

Supplementary Information for

**Inferring biochemical reactions and metabolite structures
to cope with metabolic pathway drift**

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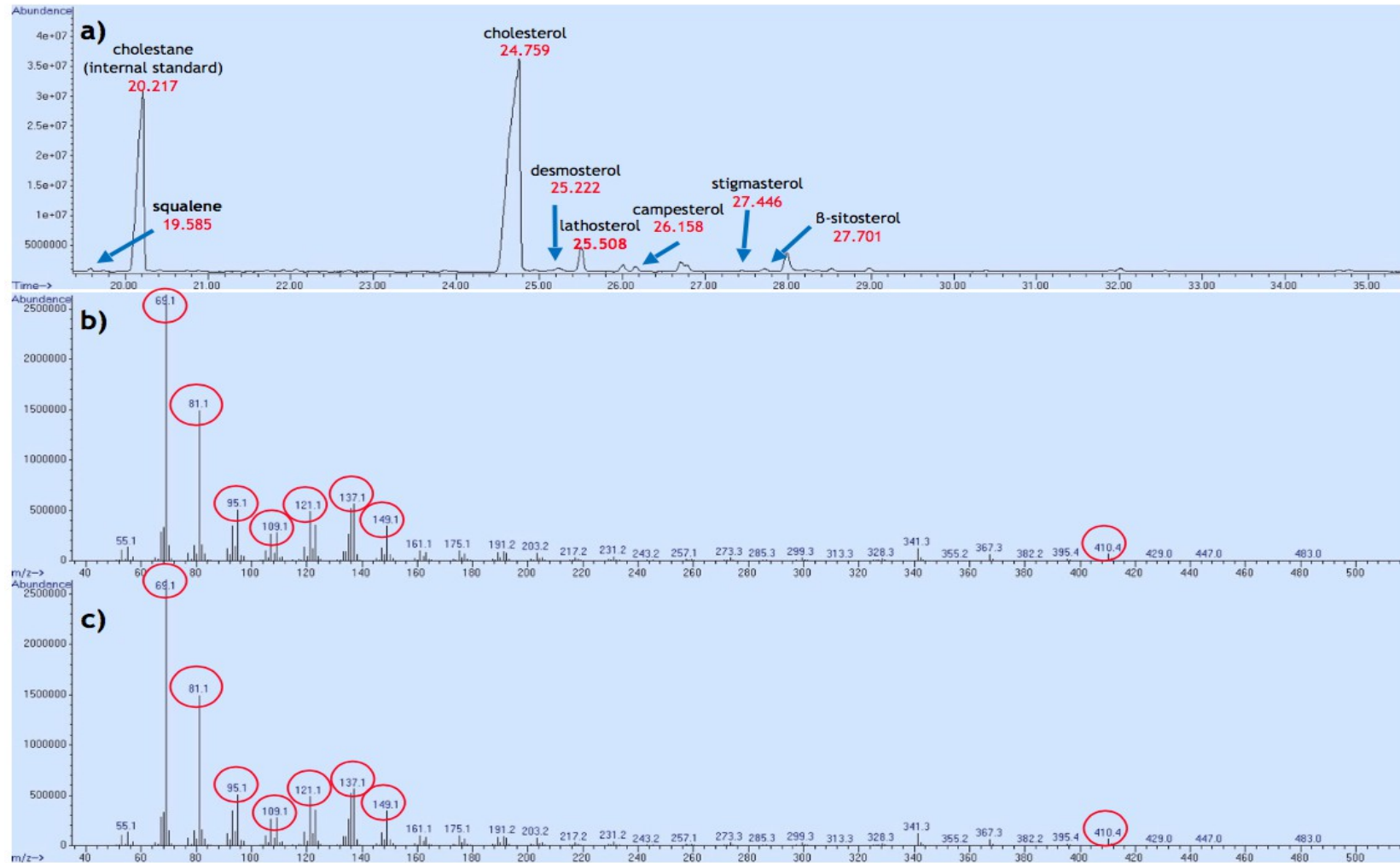
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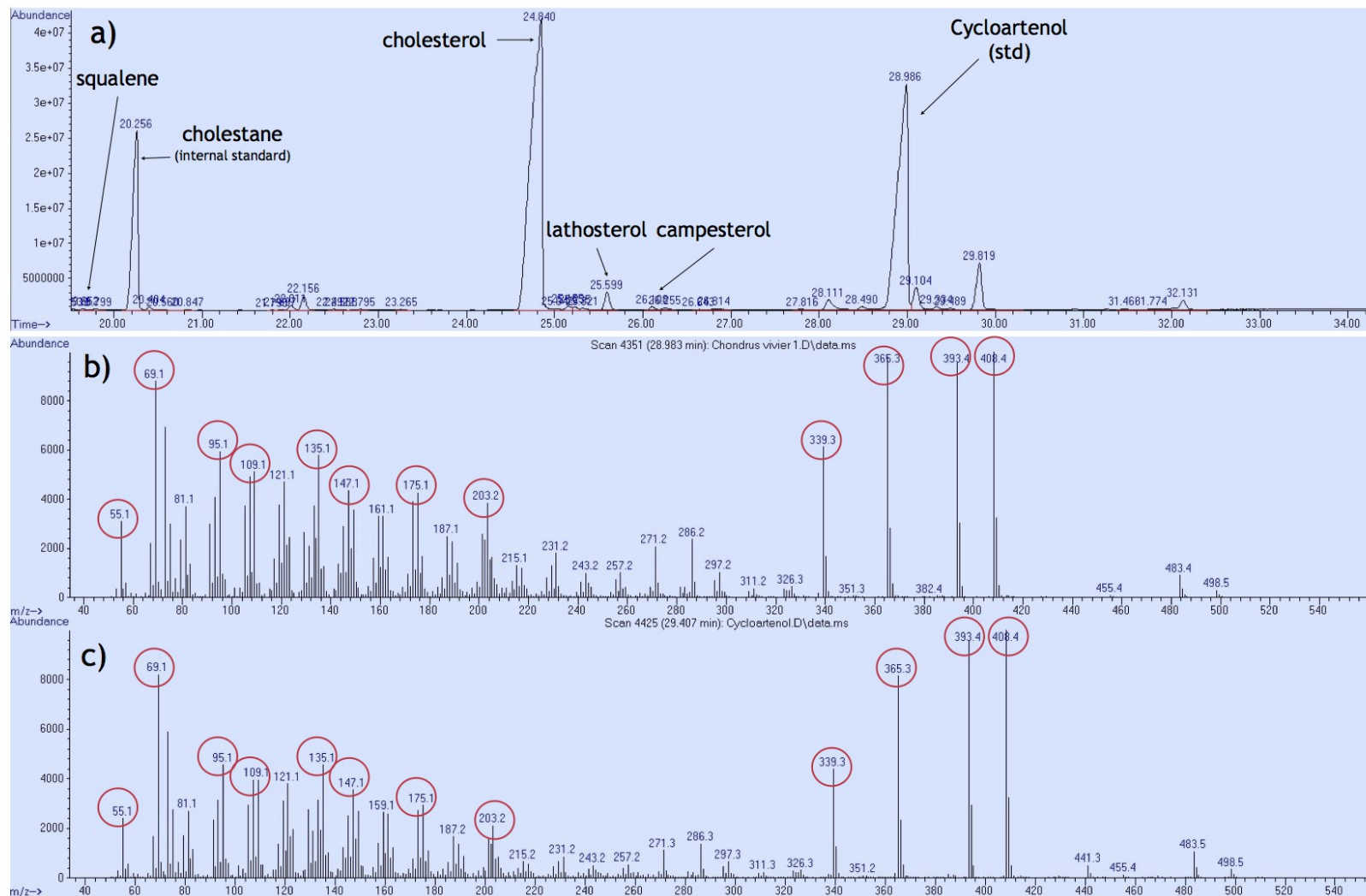
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Analysed compounds	Molecular weight (g.mol⁻¹)	RT (min)	m/z [M+H]⁺ (TMS)
brassicasterol	398.66	25.5	470
campesterol	400.68	26.6	472
5 α -cholestane	372.67	20.3	372
cholesterol	386.65	24.7	458
cycloartanol	428.75	30.5	500
cycloartenol	426.72	29.0	498
cycloeucalenol	426.73	30.4	498
7-dehydrocholesterol	384.63	25.6	456
desmosterol	384.64	25.5	456
ergosterol	396.65	26.2	468
fucosterol	412.69	28.2	484
lanosterol	426.39	27.8	498
lathosterol	386.65	25.8	458
β -sitosterol	414.39	28.0	486
squalene	410.72	19.8	482
stigmasterol	412.69	27.0	484
Zymosterol	384.64	25.9	456

