

Very Large Searches

MASCOT



Topics

- **Combining data files**
- **Performing large searches**
- **The Protein Family summary**
- **Protein scoring - standard vs. MudPIT**
- **Exporting results**

Very large searches present a number of challenges. These are the topics we will cover during this presentation.

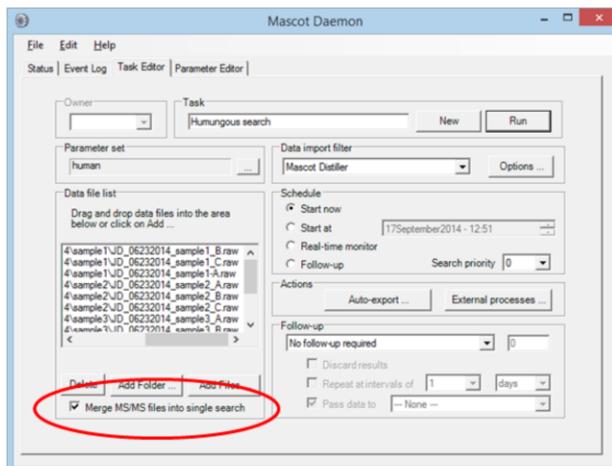
First though, what is a large search? And are there any search size limits to Mascot Server?

Data acquisition rates have sped up with each new generation of instrumentation and what was a large search 20 years ago is now a small search. For this talk we will consider an search with over 500,000 queries a large search.

There is no software limit to the maximum size of the search that Mascot Server supports, but larger searches do use more hardware resources and that is the ultimate limit. Given sufficient resources, we have had no problems with peak lists of 10GB or data sets with 50 x 1 hour Orbitrap runs.

Data files

- Can use Mascot Daemon to process and merge fractions
- Use Distiller or a file specific data import filter



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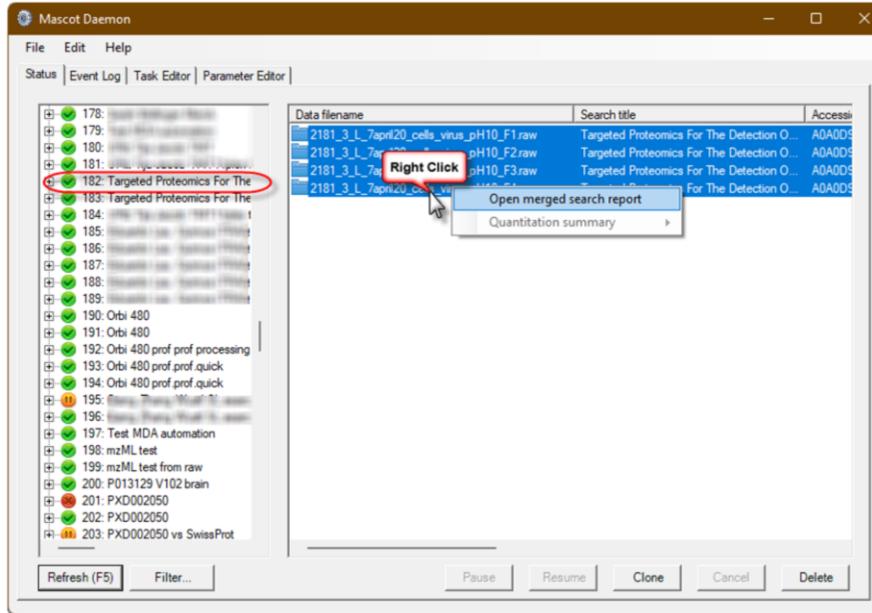
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The smartest way to merge files, like fractions from a fractionated run, is using Mascot Daemon. Just tick the box at the bottom left.

The batch can be peak lists or raw files.

For Windows web servers, the upload limit is 4 GB. Mascot Daemon can also run searches from the command line if Mascot Daemon and Mascot Server are installed on the same computer. This bypasses any web server file limit and search sizes are effectively unlimited.



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Mascot Daemon 2.7 and later give you another way to merge searches.

Select multiple searches in a Mascot Daemon task by CTRL+click individually searches or shift+click a range then right click and choose combined report.

MASCOT Search Results

Results collection set of 4 files
 ▶ ../data/20200513/F015421.dat
 ▶ ../data/20200513/F015422.dat
 ▶ ../data/20200513/F015423.dat
 ▶ ../data/20200513/F015424.dat

▶ Results collection set limitations

Re-search: All Non-significant Unassigned [? \[help\]](#) Export As CSV

▶ Search parameters
 ▶ Score distribution
 ▶ Modification statistics for all protein families
 ▶ Legend

Protein Family Summary

Format Significance threshold p< 0.05 Max. number of families AUTO [? \[help\]](#)
 Display non-sig. matches Min. number of sig. unique sequences 1
 Dendrograms cut at 0
 Preferred taxonomy All entries

▶ Sensitivity

Proteins (4687) [Report Builder](#) [Unassigned \(147681\)](#)

Protein families 1-10 (out of 4358)

10 per page 1 2 3 4 5 6 -- 436 [Next](#) [Expand all](#) [Collapse all](#)

Accession contains Find Clear

▶ 1

1	2:1:AOA0D9R924	10970	Flacin OS=Chlorocephus sabaeus OX=60711 G...
2	2:1:AOA0D9S7P7	856	Microtubule actin crosslinking factor 1 OS=Chloro...
3	2:1:AOA0D9RLP2	362	Dystonin OS=Chlorocephus sabaeus OX=60711 G...

▶ 2

1	2:1:AOA0D9S9M0	9915	Uncharacterized protein OS=Chlorocephus sabaeu...
3	2:1:AOA0D9R4B0	5241	Actin alpha cardiac muscle 1 OS=Chlorocephus sa...
2	2:1:AOA0D9RYK7	6588	Uncharacterized protein OS=Chlorocephus sabaeu...

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The combined search will open in a web page and list the results files that have been merged at the top of the report.

This will work with searches that have been processed by any peak picking software, including Mascot Distiller.

Data files

Concatenating peak lists:

- DTA or PKL

Download merge.pl from the Matrix Science Xcalibur help page
https://www.matrixscience.com/help/instruments_xcalibur.html

Retains filename as scan title

```
BEGIN IONS
TITLE=raft3031.1706.1706.2.dta
CHARGE=2+
PEPMASS=1243.577388
451.1228 5080
487.4352 3283
550.4203 5087
```

If you don't want to use Daemon, you can merge peak lists manually.

For DTA or PKL, you can download a script from our web site.

A nice feature of this script is that it puts the filename into the scan title, so you can tell which fraction a particular spectrum came from. The scan titles are displayed when you expand the rank column in the Mascot result report.

Data files

Concatenating peak lists:

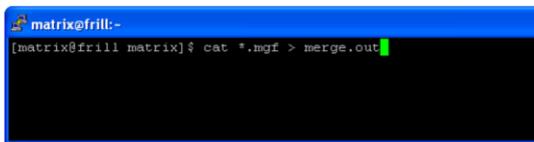
- MGF

Windows: copy



```
Command Prompt
C:\TEMP>copy *.mgf merge.out
```

Unix: cat



```
matrix@frill:~$ cat *.mgf > merge.out
```

As long as MGF files contain only peak lists, you don't need a script. Just use copy or cat. If the MGF files have search parameters at the beginning, you'll need to remove these before merging the files. Because a number of third party utilities add commands to MGF headers, and these cause a merged search to fail, Mascot Daemon strips out header lines when merging MGF files.

Data files

- Average spectrum might contain 100 real peaks
- Each peak might require ~ 20 bytes
967.41590 [tab] 470.20193 [newline]
- 2 GB should be sufficient for ~ 1 million spectra
- If your peak list is orders of magnitude larger than 2kB / spectrum, then something is not right!

In talking to Mascot users, it is clear that peak lists files are often much bigger than they should be. In other words, the peak detection is not very good. If you do a back of the envelope calculation, you can see that 2 GB should be enough for approximately 1 million spectra.

If you intend to do a lot of large searches, its worth getting the peak detection right. Shipping unnecessarily large files around wastes both time and disk space.

Performing large searches

Mascot divides large searches into chunks

- mascot.dat:
`SplitNumberOfQueries 1000`
`SplitDataFileSize 10000000`

Consequences:

- Search size is “unlimited” (except by hardware resources)
- No protein summary section in result file

Mascot divides large searches into smaller chunks, so as to avoid having everything in memory at the same time. The parameters to control this are `SplitNumberOfQueries` and `SplitDataFileSize` in the Options section of mascot.dat.

One consequence of splitting a search is that there is no protein summary section in the result file. This is not a problem, because no-one wants a protein summary report for a large MS/MS search. However, some old client software gets confused by the missing section. The work around is to increase the values so that large searches never split. Maybe setting `SplitNumberOfQueries` to 1 million spectra and `SplitDataFileSize` to 10 billion bytes.

This is often OK, but remember to reset these values as soon as you are able to. Otherwise, you might find you run out of memory or address space for your large searches.

