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(sPRG)*

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# Phosphorylation of Proteins

- Important post-translational modification
- Major role in regulation of cellular processes.
- Analysis of phosphorylation sites is a major challenge for proteomics labs.
- Many techniques and approaches available.
- What works best?

# PRG 2003 Study

- J Biomolecular Tech 14, 205-215, 2003
- 2 digested proteins (5 pmole and 0.2 fmole)
- 2 synthetic phospho-peptides (1 pmole each)
- Results:
  - 54 Data sets returned and 67 Analyses;
  - 8 Labs Identified 1 Pi-peptide;
  - 8 Labs Identified the other Pi-peptide;
  - IMAC users did not fare better.

# sPRG 2007 Study

- Mixture of Proteins
  - Catalase - 10 pmol
  - Troponin T - 25 pmol
  - Osteopontin - 50 pmol
  - Ovalbumin - 50 pmol
  - Cystatin - 100 pmol
  - $\alpha$ -S1-casein - 250 pmol
  - $\alpha$ -S2-casein - 250 pmol
- Which phosphorylated residues were found?
- Which techniques were most successful?

# sPRG 2007 Study

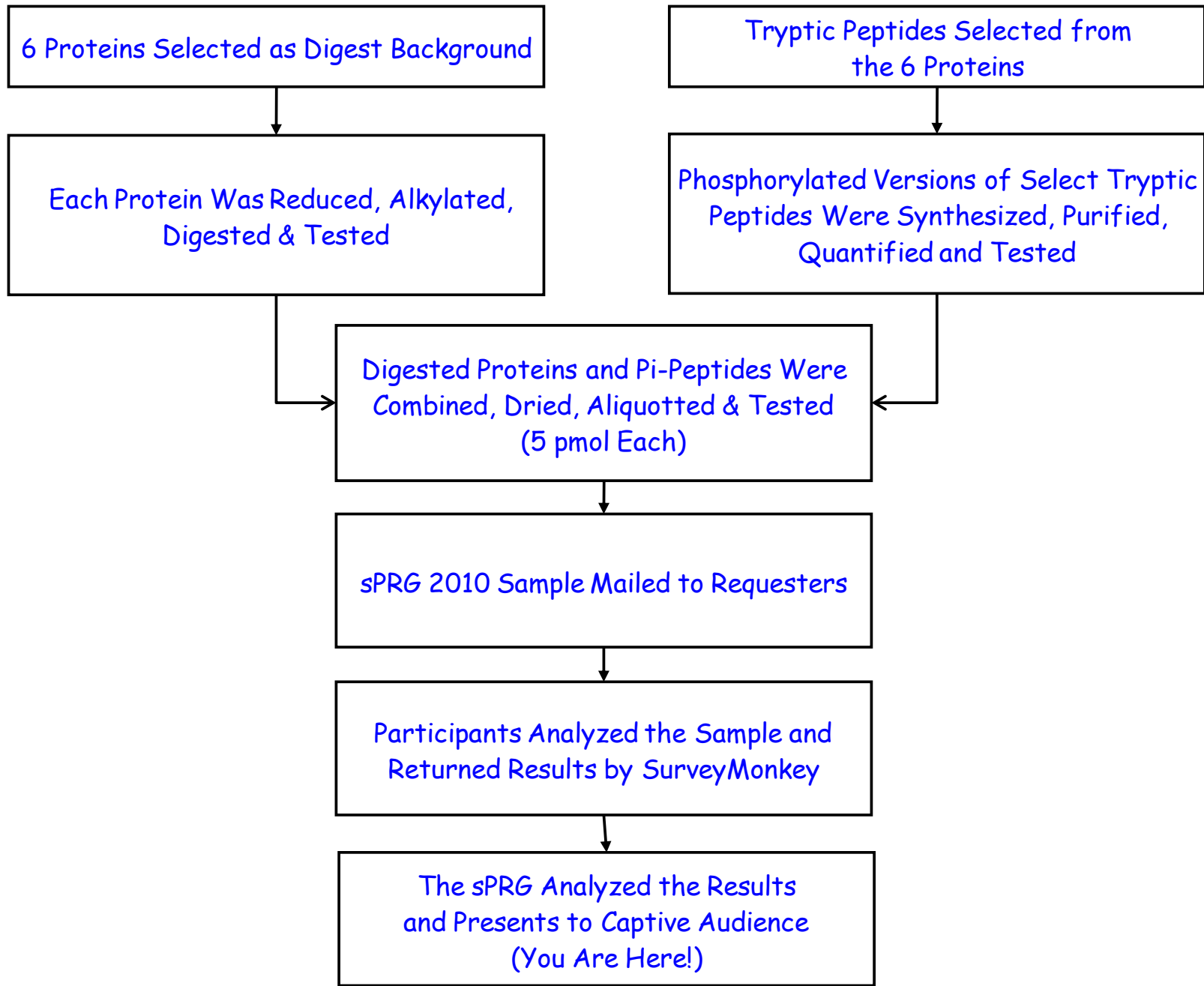
- Some known sites were detected by >50% of labs.
- Other known sites were identified by few or no labs.
- Enrichment methods did not make a big difference.
- Lack of statistical/spectral methods for identifying Pi-peptides.
- Examination of spectra underlying reported identifications indicated that identifications were not always made based on clear-cut spectral evidence.
- This study demonstrates the difficulty confronting the creation of a standard mix of phosphoproteins.

# sPRG 2010 Study Goal

- Goal: A readily available phospho-peptide standard useful for:
  - Learning Pi-peptide detection before running that once in a lifetime research sample
  - Identifying Phosphorylation Sites
  - Evaluating Current and New techniques
  - Developing Your Own Techniques
  - Benchmarking
- Goal: What are the best practices being used?

# sPRG 2010 Study Design

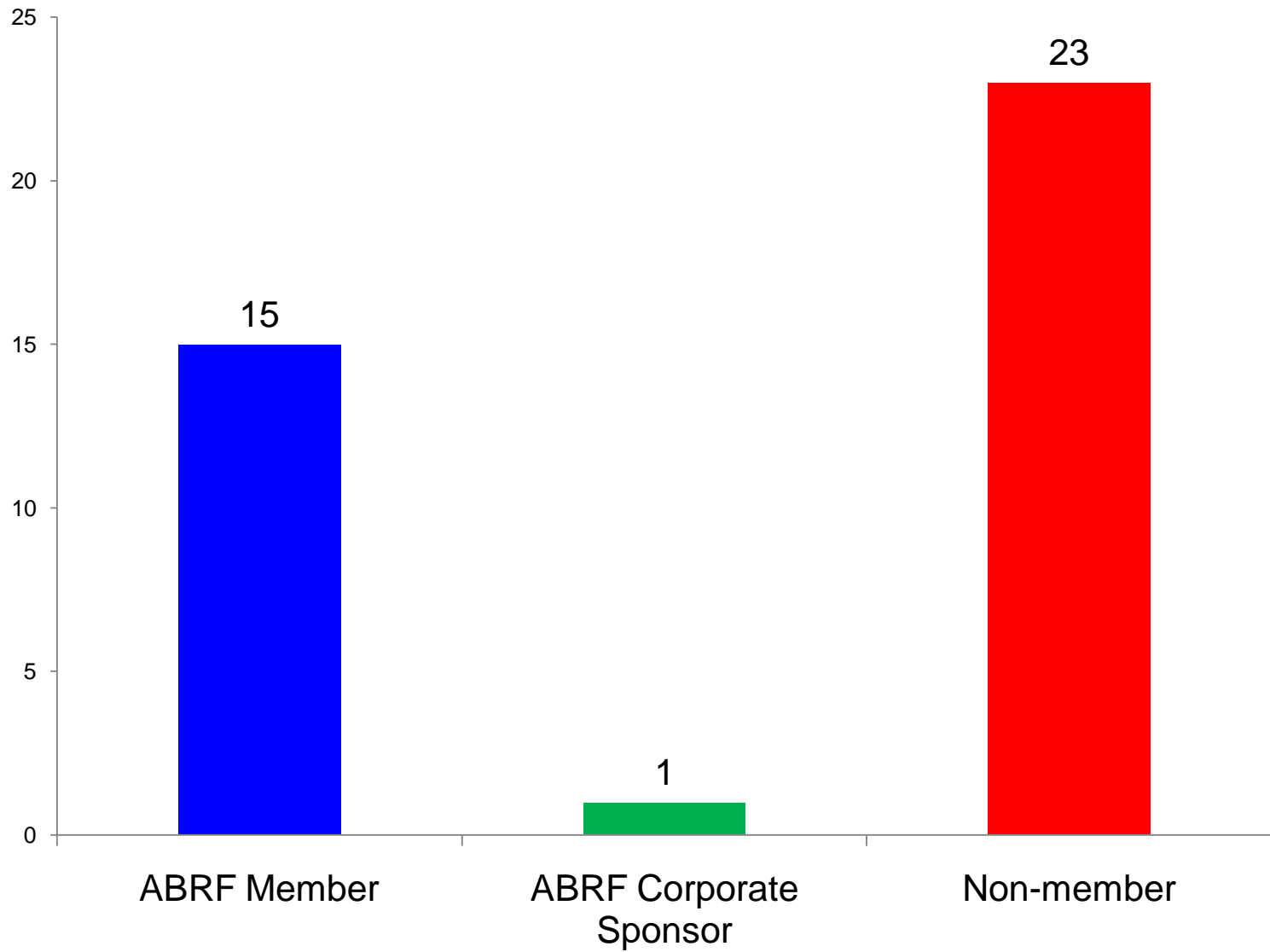
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 23 synthetic Pi-peptides</li><li>• Each present at 5 pmole</li><li>• Based on sPRG 2009 Study</li><li>• Included 2 peptides from PRG 2003</li><li>• Phosphorylations sites:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ser, Thr and Tyr</li><li>- Single Pi: 14</li><li>- Double Pi: 5</li><li>- Triple Pi: 3</li><li>- Quadruple Pi: 1</li><li>- Positional isomers.</li></ul></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Digest of six proteins</li><li>• Each present at 5 pmole</li><li>• Recombinant human or bovine</li><li>• HPLC purified</li><li>• Each protein was digested separately with Trypsin</li><li>• Naturally occurring phosphopeptides present in the background digests</li></ul> |
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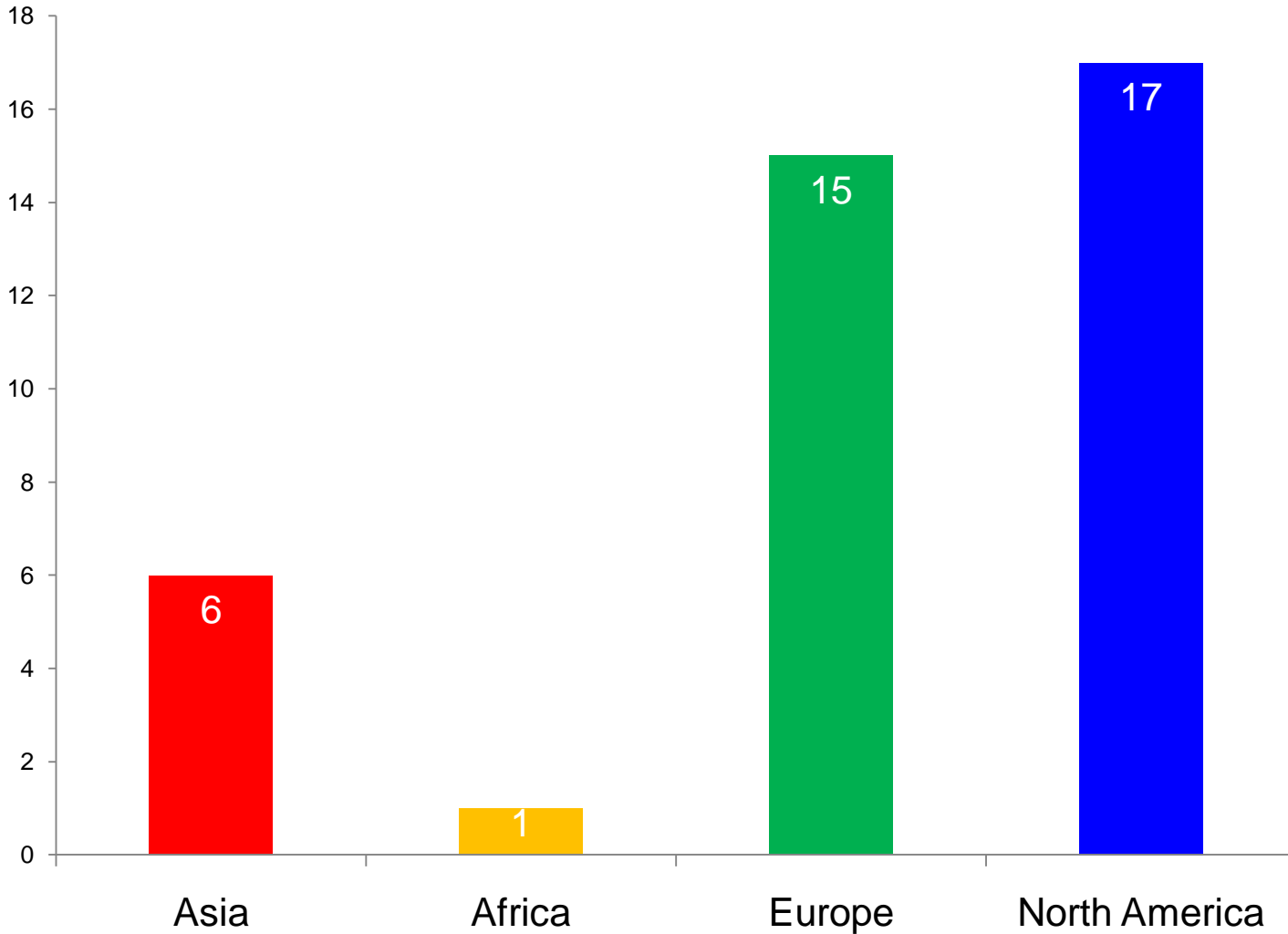


