

Annotated library of MDM2-p53 interaction inhibitors

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Description

The p53 tumor suppressor protein is a transcriptional factor that plays a key role in regulation of several cellular processes, including the cell cycle, apoptosis, DNA repair, and angiogenesis. Activation of the p53 protein protects the organism against the propagation of cells that carry damaged DNA with potentially oncogenic mutations.

The MDM2 (murine double minute 2) oncogene is the primary cellular negative regulator of p53. In unstressed cells, a negative feedback loop maintains both p53 and MDM2 at very low levels. MDM2 is transcriptionally activated by p53, and the activity of p53 is regulated by MDM2 through three main mechanisms. First, MDM2 represses p53 transcriptional activity by binding to the p53 transactivation domain. Second, MDM2 transports p53 from the nucleus to the cytosol. Finally, MDM2 functions as an E3 ubiquitin ligase and facilitates the degradation of both p53 and itself in the cellular 26S proteasome.

The interaction between p53 and MDM2 is conformation-based and is tightly regulated on multiple levels. Disruption of the p53-MDM2 complex by multiple routes is the pivotal event for p53 activation, leading to p53 induction and its biological response. Because the p53-MDM2 interaction is structurally and biologically fairly understood, the design of small peptidomimetic molecules that disrupt or prevent it has become an important target for the treatment of cancer and other human diseases.

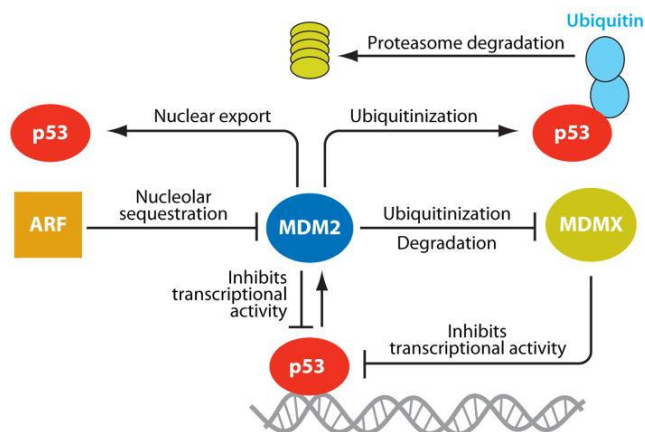
Major advances have been made in the design of small-molecule inhibitors of the MDM2-p53 interaction in recent years, and several compounds have moved into preclinical and Phase I development.

Unfortunately, most of the known modulators of MDM2 have non-optimal physico-chemical properties, and do not seem drug-like.

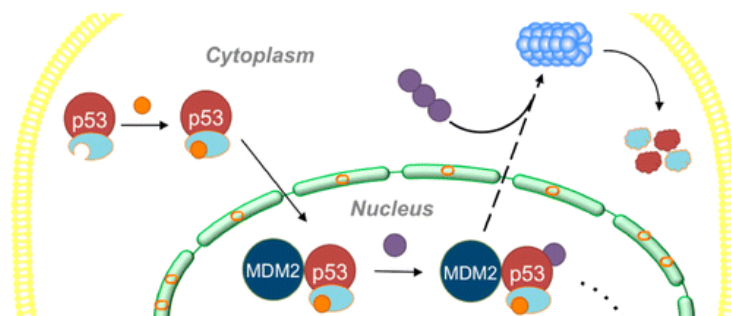
ChemDiv proposes the new library of drug-like MDM2-p53 interaction inhibitors: This library represents a selection of drug-like compounds aimed at modulating protein-protein interaction (PPI) of MDM2 with protein p53 involved in tumorogenesis. Library has been assembled using ChemDiv's in house structural biology insight, molecular stimulation-modeling, virtual screening of ChemDiv's novel chemistries and medicinal chemistry filtering/ranking of the resulting hits. A representative example of a 'druggable' 'hot spots' included specific topological features of the MDM2-p53 interaction. For example, the cocrystal structure reveals that three amino acid residues of p53 (Trp23, Leu26, and Phe19) are responsible for key hydrophobic contacts with the MDM2 protein. Furthermore, the cocrystal structures of known small molecules bound to MDM2 support the importance of targeting these three hydrophobic regions when attempting to disrupt the MDM2-p53 PPI.

ChemDiv combined a number of *in silico* screening approaches and specific spatial PPI information to design sub-libraries centered on a scaffolds that project side chain functionalities with distance and angular properties similar to those seen in the MDM2 interacting motif of p53.

Important information inspired the library design

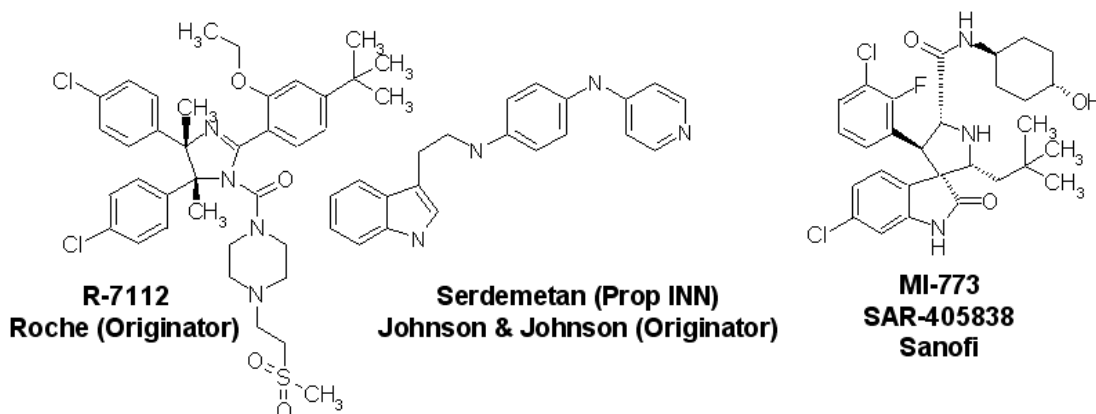


Autoregulatory feedback loop of inhibition of p53 by MDM2. MDM2 directly binds to p53 and inhibits its transcriptional activity, causes ubiquitination and proteasomal degradation of p53, and exports p53 out of the nucleus. MDMX, a homolog of MDM2, also directly binds to the transactivation domain of p53 and inhibits p53 activity, but does not cause degradation of p53. Tumor suppressor ARF binds to MDM2 and sequesters MDM2 into the nucleolus, leading to stabilization of p53. [*Annu Rev Pharmacol Toxicol.* 2009; 49: 223-41].



