

**Supporting Information**

**Distinct Dibasic Cleavage Specificities of Neuropeptide-Producing Cathepsin L and  
Cathepsin V Cysteine Proteases Compared to PC1/3 and PC2 Serine Proteases**

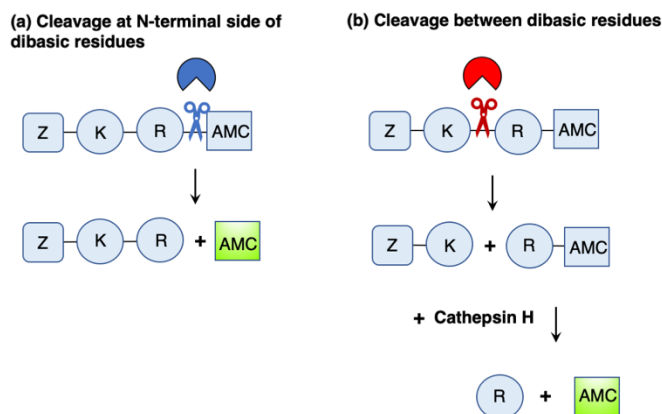
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## Supplemental Information

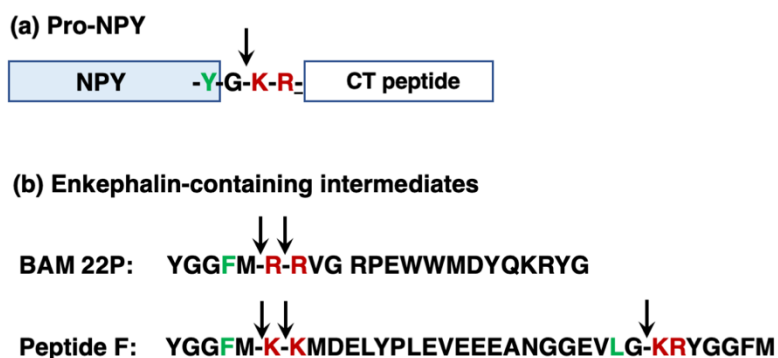
## Supplementary Figures:



**Figure S1. Coupled protease assay with cathepsin H aminopeptidase activity to monitor peptide-AMC cleavages with N-terminal residue-extended AMC products.**

a. C-terminal cleavage at dibasic residues of Z-K-R-AMC, as an example of the Z-K/R-K/R- $\downarrow$ AMC and Z-X-K/R-K/R- $\downarrow$ AMC substrates, generates fluorescent AMC monitored at excitation/emission of 360/460 nm, shown here for Z-K-R-AMC as example.

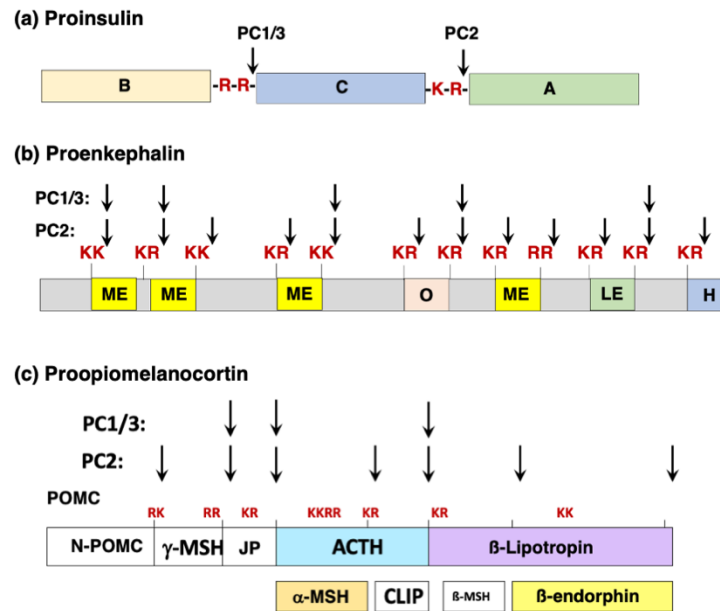
b. Cleavage between or at the N-terminal side of dibasic residues of Z-K-R-AMC, as an example for the Z-K/R-K/R- $\downarrow$ AMC and Z-X-K/R-K/R- $\downarrow$ AMC substrates, generates basic residue extended AMC products that are monitored by addition of the cathepsin H aminopeptidase to generate fluorescent AMC for detection and quantitation of cleaved products.



