



# Automated sequence variant analysis supporting high tier media selection

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## Introduction

Cell & Developability Sciences  
Cell line selection process

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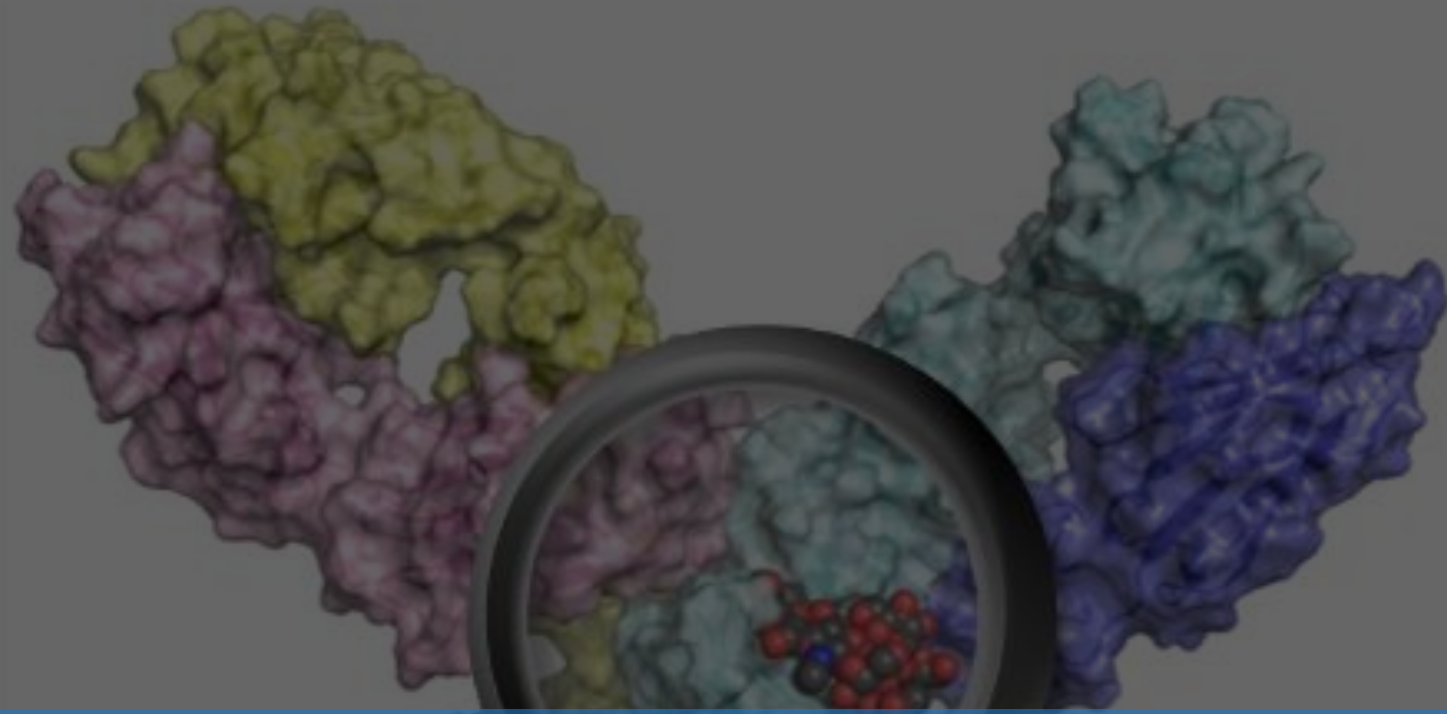
## Automated SVA

Minimal manual intervention  
Less manual validation

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## Spent Media Analysis

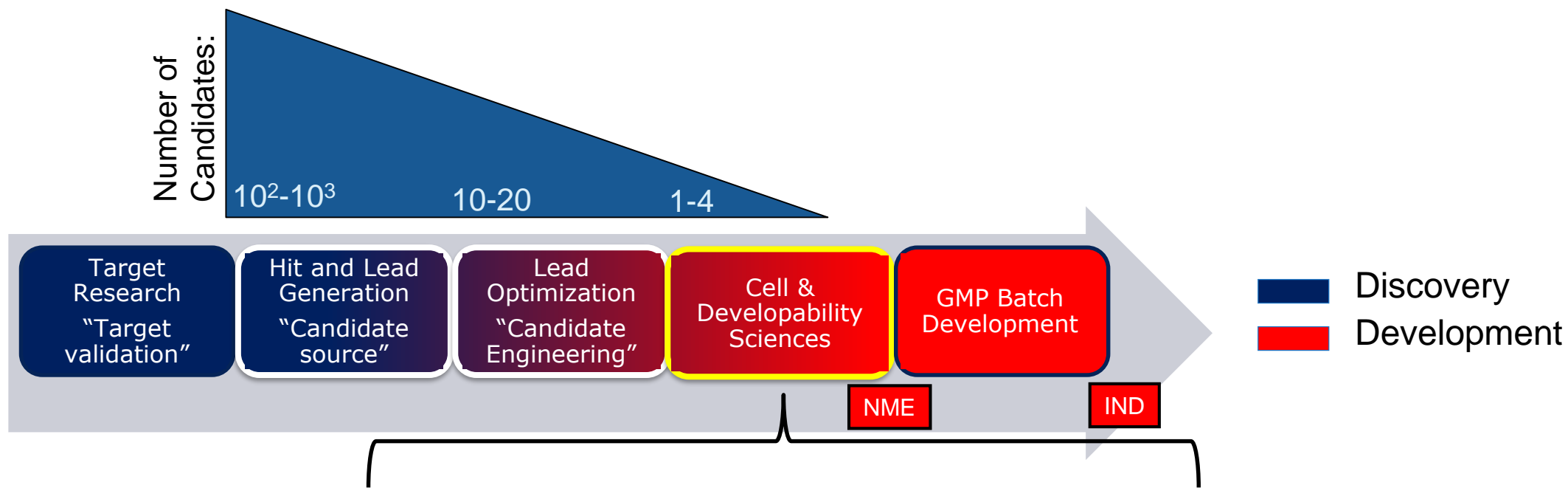
Verification  
Cell line selection support



# Introduction

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# Large Molecule Early Development

