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Clinical proteomics



- 144 autopsy samples
- 7 organs
- 19 COVID-19 patients
- quantified 11,394 proteins
- depicts a multi-organ proteomic

landscape of COVID-19 autopsies

Nie, X. et al. Multi-organ proteomic landscape of COVID-19 autopsies. Cell 184, 775-791 e714,

Clinical proteomics

Multicenter Clinical Evaluation of patients with thyroid nodules



Sun, Y., Selvarajan, S., Zang, Z. et al. Artificial intelligence defines protein-based classification of thyroid nodules. Cell Discovery (2022).

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PCT-DIA/SWATH workflow

- 1. human, rat, mouse
- 2. FF, FFPE, cells, tear, stool
- 3. high-throughput and robustness
- 4. Potential for quantification of entire proteome



Cai, X., Xue, Z., Wu, C. et al. High-throughput proteomic sample preparation using pressure cycling technology. Nat Protoc (2022).



PCT introduction



- periodic pressure oscillations
- alternating ultrahigh (up to 45,000 psi) and mild pressure
- promotes tissue lysis and

enzymatic reactions

PCT introduction



Development of PCT workflow

2015 Evaluated the minimal sample amount requirement 50 000 human cells and 0.2-0.5 mg wet mouse and human tissues Shao, S. et al. *Proteomics* 15, 3711-3721, (2015)

2018

Allowed for the simultaneous processing of 16 samples

Zhu, Y. & Guo, T. *Methods Mol Biol* 1788, 279-287, (2018).

Gao, H. et al. *J Proteome Res* 19, 1982-1990, (2020).

2020

Processing fresh frozen (FF) tissue biopsies allows for the preparation of up to 6 samples within 6-8 hrs

2015

Guo, T. et al. Nat Med 21, 407-413 (2015).

Developed a MicroPestle device that increased the yield of extracted peptides by 20%-40%

2016

Shao, S. et al. J Proteome Res 15, 1821-1829, (2016).

Optimized to permit analysis of formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded (FFPE) tissues

2019

Zhu, Y. et al. Mol Oncol 13, 2305-2328, (2019).

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FFPE pretreatment



Zhu, Y. et al. High-throughput proteomic analysis of FFPE tissue samples facilitates tumor stratification. Mol Oncol 13, 2305-2328

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FF (embedded in OCT) pretreatment

- 1. Add 1 mL of 70% ethanol and wash the tissue by vortexing on a Thermo Shaker at 800 rpm for 30 s at 25 °C. Discard the supernatant.
- Add 1 mL of 100% water and wash the tissue by vortexing on a Thermo Shaker at 800 rpm for 30 s at 25 °C. Discard the supernatant.
- 3. Add 1 mL of 70% ethanol and wash the tissue by vortexing on a Thermo Shaker at 800 rpm for 5 min at 25 °C. Discard the supernatant. Repeat this step once.
- 4. Add 1 mL of 85% ethanol and wash the tissue by vortexing on a Thermo Shaker at 800 rpm for 5 min at 25 °C. Discard the supernatant. Repeat this step once.
- Add 1 mL of 100% ethanol and wash the tissue by vortexing on a Thermo Shaker at 800 rpm for 5 min at 25 °C. Discard the supernatant. Repeat this step once.

Cells and feces pretreatment

Cell

- 1. Wash cell pellets with 4 °C PBS. Centrifuge at 300 g, 4 °C for 5 min. Discard the supernatant. Repeat three times.
- Add 30 μL of lysis buffer (6 M urea and 2 M thiourea), vortex for 30 s by pipetting up and down gently. Transfer the cell suspension to a PCT-MicroTube using pipettes.

Feces

- Wash 200 mg ~ 300 mg feces with 500 µL of 4 °C PBS, centrifuge at 500 g for 5 minutes at 4 °C, and collect the supernatant. Repeat three times. Combine all the supernatant together.
- Add 100 µL of the supernatant to a PCT-MicroTube. Place the PCT-MicroTube into a 1.5mL tube, and centrifuge at 20,000 g for 20 minutes at 4 °C. Discard the supernatant and retain the precipitate.

Tear strip pretreatment



PCT procedures



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Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible reason	Solution
PCT-MicroPestle or PCT- MicroCap cannot be closed properly	The volume of the solution exceeds the limit of the PCT-MicroTube. This most likely occurs in cell samples when PBS is not completely removed.	Remove some buffer. For cell samples, minimize the residual PBS solution.
PCT holder cannot be screwed properly	Frayed edges for PCT-MicroPestle or PCT- MicroCap due to excessive use.	Replace with a new PCT- MicroPestle or PCT-MicroCap.
	PCT-MicroPestles or PCT-MicroCaps are not closed tightly.	Replace with a new PCT- MicroPestle or PCT-MicroCap
	The thread for the PCT holder is damaged.	Replace it with a new PCT holder
	The PCT-MicroTubes are not placed in balance or there is an asymmetric number of samples in the upper and lower parts of the PCT holder.	Adjust the number of samples in upper and lower parts of the PCT holder.

Data presentation



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- Mouse kidney
- 1 mg FF, 1 mg FFPE punches,
 20 µm FFPE slices
- 60 min DDA
- QE-HF

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- 1 mg FFPE punches
- 16 cancer patients, paired samples
- 60 min *2 part, PulseDIA PASEF
- TimsTOF pro



