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EFSA COMPENDIUM OF BOTANICALS: OVERVIEW AND AREAS OF APPLICATION

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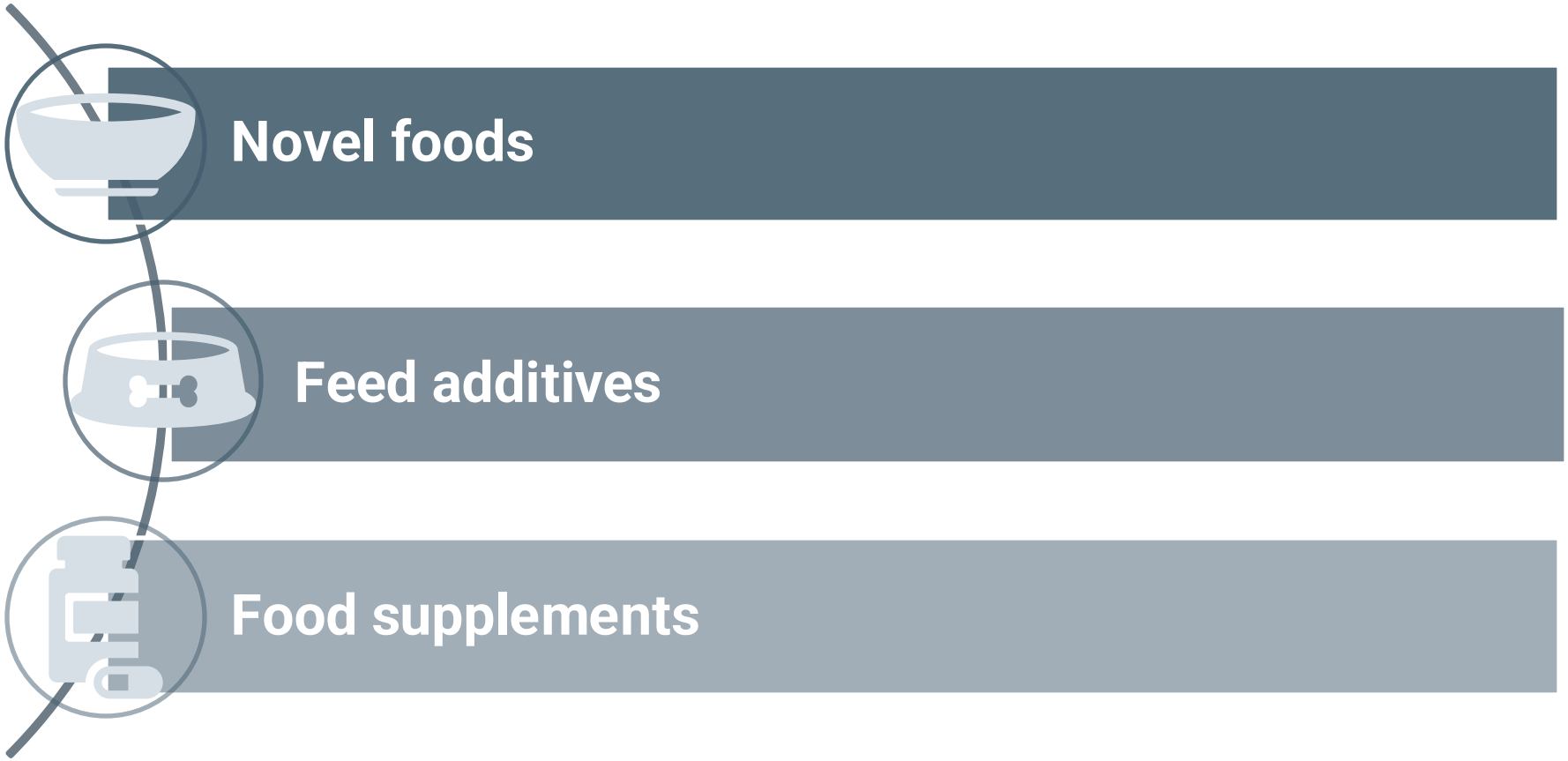
EFSA COMPENDIUM OF BOTANICALS - INTRODUCTION

