

“Mass spectrometry-based proteomics centered multi-omics: applications to clinical lung disease research”

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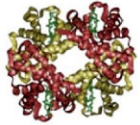
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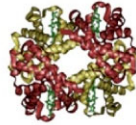
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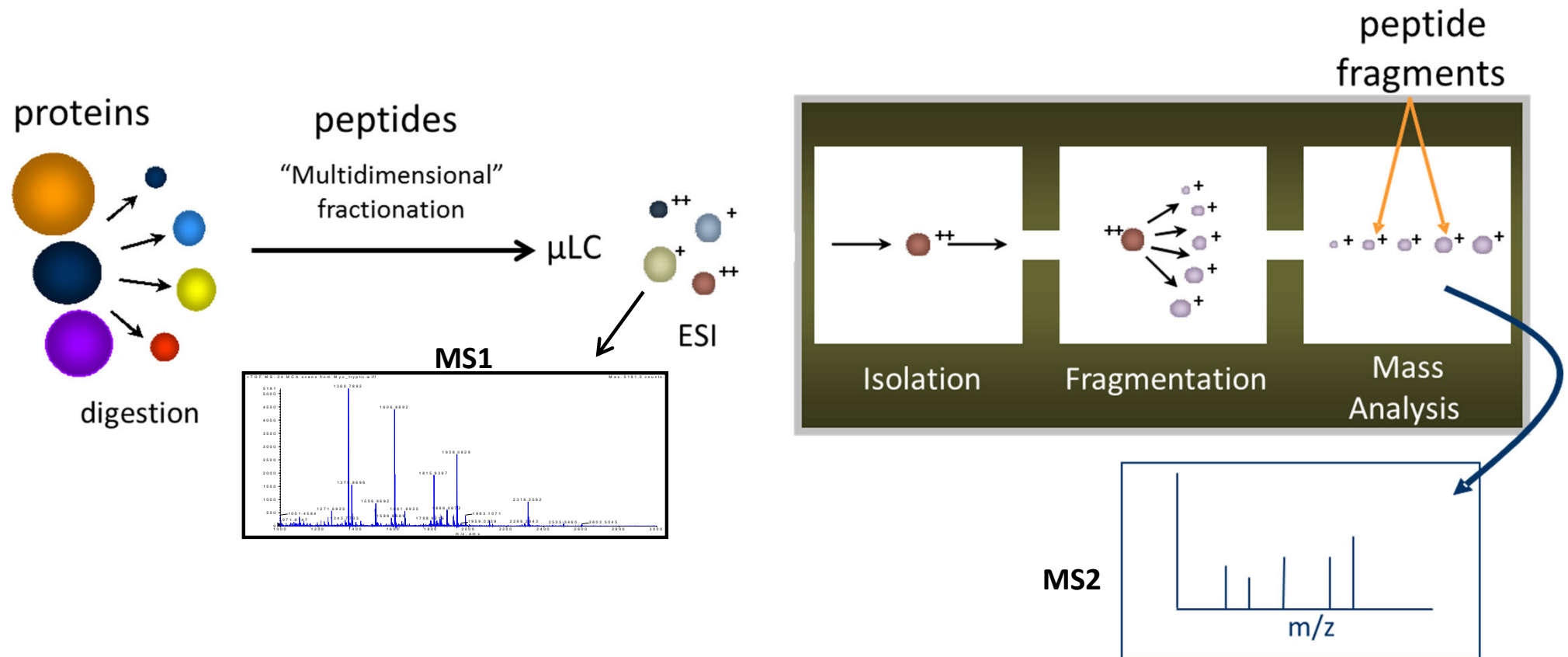
Outline

- **Translational mass spectrometry-based proteomics studies of lung disease and health: technology platforms and workflow development**
- **Application to studies of obstructive lung disease at the intersection of HIV:**
 - Quantitative **proteomic** profiling of bronchoalveolar lavage fluid (BALF)
 - **Peptidomics:** characterizing protease activity in lung disease
- **Metaproteomics: microbial contributors to host disease and biology**
 - Value of metaproteomics
 - Challenges and technology platforms
 - Applications to cystic fibrosis

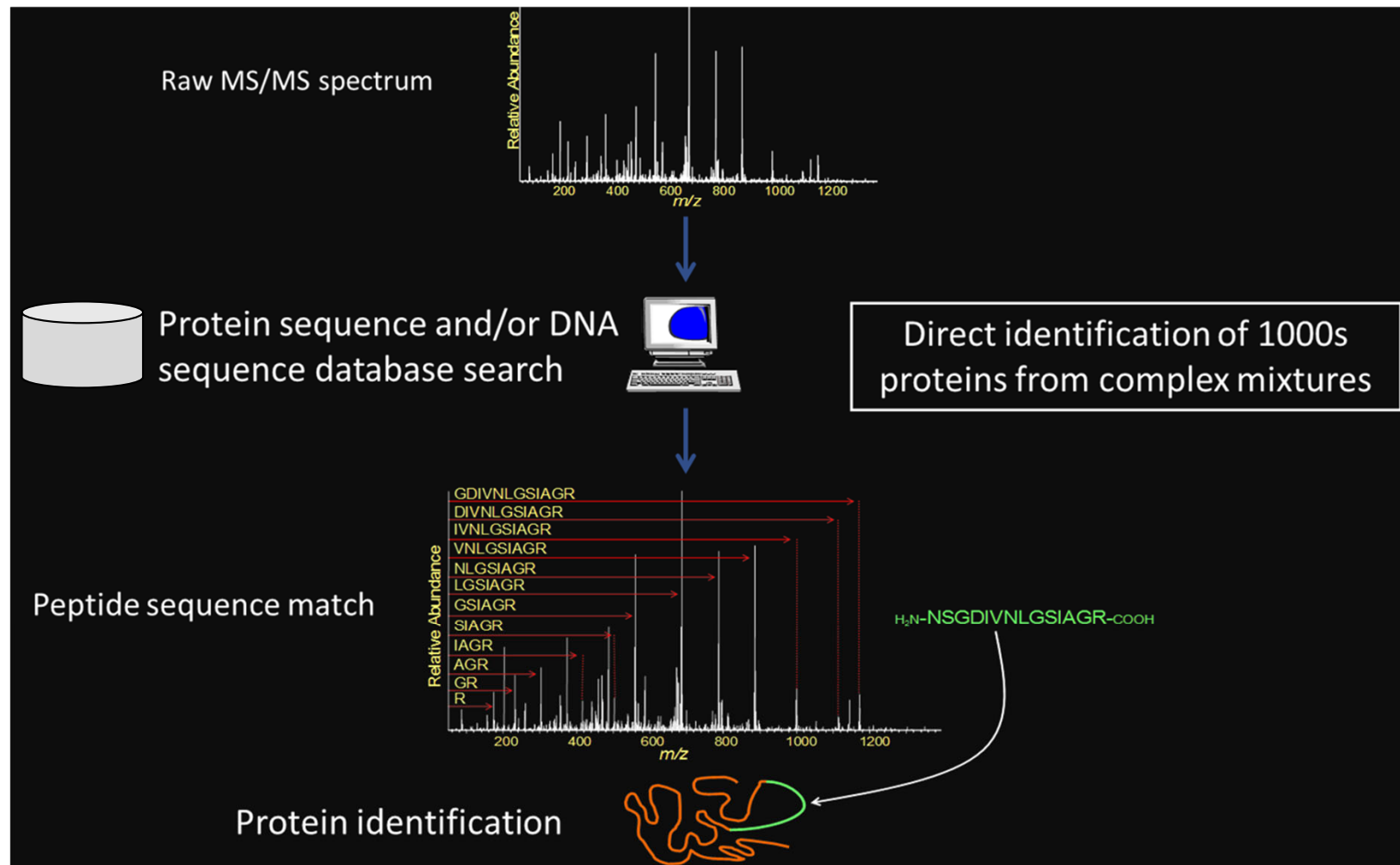


Mass spectrometry-based proteomics: core technology platform

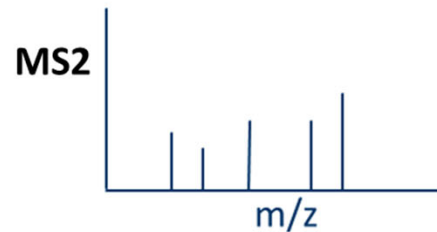
Peptide fractionation coupled to tandem mass spectrometry (MS/MS)



Matching amino acid sequences to MS/MS data



Inferring protein identity for peptide sequences

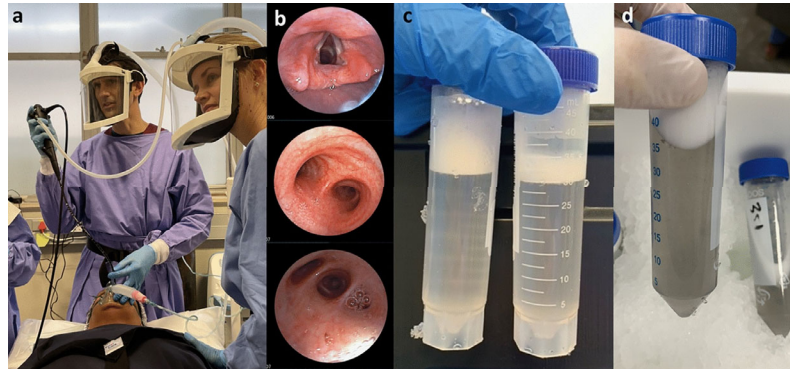


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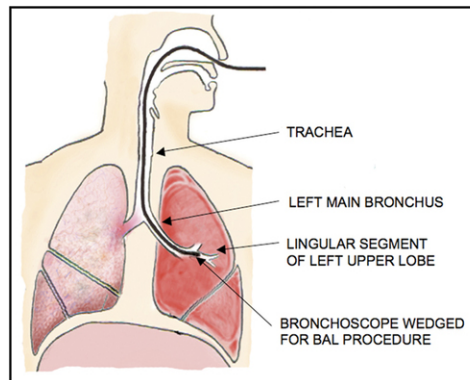
Cytochrome C

