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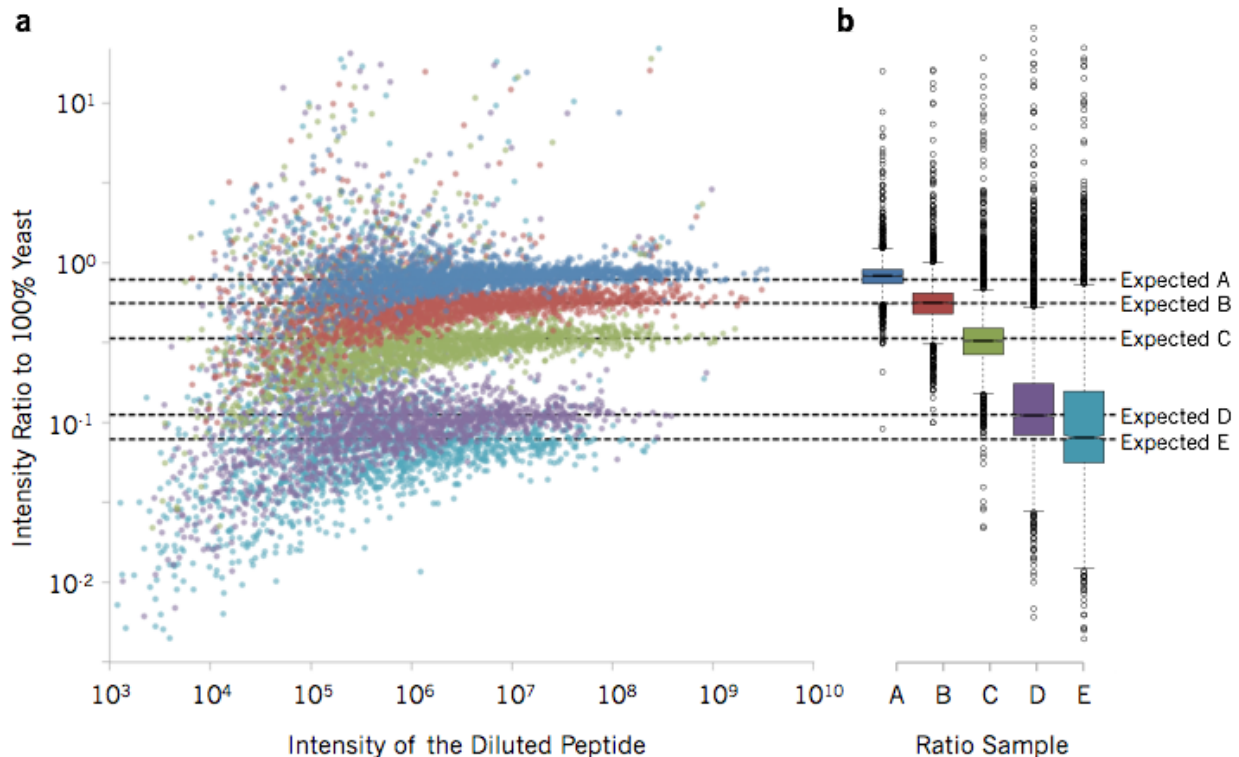
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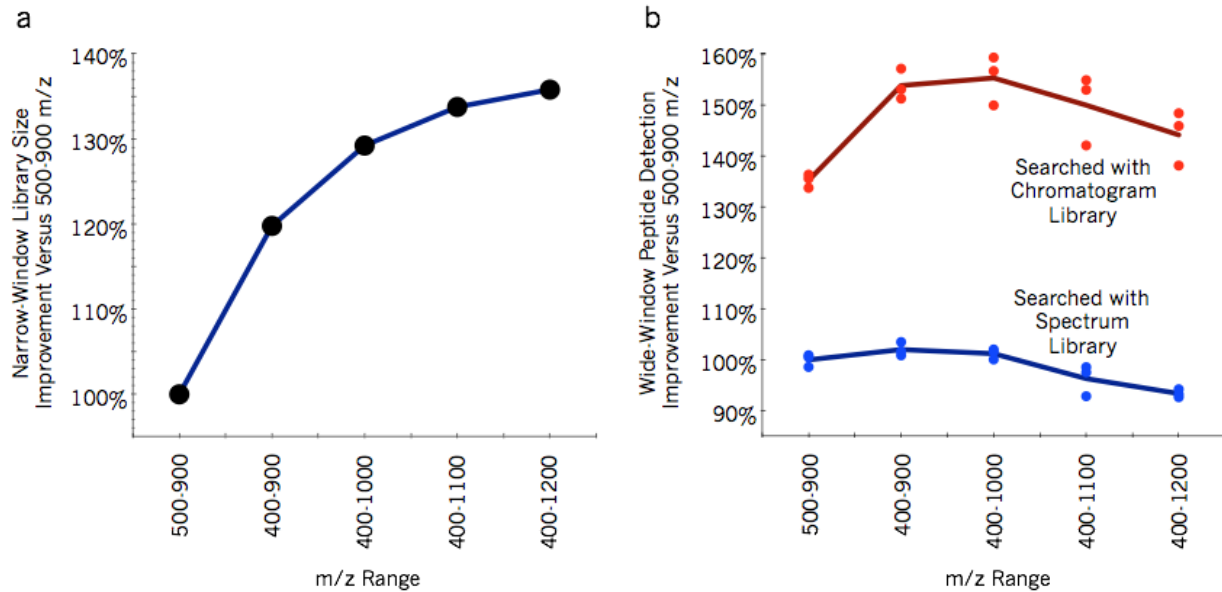
