## ShiftedIonsFinder: A standalone Java tool for finding peaks with specified mass differences by comparing mass spectra of isotope-labeled and unlabeled data sets

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**Abstract** In mass spectrometry (MS)-based metabolite annotation, the prediction of theoretical elemental compositions from accurate mass is effective to support database search results or annotation for unknown metabolites. However, there are deviations (error) from the accurate mass such that accurate estimation of elemental composition may not be possible. A technique to label the biological sample with a stable isotope is effective to solve this problem, but the software for handling labeled MS data is limited. In this paper, we present a standalone Java graphical user interface (GUI) program tool—ShiftedIonsFinder—that helps find peaks having specified mass differences by comparing the mass spectra between two data sets. Using this tool, it is possible to select candidate labeled peaks by comparing a sample labeled with a stable isotope against an unlabeled sample. This tool also detects peaks with chemical modifications, such as glycosylation and acylation. Since the search results can be generated in Excel format, the user can easily perform further analyses or edit the list as needed. ShiftedIonsFinder (http://www.kazusa.or.jp/komics/software/ShiftedIonsFinder) is available free of charge at KOMICS.

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Liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry (LC-MS) is a powerful tool in plant metabolome analysis because of its wide range of target metabolites (Nakabayashi and Saito 2013; Okazaki and Saito 2012; Zhou et al. 2012). In non-targeted and large-scale metabolome analysis, automatic estimation of metabolites by using public compound databases and exact mass databases from accurate mass values is effective. However, when the intensity of a detected peak is not within an appropriate range, a deviation (error) from accurate mass occurs, and it may not be possible to accurately estimate the elemental composition. Furthermore, even if the deviation is quite low ( $\leq 1$  ppm), multiple elemental compositions are sometimes predicted for peaks with high mass-to-charge ratio (m/z) values. In order to solve these problems, Giavalisco et al. proposed a technique to label the biological sample Arabidopsis thaliana with stable isotopes (13C, 15N, and 34S) in vivo and to estimate the elemental composition with high reliability

using the number of stable isotopes incorporated in the compound as an index (Giavalisco et al. 2011). Moreover, an *in vivo*-labeled sample provides information about elemental composition as well as metabolic fluxes, which is important for metabolite annotation and exploitation in any study. The crucial aspect of this strategy is the software to find stable isotope-labeled ions by comparing mass spectra between two data sets labeled with a stable isotope and an unlabeled sample, obtained from same analytical conditions.

To date, a few MS analysis tools have been proposed to handle labeled MS data, such as MetExtract (Bueschl et al. 2012), MAVEN (Melamud et al. 2010), and mzMatch-ISO (Chokkathukalam et al. 2013). In order to estimate elemental composition, stable isotope-labeled ions found from each kind of labeled sample are preferably all shown together. However, these tools were designed for individual analysis and do not have the function to summarize the results of multiple stable isotope

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Abbreviations: LC-MS, liquid chromatography mass spectrometry; *m/z*, mass-to-charge ratio; RT, retention time; GUI, graphical user interface. <sup>a</sup> Present address: Thermo Fisher Scientific, 3-9 Moriya-cho, Kanagawa-ku, Yokohama, Kanagawa 221-0022, Japan.

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Figure 1. The scheme of data analysis by ShiftedIonsFinder. The overview of "Join" function in search for stable isotope labeled peaks is shown (A). The overview in search for peaks with chemical modifications is shown (B).

labeling analysis as described by Giavalisco et al. (2011). Moreover, these tools require the labeling efficiency of the sample or the elemental composition of interesting compounds to find stable isotope-labeled ions and reject false positives. These functions are good to analyze known metabolites or full-labeled samples, but are inconvenient in the analysis of unknown metabolites or partially labeled samples.

In this paper, we present a standalone Java graphical user interface (GUI) tool-ShiftedIonsFinder-that helps find peaks with specified mass differences attributable to stable isotopes or chemical modification by comparing the mass spectra between two data sets. As the search is performed using solely accurate mass values, it is also compatible with data generated using other (chromatography) mass spectrometers and is thus not limited to LC-MS. This tool is also designed for supporting manual annotation in metabolomics data analysis by experimental biologists without any programming techniques. For stable isotope labeling analysis, this tool can find not only fully labeled but also find partially labeled metabolites, and has a "Join" function that combines multiple search result lists into a single list (Figure 1A). Unlike other tools, ShiftedIonsFinder works as a standalone peak search tool. Therefore, it is possible to perform peak searches with this tool after peak picking, peak alignment, and database searches with other software. Since the search results can be displayed in Microsoft Excel format, the user can easily perform further analyses or edit the list as needed.

