

Biofluids, Saliva and Clinical Chemistry

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What's in Saliva

- Lots of Peptides
- Lots of Proteins
- Lots of Small Molecules
- Lots of Cellular Debris
- Salts
- Particles of Food
- Blood
- Bacteria, Viruses

For Clinical Analytes

- Extract the molecules you want by
 - Differential centrifugation
 - Solid Phase Extraction
 - Selective Precipitation
 - Immuno-affinity enrichment

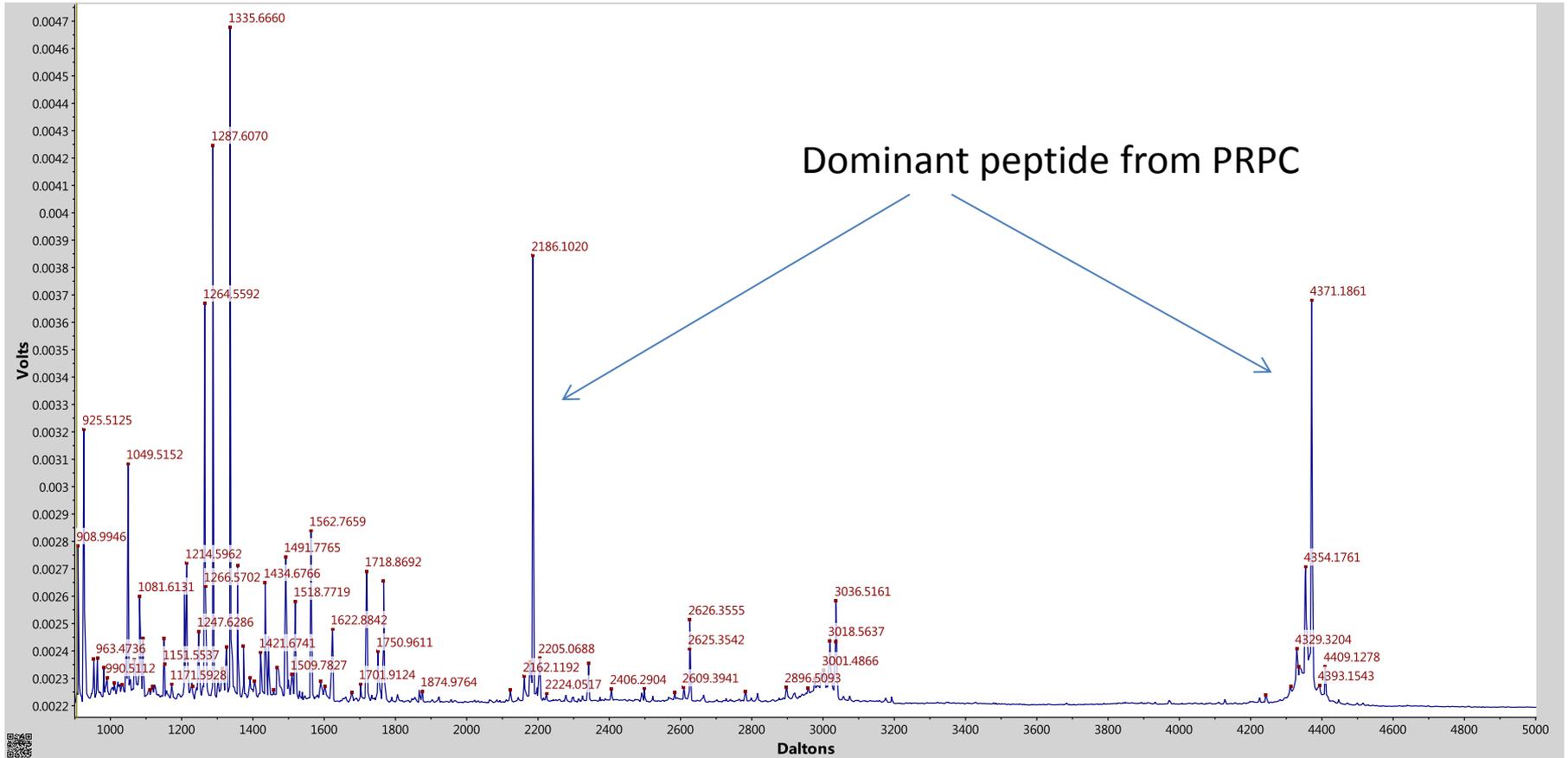
Why am I talking about this?

- Saliva is easy to measure (and relatively safe)
- We hope to have a functional instrument during the course
- We can measure saliva patterns
- Remarkable combination of stability and heterogeneity in the patterns
- These patterns may mean very little

Direct examination of Saliva by MALDI

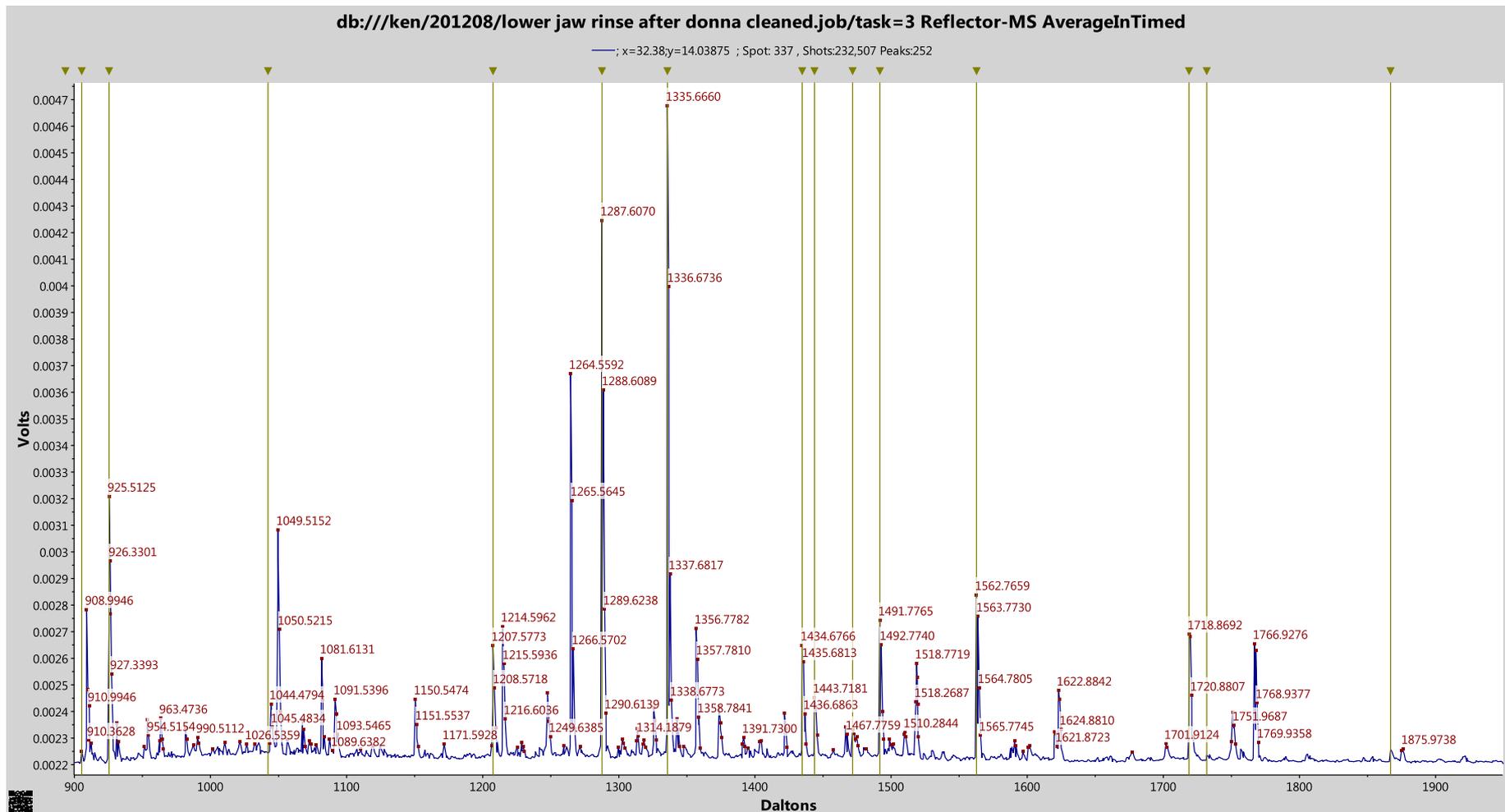
- Just dilute into matrix, spot and shoot
 - Might trouble to let particles settle
- What are the dominant players (detectable by MALDI)?
 - **Histatin-3** (His3) and **salivary acidic proline-rich phosphoprotein ½** (PRPC)
- Both proteins are typically digested into **peptides** by **proteases**
 - Some **proteases** may be bacterial in origin
- Many peptides from each are usually apparent
- Proportions of them may reflect differential secretion by submandibular gland Vs. parotid gland
 - Sensitive to oral cleanliness
 - Eating
 - Circadian rhythms
 - Infection and disease