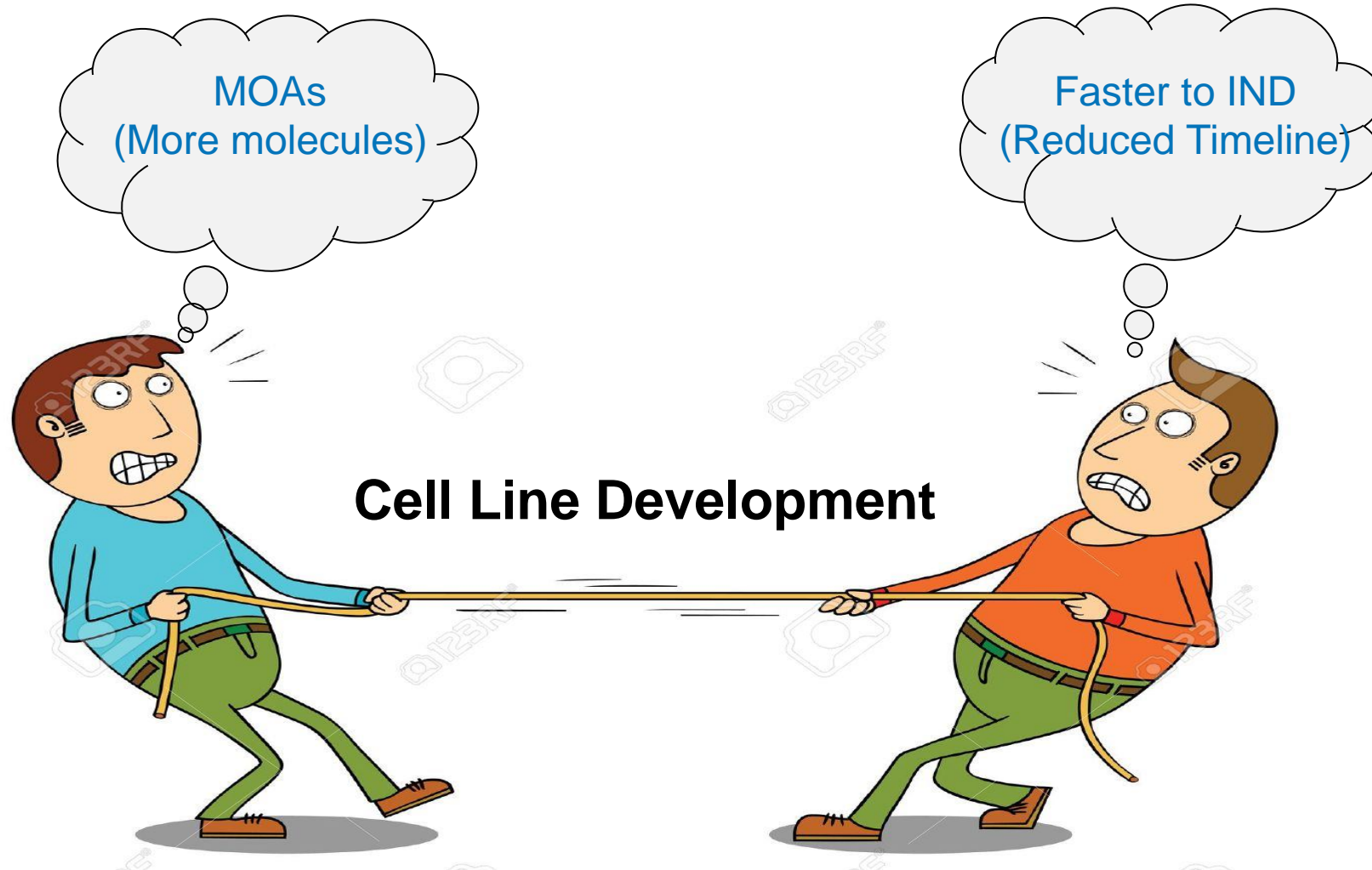


## Cell & Developability Sciences

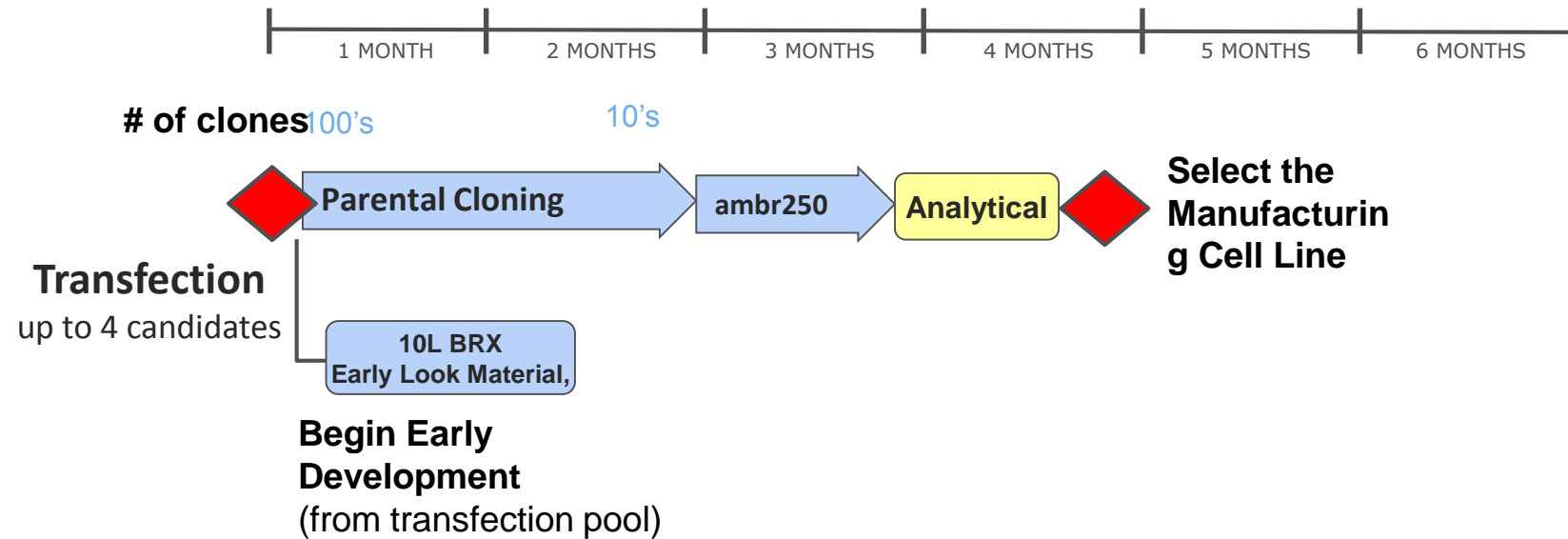
Cell Line Development | Early Formulation | pre-NME Analytical Support

**Drive candidate selection and development of the manufacturing cell line**

# More Molecules and Reduced Timeline

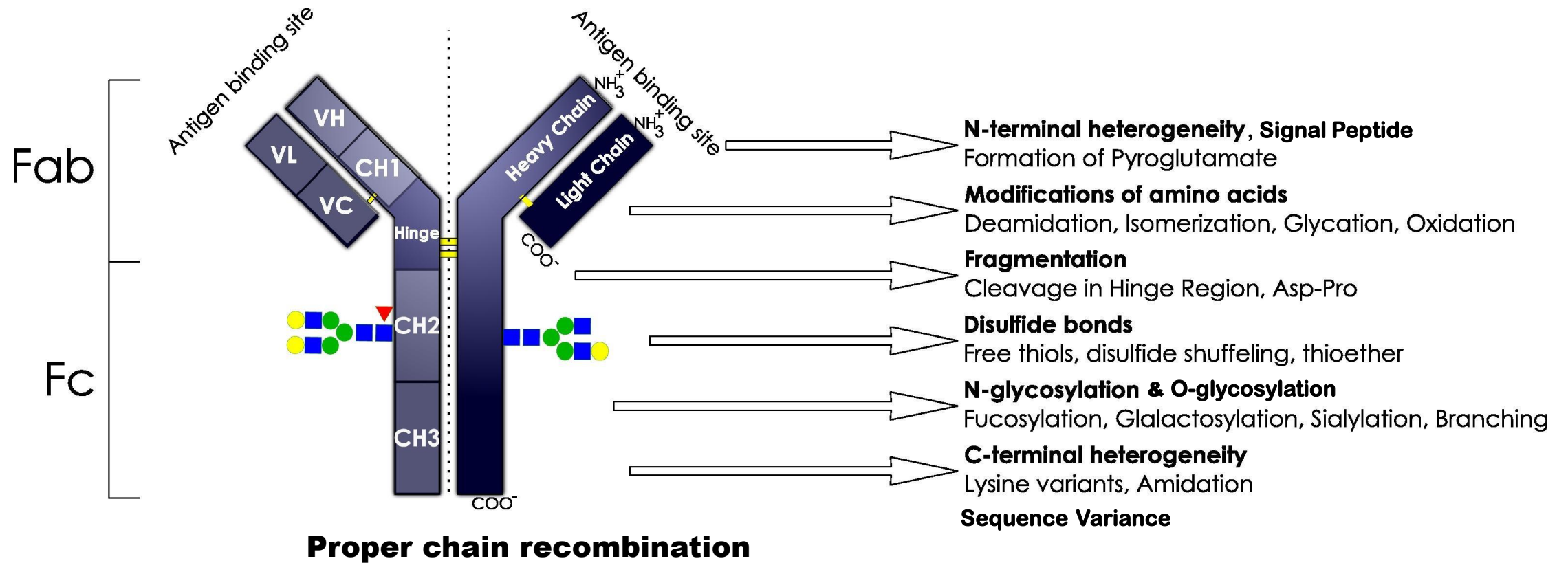


# New Cell Line / New Process



- Eliminated subcloning reduced timeline by 1.5 months (VIPS Technology)
- Site directed integration. Titters are more predictable, screen fewer clones.
- 'Early Look Material' produced from transfection pool (not clonal): Start Development Sooner.

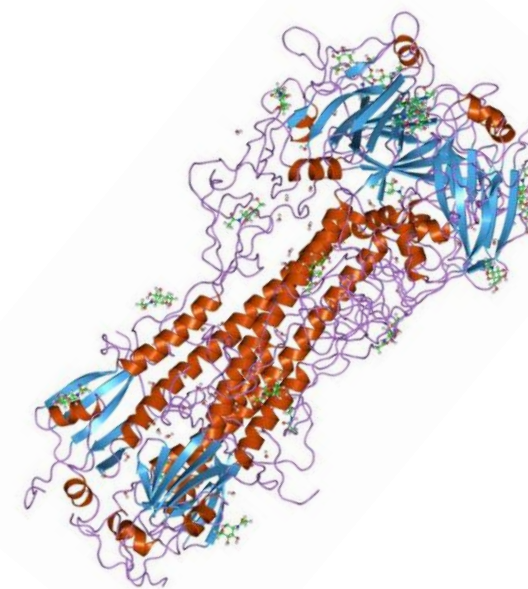
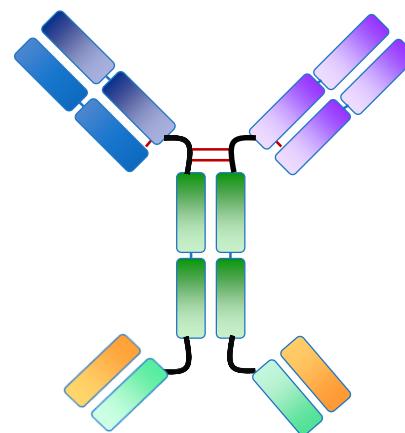
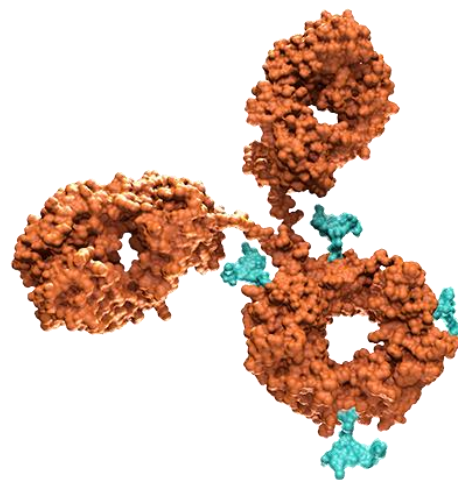
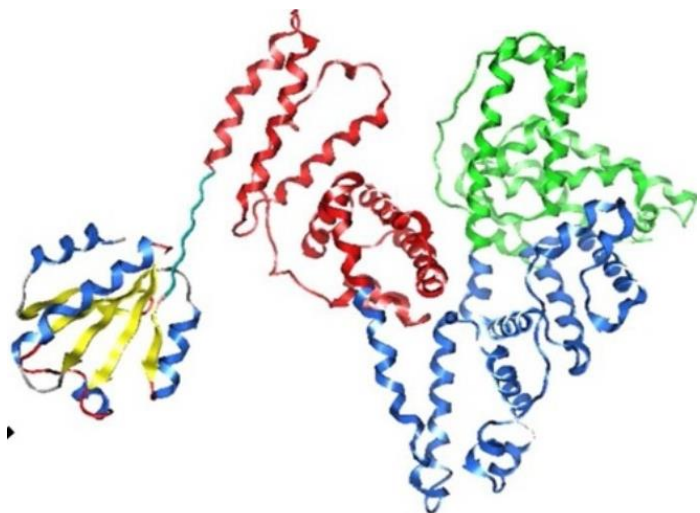
# In Depth Characterization and Key Analytical Readouts





