



Probability-Based Protein Identification for Post-Translational Modifications and Amino Acid Variants Using Peptide Mass Fingerprint Data

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Overview

- A web server that interprets peptide mass fingerprinting data by searching the spectrum against protein sequence databases using log likelihood ratio as scoring function.
- Log likelihood ratio is the best statistical model to distinguish correctly assigned peptides from incorrect assignments.
- Matching peaks with self-adjusting mass tolerance offers more flexibility and accuracy than the traditional mass window.
- Seamless pipeline for further processing of the result (internal calibration and PTM searches).
- BUPID outperforms conventional database search algorithms in sensitivity and specificity.



Introduction

- A major goal of proteomics is to identify and characterize all proteins expressed in cells in various conditions. Mass spectrometry (MS) has become popular for identification of proteins in high-throughput proteomics research. Peptide mass fingerprint (PMF) with database search is a standard way to analyze high-throughput MS data of complex protein samples. This method compares the PMF spectrum against those expected for all possible proteins obtained from a sequence database. Each database protein is then assigned a probability score that reflects various aspects of the fit between spectrum and peptide. These scores help discriminate correct and incorrect protein assignments to the spectrum and therefore identify proteins in the sample.

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- We report a new method of database searching using MS data. The algorithm utilizes a log likelihood score to discriminate correctly assigned peaks from incorrectly assigned ones. The accumulative log likelihood score of all peaks that match with the protein represent the significance of the correlation between the protein and the spectrum. The raw score is normalized according to the size and mass of the protein in order to compare with other proteins against the same standard. The method was proven to have the best sensitivity and specificity in identifying proteins in a mixture. Currently BUPID only search for unmodified proteins. PTM search is under development and will be available to the public shortly.

The Principle of Protein Identification by Peptide Mass Fingerprinting

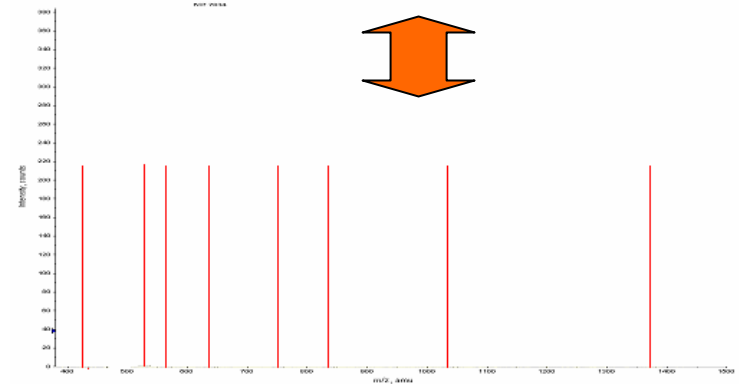
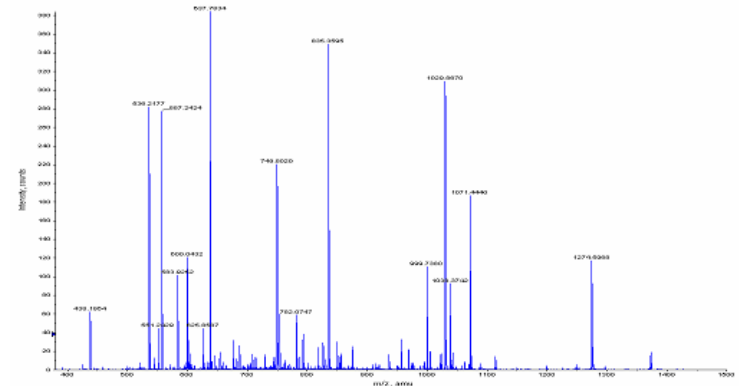
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All database searching algorithms, although differ in scoring functions, share a similar approach. First, theoretical peptide mass values are created by applying simulative cleavage to sequences in the database. Then a set of peaks (matches) in the experimental spectrum are picked out and compared with calculated peptide mass values of the protein. Keep in mind that identifying matched peaks is as important as assessing their similarities.



Incentive to Use and Not to Use Peptide Mass Fingerprinting

- PMF is faster to acquire
- PMF is more sensitive
- PMF requires full (and correct) protein sequences in the databases

BUPID Uses Log Likelihood Ratio as the Target Function

$$\begin{aligned} \text{score} &= \ln \frac{\text{likelihood } H_A}{\text{likelihood } H_0} \\ &= \ln \frac{\text{likelihood}(\text{spectrum data} \mid \text{predicted protein})}{\text{likelihood}(\text{spectrum data} \mid \text{random background})} \end{aligned}$$

Spectrum data:	All possible <i>combination</i> of peaks.
Predicted protein:	A protein considered to be in the sample.
Background:	- All proteins in the mixture. - All proteins in the database. - All proteins in the universe.