Reporting large searches

Protein Family Summary

- Paged report to conserve memory
- Detailed information is shown 'on demand'
- Index files are created and cached to speed loading in future
- Proteins grouped into families by means of shared peptide matches
- Hierarchical clustering within each protein family

In *very* early versions of Mascot, trying to display result reports for very large searches would often lead to problems with timeouts and running out of memory. To address this, the Protein Family Summary loads most of the information 'on demand'. This requires some index files to be created on the server, and these index files are cached, so that the report loads much faster on the second and subsequent occasions. Proteins are grouped into families by means of shared peptide matches and, within each family, hierarchical clustering is used to illustrate which proteins are closely related and which are more distant.

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This is the appearance of a typical family report immediately after loading. The body of the report consists of three tabs, one for protein families, one for Report Builder, and one for unassigned matches. The report is paged, with a default page size of 10 families. If you wish, you can choose to display a larger number of families on a single page.

Proteins are grouped into families using a novel hierarchical clustering algorithm. If the family contains a single member, the accession string, protein score and description are listed. If the family contains multiple members, the accessions, scores and descriptions are aligned with a dendrogram, which illustrates the degree of similarity between members.

The scores for the proteins in family 2 vary from 1337 down to 73.

You can also find links to older report formats, the Peptide Summary and Select Summary reports, but these are not suitable for today's larger data sets.

The screenshot displays the Mascot search results for a specific protein family. At the top, a dendrogram shows the hierarchical clustering of proteins. Below it, a list of proteins is shown with their accession numbers and descriptions. A table of peptide matches is displayed, showing the observed number of matches, the expected number, the score, and the peptide sequence. The interface also includes a threshold setting and a 'Redisplay' button.

Query Dupes	Observed	Mr (expt)	Mr (calc)	Delta M	Score	Expect	Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Peptide
#3466	503.3162	1004.6178	1004.5083	0.1095	0	31	0.015	1	0						R.MPTLEDR.T
#3505	503.8846	1005.7547	1005.6093	0.1454	0	36	0.016	1	0						R.FSVQILR.N
#4193	516.8977	1031.7808	1031.5369	0.2439	0	32	0.049	1							VQREIDR.V
#4447	521.2416	1040.7029	1040.5817	0.1212	0	59	1.2e-05	1	0						K.NISQSFTRFSK.A
#4466	521.3753	1040.7361	1040.5810	0.1551	0	22	0.031	1							R.FFLMILR.N + Oxidation (M)
#4705	525.4566	1073.3479	1072.7654	0.5824	0	71	1.3e-05	1							R.EALVDRSEFAGR.G
#4731	526.2961	1050.5776	1050.5323	0.0453	0	35	0.0084	1							R.CLVSELR.R
#4841	540.3247	1078.6349	1078.5385	0.0964	0	54	0.00019	1							R.TCAQGLR.M
#4808	541.3848	1080.7551	1080.6059	0.1492	0	53	0.00034	1							K.YFDVFAK.V
#4793	577.9297	1153.8449	1153.6045	0.2404	0	49	0.00049	1	0						R.GSFFNAK.I
#5013	581.2500	1160.4854	1160.6167	-0.1313	0	43	0.0013	1	0						R.LCLQELR.M

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If you are interested in family 2, then you click to expand it to show the details. Immediately under the dendrogram is a list of the proteins. The table of peptide matches is similar to that found in the other result reports. We only report statistically significant peptide matches. The default significance threshold is $p < 0.05$. Duplicate matches to the same sequence are collapsed into a single row. The columns headed 1, 2, 3, etc. represent the proteins and contain a black square if the peptide is found in the protein. Some matches are shared, but each protein has some unique peptide matches, otherwise it would be dropped as a sub-set.

The screenshot displays the MASCOT search results for a protein sample. At the top, a dendrogram shows the hierarchical clustering of three protein families: 1: GRP78_MOUSE (score 1308), 2: HSP7C_MOUSE (score 362), and 3: HS71L_MOUSE (score 188). The HSP7C_MOUSE and HS71L_MOUSE families are clustered together, indicating they are more similar to each other than to GRP78_MOUSE.

Below the dendrogram, a table lists the protein families with their scores and descriptions:

Family	Score	Mass	Matches	Sequences	empPAI	Description
1: GRP78_MOUSE	1308	81404	55 (55)	21 (21)	2.47	78 kDa glucose-regulated protein OS=Mus musculus GN=Hspa5 PE=1 SV=3
2: HSP7C_MOUSE	362	78937	21 (21)	8 (8)	0.63	Heat shock cognate 71 kDa protein OS=Mus musculus GN=Hspa8 PE=1 SV=1
3: HS71L_MOUSE	188	78552	13 (13)	4 (4)	0.28	Heat shock 70 kDa protein 1-like OS=Mus musculus GN=Hspa11 PE=2 SV=4

Below the protein list, a table shows 67 peptide matches (33 non-duplicate, 34 duplicate). The table includes columns for Query Dupes, Observed, Mr (expt), Mr (calc), Delta M, Score, Expect, Rank, and Peptide. The peptides are listed with their corresponding protein families indicated by black squares (■) in the 'Rank' column.

Query Dupes	Observed	Mr (expt)	Mr (calc)	Delta M	Score	Expect	Rank	Peptide
d1720 > 7	488.3756	974.7367	974.6004	0.1363	0	0.00024	1	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ R.LIGDAAK.N
d1601 > 2	523.9779	1045.9413	1045.6375	0.3038	0	0.038	1	■ R.NTVVPTK.K
d1924 > 1	546.9979	1091.9813	1091.6430	0.3383	0	0.061	1	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ K.IITINDK.G
d1994	565.0689	1129.7232	1129.6101	0.1131	0	0.027	1	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ R.LTPEIER.M
d1519	573.9761	1145.9377	1145.6536	0.2841	0	0.061	1	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ R.GTLDPEK.A
d1921	596.5726	1191.1306	1190.6725	0.4581	0	0.028	1	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ R.VMSEPIK.L
d1459 > 2	603.8705	1205.7264	1205.6747	0.0517	0	5.5e-05	1	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ K.VLESDLK.K
d1857 > 3	609.9429	1217.8713	1217.6486	0.2227	0	0.038	1	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ K.IITINDK.L
d1960 > 2	611.4441	1220.8737	1220.6865	0.1872	0	0.001	1	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ K.VCNPIIK.L
d1007 > 1	612.8115	1835.4126	1834.8204	0.5923	0	0.075	1	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ K.STAGDHLGGEDFDR.M
d11545	635.4900	1268.9654	1268.6856	0.2799	0	0.0056	1	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ K.ETARAYLQK.K
d11944 > 1	641.5476	1281.0806	1280.7220	0.3586	0	0.0015	1	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ K.ETARAYLQK.T
d11594	740.5968	1479.1791	1478.8336	0.3455	1	0.011	1	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ K.VYGERPLTK.K
d1197	494.1957	1479.5652	1478.8336	0.7316	1	0.014	1	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ K.VYGERPLTK.D
d19656	769.0064	2303.9974	2303.2630	0.7344	1	0.053	1	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ K.KVTEAVVTVYFNDAGR.Q
d11954 > 1	803.1397	1604.2648	1603.8337	0.4311	0	3.2e-05	1	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ R.NELESAYLSK.N
d22754	558.5383	1672.5930	1671.9231	0.6699	1	0.018	1	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ K.MREARAYLQK.K
d23465 > 2	855.9392	1709.8639	1709.8746	-0.0108	0	2.1e-06	1	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ R.ITFSVAFTPEGER.L
d23473	571.0578	1710.1517	1709.8746	0.2770	0	1.7e-05	1	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ R.ITFSVAFTPEGER.L

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Moving down to family 3, the scale on the dendrogram is protein score, and HSP7C_MOUSE and HS71L_MOUSE join at a score of approximately 30. This represents the score of the significant matches that would have to be discarded in order to make one protein a sub-set of the other. These two proteins are much more similar to one other than to GRP78_MOUSE, which has non-shared peptide matches with a total score of approximately 145. Note that, where there are multiple matches to the same peptide sequence, (ignoring charge state and modification state), it is the highest score for each sequence that is used.

Immediately under the dendrogram is a list of the proteins. In this example, because SwissProt has low redundancy, each family member is a single protein. In other cases, a family member will represent multiple same-set proteins. One of the proteins is chosen as the anchor protein, to be listed first, and the other same-set proteins are collapsed under a same-set heading. There is nothing special about the protein picked for the anchor position. You may have a preference for one according to taxonomy or description, but all proteins in a same-set group are indistinguishable on the basis of the peptide match evidence.

The table of peptide matches is similar to that found in the other result reports. Duplicate matches to the same sequence are collapsed into a single row. Click on the triangle to expand.

The black squares to the right show which peptides are found in which protein. To see the peptides that distinguish HSP7C_MOUSE and HS71L_MOUSE, clear the checkbox for GRP78_MOUSE and choose Redisplay.

