



## **“Search yourself” guide for Pharma industry**

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## I. Predictive Retrosynthesis

### Generic Nodes

In a lot of predicted retrosynthesis plans you will see the following generic nodes:

- Cx: Cl, Br or I
- Bx: Br or I
- X: F, Cl, Br or I

These generic nodes will be substituted with the most common corresponding halogen for further calculation or display when you click on the substance.

The differentiation between these nodes is important, because the different halogens can behave very differently, depending on the reaction type.

## Accessing Following Plans from Your Retrosynthesis History

In order to reproduce the following retrosynthetic schemes, please following the following steps:

Plan Information

Estimated Yield: 41%  
Overall Price: \$100.62  
(USD per 100 grams)

Commercially Available:  
A, C, E, F, G, H

Plan Options

Synthetic Depth: 4  
Predicted Rules: Common  
Break & Protect Bonds: No  
Starting Material Cost Limit: \$100.00/mol  
Edit Plan Options

Select Synthetic Depth [Learn more.](#)

1  
 2  
 3  
 4

Set Rules Supporting Predicted Reactions [Learn more.](#)

Common  
 Uncommon (includes Common Rules)  
 Rare (includes Common and Uncommon Rules)

Set Starting Materials Cost Limit [Learn more.](#)

100 USD/mol

Email me when my plan is complete

Create Retrosynthesis Plan

- 1) Click on the link provided in this document
- 2) When the Retrosynthesis scheme opens, click on “Edit Plan Options”
- 3) When the plan options open, click on “Create Retrosynthesis Plan”
- 4) The plan will now be in your history. It can also be saved and given a name

Alternatively, draw the structures by their CAS REGISTRY Numbers and start the retrosynthesis yourself.

## When to Use Uncommon or Rare Rules

The standard options for the calculation of predicted retrosynthesis plans use the set of common rules. Rules describing preparations of more complex structures, that by nature have less evidence, e.g. heterocycles or polycyclic moieties are triggered within the common rule set. In some cases, you will see that those are not sufficient to retrieve satisfying results. In those cases you can try the calculation with rare rules.

Change the plan options to uncommon or rare rules when you see

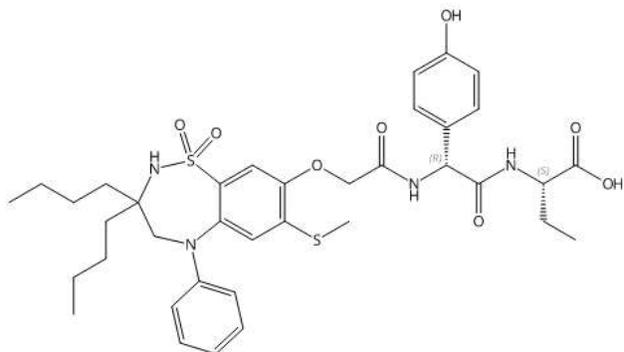
- Only small changes within a large fragment that seems to be inefficient regarding complexity reduction
- Disconnections of small side groups, though you think that the molecule could be split into more equally sized pieces
- Functional group interchanges like movement of a double bond that don't lead to further disconnections
- When the plan stops after only 1 step and other alternatives don't provide better alternatives

Due to the smart rule selection it is recommended to calculate the plan with common rules. In most cases you will find good plans already. If not, go ahead and calculate the plan again with uncommon or rare rules. Please note, that you can get very long list of alternatives with rare rules. Grouping alternatives is currently under development (as of 08/06/2021).

There are some classes of compounds that would allow you to set up a predictive retrosynthetic plan but it would not give very meaningful results, not even with rare rules. These would include

coordination compounds, cyclic peptides, large fused ring systems and radioisotopically labelled compounds.

## How to customize retrosynthesis plan



When we try and create a retrosynthesis plan with rare rules for **Odevixibat** - a newly approved medication for the treatment of progressive familial intrahepatic cholestasis (PFIC), we receive very high cost estimations and very low yield, based on the reported reactions.

Estimated Yield: 4%

Overall Price: \$43,583.56

(USD per 100 grams)