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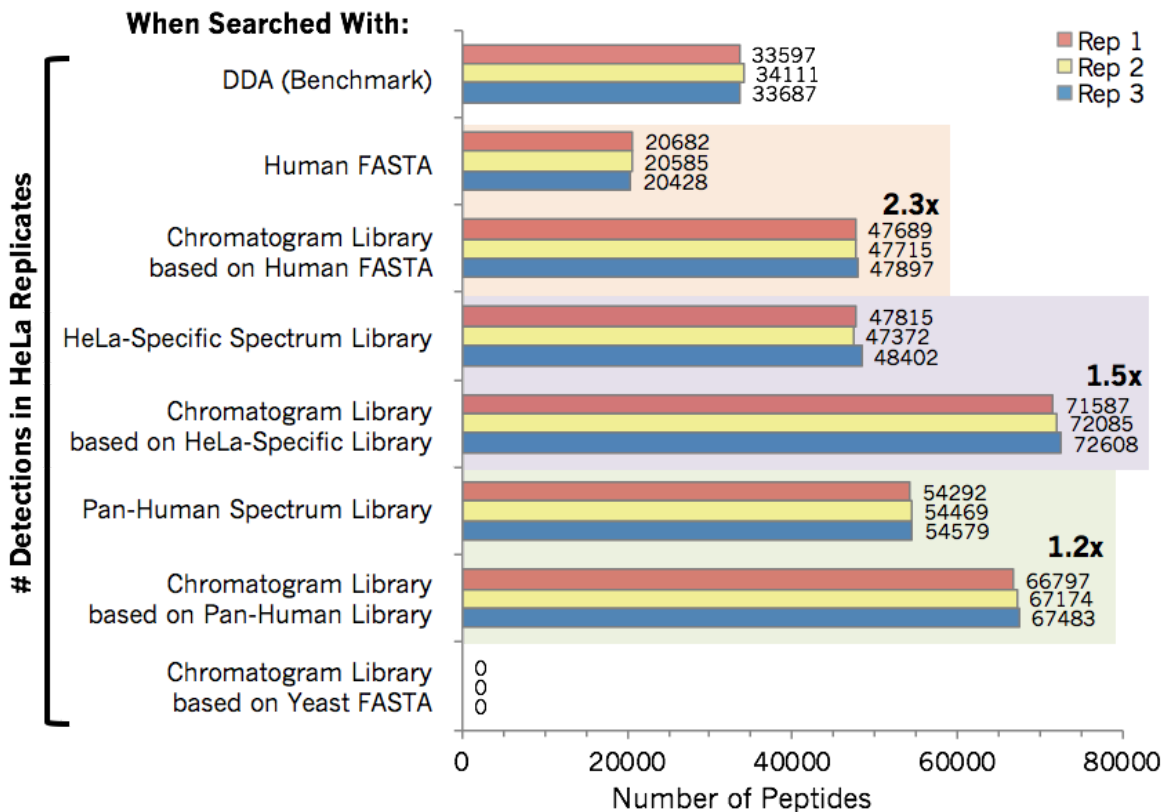
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