Log likelihood ratio is considered the most powerful method to distinguish two hypotheses. In the database search problem, the null hypothesis is that a certain set of peaks in the spectrum is generated by random background noise. The alternative hypothesis is that the set of peaks is generated by the peptides corresponding to the predicted protein.

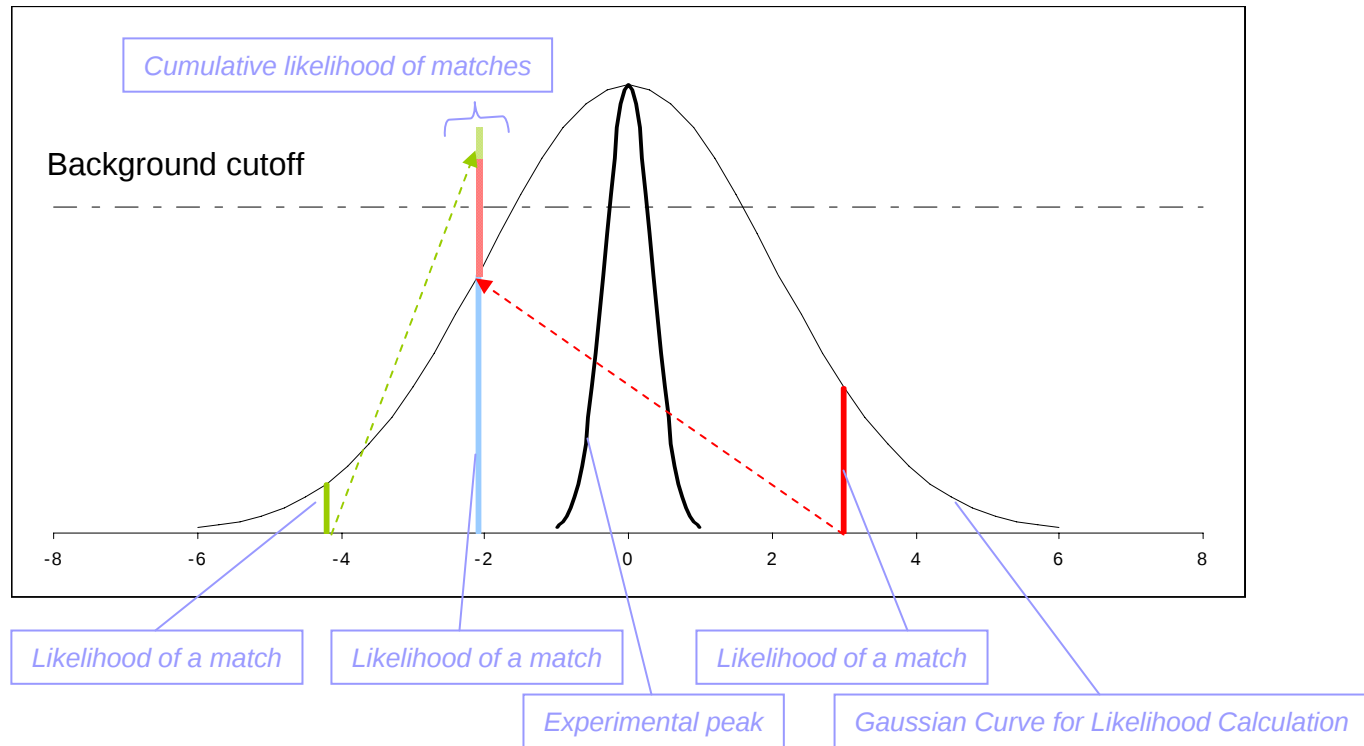
$$\begin{aligned} & \text{likelihood}(\text{spectrum data} \mid \text{prediction}) \\ &= \prod_{\text{all peaks in the spectrum}} [\text{likelihood}(\text{peak} \mid \text{peptides})] \\ &= \prod_{\text{all peaks in the spectrum}} \left[\prod_{\text{all peptide from digesting the target protein}} [\text{likelihood}(\text{peak} \mid \text{peptide})] \right] \end{aligned}$$

Define that the peak is a match if likelihood of the match > background
(log likelihood ratio > 0)

and a miss-match if likelihood of the match <= background
(log likelihood ratio <= 0)

