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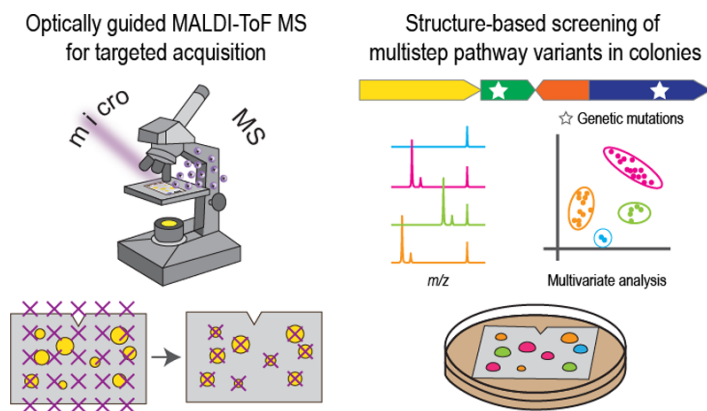
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Profiling of Microbial Colonies for High-Throughput Engineering of Multistep Enzymatic Reactions via Optically Guided Matrix-Assisted Laser Desorption/Ionization Mass Spectrometry

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Background of the work-

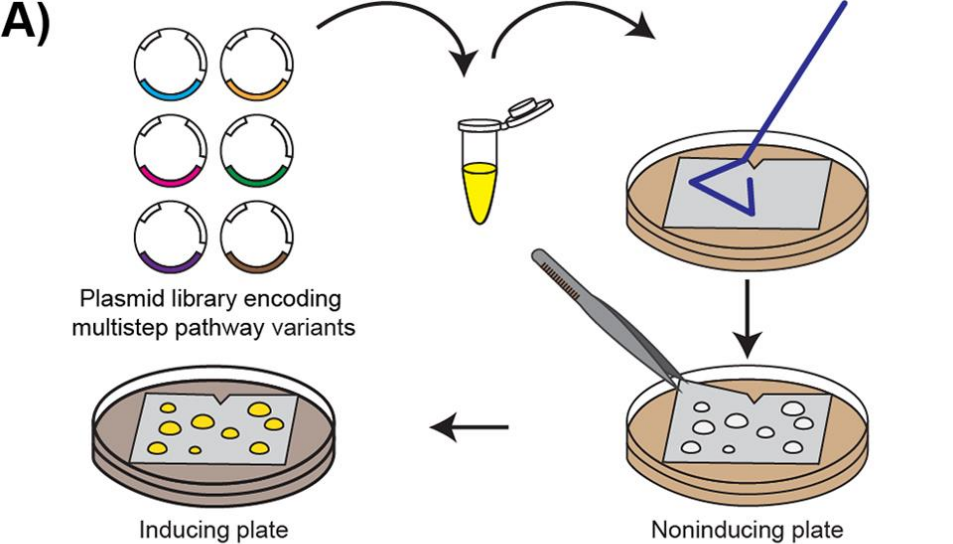
- 1) Mass spec imaging of bacterial colony for biotransformation of molecules is a subject area which has been studying for last couple of years. And some number of work based on DESI imaging has already been done.

Why this paper was chosen-

- 1) This particular paper was written in the form where MALDI was used as a eye of the observer for rapid screening of the single or double step biotransformation in a branch of genetically modified species.
- 2) Correlating the cluster analysis of huge number of spectrum with the optical image to see the relative abundance of a molecule in a particular genetically modified bacterial colony is something industrially important.

Group relevancy-

- 1) As a mass spec prospective our HR MS can be utilized to analyze this kind of work in addition to desi or nanodesi imaging.
- 2) Rapid screening of material and cells interaction e.g MoS₂ or Arsenic .
- 3) Genetically modified cells which will produce excess food supplementary can be used a printing material to produce printed food, e.g printed protein-bar.



In this paper...