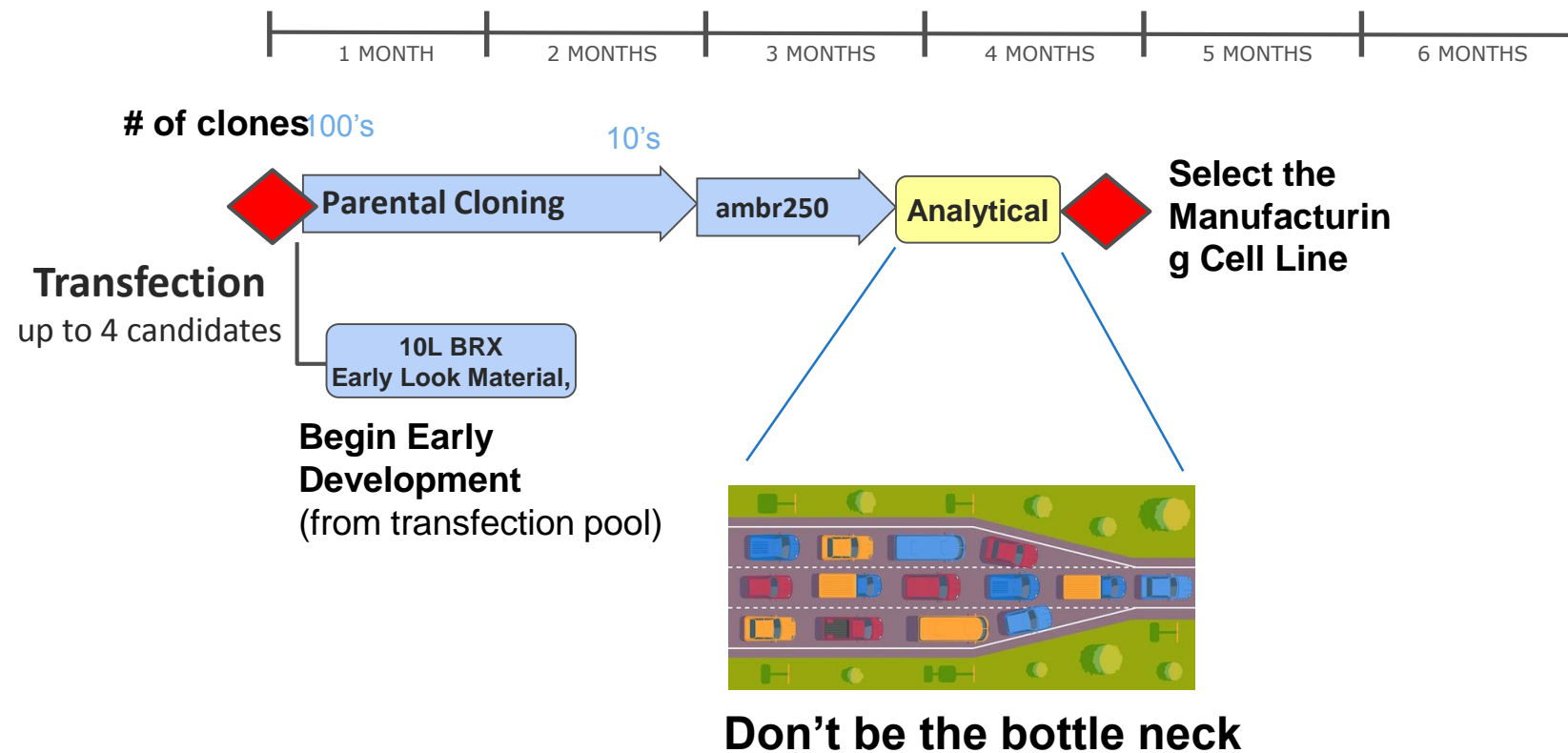
# Off-Platform Programs Present New Challenges

>50% of the Early Pipeline are not mAb



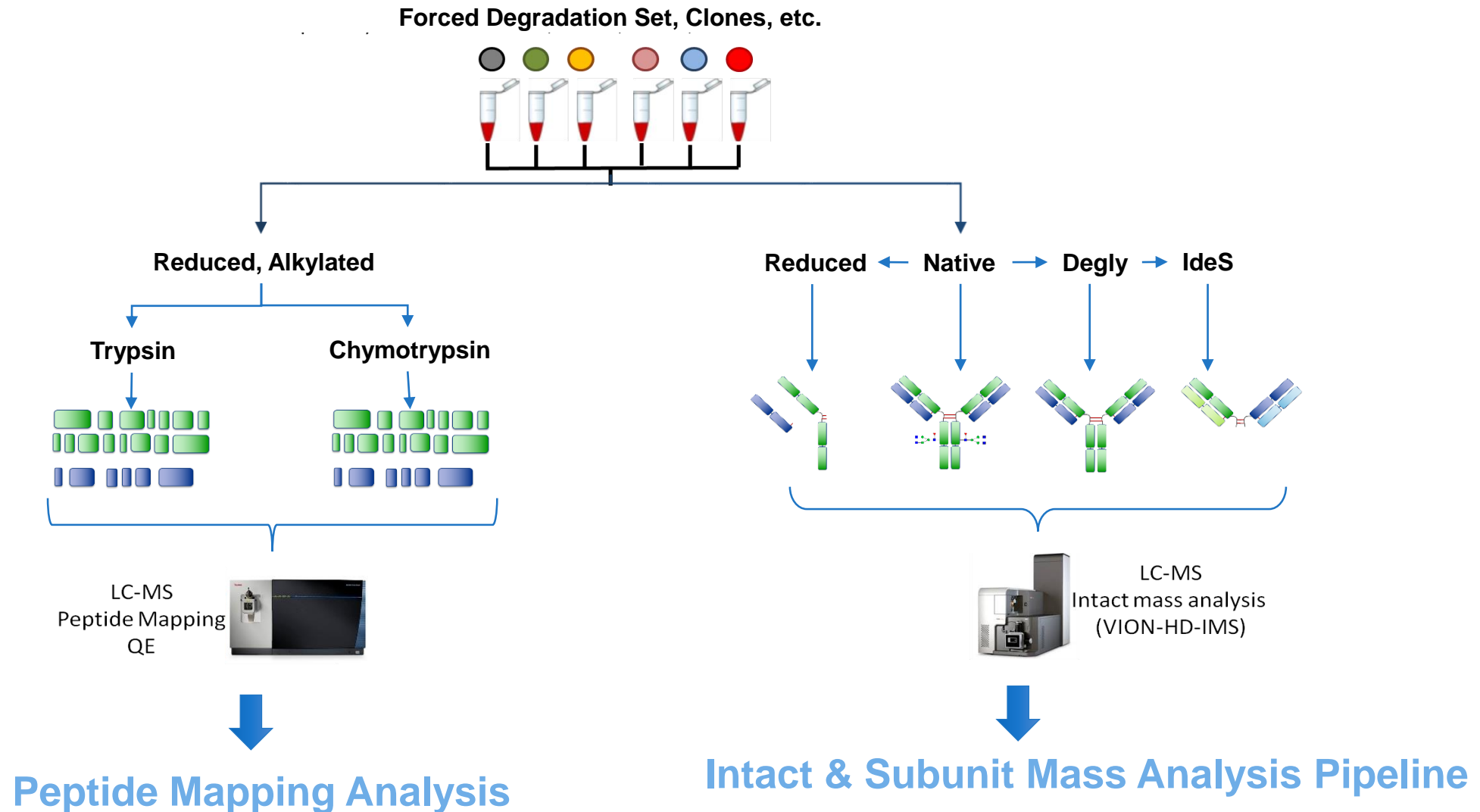


# Don't be the bottle neck

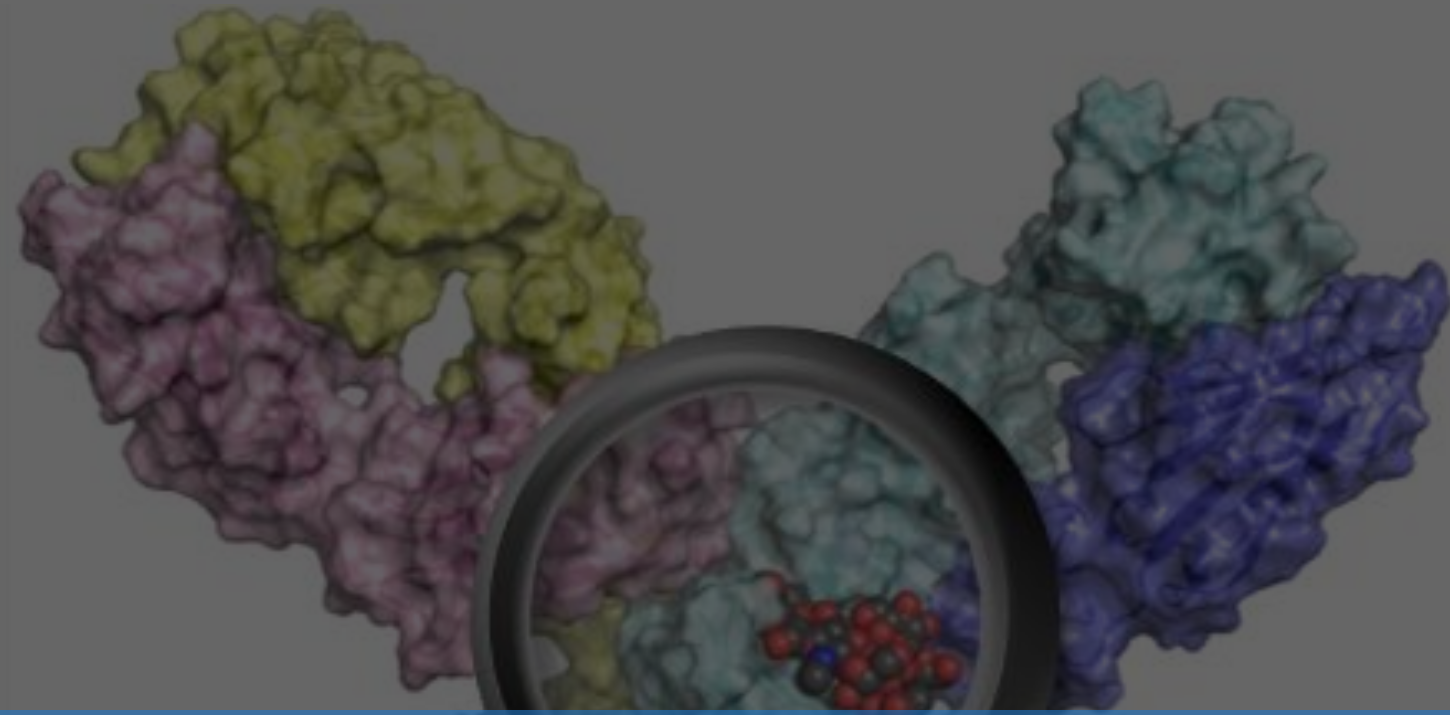


- Comprehensive characterization, high product quality in the lead cell line
- Analytical also has to shorten timelines and increase bandwidth

# Bottom Up and Intact & Subunit Mass Approach







# Automated Sequence Variant Analysis

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# Sequence Variant and Causes

Unintended change in the amino acids sequences that could potentially contribute to efficacy, product safety and immunogenicity.

