

## Supplementary Data

### Novel pyridinium-based tags: Synthesis and characterization for highly efficient analysis of thiol-containing peptides by mass spectrometry

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**Table S1.** Labeling efficiency of the thiol peptides from BSA derivatized by IMP and IPP.

No	Position	Peptide sequence	No of cysteines	Labeling efficiency/%	
				IMP	IPP
1	76-88	K.TCVADESHAGCEK.S	2	90.4	90.8
2	89-100	K.SLHTLFGDELCK.V	1	100	100
3	106-117	R.ETYGDMADCCEK.Q	2	100	100
4	118-130	K.QEPRNECFLSHK.D	1	100	66.2
5	118-138	K.QEPRNECFLSHKDDSPDLPK.L	1	100	100
6	123-130	R.NECFLSHK.D	1	100	100
7	123-138	R.NECFLSHKDDSPDLPK.L	1	100	100
8	139-151	K.LKPDPNTLCDEFK.A	1	100	100
9	139-155	K.LKPDPNTLCDEFKADEK.K	1	100	100
10	139-156	K.LKPDPNTLCDEFKADEKK.F	1	100	100
11	184-197	K.YNGVFQECCQAEDK.G	2		100
12	198-204	K.GACLLPK.I	1	100	100
13	223-228	R.CASIQK.F	1	100	100
14	267-285	K.ECCHGDLLECADDRADLAK.Y	3	100	100
15	286-297	K.YICDNQDTISSK.L	1	100	100
16	298-309	K.LKECCDKPLLEK.S	2	86.1	100
17	300-309	K.ECCDKPLLEK.S	2	100	100
18	310-318	K.SHClAEVEK.D	1	100	100
19	310-340	K.SHClAEVEKDAIPENLPPLTADFAEDKDVK.N	2	100	

20	319-340	K.DAIPENLPPLTADFAEDKDVCK.N	1	100	100
21	375-386	K.EYEATLEECCAK.D	2	100	100
22	387-399	K.DDPHACYSTVFDK.L	1	100	100
23	387-401	K.DDPHACYSTVFDKLK.H	1	100	100
24	413-420	K.QNCDQFEK.L	1	100	100
25	456-468	K.VGTRCCTKPESER.M	2		100
26	460-468	R.CCTKPESER.M	2		92.6
27	469-482	R.MPCTEDYLSLILNR.L	1	65.7	100
28	483-489	R.LCVLHEK.T	1	100	100
29	483-495	R.LCVLHEKTPVSEK.V	1	100	100
30	496-507	K.VTKCCTESLVNR.R	2	100	100
31	499-507	K.CCTESLVNR.R	2	87.7	91.9
32	508-523	R.RPCFSALTPDETYVPK.A	1	100	100
33	529-544	K.LFTFHADICTLPDTEK.Q	1	100	
34	581-597	K.CCAADDKEACFAVEGPK.L	3	100	100
35	588-597	K.EACFAVEGPK.L	1	100	100

