A data-independent acquisition-based global phosphoproteomics system enables deep profiling

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Phosphoproteomics can provide insights into cellular signaling dynamics. To achieve deep and robust quantitative phosphoproteomics profiling for minute amounts of sample, we here develop a global phosphoproteomics strategy based on data-independent acquisition (DIA) mass spectrometry and hybrid spectral libraries derived from data-dependent acquisition (DDA) and DIA data. Benchmarking the method using 166 synthetic phosphopeptides shows high sensitivity (<0.1 ng), accurate site localization and reproducible quantification (~5% median coefficient of variation). As a proof-of-concept, we use lung cancer cell lines and patient-derived tissue to construct a hybrid phosphoproteome spectral library covering 159,524 phosphopeptides (88,107 phosphosites). Based on this library, our single-shot streamlined DIA workflow quantifies 36,350 phosphosites (19,755 class 1) in cell line samples within two hours. Application to drug-resistant cells and patient-derived lung cancer tissues delineates site-specific phosphorylation events associated with resistance and tumor progression, showing that our workflow enables the characterization of phosphorylation signaling with deep coverage, high sensitivity and low between-run missing values.

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Over two-thirds of human proteins are estimated to be phosphorylated resulting in hundreds of thousands of potential sites in a cell to regulate protein function, cellular signaling, and their subversions in human disease. Advances in data-dependent acquisition (DDA) mass spectrometry (MS) have revealed a system view of carrier proteins, sites, and expression levels of site-specific phosphorylation-mediated networks beyond simple abundance-based models. Combining phosphopeptide enrichment, a single-shot DDA-based phosphoproteomics approach achieved different profiling coverage, such as the identification of 12,799 phosphosites from prostaglandin E2-stimulated Jurkat T cells and 13,000 accurate (class 1) sites per 90 min gradient in glioblastoma cells, in a recently reported EasyPhos protocol.

To achieve a deep phosphoproteomics depth, extensive peptide fractionation is commonly adapted. A pioneering study by Olsen et al. identified 6600 phosphosites on 2244 proteins, which revealed dynamic epidermal growth factor (EGF) signaling networks. Impressive coverage of >20,000 phosphosites was continuously updated to enhance our understanding of the composition of the phosphoproteome in biological systems. Previous deep profiling in HeLa cells achieved 38,229 phosphosites by acquiring ~270 liquid chromatography-tandem MS (LC-MS/MS) datasets measured for about 40 days. Nevertheless, genome-wide phosphoproteome profiling of patient-derived tissues provides insight into how genetic alterations affect the phosphoproteomics landscape in cancer. The above phosphoproteomics depth was achieved by the cost of extensive fractionation and days of data acquisition from a large amount of samples, posing limitations to samples with a low cell number or minute clinical specimens.

Semistochastic sampling in DDA also causes quantification challenges, including low phosphopeptide coverage, batch effects, and many missing values across a large number of patients. Data-independent acquisition (DIA), in which all precursors within isolation windows covering the specified m/z range are fragmented, has become an attractive alternative, as DIA enables the retrospective interrogation of preserved fragments to derive peptides from spectral libraries. At present, however, only a limited number of studies have applied DIA for large-scale phosphoproteomics analysis. Parker et al. reported the pioneering DIA-based quantification of 86 phosphopeptides in insulin signaling. Performance of DIA for quantification of targeted phosphopeptide has demonstrated good correlation with the highly specific selected reaction monitoring MS technique. Lawrence et al. also reported large-scale phosphoproteome database as a resource for targeted quantification. Most significantly, DIA demonstrated capability in the differentiation and quantification of positionally isomeric phosphopeptides. Recently, to address the challenge in site-specific analysis of posttranslational modification dataset, various algorithms have been introduced including Inference of Peptidoforms, Thesaurus, and PIQED. For global phosphoproteomics, Olsen and colleagues recently reported the quantification of >29,000 phosphopeptides (~14,000 localized phosphosites) by a fast LC and DIA method along with phosphosite localization strategy. To approach the disease-associated proteins usually present in low abundance, especially in small-scale clinical specimens, deeper phosphoproteome profiling towards the genome-wide depth still remains to be further developed.

In this study, we report a global phosphoproteomics system (GPS) strategy based on DIA-MS with direct DIA (dirDIA) and library-based (libDIA) computation mapping to high-quality hybrid spectral library derived from DDA and DIA data. By model study on non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC), analytical merits were benchmarked using 166 synthetic phosphopeptides relevant in lung cancer signaling. Using lung cancer cell lines and patient-derived tissues, we establish a proteome spectral library (12,344 protein groups, 223,091 peptide sequences) and a phosphoproteome spectral library of 159,524 phosphopeptides on 8805 protein groups covering 88,107 phosphosites with increased tyrosine phosphorylation (pTyr; 5483 pTyr, 6%). Overall, the GPS strategy using a single-shot DIA achieves deep quantification of 38,255 phosphosites (20,420 class 1 sites) with 95% unique phosphosites covered by the library-based approach. Application to cell lines and patient tissues further reveals advantages of significantly lower between-run missing values, especially for pTyr, and high sensitivity with deep coverage.

**Results**

**Workflow of GPS strategy by DIA-MS.** To achieve deep and highly accurate phosphosite quantification by DIA-MS, a quality phosphopeptide reference library is critical for targeted phosphopeptide signal extraction, while direct data deconvolution of DIA data can be applied. With fast data acquisition by the Orbitrap MS instrument, we show that a comprehensive hybrid phosphoproteomics spectral library resource can serve as a digital map to recover phosphopeptides in the m/z and retention time domains of DIA data. Taking advantage of different data generation for precursors and fragmentation patterns in DIA and DDA, a phosphoprotein library was uniquely constructed in the hybrid mode by complementary datasets from fractionated phosphopeptides. Using NSCLC as a model, several strategies were additionally adapted to enhance identification of low-abundance and cancer-relevant phosphoproteins. These included (1) using complementary sample types of NSCLC cell lines and pooled tumor tissues from NSCLC patients with varying EGF (EGFR) mutation statuses (Supplementary Data 1); (2) using high pH reversed-phase (HPrP) chromatography for fractionation of tryptic peptides from pooled tissue (column) and individual cell lysate (StageTip), followed by phosphopeptide enrichment using immobilized metal affinity chromatography (IMAC) in the StageTip protocol; and (3) using pervanadate (PV) phosphatase inhibitor treatment to enhance coverage of pTyr. All raw files were acquired by spiking indexed retention time (iRT) peptides and employing consistent chromatography and MS acquisition platforms to maintain uniformity in peptide retention features and fragmentation profiles.