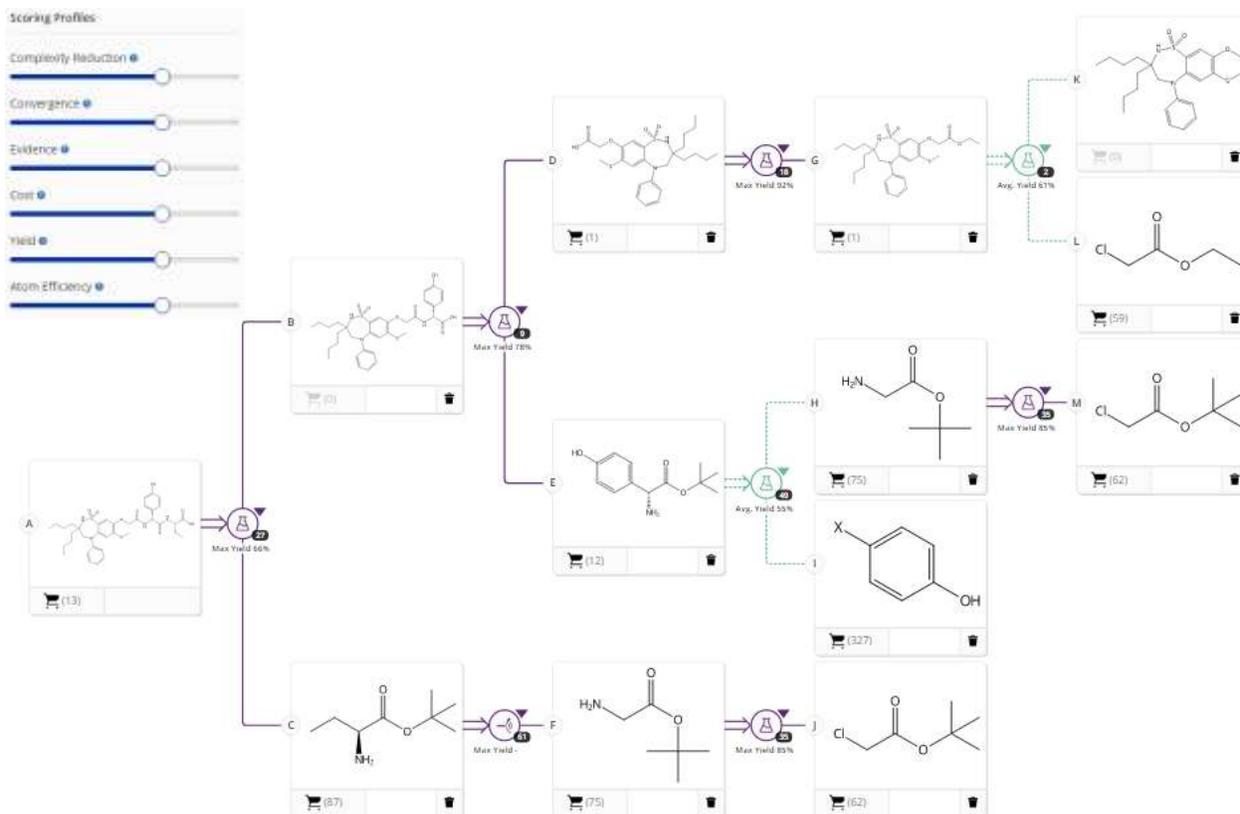
**Original plan:** [SciFinder<sup>®</sup> Retrosynthesis Plan \(cas.org\)](#)

Estimated Yield: 4%  
Overall Price: \$35,724.05  
(USD per 100 grams)

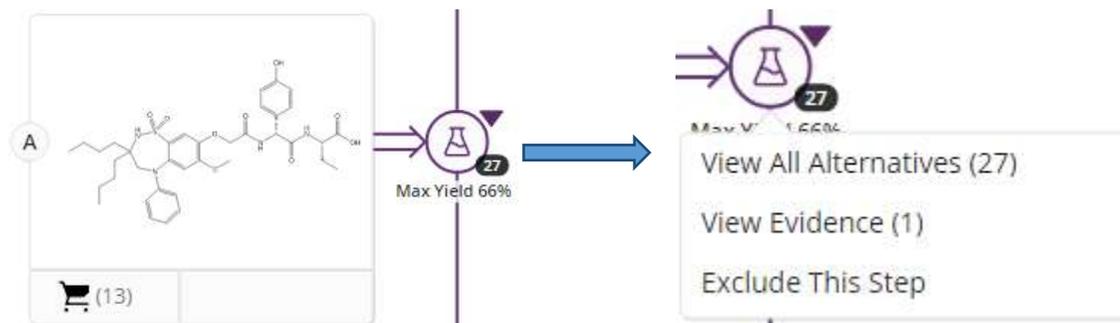
We can slightly improve the results by enabling the predicted steps in our plan.

Predicted Results

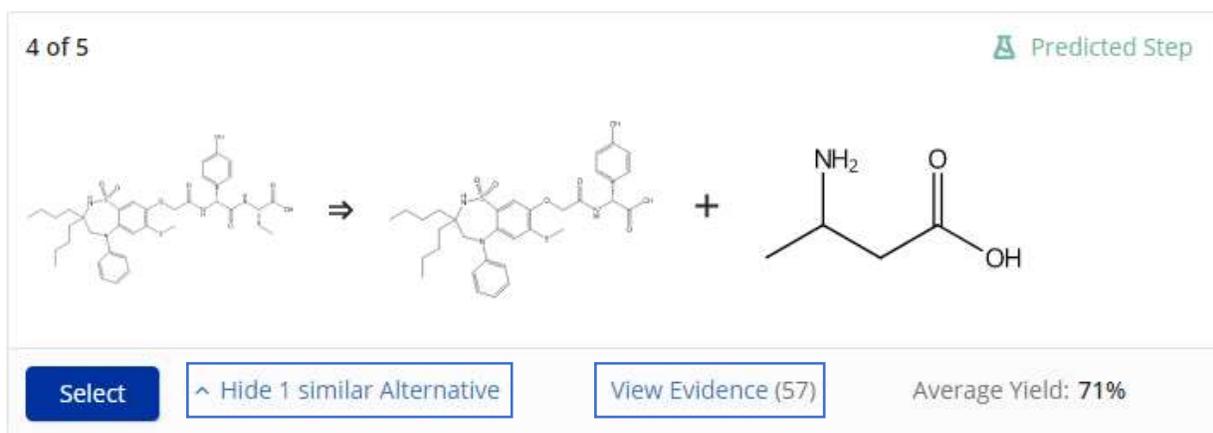
Scoring profiles are not so useful in this case, since we have a major part of experimental steps that are considered preferential by the scoring mechanism. But we can modify the plan manually to achieve the desired results.



