## Absolute quantification of low abundance proteins by shotgun proteomics

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Stable isotope labelled peptides:

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## Introduction

Multiple Reaction Monitoring (MRM)

- General procedure
- Complex samples and in solution digestion
- Complex samples and in gel digestion
- => MASS WESTERN



**General procedure:** 

- 1. Signature Peptide
- 2. Synthesis (Standard peptides)
- 3. Tuning (SRM or MRM)
- 4. Analyses





Wienkoop et al. 2004, RCM 18, 643-650



### in solution vs in gel digestion

#### Advantage:

proteins of different sizes (physiological pathway)
=> faster
Disadvantage:
less sensitive



### **Complex sample and in solution digestion**

-Pathway Analysis-





## TSQ vs. LTQ

TSQ higher sensitivity for targeted analyses using MRM. Absolute quantification.



## **Purity Control**



#### Sample without standard

#### Sample with standard



#### Automated protein pathway assignment: MAPMAN



Usadel et al. 2005, PlantPhys

## **Complex sample and in gel digestion**

MASS WESTERN



#### Mass Western vs. Western Blot

Isoforms (specificity) ? Quantification ?



#### **Traditional Western Blot Analysis**



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## MASS WESTERN

#### Searching for Isoforms

(no original sequence)

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Isoform 1 Isoform 2 Isoform 3 Isoform 4 GDVQYILDDVR**XLFSEALSR**IKKQGLDIIPRLQIITRLLTDEVGSTCGQRLFKVYGIEHC GDVQYILDDVR**XLFNEALR**RIKQQGLDIKPRLQIITRLLTDEVGSTCGERLFKVYDIEHC GDVQYILDDVR**XLFEEALQK**IELQGLNVKPQLQVVTRLITNEKGSTCNQELFPIIKIKHS GDVQYILDDVR**XLFNEALAR**IQKQGLDFTPRLQIVTRLITDEKGSTCNQRLFRVSGIDYT



# Detection of low abundance isoforms (in gel)



#### **Isoform Identification**

 isoform identification and quantification of corresponding western blot signals

 isoform identification responsible for enzyme activities



## Conclusion

• Stable isotope dilution technique is highly sensitive for targeted absolut quantification especially also for low abundance proteins.

• Detailed and complex pathway analyses are possible.

• Mass Western approach gives more detailed information than traditionel western blot analyses.

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  - Differential Proteomics Studies
  - Plasma / CSF Proteomics Studies with depletion of high abundant proteins
- Pharmaco Proteomics Studies
- Immuno Proteomics
- Protein Separation / Western Blots





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