A spectral library was then constructed by Spectronaut. To generate the hybrid phosphoproteome library, combined database search results from DDA and DIA dataset were performed by Spectronaut Pulsar, to ensure identification confidence of 1% false discovery rate (FDR) cutoff (peptide spectrum match (PSM), peptide, and protein, and for estimation of phosphosite localization probability). For an independent proteome-level library, a similar workflow without Fe-IMAC was performed for NSCLC cell lines and tissue samples. All proteome DDA raw files were searched by MaxQuant with a FDR of 1% at PSM and protein levels (Fig. 1b). For optimal DIA analysis, the data acquisition parameters, including isolation window, resolution, and LC-MS/MS gradient time, were evaluated (Supplementary Fig. 1). The raw DIA data were processed by both libDIA and library-free (dirDIA), followed by site annotation and quantification (Fig. 1c). In the first step, for unambiguous site-specific phosphopeptide quantification, the phosphosite localization tool recently reported by Bekker-Jensen et al. and integrated into Spectronaut was applied to filter class 1 (probability ≥ 0.75) localized sites. In the second step for site-specific quantification, an in-house program was developed to calculate the abundance of a phosphosite as the summed abundance of all the corresponding proteins.
Benchmarking quantification performance using synthetic phosphopeptides. The phosphosite localization and quantification accuracy of the pipeline were first evaluated using 166 synthetic phosphopeptides (176 phosphosites on 109 unique sequences) selected from 61 proteins (Supplementary Data 2). The EGFR-initiated signaling cascades represent the most important pathways for lung cancer in East Asia. Thus, the synthetic phosphopeptides were selected from phosphoproteins in the lung cancer-related signaling pathways, including NSCLC signaling (61 phosphopeptides, 58 sites), EGFR-tyrosine kinase inhibitor (TKI) resistance (85 phosphopeptides, 80 phosphosites), mammalian target of rapamycin (MTOR) signaling (37 phosphopeptides, 33 sites), and PI3K-AKT signaling (73 phosphopeptides, 69 sites). In addition to 19 phosphopeptides of EGFR, other receptor tyrosine kinases (RTKs) and drug targets, including SRC, GRB2, BRAF, MTOR, MAPK1, MAPK3, MET, and EML4, were also selected to obtain synthetic phosphopeptides (Supplementary Data 2). Mono(139)-, di(21)-, and tri(6)-phosphopeptides with different sites of the same sequence were designed to evaluate the site-localization accuracy. The phosphopeptides were pooled in 5 amounts (2, 1, 0.5, 0.2, and 0.1 ng) and spiked into 0.5 μg yeast tryptic peptides. Overall, all 157 phosphopeptides (167 sites) were in the scanning m/z range of the DIA-MS method and they were all detected (Supplementary Data 2). Examples of mono- and multiple phosphopeptides of the 116GSHQISLDNP−DYQQDFPK1179 sequence from EGFR are depicted (Fig. 2a). The S1166 site can be unambiguously confirmed by b8 and b9 fragment ions, and b4 and b5 can be used to exclude phosphorylation at S1162, whereas the presence of y8 and y9 ion indicates phosphorylation at the Y1172 site. Similarly, double phosphorylation at the S1166 and Y1172 sites can be determined by a combination of the above fragment ions. In addition, distinct chromatographic elution profiles distinguish these sites (Fig. 2b). The localization probability of 222 precursors detected in the dilution series and the phosphosite localization result on the di- and tri-phosphorylated peptides with multiple competing sites at the same peptide sequence were shown in Supplementary Fig. 2. Among di-phosphorylated peptides, 18 out of 21 were confidently identified and quantified as class 1 phosphosite even in a diluted concentration, and 4 of the 6 tri-phosphorylated peptides were confidently identified and quantified. These examples demonstrate good-quality DIA spectra for unambiguous site localization.

The calibration curves for all 12 phosphosites of EGFR demonstrate good quantitative linearity ($R^2 = 0.9731$–0.9969) (Fig. 2c). Representative quantification curves of the autophosphorylation sites Y1197 and Y1172 in EGFR-activating mutations show good linearity ($R^2 = 0.9969$, 0.9857) and precision (1.8–3.4% coefficient of variation, CV). Phosphosite localization
analysis indicated that DIA spectra of 161 phosphosites (96%) have a high accuracy for determining the class 1 sites (probability ≥ 0.75) (Fig. 2d). With a very high stringency of 0.99 probability cutoff, 142 (90.4%), 142 (90.4%), 135 (86%), 122 (77.7%), and 118 (75.2%) were quantified from low- to high-dilution series (Fig. 2d). The measured and library-annotated retention times also showed a high correlation (R² = 0.996) (Fig. 2e). Phosphosite quantification accuracy was shown by consistency between the measured median ratios 0.95, 1.79, 3.36, 8.72, and 20.06, and expected ratios 1-, 2-, 4-, 10-, and 20-fold, respectively (Fig. 2f). The high-quantification reproducibility was evidenced by the median CV of 2.4–6.6% across the dilution series (Fig. 2g). Overall, the DIA strategy showed good spectral quality for confident site determination, high-quantification accuracy, and reproducibility.