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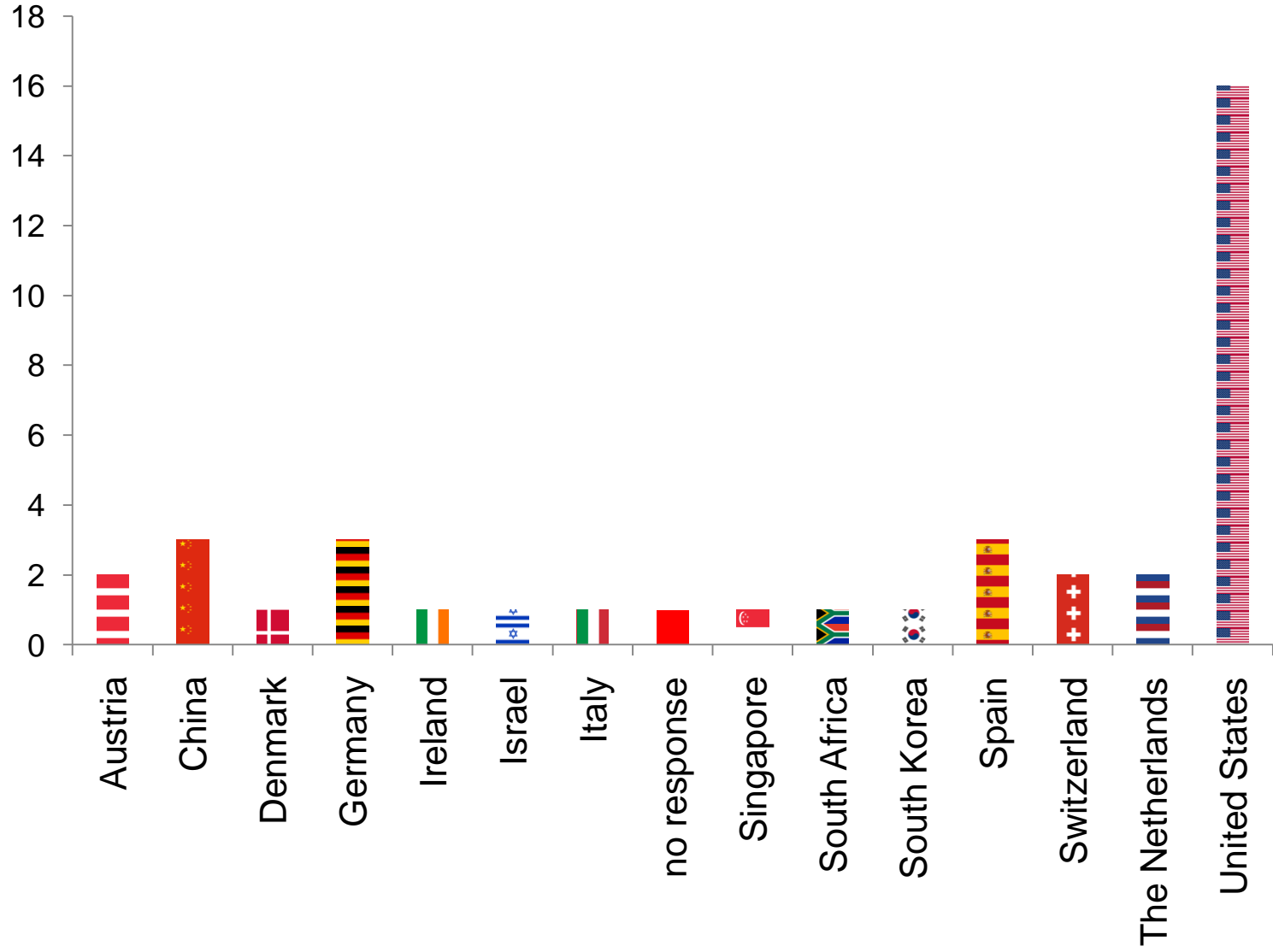
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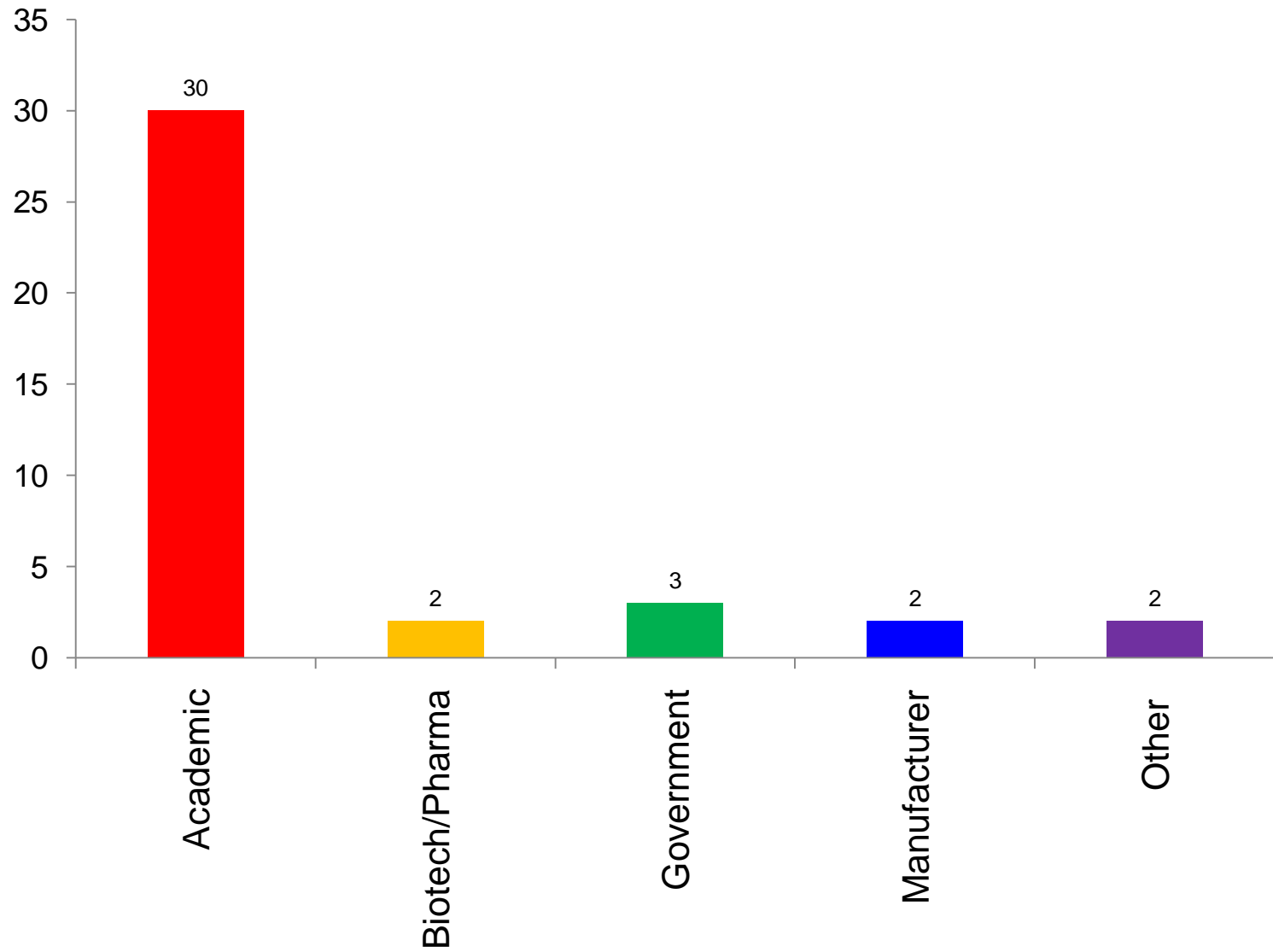
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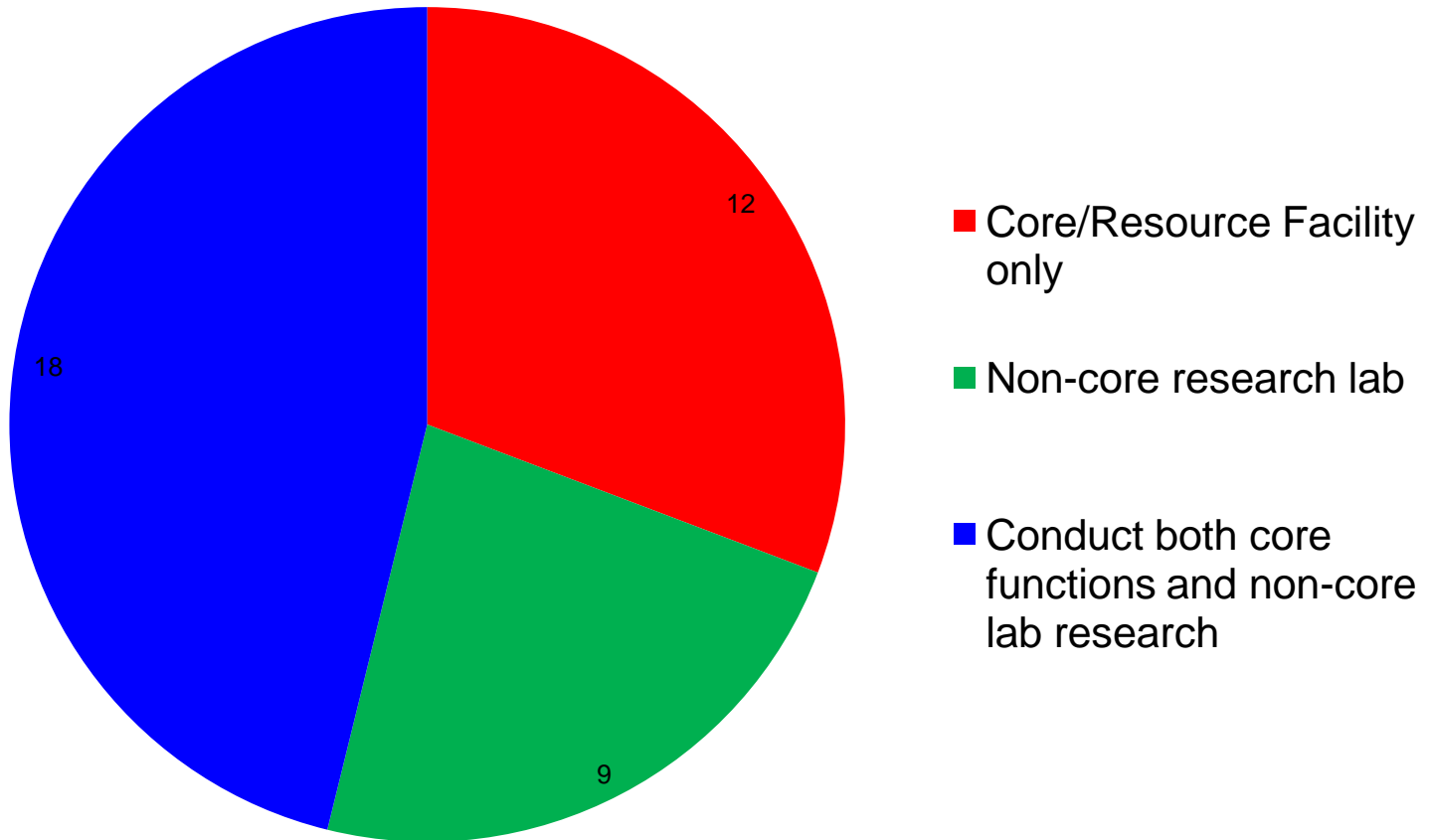
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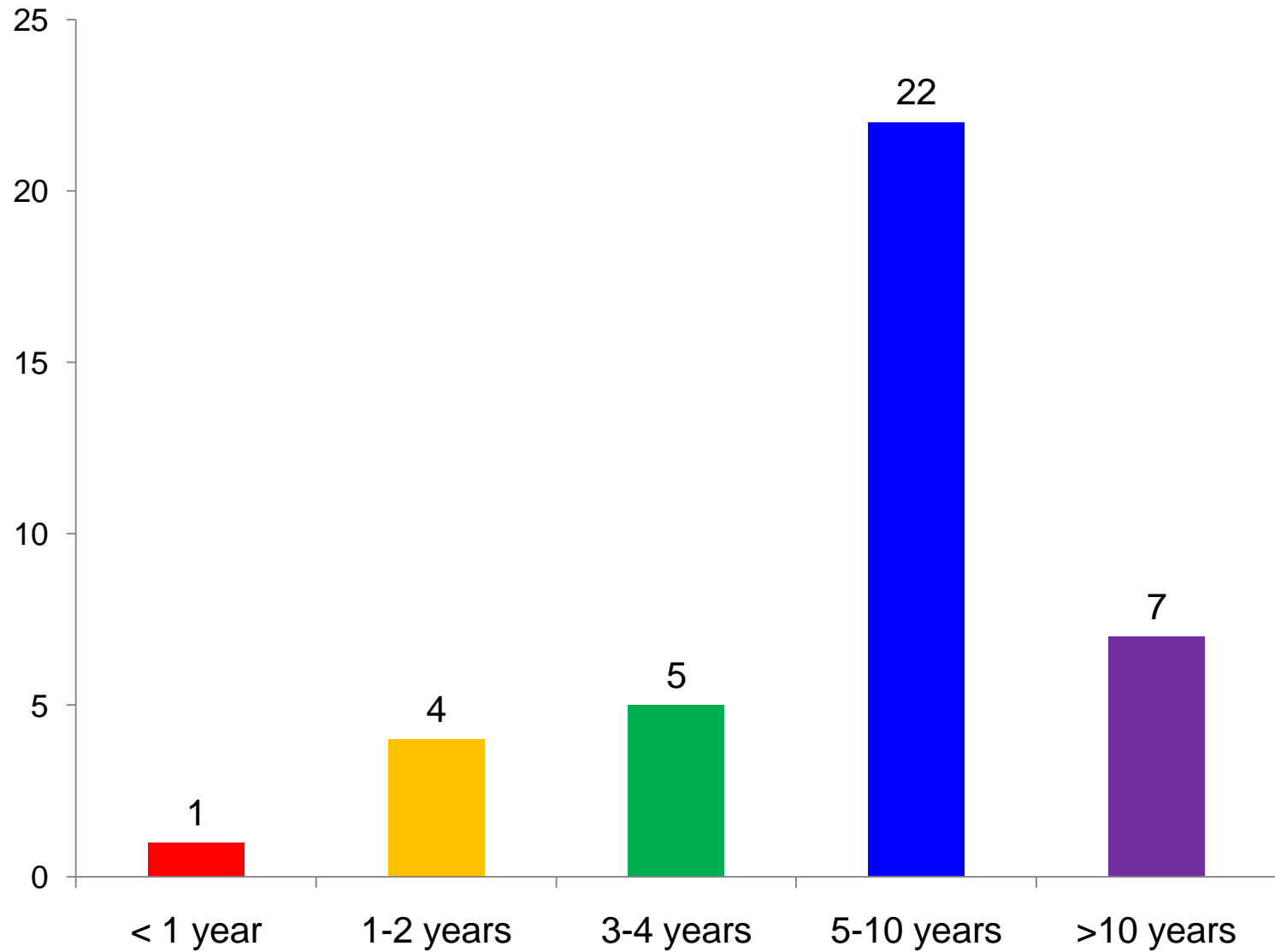
## Which best describes your lab?



