Simultaneous N-deglycosylation and digestion of complex samples on S-Traps enables efficient glycosite hypothesis generation

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Abstract

N-linked glycosylation is an important post-translational modification that is difficult to identify and quantify in traditional bottom-up proteomics experiments. Enzymatic deglycosylation of proteins by peptide:*N*-glycosidase F (PNGase F) prior to digestion and subsequent mass spectrometry analysis has been shown to improve coverage of various N-linked glycopeptides, but inclusion of this step may add up to a day to an already lengthy sample preparation process. An efficient way to integrate deglycosylation with bottom-up proteomics would be a valuable contribution to the glycoproteomics field. Here, we demonstrate a proteomics workflow in which deglycosylation and proteolytic digestion of samples occurs simultaneously using suspension trapping (S-Trap). This approach adds no additional time to standard digestion protocols. Applying this sample preparation strategy to a human serum sample, we demonstrate improved identification of potential N-glycosylated peptides in deglycosylated samples compared with non-deglycosylated samples, identifying 156 unique peptides that contain the N-glycosylation motif (Asparagine–X–Serine/Threonine), the deamidation modification characteristic of PNGase F, and an increase in peptide intensity over a control sample. We expect that this rapid sample preparation strategy will assist in the identification and quantification of both known and potential glycoproteins. Data are available via ProteomeXchange with identifier PXD037921.

Introduction

Glycosylation is an important and prevalent post-translational modification that plays a role in diverse biological functions including protein folding, intracellular signaling, and immune response.[1] Glycosylation occurs when glycan chains become covalently attached to side chains of proteins and leads to increased structural heterogeneity.[2] In response to physiological changes, the structure and distribution of glycans at a particular glycosite (micro-heterogeneity) and the presence or absence of a glycan at a glycosite (macro-heterogeneity) can be altered.[3,4] The two most common types of protein glycosylation are O-linked glycosylation, which occurs at the oxygen of serine or threonine residues, and N-linked glycosylation, which occurs at the amide nitrogen of the asparagine residue's side chain in the predictable sequence Asparagine–X–Serine/Threonine (NXS or NXT), where X is any amino acid except proline.[5,6]

Because of their biological importance, glycoproteins are a high-value target for structural characterization and quantitation via mass spectrometry-based proteomics, with bottom-up proteomics being the approach used most frequently. Bottom-up proteomics is a powerful tool that can be used for the identification and quantification of many proteins by digesting proteins into peptides prior to analysis by nano-liquid chromatography–tandem mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS).[7] However, it is difficult to characterize glycosylation with traditional bottom-up proteomics.[8] While non-modified peptides can be easily matched to their resulting MS spectra, the additional and variable mass of glycans results in the omission of glycopeptides in the results of standard database searches. Many proteomic software packages, such as MSFragger[9,10] and MetaMorpheus,[11,12] are equipped with glycomodules to enable glycoproteomic analysis;[13] however, enrichment steps are almost always necessary to detect glycopeptides[14] whose signals are suppressed by the high number of non-glycosylated peptides in a given sample.[15] Glycopeptide enrichment methods include lectin affinity chromatography,[16] hydrophilic interaction chromatography,[17,18] and titanium dioxide chromatography.[19] These methods can be used individually or in combination to improve glycoprotein coverage.[20] While many enrichment strategies have been developed, most reported techniques achieve only moderate efficiency and display significant bias towards particular subsets of glycopeptides.[21] In addition, inclusion of glycan enrichment increases the number of sample handling steps required prior to analysis with a concomitant increase in time.

By removing glycans from peptides, either chemically[22] or enzymatically,[23] before or after proteolytic digestion, the base peptides can be identified using traditional bottom-up proteomics without the variable mass addition.[24] A common N-glycosidase is peptide:*N*-glycosidase F (PNGase F), which is efficient for removal of N-glycans from proteins.[25] PNGase F cleaves the internal glycoside bond between the asparagine residue and the innermost monosaccharide of the N-glycan, N-acetylglucosamine (GlcNAc).[26] It is a widely applicable enzyme, able to hydrolyze high-mannose, hybrid, and bi-, tri-, and tetra-antennary oligosaccharides.[25] PNGase deglycosylation results in a free, complete sugar chain and the conversion of asparagine to aspartic acid through a deamidation modification,[27] that can be easily detected using mass spectrometry by a characteristic mass increase of 0.984 Da at the site of deamidation.[28] Although deglycosylating samples prior to traditional digestion can increase proteomic coverage, the required reactions and sample clean-up can add up to a day to already lengthy sample preparation workflows.