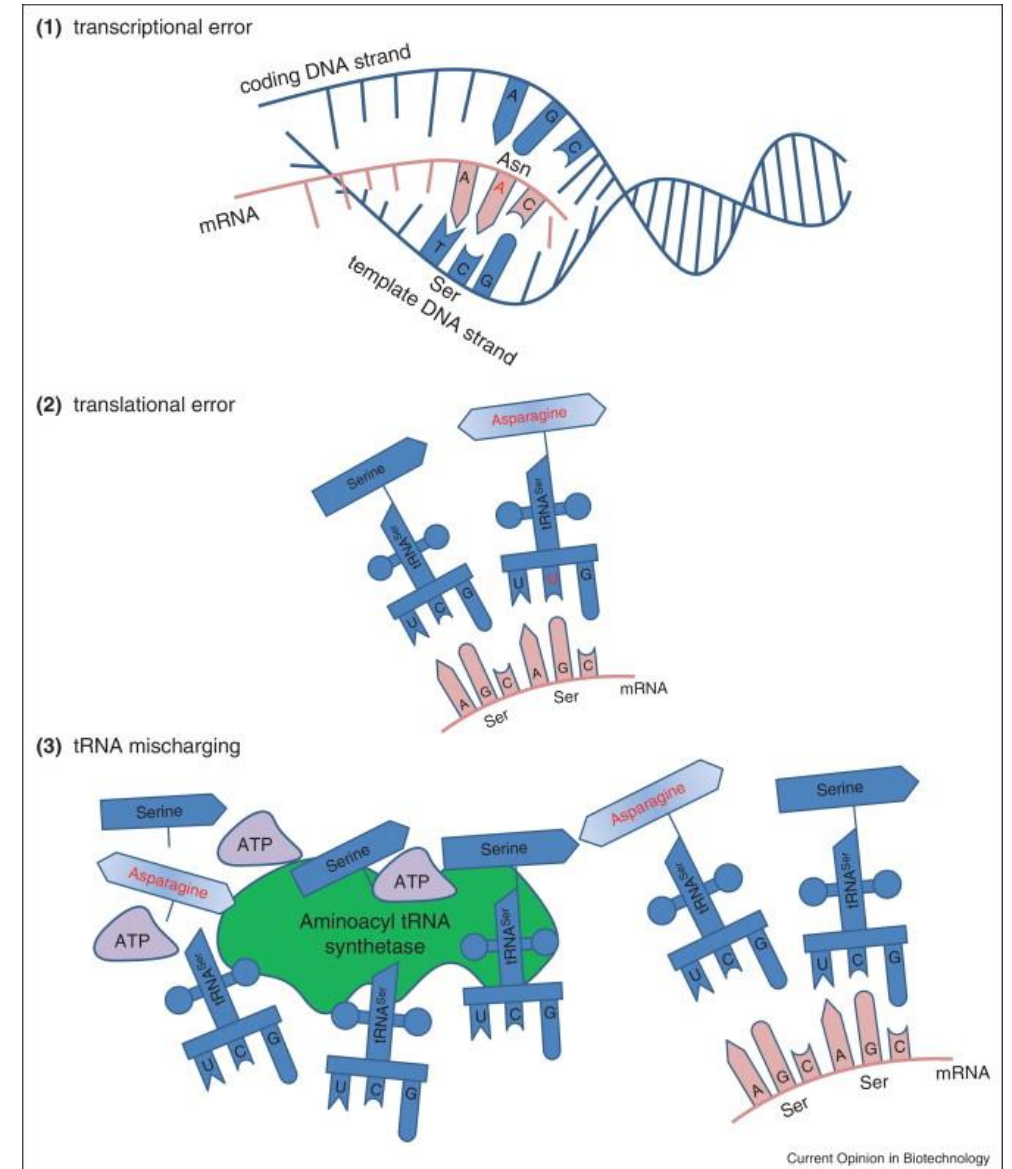
## DNA mutations

- Replication error
- DNA damage

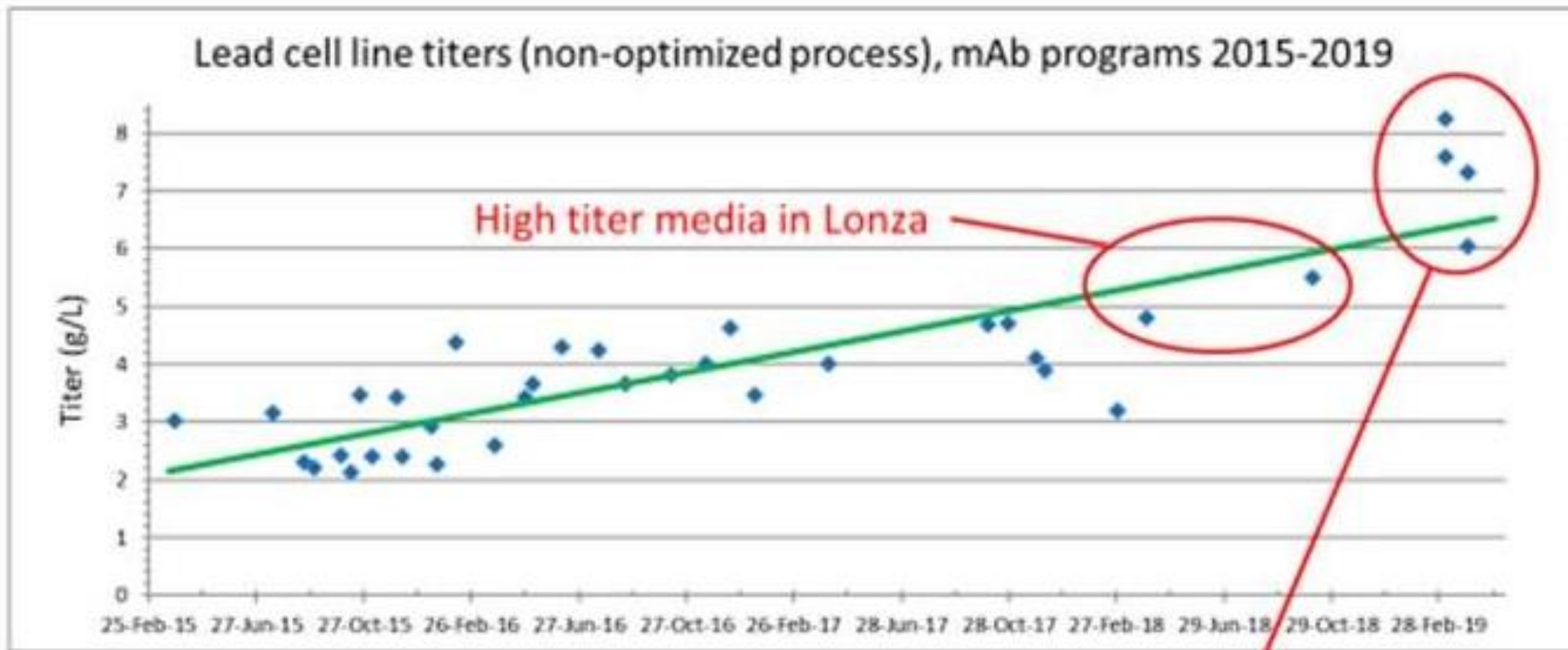
## mRNA mistranslation

- Codon misreading (most common): incorrect tRNA is recruited during mRNA translation
- tRNA mischarging: incorrect amino acid is attached to the correct tRNA

1) Feeney, Lauren. et. al. (2013).. Biotechnology and Bioengineering. 110 (4)  
2) Harris, Robert., Kilby, Peter. (2014) Current Opinion in Biotechnology. 30



# Proprietary High Titer Media Improves Productivity



High titer media in Lonza

First three CLD programs in new host and process



# Sequence Variants Identified

Peptide	Position	Mod. Names	Clone 1	Clone 2	Clone 3	Clone 4	Clone 5	Clone 6	Clone 7	Clone 8
ETYGEMADCCAK	139/140	Cys->Tyr/3.0327	0.11	0.07	0.07	0.12	0.04	0.10	0.14	0.06
ANFTECCQAADK	217	Cys->Tyr/3.0327							0.10	
VHTECHGDLLECADDK	302	Cys->Tyr/3.0327							0.22	
YICENQDSISK	314	Cys->Tyr/3.0327	0.09	0.05	0.04	0.08	0.03	0.08	0.10	0.04
LKECCERPLEK	327	Cys->Tyr/3.0327		0.04	0.04	0.06		0.05	0.12	
LKECCERPLEK	328	Cys->Tyr/3.0327		0.04						

Peptide	Position	Mod. Names	Clone A	Clone B	Clone C	Clone D	Clone E	Clone F	Clone G	Clone H
TVANPSVFFPPSIDEQLK	119	Pro->Ala/-26.0157	0.26							
VYACEVTHQGLSSPVTK	204	Pro->Ala/-26.0157	0.24				0.05			
ALPAPEK	330	Pro->Ala/-26.0157	0.35		0.10			0.18		
ALPAPEK	332	Pro->Ala/-26.0157	0.27					0.13		
ASQDNK	30	Asn->Ser/-27.0109					0.04			0.39
FNIYVDGVEVHNAK	287	Asn->Ser/-27.0109								0.52
NQVSLQLVK	362	Asn->Ser/-27.0109								0.50