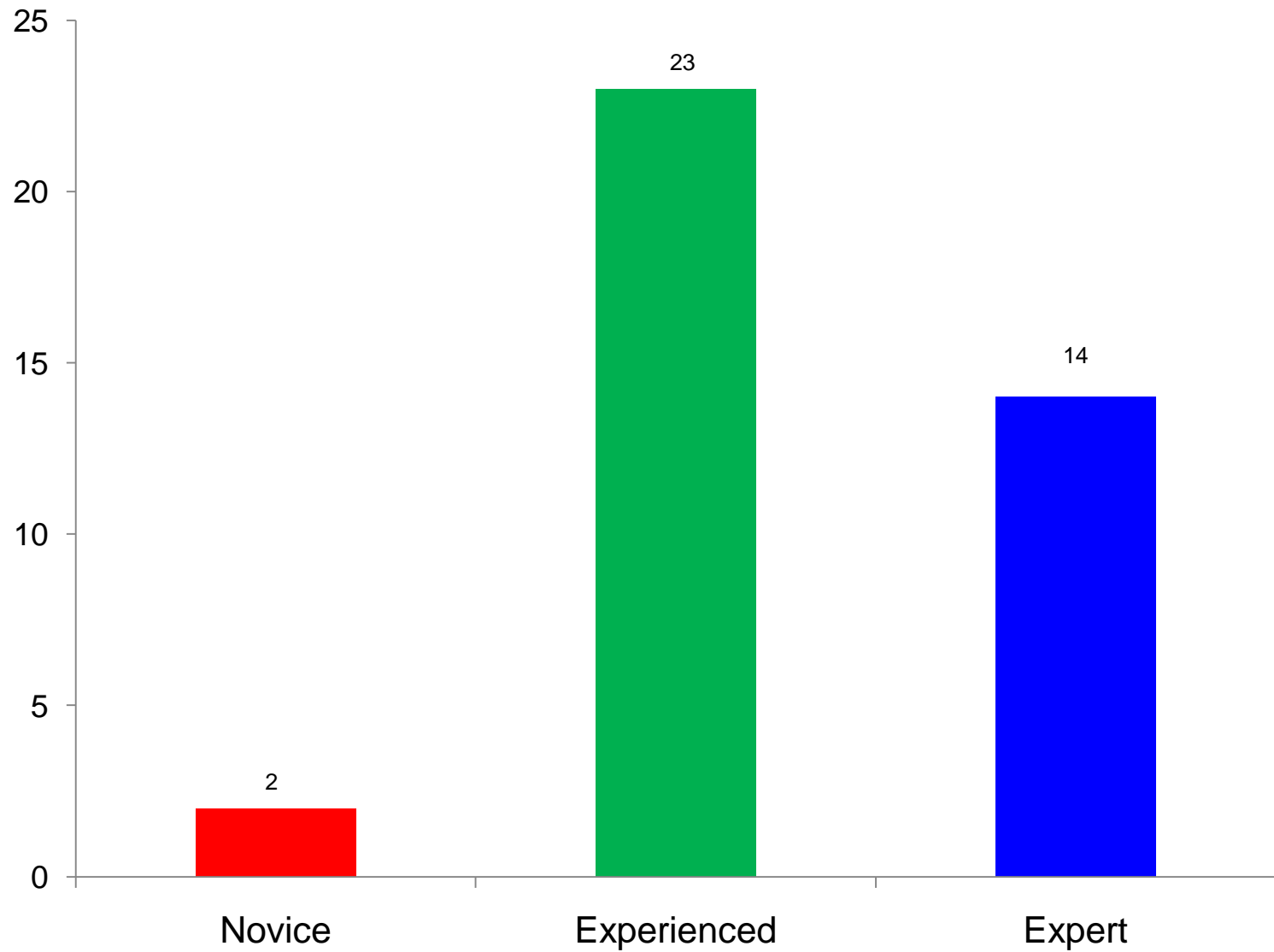
## Core or resource facility status?