Histatin 3- enriched pattern after teeth cleaned



GRPQGPPQQGGHQQGPPPPPPGKPQGPPQGGRPQGPPQGQSPQ

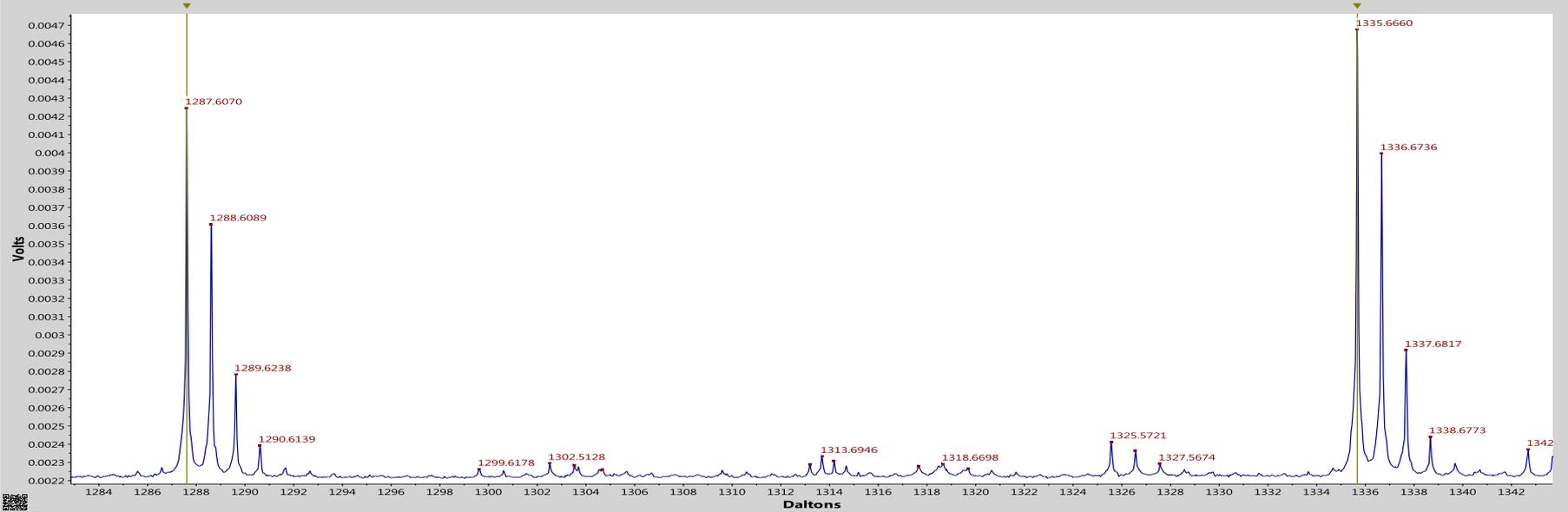
Vertical lines show matches to Histatin-3 peptides



Inset around two strong peaks

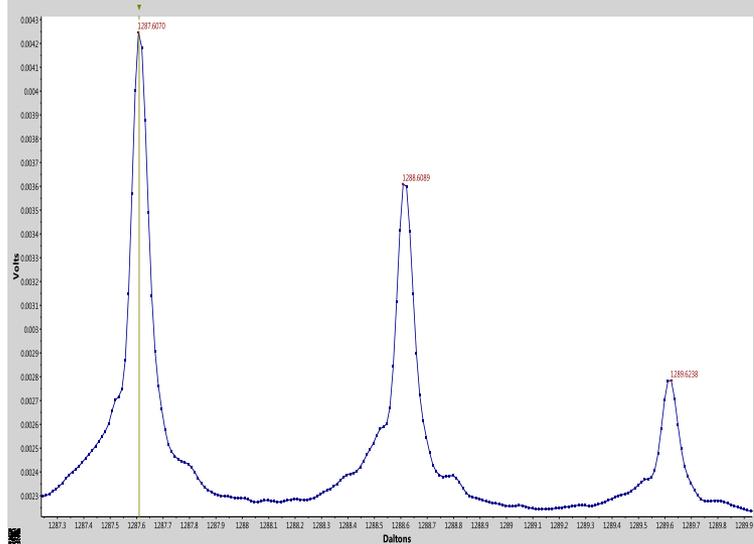
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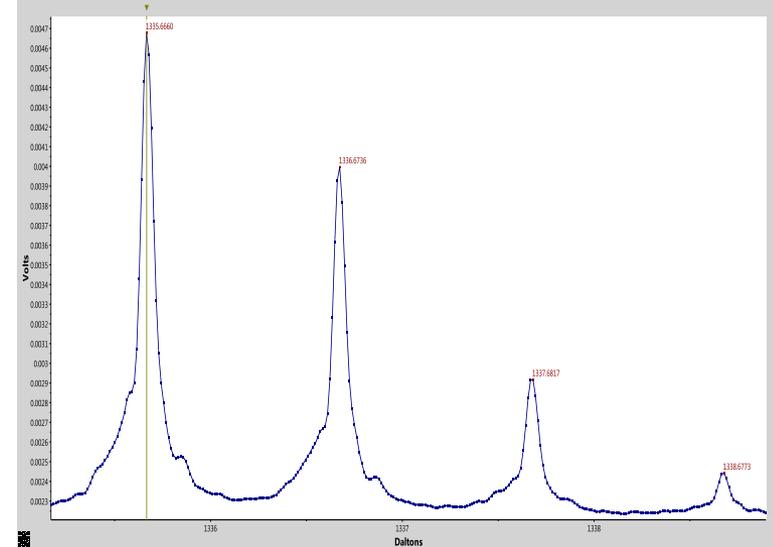
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Histatin-3 natural saliva peptides

Colors highlight shared regions

I	MassThe	MassExpe	ppm	<	Sequence	>	
{	11	925.512	925.513	0.5	A	K RHHG YK	R
	11	925.512	925.513	0.5	R	HHG YK RK	—
	51	953.518	953.524	5.9	K	RHHG YK R	K
	68	962.496	962.488	-8.2	R	KFHEK HH	S
	50	1044.475	1044.479	4.3	Y	RSN YLYDN	
{	48	1067.525	1067.532	7.0	F	HEK HHS H R	E
	24	1081.613	1081.613	-0.1	K	RHHG YK RK	—
	24	1081.613	1081.613	-0.1	A	K RHHG YK R	K
	34	1150.551	1150.547	-2.8	H	EK HHS H R GY	R
	21	1207.572	1207.577	4.3	A	DSHAK RHHG Y	K
	4	1264.560	1264.559	-0.5	R	GYRSN YLYDN	
	3	1287.610	1287.607	-1.9	F	HEK HHS H R GY	R
	2	1335.667	1335.666	-0.8	A	DSHAK RHHG YK	R
	16	1434.678	1434.677	-0.9	K	FHEK HHS H R GY	R
	28	1443.711	1443.718	5.2	F	HEK HHS H R GYR	S
	12	1491.768	1491.777	5.6	A	DSHAK RHHG YK R	K
	7	1562.773	1562.766	-4.5	R	KFHEK HHS H R GY	R
	63	1590.779	1590.783	2.4	K	FHEK HHS H R GYR	S
	39	1619.863	1619.863	0.1	A	DSHAK RHHG YK RK	F
{	10	1718.874	1718.869	-2.8	R	KFHEK HHS H R GYR	—
	10	1718.874	1718.869	-2.8	K	RKFHEK HHS H R GY	R
	79	1874.975	1874.976	0.7	K	RKFHEK HHS H R GYR	S
	20	3035.523	3035.497	-8.4	—	DSHAK RHHG YK RK FHEK HHS H R GY	—

Other Biofluids by MALDI

- Blood has a very simple proteome if you don't look too hard
 - Most abundant: Albumin, IgG (very complex in detail), Transferrin
 - Autodigested peptides in blood rarely derive from these proteins
 - Instead they derive from transthyretin, C3, haptoglobin, fibrinogen, etc in different ways depending how the blood is handled.
 - Peptides tend to derive from selected regions, and be frayed at the ends, similar to the His3 peptides
- Natural peptides in tears also derive substantially from a small number of protein precursors

Major Saliva proteins determined by peptide mass fingerprinting following trypsin Reflector instrument 7.5 m flight tube.

N	symb	acc	leng	protein	pep	M	Mi	TriM	%CM	%IM	ppw
1	AMY1A	P04745	511	Alpha-amylase 1	107	24	24	1952453	59.4	33.3	1.6
2	CST1	P01037	141	Cystatin-SN	23	9	9	249026	65.9	7.1	2.3
3	IGHA1	P01876	353	Ig alpha-1 chain C region	43	7	8	177642	63.1	3.6	1.9
4	CST4	P01036	141	Cystatin-S	32	9	9	38741	51.7	2.6	4.1
5	LYZ	P61626	130	Lysozyme C	31	4	4	13924	43.8	0.6	3.0

Fig. 1A. Tryptic digest of whole serum (from Sigma), dominated by albumin.

