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The key role of metal adducts in the differentiation of phosphopeptide from sulfopeptide sequences by high-resolution

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Table S1. Conversion of HCD NCE values to eV for main precursors investigated in this study. Values were manually obtained from individual scan header function from the raw data files using Qual Browser from Thermo Scientific Xcalibur software (version 4.5.474.0). Y17 in IHDSSEIEDENDADSDYQDELALILGLR and Y6 in QFPTDYDEGQDDR is either phosphorylated or sulfated.

m/z.	adduct	HCD NCE	HCD eV
IHDSSEIEDENDADSDYQDELALILGLR			
1085	[M+3H] ³⁺	10	22
		20	37
		30	53
		40	68
		50	84
814	[M+4H] ⁴⁺	10	17
		20	28
		30	38
		40	49
		50	60
1098	[M+2H+K] ³⁺	10	22
		20	37
		30	53
		40	69
		50	85
824	[M+3H+K] ⁴⁺	10	17
		20	28
		30	29
		40	50
		50	61
QFPTDYDEGQDDR			
833	[M+2H] ²⁺	10	19

		20	31
		30	44
		40	56
		50	69
568	[M+2H+K] ³⁺	10	14
		20	22
		30	30
		40	28
		50	46

1.1 Ultra-high performance liquid chromatography-high resolution MS analysis

Peptides were analyzed by reversed-phase chromatography, using a Vanquish UHPLC binary pump H coupled to a hybrid quadrupole–Orbitrap Q Exactive mass spectrometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Bremen, Germany) through a heated electrospray ionization (HESI) source. The peptides were separated by a Kinetex XB-C18 (100×2.1 mm, 2.6 µm particle size, Phenomenex, Torrance, CA, USA) operated at 0.4 mL min⁻¹ and 40 °C. The gradient elution was carried out with water (phase A) and acetonitrile (phase B) both with 0.1% (v/v) trifluoroacetic acid. The injection volume was 10 µL and the chromatographic gradient was the following: 1% phase B for 2 min, 1–35% B in 20 min, 35–99% B in 3 min; at the end of the gradient, a washing step at 99% B for 5 min and a re-equilibration step at 1% B for 5 min were performed.

Spectra were acquired in the m/z range 150–1500 for the positive ionization mode and in the m/z range 400–2000 for the negative ionization mode with a resolution of 70,000 (full width at half maximum, FWHM at 200 m/z). In the positive ionization mode, the HESI source was set as follows: 220 °C capillary temperature, 50 (arbitrary units) sheath gas, 25 (arbitrary units) auxiliary gas, 0 (arbitrary units) sweep gas, 3,200 V spray voltage, 280 °C auxiliary gas heater, 50% S-Lens RF level. Parameters changed as follows in the negative ionization mode: 280 °C capillary temperature, 10 (arbitrary units) auxiliary gas, 2.5 (arbitrary units) sweep gas, 2,500 V spray voltage, 320 °C auxiliary gas heater.

Data-dependent acquisition of the higher collisional dissociation (HCD) MS/MS spectra was performed using top 5 mode at 35,000 (FWHM, 200 m/z) resolution, automatic gain control (AGC) target value set at 5×10^5 for both full scan and MS/MS scan, dynamic exclusion of 3 s, and isolation window of 2 m/z. For the positive ionization mode, 30% normalized collision energy (NCE) was used. For the negative ionization mode, stepped NCE at 10-20-30 was used. The max ion injection time was set at 200 ms. Raw data files were acquired by Xcalibur software (version 3.1, Thermo Fisher Scientific).



Figure S1. a) Representative full scan spectrum of the long phosphopeptide (Y17phosphorylated IHDSSEIEDENDADSDYQDELALILGLR, 1 mg mL⁻¹ direct infusion) showing ionization in the positive ion mode as +3 (1086.15 m/z), +2 (1628.72 m/z), and +4

(814.803 m/z) intact precursors (‡). Orbitrap analyzer at 500k resolution; zoom with calculated actual resolution for b) 1628.72 m/z, c) 814.803 m/z, d) 1086.15 m/z.



