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## Abstract

Mass Spectrometry is a powerful tool to analyze different biomolecules in a tissue section. Both liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry (LC-MS) and mass spectrometry imaging (MSI) techniques are useful for large-scale detection and identification of small molecules, peptides, and proteins in samples, with MSI additionally being able to determine the spatial distribution of molecules within a tissue section. In this thesis, LC-MS and MSI approaches were applied to study symbiotic relationships. In the plant *Medicago truncatula*, a symbiotic relationship with rhizobia bacteria in specialized organs, root nodules, of the plant results in the reduction of atmospheric nitrogen into ammonia (termed biological nitrogen fixation). MSI methods were developed to investigate the small molecule and peptide content in the root nodules. Furthermore, a developed MSI method was applied to study salt stress, which negatively affects development of the symbiotic relationship in the root nodules. The other relationship explored was the complex interactions between the gut microbiome and its host. To investigate this complicated relationship, multiomics studies, which combine two or more single omics studies, such as metabolomics and proteomics, were utilized to achieve a more comprehensive analysis of the gut microbiome. Developed multiomic approaches were applied to study the response of the gut microbiome to pathogenic infection. Overall, this work develops a multifaceted approach to investigate symbiotic relationships, resulting in new method development, improved MSI sample preparation protocols, and increased knowledge about molecular players involved in the symbiosis.



# **Chapter 1**

## **Introduction and Research**

### **Summary**

## Introduction and Research Summary

Mass spectrometry (MS) is a robust and sensitive technique for qualitative and quantitative measurements of the various types of biomolecules present in a tissue. Liquid chromatography (LC)-MS can detect and, with tandem MS (MS/MS) capabilities, identify hundreds to thousands of molecules in a single run, which is advantageous for large-scale profiling and relative quantitation of molecules. However, the spatial resolution of the molecules in the tissue is lost during the extraction process. Mass spectrometry imaging (MSI) profiles molecules directly in a tissue section, allowing for determination of the spatial localization of molecules in a tissue. Although there are many ionization methods for MSI, matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionization (MALDI) is very commonly used for MSI. By combining LC-MS/MS and MALDI-MSI, large-scale detection, quantitation, and localization of biomolecules are possible. This work studies plant-bacteria symbiosis and the microbiome-host relationship via LC-MS/MS and MALDI-MSI to investigate the various biomolecules involved in these important biological systems. In Chapter 1, a general overview of the work described in this thesis is provided. Chapter 2 describes the use of MS and MSI techniques to study metabolites, peptides, and proteins in plant science.<sup>1</sup> A sample preparation procedure for MALDI-MSI of peptides in the root nodules of the plant *Medicago truncatula* can be found in Appendix I, and a discussion of the challenges in metabolite identification and the various tools available to aid in metabolite identification can be found in Appendix II.

MALDI-MSI has exhibited significant utility in the localization of metabolites in plants, including *Medicago truncatula*.<sup>2, 3</sup> A study of the metabolites involved in biological nitrogen fixation in *Medicago truncatula* root nodules through MALDI-MSI and LC-MS/MS can be found in Appendix III. MALDI-MSI can also be used to study the molecular changes due to salt stress,

which negatively affects root nodule formation. As root nodule formation is critical for the symbiosis with rhizobia bacteria, a better understanding of the metabolites involved in salt stress would be beneficial. Metabolites were imaged in root nodules grown in low and high salt concentrations to determine the distribution changes in the root nodules in response to salt stress, the details of which are in Appendix IV. The study of salt stress in the root nodule was continued with a novel MALDI source capable of higher spatial resolution. Efforts in improving the spatial resolution in MALDI-MSI look to decrease pixel size in order to resolve smaller molecular features. In Chapter 3, an atmospheric pressure (AP)-MALDI source was investigated as it allowed for higher spatial resolution imaging. Initially AP-MALDI imaging of metabolites in root nodules of *Medicago truncatula* was compared to vacuum MALDI-MSI. Then, AP-MALDI-MSI was applied to study salt stress in *Medicago truncatula* root nodules.<sup>4</sup>

Although MALDI-MSI is commonly applied to study metabolites, imaging of endogenous peptides with MALDI-MSI is less commonly employed.<sup>5</sup> As endogenous peptides have critical roles in the plant, including root nodule development,<sup>6</sup> a MALDI-MSI method to image peptides in plants was developed. Chapter 4 describes the initial study developing a MALDI-MSI method to study peptides in *Medicago truncatula* root nodules.<sup>7</sup> Different mutant lines with altered peptide content were compared to wild-type plants, and peptides were identified with LC-MS/MS. While numerous peptides were imaged in this study, nodule-specific cysteine-rich (NCR) peptides, which are critical for proper formation of the symbiotic relationship in the root nodules, were not identified. As a result, Chapter 5 describes the optimization of MALDI-MSI sample preparation through inclusion of sample washing procedures to image NCR peptides. Multiple NCR peptides were identified with the optimized strategy and LC-MS/MS was used to confirm identifications. Appendix V describes the optimization of LC-MS/MS sample preparation procedures on

*Medicago truncatula* seedling plants to identify endogenous peptides from plant extractions. Multiple extractions were attempted with various sample clean-up preparation steps.

The other biological system studied in this work is the gut microbiome, which has critical roles in human health. Due to the complexity of the microbiome, multiomics studies are beneficial as they allow for characterization of different molecule types in the microbiome. For example, metagenomic analysis of changes in microbiome composition can be combined with metabolomics or metaproteomics studies.<sup>8,9</sup> Chapter 6 describes the cecum extraction optimization for combining metabolomics, peptidomics, and proteomics studies into a single multiomics analysis. Three different extraction methods commonly employed for metabolomics, peptidomics, and/or proteomics studies were compared. Peptidomics is less commonly combined with other omics to study the microbiome. By including peptidomics with metabolomics and proteomics, more detailed knowledge of molecular processes occurring in the gut can be obtained, including information about communication in the gut via signaling peptides.

The optimal extraction found in Chapter 6 was then applied to two multiomics studies investigating the microbiome's response to infection by either *Salmonella enterica* Typhimurium or *Candida albicans*. Chapter 7 describes the metagenomics and metabolomics study utilizing LC-MS to look at compounds produced by the microbiome after pathogenic infection.<sup>10</sup> A model of the human gut microbiome was introduced to germ-free mice as a model system. Humanized, infected mice were then compared to humanized mice with no infection and mice monocolonized with the pathogen. In Chapter 8, the study was further expanded to investigate the metabolomic, peptidomic, and proteomic changes in the microbiome due to infection. Both *Salmonella enterica* Typhimurium and *Candida albicans* infections were again utilized with the humanized mice model

system. The inclusion of peptidomics to the workflow allowed profiling of neuropeptides involved in the response to infection in the gut.

The multiomics studies on the microbiome focused on identifying molecular compounds in the cecum. In order to localize target compounds to the mucosal layer, where members of the microbiome reside, MALDI-MSI of mouse intestine samples was explored in Appendix VI. Different instrumentation platforms, including time of flight instruments capable of high spatial resolution, as well as different matrices were compared. Additionally, a PVDF membrane set-up was explored to investigate bacteria interactions via MALDI-MSI. Bacteria are grown in wells on top of the PVDF membrane, and molecular communication occurs within the membrane. The ability of MALDI-MSI to detect signaling molecules produced by the bacteria in the PVDF membrane is described in Appendix VII.

Although the majority of the work presented in this thesis focuses on microbial relationships with their host, other projects utilizing MS techniques to study various biological systems were performed. Appendix VIII describes the optimization of MALDI-MSI workflow to detect endogenous peptides in the pancreas islets of Langerhans. These islets produce many endogenous peptides, including insulin, and therefore pancreas tissue is a good target tissue for MALDI-MSI.<sup>11, 12</sup> Appendix IX describes the use of MALDI-MSI to image a Gd chelate alkylphosphocholine analog molecule in tumor, liver, and kidneys. The Gd chelate molecule is based upon previous alkylphosphocholine analog technology that allows for tumor specific uptake of the molecule for magnetic resonance imaging.<sup>13</sup> MALDI-MSI was used to visualize the drug distribution in various tissues, and to investigate other molecular changes occurring due addition of the molecule. Finally, Appendix X describes the use of MALDI-MSI to investigate the lipid molecules providing insulation in the electric eel.

Chapter 9 provides overall conclusions derived from the studies presented in this thesis and describes potential future directions. Chapter 10 describes the MALDI-MSI studies on *Medicago truncatula* root nodules, including both the small molecule changes due to salt stress and the optimization of MALDI-MSI to study NCR peptides, for a broader audience as part of the Wisconsin Initiative for Scientific Literacy project.

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# Chapter 2

## Mass Spectrometry in Plant-omics

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## **Abstract**

Plant-omics is rapidly becoming an important field of study in the scientific community due to the urgent need to address many of the most important questions facing humanity today with regard to agriculture, medicine, biofuels, environmental decontamination, ecological sustainability, etc. High performance mass spectrometry is a dominant tool for interrogating the metabolomes, peptidomes, and proteomes of a diversity of plant species under various conditions, revealing key insights into the functions and mechanisms of plant biochemistry.

## **Plant-omics**

Plant science is one of the oldest<sup>1-3</sup> areas of scientific research but is still an extremely important and rapidly developing area of study. Plant life plays an essential role in these challenging issues. For example, growing robust crops with increased yield not only affects the agriculture industry, but also plays a role in environmental sustainability and contamination. Non-food crop plants are being studied and developed as biofuels for sustainable energy.<sup>4-7</sup> Additionally, the ability of plants to withstand attacks from pests and pathogens in their environment is being studied in the medical community in light of the rise of drug-resistant strains of infections.<sup>8-11</sup> Plant-derived natural products provide a potentially rich source of drug candidates and target compounds for drug discovery and development.<sup>12-17</sup> Research on plants is essential to finding solutions to these major issues, and the key to finding viable solutions lies in integrated, holistic studies and collaboration between scientists.

In molecular biology, the term “-ome” refers to the study of the global or total changes in an organism’s DNA or genes (genome), proteins (proteome), metabolites (metabolome), etc. -Omics (genomics, proteomics, metabolomics, etc.) has come to refer generally to the study of large,

comprehensive biological datasets focused on investigating changes in these -omes. Therefore, plant-omics can be described as a holistic study of any or all –omes, specifically in plants. **Figure 1** depicts the different classes of -omics and the interactions between them. Multi-omics (*i.e.* a combination of genomics, transcriptomics, proteomics, peptidomics, and/or metabolomics) strategies could provide large-scale insights into complex plant systems that could otherwise be misinterpreted if only one –ome was interrogated.

Recent years have seen an explosion of new -omics technologies that have the potential to enable ground-breaking discoveries in plant sciences.<sup>18</sup> In the field of genomics, next generation sequencing and advances in genome analysis have helped to lay a foundation for other, downstream -omics studies. Transcriptomics, proteomics, peptidomics, and metabolomics can provide further insights into the inner workings of plant cells, cell-cell communication, and even plant-environment interactions.

Traditional biological tools for studying plant-omics include SNP genotyping for genomics, RNA-Seq and gene expression microarrays/ gene chips for transcriptomics, gel electrophoresis, ELISAs (enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay), protein microarrays and chromatography for proteomics, and chromatography and NMR (nuclear magnetic resonance) for metabolomics. These assays are still widely used in plant science research, often in combination or as a supplement to mass spectrometry analysis, especially when it comes to proteomics and metabolomics.

This Feature will focus on three –omic classes, proteomics, peptidomics, and metabolomics, which have made great advances in the plant-omics field due to the innovation of mass spectrometry. It will summarize the current state of mass spectrometry in plant-omic research, highlighting the different mass spectrometry techniques, especially mass spectrometry

imaging, discussing several examples, and providing an outlook for where the field is headed. This is not intended to serve as a comprehensive literature review but rather to provide readers with an overview of how mass spectrometry can be used to benefit plant science research.

### **Chromatography- Mass Spectrometry in Plant-omics**

Coupling chromatography to mass spectrometry, via either liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry (LC-MS) or gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GC-MS), is a powerful technique for analyzing proteins and peptides (LC-MS), and small molecules (both LC-MS and GC-MS) as they provide a great depth of information and offer higher sensitivity, selectivity, and greater structural determination capabilities compared to methods such as IR and Raman spectroscopy. GC-MS detects small volatile or derivatized nonvolatile molecules at lower concentrations compared to other techniques for structural characterization, such as NMR.<sup>19</sup> Similarly, protein gels have a limited separation capacity and detection ability often suffers from bias to a specific class or size of proteins, which decreases the number of proteins that can be identified compared to MS.<sup>20</sup>

### Proteomics

Proteomics is used to describe the comprehensive study of the proteins present in an organism, or a particular part of the organism. Thus, proteomics provides a more comprehensive understanding of the molecular components produced and utilized by organisms to sustain various processes required for life. Traditional plant proteomic studies utilize gel electrophoresis in the workflow. However, gel electrophoresis suffers from several limitations including difficulty in analyzing highly basic or acidic proteins, bias towards more abundant proteins and limited

dynamic range, making low abundance proteins hard to detect, and an inability to separate insoluble membrane proteins.<sup>20,21</sup> The higher sensitivity, selectivity, and structural determination capabilities of LC-MS make it an advantageous technique for a wide range of applications in plant proteomics, including descriptive proteomics of a sample, comparative proteomics using quantification techniques, post-translation modifications, and protein-protein interactions.<sup>22</sup>

Proteomics studies can be classified as either top-down or bottom-up. A study by Lagrain *et al.* used a top down approach to identify high molecular weight glutenin subunits (HMW-GS), which are responsible for variability in wheat quality. HMW-GS have long repetitive sequences with few cleavage sites for trypsin, making the bottom-up approach difficult due to low protein coverage, meaning isoforms and post translation modifications are difficult to distinguish. Relative average mass matching was used to identify HMW-GS along with  $\omega$ 5-gliadins via LC-MS analysis. Overall, they demonstrated a useful method for the characterization of HMW-GS via top-down MS.<sup>23</sup> Top-down studies provide high accuracy protein structure determination, maps of post translational modifications (PTMs), and information on single amino acid polymorphisms.<sup>24</sup> Bottom-up analysis is more prevalent than top-down analysis for a variety of reasons, despite the usefulness of the top-down approach. Intact proteins are harder to separate than peptides as they are generally less soluble, meaning that separation of proteins prior to MS analysis is a challenge. Advances in the separation of intact proteins can improve the number of proteins identified in top down studies. For example, Tran *et al.* separated proteins with solution isoelectric focusing, gel-eluted liquid fraction entrapment electrophoresis, and nanocapillary liquid chromatography prior to MS analysis to reach a 20 fold increase in proteome coverage,<sup>25</sup> and Valeja *et al.* developed a 3D liquid chromatography separation involving hydrophobic interaction chromatography, ion exchange chromatography, and reversed phase chromatography to improve

protein identifications with top down analysis.<sup>26</sup> However, these methods have yet to be applied to plant science. Also, top down approach requires more sample than bottom up method due to low ion counts for fragmentation, and a limited number of bioinformatics tools are available for data analysis.<sup>24</sup>

Currently, the bottom-up approach is used much more frequently than the top-down approach, and one benefit of the bottom-up approach is that it enables the identification of proteins in complex mixtures.<sup>21</sup> A study by Li *et al.* investigated the changes in the proteome of *Arabidopsis thaliana* (*Arabidopsis*) seedlings in response to strigolactones, which are hormones that control shoot branching, as well as other aspects of growth and development. The study used iTRAQ, a common chemical label for MS<sup>2</sup> quantification, for relative proteome comparisons between a wild-type and a mutant version of *Arabidopsis* in the absence and presence of a strigolactone synthetic analog. Of the 2095 proteins identified across all samples in the wild-type, 19 were found to be reproducibly up-regulated (fold change greater than 1.25) and 18 were reproducibly down-regulated (25% or greater decrease). The up-regulated and down-regulated proteins for the mutant were nine and two respectively. This study identified proteins not previously known to be in the strigolactone pathway.<sup>27</sup>

The identification of post-translational modifications (PTMs) is a key area of proteomics as PTMs play a large role in the function of a protein. For example, phosphorylation sites regulate cell differentiation and signaling networks, and play a role in substrate specificity. In bottom-up proteomics, a specific PTM, such as phosphorylation, is enriched for after digestion, by affinity purification for example, and then LC-MS/MS analysis is performed to identify the peptides with that PTM.<sup>28</sup> Rose *et al.* used the model legume, *Medicago truncatula* (*Medicago*), to investigate phosphorylation changes due to Nod factors, which are necessary for rhizobia infection and nodule

development in the symbiotic relationship. The study identified 13,506 phosphosites in 7739 proteins and determined that Nod factor (NF) initiation resulted in changes in phosphorylation, but not overall protein levels. **Figure 2** shows the proteome and phosphoproteome changes in the wild-type, *nfp* mutant, and *dmi3* mutant plants. Changes in phosphorylation sites in wild-type plants but not in the *nfp* mutant were analyzed in order to determine changes in NF signal transduction. The combination of transcriptional, translational, and post-translational experiments performed resulted in a wealth of new information regarding the Nod factor signaling cascade.<sup>29</sup>

The depth of information provided by bottom-up proteomics studies comes at the cost of complexity in the experimental workflow and data processing. After protein extraction, the sample can undergo multiple steps, including digestion, chemical labeling, PTM enrichment, fractionation, and desalting prior to LC-MS/MS analysis depending on the scope of the study. Similarly, much effort is required after the MS acquisition in data processing. Well-annotated gene sequences are necessary in order to create predicted MS<sup>2</sup> theoretical fragmentation spectra for matching to experimental data. Obtaining well-annotated gene sequences is one of the more complex parts of plant proteomics data analysis as the size of plant genomes can vary tremendously. For example, sequencing studies estimate genome sizes from approximately 420 Mb for rice,<sup>30-32</sup> to 2300 Mb for maize,<sup>33</sup> to 17,000 Mb for wheat.<sup>34</sup> In comparison to the human genome (3000 Mb), most plant genomes are just as complex, and many of the larger plant genomes are not yet sequenced.<sup>35</sup> Plant genomes that are not sequenced or not well-annotated pose a challenge to a data analysis process that requires well-annotated gene sequences. Also, software to match peptides to the original protein must consider the false discovery rate and how to assemble proteins from a list of peptide spectral matches when peptides may match more than one protein.<sup>36</sup>

## Peptidomics

Peptidomics, the study of endogenous peptides produced by an organism, is a relatively new and underdeveloped field branching off of proteomics; therefore there is a growing need to investigate the role endogenous peptides play in an organism on a molecular level.<sup>37-41</sup> Known plant peptides include phytohormones (with signaling roles in both defense and non-defense processes), a wide range of defense peptides, and protease inhibitors. As signaling molecules, plant peptides play roles in cell division, development, nodulation, reproduction, and defense.<sup>41, 42</sup> Thus, peptides affect nearly all parts of the plant and a better understanding of them could lead to improvements in crop yields and pharmaceutical products.<sup>43</sup>

As it stands, relatively few examples illustrate the usefulness of peptidomics analysis. Ohyama *et al.* studied the peptides excreted by Arabidopsis plants into the liquid culture growth media by LC-MS analysis. To validate their method, CLE44 overexpressor plants, which encode for a known secreted peptide, were grown. Analysis by LC-MS/MS revealed the expected secreted peptide. They then investigated an uncharacterized gene family encoding secreted peptides. Analysis of an overexpressed model gene for this family revealed a 15 amino acid peptide with PTMs.<sup>44</sup> Chen *et al.* investigated defense signaling peptides in tomato plants. Endogenous peptides before and after stress induction were compared using a hypothetical peptide database created from predicted cleavage sites. Analysis revealed 14 new peptides and one known peptide that were up-regulated after wounding by more than 2 fold. One novel peptide, CAPE1, was found to have an expression pattern similar to a known peptide (systemin) and was investigated further.<sup>45</sup> Haruta *et al.* investigated the interaction of the peptide RALF in *Arabidopsis thaliana* using a metabolic <sup>15</sup>N labeling technique and MS analysis to determine the signaling pathway for the regulation of cell expansion. The study found that RALF interacts with the receptor FERONIA to

suppress cell elongation. Furthermore, phosphoproteome analysis showed that the RALF-FERONIA interaction phosphorylated H<sup>+</sup>-adenosine triphosphate 2, which inhibits proton transport, giving a mechanism for extracellular alkalinization caused by RALF.<sup>46</sup> As peptidomics becomes more wide spread, studies will be able to go beyond discovery experiments to further explore the functional roles of peptides in plants.

Peptidomics employs similar workflow, and data processing steps as proteomics. Although a trypsin digest is not necessary, fractionation and other separation steps are necessary for complex samples. Also, data processing requires a tandem mass spectra database for identification of the peptides. Database searching is complicated by the fact that the cleavage sites that create the peptides are not always known, and there is no trypsin digest to create predictable cleavages and -COOH groups at the C-terminus, which complicates spectra interpretation.<sup>43</sup> If all partial sequences from the protein database are compiled, the database size increases tremendously, thus increasing the database searching time, the number of false positives in the decoy database, and the score needed to confidently identify positive hits.<sup>45</sup> Additionally, plant peptidomics is further complicated by the low abundance of many plant peptides, which is further challenged by endogenous proteolytic degradation.<sup>43</sup> Careful sample preparation and data processing will help to provide high quality results that improve current knowledge on plant peptidomics.

### Metabolomics

As the end products of various biochemical processes catalyzed by enzymes, metabolites provide useful molecular insight into an organism's biochemistry at a given time. With molecular weights typically under 1000 Da, metabolites are often classified as small molecule analytes.



Metabolites are either primary metabolites, meaning that they are essential to a plant's growth and development, or secondary metabolites, which are diverse chemicals produced by plants that may have specific impacts on other organism. Metabolomics in plants is of particular importance as plants produce many nutrients and vitamins, and genetic engineering of plants to produce more nutrients and vitamins in the edible portions of the plant is an important area of plant metabolomics research.<sup>47</sup> The fact that metabolites cannot be deduced simply from genetic data, unlike transcripts and proteins, creates a challenge for the field of metabolomics. Metabolomics uses a range of analytical techniques, including MS, NMR spectroscopy, and laser-induced fluorescence detection, of which MS is a selective and sensitive method commonly used, to characterize the metabolites present in an organism at a given time.<sup>48</sup>

The information learned from metabolomics studies in plants has the potential for great impact in improving plant response to stress, agricultural efficiency, and food quality.<sup>47</sup> For example, Oms-Oliu *et al.* studied the metabolites present in tomato fruit before, during, and after ripening. GC-MS analysis revealed major changes during the ripening process, such as an increases glucose, fructose, cell wall components, and amino acids. Additionally, metabolites like mannose and citramalic were found to strongly indicate a post-harvest state.<sup>49</sup> Metabolomics can also provide insights into a plant's response to stress. Zhang *et al.* used a combination of transcriptomics and metabolomics to study the effect of drought conditions on *Medicago truncatula*. Many thousands of transcripts changed in response to drought and GC-MS analysis identified changes to hundreds of metabolites. The combination of the two datasets helped to characterize the regulation of the metabolomics pathways under drought conditions.<sup>50</sup> An alternative ionization approach worth mentioning is leaf-spray mass spectrometry, a fairly new technique, based on paper-spray technology, where plant tissues cut in the shape of a triangle

produce a spray into the inlet of the mass spectrometry from either an electrolyte present in the tissue or from an added solvent upon application of an electric field.<sup>51</sup> Leaf spray has been used in a number of studies for detection of a variety of metabolites.<sup>52</sup>

Sample preparation starts with quenching the plant tissue, which stops the metabolic processes in a cell through the use of low temperatures, such as flash-freezing with liquid nitrogen.<sup>53</sup> An extraction of the desired metabolites follows quenching, and separation of metabolites into subclasses prior to LC or GC-MS helps with the analysis of complex samples. A wide concentration range of metabolites in conjunction with a large number of metabolites with differing chemical properties make metabolite samples complex, and challenging to analyze.<sup>54</sup> Data processing of the complex datasets in metabolomics experiments can influence the quality of the results.<sup>55</sup> Also, the indirect relationship between metabolomics and genomics creates a challenge in confidently identifying metabolites. A combination of high-resolution, accurate mass matching, MS/MS fragmentation data, and retention time comparisons between pure standards or database information and experimental data are needed for identification of metabolites.<sup>56</sup>

### **Mass Spectrometry Imaging**

One of the exciting new developments in mass spectrometry that is becoming more widely used for plant-omics is mass spectrometry imaging (MSI). MSI shows great promise for biological studies because it allows for molecular analysis of tissue while retaining information about the spatial distribution of the different analytes in the tissue sample.<sup>57</sup> The conventional tissue extraction methods described above for proteomic, peptidomic, and metabolomic studies do not provide the spatial information that MSI can provide; however, liquid extraction is still the method of choice for large-scale studies as MSI is lower throughput and less reproducible when acquiring

a large amount of samples. Several other biological techniques allow for the visualization of macromolecules in various cellular structures, such as immunolocalization or other techniques that rely on the interactions between the analyte and an external probe, and therefore require clear knowledge of the analytes of interest and specifically target larger molecules such as proteins. Mass spectrometry lends itself to discovery experiments in which a multitude of analytes, from metabolites to proteins, can be detected and studied without prior knowledge of sample contents. Herein, we discuss four different MSI techniques (MALDI, SIMS, DESI, and LAESI) and how they are being applied to plant-omics. **Table 1** summarizes the optimal analytes, mass range, and spatial resolutions of these four different MSI techniques.

Before discussing the different ionization sources used for MSI, there are a variety of different types of mass analyzers that offer distinct advantages and disadvantages when it comes to MSI experiments. Arguably the most common type of mass analyzers used for MSI are time-of-flight (TOF) and TOF/TOF analyzers in which the  $m/z$  is determined by the time the ions take to travel from the ionization source through the TOF tube.<sup>58</sup> A wide mass range of molecules (theoretically unlimited) can be detected with these types of instruments with fast analysis times and MS/MS capabilities for molecular identification, however the mass accuracy and mass resolving power are low compared to other instrument types.

Orbitrap Fourier transform mass spectrometers are gaining popularity in MSI applications. In an Orbitrap mass spectrometer,  $m/z$  values are determined by measuring the axial oscillation frequency of ions moving back and forth along a spindle-like electrode, where the spinning ions generate a small current that is detected at either end of the electrode, and the mass of the ion is related to the oscillation frequency.<sup>59</sup> While the Orbitrap provides superior mass resolution and mass accuracy, disadvantages of the commercially available MALDI-Orbitrap compared to TOF

instruments are the larger laser beam size, which limits the spatial resolution of the images to approximately 75  $\mu\text{m}$  (although custom instrument modifications have produced laser beams as small as 3  $\mu\text{m}$  spatial resolution), slower acquisition speed thus longer analysis time, and limited mass range (maximum of 4000 Da as higher  $m/z$  compounds are difficult to retain during the orbital rotation). Additionally, the commercial MALDI-LTQ Orbitrap has capabilities for CID (collision-induced dissociation) and HCD (high-energy collisional dissociation) MS/MS fragmentation, which both can be used to obtain more complete fragmentation coverage of metabolites and peptides and improved molecular identifications. Hybrid methods have been developed by the Young Jin Lee group that utilize the hybrid linear ion trap and Orbitrap portions of the MALDI-LTQ Orbitrap instrument to reduce the data acquisition time while collecting even more molecular information by interspersing ion trap scans and MS/MS scans during the longer Orbitrap scan using a spiral step plate motion.<sup>60</sup>

Fourier transform ion cyclotron resonance (FT-ICR) mass analyzers are also used for some MSI applications. In this type of instrument, ions are trapped in a magnetic field and excited by an electric field, thus leaving the ions rotating at their cyclotron frequency that generates a current which is detected by the mass spectrometer. FT-ICR mass analyzers can provide extremely accurate mass measurements, has MS/MS capabilities, and have a higher upper mass limit of detection compared to Orbitraps; however, like the Orbitrap, suffer from long analysis times.

### Matrix-Assisted Laser Desorption/Ionization

Matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionization (MALDI)-MSI is the most popular type of MSI. A workflow comparing the sample preparation, data acquisition, and examples of raw data for LC-MS and MALDI-MSI workflows is shown in **Figure 3**. For this technique, tissues of interest are

trimmed or harvested from the plant and immediately frozen before being sectioned on a cryostat into slices that are typically 10-20  $\mu\text{m}$  thick.<sup>61</sup> Next, the tissue sections are thaw-mounted onto a stainless steel conductive plate, indium-tin-oxide (ITO)-coated conductive glass slides, or regular glass slides, depending on instrumentation.<sup>62</sup> The next step, MALDI matrix selection and application, is critical to the experimental workflow as the type of matrix chosen will determine the types of analytes that can be ionized and the application method will control the matrix crystal size which in turn defines the maximum image resolution.<sup>63, 64</sup> Conventional matrices include 2,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid (DHB) and  $\alpha$ -cyano-4-hydroxycinnamic acid (CHCA)<sup>65</sup> for positive mode and 9-aminoacridine (9-AA)<sup>66</sup> for negative imaging mode. Less traditional matrices such as  $\text{TiO}_2$ , gold, or silver nanoparticles<sup>67-69</sup>, 1,5-diaminonaphthalene (DAN)<sup>70</sup>, 2,3,4,5-tetrakis(3',4'-dihydroxyphenyl)thiophene (DHPT)<sup>71</sup>, and 1,8-bis(dimethyl-amino) naphthalene (DMAN)<sup>72, 73</sup> are being used more frequently and are reported to improve spectral quality, crystallization and vacuum stability.<sup>74</sup> Spatial resolution and reproducibility of results are limited by the matrix crystal size and application consistency, among other instrumental parameters such as raster step size and laser beam diameter.<sup>75</sup> Matrix can be applied manually with an artist airbrush, with automated systems<sup>76</sup>, via sublimation<sup>77</sup>, or filtered onto tissue through a small ( $\sim 20 \mu\text{m}$ ) sieve or mesh.<sup>78, 79</sup> The matrix allows for ions to be generated, which is essential for mass spectrometric analyses as the mass spectrometer can only detect charged particles.

After the matrix is applied to the sample and the analytes are co-crystallized with matrix, the sample plate is loaded into the mass spectrometer on a moveable X-Y stage. A laser is fired at the sample plate, causing the matrix to be ablated and form a gas plume in which matrix and analyte ions are formed. The moveable X-Y stage allows for the laser to raster across the sample and mass spectra to be collected at every pre-defined raster point. After completing the 2D raster, ion images

for each mass in the spectrum can be shown and the software will display the relative abundance of each ion as a colored map of signal intensity across the raster area.