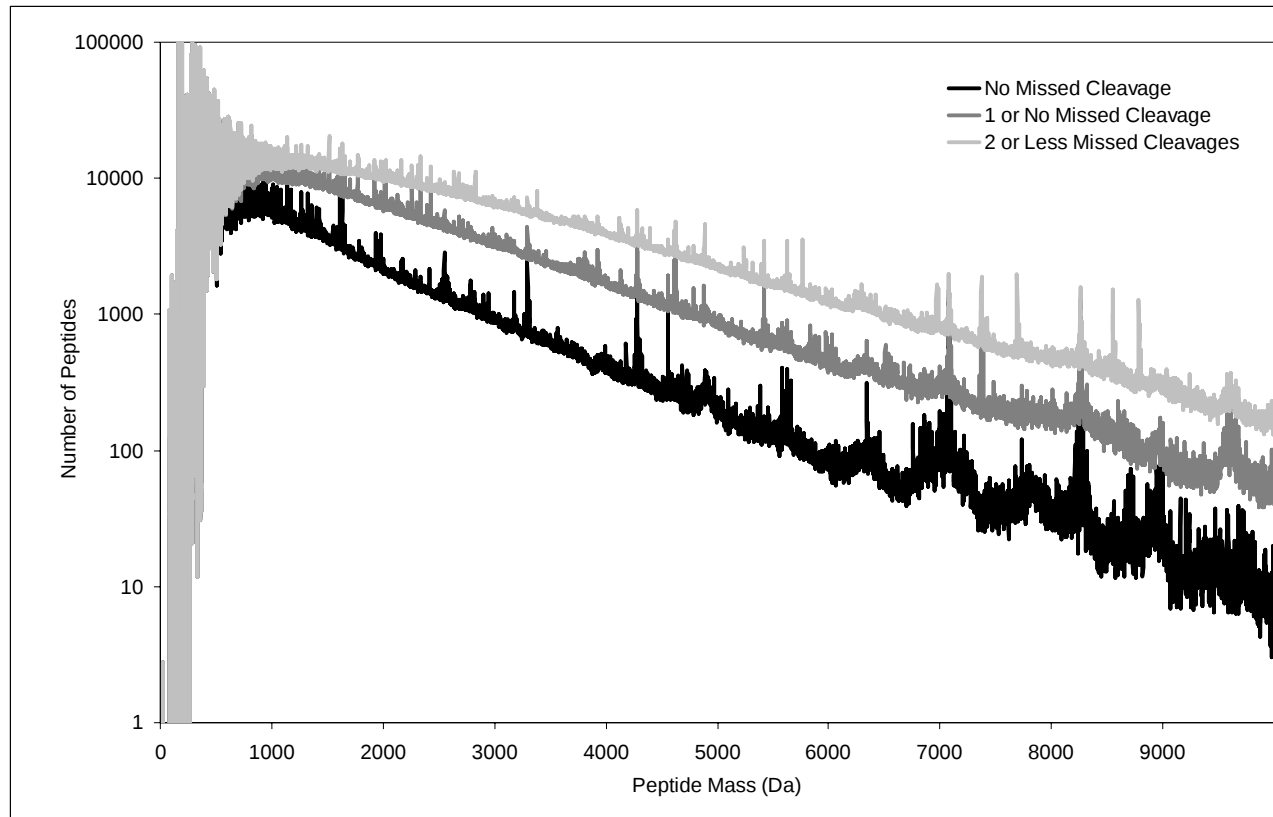
Automatically, the log likelihood of the alternative hypothesis is maximized if and only if all matched peaks and no miss-matched peaks are included in the calculation.

Calculation for Likelihood of Matches



BUPID assumes that the experimental error follows the Gaussian Distribution. Thus the likelihood of a match is the z score of the mass difference. However if an experimental peak is adjacent to several theoretical peaks (peptides from the same protein or different proteins), chances are it may not be the result of the closest one. Thus it is necessary to calculate the cumulative likelihood of the experimental peak given all possible peptides exist in the sample. The bottom line is that any peak can be the result of a peptide with any mass. An far-fetched match still stands a chance in the nature, although much more impossible than a hit right in the bull's eye.

Background probability



The background probability is generated by digesting all proteins the database. Assume that restriction sites appear randomly in the protein sequence with probability P . Length of peptides generated from the digestion would, therefore, be proportional to the exponential of $(1-P)$. Peptide mass roughly follows the same distribution, as shown in the plot. Notice that miss cleavages generate more peptides and have larger peptide mass in average.

Lines in red/yellow, green and blue each correspond to no miss cleavage, one miss cleavage, and one or two miss cleavages.

Mass difference between peaks and their corresponding peptides



- Peptide mass

Due to the non-uniform background, the log likelihood ratio of a match is affected by both the difference and the absolute mass of the peak-peptide pair. The threshold (the point where the likelihood that a peak is generated by the specific peptide is equal to the likelihood that the peak is generated by a random background noise) rises as peptide mass becomes larger.

- Number of peaks in the spectrum

The more peaks in the spectrum, the easier for a protein to match and get a high score. Therefore the background probability is adjusted according to the number of peaks in the spectrum. This serves as an internal quality-control scheme.

Correction for larger and/or heavier proteins

The matching score of a protein is the sum of the log likelihood ratios of all matched peptides, adjusted for the size and mass of the protein.

- Size of the protein

Proteins with more restriction sites in their sequences generate more peptides after the simulated digestion. They are in advantage against small proteins to match more experimental peaks in the spectrum. This tendency has to be adjusted before all scores could be compared on the same basis.

