



# Discovery and validation of urinary glycoproteins associated with aggressive prostate cancer

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# The needs for aggressive prostate cancer biomarkers

The intended uses and clinical utilities of glycoprotein biomarkers for the early detection of aggressive prostate cancer

- Replace invasive biopsy procedure by non-invasive urinary analysis
- Select patients with non-aggressive initial biopsy for secondary biopsy
- Monitor prostate cancer progression in active surveillance patients

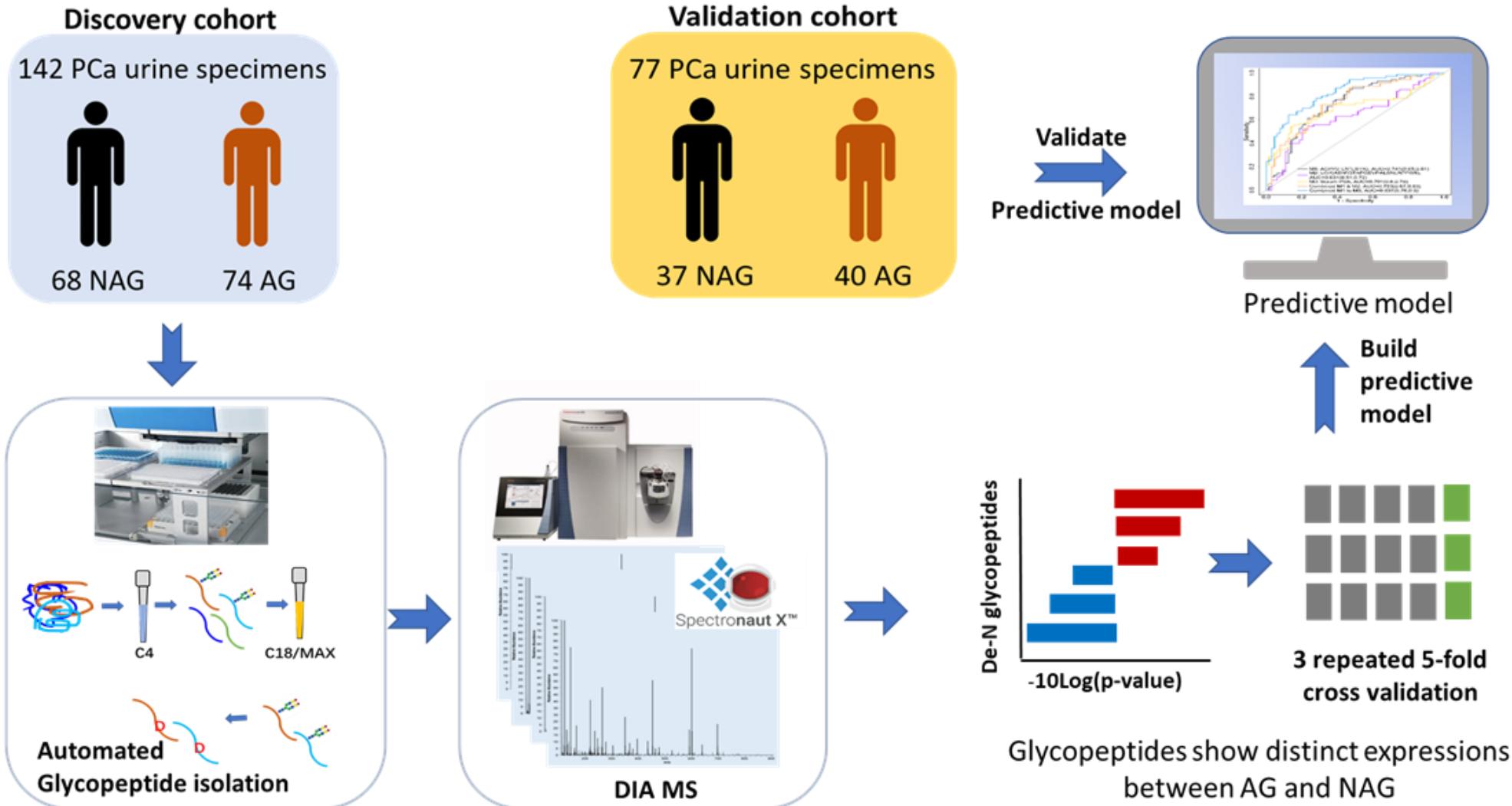
## Why Urinary Glycoprotein Biomarkers?

Most FDA-approved biomarkers for cancer diagnosis and prognosis are glycoproteins.