Construction of the phosphotyrosine-enhanced hybrid library. High quality and deep coverage of reference spectral libraries are crucial to achieve comprehensive profiling by DIA quantification. To construct a hybrid spectral library with complementary coverage, tryptic peptides from different cell types and tissues were prepared by few strategies, including enhanced pTyr by PV treatment to inhibit phosphatases, peptide fractionation by reversed-phase chromatography in StageTip (cell lines) and LC (tissues) formats, and phosphopeptide enrichment by Fe-IMAC followed by analysis in DDA and DIA mode. First, DDA analyses (n = 156 raw files) obtained from 4 cell lines (84,368 phosphopeptides) and 6 pooled tumor tissues (39,127 phosphopeptides) and synthetic phosphopeptides (156 phosphopeptides) generated 101,624 phosphopeptides corresponding to 64,962 phosphosites. The results indicate that tumor tissues provide additional 17,817 phosphopeptides (44%) in addition to 56% commonly observed in the fractionation dataset from the cell lines, likely due to the tissue-derived or enriched proteins in tumor samples. Second, DIA analyses for 2 cell lines coupled with peptide fractionation (n = 24 raw files) generated 72,270 precursors (59,625 phosphopeptides), of which 26,811 (17%) were unique precursors compared to above-mentioned DDA result. Third, two cell lines, PC9 and CL68 were treated with PV enhancing tenfold Tyr phosphopeptides from 1.4% to 14% when compared to untreated...
lysates. Finally, a hybrid phosphoproteome library was generated combining fractionated DIA (n = 24 raw files) with the DDA (n = 156 raw files) dataset using Spectronaut Pulsar search with 1% FDR at PSM, peptide, and protein level.

Taken together, we constructed a library consisting of 159,524 phosphopeptides (203,550 precursors corresponding to 88,107 phosphosites on 8805 protein groups; Fig. 3a and see details in Supplementary Data 3). With phosphosite localization, this library includes 121,407 class 1 phosphopeptides, (Fig. 3b), indicating that a majority have highly accurate site localization. The overall percentage of tyrosine phosphosites in the library (6%, 5483 sites of 8805 protein groups) was much higher than the <1% abundance of pTyr commonly detected at the basal cellular level (Fig. 3c). Without protein immunoprecipitation, the result for EGFR phosphotyrosine sites demonstrated good coverage: nine pTyr sites were identified from the basal level of PC9 and CL68 cells bearing EGFR autophosphorylation. 

The content of the phosphopeptide library resource was analyzed by mapping phosphoproteins to signaling pathways, the human kinome and the phosphatome. By mapping phosphoproteins to the Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes (KEGG) database, the top 29 cancer-related pathways have 42–80% coverage at the protein level with an overall 16,281 phosphosites (13,862 class 1) from 1329 protein groups. The major pathways associated with lung cancer were enriched with good coverage, including ErbB signaling (921 phosphosites, 80% class 1 on 65 proteins, 78%), NSCLC signaling (568 sites, 471 class 1 from 52 proteins, 79%), and the EGFR-TKI resistance pathway (743 sites, 648 class 1 from 59 proteins, 76%) and endocytosis (2080 sites, 1732 class 1 from 193 proteins, 80%) (Fig. 3d). In the example of the EGFR-RAS-RAF pathway, which is most crucial for lung cancer progression, 101 among 169 phosphosites are class 1 phosphosites (Supplementary Fig. 3a). Others include known kinases such as RAF1-S642, BRAF-S365, and BRAF-T753, which are known to be phosphorylated by ERK2 kinase, as well as MEK1/MEK2 substrate site (ERK1-T202, ERK1-T204, ERK2-T185, and ERK2-Y187) and RAF substrate site (MEK2-S222). In addition, EGFR-S538, SOS1-1205 are among the newly identified class 1 sites. For the oncogene EGFR, the 55 phosphosites (40 class 1 sites) located in the tyrosine kinases and autophosphorylation domain also...
include the Y1197 and Y1172 phosphosites, which are the characteristic autophosphorylation upon activating driver mutation of EGFR (Supplementary Fig. 3b). By mapping 522 human kinases deposited in KinMap[26] and 238 human phosphatases deposited in DEP0D[27], 383 kinases (73%) with 5091 phosphosites (4268 class 1) in the kinase tree and 140 (59%) phosphatases with 1429 phosphosites (1,226 class 1) were covered in our library including major groups (Fig. 3e, f).

The 88,107 phosphosites in this library provide deep phosphoproteome coverage from a single cancer type over a single MS platform. Compared to the phosphosite coverage from single cell type (HeLa) of 50,497 phosphosites reported by Sharma et al.[8], our DDA data (64,962 sites) in the GPS library processed by the same search platform of MaxQuant still presented 28.6% increase of phosphosites (Supplementary Fig. 4a). Compared to the PhosphoSitePlus[28] database (239,180 phosphosites, as of 23 October 2020), our library contains 26,234 additional phosphosites (17,097 sites from hybrid class 1 localized library), including 1589 pTyr sites (Supplementary Fig. 4b and Supplementary Data 3). Examples include novel sites with high localization probability ≥ 0.95: EGFR-S1036, STAT3-T716, SRC-S212, ALK-S76/77/78, and PLCG2-Y13/S785, in the NSCLC pathway. The “plug-and-play” database (109,611 phosphosites, 11,428 proteins) was constructed on the datasets of 989 LC-MS/MS runs using phosphopeptides enriched with Fe-IMAC and TiO2 from MCF7, HeLa S3, and HepG2 cell lines over different MS runs using phosphopeptides enriched with Fe-IMAC and TiO2 from MCF7, HeLa S3, and HepG2 cell lines over different MS platforms. Compared to the phosphosite coverage from single cell type (HeLa) of 50,497 phosphosites reported by Sharma et al.[8], our DDA data (64,962 sites) in the GPS library processed by the same search platform of MaxQuant still presented 28.6% increase of phosphosites (Supplementary Fig. 4a).