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Application to clinical lung samples: bronchoalveolar lavage fluid (BALF)



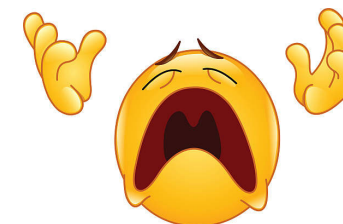
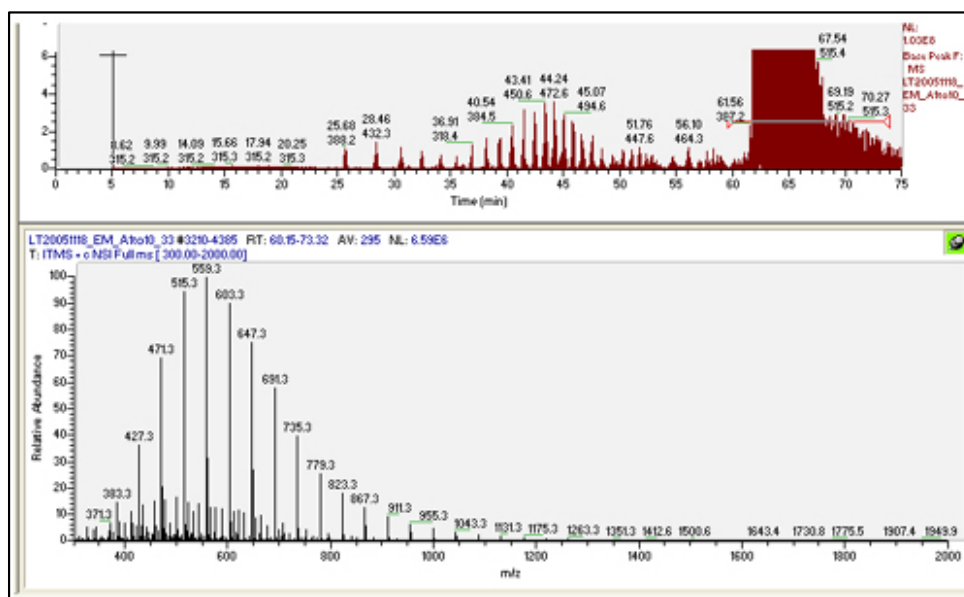
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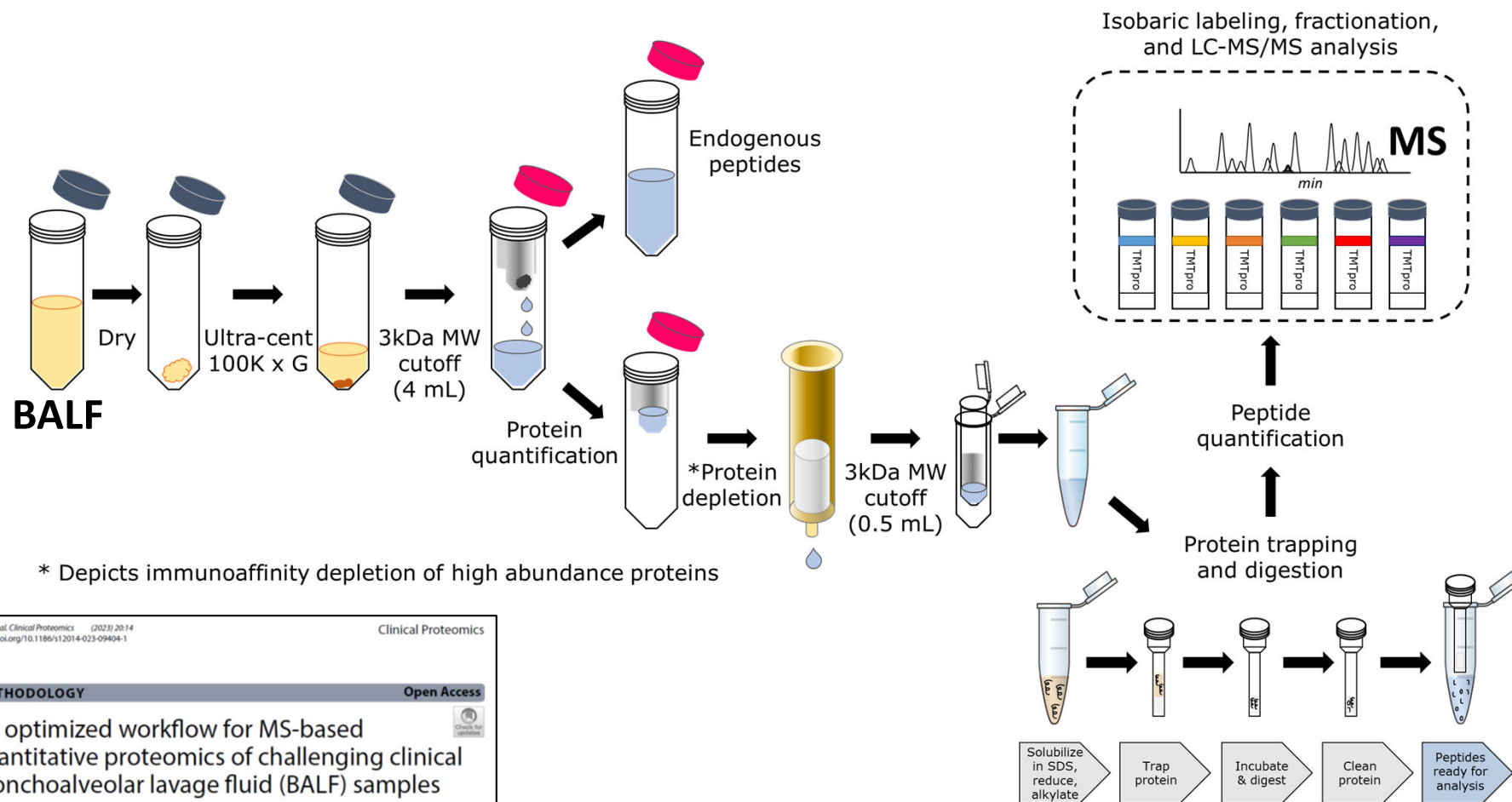
Challenges for MS-based proteomics analysis of BALF

- Dominated by high abundance proteins (primarily from plasma)
- Relatively large volumes of fluid requiring concentration
- Removal of potential contaminants: surfactants, lipids

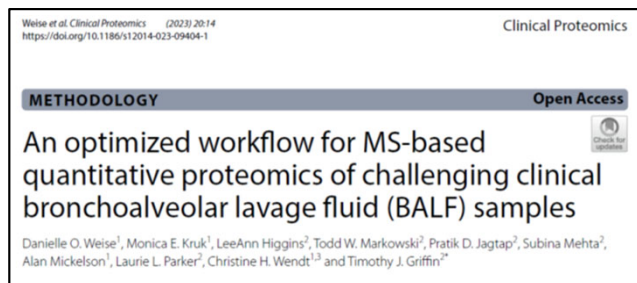


<https://www.ohsu.edu/proteomics-shared-resource/sample-preparation>

A workflow for MS-based proteomics of BALF: years in the making



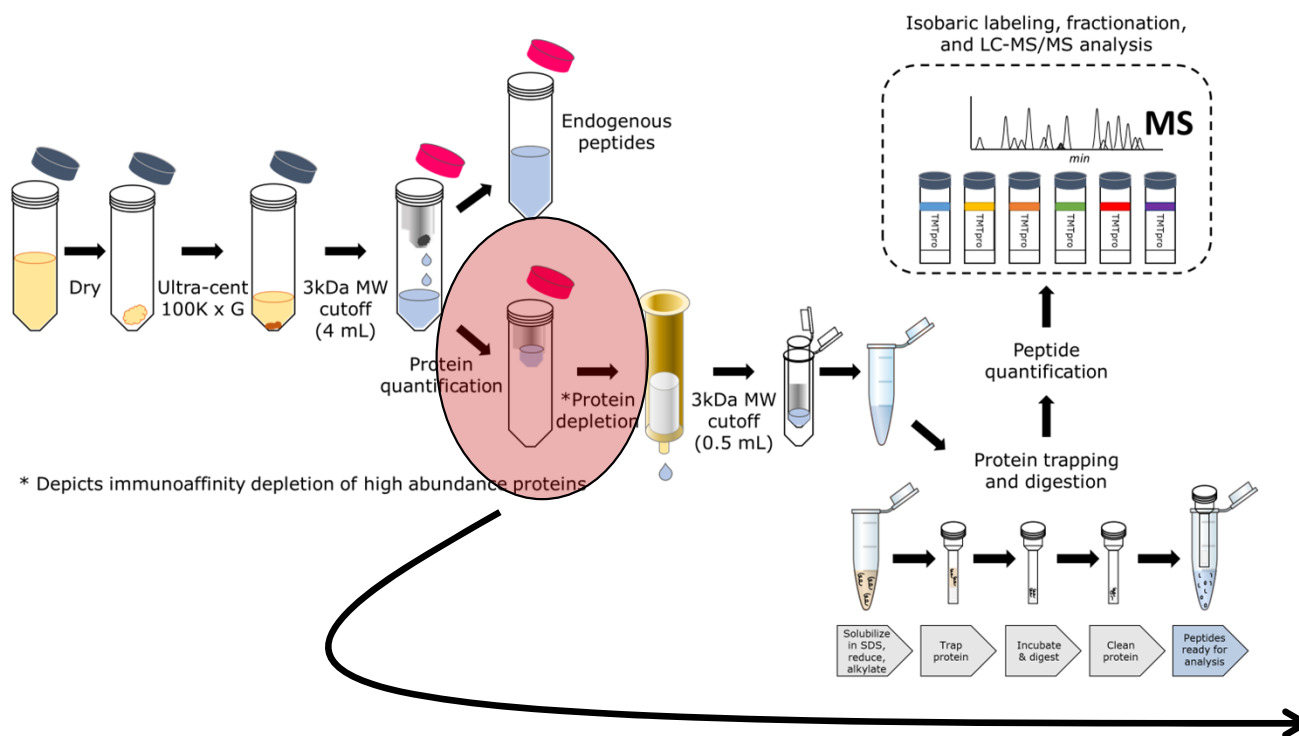
* Depicts immunoaffinity depletion of high abundance proteins