The import data for ShiftedIonsFinder is a set of "basic sample" and "shifted sample" data. The import data must be prepared as a tab-delimited text file corresponding to the output file of the PowerGet software (http://www. kazusa.or.jp/komics/software/PowerGet) (Iijima et al. 2008; Sakurai et al. 2014; Sano et al. 2012). The output files from other peak-picking software can be used in ShiftedIonsFinder if the format is converted to the PowerGet output format. This format is very simple and users can prepare the import data using PowerGet or Excel. The values "Ave. mass (detected)" and "Ave. R.T. (min)" (retention time) are used for the comparison of peaks. The average mass (detected) is the m/z value of the detected ions and the average retention time is the retention time for that case. In in-fusion analysis and the like, an arbitrary numeric value must be entered in the "Ave. R.T. (min)" column even when there is no retention time. The data that describes the specified mass difference is called "element data", which the user can edit as needed. The three parameters used in the search are the multiple (Max. Fold), the m/z value difference threshold (m/z Dif) and the retention time difference threshold (RT Dif). Figure 2 shows an overview of the search process flow used by ShiftedIonsFinder to search for peaks with the specified mass differences. The flow consists of the following four steps. First, the hypothetical m/z value (Mass<sub>hyp</sub>) is calculated by adding the m/z value of the selected element data to those of the ions (M<sub>bn</sub>) present in the basic sample. This Masshyp is calculated for each value from zero to the value set by the multiple (F). Second, a search is performed to determine whether the calculated  $Mass_{hvp}$  is present in the shifted sample ( $M_{sn}$ ). Third, filters are applied using the set values for m/z Dif (m or m') and RT Dif (t). Finally, the search results are displayed and exported in .xlsx (Excel) format. Peaks that match the search conditions are associated with the basic sample and the shifted sample, and are displayed in the search results table. The order of display in the table is as follows: 1) items of the basic sample, 2) associated information and 3) items of the shifted sample. Four calculated values-"Lag(times)", "RT Difference", "m/z Difference (u)", and "m/z Difference (ppm)"-are entered in the table as "Associated information". Lag(times) is the



Figure 2. An overview of search process flow. The basic sample and shifted sample are applied as import data. The ShiftedIonsFinder finds candidate peaks with specified mass differences in four steps: 1) calculation of the hypothetical m/z value (Mass<sub>hyp</sub>) based on basic sample, 2) peak search in shifted sample, 3) filtering using m/z value difference threshold (m/z Dif) and the retention time difference threshold (RT Dif), and 4) display of search result. Here, <sup>13</sup>C was selected as elemental data.

value of the multiple at the time of the search hit. The RT Difference and the m/z Difference represent, respectively, differences in elution time and the difference in the m/z value of the peak of the resulting basic sample and that of the shifted sample. Our tool does not require any other information, such as labeling efficiency.

We use ShiftedIonsFinder to find <sup>13</sup>C-, <sup>15</sup>N-, <sup>18</sup>O-, and <sup>34</sup>S-labeled metabolites from Medicago truncatula as a test case. After freeze-drying the samples, the metabolites are extracted with 80% methanol and analyzed by LC-Orbitrap-MS (Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.). The details of the sample preparation methods and analytical conditions are available in the database Metabolonote (http://metabolonote.kazusa.or.jp/ SE37:/) or in Supplemental Method, and the raw LC-MS chromatograms used in this study are available in the public metabolome database MassBase (http:// webs2.kazusa.or.jp/massbase/). Their accession numbers are listed in Supplemental Table 1. The data were analyzed using PowerGet for ion feature detection. The resulting peak lists were exported as the basic sample from the unlabeled sample and as the shifted sample from the <sup>13</sup>C-labeled sample, <sup>15</sup>N-labeled sample, <sup>18</sup>O-labeled sample, and <sup>34</sup>S-labeled sample, respectively (Supplemental Data 1). After the labeled ions were searched with parameters (Max fold: C=100, N=50, O=50, S=50; Mass difference=3 ppm, RT difference= 1), a summarized list from the four results is exported using the "Join" function (Supplemental Data 2). The