Supp. Table 3. Retention times and m/z ratio for analytical standards of sterols on a 7890-5975C Agilent GC-MS.



Supp. Figure 1. Identification of squalene in *C. crispus*. a) Total Ion Chromatogram (TIC) from *C. crispus* extract. b) MS spectrum of squalene in *C. crispus* extract. c) MS spectrum of the squalene analytical standard. Main fragmentation peaks identical in both spectra are highlighted in red circles.

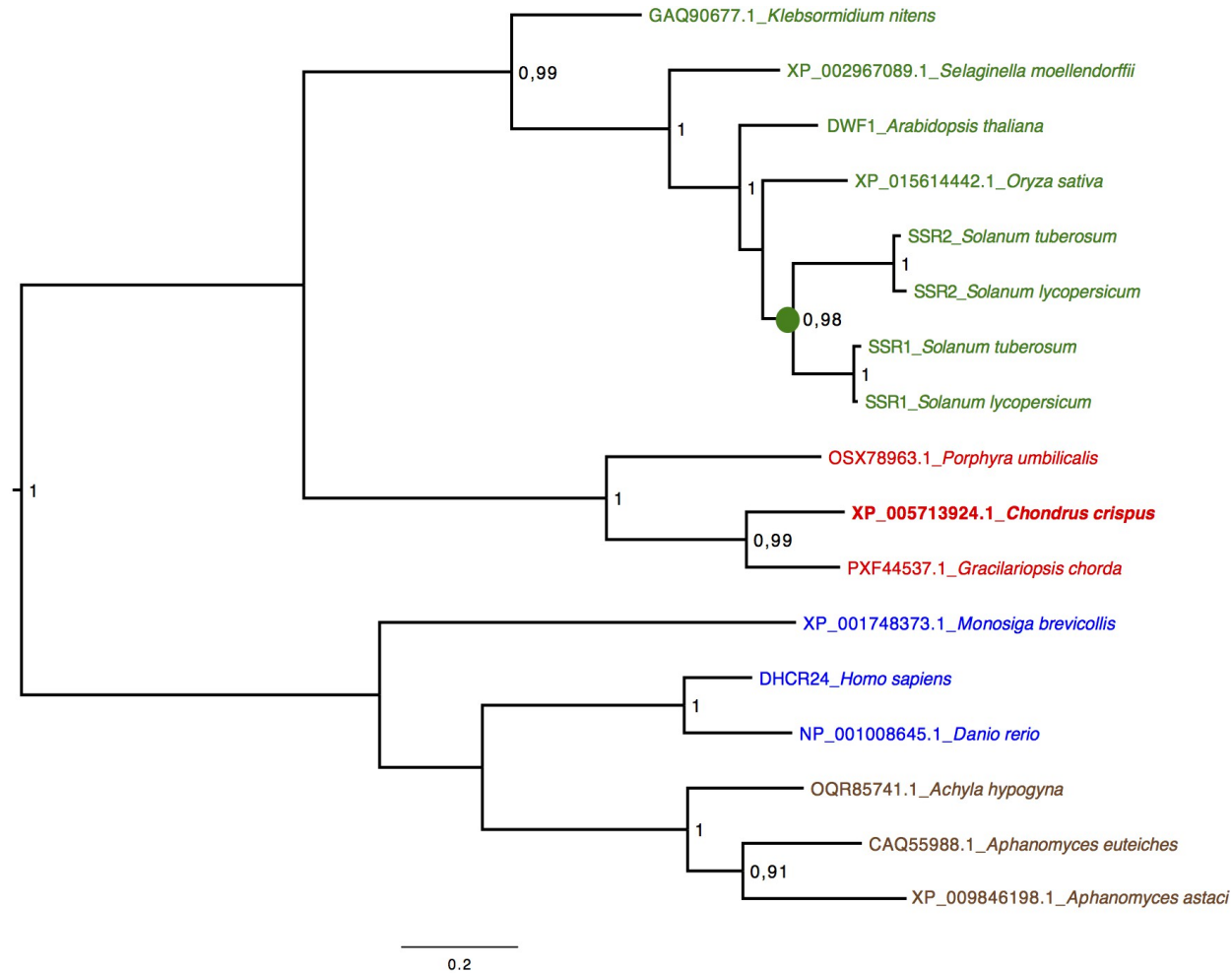


Supp Figure 2. Control for technical detectability of cycloartenol in spiked *Chondrus crispus* extract.

a) TIC from *Chondrus crispus* extract incubated with cycloartenol. b) MS spectrum of cycloartenol standard incorporated in *C. crispus* extract. c) MS spectrum of cycloartenol standard alone. Main fragmentation peaks identical in both spectra are highlighted in red circles.

MAAs	Palythine	Mycosporine-glycine	MAA1	Isujirene/Palythene	Asterina-330	Palythinol or MAA2	Shinorine	Porphyra-334
Rt (min.)	8.3	20.0	10.8	19.3	8.7	10.1	18.5	19.5
m/z [M+H] ⁺ observed	245.1090	246.0932	271.1241	285.1401	289.1349	303.1497	333.1245	347.1399
m/z calculated	245.1132	246.0972	271.1288	285.1445	289.1394	303.1551	333.1292	347.1449
EIC (Intens. x108)								
<i>C. crispus</i> (April)	16118542	707375	3254803	209911	5116637	26945	3129533	353130