Here, we show that PNGase F can be directly coupled with proteolytic digestion using suspension trapping (S-Traps), a powerful tool for proteomics sample processing.[29-32] In S-Trap sample preparation, an SDS-solubilized protein solution is reduced and alkylated before acidification and addition of methanol to create a protein suspension. The suspension is then centrifuged through the S-Trap spin column and proteins are retained on a quartz filter, which can then be washed free of contaminants, and a protease of choice can be added to begin digestion. S-Traps are most commonly used with trypsin,[33,34] but can also be used with other enzymes such as Lys-C[31] and GluC.[35] S-Trap sample preparation has been used in a variety of applications including in protein extraction from mouse microglia cells[36] and proteome comparison of the epiretinal membrane and inner limiting membrane from human retinal cells.[37]

The use of S-Traps for simultaneous enzymatic deglycosylation and proteolytic digestion has not yet been reported.[32] We demonstrate that PNGase F deglycosylation and tryptic digestion can occur simultaneously on S-Traps, enabling an optimized and efficient sample preparation workflow that takes the same amount of time as standard proteolytic digestion. We focus on N-glycosylation because of the ease of large-scale complex protein analysis due to the predictable, straightforward sites of N-glycosylation and availability of universal enzymes to specifically remove N-glycans from the peptide backbone.[38] By comparing deglycosylated samples with non-deglycosylated (control) samples, we can quickly hypothesize which peptides may contain N-glycans based on their amino acid sequences. These potential glycopeptides can then be followed up with additional analysis.

Materials and Methods

Materials: Male human serum (HS), sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS), iodoacetamide (IAA), triethylammonium bicarbonate (TEAB), albumin from chicken egg white (ovalbumin), trypsin inhibitor from chicken egg white (ovomucoid), and conalbumin from chicken egg white (ovotransferrin) were purchased from Millipore Sigma (St. Louis, MO). Tris(2-carboxyethyl)phosophine (TCEP), deoxycholic acid (DCA), phosphoric acid, and methanol (Burdick & Jackson) were obtained through VWR. Pure formic acid (99% purity) (FA), acetonitrile (ACN), and C_{18} ZipTips were purchased from Fisher Scientific (Hanover Park, IL). S-Traps™ were purchased from Protifi (Huntington, NY), and Trypsin Gold was purchased from Promega (Madison, WI). Peptide:*N*-glycosidase F (PNGase F), Deglycosylation Mix Buffer 1 and Deglycosylation Mix Buffer 2 were purchased from New England BioLabs (Ipswich, MA). Tris-Glycine sample buffer and Novex™ 16% Tris-Glycine Mini Protein Gels were purchased from Thermo (Waltham, MA). RNase B was a gift from Matthew Champion in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at the University of Notre Dame.

Gels: For RNase B gels, 20 µg of RNase B was mixed with 1 µg of PNGase F and one of four reaction buffers (water, 100 mM TEAB, Deglycosylation Mix Buffer 1, or Deglycosylation Mix Buffer 2). For chicken protein gels, 20 µg of chicken protein ovalbumin, ovomucoid, ovotransferrin, and a cocktail of all three proteins (20 µg each, 60 µg total protein) was mixed with 1 µg of PNGase F in 100 mM TEAB buffer. All reactions were incubated at 37° for 3 hours and quenched by mixing with equal volume of Tris-Glycine sample buffer and denatured at 95°C for 10 minutes. Three µg total protein from each reaction was separated by 16% sodium dodecyl sulfate-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (SDS-PAGE) at 100 V for 3 hours and stained with colloidal Coomassie blue stain (Bio-rad).