One advantage MALDI-MSI for biological analysis is that it can generate larger ions, such as peptides and proteins, which is one of the reasons why MALDI is the most widely-used MSI technique.<sup>57, 80-82</sup> The matrix absorbs much of the incident laser energy, providing soft ionization for analytes, which allows for the ionization of larger molecules ( $m/z$  over 100 kDa).<sup>83</sup> Unfortunately, while there are advantages for the analysis in the high mass range, there are disadvantages in the low mass range. One disadvantage to using MALDI is that the matrix itself produces ions that can interfere or mask analyte ions in the small molecule mass range. This can be somewhat avoided using high resolution instrumentation or novel matrices.<sup>67, 70-72, 84-88</sup> There are several excellent reviews that highlight the application of MALDI-MSI (and other MSI techniques) to plant metabolomics, peptidomics, and proteomics.<sup>89-94</sup>

As previously stated, MALDI-MSI is the most highly used type of MS imaging, possibly due to its versatility and availability. MALDI-MSI can be used to detect a wide range of molecules from metabolites to peptides to proteins; although there are currently far more studies using MALDI-MSI for plant metabolomics. Our lab recently used MALDI-MSI to study the symbiotic relationship between the model legume, *Medicago truncatula*, and the nitrogen fixing bacteria, *Sinorhizobium meliloti*. We compared combinations of wild-type (wt) and mutant strains of plant (*dnf1*) and bacteria (*fixJ*) and identified metabolites, such as heme, various amino acids, and other organic acids that are present in functional, nitrogen-fixing nodules (wt-wt) and absent from non-functional nodules (wt-*fixJ*, *dnf1*-wt, or *dnf1*-*fixJ*).<sup>95, 96</sup> **Figure 4** shows representative images of some of the metabolites detected in this study. The information gained from using this technique could provide valuable insight into the biological nitrogen fixation process in legume plants by not

only identifying metabolites that may be involved in this process, but by also localizing these molecules within the root nodule structures. Collaborative work between the Young Jin Lee and Basil Nikolau groups highlights MALDI-MSI for subcellular-level imaging of metabolites in maize leaves, providing insights into the known asymmetric metabolism associated with different tissue types within these leaves.<sup>97</sup> This proof-of-principle study of understanding molecular details and localizations at the sub-cellular level shows exciting promise for deeper interrogation of the biological mechanisms and implications. Plant peptidomics is a relatively under-explored area in mass spectrometry, and especially so in mass spectrometry imaging. One of the very few reports on plant peptide imaging focuses on imaging cyclotides in petunias. Using MALDI-MSI, Poth *et al.* were able to detect novel cyclotides (defense-related cyclic plant peptides) from petunia leaves.<sup>98</sup> The goal with this study would be to genetically enrich major crop species to be able to express cyclic peptides of their own, thus enhancing crop protection. While mass spectrometry analysis is the gold standard for proteomic analysis in general, there are very few reports using MALDI-MSI for plant proteomics. A previous review highlights MALDI-MSI of proteins in soybean cotyledons in a proof-of-principle figure,<sup>92</sup> and a known allergenic protein in peaches was shown to be localized to the skin of the peach using MSI,<sup>99</sup> but no further applications of MSI to plant proteomics have been reported so far.

### Secondary Ion Mass Spectrometry

Secondary ion mass spectrometry (SIMS) is a long established technique and, unlike MALDI, it does not require special preparation or matrix application, although some optional methods, such as the addition of a matrix or a thin coat of metal nanoparticles, can improve the

imaging results.<sup>100, 101</sup> Remarkably, SIMS is able to reliably achieve less than 1  $\mu\text{m}$  spatial resolution, making it the method of choice for subcellular investigations.

Like MALDI-MSI, in SIMS-MSI the sample is put under high vacuum. Instead of ionizing with a laser like in MALDI, the sample on the surface is bombarded with high energy primary ions which facilitate the ionization of the analytes.<sup>102, 103</sup> The ionized analytes, or secondary ions, are sputtered from the sample surface into the mass analyzer for analysis. The highly focused ion beam in SIMS provides excellent spatial resolution (less than 1  $\mu\text{m}$ ); however, the primary ion source is fairly limited to molecules under 1000 Da because it is a high energy beam that easily fragments larger molecules, and for this reason, SIMS is especially popular for elemental and atomic analyses.<sup>96, 104</sup> SIMS-MSI of primary and secondary metabolites in pea plants and *Arabidopsis thaliana* with sub-2  $\mu\text{m}$  spatial resolution has been reported by Seyer *et al.*, as shown in **Figure 5**.<sup>105</sup> A new sample preparation method was developed for SIMS-MSI of *Arabidopsis* and the method was applied to confirm variations in flavonoid content in seeds from different *Arabidopsis* mutants. While SIMS is one of the oldest MS techniques, its application to plant-omics is lacking and could be significantly expanded in the future.

### Desorption Electrospray Ionization

Although the spatial information of a sample is preserved with MSI, MSI has still been mainly viewed as an invasive process until the development of ambient ionization techniques, such as desorption electrospray ionization (DESI). DESI is a simple, ambient ionization technique that channels charged solvent droplets and ions from an electrospray source onto the surface of the sample, and the impact yields gaseous analyte ions.<sup>106</sup> Images can either be collected directly from the sample surface or indirectly via imprints. Like SIMS, DESI also does not require matrix to



create ions and actually requires little to no sample preparation at all other than sectioning and mounting the sample.<sup>107</sup> One disadvantage DESI has compared to vacuum MS methods, SIMS and MALDI, is that it has lower spatial resolution of approximately 180–200  $\mu\text{m}$ .<sup>107</sup>

Like the other MSI techniques mentioned above, DESI has been primarily utilized for metabolomics studies. Recently published work by Tata *et al.* used DESI-MSI to study changes in the potato plant metabolome in response to pathogen invasion.<sup>108</sup> Their method of imprinting the sample on tape and performing DESI-MS and DESI-MSI on the imprint allowed for simple and rapid metabolomics profiling with minimal sample preparation, and resulted in the first qualitative study of plant defense against phytopathogen invasion via ambient mass spectrometry. Hemalatha and Pradeep present a thorough analysis of molecular signatures (primarily metabolites) from a variety of plant species and tissues using DESI-MSI.<sup>109</sup> This work identified metabolites with implications in varietal differences, toxic metabolite production, metabolites during plant growth cycles, plant defense, etc.

### Laser Ablation Electrospray Ionization

Laser ablation electrospray ionization (LAESI) is another type of ambient ionization and utilizes the natural water content of cells and tissues as the matrix.<sup>110</sup> With LAESI, a laser is used to ablate molecules in the tissue which are then captured by the electrospray and generate analyte ions.<sup>111</sup> The Vertes group invented and developed LAESI-MSI for plant sciences. They have demonstrated the application of LAESI-MSI for live, untreated tissue analysis of metabolites on plant leaves<sup>112</sup> and have even demonstrated the use of LAESI for 3D MSI of metabolites in *S. lynise* and *A. squarrosa* leaf tissue as shown in **Figure 6**.<sup>113</sup> 3D imaging of molecular distributions can elucidate the correlation between biochemical processes and the spatial organization of a

biological tissue. More recently this group has coupled LAESI-MSI with ion mobility mass spectrometry (IM-MS) of metabolites on *P. peltatum* leaves.<sup>114</sup> They were able to use this technique to separate structural isomers which is very important as isomers can often have extremely different biological activities. This technique can theoretically be applied to plant peptidomics and proteomics as well, but has so far only been demonstrated for the direct detection of these larger molecules on animal tissue.<sup>115</sup>

## Data Analysis

Mass spectrometry experiments have the capacity to generate huge amounts of data. Sorting through and analyzing data is often the greatest bottleneck of MS and MSI experiments. There have been many different software tools developed for the analysis of metabolomics, peptidomics, or proteomics datasets.

Metabolomics data processing typically begins with matching obtained accurate masses to online metabolite databases such as METLIN,<sup>116</sup> HMDB (Human Metabolome Database),<sup>117, 118</sup> KEGG (Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes),<sup>119</sup> PubChem,<sup>120</sup> MassBank,<sup>121</sup> MMCD (Madison Metabolomics Consortium Database),<sup>122</sup> LIPID MAPS,<sup>123, 124</sup> and more. Database searching will often result in multiple potential identifications for a given mass; therefore, to further narrow down identification assignments, tandem mass spectra collected for each metabolite of interest can be compared to metabolite standards, tandem mass databases, or *in silico* fragmentation tools such as MetFrag.<sup>125</sup> Instrument vendors have released software packages for metabolomics analyses such as ProgenesisQI (Waters Corporation), Sieve (Thermo Scientific), ProfileAnalysis (Bruker Daltonics), to name a few, as well as open-source software tools like XCMS<sup>126, 127</sup> and MetaboAnalyst.<sup>128-130</sup> These tools allow for data alignment, normalization,

automatic feature selection, some statistical analysis, and even metabolite identification prediction based on MS/MS data, although confident identifications is still lacking. Software tool development for metabolomics is growing area that could still use further development as many metabolites share common fragment masses with no consistent fragmentation rules for different functional groups (unlike peptide fragmentation) that would make accurate fragmentation prediction achievable at this time, leaving many ambiguous identifications.

Accurate mass matching can also be used to identify peptides and proteins, although the more widely-accepted approach is to match MS/MS data to sequenced genomes, using software tools like Mascot, or by *de novo* sequencing, with software packages like PEAKS<sup>131</sup> which is also useful for endogenous peptidomics studies.<sup>131</sup> Several programs, such as BLAST (Basic Local Alignment Search Tool)<sup>132</sup> and MEME,<sup>133</sup> have been developed for homology searches by comparing putative peptide sequences against a database of closely related species which can provide insight into key evolutionary and functional roles of peptides.<sup>134</sup> In comparison to metabolomics, the more mature field of proteomics has many software tools, such as Mascot (by Matrix Science), COMPASS (Coon OMSSA Proteomic Analysis Software Suite),<sup>135</sup> Proteome Discoverer (by Thermo Scientific), SkyLine,<sup>136</sup> Morpheus,<sup>137</sup> etc., available that perform protein identifications based on sequencing of peptide fragment ions and protein database searching.

MSI data processing is often less straightforward and less automated than traditional extraction-based analyses. MSI data processing typically involves manually extracting ion images for each specific  $m/z$  in the mass spectrum and physically checking the quality of the image by making sure the analyte's spatial distribution is localized to the tissue with no contaminating ions interfering with the quality of the image. A list of  $m/z$  values with high quality MS images can then be compiled for further interpretation. Vendor specific MSI analysis software (e.g., FlexImaging

from Bruker Daltonics, ImageQuest from Thermo Scientific, HDImaging from Waters Corporation, and TissueView from Applied Biosystems/MDS) or open source software such as BioMap are commonly used to extract ion images for selected analytes from the collected data. Fairly recently, MSiReader, a readily available MSI data processing software, has been developed that has drastically decreased the MSI data processing time in comparison to manual data processing, allowing for higher throughput and faster overall analysis.<sup>138</sup> Large-scale MSI datasets can easily be tens of GB in size for a single experiment and management of these enormous data files causes significant challenges in data processing and analysis. Several key techniques have been developed to specifically address the information and analysis of large MSI datasets, such as OpenMSI<sup>139</sup> and memory efficient algorithms for principal component analysis.<sup>140</sup>

Many bioinformatics tools exist for analyzing a specific type of –omics datasets. Recently, researchers have been working toward developing plant-specific databases and software tools that can integrate multiple –omics datasets. The Sumner group reported a tandem mass spectral library of plant natural products, created using authentic standards and purified compounds.<sup>141</sup> The database focuses primarily on plant secondary metabolites, and contains retention time data as well as tandem mass spectra collected at six different collision energies. Other plant specific databases include the Medicago PhosphoProtein Database<sup>142</sup>, The Plant Proteome Database for *Arabidopsis thaliana* and maize<sup>143</sup>, the Rice Proteome Database<sup>144</sup>, and Promex which contains tryptic peptide mass spectra information for a dozen plant species<sup>145</sup>. In addition to plant specific databases for metabolomics or proteomics data, other software tools and databases have been developed to integrate multiple –omics datasets for a more comprehensive systems-biology view of the results. The Sumner group has developed MedicCyc specifically for *Medicago truncatula* metabolic pathway reconstruction with over 250 pathways of related metabolites, enzymes, and genes.<sup>146</sup>

Similarly, AraCyc<sup>147</sup>, MetaCyc<sup>148</sup>, the Plant Metabolic Network (Plant Metabolic Network (PMN) on [www.plantcyc.org](http://www.plantcyc.org)), and KEGG<sup>149</sup> are pathway tools for various other plant species.

## Outlook

With regard to an integrated -omics strategy, there are obvious concerns about the complexity and dynamic range of the different classes of analytes being studied. These challenges have motivated the development of analytical workflows incorporating multi-dimensional front-end separation strategies and more advanced instrumentation offering superior separation capabilities and enhanced MS detection with faster scanning rates, better sensitivity, and higher performance. MALDI-MSI instrumentation with spatial resolution down to approximately 20  $\mu\text{m}$  is readily available. Custom built instrumentation can achieve a spatial resolution of  $< 3 \mu\text{m}$  and it is only a matter of time before these custom instruments become commercially available.<sup>150-153</sup> Improvements to ambient ionization techniques can also provide more biologically relevant information about the plant systems. Adopting these new technologies with important new capabilities, along with careful sample preparation, can provide dramatic improvements when integrated into -omic workflows.

In addition to technological advances in instrumentation, the simultaneous development, advancement, and integration of closely related -omics approaches can guide researchers to a better understanding and characterization of various biological processes and signaling mechanisms in plants. Integrated genomics and metabolomics or metabolomics and transcriptomics studies have recently been reported, and we expect more exciting studies of this nature in the future.<sup>154-156</sup> By integrating multiple -omics technologies it may be possible to obtain extensive molecular-level information and elucidate biological functions and underlying

mechanisms. Plant-specific bioinformatics tools for integrating multi-omics strategies are beginning to emerge, but continuous development of wide-reaching, user-friendly software tools would drastically improve data analysis strategies and holistic knowledge.

A more widespread adoption of MSI as a technique for –omics studies will provide spatial information of where analytes are located within the plant. Knowing, for example, where metabolites and the proteins/enzymes that interact with them are located at different developmental stages could reveal key insights into biological processes and mechanisms within the plant. In addition to studying plant development, MSI can also provide a way to localize differences in analytes between tissue types, disease states, genetic differences, or following genetic manipulation. It could be possible to quickly ascertain the functional potential of plants for various biotechnological applications such as bioenergy production, environmental decontamination, natural product production, and many other important applications. Collaborations between experts in various plant-omic methodologies, plant scientists, and bioinformaticians, along with ever-advancing technological innovations, impart an exciting outlook for the future of plant science.

We believe that the application of mass spectrometry technologies to plant systems-biology will greatly accelerate the progress of this field. It allows for high-throughput, large-scale analyses on the metabolomic, peptidomic, and proteomic level that can correlate with genomic information. Mass spectrometry can be used to compare the metabolic and proteomic profiles of wild-type plants to a variety of genetic mutants where knocking-out certain genes will have a known or unknown physiological response. A multi-omics profile comparison between mutants with known and unknown responses will allow researchers to infer the previously unknown function if the –omics profiles correlate well with those of known function. New software and bioinformatics tools

are needed to interrogate enormous datasets generated with these high-throughput, information-rich mass spectrometry approaches. The new insights gleaned from these large-scale systems biology experiments can lead to new hypotheses and novel findings that will ultimately advance our knowledge of fundamental plant biology and plant biotechnology.

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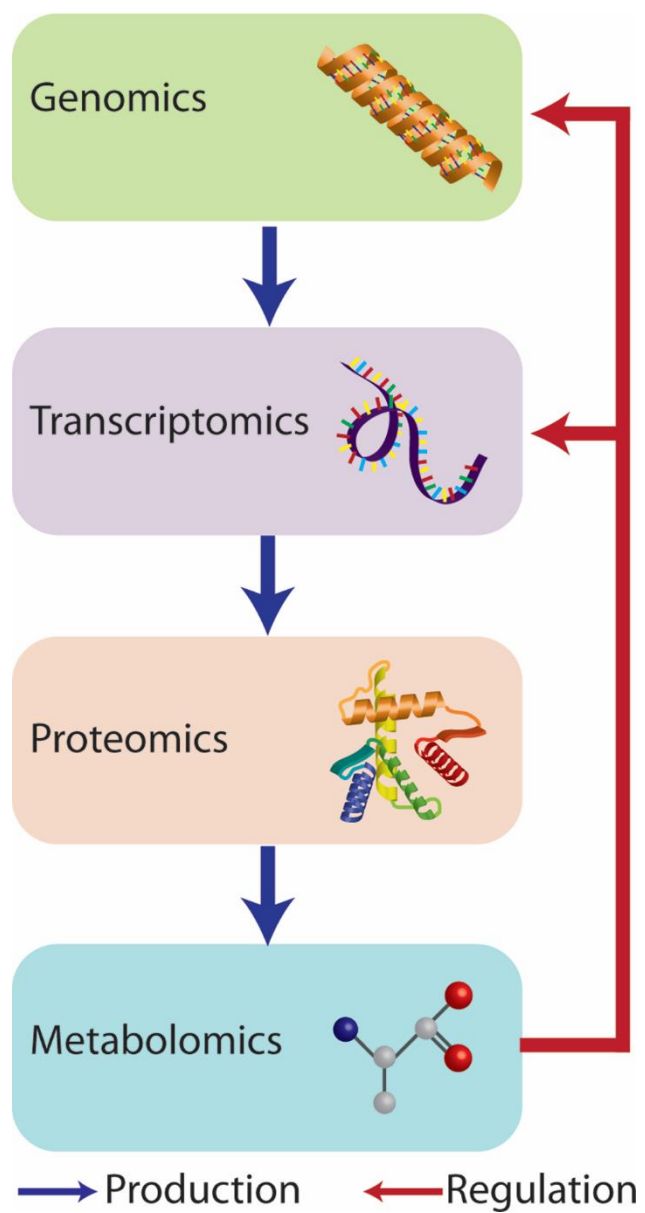
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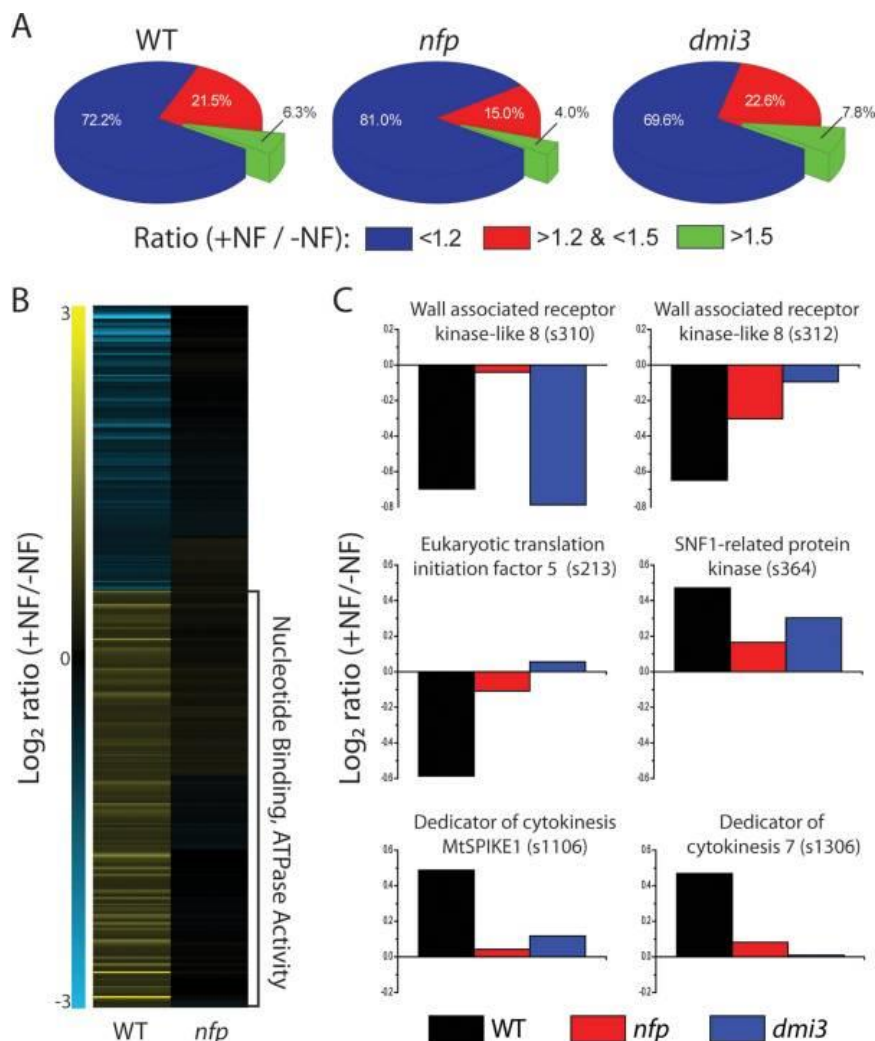
**Table 1.** Comparison of MSI approaches detailing ionization methods, mass range, and spatial resolution, and optimal analytes.

	<b>MALDI</b>	<b>SIMS</b>	<b>DESI</b>	<b>LAESI</b>
<b>Ionization Source</b>	UV/IR laser (Soft ionization)	Ion gun (Hard ionization)	Solvent spray (Soft ionization)	Solvent spray (Soft ionization)
<b>Mass Range (Da)</b>	0-70,000	0-2,000 (static mode) 0-300 (dynamic mode)	0-5,000	0-66,000
<b>Lateral Resolution (µm)</b>	20-500	0.5-50 (static) 0.04-0.5 (dynamic)	100-1000	200-400
<b>Molecular Classes</b>	metabolites, lipids, peptides, proteins	elements, metabolites, lipids, small peptides	metabolites, lipids, small peptides	metabolites, lipids, peptides, proteins

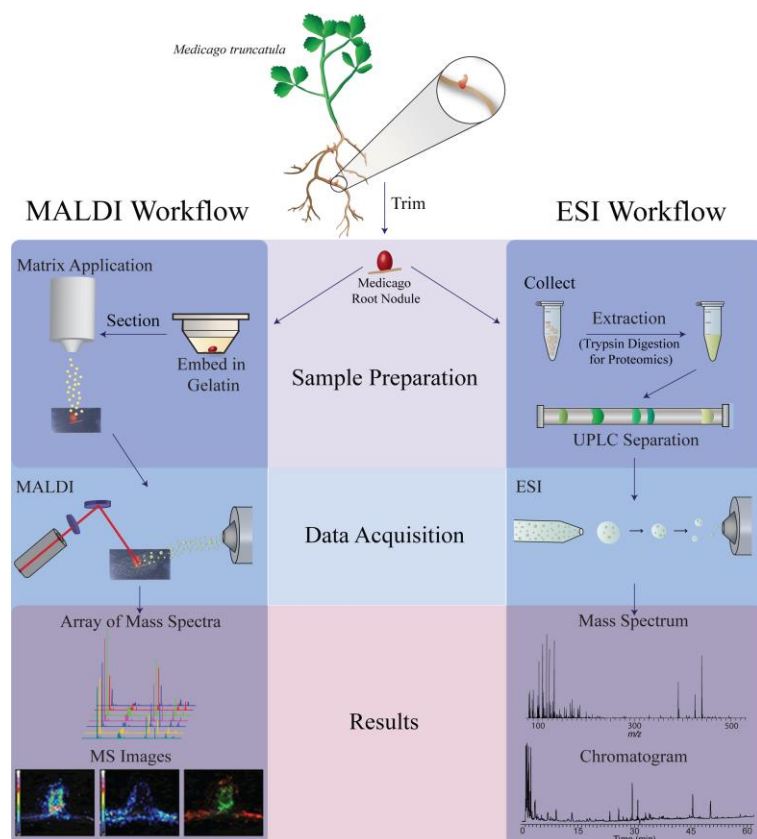
**Figures**

**Figure 1.** Interaction between genomics, transcriptomics, proteomics, and metabolomics.

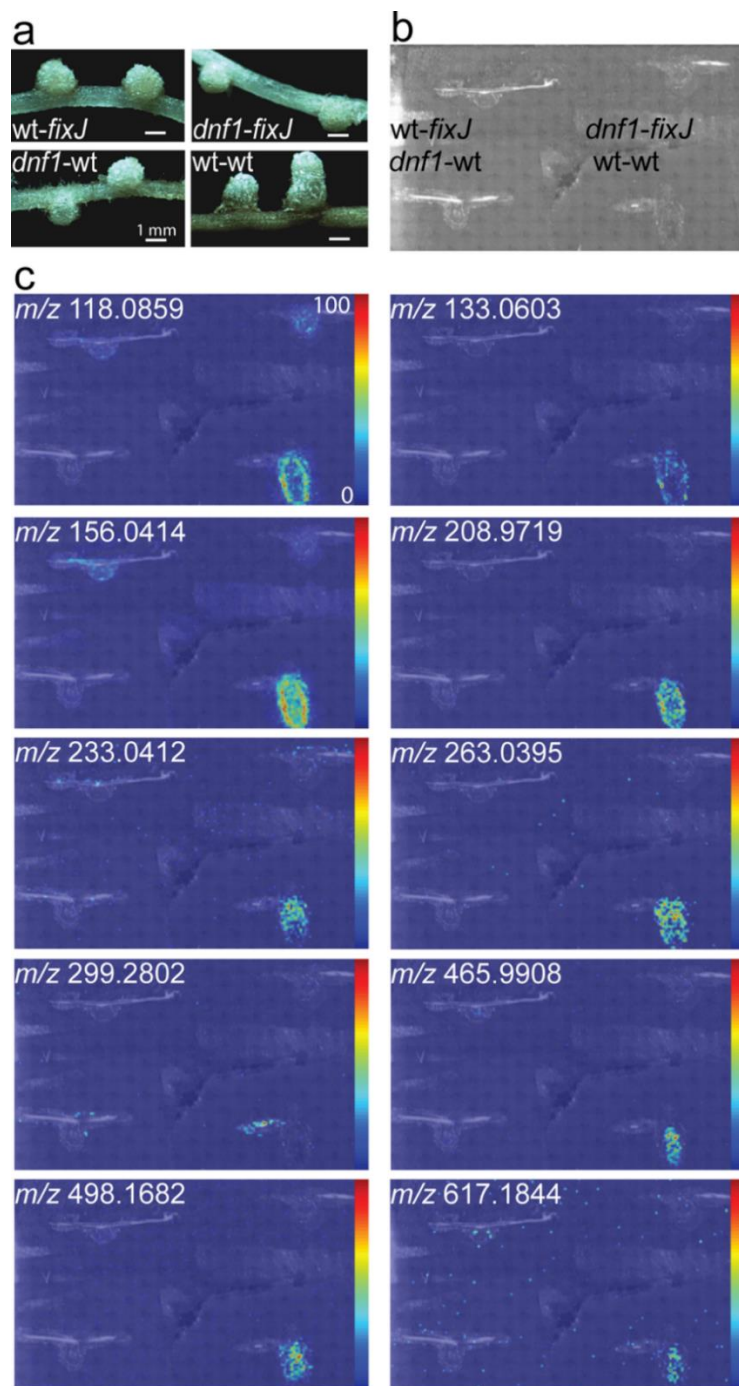




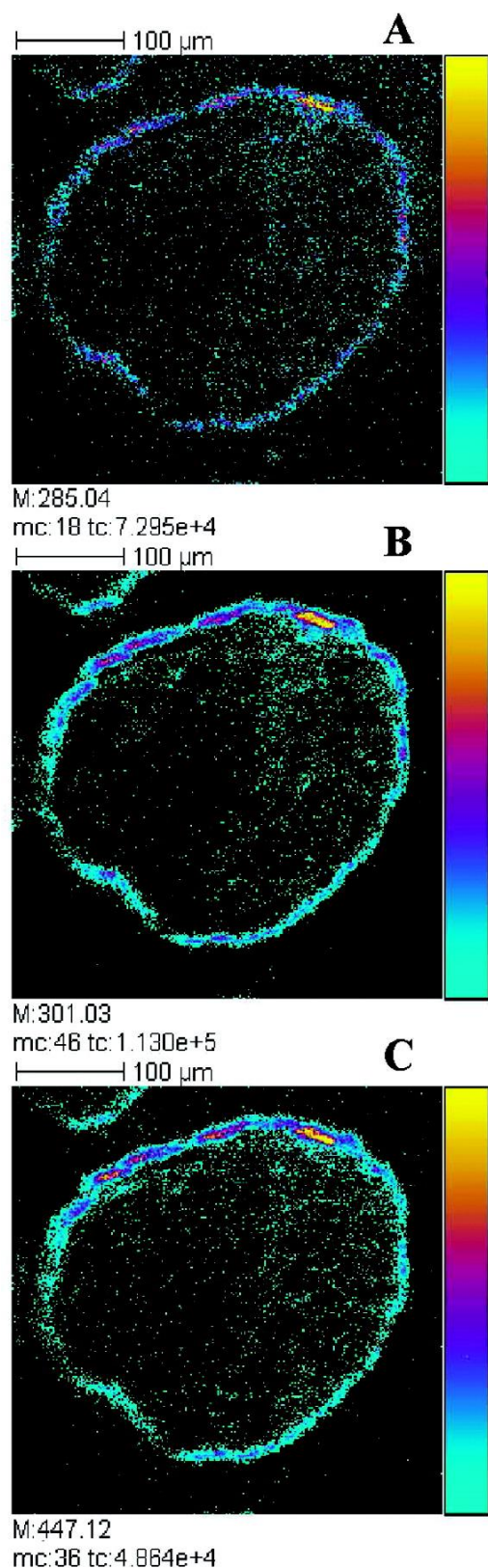
**Figure 2.** Global view of changes in the proteome and phosphoproteome from all the experiments combined. **(A)** Pie charts displaying the distribution of phosphorylation changes for wild-type (WT) and *nfp* and *dmi3* mutants. Wild-type plants readily respond to NF as 6.3% of phosphoisoforms are altered more than 1.5-fold. *Nfp* displayed a lower response, 4.0%, but the presence of these changes provides evidence of a separate NF receptor sensing NF. *Dmi3* showed more NF response than wild-type plants, as the phosphorylation state of 7.8% of the phosphoisoforms was altered more than 1.5-fold. **(B)** Heatmap of phosphoisoforms altered in wild-type and not in *nfp*. Phosphoisoforms exhibiting a fold change more than 1.35 in wild-type plants and less than 1.25 in *nfp* were grouped *via* hierarchical clustering. Functional analysis revealed phosphoisoforms, which demonstrate an up-regulation in phosphorylation upon NF treatment, are enriched for the terms “nucleotide binding” and “ATPase activity”. **(C)** Representative proteins significantly altered in wild-type and not in *nfp*. Six phosphoisoforms that were significantly ( $p < 0.05$ , Student's *t* test, assuming equal variances) altered more than 1.35-fold in wild-type plants and less than 1.25-fold in *nfp* demonstrate the use of comparing wild-type and mutant measurements. These examples contain phosphoisoforms, which display both *nfp* dependent regulation and *dmi3* dependent regulation. Reprinted with permission from Ref. <sup>29</sup>. Copyright 2012 The American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Inc.