The screenshot displays the MASCOT search results for a query. At the top, a dendrogram shows the relationship between three protein entries: 1 2::GRP78_MOUSE (1308), 2 2::HSP7C_MOUSE (362), and 3 2::HS71L_MOUSE (188). A slider control below the dendrogram is set to a threshold of 0, with a 'Cut' button. Below the dendrogram, a table lists the proteins with their scores, masses, matches, sequences, and emPAI values. The table shows that HSP7C_MOUSE and HS71L_MOUSE are highly similar, with a score of 188 and 78552 matches, respectively. Below this, a section titled '22 peptide matches (10 non-duplicate, 12 duplicate)' lists various peptides with their observed and expected masses, delta M scores, expect values, and ranks. The most significant match is K.ATAGDTHLGGEDFDNR.L, which has a delta M score of 0.4793 and an expect value of 3.2e-05. At the bottom, a section titled '2 subsets and intersections (3 subset proteins in total)' lists three subsets: 4 2::CYB5_MOUSE (1217), 5 2::PDIA1_MOUSE (1123), and 6 2::CPIA2_MOUSE (1054).

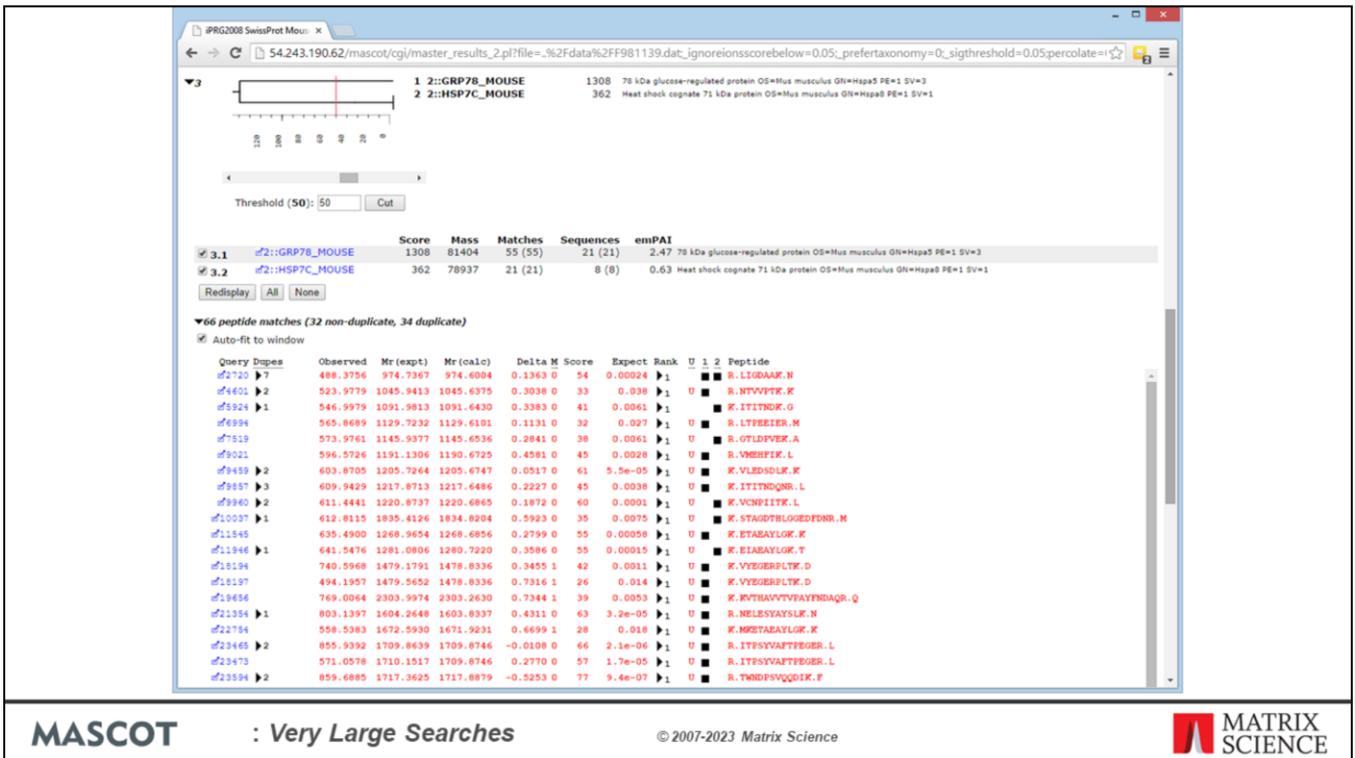
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It can now be seen that HS71L_MOUSE would be a sub-set of HSP7C_MOUSE if it was not for one match, K.ATAGDTHLGGEDFDNR.L. It is the significant score for this match that separates the two proteins in the dendrogram by a distance of 32 (score of 55 - homology threshold score of 23).

You can "cut" the dendrogram using the slider control.



If we cut the dendrogram at a score of 50, HS71L_MOUSE will be dropped because it is now a sub-set protein. If you compare the matches to HSP7C_MOUSE with those to GRP78_MOUSE, it is clear that these are very different proteins. They are part of the same family because of two shared matches, but many highly significant matches would have to be discarded for either protein to become a sub-set of the other. In summary, we can quickly deduce from the Family Summary that there is abundant evidence that both GRP78_MOUSE and HSP7C_MOUSE were present in the sample. There is little evidence for HS71L_MOUSE. It is more likely that the HSP7C_MOUSE contained a SNP or two relative to the database sequence.

The screenshot displays the Mascot search results for protein families 41-50. The interface includes a search bar with the query 'MNVLDALK' and a table of protein families. The first family, 2::NBSR3_MOUSE, is expanded to show peptide matches. The table below lists these matches with their observed and calculated masses, scores, and expected values.

Query Dups	Observed	Mr (expt)	Mr (calc)	Delta M	Score	Expect	Rank	Peptide
5	508.3777	1014.7407	1014.6308	0.1100	45	0.00053	1	K.IVNVNLTGR.L
5	631.9663	1261.9180	1261.7308	0.1872	77	2.4e-06	1	R.MNVLDALK.S
5	631.8868	1261.7591	1261.7308	0.0284	66	1.8e-05	1	R.MNVLDALK.S
5	631.8914	1261.7682	1261.7308	0.0375	59	9.7e-05	1	R.MNVLDALK.S
5	631.9416	1261.8686	1261.7308	0.1379	59	0.00013	1	R.MNVLDALK.S
5	632.0080	1262.0014	1261.7308	0.2706	42	0.0065	1	R.MNVLDALK.S
5	632.0218	1262.0291	1261.7308	0.2983	63	6.4e-05	1	R.MNVLDALK.S
1	636.4751	1270.9355	1270.6904	0.2452	28	0.03	1	K.WQNNLLFSR.Q
1	639.8954	1277.7762	1277.7257	0.0505	50	0.00084	1	R.MNVLDALK.S + Oxidation (M)
1	639.9899	1277.9652	1277.7257	0.2396	48	0.00054	1	R.MNVLDALK.S + Oxidation (M)

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The family report also includes a text search facility, which is particularly important for a paged report. You can search by accession or description sub-string, or by query, mass or sequence. Here, for example, we searched for a peptide sequence. The display jumps to the first instance of the sequence, expands, and highlights (in green) the target peptides.

Proteins (448) Report Builder Unassigned (30397) [s.permalink](#)

Protein hits (476 proteins)

Columns: Standard (12 out of 16)

Filters: (none)

