# **Supplementary Materials for**

# An Integrated Quantitative Proteomics Workflow for Cancer Biomarker Discovery and Validation in Plasma

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# **Supplementary Tables**

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# Supplementary method 1

#### Material

# **Biological Materials**

1. Blood

CAUTION In this study, the collection of blood samples was done at the Calcutta Medical College, Kolkata, India. Prior to the sample collection process, written informed consent was received from each participant after giving detailed explanations about the experimental procedure in the language best understood by the potential participants. This study was approved by the institutional review boards and ethics committee of the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IITB-IEC/2016/026). Human Body fluids should be handled in a Biosafety level 2 environment.

#### Reagents

- Pierce™ Top 12 Abundant Protein Depletion Spin Columns (Thermo Fisher Scientific, cat no. 85165)
- 2. Quick Start Bradford Protein Assay Kit (BioRad, cat. no. 5000205) **CRITICAL** Please go through the manufacturer's instruction to check the compatibility of the reagent.
- 3. Urea (Sigma-Aldrich, cat. no. U0631) **CAUTION** It is a health hazard level 2 compound.

  Use gloves and avoid direct contact with skin and eyes.
- 4. Ammonium bicarbonate (Sigma-Aldrich, cat. no. 09830)
- 5. Tris (2-carboxyethyl) phosphine hydrochloride solution, 0.5 M, pH 7.0 (aqueous solution; pH was adjusted with ammonium hydroxide) (Sigma life Science, cat. no. 646547-10X1ML) CAUTION It is health hazard level 2, 2A and 3 compounds. Use gloves and avoid direct contact with skin and eyes.

- 6. Iodoacetamide (Sigma-Aldrich, cat. no. A3221)
- 7. Pierce<sup>TM</sup> trypsin protease, MS Grade (Thermo Fisher Scientific, cat. no. 90057)
- 8. Empore<sup>TM</sup> Octadecyl C18 47mm Extraction Disks (cat no. 66883-U)
- 9. iTRAQ® Reagents 4-plex (SCIEX, PN 4374321)
- 10. TMT 6-plex<sup>TM</sup> Isobaric Label Reagent Set, 1 x 0.8 mg (Thermo Scientific<sup>TM</sup>, cat no. 90061)
- 11. Pierce™ High pH Reversed-Phase Peptide Fractionation Kit (Thermo Scientific™, cat no. 84868)
- 12. Acetonitrile: Optima<sup>TM</sup> LC/MS grade (cat. no. A9554) **CAUTION** Flammable liquid and vapor. Irritating to eyes. May cause skin and respiratory tract irritation.
- 13. Methanol: Optima<sup>™</sup> LC/MS grade, (cat. no. A456-500) **CAUTION** Flammable liquid and vapor. Irritating to eyes. May cause skin and respiratory tract irritation.
- 14. Formic Acid: LC-MS Ultra (Sigma-Aldrich; cat. no. 14265)

#### **Equipment**

- 1. Mini\_PROTEAN® Tetra Cell and Systems (BioRad, cat no. 1658000)
- 2. Liquid chromatography: EASY-nLC 1200 (Thermo Fisher Scientific)
- 3. Mass spectrometer: Orbitrap Fusion and TSQ Altis (Thermo Fisher Scientific)
- Pre-column: Acclaim<sup>™</sup> PepMap<sup>™</sup> 100 C18 HPLC Columns, 5 μm, 100 μm I.D. x 2 cm, nanoViper (Thermo Fisher Scientific, P/N 164564, S/N 10694527)
- 5. Analytical Column: PepMap RSLC C18, 2  $\mu$ m, 75  $\mu$ m x 50 cm (Thermo Fisher Scientific, P/N ES803A, S/N 10918620)
- 6. Thermo Scientific SPEEDVAC Savant SpeedVac Kit ISS110 P1
- 7. SmartSpec<sup>TM</sup> Plus Spectrophotometer (BioRad, cat. no. 170-2525)
- 8. Multiskan GO (Thermo Fisher Scientific, cat. no. N10588)