(Chris Wendt, Maneesh Bhargava)



Challenge 1: High abundant proteins



The “high peaks”– plasma proteins:

- serum albumin (90% of total protein?)
- Transferrin
- alpha-1 antitrypsin
- immunoglobulin A and G

Proteomics Clin Appl. 2014 8:737

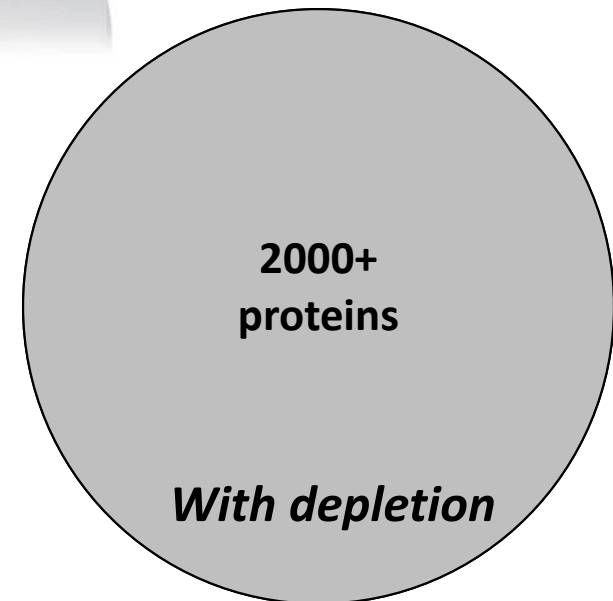
Limits protein detection to only a few hundred in BALF



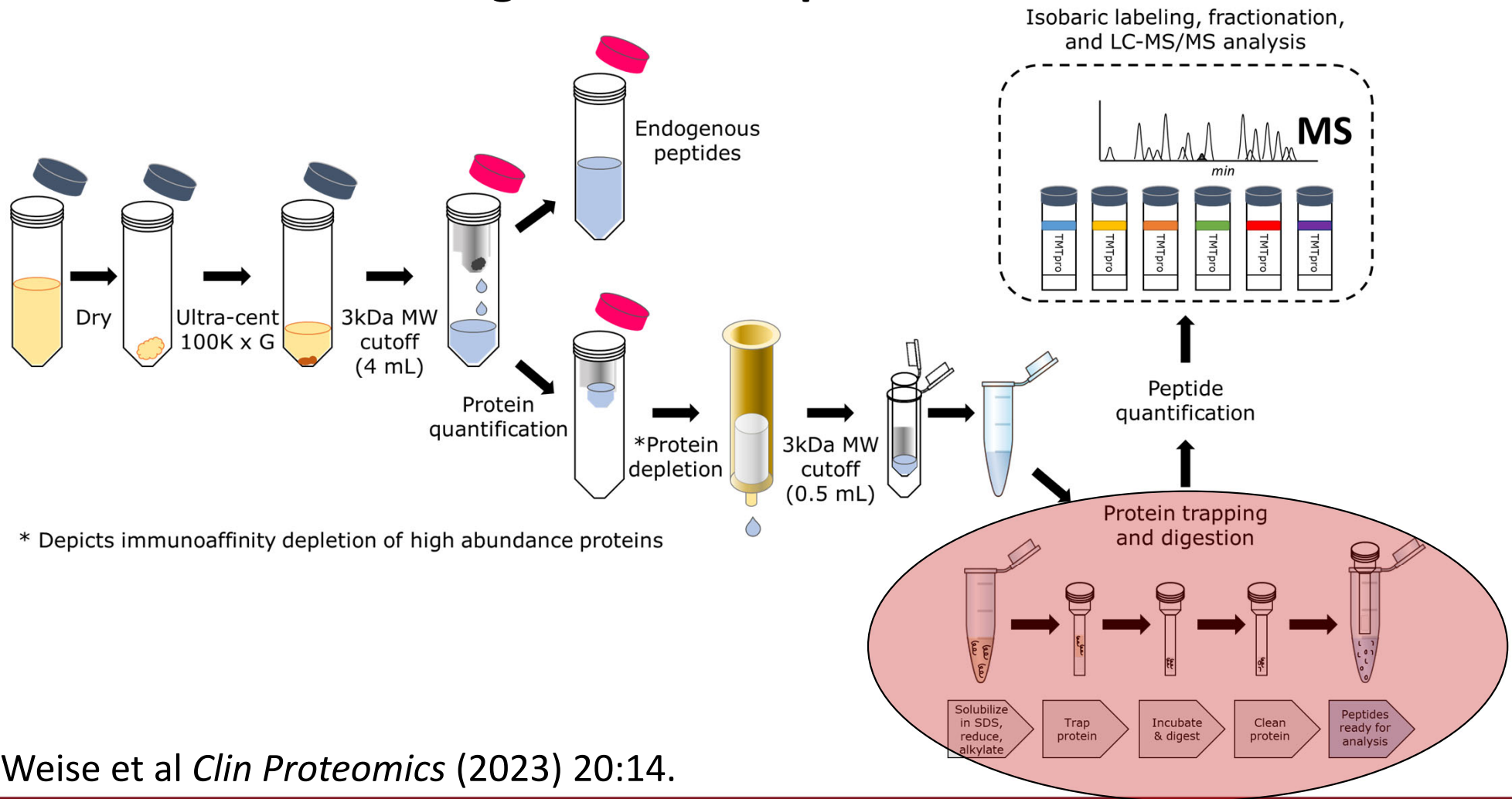
Protein depletion spin columns: works for BALF!



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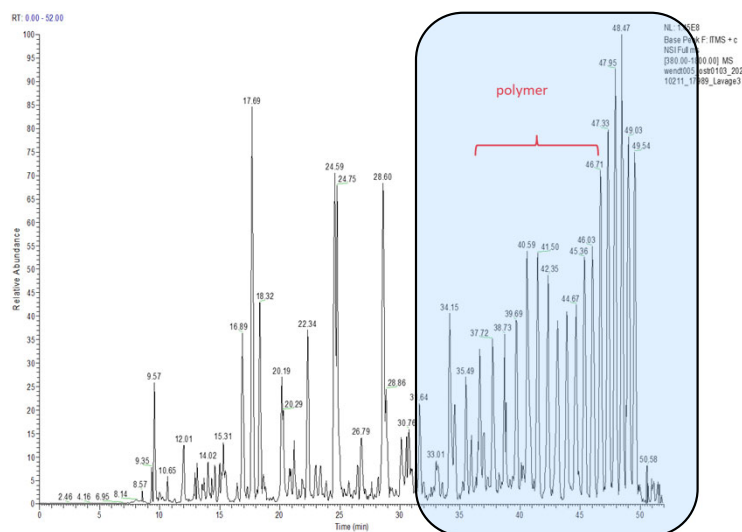
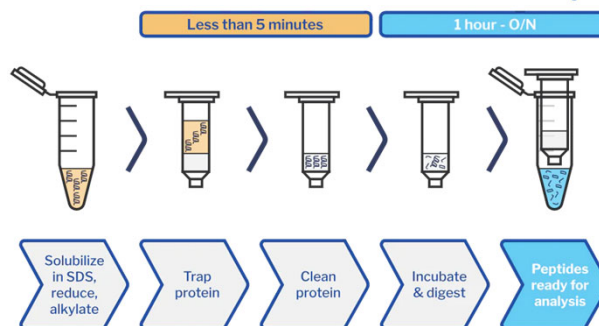