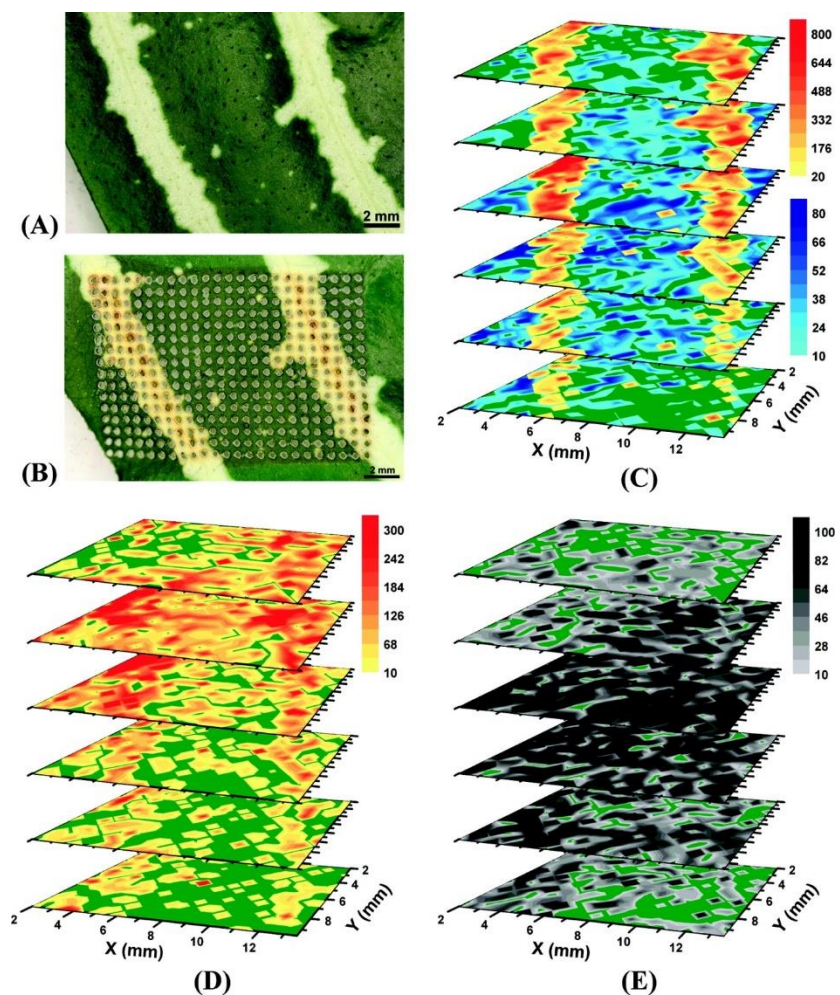
**Figure 3.** Comparison of MALDI-MSI (left) and LC-MS (right) Workflows. In both types of analysis, the tissue of interest, the root nodule in this example, is trimmed from live plants and flash frozen to preserve the analytes of interest. For LC-MS, many root nodules are pooled, followed by analyte extraction and additional steps of trypsin digestion and desalting for proteomics experiments. For MALDI-MSI, a single root nodule is embedded in a stabilizing media, such as gelatin, cryo-sectioned onto a glass slide, and matrix is applied. For LC-MS, the plant extract is injected onto the UPLC column for LC separation and analyzed by the mass spectrometer yielding a mass spectrum and a chromatogram. For MALDI-MSI, the glass slide is inserted into the mass spectrometer where a mass spectrum is acquired in a raster pattern across the entire surface of the tissue resulting in a large array of mass spectra that are coordinated with spatial information. Software can then compile the array of mass spectra into heat-map-like images based on the intensity of each  $m/z$  at each corresponding location on the tissue.



**Figure 4.** MALDI-MSI of metabolites in Medicago. **(A)** A photograph of all four of the sample types that were used in this study: wild-type Medicago/ *fixJ* rhizobia mutant (*wt-fixJ*), *dnf1* Medicago mutant/ *fixJ* rhizobia mutant (*dnf1-fixJ*), *dnf1* Medicago mutant/ wild-type rhizobia (*dnf1-wt*), and wild-type Medicago/ wild-type rhizobia (*wt-wt*). Where *wt-wt* samples are capable of nitrogen fixation and samples containing either the plant or bacterial mutant (*wt-fixJ*, *dnf1-wt*, or *dnf1-fixJ*) are incapable of nitrogen fixation. **(B)** Thaw-mounted Medicago sections on a glass slide that was covered with DHB matrix prior to MALDI-MSI. **(C)** Representative ion images of metabolites with distinct spatial distributions that were found only in the *wt-wt* samples that are capable of fixing nitrogen, indicating that these metabolites may play a role in the biological nitrogen fixation process. Scale bar = 1 mm. Reprinted with permission from Ref. <sup>95</sup>. Copyright 2015 Springer.



**Figure 5.** TOF-SIMS negative ion images of an *A. thaliana* seed section, embedded in a polyester resin: **(A)**  $m/z$  285.04, **(B)**  $m/z$  301.03, **(C)**  $m/z$  447.1 (field of view  $400\ \mu\text{m} \times 400\ \mu\text{m}$ ,  $256 \times 256$  pixels, pixel size  $1.56\ \mu\text{m}$ , fluence  $1.5 \times 10^{12}$  ions  $\cdot$  cm $^{-2}$ ). Color scale bars, with amplitude in number of counts, are indicated to the right of each ion image. The amplitude of the color scale corresponds to the maximum number of counts (mc) and could be read as [0, mc]. TC is the total number of counts recorded for the specified  $m/z$  (sum of counts in all the pixels). The ion signals from the coat of another seed section appear in the top left of the images. Reprinted with permission from Ref. <sup>105</sup>. Copyright 2010 American Chemical Society.



**Figure 6.** Metabolites in relation to tissue architecture captured by LAESI 3D imaging MS. Optical image of *A. squarrosa* leaves (A) before and (B) after analysis. (C) LAESI 3D imaging MS distribution of kaempferol/luteolin with  $m/z$  287.0 (yellow/orange scale) followed the variegation pattern. Chlorophyll a with  $m/z$  893.5 (blue scale) accumulated in the mesophyll layers. (D) Acacetin with  $m/z$  285.0 showed higher abundance in the yellow sectors of the second and third layers with a homogeneous distribution in the others. (E) Kaempferol-(diacetyl coumarylrhamnoside) with  $m/z$  663.2 accumulated in the mesophyll layers (third and fourth) with uniform lateral distributions. Reprinted with permission from Ref. <sup>113</sup>. Copyright 2009 American Chemical Society.

# Chapter 3

## **Comparison of Vacuum MALDI and AP-MALDI Platforms for the Mass Spectrometry Imaging of Metabolites Involved in Salt Stress in *Medicago truncatula***

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## Abstract

Matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionization mass spectrometry imaging (MALDI-MSI) is routinely used to determine the spatial distributions of various biomolecules in tissues. Recently, there has been an increased interest in creating higher resolution images using sources with more focused beams. One such source, an atmospheric pressure (AP) MALDI source from MassTech, has a laser capable of reaching spatial resolutions of 10  $\mu\text{m}$ . Here, the AP-MALDI source coupled with a Q Exactive HF Orbitrap platform is compared to the commercial MALDI LTQ Orbitrap XL system using *Medicago truncatula* root nodules. AP-MALDI parameters, such as the S lens value, capillary temperature, and spray voltage, were optimized on the Q Exactive-HF platform for optimal detection of plant metabolites. The performance of the two systems was evaluated for sensitivity, spatial resolution, and overall ability to detect plant metabolites. The commercial MALDI LTQ Orbitrap XL was superior regarding the number of compounds detected, as at least two times more  $m/z$  were detected compared to the AP-MALDI system. However, although the AP-MALDI source requires a spatial resolution higher than 10  $\mu\text{m}$  to get the best signal, the spatial resolution at 30  $\mu\text{m}$  is still superior compared to the 75  $\mu\text{m}$  spatial resolution achieved on the MALDI platform. The AP-MALDI system was also used to investigate the metabolites present in *Medicago truncatula* roots and root nodules under high salt and low salt conditions. A discriminative analysis with SCiLS software revealed  $m/z$  ions specific to the control and salt conditions. This analysis revealed 44  $m/z$  ions present at relatively higher abundances in the control samples, and 77  $m/z$  enriched in the salt samples. Liquid chromatography-tandem MS was performed to determine the putative molecular identities of some of the mass ions enriched in each sample, including, asparagine, adenosine, and nicotianamine in the control samples, and arginine and soyasaponin I in the salt treated samples.

## Introduction

Matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionization (MALDI) is commonly used as a soft ionization technique to study a wide range of biomolecules. A powerful application of MALDI-mass spectrometry (MS) is the ability to determine the spatial distribution of molecules in a tissue slice by mass spectrometry imaging (MSI).<sup>1</sup> MALDI-MSI has been used to study a wide range of biomolecules, from small molecule metabolites,<sup>2,3</sup> to neuropeptides,<sup>4</sup> and intact proteins.<sup>5</sup>

More recently, atmospheric pressure MALDI (AP-MALDI) was introduced, increasing the ease of sample preparation and allowing for analysis of volatile molecules, as the sample no longer needs to be placed under vacuum prior to analysis.<sup>6,7</sup> Since then, AP-MALDI has been used to detect tryptic peptides,<sup>8-10</sup> pesticides,<sup>11</sup> oligosaccharides,<sup>12</sup> and proteolytic fragments.<sup>13</sup> Tandem MS has also been coupled with AP-MALDI ionization, which provides the ability to fragment molecules and use the fragmentation patterns to identify biomolecules.<sup>14,15</sup> AP-MALDI is also capable of performing imaging experiments. The handling of samples at atmospheric pressure is an advantage of the technique, as shown by the imaging of lipids with a matrix that sublimates under higher vacuum.<sup>16</sup> As lipids ionize readily, multiple studies have reported imaging lipids with AP-MALDI.<sup>17-19</sup> Other applications of AP-MALDI-MSI include imaging of secondary metabolites in licorice rhizome<sup>20</sup> and neuropeptides in crustaceans.<sup>18</sup>

Recent developments in MALDI-MSI have been directed at lowering the minimum spatial resolution. Lowering spatial resolution allows for increased resolution of fine molecular features and for single-cell MALDI-MSI.<sup>21</sup> Although historically MALDI-MSI imaging experiments have been carried out above the low  $\mu\text{m}$  spatial resolution requirement for single cell imaging, recently instrument advances have lowered the minimum raster step size to allow imaging at higher spatial resolution.<sup>22-24</sup> AP-MALDI sources have also been introduced with optimized geometry to allow



for high spatial resolution, including a scanning microprobe AP-MALDI (TransMIT GmbH, Griessen Germany). The AP-SMALDI source has allowed for imaging of metabolites and lipids in a variety of samples at 5-20  $\mu\text{m}$  spatial resolution.<sup>17, 20, 25-27</sup>

The AP-MALDI (ng) UHR system (MassTech Inc., Columbia, MD) is another AP-MALDI source capable of imaging at high spatial resolutions. The source is compact, allowing for easy and fast switching between ESI and AP-MALDI. High spatial resolution is achieved through an Nd:YAG 355 nm laser with a laser spot size of 10  $\mu\text{m}$  and a maximum output frequency of 10 kHz. In the source, the sample plate is approximately 2 mm away from the heated MS inlet capillary.<sup>28-30</sup> The laser operates as a continuous raster along the rows of the sample. TARGET software (MassTech Inc., Columbia, MD) controls the source settings. ImageQuest software (Thermo Scientific, Waltham, MA) is used to correlate the XY coordinates to the MS spectra in the raw file to create a molecular map of target analytes distributed on the tissue section.

MALDI-MSI is now commonly used to investigate metabolite distribution in various plant tissues.<sup>2, 31</sup> In *Medicago truncatula* (Medicago), which forms a symbiotic relationship with rhizobia for biological nitrogen fixation, MALDI-MSI has been applied to root nodules to provide insight into the metabolites involved in biological nitrogen fixation.<sup>3, 32</sup> In addition to studying metabolites involved in biological nitrogen fixation, metabolite distribution changes in the root nodules due to stress can also be investigated with MALDI-MSI. Salt stress results in an energy cost to plants, as they reallocate more of their energy to physiological changes that allow continued function under stress.<sup>33</sup> This cost of energy for plants under salt stress translates into economic costs to farmers due to reduced yields.<sup>33</sup> The ability of legumes to form symbiotic root nodules is highly sensitive even to mild concentrations of salt that do not affect other aspects of plant growth.<sup>34, 35</sup> Consequently, identifying metabolite changes within symbiotic nodules under salt

stress or non-stress conditions may help us to understand why this symbiosis is so strikingly affected by moderate levels of salt stress. Salinity tolerance in *Medicago* has been studied by adding NaCl and monitoring metabolite changes with activity assays.<sup>36</sup> Gas Chromatography-MS has also been used to investigate the metabolic profile of severe salt stress.<sup>37</sup>

Here, the ability of an AP-MALDI (ng) UHR source coupled to a high resolution accurate mass platform to study metabolites in *Medicago* root nodules will be investigated. As a stand-alone source that can attach to multiple instruments, the AP-MALDI (ng) UHR source is a promising alternative to a traditional dedicated MALDI source for labs that might not have the ability to obtain a dedicated MALDI platform. Thus, a study to compare the performance of the AP-MALDI (ng) UHR source to a traditional MALDI platform and to demonstrate the application of the source to investigate metabolite changes due to stress is a valuable evaluation of the performance of the source. Initially, optimized AP-MALDI MSI of root nodules was compared to MALDI-MSI of root nodules on a commercial MALDI LTQ Orbitrap XL system. The AP-MALDI system was then used to study the metabolic response to salt stress through imaging at high spatial resolution. This study analyzed the localization changes of metabolites in *Medicago* root nodules during salt stress.

## **Experimental Methods**

### Materials

2,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid (DHB) was purchased through Acros Organics (Fisher Scientific), and  $\alpha$ -Cyano-4-hydroxycinnamic acid (CHCA) through Sigma Aldrich. Methanol, acetonitrile, chloroform, and formic acid were purchased through Fisher Chemical (Fisher

Scientific). A Millipore system was used for double distilled water. Plain microscope slides were obtained from Fisher Scientific, and indium tin oxide coated glass slides from Delta Technologies.

### Plant Growth

Seeds of *Medicago truncatula* cv. Jemalong A17 were acid scarified, surface sterilized, and vernalized for two overnights at 4°C. Seedlings were germinated at room temperature and transferred to sterilized growth pouches which contained 10 ml of Modified Nodulation Medium (MNM) which was modified from Buffered Nodulation Medium (BNM)<sup>38</sup> with addition of 1 mM KCl containing 100 mM of sodium chloride. Plants grown only in MNM medium were used as controls. The pouches were placed in a transparent box in a growth chamber with 16 hours light for four days. The roots were inoculated with 1 ml of *Sinorhizobium meliloti* (Rm1021) (OD<sub>600</sub> of 0.1), grown for another three weeks and nodules were harvested for subsequent analysis.

### MSI Sample Preparation

Root nodules from control and high salt plants were trimmed from the plants with 2-4 mm of the surrounding root. Nodules were embedded in 100 mg/mL gelatin and frozen on dry ice. Nodules were sectioned at 16 um thickness on a Microm HM 525 cryostat (Thermo Scientific) at -20°C. Sections were thaw-mounted onto plain glass microscope slides for analysis on the MALDI LTQ Orbitrap XL or indium tin oxide coated glass slides for analysis on the AP-MALDI QE-HF system. A TM Sprayer (HTX Technologies, LLC, Carrboro, NC, USA) was used to apply DHB and CHCA matrix. DHB matrix (40 mg/mL in 50% methanol, 0.1% formic acid) was applied with a 24 pass TM Sprayer method (30 s dry time in between passes, 90° rotation between passes and the spacing offset in between every two passes, 3 mm spacing, 1250 velocity, 80°C temperature, and 0.05 mL/min flow rate). CHCA matrix (10 mg/mL in 70% acetonitrile, 0.1% formic acid) was applied with a 4 pass TM Sprayer method (30 s dry time in between passes, 90° rotation between

passes and the spacing offset in between every two passes, 1.5 mm spacing, 1200 velocity, 75°C temperature, and 0.24 mL/min flow rate). Matrix covered samples were stored in a dry box at -20°C until analysis.

#### Vacuum MALDI MSI

MALDI-MSI was performed on a MALDI LTQ Orbitrap XL (referred to as MALDI) mass spectrometer (Thermo Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA) equipped with a nitrogen laser in positive ion mode. LTQ Tune software (Thermo Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA) and Xcalibur (Thermo Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA) were used to select the imaging region and step size and the instrument parameters respectively. The laser energy for DHB was set at either 15 or 20  $\mu\text{J}$  (later replicates needed higher laser energy to get the same signal level as earlier replicates) and the laser energy for CHCA was set at 10  $\mu\text{J}$ . Imaging was performed on three biological replicates with technical replicates at 75  $\mu\text{m}$  raster step size. The mass range was set to 100-1000  $m/z$  and the resolution to 60,000. Two microscans were averaged at each pixel.

#### AP-MALDI MSI

AP-MALDI experiments were performed on an AP-MALDI (ng) UHR ion source (MassTech Inc., Columbia, MD) coupled to a Q Exactive-HF (Thermo Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA). Initially, the S-lens RF value, capillary temperature, and spray voltage parameters were optimized on-tissue. Imaging experiments were conducted in positive ion mode for 100-1,000  $m/z$  with 60,000 resolution, 2 microscans, 1E6 AGC target, 100 ms maximum injection time, 3.25 kV spray voltage, 350°C capillary temperature, and 70% for the S-lens RF value. For DHB covered sections 40% laser energy was used, and for CHCA sections 25% laser energy was used on the AP-MALDI control software. Experiments were conducted at 30  $\mu\text{m}$  raster size. TARGET ng

software (MassTech Inc., Columbia, MD) was used to set the imaging area, raster size, and laser energy. Tune software (Thermo Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA) was used to acquire data.

### MSI Data Analysis

MSiReader software<sup>39</sup> was used to create peak lists and generate images from the data. Briefly, the interrogated zone was drawn around the nodule and root and compared to the reference zone of a matrix only area. Each technical replicate was analyzed individually in MSiReader, and all data was normalized to the total ion current. For each nodule,  $m/z$  in more than 15% of the total area of the interrogated zone (the root and root nodule) and less than 5% of the total area of the reference zone (matrix area) were pulled out for the MALDI data sets.  $M/z$  in 10% of the interrogated zone and less than 5% of the reference zone were pulled out for AP-MALDI data. The analysis was performed using a +/- 5 ppm window. Low numbers for the interrogated zone percentages were selected to ensure that peaks localized to a small region of the sample (and not just peaks localized to the entire sample) were pulled out. A low percentage for the reference zone was used to have a strict cut-off for removing matrix peaks. Different interrogated region percentages were used for the two platforms due to the difference in signal intensity and number of peaks pulled out between the two. For the MALDI system, 15% was used over 10% as using 10% pulled out many more noise peaks compared to 15%. Also, as the AP-MALDI system detected hundreds of peaks (compared to the over 2,000 mass spectral peaks detected by the MALDI system), the extra  $m/z$  were easier to manually verify for the AP-MALDI platform. As the AP-MALDI system produced fewer images, a lower cutoff threshold was used to generate as many good images as possible. Peak lists for biological replicates were generated by combining the technical replicate peak lists and combining duplicates ( $m/z$  within 5 ppm). Peak lists from the three biological replicates were combined and duplicates combined (5 ppm error) to create peak

lists for the two platforms with each matrix. All peak lists were manually validated by visual inspection of the resulting ion images. Peak lists were imported into SCiLS software (Bruker, Bremen, Germany) along with the data for statistical analysis. Centroid data was imported with linear interpolation at a mass accuracy of 0.0005 Da for the mass axis settings. Data was normalized to the total ion current after importing, and all analysis were performed with normalization to the total ion current. The discriminative analysis was performed using receiver operating characteristic (ROC) on both the nodules and root together and the nodule and root separately. For the analysis, individual spectra from three biological replicate nodules were used for each class. The two classes were control and salt. As the control and salt nodules are not necessarily the same size, a random subset of 500 spectra for each class was used for the analysis. A 5 ppm interval width and the validated peak lists were used for the analysis. Hypothesis tests were performed on all individual spectra of the same three biological replicates as the ROC test. The entire root nodule and root area for the control and salt samples were used for the test. Specifically, the t-test was used with a 5 ppm window. The peak lists generated in MSiReader was again used for the test. Principal component analysis (PCA) was performed using the mean spectra of each region (each region was drawn around the root and root nodule from a technical replicate) with a 5.0 ppm interval width, 5 components, and unit variance scaling.

### Sample Extraction

Approximately 100 control nodules and 100 salt treated nodules (with 2-4 mm of surrounding root) were trimmed from the plants and flash frozen. Nodules were ground with a mortar and pestle under liquid nitrogen. A methanol/chloroform/water (Milli-Q) extraction was performed by adding in order 3 parts methanol (600  $\mu$ L), 1 part chloroform (200  $\mu$ L), and 4 parts water (800  $\mu$ L). Samples were vortexed briefly and centrifuged for 10 min at 5000 x g and 4°C.

The upper aqueous layer was removed, 4 parts methanol were added, and the extraction was vortexed briefly. The extraction was centrifuged again at 1500 x g for 5 min and 4°C. The supernatant (organic layer) was removed. The aqueous and organic fractions were dried down in a speedvac and saved in a -80 °C freezer prior to analysis.

#### LC-MS/MS for Identifications

Aqueous samples were resuspended in optima grade water with 0.1 % FA at 10 mg/mL. LC-MS/MS was performed with a Dionex Ultimate 3000 UHPLC system (Thermo Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA) equipped with a Kintex C18 column (2.1 mm internal diameter x 150 mm length, 1.7 µm particle size; Phenomenex, Torrance, CA, USA) with a corresponding guard column, and a Q Exactive MS (Thermo Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA). For separation, the column temperature was 35°C, and the mobile phases were optima grade water with 0.1% formic acid (A) and acetonitrile with 0.1% formic acid (B). A 35-minute gradient at a flow rate of 0.3 mL/min with the following conditions was used: 0-5 min, held at 1% B; 5-10 min, linear gradient from 1-3% B; 10-18 min, linear gradient from 3-40% B; 18-22 min, linear gradient from 40-80% B; 22-27 min, column cleaning at 95% B; and 27-35 min, re-equilibration at 1% B. The injection volume was 4 µL, and the samples were kept at 10°C during analysis. The MS was operated in the positive ion mode with a scan range of  $m/z$  100-1500 using a top 5 method for MS/MS. A target list, which included  $m/z$  more prevalent in either the control nodules or salt nodules, was used to acquire MS/MS on target  $m/z$ . If less than 5  $m/z$  on the target list were found, then the most abundant  $m/z$  were chosen. The MS parameters were as follows: 70,000 resolution, 1 E6 AGC, and 100 ms maximum injection time. The settings for HCD MS/MS were as follows: 35,000 resolution, 1 E5 AGC, 100 ms max inject time, 15 s dynamic exclusion, and collision energies of 30, 35, and 40 for injections 1,2 and 3 respectively. MetFrag<sup>40</sup> was used to analyze the MS/MS

results by searching the  $[M+H]^+$ ,  $[M+Na]^+$ , and  $[M+K]^+$  adducts against the KEGG database with 5 ppm error tolerance. The *in silico* fragmentation was matched up to the top 20-40 experimental fragments of the MS/MS spectra at a 5 ppm and 0.01 Da tolerances. MS/MS spectra from the mzCloud high-resolution MS/MS database was used where possible to validate the MetFrag identification. For mzCloud analysis, LC-MS/MS results were loaded into Compound Discoverer software (Thermo Scientific). Briefly, raw files were aligned with adaptive curve setting with 5 ppm mass and 1.0 min retention time tolerances. Unknown compounds were detected with a 5 ppm mass tolerance, 3 signal to noise ratio, and 1,000,000 minimum peak intensity, and then grouped with 5 ppm mass and 0.1 min retention time tolerances. A search against the mzCloud database was then performed against all activation types with a 25 activation energy tolerance, and the intensity threshold set to true. Identifications were made if the top result in MetFrag explained almost all the major fragments and there were no other strong results in the lower scoring MetFrag results (score less than 0.8 for all other hits) or if the top result in MetFrag explained almost all the major fragments, and the compound discoverer MS/MS for this compound matched almost exactly. Arginine, soyasaponin I, asparagine, and adenosine standards were obtained to verify identifications. MS/MS parameters were the same as described for the extractions.

## Results

### AP-MALDI parameter optimization

Initially, the AP-MALDI source and QE-HF MS parameters were optimized by metabolite profiling on tissue sections. The laser energy was optimized on matrix areas by increasing the laser energy until increasing the energy no longer increased yield of matrix ions. A wide range of S-lens, capillary temperature, and spray voltage values were tested by profiling on sections of control



nodules. Ions initially enter the instrument through a heated capillary. The spray voltage is applied to the source, in this case to the plate, to assist ions into the MS. The S-lens is an ion guide behind the heated capillary consisting of a series of stacked rings that operates as a radio frequency (RF) device to capture and focus ions into a beam. Typically, larger molecules need a higher S-lens value to be efficiently transferred into the mass analyzer.<sup>41</sup> The temperature on the heated capillary, the voltage on the plate, and the RF value on the S-lens, all play a role in optimal detection of ions. **Figure 1(A-C)** shows the profiling results from adjusting the S-lens, spray voltage, and capillary temperature with CHCA as the matrix. Adjusting the S-lens and spray voltage values did not reveal any clear trend during the profiling experiments, although most  $m/z$  had an increase in signal at 80% for the S-lens RF value. The capillary temperature showed a stronger trend, as increasing the temperature resulted in an increased signal. Supplemental Figure 1 (A-C) shows similar optimization graphs for optimizing instrument parameters with DHB as the matrix.

A smaller subset of instrument parameters was further tested by performing imaging experiments on control nodules. The base parameters were 70% S-lens, 3.0 kV spray voltage, and 300°C capillary temperature. Parameters were then individually adjusted above and below these values. **Figure 1(D-F)** shows the imaging results from adjusting the S-lens, spray voltage, and capillary temperature with CHCA as the matrix. Supplementary Figure 1 (D-F) shows the imaging optimization results with DHB. The S-lens value still showed inconsistent results as higher  $m/z$  tended to increase slightly with higher S-lens while lower  $m/z$  decreased slightly with higher S-lens. Thus, a middle value of 70% was chosen for future experiments. In the imaging experiments, increasing the spray voltage did tend to increase the signal, especially for higher  $m/z$  (above 600), which were not very noticeable with the lower spray voltages. Furthermore, increasing the capillary temperature increased signal, which was consistent with the profiling results. Parameters

of 3.25 kV spray voltage and 350°C capillary temperature were chosen to give the best signal, especially for higher  $m/z$ . The same instrument parameters were chosen for both DHB and CHCA matrices as there was not a noticeable difference between the two matrices. Spray voltages above 3.25 kV were not attempted as higher voltages could cause discharge on the AP-MALDI electronics.

CHCA matrix showed higher overall signal and better coverage of the lipid region ( $m/z$  above 600) compared to imaging experiments with DHB as the matrix. In **Supplemental Figure S1**, only  $m/z$  104.1073 and  $m/z$  133.0607 had a signal above 10,000, and this occurred at higher spray voltages and capillary temperatures. In the CHCA imaging experiments, all but the two highest  $m/z$  (682.0023 and 719.9575) had a signal above 10,000 at high capillary temperatures and spray voltages. In the DHB graphs in **Supplemental Figure S1**,  $m/z$  above 600 were not included as there was minimal signal in this region with DHB matrix.

#### Comparison of AP-MALDI and Vacuum MALDI sources

Imaging experiments using control nodules on both the AP-MALDI and MALDI platforms were conducted to compare the performance of the two instruments for MSI. **Figure 2(A-H)** compares the MALDI and AP-MALDI platforms. **Figure 2(A)** shows the number of  $m/z$  detected that resulted in good images (i.e., not matrix peaks and signal predominantly in plant sample) for control nodules in both the MALDI and AP-MALDI systems with both DHB and CHCA matrices. It should be noted that if a  $m/z$  is not detected in one platform but is detected in the other, it is likely the case that the  $m/z$  is present in both samples, but the signal intensity in one platform was below the threshold needed to pull out the  $m/z$  with MSiReader. Interestingly, DHB provided better results on the MALDI, and CHCA gave better results on the AP-MALDI system. While instrumentation differences could play a role in why different matrices were best for the two

platforms, the fact that the CHCA matrix application method was a wetter method than the DHB method could also play a role. The wetter CHCA method could potentially extract metabolites from the tissue at a higher concentration. As the AP-MALDI had a lower signal than the MALDI platform, improved extraction could benefit the AP-MALDI platform more than the MALDI platform. The MALDI system detected significantly more  $m/z$  than the AP-MALDI system as it detected almost twice the number of  $m/z$  using CHCA and over six times the number of  $m/z$  using DHB as matrix, respectively. **Figure 2(B,C)** shows the overlap between the  $m/z$  detected in MALDI and AP-MALDI systems for DHB matrix and CHCA matrix. Both matrices had similar numbers of  $m/z$  shared between the two instruments. However, there were more unique  $m/z$  than shared  $m/z$ , especially for CHCA. **Figure 2(D,E)** compares the DHB and CHCA matrices for both the MALDI and AP-MALDI platforms. While both platforms have many  $m/z$  that are shared in both matrices, there is a high number of  $m/z$  only detected in one of the matrices, especially for DHB on the MALDI and CHCA on the AP-MALDI due to their higher number of detected  $m/z$  compared to the other matrix. Thus, the DHB and CHCA matrices were complementary to each other. The PCA plot in **Figure 2(F)** shows that the different matrix and platform conditions (MALDI DHB, MALDI CHCA, AP-MALDI DHB, AP-MALDI CHCA) all separate out into groups. The technical replicates group close together in most cases. While there is more variation in the biological replicates, the biological replicates from each matrix/platform experimental group are close enough together to separate them from the other matrix/platform experimental groups. **Figure 2(G,H)** shows example spectra for control nodules with DHB matrix for the MALDI (**G**) and AP-MALDI (**H**) platforms. The spectra show clear differences in  $m/z$  and intensity, which supports the separation of the different experimental conditions in the PCA plot. Example spectra averaged over control nodules with CHCA as the matrix for each platform are shown in

**Supplemental Figure S2. Supplemental Tables S1 and S2** list the  $m/z$  unique to control nodules imaged with the AP-MALDI system for DHB and CHCA respectively. These  $m/z$  were compared to the matches to the mzCloud database from the LC-MS/MS data. The putative identifications from this analysis are shown in **Supplemental Table S3**. From these putative identifications, the AP-MALDI data is potentially detecting more acids as nicotinic acid/ picolinic acid, pyroglutamic acid, aspartic acid, DL- $\alpha$ -aminosuberic acid, and pantothenic acid were all putatively identified from the  $m/z$  unique to AP-MALDI control nodules. Further MS/MS data collection and analysis would be necessary to verify the identity of these acids or identify additional compounds unique to the AP-MALDI control nodules. The high number of unique  $m/z$  between the two sources is potentially due to the instrumental differences. One hypothesis for the differences is that the AP-MALDI had fewer in-source fragmentation products as other studies observed that AP-MALDI is a soft ionization method with decreased and more consistent fragmentation.<sup>6, 42</sup> As the MALDI detected many more  $m/z$  and had a higher overall signal compared to the AP-MALDI, the  $m/z$  solely detected in the MALDI experiments could be due to an increased sensitivity. Also, the MALDI has a nitrogen laser, which operates at 337 nm, whereas the AP-MALDI uses an Nd/YAG laser (355 nm). The differing beam profiles of these lasers<sup>43</sup> could be causing some of the differences in  $m/z$  detected between the sources. The different efficiencies of the two instruments could also affect the detected ions. As the two platforms have two different Orbitrap instruments, the differences in ion transfer, detection, and fragmentation efficiencies can potentially result in some of the observed differences.

