Mass spec data analysis

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Data analysis pipeline



Peptide fragment fingerprinting (PFF)

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The Results: Distinguishing Right from Wrong

In large proteomics data sets (for which manual data inspection is impossible), how can we distinguish between correct and incorrect peptide assignments?

Use "decoy" sequences to distract non-peptidic, nonuniquely matchable, or otherwise unmatchable spectra into a search space that is known *a priori* to be incorrect

Use the frequency of "decoy" sequences among total sequences to estimate the overall frequency of wrong answers (False Positive Rate)

Adjust filtering criteria to achieve a ~ 1% False Positive Rate

Decoy Sequences? A "Reversed" Database!

We generate decoy sequences by reversing each protein sequence in a given database, such that the resultant *in silico* digest contains nonsense peptides, then append the reversed database to the end of the forward database



Target/Decoy Database Searching



Overall concept of scores and cut-offs



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Comp *

Comp * Playing with probabilistic cut-off scores 500 higher stringency 450 Number Of Spectra 400 350 300 250 200 150 100 50 0 0 2 -1 3 1 2 Discriminant Score T 100% 6% 90% 5% 80% identifications 70% 4% - 60% 3% - 50% false positives 40% 2% + 30% 20% 1% 10% 0% 0% p=0.05 p=0.01 p=0.005 p=0.0005

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After AI Nesvizhskii, Mol Cell Proteomics (2005) 4: 1419-40.

Protein isoforms

- A single gene may give rise to many transcripts that overlap for one or more exons.
- When isoforms are listed as separate proteins in the FASTA, a peptide may match a shared or distinctive part of a protein sequence.
- VEGF incorporates eight exons, where either 6 or 7, both, or neither may be incorporated.



What's so tricky about assembly?

- The proteins containing each identified peptide are reported by identifying algorithm.
- A maximal list of proteins includes each that contains any observed peptide.
- Some proteins are indistinguishable on the basis of observed peptides.
- Remaining proteins may overlap with others in their observed peptides.

Parsimony

noun: "economy of explanation in conformity with Occam's razor"

– Merriam Webster OnLine

- "Plurality ought never be posed without necessity."
 - William of Occam

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Beausoleil et al., Nat. Biotechnol, 2006

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Data results:

Good news: every team had at least 1 nice looking phosphorylation run Bad news: The Ubiquitin phosphorylation analysis didn't go so well.

Box Color Code:

Green = Good signal, normal looking run

Red = Very low or no signal

Team	Condition	Ub	WCL	Ub Phos	WCL phos
APUBSCRAWL	Swe1 KO	QE20150928-51	QE20150928-53	QE20150928-92	QE20150928-52
APUBSCRAWL	Cerulenin	QE20150928-56	QE20150928-58	QE20150928-55	QE20150928-57
Control (David Mavor)	WT	QE20150928-102	QE20150928-104	QE20150928-101	QE20150928-103
EtOH	Kin3 KO	QE20150928-23	QE20150928-24	QE20150928-82	QE20150928-83
EtOH	menadione	QE20150928-95	QE20150928-97	QE20150928-94	QE20150928-96
ONION	Atg1 KO	QE20150928-78	QE20150928-80	QE20150928-77	QE20150928-79
ONION	rapamycin	QE20150928-71	QE20150928-73	QE20150928-70	QE20150928-72
PYND	Alk KO	QE20150928-37	QE20150928-38	QE20150928-89	QE20150928-90
PYND	5-fluorocytosine	QE20150928-40	QE20150928-41	QE20150928-85	QE20150928-86
SHMOO	CaCl2	QE20150928-34	QE20150928-35	not run, causing MS problems	not run, causing MS problems
SHMOO	CMK1 KO	QE20150928-43	QE20150928-46	QE20150928-44	QE20150928-45
WHANGEE	Tpk1 KO	QE20150928-61	QE20150928-63	QE20150928-60	QE20150928-62
WHANGEE	Tunicamycin	QE20150928-66	QE20150928-68	QE20150928-65	QE20150928-67

Data assumptions

Yeast Lysate What assumptions 90% 10% Reduce can we make Ubiquitin purifiation (His-tag) Alkylate Digest into peptides Digest into peptides about your Desalt with SepPak individual samples 10% 97% 90% 3% and the Lyophilize Lyophilize differences MS sample: MS sample: Phospho-UB peptide WCL between samples? enrichment Lyophilize MS sample: MS sample: PHOS UBphos



Data analysis approaches?

- What types of things can we look for?
 - Do you have good data?
 - Do you need/want to filter some things out first?
 - How do we decide what is a difference between control and KO/chemical?
 - What are you looking for from your different samples?
 - What biological attributes can we consider?
 - Sharing & Comparing between groups HIGHLY encouraged!

Files you have:

- Summary file: higher level comparison of runs
 - MS/MS identified column give you a quick metric of data quality
- Experimental design file: simple text file saying which mass spec data file goes with what experiment
- Evidence file: lots of detailed info. Don't plan on using it.
- Peptides:
- Protein Groups:
- Phospho(STY)Sites: Very useful.

What columns are most useful?

• Phospho(STY) file:

- Protein: systematic name
- Fasta header: will have the common gene name and protein description
- Position within protein: phosphorylation site position
- Localization probability: confidence of phosphorylation site assignment. Above 0.75 is high confidence. Is a general one for entire dataset, or an experiment specific score.
- Intensity "Blank experiment": abundance in that experiment.
 Don't use the ones with "___#"
- Id: unique identifier for each row
- Evidence ID: if you want to map to evidence file
- Reverse and contaminants

What columns are most useful?

- Protein Groups file:
 - Protein IDs
 - Fasta headers
 - Number of proteins number of proteins within the protein ID group
 - Mol. Weight [kDa]
 - Sequence length: our could easily pull from fasta file
 - Intensity "Blank experiment": abundance in that experiment. Don't use the ones with "___#"
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