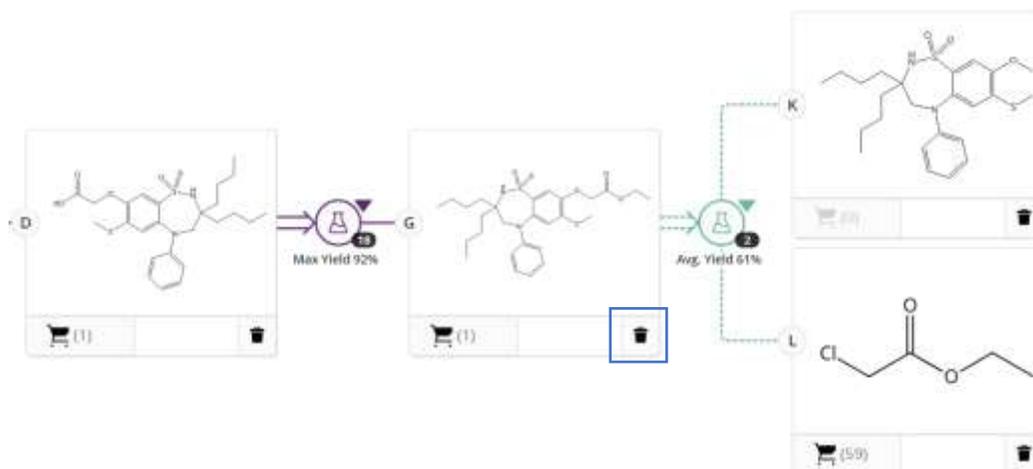
It seems that the first disconnection that leads to the final product provides rather low yield, so we can try and alter it by clicking on the step with left mouse button and browsing the available alternatives.



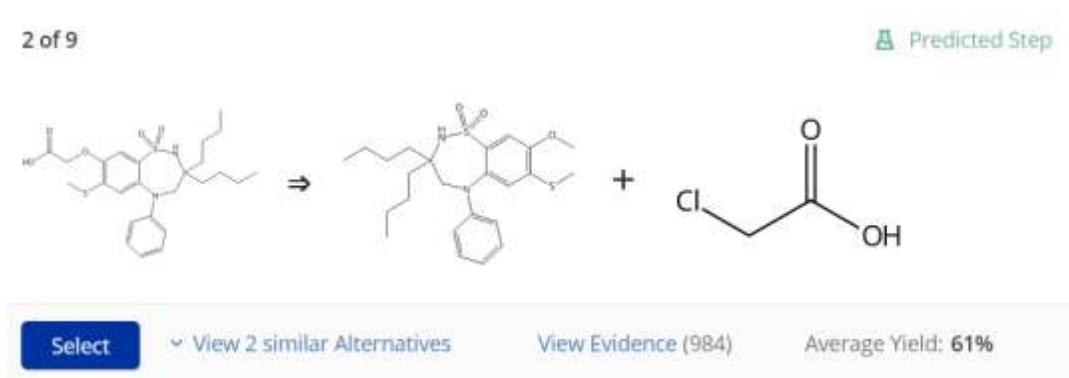
You can notice that with the latest update the alternatives are grouped by similarity, so you don't have to browse through all 27, but instead you have only 5 groups of reactions. From the first impression, the top alternative from group 4 can seem an ideal solution as it increases the yield and reduces the complexity of amino-acid intermediate. However, if you check the Evidence reactions behind this rule, you can see that none of them provides the desired stereoselectivity.



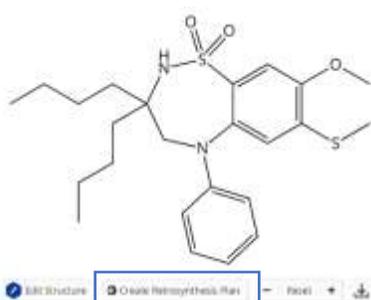
But we can alter the D -> G -> K + L row of disconnections since they provide unnecessary low complexity reduction and can be further modified. We can try and remove the two experimental intermediates (use delete function 2 times) for G to indicate the system that we want other alternatives.



Still the result isn't sufficient and we can manually select the following predicted alternative step for D - > G disconnection as it covers all the above-mentioned transformations in one step. Moreover, it is supported with a significant number of relevant evidence reactions.



Now we have a synthetic plan with sufficiently better cost and yield estimation.



However, there still is room for further improvement, for example, we have starting compound G, that is not commercially available and therefore is not counted towards the final cost. So, it will be a good option to create the second retrosynthesis plan for this compound to further evaluate our options.

#### Plan Information

Estimated Yield: 15%  
Overall Price: \$223.92  
(USD per 100 grams)

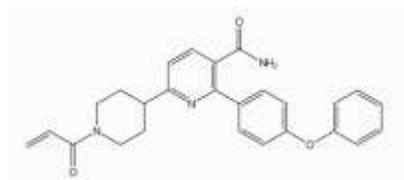
Commercially Available:  
A, C, D, E, F, H, I, J, K, L

**Final plan:** [SciFinder<sup>®</sup> Retrosynthesis Plan \(cas.org\)](#)

## Examples

You can browse and study the selected examples or even try and beat our best answers in selecting the most effective retrosynthetic approach in term of target substance cost.

### I. Orelabrutinib (CAS Registry Number 1655504-04-3)



**Background:** Orelabrutinib (®) is an orally administered, potent, irreversible and highly selective BTK-inhibitor being developed by InnoCare Pharma for the treatment of B cell malignancies and autoimmune diseases. In December 2020, orelabrutinib received its first approval in China for the treatment of patients with mantle cell lymphoma (MCL) or chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (CLL)/small lymphocytic lymphoma (SLL), who have received at least one treatment in the past.

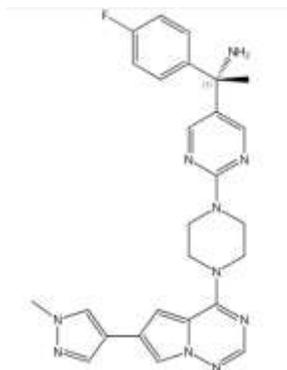
**Retrosynthesis tips:** Original plan in the absence of predicted steps provides a scheme with high overall cost. However, you can reduce it, enabling predicted steps Predicted Results  and changing scoring profiles or editing the steps manually.