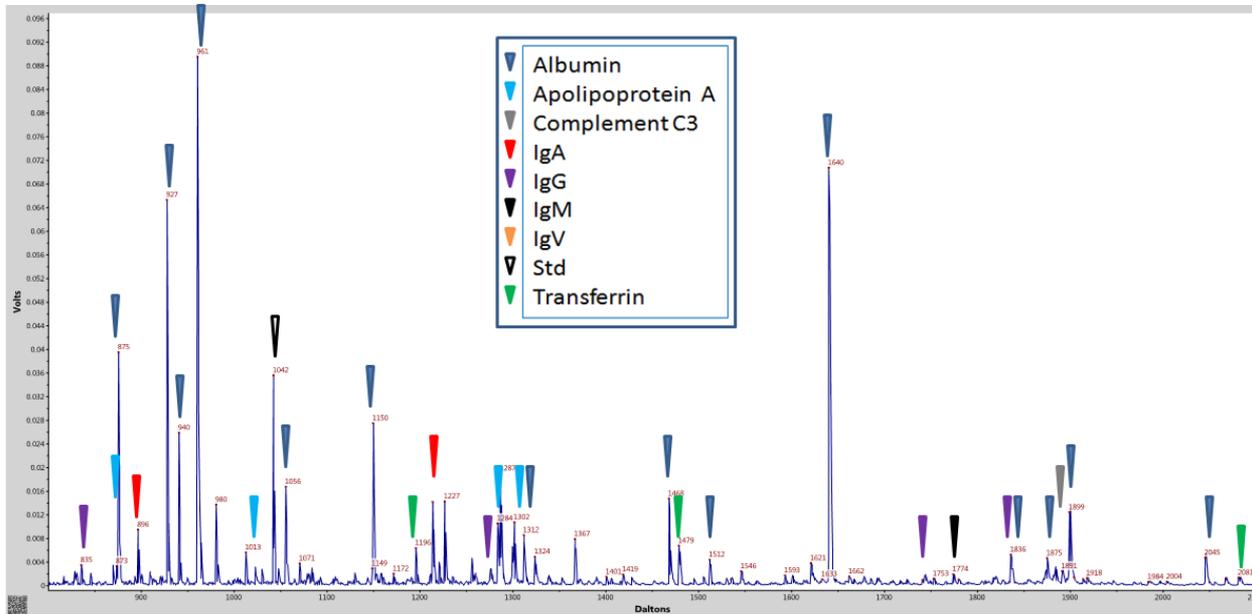
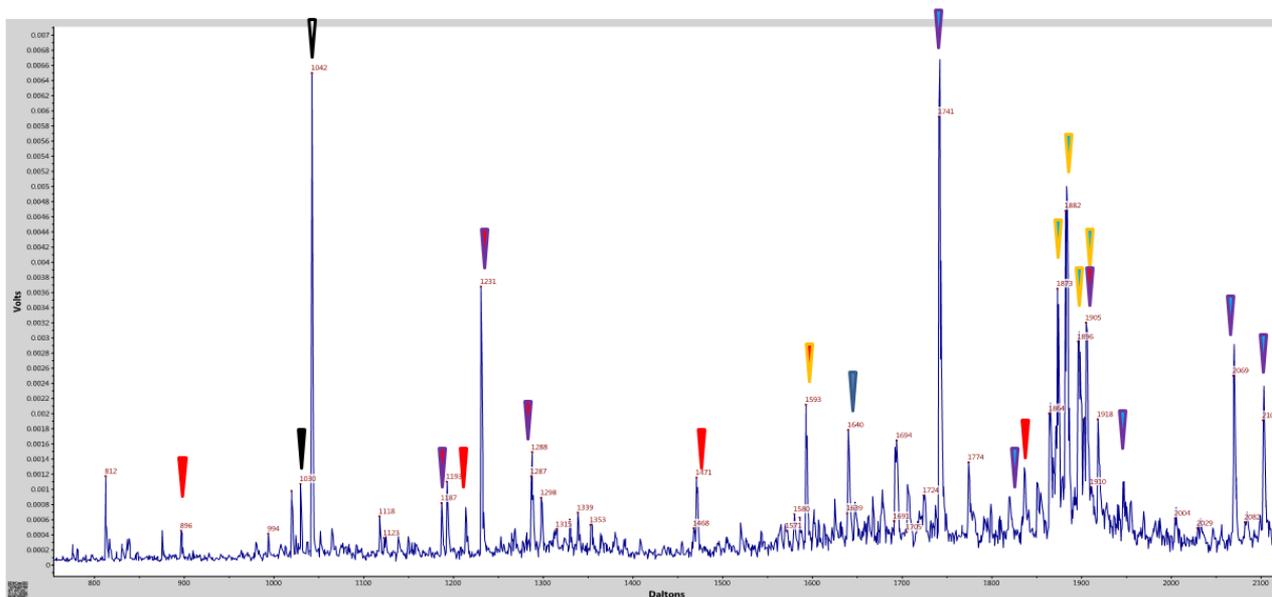


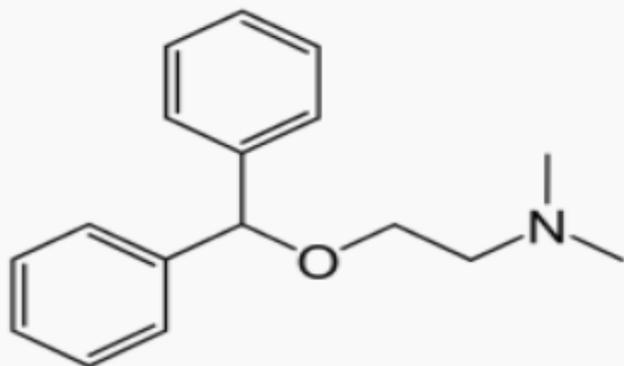
Fig 1B. Tryptic digest of proteins purified by Protein A from same digest.



PRR4 peptides from tears (proposed)

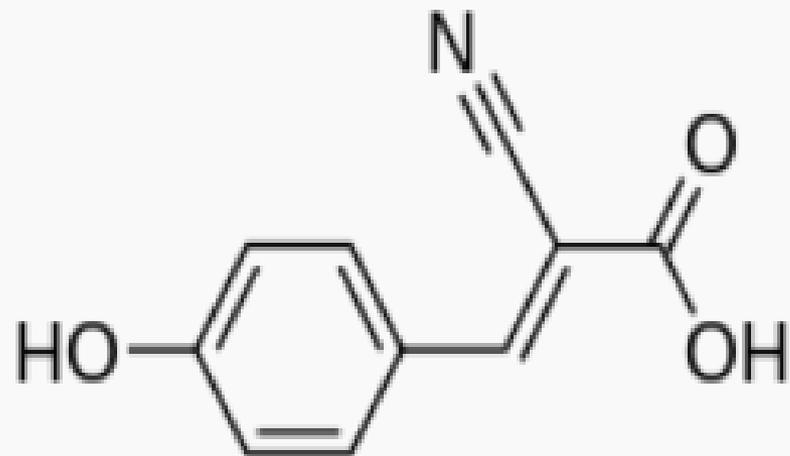
Rank	aa	Mass	ppm	Sequence	Intensity	MSMS	before
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27	109	1261.6	-6.8	ARHPQEQLW	84		
42	108	1358.7	-5.7	PARHPQEQLW	47		
1	106	1629.8	0.0	DRPARHPQEQLW	479	*	*
30	105	1785.9	-0.5	RDRPARHPQEQLW	74		
93	102	2236.2	-4.3	FFRRDRPARHPQEQLW	22		
16	101	2323.2	0.3	SFFRRDRPARHPQEQLW	125		
3	100	2410.2	4.2	SSFFRRDRPARHPQEQLW	479	*	
19	95	2938.5	0.0	SLQEASSFFRRDRPARHPQEQLW	102	*	
145	105	1004.5	-13.9	RDRPARHP	13		
92	103	1307.7	-12.5	FRRDRPARHP	22		
5	102	1454.8	-0.5	FFRRDRPARHP	309		
13	101	1541.8	11.3	SFFRRDRPARHP	132		
14	100	1628.8	-4.7	SSFFRRDRPARHP	130		
98	96	2070.1	6.5	LQEASSFFRRDRPARHP	21		
108	95	2157.1	-12.8	SLQEASSFFRRDRPARHP	19		
4	100	1238.6	-9.2	SSFFRRDRPA	479	*	
48	98	1438.7	6.7	EASSFFRRDRPA	40		
124	96	1679.9	7.8	LQEASSFFRRDRPA	16		
2	95	1766.9	-3.0	SLQEASSFFRRDRPA	479	*	
47	88	1343.7	4.5	LPRFPSVSLQEA	43		
32	87	1430.8	0.4	SLPRFPSVSLQEA	68		
100	85	1671.9	-2.4	QLSLPRFPSVSLQEA	20		
61	85	1213.7	3.9	qLSLPRFPSVS	31	*	
29	85	1326.7	-7.8	qLSLPRFPSVSL	75	*	
5	85	1454.8	-9.3	qLSLPRFPSVSLQ	0		
65	85	1654.9	4.8	qLSLPRFPSVSLQEA	29		
44	85	1829.0	13.6	qLSLPRFPSVSLQEASS	43		

Diphenhydramine



(C₁₇H₂₁NO)H⁺ → 256.1695

α-Cyano-4-hydroxycinnamic acid



(C₂₀H₁₄N₂O₂)H⁺ → 379.0924

measured	thoeretical	ppm	atomic composition
146.0584	146.060039	-11.2	(C ₉ H ₇ N O)H ⁺
172.0389	172.0393	-2.4	(C ₁₀ H ₅ N O ₂)H ⁺
190.0507	190.049867	4.6	(C ₁₀ H ₇ N O ₃)H ⁺
212.0333	212.0318	7.2	(C ₁₀ H ₇ N O ₃)Na ⁺
228.0106	228.0058	21.1	(C ₁₀ H ₇ N O ₃)K ⁺
256.1683	256.1695	-4.8	(C ₁₇ H ₂₁ NO)H ⁺
278.1491	278.1515	-8.7	(C ₁₇ H ₂₁ NO)Na ⁺
294.0765	294.1255	-166.7	(C ₁₇ H ₂₁ NO)K ⁺
335.1017	335.1026	-2.8	(C ₁₉ H ₁₄ N ₂ O ₄)H ⁺
379.0928	379.092458	0.9	(C ₂₀ H ₁₄ N ₂ O ₆)H ⁺

Resolution ~ 8400

Note:

H⁺ = 1.007276

H = 1.007825

This mass difference
= 2.1 ppm at m/z 256.1685

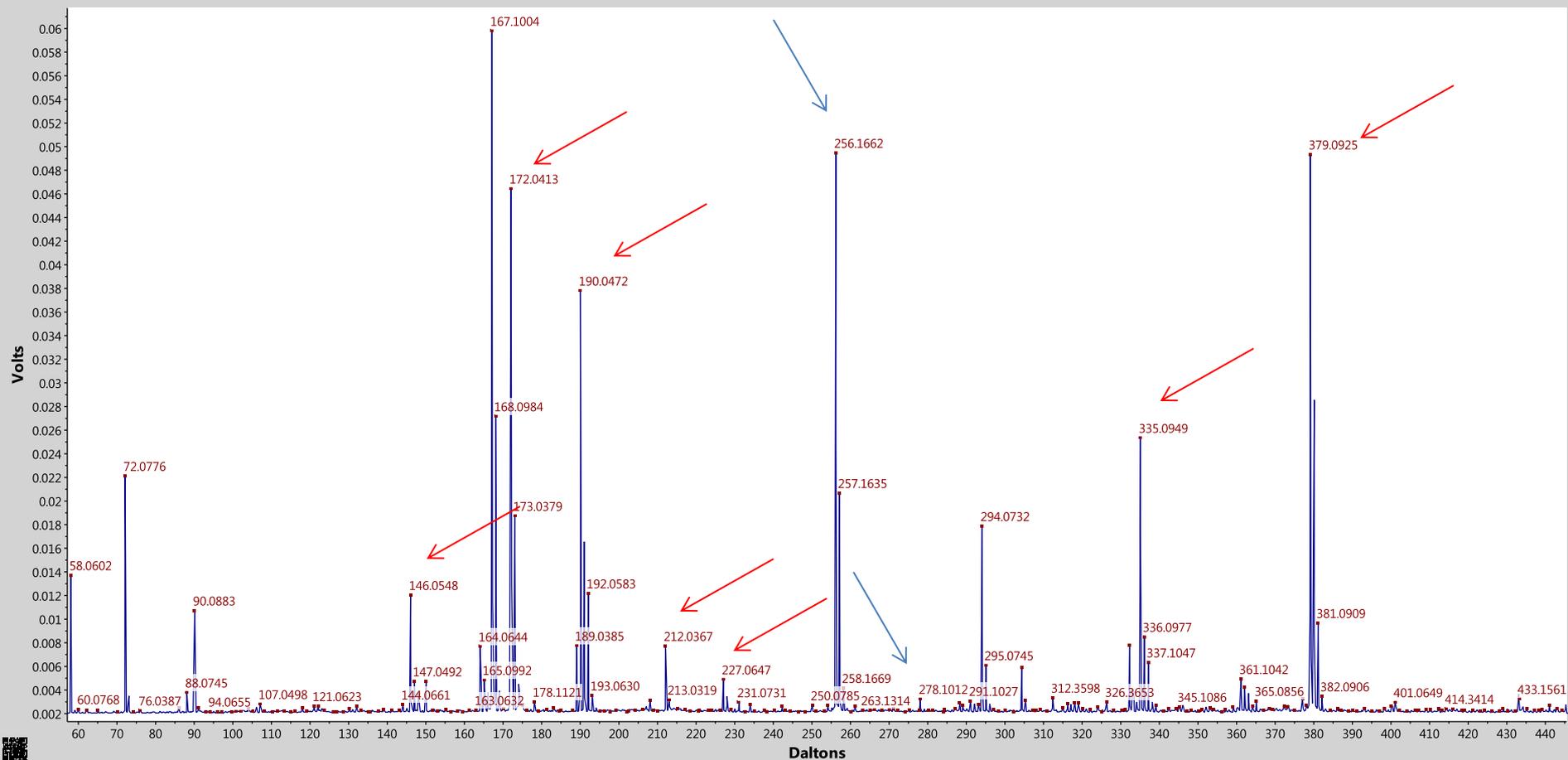
Reflector spectrum of diphenhydramine in HCCA

Red arrows: known matrix –derived peaks

Blue arrows: diphenhydramine related

db:///ken/small molecules/diphenhydramine.job/task=1#0 Reflector-MS

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Can see marijuana active ingredients over CHCA background if desired

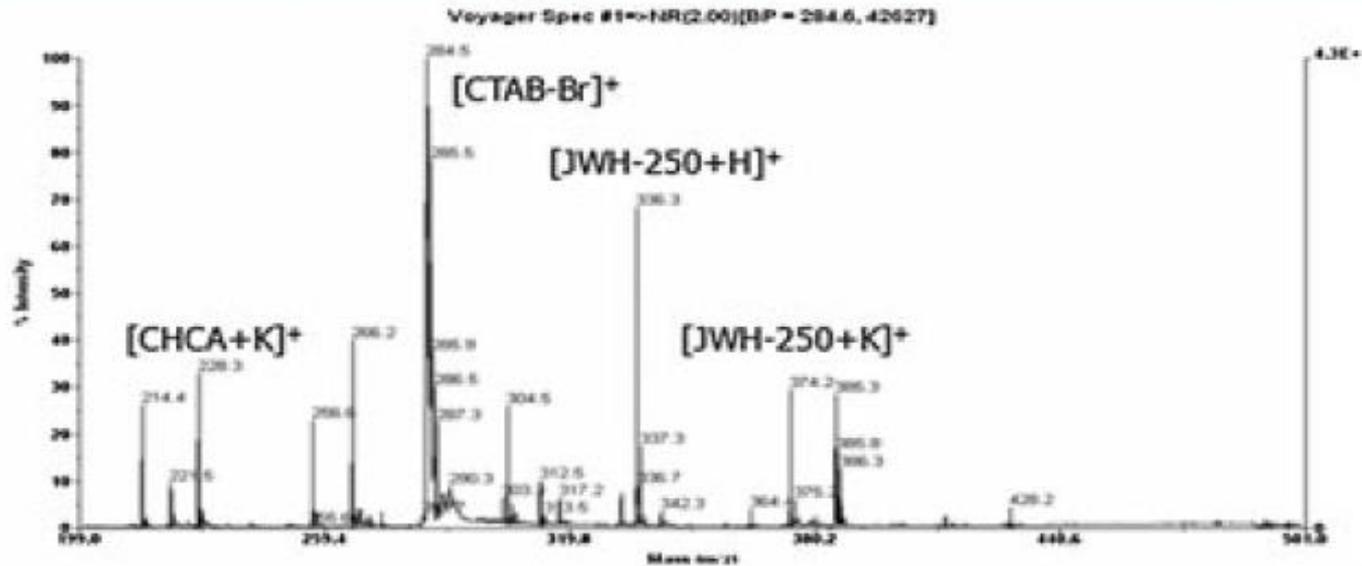
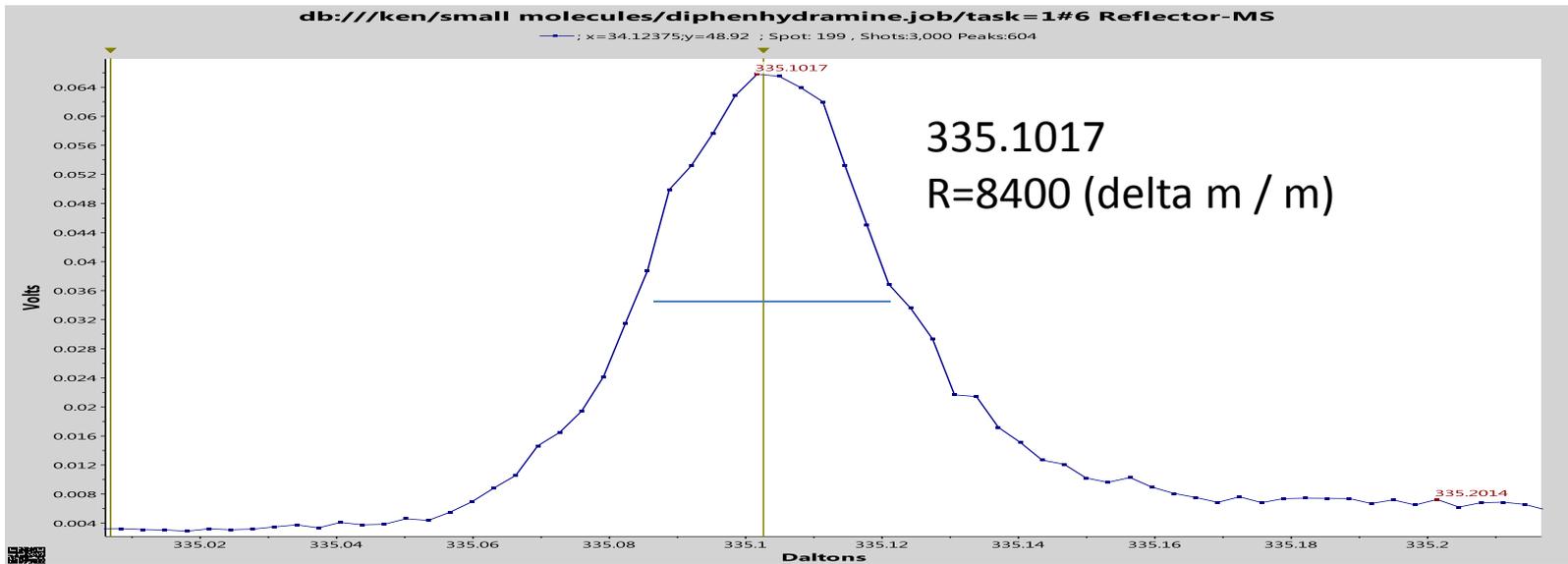
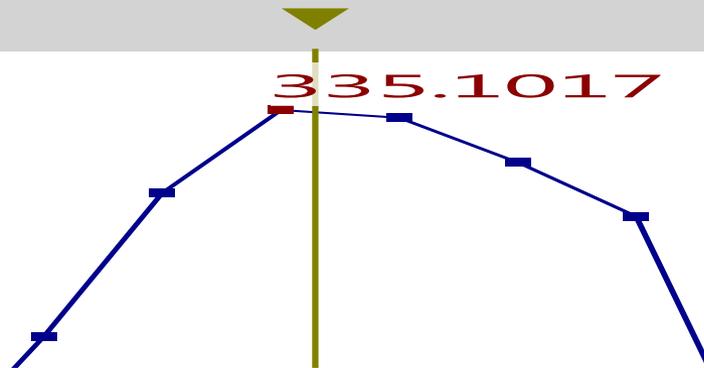


Figure 4. MALDI-TOF mass spectra of the commercial product named Amazonas. In the spectrum, it is possible to identify the ions corresponding to the synthetic cannabinoid JWH-250 well distinguishable from those related to the matrix. The y axis represents the relative intensity (%), and the x axis reports the m/z values.