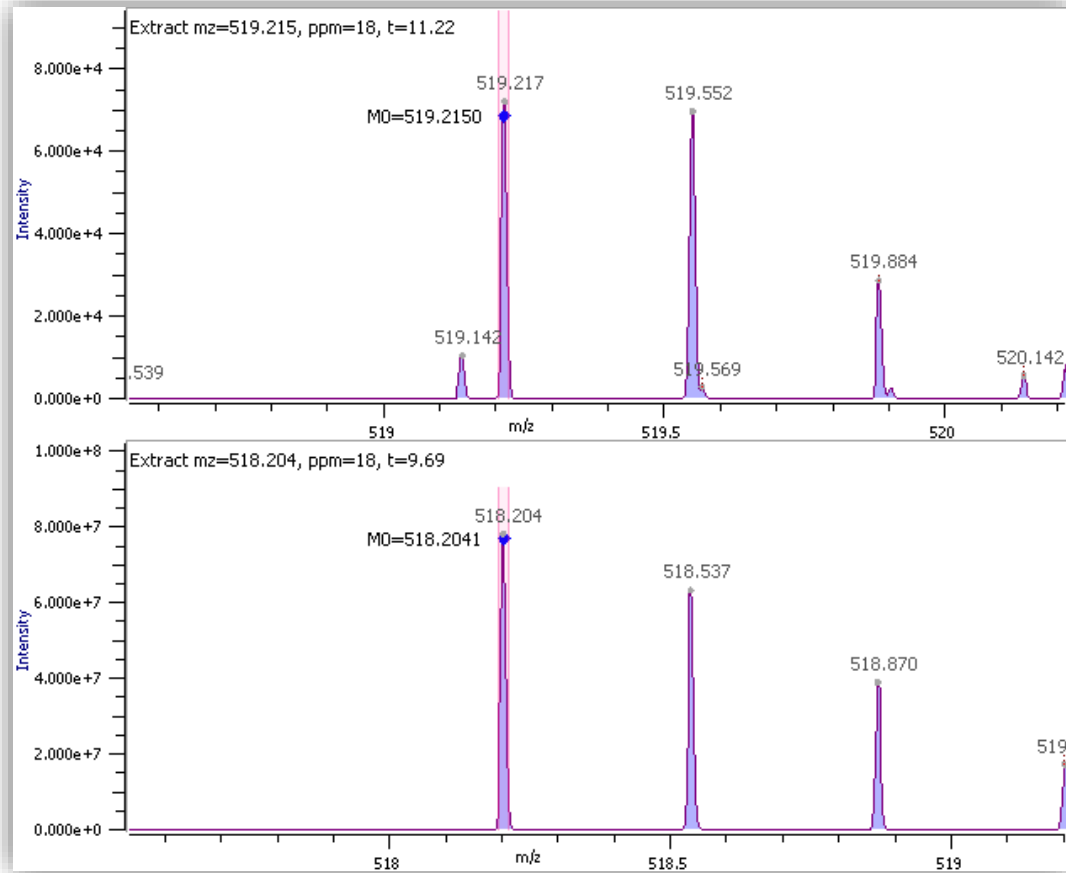
<b>Cys</b>	TGC	<b>Tyr</b>	TAT	<b>Pro</b>	CCT	<b>Ala</b>	GCT
	TGT		TAC		CCA		GCA
					CCG		GCG
					CCC		GCC

# Initial Report on Sequence Variants

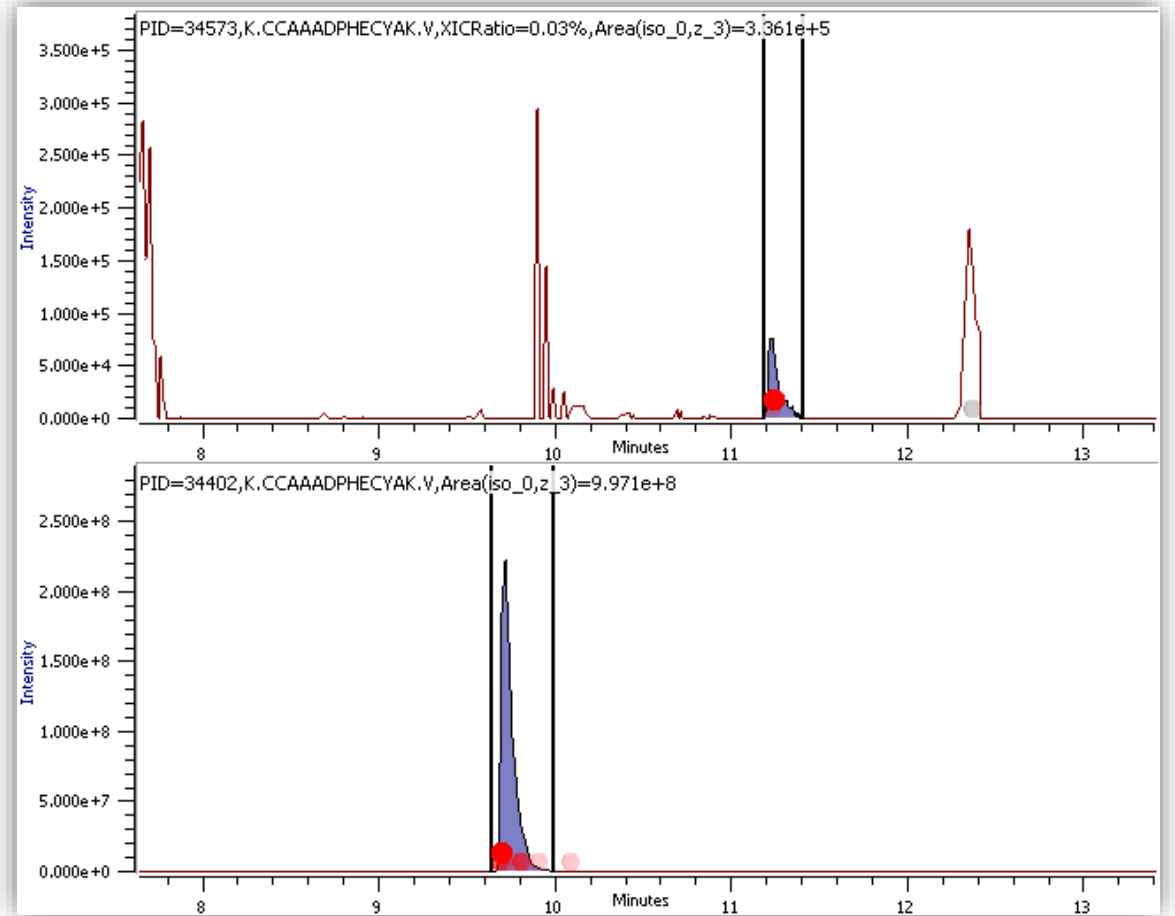


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Protein name ↑	Sequence (unformatted) ↑	Var. Pos. Protein ↑	Mod. Names ↑				
		224	Ala->Pro/26.0157			0.03	0.02
		217	Cys->Tyr/3.0327		0.06	0.07	0.07
		222	Asp->Asn/-0.9840		0.34	0.31	0.33
		704	Ala->Pro/26.0157		0.05	0.03	0.03
		616	Cys->Tyr/3.0327		0.02		
		70	Ala->Pro/26.0157		0.03	0.02	0.02
		87	Asp->Asn/-0.9840				
		90	Lys->Arg/28.0062				0.01
		680	Ala->Ser/15.9949				
		262	Ala->Ser/15.9949				0.09
		409	Cys->Tyr/3.0327		0.03	0.02	0.02
		410	Cys->Tyr/3.0327		0.03	0.01	0.02
		418	Cys->Tyr/3.0327		0.06	0.05	0.04
		526	Cys->Tyr/3.0327		0.08	0.04	0.04
		530	Leu->Pro/-16.0313		18.14	16.90	
		530	Leu->Pro/-16.0313				
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		376	Leu->His/23.9748		1.70	1.72	1.74
		380	Leu->His/23.9748				
		565	Leu->His/23.9748			1.55	
		568	Lys->Arg/28.0062			0.17	
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		595	Ala->Glu/58.0055		0.70	2.28	1.56