Export as CSV

Family	M	DB	Accession	Score	Mass	Matches	Match(sig)	Sequences	Seq(sig)	emPAI	Description
1	1	cRAP	#1::sp TRV1_BOVIN	1606	28266	48	48	7	7	2.86	sp TRV1_BOVIN
2	1	SwissProt	#2::CP2CT_MOUSE	1337	61419	76	76	13	13	2.00	Cytochrome P450 2C29 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp2c29 PE=1
2	2	SwissProt	#2::CP254_MOUSE	352	60887	27	27	8	8	0.88	Cytochrome P450 2C54 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp2c54 PE=2
2	3	SwissProt	#2::CY250_MOUSE	489	61128	27	27	10	10	1.20	Cytochrome P450 2C50 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp2c50 PE=1
2	4	SwissProt	#2::CP2F2_MOUSE	484	59267	32	32	12	12	2.11	Cytochrome P450 2F2 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp2f2 PE=2 SV=
2	5	SwissProt	#2::CP237_MOUSE	339	60590	22	22	8	8	0.89	Cytochrome P450 2C37 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp2c37 PE=2
2	6	SwissProt	#2::CP239_MOUSE	251	60856	13	13	4	4	0.37	Cytochrome P450 2C39 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp2c39 PE=2
2	7	SwissProt	#2::CP238_MOUSE	150	61356	9	9	4	4	0.37	Cytochrome P450 2C38 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp2c38 PE=2
3	1	SwissProt	#2::GRP78_MOUSE	1308	81404	55	55	21	21	2.47	78 kDa glucose-regulated protein OS=Mus musculus GN=Hspa
3	2	SwissProt	#2::HSP7C_MOUSE	362	78937	21	21	8	8	0.63	Heat shock cognate 71 kDa protein OS=Mus musculus GN=Hsp
4	1	SwissProt	#2::CYB5_MOUSE	1217	16817	42	42	5	5	3.08	Cytochrome b5 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyb5a PE=1 SV=2
5	1	SwissProt	#2::PDIA1_MOUSE	1123	64694	53	53	16	16	2.54	Protein disulfide-isomerase OS=Mus musculus GN=P4hb PE=1
6	1	SwissProt	#2::CP1A2_MOUSE	1054	63034	38	38	10	10	1.31	Cytochrome P450 1A2 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp1a2 PE=1 SV
7	1	SwissProt	#2::ENPL_MOUSE	1018	103744	63	63	19	19	1.53	Endoplasmic reticulum protein OS=Mus musculus GN=Hsp90b1 PE=1 SV=2
8	1	SwissProt	#2::RDH7_MOUSE	1005	38455	45	45	12	12	4.07	Retinol dehydrogenase 7 OS=Mus musculus GN=Rdh7 PE=2 SV
8	2	SwissProt	#2::H17B6_MOUSE	597	38949	23	23	7	7	1.37	17-beta-hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase type 6 OS=Mus muscul
9	1	SwissProt	#2::MGST1_MOUSE	863	18595	25	25	3	3	2.57	Microsomal glutathione S-transferase 1 OS=Mus musculus GN=
10	1	SwissProt	#2::RL7A_MOUSE	770	35860	28	28	8	8	1.91	60S ribosomal protein L7a OS=Mus musculus GN=Rpl7a PE=2
11	1	SwissProt	#2::RLA0_MOUSE	763	37215	24	24	7	7	1.47	60S acidic ribosomal protein P0 OS=Mus musculus GN=Rplp0 P
12	1	SwissProt	#2::CP2AC_MOUSE	763	61325	35	35	14	14	2.25	Cytochrome P450 2A12 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp2a12 PE=1
12	2	SwissProt	#2::CP2A3_MOUSE	59	61896	5	5	2	2	0.17	Cytochrome P450 2A3 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp2a3 PE=2 SV
13	1	SwissProt	#2::ACSL1_MOUSE	749	86078	38	38	18	18	1.90	Long-chain-fatty-acid-CoA ligase 1 OS=Mus musculus GN=Ac
13	2	SwissProt	#2::ACSL5_MOUSE	297	84629	15	15	6	6	0.41	Long-chain-fatty-acid-CoA ligase 5 OS=Mus musculus GN=Ac
14	1	SwissProt	#2::RL13_MOUSE	748	28083	31	31	7	7	2.90	60S ribosomal protein L13 OS=Mus musculus GN=Rpl13 PE=2
15	1	SwissProt	#2::PDIA3_MOUSE	692	64504	40	40	15	15	2.06	Protein disulfide-isomerase A3 OS=Mus musculus GN=Pdia3 PE
16	1	SwissProt	#2::CP3A8_MOUSE	686	65154	32	32	10	10	1.25	Cytochrome P450 3A11 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp3a11 PE=1
17	1	SwissProt	#2::UDB17_MOUSE	677	67040	34	34	9	9	0.91	UDP-glucuronosyltransferase 2B17 OS=Mus musculus GN=Ugt2
17	2	SwissProt	#2::UD11_MOUSE	429	65361	19	19	7	7	0.80	UDP-glucuronosyltransferase 1-1 OS=Mus musculus GN=Ugt1a
17	3	SwissProt	#2::UD16_MOUSE	245	65516	14	14	6	6	0.67	UDP-glucuronosyltransferase 1-6 OS=Mus musculus GN=Ugt1a
18	1	SwissProt	#2::EST3A_MOUSE	668	67490	28	28	5	5	0.43	Carboxylesterase 3A OS=Mus musculus GN=Ces3a PE=1 SV=2

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The Report Builder tab is useful when you need a table of proteins suitable for publication. Let's assume we want to drop the 'one hit wonders' and only report proteins that have significant matches to at least 2 different peptide sequences.

The screenshot shows the Mascot search results page for a search of 448 proteins. The interface includes a navigation bar with 'Proteins (448)', 'Report Builder', and 'Unsigned (30397)'. Below this, the search parameters are displayed: '54.243.190.62/mascot/cgi/master_results_2.pl?file=%2Fdata%2FF981139.dat_ignoreionsscorebelow=0.05_prefertaxonomy=0_sigthreshold=0.05_percolate=1'. The main section is titled 'Protein hits (476 proteins)' and shows 'Columns: Standard (12 out of 16)'. A filter menu is open on the left, showing options like 'Num. of significant sequences', 'Family', 'Member', 'Database', 'Accession', 'Score', 'Mass', 'Matches', 'Match(sig)', 'Sequences', 'Seq(sig)', 'emPAI', and 'Description'. The main table lists 17 protein hits with their respective scores, masses, matches, and descriptions.

Family	Score	Mass	Matches	Match(sig)	Sequences	Seq(sig)	emPAI	Description
1	1606	28266	48	48	7	7	2.86	sp TRY1_BOVIN
2	1337	61419	76	76	13	13	2.00	Cytochrome P450 2C29 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp2c29 PE=1
2	552	60887	27	27	8	8	0.88	Cytochrome P450 2C54 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp2c54 PE=2
2	489	61128	27	27	10	10	1.20	Cytochrome P450 2C50 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp2c50 PE=1
2	484	59267	32	32	12	12	2.11	Cytochrome P450 2F2 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp2f2 PE=2 SV=
2	339	60590	22	22	8	8	0.89	Cytochrome P450 2C37 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp2c37 PE=2
2	251	60856	13	13	4	4	0.37	Cytochrome P450 2C36 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp2c36 PE=2
2	150	61356	9	9	4	4	0.37	Cytochrome P450 2C38 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp2c38 PE=2
2	1308	81404	55	55	21	21	2.47	78 kDa glucose-regulated protein OS=Mus musculus GN=Hspa
2	362	78937	21	21	8	8	0.63	Heat shock cognate 71 kDa protein OS=Mus musculus GN=Hsp
4	1217	16817	42	42	5	5	3.08	Cytochrome b5 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyb5a PE=1 SV=2
5	1123	64694	53	53	16	16	2.54	Protein disulfide-isomerase OS=Mus musculus GN=P4hb PE=1
6	1054	63034	38	38	10	10	1.31	Cytochrome P450 1A2 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp1a2 PE=1
7	1018	103744	63	63	19	19	1.53	Endoplasmic reticulum chaperone protein OS=Mus musculus GN=Hsp90b1 PE=1 SV=2
8	1005	38455	45	45	12	12	4.07	Retinol dehydrogenase 7 OS=Mus musculus GN=Rdh7 PE=2 SV
8	597	38949	23	23	7	7	1.37	17-beta-hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase type 6 OS=Mus muscul
9	863	18595	25	25	3	3	2.57	Microsomal glutathione S-transferase 1 OS=Mus musculus GN=
10	770	35860	28	28	8	8	1.91	60S ribosomal protein L7a OS=Mus musculus GN=Rpl7a PE=2
11	763	37215	24	24	7	7	1.47	60S acidic ribosomal protein P0 OS=Mus musculus GN=Rplp0 P
12	763	61325	35	35	14	14	2.25	Cytochrome P450 2A12 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp2a12 PE=1
12	59	61696	5	5	2	2	0.17	Cytochrome P450 2A5 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp2a5 PE=2 SV
13	749	86078	38	38	18	18	1.90	Long-chain-fatty-acid--CoA ligase 1 OS=Mus musculus GN=Acs
13	297	84629	15	15	6	6	0.41	Long-chain-fatty-acid--CoA ligase 5 OS=Mus musculus GN=Acs
14	748	28083	31	31	7	7	2.90	60S ribosomal protein L13 OS=Mus musculus GN=Rpl13 PE=2
15	692	64504	40	40	15	15	2.06	Protein disulfide-isomerase A3 OS=Mus musculus GN=Pdia3 PE
16	686	65154	32	32	10	10	1.25	Cytochrome P450 3A11 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp3a11 PE=1
17	677	67040	34	34	9	9	0.91	UDP-glucuronosyltransferase 2B17 OS=Mus musculus GN=Ugt2

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We open up the filters section and add a suitable filter.