search result for peak No. 1061 in the basic sample from the summarized list is shown in Table 1 as an example. Fourteen peaks in the <sup>13</sup>C-labeling shifted sample, four in the <sup>15</sup>N-labeling shifted sample, three in <sup>18</sup>O-labeling shifted sample and two peaks in the <sup>34</sup>S-labeling shifted sample were found. Here, the value of Lag(times) in associated information means the number of stable isotopes incorporated. For example, "C: Lag(times)=1" corresponding to the candidate <sup>13</sup>C-labeled peak [in shifted sample No. 14549] theoretically matched the metabolite that contains one <sup>13</sup>C atom in the molecule. Since ShiftedIonsFinder shows only the list of the candidate peaks to the user, the accuracy of this search result was checked using the full-mass spectrum (Supplemental Figure 1). In fact, three candidate <sup>13</sup>C-labeled peaks [in shifted samples No. 15065, No. 13133, and No. 15095] and one candidate <sup>15</sup>N-labeled peak [in shifted sample No. 13970] were false positives. However, the other peaks were accurate and covered all isotopic peaks that could be read from the full-mass spectrum. A small difference in ion mass between the results table and the mass spectrum was caused by the peak detection process in PowerGet. The elemental composition of peak No. 1061 was estimated ( $\leq 3$  ppm) to be C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>1</sub> or C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>2</sub> using MFSearcher (Sakurai et al. 2013) (data not shown). Based on the number of stable isotopes incorporated, peak No. 1061 should contain at least 10 <sup>13</sup>C atoms, two <sup>15</sup>N atoms, two <sup>18</sup>O atoms, and one <sup>34</sup>S atom in the molecule.

Table 1.	Searc	ch result o	of peak N	lo. 1061	in the bas	iic sampl	e for sta	ble isotoŗ	e labelin,	ත්ත														
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No.	Ave. R.T. (min)	Ave. mass (detected)	Ave. mass (actual)	Ave. intensity of peak	Prefioniz. mode	Ave. MS/ MS exists	C: lag (times)	RT difference	m/z difference (u)	m/z difference (ppm)	No.	Ave. R.T. (min)	Ave. mass (detected)	Ave. ntensity of <sup>1</sup> peak	Ave. MS/ 1 dS exists (1	N: lag times) d	RT ifference d	m/z ifference di (u)	m/z fference (ppm)	No. Av	ve. R.T. A (min) (	Ave. mass detected) in	Ave. tensity of <sup>A</sup> peak	rve. MS/ fS exists
1061	14.63 14.63	261.0907	260.0834 260.0834	44562	[Actual+H] <sup>+</sup>	yes	0 -	-0.02	0.0001	0.5	14560	14.61 14.60	261.0908 262.0941	1028		0 -	-0.21 -	0.0001	-0.2	13574	14.42	261.0906 262.0877	8057	
1061	14.63	261.0907	260.0834	44562	[Actual+H] <sup>+</sup>	yes	- 7	-0.02	0.0001	0.5	14558	14.61	263.0975	4072		- 7	-0.22	0.0000	0.0	13571	14.42	263.0847	20542	
1061	14.63	261.0907	260.0834	44562	[Actual+H] <sup>+</sup>	yes	3	-0.04	-0.0001	-0.4	14535	14.59	264.1006	11190	yes	2	0.10 -	-0.0002	-0.8	13970	14.73	263.0845	841	
1061	14.63	261.0907	260.0834	44562	[Actual+H] <sup>+</sup>	yes	4	-0.04	0.0001	0.2	14539	14.60	265.1041	3358										
1061	14.63	261.0907	260.0834	44562	[Actual+H] <sup>+</sup>	yes	2	-0.03	0.0001	0.5	14545	14.60	266.1076	1834										
1061	14.63	261.0907	260.0834	44562	[Actual+H] <sup>+</sup>	yes	9	-0.03	0.0001	0.2	14552	14.60	267.1109	2574										
1061	14.63	261.0907	260.0834	44562	[Actual+H] <sup>+</sup>	yes	7	-0.04	-0.0001	-0.3	14528	14.59	268.1141	4589										
1061	14.63	261.0907	260.0834	44562	[Actual+H] <sup>+</sup>	yes	80	-0.04	0.0001	0.4	14532	14.59	269.1176	6057										
1061	14.63	261.0907	260.0834	44562	[Actual+H] <sup>+</sup>	yes	6	-0.04	0.0002	0.6	14533	14.59	270.1210	6324										
1061	14.63	261.0907	260.0834	44562	[Actual+H] <sup>+</sup>	yes	10	-0.03	0.0001	0.3	14542	14.60	271.1243	3011										
1061	14.63	261.0907	260.0834	44562	[Actual+H] <sup>+</sup>	yes	27	0.41	-0.0002	-0.8	15065	15.04	288.1810	1923										
1061	14.63	261.0907	260.0834	44562	[Actual+H] <sup>+</sup>	yes	53	-0.92	0.0009	3.0	13133	13.72	314.2694	2355										
1061	14.63	261.0907	260.0834	44562	[Actual+H] <sup>+</sup>	yes	53	0.44	0.0009	2.9	15095	15.07	314.2694	362										
										18(	<b>D-Labeling</b>								34S-	Labeling				
								Associated i	nformation			From	n shifted samp	le		V	sociated infe	ormation			From	shifted sampl	9	
							O: lag (times)	RT difference	m/z difference (u)	m/z difference (ppm)	No.	Ave. R.T. (min)	Ave. mass in (detected)	Ave. itensity of <sup>7</sup> peak	Ave. MS/ AS exists (t	S: lag imes) d	RT fference d	m/z ifference di (u)	m/z fference [ppm]	No. Av	/e. R.T. A (min) (6	tve. mass detected) int	Ave. ensity of <sup>A</sup> peak	.ve. MS/ IS exists
							0 1	-0.50 -0.50	0.0000 - 0.0002	0.0 - 0.8	13339 13350	14.13 14.13	261.0907 263.0947	15169 18493		0 1	- 0.60	-0.0001	-0.2	13241 13246	14.03 2 14.03 2	261.0906 263.0864	14525 30662	ves
							5	-0.50	0.0000	-0.1	13347	14.13	265.0991	8222			22.0	*****	1	1				

