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Abstract

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The fungus, *Hericium erinaceus*, has outstanding chemical properties, displaying health benefits in digestive, hepatic, and nervous tissues. Its ease of accessibility and use makes it one of the most common substances used for treatment in Eastern medicine. More and more recent research is confirming the incredible health benefits of this fungus, especially the impact that is seen on nervous tissue growth and recovery post-treatment. Such neurite outgrowth and myelin sheath regeneration could illustrate the beginning of the cure to lifelong neurodegenerative diseases such as Multiple Sclerosis. In this first-of-its-kind study, we cultured and differentiated fetal rat neural stem cells while treating the samples with varying concentrations of aqueous extract of *Hericium erinaceus* mycelium. The cells were then harvested and lysed at various time points as the proteins were isolated and purified prior to analysis by LC-ESI mass spectrometry. A proteomic analysis was conducted where statistically significant changes in protein expression were observed between the control groups and the treated trials of both time points. While our initial targets of interest were not found, an up to 4-fold increase in protein expression was seen in a group of Histone H1 variants following treatment with *Hericium erinaceus*. These Histone H1 variants are known to be linker histones which interact with the core histone bead and play a role in chromatin remodeling. It is clear that *Hericium erinaceus*

plays a role in increasing the protein expression of Histone H1 variants which could lead to downstream effects yet to be revealed. This exploratory research should serve as a helpful launching point for those determined to understand the underlying mechanisms behind this phenomenon and the results it may have on the nervous system.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

cDNA	complementary DNA
CNS	Central Nervous System
DDT	dithiothreitol
DNA	deoxyribonucleic acid
IAA	indole-3-acetic acid
LC-ESI	liquid chromatography - electrospray ionization
µg	microgram
µL	microliter
MBP	myelin basic protein
mg	milligram
mL	milliliter
mm	millimeter
MS	Multiple Sclerosis
MS/MS	tandem mass spectrometry
ng	nanogram
NGF	nerve growth factor
NSC	neural stem cells
PNS	Peripheral Nervous System
RNA	ribonucleic acid
RT-qPCR	reverse transcription quantitative polymerase chain reaction

CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

The nervous system is arguably the most complex biological system in our body. There are many different types of cells and molecules that play vital roles in maintaining the health and wellbeing of the system. In vertebrates, the nervous system is divided into two categories: the central nervous system (CNS) and peripheral nervous system (PNS). The CNS is composed of the brain and spinal cord, whereas the PNS consists of the peripheral nerves and ganglia that stem from the brain and spinal cord. There are two different cell categories in the nervous system, which include neurons and neuroglia (glia). Neurons are the nerve cells that send electrical signals, known as action potentials, throughout the human body which control muscle cell contraction and relaxation. Glial cells are supporting cells that play auxiliary roles and keep the overall environment healthy and proper for the neurons. Neurons can also be supported by neuropeptides known as neurotrophic factors. There are many neurotrophic factors that are involved in the regulation of growth, maintenance, proliferation, and survival of nerve cells, but the most common one that supports the growth of certain target neurons is known as nerve growth factor (NGF). NGF plays a crucial role in a lot of nervous tissue development and is a subject of interest in many studies. After many years of research, various protein markers have been visualized and have been used to determine the developmental state of nervous tissue. During development, all nervous tissue begins as neural stem cells which then differentiate into a variety of different neuronal cell types. Nestin is the most widely known of these protein markers and is mostly only found in undifferentiated neural stem cells. Other markers include neuron-specific enolase and fibrillary acidic protein, which is commonly observed inside glia. These markers are typically visualized during the quantitative analysis stages of research¹⁹.

While there are multiple kinds of neurons and glial cells, oligodendrocytes are the largest glial cells and play an irreplaceable role. Oligodendrocytes are glial cells in the central nervous system that generate myelin, an important sheath that is responsible for enveloping neurons and ensuring proper action potential propagation. They are aligned in rows between the nerve fibers of white matter and are close to the somata of neurons in gray matter. The cytoplasmic processes of oligodendrocytes typically extend to multiple axons at once and wrap themselves around the length of the axon until multiple lamellas are formed. These cells and the myelin they generate are presumed to be majorly affected in patients suffering from Multiple Sclerosis (MS).

Overview of Multiple Sclerosis

There are many neurological diseases in today's world that are currently not curable, one of which is Multiple Sclerosis. MS is a demyelinating disorder in which the immune cells invade the CNS to remove myelin debris, but overdo it and cause neuron and oligodendrocyte death which leads to physical, mental, and psychiatric impairment problems¹. White matter infiltration by our nervous system's immune cells is the focal point of the pathology of MS¹⁷. The immune cells most responsible for the inflammatory processes that occur during the onset and progression of MS are CD4-positive T lymphocytes; however, monocytes, macrophages, neutrophils, and B lymphocytes are also involved. While it was previously thought that the human brain does not change much after the first stages of development, it is now common to come across research showing the brain demonstrating structural and functional plasticity throughout the course of human life. This brain plasticity is affected when these infiltrating immune cells secrete various factors that control and regulate neuronal function and signal formation in neuronal synapses¹⁸. While Multiple Sclerosis is not an inherently deadly disease, patients suffering from MS typically have a reduced life expectancy. Initially, non-durable

remyelination occurs which typically leads to neurological function recovery in the short-term. As time progresses, however, the pathological changes become dominated by widespread microglial activation associated with extensive and chronic neurodegeneration, the clinical correlate being progressive accumulation of disability¹⁵. Paraclinical investigations show abnormalities that indicate the distribution of inflammatory lesions and axonal loss, interference of conduction in previously myelinated pathways, and intrathecal synthesis of oligoclonal antibody¹⁵. Cellular and secretory activity of infiltrating leukocytes contributes to the creation of these inflammatory demyelinated lesions in the white matter of the brain. The gray matter of patients with MS is also affected, leading to motor, sensory, visual, and cognitive impairment with the ability to memorize and learn being severely impacted¹⁸. MS is a chronic condition that cycles between relapses and remissions. The remission periods can last up to years, but symptoms flare up again eventually. Multiple Sclerosis is sometimes more specifically referred to as Relapsing-remitting MS because of this.

The current immunotherapies inhibit further demyelination, but do not act to enhance remyelination¹. Licensed disease-modifying agents reduce the frequency of new episodes but do not reverse fixed deficits and have questionable effects on the long-term accumulation of disability and disease progression¹⁵. These treatments are also very expensive. The cost-effectiveness of a few disease-modifying drugs from a US societal perspective was analyzed and the results illustrated that dimethyl fumarate was the most preferred therapy to manage relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis³. In 2014, the average annual medication cost of dimethyl fumarate was about \$47,718¹⁶. Between 2011 and 2015, the annual disease-modifying therapy (DMT) cost per MS patient increased from \$26,772 to \$43,606, a 13.0% average annual growth rate¹⁶. When comparing DMT users to non-DMT users, the annual health care cost per DMT user was

74% higher in 2011 (\$50,352 vs \$28,881), increasing to more than double in 2015 (\$70,683 vs \$29,821)¹⁶. In the United States, the prevalence of MS has been presumed to be approximately 100/100,000 people². Baldassari et al. describes in great length the therapeutic strategies being developed to promote myelin repair²². Almost all cells in the nervous system are potential targets as drug manufacturers try to modulate cellular activity and environment to promote myelination and to inhibit demyelination. There have been several laboratories that identified compounds which promote endogenous oligodendrocyte progenitor cell (OPC) function. Mesenchymal stem cell transplantation, high-dose biotin treatment, and protein pathway blocking are treatment methods that have been tested and are currently being explored some more due to the difficulty of successful implementation and monitoring *in vivo*. Other drugs such as dopamine antagonists, atypical antipsychotics, thyroid hormone inducers, and testosterone stimulators are also currently being investigated in clinical trials for remyelination potential in MS. Baldassari's group also describes multiple methods of screening and assessing myelin integrity: positron emission tomography, magnetization transfer imaging, myelin water imaging, and diffusion tensor imaging. There are also indirect ways of measuring myelin integrity: neurite orientation dispersion and density imaging, functional MRI, and magnetic resonance spectroscopy. These forms of measurement will become more accurate as the field focuses more on repairing myelin instead of simply trying to halt demyelination, but as of right now, the major difficulties involve lack of accurate biomarkers and lack of specificity when tracking affected myelin. It is important to fully understand the mechanism of action of remyelinating agents and their long-term safety and reliability before applying such advances to clinical care²².

Chemical Properties and Effects of *Hericium erinaceus*

There may be a cheaper and more effective alternative on the horizon hiding inside a fungus. *Hericium erinaceus* (HE), also known as Lion's Mane, is a medicinal mushroom that contains neurotrophic and neuroprotective properties and has been widely consumed in Asian countries such as China and Japan⁴. The first account of this mushroom being consumed dates back to 264 A.D. on Taiwan Island where the natives ate *houtougeng* (translated to monkey head thick soup) and considered the soup to be beneficial in neutralizing the ill-effects of alcoholic beverages⁵. This mushroom is widely found in Asia, Europe, and northern temperate latitudes where beech and oak trees grow⁶. Even with modern technology and transportation methods, there is an unfortunate lack of *H. erinaceus* consumption and utilization in North America. The American species, *H. americanum* is also not commonly consumed.

As any fungus, HE is composed of mycelium and fruiting bodies. The powder of this crushed mushroom must be boiled in hot water to successfully extract the active compounds responsible for the health benefits experienced when consumed. These active compounds come in many forms including hericenones, erinacines, and polysaccharides, to name a few.

Hericenones are a group of aromatic compounds that have previously been found in the fruiting bodies of HE. There were multiple aromatic compounds in this category that were isolated and purified by multiple researchers and the studies also revealed some anticancer properties tied to these compounds²¹. Hericinones, however, failed to stimulate NGF gene expression in primary cultured rat astroglial cells and 1231N1 human astrocytoma cells²³. Li et al. describes erinacines as groups of cyathin diterpenoids that show biological activities as stimulators of NGF synthesis²⁴. To date, 15 erinacines (erinacines A-K and P-S) have been identified and further investigations have demonstrated that eight of them have various neuroprotective properties,

such as enhancing NGF release (erinacines A-I), reducing amyloid- β deposition, increasing insulin-degrading enzyme (IDE) expression (erinacines A and S), or managing neuropathic pain (erinacine E), while others are either being currently discovered or have different pharmacological activities²⁴. Li's group concludes by stating that erinacine A is effective in reducing neurodegenerative disease-induced cell death, but because there have been no studies illustrating erinacine A's crossing of the blood-brain barrier, it is hard to say how effective this compound will prove to be when consumed orally. Beneficial polysaccharides have also been discovered and analyzed. A polysaccharide EP-1 isolated from HE mycelia culture demonstrated antioxidant activity and prevented oxidative stress induced by H₂O₂ through mitochondrial dependent apoptotic pathways in gastric mucosa epithelial cells²⁰. A heteropolysaccharide (HEP-S) was isolated from the fruiting bodies of *Hericiium erinaceus* and was observed to function as an immunostimulator to stimulate both the innate and adaptive immune responses in mouse cells²⁵.

H. erinaceus has been reported to illustrate incredible health benefits for the body's digestive, immune, circulatory, and nervous systems. *Helicobacter pylori* is a bacteria found in the stomach and is the main pathogenic factor of chronic gastritis, peptic ulcers, and adenocarcinoma of the distal stomach⁷, but its growth can be inhibited by using ethanol extracts and ethyl acetate fractions of HE⁸. The exopolymer produced in submerged mycelial culture of HE has been shown to significantly reduce the plasma triglyceride, total cholesterol, low-density lipoprotein cholesterol, phospholipid, and liver total cholesterol level in rats, implying that it has hypolipidemic effects^{9,10}. There is a plethora of benefits to the nervous system such as, but not limited to, peroneal nerve recovery after crush injury¹¹, coordination of neuron functions associated with complex neurodegenerative diseases⁶, and enhanced myelination in mature

myelinating fibers¹². Another study has also found that HE can activate the synthesis of nerve growth factor (NGF)¹³. The stimulation of this neurotrophic factor can be beneficial in increasing the neurite outgrowth in a nervous system trying to combat a neurodegenerative disease. Most importantly and according to a study cited by many, aqueous extract of this mushroom has been shown to improve and expedite the process of myelination in nerve cells¹⁴. This commonly cited study by Kolotushkina et. al. examined the effects of applying *H. erinaceus* extract to cultures of newborn WISTAR rat cerebellums. When this group added the extract to their cells, they noticed no drastic changes in the development of nerve and glial cells, but the number of lamellae in the myelin sheaths did increase at a faster rate during development than untreated groups¹⁴. This activity, in theory, can directly counter the demyelination of nerves as seen in patients with Multiple Sclerosis. There are not many studies that cover this subject which make it difficult to find other studies that concur with the findings of this one. To our knowledge, there were no studies completed beforehand analyzing the proteomic contents of nerve cells in vitro being treated with *Hericium erinaceus*. Proteome analysis of the mushroom itself was conducted recently where mass spectrometry was used to identify a total of 2543 unique proteins in the *H. erinaceus* genome²⁶. We can use the information from this study to help in our proteomic analysis, but the change in protein levels of rat fetal neural cells after treatment of *H. erinaceus* remains to be analyzed for the first time. Therefore, analyzing the proteomic contents of these neural cells treated with this mushroom can lead to uncovering more details about the proteins involved in the aforementioned myelinating process.

Proteomics

Proteomics is the large-scale study of proteins and requires the use of a variety of techniques stemming from fields such as molecular biology, biochemistry, and genetics. One vital technique, known as mass spectrometry, is utilized when analyzing a large amount of proteins at once. After isolating, purifying, and breaking down the proteins of interest into smaller peptides, the sample is fed into a mass spectrometer where the now-accessible peptides are charged and turned into precursor ions through techniques like Electrospray ionization (ESI). Mass spectrometry is used to measure the mass-to-charge ratio of these ions that are pulled through the mass spectrometer machine by an oppositely charged current. These are measured by a mass analyzer to generate what is known as a MS1 spectrum. As the ions are analyzed, certain ones are pulled through the machine where they collide with inert gas and fragment into charged amino acids through a process called Higher-energy Collisional Dissociation (HCD). These fragments are analyzed a second time by either a different mass analyzer or the same one from before, generating a MS2 spectrum which we can further investigate using specific computer software. This information allows investigators to see exactly what peptides were recognized by the mass spectrometry, making it possible to match discovered peptides to large databases in an effort to map back to proteins of interest. The parameters for which precursor ions are sent to further dissociate are set on the machine's software before the run begins. The machine we used for our studies is known as the Thermo Scientific™ Orbitrap Fusion™ Tribrid™ mass spectrometer. This machine's mode of function and interior is further explained in a thorough paper published by Hebert and colleagues²⁷.

Purpose and Goal

This study aimed to analyze the proteome of neural stem cells after *H. erinaceus* extract treatment. The primary objective was to explore whether treatment of neuronal stem cells with *H. erinaceus* extract resulted in changes in gene expression profiles for proteins involved in the myelination synthesis pathway. In our studies, we demonstrated that treatment of rat neuronal stem cells with *H. erinaceus* extract did not upregulate the expression of myelin basic protein or myelin expression factor 2, two known markers associated with myelin biosynthesis. However, they did reveal increased expression of histone 1 variants, suggesting treatment of neuronal stem cells with *H. erinaceus* extract leads to alteration in chromatin remodeling and gene silencing, which may suggest associations with controlling the neuronal differentiation program.

CHAPTER 2: MATERIALS AND METHODS

Neural Stem Cell Differentiation and Sample Preparation

Rat Fetal Neural Stem Cells (Invitrogen™ N744-100) were expanded using T75 flasks. The T75 flasks were coated with a matrix consisting of CELLStart™ (Gibco™ A10142001) diluted 1:100 in D-PBS with calcium and magnesium. 560 mL of this matrix was made in total. 14 mL of this matrix was used to coat each flask which were then incubated at 37°C in a humidified atmosphere of 5% CO₂ in air for 1 hour before being stored until use. Two different solutions were made: one for expanding the cells and one for differentiating the cells. Cells were passaged using StemPro® NSC SFM complete medium consisted of KnockOut™ D-MEM/F-12 with StemPro® NSC SFM Supplement, EGF, bFGF, and GlutaMAX™-I (all from Gibco™ and ThermoFisher). A mixture of penicillin and streptomycin was added to prevent bacterial and fungal contamination. See Table 1 for the breakdown of concentrations. The same medium lacking EGF and bFGF was used to differentiate the cells at P2. The volume remained unchanged after removing these small amounts of growth factor. To begin with, 4 of the previously matrix-primed T75 flasks were coated with cells and 20 mL of complete medium in each. Each flask contained about 5×10^5 cells at this point. After letting the cells grow for 24 hours, the complete media was siphoned and replaced with fresh complete media to minimize the accumulation of cellular debris. The cells expanded for a total of 3 days in Passage 0. Photos were taken every day for three days using light microscopy (Leica DMI3000 B). After three days, two of the four T75 flasks were further expanded while the other two flasks were frozen and stored in liquid nitrogen. Cells were passaged according to the manufacturer's instructions, except for the centrifugation step where $400 \times g$ was used instead of $300 \times g$ (MAN0001642).