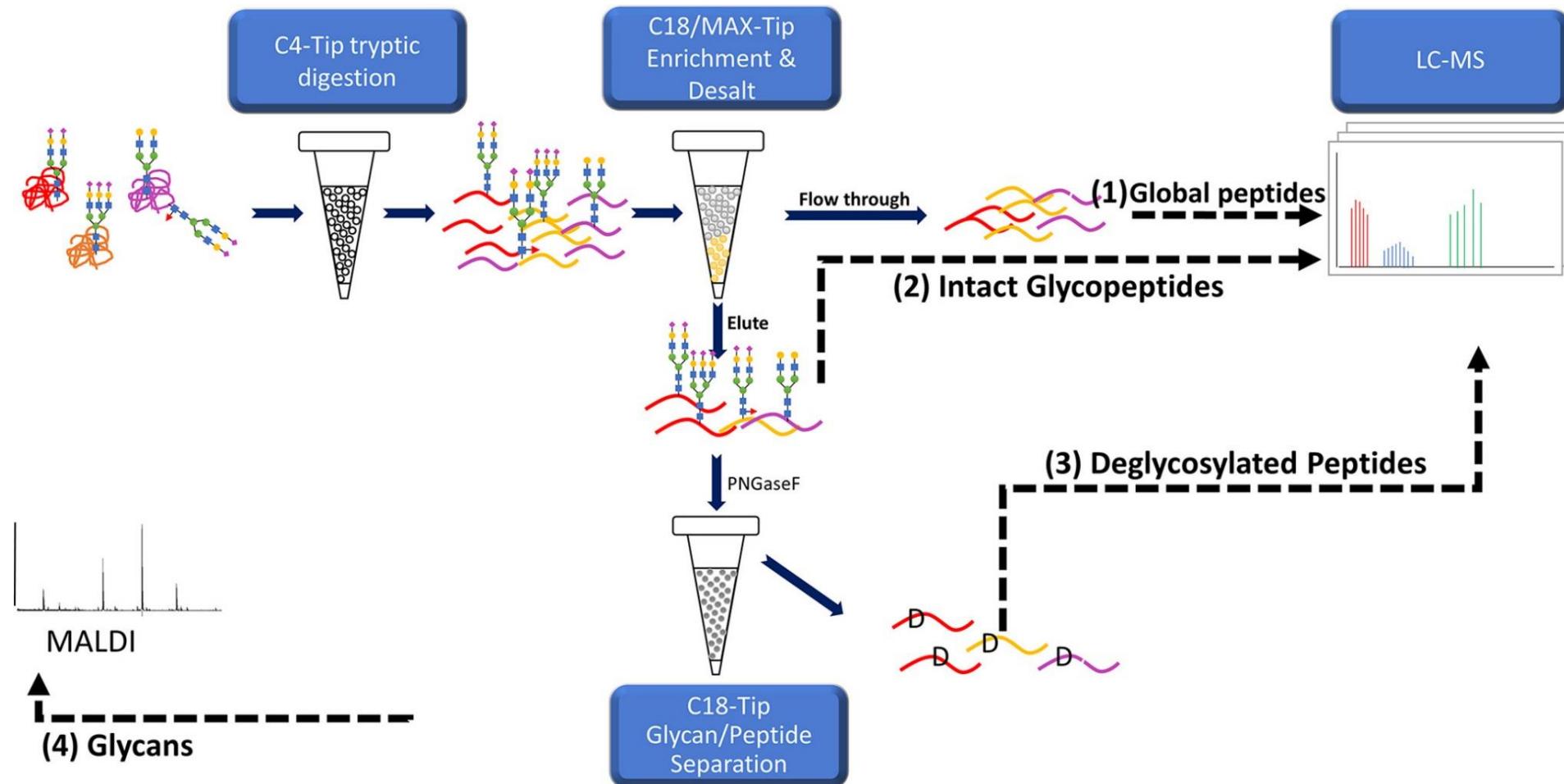
Glycoproteins can be easily secreted into urine, and feasible to be detected as non-invasive biomarkers.

Tumor cells display markedly changed glycosylation states.

