Building a Chemical Database

In this tutorial we will build a database of COX-2 Inhibitors, perform chemical searching and clustering.

Background COX-2 selective inhibitor is a form of non-steroidal antiinflammatory drug (NSAID) that directly targets COX-2, an enzyme responsible for inflammation and pain. Targeting selectivity for COX-2 reduces the risk of peptic ulceration, and is the main feature of celecoxib, rofecoxib and other members of this drug class.

Controversy After several COX-2 inhibiting drugs were approved for marketing, data from clinical trials revealed that COX-2 inhibitors caused a significant increase in heart attacks and strokes, with some drugs in the class having worse risks than others. Rofecoxib (commonly known as Vioxx) was taken off the market in 2004 because of these concerns and celecoxib (Celebrex) and traditional NSAIDS received boxed warnings on their labels.







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