From: Direct screening of herbal blends for new synthetic cannabinoids by MALDI-TOF MS. Rossella Gottardo, Anna Chiarini, Ilaria Dal Prà, Catia Seri,c Claudia Rimondo, Giovanni Serpelloni, Ubaldo Armatob and Franco Tagliaroa
J. Mass. Spectrom. 2012, 47, 141–146



diphenhydramine
 ;y=48.92 ; Spot: 199 , Shots: 3000



1 khz,
 bin = 1 nsec

Label here is on the most intense bin, not on the peak centroid.
 The horizontal line is theoretical for (C₁₉ H₁₄ N₂ O₄)H⁺

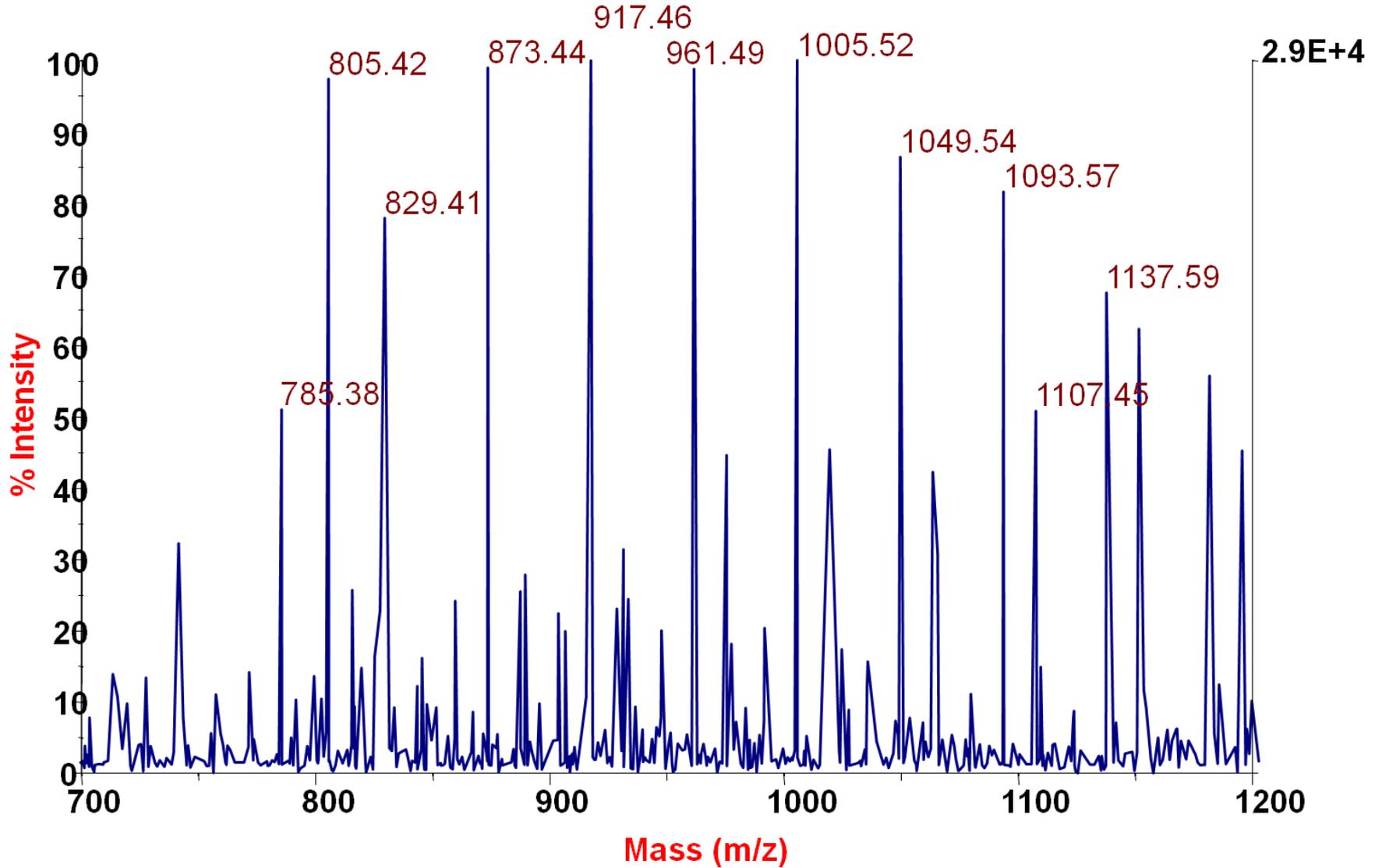
Artifacts to look out for

- Are the peaks labeled correctly?
- Are there unexpected peaks in the sample?
 - Could be in the water
 - Could derive from
 - Microcentrifuge tube
 - Pipet tips
 - Do solvents evaporate at an expected rate?
- Are there adducts?
 - +16 could be oxygen
 - +16 could also mean one is Na⁺ (+22), the other is K⁺ (+38).
 - We often find Mn⁺ and Cu⁺ adducts, especially to HCCA dimer.
- Polyethylene glycol (+44) series are common [C₂H₅O]
- Silicone (+74) series also common [Si(CH₃)₂ O]
- Beware of magic numbers
 - Some multimers of matrix and alkali metal atoms are more favored than others, depending on subtle conditions

[Suppression of alpha-cyano-4-hydroxycinnamic acid matrix clusters and reduction of chemical noise in MALDI-TOF mass spectrometry.](#)

Smirnov IP, Zhu X, Taylor T, Huang Y, Ross P, Papayanopoulos IA, Martin SA, Pappin DJ. Anal Chem. 2004 76:2958-65.