Estimated Yield: 64%  
Overall Price: \$3,691.85  
(USD per 100 grams)

**Original plan:** [SciFinder<sup>®</sup> Retrosynthesis Plan \(cas.org\)](#)

**Best answer:** [SciFinder<sup>®</sup> Retrosynthesis Plan \(cas.org\)](#)

**II. Avapritinib** (CAS Registry Number 1703793-34-3)



**Background:** Avapritinib, sold under the brand name Ayvakit among others, is a medication used for the treatment of advanced systemic mastocytosis and for the treatment of tumors due to one specific rare mutation: it is specifically intended for adults with unresectable or metastatic gastrointestinal stromal tumor (GIST) that harbor a platelet-derived growth factor receptor alpha (PDGFRA) exon 18 mutation. Avapritinib is an orally bioavailable inhibitor of specific mutated forms of platelet-derived growth factor receptor alpha (PDGFR alpha; PDGFRA) and mast/stem cell factor receptor c-Kit (SCFR), with potential antineoplastic activity. Upon oral administration, avapritinib specifically binds to and inhibits specific mutant forms of PDGFRA and c-Kit, including the PDGFRA D842V mutant and various KIT exon 17 mutants. This

results in the inhibition of PDGFRA- and c-Kit-mediated signal transduction pathways and the inhibition of proliferation in tumor cells that express these PDGFRA and c-Kit mutants. PDGFRA and c-Kit, protein tyrosine kinases and tumor-associated antigens (TAAs), are mutated in various tumor cell types; they play key roles in the regulation of cellular proliferation.

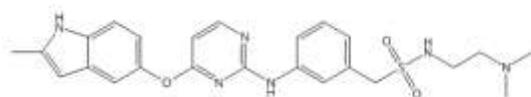
**Retrosynthesis tips:** Initial retrosynthesis plan provides unrealistic cost estimation, but it can be reduced along with the complexity of the synthetic pathway, by adjusting scoring profiles and then manually selecting predicted alternative on second disconnection.

Estimated Yield: 29%  
Overall Price: \$58,934.17  
(USD per 100 grams)

**Original plan:** [SciFinder<sup>®</sup> Retrosynthesis Plan \(cas.org\)](#)

**Best answer:** [SciFinder<sup>®</sup> Retrosynthesis Plan \(cas.org\)](#)

**III. Sulfatinib** (CAS Registry Number 1308672-74-3)



**Background:** An orally bioavailable, small molecule inhibitor of vascular endothelial growth factor receptors (VEGFR) 1, 2, and 3, and the fibroblast growth factor

receptor type 1 (FGFR1), with potential antineoplastic and anti-angiogenic activities. Upon oral administration, sulfatinib binds to and inhibits VEGFRs and FGFR1 thereby inhibiting VEGFR- and FGFR1-mediated signal transduction pathways. This leads to a reduction of angiogenesis and tumor cell proliferation in VEGFR/FGFR1-overexpressing tumor cells. Expression of VEGFRs and FGFR1 may be upregulated in a variety of tumor cell types.

**Retrosynthesis tips:** Experimental retrosynthesis plan provides too high cost estimation. However, enabling predicted options significantly extends the plan and thus reduces the cost of target substance. It can be further reduced by altering the 1<sup>st</sup> disconnection.

Estimated Yield: 38%  
Overall Price: \$4,206.04  
(USD per 100 grams)

**Original plan:** [SciFinder<sup>®</sup> Retrosynthesis Plan \(cas.org\)](#)

**Best answer:** [SciFinder<sup>®</sup> Retrosynthesis Plan \(cas.org\)](#)

## II. CAS Formulus

### Approaches to formulation search

You can search for formulations in Sci-Finder using three different approaches:

- 1) Search relevant publications in Sci-Finder and then limit them using CAS solutions filter -> CAS Formulus.
- 2) Search for specific ingredient in CAS Formulus and then retrieve all formulations for this compound or browse the “Commonly formulated with” section
- 3) Use text search field to find relevant formulations or create a complex query with advanced search option.



Then you can always refine the list of formulations using available filters.

### Advanced formulation searching – a case study.

You can familiarize yourself with CAS Formulus functions using this case. Simply recreate all consecutive steps that are listed below and get a nice overview of functions and filters.

**Goal:** Detailed formulations with insulin used as antidiabetic agents, suitable for oral drug delivery.



**Pathway 1.** Most comprehensive approach.

**Step 1.** Perform a simple text search for **insulin** using field.



**Step 2.** Then you can consecutively limit your result set by using **industry, purpose** and **delivery route** filters on the left:

<p>^ Industry</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Cosmetics &amp; Personal Care</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pharmaceutical</p>	<p>^ Purpose</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Antidiabetic agents (2,488)</p>	<p>^ Delivery Route</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oral drug delivery systems (2,488)</p>
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**Step 3.** And then determine the specificity of the data using **information included** and **document type** filters. In this case we decided that formulations with detailed components amount will suffice, but you can select any detail level you prefer. We also decided not to include the information extracted from claims (since it is usually not so comprehensive) and comparative examples (since it is not related directly to the invention) of the patents.

<p>^ Information Included</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Component Amount (1,541)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Process (1,391)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Experimental Activity (1,020)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Effective Dose (332)</p>	<p>^ Document Type</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Journal (657)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Article (620)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Information (36)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Table (1)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Patent (1,028)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Claim (138)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Comparative Example (28)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Example (856)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Table (6)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Product Insert (22)</p>
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**Step 4.** You also may need to limit your formulations to specific physical form, using the respective filter.