The cells were then distributed evenly and plated into 8 T75 flasks to begin P1. The same procedure was followed and progress was recorded every day by light microscopy. The P1 cells were allowed to approach confluency (2 days of growth) and these cells were split (P2). P2 cells were split into smaller 100mm × 20mm plates and these cells were used as separate trials during the analysis. 6 mL of complete medium was used per plate which contained about 0.8 mL of cells. Cells were expanded for 3 days while progress was recorded. Three plates were harvested prior to the addition of the differentiation media. These cells belonged to an undifferentiated neural stem cell group of trials. The rest of the plates underwent an exchange of media where the complete medium was exchanged for one lacking EGF and bFGF (other concentrations remained the same as these small amounts did not affect volume significantly). Different versions of the incomplete medium were made containing different concentrations of dissolved *H. erinaceus* mycelia (supplied by Real Mushrooms) to be used for the cultivation of the trials. The mushroom powder was weighed out and dissolved in the media lacking the growth factors. The amounts used and concentrations generated are listed in Table 2. All proportions remained the same. Every remaining plate was coated with 10 mL of the differentiation medium. The remaining plates were grouped into different trials with different timepoints. Three replicates of the negative control, low concentration, medium concentration, and high concentration groups were harvested after 3 days of differentiation. At this time, the media was exchanged for media containing the mushroom extract. 5 mL was siphoned off to prevent the cells from being exposed to air and 10 mL of fresh differentiation media was added. The remaining three replicates of each group were harvested after 7 days of differentiation. Light microscopy was used to record the progress of cell differentiation. All cells were harvested and washed using the same procedure per plate. 7 mL of media was transferred to a conical tube using a sterile pipette

and cells were washed with 5 mL of D-PBS lacking Ca^{2+} and Mg^{2+} . The D-PBS was aspirated off and 1 mL of accutase was added to each plate. Cells were rinsed with 4 mL of matching media which was then transferred to the same conical tube. Cells were centrifuged at $400 \times g$ for 4 minutes and the supernatant was discarded. The pellet was resuspended with 1 mL of cold D-PBS and spun again. This step was repeated once more and the resulting supernatant was removed. The cell pellet was frozen at -80°C . All cell subculturing protocols were carried out aseptically under a Laminar flow hood.

Table 1
Component Distribution for 100 mL StemPro® NSC SFM Complete Medium

Component	Concentration	Amount
KnockOut™ D-MEM/F-12	1X	97 mL
GlutaMAX™-I Supplement	2 mM	1 mL
bFGF	20 ng/mL	2 µg
EGF	20 ng/mL	2 µg
StemPro® NSC SFM Supplement	2%	2 mL
Penicillin + Streptomycin	0.5%	0.5 mL

Note. Table adapted from Invitrogen™ manual MAN0001642.

Table 2
Concentrations of H. erinaceus in 125 mL StemPro® NSC SFM Incomplete Medium

<i>H. erinaceus</i> Trial Name	Concentration	Amount
Low	0.1 mg/mL	12.5 mg
Medium	0.25 mg/mL	31.25 mg
High	0.5 mg/mL	62.5 mg

Peptide Purification

In-solution tryptic digestion was performed to prepare samples for mass spectrometer analysis. A total of 200 μ L of 6 M urea/100 mM Tris buffer (pH 7.8) was used to lyse the cells. Sonication was also conducted as an additional measure to ensure complete cell lysis. To help denature proteins, 5 μ L of reducing reagent, 200 mM DTT, was added and the sample was mixed by gentle vortex. After letting sit for 10 minutes in room temperature, 20 μ L of alkylating reagent, 200 mM IAA, was mixed into the tube and vortexed. After another 10 minutes, 20 μ L of 200 mM DTT was mixed in and allowed to sit for 10 minutes at room temperature. 775 μ L of sterile MilliQ water was added to each sample to dilute the urea concentration and create an environment where trypsin can retain its activity. Initially, 3 μ L of Trypsin Gold Solution (0.5 mg/mL) was added and the digestion was carried out overnight at 37°C. The next day, another 1.5 μ L of Trypsin was added and allowed to digest for another 2 hours. The reaction was then stopped by adding 5.125 μ L of 10% TFA.

Pierce™ C18 Spin Columns (Thermo Scientific™ No. 89873) were used to purify the samples. The columns were activated with 50% ACN, equilibrated with 5% ACN + 0.5% TFA solution, and used according to the manufacturer's instructions. About 1 mL of sample was bound, washed, and eluted. 20 μ L of elution buffer was run through the columns twice to

guarantee a thorough product. This resulted in a 40 μL solution that would be stored and later used for analysis.

Colorimetric Peptide Assay and Normalization

Eighteen samples were analyzed by use of the Pierce Quantitative Colorimetric Peptide Assay (Thermo Scientific™ No. 23275). Prior to this analysis, these samples were lyophilized and then resuspended with 15 μL of 5% ACN + HPLC grade water + 0.1% Formic Acid solution. All reagents were made as per the manufacturer's instructions and the protocol was followed stringently. 2 μL of each sample was mixed with 18 μL of autoclaved water before being mixed with the 180 μL of working reagent. After running the software analysis, some discrepancies were visible between the biological replicates. In order to maximize the amount of peptide binding to the mass spectrometer analytical column, the biological replicates with the higher peptide concentration were selected. These samples were normalized with HPLC grade water + 0.1% Formic Acid to match the limiting concentration of one of the samples (the control for Day 3). The concentrations and samples selected are illustrated in Table 3. After randomizing the order in which they would be processed, the samples were inserted into the mass spectrometer to begin the proteomic analysis. Every sample was injected twice at a volume of 25 μL per injection, creating technical replicates. The second injections were treated as separate samples when it came to randomizing the order.

Table 3
Observed Initial Concentrations of Chosen Samples and Post-Normalization Values

Sample	Initial Concentration (µg/mL)	Concentration Needed (µg/mL)	Volume of Sample (µL)	Volume of Water Mixture (µL)
3C2	174.495	1.74495	10	40
7L1	200.901	1.74495	8.68	41.32
7H2	213.293	1.74495	8.18	41.82
3M2	236.433	1.74495	7.38	42.62
NSC2	250.005	1.74495	6.98	43.02
7M1	262.165	1.74495	6.65	43.35
3L2	324.988	1.74495	5.37	44.63
7C1	365.978	1.74495	4.77	45.23
3H1	438.012	1.74495	3.98	46.02
HeLa	155.022	-	20	80

Note. Samples are notated by the format of [Trial Day][Trial Group][Replicate Number]. For example, 3C2 is Day 3 Control no. 2. NSC2 refers to the undifferentiated Nerve Stem Cells sample used. HeLa cells were included to check for consistency during the Mass Spectrometry run every 24 hours. Water mixture consists of HPLC grade water + 0.1% Formic Acid. All samples except for the HeLa cells were injected twice (25 µL per injection). The HeLa cells were injected four times with the same amount of protein per injection.

Proteomic Analysis

Peptides were eluted from the C18 column and subject to electrospray ionization and the samples were analyzed using our Thermo Scientific™ Orbitrap Fusion™ Tribrid™ mass spectrometer. Individual samples were subject to approximately a 2 hr chromatographic run using a previously established X-calibur program. The entire running time on the mass spectrometer was about 72 hours. A sample of HeLa cells was injected every 24 hours to confirm spray stability of the needle during the run. The total volume of HeLa cells was divided into four injections for a total of 25 µL per injection. Once completed, chromatography graphs,

MS and MS/MS data were generated. Data were further analyzed through quantitative analytical software, such as Peaks Studio and Protein Scaffold 4.

RT-qPCR Analysis

In order to complete reverse transcription and quantitative polymerase chain reaction analysis (RT-qPCR), total RNA was isolated, washed, and solubilized. A standard Trizol RNA isolation procedure was done according to Invitrogen's manual (Pub.No. MAN0001271 B.0). All samples were lysed with Trizol containing 60 μL of 100% chloroform and centrifuged to generate separate phases within tubes. Each sample's aqueous phase was transferred to a new tube and precipitated using 150 μL of 100% isopropanol along with centrifugation at 4°C . The gel-like pellets that resulted were then washed three times with 300 μL of 70% ethanol. After vacuum-drying the pellets for about 20 minutes, the pellets were resuspended in 20 μL of RNase-free water. The RNA yield for each sample was determined by use of the ThermoScientific™ NanoDrop 2000c Spectrophotometer and the appropriate absorbance values were recorded.

The purified RNA was then prepared for RT-qPCR analysis by mixing with the proper reagents from the PowerUp™ SYBR™ Green Master Mix (Applied Biosystems™). The RNA was first diluted to a concentration of 12.5 ng/ μL . Then, the following mixture was produced: 4 μL of 12.5 ng/ μL RNA; 10 μL of 2x SYBR green dye; 0.2 μL QN SYBR green Reverse Transcriptase mix; 1 μL of 20x primer mix; 4.8 μL RNase free water. Samples were analyzed for each of the five primers and technical duplicates were also generated. Forward and reverse primers were mixed (see Table 4) and checked for their ability to amplify their specific amplicon beforehand using 2% agarose gel electrophoresis. A 96-well plate was used to load 18 μL of each mixture and was then processed by the continuous fluorescence detector.

Table 4
Primer Sequences for Histone H1 Family

Histone Name	Forward 5' to 3'	Reverse 5' to 3'	Forward MT (°C)	Reverse MT (°C)
H1.1	gaagcctgcgaaagct gctgt	gaaactgcaggcttctt gggc	64	66
H1.2	gtcggaaactgctcctg ctgc	ggcttggcctgccag aagct	68	70
H1.3	ttgaaacatgtctgaaac agctcc	atgcggctgttgttcttc tcc	68	64
H1.4	aagaagaaggcccgc aaggcc	ccgccttctgttgagtt tga	68	62
H1.5	aagaagaagacaaaa aagctggc	cttagcctgggcttgg cttc	66	68

Note. Melting Temperatures (MT) for both forward and reverse primers are shown. Primers are shown as 5' to 3'.

CHAPTER 3: RESULTS

Neural Stem Cell Differentiation

Light microscopy was used to examine the process of growth and differentiation of the nerve stem cells. Photos were taken every day in greyscale and monitored for healthy progression. The Day 3 trial groups were compared to the Day 3 control and undifferentiated stem cells at Passage 2 (Figure 1). A visible difference between the morphology of the stem cells and the morphology of the differentiated cells was seen (Figure 1). The differentiated cells in both the control group and the trials seemed to successfully form neural connections typically seen in nervous tissue. The morphology of the cells from the trials did not seem to significantly deviate from the control group, illustrating that the addition of the *H. erinaceus* extract did not cause any significant changes to the physical appearance of the cells.

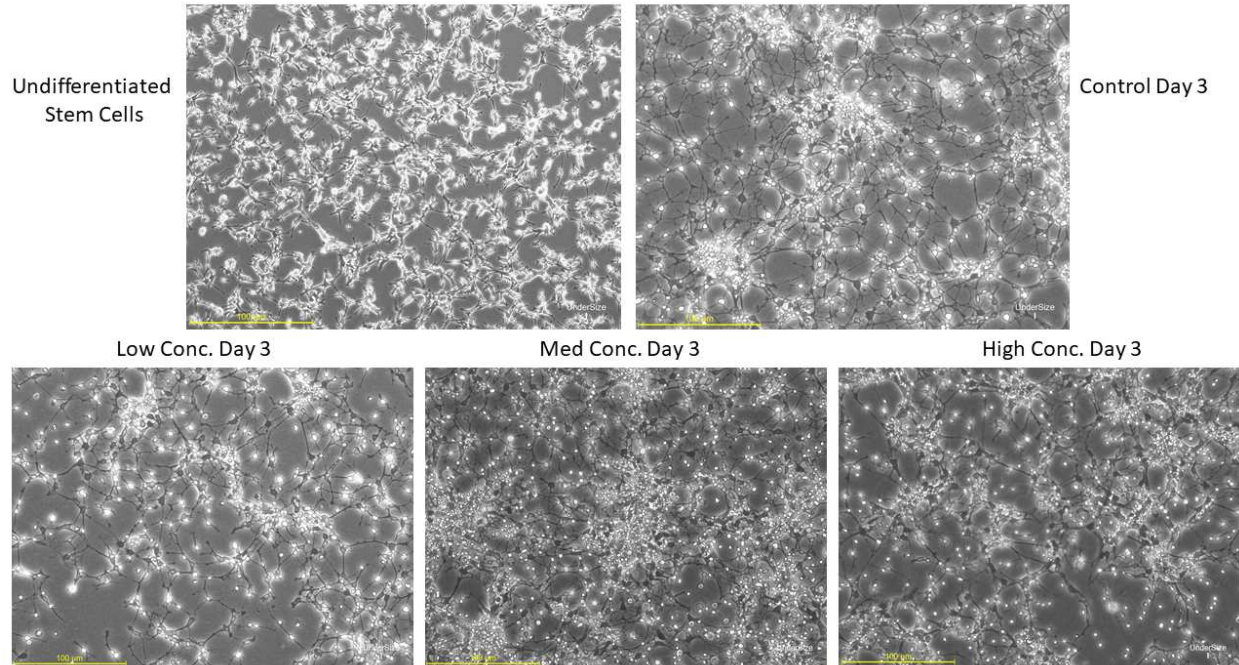


Figure 1. Comparison of morphology between undifferentiated stem cells and Day 3 Control and treatment groups using light microscopy. The yellow measurement bar is set to 100 μm for reference. The treated groups and undifferentiated stem cells are portrayed in 200x magnification while the Control group is portrayed in 100x magnification.

The same could not be said about the Day 7 group. In comparison to the Day 3 group, the Day 7 group illustrated more solid groupings of nerve cells and glia with more distinct crater-like low-density spaces in between the formations (Figure 2) illustrating a progression in maturation. A uniquely dense cluster of cells, similar to controls, was found when analyzing the Low Concentration trial for Day 7 as seen in Figure 2. When comparing the Day 7 trials, the ones that were treated with the medium and high concentrations of *H. erinaceus* exhibited what seemed to be less specific condensed grouping of cells which resulted in less crater-like low-density space compared to the low concentration and control trials, and which appeared to mimic the cells at Day 3 of treatment as opposed to untreated controls and low-dose treatments.