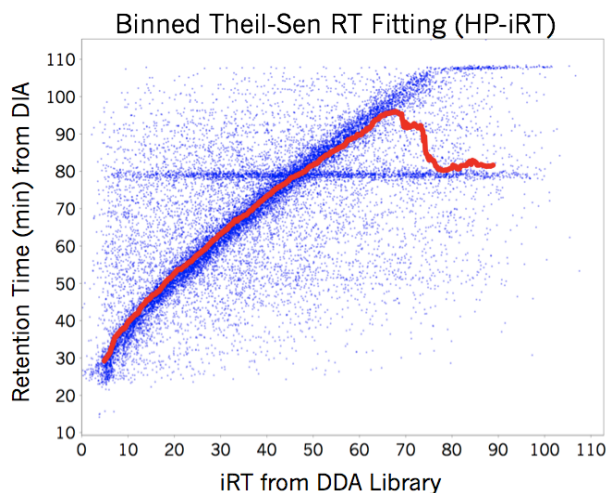
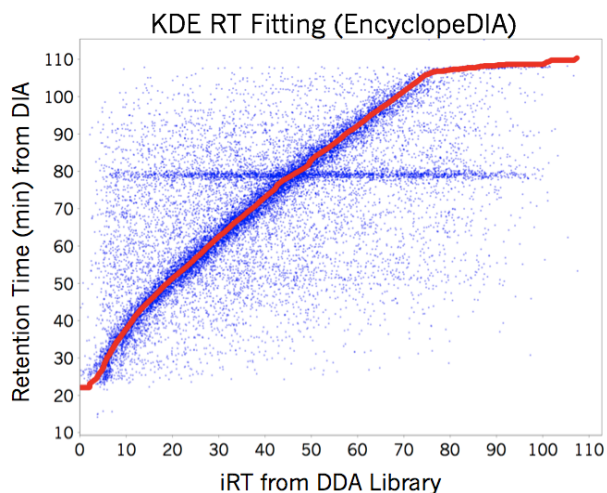
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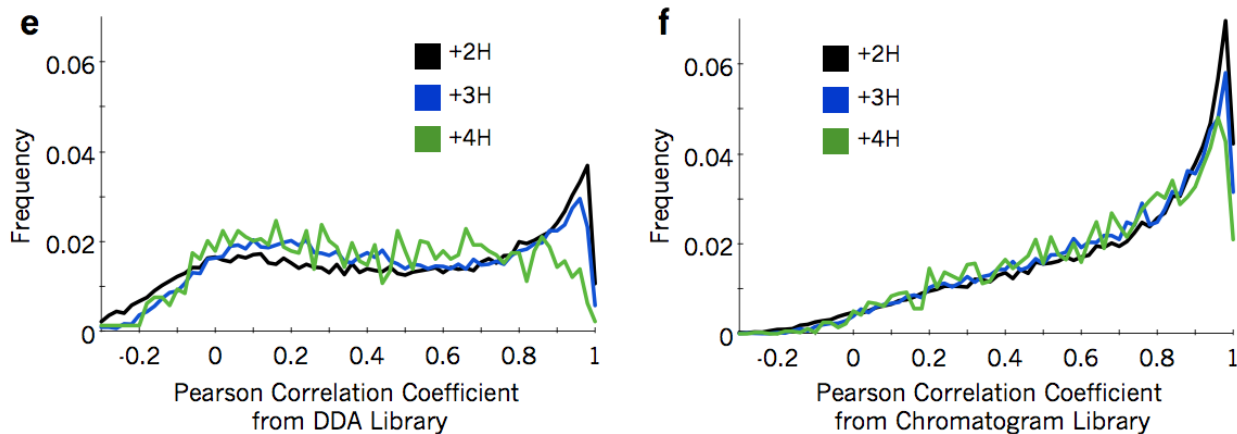


