification of compounds that have important roles in ecology, medicine, and
557 biotechnology. To this end, GNPS delivers a community-centric knowledge space in which NP data
558 is shared, analyzed and annotated by researchers, groups of scientists, and laboratories
559 worldwide. The synergy implemented by GNPS creates a cycle of annotation, drawing users back
560 to curate community data, and a cycle of knowledge, by providing reference spectral libraries,
561 public datasets, and continuous dereplication. GNPS thus provides the NP community with an
562 open, free, and community-curated analysis platform for iterative and collaborative annotation of
563 NP mass spectrometry data.
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565 The living data enabled by the GNPS platform will mediate connections between researchers and
566 has the potential to transform data networks into social networks. Of 1,272 compound
567 identifications obtained by continuous identification with the GNPS-Community library, 1,063
568 (83.6%) were made using reference spectra that were not uploaded by the submitter - in other
569 words, the vast majority of identifications were enabled by other community members. This reuse
570 of knowledge and data is inline with other community-wide curation efforts including Wikipedia and

571 crowd-sourced dictionaries. Since their initial deposition, 59% of datasets have an increased
572 number of identifications, with the average dataset more than doubling the number of
573 identifications since submission (**Supplementary Fig. 19**). GNPS enables facile sharing of
574 individual analyses (**Supplementary Fig. 20**) and uses molecular networks to reveal connections
575 between datasets from different laboratories and biological sources that would otherwise remain
576 disconnected. To date, 3,145 analysis jobs have included files shared between GNPS users,
577 encompassing 548 unique pairs of individuals' collaborations. GNPS recasts public datasets as
578 "conversation starters" in a data-mediated social network. Continuous identification means that
579 GNPS transforms data networks into social networks and continuous updates draws users back to
580 GNPS for re-analysis, bringing data to life.

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582 While we have described only one simple application of GNPS to identify an analog of
583 stenothricin, the community has already begun to utilize GNPS to expedite natural product
584 analysis^{28,41,43,45,46,50,52}. Further it is expected that the user base of GNPS will expand to the many
585 fields that utilize MS/MS data, including the study of the metabolome, exposome, the chemistry of
586 the human habitat, drug discovery, microbiome, immunology, food industry, agricultural industry,
587 stratification of patients in clinical trials, clinical adsorption/metabolism, and ocean science to name
588 a few, resulting in different GNPS workflows^{42,44,47,51,53}. As previously shown in genomics⁹ and
589 protein structure analysis⁵⁴, the models of global collaboration and social cooperation which are
590 present in GNPS could empower scientific communities to collectively translate big data into
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840 **Figure 1 – GNPS Overview.** (a) Representation of interactions between the natural product
841 community, GNPS spectral libraries, and GNPS datasets. At present 221,083 MS/MS spectra from
842 18,163 unique compounds are used for the search at GNPS. These include both 3rd party libraries
843 such as MassBank, ReSpect, and NIST, as well as, spectral libraries created for GNPS (GNPS-
844 Collections) and spectra from the natural product community (GNPS-Community). GNPS spectral
845 libraries grow through user contributions of new identifications of MS/MS spectra. To date, 55
846 community members have contributed 8,853 MS/MS spectra from 5,568 unique compounds
847 (30.5% of the unique compounds available). In addition, on-going curation efforts have already
848 yielded 563 annotation updates for library spectra. The utility of these libraries is to dereplicate
849 compounds (recognition previously characterized and studied known compounds), in both public
850 and private data. This dereplication process is performed on all public datasets and results are
851 automatically reported, thus enabling users to query for all datasets/organisms/conditions that a
852 particular molecule occurred. Automatic reanalysis of all public data creates a virtuous cycle where
853 new contributions to libraries see immediate impact in the form of matches to all public data.
854 Combined with molecular networking (**Fig. 3**), this automatic analysis empowers community
855 members to identify novel analogs that can then be added to GNPS spectral libraries. (b) GNPS as
856 an analysis platform has grown to serve a global user base including 9,200+ users from 100
857 countries.

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860 **Figure 2 – GNPS spectral libraries.** (a) The various computational resources of the
861 metabolomics and natural products community are categorized into two main categories: i)
862 Reference collections (red dots) of MS/MS spectral libraries and ii) Data Repositories (blue
863 dots) designed to publicly share raw mass spectrometry data associated with research projects.
864 Reference collection resources are contributors and aggregators of reference MS/MS spectra,
865 some of which also include data analysis tools, e.g. online multi-spectrum MS/MS search
866 (magnifying glass icon). Several resources have aggregated MS/MS spectra from various
867 reference collections so that the analysis tools at a respective resource can leverage more of the
868 community efforts to annotate data (red and blue arrows). GNPS has imported all freely available
869 reference collections (>221,000 MS/MS spectra) and makes these available for online analysis.
870 GNPS and several other resources provide both reference MS/MS spectra and data in an open
871 and free manner to the public (pink caps). (b) Comparison of spectral library sizes of available
872 libraries (MassBank, ReSpect, and NIST) and GNPS libraries; GNPS-Collections includes newly
873 acquired spectra from synthetic or purified compounds and GNPS-Community includes all
874 community-contributed spectra. (c) Searching all public GNPS datasets revealed that
875 Massbank/ReSpect/NIST libraries matched to 1,217 unique compounds, with GNPS libraries
876 increasing unique compound matches by 41% (corresponding to 29% of total unique matches) with
877 an accompanying 4% increase in spectral library size. Overall, GNPS libraries increase the total
878 number of spectra matched in public datasets by 144% (59% of total public MS/MS matches) and
879 spectra matches across all GNPS public and private data by 767% (88% of all MS/MS matches).
880 (d) The distribution of precursor masses in all GNPS public datasets is shown in gray and

881 compared to the precursor mass distributions of Massbank, ReSpec, NIST, and GNPS libraries.
882 Though GNPS libraries have a combined size that is significantly smaller than
883 MassBank/ReSpec/NIST, GNPS libraries have a stronger emphasis on molecules in the higher
884 *m/z* range and thus complement the emphasis on lower precursor mass molecules in existing
885 libraries. (e) The quality of spectrum matches obtained by searching against the available spectral
886 libraries is assessed with user ratings (1 to 4 stars see **Supplementary Table 6**) of continuous
887 identification results. The high quality of GNPS library spectra is illustrated by user ratings of 2.5+
888 stars for 98%+ of GNPS library matches, which compares favorably to the 90% mark for NIST
889 matches, whose high marks demonstrate how important these 3rd party libraries still are to the
890 GNPS platform. We note that the lower mark for NIST matches does not suggest lower quality
891 spectra, as it is more likely explained by its higher emphasis on lower precursor mass molecules
892 with spectra that have fewer peaks and are generally harder to match.
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895 **Figure 3 – Molecular Network Creation and Visualization.** (a) Molecular networks are
896 constructed from the alignment of MS/MS spectra to one another. Edges connecting nodes
897 (MS/MS spectra) are defined by a modified cosine scoring scheme determines the similarity of two
898 MS/MS spectra with scores ranging from 0 (totally dissimilar) to 1 (completely identical). MS/MS
899 spectra are also searched against GNPS Spectral Libraries, seeding putative nodes matches in the
900 molecular networks. Networks are visualized online in-browser or exported for third party
901 visualization software such as Cytoscape³¹. (b) An example alignment between three MS/MS
902 spectra of compounds with structural modifications that are captured by modification tolerant
903 spectral matching utilized in variable dereplication and molecular networking. (c) In-browser
904 molecular network visualization enables users to interactively explore molecular networks without
905 requiring any external software. To date, over 11,000 molecular networks have been analyzed
906 using this feature. Within this interface, (i) users are able to define cohorts of input data and
907 correspondingly, nodes within the network are represented as pie charts to visualize spectral count
908 differences for each molecule across cohorts. (ii) Node labels indicate matches made to GNPS
909 spectral libraries, with additional information displayed with mouseovers. These matches provide
910 users a starting point to annotate unidentified MS/MS spectra within the network. (iii) To facilitate
911 identification of unknowns, users can display MS/MS spectra in the right panels by clicking on the
912 nodes in the network, giving direct interactive access to the underlying MS/MS peak data.
913 Furthermore, alignments between spectra are visualized between spectra in the top right and
914 bottom right panels in order to gain insight as to what underlying characteristics of the molecule
915 could elicit fragmentation perturbations.
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919 **Figure 4 – “Living data” in GNPS through crowdsourcing of molecular annotations.** (a) A
920 global snapshot of the state of MS/MS matching of public natural product datasets available at
921 GNPS using molecular networking and library search tools. Identified molecules (1.9% of the data)
922 are MS/MS spectrum matches to library spectra with a cosine greater than 0.7. Putative Analog