Despite the lower number of shared  $m/z$  between the MALDI and AP-MALDI, the distributions of the shared  $m/z$  were similar. **Figure 3** compares the spatial distribution of  $m/z$  detected in both sources. Two representative images were selected from the shared  $m/z$  (see the

Venn diagrams in **Figure 2(B,C)**) for each matrix. The  $m/z$  were chosen for their good normalized signal intensity in both platforms to make the images easy to compare, and an attempt was made to get an  $m/z$  spread evenly across the 100-1,000 range. For each  $m/z$ , the images acquired with the AP-MALDI have similar distributions as the images obtained on the MALDI system. However, the box and whisker plots showing the unnormalized intensity reveal a wide gap in the intensity of the signals between the AP-MALDI and MALDI. The optical images for the samples shown in **Figure 3** are shown in **Supplemental Figure S3**, and the box and whisker plots for three biological replicates of the AP-MALDI control nodules, and three biological replicates of the MALDI control nodules are shown in **Supplemental Figure S4**. After normalization to the total ion current, signals between the AP-MALDI and MALDI are much more comparable in the box and whisker plots. Although the overall signal on the AP-MALDI was lower than the MALDI, the AP-MALDI QE-HF instrument was still capable of determining the spatial distribution of small molecules in Medicago root nodules.

#### Metabolites changing due to salt stress

Overall, the quality of MS spectra obtained from salt nodules was consistent with the quality of MS spectra obtained from control nodules despite the abundance of sodium in the salt nodules. The total ion current was very similar between the control and salt nodules. For example, in one biological replicate the total ion current was  $2.6E5$  for control nodules versus  $2.3E5$  for salt nodules with CHCA and  $9.6 E4$  for control nodules versus  $4.0E4$  for salt nodules with DHB. Example spectra for salt nodules with both matrices are shown in **Supplemental Figure S5** (control nodule spectra are located in **Figure 2** for DHB and **Supplemental Figure S2** for CHCA). The largest difference between the control and salt samples was the abundance of sodium adducts in the salt samples. The higher tolerance of MALDI systems to salt could potentially account for

the fact that ion suppression due to the high salt concentrations in this study did not severely decrease the signal in the high salt samples. SCiLS software was used for statistical analysis of MSI data obtained from control and salt root nodules. ROC analysis was performed to generate area under the curve (AUC) values for specific  $m/z$ . ROC curves are generated by plotting the sensitivity (true positive rate) versus 100-specificity (false positive rate) for the ability of a single  $m/z$  value to discriminate between two conditions. AUC values, which range from 0 to 1, are calculated from the ROC curve for a specific  $m/z$ . By importing a peak list, an AUC value was generated from its respective ROC curve for each  $m/z$  in the list. An AUC cut-off of 0.75 was utilized as this resulted in a list of  $m/z$  that showed distinct differences between the control and salt nodules. As AUC values closest to 0.5 are less discriminative, an AUC value halfway in between 0.5 and 1 was chosen to give numerous  $m/z$  that were different between the control and salt root nodules. The ROC test was run on the entire nodule and root sample, just the nodule, and only the root to find  $m/z$  values that are discriminative to either the salt or control condition in specific regions of the sample (compared to  $m/z$  values present in the entire root and nodule sample). The discriminative analysis was compared to the t-test results, which were only performed on the entire root and nodule region as the t-test was less sensitive to the area selected. **Figure 4** compares the number of  $m/z$  selected from either control or salt samples using the three analysis methods: manual analysis, ROC analysis, or the t-test. The number of  $m/z$  by manual analysis was determined by looking through images for each biological replicate and selecting  $m/z$  that only showed signal in either the control or salt condition. The final number for the manual analysis only shows  $m/z$  selected in all three biological replicates.

In **Figure 4**, the results of the SCiLS analysis to find  $m/z$  solely in the control nodules (**A-C**) and  $m/z$  strictly in the salt nodules (**D-F**) are shown. The t-test found the highest number  $m/z$

specific to either the control or salt root nodules, with well over half of the input  $m/z$  having  $p$  values less than 0.001. A number of these significant  $m/z$  did not appear to be changed in the images by naked eye, making it very hard to sort some  $m/z$  into either the control or salt group. The discriminative analysis test and manual analysis provided a more practical number of  $m/z$  to focus on. In most cases, the  $m/z$  selected in the manual and ROC analysis were found to be significant by the t-test. Differences between the manual and ROC analysis can likely be attributed to low signal in one or more biological replicates and inconsistencies in the manual sorting. Consequently, the ROC test was selected to look at the differences between the control and salt roots and root nodules. **Supplemental Table S4** lists the  $m/z$  and AUC values for  $m/z$  with  $AUC > 0.75$  for the ROC analysis on the control roots and root nodules. **Supplemental Table S5** provides the  $m/z$  and AUC values for  $m/z$  with  $AUC > 0.75$  in the ROC analysis on the salt roots and root nodules.

After combining the DHB and CHCA results, removing isotope peaks, and removing images with high background signal, 44 targets from control samples, and 77 targets from salt samples were selected. Overall, a minority of images with an AUC above 0.75 were removed due to high signal in the background. **Figure 5** shows representative images from control targets, and **Figure 6** shows images for selected targets from the salt treated root nodules. Most  $m/z$  with an AUC higher than 0.75 show signal uniformly distributed throughout the nodule or throughout the nodule and root. Only a couple of  $m/z$  values, which had an AUC higher than 0.75 just in the roots, did not show any distribution in the nodule. The images show distinct differences between the control and salt nodules with AUC's above 0.75, demonstrating the power of the ROC analysis.

Identification of metabolites from the LC-MS/MS data was performed by searching  $m/z$  against the KEGG database and using a combination of *in silico* fragmentation (MetFrag) and

matching to the mzCloud high-resolution MS/MS database. For the MetFrag analysis, compounds that yielded theoretical fragments matching the highest number of fragments in the experimental MS/MS spectra were considered putative identifications. If more than one compound matched the major fragments, then an attempt was made to narrow down to one candidate with MS/MS spectra in the mzCloud database. **Table 1** shows the identifications from the control list of  $m/z$  with AUC > 0.75. Adenosine was the best option in MetFrag results, and nicotianamine was the only KEGG hit within 5 ppm for its  $m/z$  (the *in silico* fragmentation results did match well), but asparagine was the highest scored MetFrag result with two good options behind it. Glycylglycine was second but was ruled out with its MS/MS spectra in mzCloud. The 3<sup>rd</sup> MetFrag result, N-carbamoylsarcosine, was not in mzCloud. The MS/MS spectra for asparagine in mzCloud was nearly identical to the experimental MS/MS, so it was putatively identified. Both asparagine and nicotianamine had AUC values higher than 0.75 in the nodules, while adenosine only had an AUC value higher than 0.75 in the roots, although it was also detected in the nodules. **Table 2** shows the identifications in salt roots and root nodules. Arginine was detected with an AUC higher than 0.75 in the salt nodules with MS/MS that closely matched the database spectra in mzCloud. For  $m/z$  365.1045, the AUC was very high in the root nodules, roots, and roots and nodules combined, but the MS/MS was only able to distinguish the  $m/z$  as the sodium adduct of a disaccharide as multiple sugars ranked very high in the MetFrag analysis. Soyasaponin I was also detected as a sodium adduct and interestingly was only located to the outer portion of the root nodules and in the roots in salt nodules. **Figure 7** shows the AP-MALDI images for the  $m/z$  identified in **Tables 1-2**. The experimental MS/MS spectra for the identifications are shown in **Supplemental Figure S6**. Arginine, soyasaponin I, asparagine, and adenosine experimental MS/MS spectra were compared to that of obtained standards for verification of the identification. The MS/MS spectra for the



standards are in **Supplemental Figure S7**. Retention times matched closely between the experimental data and the obtained standards (values are provided in **Tables 1-2** and **Supplemental Figure S7**).

## Discussion

Here, an AP-MALDI (ng) UHR source was utilized for imaging of Medicago root nodules at 30  $\mu\text{m}$  spatial resolution. The spatial resolution provided by the AP-MALDI source is much higher than the conventional MALDI, which is 75  $\mu\text{m}$  spatial resolution without oversampling. The AP-MALDI source is also compatible with multiple mass spectrometers. Here, a high-resolution accurate mass QE-HF orbitrap instrument is utilized, offering even higher mass accuracy and resolution compared to the commercial MALDI system. Furthermore, the coupling of the AP-MALDI system to a high-resolution accurate mass Orbitrap system offers distinct advantage over commercial MALDI-TOF instruments, in terms of its high mass accuracy and resolution for confident identification of small molecule metabolites.

To maximize the  $m/z$  detected with the AP-MALDI source, parameters were carefully optimized. The parameters selected for imaging (high capillary temperature and spray voltage) maximized the detection of most  $m/z$  ions. However, even with the optimized parameters, the signal in the current AP-MALDI setup was at least one order of magnitude lower than the signal with the MALDI. A previous study comparing AP and vacuum MALDI on peptides and protein digests spots revealed that although signal increased two-fold in the vacuum system, the noise level increased at a similar rate, resulting in a similar signal to noise ratios between the two.<sup>8</sup> While a full limit of detection and signal to noise analysis was not conducted here, the MALDI detected significantly more  $m/z$  than the AP-MALDI, indicating a higher sensitivity for the MALDI system.

The MALDI's superior performance regarding signal intensity and detection of  $m/z$  provides a powerful instrument for comprehensive analysis of tissue sections. However, the lower signal did not prevent imaging of many ions with the AP-MALDI system and its higher spatial resolution provides the ability to analyze samples with fine molecular features that may be difficult to resolve with the lower spatial resolution of the MALDI instrument. In addition, the 10 kHz laser on the AP-MALDI significantly increases the speed of image acquisition compared to the 60 Hz laser on the MALDI. A 50 x 70 pixel grid on the AP-MALDI took 26.60 minutes to image, resulting in 2.192 pixels/s acquisition speed. However, on the MALDI, a 29 x 34 pixel grid took 65.02 minutes, giving an acquisition speed of 0.2527 pixels/s. Thus, the AP-MALDI is more than 8 times faster than the MALDI. To acquire the 50 x 70 grid of the AP-MALDI, the MALDI would take 230.6 minutes compared to the 26.60 minutes of the AP-MALDI. Therefore, the AP-MALDI has an advantage over the MALDI system regarding the speed of acquisition. Furthermore, as at best half of the  $m/z$  detected with the AP-MALDI were also detected with the MALDI, the AP-MALDI-MSI results are complementary to the MALDI imaging results. The AP-MALDI source allows for the detection of additional small molecules and potentially labile small molecules that are not compatible with vacuum MALDI sources. By performing MALDI-MSI studies with both sources, one could increase the coverage of the metabolome in MALDI-MSI studies.

The AP-MALDI QE-HF system was used to study the metabolite changes due to salt stress with high spatial resolution and high mass accuracy. SCiLS software was used to perform statistical analysis on the MSI data to confidently assign  $m/z$  discriminative to the control and salt conditions. Although the t-test (p-value <0.001) gave the largest number of  $m/z$  as its output, the percentage of input  $m/z$  that were selected as significant was very high, and for some  $m/z$ , it was not apparent to the naked eye which group (either control or salt) was higher. Here, discriminative

analysis using an ROC test was chosen as this test gave  $m/z$  with a signal that was consistently distinctive to either the salt or control group and mostly avoided  $m/z$  with only slight changes or changes in only one biological replicate. The discriminative analysis is also beneficial over manual analysis as it avoids potential inconsistencies in sorting. A random subset of spectra was used for the analysis as the salt nodules were typically smaller than the control nodules, meaning that using all spectra would result in a different number of spectra in each class. Although using multiple spectra per sample creates a large subset to generate ROC curves, it should be noted that individual spectra from the same sample are not independent. Furthermore, the ROC curve analysis and the t-test have two different meanings. The ROC curve is looking for  $m/z$  that discriminate between conditions (often healthy versus diseased tissue) whereas the t-test looking for  $m/z$  that have significant changes between the two conditions. While a  $p\text{-value} < 0.001$  and an  $\text{AUC} > 0.75$  are not the same and provide different explanations about the data, the objective here was to compare their ability to select whichever  $m/z$  are changing between the conditions. As manual analysis is laborious, a statistical test to select changing  $m/z$  to focus identification efforts on is beneficial.

Previous studies have found changes in amino acids, organic acids, and sugars due to salt stress.<sup>36,37</sup> Although sugars and amino acids were identified here as differing in the salt and control nodules, a potential pitfall of this study is that some of the metabolic differences observed could be due to the increased sodium levels in the salt samples. This creates a paradox observation where the same compound is higher in the control nodules for the  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  and  $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$  adducts, but higher in the salt treated samples for the  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  adduct. The identifications of asparagine and nicotianamine in control nodule samples show this fluctuation as they had an  $\text{AUC} > 0.75$  in the control nodules for the  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  adduct but the  $m/z$  that accurate mass matched to the sodium adduct was higher in the salt target list (MS/MS data was not able to confirm presence in salt nodules).

Similarly, the disaccharide sodium adduct was identified in the salt treated samples, but based on accurate mass matching, the potassium adduct was shown upregulated in the control target list. In addition, the inability of traditional MALDI-MSI to separate isobaric compounds prevented identification of different sugars. As a result, the changes in sugar content was difficult to determine as the changes in the availability of sodium for adduction and the isobaric nature of the sugars complicated assignment significantly. However, in most cases, one can still identify metabolites changing due to salt stress (and not due to the differences in sodium adduct formation). For example, both the  $[M+H]^+$  and  $[M+Na]^+$  adducts of arginine were on the salt target list, indicating that this change is due to the effects of the stress and not due to changes in sodium availability. Although some of the compounds with  $AUC > 0.75$  are likely due to changes in sodium levels and not due to the salt stress, there are still many targets discovered that do not show the relative intensity change between the control and salt nodules with different adducts (i.e.  $[M+H]^+$  adduct higher in control and  $[M+Na]^+$  higher in salt). These changes in the relative intensity between different adduct species can be determined by looking at the images for the control and salt nodules on the same intensity scale for each adduct species. Thus, AP-MALDI-MSI provides a viable technique to study metabolite changes in salt stress in *Medicago* nodules.

We observed increased accumulation of arginine in the salt-stressed nodules. Accumulation of arginine is often seen in plants subjected to various environmental stresses, and exogenous arginine helps to tolerate the harmful effects of salt stress.<sup>44, 45</sup> Arginine metabolism plays a crucial role in salt tolerance in plants as discussed below. Arginine is synthesized from the non-proteinogenic amino acid ornithine. *N*-acetylglutamate synthase (NAGS) is an enzyme that catalyzes the first reaction during ornithine biosynthesis, and overexpression of the gene encoding NAGS improves salt tolerance in tomato plants.<sup>46</sup> Arginase catalyzes the initial reaction of arginine

degradation, and a loss of activity of this enzyme is associated with increased salt tolerance, presumably via accumulation of beneficial molecules, such as, nitric oxide (NO) and polyamines.<sup>46-48</sup> Ornithine  $\delta$ -aminotransferase, another enzyme involved in arginine catabolism shows increased activity under salt stress.<sup>46</sup> The arginine decarboxylase (ADC) enzyme converts arginine to agmatine, which is a precursor of polyamines. Spermine is a polyamine often involved in salt tolerance, and its deficiency leads to salt hypersensitivity.<sup>49</sup> Spermine accumulation is low in salt-treated roots in a genetic background where arginine decarboxylase activity is reduced compared to the wild-type, implicating this enzyme in salt-acclimation.<sup>50</sup> In salt-tolerant rice, expression of the *ADC* gene is induced in the presence of salinity.<sup>51</sup> Single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) associated with *ADC* showed a strong correlation with multiple environmental factors, such as, salinity, drought, and soil nitrogen, placing this enzyme as an essential regulator of plant-environment interactions.<sup>52</sup> Arginine is also involved in the production of NO with the latter implicated in salt tolerance.<sup>53, 54</sup> Exogenous NO, in the form of its donor S-nitroso-N-acetylpenicillamine (SNAP), alleviates the adverse effects of salt stress, presumably by upregulating Reactive Oxygen Species (ROS)- scavenging enzymes and enhancing the accumulation of osmolytes.<sup>55</sup> It is suggested that the accumulation of NO and other Reactive Nitrogen Species (RNS) cause nitrosative stress, which is essential for salt “priming”.<sup>47</sup> Altogether, these results suggest an essential position of arginine metabolism in salt stress responses.

We also found an enhanced accumulation of soyasaponin I. Saponins are amphipathic glycosides found in many plant species.<sup>56</sup> A salt-tolerant genotype of soybean accumulates high amounts of group B saponin, alluding to its possible role in salt tolerance.<sup>57</sup> These findings validate our technique and demonstrate that it can be used to address significant biological questions.

Here, the AP-MALDI-MSI analysis of metabolites in salt stress demonstrated the ability of the AP-MALDI (ng) UHR source to image metabolites with high resolution in both mass and space. Despite the lower number of detected compounds due to a reduced sensitivity compared to the vacuum MALDI MS platform, a respectable number of  $m/z$  values were found to change in root nodules between the control and salt conditions. The spatial resolution used here was not quite at the level of single-cell imaging, but with further optimization higher spatial resolutions could be achieved as the source has the potential for 5-10  $\mu\text{m}$  imaging. Overall, the AP-MALDI QE-HF platform is a robust system for analyzing small molecules, and when combined with the ease of changing between AP-MALDI and ESI on a single mass spectrometer, the source makes for a useful alternative to a traditional dedicated MALDI instrument. The custom-designed source is a cost-effective substitute for a traditional MALDI platform, allowing labs to perform imaging experiments on mass spectrometers currently used with ESI. Furthermore, the complementary detection of  $m/z$  between the AP-MALDI and MALDI platforms allows for wider coverage of metabolites. On-going development for a new generation of a sub-atmospheric pressure MALDI source from MassTech will offer improved sensitivity, and with continued ease of switching between ESI and MALDI operation, would allow for more comprehensive metabolome characterization of these important model systems.

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## Tables

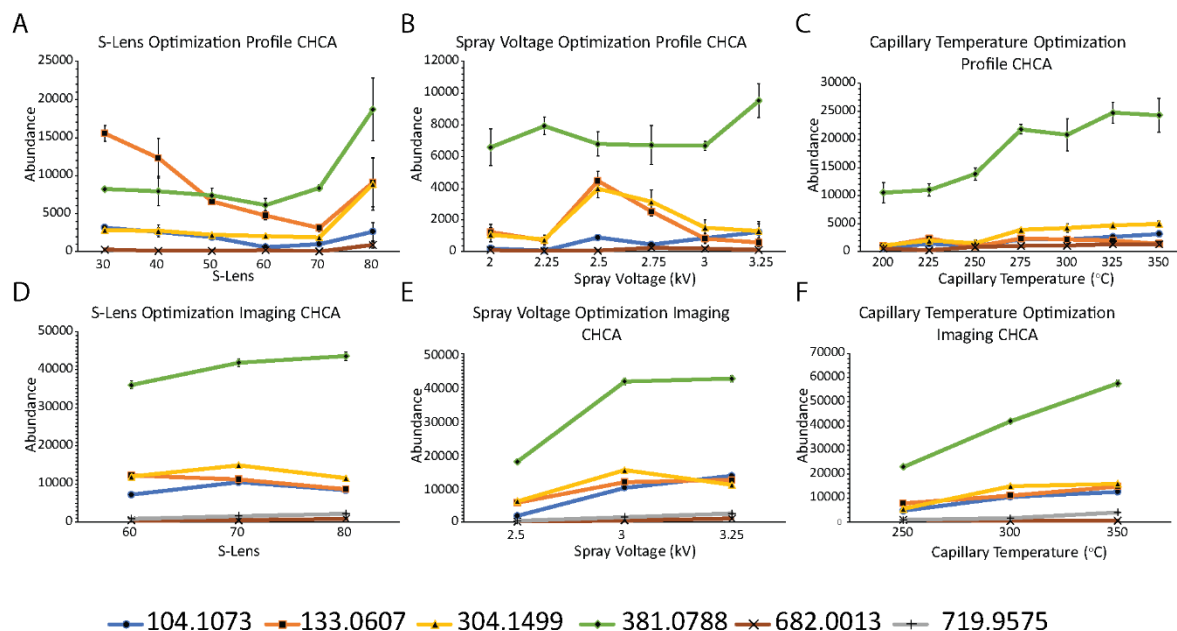
**Table 1.** Identifications from Control Roots and Root Nodules with AUC>0.75

<b>m/z; Retention time (min)</b>	<b>Distribution</b>	<b>AUC &gt;0.75 Location</b>	<b>Identification; Adduct Identified</b>	<b>Literature Molecular Weight</b>	<b>Delta ppm</b>
133.0606; 1.05	Nodule	Nodule and Root	Asparagine [M+H] <sup>+</sup>	132.0535	-1.48
268.1034; 3.55	Nodule and Root	Root	Adenosine [M+H] <sup>+</sup>	267.0968	-2.53
304.1493; 1.05	Nodule and Root	Nodule	Nicotianamine [M+H] <sup>+</sup>	303.1430	-3.31

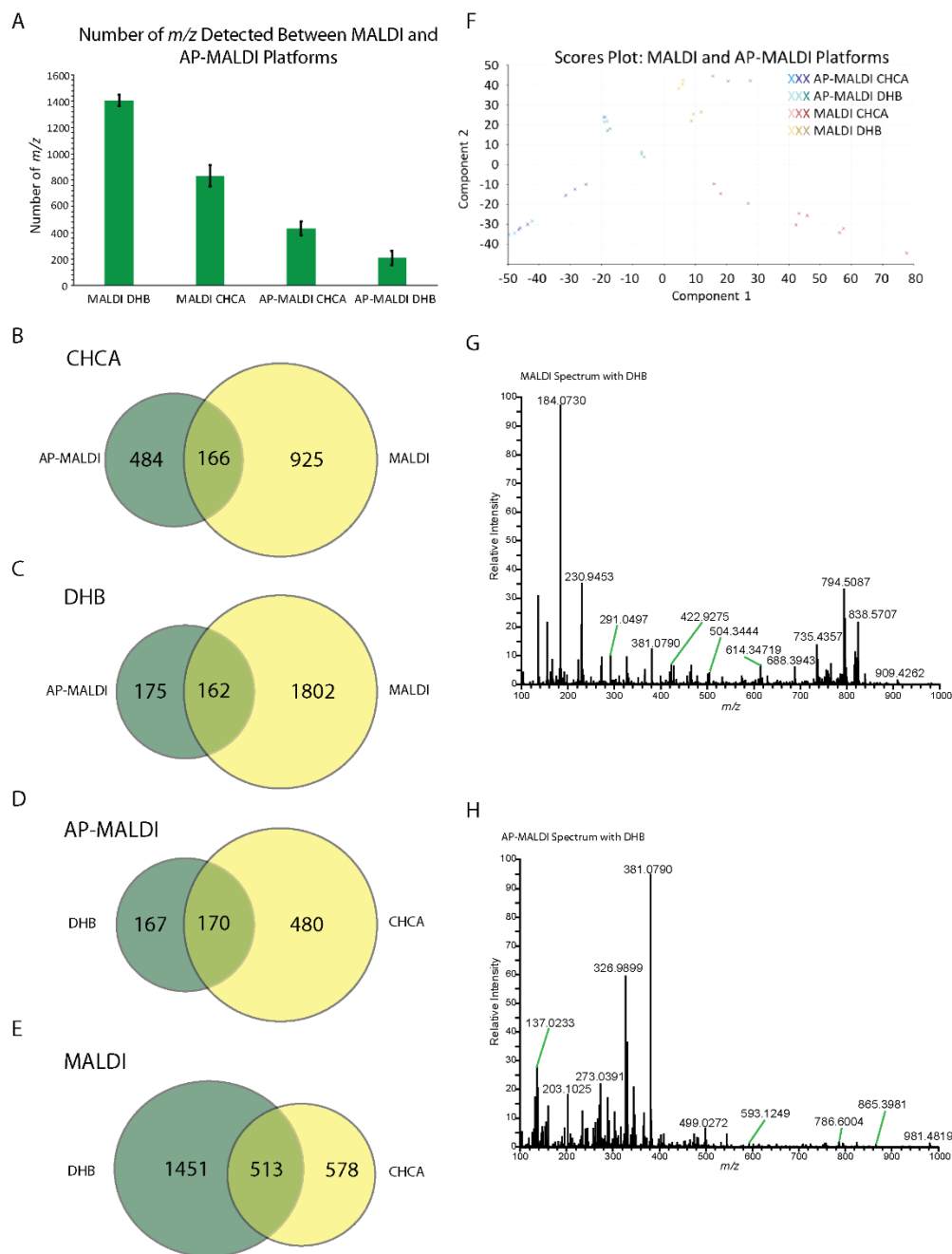
**Table 2.** Identifications from Salt Treated Roots and Root Nodules with AUC>0.75

<b><i>m/z</i>; Retention Time (min)</b>	<b>Distribution</b>	<b>AUC Location &gt;0.75</b>	<b>Identification; Adduct Identified</b>	<b>Literature Molecular Weight</b>	<b>Delta ppm</b>
175.1186; 1.04	Nodule	Nodule	Arginine [M+H] <sup>+</sup>	174.1117	-1.81
365.1045; 1.18	Root and Nodule	Root and Nodule	Disaccharide [M+Na] <sup>+</sup>	342.1162	2.74
965.5076; 20.46	Root and Outer Nodule	Root	Soyasaponin I [M+Na] <sup>+</sup>	942.5188	-0.44

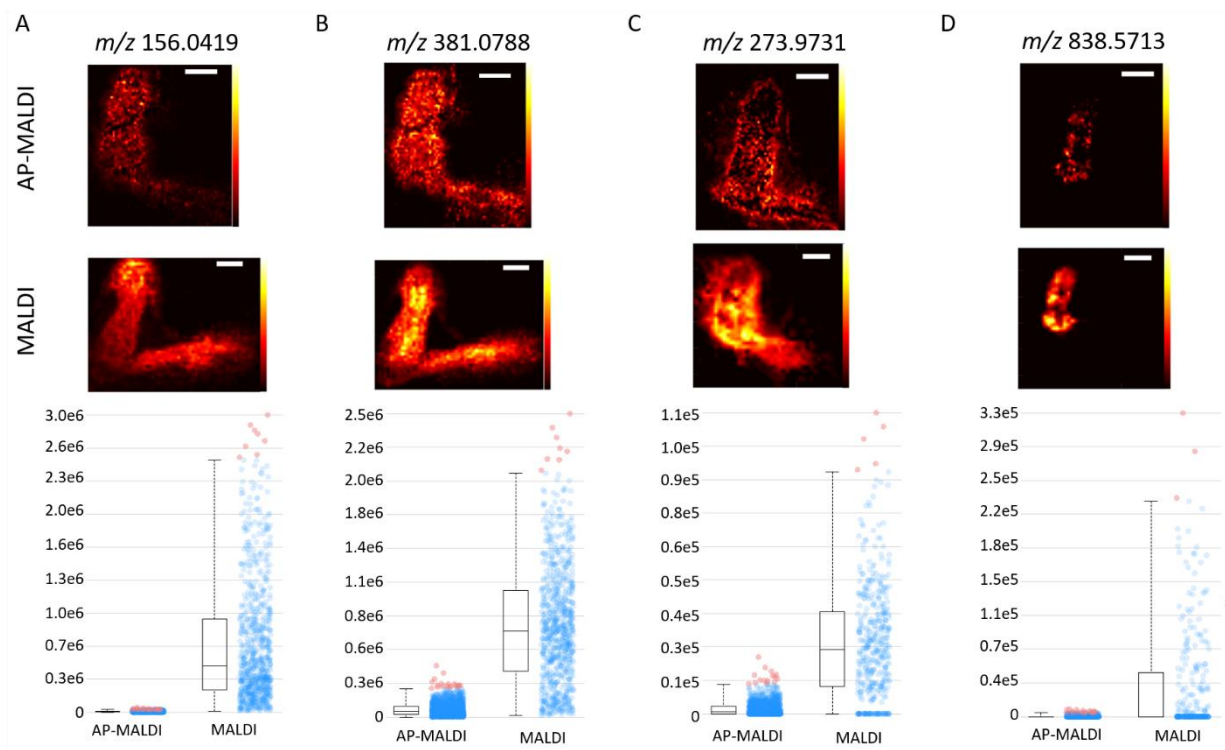
## Figures



**Figure 1.** QE-HF parameter optimization graphs with CHCA as the matrix. (A-C) show optimization of S-lens (A), spray voltage (B), and capillary temperature (C) by profiling on tissue. (D-F) show optimization of S-lens (D), spray voltage (E), and capillary temperature (F) by imaging individual control nodules. Different  $m/z$  values are indicated by line color and data point shape. Error bars indicate standard error of the mean.

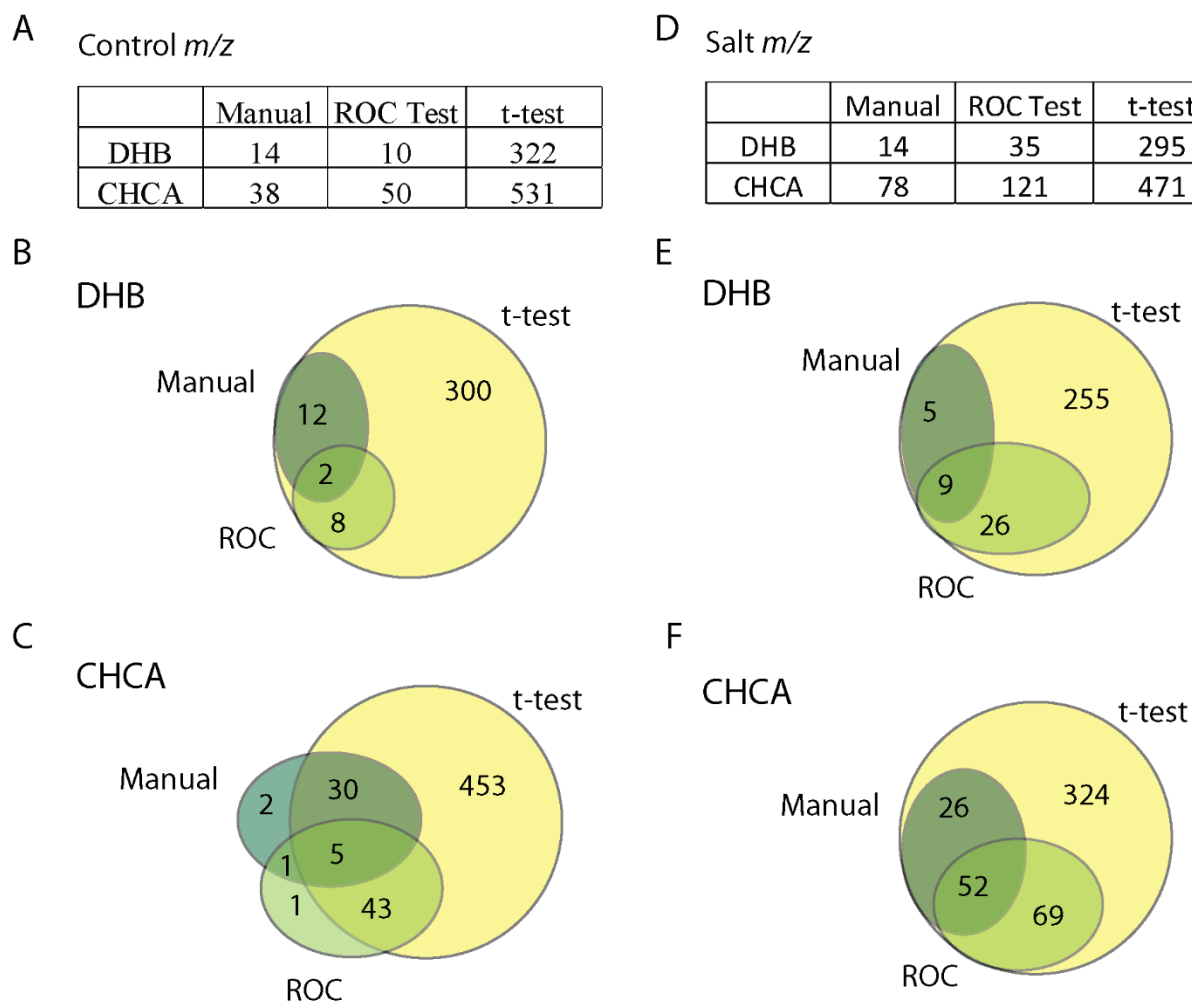


**Figure 2.** Comparison of the vacuum MALDI and AP-MALDI QE-HF systems for imaging of control nodules. In **(A)**, the number of  $m/z$  detected for both systems with CHCA and DHB as matrices are shown. Error bars show the standard error of the mean. **(B)** and **(C)** show Venn diagrams for the overlap in detected  $m/z$  values between the two systems for CHCA **(B)** and DHB **(C)**. Venn diagrams comparing the overlap between  $m/z$  observed with DHB and CHCA matrices are shown for the AP-MALDI **(D)** and MALDI **(E)**. The PCA plot for all the biological and technical replicates of control nodules imaged with either the AP-MALDI or MALDI platform with either DHB or CHCA is shown in **(F)**. For each condition technical replicates are all the same color and biological replicates are differing shades of a color. Example spectra averaged over the nodule with the DHB matrix are shown for the MALDI **(G)** and AP-MALDI **(H)** platforms.