- Mass of the protein

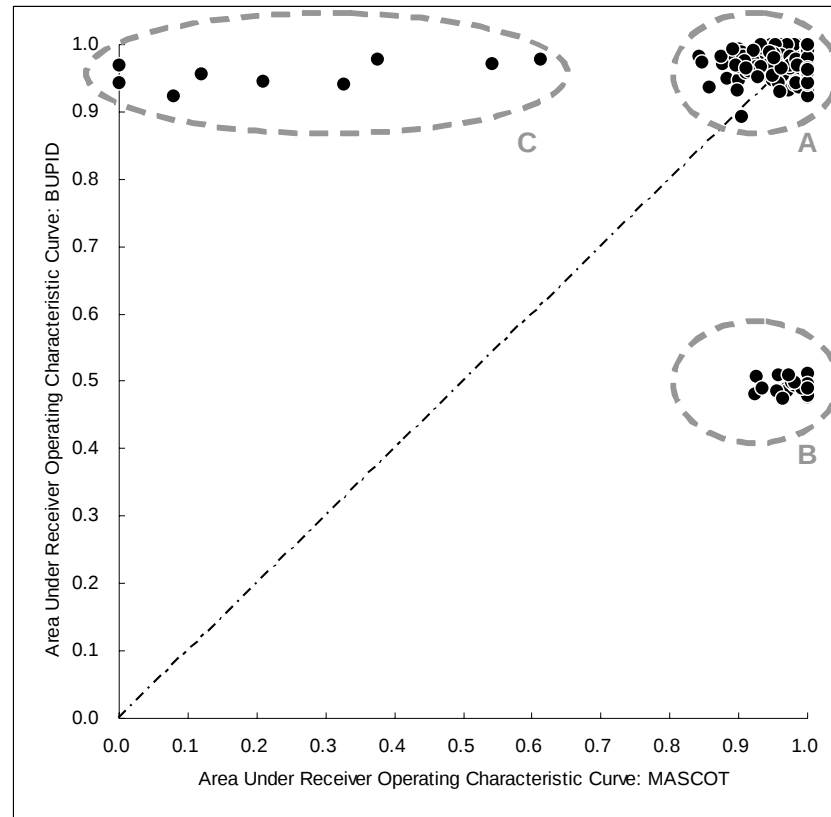
Once again, peaks with smaller mass are easier to match with peptides because there are so many of them. The fact that light-weighted peptides are more abundant shifts the peptide mass tolerance and favors large proteins in scoring. This is also normalized before the search results are ranked.

