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# Unlock Proteome Depth with the Platinum® Pro Instrument and Sequencing Kit V4

#### **Key Innovations**



Next-Gen Protein Sequencing™ (NGPS™): Single-molecule resolution to identify and characterize proteins on a benchtop instrument



Insights Beyond Proline: Navigate challenges posed by proline-rich domains, common in antibodies and membrane proteins, with Sequencing Kit V4



**Expanded Coverage:** New recognizers, peptidases, and improved bioinformatics offer an **85% increase** in sequenceable peptides



Protein Mixture Precision: Enhanced bioinformatics to identify peptides with greater confidence

## Introduction

Sequencing Kit V4 is for use with the Platinum® and Platinum Pro sequencers. This innovative benchtop platform resolves the amino acid sequences of peptides, based on direct interactions with amino acid recognizers. Upgraded chemistry improves single-molecule sequencing by adding glycine (G) recognition and enhancing alanine (A) and serine (S) recognition. The inclusion of X-prolyl aminopeptidase allows for cleavage of proline-rich peptides. Improved bioinformatics, including enhancements to amino acid calling and alignment algorithms, delivers higher-quality data with V4, enabling richer data capture on the sequencer.



## **Sequencing Through Proline**

- V4 detects amino acids after proline, which makes up 6% of the total amino acids in the human proteome. When the human proteome is digested with Lys-C, over 40% of the resulting peptides contain a proline.
- Proline is abundant in vital proteins difficult to analyze by mass spec, common in membrane proteins, antibodies, and transcription factors

Proline's unique structure impacts the peptide fragmentation for mass spec analysis, a phenomenon referred to as the "proline effect," which restricts sequencing by mass spec. The V4 kit delivers improved chemistry that sequences through prolinerich regions, expanding sequencing insights on Platinum (Figure 1).

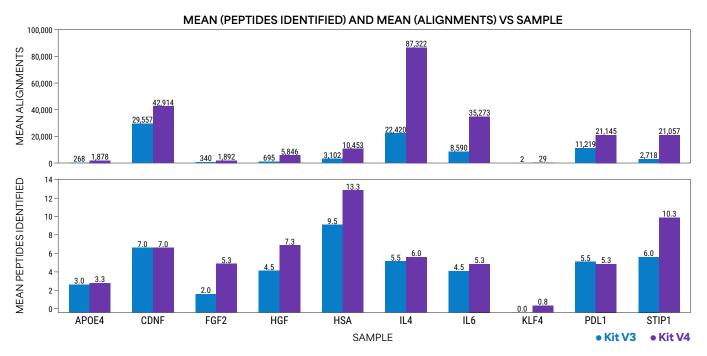


**Figure 1.** Kinetic signature of the LAR peptide in human growth factor (HGF) reveals three proline residues, now accessible with V4 chemistry.

### **Expanded Proteome Coverage**

A panel of ten recombinant proteins was digested into peptides and sequenced using the Platinum Pro with both the V4 and V3 kits, demonstrating:

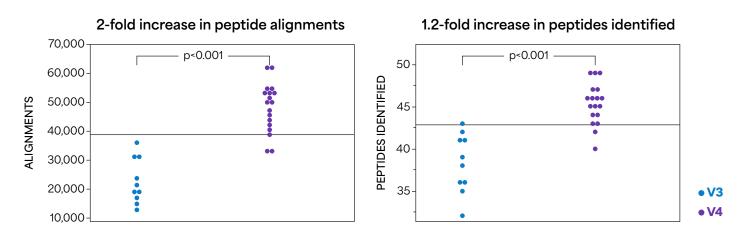
- Increased peptides coverage in 8 of 10 proteins
- Increased peptide alignments (sequenced copies) in 10 of 10 proteins



**Figure 2.** Sequencing ten recombinant proteins, from 15 to 66 kDa, demonstrates that the V4 kit produces more peptides and alignments than the V3 kit, with several peptides detected only by V4.

#### **Protein Mixture Precision**

Upgrades to the analysis software boost confidence in accurate protein identification in mixtures using V4. An equimolar mixture of ten proteins sequenced with V4 demonstrated increased peptide alignments, resulting in increased precision in peptides identified compared to V3.



**Figure 3.** Upgrades to the analysis software boost confidence in accurate protein identification in mixtures using V4 when comparing an equimolar mix of 10 proteins of different sizes.

## **Sequence Antibodies**

Prolines play a crucial role in antibody structure and function, shaping complementarity-determining regions (CDRs) and immunoglobulin loops. We sequenced trastuzumab, an anti-HER2 monoclonal antibody used in cancer treatment, on the Platinum Pro, to demonstrate the improved coverage obtainable with V4, exhibiting:

- 2.5-fold more peptide coverage in heavy and light chains compared to V3
- · Significant increase in amino acid calls after proline with V4 chemistry



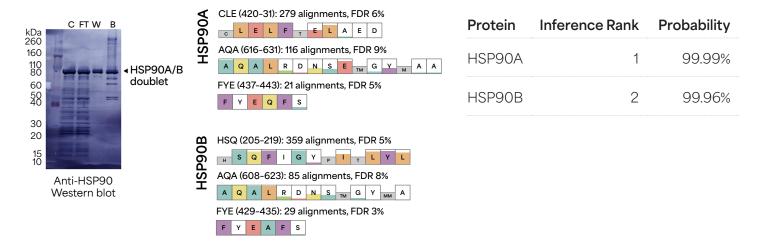
Figure 4. Sequencing of light and heavy chains of trastuzumab with V4 demonstrates a significant increase in amino acid coverage obtained through glycine (G) recognition, enhanced alanine (A) and serine (S) recognition, and identification of amino acids beyond proline (P). LC = light chain, HC = heavy chain

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## Characterize Proteins by Immunoprecipitation

Traditional methods for identification of proteins enriched by immunoprecipitation (IP) vary in their resolution, where Western blot offers qualitative to semi-quantitative measurements that are antibody-dependent, and mass spectrometry can produce exhaustive data inclusive of proteins that may be nonessential to a study. Platinum Pro with the V4 kit is an accessible non-antibody-dependent, higher-resolution option optimized to identify target proteins with concise data readouts.

- Sequence IP products on Platinum Pro for clear identification of protein interactors
- Explore signaling pathways, antibody binding partners, and other protein interactions



**Figure 5.** Heat shock protein (HSP90) enriched from MCF-7 cells and sequenced with V4 correctly identified HPS90 A and B as topranked inference with an FDR <10% using the whole human proteome. C=Crude, FT=Flow-through, W=Wash, B=Beads.

#### **Conclusions**

The Platinum Pro instrument and Sequencing Kit V4 deliver real-time single-molecule sequencing data with greater confidence, enabling analysis of proline-rich regions that were previously inaccessible to mass spec. The upgraded analysis software enhances peptide identification accuracy, especially for proline-containing peptides, broadening amino acid recognition. Compared to V3, V4 offers more complete peptide coverage and better alignment. Sequencing Kit V4 allows for a more comprehensive view of the proteome, making high-confidence protein sequencing achievable for both targeted and mixed samples.

#### **Ordering Information**

Product	Catalog Number
Platinum Pro instrument	910-10904-00
Sequencing Kit V4	910-00038-04
Library Preparation Kit, V2, Lys-C	
Barcoding Kit	910-00047-00



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