Protein Digest Badly Contaminated with Polymer



Std peptides with Mn contamination

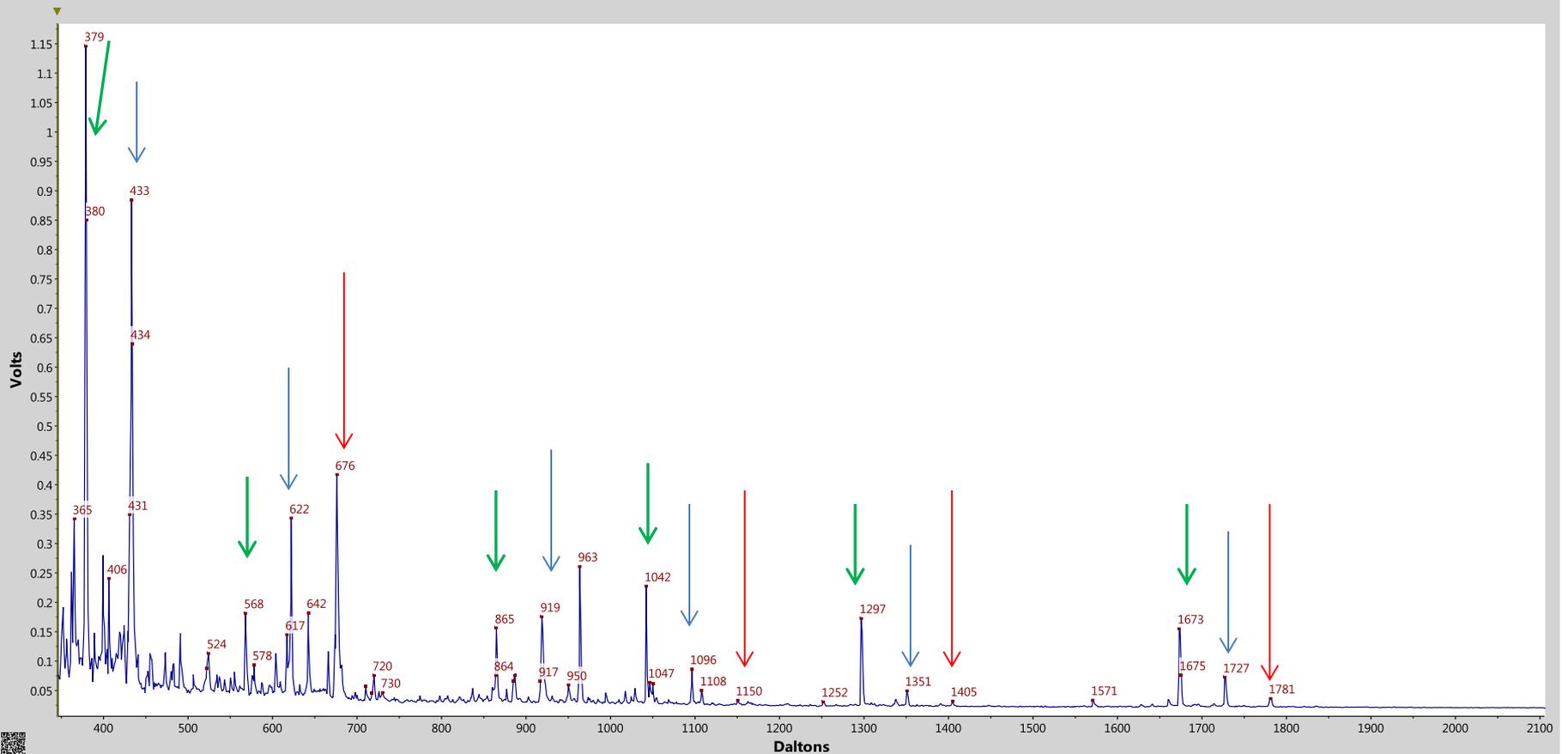
Base Peak green

Single Mn in blue

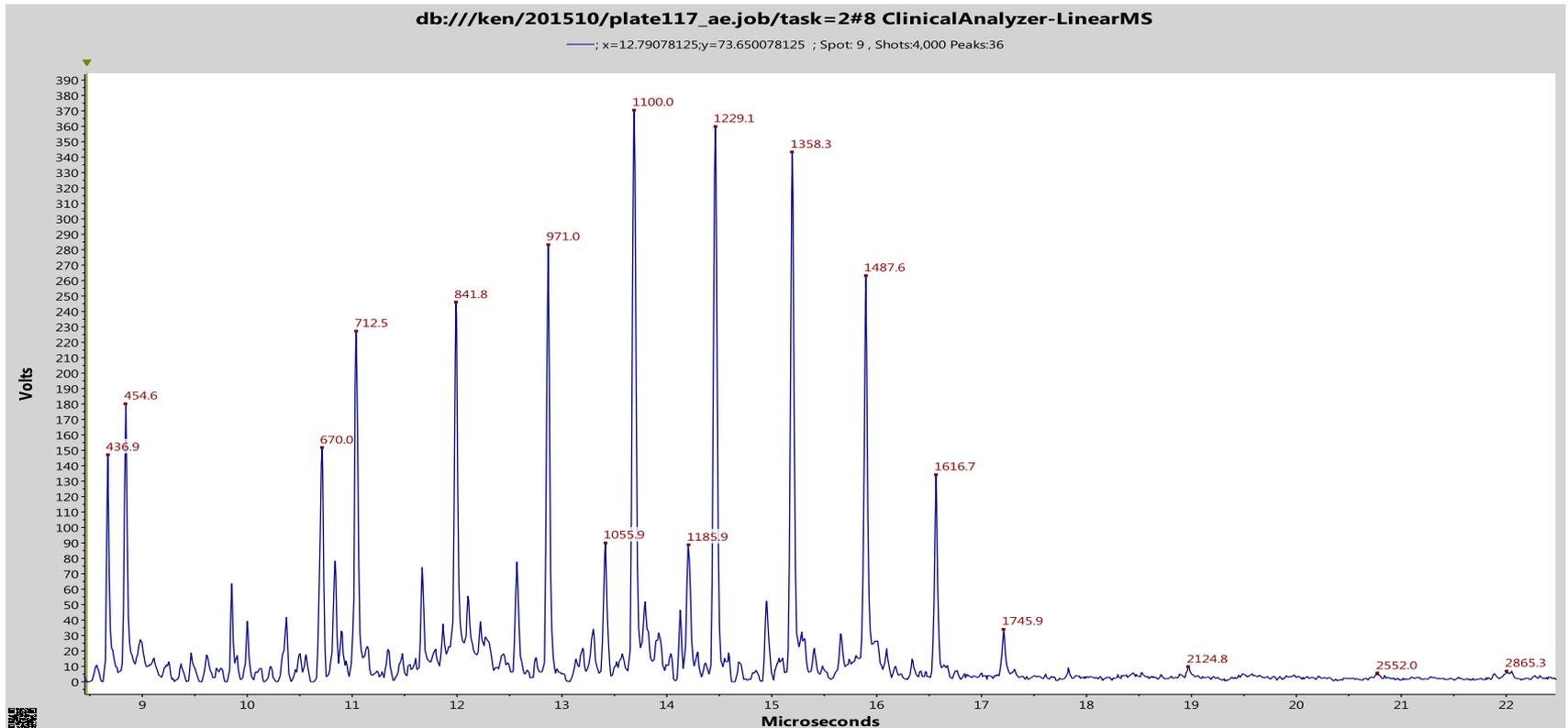
Two Mn in red

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Natural biopolymer of glutamic acid on perhaps a folic acid derivative



Observation of tetrahydrofolylpolyglutamic acid in bacteria cells by matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionization mass spectrometry.

Arnold RJ, Reilly JP.

Anal Biochem. 2000;281:45-54.

SISCAPA enrichment of EDQYHYLLDR from Protein C inhibitor (PCI)

Clusterin peptide contaminants sharing YHYL

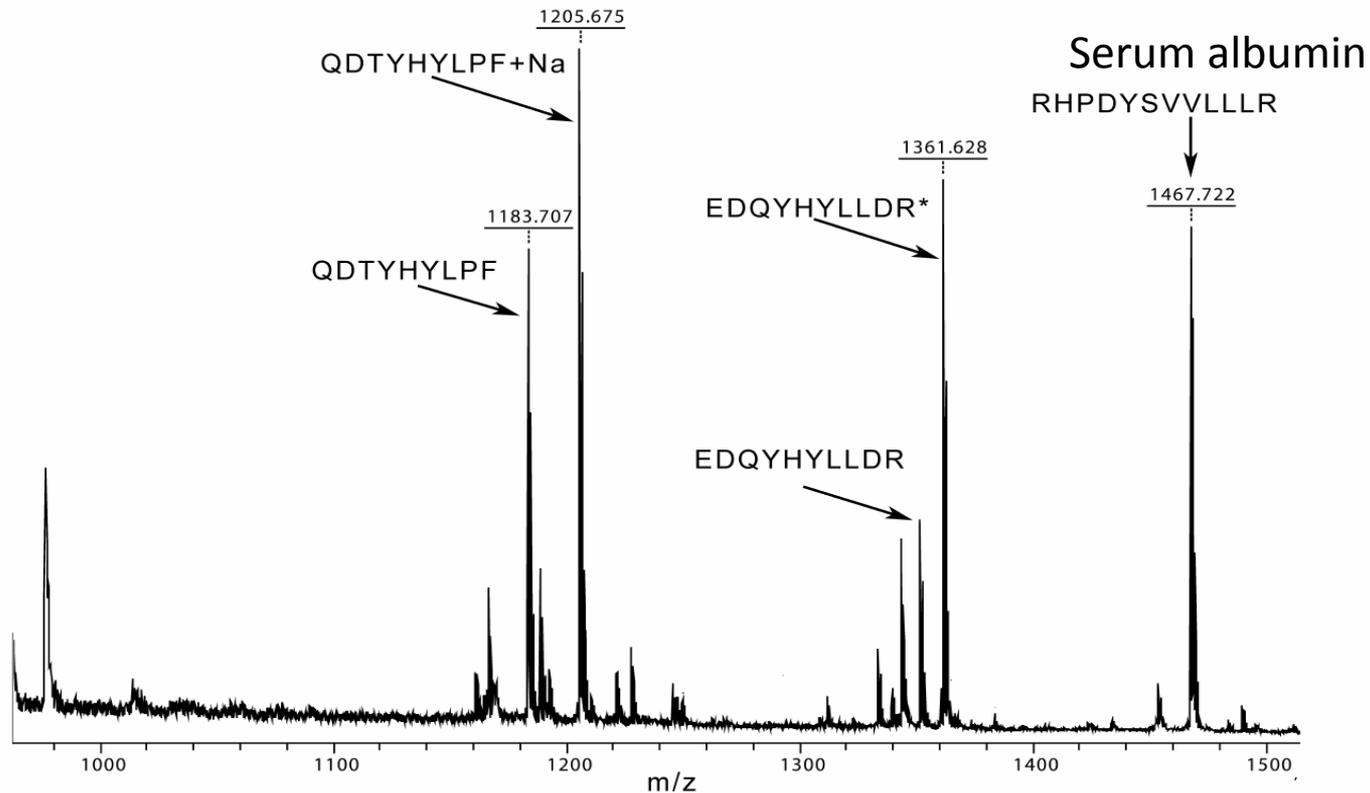


Figure 7. MALDI-TOF spectrum of peptides enriched from a spiked human plasma digest by anti-peptide antibodies (EDQYHYLLDR specificity) on magnetic beads (SISCAPA workflow).

N. Leigh Anderson, Morteza Razavi, Terry W. Pearson, Gary Kruppa, Rainer Paape, and Detlef Suckau. Precision of Heavy-Light Peptide Ratios Measured by MALDI-TOF Mass Spectrometry J Proteome Res. 2012;11:1868-78.

Biomarker Discovery

- Matrix methods
- Line up all of the mass measurements using bins
- Get a matrix of m/z vs intensity vs sample
- Can now perform hierarchical clustering and PCA
- Easy to do
- Also, easy to fool oneself that the correlations are meaningful
- One could argue that measuring glycosylation of hemoglobin in a special case of a matrix method

Serum Cancer Biomarker Highly Selected References

[1.\) Use of proteomic patterns in serum to identify ovarian cancer.](#)

Petricoin EF, Ardekani AM, Hitt BA, Levine PJ, Fusaro VA, Steinberg SM, Mills GB, Simone C, Fishman DA, Kohn EC, Liotta LA.

Lancet. 2002 ;359:572-7.

Set off a flurry of research using MALDI (or SELDI) to quantify small peptides as tumor markers. Much of this research was later discredited, due to flaws in methodology, in particular to problems in peak picking, and regarding instrument stability.

[2.\) Differential exoprotease activities confer tumor-specific serum peptidome patterns.](#)

Villanueva J, Shaffer DR, Philip J, Chaparro CA, Erdjument-Bromage H, Olshen AB, Fleisher M, Lilja H, Brogi E, Boyd J, Sanchez-Carbajo M, Holland EC, Cordon-Cardo C, Scher HI, Tempst P.

J Clin Invest. 2006 Jan;116(1):271-84. PMID: 16395409

Seems to claim that particular patterns of overlapping peptides from common serum proteins are useful tumor biomarkers (see next slide)

[3.\) Correcting common errors in identifying cancer-specific serum peptide signatures.](#)