Challenge: MS-incompatible contaminants

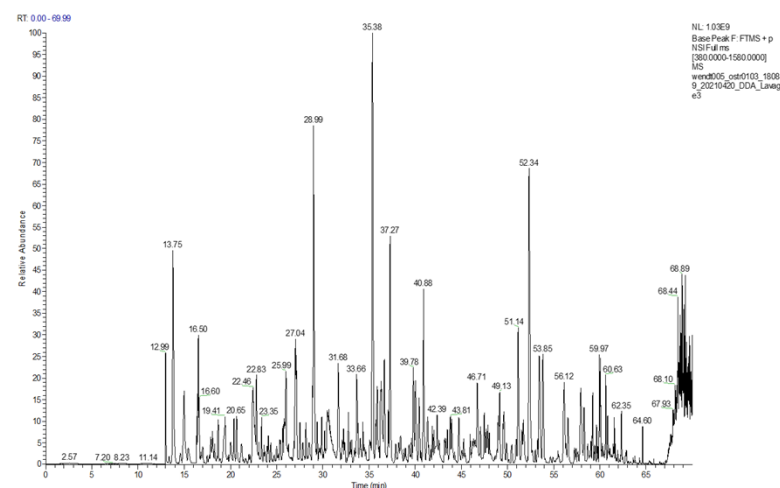


A workflow to meet the challenges of BALF for MS-based proteomics

Proteomics sample prep: S-Trap™ **PROTIFI**



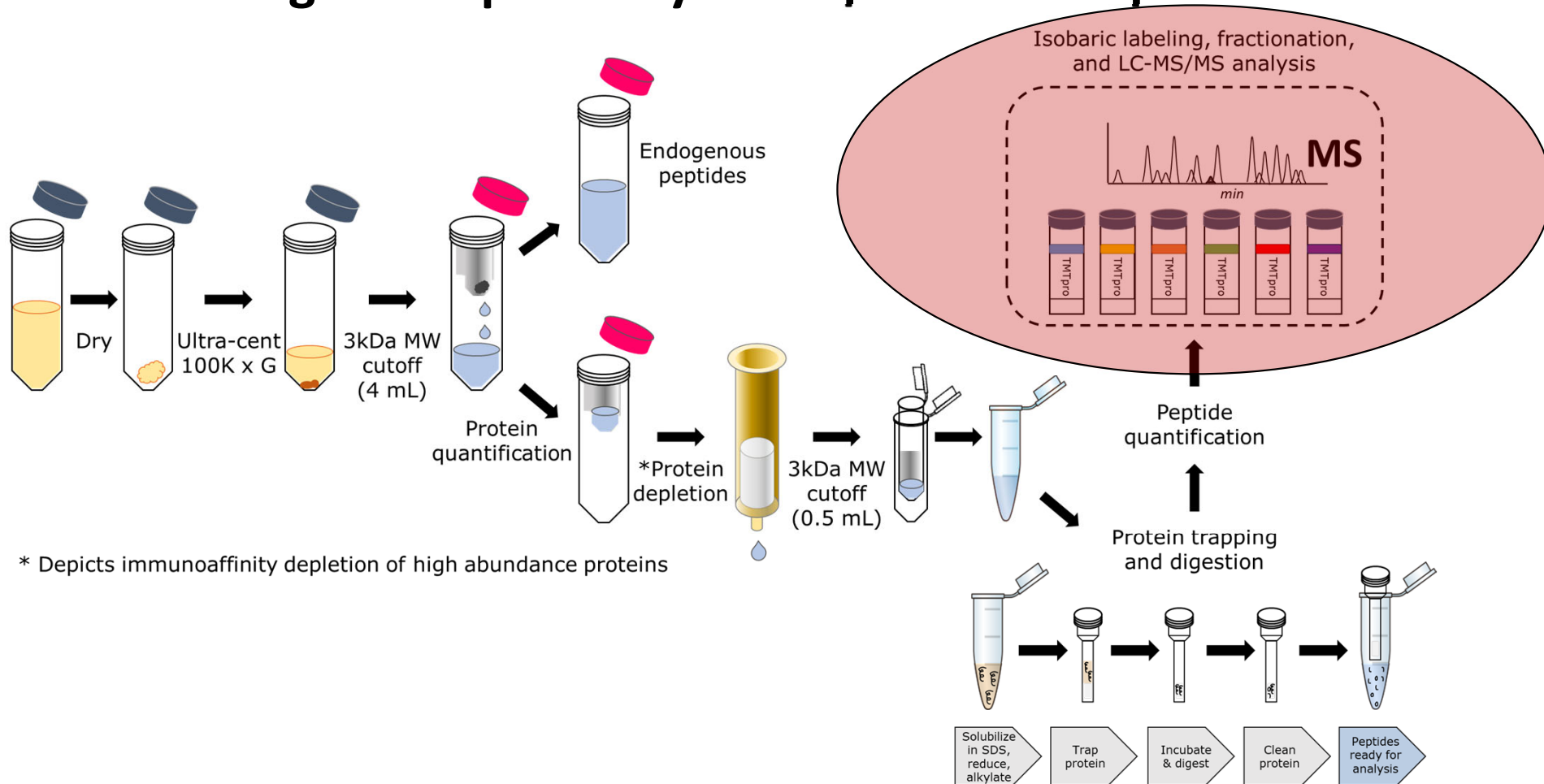
No S-trap



With S-trap



Challenge: Compatibility with quantitative proteomics



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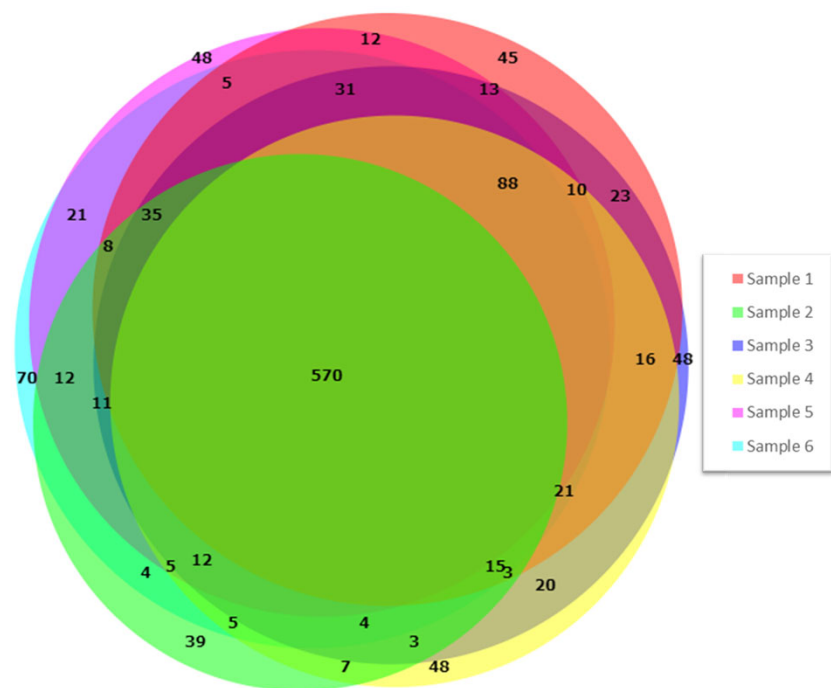


Table 2 Results from a TMT-based quantitative repeatability experiment in BALF samples using our sample preparation workflow

Peptides identified (1% FDR)	Protein groups (1% FDR)	Average replicate TMT abundance ratios
20,399	1816	0.92 ± 0.27 (29.6% CV)

Protein identifications across 6 separate BALF samples – pilot study

Putting the workflow to use



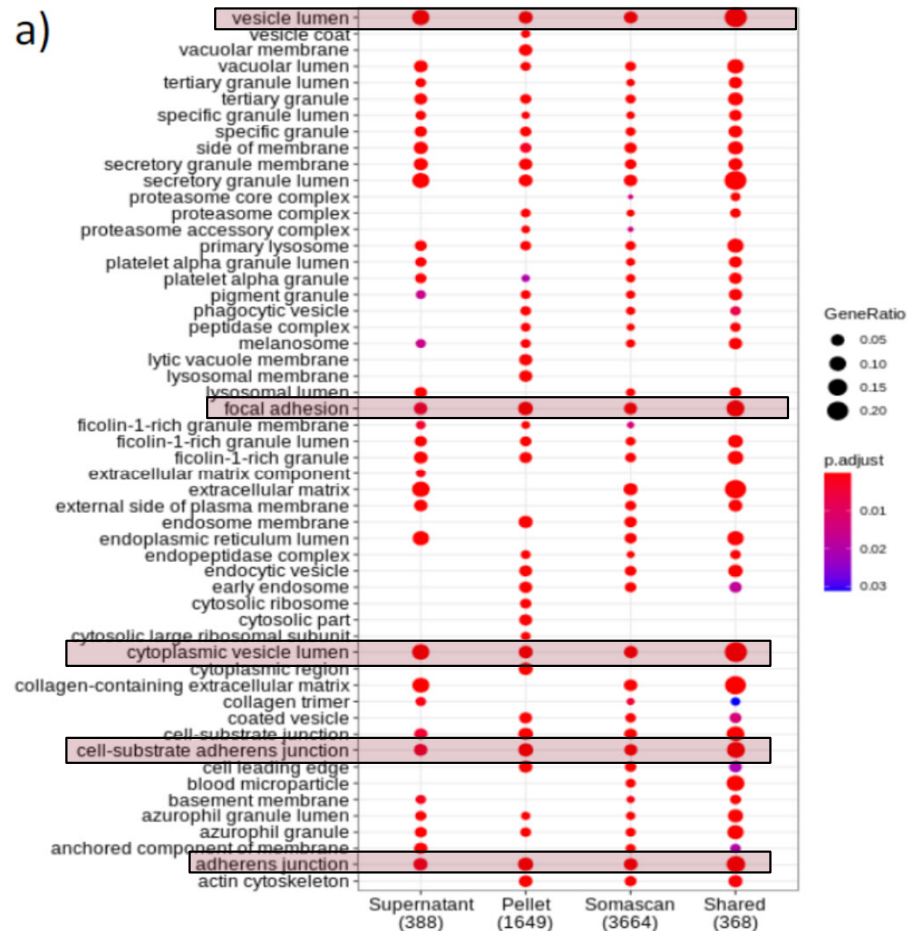
- Quantitative proteomics in BALF samples from persons living with HIV with OLD (n=26) and without OLD (n=26)
 - Pearson correlation tests to identify associations between each protein and lung function (FEV1pp)
 - **Goal:** Identify pathways and/or protein markers predictive of OLD development
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Summary of results

- 3800 proteins identified by MS (cellular and soluble BALF)
- 254 proteins that correlated with FEV1pp controlling for smoking status