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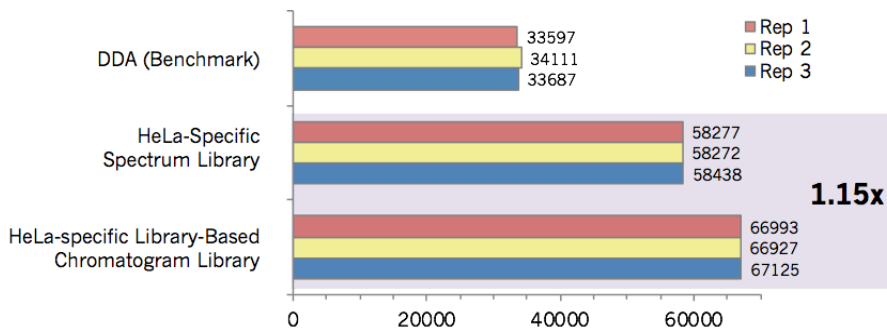
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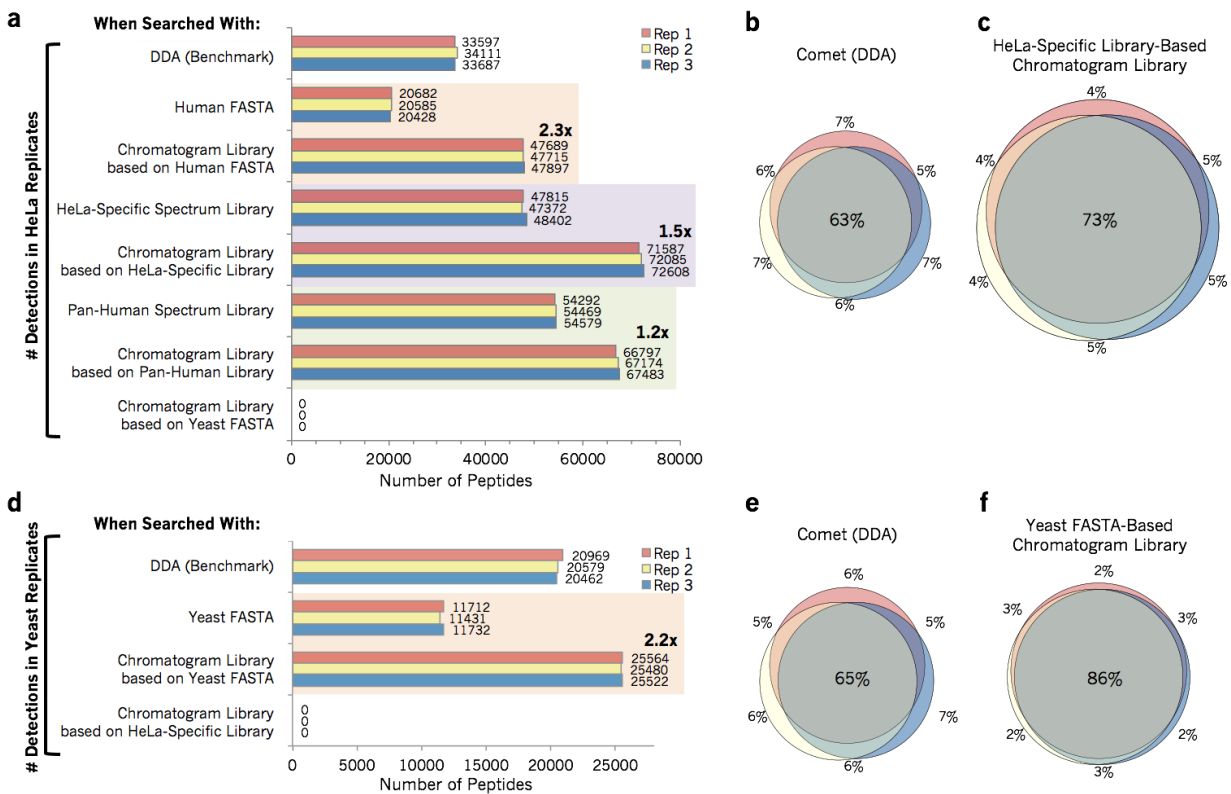


