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LC-MS/MS Label-Free Proteomic Data Acquisition

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ABSTRACT

Description of settings used to acquire LC-MS/MS data from label-free proteomic samples.

- 1 Label-free proteomic samples were analyzed on a Thermo Scientific Orbitrap Fusion Tribrid mass spectrometer in line with a Thermo Scientific Easy-nLC 1000 UHPLC system.
- 2 Samples, 2 μ L, were injected via the autosampler and loaded onto a fused silica pulled-tip C₁₈ UHPLC column (100 μ m i.d. x 350 mm length,) packed with Waters C18 BEH resin (1.7 μ m particle size, 130 Å pore size), with 0.1% formic acid in water (mobile phase A).
- 3 Peptides were separated over a 127 minute two-step gradient with initial conditions set to 100% mobile phase A for 2 minutes before ramping to 20% mobile phase B, 0.1% formic acid in acetonitrile, over 100 minutes and then 32% mobile phase B over 20 minutes. The remainder of the gradient was spent washing at 95% mobile phase B and returning to initial conditions.
- 4 Eluted peptides were ionized via positive mode nanoelectrospray ionization (nESI) using a Nanospray Flex ion source (Thermo Fisher Scientific).
- 5 The mass spectrometer was operated using a top 17 data-dependent acquisition mode.
- 6 Fourier transform mass spectra (FTMS) were collected using 120,000 resolving power, an automated gain control (AGC) target of $1e^6$, and a maximum injection time of 100 ms over the mass range of 400-1600 m/z .
- 7 Precursor ions were filtered using monoisotopic precursor selection of peptide ions with charge states ranging from 2 to 6. Previously interrogated precursor ions were excluded using a 30 s dynamic window (± 10 ppm).
- 8 Precursor ions for tandem mass spectrometry (MS/MS) analysis were isolated using a 2 m/z quadrupole mass filter window and then fragmented in the ion-routing multipole via higher energy dissociation (HCD) using a normalized collision energy of 35%.
- 9 Ion trap fragmentation spectra were acquired using an AGC target of 10,000 and maximum injection time of 35 ms, and 120 m/z was set for the first scan mass to enable detection of the lysine residue fragmented ion.