- 9. Micro-centrifuge capable of operating at 1000 ×g
- 10. End-over-end mixer
- 11. BD Vacutainer® PST<sup>TM</sup> (cat no. 367960)

# Reagent setup

- 1. Plasma digestion buffer: Prepare a 100 mm ammonium bicarbonate solution at pH 8.0 by adding 3.953 g of ammonium bicarbonate to 11 of milli-Q-water.
- 2. 6 M urea: Prepare 6 M urea by adding 3.6 g of urea to 10 ml of 100 mm ammonium bicarbonate buffer.
- Solvent for desalting column, Solvent 1, for eluting the peptides, is 40% (v/v) acetonitrile.
   Solvent 2, for eluting the peptides, is 50% (v/v) acetonitrile.
   Solvent 3, for eluting the peptides, is 60% (v/v) acetonitrile.
- 4. Solvents for nLC, Solvent A 0.1% (v/v) formic acid in water, Solvent B 80% (v/v) acetonitrile in 0.1% (v/v) formic acid

# Supplementary method 2

# **Chromatography Gradients**

The liquid chromatography gradient used for label-free quantitation (LFQ) experiment is shown below. It summarizes the time duration for solvent B at different intervals of time with flow rate of 300 nl/min (Step 39).

Time [mm:ss]	Duration [mm:ss]	Flow [nl/min]	Mixture [%B]
00:00	00:00	300.00	02.00
05:00	05:00	300.00	05.00
75:00	70:00	300.00	25.00
105:00	30:00	300.00	45.00
115:00	10:00	300.00	95.00
120:00	05:00	300.00	95.00

The liquid chromatography gradient used for the label-based quantitation (iTRAQ 4-plex) experiment is shown below. It summarizes the time duration for solvent B at different intervals of time with flow rate of 300 nl/min (Step 40).

Time [mm:ss]	Duration [mm:ss]	Flow [nl/min]	Mixture [%B]
00:00	00:00	300.00	00.00
10:00	10:00	300.00	05.00
120:00	110:00	300.00	30.00
170:00	50:00	300.00	65.00
175:00	05:00	300.00	90.00
180:00	05:00	300.00	90.00

The liquid chromatography gradient used for the label-based quantitation (TMT 6-plex) experiment is shown below. It summarizes the time duration for solvent B at different intervals of time with flow rate of 300 nl/min (Step 40).

Time [mm:ss]	Duration [mm:ss]	Flow [nl/min]	Mixture [%B]
00:00	00:00	300.00	00.00
04:00	04:00	300.00	05.00
62:00	58:00	300.00	25.00
80:00	18:00	300.00	50.00
83:00	03:00	300.00	90.00
90:00	07:00	300.00	90.00

The liquid chromatography gradient used for Multiple Reaction Monitoring (MRM) and Parallel Reaction Monitoring (PRM) experiment is shown below. It summarizes the time duration for solvent B at different intervals of time with flow rate of 300 nl/min (Step 41 and 42).

Time [mm:ss]	Duration [mm:ss]	Flow [nl/min]	Mixture [%B]
00:00	00:00	300.00	02.00
05:00	05:00	300.00	10.00
42:00	37:00	300.00	35.00
52:00	10:00	300.00	45.00
55:00	03:00	300.00	90.00
60:00	05:00	300.00	90.00

# Supplementary method 3

OT-HCD-OT MS/MS Method The following MS parameters were used for the LFQ experiment (Step 39). The same parameters were used for the iTRAQ 4-plex/TMT 6-plex experiment instead of collision energy. In case of the iTRAQ 4-plex/TMT 6-plex MS method, the collision energy was set 35% (Step 40).