# Cys->Tyr Variant Manual Validation

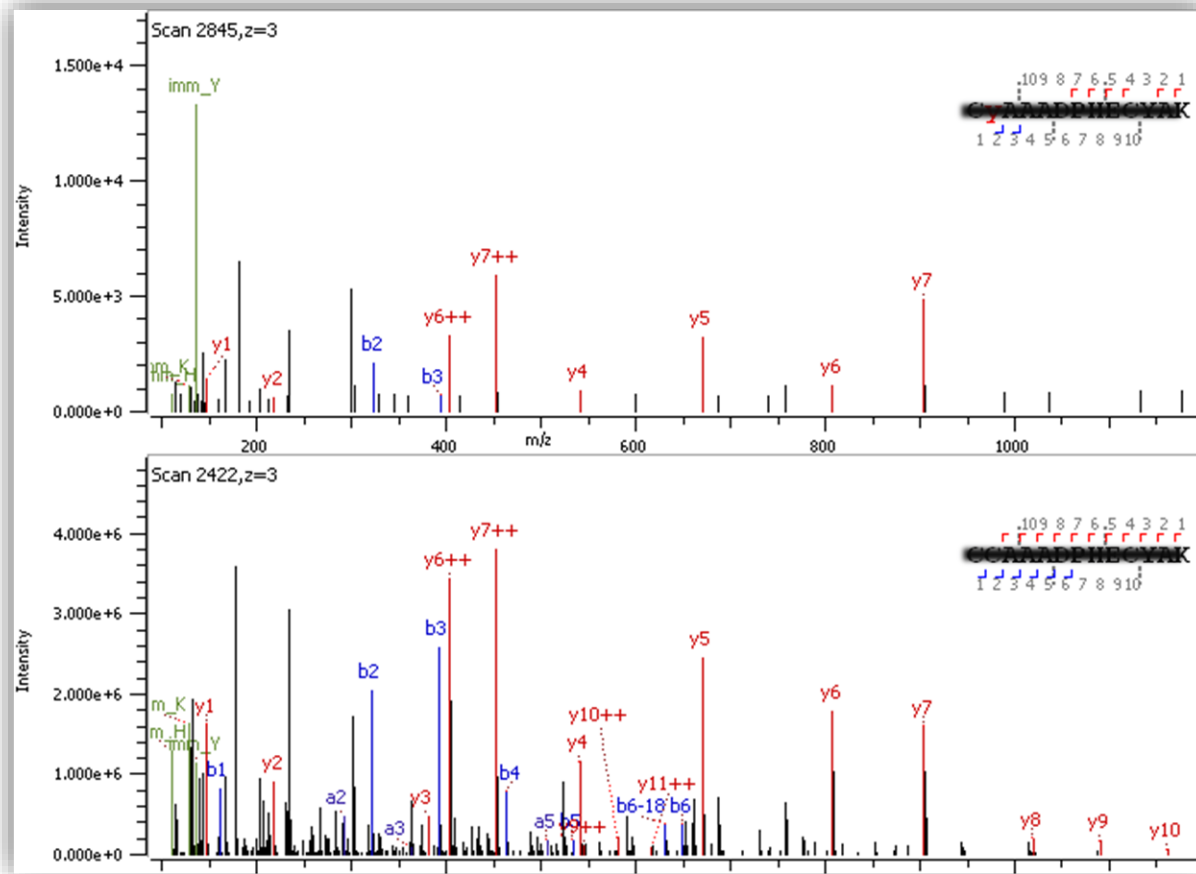


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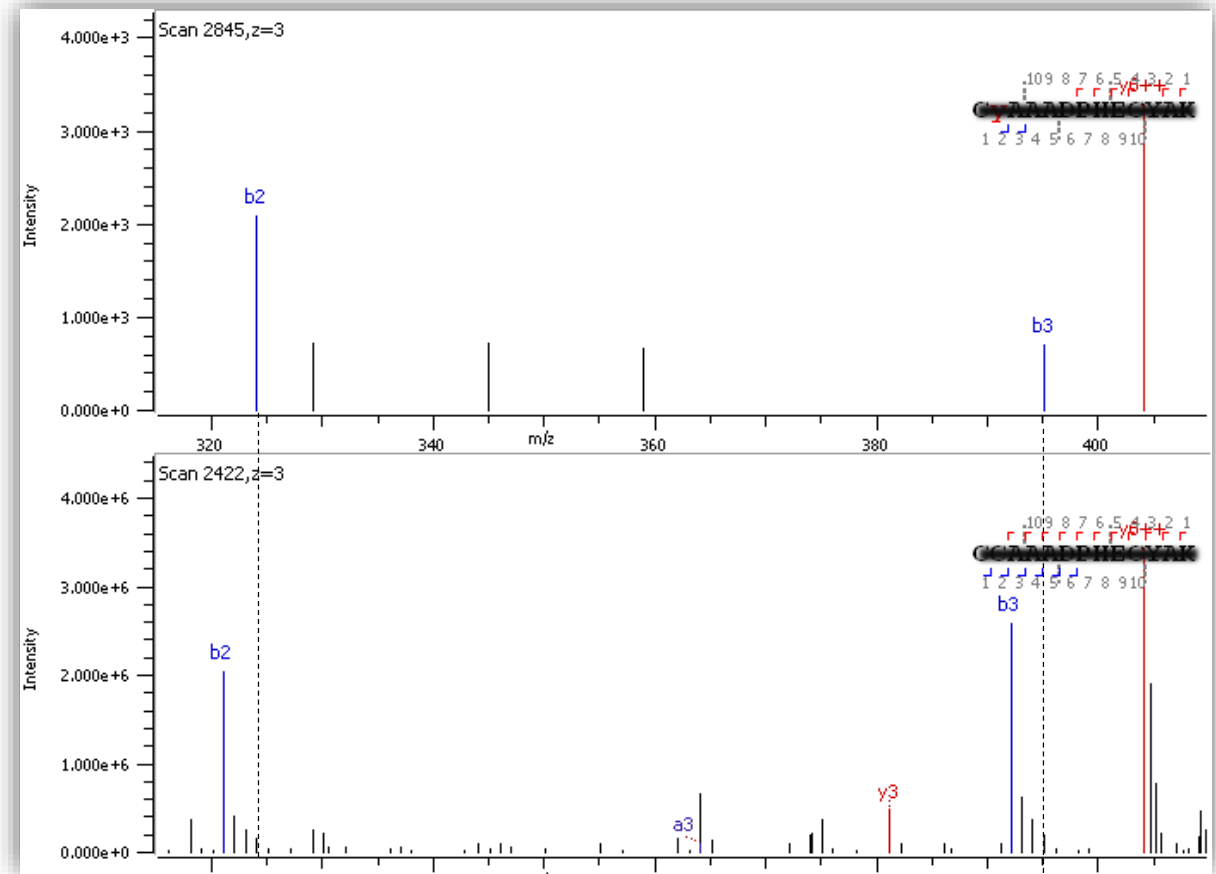


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# Cys->Tyr Variant Manual Validation



MSMS



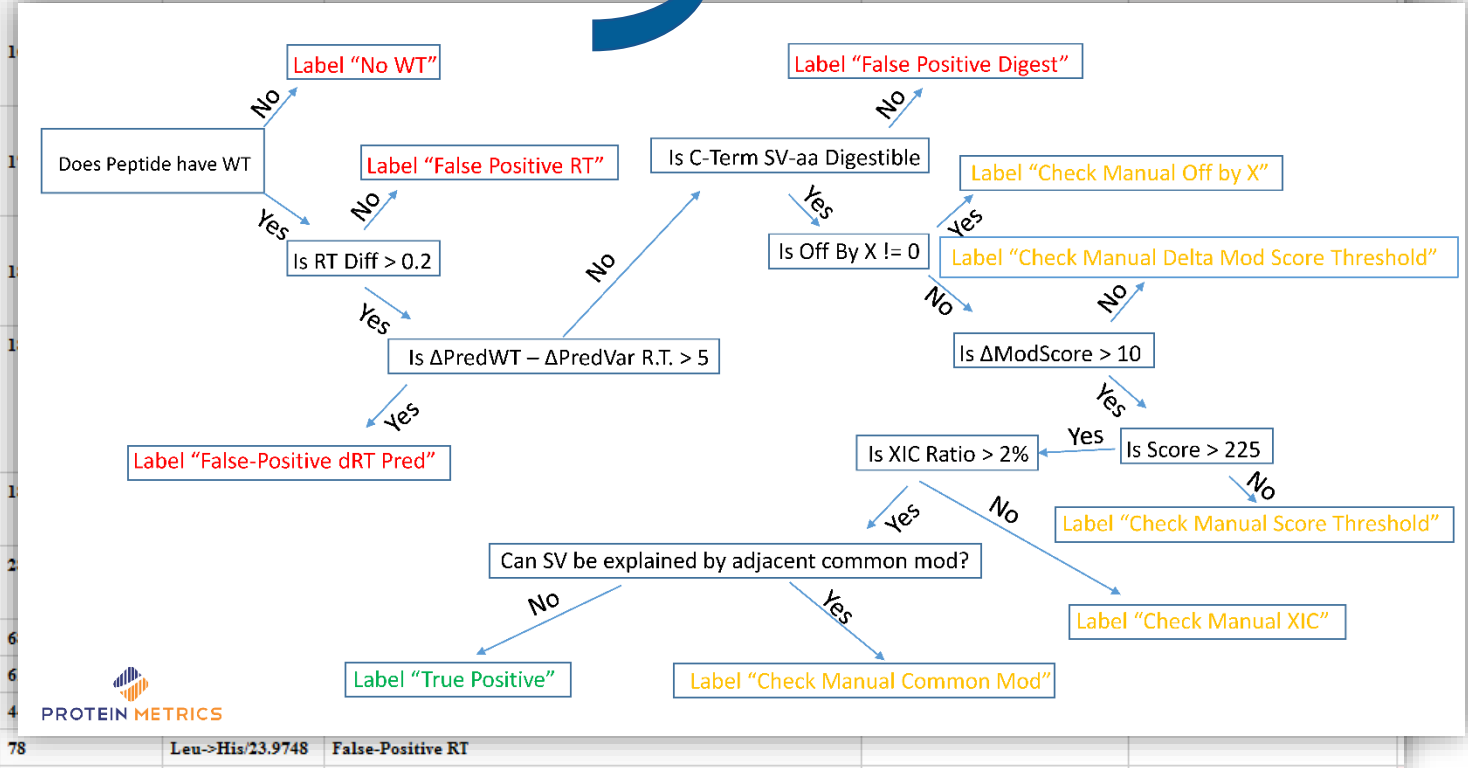
MSMS

# Sequence Variant Annotated Based on Filter Logic



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	I[REDACTED]GLY	160	Asn->His/23.0160	Check Manually Off by X Check Manually XIC False-Positive RT	PT1B296-C3072C-Try_RP12-Try
			Asn->Ile/-0.9589	Check Manually Off by X	
		163	Ala->Pro/26.0157	False-Positive RT	

- Monoisotopic peak
- Peptide score
- Retention time shift
- Explained by common mod
- K/R variance



# Cross validation with multiple enzymes

## Processing

The screenshot shows the 'Processing nodes' tab with four enzyme configurations: Trypsin, AspN, GluC, and Bylogic. Each configuration has a tree view of options. A central blue box labeled 'multiple enzymes' has arrows pointing to the 'Instrument Parameters' section of each enzyme's configuration.

## Reporting

The screenshot shows the 'Reporting' interface with a table of protein modifications. The table has columns for 'Sequence (unformatted)', 'Var. Pos. Protein', 'Mod. Names', and four columns for different digestions (1, 2, 3, 4). The table shows various modifications like Phe->Val, Gly->Trp, Cys->Tyr, and Pro->Thr with their respective percentages.

