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Supplemental Figure S1. Mass spectra of the experiments in which response factor ratio α was determined for each phospho – and unphosphopeptide mixtures from the observed mass spectrometric signal intensity ratio *S* for three models in table 1, pep.1 AAAAYRAAR / AAAAPYRAA, pep.2 LRWGFTTPDKKHQKEPPF / RWGFTpTPDKKHQKEPPF, pep. 3a RQSVELHSPQSLPR / RQpSVELHSPQSLPR), and pep. 3b RQSVELHSPQSLPR / RQSVELHpSPQSLPR. Nominal *m*/*z* values are shown.

Unphospho-pep2



Supplemental Figure S2. Mass spectra of the experiments for dynamic range test in Table 3 in which pep 2/ p-pep 2 mixtures (LRWGFTTPDKKHQKEPPF/RWGFTpTPDKKHQKEPPF) with phosphorylation fraction (m = 0.5) in an amount range of 7.0 - 0.04 pmol were analyzed by MALDI-MS.



Supplemental Figure S3. Variability in MALDI-TOF MS signal, as measured by the coefficient of variance of the signal intensity ratios for either a non-isotopomeric (blue) or isotopomeric (red) peptide pair decreases as a function of increased laser shots for both isotopomeric and non-isotopomeric pairs. Both types of pairs show an increase in reproducibility with the number of laser shots. Isotopomers showing a consistent ~2-3 fold advantage in reproducibility over non-isotopomers. Because both plots appear to asymptote, the data suggests that sufficiently increasing laser shots may make MALDI a reasonable method for quantification either with or without isotope label.

Spectra were acquired using a Waters MaldiMX MALDI-TOF mass spectrometer in positive reflectron mode using unphosphorylated ¹³C₃ labeled and unlabeled peptide 1 for the isotopomeric pair, and unphosphorylated and phosphorylated unlabeled peptide 1 for the non-isotopomeric pair. MALDI-TOF is utilized in this case because it involves the least post-ionization ion manipulation of all major analyzers that are coupled to MALDI, and therefore we surmise that any effects are entirely a function of the ionization/extraction process, isolated from ion transport. MALDI samples were prepared using the dried droplet method as previously described using a 1 pmol 1:1:1 mixture of all three peptides (labeled, unlabeled and phosphorylated) in a saturated solution (solvent 70:29.9:0.1 acetonitrle:water:TFA v/v/v) of alpha-cyano, 4-hydroxycinnamic acid matrix. Spectra were acquired in manual mode using an N₂ laser firing at 60 Hz.

Pep. 2 mixtures of phospho- and unphosphopeptides (m = 0.65)



Supplemental Figure S4. Mass spectra of mixture of phospho – and unphosphopeptide 2 (0.14 pmol) in a Cdk kinase buffer. The response factor ratio α was determined from the observed mass spectrometric signal intensity ratio, *S* =2.93, and the known phosphorylation fraction, *m* = 0.65 for the measurements of *in vitro* inhibition of Cdk2 phosphorylation of Pep. 2.