<i>C. crispus</i> (July)	12600749	85700	928894	36714	3788544	18560	394887	11021
<i>C. crispus</i> (August)	16469850	219296	857212	238033	5653618	32998	1063642	83569
<i>C. crispus</i> (Sept.)	11230824	56477	2546286	77636	2917730	< LOD	5199737	33580
UV (mAU)								
<i>C. crispus</i> (April)	20420	31,525	1541	< LOD	6996	< LOD	2299	117
<i>C. crispus</i> (July)	14578	171,83	1487	< LOD	7106	327,43	335	< LOD
<i>C. crispus</i> (August)	19005	242,7	2143	< LOD	9927	707,57	1245	248
<i>C. crispus</i> (Sept.)	12768	< LOD	989	< LOD	6367	< LOD	5128	136

Supp. Table 4. MAAs composition in *Chondrus crispus* by LC-UV-HRMS. Extracted Ion Chromatogramm (EIC) of selected MMAs were obtained in positive mode; UV Absorbance was recorded at 330 nm (LOD = Limit Of Detection).



Supp. Figure 3. Maximum-likelihood tree of eukaryotic side-chain reductases. In green: sequences from green plants (streptophytes). The green dot indicates lineage-specific duplication in solanaceans. In red: sequences from red algae. In blue: sequences from opisthokonts (vertebrates + choanoflagellates). In brown: sequences from oomycete stramenopiles. Likelihood-ratio test values above 0.90 are indicated. Those above 0.97 are considered significant.

