Towards a Standardized Omics Platform with the 30 samples per day method

1. Introduction
This is the longest of our standard methods with a 44 minute gradient and a cycle time of 48 minutes. The method is designed for our EV1106 Endurance column and we highly recommend to use this with our range of emitters and spray adapters for optimal performance.

2. Chromatographic performance
The chromatographic performance is maximized with our gradient offset strategy. From a HeLa digest analysis, we calculated peak and retention time properties for the eluting peptides.

Figure 1: Pump HP flow profile, pump HP pressure profile and gradient of the 30 samples per day method.

Figure 2: Example base peak chromatogram of 500 ng tryptic HeLa digest and retention time reproducibility of selected peptides across seven consecutive injections.
On average, the full peak width at half maximum is 6.6 seconds, resulting in a peak capacity of 337 within the elution window of 37 minutes. We monitored the retention time reproducibility of three different peptides over seven replica injections and find the average standard deviation to be 3.3 seconds indicating highly reproducible retention times (Figure 2).

3. Method design

It is important to adjust the MS method to take full advantage of the condensed peptide elution. Therefore, we exploit the fastest scanning mode on an Orbitrap Exploris 480 MS. The MS instrument is operated in data-dependent acquisition mode using a Top12 method. Full MS resolution is set to 60,000 at m/z 200 and full MS AGC target value is 300% with an IT of 45 ms. Mass range is set to 350-1400. AGC target value for fragment spectra is set to 200% and the intensity threshold is kept at 2E5. Isolation width is set to 1.3 m/z and normalized collision energy to 30%. Peptide match is set to off, and isotope exclusion to on. Former target ions are dynamically excluded for selection for 10 seconds. Higher-energy collision dissociation (HCD) fragment scans are acquired at 28 Hz speed with an injection time of 22 ms using an Orbitrap resolution of 15,000. Digested HeLa peptides are loaded on Evotips in two dilutions, 50 and 500 ng respectively. Technical quadruplicates are measured and analyzed with the Spectromine 2 software.

4. Results and Conclusion

The method provides an effective gradient elution of 84% with the first peptides eluting after 7 minutes enabling a full peptide elution window of 37 minutes with our recommended column. 24,000 peptides are identified corresponding to 4000 proteins (Figure 3). The short overhead of only 4 minutes allows for a throughput of 30 samples per day and results in the highest proteome coverage with our standard methods.