Deglycosylation and Digestion: 20 µg total protein were digested following previously described methods.[39] Briefly, proteins were denatured and reduced with 10% SDS and 10 mM TCEP at 95°C for 10 minutes. 0.2% DCA was included as a passivating agent and 100 mM TEAB was included for buffering. Proteins were alkylated using 10 mM IAA for 30 minutes at room temperature in the dark. The alkylation reaction was quenched with 1.2% phosphoric acid. A protein suspension was formed by the addition of 100 mM TEAB in 90% methanol, and the

suspension was spun onto an S-Trap device and washed following manufacturer's instructions. One µL PNGase F in 100 mM TEAB was added to the S-Trap to deglycosylate the proteins retained on the S-Trap and incubated at 37°C for 0, 2, or 4 hours. Proteins were then digested using 750 ng Trypsin Gold in 100 mM TEAB. Following digestion, peptides were eluted using 100 mM TEAB followed by 0.1% formic acid in water. The reaction was quenched with 10% FA and a third elution was performed with 50% acetonitrile (ACN) and 0.1% FA. All eluates were combined, peptides were desalted using ZipTips, and reconstituted at 200 ng/µL in 0.5% FA, 4% ACN for mass spectrometry analysis.

Mass Spectrometry: Peptides were analyzed with a Waters NanoAcquity liquid chromatograph (LC) paired with a Q-Exactive mass spectrometer (Thermo Scientific). 200 ng of peptides were injected into the LC system equipped with a peptide BEH C18 100 mm column containing 1.7 mm particles (Waters; Milford, MA). Peptides were separated over a 48-minute gradient with a flow rate of 0.9 µL/min with a two-solvent system where solvent A was water containing 0.1% FA and solvent B was ACN containing 0.1% FA. The following linear gradient was used for all samples: 4% B for 0–8 min, 4–7% B from 8–10 min, 7–33% B from 10–30 min, 33–90% B from 30–33 min, 90% B until 36 min, 90–4% B for 1 min, and reequilibration at 4% B from 37–48 min. The mass spectrometer settings were identical to those described previously.[40]

Database Searching (PEAKS): Raw data files were searched using PEAKS Online X build 1.4.2020-10-21 (Bioinformatics Solutions, Waterloo, ON, Canada) [41] using the current *Homo sapiens* Uniprot database (downloaded June 27, 2022),[42] with the MUC16 entry (Accession ID: Q8WXI7, 14,152 amino acids) replaced with the version from the 2016 SwissProt database (22,152 amino acids) for the human serum samples, and the current *Gallus gallus* Uniprot database (downloaded June 24, 2022) for the chicken protein samples. The digestion enzyme was set to trypsin with a maximum of two missed cleavages. Precursor mass tolerance was set to 10 ppm and fragment mass error tolerance was set to 0.02 Da. Carbamidomethylation of C was added as a global modification, and deamidation of N and Q, oxidation of M, pyro-glu conversion from E and Q, and sodium adduction were set as variable modifications. A peptide FDR was set to 1% and protein -10log P was set to $\geq$ 20. Peptides of length 6 to 45 amino acids were considered, and common contaminants (including keratin) were filtered out. Two or more unique peptides were required for protein identification.

Database Searching (MSFragger): Control human serum injections (no PNGase F) from the 0-hour time points were searched using the glyco-N-open-HCD workflow[43] in MSFragger (v3.5) with FragPipe (v18.0) and Philosopher (v4.4.0) to detect glycopeptides for comparative purposes. Default settings for this workflow were used, along with the *Homo sapiens* database as described above.

Data Analysis: Data analysis was performed using Python (version 3.9.12) in Spyder (version 5.1.5).[44,45] Plots were made with seaborn,[46] PrIntMap-R (https://championlab.shinyapps.io/printmap-r/), matplotlib-venn,[47] and matplotlib,[48] and the following packages were used for data analysis: pandas,[49] re,[44] and numpy.[50]

Results and Discussion

PNGase F activity is compatible with S-Trap sample preparation. The direct compatibility of the S-Trap platform with PNGase F and buffers suitable for PNGase F activity has not previously been demonstrated. We investigated whether PNGase F is compatible with S-Trap sample preparation using RNase B as a model glycoprotein containing one known N-glycan that results in a characteristic mass shift upon cleavage.[51] PNGase F is known to be effective at removing glycans in Protein Deglycosylation Mix Buffers 1 and 2,[52] whereas TEAB is a known to be compatible with S-Trap sample preparation and mass spectrometry analysis.[53] To test whether a single buffer system would be compatible with both PNGase F and S-Traps, RNase B was deglycosylated using PNGase F in four different buffer conditions: the two deglycosylation buffers provided with commercially available PNGase F, TEAB, and water. As shown in Figure 1A, PNGase F is found to be effective in all four buffer environments. The ability of PNGase F to function effectively in TEAB eliminates the need for any buffer exchange steps during sample preparation.

