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## Abstract

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This work developed a new method for the identification and quantification of peptides, by optimizing some of the available strategies suitable for labeling peptides with lanthanide metals with subsequent separation by nano-HPLC with UV detection, matrix-assisted laser desorption ionization-mass spectrometry (MALDI MS). First, peptides were labeled with the three different lanthanide metals using a functional DOTA-based reagent. The results demonstrate that the derivatization reaction using the chelating reagent DOTA-NHS-ester was effective for single peptides and peptide mixtures, verified from the  $m/z$  relation obtained by MALDI MS. In parallel, environmental analyses were conducted, by performing the standardization of metalloprotein purification in fish bile, since this matrix has been reported as a biomarker for environmental metal contamination. Different procedures and reducing agents were applied to purify MT isolated from fish (*Oreochromis niloticus*) bile and liver. Spectrophotometrical analyses were used to quantify the resulting MT samples, and SDS-PAGE gels were used to qualitatively assess the different procedure results. A response surface methodology was applied for bile samples. In an environmental context, biliary MT was lower than liver MT, and, bile MT seems to be more adequate in environmental monitoring scopes.

## Keywords

Peptides; nano-HPLC-ICP-MS; MALDI MS; SDS-PAGE; MT; fish bile.

## Resumé

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Cette thèse de doctorat est résultat d’une cotutelle entre la PUC-Rio (Brésil) et l’UPPA (France).

Ce travail a développé une nouvelle méthode pour l’identification et la quantification des peptides, par l’optimisation de certaines stratégies disponibles appropriées pour le marquage des peptides avec des métaux lanthanide, une séparation par nano-HPLC et détection UV, et suivi par MALDI MS. Tout d’abord, les peptides ont été marqués avec les trois métaux lanthanides différents et un réactif fonctionnel - DOTA. Les résultats montrent que la réaction de transformation en dérivé à l’aide du réactif chélateur DOTA-NHS-ester a été efficace pour des peptides individuels et des mélanges de peptides, vérifiées à partir de la relation m/z obtenue par MALDI MS. En parallèle, nous avons effectué l’optimisation pour la purification de métalloprotéine dans la bile de poisson, qui est signalée tant que biomarqueurs de contamination métallique de l’environnement. Des procédures différentes et les agents réduisant ont été appliqués pour purifier les MT isolées de la bile et du foie des poissons (*Oreochromis niloticus*). Des analyses spectrophotométriques ont été utilisées pour quantifier les échantillons de MT, et le gel SDS-PAGE a été utilisé pour évaluer qualitativement les différents résultats de la procédure. Chaque procédure a en suite été évaluée statistiquement, une méthode des surfaces de réponse a été appliquée. Les MT de la bile semblent être plus adéquate pour la surveillance de l’environnement en ce qui concerne l’exposition récente à des xénobiotiques qui peuvent influencer sur l’expression protéomique et metalloproteomique de cette matrice biologique.

## Mots clefs

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## Resumo

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Método de identificação e quantificação de peptídeos, através da otimização de estratégias para a marcação de peptídeos com metais e subsequente separação por nano-HPLC-UV, MALDI MS. Primeiramente, peptídeos foram marcados com 3 diferentes metais lantanídeos usando um reagente funcional NHS-DOTA. Os resultados demonstraram que a reação de derivatização usando o reagente quelante DOTA foi eficiente para peptídeos simples e misturas dos mesmos, verificada através do MALDI MS a partir da relação  $m/z$ . Em paralelo, análises ambientais foram realizadas pela otimização de um procedimento de extração de metalotioneína em bÍlis de peixe, uma vez que esta matriz tem sido reportada como um biomarcador ambiental de contaminação por metal. Diferentes procedimentos e agentes de redução foram aplicadas para a extração de metalotioneína em bÍlis e fÍgado de peixe (*Oreochromis niloticus*). Análises espectrofotométricas foram realizadas a fim de quantificar os extratos de MT, e gel SDS-PAGE foi usado para avaliação qualitativa dos diferentes procedimentos usados. Cada procedimento foi avaliado estatisticamente. Metodologia de superfície de resposta foi aplicada para amostras de bÍlis, a fim de avaliar a resposta desta matriz. Em um contexto ambiental, concentrações de MT biliar foi mais baixa que MT do fÍgado, no entanto, a primeira mostrou-se mais adequada para um monitoramento ambiental.

## Palavras-chave

Peptídeos; nano-HPLC-ICP-MS; MALDI MS; SDS-PAGE; MT; bÍlis de peixe.



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## Acronyms List

1D SDS PAGE	Sodium dodecyl sulphate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis in 1 dimension
2D SDS PAGE	Sodium dodecyl sulphate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis in 2 dimensions
ACN	Acetonitrile
BSA	Bovine serum albumin
CE	Capillary electrophoresis
DMSO	Dimethyl sulfoxide
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid
DOE	Design of experiments
DOTA	1,4,7,10-tetraazacyclododecane-1,4,7,10-tetraacetic acid
DTNB	5-(3-Carboxy-4-nitrophenyl)disulfanyl-2-nitrobenzoic acid
DTPA	Diethylene triamine pentaacetic acid
DTPAA	Diethylenetriaminepentaacetic acid anhydride
DTT	Dithiothreitol
EDTA	Ethylenediamine tetraacetic acid
ESI	Electrospray ionization
FIA	Flow injection analysis
FT-ICR	Fourier Transform Ion Cyclotron Resonance
FT-IR	Fourier Transform Infra-red
GSH	Glutathione
HFBA	Heptafluorobutyric acid
ICP-MS	Inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry
MAL DOTA	Maleimidocysteineamido-DOTA
MALDI TOF MS	Matrix-assisted laser desorption-ionization time-of-flight mass spectrometry
MMTS	S-methyl methanethiosulfonate
MT	Metallothionein
MW	Mass Weight

NANO HPLC	Nano High Performance/Pressure Liquid Chromatography
NHS DOTA	N-terminus amino groups DOTA
PES	Protein Express Signature
RNA	Ribonucleic acid
TCEP	Tris(2-carboxyethyl)phosphine
TEAA	Triethylammonium acetate
TFA	Trifluoroethanoic acid
UV-VIS	Ultraviolet–visible
$\alpha$ -CHCA	$\alpha$ -cyano-4-hydroxycinnamic acid

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