## How long have you been involved in proteomics?

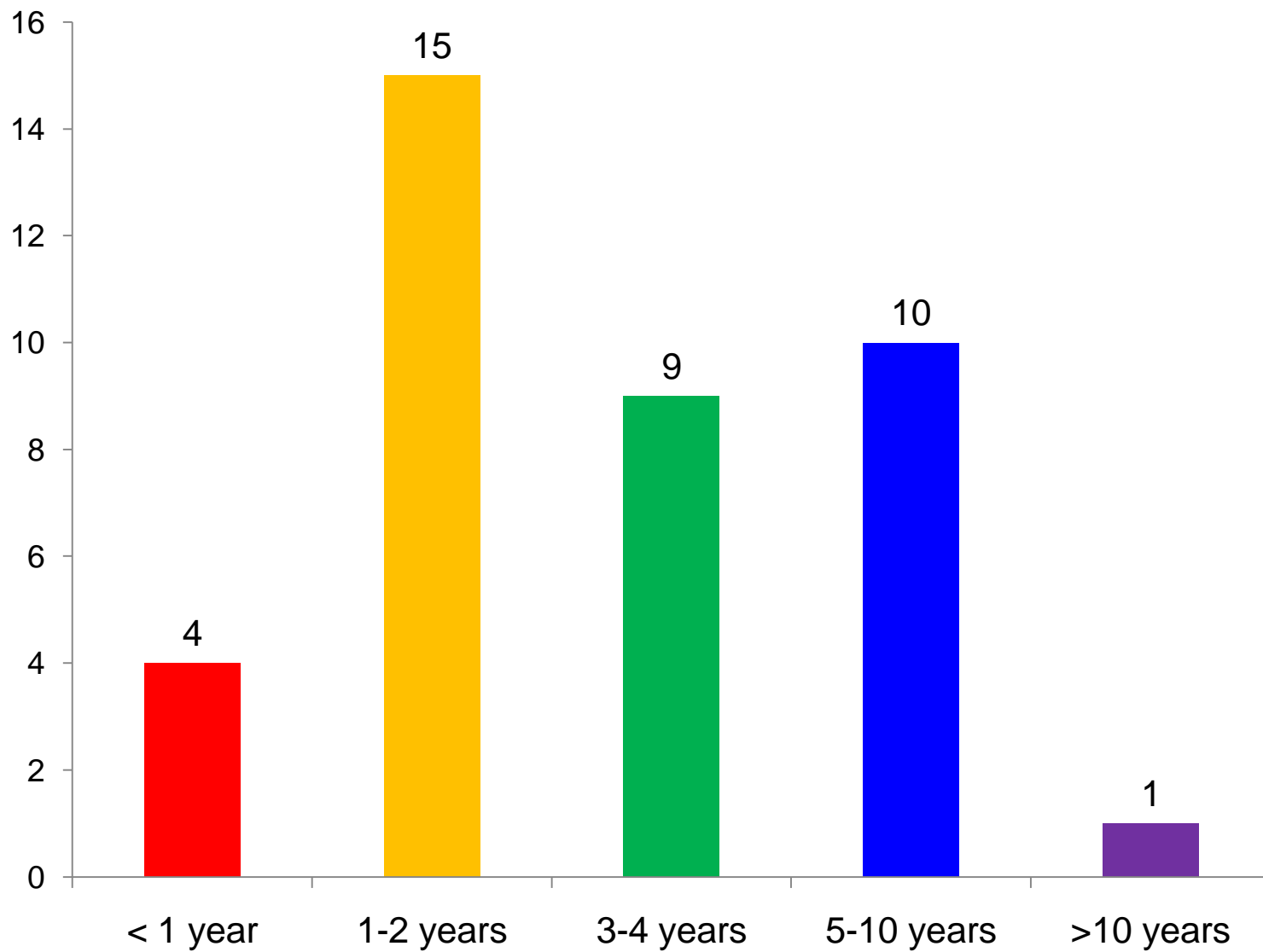


## What do you consider your level of experience in proteomics?

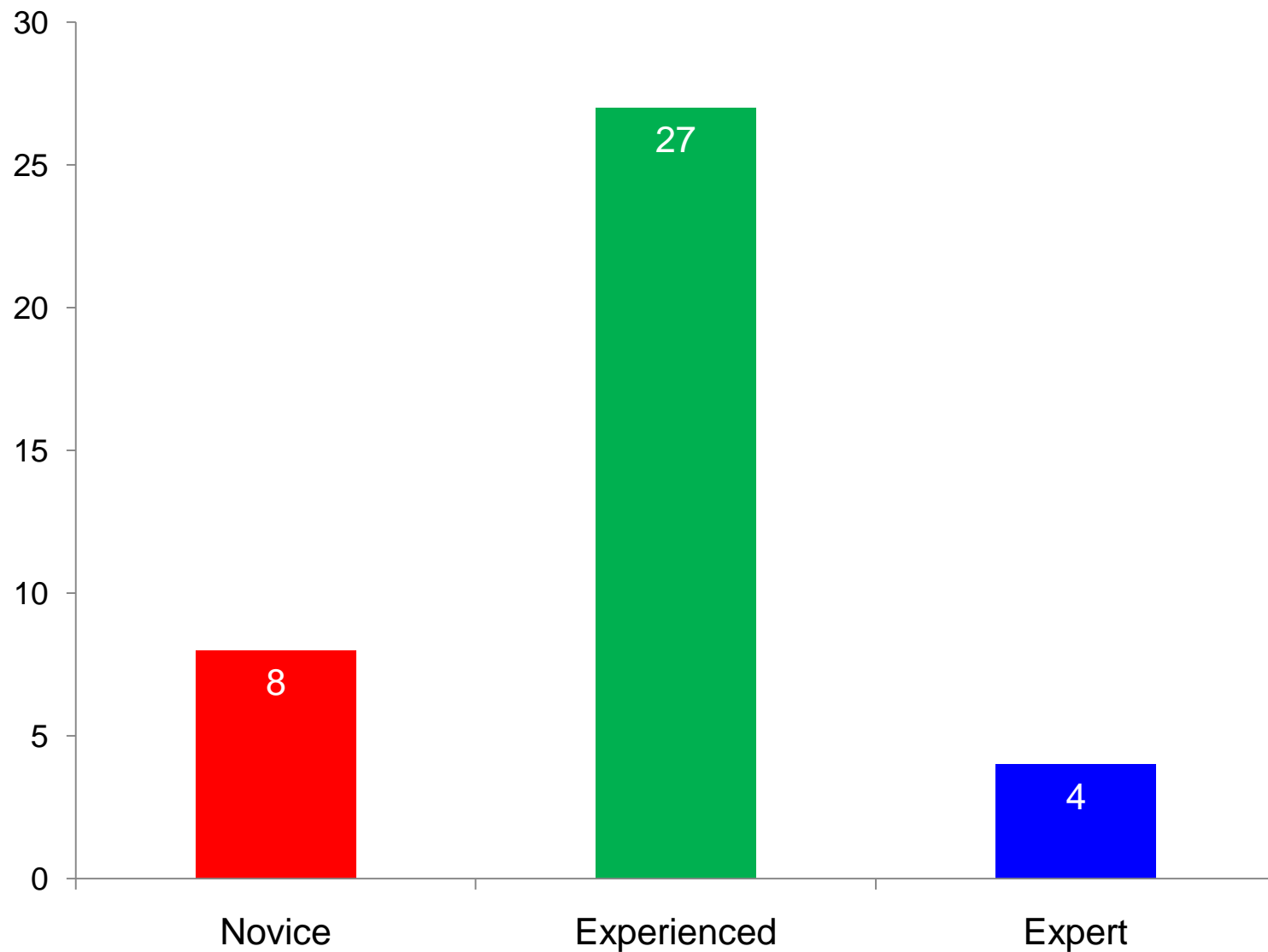




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# Overview of Results

# Identification Rates By Peptide

sPRG2010

PRG 2003

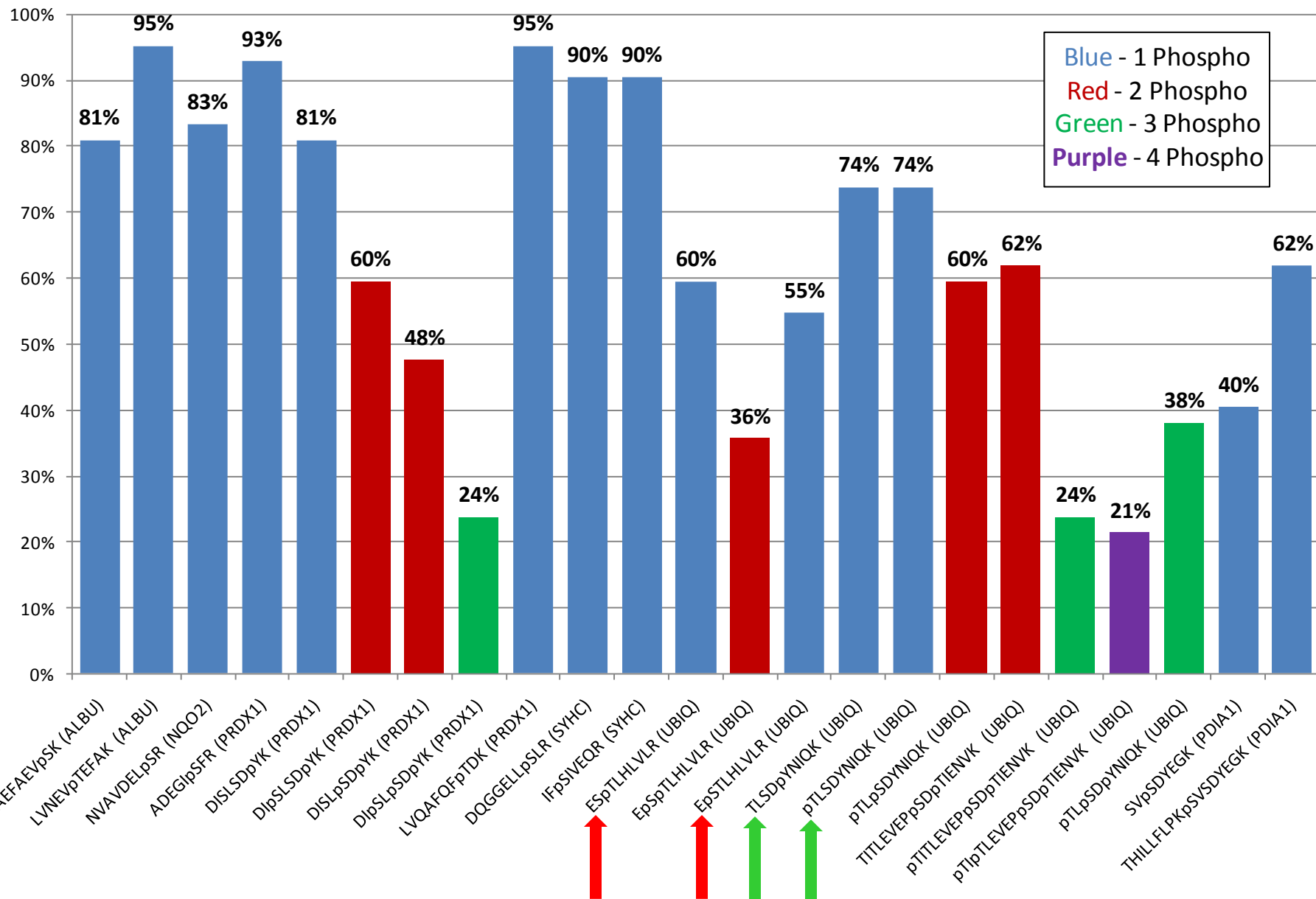
Protein	MW, Da	Sequence	sPRG2010		PRG 2003	
			# of times ID	% ID	# of times ID	% ID
ALBU_HUMAN	959.4001	AEFAEV#SK (1)	34	81%		
ALBU_HUMAN	1228.5741	LVNEV#TEFAK (1)	40	95%		
NQO2_HUMAN	1081.4805	NVAVDEL#SR (1)	35	83%		
PRDX1_HUMAN	973.3906	ADEGI#SFR (1)	39	93%		
PRDX1_HUMAN	1019.4213	DISLSD#YK (1)	34	81%		
PRDX1_HUMAN	1099.3876	DI#SLSD#YK (2)	25	60%		
PRDX1_HUMAN	1099.3876	DISL#SD#YK (2)	20	48%		
PRDX1_HUMAN	1179.3539	DI#SL#SD#YK (3)	10	24%		
PRDX1_HUMAN	1275.5901	LVQAFQF#TDK (1)	40	95%		
SYHC_HUMAN	1166.5333	DQGGELL#SLR (1)	38	90%		
SYHC_HUMAN	1070.5162	IF#SIVEQR (1)	38	90%		
UBIQ_HUMAN	1146.5798	ES#TLHLVLR (1)	25	60%		
UBIQ_HUMAN	1226.5462	E#S#TLHLVLR (2)	15	36%		
UBIQ_HUMAN	1146.5798	E#STLHLVLR (1)	23	55%		
UBIQ_HUMAN	1160.5115	TLSD#YNIQK (1)	31	74%		
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UBIQ_HUMAN	1240.4778	#TL#SDYNIQK (2)	25	60%		
UBIQ_HUMAN	1946.8527	TITLEVEP#SD#TIENVK (2)	26	62%		
UBIQ_HUMAN	2026.8190	#TITLEVEP#SD#TIENVK (3)	10	24%		
UBIQ_HUMAN	2106.7854	#Ti#TILEVEP#SD#TIENVK (4)	9	21%		
UBIQ_HUMAN	1320.4441	#TL#SD#YNIQK (3)	16	38%		
PDIA1_BOVIN	963.3587	SV#SDYEGK (1)	17	40%	8	15%
PDIA1_BOVIN	2026.0177	THILLFLPK#SVSDYEGK (1)	26	62%	8	15%

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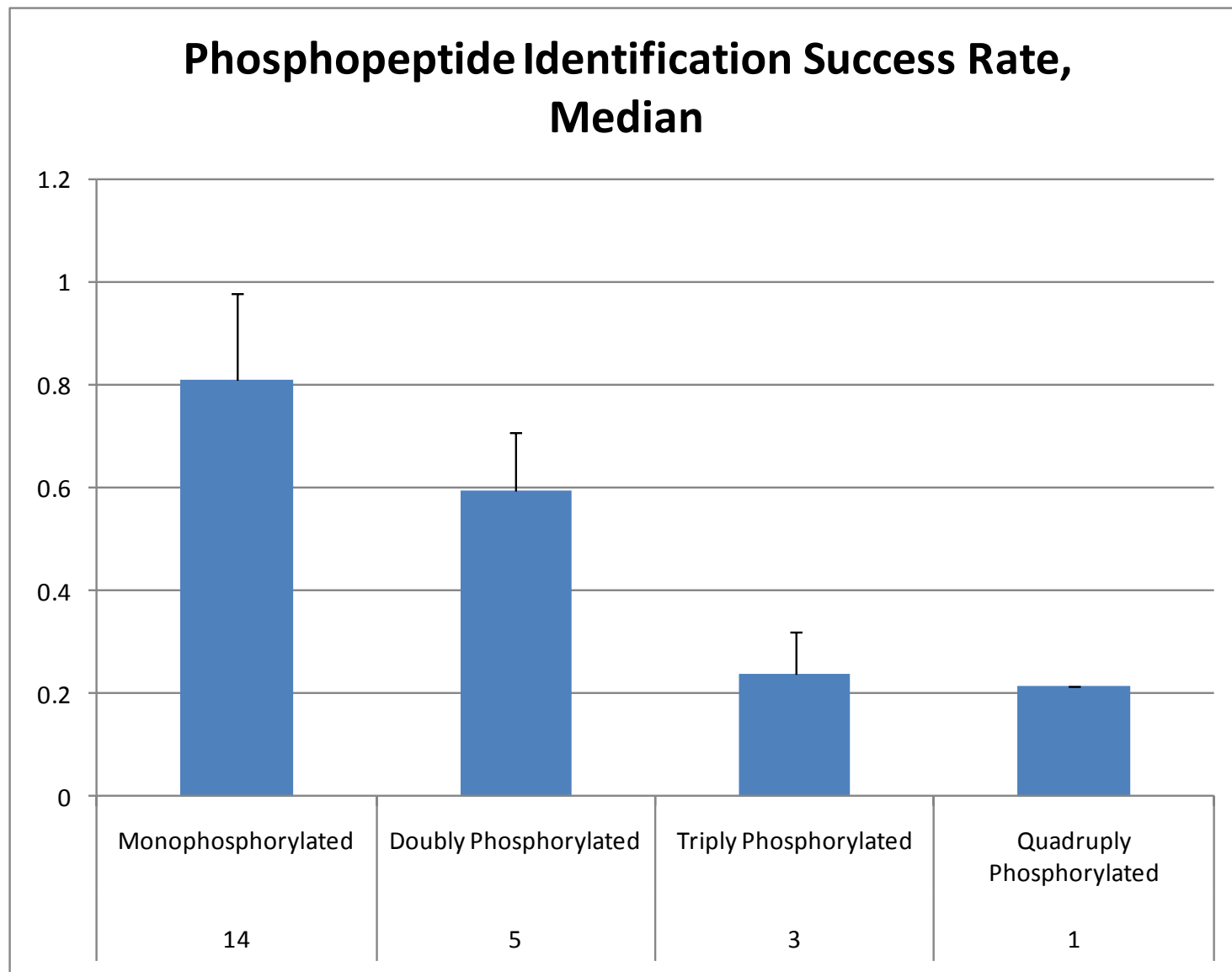
Sequence	# of p sites	# of times ID	% ID
AEFAEVpSK (ALBU)	1	34	81%
LVNEVpTEFAK (ALBU)	1	40	95%
NVAVDELpSR (NQO2)	1	35	83%
ADEGIpSFR (PRDX1)	1	39	93%
DISLSDpYK (PRDX1)	1	34	81%
DIpSLSDpYK (PRDX1)	2	25	60%
DISLpSDpYK (PRDX1)	2	20	48%
DIpSLpSDpYK (PRDX1)	3	10	24%
LVQAFQFpTDK (PRDX1)	1	40	95%
DQGGELLpSLR (SYHC)	1	38	90%
IFpSIVEQR (SYHC)	1	38	90%

Sequence	# of p sites	# of times ID	% ID
ESpTLHLVLR (UBIQ)	1	25	60%
EpSpTLHLVLR (UBIQ)	2	15	36%
EpSTLHLVLR (UBIQ)	1	23	55%
TLSDpYNIQK (UBIQ)	1	31	74%
pTLSDYNIQK (UBIQ)	1	31	74%
pTLpSDYNIQK (UBIQ)	2	25	60%
TITLEVEPpSDpTIENVK (UBIQ)	2	26	62%
pTITLEVEPpSDpTIENVK (UBIQ)	3	10	24%
pTIpTLEVEPpSDpTIENVK (UBIQ)	4	9	21%
pTLpSDpYNIQK (UBIQ)	3	16	38%
SVpSDYEGK (PDIA1)	1	17	40%
THILLFLPKpSVSDYEGK (PDIA1)	1	26	62%

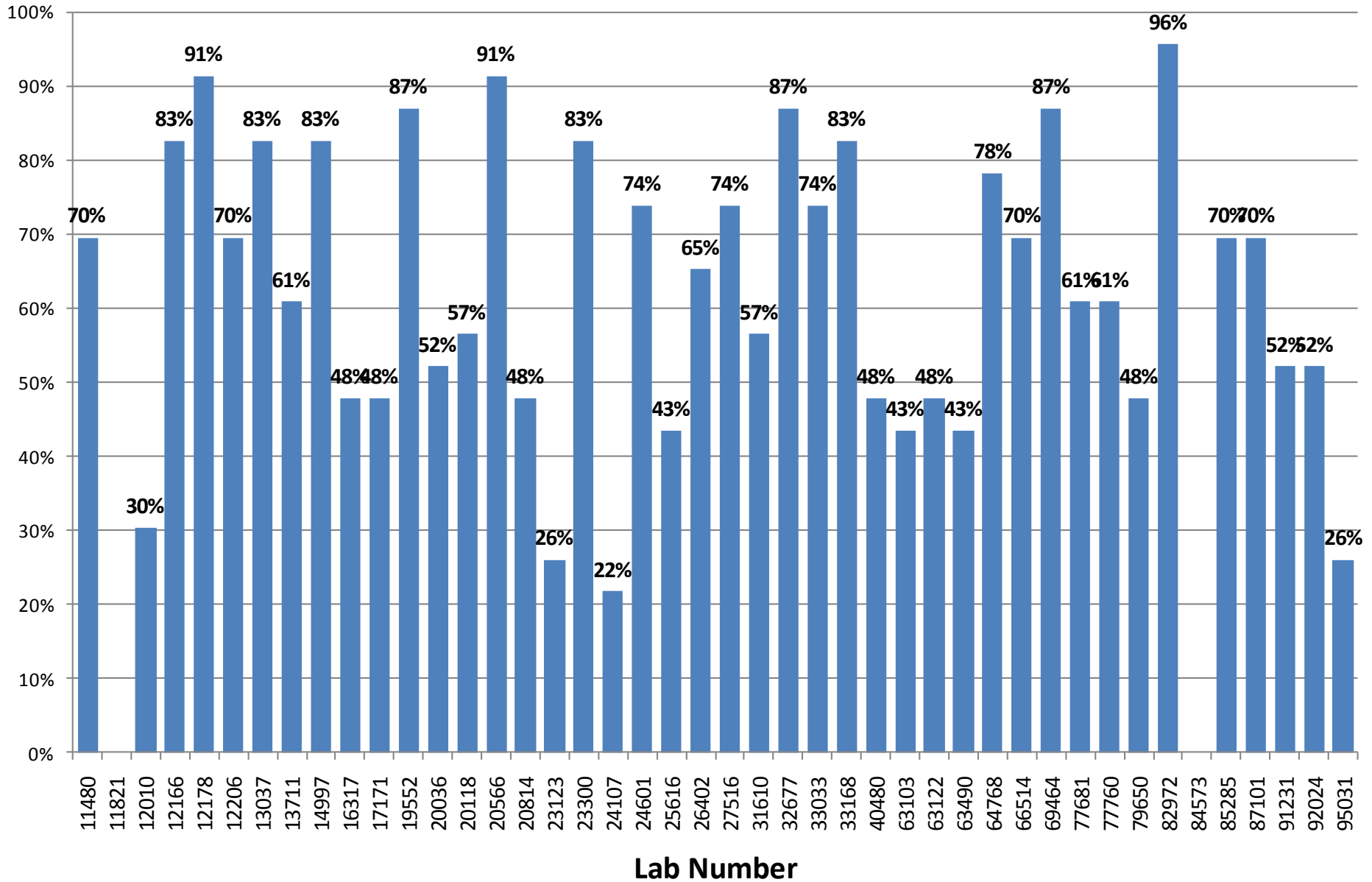
# % ID rate of each phosphopeptide sequence



# Success of Detection by # of Phosphorylations per Peptide



# % of Correct Phosphopeptide Identifications





# Enrichment Options

- **IMAC:**

- Immobilized Metal Ion Affinity Chromatography
- Chelated  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  or other metal ions on a matrix retains Phosphopeptides
- Methylation of Asp and Glu recommended

- **TiO<sub>2</sub>:**

- Phosphopeptides are retained by an Ti or Zr matrix;
- Methylation of Asp and Glu recommended

- **ERLIC:**

- Electrostatic Repulsion-Hydrophilic Interaction Chromatography
- Weak Anion Exchange Resin (PolyWax LP) run under Low pH and High Organic conditions
- Phosphopeptides are retained by the column