To further investigate the compatibility of PNGase F with S-Traps, the performance time of PNGase F was examined. Five samples of RNase B were treated with PNGase F and incubated for 1, 5, 15, 60, or 120 minutes, followed by heat shock to stop the reaction. A similar gel shift is observed for all samples, indicating that the deglycosylation reaction reaches completion by the first time point (Fig 1B). We hypothesize that because PNGase F works quickly and performs the same at the beginning and end of a two-hour period, it is not necessary to delay the addition of trypsin after the addition of PNGase F.
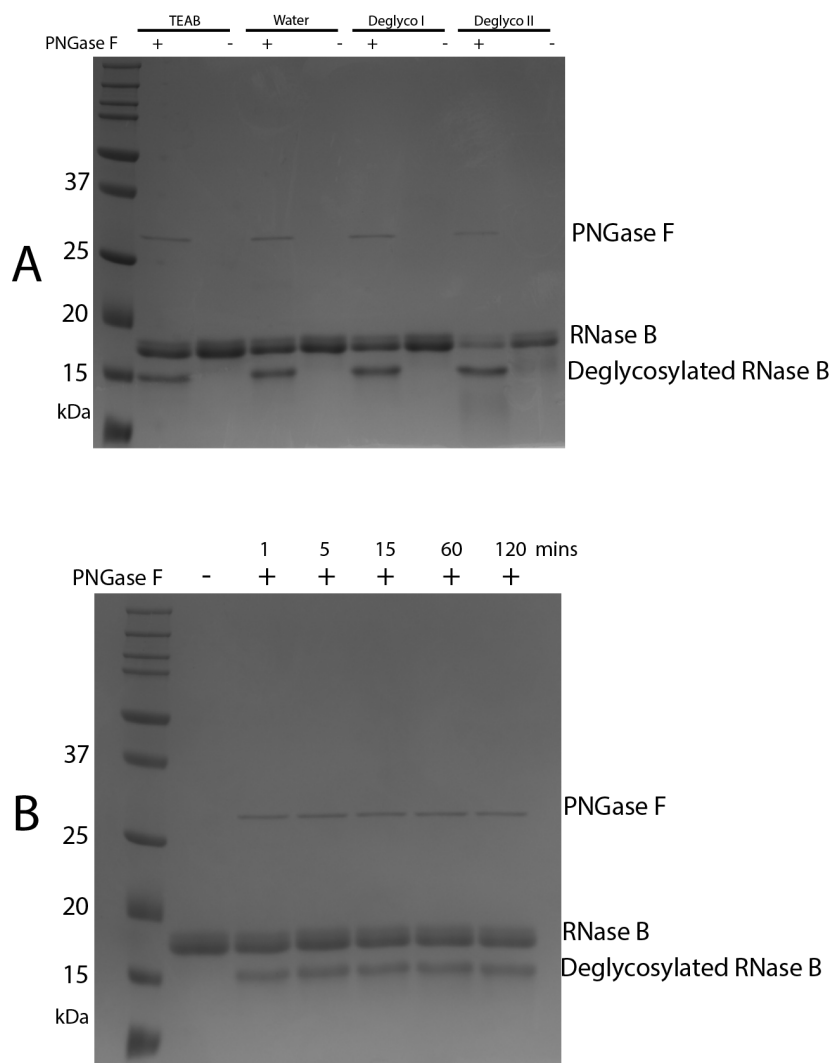
Fig. 1: PNGase F works in buffers compatible with S-Traps and mass spectrometry and deglycosylates RNAse B rapidly. *A) Gel shift assay measuring PNGase F activity in different buffer conditions. RNase B was treated with PNGase F (+) or without (–), and 3 µg protein was loaded in each lane. B) Gel shift assay measuring PNGase F activity over the course of 2 hours. RNase B was treated with PNGase F (+) or without (control), and 3 µg protein was loaded in each lane.*

Specific known glycosites can be identified in chicken proteins when deglycosylated and digested on S-Trap. Having confirmed the compatibility of PNGase F with S-Trap buffers, we examined three chicken proteins, which all contain at least one previously annotated glycosite in Uniprot. Each protein—albumin from chicken egg white (ovalbumin, Accession ID: P01012), trypsin inhibitor from chicken egg white (ovomucoid, Accession ID: P01005), and conalbumin from chicken egg white (ovotransferrin, Accession ID: P02789)—were successfully deglycosylated using PNGase F individually (SI Fig 1, lanes 2–7), and when combined and deglycosylated together (SI Fig 1, lanes 8 and 9).