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- light orange indicates searching a FASTA versus a FASTA-based chromatogram library
- light purple indicates searching a traditional sample-specific spectrum library versus a chromatogram library built from that spectrum library
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In our manuscript we have attempted to follow this suggestion as closely as possible. When considering a run-specific context, we perform FDR filtering on each run individually at the 1% peptide-level for peptide benchmarking (e.g. Figure 2), or at both the 1% peptide-level and 1% protein-level (after protein grouping parsimony) when considering protein detections (e.g. Figure 3). Since these analyses are performed independently, we do not use any run-to-run alignment. However, when considering an experiment-wide context (e.g. the biological study in Figure 6) we only report analytes detected after both global 1% peptide-level and 1% protein-level FDR filtering using feature sets from all runs simultaneously. We strongly believe in the approach presented in Rosenberger et al 2017 and we have engineered the EncyclopeDIA software such that if run-to-run alignment is performed, global FDR assessment is automatically triggered. We have tried to clarify this point in the main text by more clearly stating what type of FDR correction is used in each analysis.

- The authors should describe more of their experimental setup in the main paper, e.g. gradient length and instrument used when describing the number of identified peptides -- or number of samples and biological / technical replicates used when describing their biological study.

We collected all the DIA runs with a Thermo Q-Exactive HF tandem mass spectrometer using a 90 minute linear gradient. For the biological study we selected six starvation times to match commonly used protocols and generated six biological replicates per condition. Four biological replicates were used to monitor the HeLa phosphoproteomes. We have added these details to the main manuscript.

Minor comments:

- typo in decoy library method: "insuring" should be "ensuring"

This has been corrected.

## Reviewers' Comments:

### Reviewer #2:

#### Remarks to the Author:

The authors have – in my opinion - correctly and satisfactorily addressed the concerns & remarks of all three reviewers.

The manuscript has improved considerably in the present revision and is now suitable for publication.

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First, we would like to thank the reviewer for positively receiving our updated manuscript and for providing additional comments. We have attempted to thoroughly address all of these comments.

