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# Untargeted Top-down Proteomics by LC-MS/MS on Eclipse

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Describes the LC-MS/MS data acquisition procedure for top-down proteomics samples using the Thermo Scientific Orbitrap Eclipse Tribrid mass spectrometer

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## Overall protocol for top-down LC-MS/MS of human lung tissue

PLRP-S 5- $\mu$ m particles 1,000-Å pore size (Agilent Technologies)

Water Optima LC/MS Grade (Fisher Scientific #W64)



Acetonitrile Optima LC/MS Grade (Fisher Scientific #A955-4)

Formic Acid LC/MS Grade (Thermo Scientific #28905)

15  $\mu$ m SilicaTip PicoTip Emitter (New Object #FS360-50-15-N-20-C12)

Buffer A: 94.8 % water, 5 % acetonitrile, 0.2 % formic acid

Buffer B: 4.8 % water, 95 % acetonitrile, 0.2 % formic acid

- 1 Samples were analyzed on a Thermo Scientific Orbitrap Eclipse Tribrid mass spectrometer in line with a Dionex Ultimate 3000 RSLCnano system
- 2 Samples (  6  $\mu$ L ) were injected via the autosampler and loaded onto a self-packed trap<sup>10m</sup> column (150  $\mu$ m i.d. x 2 cm length packed with PLRP-S 5- $\mu$ m particles 1,000-Å pore size) for  00:10:00 with 100% loading buffer (94.8% water:5% acetonitrile:0.2% formic acid) at 3  $\mu$ L/min.
- 3 Following a valve switch and initiation of the nanopump at 300 nL/min (buffer A: 94.8 % water, 5 % acetonitrile, 0.2 % formic acid; buffer B: 4.8 % water, 95 % acetonitrile, 0.2 % formic acid), proteins were separated on a self-packed analytical column (75  $\mu$ m i.d. x 25 cm length packed with PLRP-S 5- $\mu$ m particles 1,000-Å pore size) according to the following gradient for fractions 1-4:

A	B	C
Time (min)	%B	Valve Position
0	5	10_1
10	5	1_2
13	15	
70	45	
72	95	
76	95	
80	5	
90	5	

For fraction 5 and later, nanopump used the following gradient:

A	B	C
Time (min)	%B	Valve Position
0	5	10_1
10	5	1_2
13	15	
70	50	
72	95	
76	95	
80	5	
90	5	

- 4 Eluted proteins were ionized in positive ion mode nanoelectrospray ionization (nESI) using a pulled tip nanospray emitter (15- $\mu$ m i.d.  $\times$ 125 mm) packed with 1mm of PLRP-S 5- $\mu$ m particles 1,000-Å pore size with a custom nano-source ([https://proteomicsresource.washington.edu/docs/protocols05/UWPR\\_NSI\\_Source.pdf](https://proteomicsresource.washington.edu/docs/protocols05/UWPR_NSI_Source.pdf)).

A	B
	<b>High-High</b>
<b>Spray voltage</b>	1600
<b>Sweep gas</b>	0
<b>Ion transfer tube temp</b>	320
<b>Application mode</b>	Intact Protein
<b>Pressure mode</b>	Low Pressure
<b>Advanced Peak Determination</b>	True
<b>Default charge state</b>	15
<b>S-lens RF</b>	30
<b>Source fragmentation</b>	15 eV

Global MS parameters

5 Precursor (intact protein) spectra were acquired at 120k FTRP.

A	B
	<b>High-High</b>
<b>Detector type</b>	Orbitrap
<b>Resolving power</b>	120000
<b>m/z RP measured</b>	200 m/z
<b>Scan range</b>	600-2000
<b>Mass range</b>	Normal
<b>AGC target</b>	2000000
<b>Normalized AGC target</b>	500%
<b>Max Injection Time</b>	50 ms
<b>Microscans</b>	1
<b>Data type</b>	Profile
<b>Polarity</b>	Positive
<b>Use wide quad isolation</b>	True

Parameters for MS1 acquisition

6 The mass spectrometer was operated using a TopN 3 sec data-dependent acquisition mode  
Precursor ions were filtered by intensity, charge state, and dynamic exclusion:

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>Intensity minimum</b>	5000
<b>Intensity maximum</b>	1E20
<b>Included charge states</b>	4-60
<b>Include undetermined charge states</b>	False
<b>Dynamic exclusion after n times</b>	1
<b>Dynamic exclusion duration</b>	60 s
<b>Mass tolerance</b>	0.5 m/z
<b>Exclude isotopes</b>	True

Precursor selection filters for DDA

- 7 Ions for fragmentation were isolated and fragmented via higher energy dissociation (HCD):

A	B
	<b>High-High</b>
<b>Detector type</b>	Orbitrap
<b>Isolation mode</b>	Quadrupole
<b>Resolving power</b>	60000
<b>m/z RP measured</b>	200 m/z
<b>Scan range</b>	350-2000
<b>AGC target</b>	1000000
<b>Normalized AGC target</b>	2000%
<b>Max injection time</b>	600 ms
<b>Microscans</b>	1
<b>Isolation window</b>	3 m/z
<b>Activation type</b>	HCD
<b>Collision energy</b>	32
<b>Collision energy mode</b>	Fixed
<b>Polarity</b>	Positive

Parameters for MS2 acquisition