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Metabolite databases for plant biotechnology

Abstract:

My lab has been working on metabolomics since 2003. One of the major drawbacks in metabolomics is that most of metabolites are not identifiable in a high-through-put, non-targeted manner. Thus, we introduced a liquid chromatography-coupled Fourier transform ion cyclotron resonance mass spectrometer (LC-FT-ICR-MS) and an orbitrap mass analyzer to analyze metabolites with a high mass accuracy of 0.5 ppm. Such ultra-high accuracy allows us to predict a molecular formula or possible formulas of a metabolite, and furthermore, the MS/MS fragmentation patter of the metabolite provides a cue to speculate the chemical structure. We are challenging toward a comprehensive annotation of metabolites in various organisms, including diverse plant species, microorganisms and animals, which will provide a firm basis to the metabolome research. We analyzed several stages of tomato fruit by LC-FT-ICR-MS, and the whole chromatography datasets were processed manually to annotate metabolite peaks. Over 800 tomato metabolites including many novel ones were annotated (Iijima et al., Plant J. 54, 949-962, 2008). As the annotation process was very time-consuming, we developed the pipeline PowerFT to treat MS data in a computational manner, where the whole processes of peak detection, isotope peak identification, formula prediction and web-information search were automated within 30 minutes. We also prepared another pipeline, PowerMatch, to compare the processed data sets on a graphical interface. To accommodate the metabolite datasets, we are now constructing the database "KOMICS" (Kazusa OMICS, http://webs2.kazusa.or.jp/komics/). To integrate quantitative datasets of transcripts and metabolites on metabolic maps, we also developed a graphical interface KaPPA-View (Tokimatsu et al., Plant Physiology 138, 1289-1300, 2005, http://kpv.kazusa.or.jp/kappa-view3/). Our recent studies on metabolomics in Kazusa DNA Research Institute also will be summarized in my presentation.

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