# Method of Enrichment vs. # of Peptides Correct

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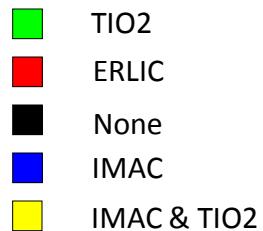
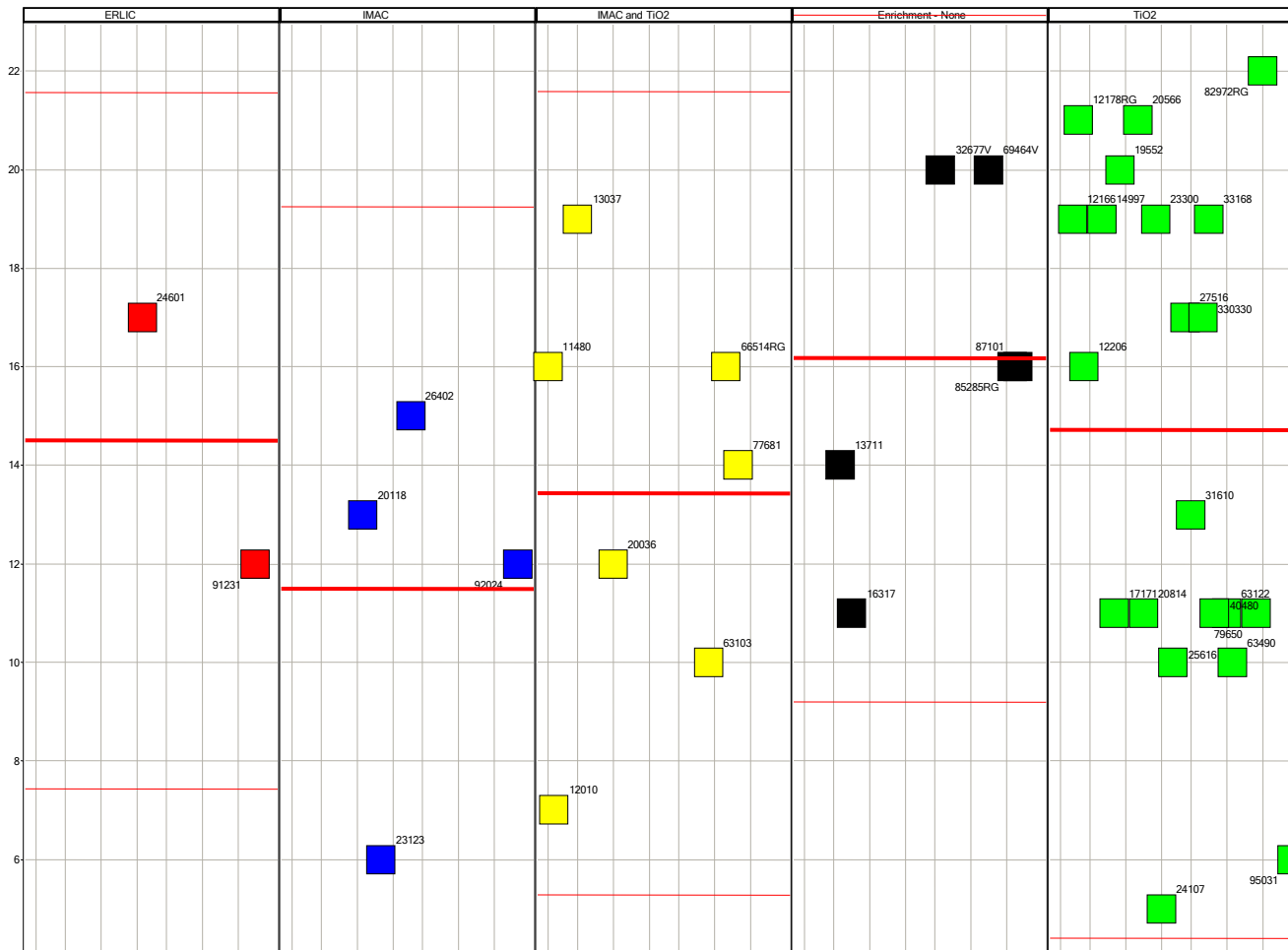
IMAC

IMAC/TiO2

None

TiO2

# correct

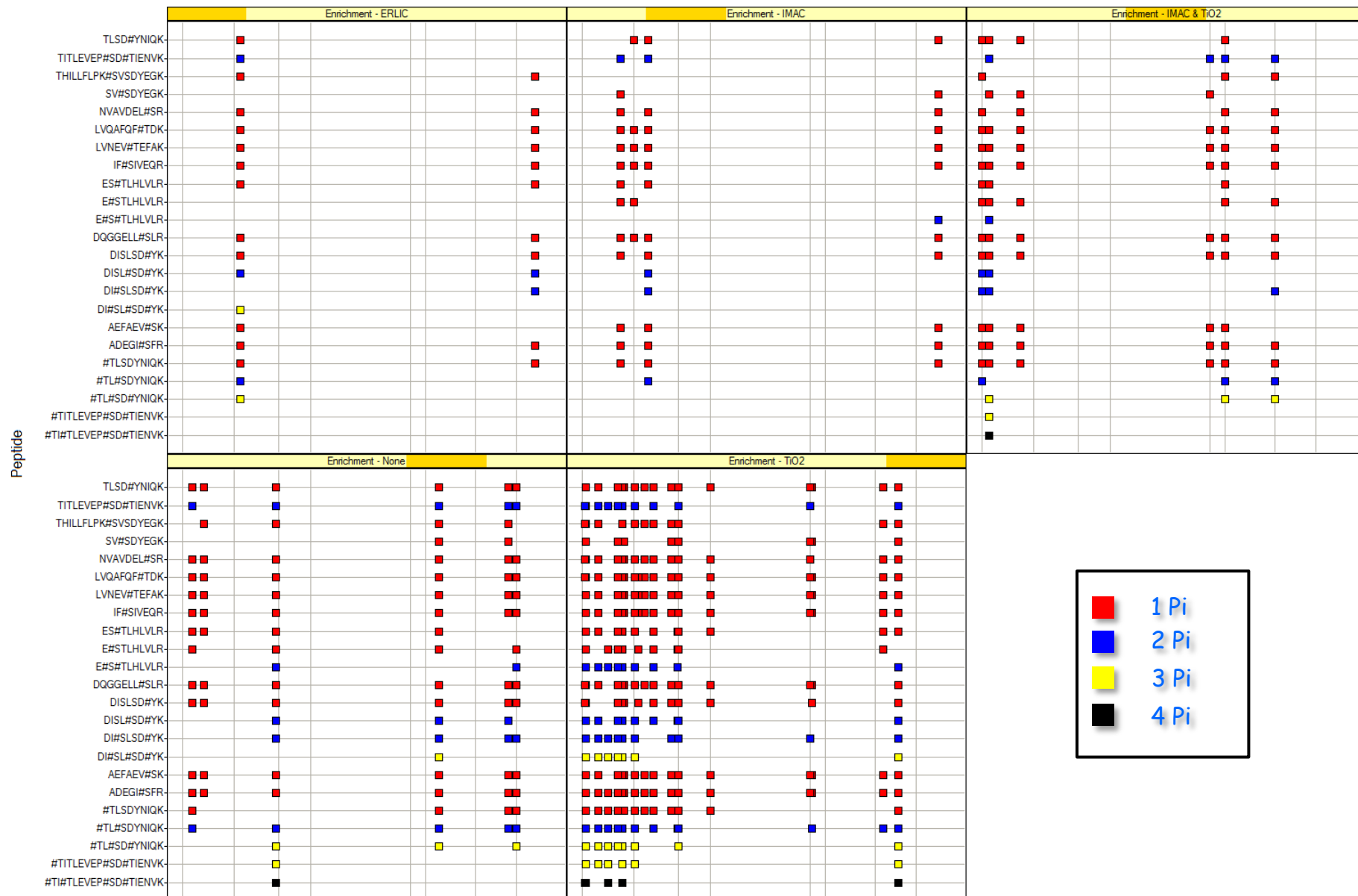


# Pi-Peptides Detected by Enrichment and # of Pi's per Peptide

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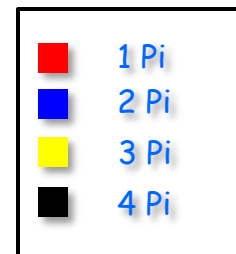
IMAC

IMAC/TiO2



None

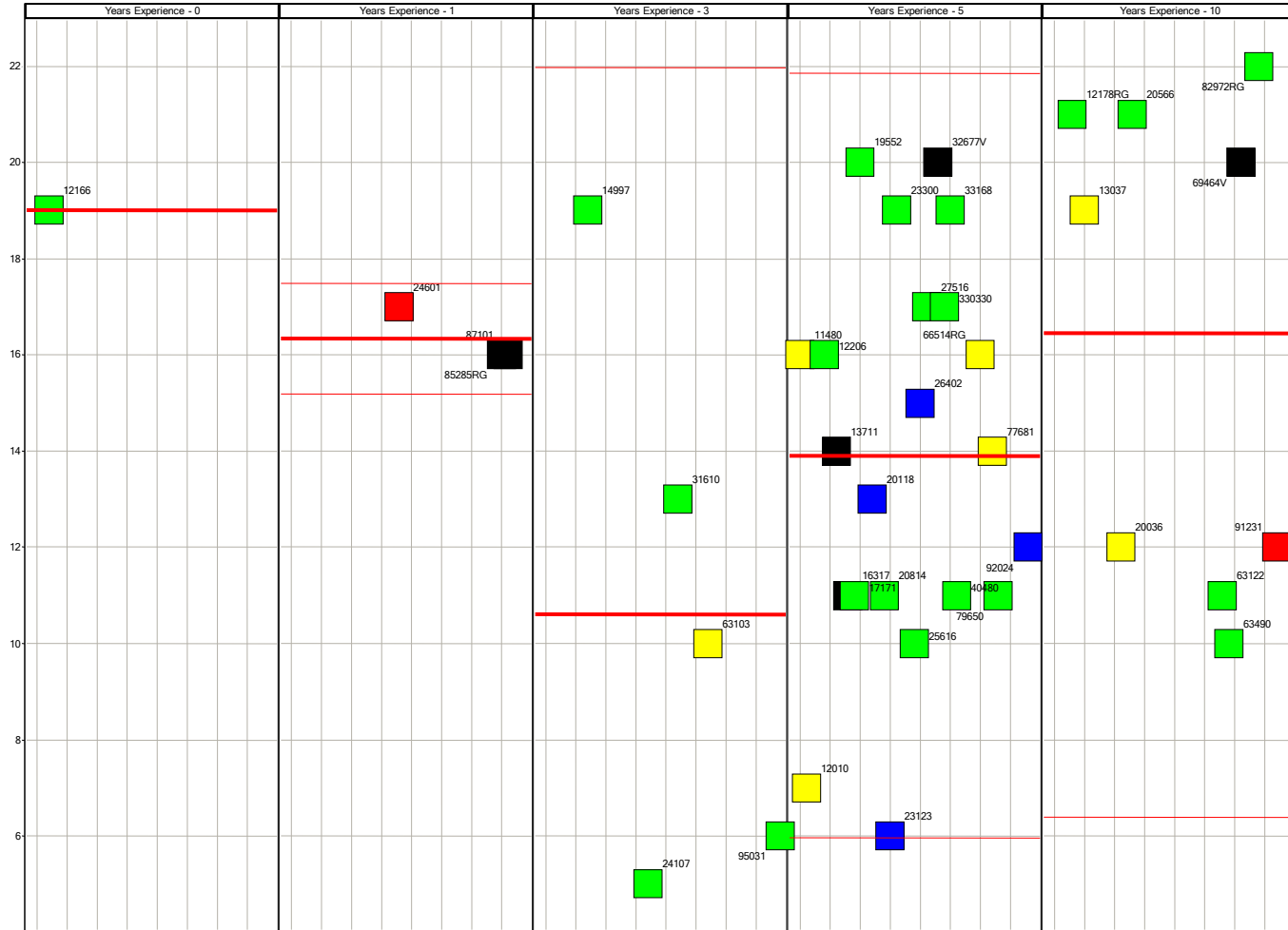
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# Years of Experience vs. # of Peptides Correct