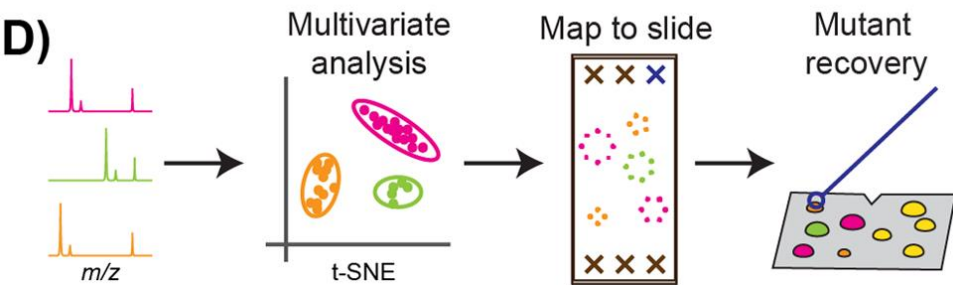
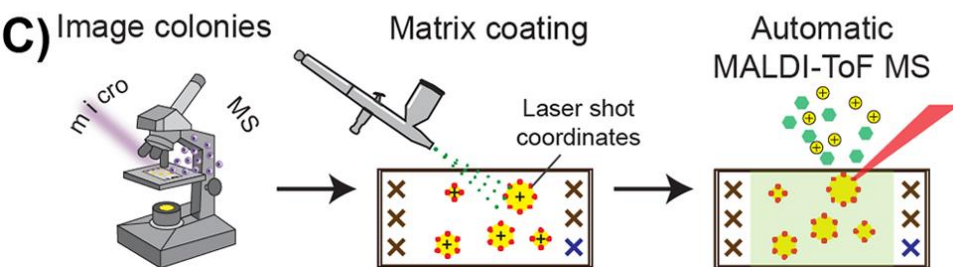
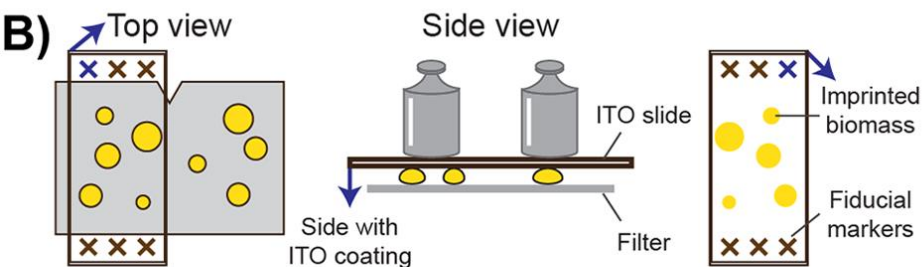
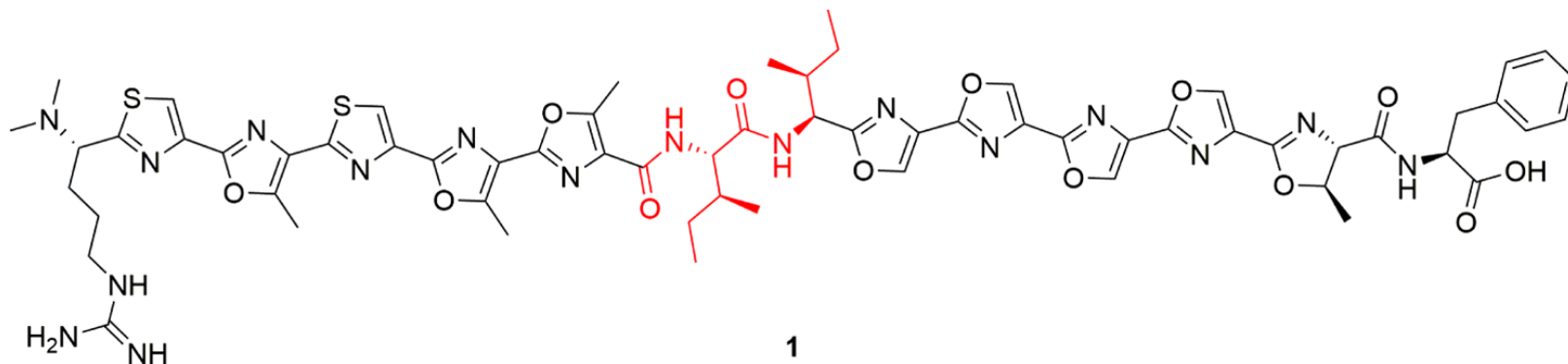
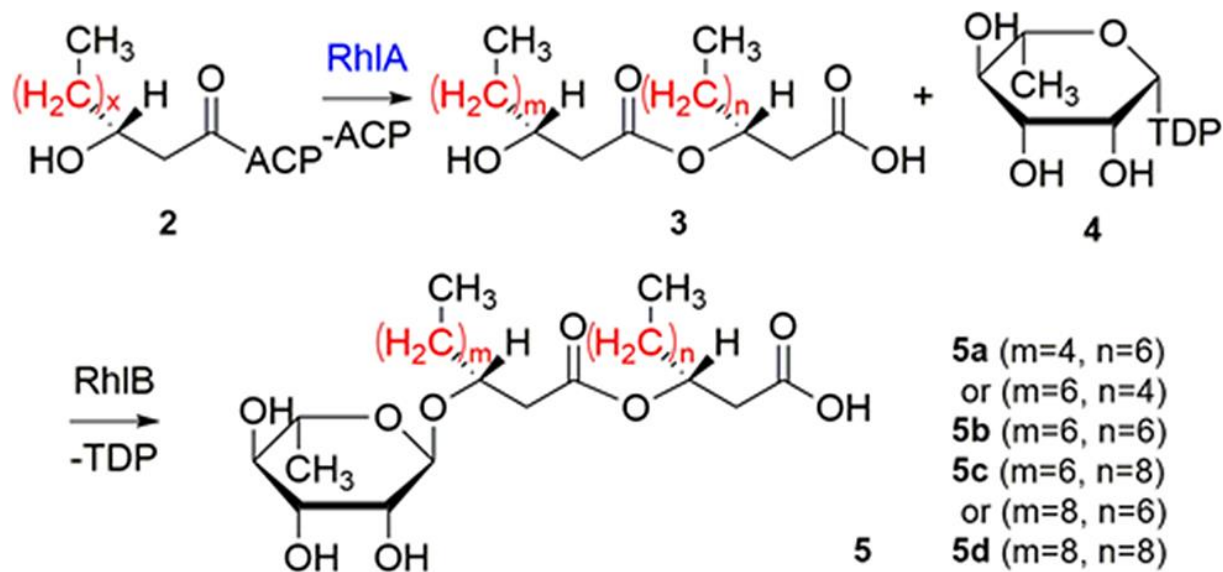