Figure S2. a) Representative full scan spectrum of the short phosphopeptide (Y6-sulfated QFPTDYDEGQDDR, 1 mg mL⁻¹ direct infusion) showing ionization in the positive ion mode as +2 (833.309 m/z) and +3 (555.875 m/z) intact precursors (‡).Orbitrap analyzer at 500k resolution; b) zoom with calculated actual resolution for 833.309 m/z.



Figure S3. a) Representative full scan spectrum of the long sulfopeptide (Y17-sulfated IHDSSEIEDENDADSDYQDELALILGLR, 1 mg mL⁻¹ direct infusion) showing ionization in the positive ion mode as +3 (1086.15 m/z), +2 (1628.72 m/z), and +4 (814.862 m/z) intact precursors (‡) and their in-source product ions of SO₃ neutral loss (*). Orbitrap analyzer at

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Figure S4. a) Representative full scan spectrum of the short sulfopeptide (Y6-sulfated QFPTDYDEGQDDR, 1 mg mL⁻¹ direct infusion) showing ionization in the positive ion mode as +2 (833.304 *m/z*) intact precursor (‡) and in-source product ions of SO₃ neutral loss (*). Orbitrap analyzer at 500k resolution; b) zoom with calculated actual resolution for 833.303 m/z.



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Figure S58. Matched spectrum of the +3 charged Na⁺ adduct of the long sulfopeptide (Y17sulfated IHDSSEIEDENDADSDYQDELALILGLR) under EThcD (supplemental HCD of 30 NCE) using the SO₃Na modification (+101.9388) on Y17.


Figure S59. Matched spectrum of the +2 charged Na⁺ adduct of the short sulfopeptide (Y6sulfated QFPTDYDEGQDDR) under EThcD (supplemental HCD of 40 NCE) with SO₃K modification (+117.9127) on Y6.



Figure S60. Spectra of the +3 charged K⁺ adduct of the short sulfopeptide (Y6-sulfated QFPTDYDEGQDDR) under EThcD (supplemental HCD of 20 NCE) matched with SO₃K modification (+117.9127) on Y6.



Figure S61. Spectra of the +3 charged K⁺ adduct of the short sulfopeptide (Y6-sulfated QFPTDYDEGQDDR) under EThcD (supplemental HCD of 30 NCE) matched with SO₃K modification (+117.9127) on Y6.



Figure S62. Spectra of the +3 charged K⁺ adduct of the short sulfopeptide (Y6-sulfated QFPTDYDEGQDDR) under EThcD (supplemental HCD of 40 NCE) matched with SO₃K modification (+117.9127) on Y6.



Figure S63. Spectra of the +3 charged K⁺ adduct of the short phosphopeptide (Y6phosphorylated QFPTDYDEGQDDR) under EThcD (supplemental HCD of 20 NCE) matched with HPO₃K modification (+117.92221) on Y6.



Figure S64. Spectra of the +3 charged K^+ adduct of the short phosphopeptide (Y6-phosphorylated QFPTDYDEGQDDR) under EThcD (supplemental HCD of 30 NCE) matched with HPO₃K modification (+117.92221) on Y6.



Figure S65. Spectra of the +3 charged K^+ adduct of the short phosphopeptide (Y6-phosphorylated QFPTDYDEGQDDR) under EThcD (supplemental HCD of 40 NCE) matched HPO₃K modification (+117.92221) on Y6.



Figure S66. Spectra of the +3 charged Na⁺ adduct of the short sulfopeptide (Y6-sulfated QFPTDYDEGQDDR) under EThcD (supplemental HCD of 20 NCE) matched with SO₃Na modification (+101.938762) on Y6. * indicates neutral loss product from precursor ion.