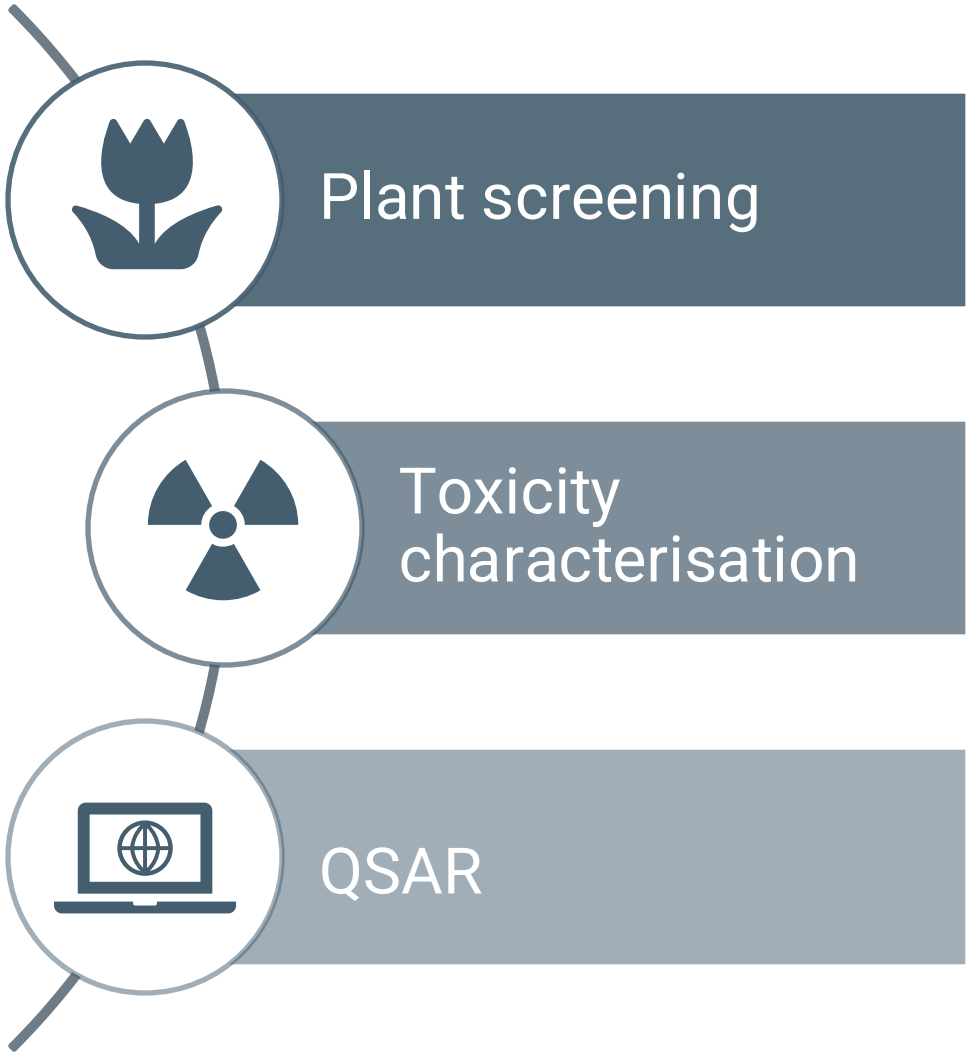
- The Compendium of Botanicals is an open-source database –published on EFSA's website– with data supporting **hazard identification** of botanicals and botanical preparations and is used by EFSA, food manufacturers, other risk assessors and risk managers.
- EFSA's Botanicals WG has now updated the database with **new information on botanicals** reported to be used in the EU as food, including food supplements, and feed obtained from an extensive literature review.
- Moreover, ***in vitro* and *in vivo* toxicity data** of substances of potential concern present in the plants have been obtained from a separate extensive literature review.
- In addition to toxicity data, also **QSAR predictions** were generated by three state-of-the-art QSAR model platforms (VEGA-Hub, Danish EPA QSAR and T.E.S.T.).