**Figure S2. Cathepsin L cleavage of several pro-neuropeptides at dibasic residues, between and at the N-terminal side, reported in the literature.**

a. Cathepsin L cleavage of pro-NPY. Cathepsin L cleavage of recombinant pro-NPY was determined by mass spectrometry analyses of cleavage products, as reported by our prior study of Funkelstein et al., 2008 (21). Results indicated cathepsin L cleavage at the N-terminal side of the KR (pink) processing site, with hydrophobic Tyr residue (green).

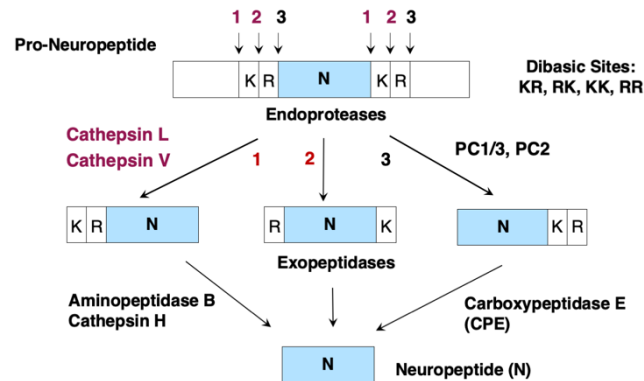
b. Cathepsin L cleavage of enkephalin-containing intermediates BAM22P and Peptide F. Cathepsin L cleavage of BAM22P and Peptide F was determined by mass spectrometry analyses of cleavage products, as reported in our prior study of Yasothornsrikul et al., 2003 (20). Results demonstrated cathepsin L cleavage between the R $\downarrow$ R dibasic site, and at the N-terminal side of  $\downarrow$ RR with hydrophobic Tyr as P2 residue.



**Figure S3. PC1/3 and PC2 cleavage of proinsulin and proenkephalin at the N-terminal side of dibasic residues, reported in the literature.**

(a) Proinsulin processing by PC1/3 and PC2. PC1/3 (human) has been demonstrated to cleave human proinsulin at the C-terminal side of RR↓ between the B and C chains, as reported by Davidson et al., 1988 (22). PC2 (human) has been shown to cleave at the COOH-terminal side of KR↓ between the C and A chains of proinsulin (22).

(b) Proenkephalin processing by PC1/3 and PC2. Processing of proenkephalin (rat) by PC1/3 and PC2 (mouse) was conducted by analyses of peptide products by MALDI-TOF, as reported by Peinado et al., 2003 (26). Arrows indicate the cleavage sites within proenkephalin by PC1/3 and PC2.



**Figure S4. Hypothesis for differential dibasic cleavage specificities of the cathepsin L and cathepsin V cysteine proteases, compared to the PC1/3 and PC2 serine proteases, for neuropeptide biosynthesis.**

Neuropeptides comprise peptide neurotransmitters and hormones. Neuropeptides are first synthesized as pro-neuropeptide precursors with dibasic residues (KR, RK, KK, and RR) flanking the active neuropeptides. The dibasic residue regions have been found to undergo proteolytic processing by cathepsin L and cathepsin V cysteine proteases (1, 2), combined with the pro-protein convertases 1 and 2 (PC1/3 and PC2) (1-3). It is hypothesized that different cleavage specificities exist for the cathepsin L and cathepsin V proteases which cleave between and at the N-terminal side of the dibasic residues, whereas the PC1/3 and PC2 serine proteases cleave at the C-terminal side of dibasic residues. This hypothesis is supported by the findings of this study.

## Supplemental Table:

	14-mers with dibasic sequence (n=19)
1	nLDKLnNWPQRRGn
2	GnYYKRFnAHWVGI
3	QnKKTLVnYNEWNL
4	LGWHAnFRKYPI nA
5	GSQVFSWLNHYHRK
6	HTNKRISQWnWEIR
7	RKWQSPQVDLYDKS
8	HRRVYLTSKPAPES
9	VDYIEHKDQVRnN
10	nEFHWRInQGKKAP
11	TPHHVNWYKRAPNQ
12	EGADIWYRKHSHQL
13	LRKDWGDIQFATAN
14	IEPPWVDSHAKRnN
15	YQLLTnNEIFRKWH
16	YWnSTHLAGKRRDW
17	DAWAPnVIKKESSI
18	ADARKYWNVHGTHQ
19	ANnQILDPDFNFKRE

**Table S1. Dibasic residue containing peptides in the library of 228 14-mer peptides used for MSP-MS analyses.**

The sequences of 14-mer peptides of the library that contain dibasic residues are shown. The library also contained one tribasic peptide.