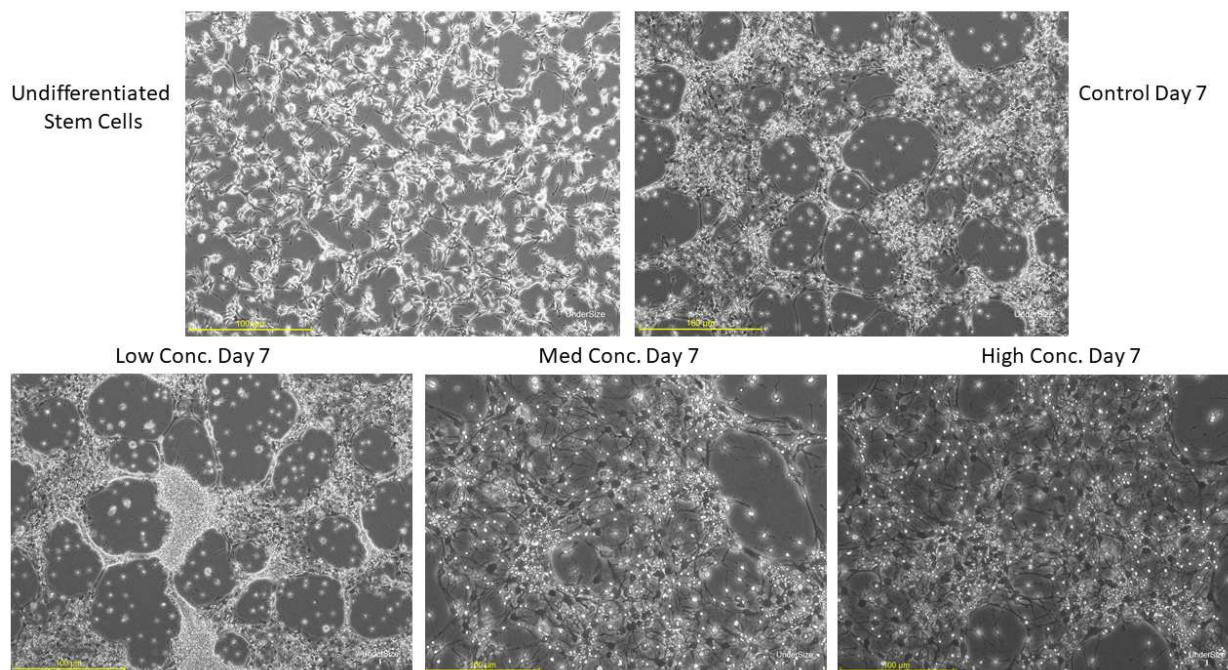


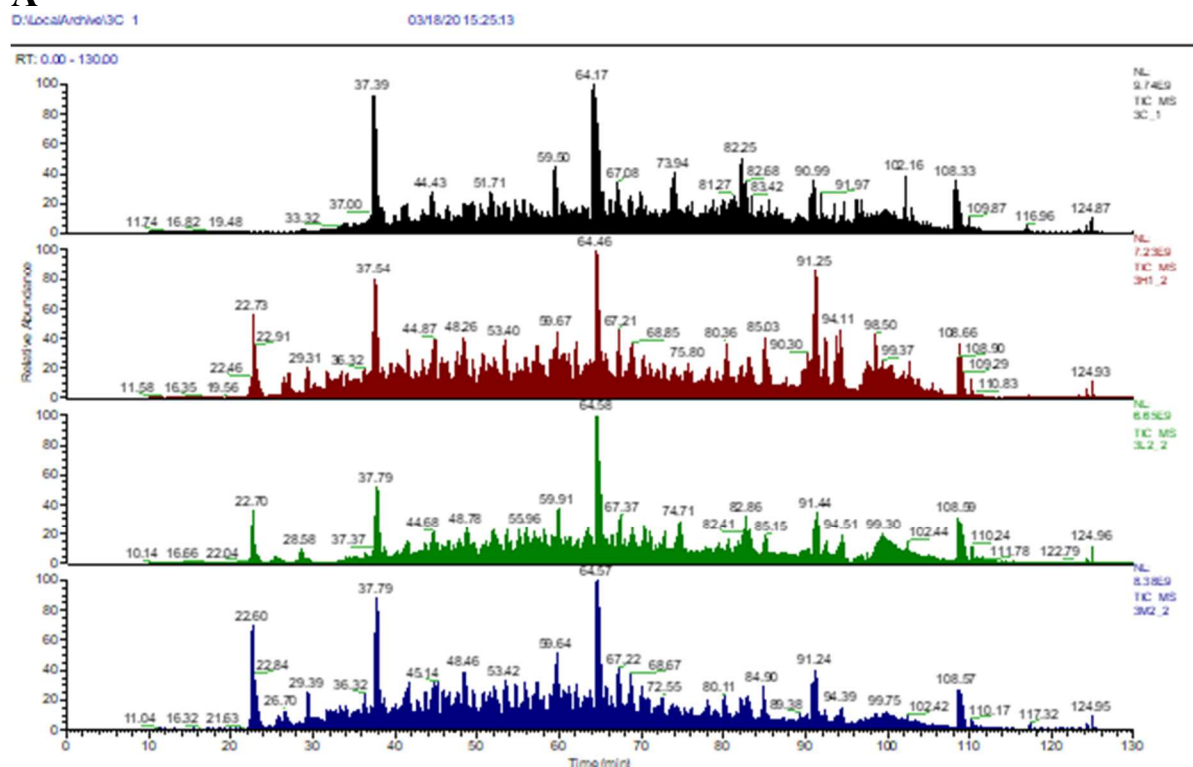
Figure 2. Comparison of morphology between undifferentiated stem cells and Day 7 control and treatment groups using light microscopy. The yellow measurement bar is set to 100 μm for reference. The treated groups and Control are portrayed in 100x magnification while the undifferentiated stem cells are portrayed in 200x magnification.

Proteomic Analysis and Mass Spectrometry

Prior to use for proteomic analysis, the grown cells from all samples were washed with D-PBS lacking Ca^{2+} and Mg^{2+} and detached at their respective time points with acutase, followed by cell lysis in urea. Following crude lysate collection and tryptic digestion, samples were purified using C18 spin columns and checked for peptide concentration using Colorimetric Peptide Assay. The initial concentrations were recorded (Table 3). After normalizing the concentrations to the baseline concentration of sample 3C2, samples were inserted into the mass spectrometer and analyzed over a 4 day period. Each individual sample was analyzed for about 2 hours. Chromatographic graphs were generated to illustrate the relative abundance of peptides eluting off of the column at every point in time. Similarities between retention time and relative abundance are best illustrated between the control and trial groups of the same day (Figure 3).

There are certain notable differences in the graphs, but for the most part, there is not much variation to be seen in the overall shape. This implies that the samples were handled and processed properly with little error. For the Day 3 group, there was a peak missing in 3C at roughly the 22.70 minute retention time that was visible in all the other trials in varying abundances (Figure 3). The Day 7 control group seemed to differ from the Day 7 treatment groups, most notably in the end of the chromatographic run around 91-94 minutes. There were a couple of peaks showing more abundance in the treated groups compared to the control, signifying that there may be proteins that are uniquely expressed and representative peptides are eluted off the column at that point that are not found in the control group. It may also be the case that those same peptides might have simply been eluted at a different point in a spread out way. This is unlikely, however, since by looking at the overall curve of the 7C graph, it is hard to spot where these peaks could have shifted to. Overall, these figures confirm our assertion that the samples analyzed display similar quantities of peptides, allowing us to carry on with further analysis using additional software.

A



B

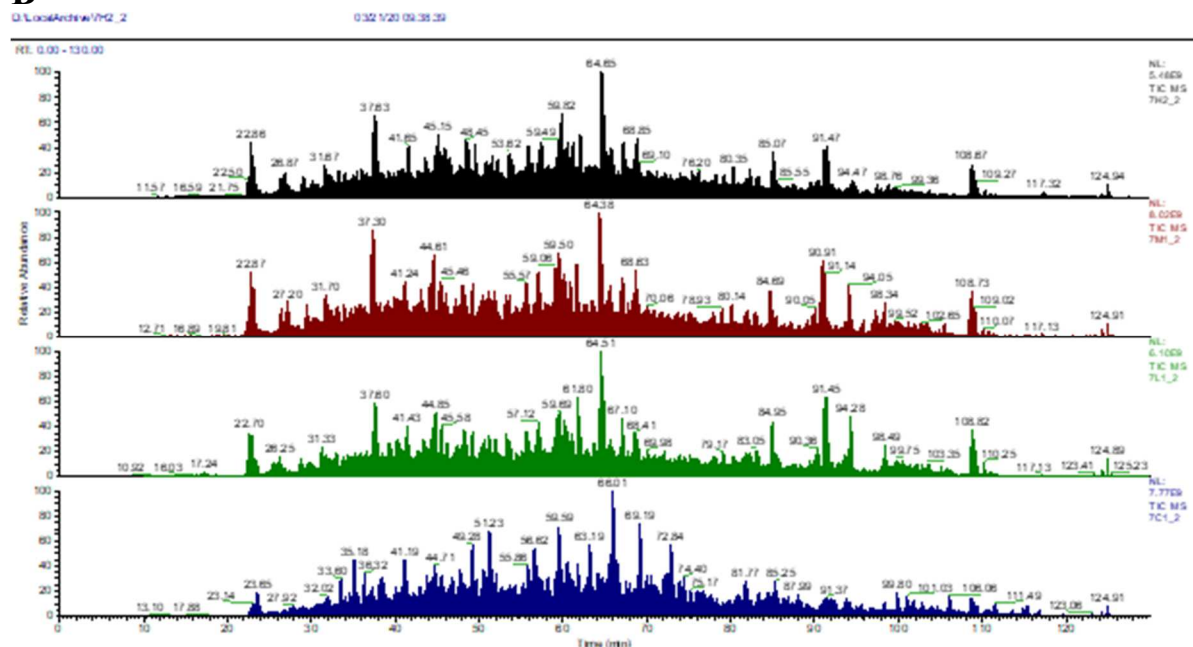


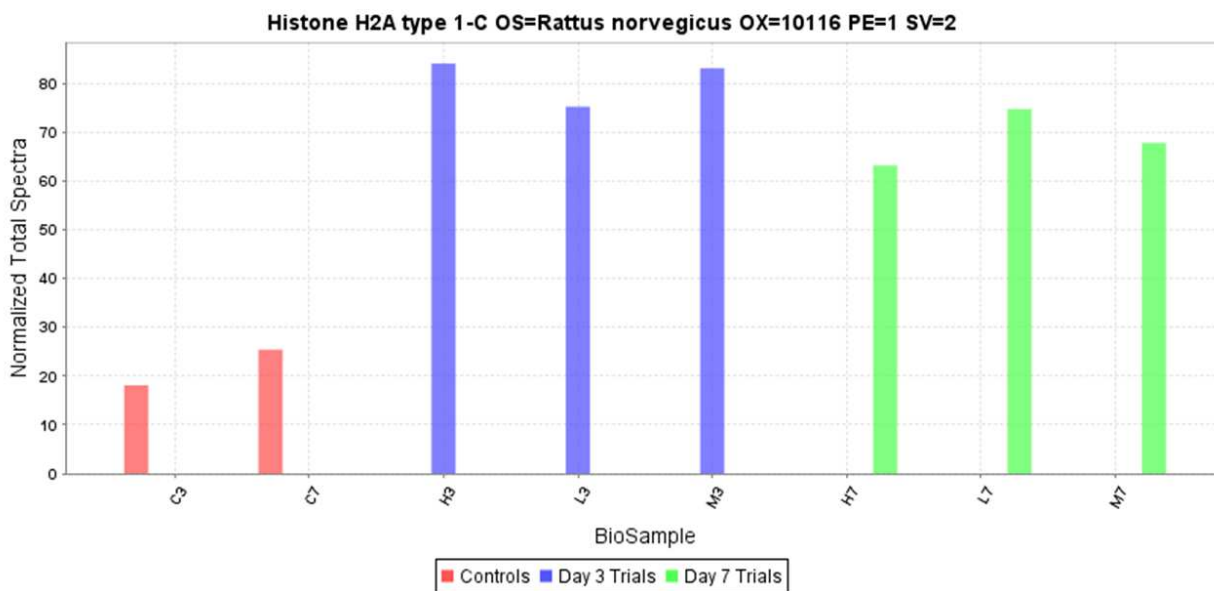
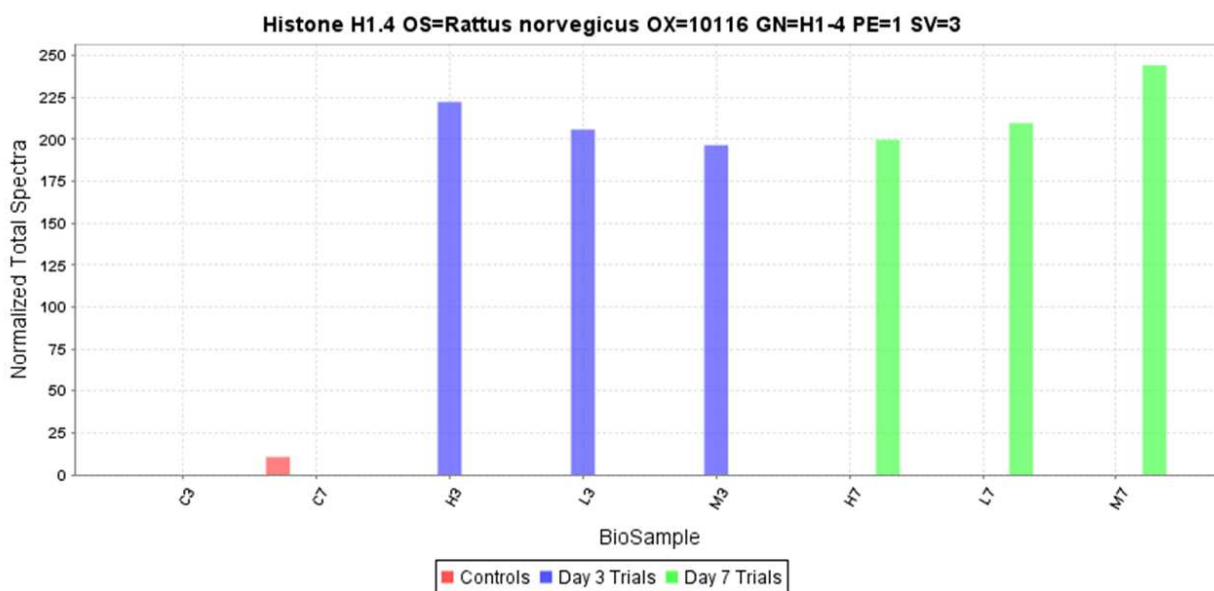
Figure 3. Raw chromatography files from the Thermo Scientific™ Orbitrap Fusion™ Tribrid™ mass spectrometer after completing the sample processing. These graphs compare the relative abundance of peptide (y-axis) to the retention time (x-axis). A: Day 3 Group color-coded and labeled. B: Day 7 Group color-coded and labeled. Note the difference in order from top to bottom between A and B.

Quantitative Proteomic Analysis

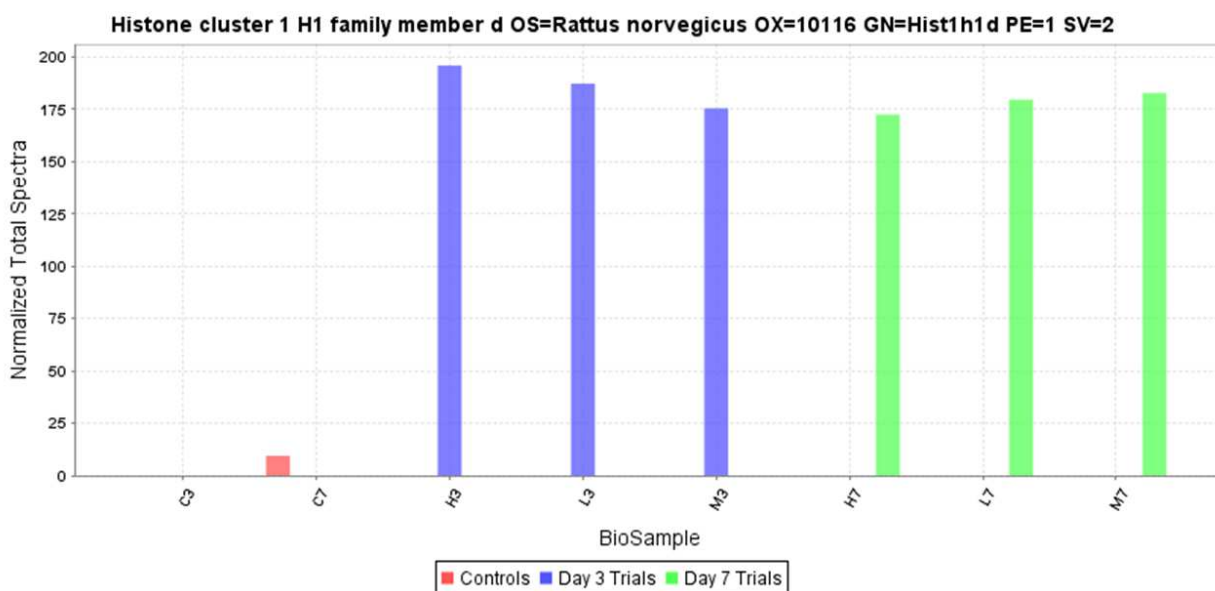
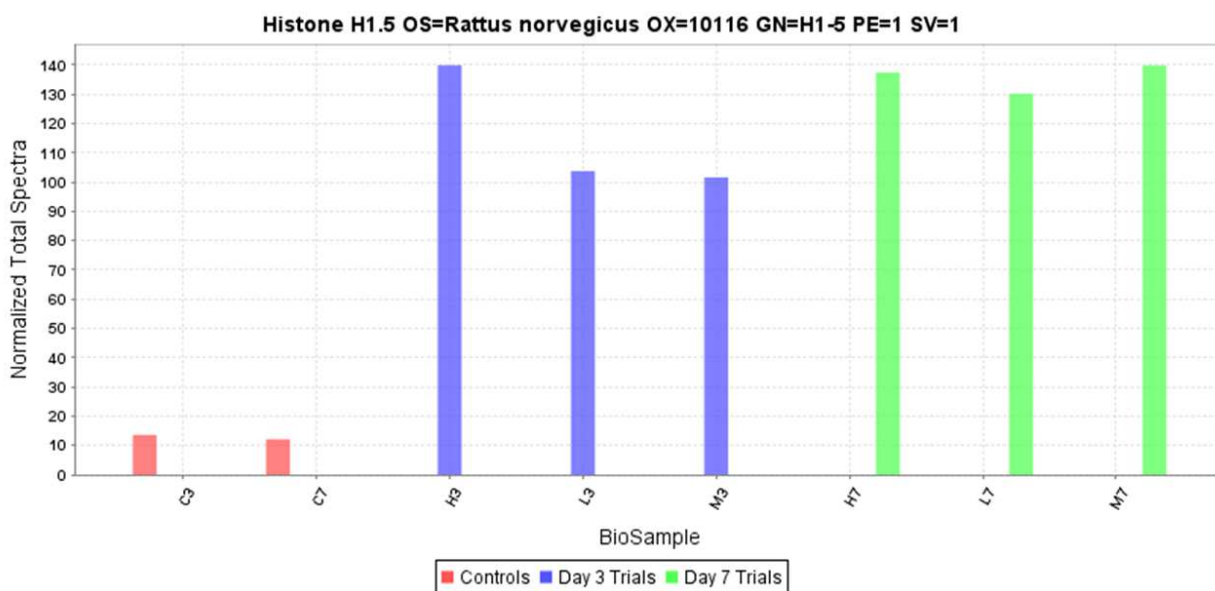
Mass spectrometry data were analyzed using Protein Scaffold (Proteome Software, Inc.[™]), a software algorithm designed for quantitative proteomics. Within this software algorithm, MS/MS spectra were tallied up and normalized in preparation for quantitative comparison and analysis. Protein sequences, statistical correlation, and probability percentages were illustrated among many other useful metrics. Prior to optimization, a total of 365,537 spectra were obtained from the combined 8 sets of data (Day 3 Control, Day 7 Control, Day 3 Low, Day 3 Medium, Day 3 High, Day 7 Low, Day 7 Medium, Day 7 High). The protein threshold value, minimum number of peptides value, and peptide threshold value were modified. As the software conducts the internal statistical analysis, it checks for the probability of a protein or peptide actually existing in the sample according to the registered and recognized spectra. The protein and peptide thresholds are in reference to these probabilities. For our analysis, protein and peptide thresholds were set to 95%, indicating that Scaffold would only display proteins and peptides that the algorithm calculated of having at least a 95% probability of being present in the samples. The minimum number of unique peptides used for protein identification was set to 2, which is commonly accepted by the proteomic community to confirm the presence of proteins. These parameters narrowed the results and allowed for a more stringent and accurate observation of proteins that were most likely to be “real”. These parameters also minimized the false discovery rate and dramatically lowered the chances of encountering false positives in the data. After setting such parameters, there were a total of 648 unique proteins and 21,602 spectra found when comparing the Day 3 Control to the Day 3 Trial groups. A statistical two-tailed T-test was conducted and found that 61 of these proteins were statistically significant with a p-value of less than 0.05. Of these 61 proteins, 26 were expressed in higher quantities, up to a 4-fold difference,