^ Physical Form

- Tablets (457)
- Particles (313)
- Capsules (181)
- Emulsions (33)
- Pharmaceutical liposomes (31)

[View All](#)

do not forget that many other forms are available here

**Step 5.** Now you can select the formulation of interest and browse the available details.

**Orally Administrable Solid Pharmaceutical Composition: Antidiabetic Agents**

Location: Example 2, Table  
Purpose: Antidiabetic agents  
Target: Diabetes mellitus, Homo sapiens  
Delivery Route: Oral drug delivery systems  
Physical Form: Capsules, Particles, Pharmaceutical dosage forms, Powders, Sachets, Suspensions, Tablets

[Add to Compare](#)

Component	Function	Amount Reported
Human insulin	antidiabetic agent <sup>Ⓟ</sup>	5.7078 mg
Sodium caprate	permeation enhancer <sup>Ⓟ</sup>	150 mg
Poly(vinylpyrrolidone)	binders	5.45 mg

<sup>Ⓟ</sup> Predicted value

[View Reference Detail](#)

8 Similar Formulations - [View All](#) (opens in a new window)

**Patent**  
An orally administrable solid pharmaceutical composition and a process thereof  
Assignee: Bioncon Limited  
IN257120  
Language: English  
[View Reference Detail](#)  
Additional information available:  
[View in CAS SciFinder<sup>®</sup>](#)  
[Patent PDF](#)



**Pathway 2.** If you want to browse available ingredients and then select only one – most relevant for you search, then you can start from individual ingredient and then proceed to formulations with it.

**Step 1.** Search for **insulin** using

[Ingredients](#)

field.

You will get 4 individual ingredients – insulin, porcine insulin, bovine insulin and human insulin. You can then click of **Formulations** button to retrieve all compositions with this ingredient or browse additional info on this compound, other substances it is usually formulated with, details on regulatory information and inventory lists or send it to formulation designer.

CAS RN: 9004-10-8  
View Details

Image Not Available

Unspecified

**Insulin**

Key Physical Properties	Value	Condition
Melting Point (Experimental)	233 °C	-
Density (Experimental)	1.09 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	-

Commonly Used As: Antidiabetic agents; Hormones, animal; Anesthetics; Growth factors, animal; Pharmaceutical carriers...

Commonly Formulated With | Regulatory Information | Experimental Properties

Formulations | Suppliers | Send to Designer

### Step 2. Refine your results.

^ Industry

- Cosmetics & Personal Care
- Pharmaceutical
- Unclassified

^ Purpose

- Antidiabetic agents (2,936)
- Drug delivery systems (1,859)
- Pharmaceutical formulations (1,370)
- Antitumor agents (245)
- Wound healing promoters (227)

^ Delivery Route

- Oral drug delivery systems (1,024)

^ Information Included

- Component Amount (712)
- Process (638)
- Experimental Activity (569)
- Effective Dose (139)

^ Physical Form

- Particles (247)
- Capsules (57)
- Tablets (45)
- Microemulsions (30)
- Solutions (22)

^ Document Type

- Journal (406)
- Article (369)
- Supplemental Information (36)
- Table (1)
- Patent (357)
  - Claim (50)
  - Comparative Example (1)
  - Example (301)
  - Table (5)

### Step 3. Browse and compare formulations.



### Pathway 3. Informed advanced search.

**Step 1.**



Formulations

Go to advanced search.

**Step 2.** Create a detailed query, covering ingredients, purpose and delivery routes.

Search For	Operator	Enter one term
Ingredient	Required	insulin <small>Ex: caffeine, sodium, 50-00-0</small>
Search For	Operator	Enter one term
Purpose	Required	Antidiabetic agent <small>Ex: herbicide, fertilizer, bakery product</small>
Search For	Operator	Enter one term
Route	Required	Oral drug delivery <small>Ex: injection, spray, topical</small>

**Step 3.** Refine the results using filters on the left, for example by selecting physical form and the required information to be present in formulations:

^ Physical Form

- Particles (239)
- Capsules (66)
- Tablets (35)
- Microemulsions (30)
- Emulsions (19)

**Step 4.** Browse and compare formulations.

## Examples for practice

You can try various search strategies in CAS Formulus using the examples mentioned below.

**Example 1.**

**Goal:** Search for **fluvoxamine**-containing formulations used as antidepressants or antipsychotics.

*Note:* there are two forms of fluvoxamine registered in CAS Formulus.

**Example 2.**

**Goal:** Search for antibacterial compositions containing **cefotaxime** and **sulbactam** that can be used as injections in humans.

*Note1:* you can limit some parameters only using advanced search.

*Note2:* you can also start with the ingredient search for **subactam** and then go to commonly formulated with, sort by active ingredient and find **cefotaxime**.

### Example 3.

**Goal:** Search for injection formulations containing **cabotegravir** and **rilpivirine**, used as anti-HIV treatment.

## Formulation designer

The Formulation Designer, which is available from the main search page, is an option to create an editable template for a specific composition based on a few initial choices. It uses the CAS databases to provide the most relevant components and compositions based on your selection of formulation area, formulation purpose and physical form. You can try it on your own using examples mentioned above or your own queries to understand whether it is useful for your research purposes.

## III. CAS Analytical methods

You can perform two different type of searches in CAS Analytical methods:

- 1) Keyword search or advanced keyword search that allow you to determine the precision of your query and thus retrieve the most relevant results.

The screenshot displays the CAS search interface. At the top, there is a 'Search' section with a text input field containing the placeholder 'Enter keyword, matrix, analyte, etc.' and a purple search button with a magnifying glass icon. Below this is a link for 'Advanced Search'. The 'Advanced Search' section features a dropdown menu set to 'Keyword', a second text input field, and a dropdown menu set to 'AND'. Below these are two more dropdown menus, both set to 'Keyword', and a third text input field. There is a button labeled 'Add Search Criteria' and a purple search button with a magnifying glass icon. A 'Clear' button is also present.

- 2) Browsing by method categories that allows you to get a broad impression of the available content. You can further refine you search using available filters to achieve the required precision of the results.

