



## USER GUIDE

This guide summarizes the major steps of the compound selection and ordering process in Mcule. For more information you can check our online user guide at [doc.mcule.com](http://doc.mcule.com). If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at [support@mcule.com](mailto:support@mcule.com).

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## 1. BASIC COMPOUND SELECTION

The "Purchasable compounds collection" of Mcule contains over 5 million unique structures and 10 million purchasable products. To keep our database as up-to-date as possible we have developed batch and live handlers that can automatically update stock availability information for millions of products per day. This makes the Mcule database the most up-to-date database of screening compounds currently available. Our compound registration system ([Mcule Advanced Curation](#)) includes over 80 steps and 150 substeps including normalization, preparation steps and structural checks. This unique registration system filters out the majority of problematic structures including drawing errors and stereochemical problems. To search this large chemical space we have developed efficient and fast searching tools to help you finding the right compounds for your drug discovery project. Below we list the various searching options you can select in Mcule.

### 1.1. FIND CHEMICALS / SINGLE QUERY: [mcule.com/search](http://mcule.com/search)

You can use this option to quickly find specific compounds/chemicals or close analogs of a single query compound in the Mcule database.

Fast and easy compound search in the high quality chemical supplier database of mcule. [Help](#)  
Hits can be purchased by just a few clicks.

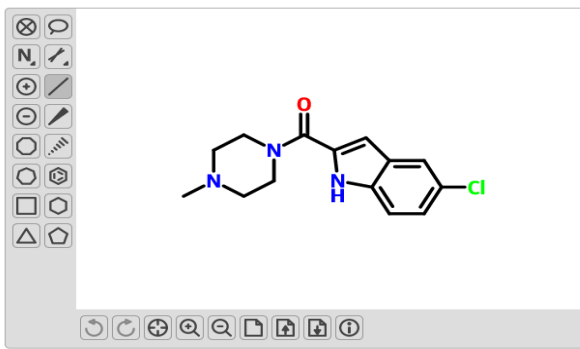
**Input**

[Purchasable compounds collection](#)

**Compound search**

Search type: ☒ Similarity ☐ Substructure ☐ Exact

Query: ☒ Draw molecule ☐ mcule ID, SMILES, InChI, InChIKey



[Search for multiple queries](#)

**SEARCH**

**Exact, Similarity and  
Substructure searches**

Search by **SMILES, InChI,  
InChIKey, Mcule ID** or use  
ChemWriter (Javascript  
drawer) to specify your query

Searching in **over 5M  
purchasable compounds**  
(Mcule database)



## 1. BASIC COMPOUND SELECTION

### 1.2. FIND CHEMICALS / MULTIPLE QUERIES EXACT: [mcule.com/search/multi](http://mcule.com/search/multi)

With this option you can run exact searches with multiple query molecules. It can be useful for ordering a set of ligands e.g. virtual screening hits. You can paste or upload structures in multiple formats, such as Mcule IDs, InChI or SMILES strings, InChIKeys and even SDF files and use them as queries in the search.

Fast and easy compound search in the high quality chemical supplier database of mcule. [Help](#)  
Hits can be purchased by just a few clicks.

**Input**

[Purchasable compounds collection](#)

**Queries**

Paste text

Upload file

Paste your mcule ID, SMILES, InChI or InChIKey identifiers (one per line and don't mix them). Small SDFs are also accepted.

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[Search for a single chemical](#)

**SEARCH**

**Search for multiple compounds** and collect hits in a **single collection**

**Paste or upload** queries in multiple formats (SMILES, InChI, InChIKey, Mcule ID, SDF)



## 1. BASIC COMPOUND SELECTION

### 1.3. FIND CHEMICALS / MULTIPLE QUERIES SIMILARITY:

[mcule.com/search/screen/?template=multiple-queries-similarity](http://mcule.com/search/screen/?template=multiple-queries-similarity)

If you have multiple hits containing common structural elements (e.g. multiple analogs of the same scaffold), it makes sense to include all your hits in a single search as multiple queries. Depending on the scoring method used, the searching algorithm will retrieve hits that are most similar to your query molecules. *Best scoring method* will retrieve the similarity score to the most similar query molecule. *Average scoring method* will calculate an average similarity score to all query molecules.