in the Day 3 Control compared to the trials. The rest of the 35 proteins were expressed in lower quantities, up to a 4-fold difference, in the Day 3 Control compared to the trials (Appendix A). The same statistical analysis was conducted for the Day 7 groups where a total of 1042 unique proteins and 37,541 spectra were found following analysis using the same parameters. After finding 193 statistically significant proteins, 64 of them were expressed in higher amounts, up to a 4-fold difference, in the Day 7 Control compared to the trials. The other 129 proteins were expressed in lower quantities, up to a 4-fold difference, in the Day 7 Control compared to the trials (Appendix B). A final statistical analysis, ANOVA ($p\text{-value} < 0.05$), was conducted to illustrate significant variance between all three groups of trials (Controls vs Day 3 trials vs Day 7 trials). A total of 129 unique proteins across all samples were found to be statistically significant according to this analysis with respect to changes in protein expression (Appendix C). Of these proteins, 36 were unanimously expressed in higher amounts, up to a 4-fold difference, in the Day 3 and Day 7 trials when compared to the Control groups. On the other hand, 17 proteins were expressed in lower amounts, up to a 4-fold difference, in the Day 3 and Day 7 trials when compared to the Control groups. These proteins were researched one-by-one to find any correlation to previous studies about *H. erinaceus* or Multiple Sclerosis. While there were no statistically significant proteins found that have a direct role in either of these subjects, there was a profound change seen in the expression of certain histones between the control groups and the trial groups. There were multiple notable histones such as H2A, H1.1, H1.2, H1.3, H1.4, and H1.5. Most of these histones were variants of the H1 family. Differences in expression are visualized in Figure 4 where there was at least a 4-fold difference in normalized spectral counts between the control and trial groups. The largest differences are visualized in Figures 4B, 4C, and 4D. Simultaneously, the undifferentiated cells were compared to the controls to confirm that

differentiation was successful on a genotypic level. Nestin, a protein expressed at high levels in neural stem cells and a widely employed marker²⁸, was shown to be expressed less in the differentiated controls as illustrated in Figure 5.

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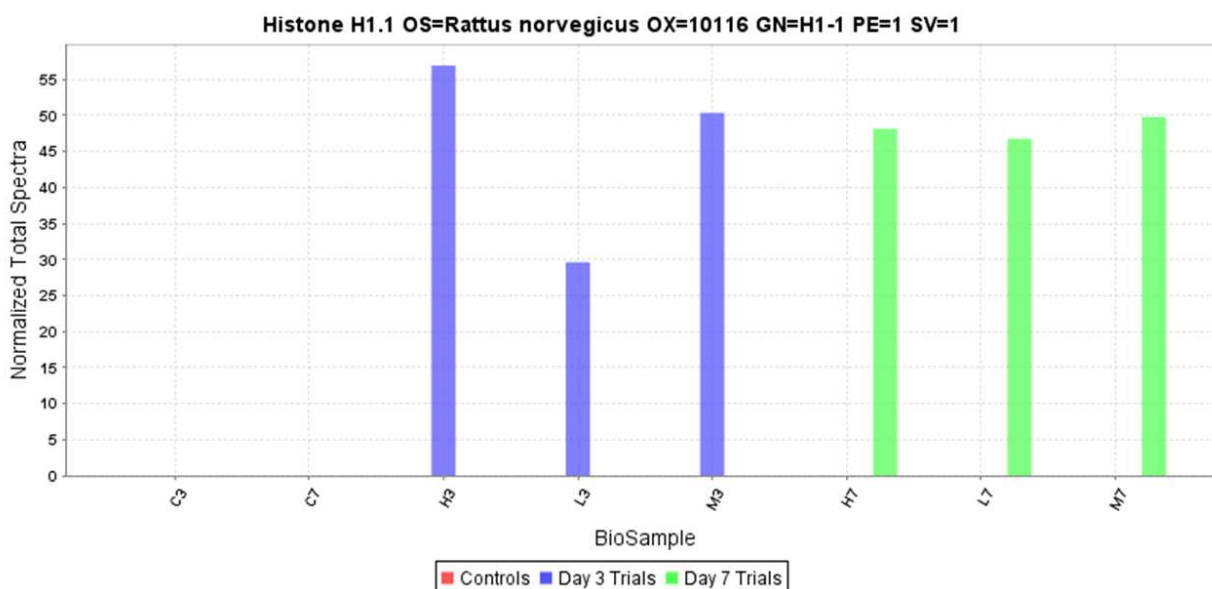
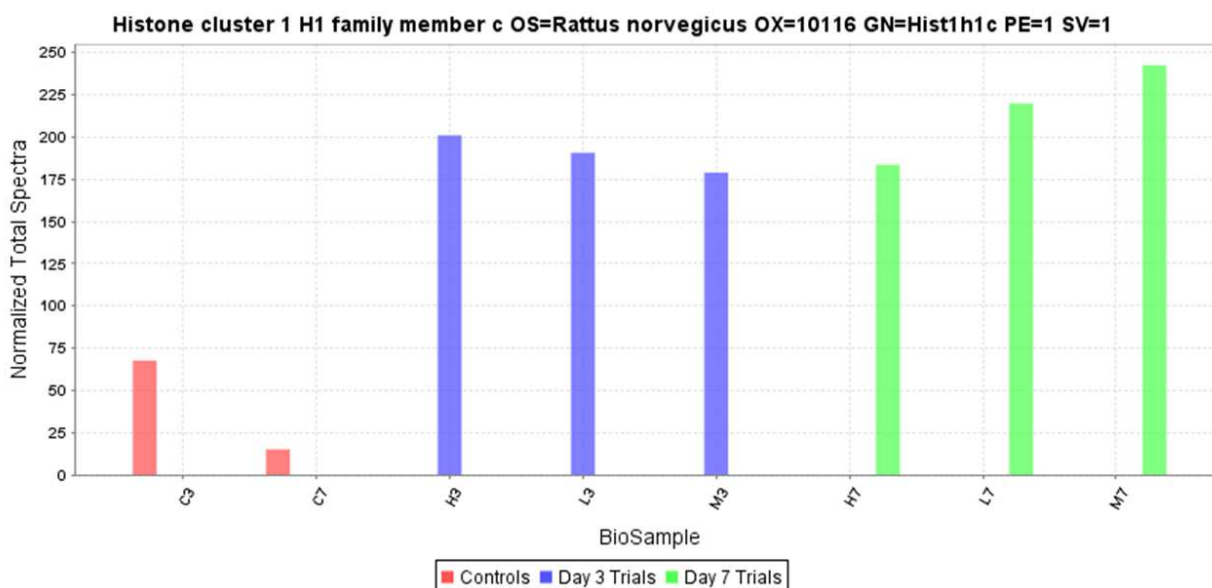
E**F**

Figure 4. Normalized total spectra vs biosample. These graphs were exported as raw data from Protein Scaffold. The raw number of Total Spectra is not as important as the comparison in values and changes between the groups of samples. All histones significantly increased in expression when treated with *H. erinaceus*, regardless of elapsed days. A: histone H2A Type 1-C. B: histone H1.4. C: histone cluster 1 H1 family member d (histone H1.3). D: histone H1.5. E: histone H1.1. F: histone cluster 1 H1 family member c (histone H1.2).

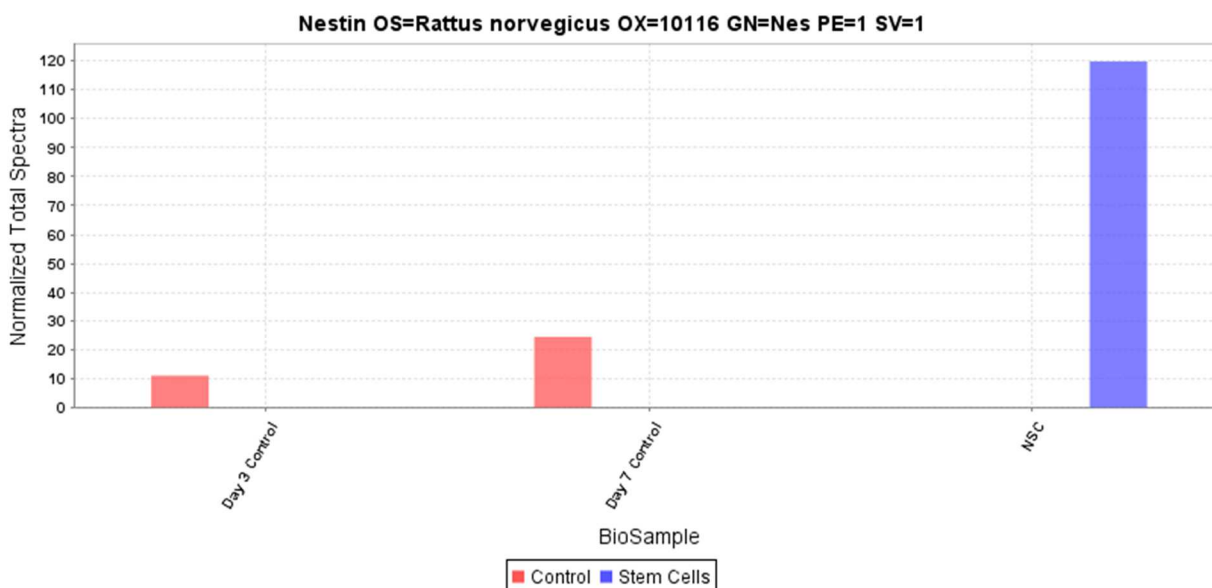


Figure 5. Normalized total spectra of nestin in controls vs nerve stem cells. The lower amount of spectral counts in the controls implies that less of the marker protein is expressed in these samples. Based on this evidence, differentiation did successfully occur.

The Protein Scaffold software also generated scatterplots after the ANOVA test was conducted (Figure 6). The control group (Day 3 Control and Day 7 Control) was compared to the Day 3 trials separately from the Day 7 trials. Both graphs illustrated a similar pattern when comparing averaged normalized total spectra. This demonstrated that there was little variation in the trials due to the different time points. As a result, however; there was a clear significant difference shown between the controls and the trials.

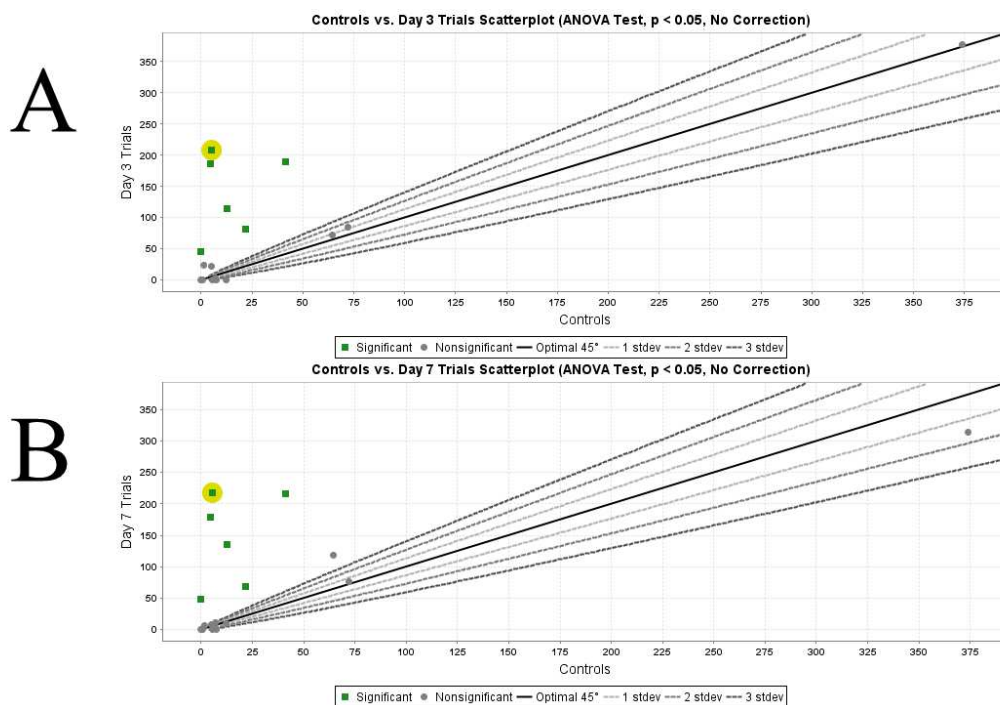


Figure 6. ANOVA test results of histones in controls vs trials. The highlighted green box in both A and B refer to histone H1.4 simply for reference. The numbers on both axes represent Total Normalized Spectra as an average in those groups. The green boxes represent a protein that significantly shows more normalized spectra in a trial group than a control group and vice-versa. In this case, the six green boxes refer to the histones in Figure 4.

The amino acid sequences of these proteins were also examined to see if there were any substantial differences in the order of amino acids that could further explain the specific function of these histone variants. As illustrated in Figure 7, all of the six examined histone variants were rich in both arginine and lysine with minor variation in overall charge. This was to be expected, as histones must use an overall positive charge to tightly bind to DNA when condensing it into chromatin.

POC169 (100%), 14,106.0 Da
Histone H2A type 1-C OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 PE=1 SV=2
9 exclusive unique peptides, 12 exclusive unique spectra, 49/130 amino acids (38% coverage)

M S G R G K Q G G K A R A K A K S R S S R A G L Q F P V G R V H R L L R K G N Y A E R V G A G A P V Y L A A V L E Y L T A E I L E L A G N A A R D N K K T R I I P R H L Q L A I R N
D E E L N K L L G R V T I A Q G G V L P N I Q A V L L P K K T E S H H K A K G K

P15965 (100%), 21,989.0 Da
Histone H1.4 OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=H1-4 PE=1 SV=3
7 exclusive unique peptides, 11 exclusive unique spectra, 38 total spectra, 141/219 amino acids (64% coverage)

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MOR7B4 (100%), 22,235.0 Da
Histone cluster 1 H1 family member d OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=HistH1d PE=1 SV=2
2 exclusive unique peptides, 2 exclusive unique spectra, 8 total spectra, 100/220 amino acids (45% coverage)

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D3ZBN0 (100%), 22,650.4 Da
Histone H1.5 OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=H1-5 PE=1 SV=1
16 exclusive unique peptides, 23 exclusive unique spectra, 86 total spectra, 123/222 amino acids (55% coverage)

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D4A3K5 (100%), 22,005.0 Da
Histone H1.1 OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=H1-1 PE=1 SV=1
5 exclusive unique peptides, 6 exclusive unique spectra, 13 total spectra, 75/214 amino acids (35% coverage)

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S P A K A K A V K P K A A K V K V T K P K T P A K P K K A A P K K K

A0A0G2K654 (100%), 21,318.0 Da
Histone cluster 1 H1 family member c OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=HistH1c PE=1 SV=1
34 exclusive unique peptides, 52 exclusive unique spectra, 252 total spectra, 156/212 amino acids (74% coverage)

M S E T A P A A P A A A P P A E K A P A K K K A A K K P A G M R R K A S O P P V S E L I T K A V A A S K E R S G V S L A A L K K A L A A A G Y D V E K N S R I K L G L K S L V S K
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K A K K V K S A S K A V K P K A A K P K V A K A K K V A A K K K

Figure 7. Recognized peptide sequences matched with a proteome database and mapped back to the histones of interest. The amino acids highlighted in yellow are confirmed to match by available spectra data. All peptides from each protein were examined, but only the best-matched peptide from each protein was chosen to be compared.

