

Resource Summary Report

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BitterDB

RRID:SCR_006977

Type: Tool

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Resource Information

URL: <http://bitterdb.agri.huji.ac.il/bitterdb/dbbitter.php>

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Description: BitterDB is a free and searchable database of bitter compounds. It currently holds over 550 bitter compounds obtained from the literature and from Merck index and their associated 25 human bitter taste receptors (hT2Rs). BitterDB provides several ways to investigate the bitter world: search for bitter compounds by different criteria, search for bitter molecules with structure similar to a query compound, blast bitter receptors and more. New! 2D plots of bitter receptors are available in the receptors pages. The alignment contains the sequences of the 25 human bitter taste receptors. The alignment shows the secondary structure for each receptor as predicted by TOPCONS. In each trans-membrane helix X, the most conserved residue (X.50 in Ballesteros-Weinstein numbering) is indicated. The alignment was generated using ClustalW2.

Abbreviations: BitterDB

Resource Type: service resource, data analysis service, data or information resource, database, production service resource, analysis service resource

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Ratings and Alerts

No rating or validation information has been found for BitterDB.

No alerts have been found for BitterDB.

Data and Source Information

Source: [SciCrunch Registry](#)

Usage and Citation Metrics

We found 16 mentions in open access literature.

Listed below are recent publications. The full list is available at [PRECISE-TBI](#) .

Ziaikin E, et al. (2025) BitterDB: 2024 update on bitter ligands and taste receptors. Nucleic acids research, 53(D1), D1645.

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