The screenshot shows the 'Input' and 'Workflow' sections of the Mcule search interface. In the 'Input' section, the 'Collection' dropdown is set to 'Purchasable compounds' with a 'NEW COLLECTION' button next to it. The 'Workflow' section has a dropdown menu set to 'Multiple queries similarity'. Below this, there is a 'Paste text' area with a list of numbers (1-11) and a text input field. To the right of the input field, there is a note: 'Paste your mcule ID, SMILES, InChI or InChIKey identifiers (one per line and don't mix them). Small SDFs are also accepted.' Below the input field, there is a 'Similarity threshold' slider ranging from 'Low' to 'High', with a value of '0.6' displayed. At the bottom, there is an 'Advanced options' section with three dropdown menus: 'Scoring method' set to 'Best', 'Descriptor' set to 'OpenBabel MACCS Keys', and 'Similarity index' set to 'Tanimoto coefficient'.

Search for the **closest analogs** of multiple compounds (e.g. **HTS** and **virtual hits**)

**Multiple fingerprints**

**Best and average scoring methods**

**Paste or upload queries in multiple formats**



## 1. BASIC COMPOUND SELECTION

### 1.4. FIND CHEMICALS / MCULE ID LIST: [mcule.com/collection/create/from-ids](http://mcule.com/collection/create/from-ids)

Searching for Mcule IDs is the most straightforward and effective way to retrieve a set of molecules from the Mcule database. For example, if you have downloaded the Purchasable compounds collection from our [Database Download page](#), and you want to come back for purchasing some compounds, you can paste Mcule IDs in the below form. All exported SDF files that you download from Mcule contain the corresponding Mcule IDs as a separate SDF field. If you have both a list of Mcule IDs and SDF, it is preferable to use the Mcule ID to retrieve compounds, as it more clearly identifies the structures.

MCULE DATABASE

- ✓ Screen in-house and **purchase the best virtual hits** by just a few clicks
- ✓ Expand your in-house library with unique and diverse compounds
- ✓ High quality database and professional procurement service

You can freely download the following subsets of the high quality mcule database including 2D structures and mcule IDs:

**DOWNLOAD ALL PURCHASABLE COMPOUNDS** Nov. 19, 2013 | 5212076 compounds | 2D SDF: 1209 MB

**DOWNLOAD ALL INSTANT QUOTABLE COMPOUNDS** Nov. 19, 2013 | 5057875 compounds | 2D SDF: 1171 MB

**Download the Mcule**

**database:**

[mcule.com/database](http://mcule.com/database)

CREATE COLLECTION FROM IDS

You can also [upload molecules from a file](#) or [draw directly into a new collection](#)

mcule IDs

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Name

Description

Privacy level

Private (Only people with permission can access)

Designates

SAVE

Mcule db is curated by **MAC**:

[doc.mcule.com/doku.php?](http://doc.mcule.com/doku.php?id=regsys)

[id=regsys](http://doc.mcule.com/doku.php?id=regsys)

Process the database

in-house and **come back**

with a hit list **to order** or

**post-process**

**Paste Mcule IDs** and create

a collection **in seconds**



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## 2. SMART COMPOUND SELECTION: [mcule.com/search/screen](http://mcule.com/search/screen)

The Mcule technology revolutionizes compound selection either for virtual screening or for screening library design. The Workflow Builder can be used to build custom screening and filtering workflows by putting together powerful and advanced cheminformatic and molecular modeling tools like LEGO bricks. It can be used to run structure-based and ligand-based virtual screening workflows and the best hits can be purchased by just a few clicks. It enables the design of screening libraries based on various properties including chemical diversity (large-scale diversity selection) and supplier information (e.g. purity, available stock amount, delivery time, etc.).

The screenshot displays the 'Workflow' builder interface with several filter sections:

- Basic property filter:** Includes dropdowns for 'Property' (RO5 violations, Rings, Rotatable bonds) and input fields for 'Min value' and 'Max value'. A green 'ESTIMATE OUTPUT COUNT' button is present.
- SMARTS query filter:** A text area for pasting SMARTS queries, with a dropdown to choose 'any' or 'all' of the queries.
- Product filter:** A complex section with 'Catalog options' (listing 34 items selected from various libraries like Alinda, ChemBridge, etc.), 'Include only the following catalog types' (Building Block, Screening, Natural), 'Quality' (Minimum required purity: 90%), 'Price' (Maximum price per mg: 200 USD, Maximum small order fee: 0 USD), and 'Availability' (In stock, Minimum stock amount: mg, Information is current as of: 2 Week(s)).
- Diversity selection:** Includes a 'Similarity threshold' slider (Low to High, 0.6) and a 'Max number of most diverse molecules' input (100000).