Therefore, the elemental composition of peak No. 1061 was estimated to be C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>1</sub> by manual annotation process, not an automatic process by ShiftedIonsFinder. These results indicate that ShiftedIonsFinder can find labeled peaks by comparing two data sets and provide beneficial information to estimate elemental composition.

ShiftedIonsFinder can also be used to find the shift in the derivatization of metabolites (Figure 1B). Secondary metabolites, such as glycosylation (Gachon et al. 2005) and acylation (D'Auria 2006), are accumulated with modifications in more complex plants. Further, the variety of modification patterns among species makes it difficult to identify metabolites in biological samples. As an example, flavonoid derivatives caused by glycosylation and acylation in the unlabeled sample were searched using ShiftedIonsFinder. The peak list having typical flavonoid information was prepared theoretically as the basic sample (Supplemental Data 1). We entered 1 as the arbitrary numeric value of Ave. R.T. (min), whereas a theoretical m/z value taking into account the ionization mode was entered for Ave. mass (detected). The peak list of the unlabeled sample shown above was used as the shifted sample. Glucosylation Glc ( $C_6H_{10}O_5$ ), m/z 162.05282, rhamnosylation Rha (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) m/z146.05791, glucronidation GlcUA ( $C_6H_8O_6$ ) m/z176.03209, malonylation Malonyl ( $C_3H_2O_3$ ), m/z89.0003939, and succinvlation, Succinvl (C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) with a m/z value of 100.016044 were applied to the element data as possible modification groups. Thus, potential peaks were searched with parameters (Max fold: Glc=3, Rha= 3, GlcUA=3, Malonyl=3, Succinyl=3; Mass difference= 3 ppm, RT difference=60). If the user is interested in the apigenin derivative, the user can choose "Apigenin  $(C_{15}H_{10}O_5)$ " (Table 2) using the filter function in Excel from the search result (output file, Supplemental Data 3). As a result, nine potential peaks were found regardless of the presence of tandem mass spectrometry (MS<sup>2</sup>) information. Here, the value of Lag(times) in associated information means the number of each possible modification group. For example, "GlcUA ( $C_6H_{10}O_5$ ): Lag(times)=2" corresponding to peak No. 2127 theoretically matched [[apigenin]+2 GlcUA] (Table 2, Supplemental Figure 2). As is commonly misunderstood, these nine peaks are not always apigenin derivatives but might be something non-flavonoid. For example, peak No. 2127 in the shifted sample could represent at least 10 kinds of flavonoid derivatives in the basic sample (Table 3). In order to narrow down the candidate peaks, other information, such as MS<sup>n</sup>, ultra-violet (UV) absorbance or nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) data, is necessary.