Since we selected a neural cell line based on previous studies of myelin sheath regeneration being affected by *H. erinaceus*¹⁴, it was useful to look for any proteins that could correlate our results to these previous studies. In our analysis, only one myelin related protein was found in every sample. This protein, known as Myelin expression factor 2, did not show any significant variation (ANOVA) in expression between the control group, the Day 3 trials, and the Day 7 trials (p -value = 0.34). The control for day 3 showed a drastically different result from the control for day 7 whereas the other groups did not show much variance within their respective groups. Based on this data, we cannot make any solid conclusions, but it was interesting to see the decrease in normalized total spectra when going from the Day 3 group to the Day 7 group. If it were true that Myelin expression factor 2 was being expressed less as time went on, then expression levels of myelin basic protein (MBP) would increase. This is because Myelin

expression factor 2 is a transcriptional repressor for MBP. MBP is one of the main components of myelin sheath so seeing an increase in expression of this protein would illustrate an increase in total myelination occurring. The normalized total spectra data is illustrated in Figure 8.

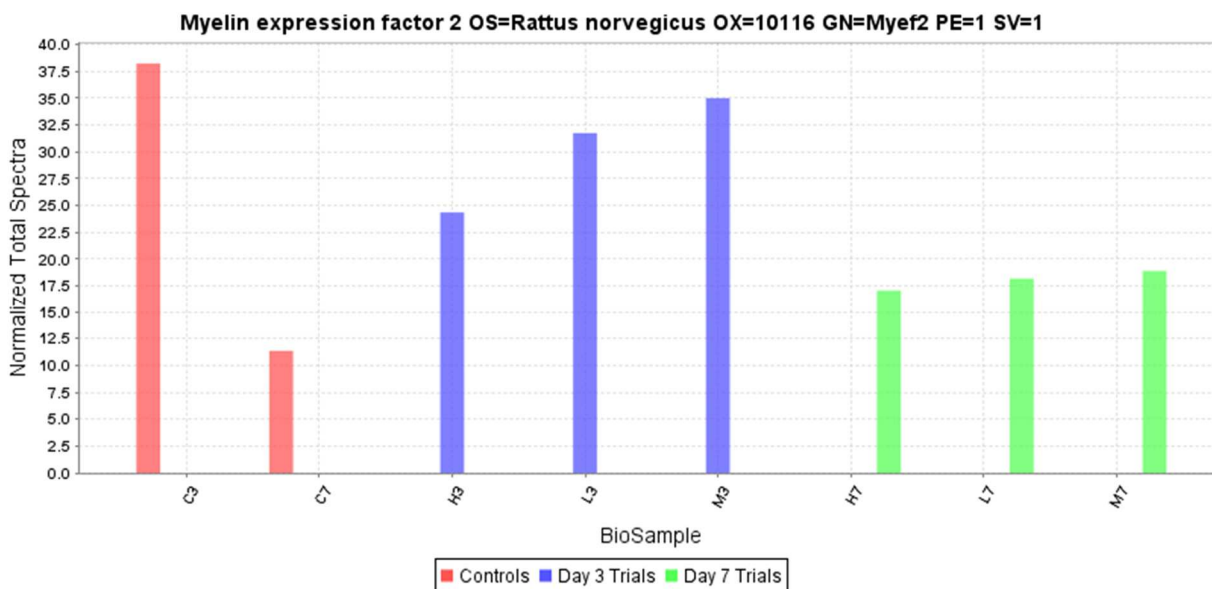


Figure 8. Normalized total spectra of myelin expression factor 2 in the analyzed samples. This data was not deemed statistically significant by the ANOVA test, but was still worth looking at as it could present a lead for future studies.

Post-Translational Modifications

Post-translational modifications (PTMs) have always been a talking point when it comes to histones. Since many different studies have addressed specific PTMs, it was important to analyze the possible PTMs that were found in our samples to see if the affected charge and structure in the peptide sequence would affect histone binding and function. Using a different program now in the form of Peaks Studio X, we compared our samples using a similar algorithm. In this software; however, we were capable of visualizing the proper PTMs at certain sites within the amino acid sequences of each peptide. When comparing the controls to the trials, multiple amino acid sequences were found to be linked with the histone peptides. Some of these

sequences had PTMs that would occur more often than others. For example, when the five Histone H1 variants were processed, four of them showed sequences that were acetylated at the first serine in the amino acid chain (Figure 9). This does not mean that all of these peptides were acetylated, but it does show that some were. Further comprehension of Figure 9 shows that there were other modifications such as carbamylation and ubiquitination. There was little PTM variation seen between the histones for the first 65 amino acids with Histone H1.1 and Histone H1.5 being the most different. De novo peptides were fully matched and the confident modification sites were shown with a minimal ion intensity of 5%. This means that a pair of major fragment ions (b and y ions) must be found showing fragmentation before and after the modified amino acid with at least the given minimum intensity of 5%.

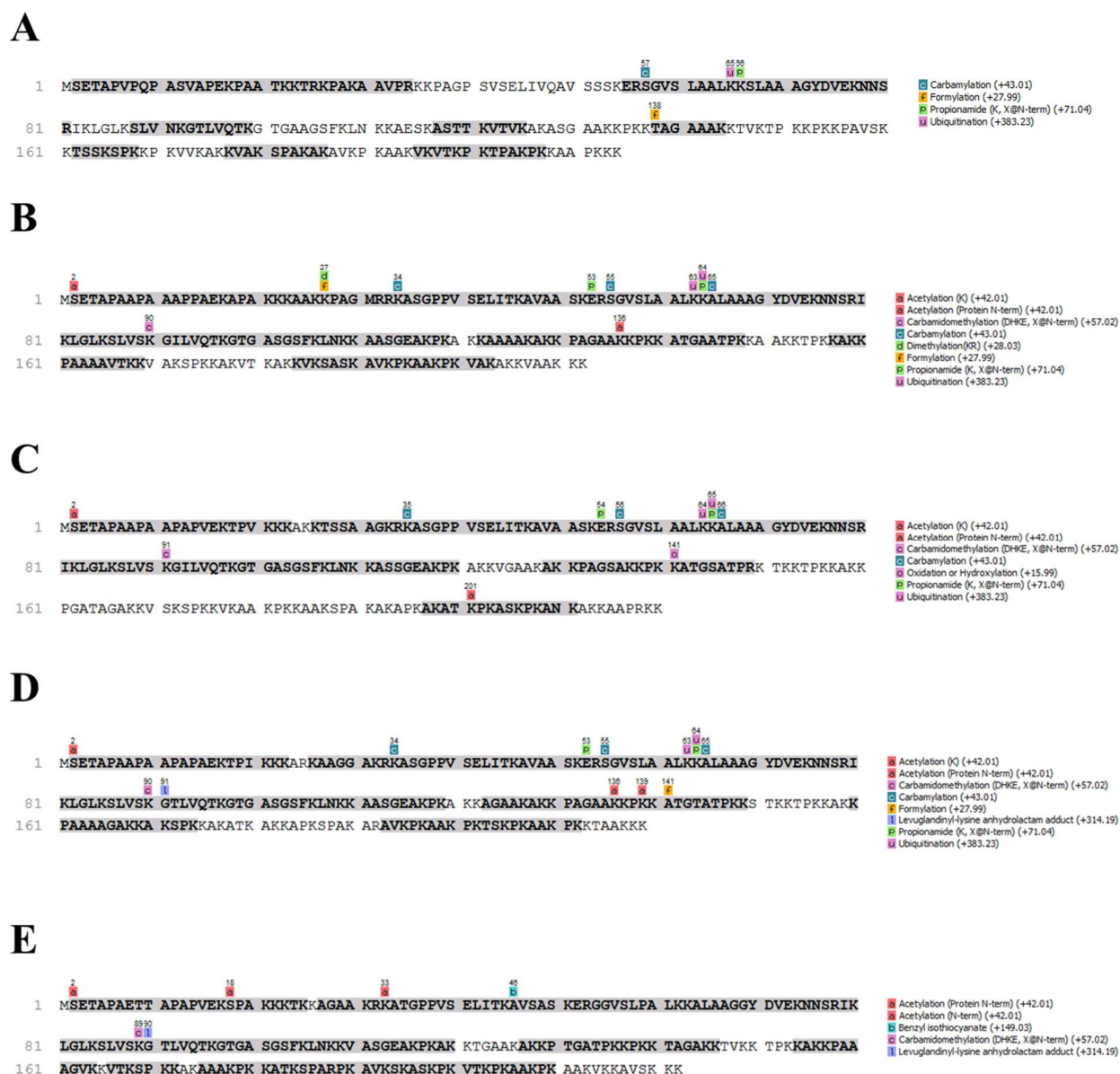


Figure 9. Amino acid sequences of the five variants of histone H1 with possible PTMs labeled at certain sites. Not all copies of these peptides are modified, but there are some that were modified in the samples. A: Histone H1.1. B: Histone cluster 1 family member C. C: Histone cluster 1 family member D. D: Histone H1.4. E: Histone H1.5. Little variation is illustrated between B, C, and D for the first 65 amino acids. Histone H1.1 and Histone H1.5 peptides were capable of being modified a bit differently.

RT-qPCR Analysis

Before the RT-qPCR analysis was conducted, the prepared RNA of every sample was measured for purity by calculating absorbance values through use of the NanoDrop™ 2000c Spectrophotometer (Thermo Scientific™). These values are illustrated below in Table 5.

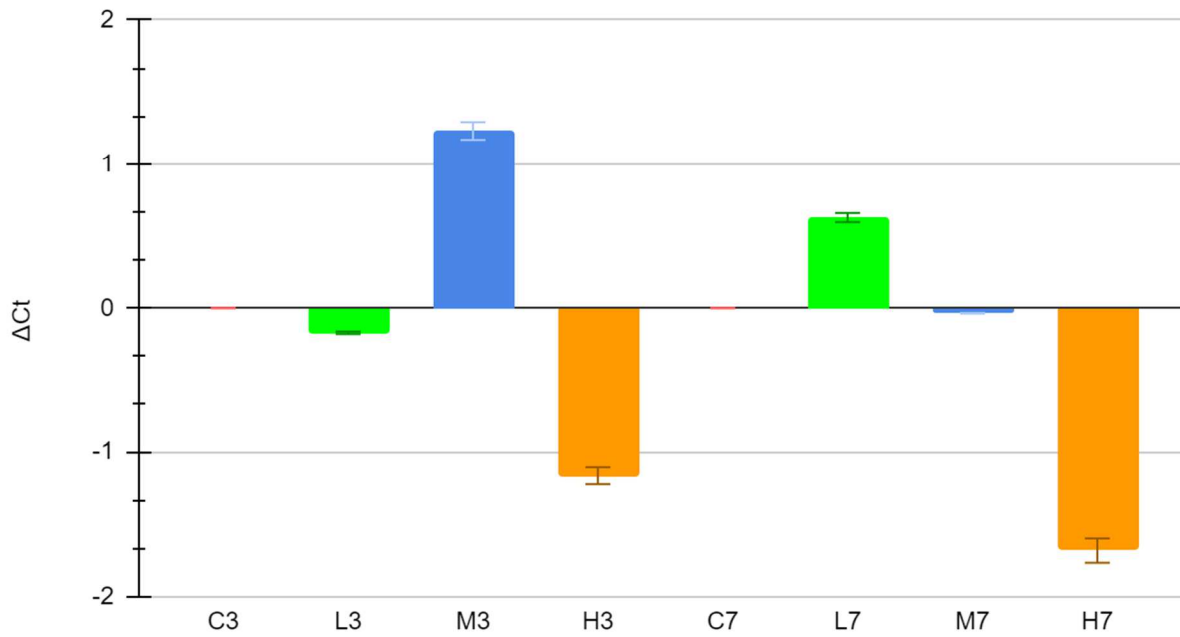
Table 5
RNA Absorbance Values

Sample	Concentration ($\mu\text{g}/\mu\text{L}$)	A260/A280	A260/A230
C3	1.9282	1.78	2.21
L3	1.2177	1.75	2.25
M3	0.8436	1.78	2.24
H3	1.2680	1.86	2.08
C7	1.1582	1.80	2.23
L7	1.1262	1.81	2.20
M7	1.0629	1.81	2.09
H7	1.3195	1.84	2.01

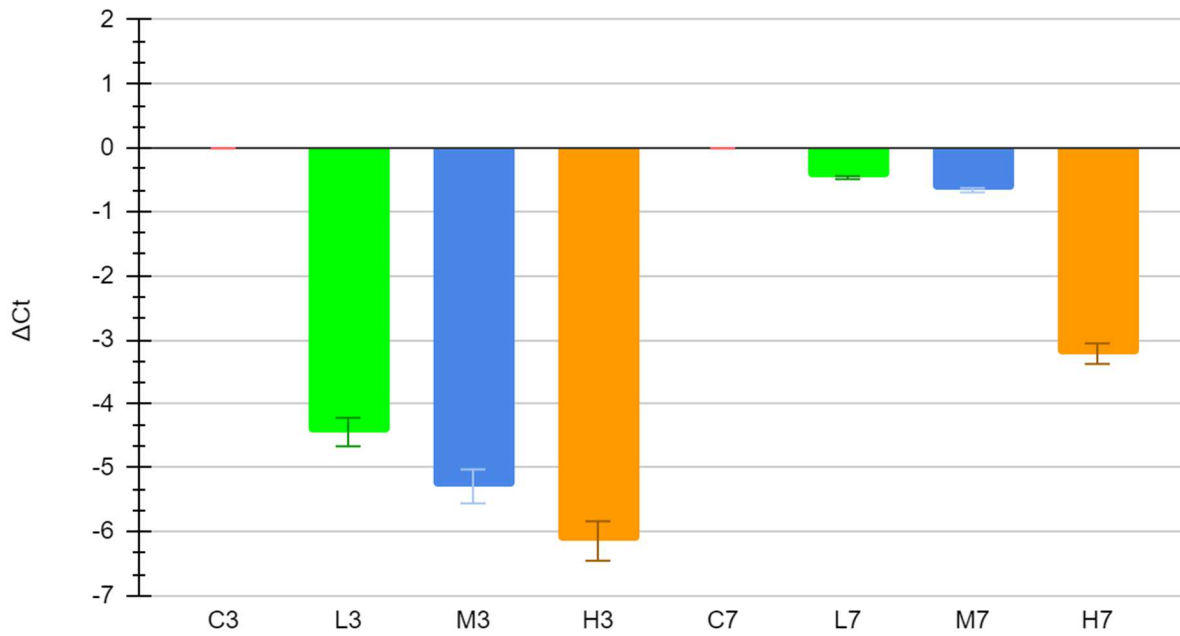
Since the samples were confirmed to be pure enough by this data, the RT-qPCR analysis carried on with the use of a continuous fluorescence detector. This machine generated curves that illustrated the relative fluorescence as the cycles carried on. Forty cycles were completed according to the standard PCR specifications listed in the user guide (MAN0013511). After the curves were generated, a cycle time threshold of 0.180 was set to compare how quickly the contents amplified between the different histone H1 variants. Most of the variants exhibited the same basic trend where the curves of the treated groups would cross the threshold sooner than the curves of the control groups for both time points. The (c)T values (cycle time values) were

typically lower for the treatment groups and a bit higher for the control groups, illustrating that generally there was more histone H1 variant RNA in the cells post-treatment with *H. erinaceus* as shown in Figure 10.