923 Molecules (another 1.9% of the data) are MS/MS spectra that are not identified by library search
924 but rather are immediate neighbors of identified MS/MS spectra in molecular networks. Identified
925 Networks (9.9% of the data) are connected components within a molecular network that have at
926 least one spectrum match to library spectra. Unidentified Networks (25.2% of the data) are
927 molecular networks where none of the spectra match to library spectra; these networks potentially
928 represent compound classes that have not yet been characterized. Exploratory Networks (an
929 additional 20.1% of the data) are unidentified connected components in molecular networks with
930 more relaxed parameters (**Supplementary Table 12**). Thus, 55.3% of the MS/MS spectra at least
931 have one related MS/MS spectrum in spectral networks, with 44.7% having none. In this 44.7% of
932 the data, each MS/MS spectrum has been observed in two separate instances and should not
933 constitute noise. Altogether, this analysis indicates that the vast amount chemical space captured
934 by mass spectrometry remains unexplored. (b) In the past year, there has been significant growth
935 in the GNPS spectral libraries, driving growth in the match rates of all public data. The number of
936 unique compounds matched in the public data has increased 10x; the number of total spectra
937 matched has increased 22x; and the average match rate has increased 3x. It is expected that
938 identification rates will continue to grow with further contributions from the community to the GNPS-
939 Community spectral library.

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946 **Figure 5 - GNPS enabled discovery of a new chemical entity.** a) The stenothricin molecular
947 family identified during analysis of a molecular network between chemical extracts of *S.*
948 *roseosporus* NRRL 15998 (Green) and *Streptomyces* sp. DSM5940 (Blue). This analysis indicates
949 that *Streptomyces* sp. DSM5940 produces a structurally similar compound to stenothricin with a -
950 41 Da *m/z* difference. An enlarged version of the network can be found in the supporting
951 information. b) Based on preliminary structural analysis, stenothricin-GNPS, the -41 Da new
952 chemical entity, is proposed to be due to a Lys to Ser substitution. c) Comparison of the MS/MS of
953 stenothricin D with its -41 Da analog stenothricin-GNPS 2. d) Although structurally related,
954 stenothricin and stenothricin-GNPS have different effects on *E. coli* as visualized using
955 fluorescence microscopy. Red is the membrane stain FM4-64, blue is the membrane permeable
956 DNA stain DAPI, green is the membrane impermeable DNA stain SYTOX green. SYTOX green
957 only stains DNA when the cell membrane is damaged. The scale bar represents 2 μm .

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	<i>Summary</i>	<i>Data repository</i>	<i>Reference collections</i>	<i>Open online data analysis</i>	<i>Pubmed</i>
GNPS	Natural products and metabolomics crowdsourced analysis infrastructure with public reference libraries, public data repository and living data	Yes, living data with automated reanalysis, minimal required metadata (220 w/MS2, 274 total)	Yes, open access, crowdsourced curation	Can search any number of files, analog searches and molecular networking (G,J,E,NA,R,H,N)	

Reference Collections

MassBank Japan	The first public large scale database for metabolomics reference spectra.		Yes, open access	Can search up to one file at a time (J)	20623627
MassBank Europe	European counterpart of massbank japan. This public reference spectral library is under construction to include draft structures.		Yes, open access	Can search up to one file at a time (J,E)	
MassBank North America	North American public spectral library warehouse and distribution database.		Yes, open access	Can search up to one file at a time (G,J,NA,R,H)	
ReSpect	Public reference library for plant metabolites.		Yes, open access	Can search single spectrum (R)	22867903
HMDB	Public reference library for human metabolites.		Yes, open access	Can search single spectrum (H)	17202168
XCMS-online/Metlin	Reference library for metabolomics. Can be searched but the library is commercial and not available for public redistribution.	Yes, no reanalysis (10 w/MS2, 23 total)	Yes, not freely available	Can search any number of files up to 25Gb (Mt)	16404815
NIST/EPA/NIH	Reference libraries for metabolomics. Accessible through purchase but not available for redistribution.		Yes, not freely available		
mzCloud	A metabolomics search engine and reference library. The library is not available to the scientific community.		Yes, not freely available		

Data Repositories

Metabolights	Public data repository for metabolomics data, library capabilities under construction.	Yes, no reanalysis, experimental metadata (13 w/MS2, 131 total)	Aggregator only		23109552
Metabolomics workbench	Public data repository for metabolomics data.	Yes, no reanalysis, extensive metadata required (9 w/open format MS2, 196 total)	Aggregator only		26467476

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Table 1 - Metabolomics and Natural Products MS/MS Computational Resources Overview –

The various computational resources available to the MS/MS-based metabolomics and natural product communities. For each resource a short summary is provided along with the URL and PubMed identifier for the associated publication. High level core functionality is also listed for each resource. Data repository – denotes whether a resource is designed to publicly share projects data with the community or between different research groups. Total number of MS/MS datasets and total datasets are shown in parenthesis. Reference collection of MS/MS spectra – indicates

969 whether resources contribute new MS/MS reference spectra to spectral libraries (rather than
970 redistributing them); mode of access to download the MS/MS reference spectra is clarified. Online
971 analysis utilizing MS/MS reference spectra available at each resource, with emphasis on batch
972 capabilities; the MS/MS spectral libraries available for searches at each resource are highlighted
973 with the following notation: GNPS libraries (G), MassBank JP libraries (J), MassBank EU libraries
974 (E), MassBank of North America libraries (NA), HMDB libraries (H), ReSpect libraries (R), NIST
975 libraries (N), Metlin libraries (Mt), mzCloud libraries (Mz).
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977 **Methods**

978 **Spectral Library Searching**

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981 Input MS/MS spectra (i.e., query spectra) are considered matched to library spectra if they meet
982 the following criteria: same precursor charge state, precursor m/z is within a user defined
983 Thompson tolerance, share a minimum number of matched peaks, and exceed a user-defined
984 minimum spectral match score. Exact spectral matches between library and query spectra are
985 scored with a normalized dot product⁵⁵⁻⁵⁷. The matching of peaks between two spectra is
986 formulated as a maximum bipartite matching problem¹⁵ where peaks from the library and query
987 spectra are represented as nodes with edges connecting library and query peaks. Edges connect
988 peaks that are within a user defined fragment mass tolerance. The bipartite match of library to
989 query peaks that maximizes the normalized dot product is selected. The highest scoring library
990 match for each query spectrum is reported. Estimated false discovery rates of the exact spectral
991 library search are shown in **Supplementary Note 3**. Parameters of the search can be found in
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996 Variable dereplication utilizes a modification tolerant spectral library search. Similar to exact
997 spectral matches, except additional edges are added to the bipartite matching between library and
998 query peaks which differ by a δ (as determined by their precursor mass difference δ) +/- the user
999 defined fragment mass tolerance.