# **Method settings**

Application mode: Peptide

Method duration (min): LFQ:120 mins, iTRAQ 4-plex:180 mins, TMT 6-plex: 90

mins/fraction

# NSI source/gas parameters

Spray voltage: 1900 V

Capillary temperature: 275°C

Sheath gas: 0

Auxiliary gas: 0

#### MS global settings

Default charge state: 1

Internal mass calibration: Lock Mass (445.12003 m/z)

Experiment #1 [MS]

Start time (min): 0

End time (min): 120

Cycle time (sec): 3

## MS OT

Detector type: Orbitrap

Resolution: 60,000

Mass range: Normal

Use quadrupole isolation: True

Scan range (m/z): 375-1700

RF lens (%): 60

AGC target: 4.0e5

Maximum injection time (ms): 50

Microscans: 1

Data type: Profile

Polarity: Positive

NCE: 28

Lock masses: 445.12003 m/z

# Monoisotopic peak determination: Peptide

# **Charge state**

Include charge state (s): 2-6

Include undetermined charge states: False

Include charge states 25 and higher: False

# **Dynamic exclusion**

Exclude after n times: 1

Exclusion duration (s): 40

Mass Tolerance: ppm

Low: 10

High: 10

Exclude Isotopes: True

Perform a dependent scan on single charge state per precursor only: False

# **Intensity**

Filter Type: Intensity Threshold

Intensity Threshold: 5.0e3

#### **Data Dependent**

Data Dependent Mode: Cycle Time Time between Master Scans (sec): 3

# ddMS2 OT HCD

Isolation Mode: Quadrupole Isolation Window (m/z): 1.2

Isolation Offset: Off

Activation Type: HCD

Collision Energy (%): LFQ: 30, iTRAQ 4-plex/TMT 6-plex: 35

Detector Type: Orbitrap

Scan Range Mode: Auto: m/z Normal

Orbitrap Resolution: LFQ: 15000, iTRAQ 4-plex and TMT 6-plex: 30000

First Mass (m/z): 100 AGC Target: 1.0e4

Inject Ions for all available parallelizable time: True

Maximum Injection Time (ms): 30

Microscans: 1

Data Type: Centroid
Use EASY-IC<sup>tm</sup>: False

The following MS parameters were used for Multiple Reaction Monitoring (Step 41).

# **NSI Source/Gas parameters**

Spray Voltage: 2200 V

Capillary Temperature: 300 °C

Sheath Gas: 0 Auxiliary Gas: 0

# **MRM** parameters

Use cycle time (sec): 3

Use calibrated RF lens: True

Q1 Resolution (FWHM): 0.7

Q3 Resolution (FWHM): 0.7

CID Gas (mTorr): 2

Source Fragmentation (V): 0

Chromatographic Peak Width (sec): 30

Use Chromatographic Filter: False

Use retention time reference; False

Display retention time: false

Use quan ion: False

Show visualization: false

The following MS parameters were used for Parallel reaction monitoring (Step 42).