Controlled Access of p53 to the Nucleus Regulates Its Proteasomal Degradation by MDM2.
[*Mol. Pharmaceutics*, 2013, 10 (4), pp 1340]

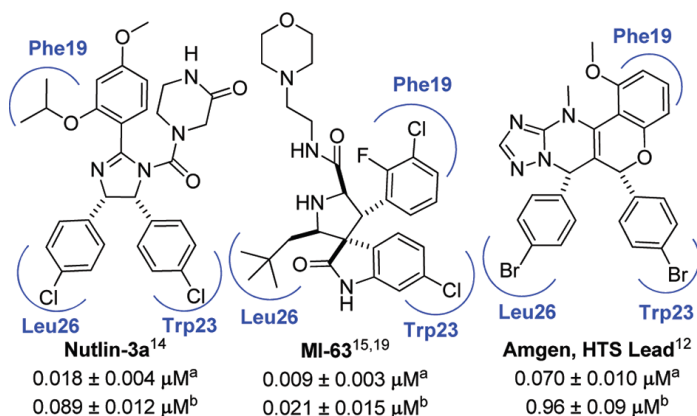
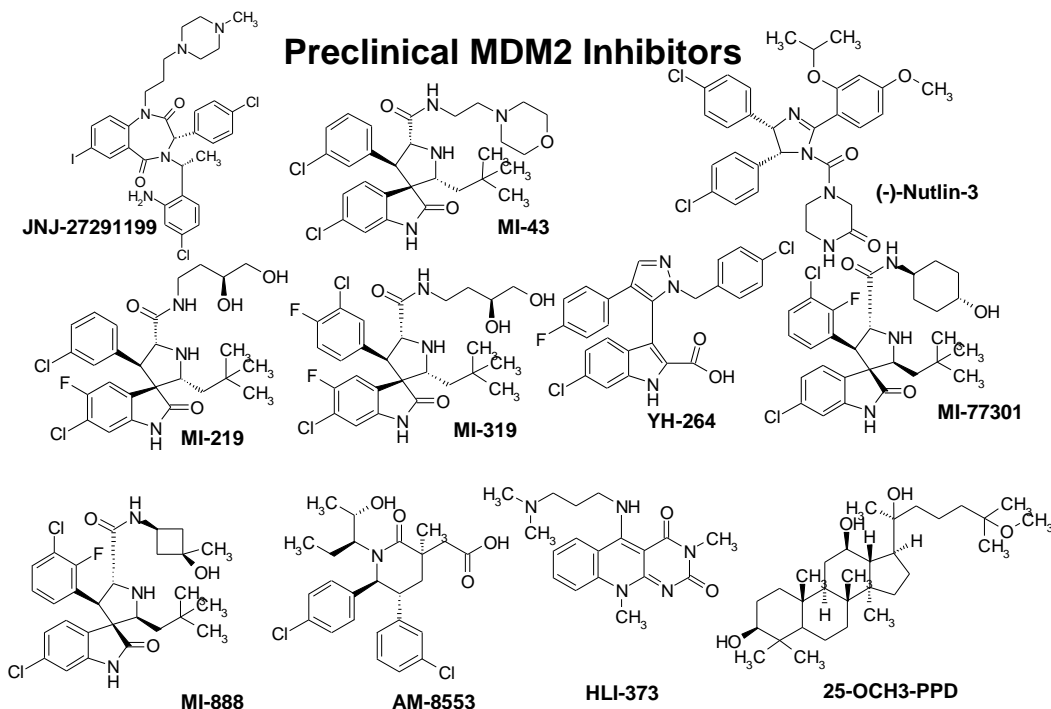
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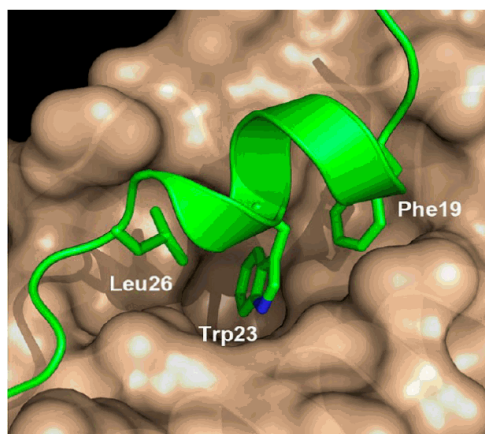
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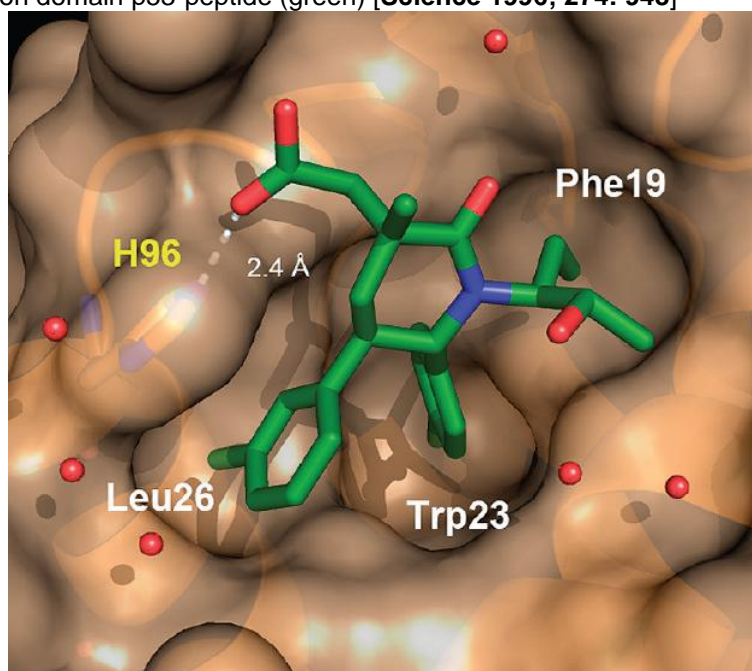
Preclinical MDM2 Inhibitors



Binding mode of three known MDM2 inhibitors. Blue labels indicate the positions normally occupied by key p53 residues. ^aIC₅₀ in biochemical assay (HTRF, serum free). ^bIC₅₀ in biochemical assay (HTRF, 15% human serum) [J Med Chem. 2012; 55: 4936].