Figure S67. Spectra of the +3 charged Na⁺ adduct of the short phosphopeptide (Y6phosphorylated QFPTDYDEGQDDR) under EThcD (supplemental HCD of 20 NCE) matched with HPO₃Na modification (+101.948278) on Y6.



Figure S68. Spectra of the +4 charged K⁺ adduct of the long sulfopeptide (Y17-sulfated IHDSSEIEDENDADSDYQDELALILGLR) under EThcD (supplemental HCD of 20 NCE) matched with SO₃K modification (+117.9127) on Y17.



Figure S69. Spectra of the +4 charged K⁺ adduct of the long sulfopeptide (Y17-sulfated IHDSSEIEDENDADSDYQDELALILGLR) under EThcD (supplemental HCD of 30 NCE) matched with SO₃K modification (+117.9127) on Y17.



Figure S70. Spectra of the +4 charged K⁺ adduct of the long sulfopeptide (Y17-sulfated IHDSSEIEDENDADSDYQDELALILGLR) under EThcD (supplemental HCD of 40 NCE) matched with SO₃K modification (+117.9127) on Y17.



Figure S71. Spectra of the +4 charged K⁺ adduct of the long sulfopeptide (Y17-sulfated IHDSSEIEDENDADSDYQDELALILGLR) under EThcD (supplemental HCD of 40 NCE) matched with K⁺ on Y17 and without sulfation on Y17.



Figure S72. Spectra of the +4 charged K⁺ adduct of the long phosphopeptide (Y17phosphorylated IHDSSEIEDENDADSDYQDELALILGLR) under EThcD (supplemental HCD of 20 NCE) matched with HPO₃K modification (+117.92221) on Y17.



Figure S73. Spectrum of the +4 charged K⁺ adduct of the long phosphopeptide (Y17phosphorylated IHDSSEIEDENDADSDYQDELALILGLR) under EThcD (supplemental HCD of 30 NCE) matched with HPO₃K modification (+117.92221) on Y17.



Figure S74. Spectrum of the +4 charged K⁺ adduct of the long phosphopeptide (Y17phosphorylated IHDSSEIEDENDADSDYQDELALILGLR) under EThcD (supplemental HCD of 40 NCE) matched with HPO₃K modification (+117.92221) on Y17.



Figure S75. Representative full scan spectra in the negative ionization mode of: a) the short sulfopeptide (Y6-sulfated QFPTDYDEGQDDR, 1 mg mL⁻¹) as -1 (1664.5874 m/z) and -2 (831.2870 m/z) precursors; b) the long sulfopeptide (Y17-sulfated IHDSSEIEDENDADSDYQDELALILGLR, 1 mg mL⁻¹) as -2 (1626.1944 m/z) and -3 (1083.7937 m/z) precursors. ‡ indicates intact precursors, * the corresponding in-source SO₃ neutral-loss product.



Figure S76. Representative HCD spectra with stepped NCE of: a) the short phosphopeptide (Y6-phosphorylated QFPTDYDEGQDDR) and b) the short sulfopeptide (Y6-sulfated QFPTDYDEGQDDR) in the negative ionization mode.



Figure S77. Representative HCD spectra with stepped NCE of the long phosphopeptide (Y17-phosphorylated IHDSSEIEDENDADSDYQDELALILGLR): a) -3 precursor; b) -2 precursor in the negative ionization mode.



Figure S78. Representative HCD spectra with stepped NCE of the long sulfopeptide (Y17sulfated IHDSSEIEDENDADSDYQDELALILGLR): a) -3 precursor; b) -2 precursor in the negative ionization mode.



Figure S79. Spectra of the long phosphopeptide (Y17-phosphorylated IHDSSEIEDENDADSDYQDELALILGLR, a) and sulfopeptide (Y17-sulfated IHDSSEIEDENDADSDYQDELALILGLR, b) under HCD at stepped 10-20-30 NCE and negative ion polarity detection.