Protein hits (229 proteins)

Filters: "Num. of significant sequences" >= 2

Family	M	DB	Accession	Score	Mass	Matches	Match(sig)	Sequences	Seq(sig)	emPA1	Description
1	1	cRAP	#1::sp TRY1_BOVIN	1606	28266	48	48	7	7	2.86	sp TRY1_BOVIN
2	1	SwissProt	#2::CP2CT_MOUSE	1337	61419	76	76	13	13	2.00	Cytochrome P450 2C29 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp2c29 PE=1 SV
2	2	SwissProt	#2::CP254_MOUSE	552	60887	27	27	8	8	0.88	Cytochrome P450 2C54 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp2c54 PE=2 SV
2	3	SwissProt	#2::CY250_MOUSE	489	61128	27	27	10	10	1.20	Cytochrome P450 2C50 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp2c50 PE=1 SV
2	4	SwissProt	#2::CP2F2_MOUSE	484	59267	32	32	12	12	2.11	Cytochrome P450 2F2 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp2f2 PE=2 SV=1
2	5	SwissProt	#2::CP237_MOUSE	339	60590	22	22	8	8	0.89	Cytochrome P450 2C37 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp2c37 PE=2 SV
2	6	SwissProt	#2::CP239_MOUSE	251	60856	13	13	4	4	0.37	Cytochrome P450 2C39 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp2c39 PE=2 SV
2	7	SwissProt	#2::CP238_MOUSE	150	61356	9	9	4	4	0.37	Cytochrome P450 2C38 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp2c38 PE=2 SV
3	1	SwissProt	#2::GRP78_MOUSE	1308	81404	55	55	21	21	2.47	78 kDa glucose-regulated protein OS=Mus musculus GN=Hspa5 P
3	2	SwissProt	#2::HSP97_MOUSE	362	78937	21	21	8	8	0.63	Heat shock cognate 71 kDa protein OS=Mus musculus GN=Hspa8
4	1	SwissProt	#2::CYB5_MOUSE	1217	16817	42	42	5	5	3.08	Cytochrome b5 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyb5a PE=1 SV=2
5	1	SwissProt	#2::PDIA1_MOUSE	1123	64694	53	53	16	16	2.54	Protein disulfide-isomerase OS=Mus musculus GN=P4hb PE=1 SV
6	1	SwissProt	#2::PDIA2_MOUSE	1054	63034	38	38	10	10	1.31	Cytochrome P450 1A2 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp1a2 PE=1 SV=1
7	1	SwissProt	#2::ENPL_MOUSE	1018	103744	63	63	19	19	1.53	Endoplasmic OS=Mus musculus GN=Hsp90b1 PE=1 SV=2
8	1	SwissProt	#2::RDH7_MOUSE	1005	38455	45	45	12	12	4.07	Retinol dehydrogenase 7 OS=Mus musculus GN=Rdh7 PE=2 SV=1
8	2	SwissProt	#2::H17B6_MOUSE	597	38949	23	23	7	7	1.37	17-beta-hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase type 6 OS=Mus musculus
9	1	SwissProt	#2::MGST1_MOUSE	863	18595	25	25	3	3	2.57	Microsomal glutathione S-transferase 1 OS=Mus musculus GN=Mt
10	1	SwissProt	#2::RL7A_MOUSE	770	35860	28	28	8	8	1.91	60S ribosomal protein L7a OS=Mus musculus GN=Rpl7a PE=2 SV
11	1	SwissProt	#2::RLA0_MOUSE	763	37215	24	24	7	7	1.47	60S acidic ribosomal protein P0 OS=Mus musculus GN=Rplp0 PE=
12	1	SwissProt	#2::CP2A2_MOUSE	763	61325	35	35	14	14	2.25	Cytochrome P450 2A12 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp2a12 PE=1 SV
12	2	SwissProt	#2::CP2A5_MOUSE	59	61696	5	5	2	2	0.17	Cytochrome P450 2A5 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp2a5 PE=2 SV=1
13	1	SwissProt	#2::ACSL1_MOUSE	749	86078	38	38	18	18	1.90	Long-chain-fatty-acid-CoA ligase 1 OS=Mus musculus GN=Acsl1
13	2	SwissProt	#2::ACSL3_MOUSE	297	84629	15	15	6	6	0.41	Long-chain-fatty-acid-CoA ligase 3 OS=Mus musculus GN=Acsl3
14	1	SwissProt	#2::RL13_MOUSE	748	28083	31	31	7	7	2.90	60S ribosomal protein L13 OS=Mus musculus GN=Rpl13 PE=2 SV
15	1	SwissProt	#2::PDIA3_MOUSE	692	64504	40	40	15	15	2.06	Protein disulfide-isomerase A3 OS=Mus musculus GN=Pdia3 PE=1
16	1	SwissProt	#2::CP3A8_MOUSE	686	65154	32	32	10	10	1.25	Cytochrome P450 3A11 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp3a11 PE=1 SV
17	1	SwissProt	#2::UDB17_MOUSE	677	67040	34	34	9	9	0.91	UDP-glucuronosyltransferase 2B17 OS=Mus musculus GN=Ugt2b1
17	2	SwissProt	#2::UDH1_MOUSE	429	65361	19	19	7	7	0.80	UDP-glucuronosyltransferase 1-1 OS=Mus musculus GN=Ugt1a1 f
17	3	SwissProt	#2::UDH6_MOUSE	245	65516	14	14	6	6	0.67	UDP-glucuronosyltransferase 1-6 OS=Mus musculus GN=Ugt1a6 f
18	1	SwissProt	#2::EST3A_MOUSE	668	67490	28	28	5	5	0.43	Carboxylesterase 3A OS=Mus musculus GN=Ces3a PE=1 SV=2

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Only proteins with significant matches to at least 2 sequences remain. The filtering is very flexible, with lots of useful terms.

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Proteins (448) Report Builder Unassigned (30397) [Permalink](#)

Protein hits (228 proteins)

Columns: Standard (12 out of 16)

Filters: (NOT(Database is cRAP) AND "Num. of significant sequences" >= 2)

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Family	M	DB	Accession	Score	Mass	Matches	Match(sig)	Sequences	Seq(sig)	emPAI	Description
2	1	SwissProt	f2::CP2CT_MOUSE	1337	61419	76	76	13	13	2.00	Cytochrome P450 2C29 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp2c29 PE=1 SV=
2	2	SwissProt	f2::CP254_MOUSE	552	60887	27	27	8	8	0.88	Cytochrome P450 2C54 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp2c54 PE=2 SV=
2	3	SwissProt	f2::CY250_MOUSE	489	61128	27	27	10	10	1.20	Cytochrome P450 2C50 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp2c50 PE=1 SV=
2	4	SwissProt	f2::CP2F2_MOUSE	484	59267	32	32	12	12	2.11	Cytochrome P450 2F2 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp2f2 PE=2 SV=1
2	5	SwissProt	f2::CP237_MOUSE	339	60590	22	22	8	8	0.89	Cytochrome P450 2C37 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp2c37 PE=2 SV=
2	6	SwissProt	f2::CP239_MOUSE	251	60856	13	13	4	4	0.37	Cytochrome P450 2C39 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp2c39 PE=2 SV=
2	7	SwissProt	f2::CP238_MOUSE	150	61356	9	9	4	4	0.37	Cytochrome P450 2C38 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp2c38 PE=2 SV=
2	1	SwissProt	f2::GRP78_MOUSE	1308	81404	55	55	21	21	2.47	78 kDa glucose-regulated protein OS=Mus musculus GN=Hspas78
2	2	SwissProt	f2::HSP7C_MOUSE	362	78937	21	21	8	8	0.63	Heat shock cognate 71 kDa protein OS=Mus musculus GN=Hspa81
4	1	SwissProt	f2::CYB5_MOUSE	1217	16817	42	42	5	5	3.08	Cytochrome b5 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyb5a PE=1 SV=2
5	1	SwissProt	f2::PDIA1_MOUSE	1123	64694	53	53	16	16	2.54	Protein disulfide-isomerase OS=Mus musculus GN=Pdia1 PE=1 SV=
6	1	SwissProt	f2::CP1A2_MOUSE	1054	63034	38	38	10	10	1.31	Cytochrome P450 1A2 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp1a2 PE=1 SV=1
7	1	SwissProt	f2::ENPL_MOUSE	1018	103744	63	63	19	19	1.53	Endoplasmic reticulum protein OS=Mus musculus GN=Hsp90b1 PE=1 SV=2
8	1	SwissProt	f2::RDH7_MOUSE	1005	38455	45	45	12	12	4.07	Retinol dehydrogenase 7 OS=Mus musculus GN=Rdh7 PE=2 SV=1
8	2	SwissProt	f2::H17B6_MOUSE	597	38949	23	23	7	7	1.37	17-beta-hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase type 6 OS=Mus musculus GN=
9	1	SwissProt	f2::MGST1_MOUSE	863	18595	25	25	3	3	2.57	Microsomal glutathione S-transferase 1 OS=Mus musculus GN=Mgst1
10	1	SwissProt	f2::RL7A_MOUSE	770	35860	28	28	8	8	1.91	60S ribosomal protein L7a OS=Mus musculus GN=Rpl7a PE=2 SV=
11	1	SwissProt	f2::RLA0_MOUSE	763	37215	24	24	7	7	1.47	60S acidic ribosomal protein P0 OS=Mus musculus GN=Rplp0 PE=1
12	1	SwissProt	f2::CP2A2_MOUSE	763	61325	35	35	14	14	2.25	Cytochrome P450 2A12 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp2a12 PE=1 SV=
12	2	SwissProt	f2::CP2A5_MOUSE	59	61696	5	5	2	2	0.17	Cytochrome P450 2A5 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp2a5 PE=2 SV=1
13	1	SwissProt	f2::ACSL1_MOUSE	749	86078	38	38	18	18	1.90	Long-chain-fatty-acid--CoA ligase 1 OS=Mus musculus GN=Acsl1 P
13	2	SwissProt	f2::ACSL5_MOUSE	297	84629	15	15	6	6	0.41	Long-chain-fatty-acid--CoA ligase 5 OS=Mus musculus GN=Acsl5 P
14	1	SwissProt	f2::RL13_MOUSE	748	28083	31	31	7	7	2.90	60S ribosomal protein L13 OS=Mus musculus GN=Rpl13 PE=2 SV=
15	1	SwissProt	f2::PDIA3_MOUSE	692	64504	40	40	15	15	2.06	Protein disulfide-isomerase A3 OS=Mus musculus GN=Pdia3 PE=1
16	1	SwissProt	f2::CP3A8_MOUSE	686	65154	32	32	10	10	1.25	Cytochrome P450 3A11 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp3a11 PE=1 SV=
17	1	SwissProt	f2::UGT17_MOUSE	677	67040	34	34	9	9	0.91	UDP-glucuronosyltransferase 2B17 OS=Mus musculus GN=Ugtb17
17	2	SwissProt	f2::UGT11_MOUSE	429	65361	19	19	7	7	0.80	UDP-glucuronosyltransferase 1-1 OS=Mus musculus GN=Ugt1a1 PE
17	3	SwissProt	f2::UGT16_MOUSE	245	65516	14	14	6	6	0.67	UDP-glucuronosyltransferase 1-6 OS=Mus musculus GN=Ugt1a6 PE
18	1	SwissProt	f2::EST3A_MOUSE	668	67490	28	28	5	5	0.43	Carboxylesterase 3A OS=Mus musculus GN=Ces3a PE=1 SV=2
19	1	SwissProt	f2::RL4_MOUSE	650	55568	34	34	11	11	1.59	60S ribosomal protein L4 OS=Mus musculus GN=Rpl4 PE=1 SV=3