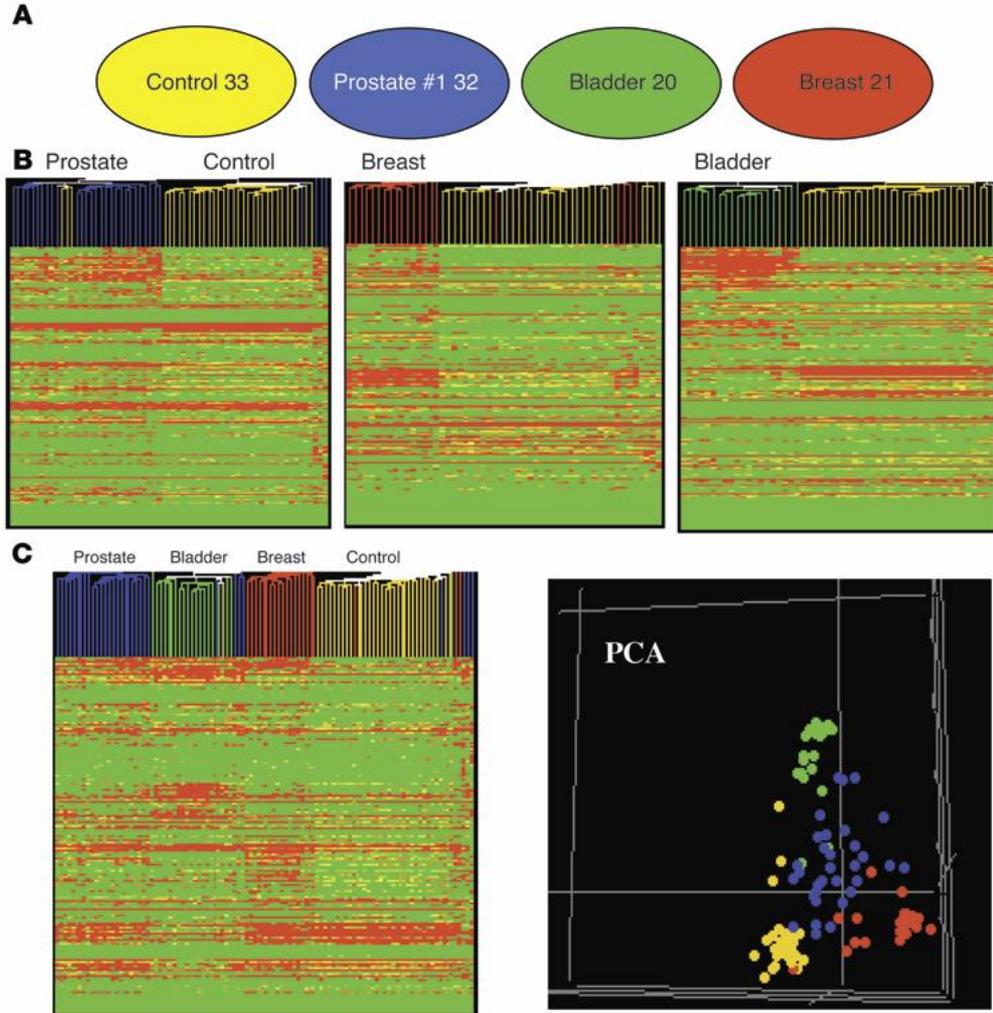
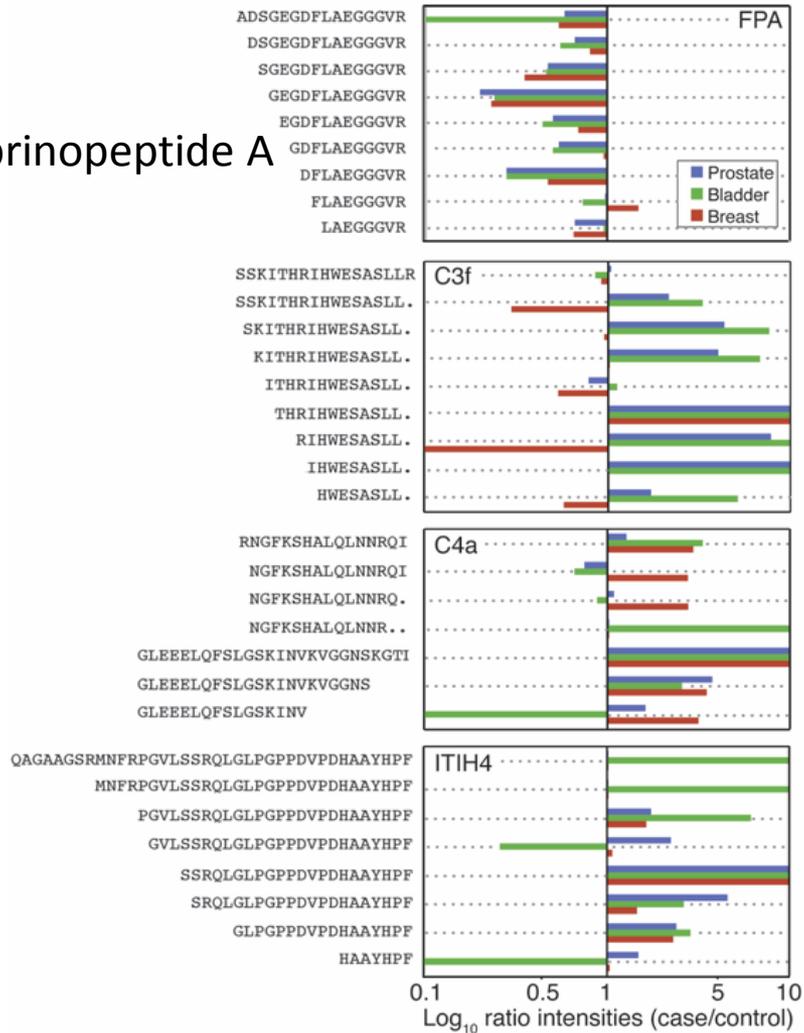
Villanueva J, Philip J, Chaparro CA, Li Y, Toledo-Crow R, DeNoyer L, Fleisher M, Robbins RJ, Tempst P. J Proteome Res. 2005 4:1060-72. PMID: 16083255

Describes many of the problems with sample reproducibility as consequence of uneven sample handling

Villanueva et al 2006

Unsupervised analysis of 651 peptide ion signals from MS-based serum profiling differentiates 3 types of cancer and controls.

Fibrinopeptide A



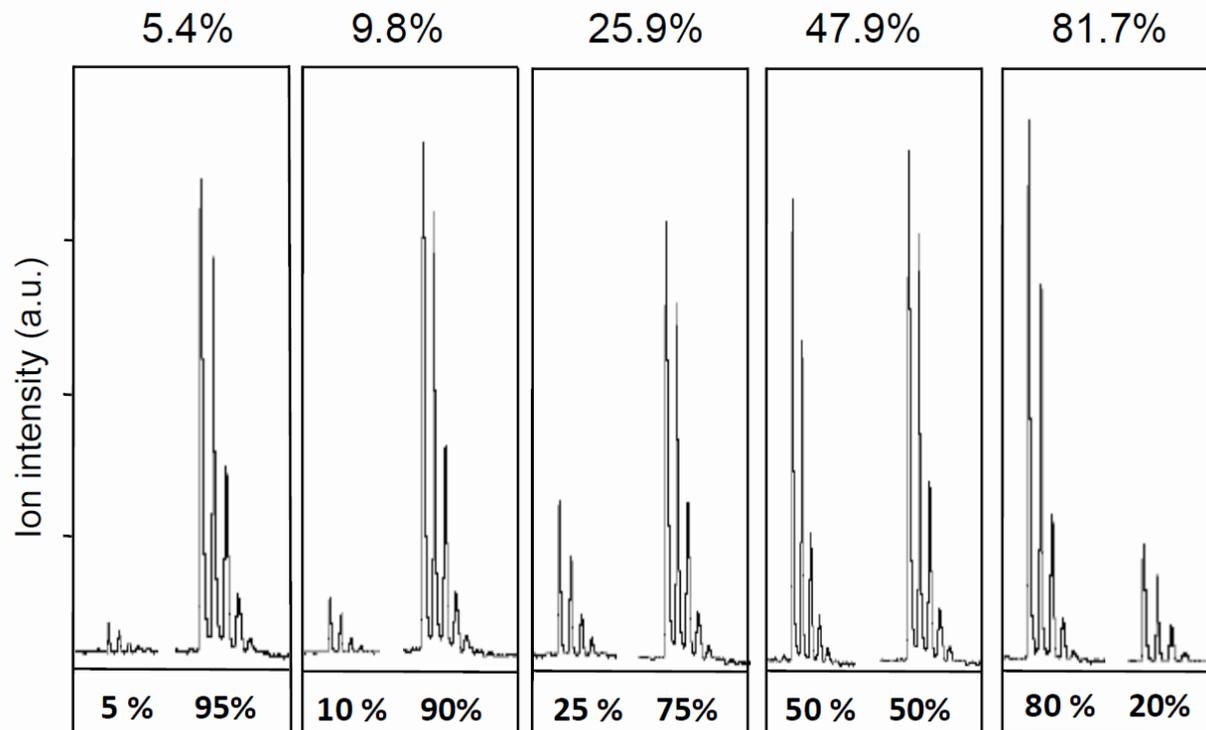
Nazarian A, Lawlor K, Yi SS, Philip J, Ghosh M, Yaneva M, Villanueva J, Saghatelian A, Assel M, Vickers AJ, Eastham JA, Scher HI, Carver BS, Lilja H, Tempst P.

[Inhibition of circulating dipeptidyl peptidase 4 activity in patients with metastatic prostate cancer.](#)

Mol Cell Proteomics. 2014 13:3082-96. PMID: 25056937

Quantify relative intensity of precursor product peptides vs time

Supplementary Figure 2

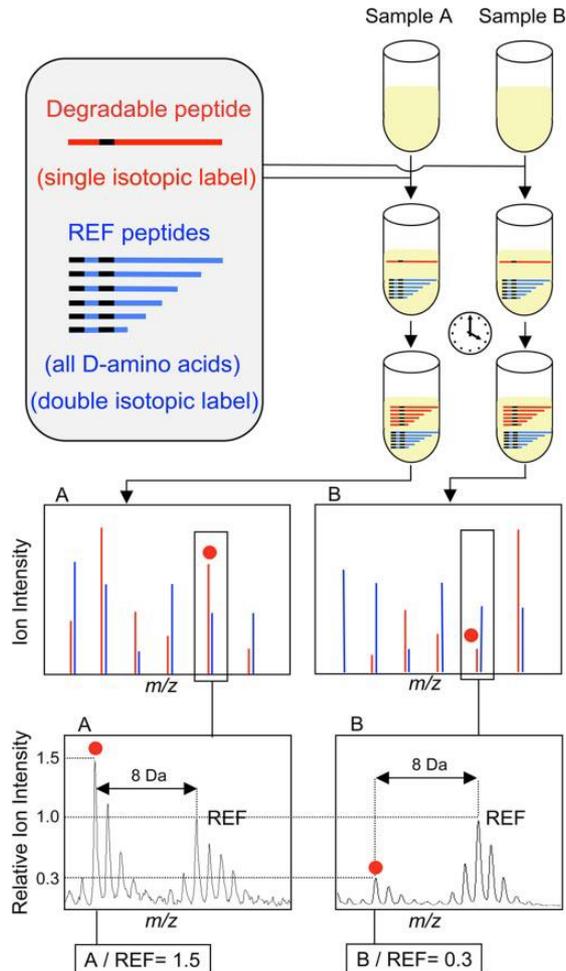


Authors determined tumor correlated with an inhibitor of a natural serum protease. The protease itself was unchanged in concentration

A Sequence-specific Exopeptidase Activity Test (SSEAT) for “Functional” Biomarker Discovery

Josep Villanueva, Arpi Nazarian, Kevin Lawlor, San San Yi, Richard J. Robbins and Paul Tempst