Figure 1. Optically guided MALDI-ToF MS screening.

- (A) Strain library preparation.
 (B) Imprinting of a colony biomass onto indium tin oxide (ITO)-coated glass slides (blue arrows indicate the coating side).
 (C) Generation of laser coordinates for automated MALDI-ToF MS profiling using machine vision on microscopic images.
 (D) Multivariate analysis and visualization of resulting mass spectra data sets.



Scheme 1. Structure of PZN 1

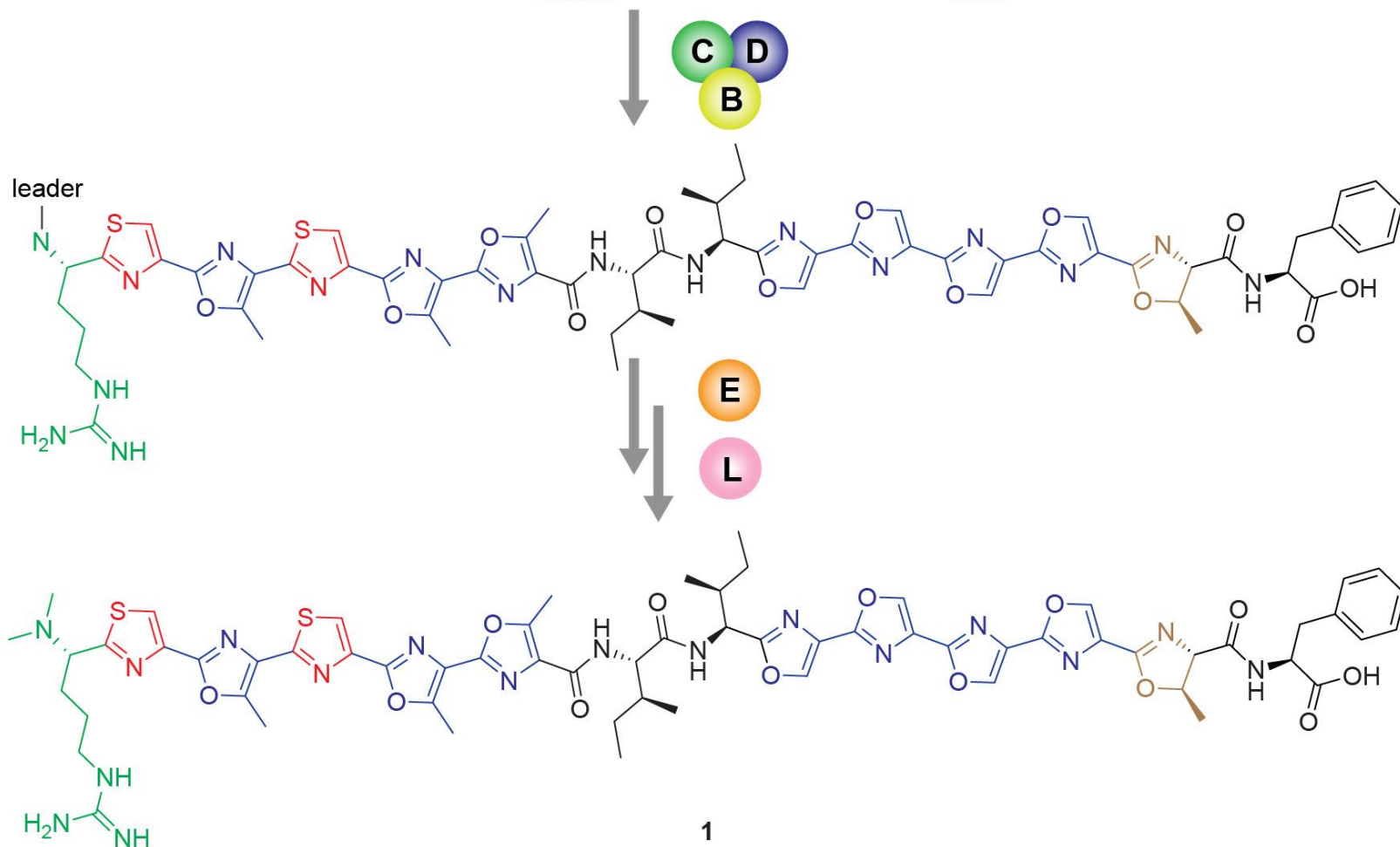


Scheme 2. Biosynthesis of RL 5

MTQIKVPTALIASVHGEGQHLFEPMAA*¹R⁵CT¹⁰CTT¹⁴ISS¹⁴STF

Leader