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Another thing that you could easily do would be to exclude proteins from the contaminants database.

The screenshot displays the MASCOT Report Manager interface. At the top, it shows the browser address bar with the URL: `54.243.190.62/mascot/cgi/master_results_2.pl?file=_%2Fdata%2FF981139.dat_ignoreionsscorebelow=0.05_prefertaxonomy=0_sigthreshold=0.05percolate=1`. Below the browser, there are tabs for 'Proteins (448)' and 'Report Builder', and a sub-tab for 'Unsigned (30397)'. The main heading is 'Protein hits (228 proteins)'. Underneath, it says 'Columns: Standard (12 out of 16)'. There are two columns for column selection: 'Enabled' and 'Available'. The 'Available' column has 'Protein hits' selected, with sub-items 'Num. of unique sequences', 'Num. of significant unique sequences', and 'Sequence coverage'. Below the selection area, there are 'Filters: (NOT(Database is cRAP) AND "Num. of significant sequences" >= 2)' and an 'Export as CSV' button. At the bottom, a table of protein hits is shown with columns: Family, M, DB, Accession, Score, Mass, Matches, Match(sig), Sequences, Seq(sig), emPAI, and Description.

Family	M	DB	Accession	Score	Mass	Matches	Match(sig)	Sequences	Seq(sig)	emPAI	Description
2	1	SwissProt	<i>f2</i> ::CP2CT_MOUSE	1337	61419	76	76	13	13	2.00	Cytochrome P450 2C29 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp2c29 PE=1 SV=
2	2	SwissProt	<i>f2</i> ::CP254_MOUSE	552	60887	27	27	8	8	0.88	Cytochrome P450 2C54 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp2c54 PE=2 SV=
2	3	SwissProt	<i>f2</i> ::CY250_MOUSE	489	61128	27	27	10	10	1.20	Cytochrome P450 2C50 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp2c50 PE=1 SV=
2	4	SwissProt	<i>f2</i> ::CP2F2_MOUSE	484	59267	32	32	12	12	2.11	Cytochrome P450 2F2 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp2f2 PE=2 SV=1
2	5	SwissProt	<i>f2</i> ::CP237_MOUSE	339	60590	22	22	8	8	0.89	Cytochrome P450 2C37 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp2c37 PE=2 SV=
2	6	SwissProt	<i>f2</i> ::CP239_MOUSE	251	60856	13	13	4	4	0.37	Cytochrome P450 2C39 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp2c39 PE=2 SV=
2	7	SwissProt	<i>f2</i> ::CP238_MOUSE	150	61356	9	9	4	4	0.37	Cytochrome P450 2C38 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp2c38 PE=2 SV=
3	1	SwissProt	<i>f2</i> ::GRP78_MOUSE	1308	81404	55	55	21	21	2.47	78 kDa glucose-regulated protein OS=Mus musculus GN=Hspa5 PE
3	2	SwissProt	<i>f2</i> ::HSP7C_MOUSE	362	78937	21	21	8	8	0.63	Heat shock coonate 71 kDa protein OS=Mus musculus GN=Hspa8 f

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The columns section of Report Manager allows you to choose which columns to include and, if required, change their order.

Family	Member	Database	Accession	Score	Mass	Num. of matches	Num. of significant matches	Num. of sequences	Num. of significant sequences	emPAI	Description
31	1	IPRG_2012	P00925	2140	46942	148	100	53	43	44.71	Enolase 2 OS=Saccharomyces cere
32	1	IPRG_2012	P00924	1059	46844	71	46	35	27	7.47	Enolase 1 OS=Saccharomyces cere
33	2	IPRG_2012	P00549	1933	54909	133	87	56	43	18.28	Pyruvate kinase 1 OS=Saccharomyces
34	3	IPRG_2012	P40150	1613	62668	105	66	66	45	11.76	Heat shock protein SSB2 OS=Saccharo
35	3	IPRG_2012	P11484	1590	66732	103	65	64	44	11.12	Heat shock protein SSB1 OS=Saccharo
36	4	IPRG_2012	P10592	1591	69599	107	57	52	32	5.01	Heat shock protein SSA2 OS=Saccharo
37	4	IPRG_2012	P10591	1161	69786	85	44	48	26	3.02	Heat shock protein SSA1 OS=Saccharo
38	4	IPRG_2012	P16474	233	74479	23	8	17	6	0.32	78 kDa glucose-regulated protein hor
39	5	IPRG_2012	P00330	1453	37282	73	51	32	25	13.48	Alcohol dehydrogenase 1 OS=Saccharo
40	5	IPRG_2012	P07246	101	40743	14	5	7	3	0.29	Alcohol dehydrogenase 3, mitochond
41	6	IPRG_2012	P00560	1382	44768	102	58	54	33	12.75	Phosphoglycerate kinase OS=Saccharo
42	7	IPRG_2012	P00359	1361	35838	76	54	31	25	12.29	Glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydro
43	7	IPRG_2012	P00358	1242	35938	69	48	29	24	9.89	Glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydro
44	7	IPRG_2012	P00360	535	35842	30	20	14	12	2.47	Glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydro
45	7	IPRG_2012	P04406	41	36201	4	2	4	2	0.21	Glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydro
46	8	IPRG_2012	P06169	1289	61695	44	41	28	26	4.7	Pyruvate decarboxylase isozyme 1 O
47	9	IPRG_2012	P00950	1031	27592	67	44	32	25	34.97	Phosphoglycerate mutase 1 OS=Sac
48	10	IPRG_2012	P07281	1015	15881	51	38	16	13	22.71	40S ribosomal protein S19-B OS=Sa
49	10	IPRG_2012	P07280	1014	15907	51	38	16	13	22.71	40S ribosomal protein S19-A OS=Sa
50	11	contaminants	P00761	922	25078	37	27	7	6	2.89	SWISS-PROT P00761 TRYPL_PIG Tr
51	12	IPRG_2012	P32324	784	93686	49	33	33	23	1.44	Elongation factor 2 OS=Saccharomy
52	13	IPRG_2012	P16521	771	116727	62	33	47	30	1.52	Elongation factor 3A OS=Saccharom
53	14	IPRG_2012	P05319	765	10739	38	29	10	9	95.65	60S acidic ribosomal protein P2- α
54	15	IPRG_2012	Q03048	721	15948	28	23	17	14	17.82	Cofilin OS=Saccharomyces cerevisi
55	16	IPRG_2012	P0C0V8	719	9797	42	29	15	12	207.43	40S ribosomal protein S21-A OS=Sa
56	16	IPRG_2012	Q3E754	694	9811	41	28	15	12	148.28	40S ribosomal protein S21-B OS=Sa

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Once the list is filtered and the columns arranged as required, there is a button to export the table as CSV, which can be pasted into Excel and formatted to create a suitable figure for dropping into a publication.