Result comparison: Human Blood Sample

Sample	MASCOT SEARCH RESULT					BUPID SEARCH RESULT				
	HBA	HBB	HBG1	HBG2	HBD	HBA	HBB	HBG1	HBG2	HBD
A12	2	1	6	4	---	2	1	7	3	4
A02	2	1	---	---	---	2	1	---	---	3
A17	2	1	---	---	57	2	1	---	15	3
B1	2	1	---	---	---	1	2	23	---	4
B4	2	1	---	---	3	3	1	19	2	4
B6	3	1	---	---	117	2	1	---	---	3
B8	1	2	---	---	---	1	2	59	---	7
B18	3	2	4	---	1	2	3	8	1	4
B21	2	1	---	---	---	2	1	---	---	4
B22	1	2	---	---	---	1	2	---	---	5
B23	2	1	---	---	---	1	2	---	---	4
B24	2	1	---	---	---	3	1	---	---	2
C1	3	1	---	---	---	2	1	---	---	3
C2	2	1	---	---	---	2	1	---	---	3
C3	2	1	---	---	---	2	1	---	---	3
C4	2	1	---	---	79	1	2	---	---	3
C5	2	4	3	1	5	2	3	5	1	4
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C8	2	1	---	58	---	1	2	---	---	3
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C13	3	2	---	22	---	2	1	41	4	3
C14	3	2	---	4	---	3	1	28	2	4
C15	3	2	88	89	---	2	1	9	5	3
C18	2	1	---	---	---	2	1	---	---	3
C19	3	1	---	---	---	3	1	40	76	2
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C21	2	1	---	---	---	2	1	---	---	3
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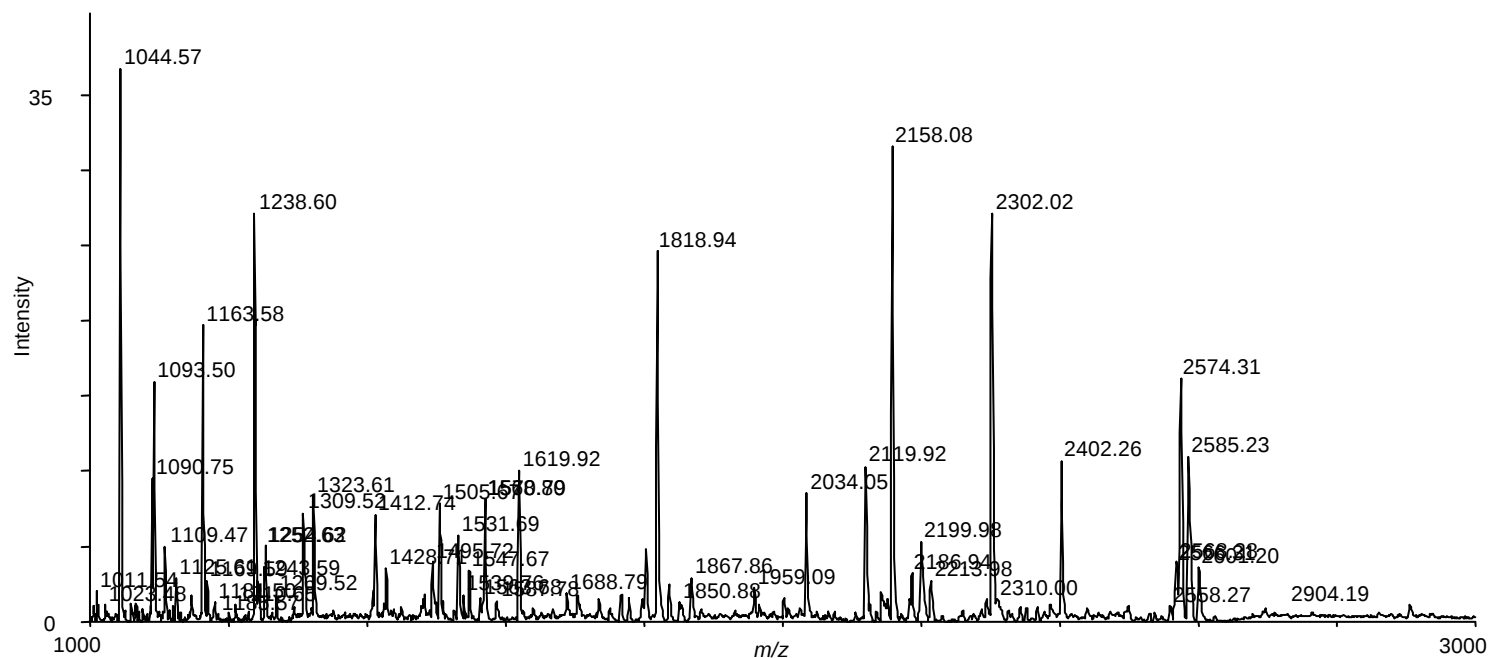
- A random blood sample.
- In 6 cases, BUPID found all 5 chains within the top 20.
- Delta chain are found in all cases within top 10 predictions.
- If the researcher is willing to go down the list, he/she'll be able to find all five chains in BUPID's results.

Result Comparison: Artificial Spectra (5-Protein Mixture)



- A: Both MASCOT and BUPID return highly accurate protein identifications.
- B: MASCOT returns accurate result while BUPID gives near-random protein ID.
- C: BUPID returns accurate result while MASCOT gives near or worse than random protein ID.
- ALL SAMPLES are correctly interpreted by BUPID or MASCOT or both.

E2F1 Protein

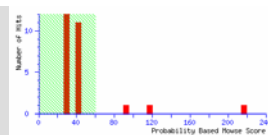


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1.	E2F1_HUMAN	0.341067	99.417922	17	165	94	41.7%	Transcription factor E2F1 (E2F-1) (Retinoblasto ...	Q01094	☐
2.	CDN7_HUMAN	0.403940	31.316942	5	70	41	25.3%	Cyclin-dependent kinase 4 inhibitor D (P19-INK4D).	P55273	☐
3.	TA6P_HUMAN	0.409788	6.313207	1	3	2	18.9%	TAP2-associated 6.5 kDa polypeptide.	Q9Y3F1	☐
4.	OBRG_HUMAN	0.429088	12.373958	2	30	13	17.6%	Leptin receptor gene-related protein (OB-R gene ...	O15243	☐
5.	HV3S_HUMAN	0.430084	18.928037	3	45	34	35.7%	Ig heavy chain V-III region JON.	P01780	☐
6.	UPA5_HUMAN	0.430411	5.144575	1	3	1	100.0%	Unknown protein from 2D-page of plasma (Spot 13 ...	P30091	☐
7.	VIME_HUMAN	0.432666	102.438835	16	300	234	37.0%	Vimentin.	P08670	☐
								Trypsin		☒