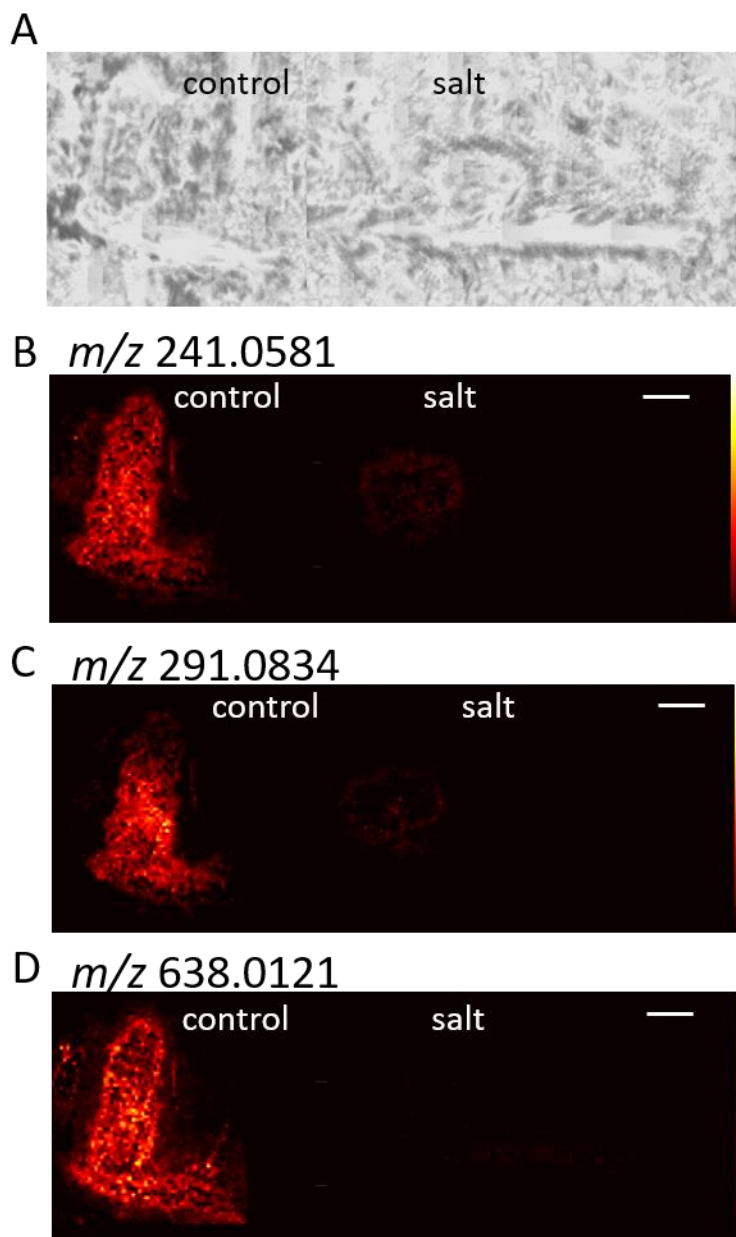


**Figure 3.** Comparison of images detected in both the AP-MALDI and MALDI platforms. Each part in (A-D) depicts a different  $m/z$  with a  $\pm 5$  ppm window. For each part, the AP-MALDI image is shown on the top, the MALDI image in the middle, and the box and whisker plot on the bottom. (A,B) are from the DHB matrix data and (C,D) are from the CHCA matrix data. The white scale bar corresponds to 1 mm.

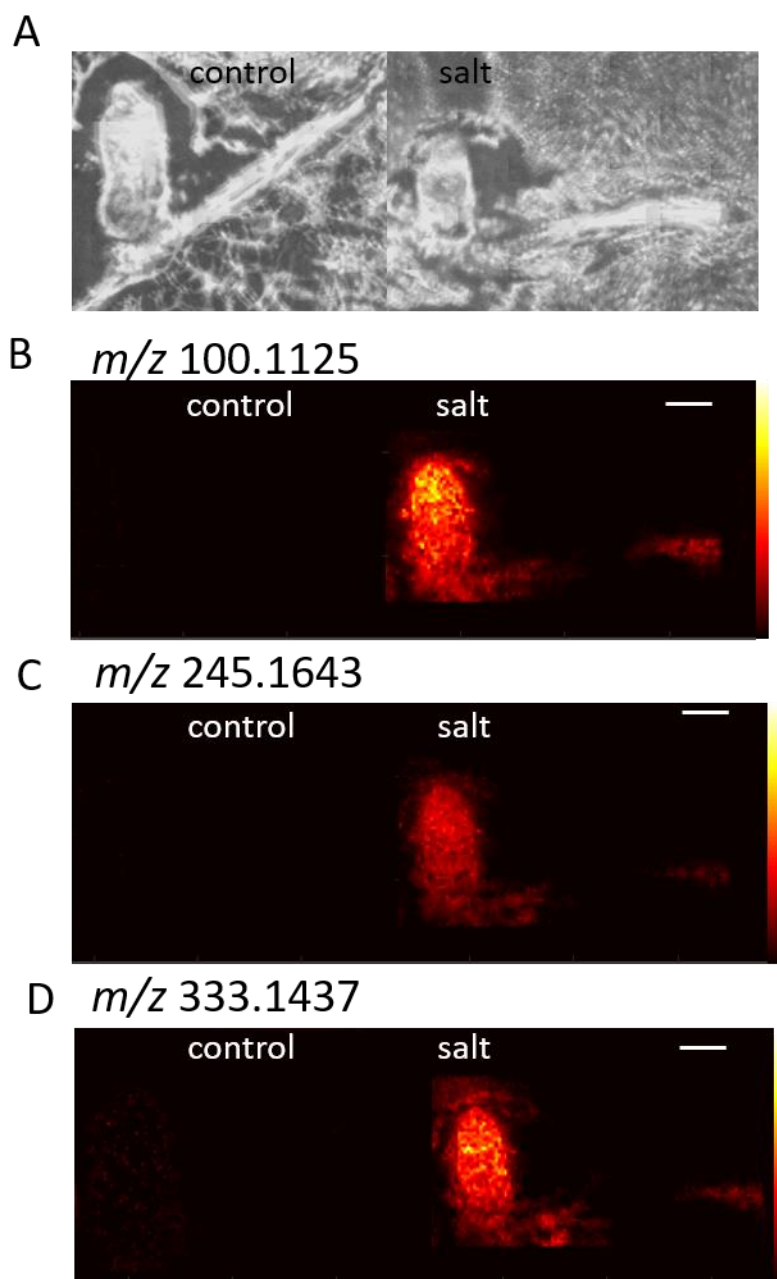




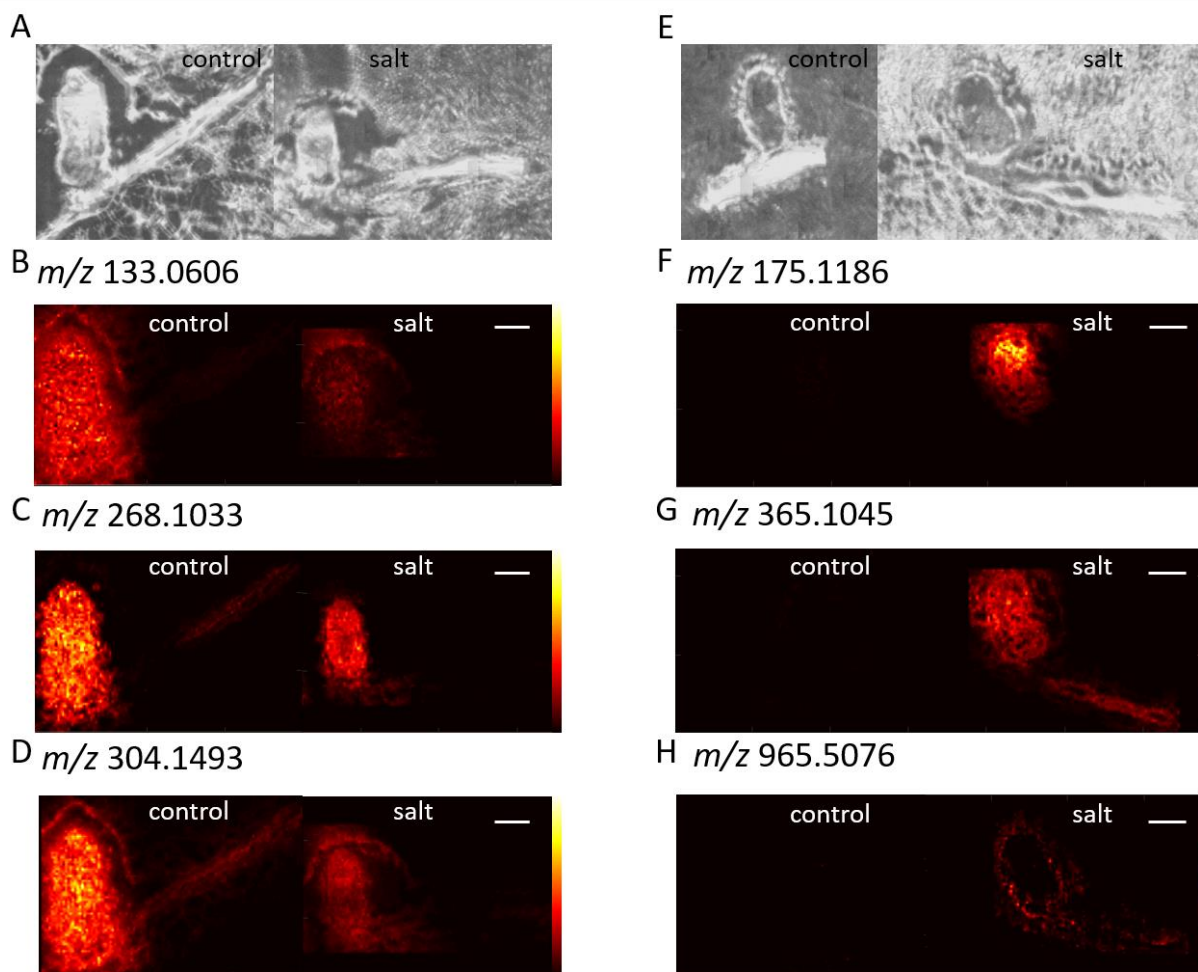
**Figure 4.** Overview of the SCiLS statistical analysis on the control vs. salt nodules and roots. **(A)** gives the number of significant  $m/z$  values determined for three analysis types in control nodules: manual analysis, discriminative analysis in SCiLS (ROC), and hypothesis test (t-test) in SCiLS software. **(B)** and **(C)** compare the three types of analysis for DHB and CHCA matrix respectively using Venn diagrams. **(D-F)** gives the same data as **(A-C)** only for significant  $m/z$  in the salt samples.



**Figure 5.** Example images for control  $m/z$  with AUC values above 0.75. The optical image is shown in (A) and (B-D) show three different  $m/z$ . CHCA was the matrix for all images shown. The white scale bar indicates 1 mm.



**Figure 6.** Example images for selected  $m/z$  ions in salt treated nodules with AUC values above 0.75. The optical image is shown in (A) and (B-D) show three different  $m/z$ . CHCA was the matrix for all images shown. The white scale bar indicates 1 mm.



**Figure 7.** AP-MALDI MSI images for the identifications in Table 1 (**B-D**) and Table 2 (**F-H**). (**A**) shows the optical image for the control identification (**B-D**) and (**E**) shows the optical images for salt identifications (**F-H**). Images in (**B-D,F-G**) were with CHCA as the matrix and (**H**) was with DHB as the matrix. The white scale bar corresponds to 1 mm.

## Supplemental Material

### Supplementary Tables

**Supplemental Table S1:** *m/z* unique to AP-MALDI Control Nodules with DHB

104.0708	229.9373	340.9816	398.1584	518.9724
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116.0344	247.1650	343.9917	404.1760	546.2217
120.0658	260.1606	344.1226	405.0925	547.1189
123.0552	268.9454	346.0036	405.1976	549.1352
124.0391	269.0762	349.0305	407.0582	558.9439
126.1278	275.1022	350.9663	410.1071	564.1346
127.0391	286.1394	354.9612	421.0875	577.1299
129.1387	288.1553	355.0419	422.0924	591.1094
130.0499	289.1397	357.0366	432.1708	594.1280
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**Supplemental Table S2.** *m/z* unique to AP-MALDI Control Nodules with CHCA

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112.0867	205.1181	286.1388	386.0261	455.3511	629.4537	789.0971
112.1123	205.1332	288.0259	387.0726	457.0188	635.9955	789.3439
114.0916	206.0844	288.1549	388.0401	458.0219	639.0148	790.1003
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186.0759	266.9644	349.9226	437.1519	590.9266	755.0891	981.4787
186.1963	267.9593	350.1852	437.3407	592.1016	755.4808	982.4848
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**Supplemental Table S3:** mzCloud Putative Identifications from *m/z* unique to AP-MALDI Control Nodules

<i>m/z</i>	Matrix	Compound	mzCloud Score	Theoretical <i>m/z</i>	Delta ppm
123.0552	DHB	Nicotinamide	89.3	123.0553	-0.64
124.0391	DHB	Nicotinic acid	94.8	124.0393	-1.33
		Picolinic acid	85.6		
127.0391	DHB	Phloroglucinol	87.1	127.0390	0.78
		4-Hydroxy-6-methyl-2-pyrone	85.5		
		Maltol	85		
		5-Hydroxymethyl-2-furaldehyde	84.8		
		Pyrogallol	84.4		
130.0499	DHB	L-Pyroglutamic acid	84.1	130.0499	0.15
		D-(+)-Pyroglutamic Acid	83.3		
132.0656	DHB	trans-4-Hydroxy-L-proline	87.5	132.0655	0.83
		cis-4-Hydroxy-D-proline	85.9		
		3-Hydroxy-L-proline	83.1		
134.0448	DHB	L-Aspartic acid	90	134.0448	0.34
		D-(-)-Aspartic acid	81.6		
144.1020	DHB	DL-Stachydrine	91.6	144.1019	0.73
		1-Aminocyclohexanecarboxylic acid	82.5		
175.1077	DHB	N-Acetylornithine	83.6	175.1077	-0.28
190.1072	DHB	DL- $\alpha$ -Aminosuberic acid	92.4	190.1074	-1.18
220.1176	DHB	Pantothenic acid	80.9	220.1179	-1.49



**Supplemental Table S4.** Control  $m/z$  with AUC values from ROC test (AUC>0.75 is shown in bold)

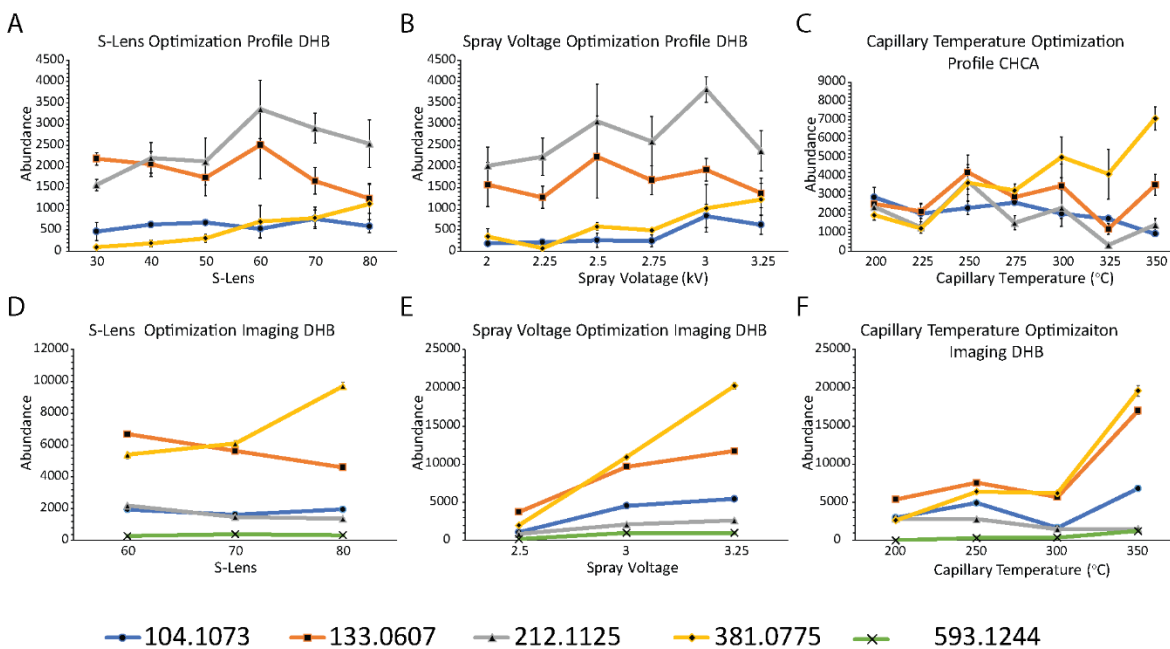
<u><math>m/z</math></u>	<u>Matrix</u>	<u>Root and Nodule AUC</u>	<u>Nod AUC</u>	<u>Root AUC</u>
130.0498	CHCA	0.6620	<b>0.7589</b>	0.5633
	DHB	0.7004	<b>0.8089</b>	0.5480
133.0606	CHCA	<b>0.7658</b>	<b>0.8240</b>	<b>0.9364</b>
	DHB	<b>0.8136</b>	<b>0.8767</b>	<b>0.8125</b>
147.0762	CHCA	0.7195	<b>0.7878</b>	0.6612
	DHB	0.6710	<b>0.7730</b>	0.5501
156.0417	CHCA	0.6602	<b>0.7834</b>	0.6662
203.1021	CHCA	0.6999	<b>0.8201</b>	<b>0.8381</b>
	DHB	<b>0.7925</b>	<b>0.8774</b>	<b>0.7630</b>
208.9722	DHB	0.7267	<b>0.7541</b>	0.6220
	CHCA	<b>0.7618</b>	<b>0.9130</b>	0.7079
210.1230	CHCA	0.5777	0.4565	<b>0.7644</b>
212.8419	CHCA	<b>0.8253</b>	<b>0.8056</b>	<b>0.9193</b>
	DHB	0.7372	0.6924	<b>0.7599</b>
217.1543	CHCA	0.6235	0.4708	<b>0.8688</b>
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	DHB	0.7279	0.6941	<b>0.8285</b>
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247.1645	CHCA	0.6302	0.4728	<b>0.8907</b>
265.9610	CHCA	0.7280	<b>0.8497</b>	0.7238
267.9593	CHCA	0.7157	<b>0.8170</b>	0.7139
268.1034	CHCA	0.6700	0.7295	<b>0.7961</b>
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273.9726	CHCA	0.6839	0.6240	<b>0.7800</b>
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367.0235	CHCA	<b>0.7569</b>	<b>0.7888</b>	0.6173
381.0785	CHCA	<b>0.7961</b>	<b>0.8339</b>	<b>0.8269</b>
	DHB	<b>0.7688</b>	<b>0.7827</b>	0.7149
383.0761	CHCA	0.6893	0.6784	<b>0.7626</b>
408.9971	CHCA	<b>0.7999</b>	<b>0.8510</b>	0.6438
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	DHB	0.7342	<b>0.7924</b>	0.7417
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797.1187	CHCA	0.7286	0.6792	<b>0.7958</b>
871.0416	CHCA	0.7025	0.6683	<b>0.8045</b>
946.9554	CHCA	0.7364	<b>0.7511</b>	0.7287

**Supplemental Table S5.** Salt Sample  $m/z$  and AUC values from ROC test (AUC>0.75 is shown in bold)

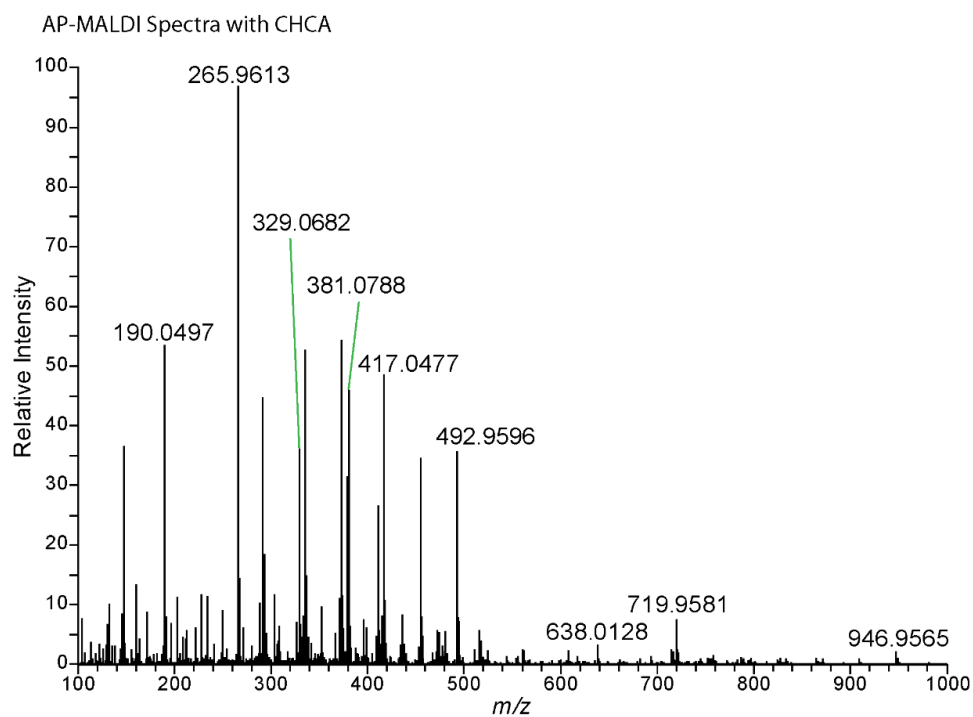
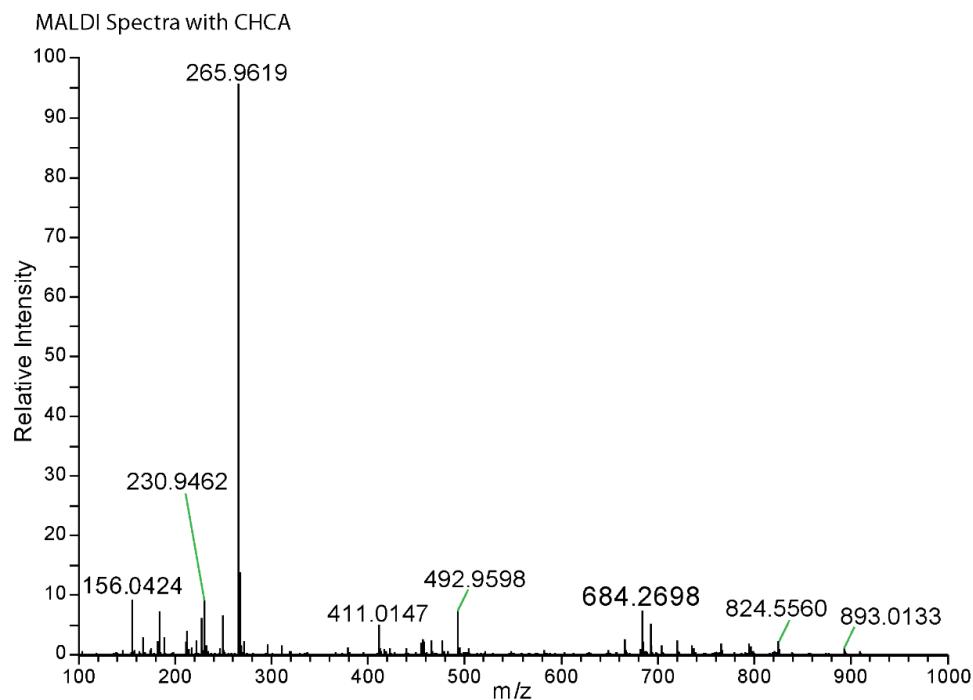
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116.0711	DHB	0.6468	0.5967	<b>0.7509</b>
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	DHB	0.7137	0.6559	<b>0.7697</b>
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138.1024	CHCA	0.6926	0.7222	<b>0.7550</b>
140.0681	CHCA	<b>0.9255</b>	<b>0.9674</b>	<b>0.8472</b>
	DHB	<b>0.7636</b>	0.7303	<b>0.7906</b>
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	DHB	<b>0.8495</b>	<b>0.7944</b>	<b>0.9200</b>
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	DHB	<b>0.9546</b>	<b>0.9807</b>	<b>0.9541</b>
147.1128	CHCA	0.6716	<b>0.8265</b>	0.3990
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166.0834	CHCA	<b>0.9936</b>	<b>0.9892</b>	<b>0.9911</b>
	DHB	<b>0.8504</b>	<b>0.8074</b>	<b>0.9236</b>
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175.1439	CHCA	0.6729	<b>0.7801</b>	0.4987
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178.1335	CHCA	<b>0.7837</b>	<b>0.8549</b>	<b>0.8081</b>
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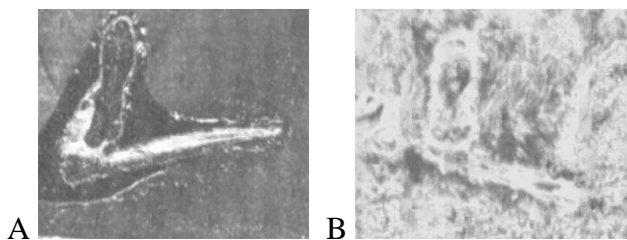
## Supplemental Figures



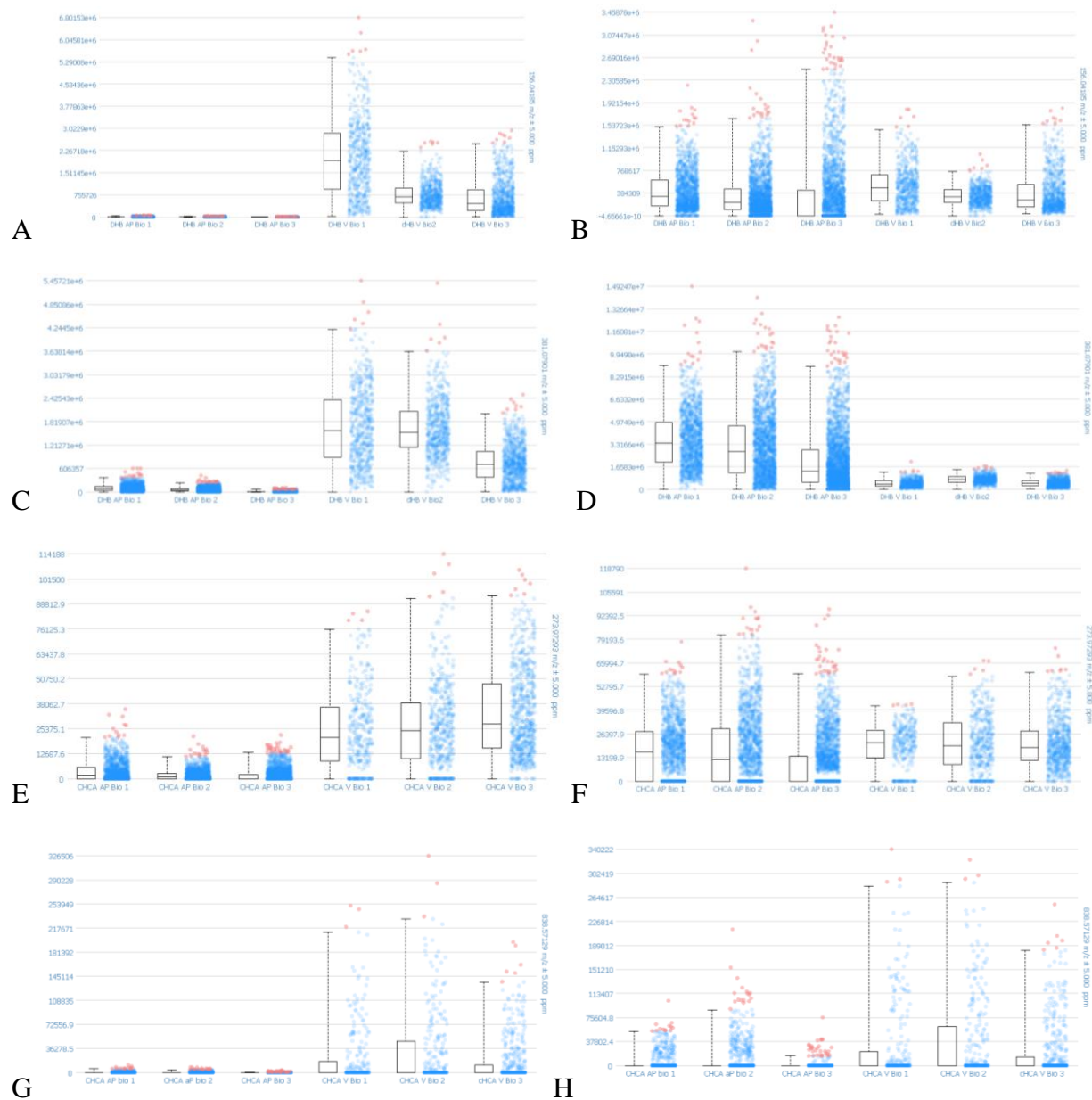
**Supplemental Figure S1.** AP-MALDI and QE-HF Parameter Optimization graphs for DHB as the matrix. (A-C) show optimization of S-lens (A), spray voltage (B), and capillary temperature (C) by profiling on tissue. (D-F) show optimization of S-lens (D), spray voltage (E), and capillary temperature (F) by imaging individual control root nodules.