# Workflow of an integrated urine glycoproteomic analysis



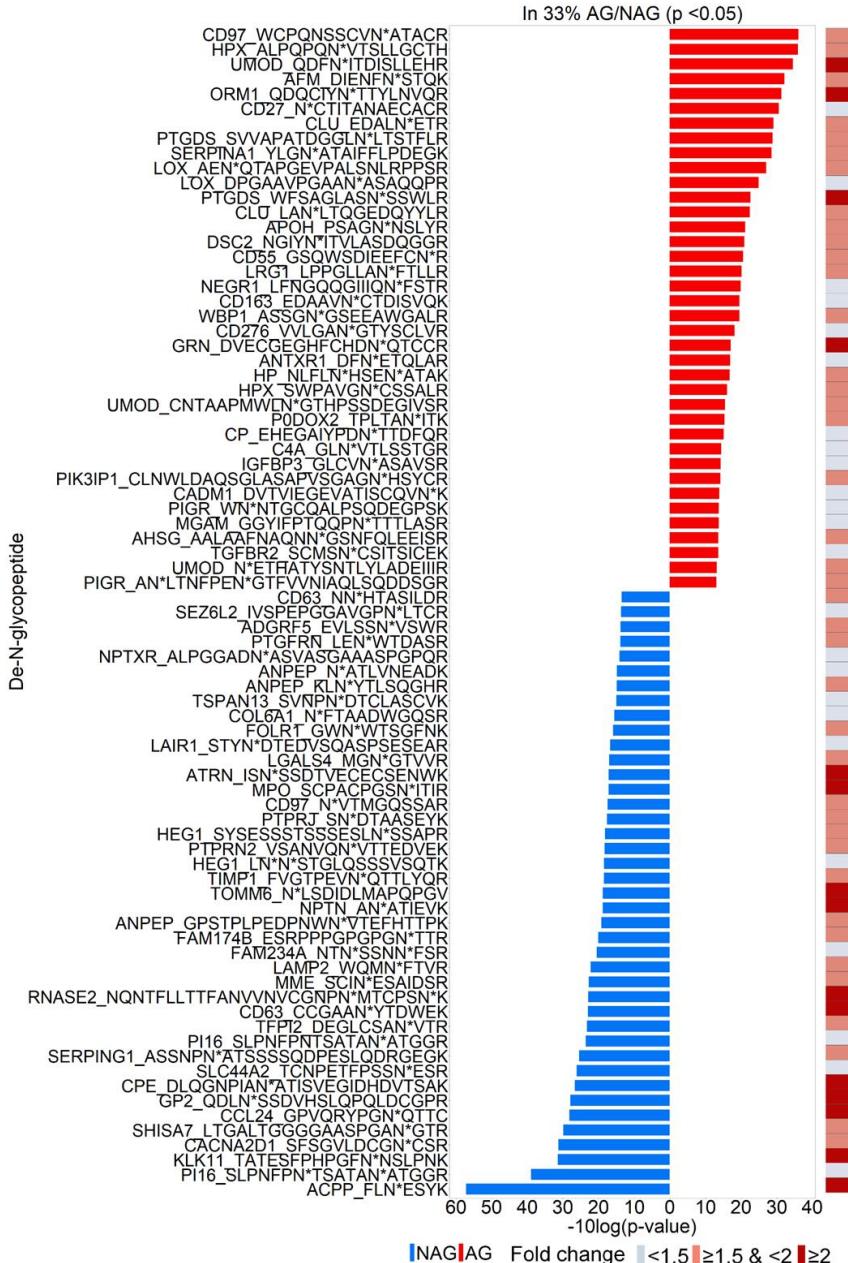
# Automated glycans, glycosite, and intact glycopeptide analysis



Simple tip-based sample processing method for urinary proteomic analysis. David J Clark, Yingwei Hu, Michael Schnaubelt, Yi Fu, Sean Ponce, Shao-Yung Chen, Y Zhou, P Shah, Hui Zhang; *Anal. Chem.* 2019; 91 (9), 5517-5522.

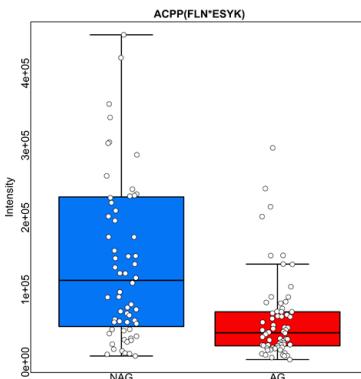
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# Glycopeptides associated with AG