# **NSI Source/Gas parameters**

Spray Voltage: 1900 V

Capillary Temperature: 275 °C

Sheath Gas: 0

Auxiliary Gas: 0

# tMS<sup>2</sup> OT HCD

MS<sup>n</sup> Level (n): 2

Multiplex Ions: False

Isolation Mode: Quadrupole

Isolation window (m/z): 1.2

Activation Type: HCD

HCD collision energy (%): 30

Stepped collision energy: false

Detector type: Orbitrap

Orbitrap resolution: 60000

Mass range: normal

Scan range (m/z): 350-1500

RF lens (%): 60

AGC Target: 1.0e5

Inject Ions for all available parallelizable time: False

Maximum Injection Time (ms): 118

Microscans: 1

Data Type: Centroid

Polarity: Positive

Use EASY-ICtm: False

Loop control: All

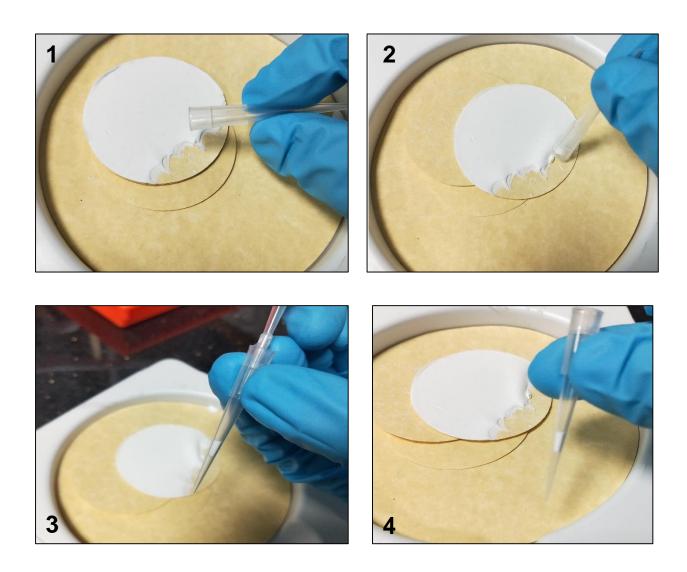


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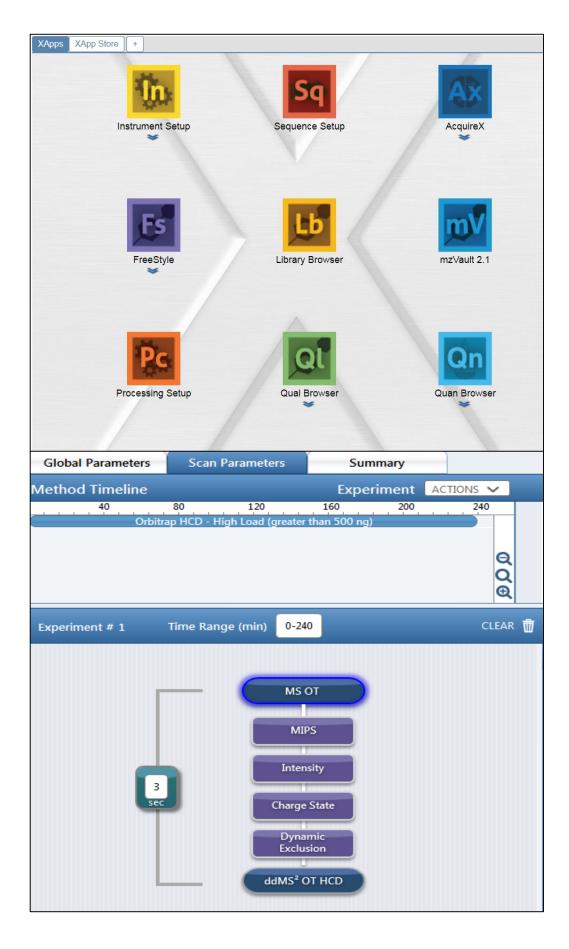


Figure S2 | Creating a data-dependent method using Thermo Xcalibur software.

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Sample pickup:
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Sample loading:
  Max. pressure [Bar] : 750.00
Gradient:
      Time [mm:ss]
                         Duration [mm:ss]
                                              Flow [nl/min] Mixture [%B]
             00:00
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Pre-column equilibration:
                     : 15.00
  Volume [µl]
  Flow [µl / min]
                       : (unspecified)
  Max. pressure [Bar] : 750.00
Analytical column equilibration:
  Volume [µl] : 10.00
Flow [µl / min] : (unspecified)
Max. pressure [Bar] : 750.00
Autosampler wash:
  Flush volume [µ1]
                     : 100.00
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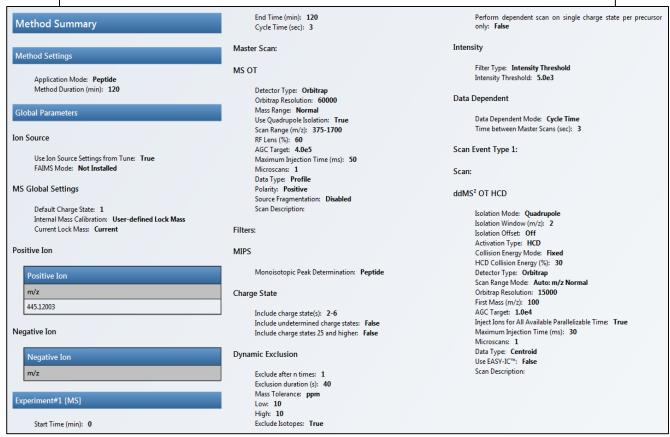
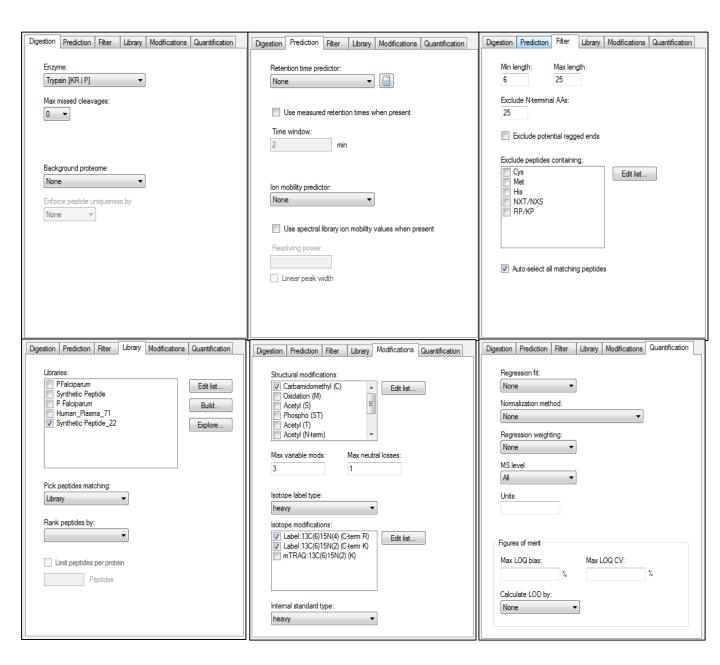