**Table S2.** The recognized thiol peptides from  $\alpha$ -transferrin respectively derivatized by IAA, IMP, or IPP.

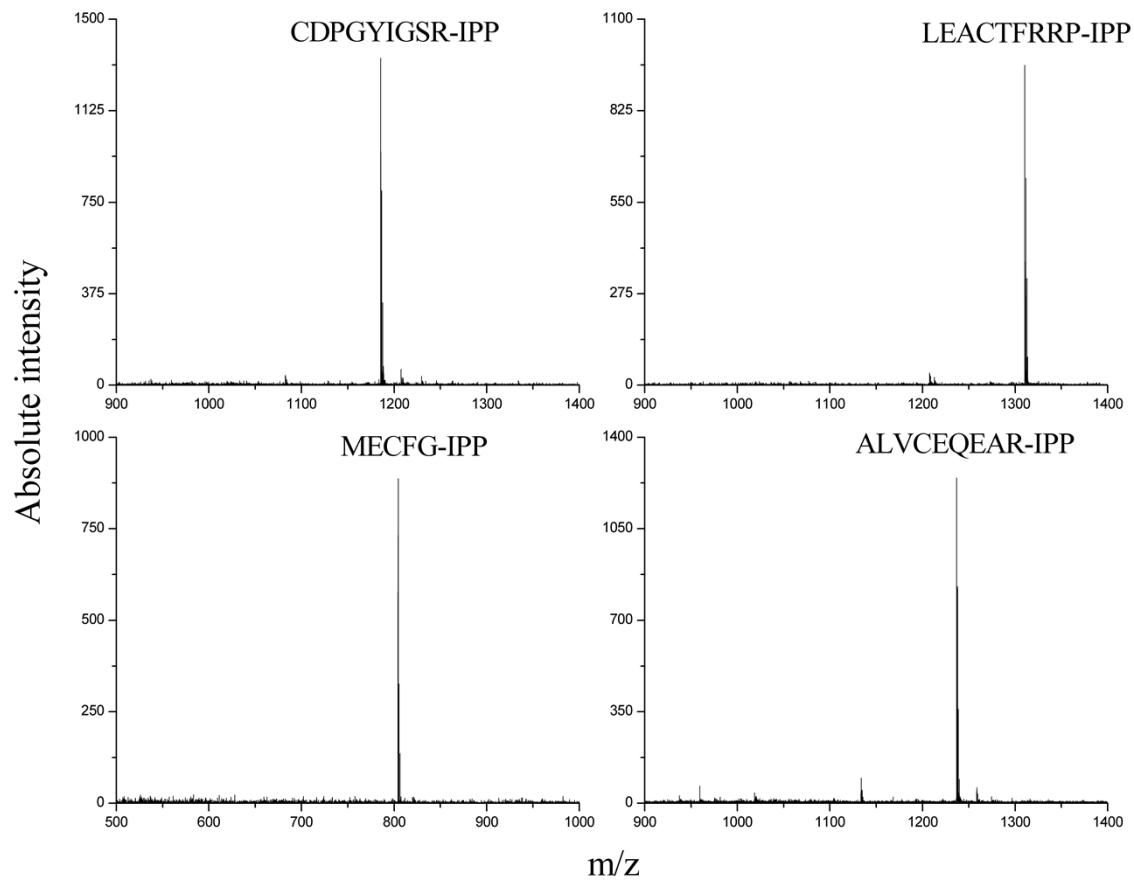
No	Position	Peptide sequence	No of cysteines		
			IAA	IMP	IPP
1	27-37	R.WCTISTHEANK.C	1	✓	✓
2	38-47	K.CASFRENVLRI	1		✓
3	48-59	R.ILESGPFPVSCVK.K	1	✓	✓
4	48-60	R.ILESGPFPVSCVKK.T	1	✓	✓
5	60-68	K.KTSHMDCIK.A	1		✓
6	61-68	K.TSHMDCIK.A	1		✓
7	132-142	R.GKKSCHTGLGR.S	1		✓
8	134-142	K.KSCHTGLGR.S	1		✓
9	134-152	K.KSCHTGLGRSAGWNIPMAK.L	1		✓
10	167-187	R.AAANFFSASCVPCADQSSFPK.L	2	✓	
11	188-195	K.LCQLCAGK.G	1		✓
12	196-216	K.GTDKCACSNHEPYFGYSGAFK.C	2	✓	
13	244-256	R.KNYELLCGDNTRK.S	1	✓	
14	245-255	K.NYELLCGDNTR.K	1	✓	✓
15	245-256	K.NYELLCGDNTRK.S	1	✓	✓
16	256-277	R.KSVDDYQECYLAMVPHAVVAR.T	1	✓	✓
17	257-277	K.SVDDYQECYLAMVPHAVVAR.T	1	✓	✓
18	351-365	R.ESKPPDSSKDECMVK.W	1	✓	✓
19	366-374	K.WCAIGHQER.T	1	✓	✓

20	366-376	K.WCAIGHQERTK.C	1		✓
21	377-402	K.CDRWSGFSGGAIECETAENTEECIAK.I	3		✓
22	380-402	R. WSGFSGGAIECETAENTEECIAK.I	2	✓	✓
23	424-435	K.CGLVPVLAENYK.T	1	✓	✓
24	424-442	K.CGLVPVLAENYKTEGESCK.N	2	✓	
25	494-513	K.INNCKFDEFFSAGCAPGSPR.N	2	✓	
26	499-513	K.FDEFFSAGCAPGSPR.N	1	✓	✓
27	514-526	R.NSSL CALCIGSEK.G	2		✓
28	514-530	R. NSSLCALCIGSEKG TGK.E	2		✓
29	527-539	K.GTGKECVPNSNER.Y	1	✓	✓
30	531-539	K.ECVPNSNER.Y	1		✓
31	549-560	R.CLVEKG DVA FVK.D	1		✓
32	579-590	K.NLKK ENF EVL CK.D	1	✓	✓
33	582-590	K.KENF EVL CK.D	1		✓
34	583-590	K.ENF EVL CK.D	1	✓	✓
35	591-607	K.DGTRKP VTDAENCHLAR.G	1	✓	✓
36	595-607	R.KPVTDAENCHLAR.G	1	✓	✓
37	618-625	K.DKAT CVEK.I	1		✓
38	620-625	K.ATC VEK.I	1		✓
39	637-653	K.SVTDCTS NFCLFQSNSK.D	2		✓
40	663-669	K.CLASIA K.K	1		✓
41	663-670	K.CLASIA KK.T	1		✓