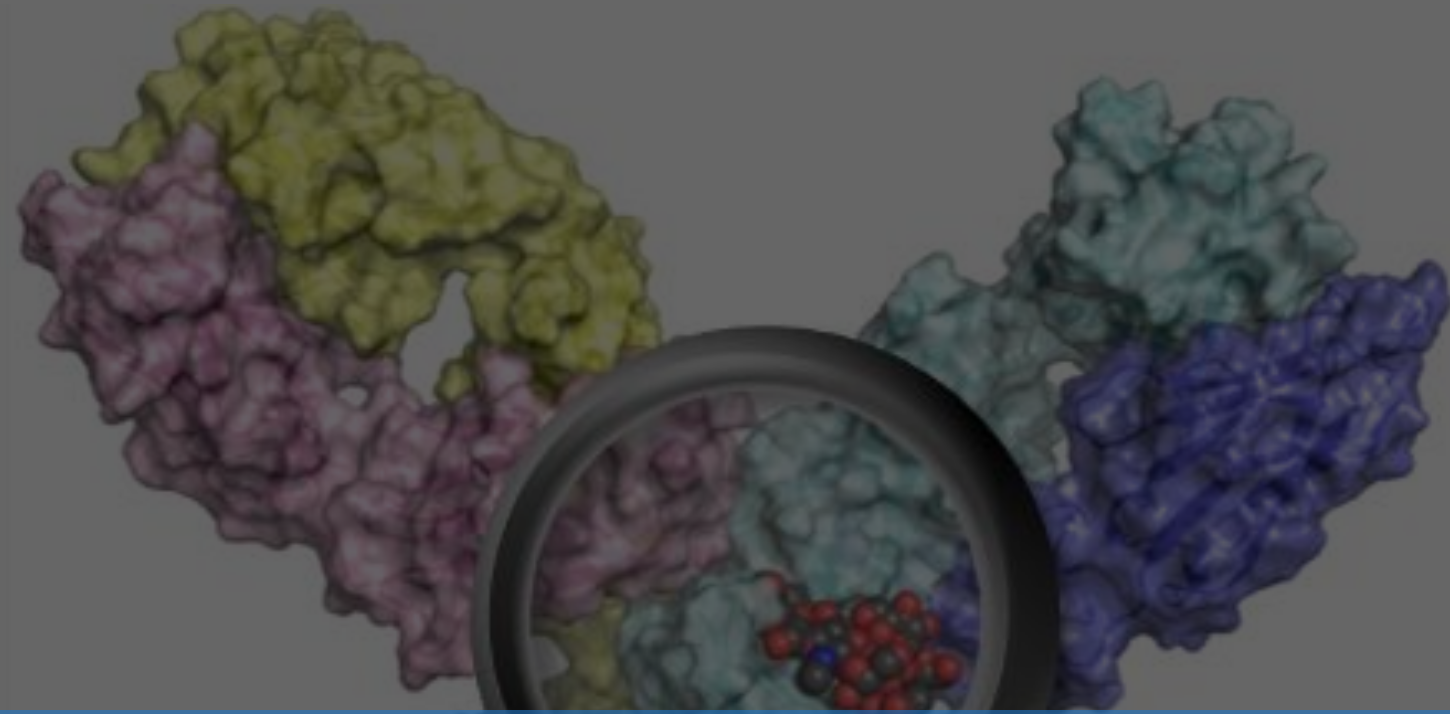
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	375	Phe->Val/48.0000					
	377	Gly->Trp/129.0579					
ICE	302	Cys->Tyr/3.0327		0.196	0.125	0.132	
	314	Cys->Tyr/3.0327					
	327	Cys->Tyr/3.0327		0.182			
	331	Pro->Thr/3.9949		1.76	1.77		



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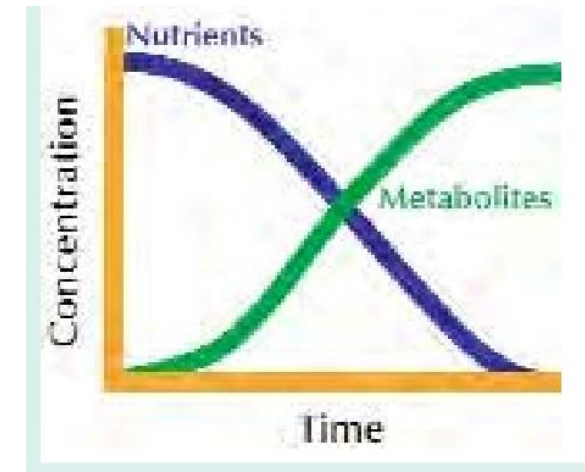
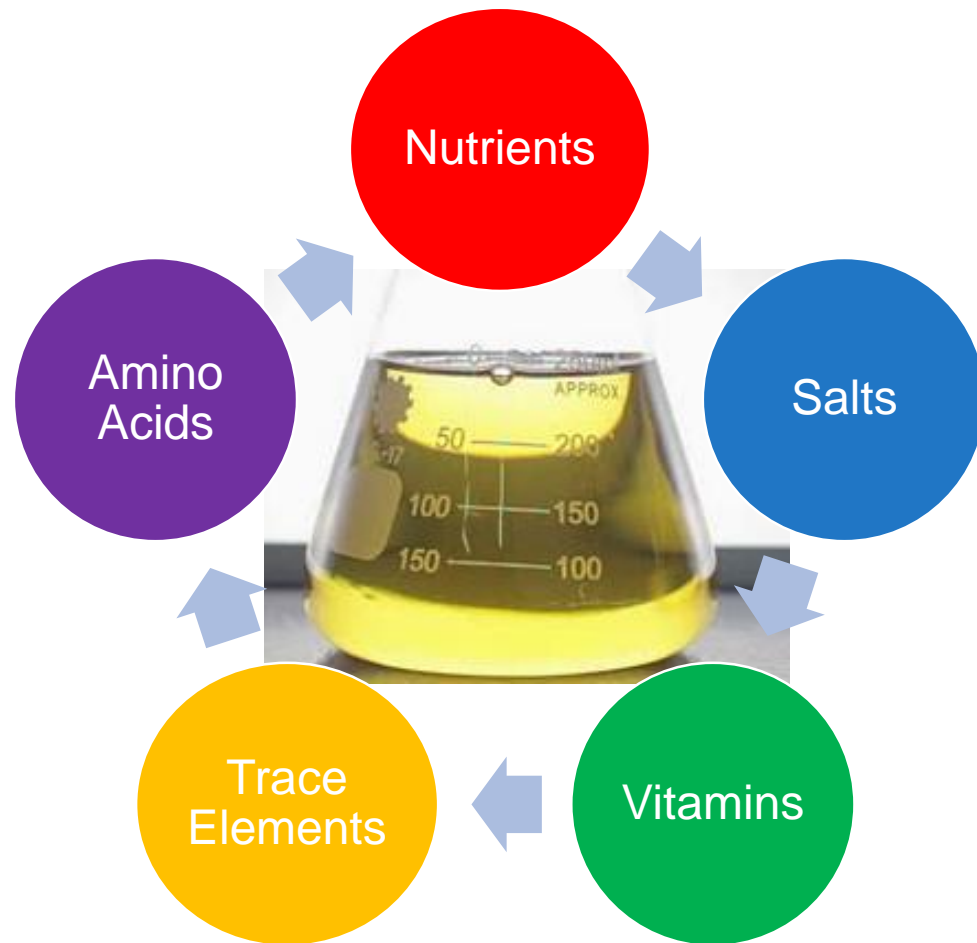
Peptide (GluC)	Position	Mod. Names	Clone 1	Clone 2	Clone 3	Clone 4	Clone 5	Clone 6	Clone 7	Clone 8
MADCCARGEPEKNE	139/140	Cys->Tyr/3.0327	0.09	0.05	0.06	0.10	0.04	0.08	0.11	0.05
CADDAADLAKYCE	314	Cys->Tyr/3.0327	0.20	0.13	0.13	0.21	0.08	0.19	0.30	0.12
CADDAADLAKYCE	302	Cys->Tyr/3.0327							0.11	
CCPKLE	327	Cys->Tyr/3.0327	0.19			0.06		0.07	0.09	0.04



# Spent Media Analysis and Sequence Variant

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# Introduction of Spent Media Analysis



- Amino acids and nutrients consumed
- Metabolites and by-products secreted

# Purpose of Spent Media Analysis

- Optimize the growth conditions for clones
- Promote high cell viability
- Maximize productivity (titer)
- Ensure high quality product (Minimize clipping, PTM)
- Reduce/eliminate misincorporations (sequence variant)

