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Abstract

Isobaric peptide termini labeling (IPTL) is a quantification method which permits relative quantification using quantification points distributed throughout the whole tandem mass spectrometry (MS/MS) spectrum. It is based on the complementary derivatization of peptide termini with different isotopes resulting in isobaric peptides.

Troubleshooting

DAY 1

- 1 Prepare dried MS-grade trypsin, 2ug per sample to be labeled. Note that separate aliquots of dried trypsin must be used for ^{16}O - and ^{18}O -labeling.
- 2 Prepare two separate N-methylmorpholine (NMM) and acetic acid O-isotope exchange buffers with ^{16}O and ^{18}O (>98%) enriched water. Volume ratio of buffer components is 48.5 H_2O : 1 NMM : 0.5 acetic acid (pH 7.4). The total volume of buffer to prepare depends on how many peptide samples are to be labeled. The protocol below is for 40 μL of O-isotope exchange buffer per sample (~10–20 μg of peptide). For samples with small amounts of peptide, the concentration can be raised by adding only 20 μL buffer per sample and halving the volumes of all subsequent reagent additions.
- 3 Redissolve dried trypsin aliquots in their respective O-isotope exchange buffers and transfer 40 μL to each tube of dried peptide sample. KEEP TRACK of which tubes received which buffer.
- 4 Parafilm the tops of the tubes and incubate at 37°C overnight.

DAY 2

- 5 After overnight incubation, add 2 μL of 11.3M monochloroacetic acid (prepared in LC-MS grade water) to each peptide tube to lower pH down to 2.6.
- 6 Prepare 16% CH_2O and CD_2O formaldehyde solutions, at least 2 μL per sample, diluting stocks with LC-MS grade water if necessary.
- 7 Prepare 4.8M NaBH_3CN in LC-MS water. Tare 1.5mL tube, add a small amount of NaBH_3CN powder in fume hood, weigh, dissolve.
- 8 Add 2 μL of CH_2O to each ^{18}O tube and 2 μL of CD_2O to each ^{16}O tube.
- 9 Add 2 μL 4.8M NaBH_3CN to each tube.
- 10 Mix well and incubate at 45°C for 1 hr. While waiting, prepare 5M ammonium formate in LC-MS water.



- 11 Add 2 μ L 5M ammonium formate to each tube and mix well.
- 12 Add 8 μ L of formic acid to each tube and mix well. Total sample volume is ~56 μ L. ^{16}O - and ^{18}O -labeled samples are ready to be mixed and analyzed by LC-MS.