



Chemical proteomics in drug design



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New Medicines Needed for Those Who Do Not Respond to Current Therapy



Source: Spear B, et. al. Trends in Molecular Medicine, 7(5):201-204, 2001; Eli Lilly internal documents.

Proteins as drug targets



Santos et al. Nature Reviews Drug Discovery (2016)

Proteins by function



Chemical space is vast – millions of drugs are yet to be discovered



Most small-molecule drugs bind to protein target



https://www.medgadget.com/2013/07/new-technology-allows-for-monitoring-of-drug-target-binding-in-cells-and-tissues.html

Are drugs 'silver bullets' ?...



Imatinib (Gleevec)



Inhibits Tyr kinase BCR-Abl





Drugs are usually not very specific

Collins and Workman 2006 Nature Chemical Biology 2 689-700

Chemical Proteomics Aims



Protein-drug complex

Bottom-Up (Shotgun) Proteomics



Quantitative Proteomics



Log2(Abundance_{Sample}) - Log2(Abundance_{Control})





Research Article

OPLS discriminant analysis: combining the strengths of PLS-DA and SIMCA classification[†]

Max Bylesjö, Mattias Rantalainen, Olivier Cloarec, Jeremy K. Nicholson, Elaine Holmes, Johan Trygg ⊠

OPLS-DA - **Orthogonal** [Projection to Latent Structures / Partial Least Square] – Discriminant Analysis





Chemical Proteomics workflow

Saei, A. et al., *Redox Biology*, **2020**, doi.org/10.1016/j.redox.2020.101491



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Functional Idenitification of Targets by Expression Proteomics, FITExP



Chernobrovkin A. L., ..., Zubarev R. A. Functional Identification of Target by Expression Proteomics (FITExP) reveals protein targets and highlights mechanisms of action of small molecule drugs. Sci Rep. (2015). 5 : 11176.

Protein abundance change: DHFR



Protein abundance change: TOPI



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ProTargetMiner: Target and mechanism deconvolution



Saei, A. et al., Nat. Commun. 2019, 10, Article number: 5715.



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FITEXP: Functional Identification of Target by Expression Proteomics



Challenges of Single Cell Proteomics

- Size = 5-10 μm
- Protein amount = 100-250 pg

Can we take Chemical Proteomics to Single Cell level?...



Dynamic range of proteins in the cell: **≥7 orders of magnitude**

Finding the protein in the right context at the time remains an important obstacle to overcome!

SCoPE-MS enables Single Cell Proteomics



96 A549 cells treated with MTX vs 96 untreated cells



Dihydrofolate reducatase

Vegvari et al., Anal. Chem. 2022, 94(26):9261-9

Protein Abundance

VS

Protein Solubility







Vendruscolo lab, Cambridge University

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:PaxDB_C8ORF48_Protein_Abundance.png

Protein Aggregation



Adopted from: https://doi.org/10.1002/cphc.201900904

Thermal Proteome Profiling (TPP)

Tracking cancer drugs in living cells by thermal profiling of the proteome

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TPP in Protein-protein interaction





TPP identifies protein interaction partners of proteins added to cell lysates

A. Saei et al., Nat. Commun. 2021

System-wide Identification of Substrates by Thermal Analysis - SIESTA



Thioredoxin reductase TrxR



Conserved C-terminal sequence Gly-Cys-SeCys-Gly



System 1: TXNRD1 + NADPH -> S-S bond reduction

A. Saei et al., Nat. Commun. 2021

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A. Saei et al., Nat. Commun. 2021



Redox proteomics



Leichert L. I. et al. Quantifying changes in the thiol redox proteome upon oxidative stress in vivo. Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A. (2008). 105(24): 8197-202.

TPP limitations



- Not all proteins aggregate with temperature
- Too time consuming to measure every temperature point

Proteome Integral Solubility Alteration (PISA) Assay



1d pisa N_{HT}≈10

Gaetani M, et al. *J Proteome Res* **2019**, DOI:10.1021/acs.jproteome.9b00500

Drug binding is not the only parameter of interest;
Residence time of drug on target is of very high significance



PISA determines drug residence time



Sabatier et al., Analyt Chem, 2022

PISA determines drug residence time

kinase inhibitor ponatinib



Sabatier et al., Analyt Chem, 2022

PISA helps ranking targets



Sabatier et al., Analyt Chem, 2022

Rank conc-PISA

LYN

CSK

4 MAPK14

5 RIPK2

6 IRAK4

10 CDK5

11 DCK

2 RIPK1

1

3

7 TNIK

8 FECH

9 BRAF

MAPK14

CSK

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RIPK1

TNIK

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CDK5

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Protein Aggregation



Salt concentration

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Article

Ion-Based Proteome-Integrated Solubility Alteration Assays for Systemwide Profiling of Protein–Molecule Interactions

Christian M. Beusch, Pierre Sabatier, and Roman A. Zubarev*





C. Beusch et al., Analyt Chem 2022

Conclusions:

- Chemical proteomics reveals drug targets without chemical modification of drugs
- FITExP / ProTargetMiner uses expression level changes for drug target deconvolution; is already translated to single cell level
- TPP/PISA performs target deconvolution based on solubility changes
- PISA allows one to easily determine:
 - interacting partners of proteins;
 - enzyme substrates;
 - the residence time of drugs
- Ion-based PISA reaches sub-microgram level of sensitivity

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