1000 **Molecular Network Construction**

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1003 Molecular networks can be constructed from any collection of MS/MS spectra. First, all MS/MS
1004 spectra are clustered with MSCluster⁵⁸ such that MS/MS spectra found to be identical are merged
1005 into a consensus spectrum. Consensus spectra are then matched against each other using the
1006 modification tolerant spectral matching scheme¹⁵. All spectrum-to-spectrum matches that exceed a
1007 user defined minimum match score are retained. MS/MS spectra are then represented as nodes in
1008 a graph and significant matches between spectra are represented as edges. Further, edges in the
1009 graph are only retained if the two nodes, A and B, connected by a given edge satisfy the following
1010 properties: i) B must be in the top K highest scoring neighbors of A and ii) A must be in the top K
1011 highest scoring neighbors of B. All other edges are removed.

1012 **GNPS Collections – Sample Preparation**

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1015 The NIH Prestwick Phytochemical Library, NIH Natural Product Library, and NIH Small Molecule
1016 Pharmacologically Active Library compounds were received as stock solutions of pure compounds
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1018 96 well plates with 11 distinct compounds in each well. They were further diluted 100-fold for a final
1019 1 μ M concentration.

1020 The NIH Clinical Collections and FDA Library part 2 were received as stock solutions of pure
1021 compounds (10 mM in DMSO). They were diluted to final concentration of 1 μ M in 50:50
1022 methanol:water and formatted onto 96 well plates with 10 compounds per well.

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1024 **GNPS Collections – LC MS/MS Acquisition**

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1026 LC-MS/MS acquisition for all in house generated libraries was performed using a Bruker Daltonics
1027 Maxis qTOF mass spectrometer equipped with a standard electrospray ionization source (ESI).
1028 The mass spectrometer was tuned by infusion of Tuning Mix ES - TOF (Agilent Technologies) at a
1029 3 μ L/min flow rate. For accurate mass measurements, lock mass internal calibration used a wick
1030 saturated with hexakis (1H,1H,3H - tetrafluoropropoxy) phosphazene ions (Synquest Laboratories,
1031 *m/z* 922.0098) located within the source. Samples were introduced by a Thermo Scientific
1032 UltraMate 3000 Dionex UPLC using a 20 μ L injection volume. A Phenomenex Kinetex 2.6 μ m C18
1033 column (2.1 mm \times 50 mm) was used. Compounds from NIH Prestwick Phytochemical Library, NIH
1034 Natural Product Library, and NIH Small Molecule Pharmacologically Active Library were separated
1035 using a seven minute linear water - acetonitrile gradient (from 98:2 to 2:98 water:acetonitrile)
1036 containing 0.1% formic acid. Compounds from NIH Clinical Collections and FDA Library part 2
1037 Library employed a step gradient for chromatographic separation [5% solvent B (2:98
1038 water:acetonitrile) containing 0.1% formic acid for 1.5 min, a step gradient of 5% B-50% B in 0.5
1039 min, held at 50% B for 2 min, a second step of 50% B-100% B in 6 min, held at 100% B for 0.5
1040 min, 100%-5 % B in 0.5 min and kept at 5% B for 0.5 min]. The flow rate was 0.5 mL/min. The
1041 mass spectrometer was operated in data dependent positive ion mode; automatically switching
1042 between full scan MS and MS/MS acquisitions. Full scan MS spectra (*m/z* 50 – 1500) were
1043 acquired in the TOF and the top ten most intense ions in a particular scan were fragmented using
1044 collision induced dissociation (CID) utilizing stepping.

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1046 **GNPS Collections – Spectral Library Creation**

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1048 All raw data were centroided and converted to 32-bit uncompressed mzXML file using Bruker Data
1049 Analysis. A script was developed to select all possible MS/MS spectra in each LC-MS/MS run that
1050 could correspond to a compound present in the sample. For each compound, we calculated the
1051 theoretical mass *M* from its chemical composition and searched for the *M*+H, *M*+2H, *M*+K, and
1052 *M*+Na adducts. Putative identifications included all MS/MS spectra whose precursor *m/z* had a
1053 ppm error <50 compared to the theoretical mass of each possible precursor *m/z*; all tandem
1054 MS/MS spectra with an MS1 precursor intensity of <1E4 were ignored. All candidate identifications
1055 were manually inspected and the most abundant representative spectrum for each compound was
1056 added to the corresponding library at the gold or bronze level based upon an expert evaluation of
1057 the spectrum quality. The best MS/MS spectrum per compound as added to the GNPS-Collections
1058 library without filtering or alteration from the mzXML files.

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GNPS-Community Contributed Spectral Library Processing and Control

User contributed library spectra are not filtered or altered in any way from the user submission. MS/MS spectra are extracted from the submitted data and are made available in the GNPS libraries. The list and description of metadata fields can be found in GNPS online documentation. To preserve provenance information, the full input file is also retained and made available for download for each library spectrum (e.g. [link](#)). Different levels of reference spectra submissions are enforced with access restrictions on a per user basis. The description of each of the quality levels: Gold, Silver and Bronze and be found in **Supplementary Table 3**. While any MS/MS spectrum can be Bronze quality level in the GNPS libraries, Silver contributions require peer-reviewed publication of the MS/MS spectra, and Gold contributions require MS/MS spectra to be of synthetics or purified compounds with complete structural characterization.

Materials and Strains

Streptomyces sp. DSM5940, obtained from Eberhard-Karls-Universität Tübingen, Germany, was originally isolated from a soil sample collected from the Andaman Islands, India. *Streptomyces roseosporus* NRRL 15998 was acquired from the Broad Institute, MIT/Harvard, MA, USA, whose parent strain *S. roseosporus* NRRL 11379 was isolated from soil from Mount Ararat in Turkey. All media components were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. Organic solvents were purchased from JT Baker at the highest purity.

Streptomyces sp. DSM5940 and *S. roseosporus* Metabolite Extraction

S. roseosporus and *Streptomyces sp.* DSM5940 were inoculated by 4 parallel streaks onto individual ISP2 agar plates⁵⁹. After incubating for 10 d at 28 °C, the agar was sliced into small pieces and put into a 50 mL centrifuge tube containing 1:1 water:*n*-butanol and shaken at 225 rpm for 12 h. The *n*-butanol layer was collected via transfer pipette, centrifuged, and dried with *in vacuo*.

Streptomyces sp. DSM5940 and *S. roseosporus* MS/MS Acquisition

MS/MS spectra for crude extracts of *S. roseosporus* and *Streptomyces sp.* DSM were collected as previously described³⁷. Briefly, MS/MS spectra were collected using direct infusion using an Advion nanomate-electrospray robot and capillary liquid chromatography using a manually pulled 10 cm silica capillary packed with C18 reverse phase resin. Samples were introduced for capillary LC using a Surveyor system using a 10mL injection (10 ng/μL in 10% ACN). Metabolites were separated using a time variant gradient [(minutes, % of solvent B): (20, 5), (30, 60), (75, 95) where solvent A is water with 0.1% AcOH and B is ACN with 0.1% AcOH] using a 200mL flowrate (1% to instrument source with 1.8kV source voltage). Both methods utilized detection by a Thermo Finnigan LTQ/FT-ICR mass spectrometer. The mass spectrometer was operated in data dependent positive ion mode; automatically switching between full scan high resolution FT MS and

1102 low resolution LTQ MS/MS acquisitions. Full scan MS spectra were acquired in the FT and the top
1103 six most intense ions in a particular scan were fragmented using collision induced dissociation
1104 (CID) at a constant collision energy of 35eV, an activation Q of 0.25, and an activation time of 50 to
1105 80 ms. RAW files were converted to .mzXML using ReAdW.