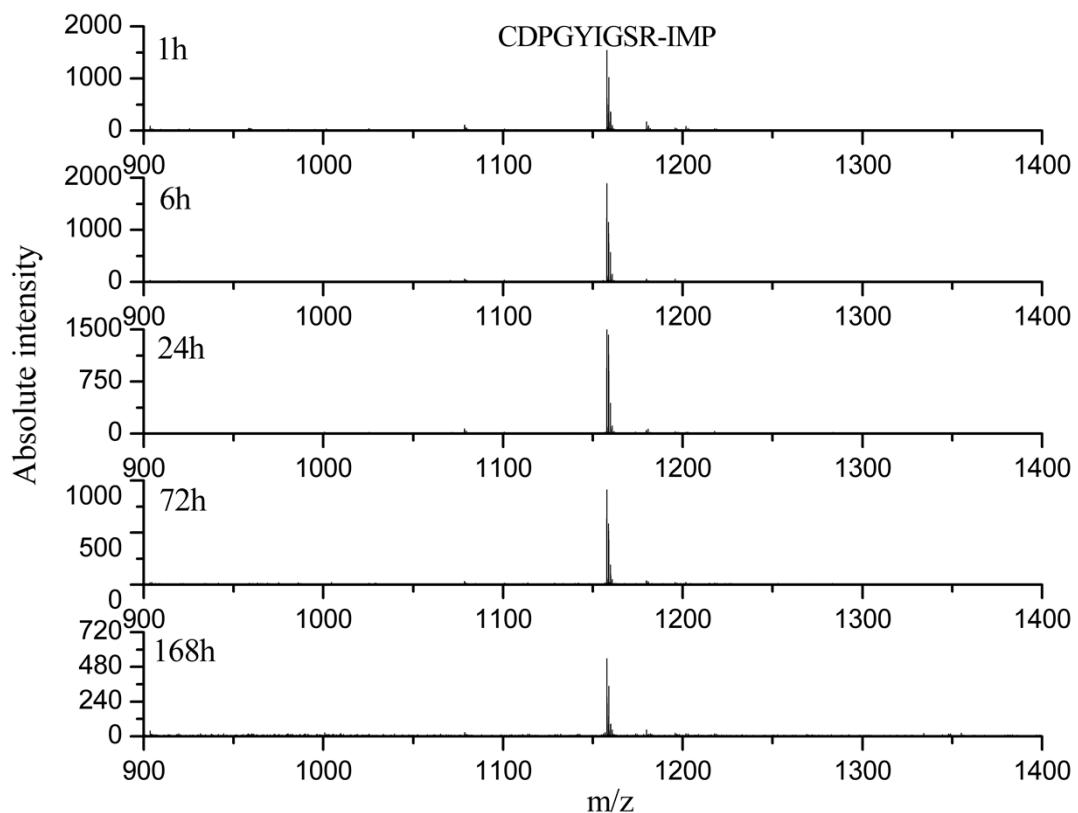
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42	683-694	R.AMTNLRQCSTSK.L	1	✓	✓	✓
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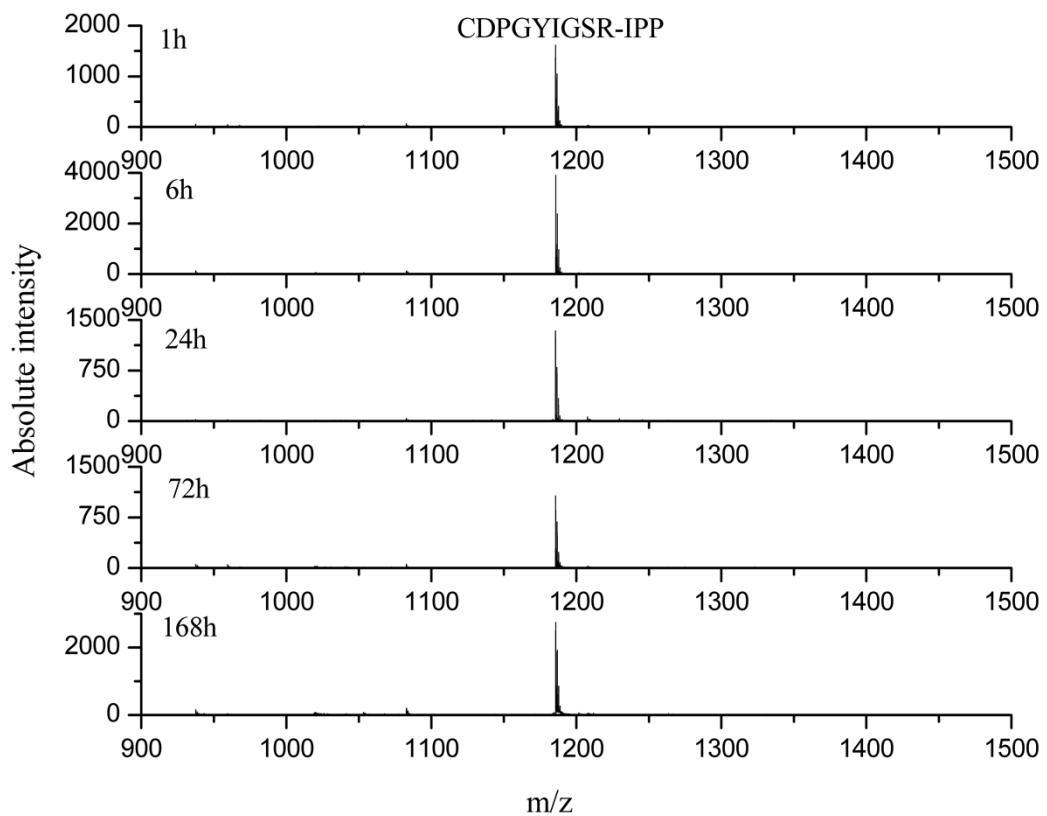
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**Figure S1.** MALDI-TOF MS spectra of peptides CDPGYIGSR, LEACTFRRP, MECFG, and ALVCEQEAR respectively derivatized by IPP.