## Supplemental Methods

### LC-MS-MS Report:

#### MSP-MS of Cathepsin L, Cathepsin V, PC1/3, and PC2 at pH 5.5 and pH 7.4

Samples were resuspended in 0.1% TFA to a total peptide concentration of 28.5 µM  
Each sample were injected once, 4 ul total volume per injection

The C18 column consisted of 1.7 µm bead size, 75 µm x 20 cm, heated to 65C

Solvent A – water, 0.1% formic acid

Solvent B – acetonitrile, 0.1% formic acid

Nano-LC gradient:

A	B	C	D
Time (min)	Flow (µl/min)	% solvent A	% solvent B
0	0.3	99	1
0.1	0.3	95	5
60	0.3	70	30
65	0.3	15	85
75	0.3	15	85
75.1	0.3	10	90
85	0.3	10	90
85.1	0.3	0	100

### MS Sample List

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Q-Exactive MS Report: Thermo Scientific SII for Xcalibur Method – Next Pages

**Method of Q Exactive****Overall method settings****Global Settings**

Use lock masses	off
Lock mass injection	—
Chrom. peak width (FWHM)	15 s

**Time**

Method duration	95.00 min
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**Customized Tolerances (+/-)**

Lock Masses	—
Inclusion	—
Exclusion	—
Neutral Loss	—
Mass Tags	—
Dynamic Exclusion	10.0 ppm

**Experiment****Full MS / dd-MS<sup>2</sup> (TopN)****General**

Runtime	0 to 95 min
Polarity	Positive
In-source CID	0.0 eV
Default charge state	2
Inclusion	—
Exclusion	—
Tags	—

**Full MS**

Microscans	1
Resolution	70,000
AGC target	3e6
Maximum IT	100 ms
Number of scan ranges	1
Scan range	250 to 1500 m/z
Spectrum data type	Profile

**dd-MS<sup>2</sup> / dd-SIM**

Microscans	1
Resolution	17,500
AGC target	1e5
Maximum IT	50 ms
Loop count	12
MSX count	1
TopN	12
Isolation window	1.5 m/z
Isolation offset	0.0 m/z
Scan range	200 to 2000 m/z
Fixed first mass	150.0 m/z
(N)CE / stepped (N)CE	nce: 28
Spectrum data type	Centroid

**dd Settings**

Minimum AGC target	3.00e2
Intensity threshold	6.0e3
Apex trigger	—
Charge exclusion	unassigned, 1

Peptide match Preferred  
 Exclude isotopes fc on  
 Dynamic exclusion 20.0 s  
 If idle .. do not pick others

### **Setup**

#### **Tunefiles**

##### **General**

Switch Count 0  
 Base Tunefile C:\Xcalibur\methods\CL\_nanoTune\_20180409.mstune

#### **Contact Closure**

##### **General**

Used False  
 Start in Closed True  
 Switch Count 0

#### **Syringe**

##### **General**

Used False  
 Start in OFF True  
 Stop at end of run False  
 Switch Count 0

##### **Pump setup**

Syringe type Hamilton  
 Flow rate 3.000 µL/min  
 Inner diameter 2.303 mm  
 Volume 250 µL