Plot

Results Summary											
	NIWSE Score	#/45 (%) Masses	% Cov	% TIC	Mean Err Da	Data ToL Da	MS Digest Index #	Protein MW (Da)/pI	Accession #	Species	Protein Name
1	2.685E+05	16 (35)	35.0	35.6	-0.0342	0.128		53652/5.1		HUMAN	Vimentin
2	1.299E+05	15 (33)	40.0	33.3	-0.0236	0.0942		46920/4.8		HUMAN	Transcription factor E2F1 (E2F-1) (Retinoblastoma binding protein 3) (RBP-3) (PRB-binding protein E2F-1) (PER-3) (Retinoblastoma associated protein 1) (RBAP-1)
3	325	6 (13)	25.0	13.3	0.0274	0.258		38432/9.0		HUMAN	Visual system homeobox 1 (Transcription factor VSX1) (Retinal inner nuclear layer homeobox protein) (Homeodomain protein RBX)
4	269	8 (17)	19.0	17.8	-0.0340	0.158		55950/9.4		HUMAN	Protein KIAA0141
5	187	6 (13)	9.0	13.3	-0.0503	0.221		88931/8.7		HUMAN	Cullin homolog 3 (CUL-3)
6	174	8 (17)	17.0	17.8	-0.0661	0.159		63795/9.4		HUMAN	Zinc finger protein 382
7	142	5 (11)	16.0	11.1	-0.0799	0.160		45936/4.8		HUMAN	Keratin, type I cuticular HA3-1 (Hair keratin, type I HA3-1)
8	140	5 (11)	14.0	11.1	-0.0294	0.279		57848/5.6		HUMAN	Activin receptor type II precursor (ACTR-II) (ACTRIIA)
9	120	8 (17)	9.0	17.8	-0.00717	0.224		97669/7.3		HUMAN	Probable nucleolar complex protein 14
10	113	7 (15)	22.0	15.6	-0.0342	0.232		45887/8.7		HUMAN	Hepatocyte nuclear factor 4-gamma (HNF-4-gamma)
153222	X	.	X	.	X	.	X	X	.	X	.
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142209	.	X	.	.	.	.	.	X	.	X	.
106972	.	X	X	.	X	.	.	X	.	X	.
149937	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47768	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	.	X	.
40178	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	.	.	.
131176	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
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Formal As

Concise Protein Summary

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Significance threshold $p < 0.05$

Max number of hits 20

Re-Search All

Search Unmatched

1.

Mixture 1

Total score: 217

Expect: 1e-17

Queries matched: 29

Comments (only one family member shown for each comparison)

Q01094-08-08-00

Mass: 46891

Score: 123

Expect: 2.6e-08

Queries matched: 15

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Displayed: Conflict

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E0870

Mass: 53488

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New : Protein with 50% sequence similarity are merged. (This setting is available in the Display tab of the form)

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Graphical visualisation of the results :

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BUPID Web Interface

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Database

Taxonomy

Enzyme

Maximum Missed Cleavage(s)

Peptide Mass Tolerance

Mass Value

Peak Type [Advanced Options]

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The standard interface of BUPID offers standard parameters.

Advanced Options:

Your name

Project name

Number of Returned Hits

Raw Score Cutoff

Protein Mass kDa

Peptide Mass ~ Da

Peak Mass Offset Da

Peak Intensity Cutoff %

Query

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Search Results

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	Click for Detail	score	Raw Score	Matched Peptides	(total effective)	Sequence Coverage	Protein Sequence Name	Merge Hits
1.	RS30_HUMAN	0.275882	16.704674	3	39	16	39.6%	40S ribosomal protein S30. Q05472 ☐
2.	K1CI_HUMAN	0.333126	75.270339	14	99	79	24.9%	Keratin, type I cytoskeletal 9 (Cytokeratin 9) ... P35527 ☐
3.	K1CJ_HUMAN	0.343009	65.151715	12	91	72	22.3%	Keratin, type I cytoskeletal 10 (Cytokeratin 10 ... P13645 ☐
4.	K2C1_HUMAN	0.344604	88.926094	18	129	100	33.4%	Keratin, type II cytoskeletal 1 (Cytokeratin 1) ... P04264 ☐
5.	CAHA_HUMAN	0.351723	38.177582	7	53	43	15.9%	Carbonic anhydrase-related protein 10 (Carbonic ... Q9NS85 ☐
6.	H13_HUMAN	0.363524	27.715259	6	113	57	18.6%	Histone H1.3 (Histone H1c). P16402 ☐
7.	RL31_HUMAN	0.367282	21.808564	4	61	36	32.8%	60S ribosomal protein L31. P12947 ☐
8.	Z125_HUMAN	0.367869	21.903299	4	33	24	25.0%	Zinc finger protein 125 (HZF-3) (Fragment). P35274 ☐
9.	RL44_HUMAN	0.370291	16.519316	3	63	28	31.3%	60S ribosomal protein L44 (L36a). P09896 ☐
10.	HV1C_HUMAN	0.375541	17.414945	3	21	19	34.2%	Ig heavy chain V-I region ND precursor (Fragmen ... P01744 ☐
11.	P628_HUMAN	0.379520	11.876338	2	15	12	71.1%	Protein PRO0628. Q9UI54 ☐
12.	BAXC_HUMAN	0.381664	10.699630	2	11	10	57.5%	BAX protein, cytoplasmic isoform gamma. Q07815 ☐
13.	BUB3_HUMAN	0.383651	39.692537	7	67	51	21.6%	Mitotic checkpoint protein BUB3. O43684 ☐
14.	RS17_HUMAN	0.384568	22.382246	5	53	31	22.4%	40S ribosomal protein S17. P08708 ☐
15.	S113_HUMAN	0.386341	17.076007	3	33	20	26.8%	S100 calcium-binding protein A13. Q99584 ☐
16.	SR19_HUMAN	0.387692	22.615362	4	55	33	29.2%	Signal recognition particle 19 kDa protein (SRP ... P09132 ☐
17.	ARGR_HUMAN	0.389733	32.298601	6	107	55	26.1%	Arginine-rich protein. P55145 ☐
18.	K1CX_HUMAN	0.390709	49.354253	11	93	75	16.0%	Keratin, type I cytoskeletal 17 (Cytokeratin 17 ... P08779 ☐
19.	IG2R_HUMAN	0.391973	11.910041	2	15	12	51.6%	Putative insulin-like growth factor II associat ... P09565 ☐
20.	TRIF_HUMAN	0.393250	26.328247	5	79	55	19.9%	Troponin I, fast skeletal muscle (Troponin I, f ... P48788 ☐
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Plot								