Histone H1.1 - Day 3 | Day 7

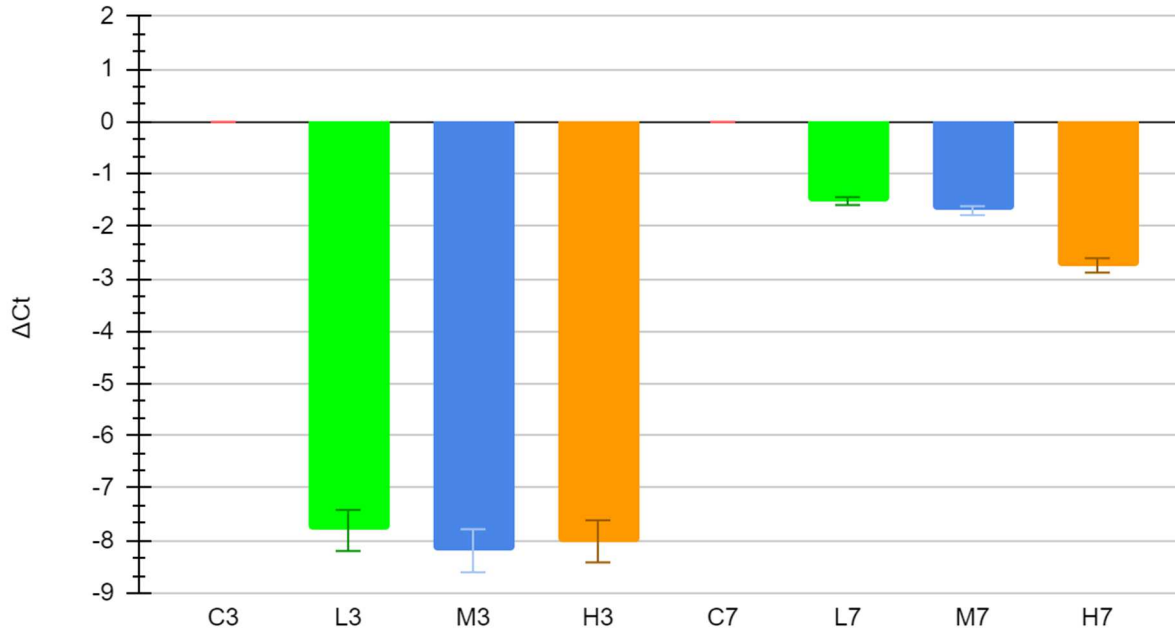


Histone H1.2 - Day 3 | Day 7

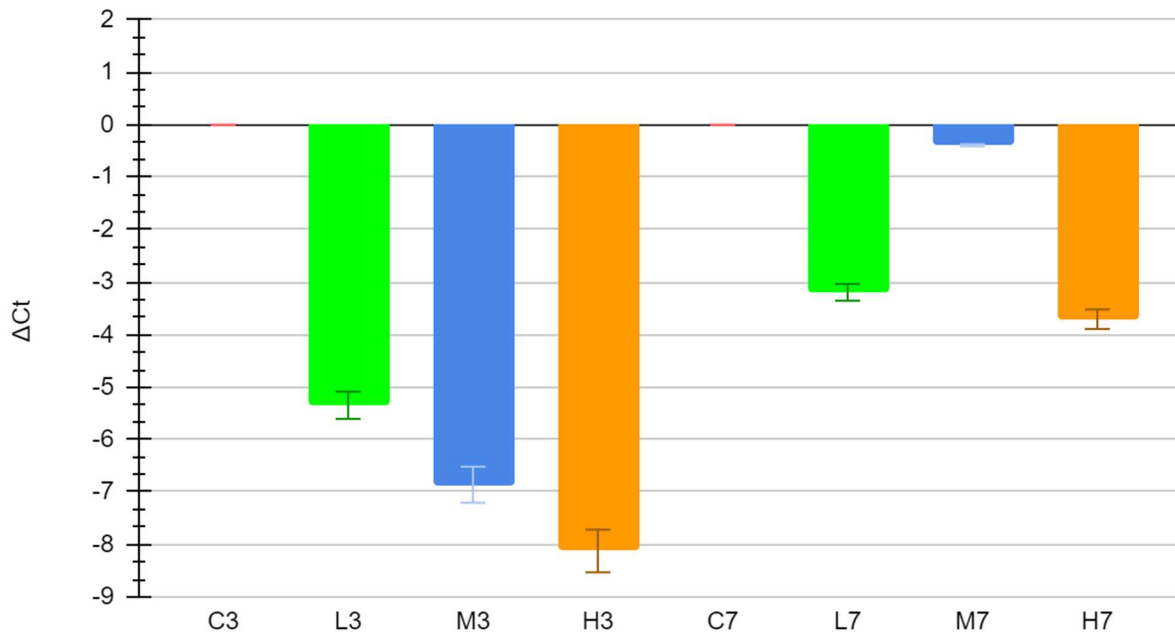


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Histone H1.3 - Day 3 | Day 7



Histone H1.4 - Day 3 | Day 7



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Histone H1.5 - Day 3 | Day 7

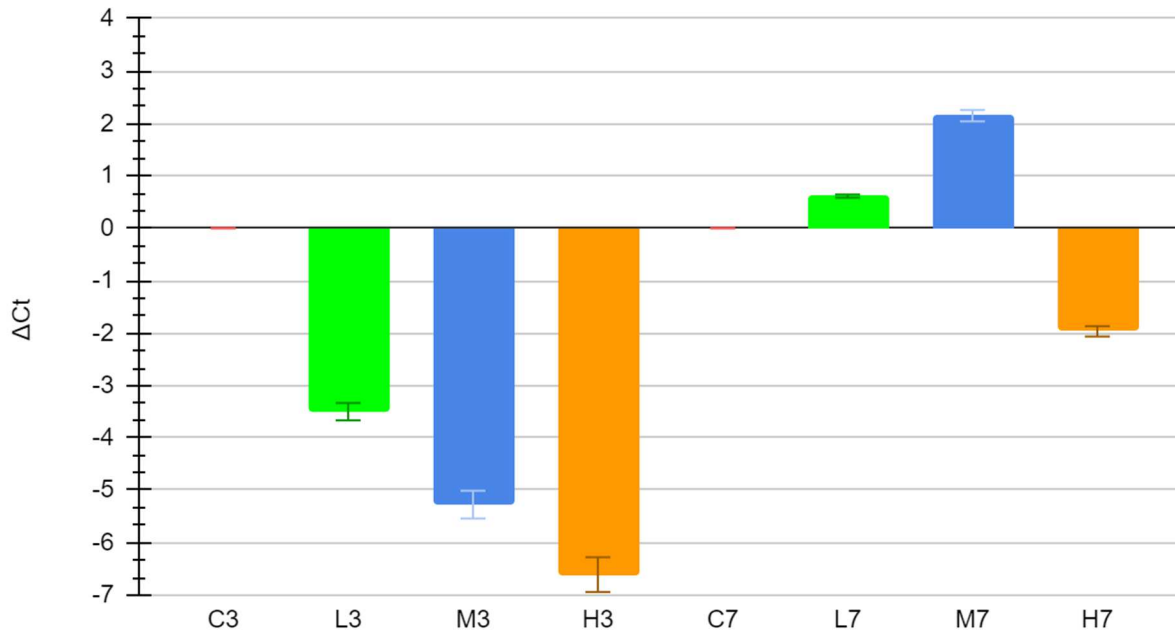


Figure 10. The difference in cycle time compared across the histone H1 variants. The equation is $\Delta Ct = \text{Cycle time of Trial} - \text{Cycle time of Control}$. The day 3 trials were compared to the day 3 control and the day 7 trials were compared to the day 7 control. The threshold of 0.180 was crossed during the RT-qPCR analysis of each sample for every histone H1 variant. Both time points are illustrated in each graph. The more negative differences indicate more initial RNA in the sample for the depicted histone H1 variant as compared to the more positive differences which indicate less. Similar trends are visualized across all histone H1 variants analyzed.

CHAPTER 4: DISCUSSION

Neural Stem Cell Differentiation

Nervous tissue is notorious for being very delicate and although we performed every step meticulously, there was always a chance for contamination or inefficient growth. We kept this in mind as the results were processed. We initially wanted to treat the neural stem cells with larger concentrations of *H. erinaceus* extract to rival studies published previously; however, this proved to be difficult as the *H. erinaceus* extract powder failed to completely dissolve when added to the incomplete medium. After decreasing the concentrations through multiple iterations, the strongest concentration that could be completely dissolved in the medium (defined by no particles visible) was set to 0.5 mg/mL. The other two weaker concentrations were chosen for relative ease of calculation. After confirming that there were no particles to be seen in the mixture following addition of the powder, the mixtures were poured over a microfilter as another safety measure to ensure no contamination during the mixing process. Unfortunately, some of the material that was filtered out of the solution seemed to be particles of *H. erinaceus*. We were not able to measure the exact amount that did not pass through the microfilter and we did not know how this would affect our results. We were unable to restart the procedure as the cells were already in the process of growing and our supply of media was running low. It would have been ideal to run this experiment once more using different conditions, but due to financial and time restraints, we were limited to this path that we already started on. Despite this hiccup, we decided to continue with the experiment as it was. When observing the morphology of the differentiated cells under the electron microscope, little variation between the different concentrations of treatment groups was seen within the same day of trials. The data analyzed

during the later stages of the proteomic analysis reinforces the lack of variation except for when it came to the dense clustering of the cells seen in the Low Day 7 trials. The medium and high concentration counterparts did not exhibit such specific clustering and showed a broader distribution of cells with less clusters. According to these signs, one would assume that these higher concentrations are affecting the differentiation in an impactful way. However, even with the unique clusters seen in the Low Day 7 trials, the proteomic data bolsters the fact that this interesting morphology does not significantly impact the expression of proteins. It is unclear if this is due to insufficient concentration of *H. erinaceus* affecting the cells or if more time has to pass to visualize these differences more distinctly. It may also be possible that *H. erinaceus* has no effect whatsoever on the morphology of the cells and that it may only affect gene and protein expression unrelated to external physical appearance.

Normalization and Mass Spectrometry

Prior to running our samples through the mass spectrometer, we decided to lyophilize the samples in order to increase the concentration of protein. This allows the mass spectrometer to register more effective scans. During the colorimetric peptide assay, peptide concentration was recorded; however, one of the two biological replicates of each sample was more concentrated than the other and was chosen to be used for the mass spectrometry. Using the sample with the lowest concentration of total peptides (3C2), we normalized the other samples so the total peptide concentration would be closely similar across the board (Table 3). This was important to maintain consistency during the experiment. Randomizing the order of the samples during the run was key in preventing the occurrence of unwanted bias and variables. The samples were double-injected in order to create technical replicates. The technical replicates of the samples were also randomized and did not go in the same order as the original samples. A sample of

HeLa cells was injected multiple times in equal time intervals in between our samples to provide evidence for the machine's consistency in spray pattern. In essence, this functioned as a technical control to see if there were any issues with the mass spectrometer's run itself. No significant variation in spray pattern pattern was found, illustrating that the machine executed the procedure without issues. The mass spectrometer generated chromatographs (Figure 3) that were used to validate our data and vet it before moving on with the software-based quantitative proteomic analysis. The technical replicates generated identical chromatographs as those shown in Figure 3 and were not listed to avoid redundancy.

Quantitative Proteomic Analysis

To ensure a False Discovery Rate (FDR) of less than 0.1%, certain parameters had to be set during the Scaffold analysis. After setting the thresholds to the defined values mentioned in the Results section, we were able to achieve a point where we could analyze every peptide with extremely high confidence. For measuring protein abundance, spectral counting is one of the most effective methods to use. There is a very strong correlation between protein abundance and spectral counts³⁰. While another method of protein quantification, measuring ion peak intensity, is available for use, it typically has practical constraints when used for complex biological samples³¹. Because of this, we used spectral counting for our analysis. However, it was vital to normalize the spectral counts in order to measure the variation between samples accurately. The Scaffold program normalized protein spectrum counts by completing multiple calculations in a stepwise manner. First, the total number of spectra in each biosample was calculated. Then, the average number of spectra across all biosamples was calculated. Finally, the spectral count of each protein in every sample was multiplied by the average count over the biosample's total spectral count. An example of this calculation is illustrated by Table 6.

Table 6
Example of Spectral Count Normalization in Scaffold

Biosample A	Spectral Count	Biosample B	Spectral Count	
Protein 1	12	Protein 1	8	
Protein 2	6	Protein 2	3	
Protein 3	4	Protein 3	3	
Total	22	Total	14	Total Average: 18
Biosample A	Normalized	Biosample B	Normalized	
Protein 1	10	Protein 1	10	
Protein 2	5	Protein 2	4	
Protein 3	3	Protein 3	4	

Note. Biosample A protein spectral counts are multiplied by 18/22. Biosample B protein spectral counts are multiplied by 18/14.

The histones illustrated in Figure 6 had overall high normalized spectral counts. Pairing this information with the significance resulting from the statistical analysis, these peptides made for our best targets in the final stages of our research. It seems as though these linker histones could play a role in neural stem cell differentiation. Histone H1 is the most variable of the histones and has multiple variants as seen in this study, but it also has strongly conserved regions which could explain the similar function between the variants³². If one Histone H1 variant is being expressed at lower amounts, other variants show a compensatory increase in expression controlled by an unknown mechanism³³. However, if enough H1 subtypes are lost, embryonic stem cell differentiation is impaired and the silencing of pluripotency factors during DNA methylation mediation is interrupted. This shows that modulating the levels of these linker histones and chromatin compaction may help in regulating stem cell pluripotency³⁴. Based on this information from previous studies, we initially believed that the increase in Histone H1

protein expression that is witnessed in Figure 6 correlated to an increase in embryonic stem cell differentiation and was resulting in a faster differentiation process. To verify this, we sought out potential downstream targets that might be regulated by these changes in the histones. These targets were markers that were previously discussed in other studies relating to the nervous system and differentiation. If our initial theory was correct, then the markers for increased differentiation should increase in expression. Lower levels would be illustrated in the control groups and higher levels would be illustrated in the treated samples. We examined standard markers such as neuron-specific enolase (for neuron growth) and glial fibrillary acidic protein (for glial growth), but the results did not support our theory. Levels of these markers were actually higher in the control group, demonstrating that differentiation was not occurring at a faster rate in the treatment groups since neuronal and glial synthesis was not accelerating according to these keystone markers. There is still room for improvement on this end as not even a major proteomic marker of myelin sheath synthesis, MBP, was found during the proteomic analysis. Considering that it is capable of being found by mass spectrometry³⁷, our protocol could be refined to better isolate this protein from within the lipid membrane of myelin³⁸. The lack of this protein in the analyzed sample is odd considering that the transcriptional repressor for it was found and changes in protein expression levels were seen as the days passed. This may be due to the time limits implemented during this study being too short and the protein itself not forming in enough abundance yet. Although there was glial growth as illustrated by the darker spots during light microscopy, perhaps not enough mature oligodendrocyte formation occurred.

Post-Translational Modifications

Another software, Peaks Studio X (Proteome Software, Inc.TM) was used to confirm the data found in Scaffold. Peaks Studio X uses a slightly different algorithm to calculate the False Discovery Rate and other metrics; however, all the results still pointed towards the previously discussed histones. More importantly, this software allowed us to analyze the effect of post-translational modifications on the Histone H1 family. It is known that Histone H1 variants are filled with many lysine and arginine residues and are therefore positively charged. This strong positive charge will allow for tight binding to DNA during chromatin compaction. These linker histones can act as transcriptional repressors or promoters when this binding occurs. However, more studies link these histones to the function of local repression³⁵. Post translational modifications such as methylation and acetylation make it more difficult for these linker histones to tightly bind to the wound chromatin due to the decrease in positive charge and the structural change of the histones. These changes particularly impact the terminal parts of the protein sequence which are thought to be involved in binding of chromatin proteins regulating transcriptional activity³⁶. Our results are illustrated in Figure 9, showing post-translational modifications that have occurred at certain parts in the sequence for a certain number of Histone H1 peptides. Not all H1 peptides experienced post-translational modifications, but the ones that did experienced them in various regions. The most similar ones being Histone H1.2 (family member C), H1.3 (family member D), and H1.4 with a lysine residue at position 64 and/or 65 experiencing ubiquitination. Histone H1.1 is most likely experiencing significantly different modifications because it is considered a specific variant for thymus, testis, spleen, lymphocytic, and neuronal cells³⁶. Although the Histone H1 proteins act as regulators of individual gene transcription through chromatin remodeling, nucleosome spacing, and DNA methylation, not

much methylation was witnessed in our data. The charge of the proteins would remain overwhelmingly positive and there would not be a large enough shift in molecular structure seen to affect the tight binding of these linker histones significantly. Still, this is worth exploring in the future to calculate the actual difference in binding between modified histones and non-modified histones.

Conclusion and Future Directions

This exploratory research should serve as a gateway for future projects in the field of proteomics, *H. erinaceus*, and alternative medicine. There are still many unknowns about the pathways within the nervous system and how it is affected when treated with *H. erinaceus*. Based on previous studies, it is clear that there are benefits to consuming this mushroom, but to what extent these treatments provide benefits is still left to be seen. The relationship between the histones observed in this study and the fungal extract provides a small, yet novel benefit to the differentiation process in stem cells. With protocol refinement, *H. erinaceus* might be used in the future as a supplement to growth media when differentiating cells.

It is worth noting that we did have limitations that future studies can avoid when attempting to build upon this one. To our knowledge, we were the first to attempt a quantitative and label-free proteomic analysis on rat neural stem cells after being treated with aqueous extract of *H. erinaceus*. We did not find any previous studies that covered this exact topic; therefore, we did not have a specific guide on how to proceed flawlessly. We were forced to pull information from many facets of the groups currently analyzing *H. erinaceus* and its effects. We were also limited due to the sensitive nature of the neural stem cells. We would have preferred to work with human tissue to analyze the medicinal benefits in a better way, but due to costs, our lab was limited to animal cells such as those from rats. These cells were cultured from a primary cell line

and, as a result, were very difficult to work with. Having an immortal cell line would allow us more time and resources and we would not have to worry about running out of products. It would have been less expensive and would have also allowed us to run the procedure for a longer period of time to witness the effects on a deeper level. Running the experiment again for a longer period of time would be very useful in specifically seeing if MBP was indeed in the sample, but did not have enough time to build up to significant protein levels. Previously successful studies have demonstrated progress when utilizing nerve growth factor in their experiments involving neural stem cells¹⁹.

