



Proteomics

Exercise solutions

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- 1) What ions will change their m/z when Serin 7 will be phosphorylated?
- 2) What ions will change their m/z when the peptide N-terminus is acetylated?
- 3) What ions will change their m/z when the C-terminal lysine is isotopically labeled?



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Peptide spectrum assignment

1) What ions will change their m/z when Serin 7 will be phosphorylated?



When serine 7 (in orange) is phosphorylated, all peptides containing this serine will change their m/z. E.g. when the peptide bond between S7 and L8 breaks, the b7 and the y9 ion will be generated of which the b7 ion gets the modified serine.

- For the b-ion series that starts from the peptide N-terminus at the left, all the b-ions from b7 to b15 will contain the serine and therefore change their m/z: **b7, b11, b15**

- For the y-ion series that starts from the peptide C-terminus at the right, all the y-ions from y10 to y15 will contain the serine and therefore change their m/z: **y10**, **y14**

Peptide spectrum assignment

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2) What ions will change their m/z when the peptide N-terminus is acetylated?



When the peptide N-terminus gets acetylated, all the peptides containing the peptide N-terminus will change their m/z.

- This will be all the b-ions, and none of the y-ions: **b2**, **b7**, **b11**, **b15**

- 1)
- 2)
- 3) What ions will change their m/z when the C-terminal lysine is isotopically labeled?



When the C-terminal lysine is isotopically labeled, all the peptides containing the peptide C-terminus will change their m/z.

- This will be all the y-ions, and none of the b-ions: y1, y6, y10, y14

In a PeptideProphet Search applying a 95% probability cut-off, 1500 spectra were matched to peptides; of these, 30 were matched against peptides from the decoy database.

How many incorrect peptide spectrum matches against the target database do you expect?

 \rightarrow It can be assumed that the number of noticeable wrong hits against the decoy database equals the number of non-noticeable wrong hits against the target database, **one would therefore expect 30 incorrect peptide spectrum matches against the target database**.