The X-ray cocrystal structure of the 109-residue amino-terminal domain of MDM2 (tan) bound to a 15-residue transactivation domain p53-peptide (green) [Science 1996; 274: 948]

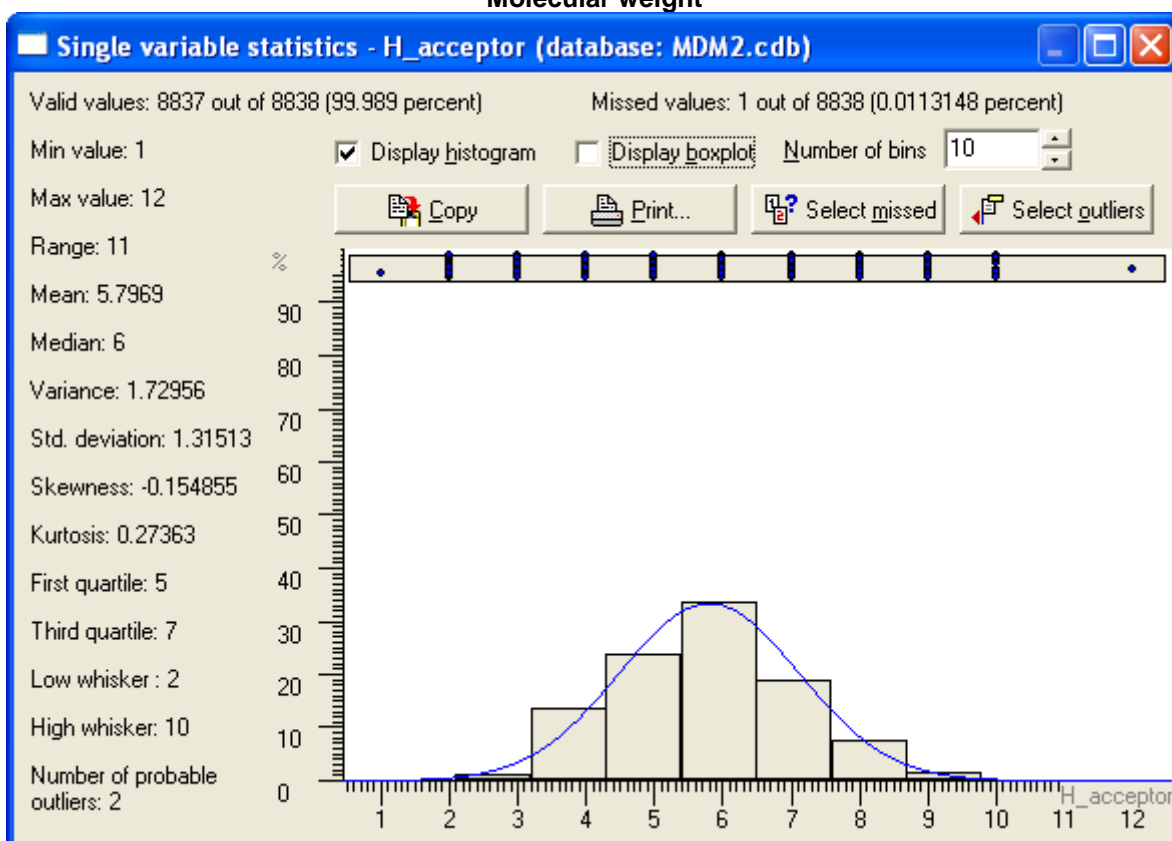
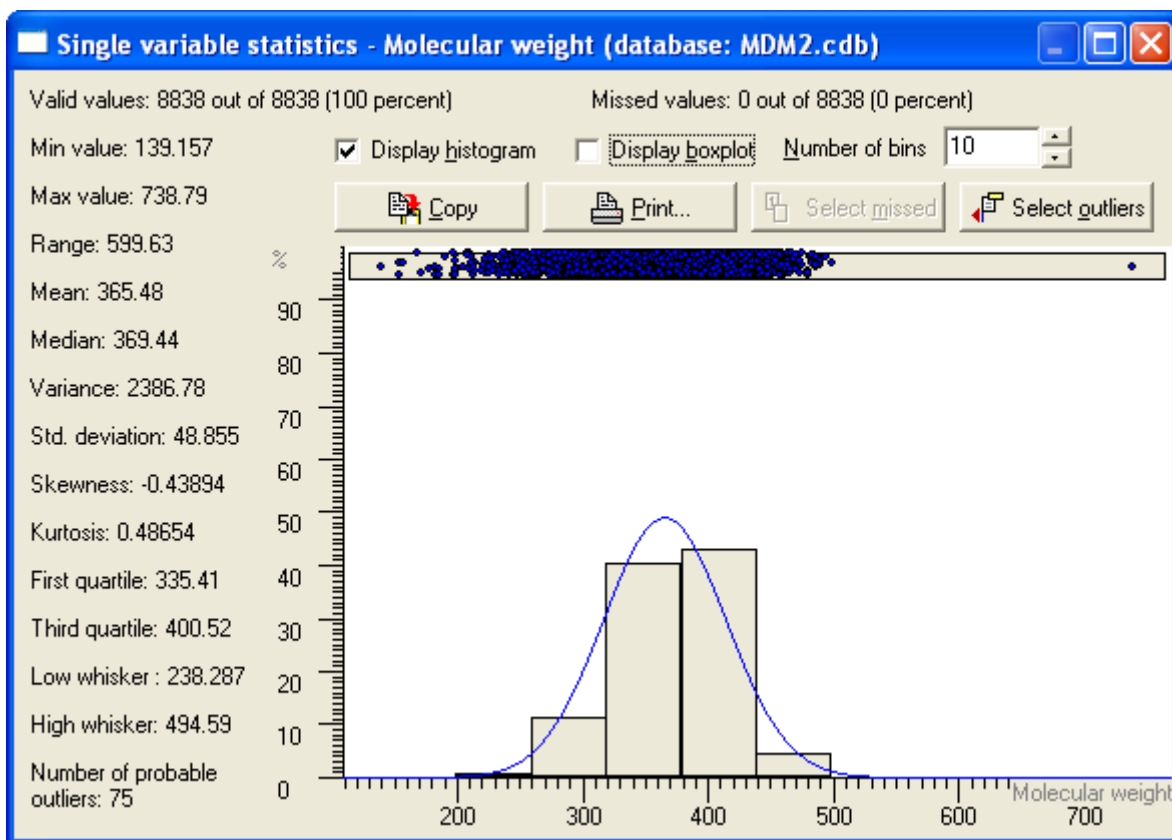