In conclusion, ShiftedIonsFinder automatically finds peaks having the specified mass differences by comparing the mass spectra of two data sets and making a list. Further, it is easy to apply to the user's environment. For

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Table 2. Search result for possible apigenin derivatives.

	ve. MS/MS exists	yes		yes	yes			yes		yes
From shifted sample	pref.ioniz. A mode	[Actual+H] <sup>+</sup>	[Actual+H]*	[Actual+H]*	[Actual+H] <sup>+</sup>					
	Ave. intensity of peak	46999	13424	253795	60051	63687	41603	48147	16517	70514
	Ave. mass (actual)	594.1595	502.1122	622.1181	502.1120	446.0856	446.0856	516.1279	532.1228	270.0533
	Ave. mass (detected)	595.1667	503.1194	623.1254	503.1193	447.0929	447.0929	517.1351	533.1301	271.0606
	Ave. R.T. (min)	19.61	21.51	22.90	23.92	25.03	25.34	28.03	29.00	32.41
	No.	1639	1889	2127	2316	2498	2531	2794	2942	3201
	m/z difference (ppm)	1.7	2.1	1.7	1.8	1.5	1.5	2.1	2.1	1.7
	m/z difference (u)	0.0010	0.0010	0.0011	00000	0.0007	0.0007	0.0011	0.0011	0.0005
Associated information	RT difference	18.61	20.51	21.90	22.92	24.03	24.34	27.03	28.00	31.41
	Succinyl (C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>4</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ): lag (times)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
	Malonyl (C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ): lag (times)	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	GlcUA (C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>6</sub> ): lag (times)	0	0	7	0	1	1	0	0	0
	Rha (C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>4</sub> ): lag (times)	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
	Glc (C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ): lag (times)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
m basic sample	ioniz.mode	[M+H] <sup>+</sup>	[H+H] <sup>+</sup>	*[H+H]	*[H+H]	*[H+H]	[H+H]*	[H+H]*	*[H+H]	[H+H] <sup>+</sup>
	Class	Flavone	Flavone	Flavone	Flavone	Flavone	Flavone	Flavone	Flavone	Flavone
	Name	Apigenin (C.,H.,O.)	Apigenin (C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>5</sub> )							
	Ave. mass (actual)	270.0528	270.0528	270.0528	270.0528	270.0528	270.0528	270.0528	270.0528	270.0528
Fro	Ave. mass (detected)	271.0601	271.0601	271.0601	271.0601	271.0601	271.0601	271.0601	271.0601	271.0601
	Ave. R.T. (min)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
	No.	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6

Table 3. Search result of peak No. 2127 in shifted sample for flavonoid derivatives.