The cocktail of chicken proteins was deglycosylated and digested simultaneously. For each amino acid in the protein sequence of interest, the area (Fig 2) or number of peptide-spectrum matches (PSMs) (SI Fig 2) were summed, and the ratio of deglycosylated sample to control sample, or fold-change, was calculated. Ovalbumin has one annotated N-glycosylation site at N293 with heterogeneous neutral glycan attachments.[54] We observed a 129x increase in intensity for the peptides containing that residue, whereas we do not see an increase in peptide intensity at N312, which is part of an N-glycosylation motif but is not an annotated glycosylation site (Fig 2A). This evidence supports the annotation of N293 but not N312 as N-glycosites. Ovomucoid has five known N-glycosylation sites at N34, N77, N93, N99, and N199,[17] and one unannotated site containing the N-glycosylation motif at N182. Comparing the observed peptide intensity of the deglycosylated sample to the control sample across the amino acid sequence of ovomucoid, we observed a more than 1000x increase at N93 and N99, a 60x increase at N34, and a 50x increase and N77 (Fig 2B). Ovotransferrin has one known N-glycosylation site at N492, [55] and two unannotated sites at N637 and N691. We observed a 10-fold increase in intensity for peptides containing the N492 site in the deglycosylated sample compared to control (Fig 2C).
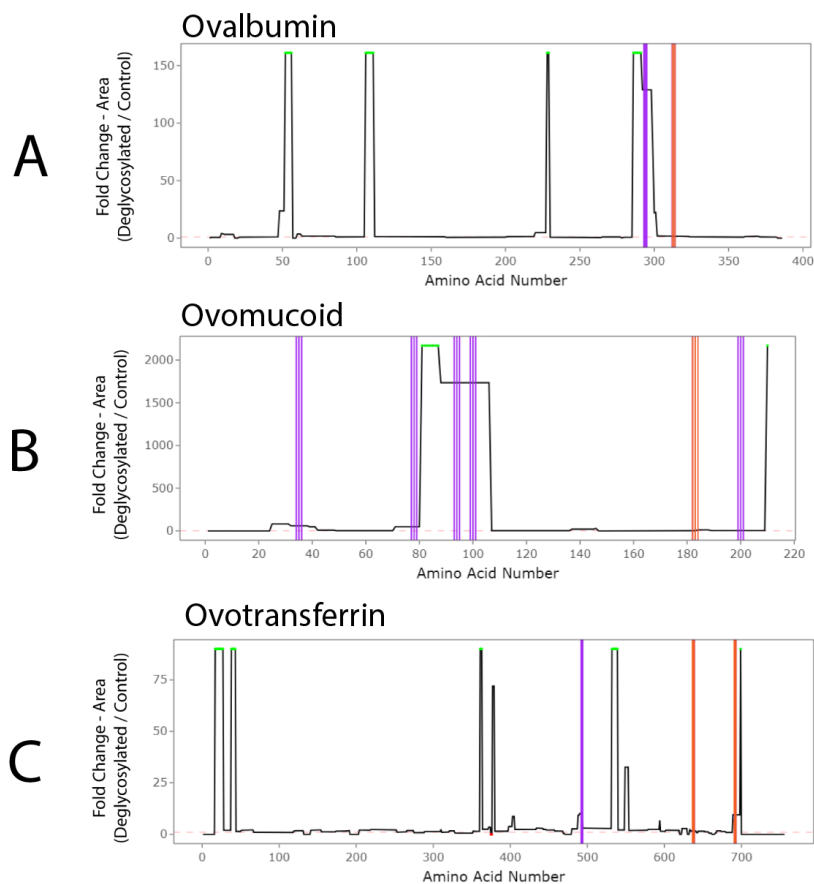

Fig. 2: Chicken proteins with known glycosites can be deglycosylated using PNGase F on S-Trap. *Specific known glycosites can be identified in A) albumin from chicken egg white (ovalbumin), B) trypsin inhibitor from chicken egg white (ovomucoid), and C) conalbumin from chicken egg white (ovotransferrin). Locations of annotated N-glycan motifs are indicated by vertical purple lines, unannotated N-glycan motifs are indicated by vertical orange lines. Fold-change of deglycosylated sample relative to the control*

sample is represented on the y-axis, with green representing infinite fold change, and red representing negative infinite fold change.