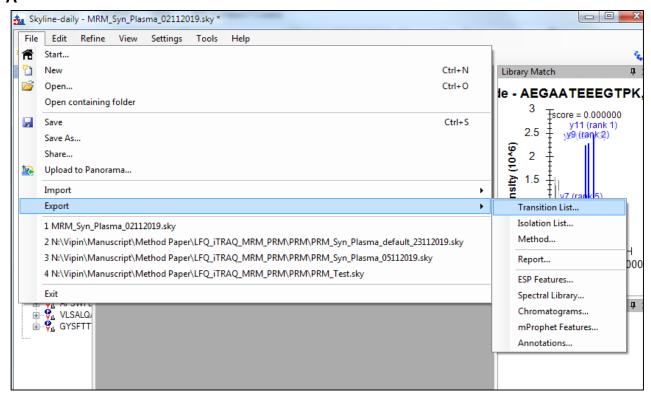
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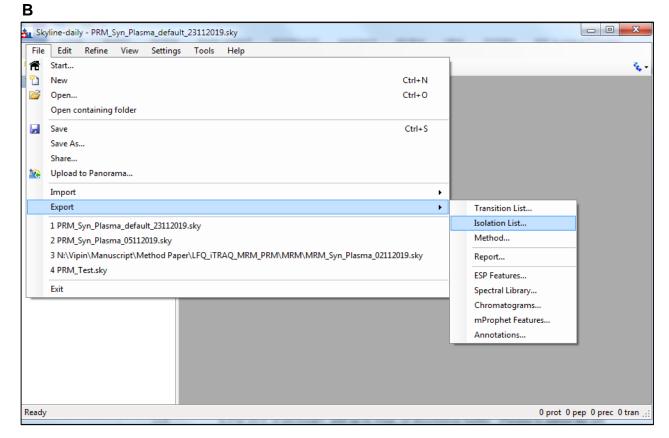