At the bottom right is a green 'ADD WORKFLOW STEP' button.

Build **fully customized** workflows to filter the Mcule database

Filter by **molecular modeling** (Docking, FTrees Visual Similarities) and **cheminformatic** tools (Phys-chem properties, SMARTS, etc.)

Large-scale **diversity selection**

Use the **Product filter** to include / exclude products based on supplier information (catalogs, prices, stock availability, purity, etc.)

**All results** and query workflows are **stored** and can be adjusted any time

**Uploaded** compounds can be also processed



### 3. COMPOUND COLLECTION MANAGEMENT: [mcule.com/collection](http://mcule.com/collection)

In Mcule you can select particular compounds either manually or by using the basic and advanced (smart) searching tools and store them in *collections*. The owner of a collection can set its privacy level to *Private* (only users with permission can get access), *Unlisted* (only people who know the specific URL of the collection can get access), or *Public* (accessible for everybody). Your search results (set of molecules and associated information) are also automatically stored in collections. Not only the search results but the queries are saved as well, so that you can go back and refine your queries until you get the optimal search results. Molecule collection can be stored, deleted, modified, merged, imported, exported and shared with your colleagues. Collections can be visualized in multiple ways together with associated data such as various properties, search and calculation results. Tables can be quickly sorted by these properties. Uploaded compounds are also stored in collections and can be used as input for any searches (all associated data incl. phys-chem properties will be automatically generated).

Search results are stored as **collections** along with the queries

Structure	mcule ID	4 - Docking (Vina) - Docking score	3 - Diversity selection - maximum similarity	Basic properties - Rotatable bonds	Basic properties - ROS violations	Basic properties - Heavy atoms
	MCULE-2094970696-0-1 <a href="#">QUOTE</a>	-10.2 <a href="#">VISUALIZE POSE</a> <a href="#">DOWNLOAD POSE</a>	0.2802	5	1	27
	MCULE-5327489885-0-1 <a href="#">QUOTE</a>	-10.2 <a href="#">VISUALIZE POSE</a> <a href="#">DOWNLOAD POSE</a>	0.2600	5	0	26
	MCULE-1968355489-0-1 <a href="#">QUOTE</a>	-10.2 <a href="#">VISUALIZE POSE</a> <a href="#">DOWNLOAD POSE</a>	0.2971	9	1	36
	MCULE-8638145655-0-1 <a href="#">QUOTE</a>	-10.1 <a href="#">VISUALIZE POSE</a> <a href="#">DOWNLOAD POSE</a>	0.2183	7	1	37

Store, modify, delete, merge, import, export and **share** collections

Unite hit lists and place a **single order**

Multiple views (table, list, grid)

Display properties, fast sorting



## 4. COMPOUND ORDERING

The Mcule database contains over 5 million unique purchasable compounds and 10 million corresponding products. All these compounds can be purchased by clicking on the orange Quote buttons placed next to particular compounds or in the top right corner of collections. Then you can provide basic information required for quote calculation in the Quote form and depending on your [price plan](#) you will be able to choose between Instant Quote and Next-Day Quote. If you select Instant Quote, the best price and fastest delivery quotes will be calculated on-the-fly. You can then fine-tune these quotes based on *Effective price*, stock availability and purity information. After you finalized your quote, you can save it and export it in PDF or Excel formats. You can go back any time when you are ready to place the order. Optionally, you can specify a Purchase Order number and upload a PO file issued by your company / institution. After you placed the order, you can track its status online.

### 4.1. QUOTE FORM

In the quote form you can specify the preferred and the acceptable minimum amounts per compound. For example, if you would like to order 20 mg but at least 5 mg of a compound, then you should set these values as preferred and acceptable minimum, respectively. You can also set the minimum required purity for the products. Please note that for most screening compounds the guaranteed minimum purity is 85-90-95%, depending on the catalogs. You can request the compounds in standard or custom vials (powders) or plates (DMSO solutions). Our recent development now allows to implement any customer-defined formatting option to Instant Quote and we can implement it for you in a few days. To enable custom delivery formats in Instant Quote, please contact us at [support@mcule.com](mailto:support@mcule.com). In the Quote form, you can also specify which catalogs should be included / excluded in the quote calculation. Catalogs are grouped based on stock availability information: *Known stock amounts* refers to at least weekly updated information, while for *Stock* catalogs, high availability rate is guaranteed but current amounts are not provided by the supplier. The maximum delivery time (in working days) can be also set.