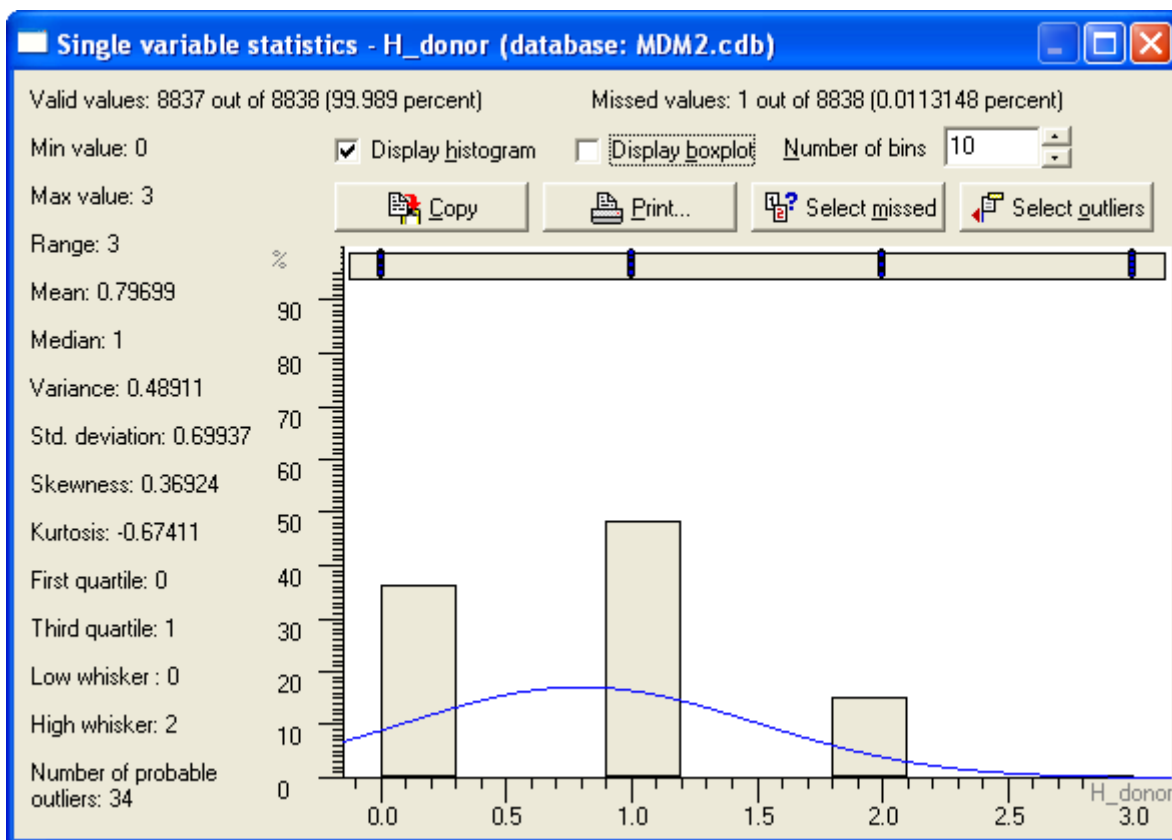
Cocrystal structure of preclinical inhibitor **AM-8553** bound to human MDM2 (17–111) at 2.0 Å resolution. White labels indicate the positions normally occupied by key p53 residues. H96 is labeled in yellow. Cocrystallized water molecules are shown in red [J Med Chem. 2012; 55: 4936]

Variable statistics for 8,838 compounds from MDM2 library.