**Figure S4** | Peptide settings for Multiple Reaction Monitoring and Parallel Reaction Monitoring using Skyline.

Prediction Filter Library Instrument	Full-Scan	Prediction Filter Library Instrument	Full-Scan	Prediction Filter Library Instrument Full-Scan
Precursor mass:	Product ion mass:	Peptides		lon match tolerance:
Monoisotopic ▼	Monoisotopic ▼	Precursor charges: Ion charge		0.05 m/z
		2.3	y,b	
Collision energy:	Declustering potential:			If a library spectrum is available, pick its most intense ions
None ▼	None ▼	Product ion selection		Pick:
		From:	To:	5 product ions
Optimization library:	Compensation voltage:	ion 2 ▼	last ion - 1 ▼	·
None ▼	None ▼			5 minimum product ions
		Special ions:		Eron filtered ion observes and tunes
		✓ N+terminal to Proline  C+terminal to Glu or Asp  Output  Description  Output  Description  Description  Output  Description  Description  Output  Description  Descript	Edit List	From filtered ion charges and types
Use optimization values when pre	esent	iTRAQ-114		From filtered ion charges and types plus filtered product ions
		iTRAQ-115		From filtered product ions
		iTRAQ-116	·	
		Precursor m/z exclusion window:		
		m/z		
		Auto-select all matching transition	s	
	Prediction Filter Library Inst	rument Full-Scan	Prediction Filter Library Inst	rument Full-Scan
	Min m/z:	Max m/z:	MS1 filtering	
	50 <i>m/z</i>	2000 m/z	Isotope peaks included:	Precursor mass analyzer:
	Dynamic min product m/z		Count ▼	Orbitrap ▼
	byrianiic miir product m/2			
	Method match tolerance m/z:		Peaks:	Resolving power: At:
	0.055 m/z		3	35,000 200 m/z
	Firmware transition limit:	Firmware inclusion limit:	Isotope labeling enrichment	:
			Default ▼	
			MS/MS filtering	
	Min time:	Max time:	Acquisition method:	Product mass analyzer:
	min	min	Targeted ▼	Centroided ▼
			Isolation scheme:	Mass Accuracy:
			▼	10 ppm
			Use high-selectivity extracti	on
			Retention time filtering	
			Use only scans within 5	minutes of MS/MS IDs
			Use only scans within 5	minutes of predicted RT
			<ul> <li>Include all matching scan</li> </ul>	s

**Figure S5** | Transition settings for Multiple Reaction Monitoring and Parallel Reaction Monitoring using Skyline





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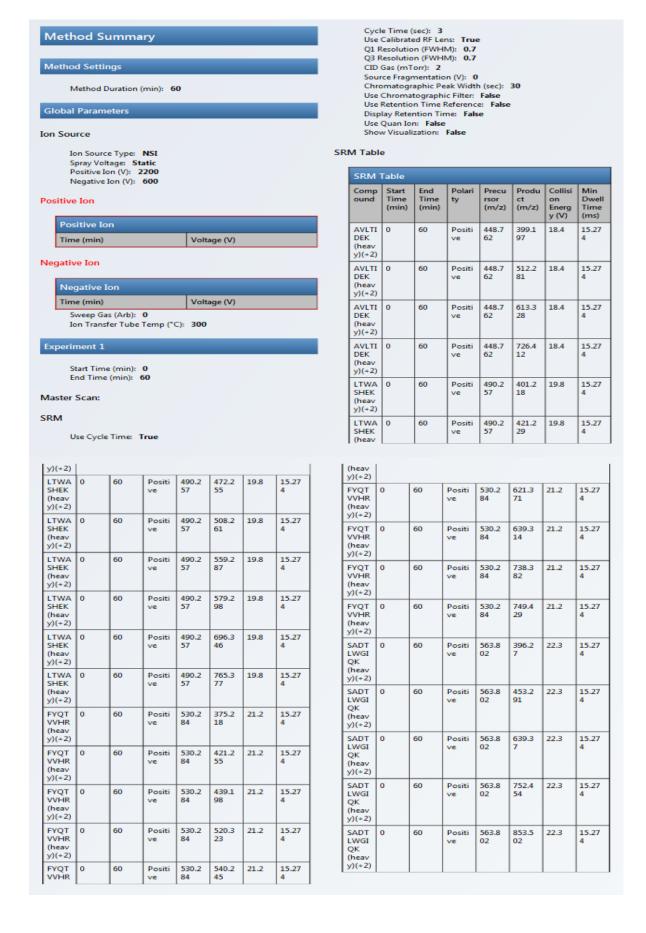