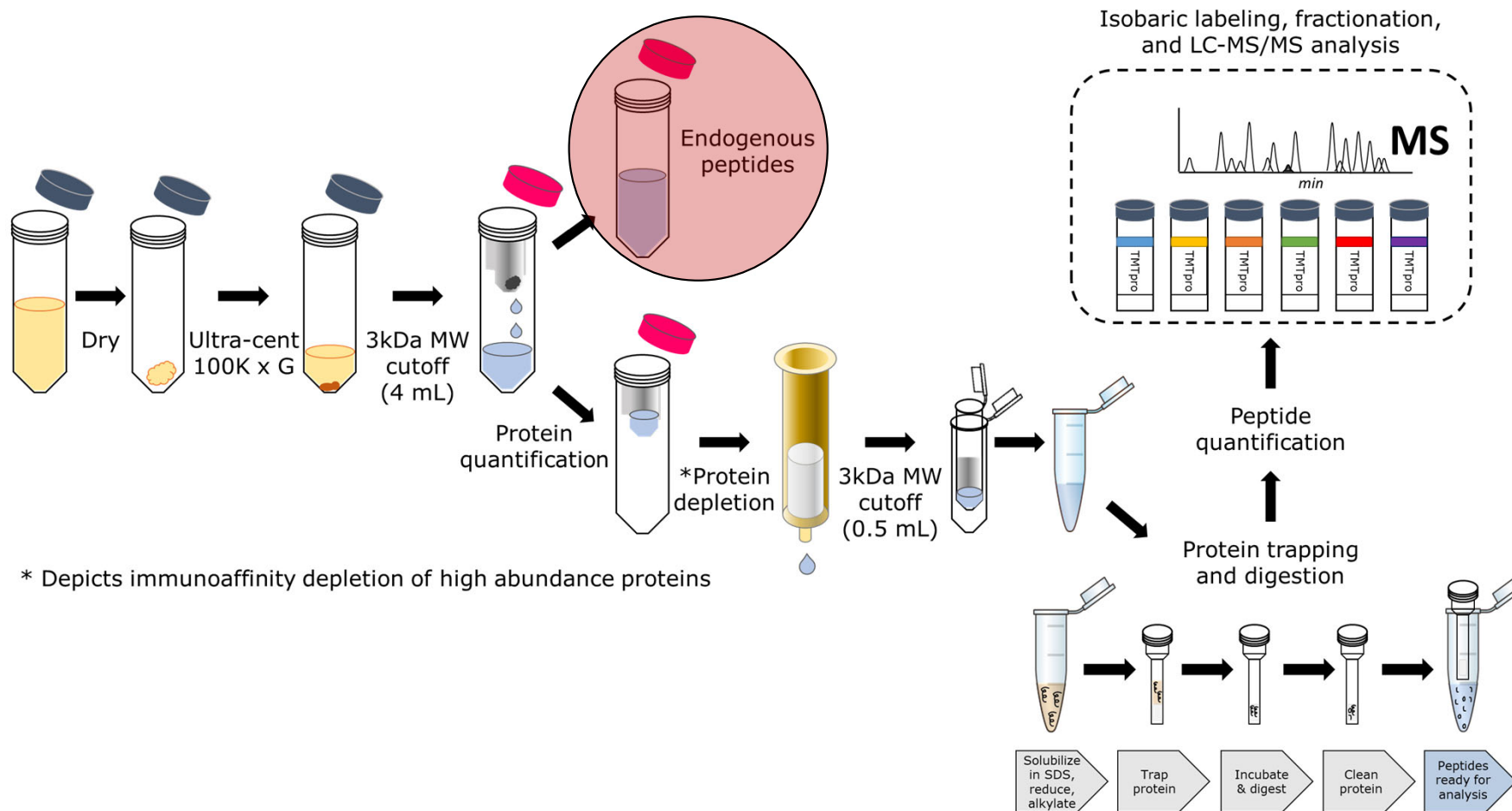
Outcome: Cell adhesion proteins as potential predictor of OLD



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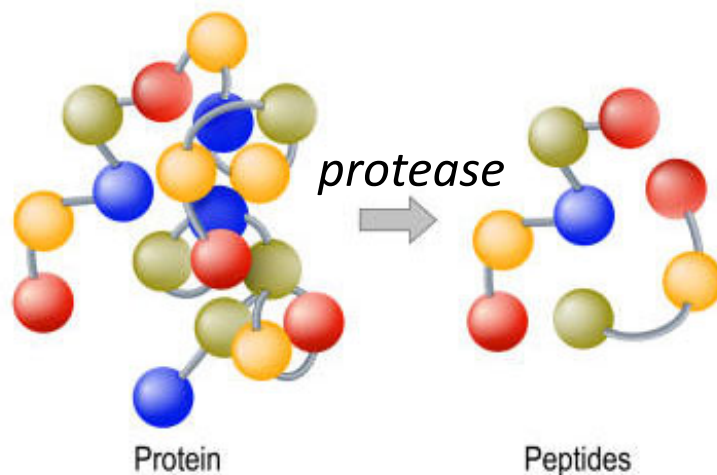
Application: Peptidomic analysis of BALF



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Value of peptidomics in clinical samples



Identifying endogenous peptides from clinical samples enables understanding of active proteases

Role of Proteases in Inflammatory Lung Diseases

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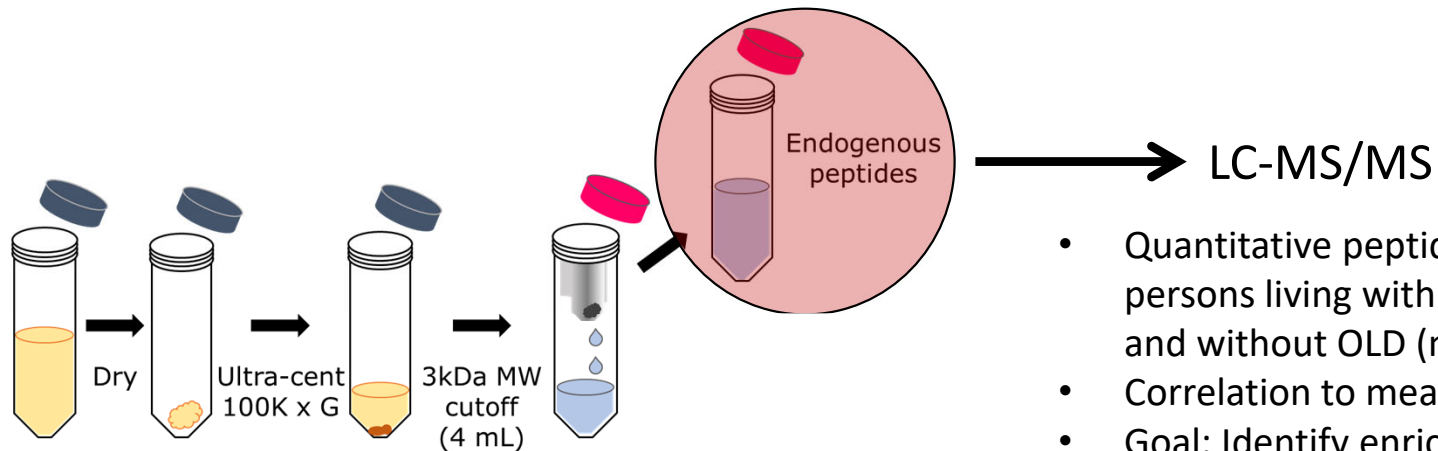
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Novel approach to exploring protease activity and targets in HIV-associated obstructive lung disease using combined proteomic-peptidomic analysis

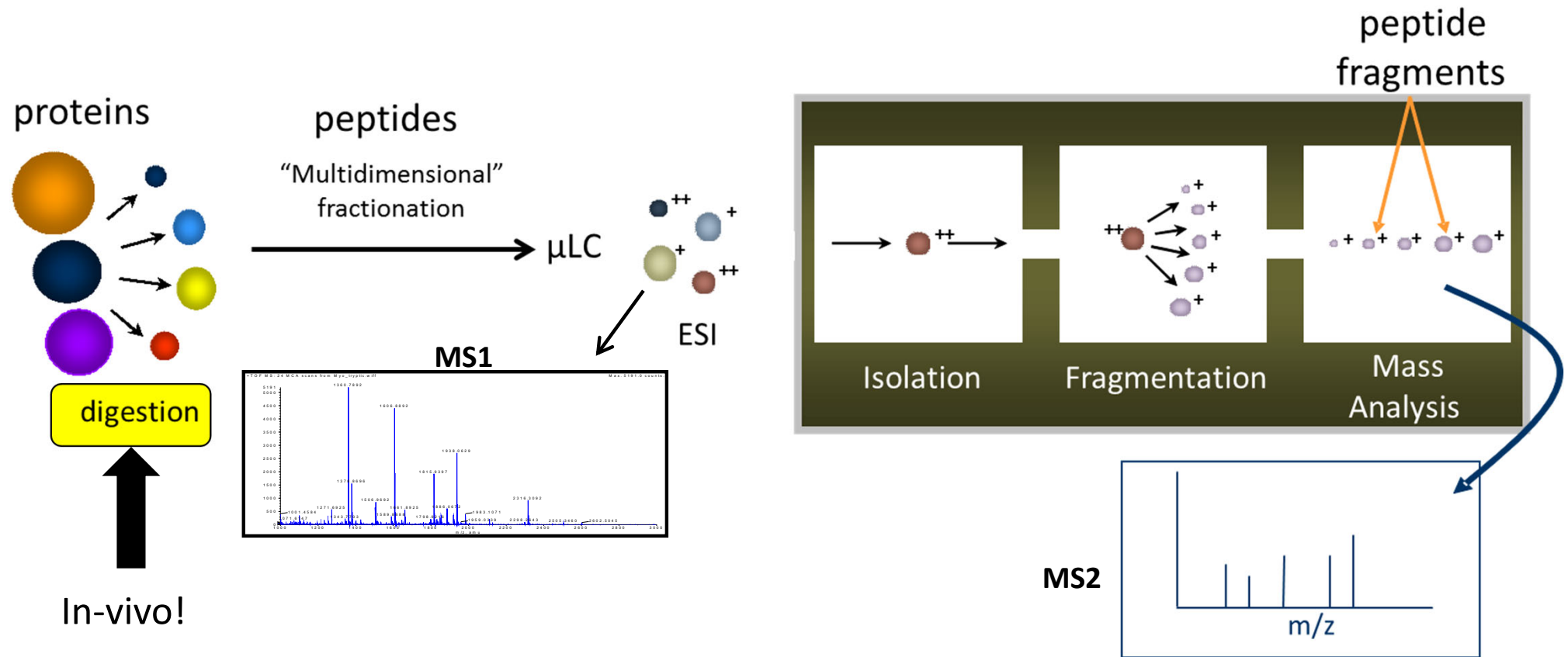
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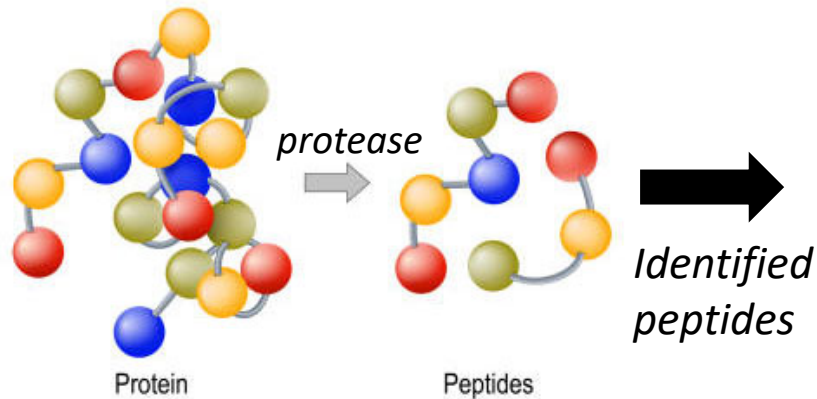
- Quantitative peptidomics in BALF samples from persons living with HIV (PLWH) with OLD (n=25) and without OLD (n=26)
- Correlation to measured lung function (FEV1pp)
- Goal: Identify enriched protease activities associated with OLD in PLWH populations