The screenshot shows the 'Browse Method Categories' section. It features a grid of 12 clickable category links arranged in three columns and four rows. The categories are: Agricultural Applications / Analysis, Bioassays, Biomolecule Isolation, Environmental Analysis, Food Analysis, Fuels / Geology / Biofuels, Historical Analysis / Dating, Miscellaneous, Organic Compound Analysis, Organometallics / Inorganics, Pharmacology / Toxicology, Polymer Analysis, and Water Analysis.

## Analyzing analytical techniques – a case study.

If we are interested in methods for analysis of levocetirizine in pharmaceutical tablets we can create one of the following queries:

- ✓ **Query 1:** Search **levocetirizine in pharmaceutical tablets** or **levocetirizine and pharmaceutical and tablets** in the query box.

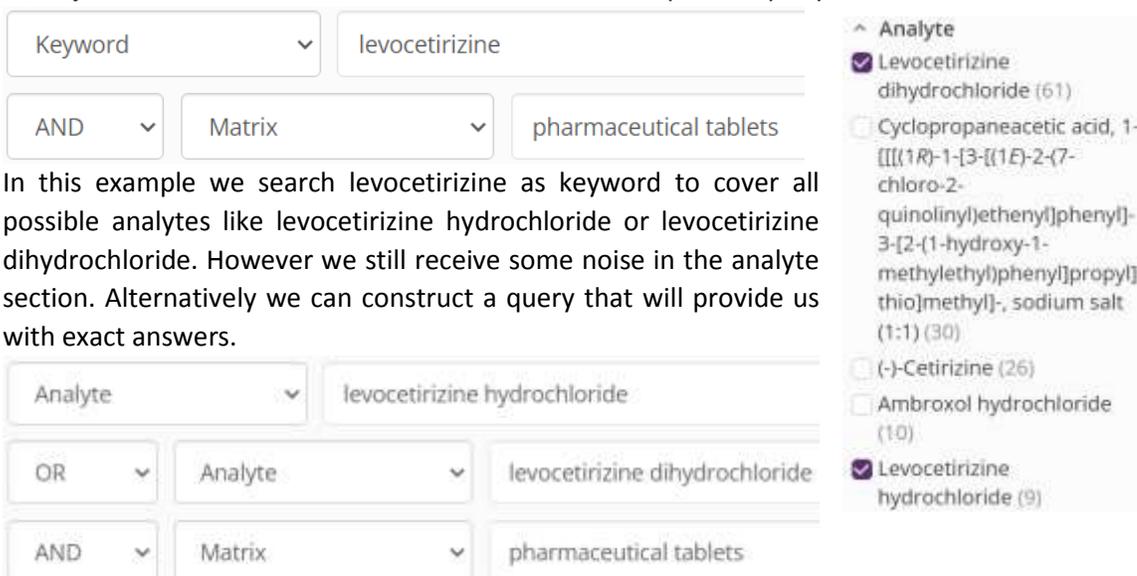


Search

Enter keyword, matrix, analyte, etc.

Advanced Search

- ✓ **Query 2:** Go to the advanced search and create a more precise query.



Keyword: levocetirizine

AND Matrix: pharmaceutical tablets

Analyte: levocetirizine hydrochloride

OR Analyte: levocetirizine dihydrochloride

AND Matrix: pharmaceutical tablets

**Analyte**

- Levocetirizine dihydrochloride (61)
- Cyclopropaneacetic acid, 1-[[[(1R)-1-[3-[[[(1E)-2-(7-chloro-2-quinolinyl)ethenyl]phenyl]-3-[2-(1-hydroxy-1-methylethyl)phenyl]propyl]thio]methyl]-, sodium salt (1:1) (30)
- (-)-Cetirizine (26)
- Ambroxol hydrochloride (10)
- Levocetirizine hydrochloride (9)

**Technique**

- Spectrophotometry (22)
- Reversed-phase HPLC (15)
- UV-visible spectroscopy (14)

In this example we search levocetirizine as keyword to cover all possible analytes like levocetirizine hydrochloride or levocetirizine dihydrochloride. However we still receive some noise in the analyte section. Alternatively we can construct a query that will provide us with exact answers.

Then we can refine the results using the **Technique** filter and browse the details of selected method or add up to 3 analytical methods to side-by-side comparison.

[Analysis of Levocetirizine dihydrochloride in Pharmaceutical tablets by UV-visible spectroscopy](#)

CAS MN: 1-101-CA5-31529

[View Details & Instructions](#)

[Add to Comp](#)

The detailed analytical method besides the list of materials

Materials	Role	Image	CAS RN
Levocetirizine dihydrochloride	analyte	<a href="#">View Structure</a>	130018-87-0
Pharmaceutical tablets	matrix		
Photo multiplier tube	material		
Methanol	reagent	<a href="#">View Structure</a>	67-56-1

and bibliographic information contains details on equipment used, conditions, instructions and

Linearity Range	5 - 25 µg/mL
Recovery	98.9 - 100.45% in 5 mg/tab label claim
Precision	0.751 - 1.259% (RSD)

**validation.**

All this information can be viewed in comparison table conveniently, so you don't have to go to each single method for additional details.

## Examples for practice

**Goal1:** Search for analytical methods for cefotaxime detection in blood, blood plasma or blood serum using HPLC or UPLC. *Notes:* check various types of spelling for method category (i.e. HPLC or high-performance liquid chromatography).

**Goal2:** Search for methods of chiral separation of ketoprofen in drugs or pharmaceutical compositions.

**Goal3:** Search for methods of DNA analysis in blood, blood plasma or blood serum.

## IV. Biosequences

### BLAST (Basic Local Alignment Search Tool) – a case study

**Basic Local Alignment Search Tool (BLAST)** finds regions of local similarity between sequences. The algorithm compares nucleotide or protein sequences to sequence database and calculates the statistical significance of matches. BLAST can be used to infer functional and evolutionary relationships between sequences as well as help identify members of gene families.