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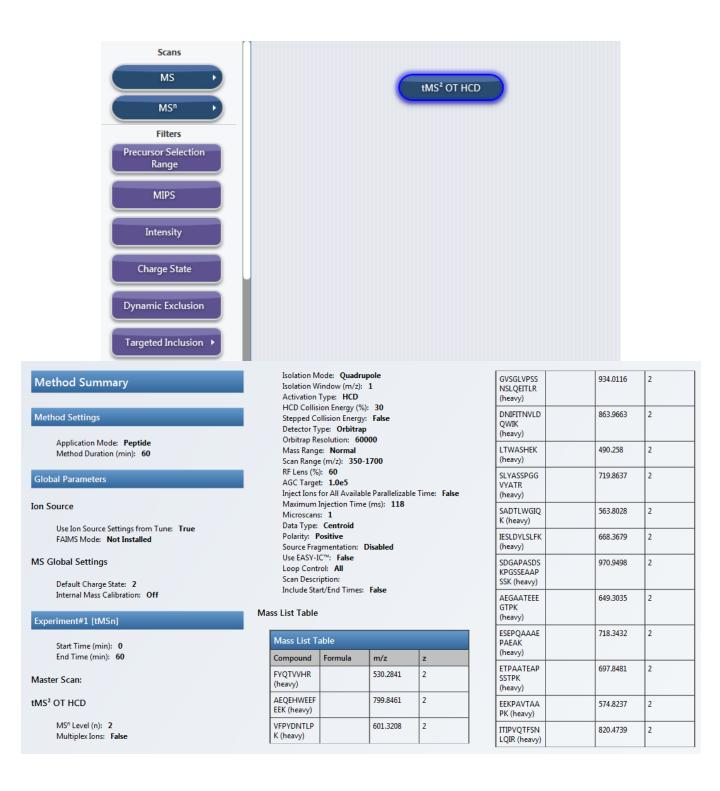
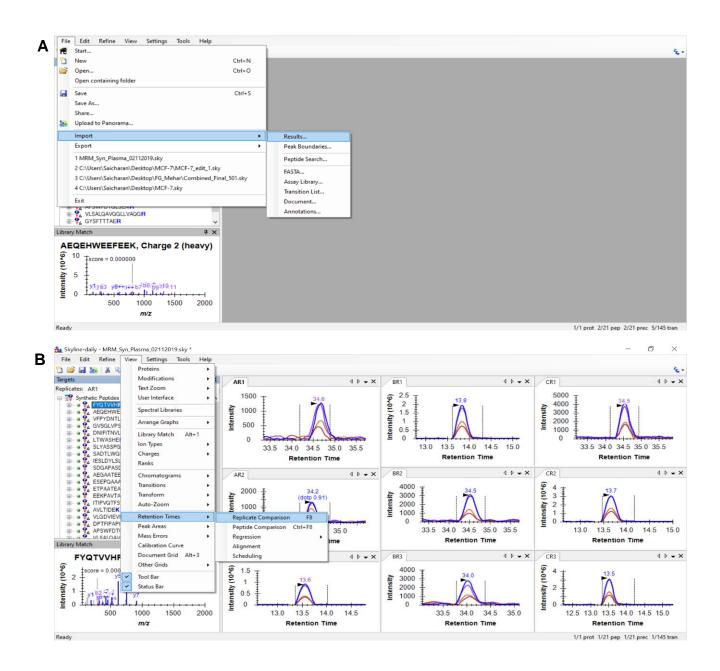
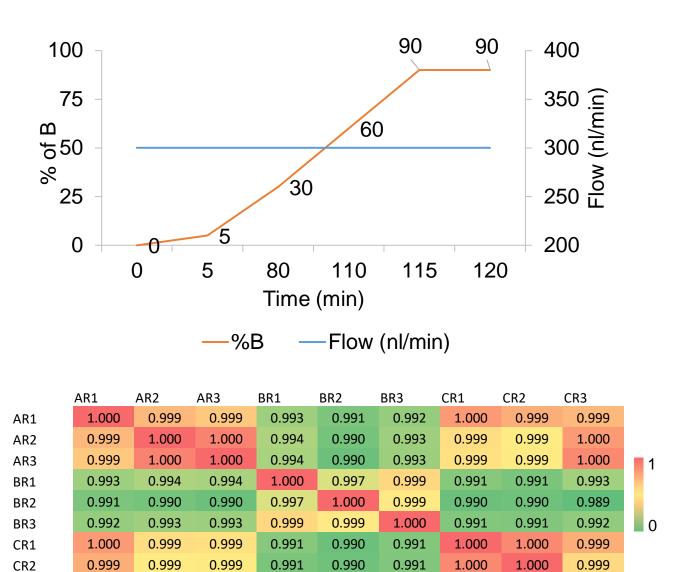