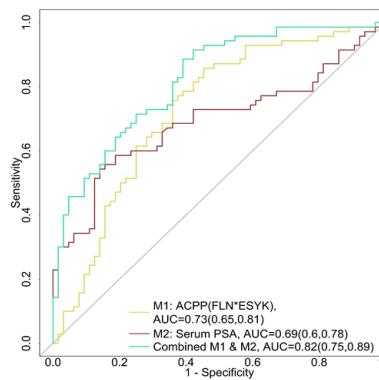


# Down-regulated glycopeptides in AG PCa

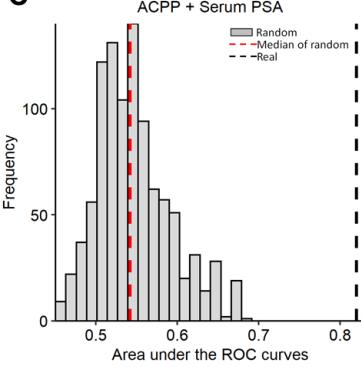
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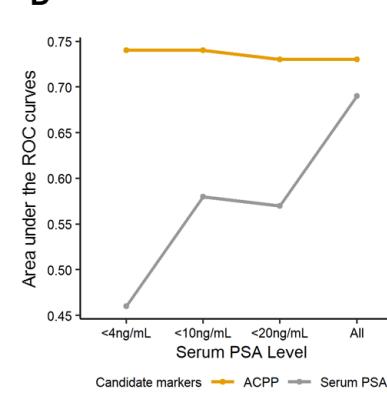
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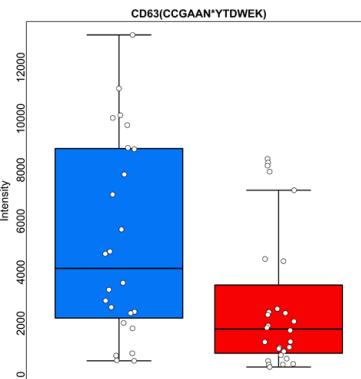