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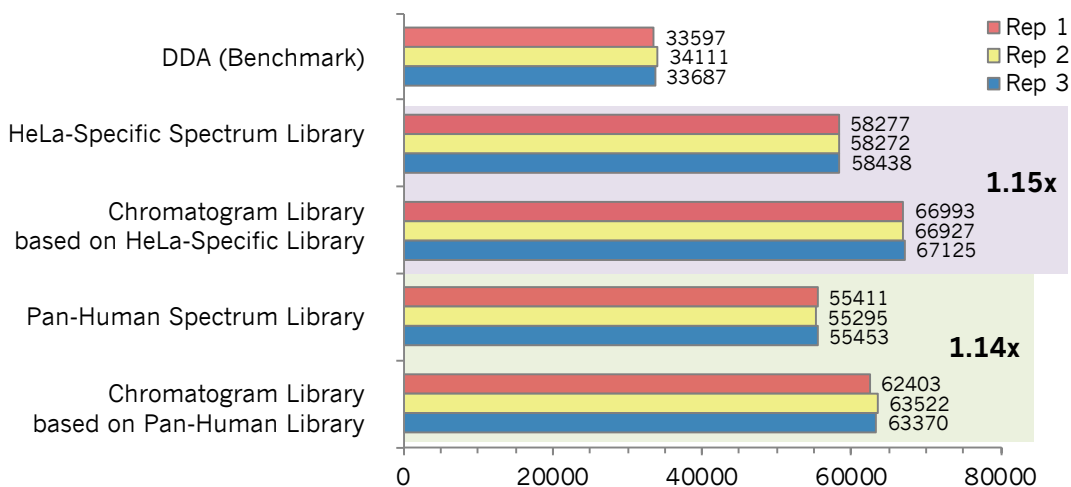
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The reviewer brings up several important points and we sought to understand this behavior better with some new analyses. While it is true that EncyclopeDIA performs worse than Skyline using the HeLa-specific spectrum library, we now find that they both EncyclopeDIA and Skyline perform equally well with the Pan-Human spectrum library. We suspect this variation is due to EncyclopeDIA's reliance on accurate retention time stability. To corroborate this, we found that our HeLa-specific library has higher retention time spread than the Pan-Human library, mainly due to the fact that the HeLa-specific library runs were not originally collected for this purpose. Since most spectrum

libraries are built-for-purpose, we feel that the Pan-Human library performance is more indicative and that in most cases, EncyclopeDIA and Skyline should perform equally well with DDA-based spectrum libraries.

We would like to point out that achieving our high level of success with Skyline is not trivial. Significant iterative tuning of the normalized retention time library, seed peptides, and search parameters was required. For example, our first-pass analyses before adding Brendan MacLean as a collaborating author produced approximately 2/3rds the number of peptides, despite the fact that our group has significant experience processing DIA experiments with Skyline. Meanwhile, EncyclopeDIA produces this level of performance “out of the box”.

Regardless, in both cases, Skyline shows approximately a 15% increase using chromatogram libraries over the original DDA-based spectrum libraries. Using chromatogram libraries, EncyclopeDIA produces a consistent 20-25% peptide detection improvement over Skyline using DDA libraries. We have adjusted the abstract and discussion of Figure 2 to present this result. Additionally, we have updated Supplementary Figure 2 to include this new analysis:



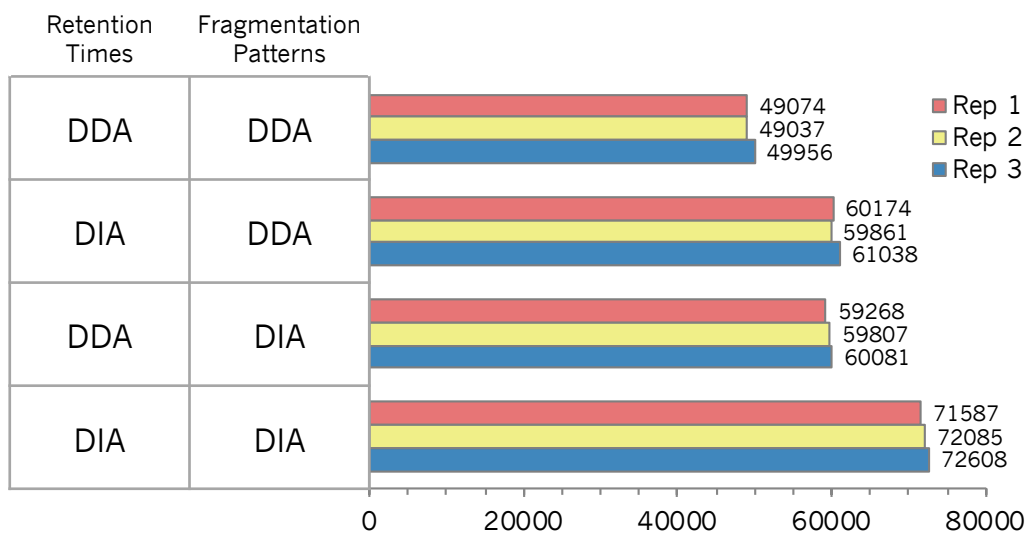
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As the reviewer suggested, we have toned down this language. However, this comment inspired us to investigate the impact of retention time and fragmentation patterns independently. As suggested in the comment below, we have searched the HeLa benchmarking datasets using the HeLa-specific chromatogram library (DIA), where either the retention times or fragmentation patterns have been switched with the spectrum library (DDA). Compared to the original HeLa-specific spectrum library search (average of 47863 peptides), a small improvement (3%) comes from simply using a narrowed peptide selection. DIA-based retention times and fragmentation patterns provide a 22% and 21% improvement over this, respectively. Using both DIA-based retention times and fragmentation patterns provides a 46% improvement, suggesting that these two factors are additive. We have added the following new Supplementary Figure 3 describing this phenomenon:



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Bruderer et al 2016{Bruderer et al., 2016, #21583} demonstrate that high-precision iRTs provide up to 23% improvement in the number of detected peptides. Although not measuring the same source of accurate retention times, our findings (22% improvement due to column-specific retention times) agree closely with this result. Unfortunately a direct comparison with Bruderer et al 2017{Bruderer et al., 2017, #30460} regarding the number of detected peptides is impossible due to significant sample loading and chromatographic differences. Specifically, in our experiments we loaded 1 ug sample with 30 cm columns and 90 minute linear gradients, while Bruderer et al 2017 loaded up to 4 ug sample with 1 m columns and 240 minute linear gradients. However, we can discuss the results presented by Bruderer et al 2017 relative to our work in general terms.

Bruderer et al 2017 demonstrate significantly improved detection rates when searching project-specific spectral libraries as opposed to global libraries like the pan-human library. As discussed above, this is likely due to three factors:

1. Lowering the number of peptide queries softens false discovery correction by asking fewer questions
2. Retention times are tuned to a specific HPLC setup
3. Fragmentation patterns are tuned for a specific mass spectrometer

Our analysis enables us to differentiate between these three factors within the context of our experiments: we find that improving fragmentation accuracy for DIA acquisition is approximately as important as improving retention time accuracy and that both improvements in tandem make up the large majority of our reported gains.

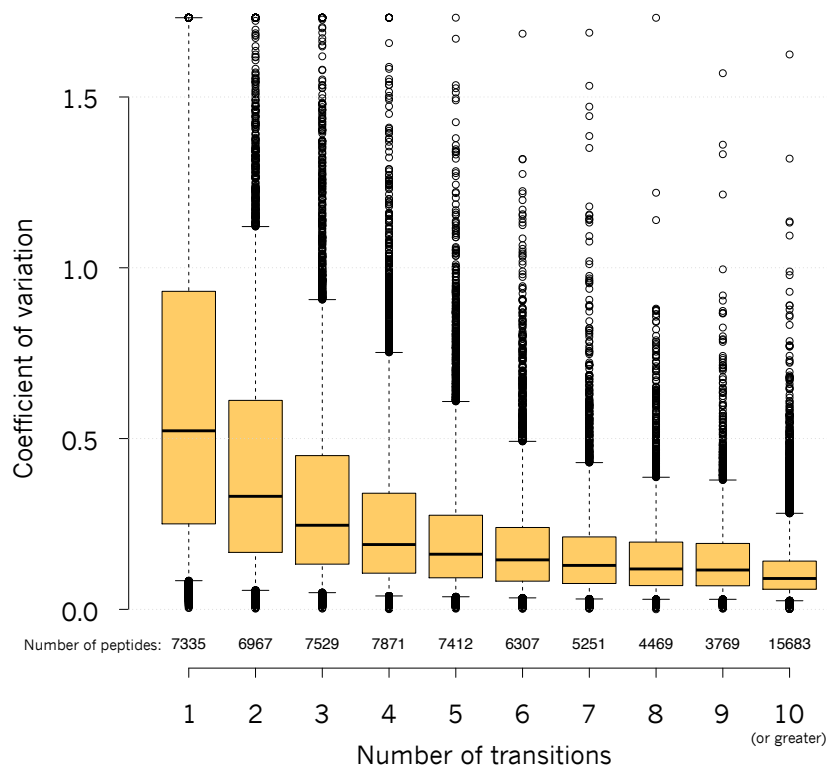
One major complication of the Bruderer et al 2017 approach is that a new spectral library needs to be created for each new chromatographic condition. Specifically, the entire library must be recreated if a column or trap needs to be replaced during an experiment. Creating these libraries is difficult (e.g. Bruderer et al 2017 use 30 DDA injections of both offline high-pH reverse phase and strong anion exchange fractionated samples) and as proteomics experiments get larger and larger, column and trap clogs or instability become more common. The main benefit of our approach is that rather than recollecting an entire spectral library for each new chromatographic condition, we only collect six new injections to calibrate an old library. We have added additional emphasis to help clarify this point in the abstract.