The performance of a hybrid library was evaluated by comparing the spectra library constructed from a single acquisition type of DDA or DIA. Two datasets of comparable size were generated from DDA and DIA using three cell lysate digests coupled with StageTip fractionation: proteome from HeLa and phosphoproteome from PC9 and CL68 cell lines (Supplementary Fig. 7a). Three sets of proteome and phosphoproteome spectra libraries were independently constructed by using DDA, DIA, and hybrid datasets of equal numbers of raw files. For the library construction from HeLa lysate (n = 16), the number of peptides in the hybrid library increased by 8% and 22% compared to DDA and DIA, respectively, showing the expected complementary nature of merging DDA and DIA datasets in the hybrid library (Supplementary Fig. 7b). By using another triplicate runs of single-shot DIA dataset from HeLa cells, the hybrid library achieved the highest coverage with 12% and 5% more quantified peptides compared to the DDA-based and DIA-based libraries, respectively, whereas the DIA-based library outperformed the DDA-based library (Supplementary Fig. 7b). Similarly, for phosphoproteome dataset from PC9 and CL68, the hybrid libraries (n = 14) also resulted in the highest number of phosphopeptides (Supplementary Fig. 7c). Besides, the single-shot DIA data mapping to the DIA-based library still outperformed the result from the DDA-based library likely due to the similar nature of fragmentation pattern. Nevertheless, quantitative comparison showed high correlation (R2 ≥ 0.9) for the quantified phosphopeptides among the three libraries (Supplementary Fig. 7d).

Lung cancer proteome spectral library. Interpretation of quantitative phosphoproteomics data require considering changes in both protein expression and phosphorylation degree.[29] Large-scale human proteome libraries have been recently reported over different MS platform as a valuable tool.[30,31] In addition to a phosphoproteome library, we constructed a protein-level library in parallel from 5 NSCLC cell lines and 22 pooled tumor tissue samples. Peptide fractionation was performed for tryptic peptides from cell lines using reversed-phase chromatography in StageTip format, whereas reversed-phase column chromatography was used for tissues. Using the same chromatographic and MS instrument, a total of 191 raw files were generated in DDA mode (Supplementary Fig. 5). MaxQuant-based protein identification was performed at 1% FDR of PSM and protein level. Finally, a protein-level spectral library of 344,430 peptide precursors of 223,091 unique peptide sequences on 12,344 protein groups was constructed.

Quantification performance evaluation using triplicate analysis of PC9 and CL68 cell lines against the proteome library achieved protein groups of 7618 in PC9 and 7793 in CL68 (Supplementary Fig. 6). Compared to DDA, a 1.4-fold more quantified proteins were achieved with much lower missing values and high reproducibility. The phosphoproteome and proteome libraries offer deep coverage and complementary identification and quantification information on the protein expression and site-specific phosphorylation level.

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median quantification CV% of only 4% in both cases (Supplementary Fig. 8). The result is comparable to the lung cancer cell result with slightly lower coverage, likely due to the absence of breast cancer-related proteins in the library. Compared to the reported phosphoproteomic profiling of breast cancer cell (~14,000 class 1 phosphosites) over 270 min reversed-phase peptide separation by single-shot DDA, the result demonstrated highly sensitive quantification of cross-cancer phosphoproteomic profiling by our GPS strategy.

Compared to the distributions with a median CV value of 13.9% in the DDA, the libDIA and dirDIA results had much narrower distributions with median CV values of 5.2% and 4.3%, respectively, showing a significantly higher quantification reproducibility in DIA (Fig. 4d). In particular, libDIA shows superior quantification of class 1 tyrosine phosphosites (721 sites) compared to dirDIA (242 sites), whereas only 93 sites were quantified by DDA in PC9 cells (Supplementary Fig. 9). Furthermore, 10–50% between-run missing values are commonly observed in LFQ35, presenting a bottleneck for reproducible quantification across large numbers of samples. To evaluate the between-run missing values, 9456 commonly quantified phosphosites in DDA, DDA match between runs (represented as DDA*), libDIA, and dirDIA. Phosphosites identification per each abundance group across triplicate measurements. The blue, yellow, and red lines represent sites quantified in all the three, two, or only in one replicate, respectively. g Missing values across different abundance groups. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

Differential phosphoproteomics profiling of EGFR-TKI-sensitive and EGFR-TKI-resistant lung cancer cells. Despite the efficacy of targeted therapy using TKI for patients with activating driver mutation (two major types: Del19 and L858R) on EGFR, management of these patients who eventually develop resistance to EGFR-TKI has become the biggest challenge in lung cancer therapy and remains unmet clinical need10,34,35. In East Asia, the primary cause of resistance to TKI is driven, in ~60% of advanced lung cancer patients, by acquiring an additional EGFR T790M point mutation located at the gatekeeper position of the adenosine triphosphate-binding site36. We applied the GPS approach to quantitatively compare TKI-sensitive PC9 with exon-19 deletion (IC50 = 30 nM) and TKI-resistant CL68 (IC50 = 20 µM) cells with a double mutation of exon-19 deletion and T790M point mutation after Iressa and chemotherapy treatment,
which may provide insight into the drug resistance mechanism\(^3\). A total of 16,199 class 1 phosphosites on 4122 proteins were quantified (Fig. 5a and Supplementary Data 6). High correlation was observed (Pearson’s correlation = 0.95) from three biological replicas, indicating high reproducibility of quantitative phosphoproteomic results (Fig. 5b). At the protein level, the expression of 82% phosphoproteins were also quantified. Differential expression of the quantified phosphosites, resulted in 747 upregulated and 1011 downregulated phosphosites in resistant cells compared to phosphosites in sensitive cells (two-sample t-test, FDR < 0.01, S0 = 0.1) (Supplementary Data 6). Pathway analysis of upregulated phosphoproteins against KEGG database enriched the top ranking pathways, including NSCLC signaling, ErbB signaling, Ras signaling, endocytosis, and the EGFR-TKI resistance pathway, which have been reported to be associated with TKI resistance in NSCLC (Fig. 5c). Several cancer-associated pathways, such as adherens junctions, tight junctions, and focal adhesions associated with epithelial–mesenchymal transition (EMT), were also enriched (Fig. 5c). EMT has been reported as a major hallmark of EGFR-TKI resistance in NSCLC\(^8\). Our results may reveal elevated site-specific phosphorylation in an EMT event. Among deregulated pathways (p < 0.05), e.g., the EGFR-TKI resistance pathway, 161 phosphosites covering almost all downstream proteins were observed and 49 out of 78 proteins were quantified at the proteome level (Fig. 5e). Twenty phosphosites showed differential levels, such as the higher phosphorylation level of a known autophosphorylation site (Y1197 and Y1172) and kinase domain (Y727) on EGFR, accompanied by protein overexpression at the PI3K/Akt and SRC/STAT3 subpathways. To explore the upstream kinases responsible for TKI resistance, kinase motif enrichment of differentially expressed phosphosites was performed. Motif enrichment (Fisher’s exact test, FDR < 0.02) identified 30 motifs with prominent roles in serine and threonine kinases, including top ranking protein kinase A (903 substrates), protein kinase C (858 substrates), ERK1/2 kinase motif (755 substrates) (Fig. 5f, g), as well as tyrosine kinases Src with their overexpressed substrates (n = 18) in the TKI-resistant CL68 cells (Supplementary Data 6). In addition, upregulation of the TPX2/S121 and S125 sites likely correlated with the reported role of AURKA kinase and its coactivator TPX2 in response to chronic EGFR inhibition to mitigate drug-induced apoptosis in resistant lung cancer cells\(^8\). The checkpoint kinase 1 (Chk1) is among kinases enriched with known phosphorylation site using PhosphositePlus (Fisher’s exact test FDR < 0.02).
upregulated phosphosites, MATR3-T150, EML3-S176, ERRFI1-S302, LMO7-S1510, and TRIM28-S473 are its known substrates. Chk1 has been reported to be associated with tumor proliferation and is a resistance drug target with ongoing clinical trials. We further quantitatively compared the alterations in 646 pTyr sites, of which 43 sites showed differential phosphorylation (Fig. 5h). Many upregulated sites are associated with EGFR (Y1197, Y727) and its adaptor proteins GAB1-Y627 and DLG3-Y673, likely due to EGFR-activating mutations that drive its downstream signaling cascade. Other sites include pY62/63 of the tyrosine phosphatase Shp2; Shp2 knockdown has been reported to increase cellular sensitivity to gefitinib in EGFR-TKI-resistant lung cancer cells. Whether these identified kinases and phosphosites may confer the transformation from TKI-tolerant to TKI-resistant cells remains to be validated.