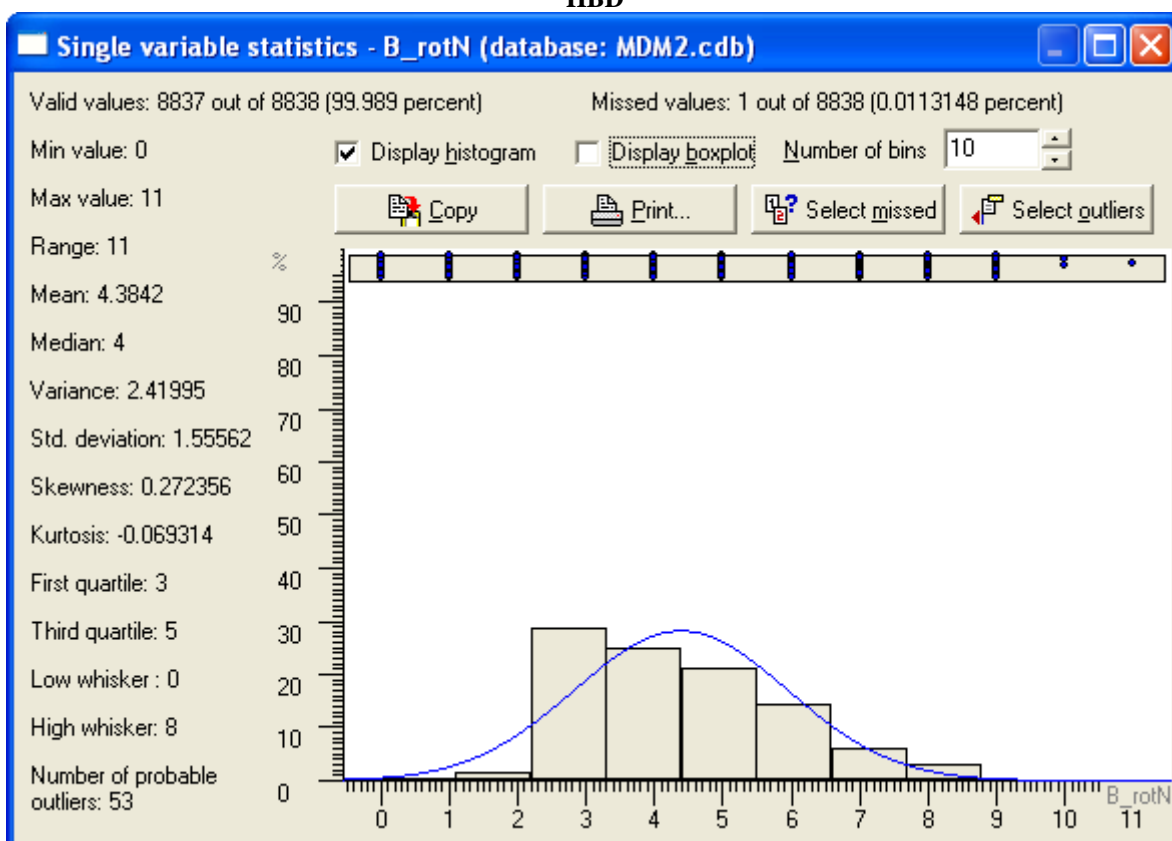
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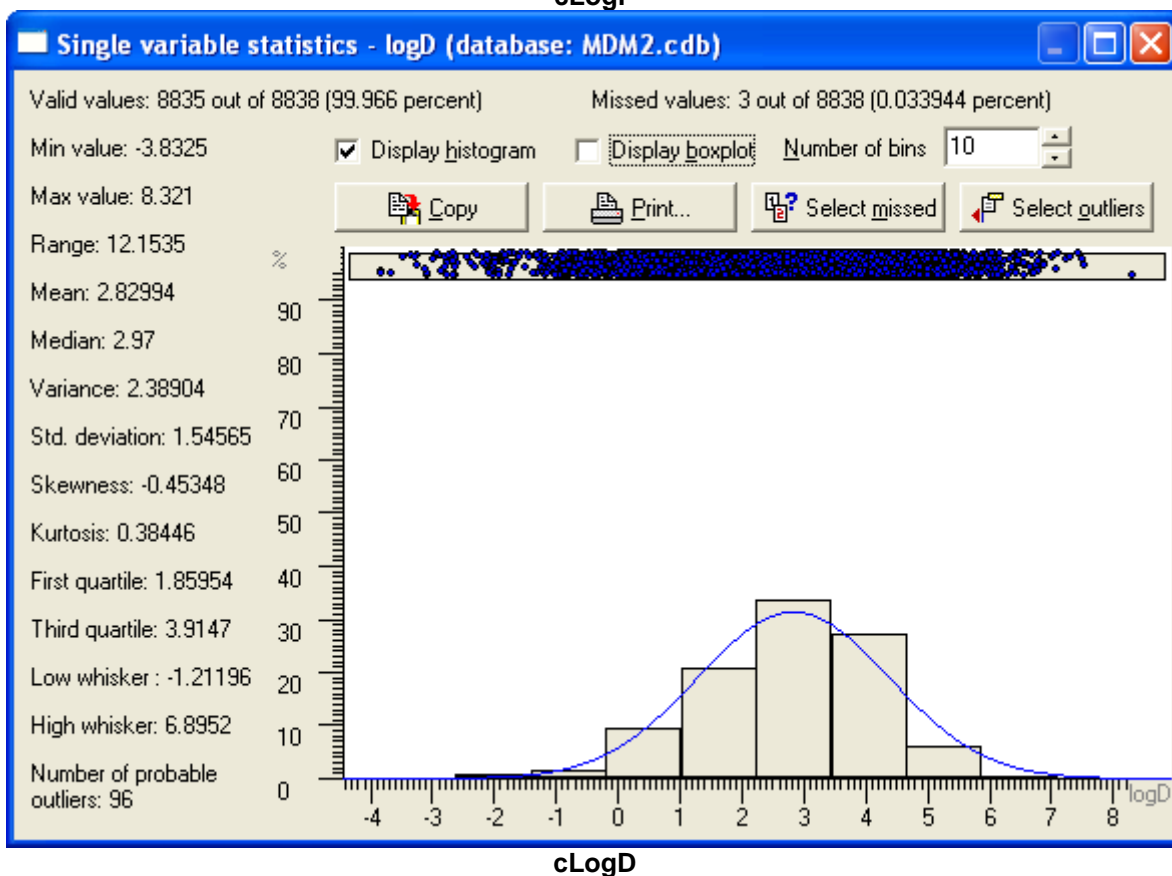
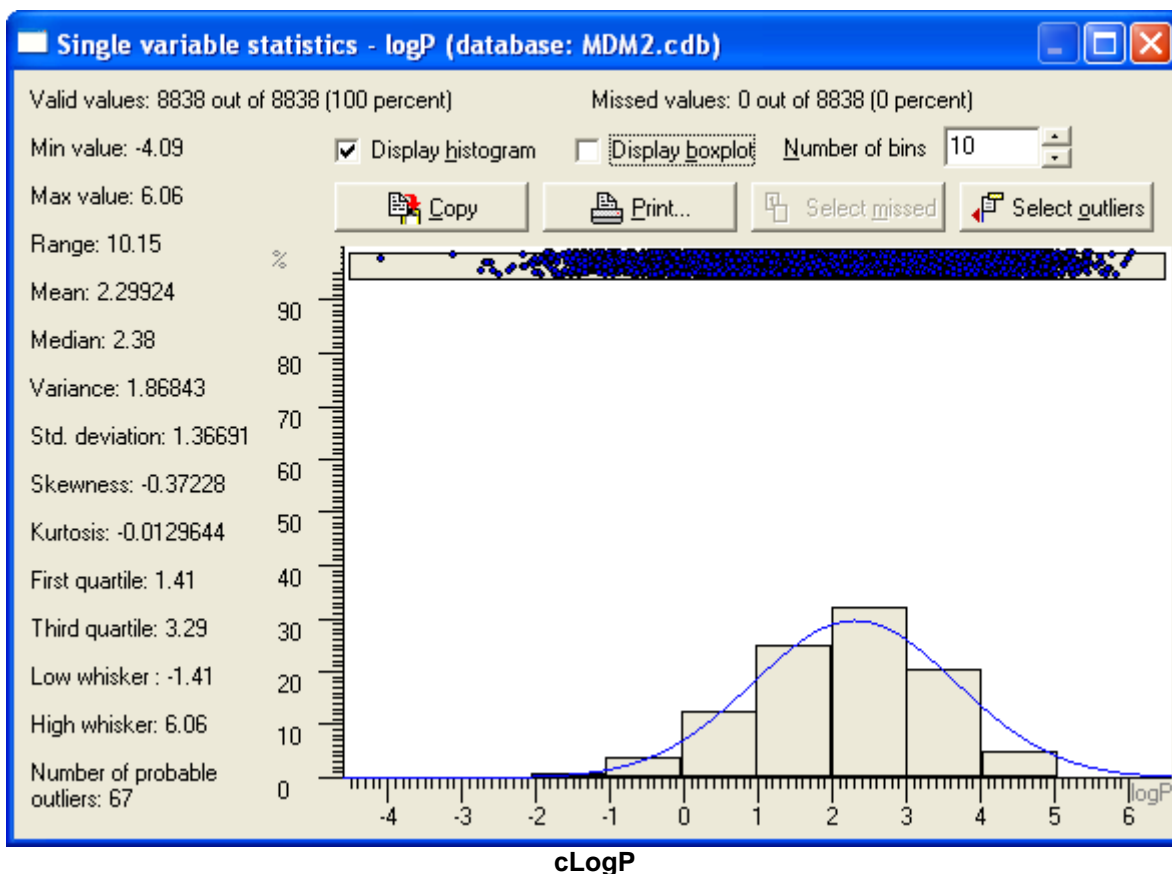