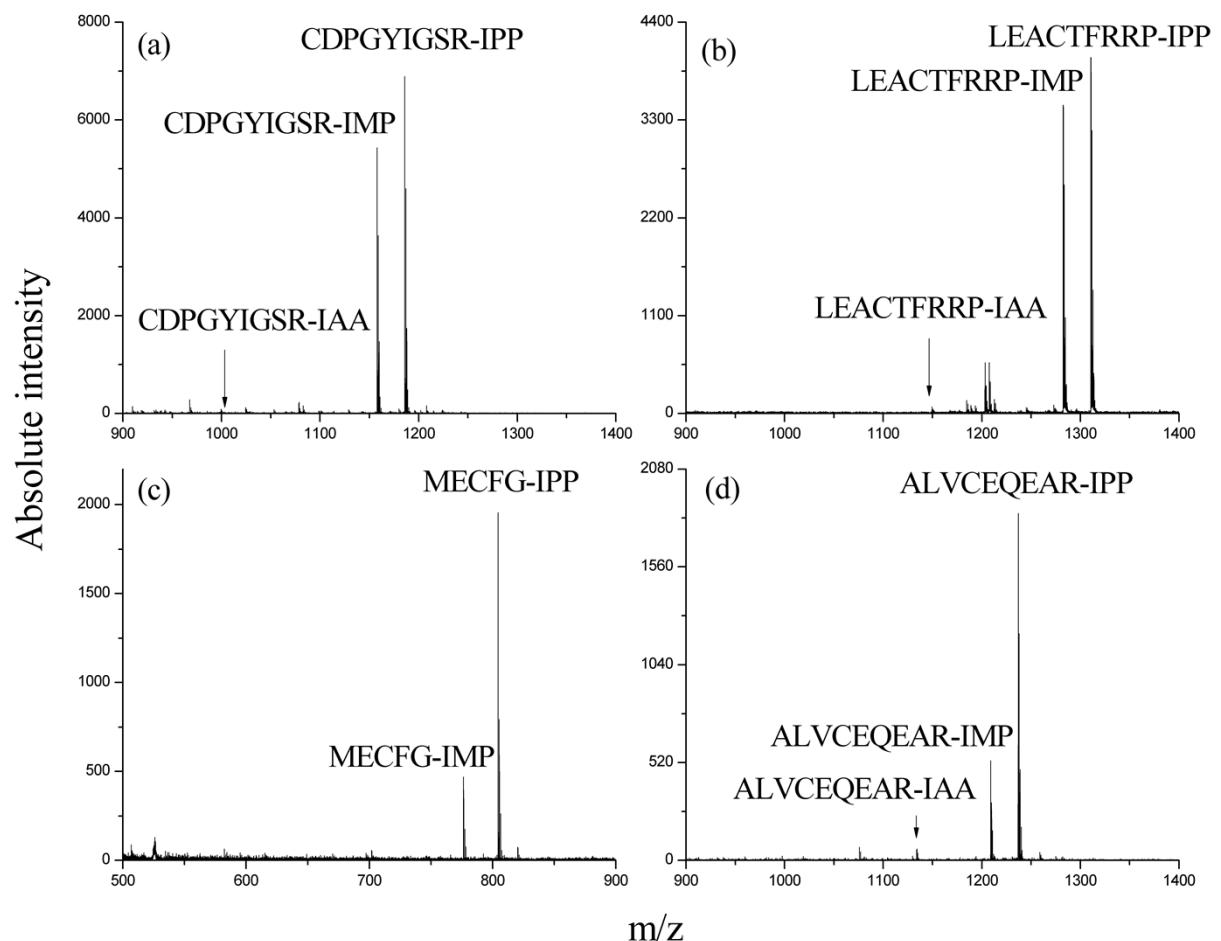


**Figure S2.** MALDI-TOF MS spectra of peptide CDPGYIGSR derivatized by IMP respectively stored at room temperature for 1 h, 6 h, 24 h, 72 h, and 168 h.

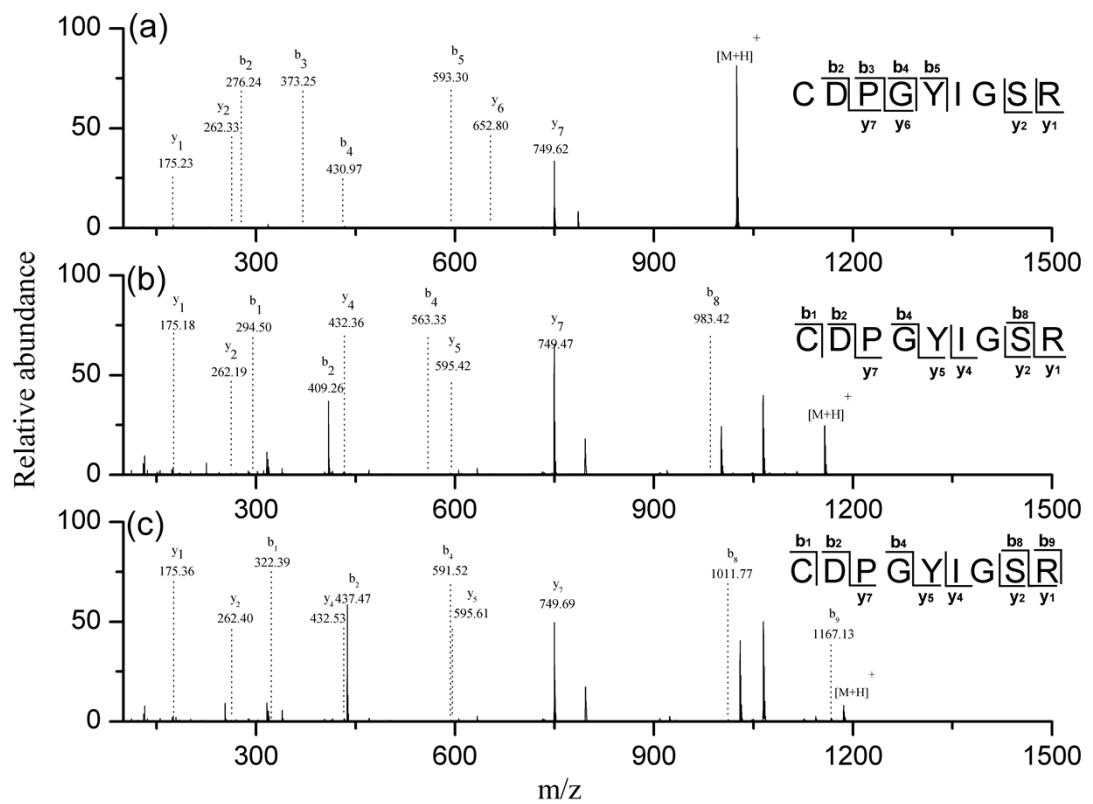


**Figure S3.** MALDI-TOF MS spectra of peptide CDPGYIGSR derivatized by IPP

respectively stored at room temperature for 1 h, 6 h, 24 h, 72 h, and 168 h.



**Figure S4.** MALDI-TOF MS spectra of equimolar mixture of IAA, IMP, and IPP derivatized peptides CDPGYIGSR (a), LEACTFRRP (b), MECFG (c), and ALVCEQEAR (d).



**Figure S5.** CID product ion mass spectra of the peptide CDPGYIGSR respectively derivatized by IAA (a), IMP (b), and IPP (c).