Deep phosphoproteome profiling in lung cancer tissues by DIA-MS. We further explored single-shot DIA analysis for proteome and phosphoproteome profiling in paired tumor and adjacent normal tissues from five lung cancer patients in early and late stages (Supplementary Data 1). Phosphoproteomic analysis resulted in 32,407 phosphosites (18,417 class 1) on 4777 proteins (Fig. 6a). The proteome analysis quantified 9294 proteins using proteome library. Overall, 16,103 class 1 phosphosites were revealed in paired tumor and adjacent normal tissues (Fig. 6b). Unsupervised clustering also revealed distinct profiles with differentially expressed phosphosites between tumor tissues than from adjacent normal tissues (Fig. 6c). Pathway analysis of upregulated sites (phosphoprotein) using the KEGG database in STRING enriched the top pathways related to focal adhesion, regulation of actin cytoskeleton, tight junction, as well as PI3K-Akt signaling (Fig. 5h). Many upregulated sites are associated with EGFR (Y1197, Y727) and its adaptor proteins GAB1-Y627 and DLG3-Y673, likely due to EGFR-activating mutations that drive its downstream signaling cascade. Other sites include pY62/63 of the tyrosine phosphatase Shp2; Shp2 knockdown has been reported to increase cellular sensitivity to gefitinib in EGFR-TKI-resistant lung cancer cells. Whether these identified kinases and phosphosites may confer the transformation from TKI-tolerant to TKI-resistant cells remains to be validated.

The proteome analysis quantified 9294 proteins using proteome library. Overall, 16,103 class 1 phosphosites were commonly quantified at both the protein and phosphosite levels. After normalizing the phosphosite abundance with protein expression, 585 phosphosites on 446 proteins showed differential expression (two-sample t-test, S0 = 0.1, p < 0.05) between tumor and normal tissues (Supplementary Data 7).

Principal component analysis of the differential phosphosites revealed distinct expression between tumor and normal tissues, and high heterogeneity of the tumor profiles (Fig. 6b). Unsupervised clustering also revealed distinct profiles with differentially expressed phosphosites between tumor tissues than from adjacent normal tissues (Fig. 6c). Pathway analysis of upregulated sites (phosphoprotein) using the KEGG database in STRING enriched the top pathways related to focal adhesion, regulation of actin cytoskeleton, tight junction, as well as PI3K-Akt signaling (Fig. 5h). Many upregulated sites are associated with EGFR (Y1197, Y727) and its adaptor proteins GAB1-Y627 and DLG3-Y673, likely due to EGFR-activating mutations that drive its downstream signaling cascade. Other sites include pY62/63 of the tyrosine phosphatase Shp2; Shp2 knockdown has been reported to increase cellular sensitivity to gefitinib in EGFR-TKI-resistant lung cancer cells. Whether these identified kinases and phosphosites may confer the transformation from TKI-tolerant to TKI-resistant cells remains to be validated.

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PDGFRB-S705, EPS15-S814, EPS15-S814, PRKCD-S645, and ITGAL-S1140 phosphosites. The phosphosites associated with membrane trafficking showed an increasing trend in late-stage tumors (Fig. 6g). The deep tissue profiling revealed the differential site-specific phosphorylation and may provide further insights to suggest potential drug targets.

To evaluate the technical advancement on the phosphoproteomics profiling for large-scale analysis of clinical samples by the GPS, the above tissue phosphoproteomics profiling results were compared to our previous large-scale tandem mass tag (TMT) phosphoproteomic datasets of tissue samples from NSCLC patients. From combined datasets of tissue samples, <5% of 166,792 phosphopeptides were reproducibly quantified in at least 75% of the samples (0.2 mg per tissue) in 80 patients; a large amount of phosphoproteomics TMT data were generated but limited number overlap across all samples. As a comparison, reproducible profiling of >30,000 phosphosites were achieved for the 5 pairs of tissues without peptide fractionation strategy. Although comparison of TMT with DIA was not the main scope for this study, the comparison also demonstrated superior quantification of DIA to improve the known problem of ratio compression (tumor-to-normal). By comparing the phosphosites ratio for five pairs of tissues from DIA and the TMT datasets (Supplementary Table 1), the DIA results have generally larger ratios compared to those in the TMT dataset. For example, EGFR-T693 known to have decreased expression in lung cancer has more obvious downregulation in the DIA result. In summary, a DIA-based, label-free approach may offer an efficient alternative for large-scale phosphoproteomic profiling of tissue samples requiring much lower starting amount.