Mass spectrometry-based proteomics: core technology platform

Peptide fractionation coupled to tandem mass spectrometry (MS/MS)

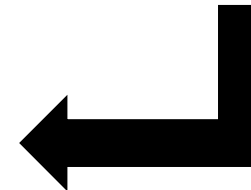


Bioinformatics tools to identify enriched proteases



The screenshot shows the MEROPS database homepage. The left sidebar contains navigation links: **Switch to Inhibitors**, **Peptidase** (with sub-links for Name, Identifier, Gene name, Organism, Substrates), **Family**, **Clan**, **SEARCHES**, **BLAST MEROPS**, **SUBMISSIONS**, **Other information** (with sub-links for What's New, About, Images, EST cell lines, Unsequenced, Genomes), and **EMBL-EBI**. The main content area displays the **MEROPS the Peptidase Database** title, **Release 12.5**, and a detailed description of the database. It mentions that the database is an information resource for peptidases (also termed proteases, proteinases and proteolytic enzymes) and the proteins that inhibit them. It also includes a link to the **Use us and cite us!** section and a **feedback** link. The page footer indicates it was created on 9-January-2017.

	Protein Description	Peptide Sequence	Cleave	Protease	z-score
Known Associations	Collagen alpha-2(I) chain	QSLQEETVRKGPAG	GPAG DRGP	MMP13	2.77
	Tubulin beta chain	AILVDLEPGTMDSVR	YVPR AIVL	GZMK	2.67
	Histone H1.4	AAAGYDVEK	KKAL AAAG	GZMM	2.20
	Histone H2A type 2-C	AGLQFPVGR	RSSR AGLQ	GZMA	2.06
	Ezrin	LRAKEELERQAV	RMAA LRAK	MMP3	1.95
	Actin, cytoplasmic 1	APEEHPVLL	PVLL TEAP	CTSG	1.80
	Kininogen-1	SSRIGEIKEETT	SPFR SSRI	KLK1	1.81
	Phosphoglycerate kinase 1	SLEPVAVELK	VELK SLLG	ELANE	1.74
	Vimentin	NLRETNLD	TNLD SLPL	CASP6	1.61
Unknown Associations	Macrophage-capping protein	QVLGPKPALK	PALK EGNP	CTSS	1.57
	Ubiquitin-60S ribosomal protein L40	IIEPSLR	LRGG IIEP	USP4	3.84
	Calreticulin	KSGTIFDNF	FDNF LITN	CTSA	2.99
	Collagen alpha-2(I) chain	QSLQEETVRKGPAG	GPAG DRGP	MMP13	2.77
	Prothrombin	ESYIDGR	IDGR IVEG	F10	2.58
	Bactericidal permeability-increasing protein	NVVLQPHQNF	HQNF LLFG	CTSA	2.58
	Alpha-1-antitrypsin	LSGVTEEAPLK	APLK LSKA	CPA4	2.55
	Deleted in malignant brain tumors 1 protein (I2)	DVGSYQEKVDV	RSKR DVGS	FURIN	2.51
	Apolipoprotein A-IV	EKESQDKTL	STFK EKES	ATG4B	2.50
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	Putative neutrophil cytosol factor 1B	GDTFIRH	--M GDTF	METAP1D	2.25

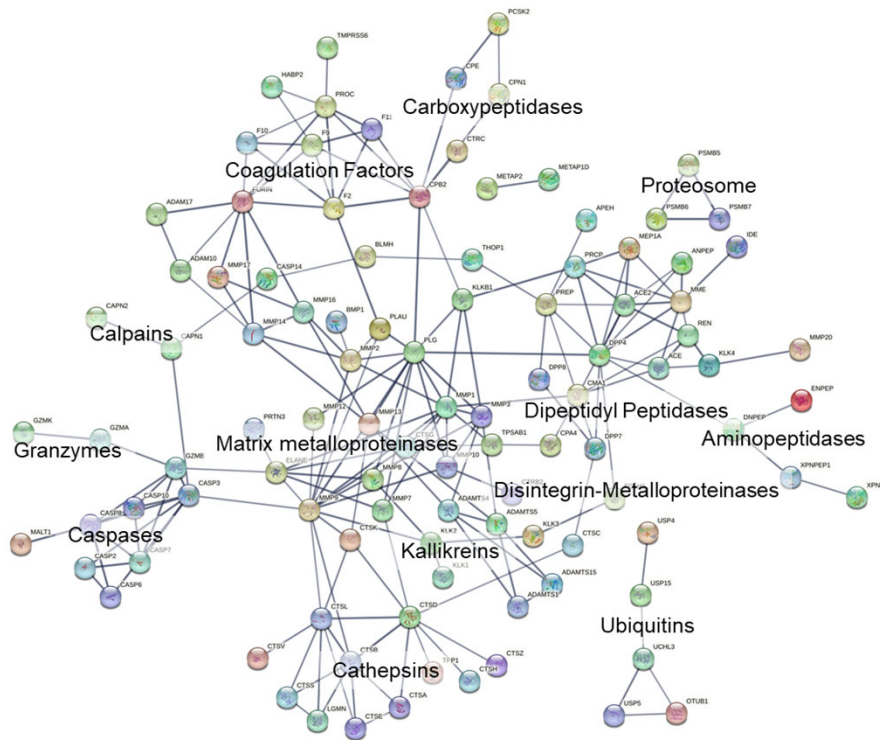


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Results: enriched proteases based on analysis of peptidomics data

- Combined analysis of quantified proteases from BALF with analysis of endogenous peptide sequences resulting from protease action



Network view

Table 5 Top 10 most active proteases mapped to cleaved proteins. P-value and FDR describes significance of correlation between protease and FEV1pp.

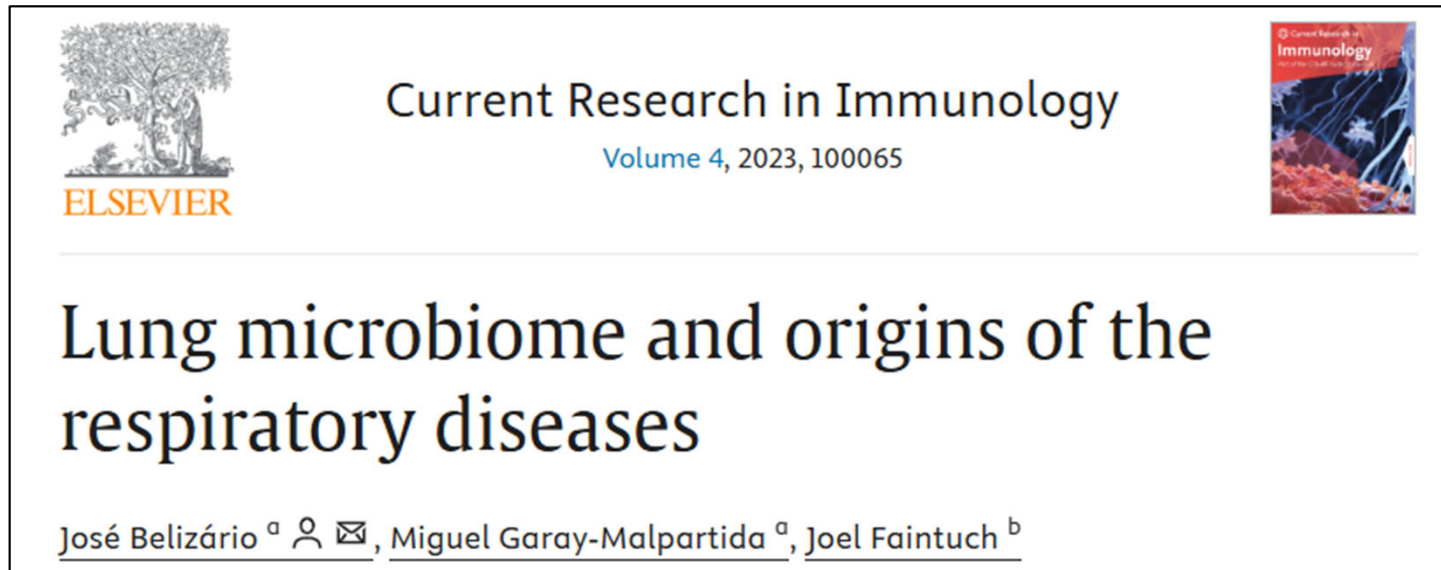
Gene	Protease	No. Proteins	p-Value	FDR
ELANE	Neutrophil elastase	23	0.003	0.018
GZMM	Granzyme M	20	0.245	0.420
CTSD	Cathepsin D	19	0.233	0.412
CTSE	Cathepsin E	19	0.154	0.330
ASPRV1	Aspartic peptidase	18	0.166	0.346
BLMH	Bleomycin hydrolase	18	0.405	0.594
CELA1	Chymotrypsin like elastase 1	18	0.000	0.005
CTSG	Cathepsin G	18	0.001	0.010
PRTN3	Proteinase 3	18	0.000	0.000
ATG4B	Autophagy related 4B cysteine peptidase	17	0.785	0.890

