

Improving the Chance of Success Where an Outcome Can't be Predicted

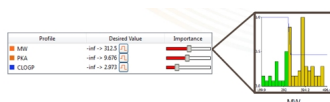
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Abstract

In silico models are widely used in drug discovery to predict key ADME properties for compounds before synthesis or testing in *in vitro* assays. Common models cover a wide range of endpoints including physicochemical properties, absorption, blood-brain barrier penetration and interactions with proteins including enzymes, transporters and ion channels. Complex *in vivo* endpoints, such as pharmacokinetic parameters or toxicity, are more challenging to predict confidently from compound structure because they arise from multiple mechanisms, each with their own structure-activity relationships. However, in cases where we can't confidently predict an outcome, it is still possible to identify compounds with an improved chance of achieving a good result for these objectives. We will describe how predictions of multiple, relatively simple compound properties can be combined in a multi-parameter optimisation framework to target compounds with an improved chance of success against complex *in vivo* endpoints. We will illustrate how property profiles can be derived for PK and toxicity objectives and applied in the context of drug discovery.



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