



**Discovery-Based Quantitative Proteomics Workflow.** Individual biological protein extracts are labelled with unique Tandem Mass Tags (TMTs) before being pooled for LC-MS analysis. (a) During LC-MS, TMT-labelled peptides are delivered to the mass spectrometer via ionization, and target peptides are selected during a primary scan (MS1). (b) The target peptide is subjected to collision-induced dissociation (CID) which preferentially cleaves peptide bonds, thereby revealing sequence information (MS2). The table inset demonstrates how b- and y-ion assignment can determine peptide sequence. (c) Finally, the target peptide is subjected to high-energy collision dissociation which cleaves the TMT reporter ion and yields relative quantitation across all samples in the pooled extract (MS3). This process is repeated on a novel target peptide in a non-biased selection until all peptides have been analyzed (see *Methods* for more detailed information).