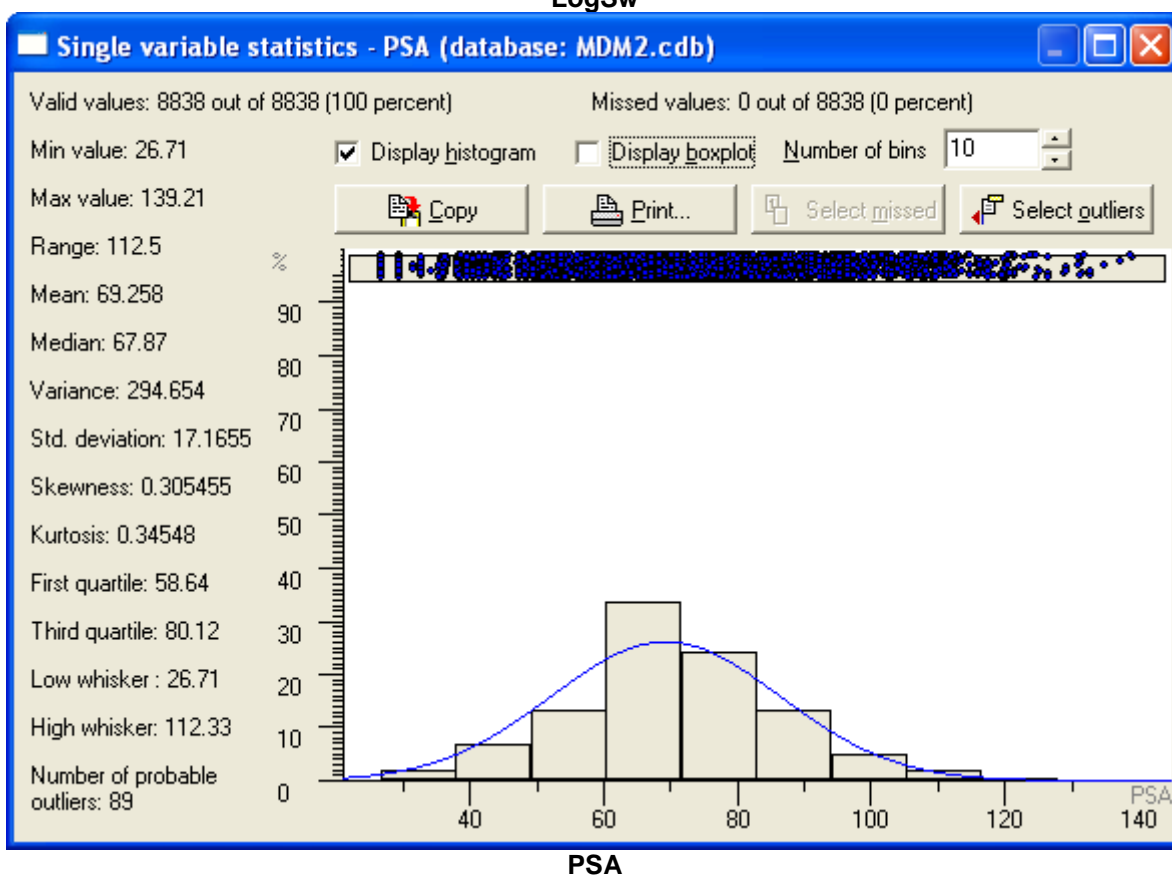
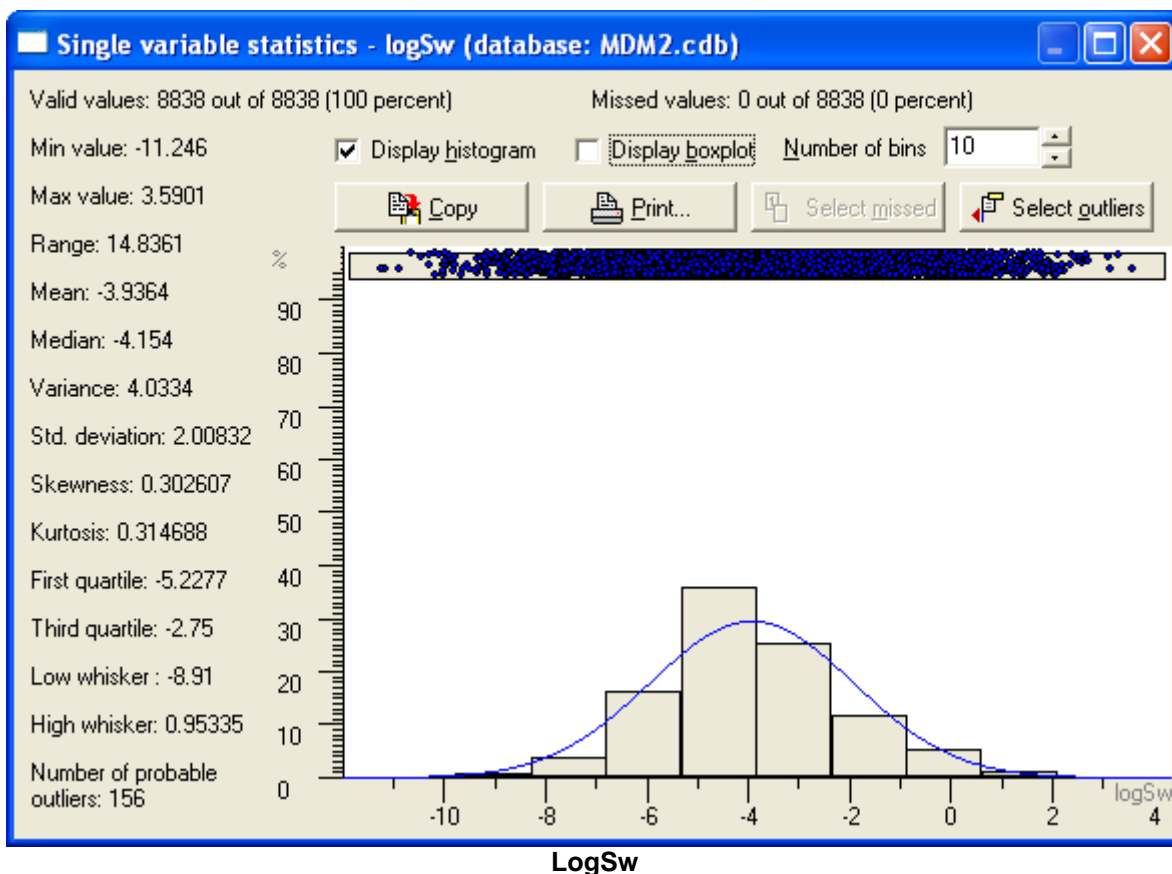