Core



Scheme S1. Main biosynthetic steps of PZN 1. The leader cleavage site in the precursor peptide is denoted by the asterisk. The main biosynthetic enzymes include a trimeric heterocycle synthetase consisting of a dehydrogenase (B) and two cyclodehydratase (C/D), a putative leader peptidase (E), and a methyltransferase (L). (Adapted from ref.8 with permission. Copyright 2017 American Chemical Society).

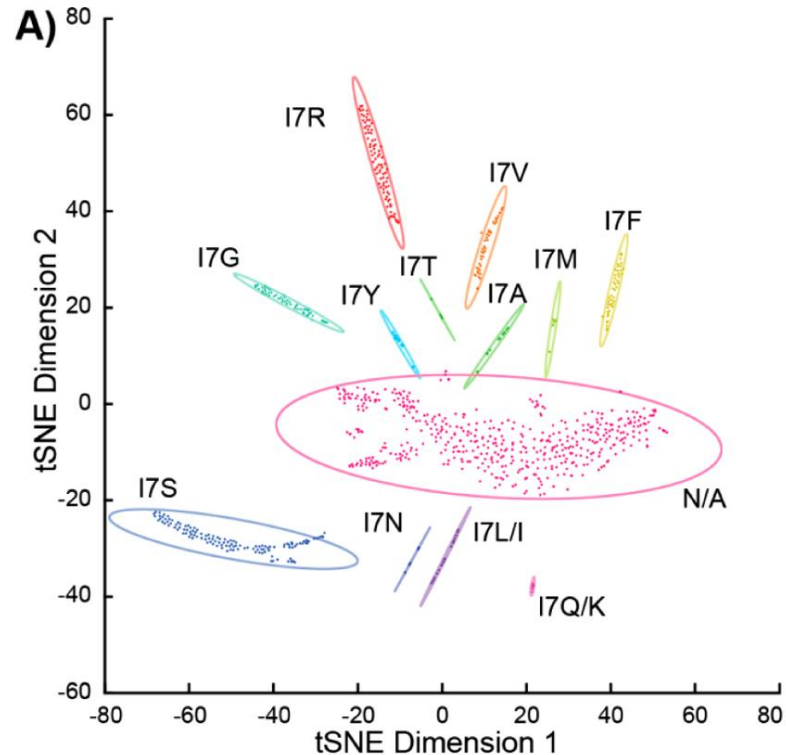
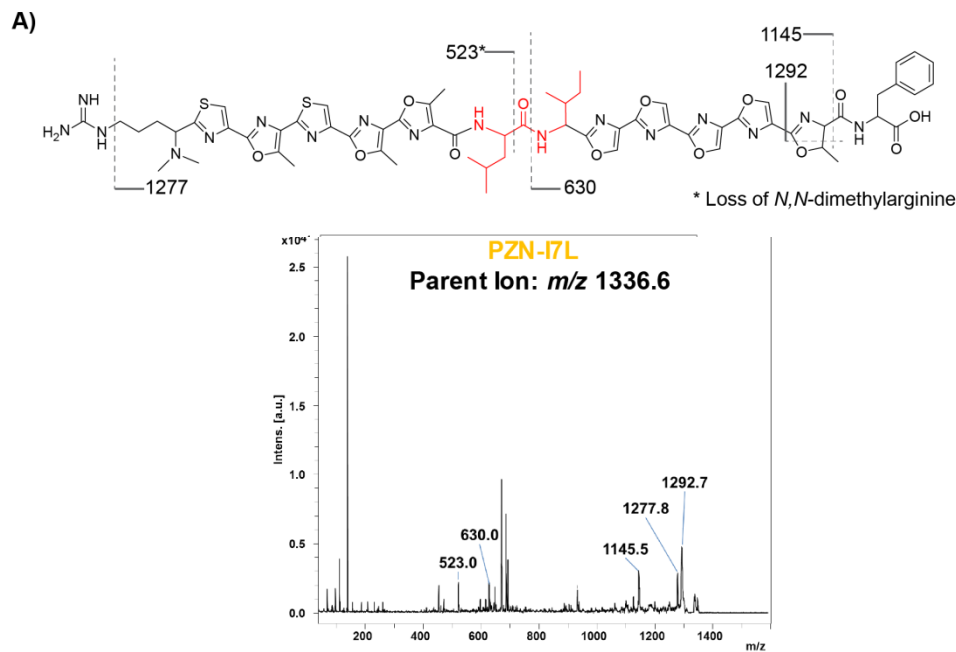
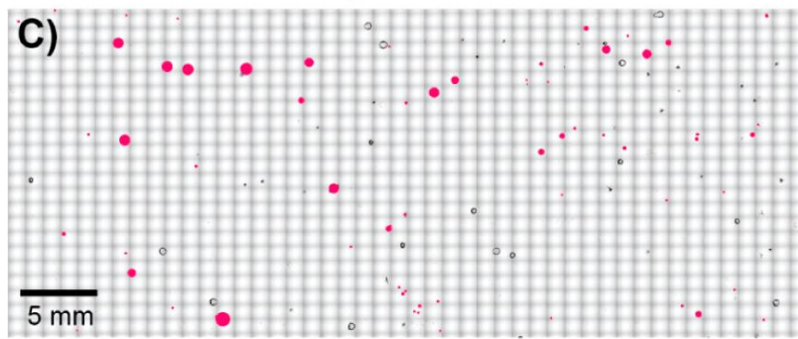
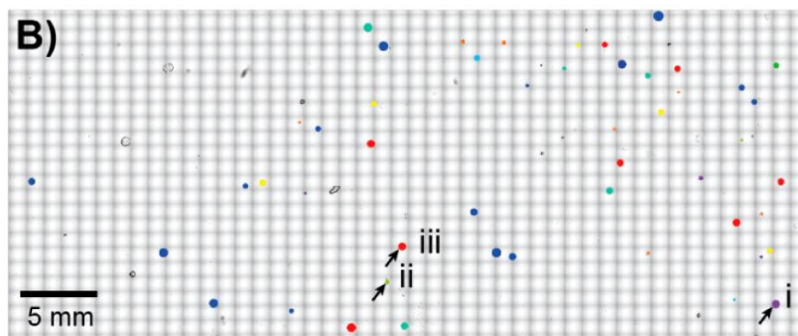