QUOTE: STRUCTURE-BASED VIRTUAL SCREEN ON D3 RECEPTOR OF EDCHEMIST

Required fields are marked with \*. You are about to get quote for 1000 items.

**Preferences**

Preferred amount per molecule (mg) 20 \*

Acceptable minimum amount (mg) 5

Required purity (%)

Preferred delivery format Dry powder/film in standard vial

Include these catalogs 33 of 33 selected

Delivery time (working days)

Show advanced options »

**Customer data**

First name

Last name

Shipping country

Filters: Enter keywords

Select all Deselect all

Known stock amounts

- ☒ ChemBridge: NOVACore Library
- ☒ ChemBridge: NHRCore Library
- ☒ ChemBridge: KINACore Library
- ☒ ChemBridge: EXPRESS-Pick Collection
- ☒ ChemBridge: IONCore Library
- ☒ ChemDiv: New Chemistry Library

Select **preferred** and **acceptable amounts**

Select **delivery / reformatting options** (company-specific formats can be implemented)

Select / discard **supplier catalogs** from quotation





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### 4.2. INSTANT QUOTE: [mcule.com/quote/list](http://mcule.com/quote/list)

Instant Quote utilizes a unique price optimization algorithm which calculates the best price and fastest delivery quotes by comparing and optimizing compound prices, supplier discounts, small order fees, delivery costs, customs duties and reformatting options. Since the same compound is typically available from multiple suppliers and there are many parameters to consider during quote generation, the manual price and delivery time optimization could be very challenging even for a relatively small order: the number of possible quotes for 10 compounds each available from 5 suppliers, would be  $5^{10}$ . Additionally, requesting stock availability information is time-consuming especially when the information has to be requested by email.

Our unique quote generation algorithm first automatically checks the stock availability for your selected suppliers. For almost 6M products we have access to the supplier's current stock levels that makes Instant Quote generation particularly reliable.

In the next step, our robust optimization algorithm finds the best product matches by minimizing the total price and the delivery time. Instant Quote generation typically takes 1-2 minutes even for thousands of compounds. After the optimization algorithm finishes the generated quotes will appear in the Quote list view.

INSTANT QUOTES							
Price (USD)*	Expected delivery time (working days)	Coverage (%)	Num. of products	Num. of suppliers	Selection criteria	Quotation reference	
78839	16		1000	8		I-259 <a href="#">See details »</a>	
80670	16		1015	8		I-258 <a href="#">See details »</a>	<a href="#">SAVE QUOTE</a>
82310	16		1030	8		I-257 <a href="#">See details »</a>	<a href="#">SAVE QUOTE</a>
117442	16	89	1240	13	Best price	I-243 <a href="#">See details »</a>	

\*Total price includes all import customs duties for US and EU customers. Total price also includes all taxes for US and EU (with a valid VAT number) customers. EU customers without valid VAT number and Hungarian customers, please add 27% VAT.  
Please note that product(s) might be sold out at time of ordering or will not pass quality control.

[Back to the quote form](#)

**Best price and Fastest delivery**  
quotes generated in 1-2 minutes

**Automatic optimization of**  
product prices, small order fees,  
delivery costs, customs duties,  
reformatting costs and bulk  
ordering discounts

**Quote list view** shows a short  
summary of the generated quotes




## 4. COMPOUND ORDERING

### 4.2. INSTANT QUOTE: [mcule.com/quote/list](http://mcule.com/quote/list)

After analyzing the summary table in Quote list view, you can click on "See details" to see the break down of the total price of the individual quotes and most importantly you can fine-tune the quote by excluding compounds based on their effective price, stock availability and purity data. After you selected the products you want to remove, click on the "Remove selected and recalculate" button and a new quote will be generated for the remaining products on-the-fly.