Discussion

Compared to the conventional spectral libDIA approach, a recent study showed that the library-free approach (dirDIA) offers the advantage of ease of application with quantification coverage of ~20,000 phosphopeptides (9500 localized phosphosites). Our results showed that libDIA significantly outperforms all methods and the integrated dirDIA and libDIA pipeline reveals a complementary profiling result likely due to different data deconvolution. On the demonstration from a cell line to human tissue, we reported integrated single-shot DIA for fast (2 h gradient), highly reproducible and large-scale phosphoproteome profiling (36,350 quantified phosphosites) with comparable coverage to the fractionation approach (25,163 phosphosites, 7 fractions). Our result of 95% unique phosphosites covered by libDIA-based identification and quantification revealed the strength of the targeted approach using the rich fragment peaks to map large-scale reference libraries with site-specific localization accuracy. We believe that the integrated DIA pipeline combined with a comprehensive library will advance phosphoproteomics applications to diverse samples. Although the complementary identification and quantification results of libDIA and dirDIA approaches present a potential opportunity to increase the proteome and phosphoproteome-profiling depth, merging the output from lib- DIA and dirDIA approaches or different software tools will require future development of dedicated FDR control strategies to ensure the identification confidence.

In the current human phosphoproteome database PhosphoSi- telPlus, ~240,000 Ser, Thr, and Tyr residue phosphosites were deposited. Using lung cancer samples as a model, our hybrid phosphoproteome reference library of over 88,107 sites contains 26,234 newly identified phosphosites compared to existing public repositories, suggesting that the phosphoproteome is likely significantly underexplored in a sample-specific manner. In particular, the observed high number of tyrosine sites in the single-shot DIA results that outperform the fractionation-based DDA results is likely attributed to the enhanced coverage of the tyrosine sites in the reference library (6%). The established proteome spectral library also contains 12,344 proteins (223,091 peptide sequences) for complementary protein expression analysis. With the demonstrated good pathway coverage, such experimentally verified spectral resources with novel sites can be useful as a reference DIA digital map for the targeted monitoring of signaling pathways. These verified spectra can also be a training dataset to expand our knowledge in machine learning-based spectral prediction of undiscovered phosphorylation. DIA achieved sensitive and highly reproducible profiling of an EGFR-TKI-resistant cell model at both the proteome and phosphoproteome levels, uncovering a high coverage of the EGFR-TKI resistance pathway and differentiating alterations in the expression and site-specific phosphorylation of novel kinases and substrates. The highly consistent depth and reliable quantification across the highly heterogeneous tumor and adjacent normal tissue of all patients revealed the power of DIA to understand disease mechanisms and mine potential drug targets. Our GPS spectral library is currently extended to lung cancer samples and will have to be extended to other cancer and sample types, to make it a more generic resource for DIA analysis. Besides, application to large-scale clinical samples to derive insight into disease mechanism remains to be evaluated. Further advance- ment in DIA strategy, such as more efficient DIA acquisition modes over different MS platforms, and extending spectral libraries applicable to multiple cancer types will further enhance applicability of the technology. Besides, informatics tools for error rate estimation to integrate targeted and dirDIA analysis results will further improve coverage and quantification accuracy to implement the strategy towards clinical application. With the cancer spectral library made freely available, we believe that such a DIA digital map and integrated single-shot DIA strategy will advance phosphoproteomics applications for diverse sample types.

Methods

Chemicals and materials. Formic acid (FA), chloroform, sodium laurate (sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS)), sodium deoxycholate (SDC), sodium decyl sulfate (SL), ethyl acetate, and lysyl endopeptidase were purchased from Merck (Bedford, MA, USA). Modified sequencing-grade trypsin and yeast protein extract were purchased from Promega (Madison, WI, USA). SDB-XC Empore disks, styrene-divinylbenzene-reverse-phase (SDB-RPS) Empore disks, and C8 membrane were purchased from Sigma Aldrich (St. Louis, MO, USA). Ammonium formate was obtained from Fluka. Trifluoroacetic acid (TFA), methanol, ethyl acetate, and l-lysyl endopeptidase were purchased from WAKO (Osaka, Japan). Acetonitrile (ACN) and acetic acid were purchased from Merck (Bedford, MA, USA). Modified sequencing-grade trypsin and yeast protein extract were purchased from Promega (Madison, WI, USA). SDB-XC Empore disks, styrene-divinylbenzene-reverse-phase (SDB-RPS) Empore disks, and C8 membrane were purchased from Sigma Aldrich. Nicotinamide and vanadate were purchased from Sigma Aldrich, Co. Ltd (Shanghai, China). The iRT peptide kit was purchased from Biognosys AG (Schlieren-Zurich, Switzerland). Water was obtained from a Millipore Milli-Q System (Millipore, Bedford, MA, USA).

Cell culture and lysis. The human lung adenocarcinoma cell line PC9, CL68, H3255, CL141, and H1975 were gifts from Dr P.C. Yang (Department of Internal Medicine, National Taiwan University). The detailed source and clinical information of the cell lines were shown in Supplementary Data 1. The MDA-MB-231 breast cancer cell line was purchased from Bioresource Collection and Research Center, Taiwan. The PDGFRβ-MDA-MB-231 breast cancer cell line was purchased from Bioresource Collection and Research Center, Taiwan. The cell lines were grown in RPMI-1640 medium containing 10% fetal bovine serum, 2 mM l-glutamine (Life Technologies, Inc.) and 1% penicillin G (GibcoBRL, Gaithersburg, MD, USA) at 37 °C in a humidified atmosphere of 5% CO2-95% air. For experiments to enhance the number of tyrosine phosphorysites, the PC9 and CL68 cells were treated with 250 μM PV (pH 10, with 0.14% H2O2) for 40 min before collection. Cells were washed three times with phosphate-
buffered saline (PBS, 0.01 M sodium phosphate, 0.14 M NaCl pH 7.4) (Sigma, St. Louis, MO, USA) and collected in lysis buffer cocktail (1% SL buffer, 10 mM TCEP, 40 mM CaCl2, protease inhibitor, and phosphatase inhibitors in 100 mM Tris pH 8.5). The collected cells were heated to 95°C for 5 min and sonicated at 4°C for 30 min. The lysate was then centrifuged at 16,000 × g for 20 min at 4°C. The supernatant was collected and subjected to StageTip-based digestion.