0 yrs      1 yrs      3 yrs      5 yrs      10 yrs



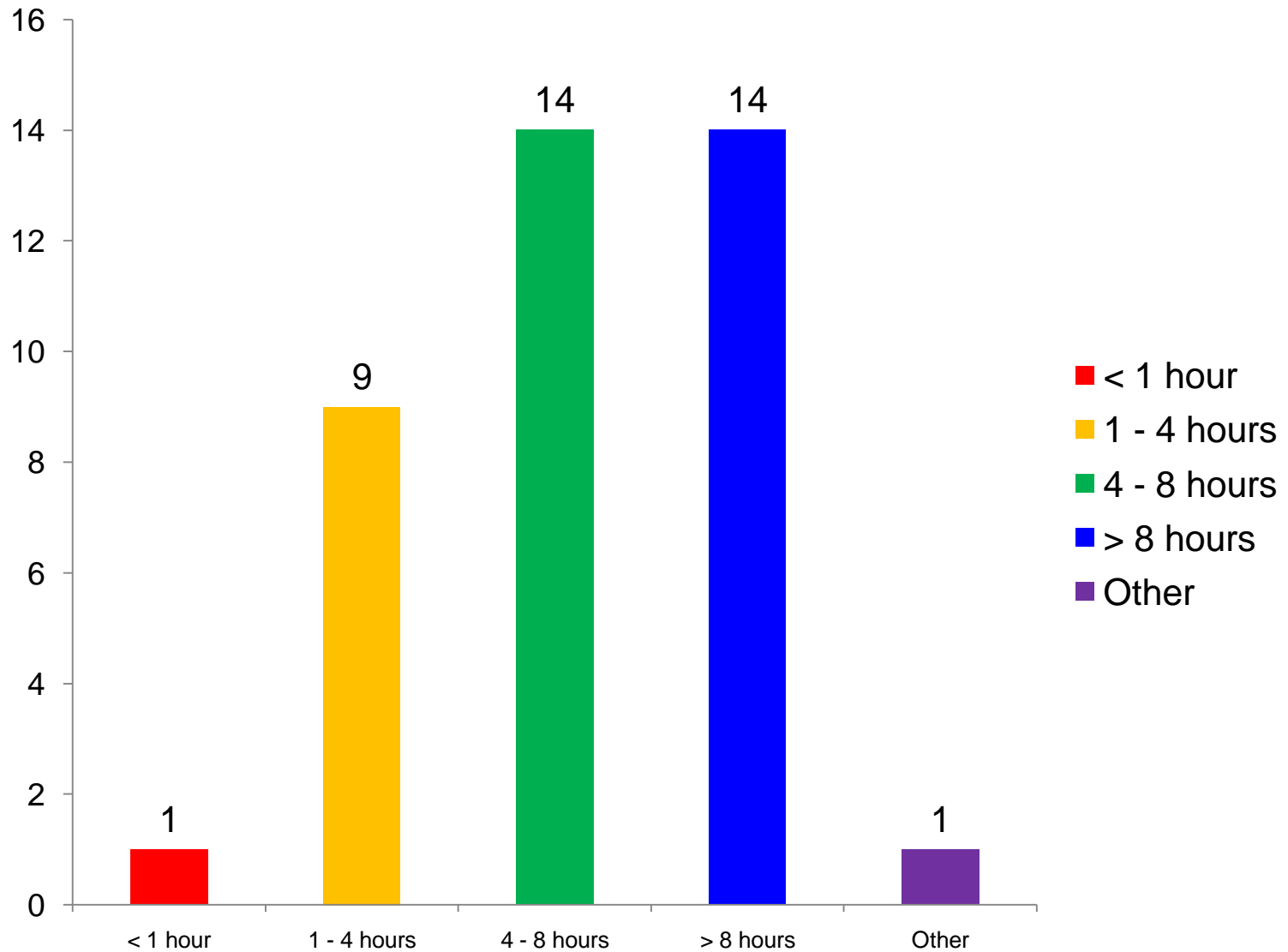
# correct

- TIO2
- ERLIC
- None
- IMAC
- IMAC & TIO2

— = SD  
 — = Average

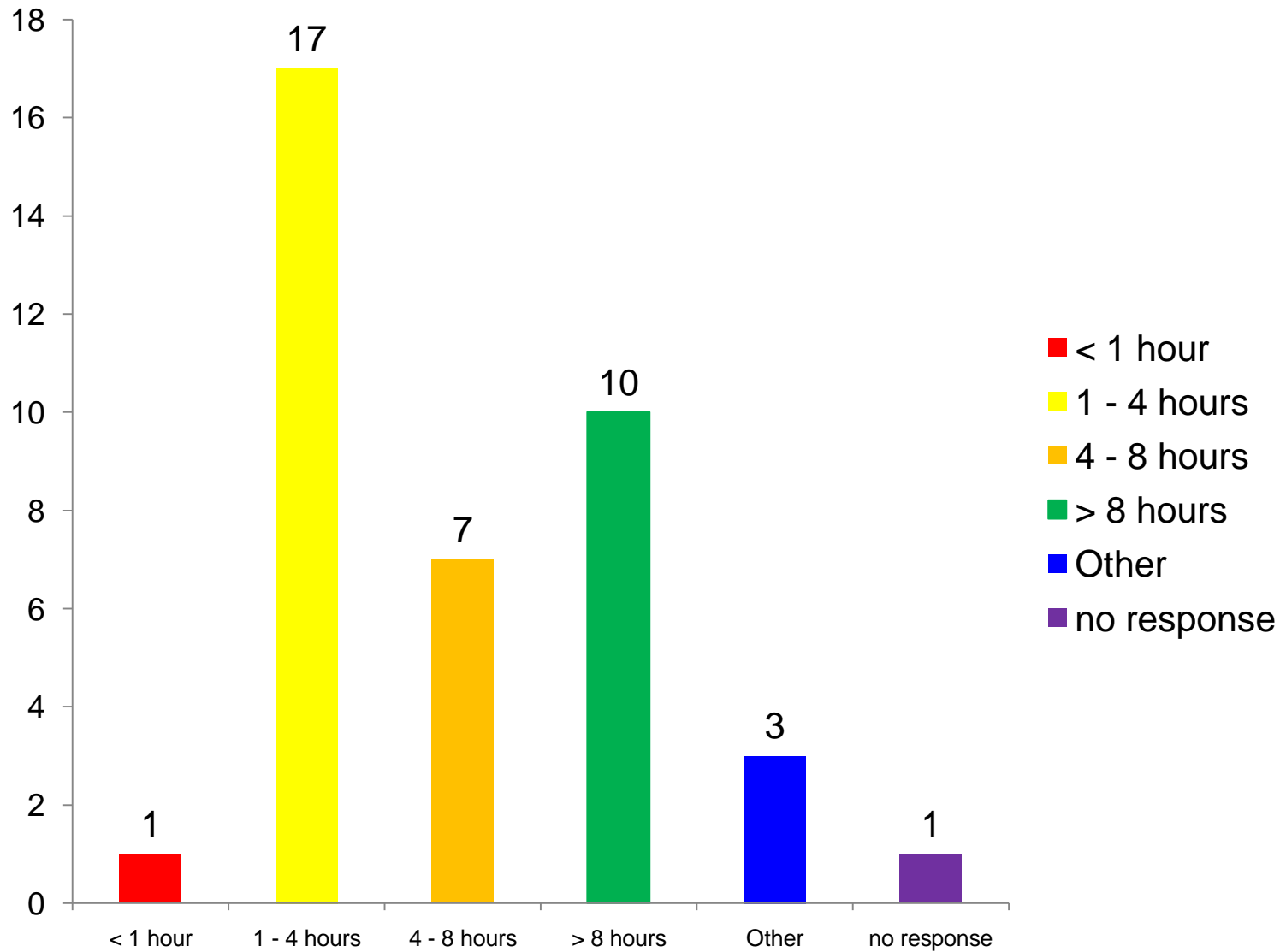
# Participant Comments on the sPRG 2010 Study

# How much time did it take for you to prepare and analyze this sample?

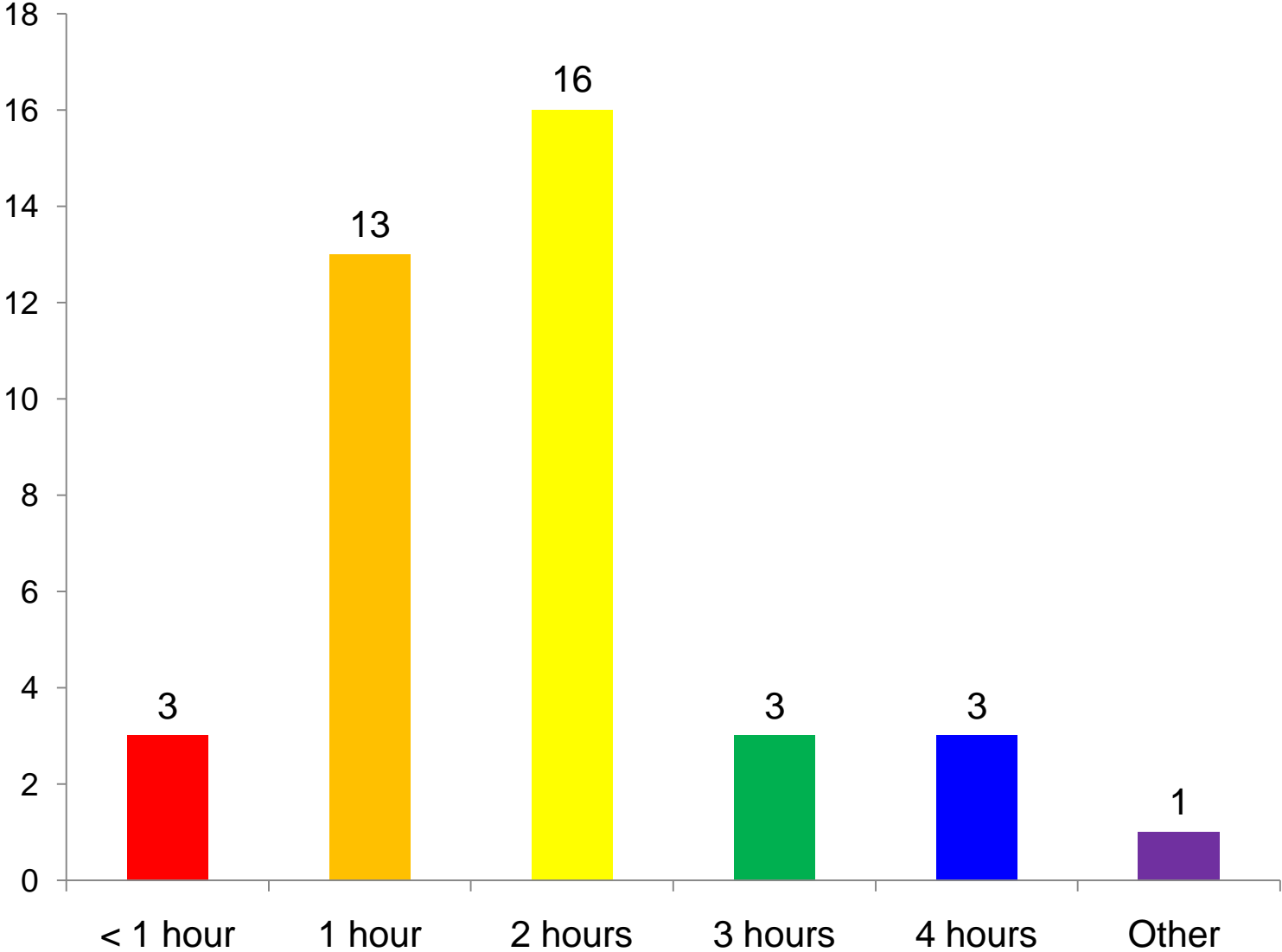




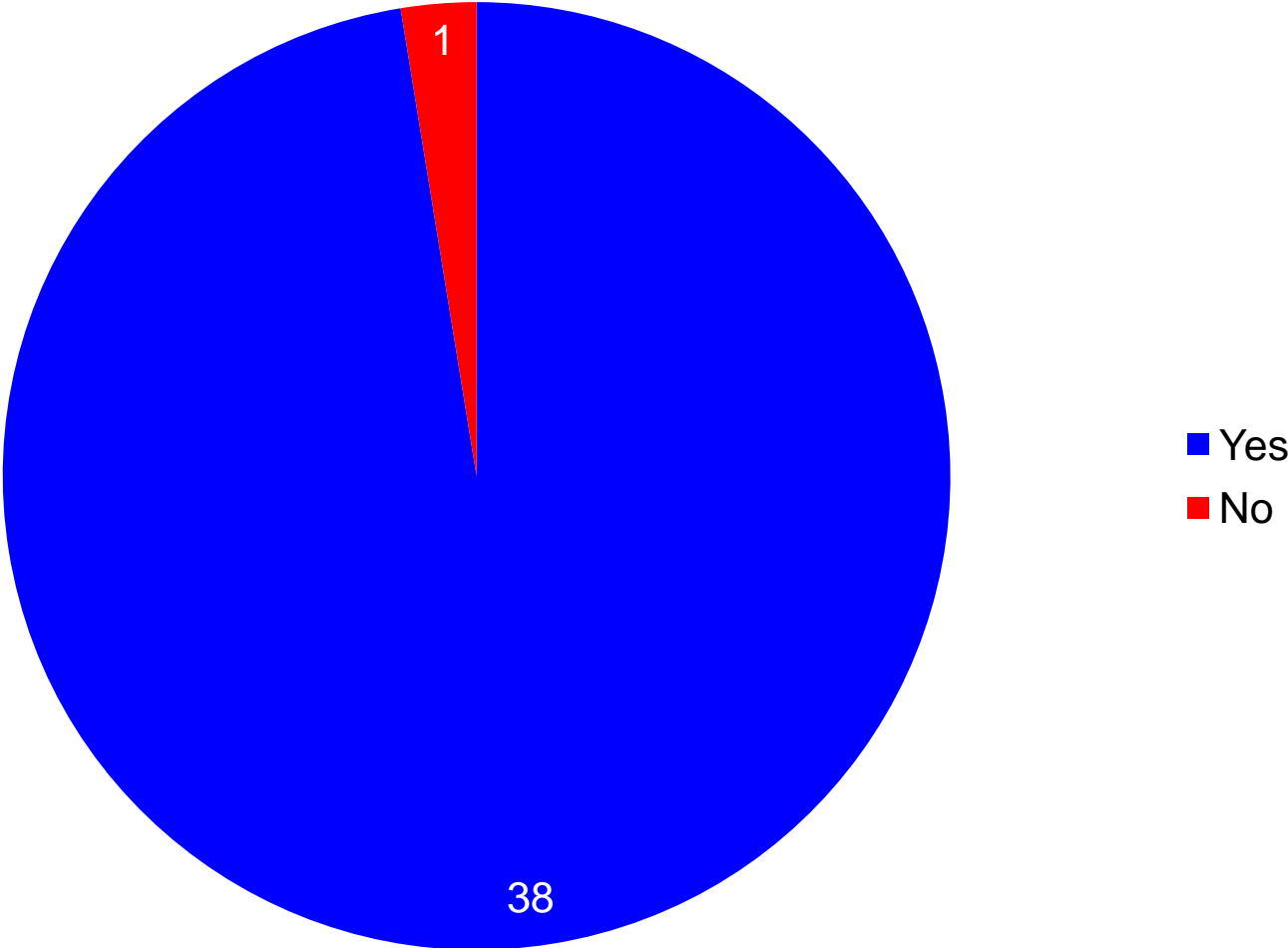
## How much time did it take for you to analyze the data?



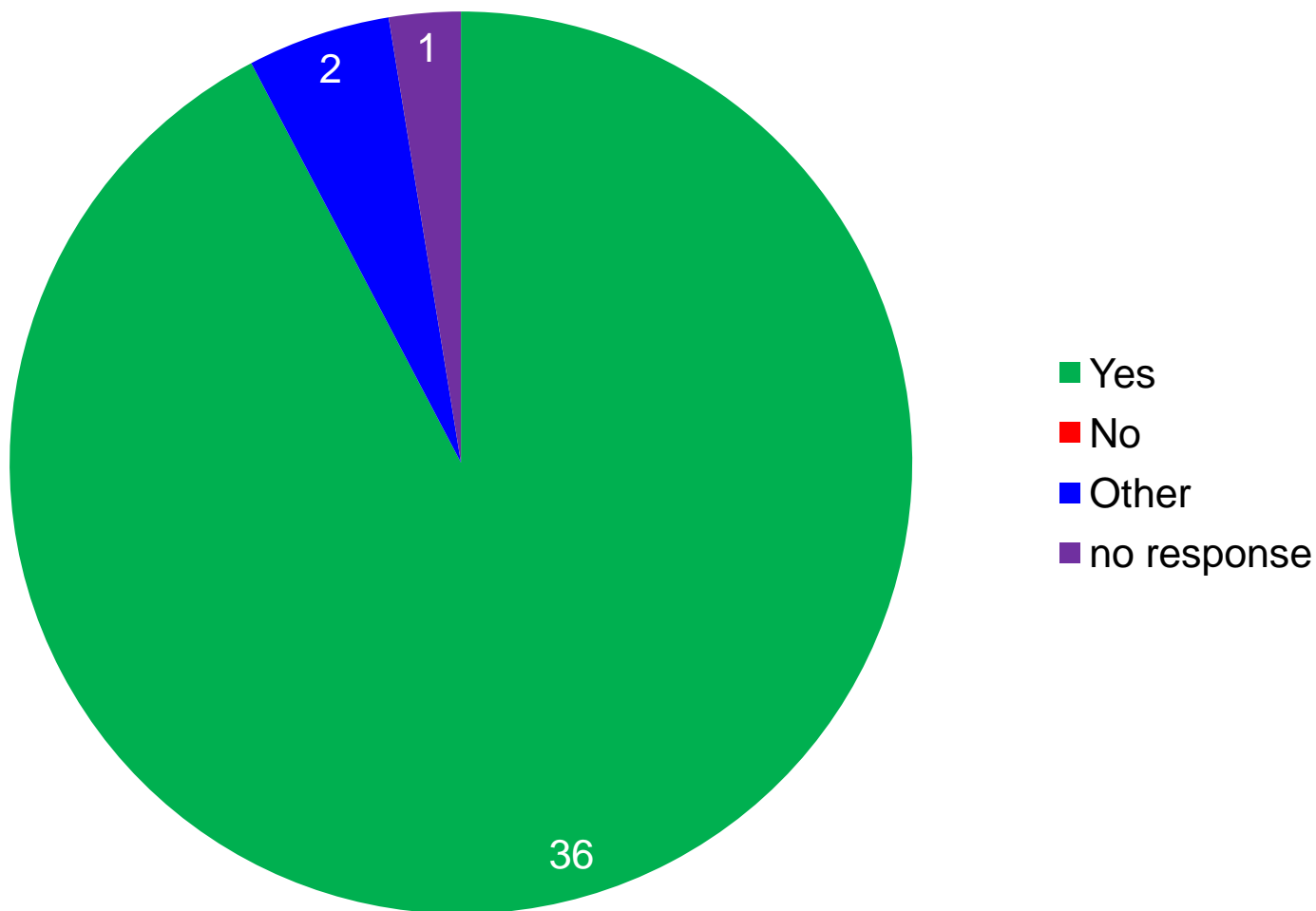
# How much time did it take you to complete this survey?