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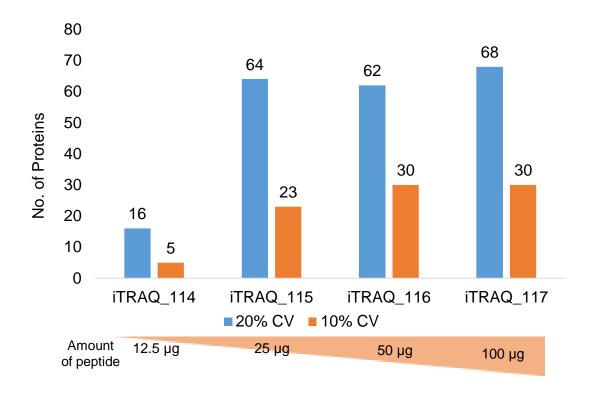
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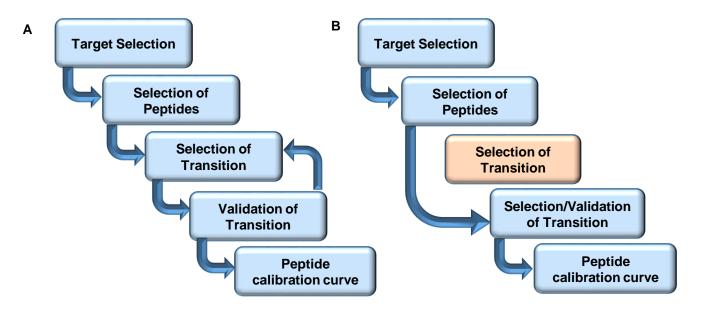
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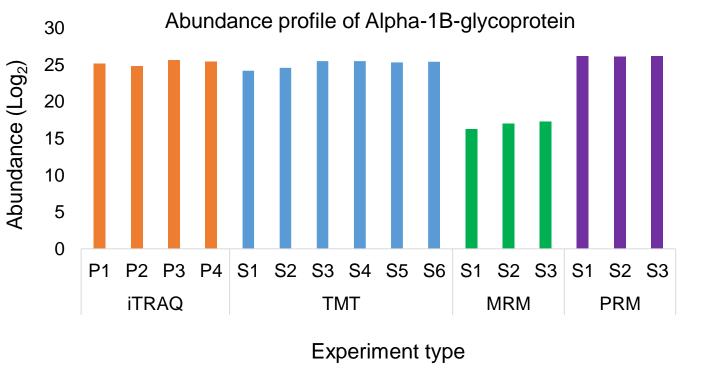
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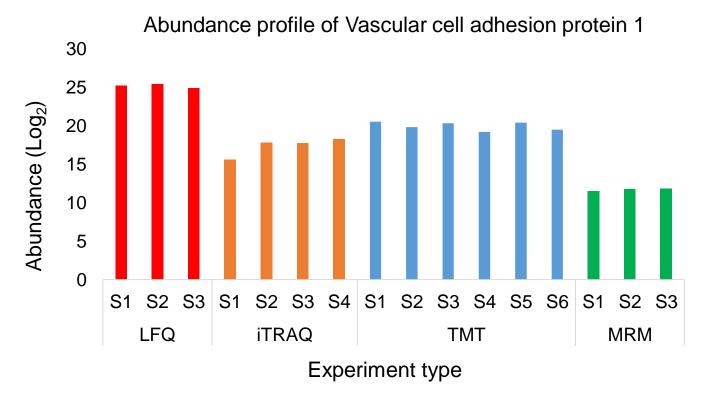
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