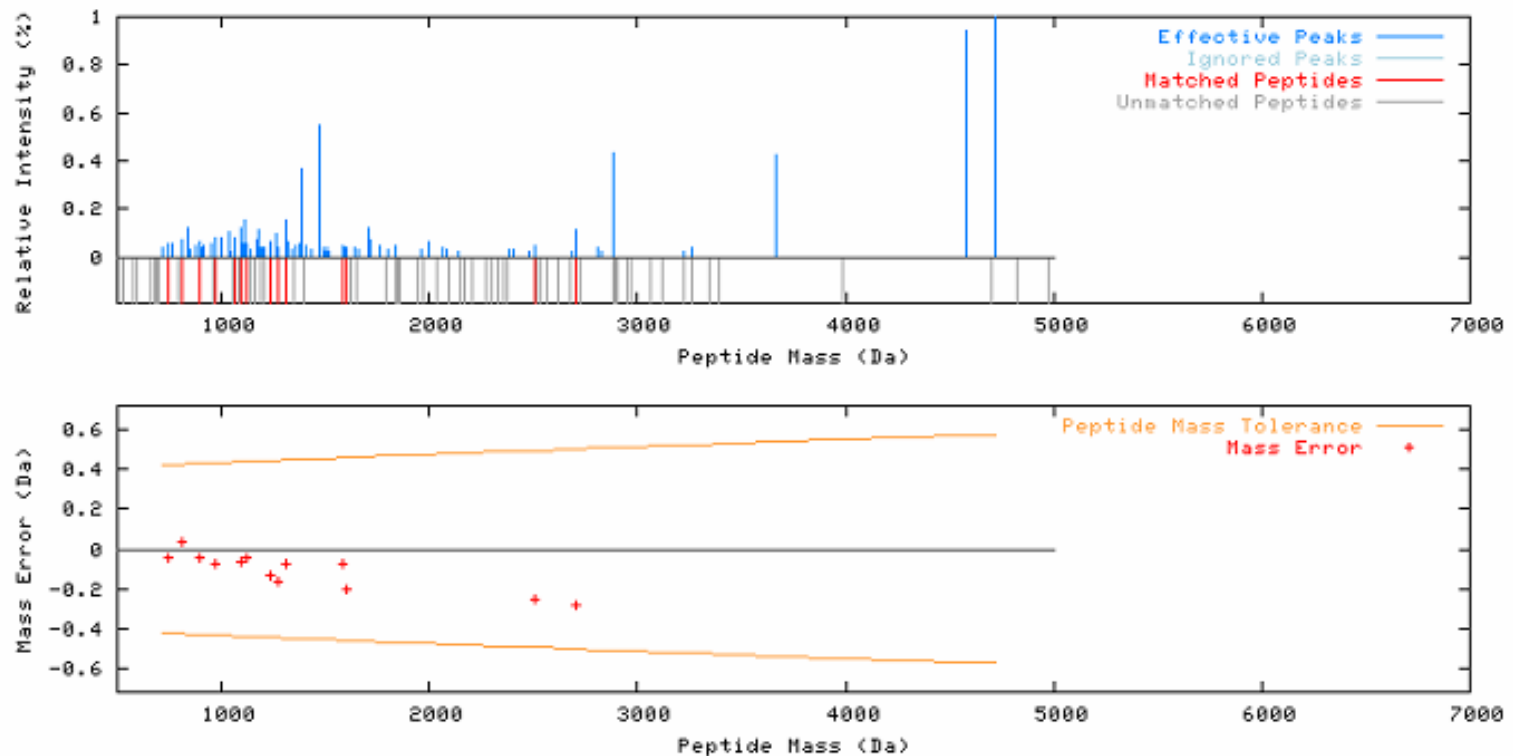
Final results are ranked by the **score**. Click on the link in the first column to view each individual proteins. Check boxes in the last column and click **Plot** for more data-processing (see bellow).