COMPENDIUM OF BOTANICALS – APPLICATIONS

- ✓ Botanical materials/extracts contain numerous substances - some of which may be harmful to health
- ✓ Botanicals, being of natural origin does not mean safe



OVERVIEW OF THE ACTIVITIES



2701 plant species

White list **966 species**

1735 species Yellow list

Systematic Literature Search → COMBO

1538 substances of potential concern

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Systematic Literature Search → CHEM-COMBO

415 substances with tox data

1538 substances of potential concern

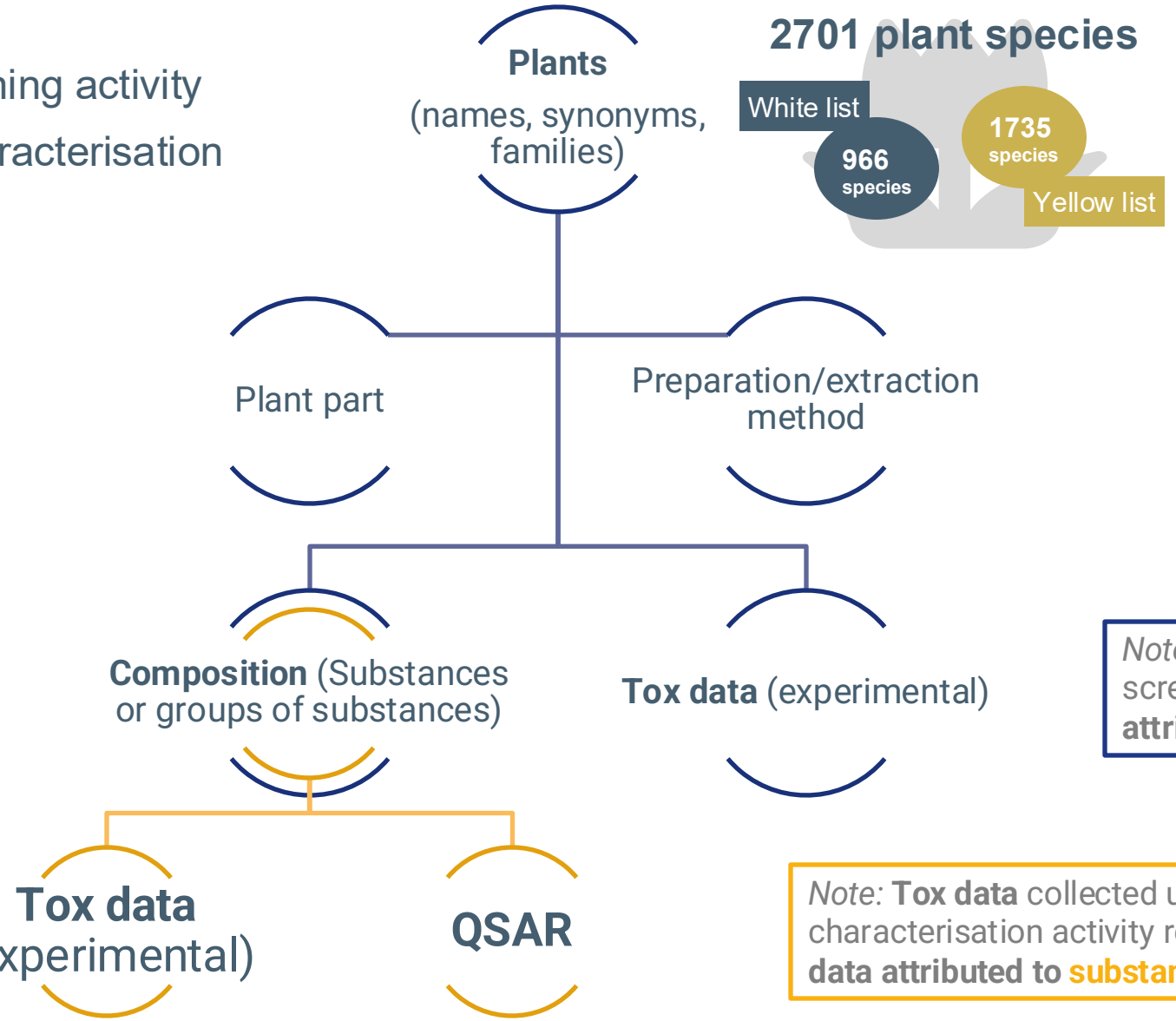
Danish QSAR, T.E.S.T., VEGA models

ONLY positive and reliable QSAR reported in the database

THE DATABASE – INFORMATION EXTRACTED/PREDICTED

Plant screening activity

Toxicity characterisation activity



Note: **Tox data** collected under the plant screening activity refer to **toxicity data attributed to plants**