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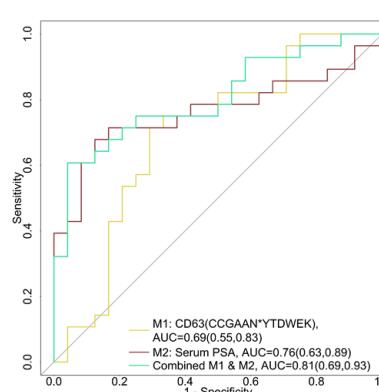
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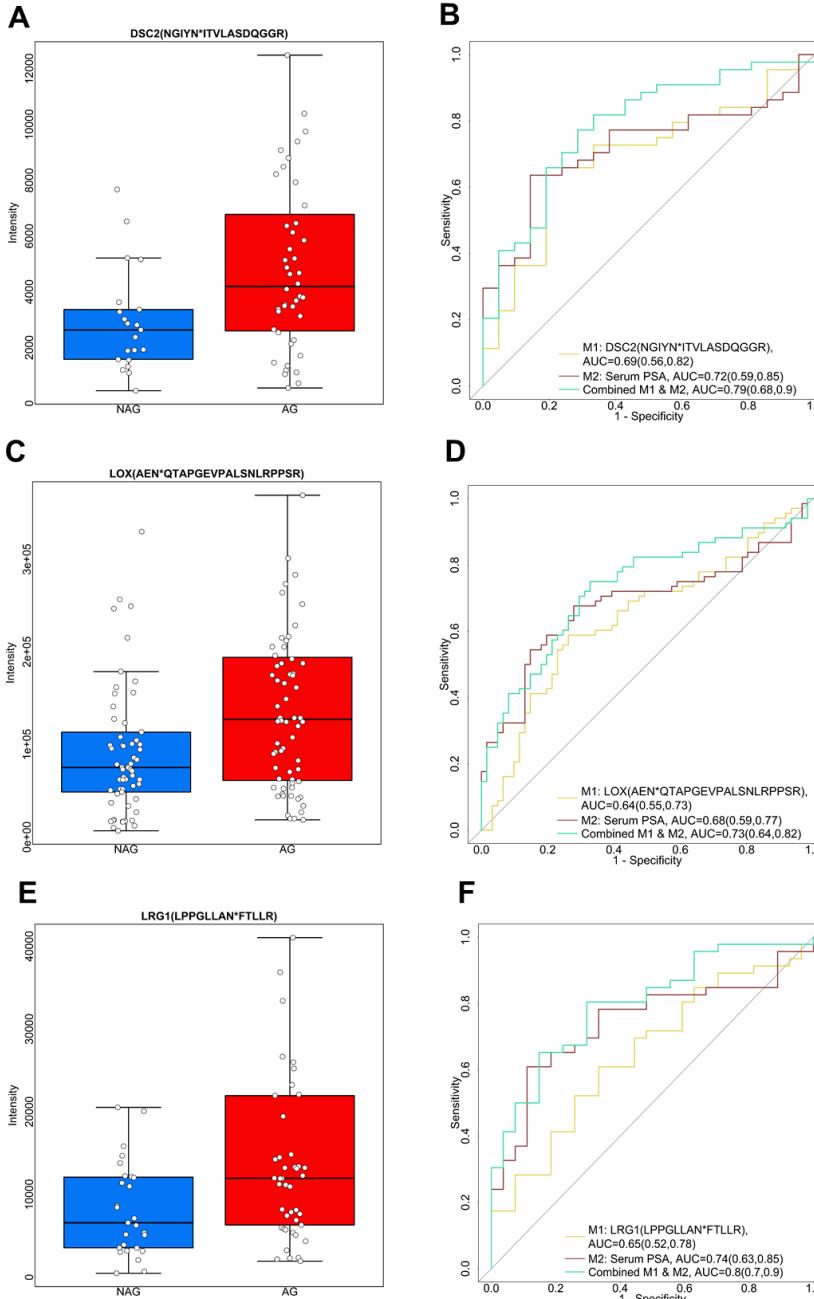
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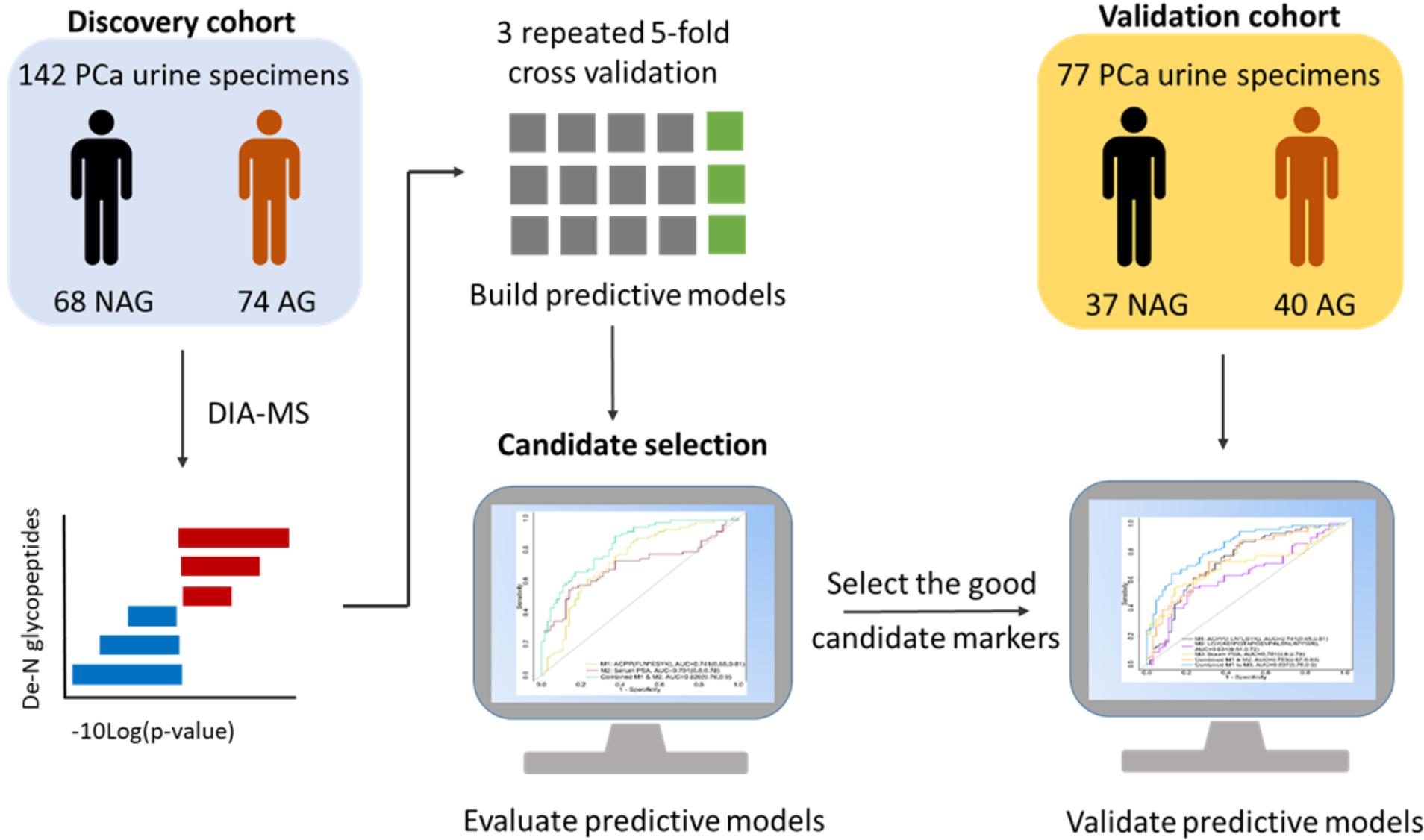