Large search results in 2.2 and earlier

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Select Summary Report

Format As	Select Summary (protein hits) ▾	Help	Help
Significance threshold p<	0.05	Max. number of hits	AUTO
Standard scoring <input type="radio"/>	MudPIT scoring <input checked="" type="radio"/>	Display non-significant matches	<input type="checkbox"/>
Show pop-ups <input checked="" type="radio"/>	Suppress pop-ups <input type="radio"/>	Show sub-sets	0
Preferred taxonomy	All entries ▾	Require bold red	<input type="checkbox"/>

The older Peptide Summary and Select summary (Proteins) reports have an options choose between Standard scoring and MudPIT scoring. The standard protein family report always uses MudPIT scoring. What do we mean by Standard scoring and MudPIT scoring?

Protein Scores for MS/MS Searches

Standard protein score

- the sum of the ions scores
- excluding the scores for duplicate matches, which are shown in parentheses
- correction to reduce the contribution of low-scoring random matches

342. [2::IP10023283](#) Mass: 3832803 Score: 181 Hatches: 51(0) Sequences: 48(0)
 Tax_Id=9606 Gene_Symbol=TTN Isoform 2 of Titin

Query	Observed	Mr(expt)	Mr(calc)	ppm	Miss	Score	Expect	Rank	Unique	Peptide
28	359.7341	717.4537	717.4537	-0.09	0	7	4.2	5	U	R.LFAIVR.G
209	394.2371	786.4596	786.4599	-0.46	0	8	13	3	U	K.LTIADVR.A
334	411.2073	820.4000	820.3954	5.61	0	3	15	4	U	K.TDSGLVR.C
357	413.2642	824.5139	824.5135	0.48	1	12	1.1	5	U	K.RFRTLK.K
715	450.7365	899.4584	899.4588	-0.38	0	10	2.9	2	U	K.IVDVSSDR.C
740	451.7681	901.5217	901.5233	-1.72	0	3	24	3	U	R.VTLVDVTR.N
840	459.2484	916.4821	916.4767	5.98	0	2	29	2	U	K.GVEFNVR.L
844	459.7299	917.4452	917.4454	-0.24	0	4	15	6	U	K.ELEETAAR.N
1029	473.2757	944.5368	944.5331	3.97	1	3	21	3	U	R.EPPSFYK.K
1058	475.7505	949.4864	949.4869	-0.47	0	4	22	5	U	R.SSVLSLQGR.P
1066	476.2790	950.5433	950.5425	0.94	0	1	23	4	U	R.PLTDLQVR.E

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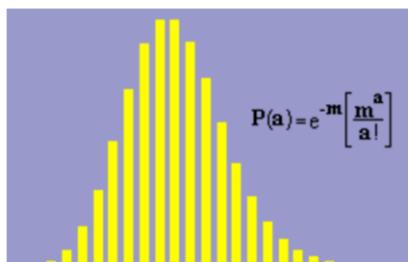
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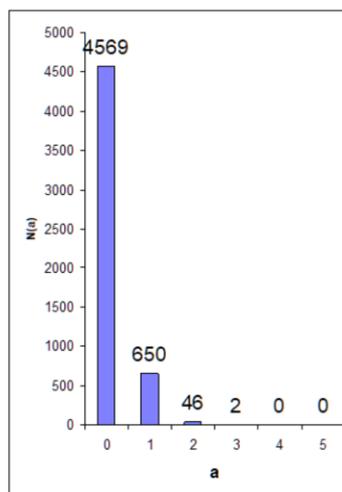
With standard peptide summary scoring, the protein score is essentially the sum of the ions scores of all the peptides assigned to the protein. Where there are duplicate matches to the same peptide, the highest scoring match is used. A correction is applied based on the number of candidate peptides that were tested. This correction is very small unless it is a very large protein, like here, or a no-enzyme search.

Despite this correction, as this example shows, when we have many low scoring matches assigned to the same protein, we can still get a high protein score, even though none of the individual peptide matches are significant.

Protein Inference



- Huge MudPIT data set
- Search Swiss-Prot using drosophila taxonomy filter (5268 entries)
- 75,000 matches with 1% FDR
- i.e. 750 false matches



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A protein with matches to just a single peptide sequence is commonly referred to as a “one-hit wonder” and is often treated as suspect. This is actually a slight oversimplification. In a search with a large number of spectra and a small database, even though the peptide false discovery rate is low, a protein can pick up multiple false matches by chance. This is easily calculated using a Poisson Distribution, where m is the average number of false matches per protein. In this example, m is $750/5268$, and we would expect 650 database entries to be one-hit wonders. However, 46 entries will pick up two false matches and 2 entries will pick up three, which could mean we report 48 false proteins.

The problem isn't limited to large searches. It is the ratio between the number of spectra and the number of entries in the database that matters. So, a small search against a small database can give similar numbers.

Protein Scores for MS/MS Searches

MudPIT protein score

- The sum of the excess of the ions score over the identity or homology threshold for each query
- Plus 1 x the average threshold

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1249. 2::IP100023283  Mass: 3832803  Score: 0  Matches: 51(0)  Sequences: 48(0)
Tax_Id=9606 Gene_Symbol=TTN Isoform 2 of Titin
Query Observed Mr(expt) Mr(calc) ppm Miss Score Expect Rank Unique Peptide
28 359.7341 717.4537 717.4537 -0.09 0 7 4.2 5 U R.LFAIVR.G
209 394.2371 786.4596 786.4599 -0.46 0 8 13 3 U K.LTIADVR.A
334 411.2073 820.4000 820.3954 5.61 0 3 15 4 U K.TDSGLYR.C
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1066 476.2790 950.5433 950.5425 0.94 0 1 23 4 U R.PLTDLQVR.E

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To avoid this problem, we use MudPIT protein scoring, in which the score for each peptide match is not its absolute score, but the amount that it is above the threshold. Therefore, matches with a score below the threshold do not contribute to the score. The MudPIT protein score is the sum of the score excess over threshold for each of the matching peptides plus one times the average threshold. For each peptide, the "threshold" is the homology threshold if it exists, otherwise it is the identity threshold.

So, even though a large protein like titin may pick up several random matches, with MudPIT scoring, the protein score is zero, so you don't see it listed in the report unless you specify a huge number of protein hits, as was done here to capture this screen shot.

By default, MudPIT protein scoring is used when the ratio between the number of queries and the number of database entries, (after any taxonomy filter), exceeds 0.001 and always used on the Protein Family Summary. This default switching point can be moved by changing the value of MudpitSwitch in mascot.dat. You can also switch between the two scoring methods by using the format controls at the top of the report.

Search result export

The screenshot shows the Mascot Search Results page. At the top, it displays 'MASCOT Search Results' and various search parameters including the user, search ID, MS data file, databases, taxonomy, and timestamp. Below this, there are several sections: 'Search parameters', 'Score distribution', 'Modification statistics', and 'Legend'. The 'Protein Family Summary' section is expanded, showing a table of protein families. The 'Export' button is highlighted, and a dropdown menu is open, listing the following export formats: XML, CSV, pepXML, mzIdentML, mzTab, DTASelect, and Mascot DAT file. The 'Mascot DAT file' option is currently selected.

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At some stage, it is likely that you will want to export the search results to another application or a relational database. If you want to write your own code, we provide a free library called Mascot Parser that provides a clean, object oriented programming interface to the result file. The supported languages are Python, C#, C++, Java, and Perl.

Mascot also includes a flexible export utility.

If you want the XML format, you probably know that this is what you want. If you've no idea what XML is, chances are you don't want it.

Choose CSV if you want to export to Excel - I'll show an example in a moment.

Choose pepXML, v1.8, if you want to export to Protein Prophet from ISB.

mzIdentML and mzTab are the standard formats from PSI for search result interchange. Mascot provides a very full implementation of mzIdentML and this is the one to choose if you are writing new application software that will use Mascot results.

DTASelect, v1.9, is the tab separated format used by David Tabb's DTASelect program.

The Mascot DAT file is the raw result file. If you need the result file for some reason, and don't have FTP or SCP access to your Mascot server, this is a convenient way to get the file.

MGF peak list is useful when you have the search result but can't find the peak list.