Figure 2. Multivariate analysis of PZN analogues. (A) Visualization with targeted t-SNE clustering of the I7 library from a single experiment. Each point corresponds to a single mass spectrum, with each cluster surrounded by a 95% confidence ellipsoid. The N/A cluster contains spectra without observable peptide signals. The position of (B) each mutant or (C) N/A colony is mapped onto the optical image to aid mutant recovery. The three colonies highlighted in panel B are displayed in more detail in Figure 3.



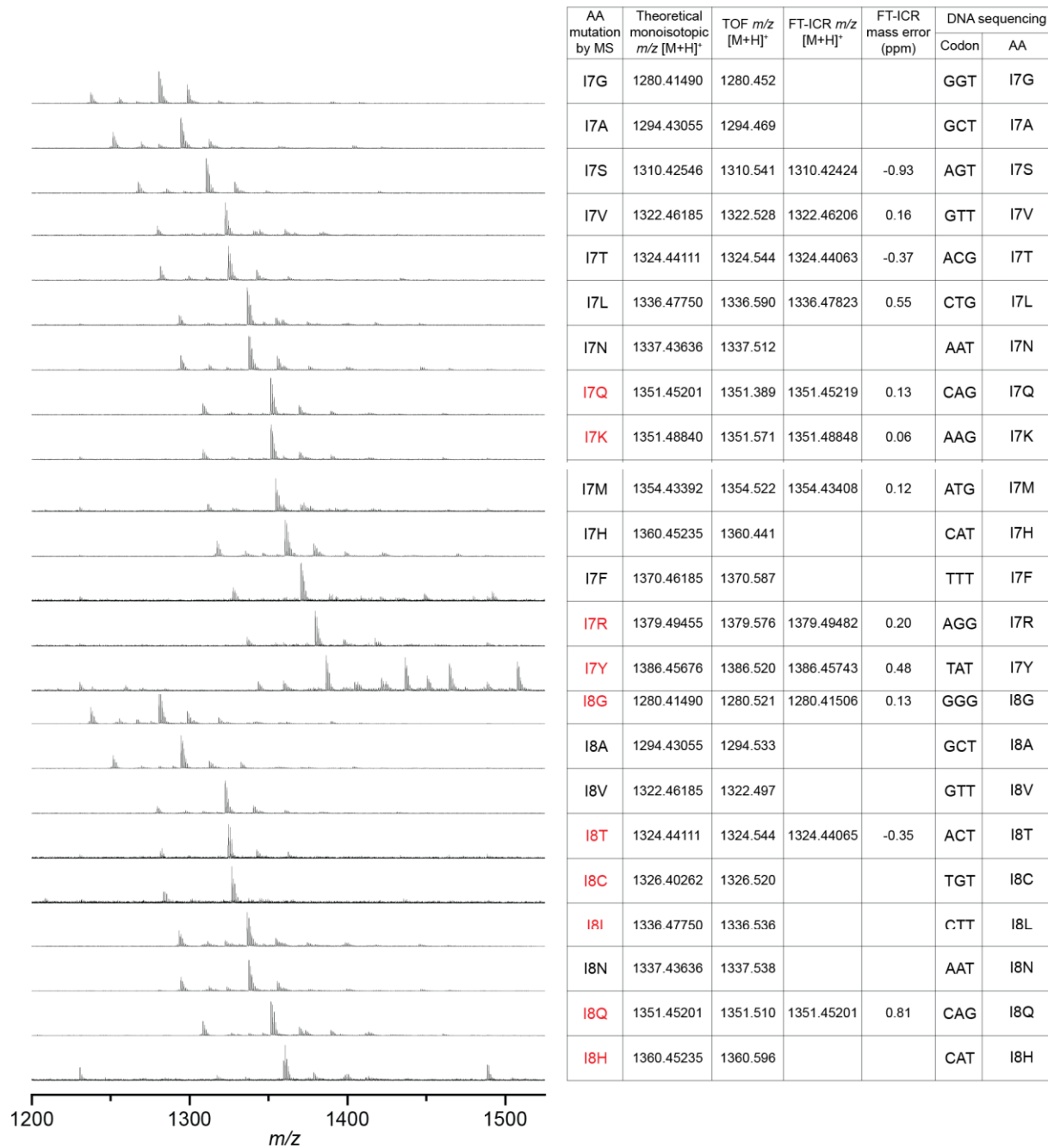


Figure S1. Summary of PZN 1 analogues observed in this study. For each PZN 1 analogue, a typical MALDI-ToF mass spectrum of the *E. coli* colony is included on the left. The table on the right summarizes the information of PZN 1 analogues including the amino acid (AA) mutation assignment based on mass spectra, theoretical and measured monoisotopic m/z value of the $[M+H]^+$ ion (by MALDI-ToF or MALDI-FT-ICR), and DNA sequencing results. High-resolution FT-ICR was performed on select colonies from the same sample target subsequent to MALDI MS screening, focusing on tentative Q and K mutants, as well as select 1 analogues (shown in red) not reported in a previous study.