Do you think this type of study has been useful?



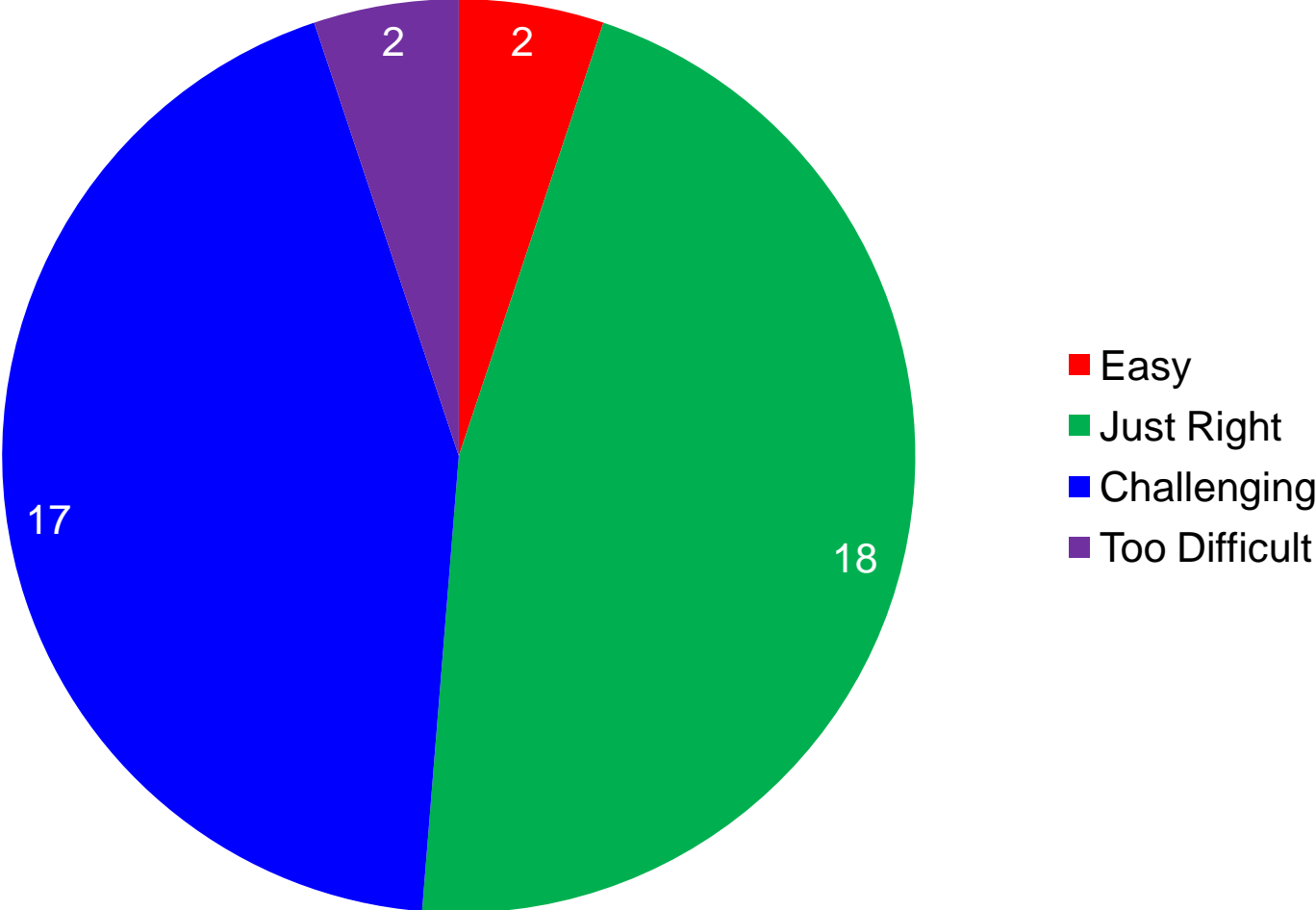
Do you think this type of standard would be useful as a positive control prior to "real world" phospho-peptide experimentation?



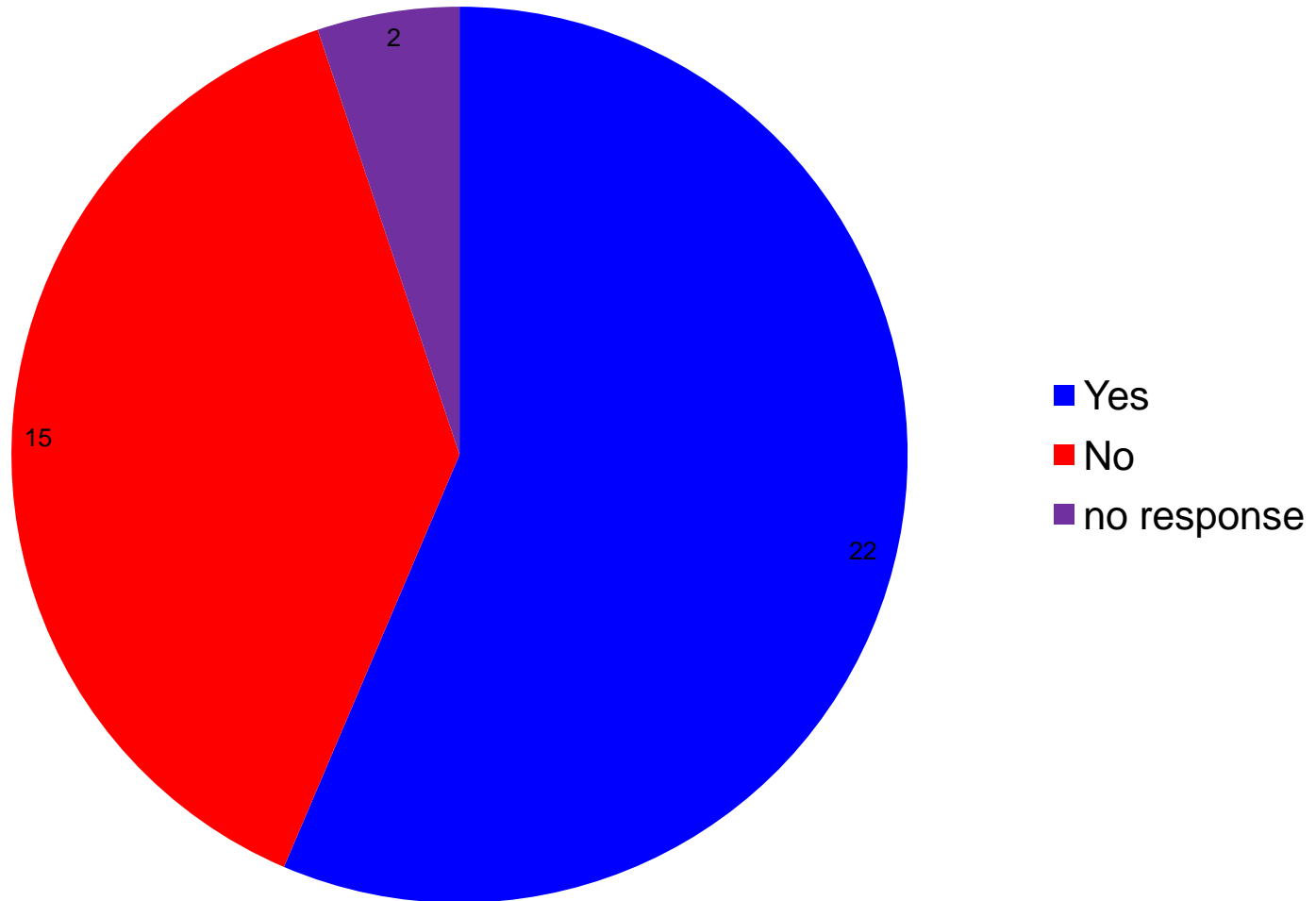
What changes would make this phosphopeptide mixture more useful?

- Make study materials available after the study
- Make clearer statements of reagent concentration and source
- Interactive study group for learning and discussion
- Include more PTMs
- Vary phosphopeptide concentrations
- Increase background complexity
- Decrease complexity

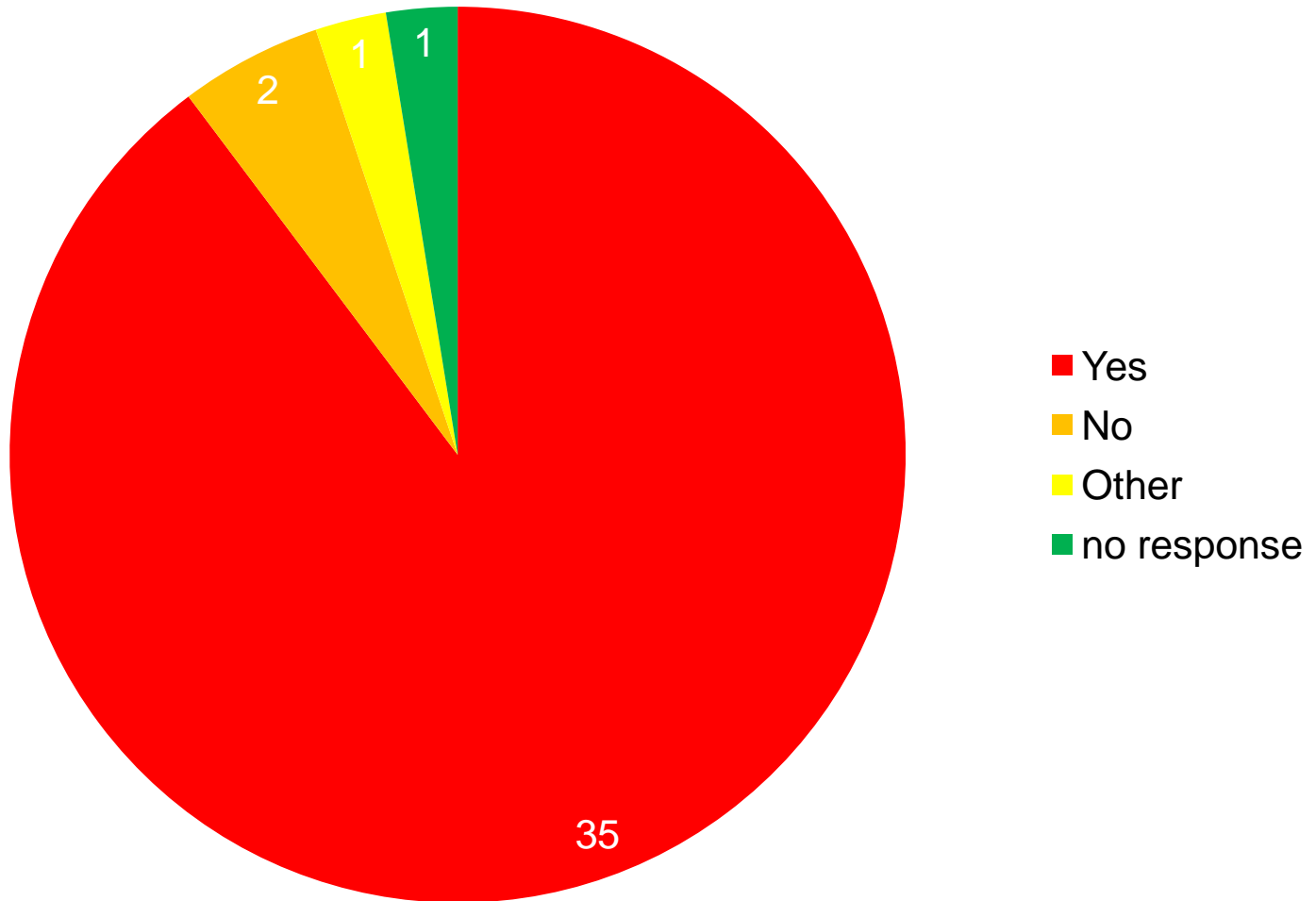
# How would you rate this study's level of difficulty?



Have you participated in previous ABRF studies?