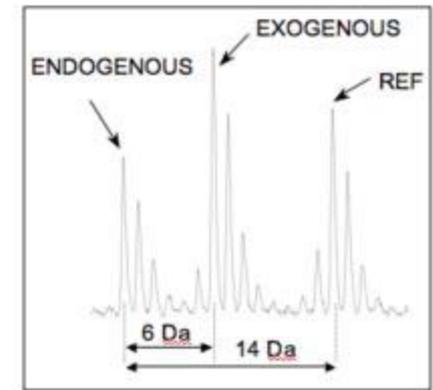
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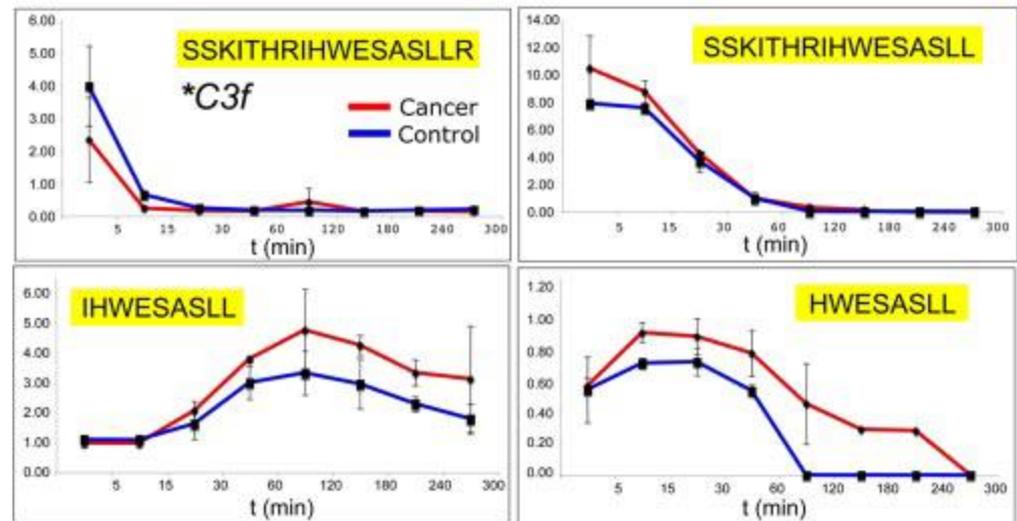
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1562.84	ITHRIHWESASLL
1449.76	THRIHWESASLL
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942.47	HWESASLL

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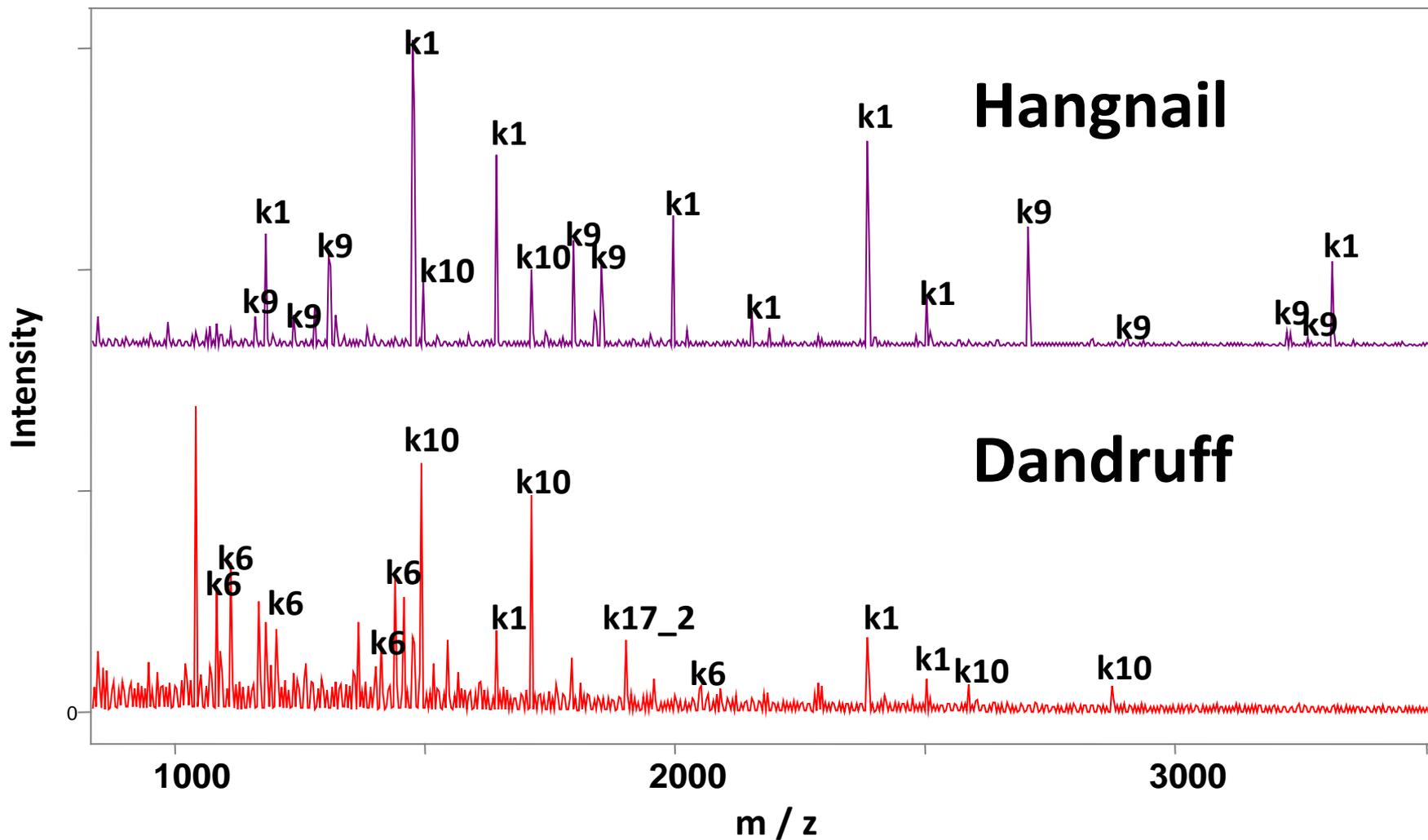
c From Complement C3



Which Masses are Possible?

- All unmodified peptides contain 5 elements:
 - Carbon mass= 12.000000
 - Hydrogen mass= 1.007825
 - Nitrogen mass= 14.003074
 - Oxygen mass= 15.994915
 - Sulfur mass= 31.972071
- Hydrogen and Nitrogen have a “mass excess”
- Oxygen and Sulfur have a “mass deficit”

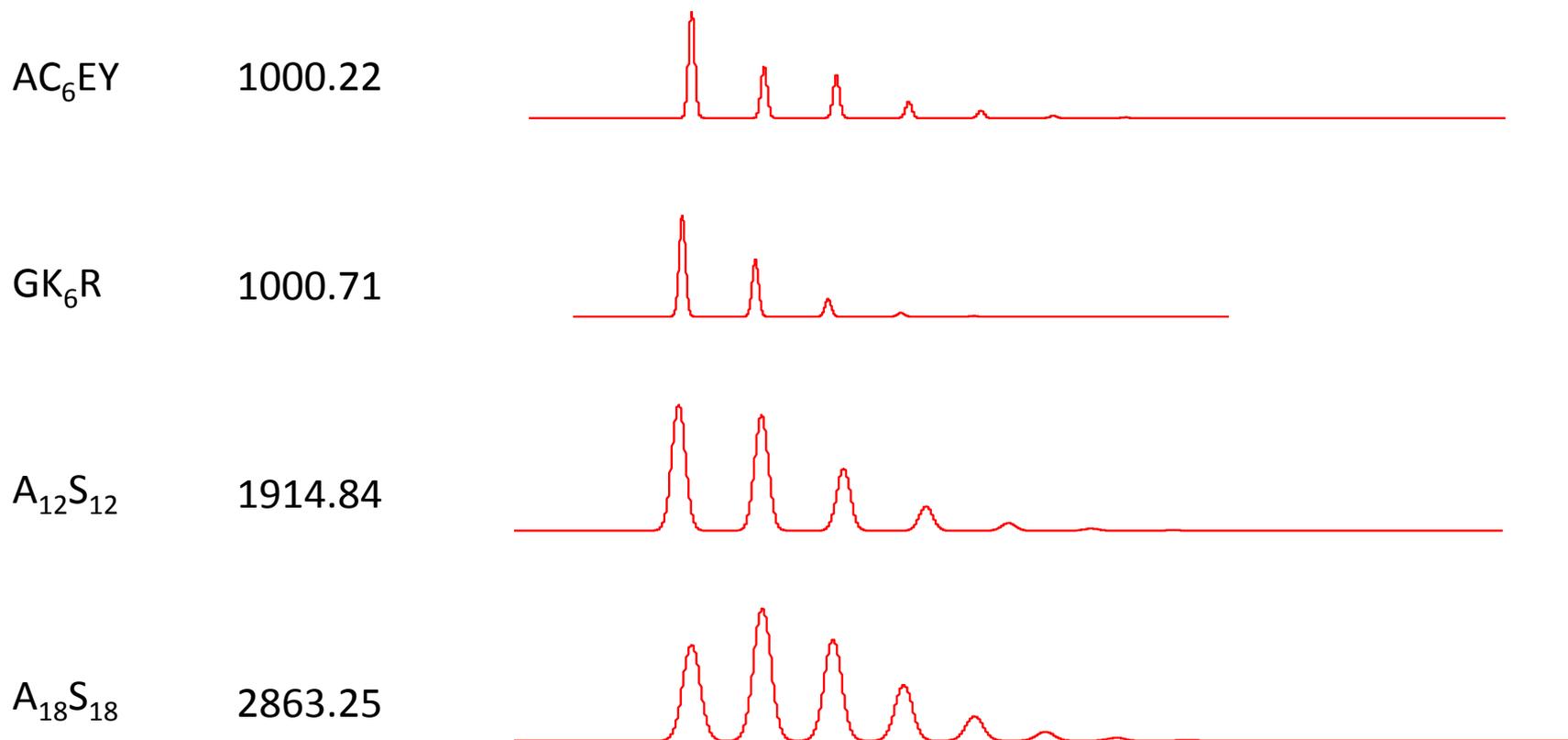
Hangnail vs. Dandruff



What about isotopes?

- At high mass accuracy, all isotopes are well resolved up to masses of > 5000 (attainable by state-of-the-art MALDI)
- The isotope distribution also is informative
- C13, at $\sim 1\%$ natural abundance contributes the bulk of the heavy atoms
- Sulfur, which is rare, has two isotopes, 95% **32**, 5% **34**.
 - so sulfur-rich compounds have more heavy isotopes
- Certain atoms rarely found in peptides, but abundant in many contaminants, like Cl, Fe, and Si have distinctly different **isotope distributions** and **mass deficits**

Typical isotope profiles



Calculated by IsoPro at <http://members.aol.com/msmssoft/>