**Supplemental Figure S2.** Example spectra with CHCA as the matrix for control root nodules imaged with the MALDI platform and AP-MALDI platform. Spectra were averaged over the entire root nodule.

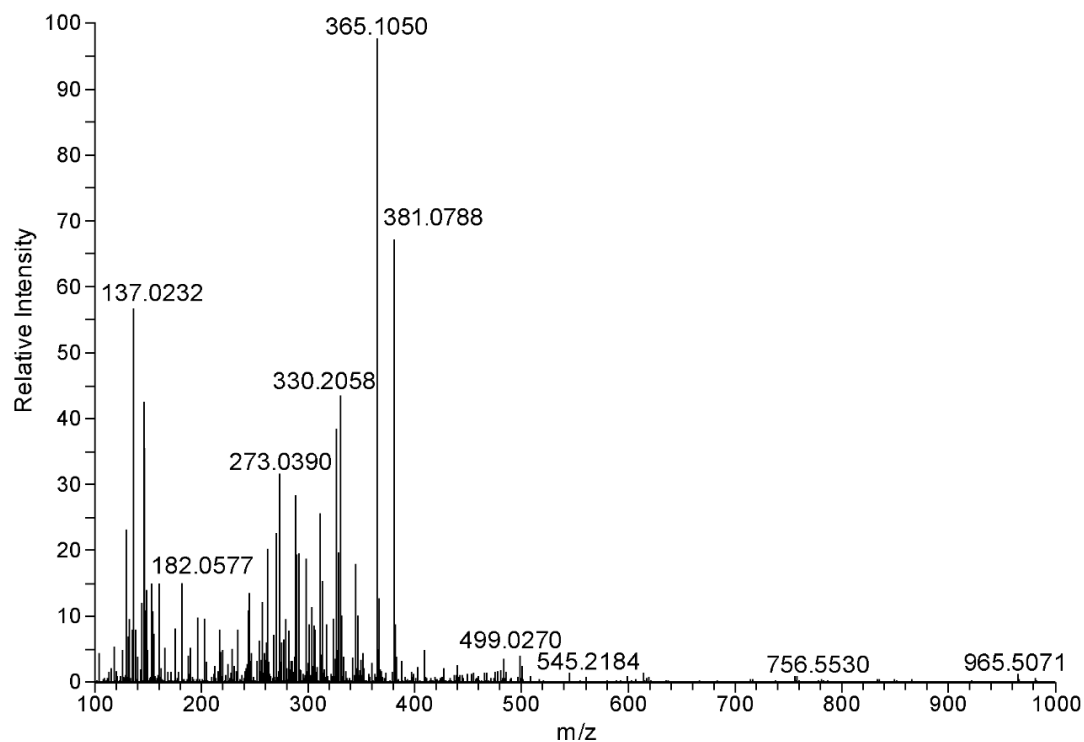


**Supplemental Figure S3.** Optical Images of Nodules from Figure 2. In **(A)**, the optical image corresponds to MALDI DHB data. In **(B)**, the optical image corresponds to AP-MALDI data, and MALDI CHCA data (serial sections of one control nodules were taken for these runs).

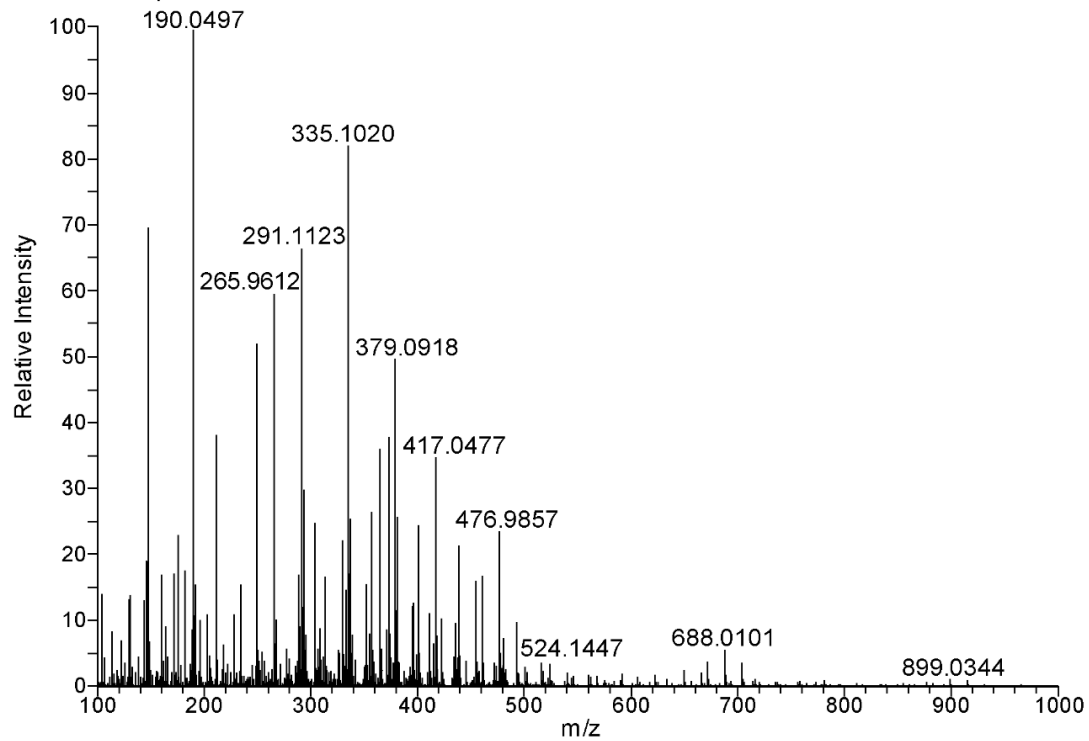


**Supplemental Figure S4.** Box and Whisker Plots comparing signal between the AP-MALDI and MALDI data. The plots show all three biological replicates for both instruments. The unnormalized data is shown in (A,C,E,G) and the normalized data is shown in (B,D,F,H). The same  $m/z$  from **Figure 3** are shown. V indicates MALDI data and AP indicates AP-MALDI data.

AP-MALDI Spectra of Salt Nodule with DHB

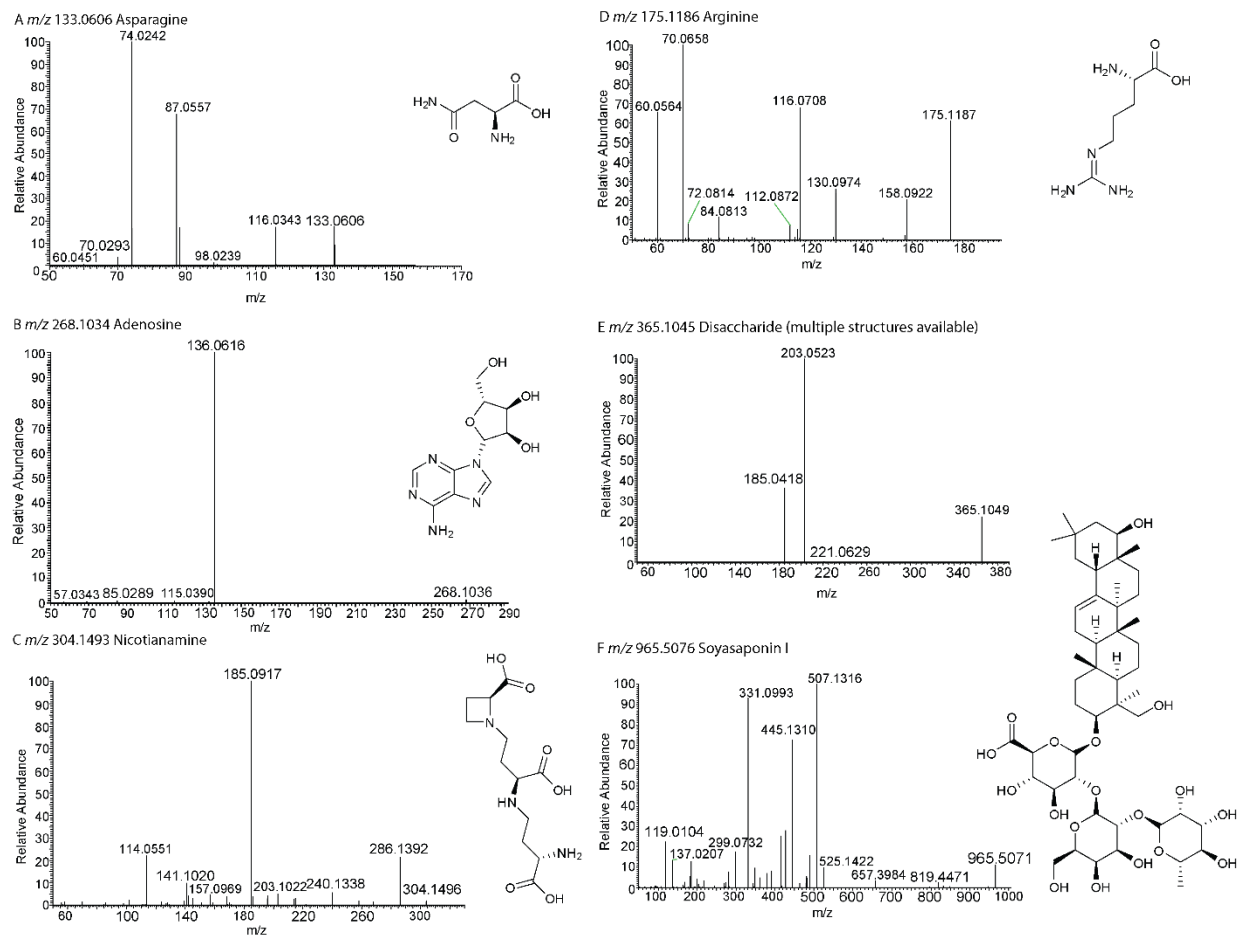


AP-MALDI Spectra of Salt Nodule with CHCA

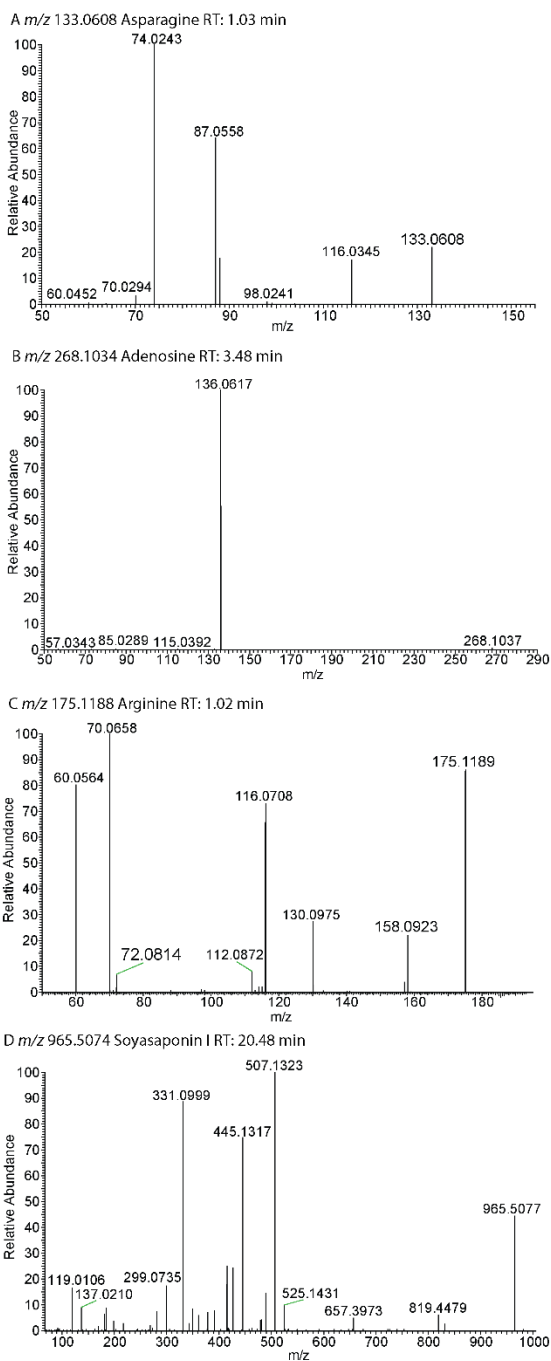


**Supplemental Figure S5.** Example spectra for salt root nodules with DHB and CHCA as the matrix. Spectra are averaged over the root nodule.





**Supplemental Figure S6.** MS/MS spectra used for identifications. **(A-C)** show identifications from the control root nodules in **Table 1** and **(D-F)** show identifications from the salt root nodules in **Table 2**.



**Supplemental Figure S7.** MS/MS of standards for selected identifications. (A) and (B) are for identifications from control root nodules (asparagine and adenosine respectively) and (C) and (D) are for identifications from salt root nodules (arginine and soyasaponin I respectively).

# Chapter 4

## Examination of Endogenous Peptides in *Medicago truncatula* using Mass Spectrometry Imaging

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## Abstract

Plant science is an important, rapidly developing area of study. Within plant science, one area of study that has grown tremendously with recent technological advances, such as mass spectrometry, is the field of plant-omics; however, plant peptidomics is relatively underdeveloped in comparison with proteomics and metabolomics. Endogenous plant peptides can act as signaling molecules and have been shown to affect cell division, development, nodulation, reproduction, symbiotic associations, and defense reactions. There is a growing need to uncover the role of endogenous peptides on a molecular level. Mass spectrometric imaging (MSI) is a valuable tool for biological analyses as it allows for the detection of thousands of analytes in a single experiment and also displays spatial information for the detected analytes. Despite the prediction of a large number of plant peptides, their detection and imaging with spatial localization and chemical specificity is currently lacking. Here we analyzed the endogenous peptides and proteins in *Medicago truncatula* using matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionization (MALDI)-MSI. Hundreds of endogenous peptides and protein fragments were imaged, with interesting peptide spatial distribution changes observed between plants in different developmental stages.

## Introduction

Plant sciences play a significant role in mitigating three main challenges facing humanity in the 21st century, viz. food, energy, and environment (including pollution and climate change).<sup>1</sup> These challenges are intricately linked to each other. For instance, climate change affects crop yield, which consequently affects food and energy supply. Besides food, plants are also used for the production of therapeutic and antimicrobial products that are used to treat various human diseases such as cancer, Alzheimer's disease, and high cholesterol.<sup>2-6</sup> Plants are also used for

biofuel production and thereby act as “CO<sub>2</sub> mitigators” due to the lower carbon footprint of plant-derived energy compared with energy produced from petroleum or natural gas.<sup>2</sup> While significant progress has been made in the field of plant sciences, there remains a huge potential for improvement, which needs to be achieved to feed the burgeoning human population in the face of dwindling availability of arable land and water. For instance, despite the availability of close to 400,000 species of flowering plants, only a small fraction, about 200 species, have been domesticated for food and feed purposes. Among these, only 12 species contribute >75% of the food consumed across the world.<sup>2,7</sup> Furthermore, with the vagaries of climate, plants are subjected to new or increased incidence of biotic and abiotic stresses. While it is true that the traditional method of plant genetics has led to most of the crop varieties we use today, relying on these traditional techniques alone will not satisfy our future needs for food, energy, and a stable environment. To produce better crops for the future, it is imperative that we understand the molecular processes that govern plant growth and development and their responses to the environment. The advent of “omics” technologies has facilitated our understanding of the molecular underpinnings of these complex traits like never before.

Among the omics technologies, the field of plant proteomics is rapidly growing and focuses on the study of proteins and enzymes expressed within various plant tissues. Limitations of more traditional gel electrophoresis-based proteomic methods include difficulty in analyzing highly basic or acidic proteins, bias toward more abundant proteins, and limited dynamic range. These limitations make low abundance proteins difficult to detect.<sup>8, 9</sup> Mass spectrometry is an advantageous technique for plant proteomic analyses due the higher sensitivity, selectivity, and structural determination capabilities of this technique.<sup>10</sup>

Branching off of proteomics, plant peptidomics, or the study of the endogenous peptides produced by a plant, is a relatively new and underdeveloped field.<sup>11-14</sup> As signaling molecules, plant peptides have been shown to affect cell division, development, nodulation, reproduction, symbiotic associations, and defense reactions.<sup>14-18</sup> Secreted peptides can act at low nanomolar concentrations, and the mature plant peptides are usually processed from larger polypeptides that undergo extensive proteolysis and posttranslational modifications (PTMs);<sup>17</sup> therefore, the discovery and identification of bioactive signaling peptides represent a significant analytical challenge.

Mass spectrometric imaging (MSI) is a valuable tool for biological analyses because it allows for molecular analysis of tissue while retaining information about the spatial distribution of different analytes found within the tissue.<sup>19</sup> In an MSI experiment, a laser is fired at the tissue sample in a predefined raster pattern, resulting in an array of mass spectra that can be compiled into a 2D distribution map for each mass measured. An advantage of MSI is that it lends itself to discovery experiments as it allows for the mass analysis of thousands of analytes in a single experiment and provides spatial information for the detected ions.

In the past decade, MSI has been increasingly utilized for the analysis of plant metabolomics.<sup>19-25</sup> However, as previously mentioned, plant peptidomics is a relatively under-explored area in mass spectrometry and especially mass spectrometry imaging. A literature search resulted in one report of matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionization (MALDI)-MSI being used for the analysis of cyclotides in petunias.<sup>26</sup> Additionally, while MS analysis is the gold standard for proteomic analysis, very few reports use MALDI-MSI for plant proteomics. Studies using MALDI-MSI for plant proteomics include a known allergenic protein in peaches shown to be exclusively found in the outer skin of the peach,<sup>27</sup> a lipid-transfer protein imaged in tomato seeds,<sup>28</sup> and proof-

of-principle images of proteins in soybean cotyledons or barley grains.<sup>22, 29</sup> So far, no further applications of MALDI-MSI to plant proteomics have been reported.

Here we present a study using MALDI-MSI to investigate endogenous peptides and proteins in the model legume, *Medicago truncatula* (*Medicago*). This legume forms a symbiotic association with rhizobial bacteria that are housed in plant-derived organs, the root nodules. Inside these nodules, rhizobia are enclosed in unique structures, symbiosomes. These symbiosomes provide a conducive environment for the oxygen-sensitive rhizobial nitrogenase enzyme, thereby enabling the fixation of atmospheric nitrogen into a plant-available form.<sup>30, 31</sup> Nodule formation requires substantial energy expenditure by the plants and is therefore under tight regulation by local and systemic endogenous signals.<sup>32, 33</sup> Nodule development is also affected by environmental factors and, in particular, when nitrogen is available in the soil. Several signaling peptides that play a critical role in nodulation have been identified. For instance, a number of CLAVATA/ESR-related (CLE) peptides such as MtCLE12 and 13 of *Medicago*, LjCLE-RS1 and 2 of *Lotus japonicas*, and GmRIC1 and 2 of soybean act systemically as negative regulators of nodulation.<sup>33-37</sup> These CLE peptides are induced upon rhizobial inoculation and are predicted to be the root-derived signals that, upon perception in the shoots, lead to the production of the shoot-derived inhibitor (SDI) that is transported to the roots, ultimately affecting nodulation. Recent evidence suggests that cytokinins are one of the shoot-derived inhibitors.<sup>38</sup> Besides CLE, peptides such as nodule-specific cysteine-rich (NCR) peptides, C-terminally encoded peptide (CEP), rapid alkalization factor (RALF), and devil/rotundifolia (ROT)-four-like (DVL/RTFL) play roles in a wide range of functions including bacteroid differentiation, nodule development, and infection thread formation and progression.<sup>39-42</sup> Because of the importance of these peptides in legume symbiosis, we used MALDI-MSI to analyze 1 week old *Medicago* seedling roots and mature

Medicago roots and root nodules. MSI was performed using both of the most common MALDI matrices, 2,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid (DHB) and  $\alpha$ -cyano-4-hydroxycinnamic acid (CHCA), in the mass range from  $m/z$  900–4000.<sup>43</sup> In addition to studying the Medicago peptidome and proteome at different ages, wild-type plants were also compared with well-characterized Medicago mutants that are known to lack certain classes of peptides (*dnf1-1*) or overexpress certain classes of peptides (*35S:MtCLE13*). In addition to the MALDI-MSI experiments, parallel ESI-MS experiments were conducted to obtain accurate mass and high-quality tandem mass information for the  $m/z$  values detected via MSI. *De novo* sequencing was performed on the peptides detected with ESI using PEAKS software.<sup>44</sup> Hundreds of endogenous peptides and protein fragments were imaged and showed interesting spatial distribution differences between plants at different growth stages and between wild-type and the various mutants.

## **Experimental Methods**

### Plant Growth and Inoculation with Rhizobia

*Medicago truncatula* seeds of wild-type (cv. Jemalong A17), *dnf1-1*, and *35S:CLE13* were scarified with pure sulfuric acid for 8 min and sterilized with 8% (w/v) calcium hypochlorite solution for 2 min and germinated on agar supplemented with gibberellic acid. Freshly germinated, 1 day old seedlings were transferred to square plates containing nitrogen-free modified Fåhraeus medium,<sup>45</sup> after which the seedlings were grown in a growth chamber on modified Fåhraeus medium that was overlaid with germination paper. For nodule sampling, 10 seedlings were placed per plate, and the root part of the plate was covered with aluminum foil. The plates were placed vertically on a shelf at room temperature under fluorescent light. After 5 days of growth, the roots were inoculated with *Sinorhizobium meliloti* Rm1021 (wild-type)<sup>46</sup> at an OD<sub>600</sub> of 0.1 and then



returned to the light shelf. At 3 weeks postinoculation, nodules were separated from the roots and ground to a fine powder in liquid nitrogen. For seedling sampling, 100 1 day old seedlings were transferred to a plate containing nitrogen-free modified Fåhraeus medium. After 7 days, entire seedlings were collected, immediately frozen, and ground with liquid nitrogen.

#### Sample Preparation for MALDI

For the mature plants, root nodules with approximately 2 to 3 mm of surrounding root were excised from the plant. The excised tissue was placed in a plastic cup, covered with gelatin (100 mg/mL in double-distilled water), and frozen gently with dry ice. For the seedlings, 2 to 3 cm long portions of the root were cut from the seedling, embedded in gelatin, and frozen as detailed above. The frozen tissue was then sectioned into 16  $\mu\text{m}$  slices using a cryostat at  $-20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  and thaw-mounted onto standard glass microscope slides. A TM Sprayer (HTX Technologies, Carrboro, NC) was used to apply MALDI-matrix to the samples. The TM Sprayer method for DHB (40 mg/mL DHB in 50:50 water: methanol) was as follows:  $80\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ , 0.1 mL/min flow rate, 24 passes- rotate and offset, 3 mm spacing, and a velocity of 1250 mm/min. The TM Sprayer method for CHCA (10 mg/mL CHCA in 50:50 water/acetonitrile) was as follows:  $90\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ , 0.2 mL/min flow rate, eight passes- rotate and offset, 3 mm spacing, and a velocity of 1100 mm/min. DHB and CHCA were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich (St. Louis, MO).

#### MALDI-Orbitrap MSI

A high-resolution, accurate mass ( $\leq 5$  ppm error) MALDI-LTQ Orbitrap hybrid mass spectrometer (Thermo Scientific, Waltham, MA) was used for MSI of both mature nodules and 1 week old seedlings. Multiple technical replicates of three or more biological replicates were imaged in the positive ion mode using a mass range of  $m/z$  900–4000 and a mass resolution of 60,000. Mass spectra were collected across the surface of the sample with a raster step size of 75

$\mu\text{m}$ . Peptide images were extracted automatically using MSiReader.<sup>47</sup> In brief, the plant tissue was selected as the “region of interest” and the matrix was selected as the reference region. Masses from the matrix region were removed, and a list of  $m/z$  values detected in the plant samples was automatically generated. Ion images for each of the masses in the list were automatically extracted using the “generate an image for each peak in a list” function in MSiReader. Each extracted image was then manually confirmed as a true ion image, excluding isotope and matrix ion images.

### Tissue Extraction

Approximately 50–100 root nodules with 2 to 3 mm of surrounding root were detached from mature Medicago plants or ~50 1 week old Medicago seedlings were removed from the growth media and placed into a prechilled mortar. The tissue was flash-frozen with liquid nitrogen and ground to powder with the mortar and pestle. The powder was transferred to a prechilled 13 mL PTFE-coated centrifuge tube. The endogenous peptides were extracted with 3:1:4 methanol/chloroform: water (v/v), followed by brief vortexing and centrifugation for 10 min at 4 °C and 4700 rpm. The resulting aqueous supernatant was collected and dried in a SpeedVac. An additional four parts methanol were added to the remaining solution, followed by brief vortexing and centrifuging for 5 min at 4 °C and 4700 rpm. The organic layer was removed from the protein pellet, and both fractions were dried in a SpeedVac. The samples were stored at  $-80$  °C until analysis.

### Q-Exactive for ESI-MS

To acquire LC–ESI–MS/MS data, Medicago root nodule or seedling extracts were initially subjected to SCX fractionation on a Waters Alliance HPLC using a PolySulfethyl A column (2.1 mm internal diameter  $\times$  200 mm length, 5  $\mu\text{m}$  particle size with 300 Å pore size; PolyLC, Columbia, MD). The mobile phases were (A) 10 mM ammonium formate in 75% water/25%

acetonitrile at pH ~6.8 and (B) 500 mM ammonium formate in 75% water/25% acetonitrile at pH 3. The samples were separated over 80 min under the following conditions: 0–15 min, 0% B; 15–45 min, 0–50% B; 45–55 min, 50–100% B; 55–65 min, 100% B; 65–65.5 min, 100–0% B, and finally re-equilibration at 0% B for 14.5 min. The column temperature was 30 °C, the flow rate was 0.2 mL/min, and the injection volume was 100 µL. Fractions were collected every 6 min between 10–70 min of the gradient. The fractions were combined and dried down three times with pure water to remove excess salts. Following SCX fractionation, the samples were resuspended in either water (aqueous fractions) or acetonitrile (organic and protein fractions) to a final concentration of 0.34 µg/µL (a total of 1.2 µg loaded onto the column). The samples were then separated on a NanoAcquity UPLC apparatus (Waters, Milford, MA) using a self-packed column (75 µm internal diameter ×160 mm length, 1.7 µm particle size with 130 Å pore size). The mobile phases were (A) water with 0.1% formic acid and (B) acetonitrile with 0.1% formic acid. The samples were separated over 108 min under the following conditions: 0–2 min, 0–4% B; 2–70 min, 4–30% B; 70–71 min, 30–75% B; 71–81 min, 75% B; 81–82 min, 75–95% B; 82–92 min, 75–95% B; 92–93 min, 95–0% B. The system was re-equilibrated at 0% B for 15 min. The flow rate was 0.3 mL/min, and the injection volume was 3.5 µL. The samples were kept at 4 °C during the analysis. MS/MS data were acquired in positive ion mode on an ESI-Q-Exactive Orbitrap mass spectrometer (Thermo Scientific). A top-15 data-dependent analysis (DDA) method was used with the full MS scan range from  $m/z$  300–2000; an isolation window of 2.0; an intensity threshold of  $5.0 \times 10^2$  for triggering MS2; exclusion of 1, 8, >8 charged species; a normalized collision energy of 30; a dynamic exclusion of 30 s; an MS1 resolution of 35,000; and an MS2 resolution of 17,500.

MS/MS spectra were *de novo* sequenced and matched to proteins using PEAKS software (Bioinformatics Solutions) with a parent mass tolerance of 20.0 ppm, fragment tolerance of 0.01

Da, no enzyme, and five variable post-translational modifications (amidation, oxidation (M), hydroxylation, arabinosylation, and acetylation (protein N-term)). Three variable PTMs were allowed per peptide, and spectra were matched against the NCBI Medicago database. The ALC cutoff score was set at 50% for *de novo* sequenced peptides, and an FDR of 0.1% was used for protein matches.

## Results and Discussion

### MALDI-Orbitrap MS Imaging

This study utilized wild-type Medicago and well-characterized Medicago mutants *dnf1-1* and *35S:MitCLE13*.<sup>48, 49</sup> A complete summary of the putative peptide *m/z* values detected can be found in the Supporting Information (**Tables S1, S2, S3, and S4**); *m/z* values detected in multiple samples were averaged in the reported lists. These tables detail a list of *m/z* values detected in each replicate, a comparison of the peptides detected using CHCA compared with DHB, and a comparison of the peptides detected in the seedling roots compared with the mature roots and nodules.

CHCA and DHB were chosen as complementary matrices for MALDI-MSI. Photographs showing the difference between application of DHB and CHCA on root nodules can be found in **Figure S1**. There was a surprisingly small percentage of peptide masses detected using both DHB and CHCA, as shown in the Venn diagrams in **Figure 1**. A greater number of peptides was detected using CHCA as the matrix in comparison with DHB. Sinapic acid (SA), a matrix more often used to analyze higher molecular weight species such as peptides and proteins, was also used but did not show improved signal or detectability compared with CHCA. Representative images of putative peptides detected with CHCA or DHB matrices in the mature Medicago roots and root

nodules are shown in **Figure 2**. These representative images display ions with different spatial distributions in the plant root and nodules, which could provide further insight into the function of these putative peptides/proteins within the plant.

Putative peptides in *Medicago* roots were also compared in different stages of plant development. **Figure 3** presents representative putative peptide images showing distinct distribution patterns in the *Medicago* seedlings and the mature roots and root nodules. Some of the detected species show similar distribution patterns when we compare the seedlings to the mature plants (**Figure 3a**); however, other putative peptides seem to shift their localization from the root to the root nodules as they develop into older plants (**Figure 3b,c**). This implies that these putative peptides/proteins may play a role in nodule development or other nodule-related processes. **Figure 4** shows Venn diagrams comparing the numbers of putative peptides detected in the seedlings compared to the mature plants. Interestingly, a greater number of peptides was detected in the young seedling plants compared with the mature plants, regardless of the MALDI matrix used for ionization, and there was little overlap between the peptides detected in the plants in either stage of development.

In addition to comparing wild-type *Medicago* roots/root nodules in two different stages of development, wild-type plants were also compared to two different mutants. In the first mutant line, *35S:MtCLE13*, the CLAVATA3/endosperm-surrounding region (CLE) family of peptides is overexpressed; therefore, this mutant was thought to be a good model for MSI method development to diminish the challenge of trying to detect low-concentration peptides. **Figure 5** displays putative peptides that were detected in the *35S:MtCLE13* plants but not in the wild-type plants. It is thought that these putative peptides could belong to the CLE peptide family but are too low in concentration to be detected via MALDI-MSI in the wild-type plants. We also compared

the wild-type plants to *dnf1-1* mutants, which develop stunted, nonfunctional nodules. **Figure 6** shows putative peptides that were detected in the wild-type plants but were absent from the *dnf1-1* plants. This suggests that these putative peptides may play a role in nodule development or function.

