

<u>Title</u>: Searching Post-translational Modifications in Cross-linking Mass Spectrometry Data



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Abstract: Cross-linking mass spectrometry (XL-MS) is a high-throughput technique widely used in the studies of protein-protein interactions (PPIs) and protein structures. In the realm of biology, post-translational modifications (PTMs) play a critical role in regulating PPIs and reshaping protein structures. However, the identification of PTMs in XL-MS data poses a great computational challenge and thus remains unexplored. Here we propose a new XL-MS data analysis tool named SeaPIC that enables biologists to investigate PTMs in PPIs and protein structures. Real data experiments show that SeaPIC identifies many PTMs from XL-MS data, which were previously undiscovered. [This is a joint work with C. Zhou, S. Lai, S. Dai, P. Zhao, and N. Li.]

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