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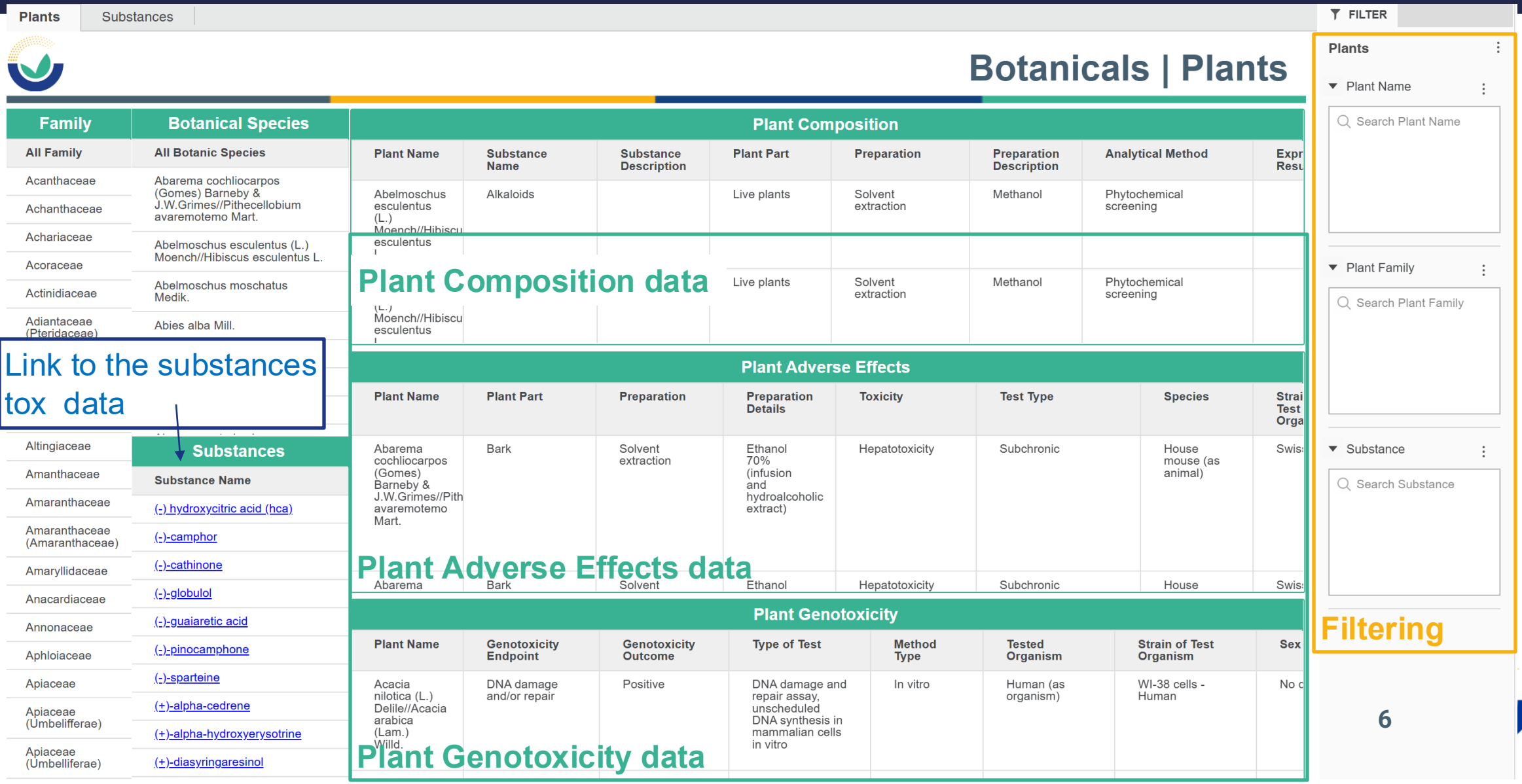
THE DATABASE – PLANTS TAB