Coupling deglycosylation and S-Trap sample preparation increases the number of peptides identified containing the N-glycan motif and deamidation modification. We next sought to characterize the suitability of the S-Trap platform to perform the simultaneous N-deglycosylation and trypsin digestion of more complex samples. Using human serum as a model sample, we investigated three different time intervals (0 h, 2 h and 4 h) between the addition of PNGase F and trypsin (Fig 3A). Human serum is a well-characterized sample of moderate-to-high complexity containing hundreds of proteins, and it has great clinical relevance as a readily accessible biofluid for diagnosis and prognosis.[56] Across all replicates and timepoints, an average of 72 ± 5% peptides were identified in both the control and deglycosylated samples (n = 9). Over time, we did not observe any trend in the number of peptides identified in the deglycosylated samples and on average, there was less than a 15% change in the number of peptides identified across three biological replicates. Given that there are a comparable number of total peptides identified in both the deglycosylated and control samples, we conclude that PNGase F does not interfere with the digestive activity of trypsin.

Additionally, at each time point, many more peptides containing the N-glycan motif (NXT/S) and a deamidation modification are identified in the PNGase F sample compared to the control sample (Fig 3B). 156 unique potential N-glycosylated peptides were identified across all replicates and timepoints, with an average of 97 ± 25 potential N-glycosylated peptides identified per sample (n = 9). A list of these peptides for each biological replicate can be found in the Supporting Information (SI Tables 1–10). Because PNGase F is used to remove N-glycans from proteins and results in the deamidation of the asparagine residue (a mass increase in 0.98 Da), we hypothesize that peptides containing both the motif and the deamidation shift were successfully deglycosylated with PNGase F.[57] Furthermore, given that the number of total peptides and the number of peptides containing the N-glycan motif and deamidation modification does not improve with increased deglycosylation time, we conclude that trypsin and PNGase F may be added simultaneously to the S-Trap. This allows for the deglycosylation assay to be run in the same amount of time as a standard digestion.

Many proteins identified in the human serum sample exhibit an increase in intensity in peptides containing N-glycan motifs and deamidation modifications in the deglycosylated sample trace compared to the control trace. Follow-up analysis of these peptides yields evidence of previously quantified glycoproteins with known and annotated glycosites.[58] IgG is an abundant protein in human serum that contains an annotated N-glycosite in the Fc domain of the heavy chain[54] with importance in the function of immunoglobulin in both immunity and as drugs.[59] In the deglycosylated samples, we identify peptides containing a deamidated asparagine residue at the known site of N-glycosylation (N180) that were not identified in the control samples (Fig 3C). The area fold-change plot for this protein can be seen in SI Figure 5. Many other proteins with probable glycosylation sites were identified, include Apolipoprotein (SI Fig 6), Alpha-2-HS-glycoprotein (SI Fig 7), and Haptoglobin (SI Fig 8). We conclude that this method of

