PVIEW2: A Comprehensive Open Source Software System for Isotope Labeled and Label-Free Protein Quantification

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ABSTRACT

The extracted ion chromatogram (XIC) forms the basis of protein and peptide quantification in complex LC-ESI-MS/MS data sets collected using modern, high resolution tandem mass spectrometers. XICs are peaks in MS1 spectra that occur in a narrow m/z range across several scans. The area under these XICs is correlated with relative peptide abundance. PVIEW2 is an easy to use software program for isotope labeled and label-free protein and peptide quantification. The software couples fast algorithms for finding and quantifying XICs, database search, protein grouping, and visualization all in one program. PVIEW2 is open source and freely available for academic use. PVIEW2 runs on MacOS, Windows, and Linux and works with high resolution QTOF, Orbitrap, and FTICR instruments. Source code and Windows 64-bit and Windows 32-bit binaries can be downloaded from

http://compbio.cs.princeton.edu/pview.

METHODS

PVIEW2 uses algorithms for finding XICs from [Khan, PNAS, 106(37):15544-15548, 2009]. It uses a space partitioning data structure containing all centroided peaks to process MS1 spectra efficiently. In contrast to our previous work, PVIEW2 couples our algorithms with database search. PVIEW2 applies spectrum filtering, improves precursor mass accuracy using the intensity weighted m/z average over an XIC, includes an integrated database search score that relies on the fragmentation model from OMSSA [Geer et al, JPR, 3, 958-964, 2004], estimates statistical significance by a concatenated reverse decoy database, false discovery rate (FDR), and q-values [Kall JPR, 7, 29-34, 2008], and includes a novel algorithm for forming protein groups that handles shared peptides [Nesvizhskii, MCP, 4, 1419-1440, 2005].

SOFTWARE FEATURE SUMMARY

- · Isotope labeled heavy vs. light quantification (e.g. SILAC)
- · 15N heavy vs. light quantification
- · Integrated MS/MS database search
- · Integrated FDR and q-value estimation using a reverse concatenated decoy database.
- · External search engines (e.g. Mascot, SEQUEST, X! Tandem) supported via PepXML format.
- · Label free nonlinear retention time alignment based quantification.
- · Label free XIC-based quantification based on MS/MS search results.
- · Isotope Labeled Heavy vs. Medium vs. Light (e. g. pulsed SILAC) quantification.
- · Label free retention time alignment based quantification.
- · Integrated protein grouping algorithm to account for shared peptides between proteins and isoforms.
- · MacOS, Linux, and Windows support.
- · Support for high resolution QTOF, FTICR, and Orbitrap Instruments.
- · Tight integration with the R statistical programming lange.
- · Completely open source.

View data in 2-d x-axis = retention time y-axis = m/z View MS/MS spectra with database search results. View extracted ion chromatograms (XICs).