#### **Divert Valve A**

##### **General**

Used False  
 Start in 1-2 True  
 Switch Count 0

#### **Divert Valve B**

##### **General**

Used False  
 Start in 1-2 True  
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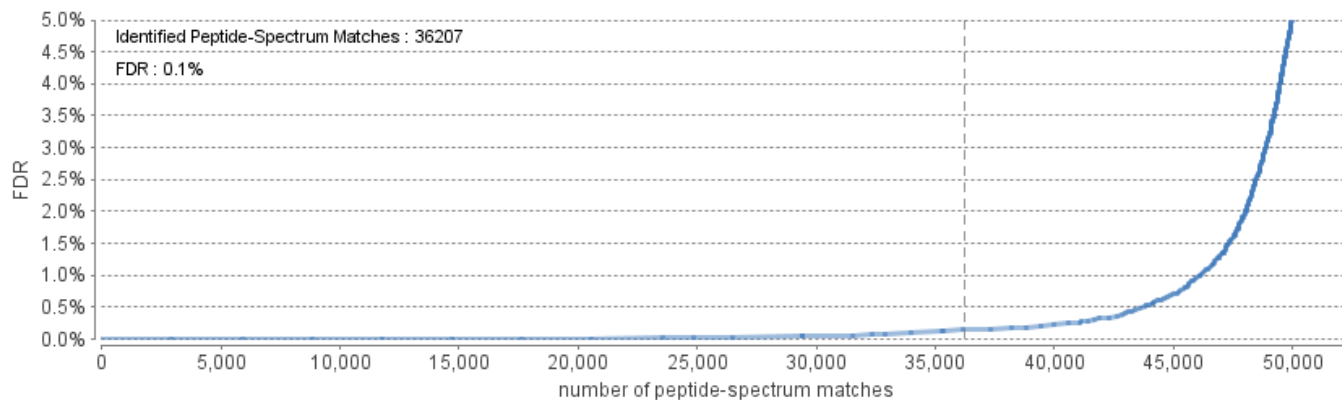
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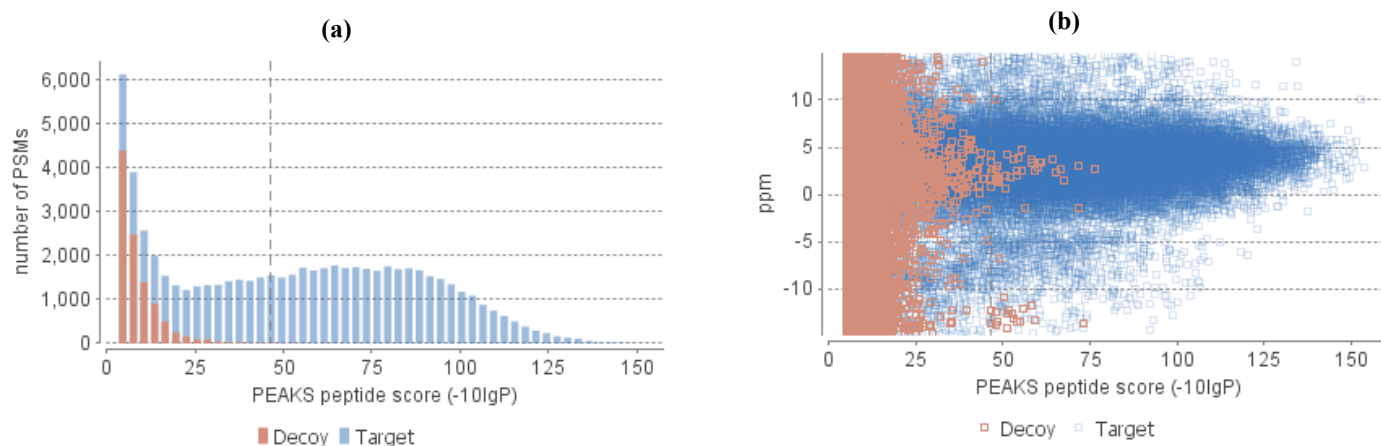
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## 2. Result Statistics

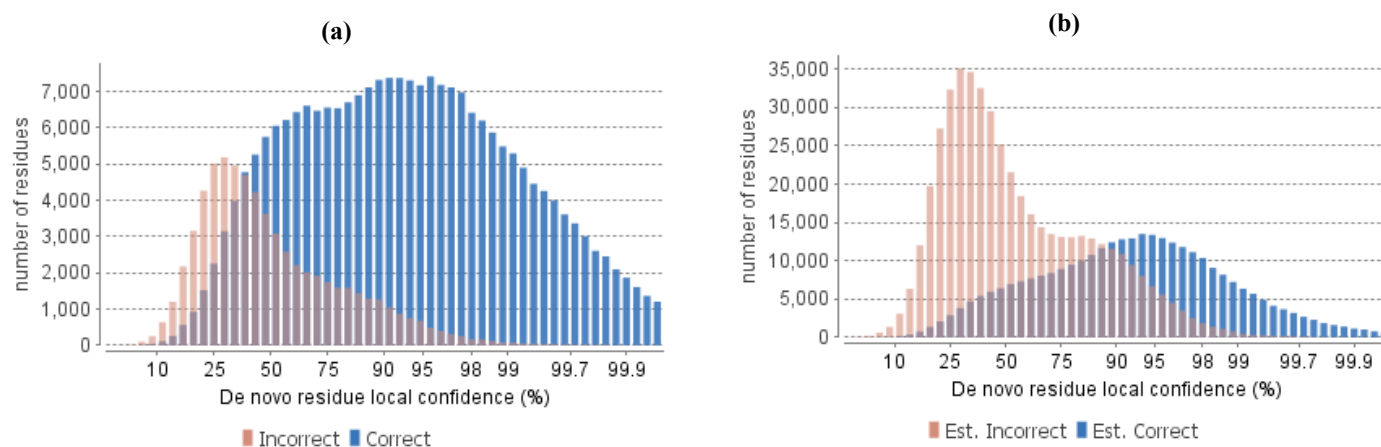
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**Figure 2.** PSM score distribution. (a) Distribution of PEAKS peptide score; (b) Scatterplot of PEAKS peptide score versus precursor mass error. [?](#)



