



**Figure S5.** E-value accuracy assessment. The agreement between the reported  $E$ -value and the textbook definition is examined using profile data (the NHLBI data set: 10,000 spectra). The random database size used is 500 MB. The molecular weight range considered while searching the database is  $[MW - \delta, MW + \delta]$ . In each panel, the dashed lines, corresponding to  $x = 5y$  and  $x = y/5$ , are used to provide a visual guide regarding how close/off the experimental curves are from the theoretical curve.