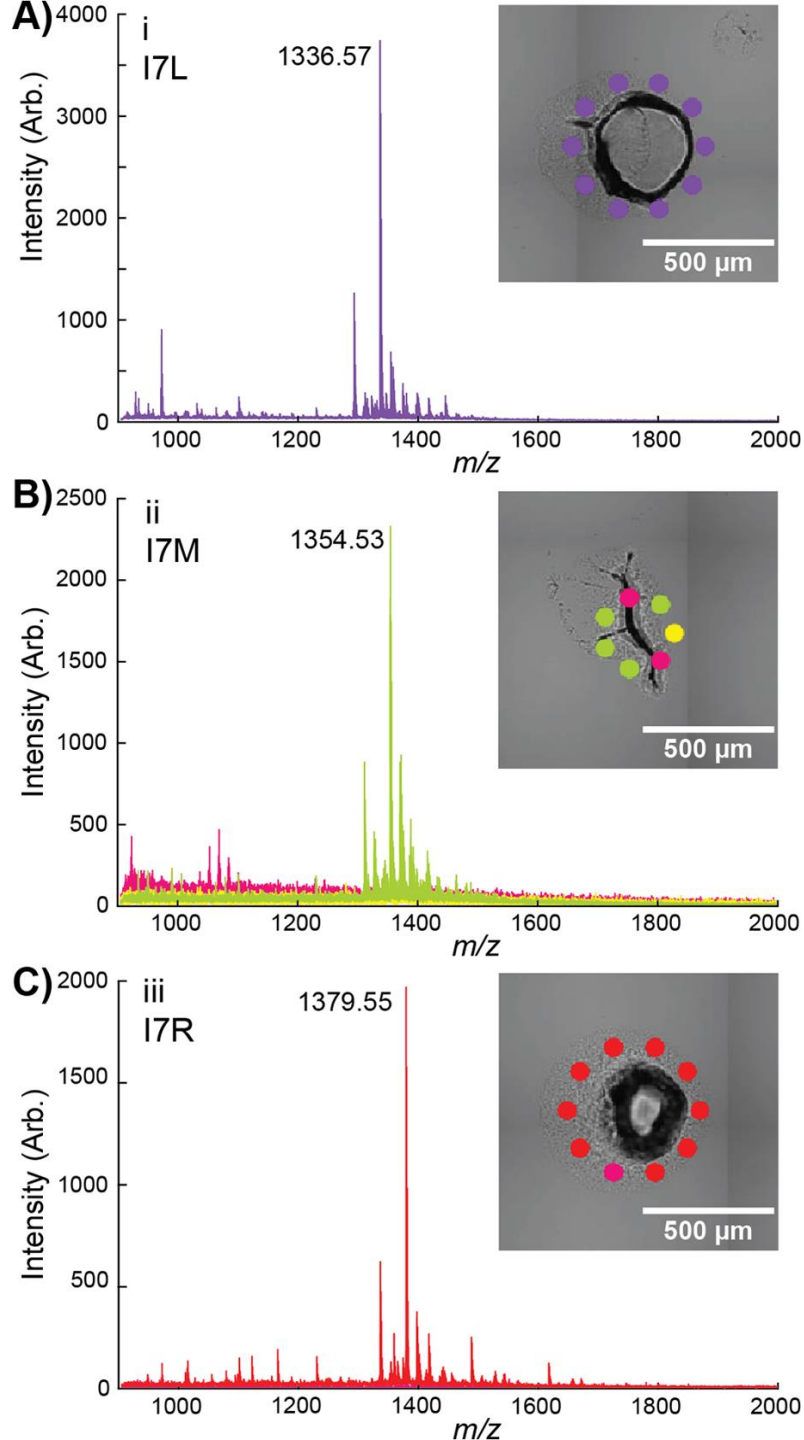


Figure 3. Detailed view of annotated colonies (i, ii and iii) from Figure 2 shown in panels (A–C) respectively. The color of each cluster corresponds to the t-SNE plot in Figure 2. Average spectra of each cluster for the colony are displayed with the base peak labeled. Mutations were confirmed by DNA sequencing (Figure S1).

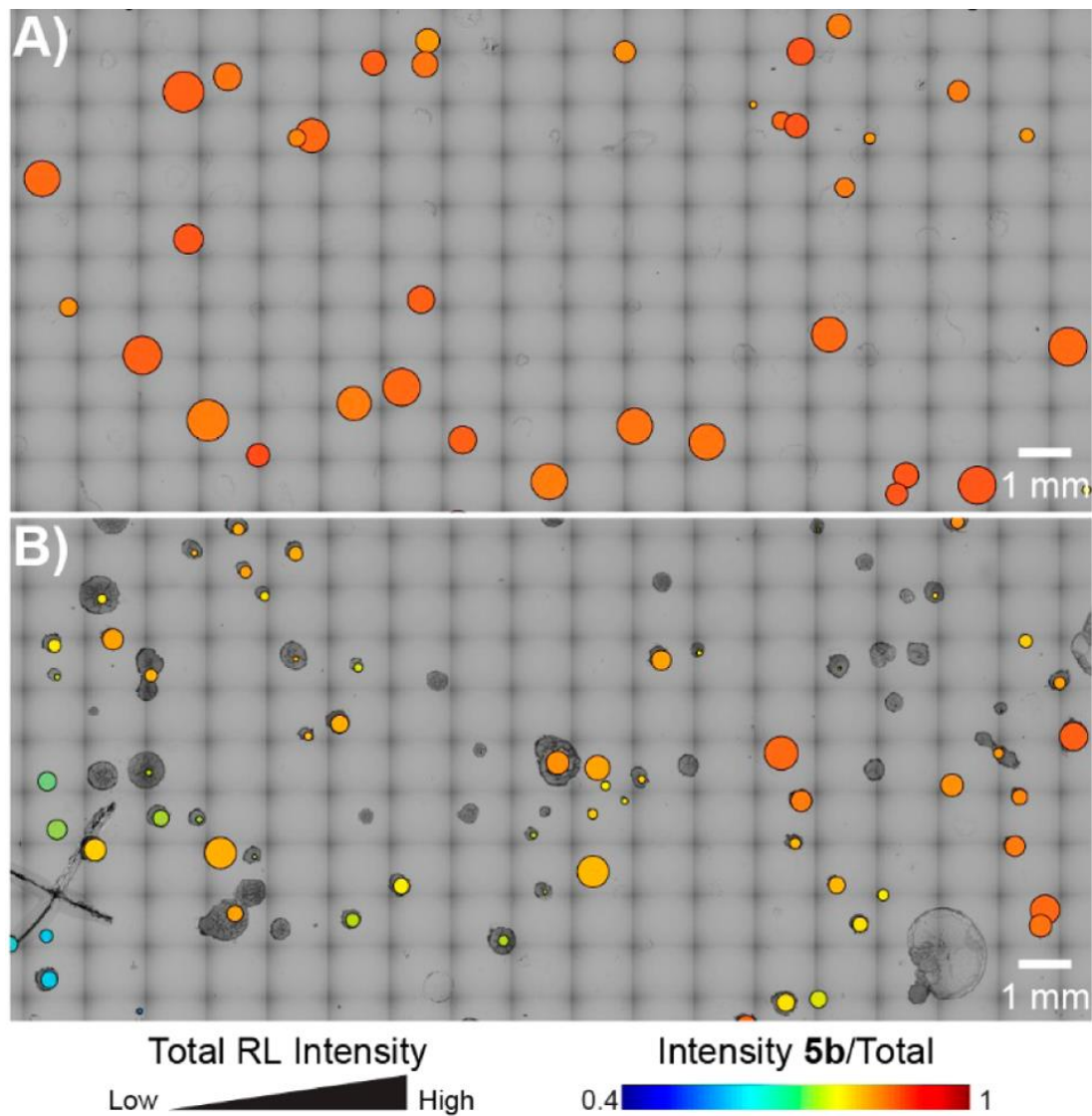


Figure 4. Visualization of MALDI-ToF MS screening results of mono- RL-producing *E. coli* colonies. (A) WT. (B) Strain library in the first round of mutagenesis (R1). For each circle overlaying the corresponding colony, the radius scales with the log-base 10 intensity of the sum of all RL peaks, and the false color scales with the relative abundance of RL 5b. Only a small, representative region is shown.