**Figure 3.** De novo result validation. Distribution of residue local confidence: (a) Residues in de novo sequences validated by confident database peptide assignment; (b) Residues in "de novo only" sequences. [?](#)





**Table 1.** Statistics of data.

# of MS scans 183611  
# of MS/MS scans 1009554

**Table 2.** Result filtration parameters.

Peptide -10lgP  $\geq 46.4$   
Peptide Ascore  $\geq 0$   
Protein -10lgP  $\geq 20$   
Proteins unique peptides  $\geq 0$   
De novo ALC Score  $\geq 50\%$

**Table 3.** Statistics of filtered result.

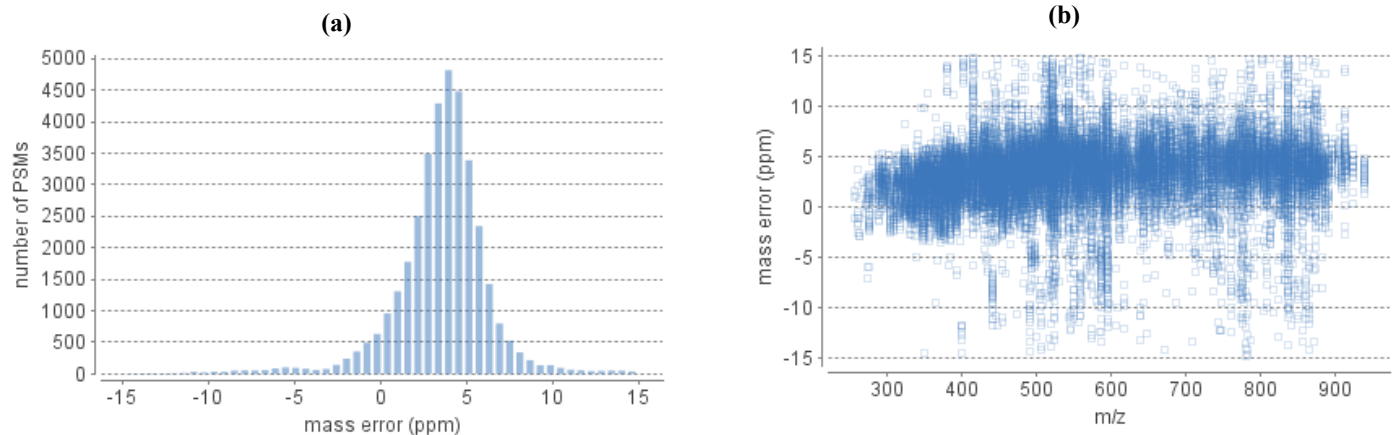
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Peptide sequences 1144  
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Proteins 402  
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FDR (Peptide Sequences) 0.9%  
FDR (Protein) 85.3%  
De Novo Only Spectra 59514

**Table 4.** PTM profile.

Name	$\Delta$ Mass	Position	#PSM	-10lgP	Area	AScore
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**Table 5.** Number of identified peptides in each sample by the number of missed cleavages

Missed Cleavages	0	1	2	3	4+
L_0_55_1	0	0	0	0	23
L_0_55_2	0	0	0	0	29
L_0_55_3	0	0	0	0	92
L_0_55_4	0	0	0	0	21
L_30_55_1	0	0	0	0	19
L_30_55_2	0	0	0	0	9
L_30_55_3	0	0	0	0	26
L_30_55_4	0	0	0	0	118
L_60_55_1	0	0	0	0	166
L_60_55_2	0	0	0	0	65