Proteases are ordered by number of associated proteins cleaved

- 22 proteases correlated to FEV1pp function



Using (meta)proteomics to characterize microbial contributors to lung disease and health



- *Commensal and pathogenic microbes are key contributors to lung health and disease*



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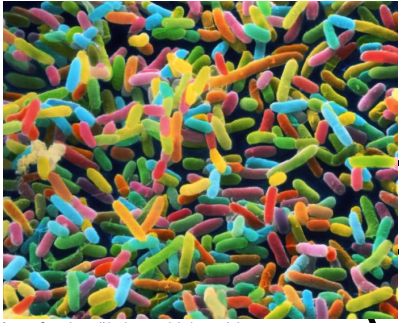
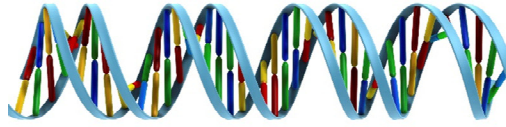


Image from <https://thedoctorweighsin.com/what-everyone-should-know-about-the-infant-microbiome/>

Potential to unravel the **mechanistic details of microbial interactions with host / environment** by analyzing the **functional dynamics of the microbiome**.



METAGENOMICS

TAXONOMY

function



METATRANSCRIPTOMICS

TAXONOMY

function



METAPROTEOMICS

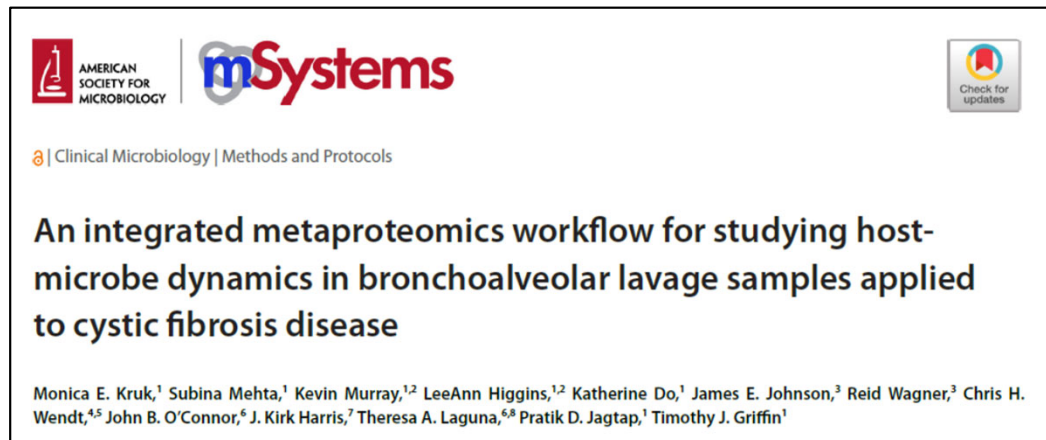
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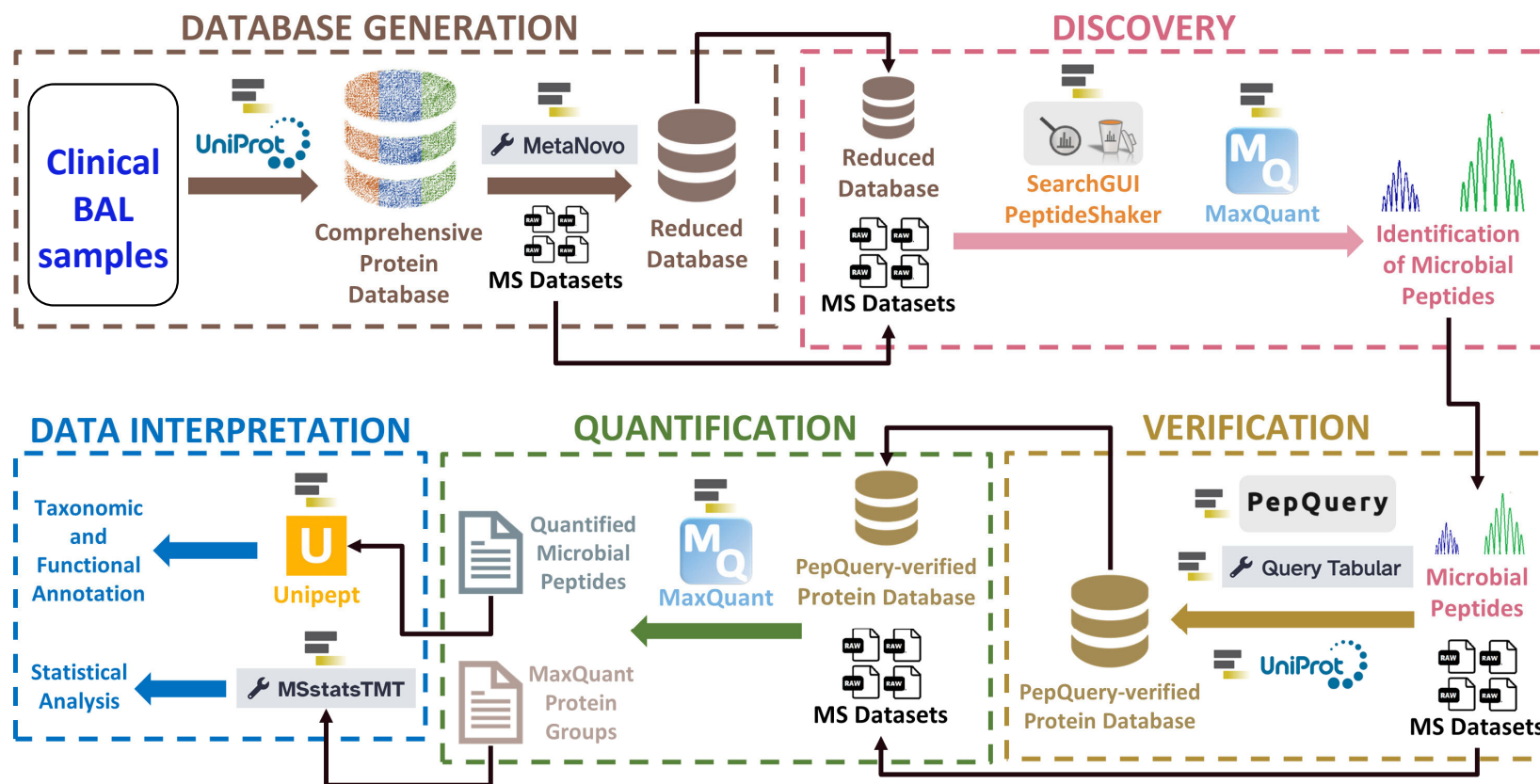


Challenges of metaproteomics in clinical human samples (e.g. BALF)

- Detecting relatively low abundance microbial proteins from abundant host (human) proteins
- Knowledge of which microbe proteomes might be present (solved by multiomics – using metagenomic information as a guide)
- Matching MS/MS to very large metaproteomic protein sequence databases (10M+ sequences)
- Mapping identified microbial peptides to specific taxa and annotating protein function



A clinical metaproteomics bionformatic workflow



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(Pratik Jagtap, Galaxy-P team)

Developing accessible software tools for multi-omics analysis



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Overview

Questions:

- Why do we need to generate a customized database for metaproteomics research?
- How do we reduce the size of the database?