Protein view provides

- A plot of spectrum and matched theoretical peaks
- Sequence and coverage
- Matched and miss matched peptides

K1CI_HUMAN|P35527|Keratin, type I cytoskeletal 9 (Cytokeratin 9) (K9) (CK 9).

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Sequence

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1  MSCRQFSSSY LTSGGGGGGG LGSGGSIRSS YSRFSSSGGR GGGGRFSSSS
51 GYGGGSSSRVC GRGGGGSFGY SYGGGSGGGF SASSLGGGFG GGSRGFGGAS
101 GGGYSSSGGF GGGFGGGSGG GFGGGYGSGF GGLGGFGGGA GGGDGGILTA
151 NEKSTMQELN SRLASYLDFV QALEEANNDL ENKIQDWYDK KGPAAIQKNY
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... etc.

Matched Peptides

Start - End	Length	Peptide Mass	Peak Mass	Mass Error	Missed Cl.	Peptide Sequence
1 - 4	4	495.193379			0	MSCR
1 - 28	28	2622.191483			1	MSCRQFSSSYLTSGGGGGGGLGSGGSIR
5 - 28	24	2145.008674			0	QFSSSYLTSGGGGGGGLGSGGSIR
5 - 33	29	2725.269201			1	QFSSSYLTSGGGGGGGLGSGGSIRSSYSR
29 - 33	5	598.271097			0	SSYSR
29 - 40	12	1276.579632	1276.741975	0.162343	-	1 SSYSRFSSSGGR
34 - 40	7	696.319105			0	FSSSGGR
34 - 45	12	1080.506071			1	FSSSGGRGGGGR
41 - 45	5	402.197536			0	GGGGR
41 - 58	18	1618.708416			1	GGGGRFSSSSGYGGGSSR
46 - 58	13	1234.521450	1234.659975	0.138525	-	0 FSSSSGYGGGSSR
46 - 62	17	1649.721628			1	FSSSSGYGGGSSSRVCGR
59 - 62	4	433.210748			0	VCGR
59 - 94	36	3119.354019			1	VCGRGGGGSFGYSYGGGSGGGFSASSLGGGFGGGSR
63 - 94	32	2704.153841	2704.437975	0.284134	-	0 GGGGSFGYSYGGGSGGGFSASSLGGGFGGGSR
63 - 153	91	7513.231551			1	GGGGSFGYSYGGGSGGGFSASSLGGGFGGGSRGFGGASGGG
95 - 153	59	4827.088280			0	GFGGASGGGYSSSGGFGGGFGGGSGGGFGGGYGSGFGGLGG

... etc.

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- Protein mixture view plots all matched and miss matched theoretical peaks along with the spectrum. Users also have the choice to show peaks of self-digestion (peptides of the restriction enzyme).
 - All matched peaks are also plotted back to back for users to identify shared peptides or peptides with similar masses. In popular search engines such as MASCOT, matched peaks are removed after each round. Thus peptides overlap with another peptide with a stronger signal may not be picked up in the database search. BUPID doesn't remove peaks and is free from such occasions.
 - Mass errors of all peptides are plotted together. A trend line generated from least-square-fit helps to identify the trend of the error. If, for instance, that the researcher believes that the trend line resembles the system error of the machine, BUPID offers an internal calibration option to adjust for such error.

Search for Post-Translation Modifications

Calibrate & Re-Search the Spectrum

Slope: -0.000140016739798656

Y-Intersect: 0.103316237612209

Search

RS30 HUMAN:

KVHGSLARAGKVRGQTPKVAKQEKKKKKTG
RAKRRMQYNRRFVNVPFTFGKKKGPNANS

Sequence Database: Single Amino Acid Mutations of RS30_HUMAN

Sequence Database: Post-Translation Modifications of RS30_HUMAN

K2C1 HUMAN

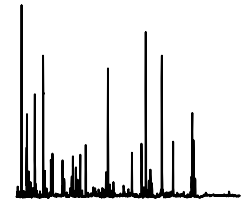
Sequence Database: Single Amino Acid Mutations of K2C1_HUMAN

Sequence Database: Post-Translation Modifications of K2C1_HUMAN

CAHA_HUMAN

Sequence Database: Single Amino Acid Mutations of CAHA_HUMAN

Sequence Database: Post-Translation Modifications of CAHA_HUMAN

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Database[illegible]

- BUPID can search for post-translation modifications within a set of user specified proteins.
- For each protein sequence, BUPID creates a database with post-translation modification and variations, against which the spectrum is searched again. Final results are ranked by the p-value of their log-likelihood score.



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