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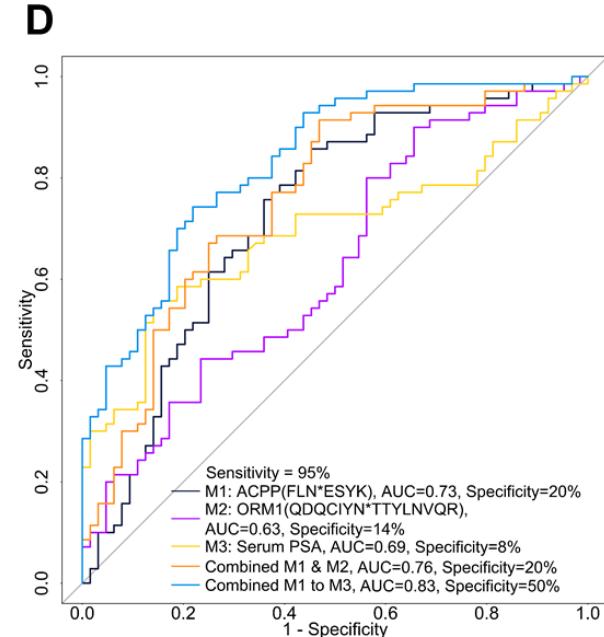
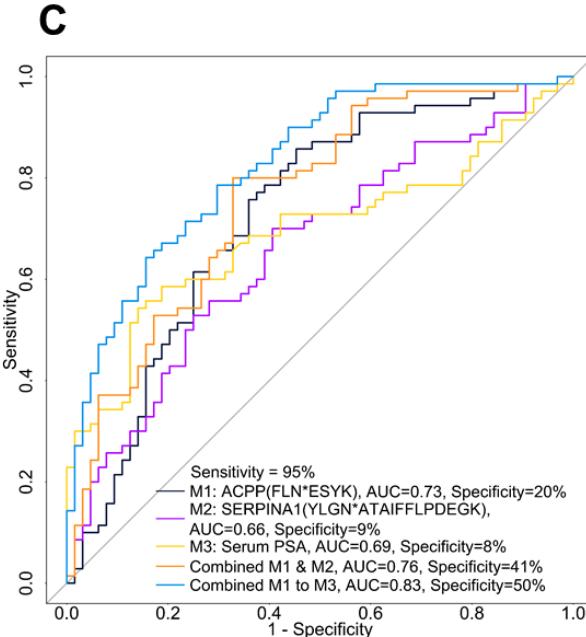
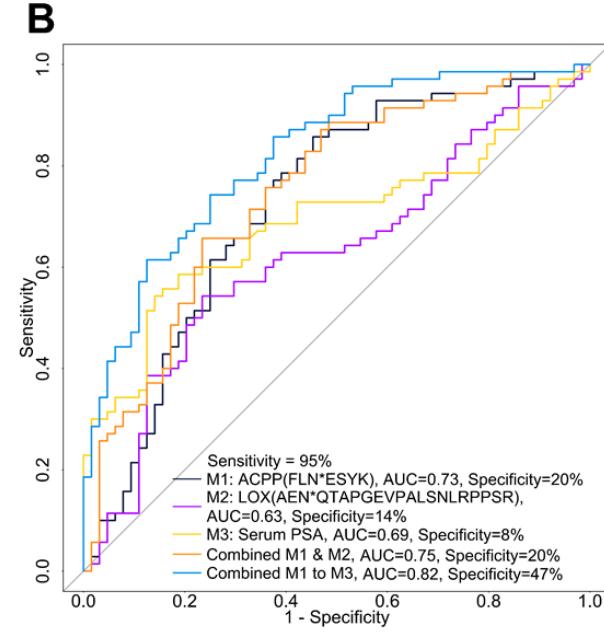
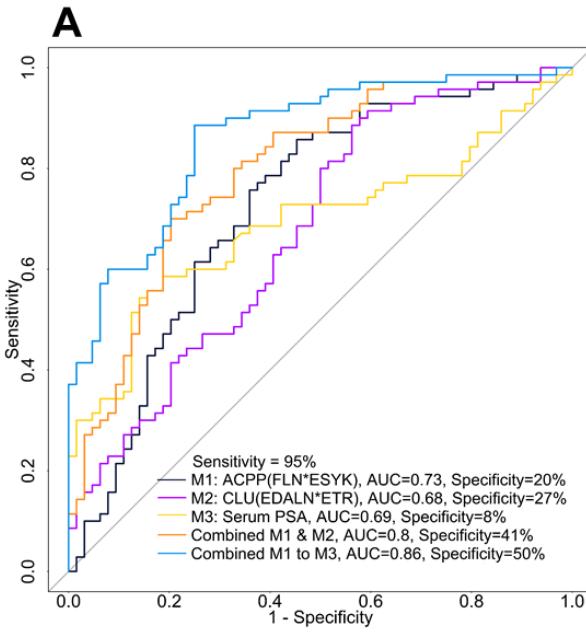
# Up-regulated glycopeptides in AG PCa



