This is an optional extension of the PASS system, allowing for a systematic data mining and biological interpretation of PASS results.

PharmaExpert analyzes mechanism-effect relationships, identifies the probable drug-drug interactions for pairs of molecules, and searches for molecules acting on multiple targets. The software can also help to identify molecules with desired activities and without toxic or side effects.

The analysis is based on a “mechanism-effect(s)” relationship knowledgebase (MER base) that is collected by experts from literature of more than 15 years.

PASS
The acronym PASS stands for “Prediction of Activity Spectra for Substances”. Upon entering a structural formula of a chemical substance, the program returns the potential biological activities of this compound.

PharmaExpert allows to:
- Select compounds with required therapeutic, but without adverse effects;
- Comparatively analyze compounds with similar structures;
- Select compounds with multiple mechanisms of action;
- Assess drug-drug interactions with regard to their pharmacokinetic, pharmacodynamic, and adverse effects.

About geneXplain
GeneXplain’s mission is to provide a comprehensive platform for bioinformatic, systems biological and cheminformatic tools. The raison d’etre of this platform is to assist translational research in the life sciences, mainly in the context of personalized medicine and pharmacogenomics. We intend to make our expertise available to academic and commercial partners in collaborative research projects.

To achieve this, geneXplain offers:
- The geneXplain platform providing a large number of bioinformatic and systems biological data analysis workflows. Unique is geneXplain’s Upstream Analysis for causal interpretation of expression data.
- TRANSFAC®, the most comprehensive database on eukaryotic transcription regulation. TRANSFAC® is now also available under the geneXplain platform, providing the most comprehensive collection of TF DNA-binding profiles.
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PharmaExpert - a tool for the estimation of safety and efficacy of new pharmaceutical agents

How to select the most promising compounds among those predicted to interact with the selected target(s) and to cause the required pharmacotherapeutic effect(s)?

The current version, PharmaExpert2017, as a pharmacological knowledge-based tool, provides in silico screening of compounds using either the PASS predictions or GUSAR predictions of their biological activities.

PASS and PharmaExpert: The optimal combination

In a first step, PASS has predicted biological activities for chemical compounds based on a library containing more than 1,025,000 structures (known drugs and drug-like compounds).

As the next step, PharmaExpert selects those chemical compounds that exhibit the required biological activity spectra with low probability of adverse or toxic effects.

Out of the thousands of biological activities predicted by PASS, PharmaExpert identifies rational combinations of multi-targeted action and finds the suitable pharmaceutical agents among commercially available chemical compounds.

Mechanism-effect relationships

PharmaExpert comes with a database, manually curated by experts, containing mechanism-effect relationships (MER), which is used to analyze the PASS prediction data.

In the current version, the MER base includes 6233 mechanisms of action, 710 pharmacological effects, 995 toxic and side effects, 175 antitargets, 343 metabolic effects, 113 effects on transporters, and 2523 effects on gene expression.

Search function

The search mask of PharmaExpert allows to find any number of desired activities with specified thresholds of the probability to be active (Pa). At the same time, it is possible to exclude unwanted activities by simply minimizing their Pa.

Multitarget selection

With PharmaExpert it is possible to identify substances with multitargeted actions. Simply choose a desired effect and a number of mechanisms that should lead to it will be displayed automatically. The software will then return a list of substances displaying more than one mechanism leading to the effect.

Drug-drug interactions

PharmaExpert provides a comfortable interface to reveal the most important types of drug-drug interactions for pairs of pharmaceutical agents.

A dedicated option allows to classify interactions of the compounds with metabolic enzymes and protein transporters, thus facilitating the estimation of pharmacokinetic drug-drug interactions.

Pharmacodynamic interactions are estimated with respect to molecular targets and pharmacotherapeutic effects.

Synergistic or additive effects of two compounds are provided for adverse and toxic effects as well.

A slide show with screenshots can be found on our homepage (www.genexplain.com) and also on our Facebook account (www.facebook.com/genexplain), and recommendations from experts for the PASS software can be found on our LinkedIn profile (http://www.linkedin.com/company/genexplain/products).