**Lung cancer tissue collection and lysis.** Clinical tissues from lung cancer patients were obtained from National Taiwan University Hospital confirmed by pathologist. All ethical regulations have been complied and approved by Institutional Review Board on Bioethics Research of National Taiwan University Hospital Ethics Committee. All patients have provided written informed consent. Following surgery, the tumor and adjacent normal tissues were collected from the most distal relative site in separate tubes, kept on dry ice for 30 min and stored for 80 °C before further processing. In this study, 75% of the tissues were collected and analyzed either for construction of spectra library or DIA-based quantification of individual patients. The clinical information of lung cancer patients is shown in Supplementary Data 1.

Tissue samples were processed according to our recent report with some modifications. Frozen tissues were thawed rapidly on ice, cut into small pieces, weighed, and then washed by an ice-cold PBS buffer to remove blood. The pre-cleaned tissues were homogenized in tenfold volume of lysis buffer solution containing 12 mM SDC, 12 mM SLS, 100 mM Tris-HCl pH 9.0, phosphatase cocktail inhibitors, and EDTA-free protease cocktail inhibitor under 4 °C using mechanical homogenizer (Precellys®24, Bertin Technologies). The homogenized sample was heated to 95°C with vortexing and then centrifuged at 3,000 × g for 5 min at 4°C to remove the endogenous proteases and phosphatases, and sonicated for 10 min (30 s on, 30 s off) using Bioruptor Plus (Diagenode, Denville, NJ). Residual debris was removed by centrifugation (16,000 × g for 30 min at 4°C) and the supernatant was collected. The protein concentrations were determined by BCA protein assays.

**Protein digestion.** For cell line samples’ phosphopeptide analysis, aliquots of cell lysates were digested in a StageTip using our recently developed streamlined approach (Supplementary Methods). Briefly, the StageTip was prewetted by packing three layers of reverse-phase SDB-RPS Empore™ disks in 1 mL pipette tips. Protein samples extracted in lysis buffer containing reducing and alkylating agents from cells were loaded into StageTip and digested for 18 h with Lys-C and trypsin (1:100, w:w, Lys-C:protein) and trypsin 1:50 (w:w, trypsin:protein). The resultant peptides were mixed in equimolar concentration to prepare stock solution. Syn- thetic phosphopeptides were then mixed in five different amounts (2, 1, 0.5, 0.2, and 0.1 ng) and spiked into the 0.5 μg tryptic peptides from yeast lysate as background and analyzed in DIA mode in triplicates. Triplicate DIA files were also acquired to generate a spectra library. The DIA data were then processed against the spectral library of synthetic phosphopeptides and yeast peptide background using S. cerevisiae fasta (UniProtKB/Swiss-Prot database, February 2018 downloaded).

**Hprp peptide fractionation.** Reversed-phase peptide fractionation was performed for trypptic peptides from cell lines and tissue using StageTip protocol and HPLC column format, respectively. The StageTip was prepared by packing reversed-phase membranes styrene divinylbenzene resin modified with sulfonic acid group (SDB-RPS) membranes Empore™ disks into the Gilson 200 μL tips. For peptide fractionation from cell lysate, tryptic peptides obtained by in StageTip digestion were fractionated and eluted using buffers with increasing ACN percentage (10%, 15%, 20%, 30%, 45%, 60%, and 80%) prepared in 40 mM ammonium for- mate. The StageTip was centrifuged at 1900 × g for 2 min for elution of peptides from each fraction. Eluted peptides were collected and dried in SpeedVac or sequentially followed Fe-IMAC for phosphopeptide enrichment.
search engine with parameters slightly modified from standard setting for Orbitrap instrument against the UniProtKB/Swiss-Prot database (2015_12 release, Homo sapiens = Homo sapiens) with inclusion of the 11 synthetic iRT peptides and β-casein standard protein sequences. Maximum of two missed cleavages were allowed for trypsin digestion with carboxymethylation (+57.022 Da) of cysteine residues set as static modifications. Variable modification of phosphorylation (+79.966 Da) on Ser, Thr, and Tyr residues; oxidation of methionine (+15.995 Da) residues and acetylation on protein N terminus (+42.016 Da) were set. The tolerance for spectra search allowed 10 p.p.m. for precursor and 0.05 Da tolerance for fragment ions. Other parameters included modified score ≥ 40, delta score ≥ 8, intensity ≥ 100, and peptide length ≥ 7 amino acids. Protein and peptide were both filtered at global 1% FDR at PSMS and protein levels, as well as phosphosite-level FDR. DIA LFQ was performed using MaxQuant with or without MBR features.

**Construction of hybrid phosphoproteome spectral library.** The hybrid phosphopeptide spectra library was generated by DDA of 156 raw files from fractionated cell line and cancer tissue samples, as well as 24 DIA raw files of fractionated cell lysates using Spectronaut Pulsar search (Biognosy, v14, Switzerland) according to Muntel et al. report. All the DDA data were first searched in a default setting with variable modification as oxidation of methionine (+15.995 Da) residues and acetylation on protein N terminus (+42.016 Da) were set. The tolerance for spectra search allowed 10 p.p.m. for precursor and 0.05 Da tolerance for fragment ions. Other parameters included modified score ≥ 40, delta score ≥ 8, intensity ≥ 100, and peptide length ≥ 7 amino acids. Protein and peptide were both filtered at global 1% FDR at PSMS and protein levels, as well as phosphosite-level FDR. DIA LFQ was performed using MaxQuant with or without MBR features.