Let us search for patents that are devoted to cancer immunotherapy using analogs of Q86WV6 stimulator of interferon genes protein (STING):

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MPHSSLHPSIPCRGHGAQKAALVLLSACLVTWGLGEPPEHTLRYLVLHLASLQLGLLNGVCSLAEELRHIHSRYRGSY
WRTVRACLGCLRRGALLLSIYFYSLPNAVGPPFTWMLALLGLSQALNILLGLKGLAPAEISAVCEKGNFNVAHGLAW
SYYIGYLRLLPELQARITYNQHYNNLLRGAVSQRLYILLPLDCGVPDNLMSADPNIRFLDKLPQQTGDHAGIKDRVYSN
SIYELLENGQRAGTCVLEYATPLQTLFAMSQYSQAGFSREDRLEQAKLFCRTLEDILADAPESQNNCRLLIAYQEPADDSSF
SLSQEVLRHLRQEEKEEVTVGSLKTSVAVPSTSTMSQEPPELLISGMEKPLPLRTDFS
```

You can use the following settings, that provide broader coverage of the related biosequences and bring the highest number of results.

BLAST    CDR    Motif    Upload Sequence    Clear Search

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> sp|Q86WV6|STING_HUMAN Stimulator of interferon genes protein OS=Homo sapiens
OX=9606 GN=STING1 PE=1 SV=1
MPHSSLHPSIPCRGHGAQKAALVLLSACLVTWGLGEPPEHTLRYLVLHLASLQLGLLNGVCSLAEELRHHSRYRGS
YWRTVRACLGCPLRRGALLLLSIYFYYSLPNAVGPFTWMLALLGLSQALNILLGLKGLAPAEISAVCEKGNFVAHGLA
WSYYIGYLRLLPELQARIRTYNQHYNNLLRGAVSQRLYILLPLDCGVPDNLMSADPNIRFLDKLPQQTGDHAGIKDRVY
SNSIYELLENGQRAGTCVLEYATPLQTLFAMSQYSQAGFSREDRLEQAKLFCRTLEDILADAPESQNNCRLLIAYQEPADD
SSFSLSQEVLRLHRLRQEEKEEVTGSLKTSAVPSTSTMSQEPPELLISGMEKPLPLRTDFS
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Advanced Biosequence Search ^    Adjust Parameters for Short Sequences | Reset All

Alignment Identity %     Match with Gaps?  Yes  No    Gap Costs

Query Coverage %     Word Size     Scoring Matrix

BLAST Algorithm     E-Value     Exclude Low Complexity Regions  Yes  No

Sequence Type:  Nucleotide  Protein

Search Within:  Nucleotides  Proteins

Include NCBI Sequences

Limit Total Sequence Results to:

Now you have the set of results that range from exact match



to sequences with significant number of mismatches, both positive (marked by +, amino acids have related structure and functions) and negative (not marked, rather different amino-acids in terms of structure and function).



You can also browse the details for each sequence and find the identifiers of subject sequence and its structure. You can also retrieve references for a specific sequence that contain both patent and non-patent literature.

Alignment Subject References References

CAS Registry Numbers: [1498399-24-8](#), [623689-01-0](#), [1207910-82-4](#), [2187522-94-5](#), [1420916-67-1](#), [2285493-25-4](#), [2377041-03-5](#), [2368271-97-8](#), [2410256-72-1](#), [1422403-62-0](#), [2447191-36-6](#), [2480450-31-3](#), [2567835-11-2](#), [2644787-56-2](#), [2704662-89-3](#), [2755432-92-7](#), [2762143-63-3](#)

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Length: 379 aa  
Organisms: **Homo sapiens**

Sequence

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1 MPHSSLHPSI PCPRGHGAQK AALVLLSACL VTLWGLGEPP EHTLRYLVLH LASLQLGLLL NGVCSLAEEL RHIHSRYRGS
81 YWRTVRACLG CPLRRGALLL LSIYFYYSLP NAVGGPFTWM LALLGLSQAL NILLGLKGLA PAEISAVCEK GNFNVAHGLA
161 WSYYIGYLR ILPELQARIR TYNQHYNNLL RGAVSQRLYI LLPLDCGVDP NLSMADPNIR FLDKLPQQTG DHAGIKDRVY
241 SNSIYELLEN QQRAGTCVLE YATPLQLFA MSQYSQAGFS REDRLEQAKL FCRTLEDILA DAPESQNNCR LIAYQEPADD
321 SSFSLSQEVL RHLRQEEKEE VTVGSLK TSA VPSTSTMSQE PELLISGMEK PLPLRTDFS

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You can also download the results in either Excel (up to 1000 sequences) or Fasta (up to 100 sequences) formats.

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To retrieve all patent references for the obtained set of sequences using the  button on the top of the page.

You can further refine the reference set using concepts and search within functionality - **cancer and (therapy or treatment or immunotherapy)**.

^ Concept

Homo sapiens (89)

Human (89)

## Examples for practice

**Goal 1.** Using sequence of B-cell receptor CD22 isoform 1 precursor, find patents that describe antibody-drug conjugates using monoclonal antibodies targeting relapsed or refractory CD22-positive B-cell precursor acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

> NP\_001762.2 B-cell receptor CD22 isoform 1 precursor [Homo sapiens]

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MHLLGPWLLLLVLEYLAFSDSSKWVFEHPETLYAWEGACVWIPCTYRALDGDLESFILFHNPEYNKNTSKFDGTRLYESTKDGKVPSE
QKRQVFLGDKNKNCTLSIHPVHLNDSGQLGLRMESKTEKWMERIHNLNVSERFPFPHIQLPPEIQESQEVTLTCLLNFCYGYPIQLQ
WLLEGVPMRQAAVTSTSLTIKSVFTRSELKFSPPQWSHHGKIVTCQLQDADGKFLSNDTVQLNVKHTPKLEIKVTPSDAIVREGDSVT
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GDTVTLSCNYNSSNPSVTRYEWKPHGAWEEPGLVLIQNVGWDNTTIIAACNSWCSWASPVALNVQYAPRDVVRKIKPLSEI