## 4. Other Information

### Table 6. Search parameters.

Search Engine Name: PEAKS  
Parent Mass Error Tolerance: 15.0 ppm  
Fragment Mass Error Tolerance: 0.01 Da  
Precursor Mass Search Type: monoisotopic  
Enzyme: None  
Max Missed Cleavages: 100  
Non-specific Cleavage: both  
Max Variable PTM Per Peptide: 3  
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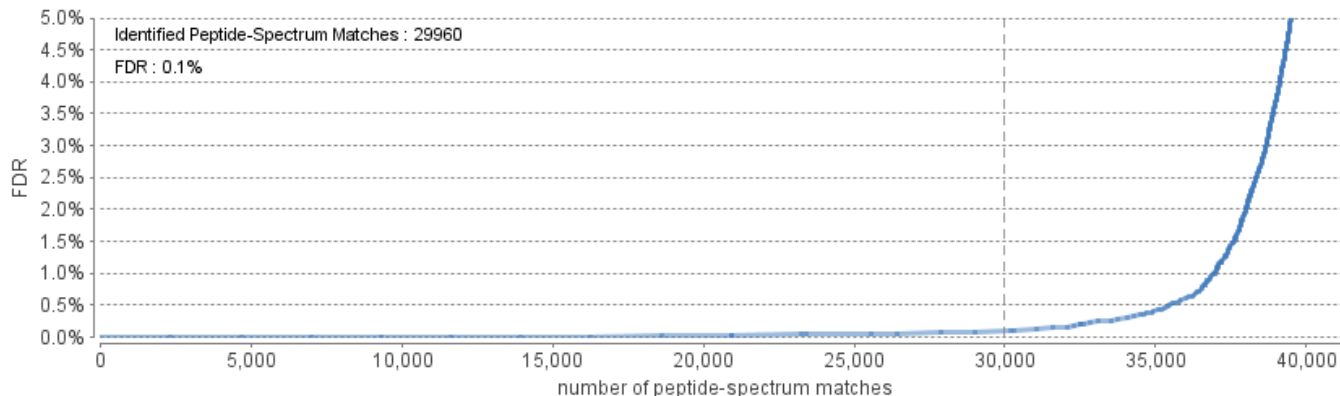
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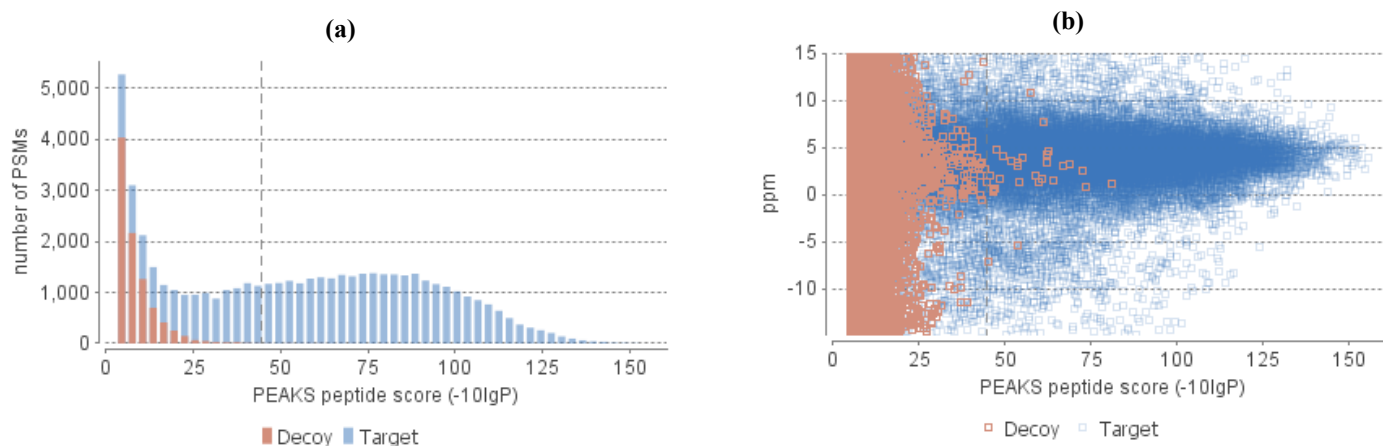
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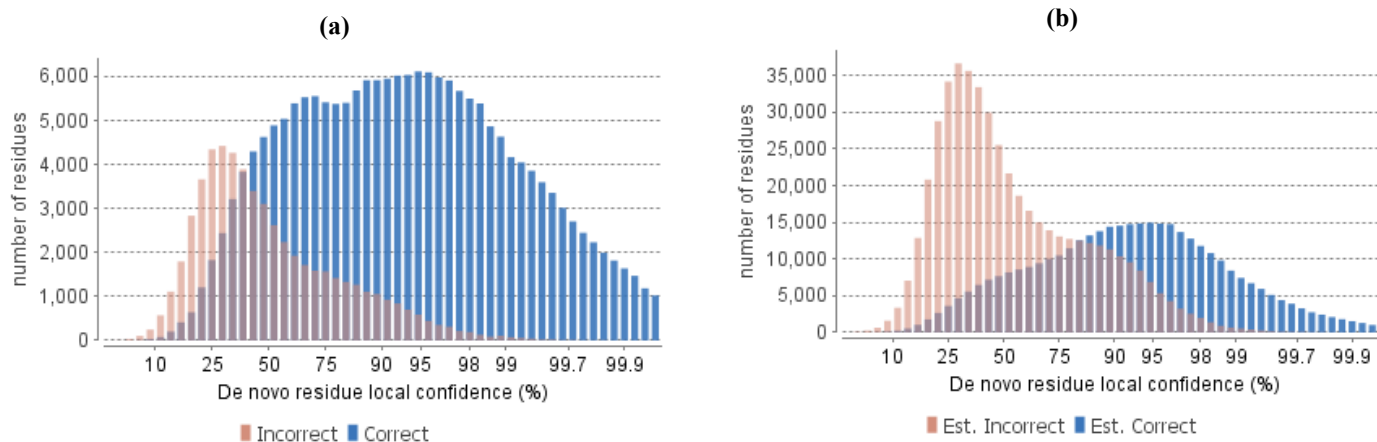