**Sample preparation and data processing for proteome spectra library construction.** An independent proteome spectral library was constructed from 22 lung cancer tumor tissues pooled in 2 batches and 5 NSCLC cell lines analyzed individually. For each cell lysate and the two pooled tissue batches, the methanol/chloroform precipitation of proteins were digested as described above and peptides from pooled tissue samples were fractionated by HPLC column as described above. The iRT peptides (Biognosy) were spiked in each sample followed by LC-MS/MS analysis using LTQ Orbitrap Fusion Tribrid mass spectrometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific) coupled with an Ultimate 3000 RSLCnano system (Thermo Fisher Scientific). Peptides were separated on Thermo Scientific PepMap C18 column of 50 cm length, 75 μm inner diameter packed with 2.0 μm particles of 100 Å pore size (Thermo Fisher Scientific). Peptides were separated at 300 nL/min flow rate with 2% buffer B to 20 min, ramping from 5% to 31%, to 120 min, 30% to 40% over 12 min, keeping at 95% from 135 to 140 min, decreasing to 2% from 142 to 145 min was used. For DDA data, the spectra of full MS scan (375–1600 m/z) were acquired in the Orbitrap with MS resolution of 60,000 at m/z 200 for a maximum injection time of 50 ms with an AGC target value of 4e5. Fragment ion spectra were obtained in the HCD mode using a normalized collision energy of 30% with a 15,000, injection time of 30 ms with AGC target of 5e4. Top 15 precursors were selected for MS2 analysis with an isolation window of 1.4 m/z and dynamic exclusion time was set to 20 s. A total of DDA 191 raw LC-MS/MS datasets were generated. The data were first processed by MaxQuant for protein identification at 1% PSMS and protein FDR, and then imported to Spectronaut to construct a library. The standard parameters in Spectronaut was used with a maximum of six most intense fragments per precursor (minimum six) included. The single-shot DIA dataset of proteome profiling from cell line and tissue samples proteome-level quantification were similarly acquired over the same instrument and conditions. The peptides were separated with 2% buffer B to 20 min, ramping from 5% to 31%, to 175 min, 31% to 45% over 20 min, keeping at 95% from 210 to 220 min, decreasing to 2% from 220 to 222 min. The MS DIA data was acquired with the following parameters: scan range = 400–1250 m/z, MS resolution of 120,000 at m/z 200, an AGC target ≤ 4e5, and maximum injection time = 50 ms. The DIA-MS/MS scan was performed in the HCD mode with the following parameters: isolation window of 10 Da with 1 Da overlap, precursor range = 400–1000 m/z, fragment scan range 110–1600 m/z; resolution = 30,000 with maximum injection time of 54 ms, AGC target = 5e4; normalized collision energy = 30%. All data were acquired in profile mode using positive polarity.

**DIA data analysis.** DIA data signal extraction and quantification were performed with analysis pipeline in Spectronaut134 (Biognosy, v14)14 using standard setting with some modifications. In brief, dynamic retention time prediction with local retention calibration was selected. Interference correction on MS and MS2 level was enabled. The FDR was set to 1% at peptide precursor and protein level using scrambled decoy generation and dynamic size at 0.1 fraction of library size. MS2-based quantification was performed on the summed intensity of fragment ions. MaxQuant’s peptide quantification tool was applied to calculate fold changes in abundance between tumor and normal samples. For site-specific quantification, the abundance of a phosphorylation site was calculated by summing up all the abundances in precursors/peptides, which contain the site in the corrected precursor/peptide abundance file. Protein-level quantification was performed against the proteome library in a standard setting with stripped peptide sequence area obtained from the mean precursor area.

**Statistical analysis and pathway annotation.** Further statistical analysis was performed by Perseus software (1.6.1.1)33 All the phosphosite abundance was performed on the logarithmic (log2) ratios. FDR controlled two-sample t-test was performed for NSCLC EGFR-TKI-sensitive and -resistant cell lines (permutation-based FDR < 0.01 and 0.1). Statistical significance of changes in abundance between tumor and normal groups was calculated by paired two-sample t-tests (p < 0.05, S0 = 0.1). Pathway-enrichment analyses were performed by KEGG25. Protein–protein interaction network and functional annotation was done by STRING25 database (version 11). List of deposited phosphopeptide and kinase–substrate site pairs were obtained from PhosphositePlus26, whereas linear kinase motif was enriched by generating 13 amino acid sequences with a phosphorylated residue at the center. To visualize the amino acid composition of the identified phosphopeptides, the motif logo was generated using pLOGO (v1.2.0)53 and phosphorylation motif enrichment was performed based on Fisher’s exact test (FDR < 0.02). Site-specific quantification was performed by in-house customized R scripts.

**Reporting summary.** Further information on research design is available in the Nature Research Reporting Summary linked to this article.

**Data availability**

The mass spectrometry raw datasets, reference spectral libraries, Spectronaut quantification reports, and MaxQuant search results were deposited in Japan Proteome Standard Repository16 (jPOST) and can be accessed through ProteomeXchange25. For phosphosite quantification datasets the accession number is P7 in ProteomeXchange and J9 in jPOST, respectively. For proteome dataset the accession number is P6 in ProteomeXchange and H4 in jPOST. Descriptions of the raw files is provided in Supplementary Data 8 file. Data used for Fig. 5g is available as Supplementary Data 6, whereas data for Fig. 6a, c, e, f are available as Supplementary Data 7. The protein sequence fasta file was obtained from UniProtKB/Swiss-Prot database. The iRT peptides fasta file was downloaded from Biognosy website. The functional and family annotation was analyzed in STRING database (version 11), KEGG database, PhosphoSitePlus database, human dephosphorylation database DEPOD, and kinase families in KinMap database. Source data are provided with this paper.

**Code availability**

Custom R code used for site quantification based on site annotation provided by Spectronaut was deposited in the jPOST repository. It can be accessed in ProteomeXchange through P7 and in jPOST through J9.

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