Although having a larger group working on analyzing and researching every protein in our data would have allowed us to deliver more insight on this topic, the results presented in this paper are of the best quality that was allowed due to our restrictions. We are confident that this is a good first step through the door and that others will find this information helpful when proceeding with more sharpened procedures for analyzing the proteomic contents of rat neural tissue post-treatment with *H. erinaceus* extract.

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APPENDIX B: LIST OF T-TEST SIGNIFICANT PROTEINS AND FOLD CHANGES IN DAY 7 GROUPS

#	Bio View: Identified Proteins (1042)	80% to 94%			50% to 79%			20% to 49%			0% to 19%			Accession Number	Alternate ID	Molecular Weight	Protein Grouping Ambiguity	T-Test (p-value) (p < 0.05)	Quantitative Profile
		80% to 94%	50% to 79%	20% to 49%	0% to 19%	80% to 94%	50% to 79%	20% to 49%	0% to 19%										
1	ATP synthase membrane subunit DAPIT, mitochondrial OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Atp5md PE=1 SV=1	Q9J3W3	Atp5md	6 kDa	< 0.00010	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	Rattus...		6 kDa	< 0.00010	↑	↑	
2	ATP synthase subunit delta, mitochondrial OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Htpn PE=1 SV=2	P62775	Htpn	13 kDa	0.00034	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	Rattus...		13 kDa	0.00034	↑	↑	
3	Heterogeneous nuclear ribonucleoprotein D0 OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Hnmpd PE=1 SV=2	Q9J354	Hnmpd	38 kDa	0.00041	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	Rattus...		38 kDa	0.00041	↑	↑	
4	Calmodulin-3 OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Caln3 PE=1 SV=1	P0DP31	Caln3	17 kDa	0.00043	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	Rattus...		17 kDa	0.00043	↑	↑	
5	NEDD8 OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Iedd8 PE=1 SV=1	Q71U88	Iedd8	9 kDa	0.00053	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	Rattus...		9 kDa	0.00053	↑	↑	
6	ATP synthase subunit delta, mitochondrial OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Atp5f1d PE=1 SV=1	Q71U88	Iedd8	9 kDa	0.00053	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	Rattus...		9 kDa	0.00053	↑	↑	
7	Tubulin alpha-1A chain OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Tuba1a PE=1 SV=1	P68370 (+1)	Tuba1a	50 kDa	0.00055	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	Rattus...		50 kDa	0.00055	↑	↑	
8	Cytoplasmic dynein 1 heavy chain 1 OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Dync1h1 PE=1 SV=2	MOR9X8	Dync1h1	532 kDa	0.00064	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	Rattus...		532 kDa	0.00064	↑	↑	
9	60S ribosomal protein L19 OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Rpl19 PE=1 SV=1	P84100	Rpl19	23 kDa	0.00088	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	Rattus...		23 kDa	0.00088	↑	↑	
10	Leucine-rich repeat-containing 47 OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Lrrc47 PE=1 SV=2	F1L149	Lrrc47	64 kDa	0.00089	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	Rattus...		64 kDa	0.00089	↑	↑	
11	Mitochondrial fission 1 protein OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Fis1 PE=1 SV=1	P84817	Fis1	17 kDa	0.00094	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	Rattus...		17 kDa	0.00094	↑	↑	
12	HNI OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Jpt1 PE=1 SV=1	AAOAS5HZR0	Jpt1	16 kDa	0.0010	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	unkn...		16 kDa	0.0010	↑	↑	
13	Sodium- and chloride-dependent GABA transporter 3 OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Slc6a11 PE=1 SV=1	P31647	Slc6a11	70 kDa	0.0012	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	Rattus...		70 kDa	0.0012	↑	↑	
14	Histone cluster 1 H1 family member d OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Hist1hd PE=1 SV=2	MOR7B4	Hist1h...	22 kDa	0.0013	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	unkn...		22 kDa	0.0013	↑	↑	
15	Histone H1.1 OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=H1-1 PE=1 SV=1	D4A3K5	H1-1	22 kDa	0.0013	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	Rattus...		22 kDa	0.0013	↑	↑	
16	Vimentin OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Vim PE=1 SV=2	P31000	Vim	54 kDa	0.0014	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	Rattus...		54 kDa	0.0014	↑	↑	
17	Prothymosin alpha OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Ptma PE=1 SV=2	P06302	Ptma	12 kDa	0.0016	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	Rattus...		12 kDa	0.0016	↑	↑	
18	Adducin 1 (Alpha), isoform CRA_b OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Add1 PE=1 SV=1	AAOAG2J5...	Add1	80 kDa	0.0016	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	unkn...		80 kDa	0.0016	↑	↑	
19	LIM and SH3 domain protein 1 OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Lasp1 PE=1 SV=1	Q99H28	Lasp1	30 kDa	0.0016	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	unkn...		30 kDa	0.0016	↑	↑	
20	Spectrin beta chain OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Sptbn1 PE=1 SV=1	AAOAG2K8...	Sptbn1	273 kDa	0.0019	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	unkn...		273 kDa	0.0019	↑	↑	
21	Enhancer of mRNA-decapping protein 4 OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Edc4 PE=1 SV=2	F7F707 (+1)	Edc4	163 kDa	0.0019	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	unkn...		163 kDa	0.0019	↑	↑	
22	14-3-3 protein gamma OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Ywhag PE=1 SV=2	P61983	Ywhag	28 kDa	0.0020	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	Rattus...		28 kDa	0.0020	↑	↑	
23	Clathrin heavy chain 1 OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Cltc PE=1 SV=3	P11442	Cltc	192 kDa	0.0020	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	Rattus...		192 kDa	0.0020	↑	↑	
24	Heterogeneous nuclear ribonucleoprotein L OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Hnmp1 PE=1 SV=2	F1LQ48	Hnmp1	68 kDa	0.0020	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	Rattus...		68 kDa	0.0020	↑	↑	
25	Malate dehydrogenase, mitochondrial OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Mdh2 PE=1 SV=2	P04636	Mdh2	36 kDa	0.0021	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	Rattus...		36 kDa	0.0021	↑	↑	
26	Histone H1.5 OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=H1-5 PE=1 SV=1	D3Z8H0	H1-5	23 kDa	0.0022	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	unkn...		23 kDa	0.0022	↑	↑	
27	40S ribosomal protein S28 OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Rps28 PE=1 SV=1	P62859	Rps28	8 kDa	0.0023	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	Rattus...		8 kDa	0.0023	↑	↑	
28	Septin 7 OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Sept7 PE=2 SV=1	A2VCW8	Sept7	51 kDa	0.0024	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	unkn...		51 kDa	0.0024	↑	↑	
29	ATP synthase subunit O, mitochondrial OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Atp5p1 PE=1 SV=1	Q06647	Atp5p1	23 kDa	0.0024	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	Rattus...		23 kDa	0.0024	↑	↑	
30	Far upstream element-binding protein 2 OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Khsp PE=1 SV=1	AAOAG2K2...	Khsp	77 kDa	0.0025	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	unkn...		77 kDa	0.0025	↑	↑	
31	Calcium-regulated heat stable protein 1 OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Carhsp1 PE=1 SV=1	Q9WU49	Carhsp1	16 kDa	0.0027	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	Rattus...		16 kDa	0.0027	↑	↑	
32	14-3-3 protein epsilon OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Ywhae PE=1 SV=1	P62260	Ywhae	29 kDa	0.0028	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	Rattus...		29 kDa	0.0028	↑	↑	
33	Nuclear autoantigenic sperm protein OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Nasp PE=1 SV=1	Q66HD3	Nasp	84 kDa	0.0029	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	Rattus...		84 kDa	0.0029	↑	↑	
34	Myristoylated alanine-rich C-kinase substrate OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Marcks PE=1 SV=2	P30009	Marcks	30 kDa	0.0029	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	Rattus...		30 kDa	0.0029	↑	↑	



35	✓	★	60S ribosomal protein L8	OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Rpl8 PE=2 SV=2	P62919	Rpl8	28 kDa	0.0030	↑
36	✓	★	T-complex protein 1 subunit eta	OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Cct7 PE=1 SV=1	D4AC23	Cct7	60 kDa	0.0034	↑
37	✓	★	Serum albumin	OS=Bos taurus GN=ALB PE=1 SV=4	P02769	ALB	69 kDa	0.0037	↑
38	✓	★	Pcbp2 protein	OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Pcbp2 PE=1 SV=1	Q4V8F6 (+2)	Pcbp2	35 kDa	0.0041	↑
39	✓	★	Glutamine synthetase	OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Glul PE=1 SV=3	P09606	Glul	42 kDa	0.0043	↑
40	✓	★	Proteasome subunit alpha type-1	OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Psm1 PE=1 SV=2	P18420	Psm1	30 kDa	0.0044	↑
41	✓	★	Heterogeneous nuclear ribonucleoprotein M	OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Hnmpm PE=1 SV=1	F1LV13 (+1)	Hnmpm	74 kDa	0.0044	↑
42	✓	★	ATP synthase-coupling factor 6, mitochondrial	OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Atp5f6 PE=1 SV=1	P21571	Atp5f6	12 kDa	0.0046	↑
43	✓	★	Dynein light chain 1, cytoplasmic	OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Dynll1 PE=1 SV=1	P63170	Dynll1	10 kDa	0.0048	↑
44	✓	★	10 kDa heat shock protein, mitochondrial	OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Hspe1 PE=1 SV=3	P26772	Hspe1	11 kDa	0.0048	↑
45	✓	★	Pyruvate kinase PKM	OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Pkm PE=1 SV=3	P11980	Pkm	58 kDa	0.0049	↑
46	✓	★	Far upstream element-binding protein 1	OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Fubp1 PE=1 SV=1	A0A140TAJ...Fubp1	Fubp1	68 kDa	0.0049	↑
47	✓	★	Ribosome-binding protein 1	OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Rrbp1 PE=1 SV=3	F1M853	Rrbp1	158 kDa	0.0049	↑
48	✓	★	Mitochondrial import receptor subunit TOM22 homolog	OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Tomm22 PE=1 SV=1	Q75Q41	Tomm...	15 kDa	0.0051	↑
49	✓	★	Heat shock protein HSP 90-alpha	OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Hsp90a1 PE=1 SV=3	P82995	Hsp90...	85 kDa	0.0053	↑
50	✓	★	Fatty acid synthase	OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Fasn PE=1 SV=3	P12785	Fasn	273 kDa	0.0056	↑
51	✓	★	Splicing factor proline and glutamine-rich	OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Sfpq PE=1 SV=1	A0A0G2K8...Sfpq	Sfpq	75 kDa	0.0059	↑
52	✓	★	Vinculin	OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Vcl PE=1 SV=1	A0A0G2K8...Vcl	Vcl	124 kDa	0.0061	↑
53	✓	★	Fructose-bisphosphate aldolase C	OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Aldoc PE=1 SV=3	P09117	Aldoc	39 kDa	0.0063	↑
54	✓	★	Sodium/potassium-transporting ATPase subunit alpha-2	OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Atp1a2 PE=1 SV=1	P06886	Atp1a2	112 kDa	0.0064	↑
55	✓	★	G3BP stress granule assembly factor 1	OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=G3bp1 PE=1 SV=1	D3ZY57	G3bp1	52 kDa	0.0065	↑
56	✓	★	26S proteasome regulatory subunit 7	OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Psmc2 PE=1 SV=1	G3V7L6 (+1)	Psmc2	49 kDa	0.0068	↑
57	✓	★	26S acidic ribosomal protein P1	OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Rplp1 PE=3 SV=1	P19944	Rplp1	11 kDa	0.0069	↑
58	✓	★	Regulatory factor X, 5 (Influences HLA class II expression) (Predicted)	OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Rfx5 PE=1 SV=1	D3ZHD7	Rfx5	72 kDa	0.0073	↑
59	✓	★	Alpha-1,4 glucan phosphorylase	OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Pygb PE=1 SV=2	G3V6Y6	Pygb	97 kDa	0.0073	↑
60	✓	★	Transaldolase	OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Taldo1 PE=1 SV=2	Q9EQS0	Taldo1	37 kDa	0.0075	↑
61	✓	★	Guanine nucleotide-binding protein G(I)/G(S)/G(T) subunit beta-1	OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Gnb1 PE=1 SV=4	P54311	Gnb1	37 kDa	0.0076	↑
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66	✓	★	Phospholipid phosphatase 3	OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Ppp3 PE=1 SV=1	P97544 (+1)	Ppp3	35 kDa	0.0087	↑
67	✓	★	Enoyl-CoA delta isomerase 1, mitochondrial	OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Ec1 PE=1 SV=1	A0A0G2K2R2Ec1	Ec1	31 kDa	0.0095	↑
68	✓	★	Mitochondrial 2-oxoglutarate/malate carrier protein	OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Slc25a11 PE=1 SV=1	G3V6H5	Slc25a...	34 kDa	0.0095	↑

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80% to 94%	D4AC23	Cct7	60 kDa	0.0034	0.0034	↑	unkn...			(0)	(18)	(18)	(18)
50% to 79%	P02769	ALB	69 kDa	0.0037	0.0037	↑	Bos ta...			(23)	(116)	(110)	(107)
20% to 46%	Q4V8F6 (+2)	Pcbp2	35 kDa	0.0041	0.0041	↑	unkn...			(8)	(21)	(22)	(21)
0% to 15%	P09606	Glul	42 kDa	0.0043	0.0043	↑	Rattus...			(0)	(22)	(22)	(24)
	P18420	Psm1	30 kDa	0.0044	0.0044	↑	Rattus...			(0)	(115)	(110)	(108)
	F1LV13 (+1)	Hnmpm	74 kDa	0.0044	0.0044	↑	unkn...			(17)	(114)	(120)	(128)
	P21571	Atp5f6	12 kDa	0.0046	0.0046	↑	Rattus...			(6)	(19)	(18)	(18)
	P63170	Dynll1	10 kDa	0.0048	0.0048	↑	Rattus...			(0)	(9)	(10)	(10)
	P26772	Hspe1	11 kDa	0.0048	0.0048	↑	Rattus...			(0)	(30)	(27)	(31)
	P11980	Pkm	58 kDa	0.0049	0.0049	↑	Rattus...			(36)	(9)	(9)	(12)
	A0A140TAJ...Fubp1	Fubp1	68 kDa	0.0049	0.0049	↑	unkn...			(4)	(17)	(15)	(17)
	F1M853	Rrbp1	158 kDa	0.0049	0.0049	↑	unkn...			(18)	(12)	(15)	(12)
	Q75Q41	Tomm...	15 kDa	0.0051	0.0051	↑	Rattus...			(11)	(26)	(24)	(26)
	P82995	Hsp90...	85 kDa	0.0053	0.0053	↑	Rattus...			(4)	(16)	(17)	(13)
	P12785	Fasn	273 kDa	0.0056	0.0056	↑	Rattus...			(14)	(35)	(34)	(32)
	A0A0G2K8...Sfpq	Sfpq	75 kDa	0.0059	0.0059	↑	unkn...			(19)	(21)	(14)	(14)
	A0A0G2K8...Vcl	Vcl	124 kDa	0.0061	0.0061	↑	unkn...			(38)	(63)	(65)	(67)
	P09117	Aldoc	39 kDa	0.0063	0.0063	↑	Rattus...			(46)	(188)	(188)	(184)
	P06886	Atp1a2	112 kDa	0.0064	0.0064	↑	Rattus...			(5)	(12)	(12)	(13)
	D3ZY57	G3bp1	52 kDa	0.0065	0.0065	↑	unkn...			(18)	(4)	(4)	(13)
	G3V7L6 (+1)	Psmc2	49 kDa	0.0068	0.0068	↑	unkn...			(0)	(20)	(18)	(18)
	P19944	Rplp1	11 kDa	0.0069	0.0069	↑	Rattus...			(0)	(12)	(12)	(13)
	D3ZHD7	Rfx5	72 kDa	0.0073	0.0073	↑	unkn...			(28)	(13)	(1)	(1)
	G3V6Y6	Pygb	97 kDa	0.0073	0.0073	↑	unkn...			(0)	(28)	(30)	(32)
	Q9EQS0	Taldo1	37 kDa	0.0075	0.0075	↑	Rattus...			(7)	(11)	(11)	(12)
	P54311	Gnb1	37 kDa	0.0076	0.0076	↑	Rattus...			(4)	(10)	(11)	(10)
	F1LQ53 (+2)	Rpl6-p...	34 kDa	0.0076	0.0076	↑	Rattus...			(0)	(2)	(1)	(1)
	Q4FZT9	Psm2	100 kDa	0.0079	0.0079	↑	Rattus...			(0)	(16)	(14)	(17)
	P30904	Mif	12 kDa	0.0084	0.0084	↑	Rattus...			(0)	(20)	(23)	(23)
	Q68FW9	Cops3	48 kDa	0.0085	0.0085	↑	Rattus...			(0)	(12)	(12)	(13)
	P97544 (+1)	Ppp3	35 kDa	0.0087	0.0087	↑	Rattus...			(0)	(20)	(23)	(23)
	A0A0G2K2R2Ec1	Ec1	31 kDa	0.0095	0.0095	↑	unkn...			(0)	(12)	(12)	(13)
	G3V6H5	Slc25a...	34 kDa	0.0095	0.0095	↑	unkn...			(0)	(12)	(12)	(13)