1106 1107 **Molecular Networking Parameters**

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1109 A molecular network was created at GNPS data from the *S. roseosporus* and *Streptomyces* sp.
1110 DSM5940 MS/MS data. The specific job is browse-able online ([link](#)). Full parameters can be found
1111 in **Supplementary Table 14**.

1112 1113 **Stenothricin-GNPS extraction and purification**

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1115 400 ISP2 agar plates were inoculated with spore suspension of *Streptomyces* sp. DSM5940 strain
1116 and incubated for 10 d at 30 °C. The agar was sliced into small pieces and extracted twice with 1:1
1117 water:*n*-butanol for 12 h at 28 °C and 225 rpm in two 2.8 L Fernbach flasks. Agar pieces were
1118 removed by filtration. The resultant filtrate was centrifuged and the *n*-butanol layer was collected,
1119 dried and resuspended in 1 mL methanol. The extract was fractionated using a Sephadex LH20
1120 column utilizing a methanol mobile phase at a flow rate of 0.5 mL/min. Each fraction was analyzed
1121 by dried droplet MALDI-TOF MS for the *m/z* values corresponding to stenothricin-GNPS. For this
1122 analysis, 1 mL of each fraction was mixed 1:1 with a saturated solution of Universal MALDI matrix
1123 (Sigma-Aldrich) in 78 % acetonitrile containing 0.1 % TFA and spotted on a Bruker MSP 96 anchor
1124 plate. The sample was dried and analyzed by either a Microflex or Autoflex MALDI-TOF MS
1125 (Bruker Daltonics). Mass spectra were obtained using the FlexControl software and a single spot
1126 acquisition of 80 shots. MALDI-TOF MS data was analyzed by FlexAnalysis software. Fractions
1127 containing *m/z* values putatively assigned to stenothricin-GNPS were combined and further purified
1128 by a two-step reversed-phase HPLC procedure (Solvent A: water with 0.1% TFA; Solvent B: ACN
1129 with 0.1% TFA). Initial HPLC analysis (SUPELCO C18, 5 µm, 100 Å, 250 x 10.0 mm) utilized a
1130 linear gradient from 50% to 75% solvent B in 35 min at flow rate 2 mL/min. Fractions containing
1131 target peptide *m/z* values as detected by MALDI-TOF MS were collected, combined, and
1132 evaporated. Subsequent HPLC analysis (Thermo, Synchronis Phenyl HPLC, 5 µm, 150 x 4.6 mm)
1133 used an isocratic elution with 35% solvent B. Purified stenothricin-GNPS 2 (*m/z* 1091) and 3 (*m/z*
1134 1105) were lyophilized and stored at -80 °C.

1135 1136 **Stenothricin-GNPS NMR**

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1138 50 µg stenothricin-GNPS 2 was dissolved in 30 µL of CD₃OD for NMR acquisition. ¹H-NMR spectra
1139 were recorded on Bruker Avance III 600 MHz NMR with 1.7 mm Micro-CryoProbe at 298 K, with
1140 standard pulse sequences provided by Bruker. The NMR spectrum was overlaid with the NMR
1141 spectrum from stenothricin D and analyzed using the MestReNova software³⁷.

1142 1143 **Genome sequencing and de novo assembly *Streptomyces* sp. DSM5940**

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1145 *Streptomyces* sp. DSM5940 genome was subjected to partial genome sequencing by Ion Torrent
1146 and Illumina MiSeq with paired end sequencing. The resulting contigs were assembled by
1147 Geneious 5.1.1 using the *S. roseosporus* 15998 genome sequence as template. Sequences have
1148 been deposited in NCBI with accession number assignment pending.

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1150 **Sequence definition of the gene cluster in *Streptomyces* sp. DSM5940**

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1152 To identify the Stenothricin-GNPS gene cluster, the *Streptomyces* sp. DSM5940 genome was
1153 annotated using Artemis^{60,61}. Non-ribosomal peptide synthesis (NRPS) biosynthetic gene clusters
1154 were manually assigned using the Artemis Comparison Tool (an “all-against-all” BLAST (NCBI)
1155 comparison of proteins within the database)⁶². The adenylation domains of each NRPS gene
1156 cluster were further assessed using NRPSpredictor2^{63,64}. The predicted 10 amino acid codes for
1157 each A-domain within the NRPS gene clusters was manually compared to those predicted for the
1158 putative stenothricin gene cluster from *S. roseosporus*³⁷. The gene cluster with highest A-domain
1159 similarity was putatively identified as the stenothricin-GNPS gene cluster. Full sequence alignment
1160 of both the stenothricin-GNPS and stenothricin using ClustalW2 confirmed high sequence identity
1161 and similarity⁶⁵.

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1163 **Phylogenetic Analysis of C-domains**

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1165 To determine whether the stenothricin and stenothricin-GNPS gene clusters code for similar amino
1166 acid stereochemistry, the condensation domain (C-domain) sequences in the putative stenothricin-
1167 GNPS and stenothricin gene clusters were aligned with a subset of C-domain sequences
1168 representing the six C-domain families (heterocyclization, epimerization, dual
1169 condensation/epimerization (dual), condensation of L amino acids to L amino acids (L to L), and
1170 condensation of D amino acids to L amino acids (D to L), and starter) using ClustalW2⁶⁵.

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1172 **Fluorescence Microscopy**