	Ave. MS/MS exists	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
From shifted sample	pref.ioniz. / mode	[Actual+H] <sup>+</sup>	[Actual+H] <sup>+</sup>	[Actual+H] <sup>+</sup>	[Actual+H] <sup>+</sup>	[Actual+H] <sup>+</sup>	[Actual+H] <sup>+</sup>	[Actual+H] <sup>+</sup>	[Actual+H] <sup>+</sup>	[Actual+H] <sup>+</sup>	[Actual+H] <sup>+</sup>
	Ave. intensity of peak	253795	253795	253795	253795	253795	253795	253795	253795	253795	253795
	Ave. mass (actual)	622.1181	622.1181	622.1181	622.1181	622.1181	622.1181	622.1181	622.1181	622.1181	622.1181
	Ave. mass (detected)	623.1254	623.1254	623.1254	623.1254	623.1254	623.1254	623.1254	623.1254	623.1254	623.1254
	Ave. R.T. (min)	22.90	22.90	22.90	22.90	22.90	22.90	22.90	22.90	22.90	22.90
	No.	2127	2127	2127	2127	2127	2127	2127	2127	2127	2127
	m/z difference (ppm)	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.7
	m/z difference (u)	0.0011	0.0011	0.0011	0.0011	0.0011	0.0011	0.0011	0.0011	0.0011	0.0011
	RT difference	21.90	21.90	21.90	21.90	21.90	21.90	21.90	21.90	21.90	21.90
Associated information	Succinyl (C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>4</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ): lag (times)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0
	Malonyl (C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ): lag (times)	2	2	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	0
	GlcUA (C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>6</sub> ): lag (times)	0	1	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	2
	$\begin{array}{c} Rha \\ (C_6 H_{10} O_4) ; \\ lag \ (times) \end{array}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
	Glc ( $C_6H_{10}O_5$ ): lag (times)	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
	ioniz.mode	$^{+}[M+H]^{+}$	$[M+H]^+$	$[M+H]^+$	$[M+H]^+$	[M+H] <sup>+</sup>	$[M+H]^+$	$[M+H]^+$	[M+H] <sup>+</sup>	$[M+H]^+$	[W]_+
	Class	Chalcone	Dihydrochalcone	Flavanone	Aurone	Flavone	Isoflavone	Flavanonol	Flavanonol	Leucoanthocyanidin	Anthocyanidin
From basic sample	Ave. mass (actual)	288.0634 Pentahydroxychalcone (C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>6</sub> )	274.0841 Phloretin $(C_{15}H_{14}O_5)$	288.0634 Eriodictyol $(C_{15}H_{12}O_6)$	270.0528 Sulphuretin $(C_{15}H_{10}O_5)$	270.0528 Apigenin $(C_{15}H_{10}O_5)$	270.0528 Genistein (C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>5</sub> )	288.0634 Dihydrokaempferol (C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>6</sub> )	304.0583 Dihydroquercetin (C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>7</sub> )	322.0689 Leucodelphinidin (C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>8</sub> )	271.0606 Pelargonidin (C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>11</sub> O <sub>5</sub> )
	Ave. mass (detected)	289.0707	275.0914	289.0707	271.0601	271.0601	271.0601	289.0707	305.0656	323.0761	271.0601
	Ave. R.T (min) (	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
	No.	-	2	4	6	6	15	18	19	26	29

stable isotope labeling analysis, this tool can find not only fully labeled but also partially labeled metabolites and supplies a "Join" function, which is useful for the estimation of elemental composition. This tool shows the user the list of the candidate peaks and increases the efficiency of the narrowing-down process by screening first, especially in large-scale datasets.

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Blank_2	<u>MDLC1_43485</u>				
Blank_3	<u>MDLC1_43486</u>	Shoot unlabaling	SE27 S17 M1 D1		
shoot_control_1	<u>MDLC1_43514</u>	Shoot_unlabeling	<u>5E37_517_M1_D1</u>		
shoot_control_2	<u>MDLC1_43515</u>				
shoot_control_3	<u>MDLC1_43516</u>				
shoot_13C_2	<u>MDLC1_43503</u>	Shoot_13C_labeling	<u>SE37_S05_M1_D1</u>		
shoot_15N_1	<u>MDLC1_43505</u>	Shoot_15N_labeling	<u>SE37_S07_M1_D1</u>		
shoot_180_1	<u>MDLC1_43508</u>	Shoot_18O_labeling	<u>SE37_S10_M1_D1</u>		
shoot_34S_1	MDLC1_43511	Shoot_34S_labeling	SE37_S13_M1_D1		

Supplemental Table 1. The accession numbers of Metabolonote and MassBase



Supplemental Figure 1. The mass spectra corresponding to peak No. 1061 in basic sample for stable isotope labeling. Raw data (shoot\_control\_2, shoot\_13C\_2, shoot\_15N\_1, shoot\_18O\_1, and shoot\_34S\_1) were used. The black allow indicates the mono-isotopic and isotopic peaks in each labeled sample.



Supplemental Figure 2. The mass spectra corresponding to peak No. 2127 in shifted sample for possible apigenin derivatives. Here, modification groups were hypothetically added to aglycone, apigenin, like a building block and the resulting hypothetical m/z values (MS spectra) were compared with that of peaks in Shifted sample. Raw data (shoot control 2) was used.