HSGNSVSLQCDFFSSHPKEVQFFWEKNGRLLGKESQLNFDSSISPEDAGSYSCWVNSISGQTASKAWTLEVLYAPRRLRVSMSPGDQ
VMEGKSATLTCESDANPPVSHYTWFDWNNQSLPYHSQKLRLEPVKQVHSGAYWCQGTNSVGKGRSPLSTLTVYYSPEITGRRVAV
GLGSCLAILILAICGLKLRWKRTQSQQGLQENSSGQSFVVRNKKVRRAPLSEGPLSLGCYNPMMEDGISYTTLRPEMNIPRTGD
AESSEMQRPPDCDDTVTYSALHKRQVGDYENVIPDFPEDEGIHYSELIQFGVGERPQAQENVVDYVILKH
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*Note1:* You can allow to include gaps to broaden you BLAST search. Use protein to protein BLAST with NCBI sequences.

*Note2:* After retrieving references you can use both concepts and search within to determine relevant publications.

**Goal 2.** Using this partial HIV-1 GP120 envelope glycoprotein find all patents considering HIV vaccines.

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CTRPNNTSRKSIHIGPGRFYTTGEIIGDIRQAHG
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*Note1:* Use BLAST-p-short algorithm for short-sequence.

*Note2:* Try using subject coverage filter to exclude long and less relevant sequences.

*Note3:* After retrieving references you can use both concepts and search within to determine relevant publications.

**Goal 3.** Search for peptides closely related to the “human anti-(human immunodeficiency virus 1 envelope glycoprotein gp120env) immunoglobulin G1  $\gamma$ 1-chain-specifying” coded by the following DNA part. Get references that describe antibodies that target HIV GP120.

cagggtccactgtctcaatctggcggcctgtgacaaagcctggccttctgtcagagtgcttgcgaggcctccggctacaacatccgggactactttatccactggtg  
 gcggcaggctccaggacagggattgcaatgggtcggatggatcaaccctaagaccggccgctaacaaccctagacagttccagggcagagtgctccctgaccaga  
 cacgcctcttgggacttcgacaccttcagcttctacatggacctgaaggcctgctggagcgcacaccgctatctacttttgcgagacagagatccgactactggg  
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 aagggtgaaccaagtctctgcgacaagaccacacctgtcctcctatgtcctgctccagaactgctggctggccccgatgtttctgttccctccaagcctaaggaca  
 ccctgatgatctctcggacccctgaagtacctgctgctgggtggatgtgtctcacgaggatcccgaagtgaagtcaattgtaactgggacggcgtggagtgcaca  
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 agatgaccaagaaccaggtgtcactgacctgctctggaaggcttctacccctccgatacgcctggaatgggagtcctaatggccagcctgagaacaactacaag  
 acaaccctctgtgctggactccgacgctcattctctgtactccaagctgacagtgagacaagctcgggtggcagcagggcaacgtgttctctgtagtgctgca  
 cgaggcctgcactcccactataccagaagtcctgtctctgtccctggcaaa

**Note1:** In this case the subject sequence of exact match is 3-times shorter because 3 nucleotides of the query DNA code only one amino acid of respective peptide.

**Note2:** After retrieving references you can use both concepts and search within to determine relevant publications.

### CDR (Complementarity-Determining Region) – a case study

**Complementarity-determining regions (CDRs)** are part of the variable chains in immunoglobulins (antibodies) and T cell receptors, generated by B-cells and T-cells respectively, where these molecules bind to their specific antigen. A set of CDRs constitutes a paratope. As the most variable parts of the molecules, CDRs are crucial to the diversity of antigen specificities generated by lymphocytes.

In this case we will search for antibodies specifically binding to HER2 (a protein overexpressed in a certain cancer cell lines) that can carry a payload of drug – tubulin inhibitor (antibody-drug conjugate).

First, create a search for these 3 CDRs listed below. Usually, it is always valuable to include NCBI sequences in the search results, but as we are interested in combining the obtained results with structures of specific drugs we omit them in this case.

**CDR1:** DTYIH

**CDR2:** RIYPTNGYTRYADSVKG

**CDR3:** WGGDGFYAMDY

Then, using the Vann diagram limit the results to sequences, containing least 2 of the target CDRs. Antibodies have normally 2 chains, light chain has around 220 amino acids, heavy chains up to 550 amino acids.

To limit results only to heavy chains we can limit the substance coverage <10%.

^ Subject Coverage %

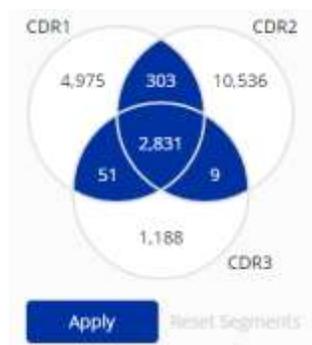
0 to 10

Include NCBI Sequences

Limit Total Sequence Results to:

20000

Start Biosequence Search



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to



**CDR3:** DRGTTMVPFDY

*Note1:* Use Vann diagram to limit results to sequences that contain at least 2 CDRs.

**Goal 2.** Use CDRs of H1/H5 cross-reactive influenza antibody heavy chain VDJ region immunoglobulin to find all publications related to CD3 antigens.

**CDR1:** TYAIS

**CDR2:** GIIAIFGTTNYAQKFQG

**CDR3:** GNGYYHNYFDF

*Note1:* Use Vann diagram to limit results to sequences that contain at least 2 CDRs.