# Spent Media LC-MS Workflow (Scheduled MRM)



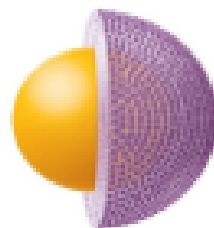
1290 Infinity II LC

UHPLC separation



AdvanceBio MS Spent  
Media HILIC Column

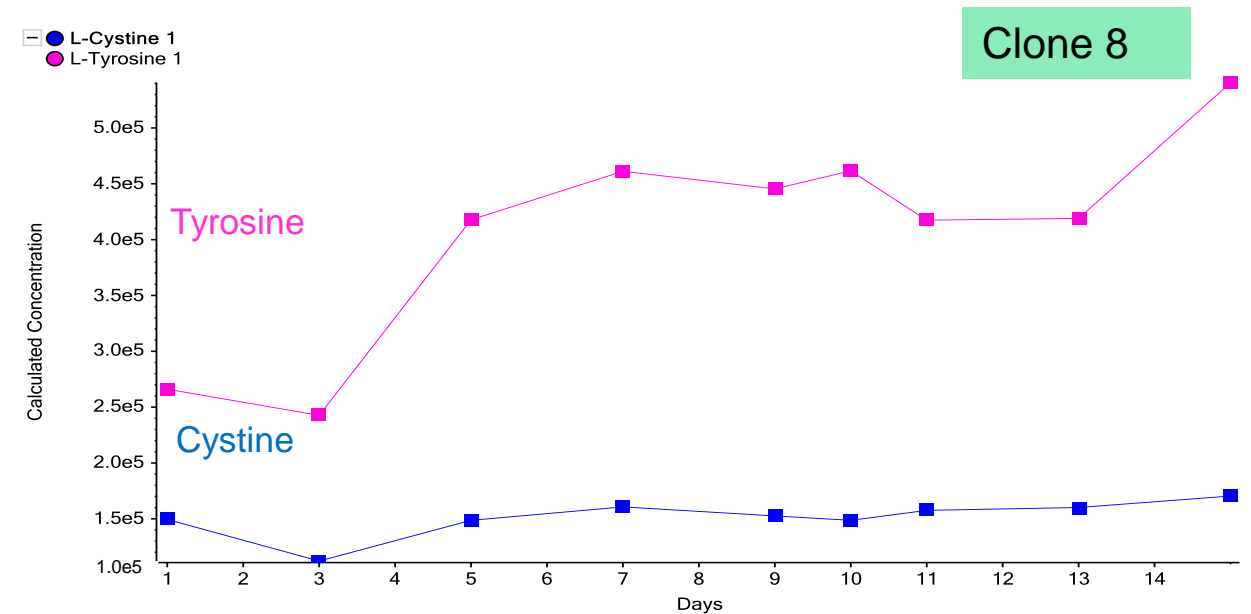
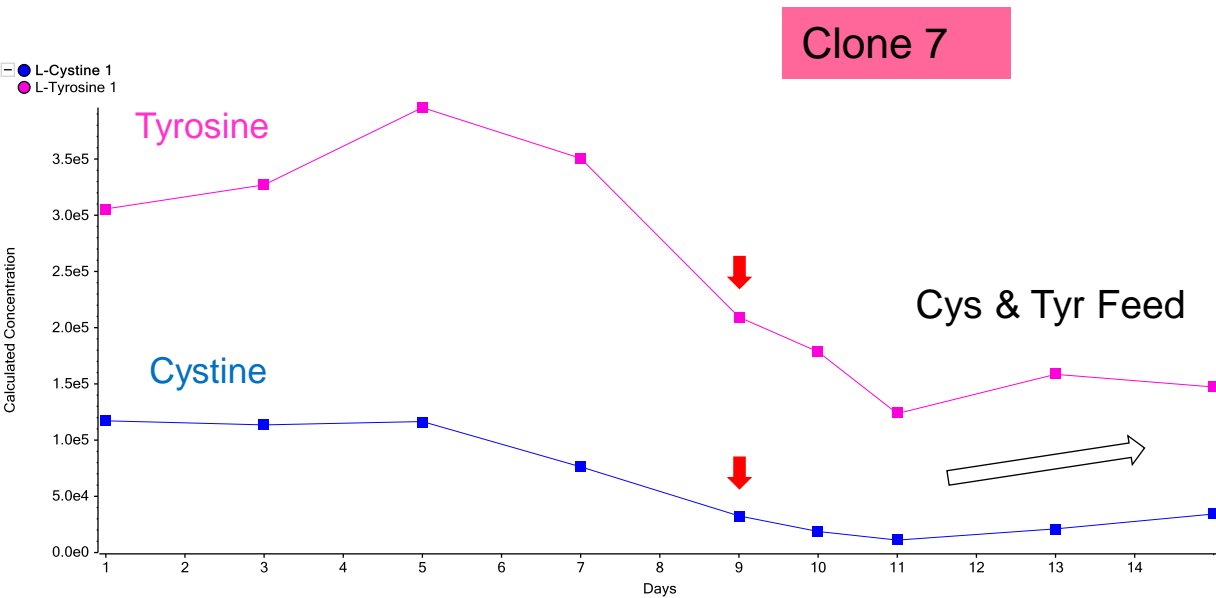
A wide range of compound  
classes



SCIEX  
QTRAP 6500+

Speed and Sensitivity

# Correlating the C->Y to Amino Acids Depletion



Trend plots show the timepoint the depletion started.



# LC-MS Spent Media Analysis and Clone Selection

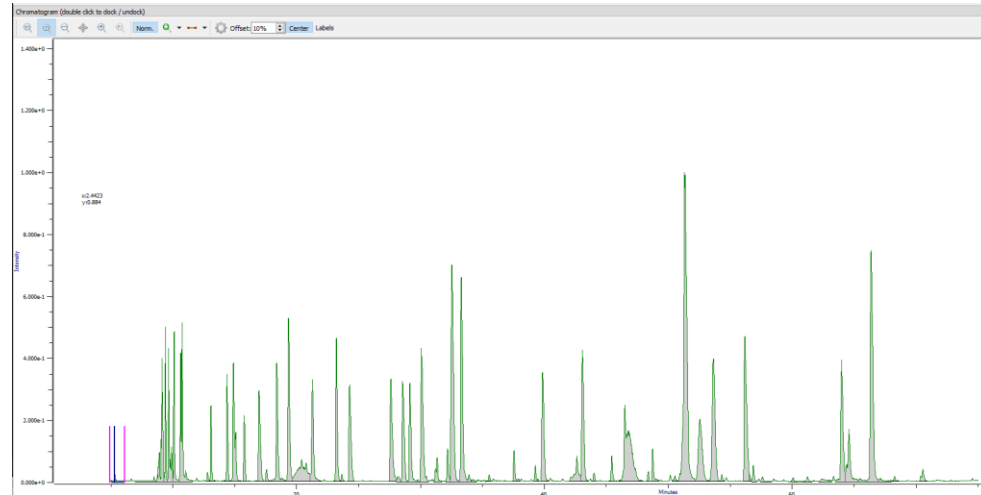
## LC-MS based Spent Media Analysis

Allows for the quantitative measure of different classes of metabolites & amino acids in a 20 min LC-MS run.

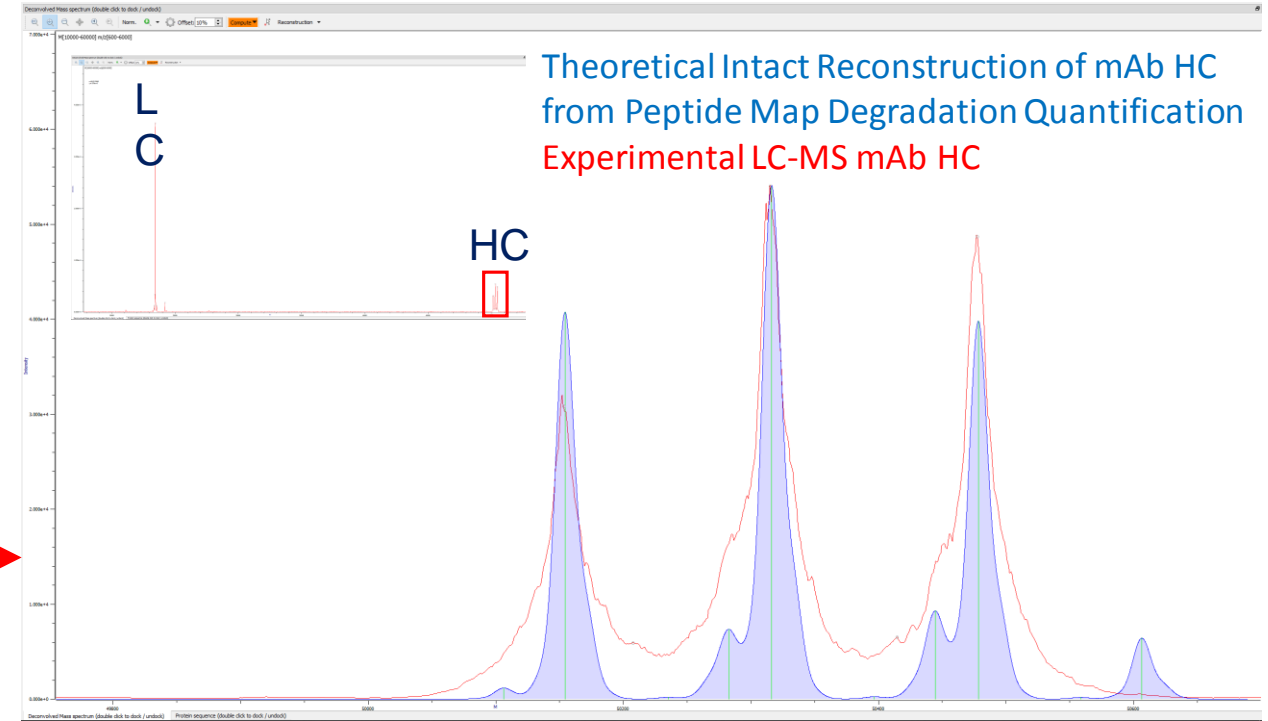
## Implementation into Clone Selection

Verifying of misincorporation observed in peptide map analysis.  
Monitoring amino acids and metabolites profiles of different clones.

# Intact Mass Reconstruction with Peptide Mapping Data



Protein name	Sequence (unformatted)	Mod. Names	Mod. AAs	Var. Pos. Protein	Labels	MS Id --	MS Alias name --	Abundance
gi 270 CD5900028779 CD5900028779_C4LB231_HC	QVQLVQSGAEYK	Amn-Succinimide-17.0265	Q	3		1	AD126_C4LB231-01_Trypsin_fug_REL (%)	3.93
gi 271 CD5900024830 CD5900024830_C4LB231_LC	IVAAPSVFIFPPSDEQLK	Transpeptidation R156.1011	NTerm	108				1.19
gi 270 CD5900028779 CD5900028779_C4LB231_HC	VVSVLTVLHQDWLNGKEYK	Deamidated/0.9840	N	316				0.447
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gi 271 CD5900024830 CD5900024830_C4LB231_LC	ASQSSVLYLVYQKPGK	Dehydrated-18.0106	S	31				0.12



- ❖ Can help determine if modifications are stochastic or not.
- ❖ Quickly compare quantification between bottom up and intact data.
- ❖ Can elucidate underlying modifications that contribute to Intact LC-MS peak shape, particularly combinations of modifications.
- ❖ Can be used to quickly evaluate analysis parameters.

# Integrating Both Workflows Into One Data Analysis Pipeline

 *Protein Metrics: BYOS – Master Script for End-to-End Automation* 

## Peptide Mapping

Data Acq.

Mass-Spec  
Instruments

CRO

## BYOS

Validation

Peptide ID

Peptide Mapping Based  
Product Variant Search

Whole Protein or Subunit

Intact Mass Deconvolution  
and Peak Annotation

Joint  
Reporting

Comparison  
of  
Modifications

Data Aggregation

## Intact Mass Database

UNIFI Server and Central Data Storage



1. Automated data sweep into search software – *Vendor Agnostic*
2. Extensive Product Variant Search
3. Reduce manual validation time – *Define Criteria to flag false-positives*
4. Automated export of results
5. Aggregate data with molecule information to build 'In-house' knowledge base

# Summary

- 1. The need for fast sequence variant analysis in cell line development.**
- 2. Automated analysis workflow reduced sequence variant analysis time.**
- 3. LC-MS based spent media analysis provides complimentary information.**

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