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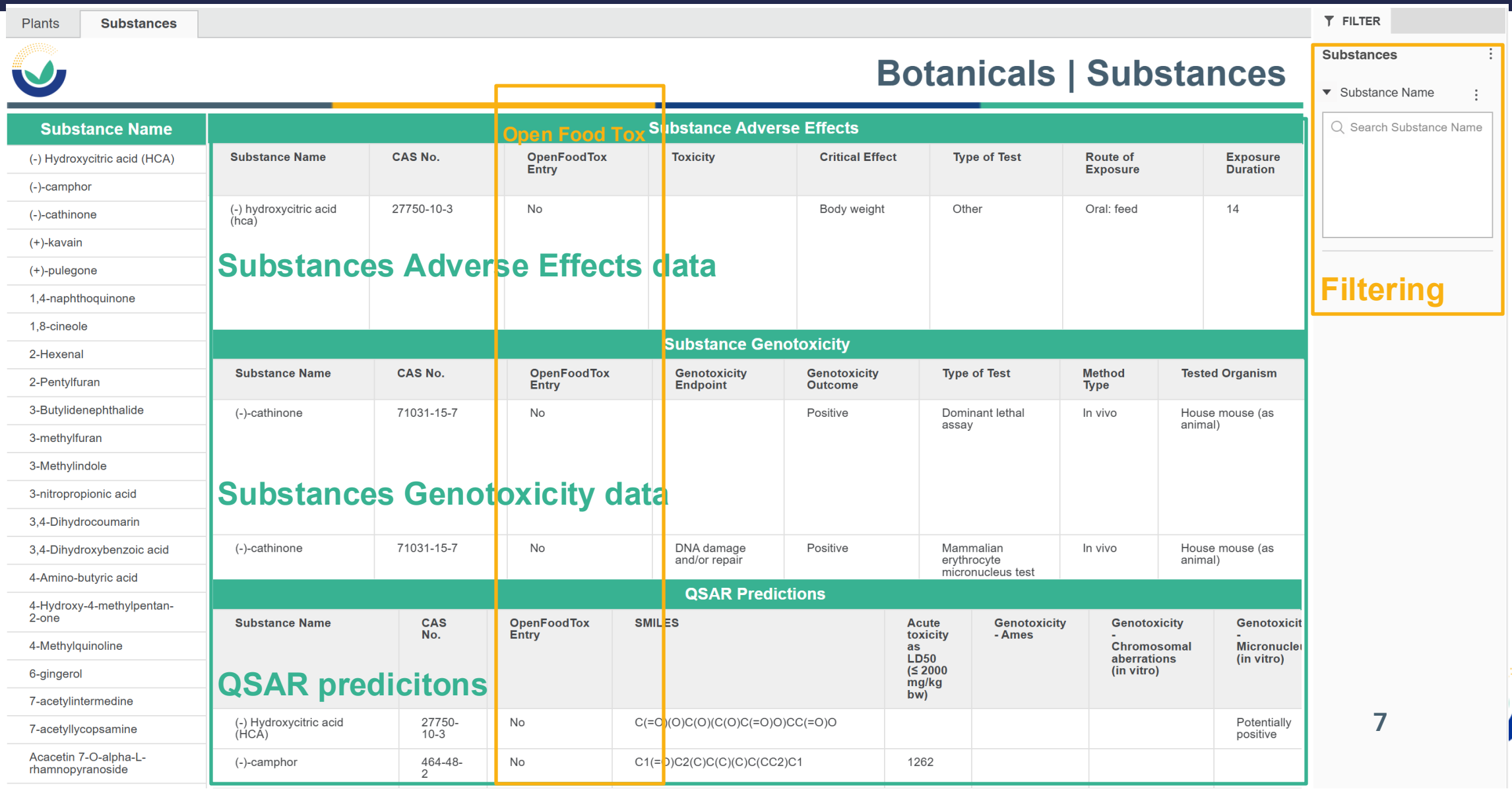

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