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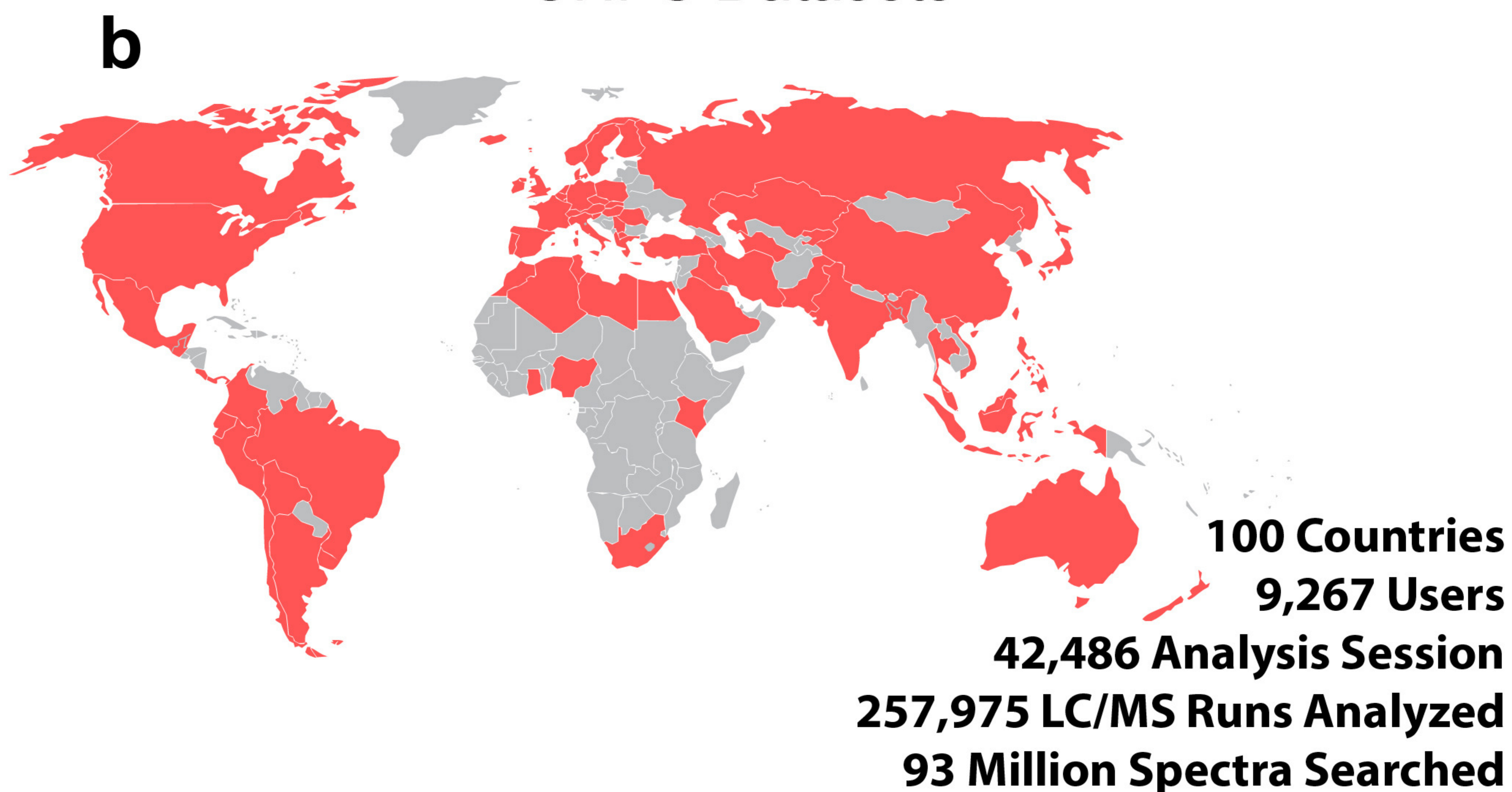
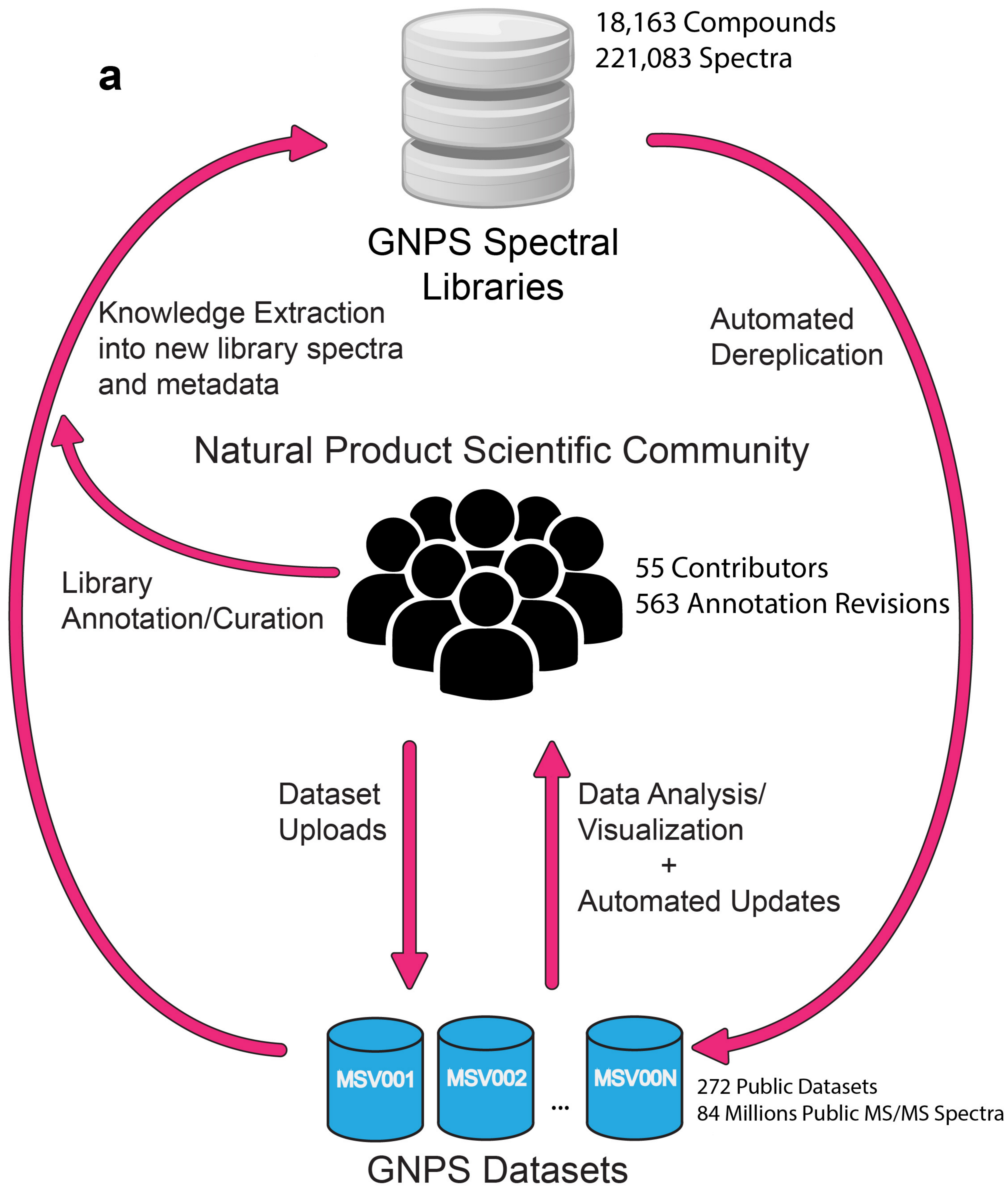
1174 A pre-culture of *E. coli* IptD cells (NR698) was grown to saturation, then diluted 1:100 into 20 mL
1175 LB. Flasks were incubated at 30°C until an OD₆₀₀ of 0.2 was reached. Cultures were then mixed
1176 with the appropriate amount of compound. Compounds were used at the following final
1177 concentrations: 1% MeOH, 0.5% DMSO, 20 µg/mL stenothricin D, 40 µg/mL stenothricin-GNPS
1178 2/3. 15 µL of treated cells were transferred into a 1.7 mL tube and incubated at 30°C in a roller.
1179 Samples were collected for imaging at 2 hours. 6 µL of cells were added to 1.5 µL of dye mix (30
1180 µg/mL FM 4-64, 2.5 µM SYTOX green and 1.2 µg/mL DAPI) prepared in 1X T-base, and
1181 immobilized on an agarose pad (20% LB, 1.2% agarose) prior to microscopy. All microscopy was
1182 performed on an Applied Precision Spectris microscope as previous described⁶⁶ Images were
1183 deconvolved using softWoRx V 5.5.1 and the medial focal plane shown. The SYTOX green images
1184 were normalized within **Figure 5d** based on intensity and exposure length relative to the treatment
1185 with the highest fluorescence intensity.