# Schematic overview of candidate glycopeptide discovery and validation



# ROC analysis of combined panels

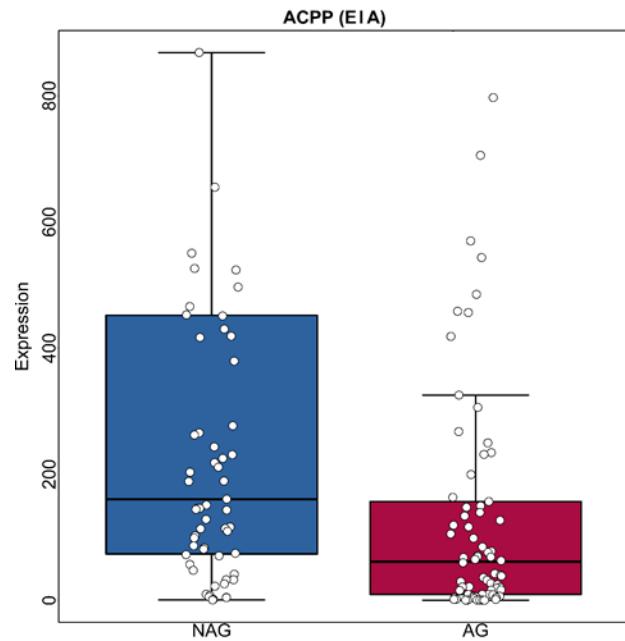


## Performance of different panel of candidate biomarkers in discovery cohort (74 AG and 68 NAG), validation cohort set 1 (40 AG and 37 NAG) and validation cohort set 2 (40 AG and 13 NAG)

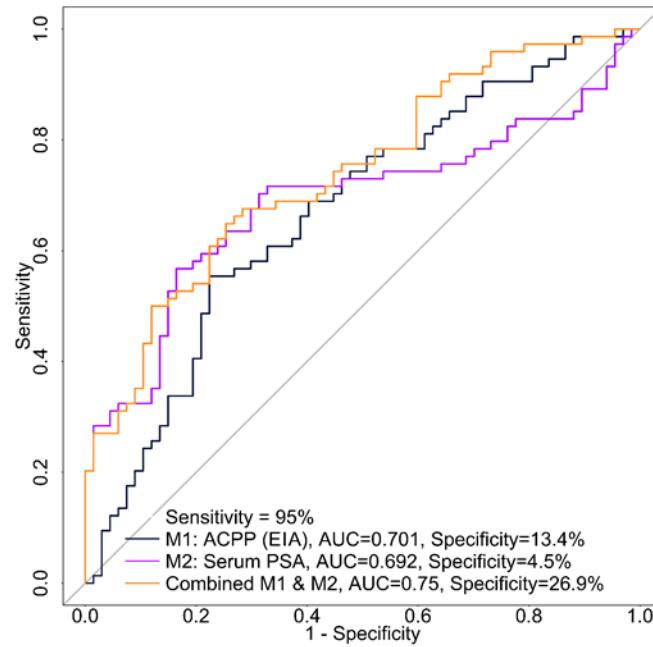
| Panels of candidate biomarkers | Area under the ROC curves (95% confidence interval) |                  |                  |
|--------------------------------|---|------------------|------------------|
|                                | discovery cohort                                    | validation set 1 | validation set 2 |
| ACPP & Serum PSA               | 0.82 (0.75,0.89)                                    | 0.83 (0.74,0.92) | 0.8 (0.67,0.93)  |
| ACPP & CLU & Serum PSA         | 0.86 (0.8,0.92)                                     | 0.85 (0.76,0.94) | 0.76 (0.6,0.92)  |
| ACPP & LOX & Serum PSA         | 0.82 (0.75,0.89)                                    | 0.85 (0.76,0.93) | 0.81(0.69,0.93)  |
| ACPP & SERPINA1 & Serum PSA    | 0.83 (0.76,0.9)                                     | 0.84 (0.75,0.93) | 0.82 (0.7,0.94)  |
| ACPP & ORM1 & Serum PSA        | 0.83 (0.76,0.9)                                     | 0.82 (0.72,0.91) | 0.82 (0.71,0.94) |

# Immunoassay and quantitative analysis of urinary ACPP

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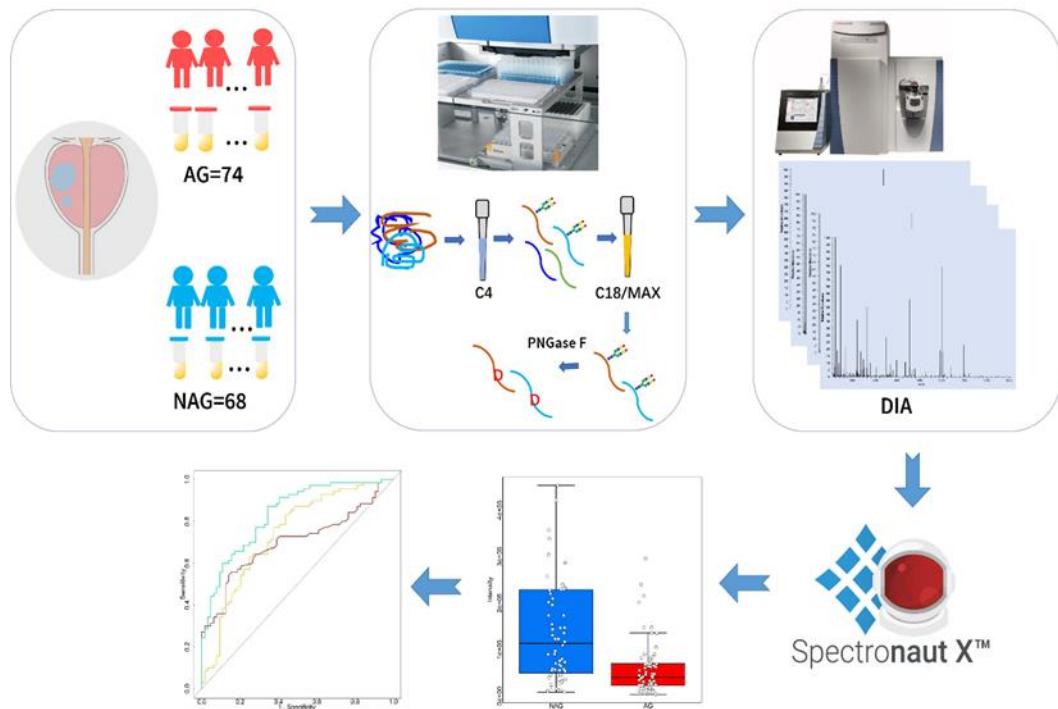