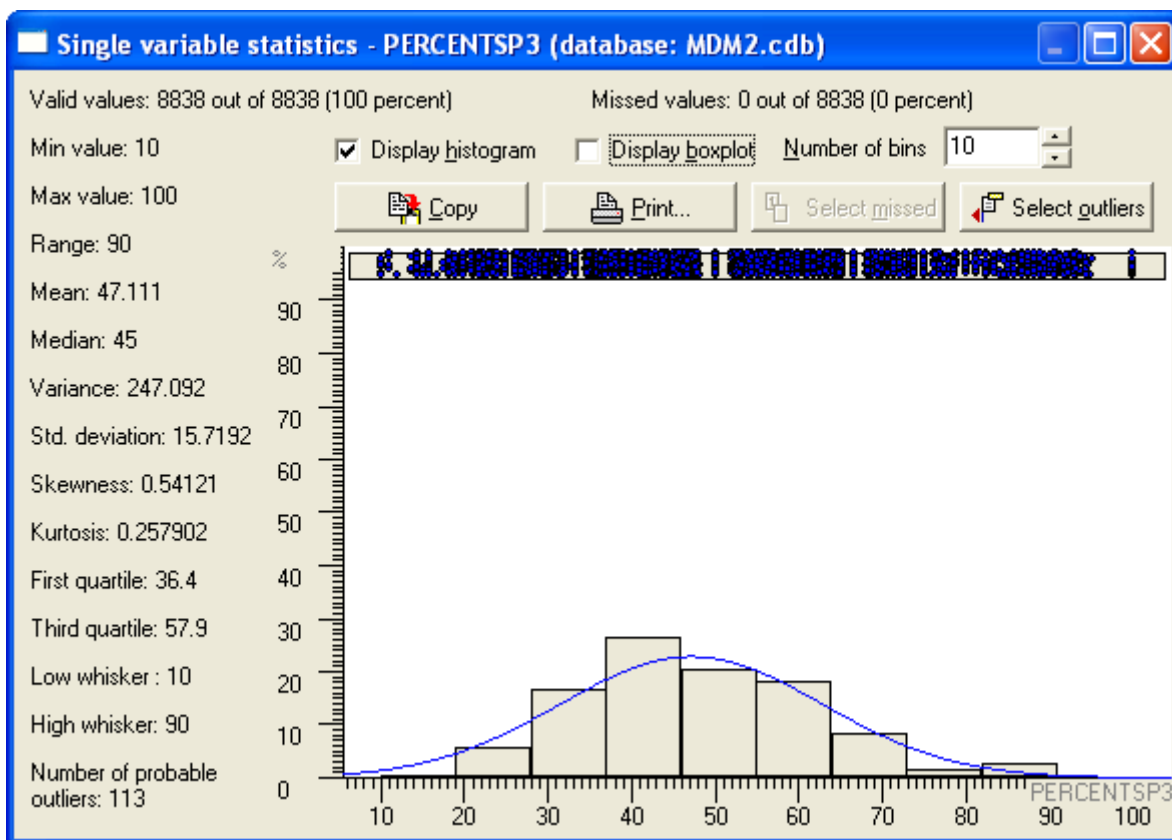
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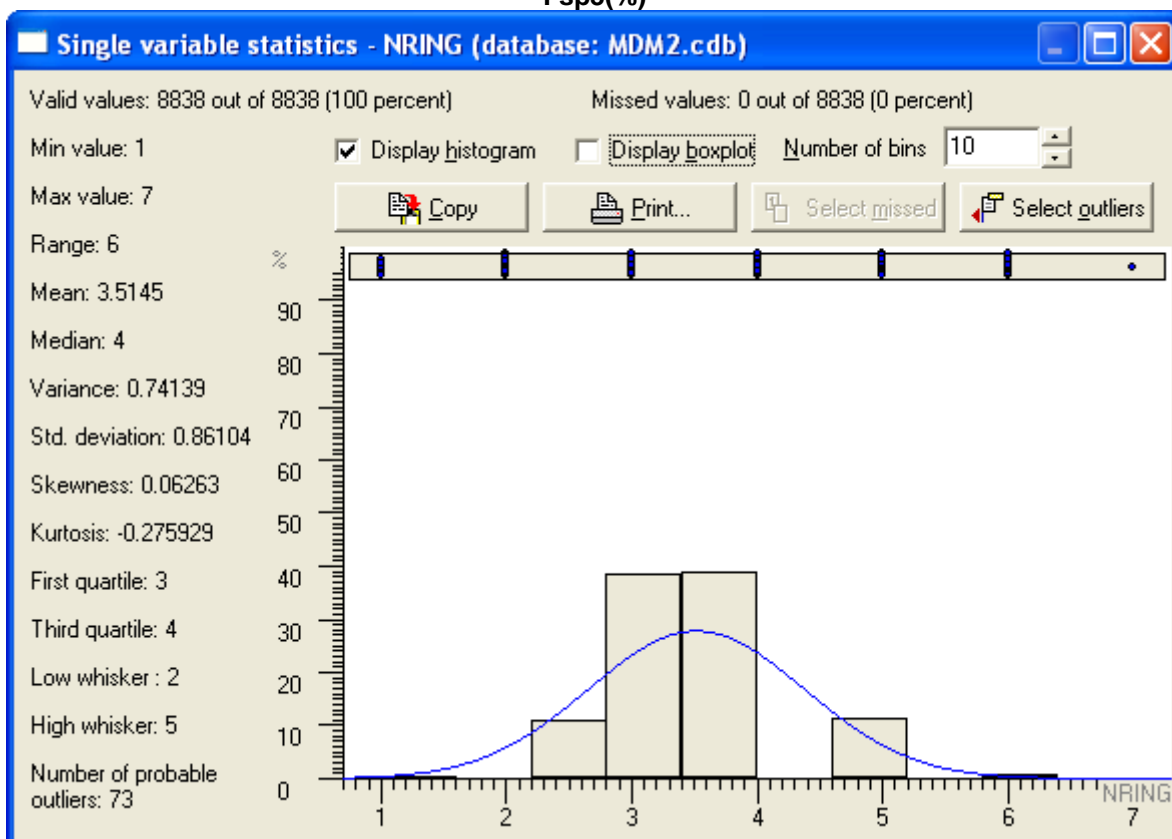
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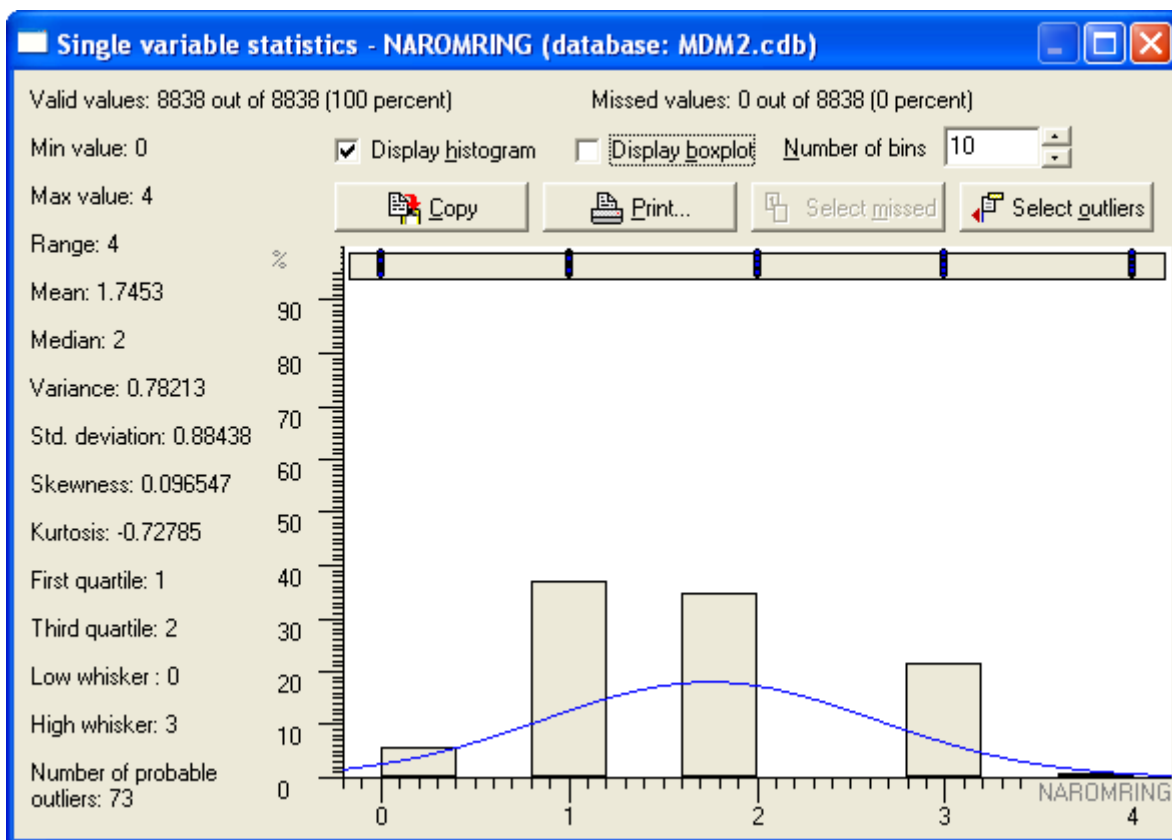