171	✓	★ Serine/threonine-protein kinase PAK 2 OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=PaK2 PE=1 SV=1	Q64303	PaK2	58 kDa	0.038	↑	↓
172	✓	★ Protein quaking OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Qki PE=1 SV=2	Q91XU1	Qki	38 kDa	0.038	↑	↓
173	✓	★ Endoplasmic OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Hsp90b1 PE=1 SV=1	A0A0A0MY...	Hsp90b1	93 kDa	0.038	↑	↓
174	✓	★ 60S acidic ribosomal protein P2 OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Rplp2 PE=1 SV=2	P02401	Rplp2	12 kDa	0.038	↑	↓
175	✓	★ Heat shock protein HSP 90-beta OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Hsp90ab1 PE=1 SV=4	P34058	Hsp90...	83 kDa	0.038	↑	↓
176	✓	★ Ras-related G3 botulinum toxin substrate 1 OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Rac1 PE=1 SV=1	A0A0G2K0...	Rac1	24 kDa	0.039	↑	↓
177	✓	★ Fatty acid-binding protein, brain OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Fabp7 PE=1 SV=2	P55051	Fabp7	15 kDa	0.039	↑	↓
178	✓	★ Aly/REF export factor OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Alyref PE=1 SV=1	D32XH7	Alyref	20 kDa	0.040	↑	↓
179	✓	★ Hepatocyte cell adhesion molecule OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Hepacam PE=1 SV=2	D3ZE14	Hepac...	47 kDa	0.040	↑	↓
180	✓	★ Cullin-associated NEDD8-dissociated protein 1 OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Cand1 PE=1 SV=1	P97536	Cand1	136 kDa	0.040	↑	↓
181	✓	★ Actin, cytoplasmic 1 OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Actb PE=1 SV=1	P60711 (+1)	Actb	42 kDa	0.040	↑	↓
182	✓	★ Uncharacterized protein OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 PE=4 SV=1	D4A412		15 kDa	0.041	↑	↓
183	✓	★ 40S ribosomal protein S20 OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Rps20 PE=3 SV=1	A0A0H2UH...	Rps20	13 kDa	0.041	↑	↓
184	✓	★ D-3-phosphoglycerate dehydrogenase OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Phgdh PE=1 SV=3	O08651	Phgdh	56 kDa	0.041	↑	↓
185	✓	★ Fructose-bisphosphate aldolase A OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Aldoa PE=1 SV=2	P05065	Aldoa	39 kDa	0.042	↑	↓
186	✓	★ Matrin-3 OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Matr3 PE=1 SV=2	P43244	Matr3	94 kDa	0.042	↑	↓
187	✓	★ Microtubule associated protein RP/EB family member 1 OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Mapre1 PE=1 SV=3	Q66HR2	Mapre1	30 kDa	0.043	↑	↓
188	✓	★ Rab GDP dissociation inhibitor alpha OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Gdi1 PE=1 SV=1	P50398	Gdi1	51 kDa	0.043	↑	↓
189	✓	★ 40S ribosomal protein S14 OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Rps14 PE=2 SV=3	P13471 (+1)	Rps14	16 kDa	0.046	↑	↓
190	✓	★ Protein disulfide-isomerase A6 OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Pdia6 PE=1 SV=1	A0A0G2J5Z...	Pdia6	49 kDa	0.047	↑	↓
191	✓	★ Catalase OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Cat PE=1 SV=3	P04762	Cat	60 kDa	0.047	↑	↓
192	✓	★ FUS RNA-binding protein OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Fus PE=1 SV=1	Q5PQK2	Fus	53 kDa	0.050	↑	↓
193	✓	★ 4F2 cell-surface antigen heavy chain OS=Rattus norvegicus OX=10116 GN=Sk3a2 PE=1 SV=1	Q794F9	Sk3a2	58 kDa	0.050	↑	↓

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A0A0A0MY...	Hsp90b1	93 kDa	0.038	↑	unkn...			29	11
P02401	Rplp2	12 kDa	0.038	↑	Rattus...			28	62
P34058	Hsp90...	83 kDa	0.038	↑	Rattus...			90	61
A0A0G2K0...	Rac1	24 kDa	0.039	↑	unkn...			(0)	16
P55051	Fabp7	15 kDa	0.039	↑	Rattus...			16	34
D32XH7	Alyref	20 kDa	0.040	↑	unkn...			(0)	16
D3ZE14	Hepac...	47 kDa	0.040	↑	unkn...			(0)	31
P97536	Cand1	136 kDa	0.040	↑	Rattus...			8	(0)
P60711 (+1)	Actb	42 kDa	0.040	↑	Rattus...			154	147
D4A412		15 kDa	0.041	↑	unkn...			(0)	6
A0A0H2UH...	Rps20	13 kDa	0.041	↑	unkn...			8	8
O08651	Phgdh	56 kDa	0.041	↑	Rattus...			11	71
P05065	Aldoa	39 kDa	0.042	↑	Rattus...			13	166
P43244	Matr3	94 kDa	0.042	↑	Rattus...			16	37
Q66HR2	Mapre1	30 kDa	0.043	↑	Rattus...			6	15
P50398	Gdi1	51 kDa	0.043	↑	Rattus...			16	12
P13471 (+1)	Rps14	16 kDa	0.046	↑	Rattus...			(2)	9
A0A0G2J5Z...	Pdia6	49 kDa	0.047	↑	unkn...			7	(0)
P04762	Cat	60 kDa	0.047	↑	Rattus...			7	(0)
Q5PQK2	Fus	53 kDa	0.050	↑	unkn...			9	13
Q794F9	Sk3a2	58 kDa	0.050	↑	Rattus...			18	8

69	☑	★	Lamina-associated polypeptide 2, isoform beta	O5=Rattus norvegicus	OX=10116	GN=Tmpo	PE=1	SV=3	Q62733	Tmpo	50 kDa	0.00	↓
70	☑	★	Sodium/potassium-transporting ATPase subunit alpha-2	O5=Rattus norvegicus	OX=10116	GN=Atp1a2	PE=1	SV=1	P06686	Atp1a2	112 kDa	★ 0.00	↑
71	☑	★	ADP/ATP translocase 1	O5=Rattus norvegicus	OX=10116	GN=Slc25a4	PE=1	SV=1	Q6P9Y4	Slc25a4	33 kDa	★ 0.00	↑
72	☑	★	Reticulon	O5=Rattus norvegicus	OX=10116	GN=Rtn3	PE=1	SV=1	A0A0H2UH...	Rtn3	28 kDa	★ 0.00	↑
73	☑	★	UTP20 small subunit processome component	O5=Rattus norvegicus	OX=10116	GN=Utp20	PE=1	SV=3	F1LXT3	Utp20	317 kDa	★ 0.012	↑
74	☑	★	Microtubule-associated protein 4	O5=Rattus norvegicus	OX=10116	GN=Map4	PE=1	SV=1	Q5H7W5	Map4	110 kDa	★ 0.012	↑
75	☑	★	Breast carcinoma-amplified sequence 1 homolog	O5=Rattus norvegicus	OX=10116	GN=Bcas1	PE=1	SV=1	A0A0G2K079	Bcas1	38 kDa	★ 0.013	↑
76	☑	★	Thymosin beta-10	O5=Rattus norvegicus	OX=10116	GN=Tmsb10	PE=1	SV=2	P63312	Tmsb10	5 kDa	★ 0.013	↑
77	☑	★	Erythrocyte membrane protein band 4.1-like 2	O5=Rattus norvegicus	OX=10116	GN=Epb41l2	PE=1	SV=3	D3ZDT1	Epb41l2	103 kDa	★ 0.013	↑
78	☑	★	60S ribosomal protein L24	O5=Rattus norvegicus	OX=10116	GN=Rpl24	PE=2	SV=1	P83732	Rpl24	18 kDa	★ 0.013	↑
79	☑	★	Splicing factor 1	O5=Rattus norvegicus	OX=10116	GN=Sf1	PE=1	SV=2	F1L5C3	Sf1	68 kDa	★ 0.013	↑
80	☑	★	Heterogeneous nuclear ribonucleoprotein gene 2, isoform CRA_b	O5=Rattus norvegicus	OX=10116	GN=Hnrg2	PE=1	SV=1	A0A0G2J5...	Hnrg2	39 kDa	★ 0.015	↑
81	☑	★	Brain acid soluble protein 1	O5=Rattus norvegicus	OX=10116	GN=Basp1	PE=1	SV=2	Q05175	Basp1	22 kDa	★ 0.015	↑
82	☑	★	Complexin-2	O5=Rattus norvegicus	OX=10116	GN=Cpx2	PE=1	SV=1	P84087	Cpx2	15 kDa	★ 0.015	↑
83	☑	★	RCG34610, isoform CRA_c	O5=Rattus norvegicus	OX=10116	GN=Srsf1	PE=1	SV=1	D4A9L2	Srsf1	28 kDa	★ 0.015	↑
84	☑	★	Heterogeneous nuclear ribonucleoprotein H	O5=Rattus norvegicus	OX=10116	GN=Hnrmh1	PE=1	SV=1	A0A0G2JTG7	Hnrmh1	49 kDa	★ 0.016	↑
85	☑	★	Heterogeneous nuclear ribonucleoprotein A3	O5=Rattus norvegicus	OX=10116	GN=Hnmpa3	PE=1	SV=1	Q6URK4	Hnmpa3	40 kDa	★ 0.016	↑
86	☑	★	Glutamine synthetase	O5=Rattus norvegicus	OX=10116	GN=Glul	PE=1	SV=3	P09606	Glul	42 kDa	★ 0.016	↑
87	☑	★	ATP synthase protein 8	O5=Rattus norvegicus	OX=10116	GN=ATP8	PE=3	SV=1	Q5UAJ5	ATP8	8 kDa	★ 0.017	↑
88	☑	★	RALY heterogeneous nuclear ribonucleoprotein	O5=Rattus norvegicus	OX=10116	GN=Raly	PE=1	SV=2	E9PTI6 (+1)	Raly	33 kDa	★ 0.018	↑
89	☑	★	Vimentin	O5=Rattus norvegicus	OX=10116	GN=Vim	PE=1	SV=2	P31000	Vim	54 kDa	★ 0.018	↑
90	☑	★	Proteasome subunit beta type-1	O5=Rattus norvegicus	OX=10116	GN=Psmb1	PE=1	SV=3	P18421 (+1)	Psmb1	26 kDa	★ 0.018	↑
91	☑	★	Matrin-3	O5=Rattus norvegicus	OX=10116	GN=Matr3	PE=1	SV=2	P43244	Matr3	94 kDa	★ 0.019	↑
92	☑	★	Neural cell adhesion molecule 1	O5=Rattus norvegicus	OX=10116	GN=Ncam1	PE=1	SV=1	P13596	Ncam1	95 kDa	★ 0.019	↑
93	☑	★	Heat shock cognate 71 kDa protein	O5=Rattus norvegicus	OX=10116	GN=Hspa8	PE=3	SV=3	D4A453 (+1)	Hspa8	71 kDa	★ 0.023	↑
94	☑	★	60S ribosomal protein L19	O5=Rattus norvegicus	OX=10116	GN=Rpl19	PE=1	SV=1	P84100	Rpl19	23 kDa	★ 0.023	↑
95	☑	★	60S ribosomal protein L7a	O5=Rattus norvegicus	OX=10116	GN=Rpl7a	PE=4	SV=2	F1M0I3	Rpl7a	30 kDa	★ 0.023	↑
96	☑	★	Sodium/potassium-transporting ATPase subunit alpha-1	O5=Rattus norvegicus	OX=10116	GN=Atp1a1	PE=1	SV=1	P06685	Atp1a1	113 kDa	★ 0.024	↑
97	☑	★	Plectin	O5=Rattus norvegicus	OX=10116	GN=Plec	PE=1	SV=1	Q6S3A0	Plec	534 kDa	★ 0.024	↑
98	☑	★	Syntaxin-12	O5=Rattus norvegicus	OX=10116	GN=Stx12	PE=1	SV=1	A0A0G2JV86	Stx12	32 kDa	★ 0.025	↑
99	☑	★	Isoaspartyl peptidase/L-asparaginase	O5=Rattus norvegicus	OX=10116	GN=Asrg1l	PE=1	SV=1	Q8V104	Asrg1l	34 kDa	★ 0.027	↑
100	☑	★	Transcription intermediary factor 1-beta	O5=Rattus norvegicus	OX=10116	GN=Trim28	PE=1	SV=2	O08629	Trim28	89 kDa	★ 0.027	↑
101	☑	★	Cleavage and polyadenylation specificity factor subunit 5	O5=Rattus norvegicus	OX=10116	GN=Nudt21	PE=2	SV=1	B4F764	Nudt21	26 kDa	★ 0.027	↑
102	☑	★	Proteasome subunit alpha type-1	O5=Rattus norvegicus	OX=10116	GN=Psm1	PE=1	SV=2	P18420	Psm1	30 kDa	★ 0.027	↑

Legend	Quantitative Value (Normalized Total Spectra)	Req. Mods	No Filter	Search	Biological Process	Cellular Component	Molecular Function	Controls	Day 3 Trials	Day 7 Trials
0%										
4%										
9%										
9%										
0%										
0116 GN=Tmpo PE=1 SV=3	Q62733	Tmpo	50 kDa	0.00	Rattus...					
lcas OX=10116 GN=Atp1a2 PE=1 SV=1	P06686	Atp1a2	112 kDa	★ 0.00	Rattus...					
116 GN=Utp20 PE=1 SV=3	A0A0H2UH...	Rtn3	28 kDa	★ 0.00	unkno...					
M PE=1 SV=1	F1LXT3	Utp20	317 kDa	★ 0.012	unkno...					
10116 GN=Bcas1 PE=1 SV=1	Q5H7W5	Map4	110 kDa	★ 0.012	Rattus...					
2	A0A0G2K079	Bcas1	38 kDa	★ 0.013	unkno...					
0116 GN=Epb41l2 PE=1 SV=3	P63312	Tmsb10	5 kDa	★ 0.013	Rattus...					
1 SV=1	D3ZDT1	Epb41l2	103 kDa	★ 0.013	unkno...					
OX=10116 GN=Hnrg2 PE=1 SV=1	P83732	Rpl24	18 kDa	★ 0.013	Rattus...					
1 SV=2	F1L5C3	Sf1	68 kDa	★ 0.013	unkno...					
SV=1	A0A0G2J5...	Hnrg2	39 kDa	★ 0.015	unkno...					
16 GN=Hnrmh1 PE=1 SV=1	Q05175	Basp1	22 kDa	★ 0.015	Rattus...					
116 GN=Hnmpa3 PE=1 SV=1	P84087	Cpx2	15 kDa	★ 0.015	Rattus...					
1	D4A9L2	Srsf1	28 kDa	★ 0.015	unkno...					
1	A0A0G2JTG7	Hnrmh1	49 kDa	★ 0.016	unkno...					
1	Q6URK4	Hnmpa3	40 kDa	★ 0.016	Rattus...					
1	P09606	Glul	42 kDa	★ 0.016	Rattus...					
1	Q5UAJ5	ATP8	8 kDa	★ 0.017	unkno...					
1	E9PTI6 (+1)	Raly	33 kDa	★ 0.018	unkno...					
h1 PE=1 SV=3	P31000	Vim	54 kDa	★ 0.018	Rattus...					
1 PE=1 SV=1	P18421 (+1)	Psmb1	26 kDa	★ 0.018	Rattus...					
1	P43244	Matr3	94 kDa	★ 0.019	Rattus...					
1	P13596	Ncam1	95 kDa	★ 0.019	Rattus...					
1	D4A453 (+1)	Hspa8	71 kDa	★ 0.023	unkno...					
1 SV=1	P84100	Rpl19	23 kDa	★ 0.023	Rattus...					
1 SV=2	F1M0I3	Rpl7a	30 kDa	★ 0.023	unkno...					
lcas OX=10116 GN=Atp1a1 PE=1 SV=1	P06685	Atp1a1	113 kDa	★ 0.024	Rattus...					
1	Q6S3A0	Plec	534 kDa	★ 0.024	unkno...					
1	A0A0G2JV86	Stx12	32 kDa	★ 0.025	unkno...					
1	Q8V104	Asrg1l	34 kDa	★ 0.027	Rattus...					
GN=Trim28 PE=1 SV=2	O08629	Trim28	89 kDa	★ 0.027	Rattus...					
lcas OX=10116 GN=Nudt21 PE=2 SV=1	B4F764	Nudt21	26 kDa	★ 0.027	unkno...					
h1 PE=1 SV=2	P18420	Psm1	30 kDa	★ 0.027	Rattus...					

