

## Label Free Quantification — LFQ and iBAQ — Hands-on

Understand how to turn LC&ndash;MS/MS signal into robust quantitative protein profiles using label free strategies. This module focuses on the concepts behind LFQ and iBAQ, from experimental design and feature intensity extraction to normalization, missing value handling and statistical comparison for discovery and biomarker studies.

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### Session 1

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### LFQ Principles & Experimental Context

What label free quantification measures in proteomics

**precursor intensity based LFQ** **spectral counting concept** **relative vs absolute views**

Requirements and limitations of LFQ designs

**replicates and run to run stability** **instrument and sample QC needs** **dynamic range considerations**

Where LFQ fits relative to labeled and targeted approaches

discovery cohorts follow up with targeted assays  
cost and throughput tradeoffs

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## Feature Intensities, Normalization & Missingness

From identified peptides to quantitative features

intensity extraction concepts alignment across runs  
idea match between runs conceptually

Normalization strategies for LFQ data

log transforms and scaling global vs local  
normalization ideas effects on fold changes

Missing value patterns and handling options (conceptual)

MCAR vs MNAR thinking filtering vs imputation ideas  
impact on downstream tests

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## Protein Level LFQ, iBAQ & Statistics

Summarizing peptide intensities to protein level

handling multiple peptides per protein shared  
peptide logic robust statistics intuition

Concept of iBAQ for approximate protein abundance

normalizing by theoretical peptides relative  
abundance within samples use cases and caveats

Statistical comparison of LFQ protein intensities

basic tests for differential abundance multiple  
testing control overview effect sizes and volcano

**plots concept**

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## Study Design, QC & Reporting for LFQ

Designing LFQ cohorts and replicate structures

**theory plus planning worksheet**

QC metrics for LFQ data quality monitoring

**coefficient of variation patterns** **sample correlation**  
**and clustering** **intensity distributions across runs**

Reporting LFQ workflows and results transparently

**methods description templates** **summary tables and**  
**figures** **exporting matrices for sharing**