simultaneous N-deglycosylation and proteolytic digestion generates valuable information about potential N-glycosites that can be validated for presence of confirmed glycans.
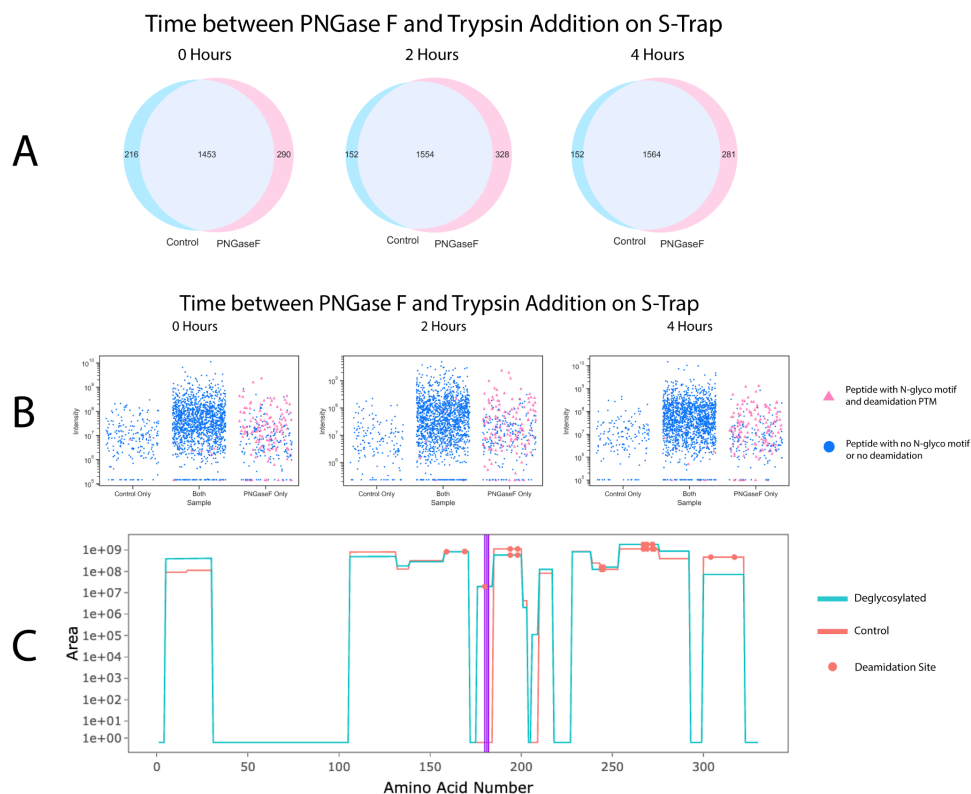

Fig. 3: Deglycosylated and digested human serum, peptide data analysis. *A) PNGase F does not interfere with trypsin's activity or the number of peptides identified. Overlap in peptide identification between deglycosylated sample (pink) and control sample (blue) in one biological replicate (replicate A) over three time points of trypsin addition. Other biological replicates show the same trend and are found in Supporting Information (SI Fig 3). B) Many more peptides containing the N-glycan motif and deamidation modification are found. Identified peptides by sample are plotted against their intensity across three time points of trypsin addition. Peptides that were detected but did not have an intensity value were assigned the minimum intensity of the plot, the approximate limit of quantitation of the instrument. Peptides containing both the N-glycan motif (N-X-S/T) and deamidation modification are plotted as pink triangles and those without appear as blue dots. Data shown are from one biological replicate (replicate A) with triplicate injections. Other biological replicates show the same trend and can be found in SI (SI Fig 4). C) The specific known N-glycosylation site can be identified in the heavy chain of IgG. Area is plotted for each amino acid position of the protein in the control (orange) and deglycosylated (blue) samples. Locations of annotated N-glycosites are indicated by vertical purple lines, and locations of deamidation PTMs are represented by orange dots. Data are shown from one biological replicate (replicate A, 0 h). Other biological replicates and time points display the same trend.*

Deglycosylation on S-Trap reveals more potential glycopeptides than N-glyco peptide database searching. MSFragger is a database search software that contains a N-Glyco search

module that analyzes tandem mass spectra of intact glycopeptides and then identifies and validates their glycan sites.[9] In comparing three human serum biological replicates from the 0-hour time point, 53 unique glycopeptides were identified by MSFragger's N-Glyco search. Using the method described in this manuscript, a total of 138 unique potential N-glycopeptides were identified in the same three biological replicates, a 160% increase (Fig. 4A). Furthermore, the total number of peptides identified between each identification method differed by no more than 3% (Fig 4B) indicating that the increase in potential N-glycopeptides is not simply due to an overall increase in peptides from the different search strategies. While we see a dramatic increase in the number of N-glycopeptides using S-Trap deglycosylation, it is important to note that no information about the glycan composition or attached mass is revealed by this approach, unlike MSFragger which identifies glycans from their mass difference. Deglycosylation on S-Trap can be used to generate hypotheses about which proteins contain N-linked glycans and can identify potential glycopeptides missed in N-glycopeptide database searches, but other methods will be necessary for validation. Deglycosylation and digestion on S-Trap combined with the use of N-glyco search modules can provide a robust assay for discovery and validation of glycans on proteins of interest.