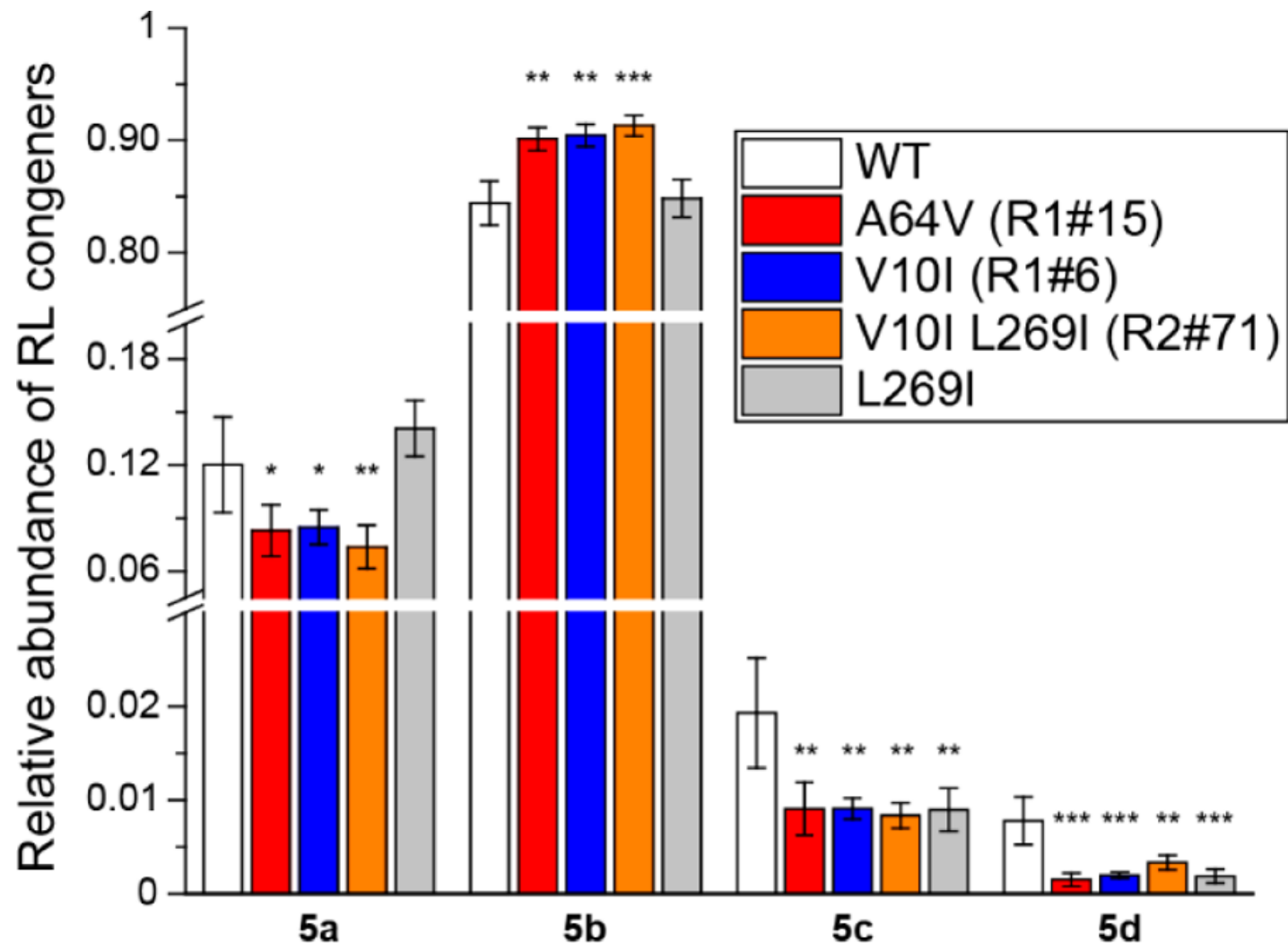


Figure 5. Comparison of RL production in liquid cultures between WT and isolated mutant strains quantified using LC-MS/MS in multiple reaction monitoring mode. Error bars indicate the standard deviations of biological triplicates. Significant differences were determined between WT and mutants using an independent two tailed, two-sample t-test for equal sample sizes and equal variance. Significance levels: * $p < 0.05$; ** $p < 0.01$; *** $p < 0.001$.

Conclusion-

- 1) Successfully demonstrated optically guided MALDI MS screening of large number of bacterial colonies.
- 2) Incorporating machine vision and automatic target patterning greatly improves MS acquisition efficiency over traditional MSI assays, especially for randomly distributed colonies.
- 3) Correlating genotype and the phenotype using MSI is an interesting approach.

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