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We have added the following underlined context to this discussion: “We also evaluated the creation of chromatogram libraries using a DIA-only workflow. Using this approach, we were able to detect an average of 20.6k peptides from the Uniprot Human FASTA database using Walnut, or approximately 0.6x of the detections found by top-20 DDA. In contrast, we found an average of 47.8k peptides (2.3x increase) when we searched the Walnut-based chromatogram library with EncyclopeDIA (Figure 2a), or approximately 1.4x more than DDA. These results agree with previous work{Ting et al., 2017, #29966} showing that Pecan does not perform as well as DDA when searching wide-window runs, but typically outperforms DDA when searching gas-phase fractionated runs.”

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While using a minimum of three transitions for quantification is common in the SRM community (e.g. Prakash et al, J Proteome Res. 2009 Jun;8(6):2733-9), we have explored the effect of number of transitions on peptide quantification reproducibility. Using the triplicate HeLa injections, we compared the coefficient of variation for peptides quantified with different numbers of transitions. The median CV for peptides with three transitions is 24.6%, which we feel is acceptable for this study. We break this down in the following box and whisker plot, where boxes indicate medians and interquartile ranges, and whiskers indicate 5% and 95% values:



This measurement will change depending on the background, and in certain circumstances it might make sense to raise this or lower the number of required transitions. Indeed, EncyclopeDIA supports different options for number of required transitions. We have not added this experiment (or figure) into the manuscript but are happy to do so if the reviewer deems it useful.

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We have uploaded all raw data files discussed in this manuscript to MassIVE and have already made it public. We have added the following text to the software/data availability section: "All mass spectrometry mzML and RAW data files (see Supplementary Table 3 for raw data annotations) are available on the Chorus Project (project identifier 1433) and at the MassIVE proteomics repository (project identifier MSV000082805)."

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We agree and we have changed this order in the discussion. We now present a DDA/DIA workflow first, and a DIA-only workflow second.

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We respectfully disagree with the reviewer on this point, since Figure 1 also shows a DIA-only workflow with Walnut, which does not use spectrum libraries at all. Therefore, referring to a chromatogram library as a "calibrated spectrum library" does not tell the complete narrative.

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We have changed the title to “Chromatogram libraries improve peptide detection and quantification by data independent acquisition mass spectrometry”.



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We agree and have included a new Supplementary Note 2 that outlines how Skyline was run to achieve the results in the manuscript. In general we followed the "Large Scale DIA with Skyline" webinar (<https://skyline.ms/webinar14.url>), which we link to in the manuscript.

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We agree that this was a nice confirmatory observation and we thank the reviewer for encouraging us to consider this line of reasoning.