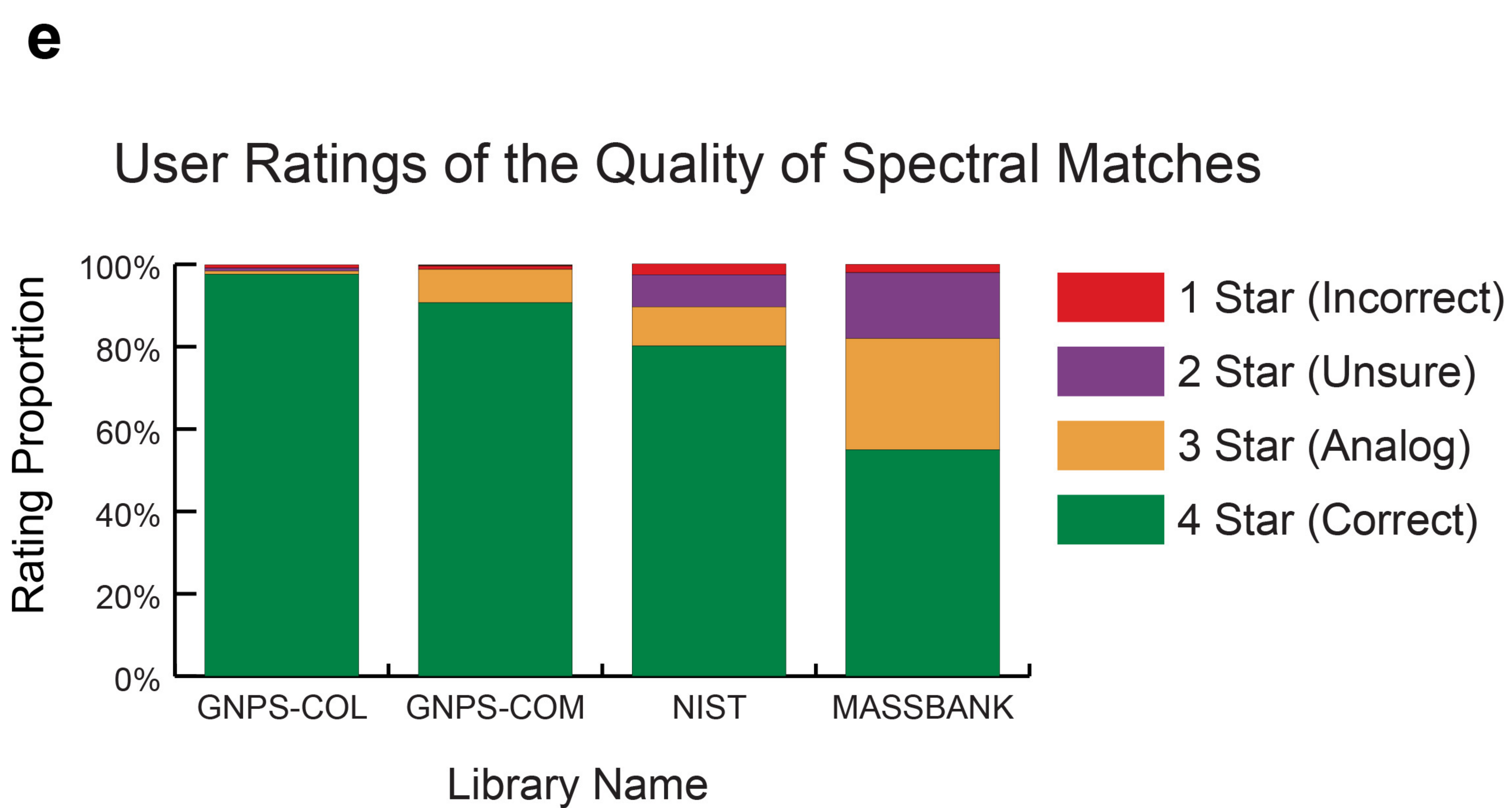
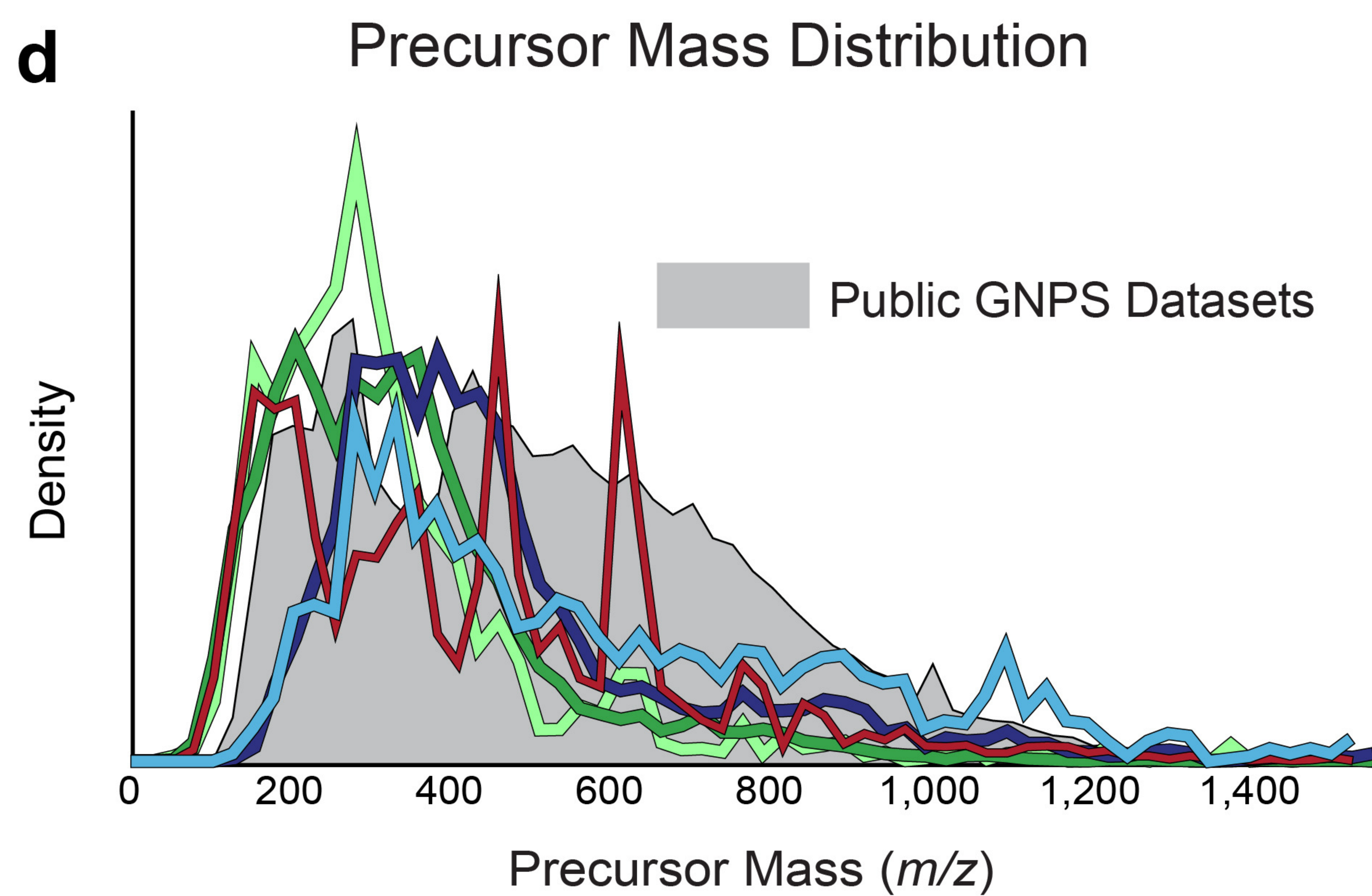
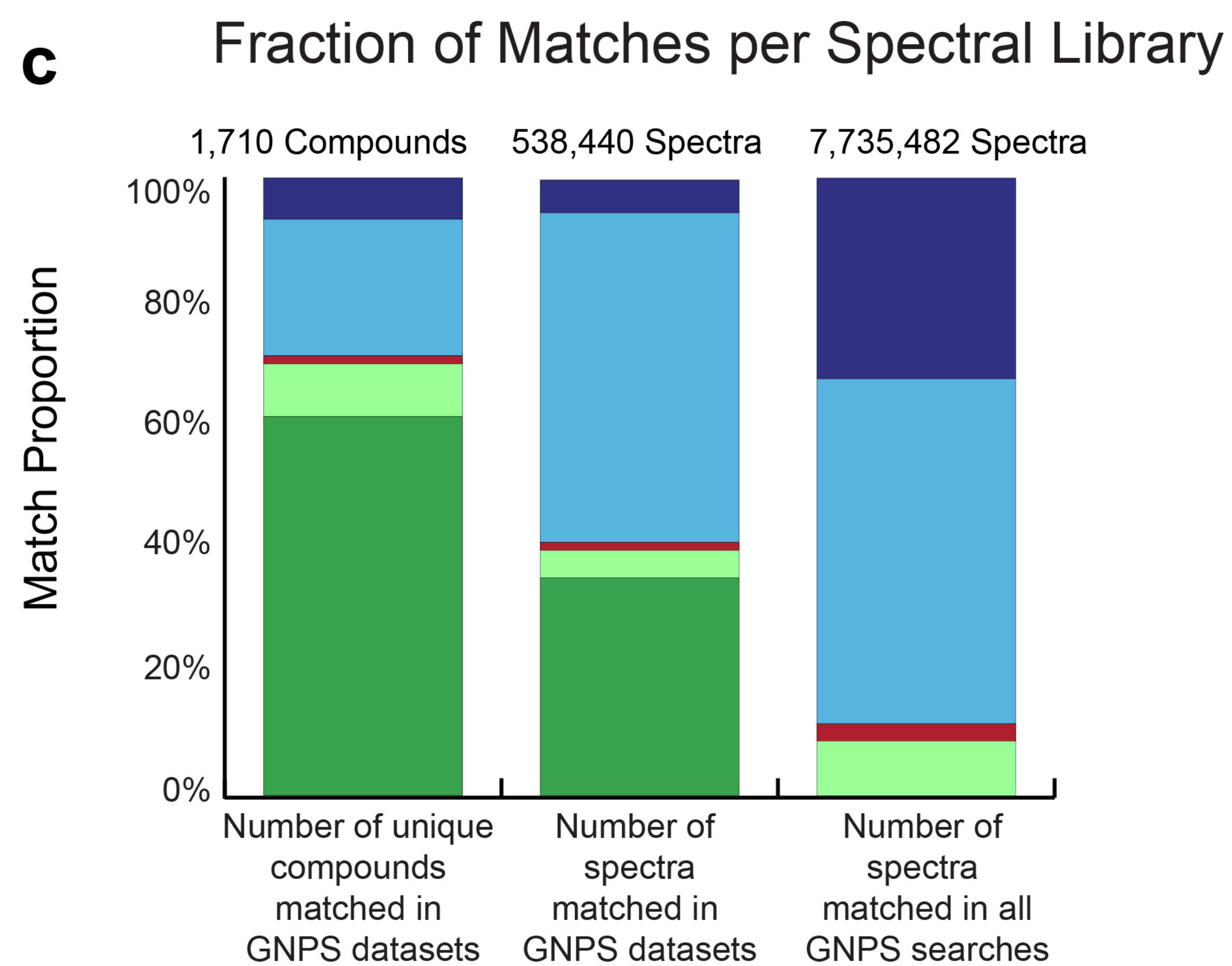
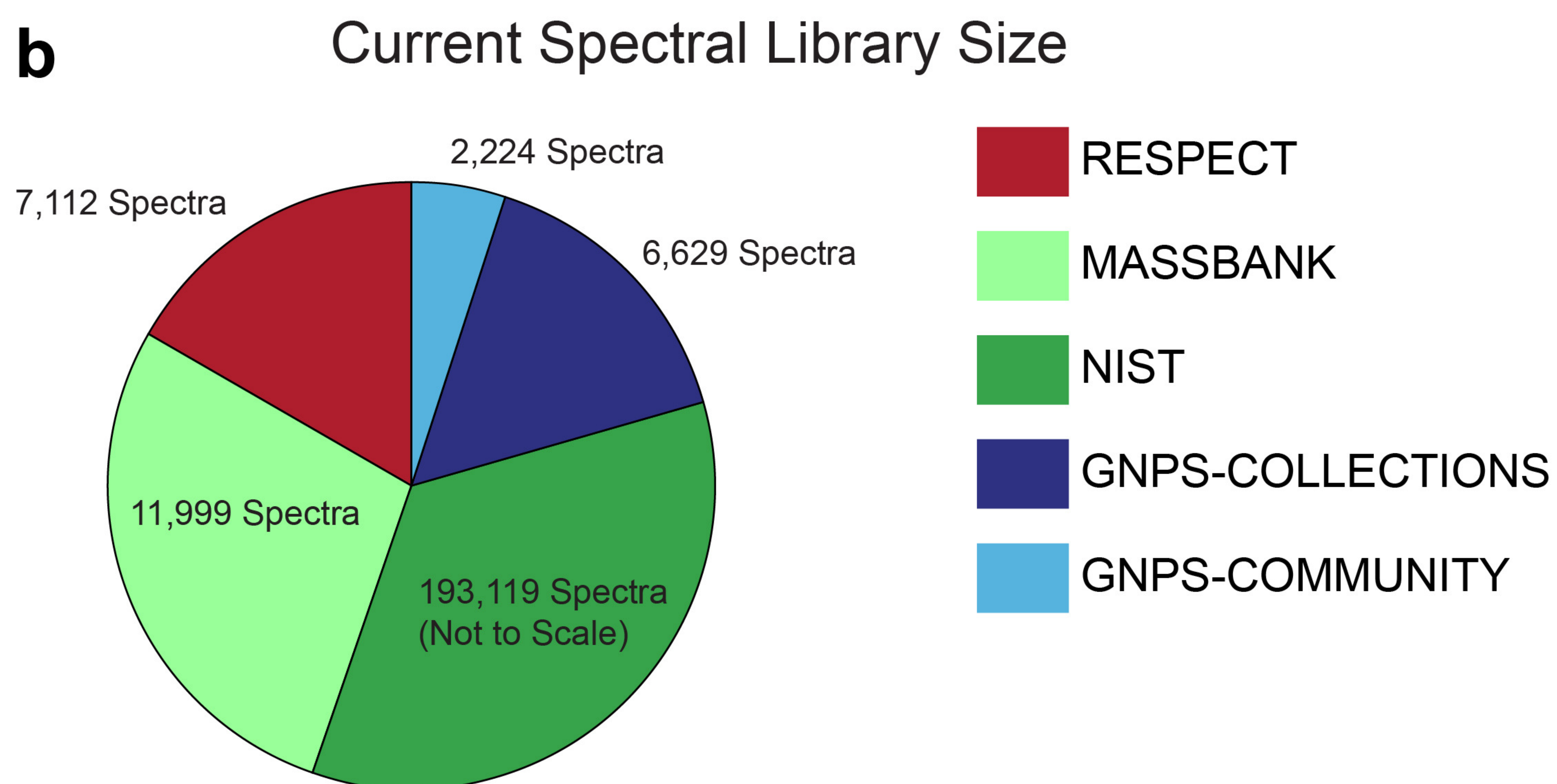