Supplementary dataset S1. New or edited protein sequences for the sterol synthesis pathway in *Chondrus crispus*.

>scaffold90:7511-6165(-) candidate squalene epoxidase

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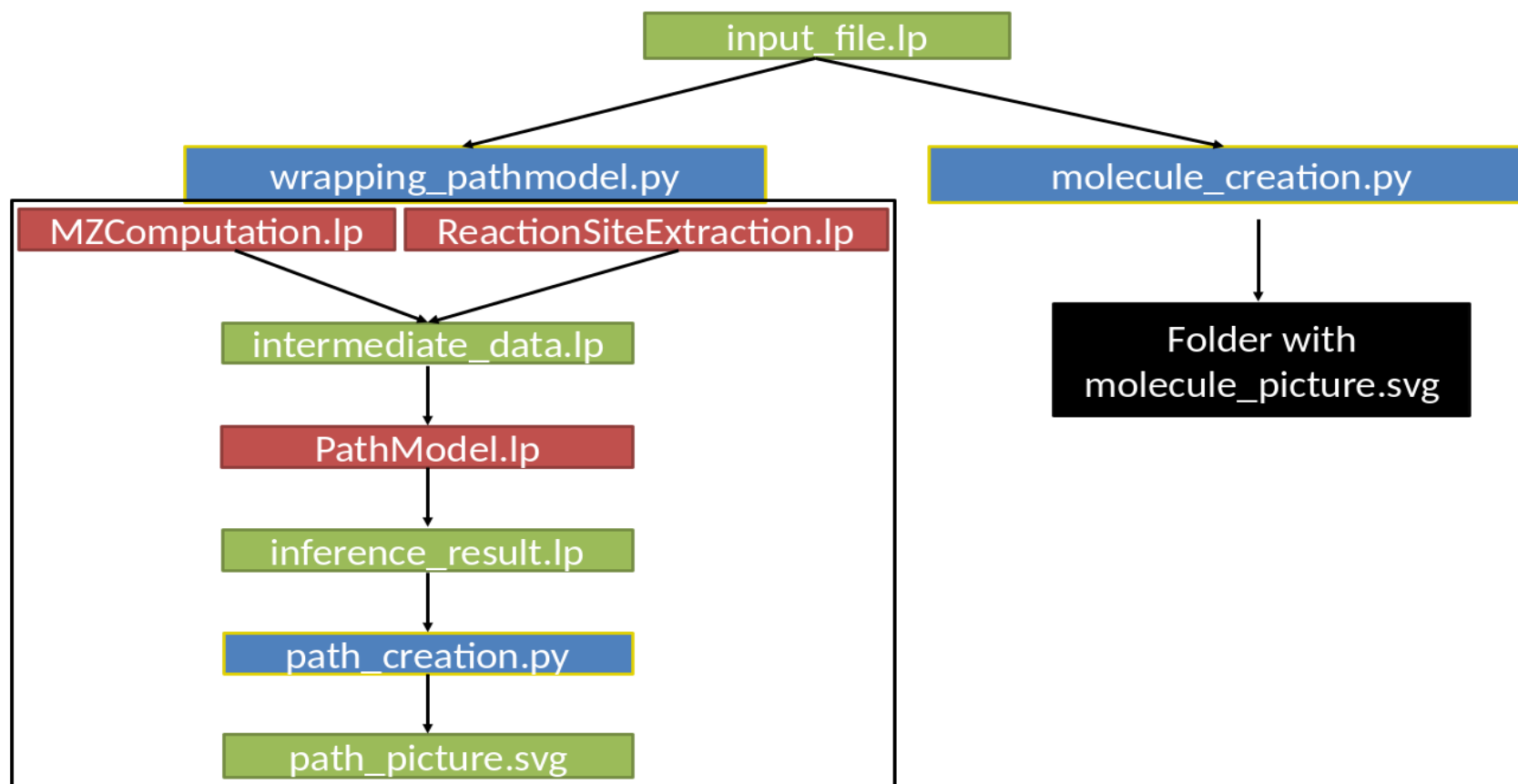
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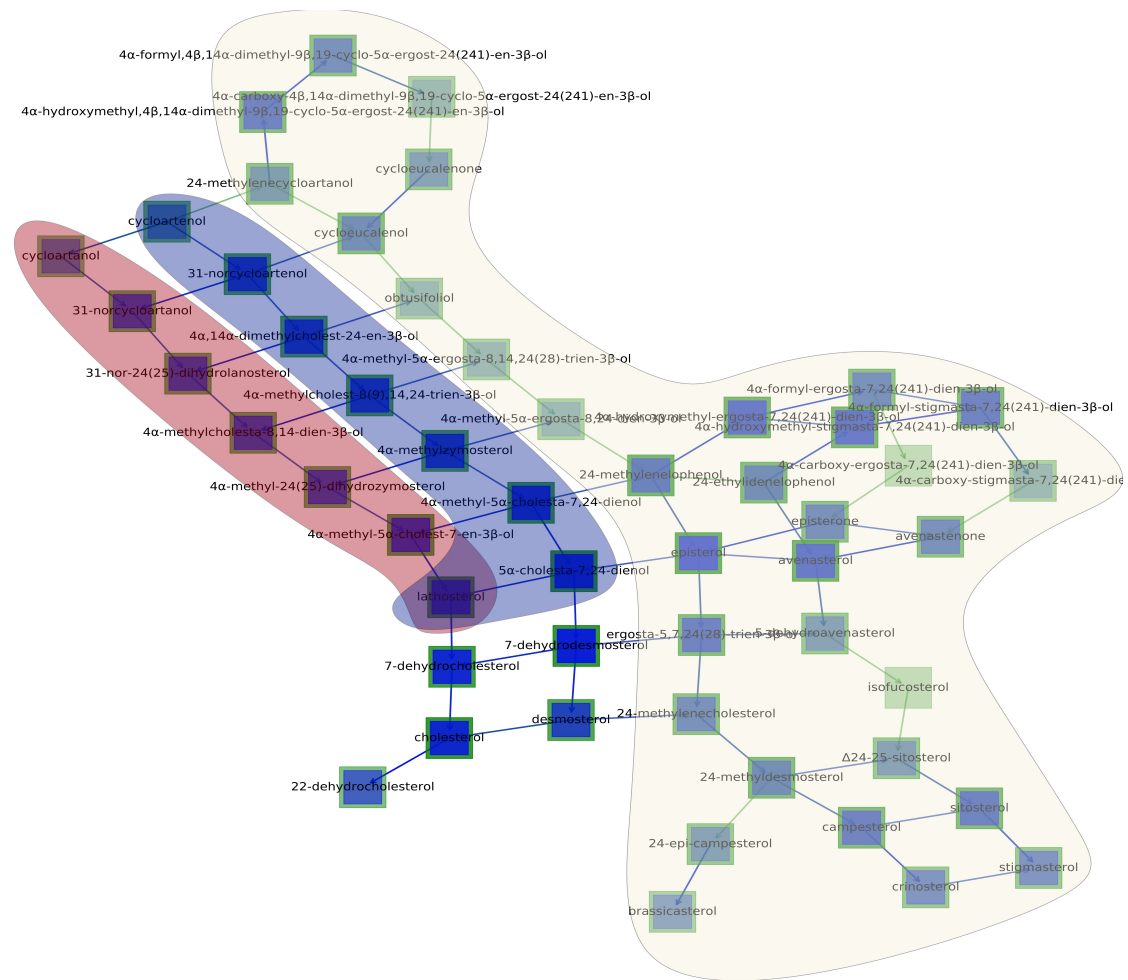
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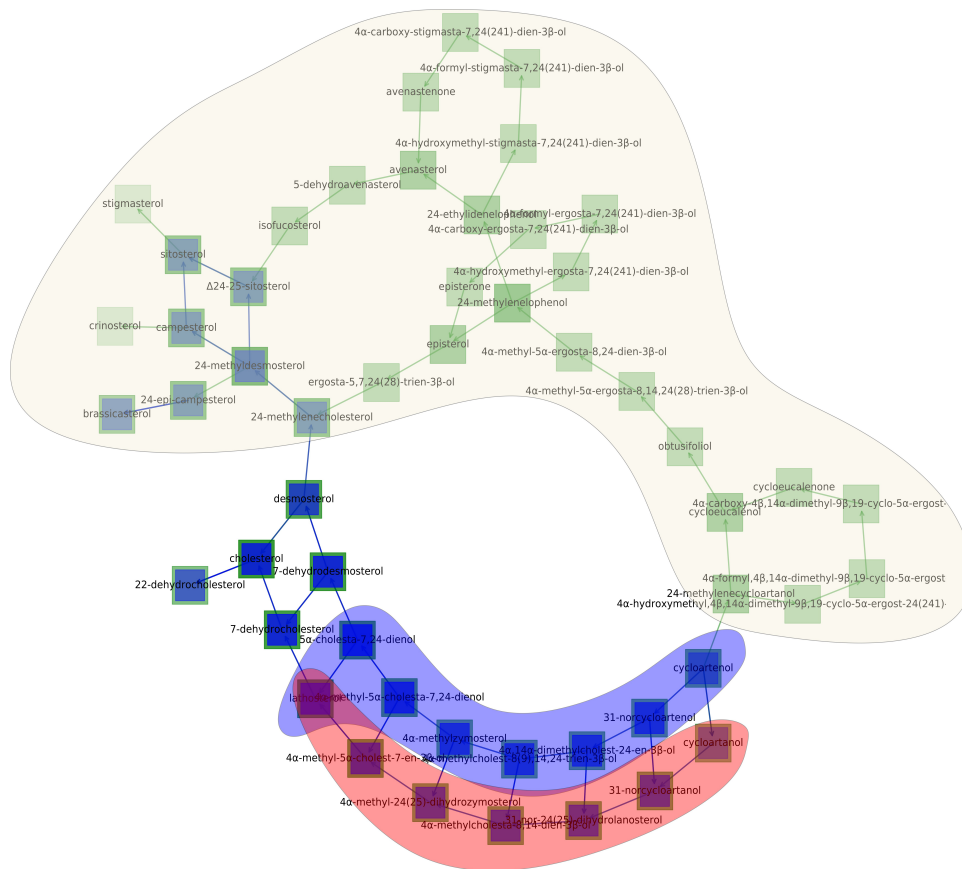
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Supp. Figure 4. Architecture of Pathmodel scripts. In green: Data files, either input or result files. In red: ASP scripts. In blue: Python scripts. In black: folder containing results from molecule_creation.py (molecule pictures). The black line shows the wrapping of all the scripts inside by wrapping_pathmodel.py.



Supp. Figure 5. Result of Pathmodel for sterol by path_creation.py. In white: reactions and metabolites from PWY-2541 (Metacyc). In red: Early SSR pathways. In blue: Late SSR pathways. Arrows in green are from PWY-2541 and arrows in blue are inferred by Pathmodel.



Supp. Figure 6. Result of Pathmodel for sterol with path_creation.py and absent molecules. In white: reactions and metabolites from PWY-2541 (Metacyc). In red: Early SSR pathways. In blue: Late SSR pathways. Arrows in green are from PWY-2541 and arrows in blue are inferred by Pathmodel. In this example, we put all the metabolites of the PWY-2541 as absent molecules, so no inference was made on them.