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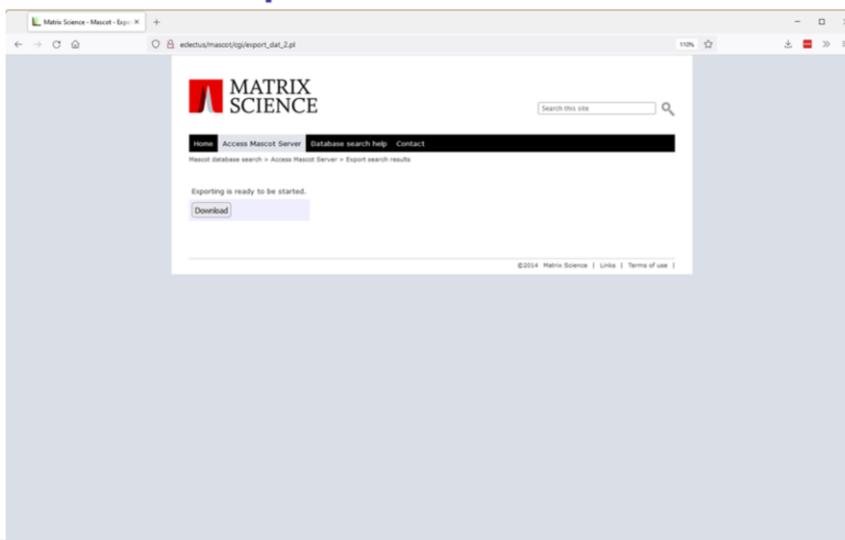
The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Mascot search result export page. The browser's address bar shows the URL: `localhost/mascotog/export_sat_2pt_server_multi`. The page has a navigation bar with links for Home, Access Mascot Server, Database search help, and Contact. Below the navigation bar, the page title is "Export search results". The main content area is a form for configuring the export options. The form includes the following fields and options:

- Export format: **CSV** (selected)
- Significance threshold p<: **0.05** at Identity Homology
- Target FDR (overrides significance threshold if set): **<not set>**
- FDR type: **Distinct PSMs**
- Display non-significant matches:
- Max. number of hits: **AUTO**
- Min. number of sig. unique sequences: **1**
- Protein scoring: Standard MascIT
- Include same-set protein hits (additional proteins that span the same set of peptides):
- Include sub-set protein hits (additional proteins that span a sub-set of peptides): **1**
- Group protein families:
- Require bold red:
- Show Percolator scores:
- Preferred taxonomy: **All entries**

A small note at the bottom of the form states: "* Occasionally requires information to be retrieved from external utilities, which can be slow".

If you arrive here from one of the older reports, to begin with, you may need to select the required output format. Different formats have different options further down the page.

Search result export



To export to Excel, simply select CSV as the format, and click on the Export Search Results button at the bottom of the page. In recent versions of Mascot, the report is prepared and then a download button is displayed. In older versions, the download would start immediately. Once the download is finished, you can open it into Excel.

Search result export

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Access window with a table named 'peptide'. The table contains the following data:

pep_exp_mz	pep_exp_mr	pep_calc_mr	pep_delta	pep_score	pep_expect	pep_seq	pep
417.1822	832.3498	832.3827	-0.0329	0.4535	0.1	APFGDNR	K
451.2499	900.4853	900.5280	-0.0427	0.5195	0.025	LSDGVAVLK	V
456.7906	911.5457	911.5803	-0.0337	0.59	0.0041	VGLQVAVLK	A
480.7447	959.4748	959.5036	-0.0289	0.4533	0.11	YTDALNATR	A
595.7855	1189.5565	1189.6012	-0.0447	0.5655	0.0068	EIGNISDAMK	K
603.7720	1205.5294	1205.5961	-0.0668	0.6013	0.027	EIGNISDAMK	K
608.3099	1214.6052	1214.6506	-0.0454	0.7321	0.00015	NAGVEGSLVEK	I
617.2857	1232.5569	1232.5884	-0.0315	0.8063	2.7e-05	VGGTSDVEVNEK	K
672.8375	1343.6605	1343.7095	-0.0480	0.6438	0.001	TVIEQSWGSPK	V
714.8894	1427.7623	1427.8057	-0.0434	0.6452	0.00086	GVMLAVDAVAELK	K
714.8938	1427.7730	1427.8057	-0.0327	0.7261	0.00013	GVMLAVDAVAELK	K
722.8849	1443.7552	1443.8006	-0.0454	0.7271	0.00014	GVMLAVDAVAELK	K
722.8934	1443.7722	1443.8006	-0.0284	0.7008	0.00025	GVMLAVDAVAELK	K
752.8643	1503.7141	1503.7490	-0.0349	0.8956	2.7e-06	TLNDELEIEGMK	F
760.8461	1519.6777	1519.7439	-0.0662	0.8443	8.9e-06	TLNDELEIEGMK	F
840.3281	1917.9625	1918.0636	-0.1010	0.1015	1.3e-07	ISSIQSNVPALEIANHR	K
960.0327	1918.0599	1918.0636	-0.0127	0.8734	3.2e-06	ISSIQSNVPALEIANHR	K
1019.5106	2037.0067	2037.0153	-0.0086	0.5242	0.01	DSIEGLDVTTSYEK	E
1057.0537	2112.0529	2112.1322	-0.0393	0.11578	4.6e-09	ALMLGGVOLLADAVAVTMGPK	G
1065.0399	2128.0653	2128.1271	-0.0618	0.6873	0.00022	ALMLGGVOLLADAVAVTMGPK	G
1073.0477	2144.0809	2144.1220	-0.0411	0.6964	0.00018	ALMLGGVOLLADAVAVTMGPK	G
789.1062	2364.2968	2364.3263	-0.0296	0.5553	0.0038	KPLVIAEDVDGEALSTLVNLR	L
1183.1570	2364.2994	2364.3263	-0.0269	0.6546	0.00038	KPLVIAEDVDGEALSTLVNLR	L
789.1094	2364.3263	2364.3263	-0.0200	0.9459	4.5e-07	KPLVIAEDVDGEALSTLVNLR	L
1076.1377	2481.3748	2481.3641	0.0103	0.4765	0.03	TAIIDAVQVADITAEADAMTER	E

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XML is ideal for transferring the results to a relational database. Even Microsoft Access can open the XML file directly into database tables

Search result export

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the 'Export search results' help page on the Matrix Science Mascot website. The page includes a search bar, navigation links, and a table detailing export options.

Type of search	HTML Report	Threshold type	Protein Scoring	Same-sets	Sub-sets	Group proteins
PHF Concise Protein Summary		N/A	N/A	checked	1	N/A
HS/HS Peptide Summary		Identity	As format controls	checked	As format controls	not checked
HS/HS Protein Family Report		Homology	MsDPET	checked	1	checked

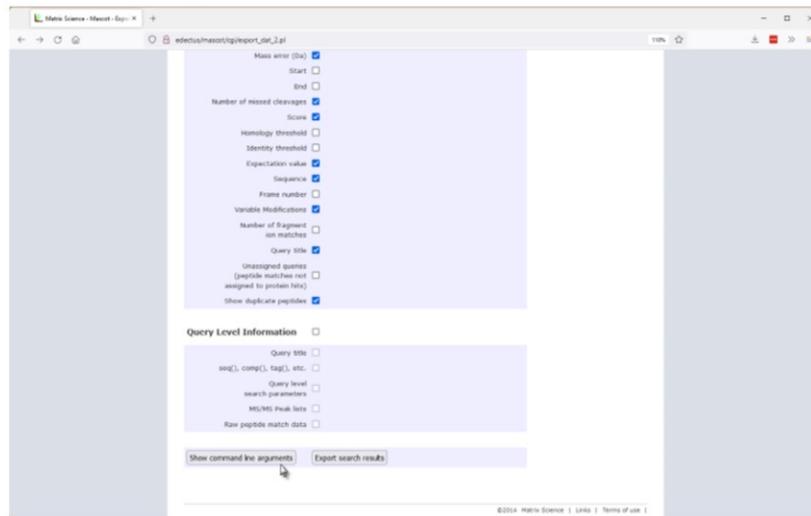
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There is a very detailed help page for all of this.

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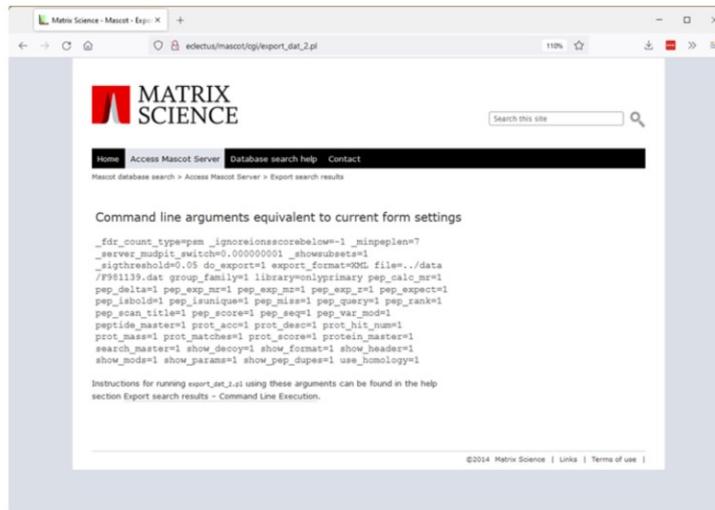


The help describes how the export script can be called from the command line or a shell prompt, as part of an automated pipeline.

I won't go into any detail here, but this means that it is possible to set up a script that will, for example, automatically convert all of your Mascot results to XML files.

Figuring out the command line arguments from the help can be tricky so, there is a function to display the command line corresponding to the selected options.

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By the way, don't delete the original result files after exporting them or you won't be able to view the standard Mascot reports in a browser.