### Peptide/Protein Identification

Peptides and proteins can sometimes be identified by accurate-mass-matching; however, the more widely accepted approach for identification is to match MS/MS data to sequenced genomes or by *de novo* sequencing with software packages like PEAKS.<sup>44</sup> Furthermore, MALDI generally produces poor MS/MS fragmentation due to limited sample amounts and the fact that typically only singly-charged ions are generated. Therefore, MALDI-MSI results were matched to LC-MS/MS results for identifications as described below. **Table 1** details a list of *m/z* values detected via MALDI-MSI and LC-MS/MS that were able to be *de novo* sequenced using PEAKS. Since MALDI-MSI typically generates +1 charged ions and LC-MS typically generates +2 or +3 charged peptide ions, the molecular weight of each peptide detected was calculated from the acquired *m/z* to compare data across ionization methods. Using the molecular weights, the PEAKS *de novo* sequencing data generated from LC-MS/MS experiments was searched for peptide masses detected via MALDI-MSI. Since these calculations were made and multiple ionization sources were used, a mass error of <10 ppm was allowed for confident peptide identification via *de novo* sequencing. The annotated MS/MS spectra used for *de novo* sequencing can be found in the Supporting Information (**Figure S2**).

In addition to *de novo* sequencing, PEAKS also allows for MS/MS matching to sequenced genomes. PEAKS was used to generate a mass list from the LC-MS/MS data of unique peptide masses that matched proteins from the genome data within a 0.1% false discovery rate. A .fasta

file of the complete *Medicago truncatula* proteome was generated using the NCBI NR Database and used for peptide identification. Using this method, 10 imaged peptides were identified. Example images and corresponding LC–MS/MS spectra for these unique peptides are shown in **Figure 7** (all additional unique peptides with corresponding LC–MS/MS spectra are shown in the Supporting Information, **Figure S3**). Peptides corresponding to the ferritin, an iron storage protein, were identified. Iron is an essential component of nitrogenase, the bacterial enzyme that converts atmospheric dinitrogen to ammonia.<sup>50</sup> Depending upon the stage of nodule development the concentration and distribution of iron vary. In addition to accumulating in infected cells, ferritin also accumulates in uninfected cells within nodules. This increased concentration of ferritin may facilitate iron incorporation into nitrogenase.<sup>51, 52</sup> Besides ferritin, we also detected aquaporins, which are the predominant members of major intrinsic proteins (MIPs) commonly implicated in the transport of water, glycerol, and ammonia.<sup>53</sup> These plant aquaporins are divided into five subfamilies, including the tonoplast intrinsic proteins (TIPs). At least seven different TIPs have been identified in *Medicago* and, except for *TIP1g*, TIPs are expressed at low levels in 14 day old nodules.<sup>54</sup> The exception, *TIP1g*, is localized to the tonoplast in the infection zone (the zone where rhizobia are released into nodule cells) of nodules, whereas in the nitrogen-fixation zone *TIP1g* is redirected toward the symbiosome membrane. Knocking down the expression of *TIP1g* affected symbiosome maturation to the nitrogen-fixing stage, and it is hypothesized that this may be the result of altered water availability.<sup>54</sup> Further analysis will be necessary to identify the TIP we detected here, but based on the expression pattern of *Medicago* TIPs, it is highly likely that it is *TIP1g*. In addition to these peptides, a wound-induced basic family protein was identified. Although the function of this protein is still unknown, it should be noted that this family of proteins

is known to be upregulated in soybean nodules.<sup>55</sup> A complete list of the imaged unique peptides is shown in **Table 2**.

### **Conclusions and Future Directions**

We have demonstrated the benefits of using MALDI and ESI for the complementary detection and identification of endogenous peptides and protein fragments in plants. Using both CHCA and DHB as MALDI matrices for MSI greatly increased the coverage of peptides/protein fragments that were detected. We noticed interesting differences in the overall numbers of peptides detected between seedlings and mature plants. In addition to the difference in overall peptides, we also observed changes in the spatial distributions of peptides detected in both the seedlings and mature plants. Because of the low concentrations of endogenous peptides in wild-type plant tissues, peptide enrichment strategies might be a valuable next step for targeting and detecting specific classes of peptides in a biologically relevant manner. Other sample preparation approaches are in development for reducing the number of protein fragments that are detected and improving the detection of endogenous peptides. Additional biological studies examining the peptides/protein fragments detected in this study could reveal more insights into the functions of these peptides within the plant in different stages of development.

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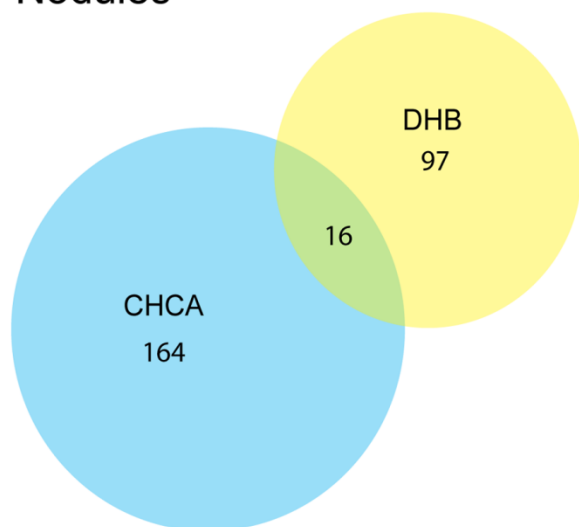
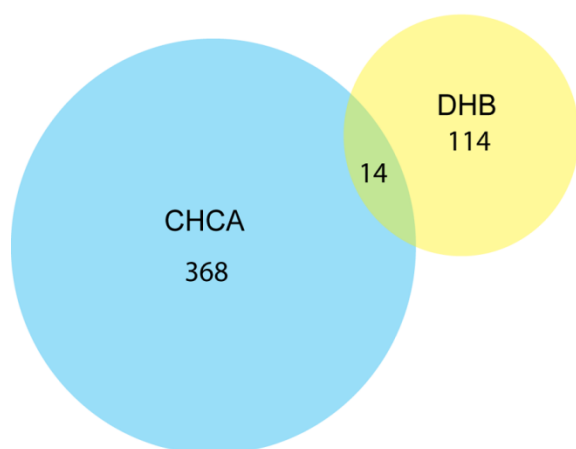
## Tables

**Table 1.** List of  $m/z$  values that were *de novo* sequenced using PEAKS

De Novo Sequenced Peptides (molecular weight)			
MALDI Measured	LC-MS Measured	$\Delta$ ppm	Peptide Sequence
908.4234	908.4240	0.66	FGGSTVEVN
962.4813	962.4743	7.31	TVNEEKLM
990.5163	990.5134	2.89	PSPPLRGEP
			EPPPHVTSK
1006.5114	1006.5195	8.09	TVGKGAHAGPP
1008.4694	1008.4624	6.98	DDARPPQGGP
1021.5575	1021.5556	1.85	AVGKDYRLT
1068.5733	1068.5791	5.42	CKVWPLPGK
			CKVWPPLGK
1094.5280	1094.5244	3.28	PQTEAPAVGAP
1106.5081	1106.4993	7.92	YNDQDTPVR
1106.5255	1106.5356	9.10	TDSSAPGGFLR
1112.5974	1112.5938	3.21	STGGVAAPRAVQ
			TSGVQAPRGPK
1159.6191	1159.6084	9.20	TEAATATPAVTK
1170.6070	1170.6133	5.38	VLDPGDSDLK
			LVDPGDSDLK
			GPDDSDLVLLK
			DPGDSDLVLLK
			DPGSDDLVLLK
1175.5925	1175.5935	0.88	TGAEGKVHSYK
1179.6039	1179.6135	8.10	KAPPPVADDTK
1186.5763	1186.5830	5.68	TVGNPVEASGLS
1192.5108	1192.5107	0.09	HGGTEDPVTSGH
1300.6790	1300.6775	1.12	QSSHSPVLVKGF
1300.6790	1300.6697	7.12	TVGAVDAVTLMPQ
1308.6282	1308.6211	5.45	SYFANAQPQQR
1342.6713	1342.6663	3.72	QSVKMTNAHSLQ
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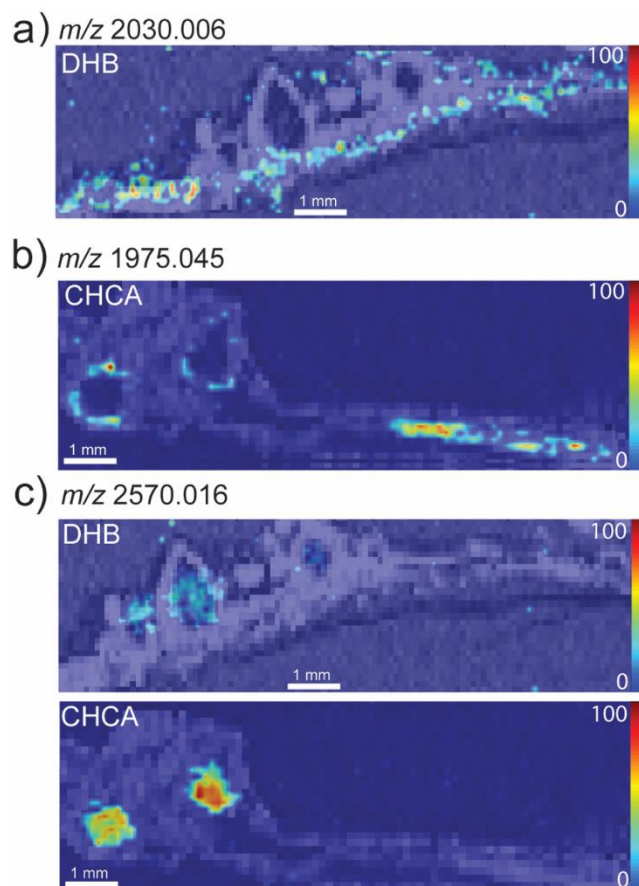
**Table 2.** List of  $m/z$  values of unique peptides for which MS images were acquired

[M+H]	Protein Group	Protein Accession	Peptide	Protein Description
965.51694	47	gi 657381377, gi 657381378	C.TVIDAPGHR.D	GTP-binding elongation factor Tu family protein
	47	gi 357496973	C.TVIDAPGHR.D	Elongation factor 1-alpha
1132.53084	215	gi 657377737	K.ANENKPVMT	Wound-inducible basic family protein
1160.61634	43	gi 657399288	A.ETAATATPAVTK.S	NADPH-protochlorophyllide oxidoreductase
1162.59554	31	gi 357474991	M.A(+42.01)ASGEE KKIST.S	Low-temperature inducible
	31	gi 355508836	M.A(+42.01)ASGEE KKIST.S	Nodulin-like protein
	31	gi 388522163	M.A(+42.01)ASGEE KKIST.S	Unknown
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	71	gi 357502689	S.IVDPGDSDIIK.T	60S ribosomal protein L30
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	149	gi 388491178, gi 217073544, gi 388499902, gi 217073522	T.GVLFEPFEEVK.K	Unknown
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	149	gi 357506141	T.GVIFEPFEEVK.K	Ferritin-1
1337.67014	61	gi 657379753	G.TPQEATHPDTLK.A	Tonoplast intrinsic protein
	61	gi 32363409, gi 9716259	G.TPQEATHPDTLK.A	Probable aquaporin TIP-type
1483.75454	13	gi 357471525, gi 355507102, gi 404332436, gi 404332513, gi 355501595, gi 357512583, gi 404332359, gi 357502811, gi 124360830, gi 355496709	A.AFRVSPQPGVPA EE.A	Ribulose biphosphate carboxylase large chain domain protein
	13	gi 543174105, gi 153012229	A.AFRVSPQPGVPA EE.A	Ribulose- 1,5-biphosphate carboxylase/ oxygenase large subunit (chloroplast)
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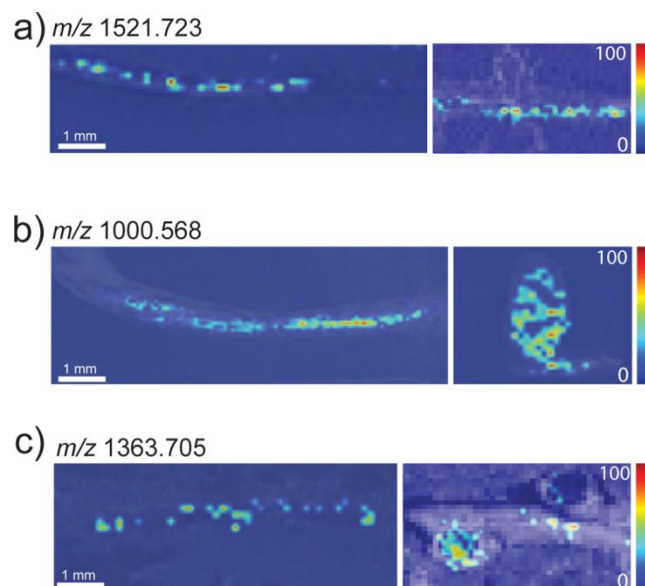
**Figures****Nodules****Seedlings**

**Figure 1.** Comparison of the numbers of endogenous peptides detected using either CHCA or DHB as MALDI matrices in both mature *Medicago* roots/root nodules and seedling roots.



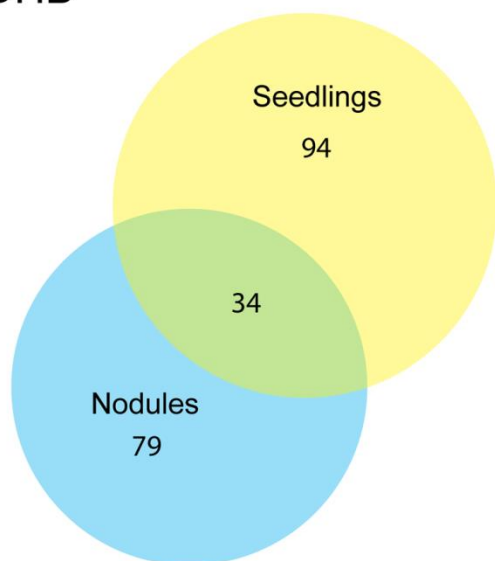


**Figure 2.** Representative images of putative peptides detected with CHCA and/or DHB matrices in mature *Medicago* roots and root nodules showing different spatial distributions throughout the root and nodule portions of the plant. a)  $m/z$  2030.006 was only detected using DHB as the matrix and is localized to the plant root. b)  $m/z$  1975.045 was only detected using CHCA as the matrix and is localized to the plant root and outer portion of the nodules. c)  $m/z$  2570.016 was detected using both DHB and CHCA as the matrix and is localized to the nodules. Intensity scale = high (red) to low (blue).

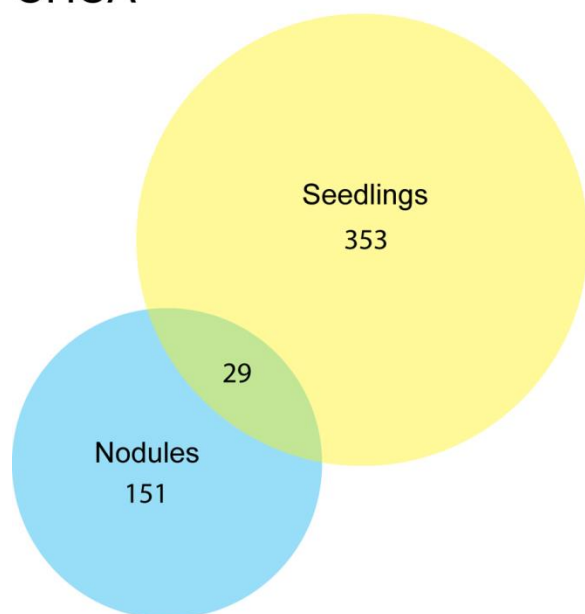


**Figure 3.** Representative putative peptide images showing distinct distribution patterns in the *Medicago* seedlings and the mature roots and root nodules. a)  $m/z$  1521.723 shows a similar distribution pattern in both the seedlings and the mature plants. b)  $m/z$  1000.568 and c)  $m/z$  1363.705 represent two of the detected peptides that show a shift in their localization from the root to the root nodules as they develop into older plants.

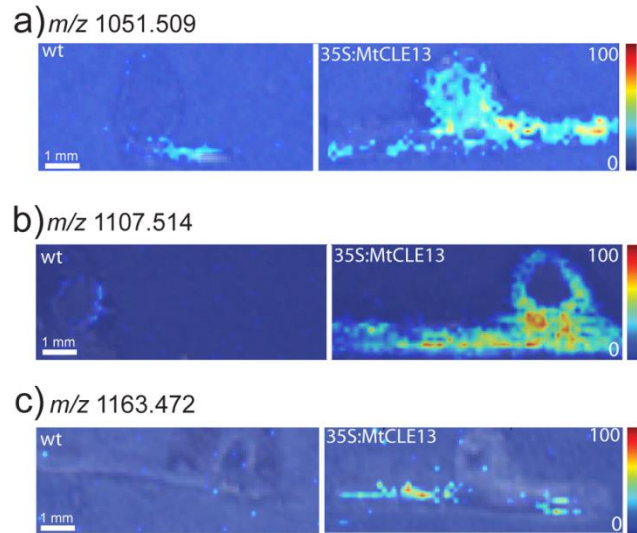
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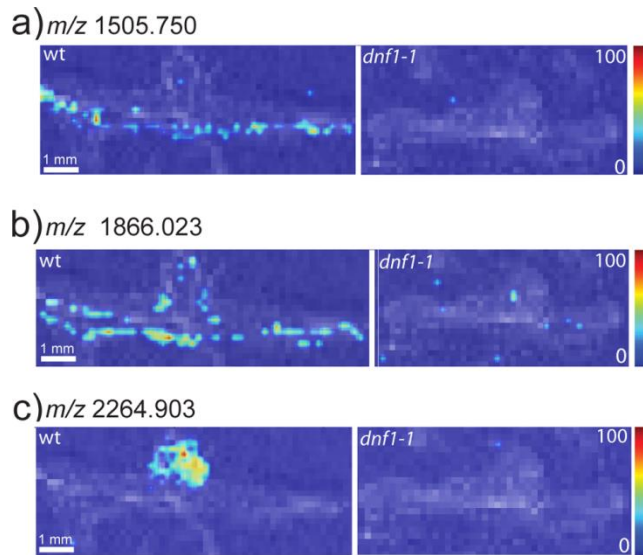
CHCA



**Figure 4.** Comparison of the endogenous peptides detected in *Medicago* roots at different stages of development. The diagrams show the numbers of peptides present uniquely in the young seedlings compared to the mature plants, as well as the number of detected peptides that are present at both stages of development. The results are shown for the peptides detected using both the DHB and CHCA matrices.



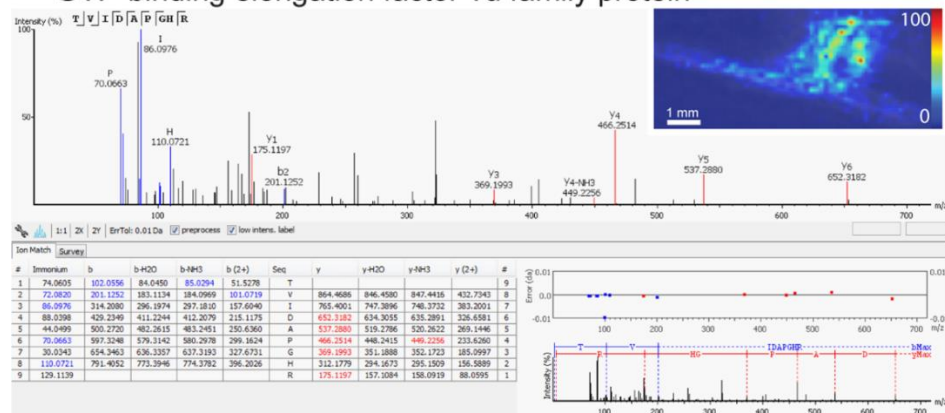
**Figure 5.** Putative peptides that were detected in the *35S:MtCLE13* plants (demonstrating over-expression of CLAVATA3/endosperm-surrounding region (CLE) peptides), but are present in much lower concentrations in the wild-type (wt) plants. a)  $m/z$  1051.509 is located in both the plant root and nodule. b)  $m/z$  1107.514 is distributed to the plant root and outer nodule. c)  $m/z$  1163.472 is localized to the plant root.



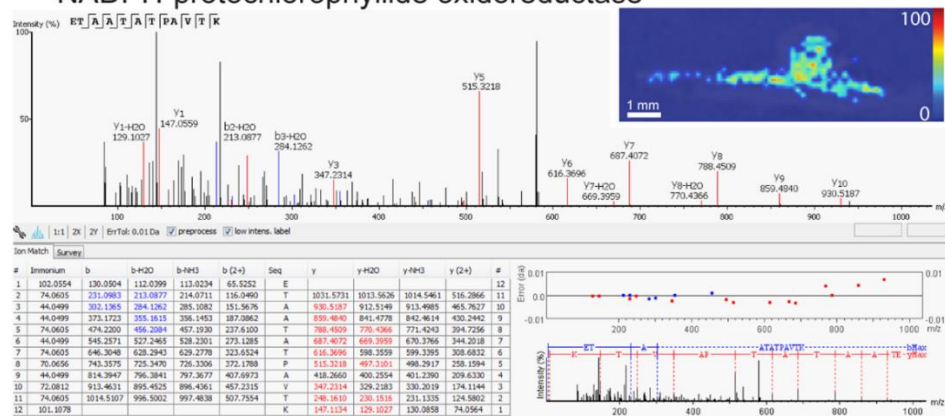
**Figure 6.** Putative peptides that were detected in the wild-type (wt) plants but were absent from the *dnf1-1* plants. *dnf1-1* mutants develop stunted, non-functional nodules, suggesting that these putative peptides may play a role in nodule development or function. a)  $m/z$  1505.750 is localized to the root. b)  $m/z$  1866.023 is distributed to the plant root and outer nodule. c)  $m/z$  2264.903 is localized to the plant nodule.

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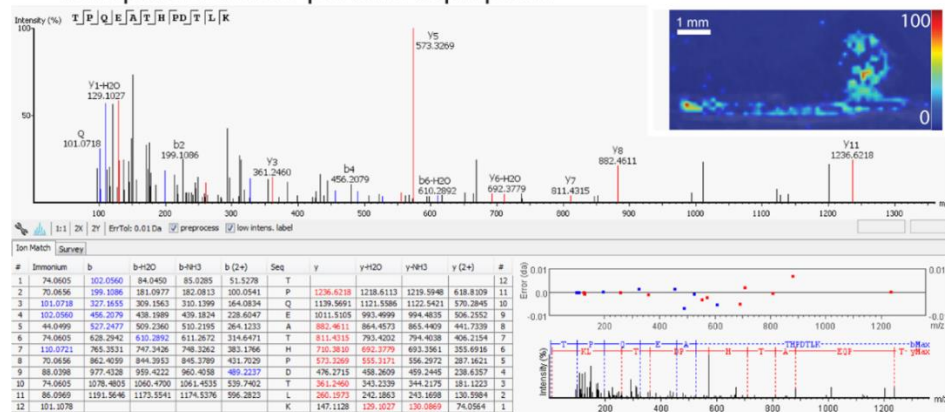
GTP-binding elongation factor Tu family protein

b)  $m/z$  1160.6163

NADPH-protochlorophyllide oxidoreductase

c)  $m/z$  1337.6701

Tonoplast intrinsic protein/ aquaporin



**Figure 7.** Example images and corresponding LC-MS/MS spectra unique peptides of known *Medicago* proteins. The MS/MS with annotated *de novo* sequencing, the predicted protein, and the corresponding MS image are shown.

## Supplemental Information

**Supplemental Table 1:**  $m/z$  Values Detected in Medicago Mature Nodules (DHB matrix)

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949.5163	1145.474	2107.087
951.4013	1146.603	2233.785
951.4952	1157.631	2233.815
959.5727	1160.63	2249.759
960.3487	1163.472	2249.769
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1019.438	1564.13	

**Supplemental Table 2:** *m/z* Values Detected in Medicago Seedlings (DHB matrix)

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949.3856	1061.451	1263.771	
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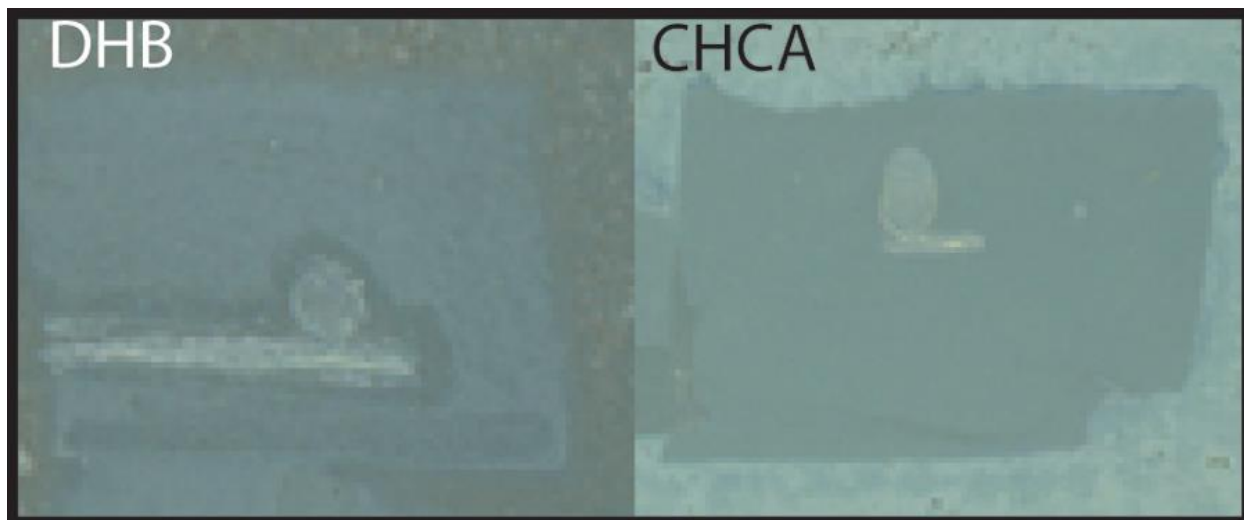


**Supplemental Table 3:** *m/z* Values Detected in Medicago Mature Nodules (CHCA matrix)

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**Supplemental Table 4:  $m/z$  Values Detected in Medicago Seedlings (CHCA matrix)**

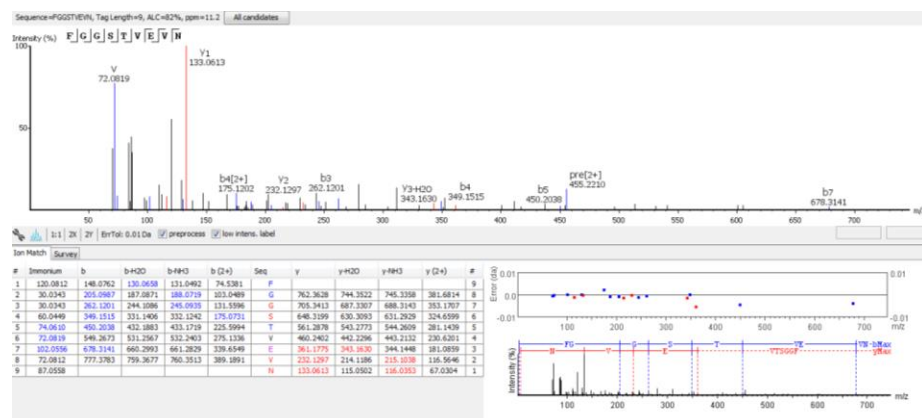
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**Supplemental Figures**

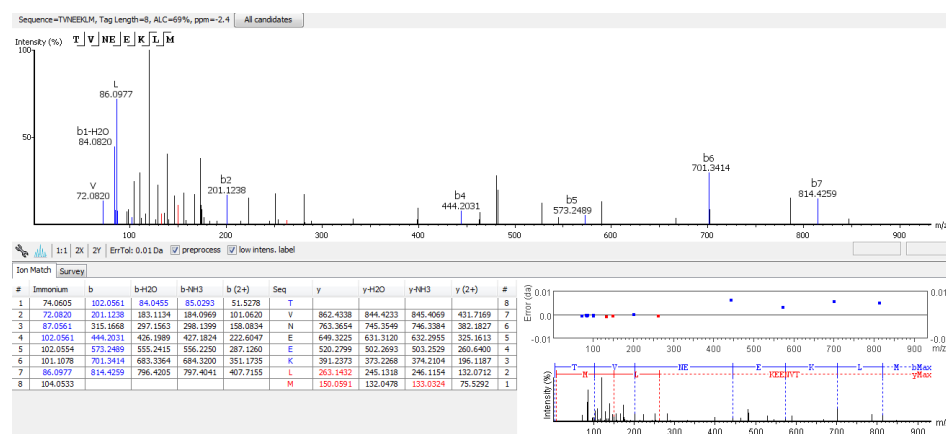
**Figure S1:** Photographs comparing DHB and CHCA matrix application on root nodule slices

Figure S2: Annotated MS/MS spectra from *de novo* sequencing.