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# Accomplishments during this cycle of EDRN

1. Established high throughput glycoproteomic platform for urinary glycoprotein biomarker development



2. Collaborated with EDRN teams to analyze urine cohorts
3. Identified candidate glycoprotein biomarkers for aggressive prostate cancer

# The state of glycoprotein markers

| Candidate glycoprotein biomarkers |        | Discovery | Pre-validation | Validation | 1. My team project | 2. Collaborative Team Projects and Set-aside Project | 3. CLIA/LDT Assay | 4. New seminal Discoveries/developments related to biomarkers      |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-----------|----------------|------------|--------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| Candidate Biomarker               |        |           |                |            |                    |  |                   |  |
| Fucosylated serum PSA             | -----> |           |                |            | Yes                | Yes  |                   | Improved performance when combined with phi                        |
| Urinary ACPP                      | -----> |           |                |            | Yes                |  |                   | Improved performance when combined with urinary LOX                |
| Urinary CD63                      | -----> |           |                |            | Yes                |  |                   | Improved performance when combined with serum PSA                  |
| Urinary LOX                       | -----> |           |                |            | Yes                |  |                   | Improved performance when combined with urinary ACPP               |
| Urinary CLU                       | -----> |           |                |            | Yes                |  |                   | Improved performance when combined with urinary ACPP and serum PSA |
| Urinary PSA                       | -----> |           |                |            | Yes                | Yes  |                   | Improved performance when combined with urinary ACPP and serum PSA |
| Urinary ORM1                      | -----> |           |                |            | Yes                |  |                   |  |
| Urinary DSC2                      | -----> |           |                |            | Yes                |  |                   |  |
| Urinary PTGD                      | -----> |           |                |            | Yes                |  |                   |  |
| Urinary SERPINA1                  | -----> |           |                |            | Yes                |  |                   |  |
| Urinary LRG1                      | -----> |           |                |            | Yes                |  |                   |  |
| Urinary KLK11                     | -----> |           |                |            | Yes                |  |                   |  |
| Urinary SCGB1A1                   | -----> |           |                |            | Yes                |  |                   |  |
| Urinary AZGP1                     | -----> |           |                |            | Yes                |  |                   |  |
| Urinary CSTA                      | -----> |           |                |            | Yes                |  |                   |  |

# Summary and the Next Steps

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- Use MS- or antibody-based assays to quantify glycopeptides or glycoproteins: fuc-PSA, ACPP, CLU
- Validate the candidate biomarkers using post-DRE urine from PCA3 evaluation trial
- Determine the performance of biomarkers using pre-DRE urine from CPDR

# The progress and the current state of trans-network collaborative projects

434 Post-DRD urine collected using EDRN protocol in JHU

AG=289

NAG=145

859 Post-DRE urine from the NCI-EDRN's Urinary PCA3 Evaluation Trial (from 11 sites). Urine samples from 562 initial biopsies

AG=138

NAG=126

Non-cancer=298

297 repeated biopsies

AG=26

NAG=41

Non-cancer=230

CVC  
JHU

DMCC  
CVCs

BRL  
CPDR

178 Pre-DRE urine from Center for Prostate Disease Research (CPDR)

AG=78

NAG=50

Non-cancer=50

## EDRN Structure

The unique EDRN Network structure enables the large scale study design and investigation for required biomarker development and validation

Specimen collection, data generation, and data analysis sites are independent and samples are blinded during data generation for reduced bias.

Integrated molecular (genomics, methylation, mRNA, miRNA, exosome, proteins, glycoproteins), pathological, and imaging analyses for improved clinical performance for cancer detection

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