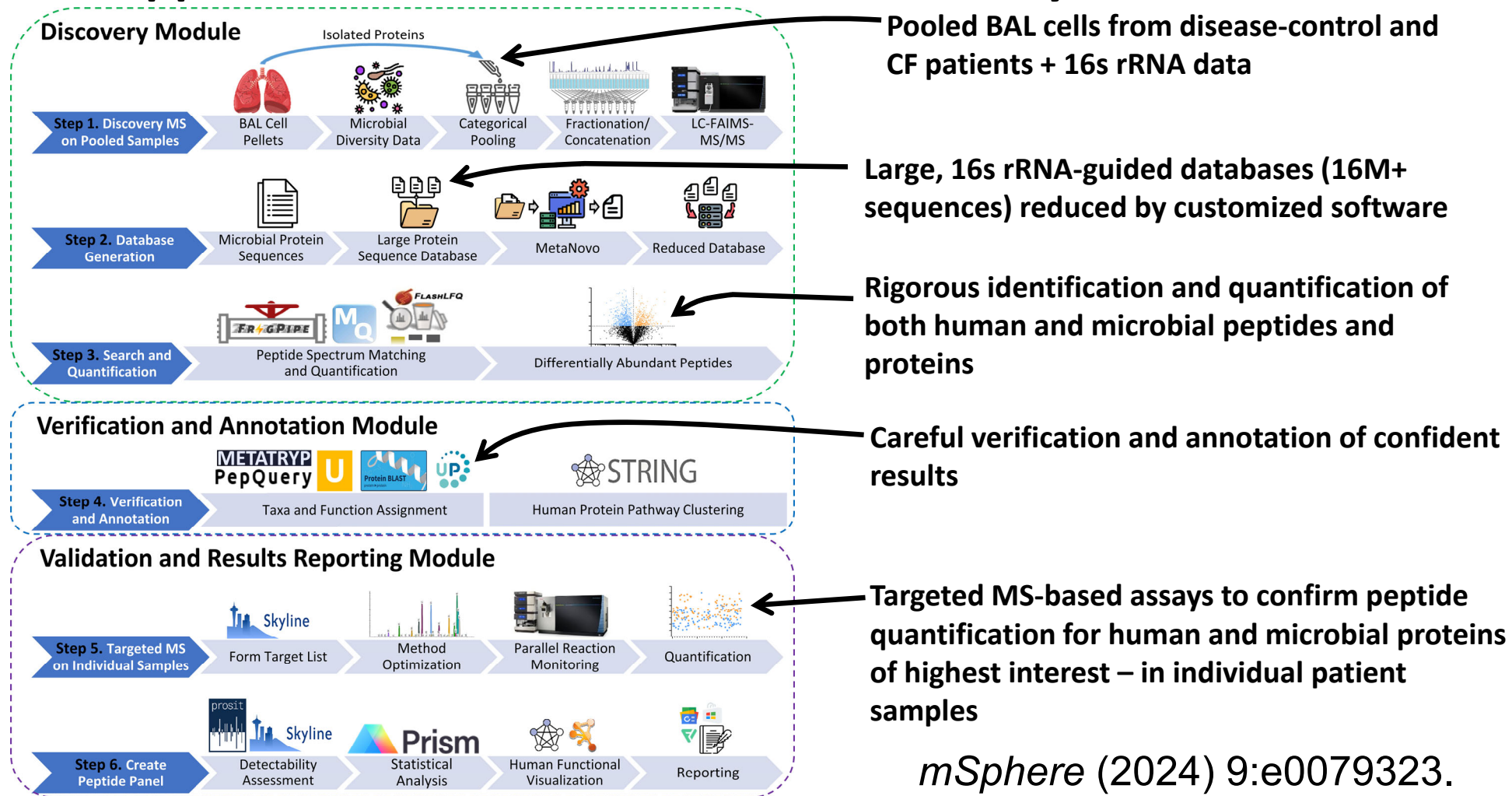
Objectives:

- Downloading databases related to 16SrRNA data
- For better identification results, combine host and microbial proteins.
- Reduced database provides better FDR stats.

Requirements:

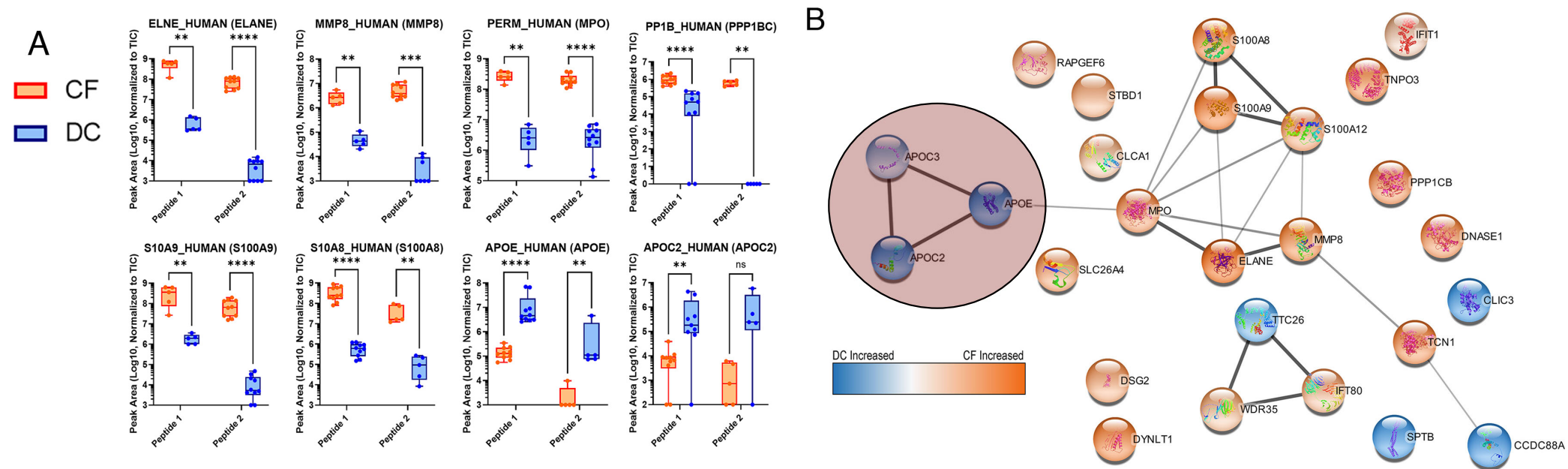


Application to microbial contributors in Cystic Fibrosis




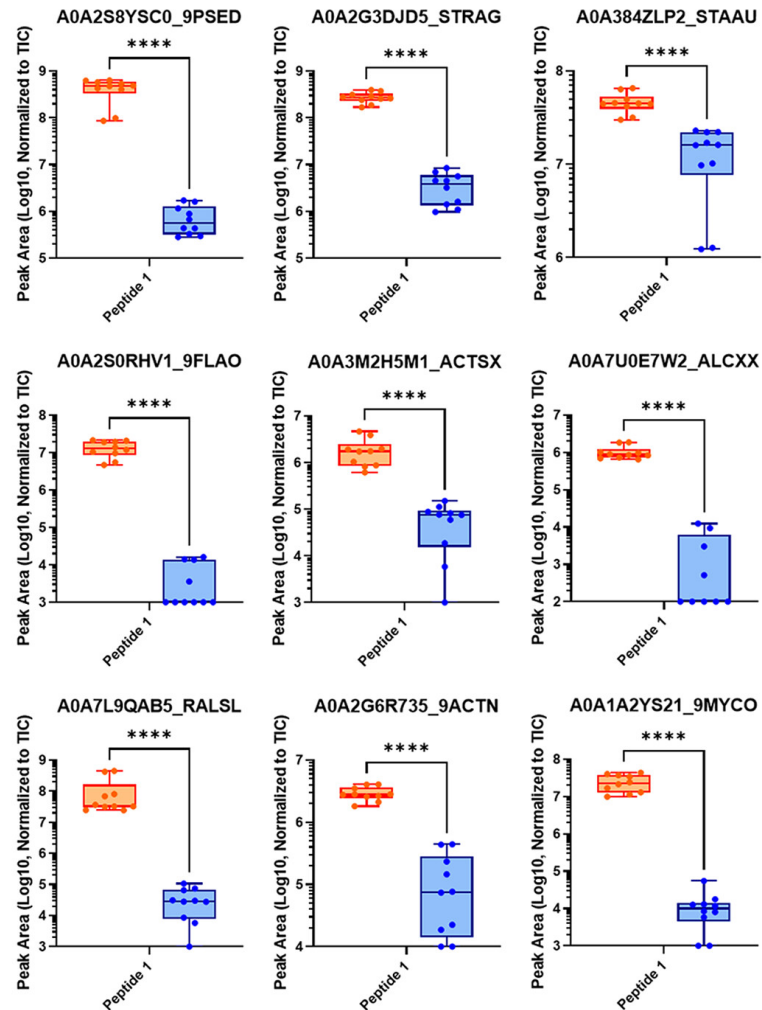
Results: Human proteins

- *Discovered from quantitative proteomics data in pooled samples*
- *Validated and quantified in individual patient samples*



Results: Bacterial proteins

A
 CF
 DC



Peptides detected from:
Streptococcus
Pseudomonas
Mycobacterium
Ralstonia



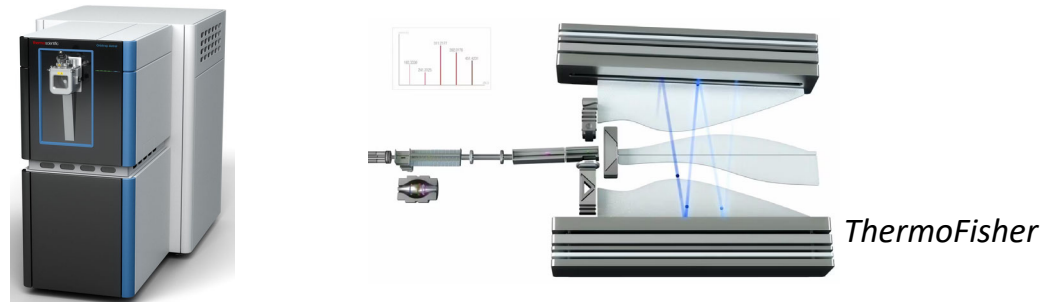
Outcomes of CF metaproteomics in BAL samples

- Demonstration of combined protein-level analysis of human and microbial contributors to CF
- Demonstration of targeted MS-based assays to characterize individual CF patient samples
- Opens possibility of clinical assays for simultaneous characterization of host-microbial protein markers that may indicate disease state and/or monitor therapy outcomes

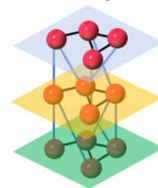


What's next: improving the state of proteomics and multi-omics

- Improved instrumentation: 10X faster and 10X more sensitive?



- Improved methods to integrated 'omic levels of information for better molecular understanding of disease in clinical samples (more predictive, more personalized)



- Integration of other MS-based information (metabolomics)

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