INSTANT QUOTE: CSD PROJECT - QUICK DELIVERY (I-236) [« Back to quote list](#)



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Quotation reference	I-236
Customer	Ed Chemist
Quotation date	Nov. 29, 2013
Valid until	Dec. 13, 2013
Payment terms	30 days net after invoice date
Estimated delivery time	13 working days after purchase order accepted
Delivery format	Dry powder/film in standard vial
Shipping country	United States
Mcule contact	<a href="mailto:order@mcule.com">order@mcule.com</a>

ORDER DOWNLOAD AS EDIT

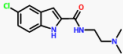
Item	Number of products	Amount / product (mg)	Average product price (USD)	Price (USD)
Products	23	5 - 30	198.87	4574
Shipping & package consolidation				1058
Discount (5 %)				-281
<b>Total</b>				<b>5351</b>

List of products:

"Effective price" shows how the total cost would change if the product was removed. Negative value means increase. [Learn more »](#)

☐ REMOVE SELECTED AND RECALCULATE

Showing 1 to 15 of 23

	Structure	mcule ID	Matched product	Supplier	Available amount (mg)	Quoted amount (mg)	Effective price (USD)	Minimum purity (%)
<input type="checkbox"/>		<a href="#">MCULE-6519111137-0</a>	<a href="#">P-13521257</a>	InterBioScreen	In stock	30	619.11	92

Saved

Ordered

Expired

Saved quotes

☐ DELETE

☐ [D3 SBVS - full list](#)  
988 products | I-237 | 90292 USD | 10 suppliers | Nov. 29, 2013

☐ [CSD project - quick delivery](#)  
23 products | I-236 | 5351 USD | 5 suppliers | Nov. 29, 2013

☐ [CSD - expensive compounds removed](#)  
28 products | I-235 | 4769 USD | 4 suppliers | Nov. 29, 2013

In the Quote list view, click on "See details" to **break down the total price** and analyze the selected products

**Download** your Instant Quotes in **PDF** or **Excel** formats

**Post-process the product list by Effective price** (contribution to total price), stock availability and purity

Discard expensive products and **recalculate** the quote **on-the-fly**

**Save, edit** and organize your Instant Quotes, and place an order by just a few clicks



## 4. COMPOUND ORDERING

### 4.3. PLACING AN ORDER

After finalizing your quote, you can place an order by clicking on the orange Order button. Please note that the stock availability of the compounds can change any time. If you go back to a previously saved quote, the stock availability of a compound might have fallen below the acceptable minimum amount. In such a case, the particular product is displayed after clicking on Order. If your quote is older than a few days, we suggest to re-run Instant Quote to make sure you place an order based on the most recently updated stock information. You can specify a PO number which we will use throughout the whole procurement and delivery process. You will be asked to either upload your PO file, send it later or place an order without a PO file. Please note that if you choose to place an order without a PO file, we will start processing your order and any PO files sent to [order@mcule.com](mailto:order@mcule.com) will be neglected. We also ask for the shipping and billing details, including an EU VAT number for EU customers.

ORDER QUOTE: D3 SBVS - FULL LIST (I-237)

The following products are not available in the quoted amount:

Product	Quoted amount (mg)	Available amount (mg)
P-10681792	20	19
P-10114696	2	1

[Go back to the quote](#)

Required fields are marked with \*.

Purchase Order

Purchase Order Number

Purchase Order file

Upload PO

Order without PO

Send PO later to [order@mcule.com](mailto:order@mcule.com)

Specify **PO number**

Place an order **completely online** (without emails, phone calls)

Upload or send PO to [order@mcule.com](mailto:order@mcule.com)

### 4.4. ORDER TRACKING

After placing an order online, you can track its status by checking its unique URL. You can also request status updates and we will email you when the status of your order gets updated.

TRACKING: 167502885061

Estimated delivery: Dec. 25, 2013

Date/Time	Activity	Location
Nov. 25, 2013, 4:10 p.m.	Collecting compounds from suppliers	
Nov. 25, 2013, 4:05 p.m.	PO is accepted	
Nov. 22, 2013, 10:25 p.m.	PO is being processed	

Track your orders and get **notifications** when the status of your order gets updated



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### 4.5. CUSTOM FORMATTING

You can request custom formatting (custom vials / plates, extra weighting, DMSO solutions, dry ice shipping) and Mcule delivers the compounds as requested. Please note that any customer-defined formatting option can be implemented to our quote calculation algorithm and listed as a new delivery format option in your personal Instant Quote account.

### 4.6. PACKAGE CONSOLIDATION

Your ordered products will be delivered to you as a single package. You do not need to deal with a lot of chemical suppliers, we collect all products and send you a consolidated package.

### 4.7. DOOR-TO-DOOR DELIVERY

We provide complete EU and US customs clearance service (customs duties and taxes are paid by Mcule). Mcule does not charge any hidden customs costs to its customers. Additionally, our advanced service enables door-to-door delivery, meaning that you will not be contacted by any customs brokers, just get the package delivered to your door.

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