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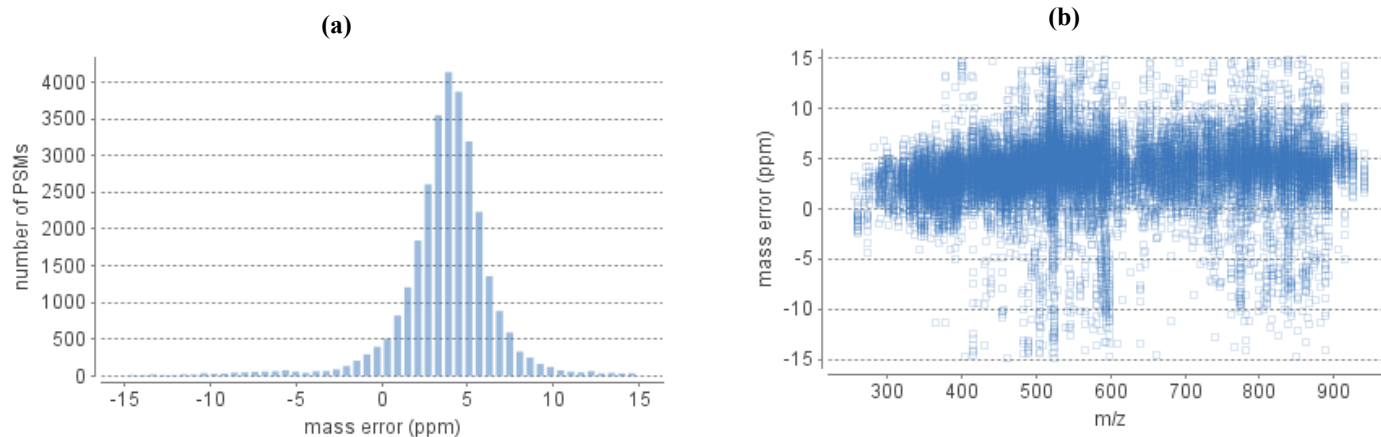
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FDR (Peptide Sequences) 0.9%  
FDR (Protein) 80.3%  
De Novo Only Spectra 62036

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PC1_00_4	0	0	0	0	16
PC1_30_1	0	0	0	0	21
PC1_30_2	0	0	0	0	25
PC1_30_3	0	0	0	0	17
PC1_30_4	0	0	0	0	75
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PC1_60_2	0	0	0	0	111

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