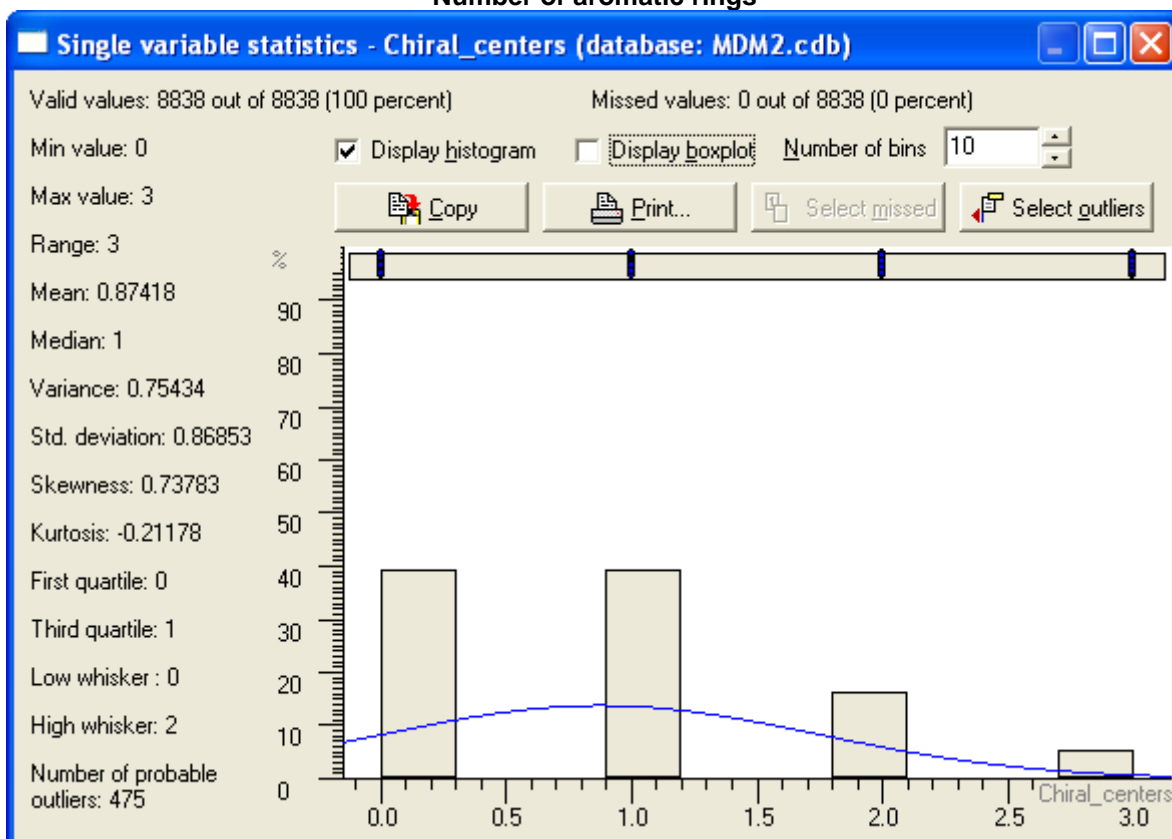
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Number of aromatic rings



Number of chiral centers