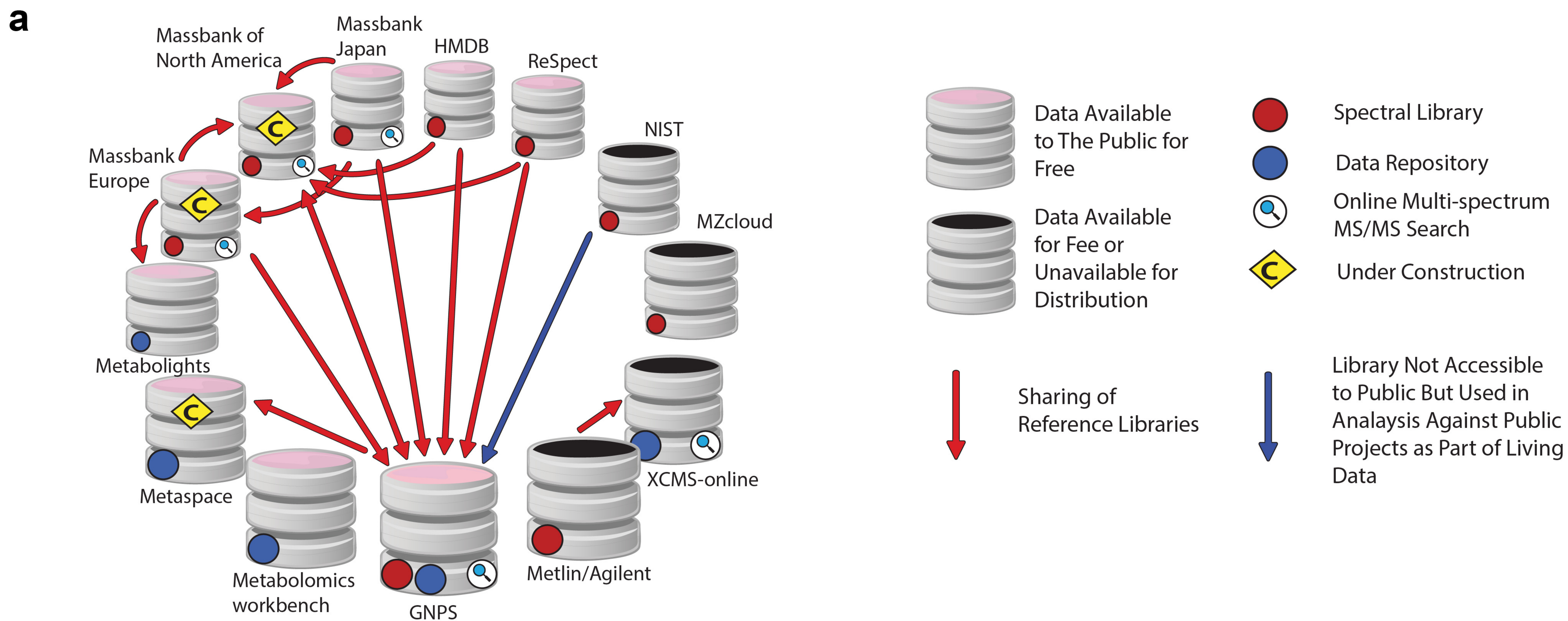
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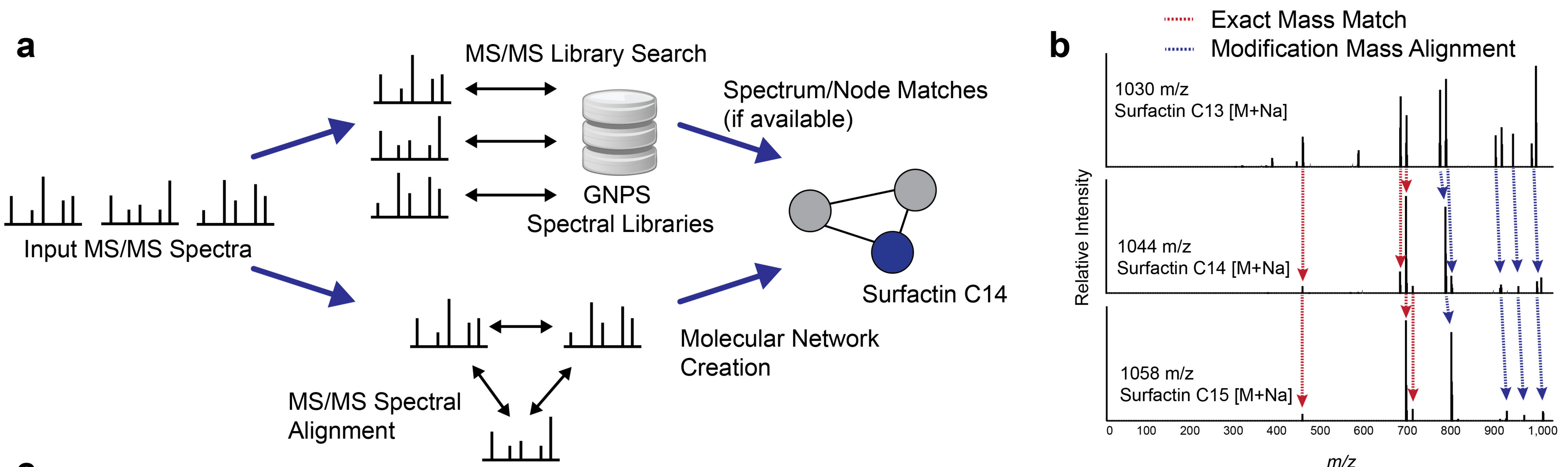
1187 **Code availability**