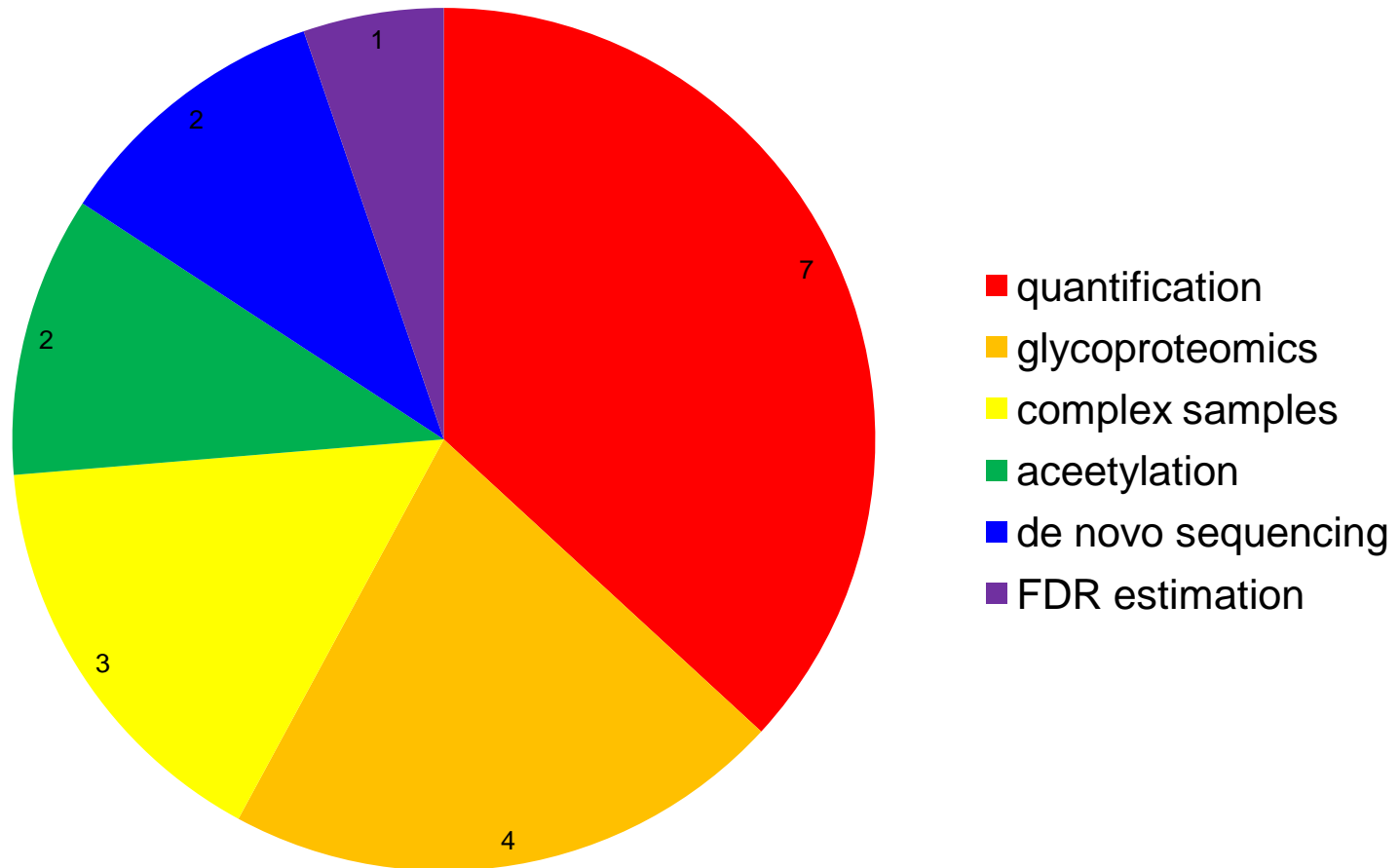


Based on this study, would you consider participating in future ABRF studies?





What type for study would you like to see the ABRF sPRG conduct in the future?



# sPRG 2010 Study: Acknowledgements

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To the Fearless 43 Participants:

Thank You!

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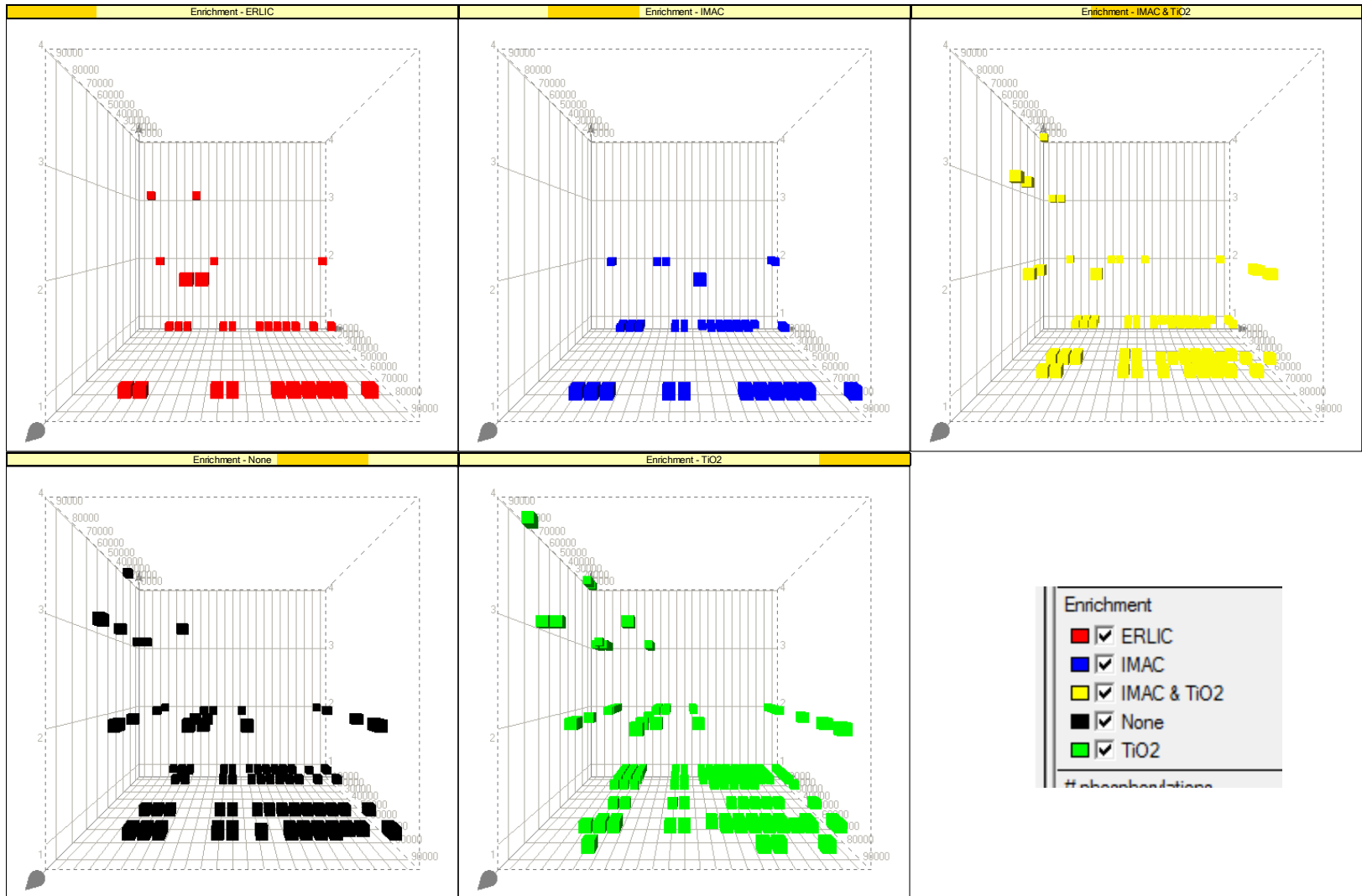
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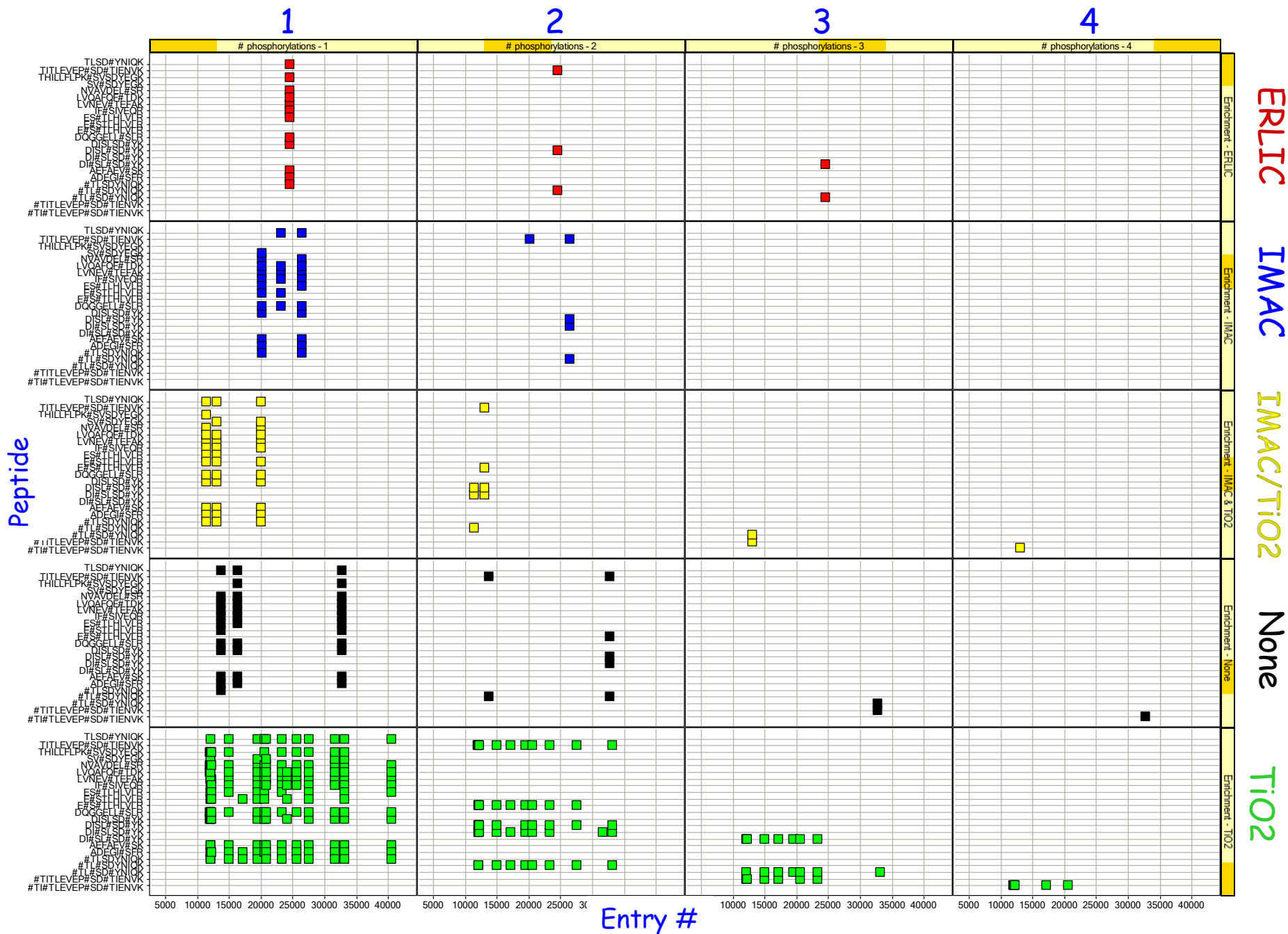


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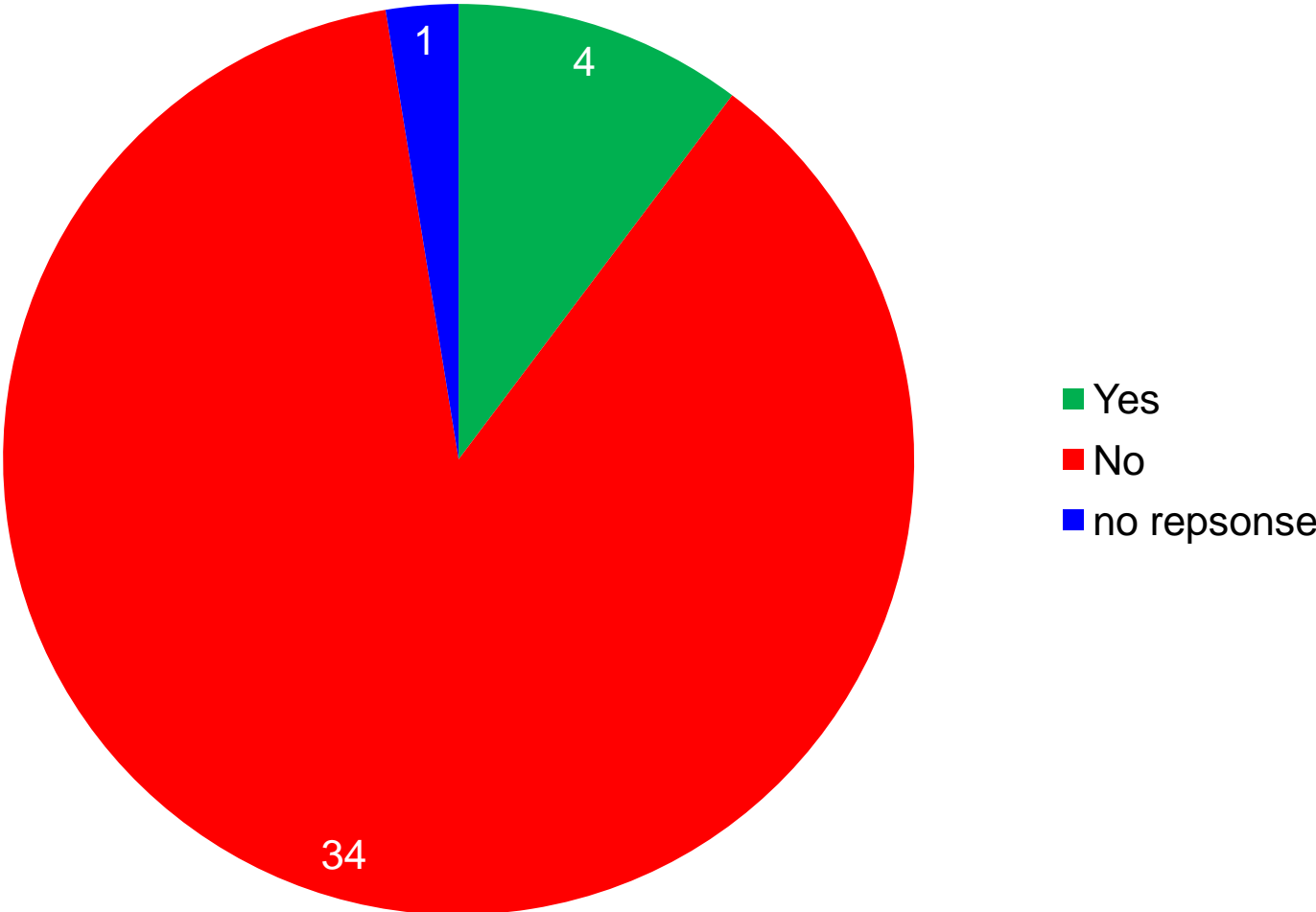
Y axis = # phosphorylations  
 X axis = peptide  
 Z = entry number

# Method of Enrichment vs. # of Phosphorylations and By Peptide





Did you or your lab receive more than one study sample?



Did you have knowledge of the results from another lab at anytime during this study?