Number of Glycopeptides Found per Identification Method

Total Number of Peptides Found per Identification Method

Fig. 4: *Comparison of peptides identified using S-Trap deglycosylation and MSFragger N-Glyco search.* *A) Overlap in N-glycopeptide identification between MSFragger N-Glyco search (pink) and S-trap deglycosylation (blue) in three biological replicates of 0-hour time point of trypsin addition. B) Overlap in total peptide identification between MSFragger N-Glyco search (pink) and S-trap deglycosylation (blue) in three biological replicates of 0-hour time point of trypsin addition.*

Conclusions

We have demonstrated that simultaneously deglycosylating and digesting protein samples on an S-Trap improves the identification of potential N-glycosylated peptides. Importantly, by co-incubating PNGase F and trypsin on S-Traps, we can perform this sample preparation in the same amount of time as a standard protein digestion. Identifying peptides that appeared in only deglycosylated samples, had a deamidation modification, and contained an N-glycan motif was a fast and effective way to generate a hypothesized list of glycopeptides. Future experiments could use this method to discover potential biomarkers in disease such as cancers, where aberrant glycosylation is known to play a role. We anticipate using this technique in our future work to study glycosylation in samples from ovarian cancer patients to determine whether differential glycosylation is present throughout the proteome. Other proteins in a complex proteome with N-glycosylation such as monoclonal antibodies and the Rh blood group proteins could be studied using this method as well. Additionally, with the use of suitable enzymes, this technique could be extended to the more difficult, but important, question of O-linked glycosylation on proteins of interest.

Supporting Information
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The mass spectrometry proteomics data have been deposited to the ProteomeXchange Consortium via the PRIDE[60] partner repository with the dataset identifier PXD037921.
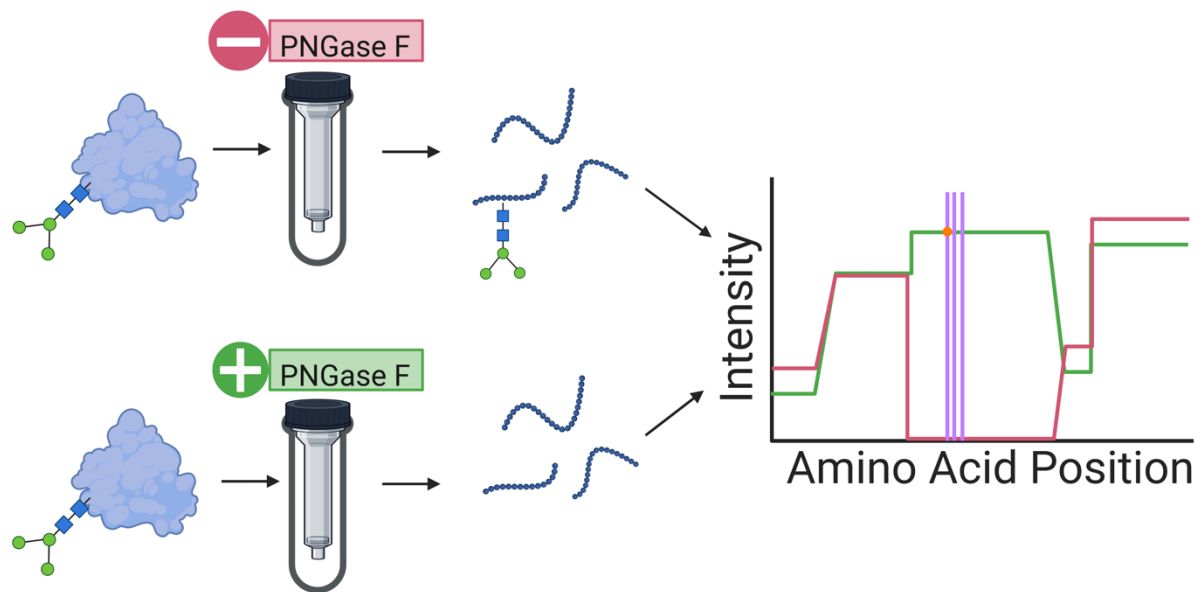Username: reviewer_pxd037921@ebi.ac.uk
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