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1189 Source code and license is available at the CCMS software tools [webpage](#).







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- parent mass
- LibraryID
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- Peptide

Edge Labels

- Cosine
- DeltaMZ
- None

Edge Highlight

- Edge MZ Delta
- Edge Score Min

Node MS2 Peaks Highlight

- Cluster MZ Hig

Node Size

- Default

Node Color

- Default

Coloring

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- G2
- G3
- G4
- G5
- G6
- Draw Pies
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Align Spec

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LibraryID Surfactin C13

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Peptide

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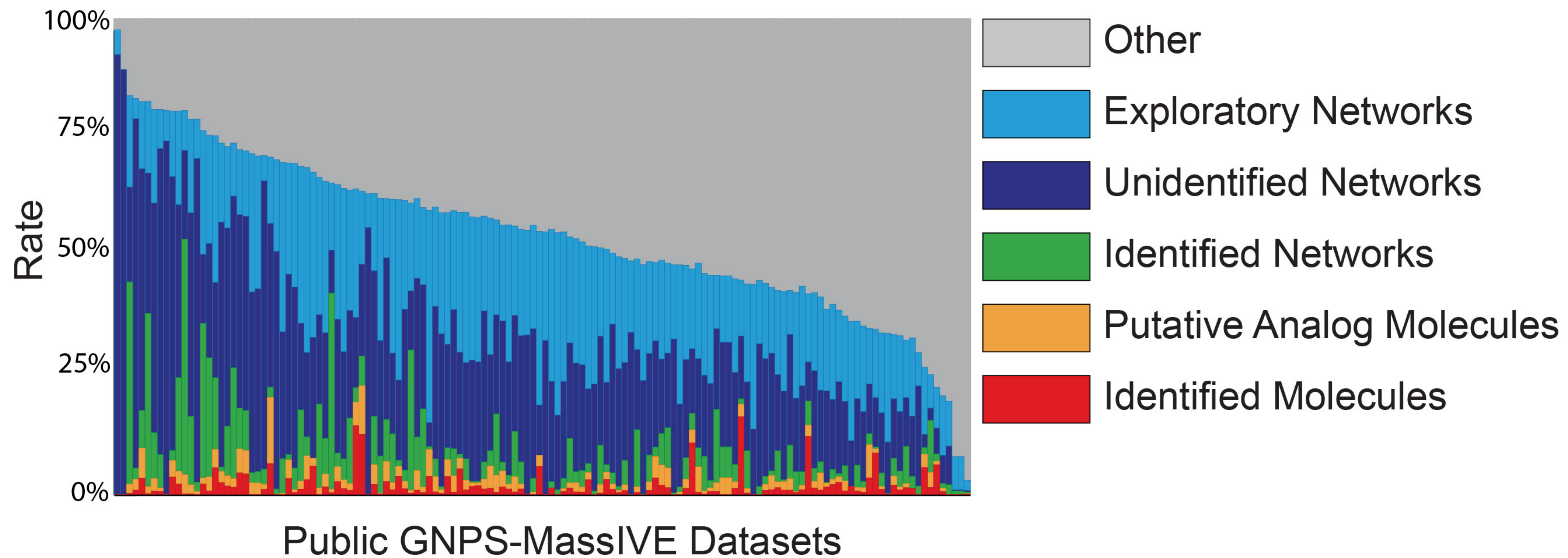
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