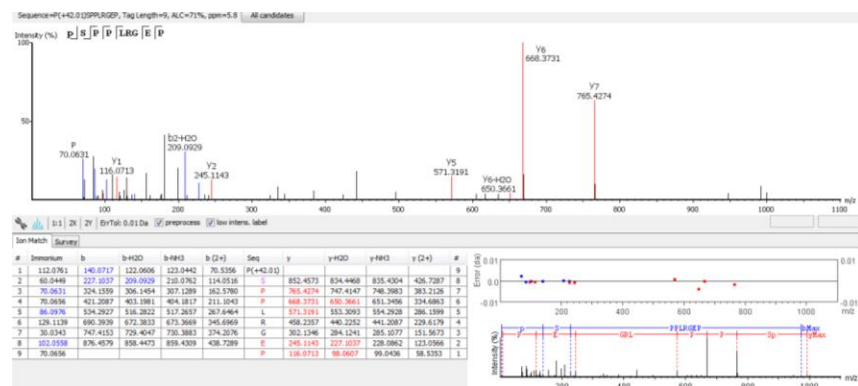
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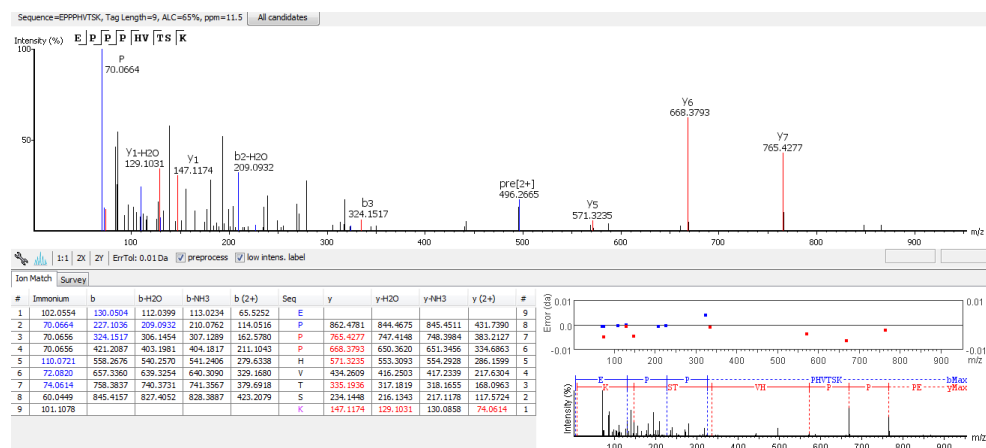
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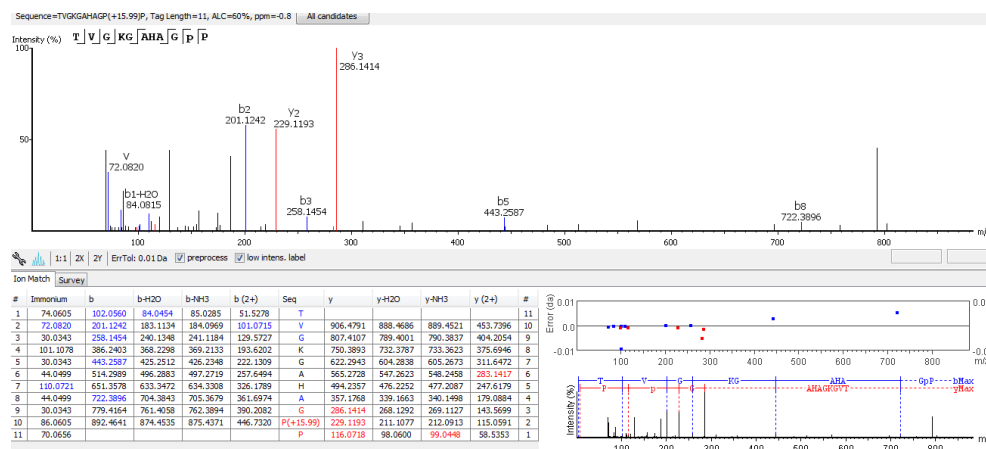
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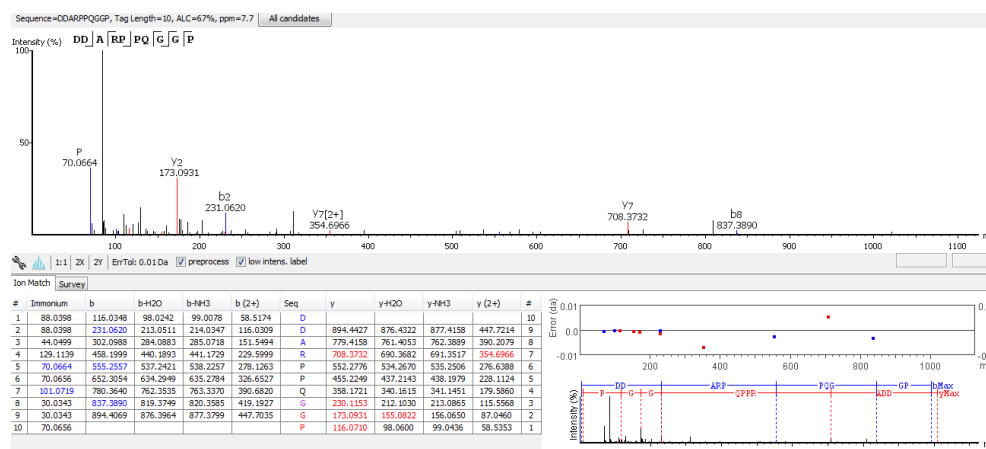
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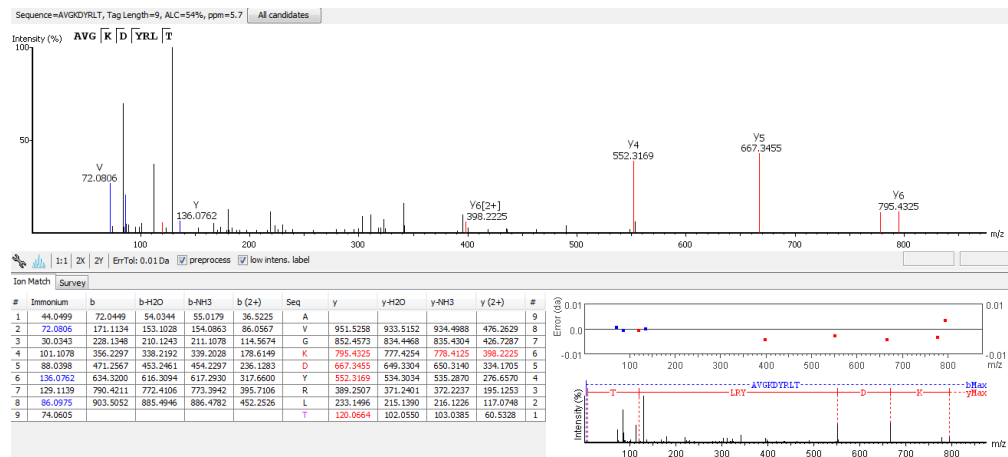
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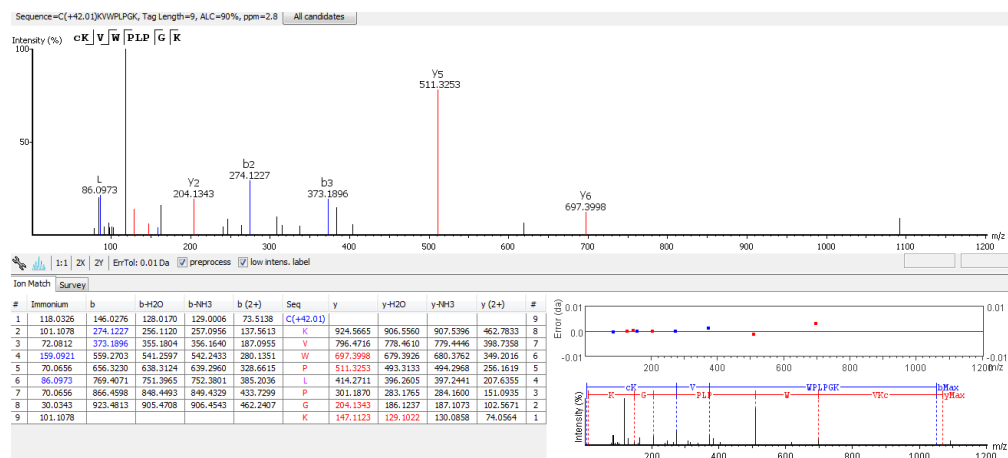
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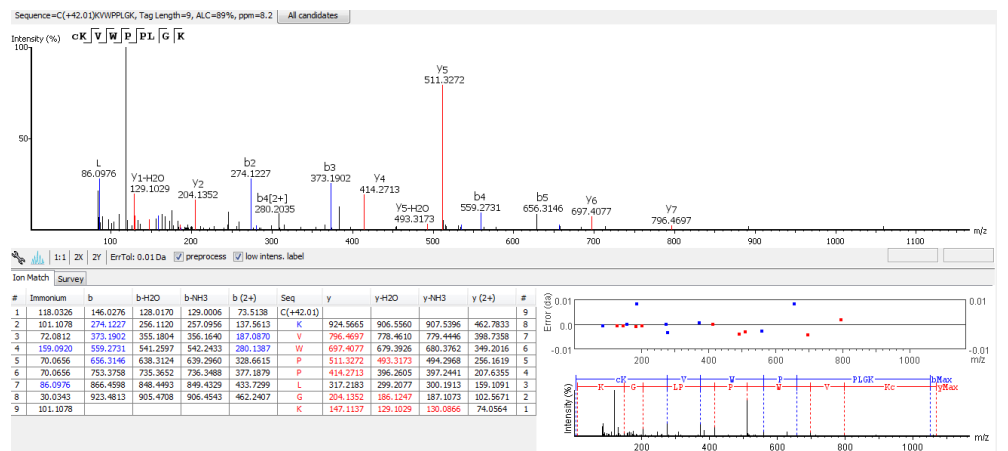
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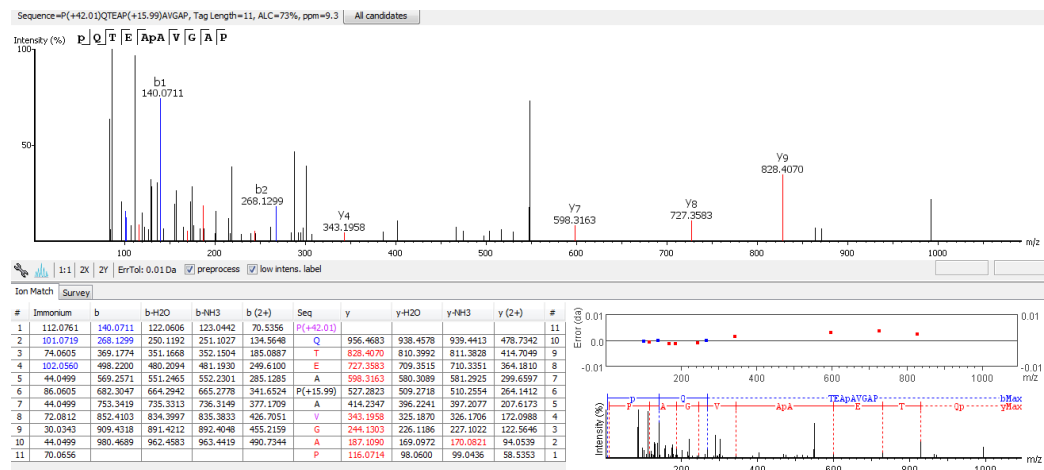
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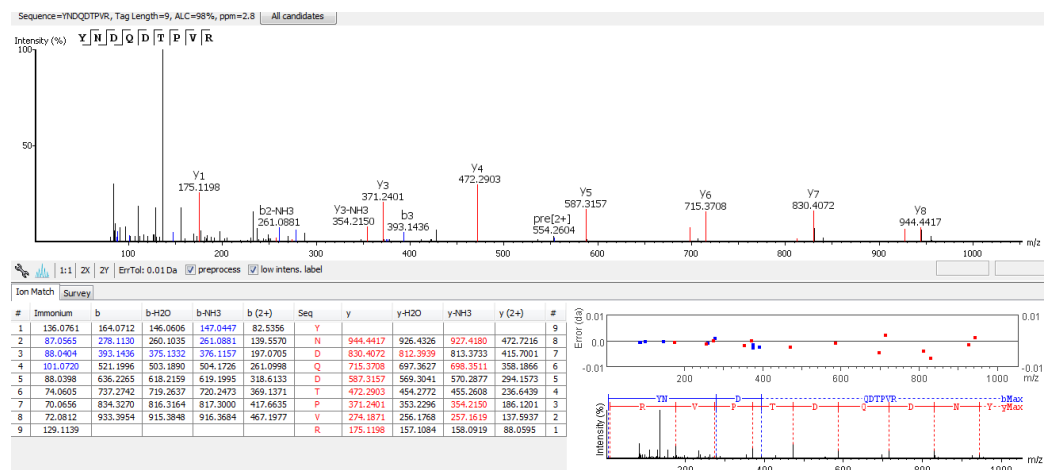
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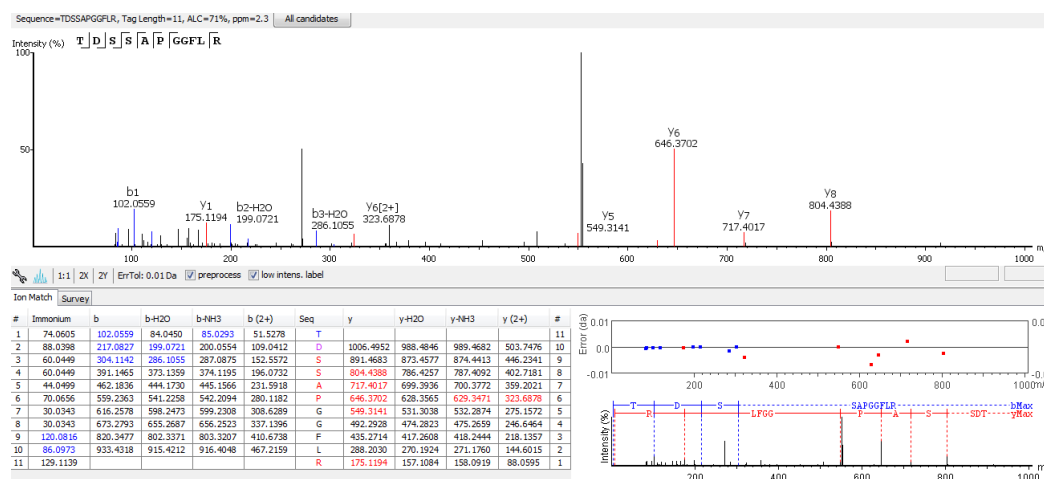
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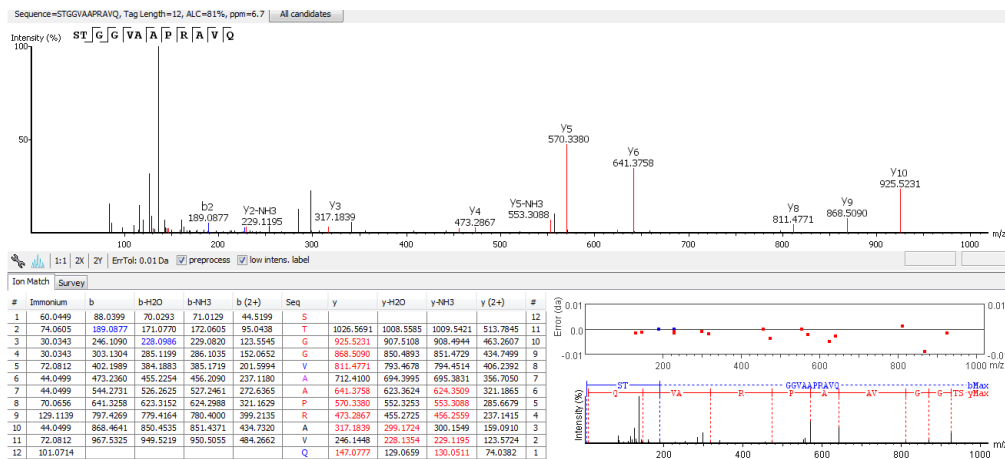
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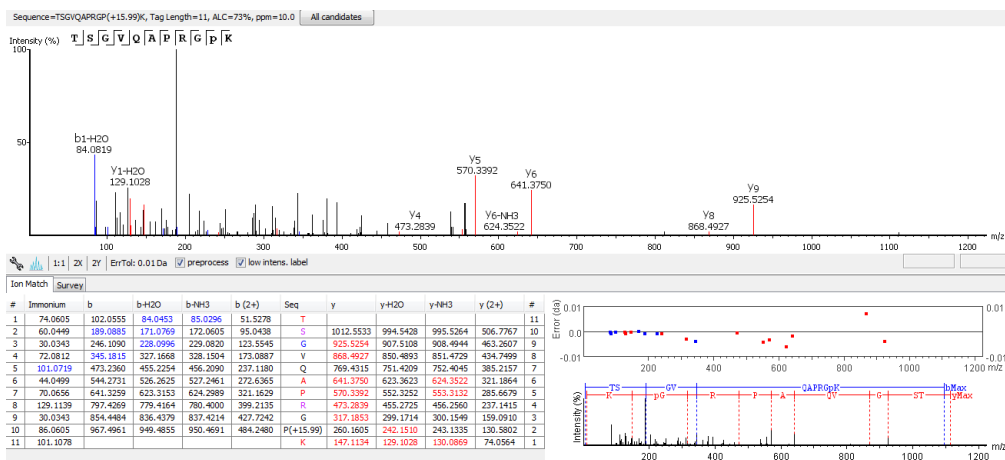
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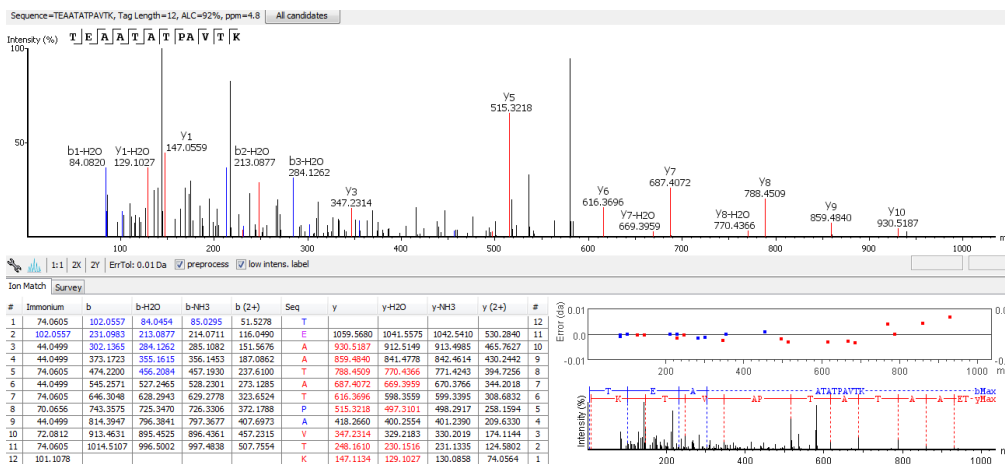
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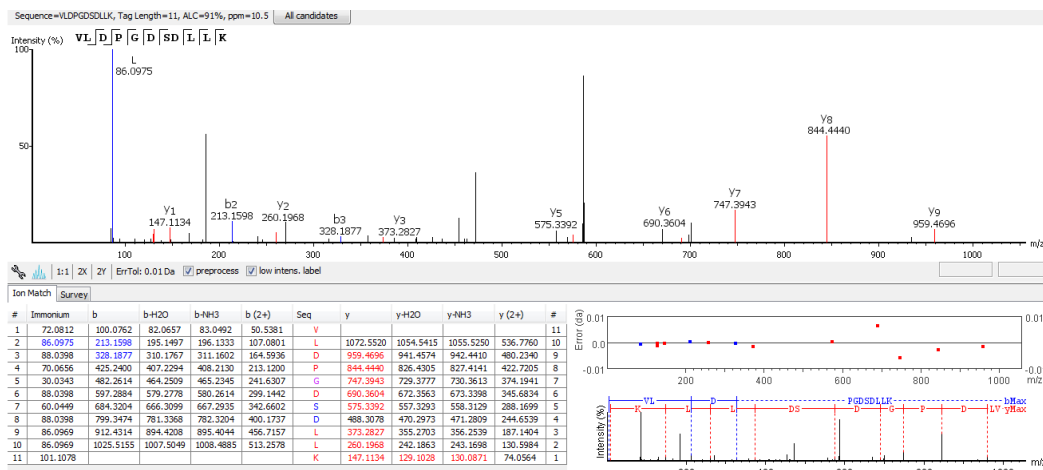


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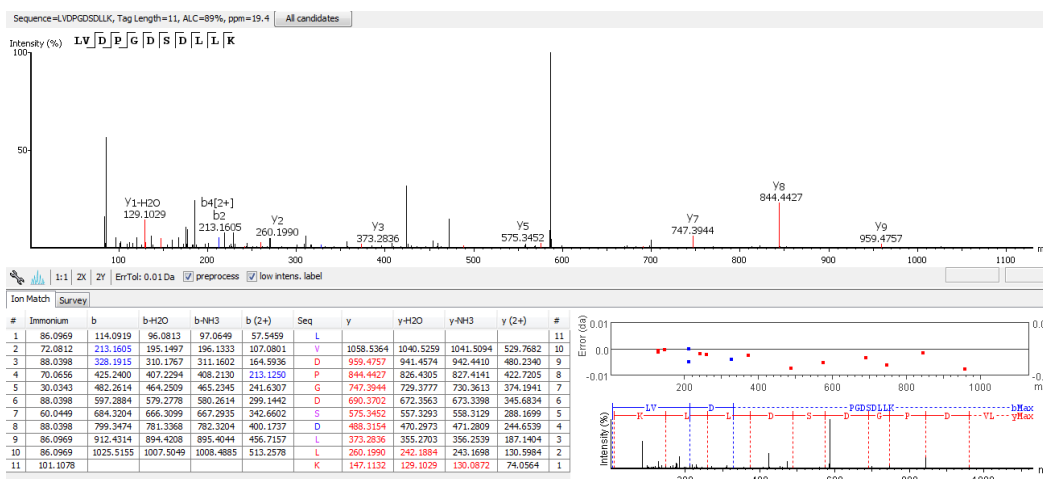




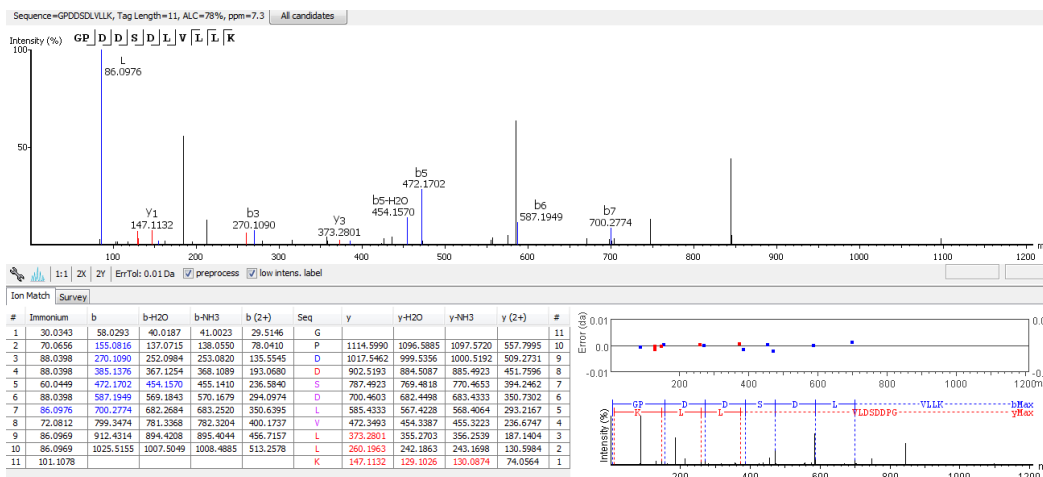
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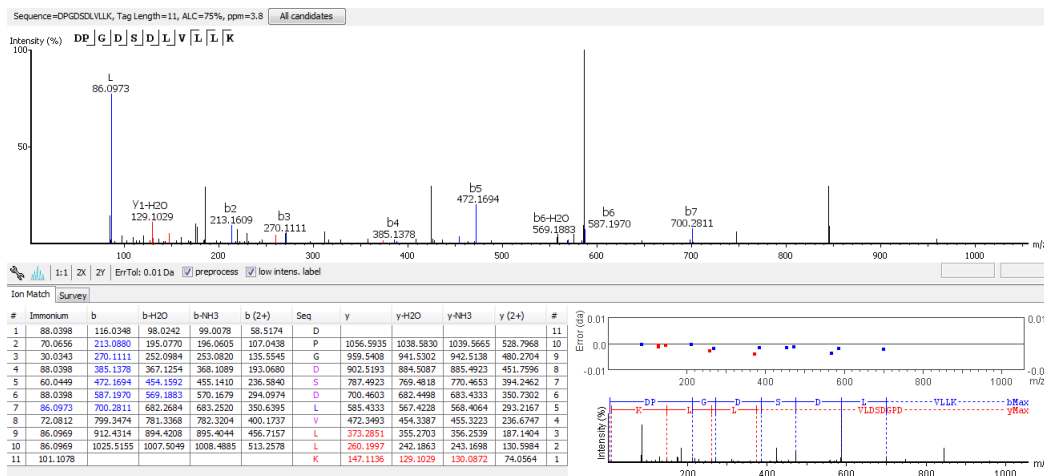
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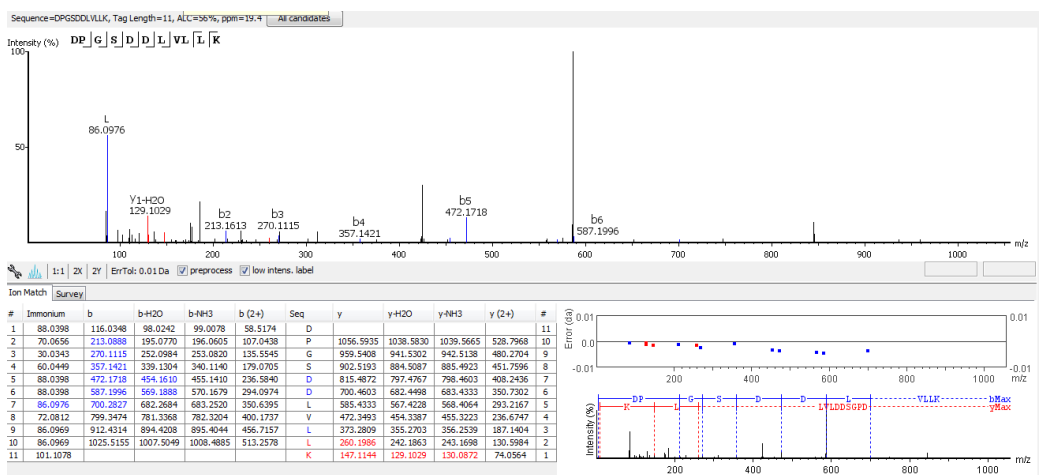
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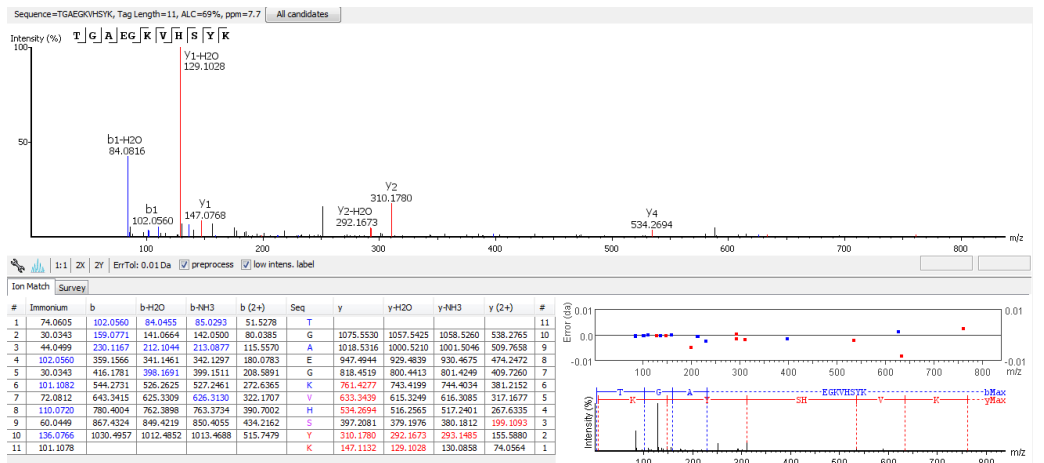
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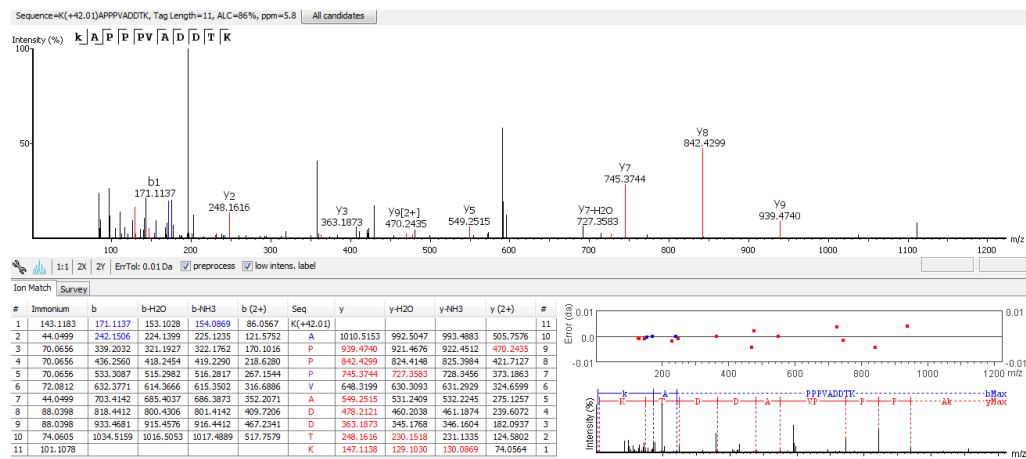
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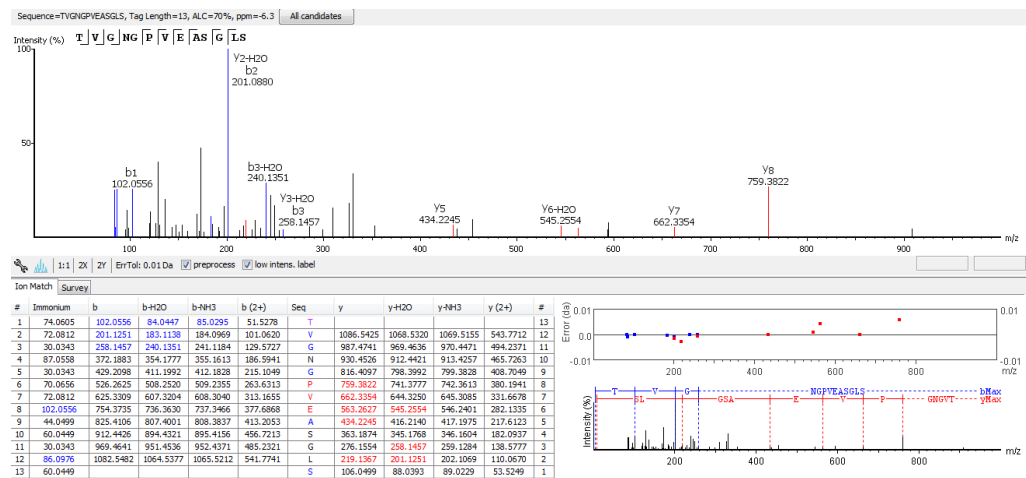
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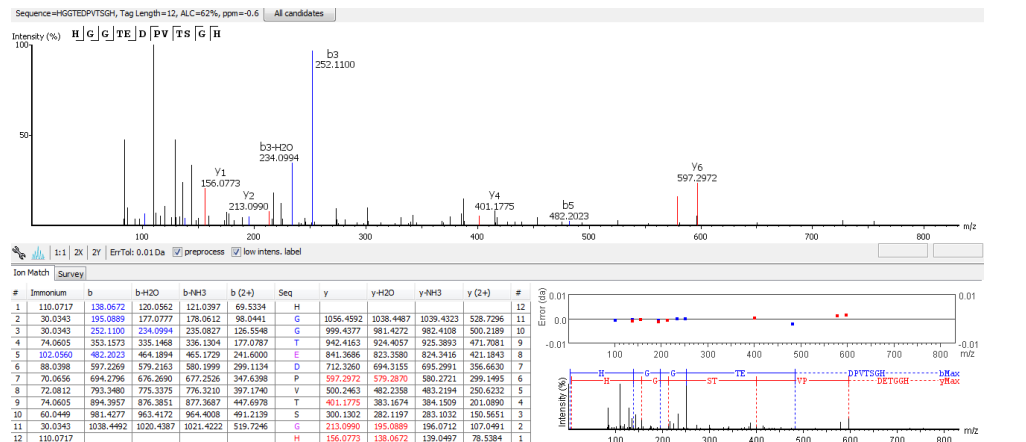
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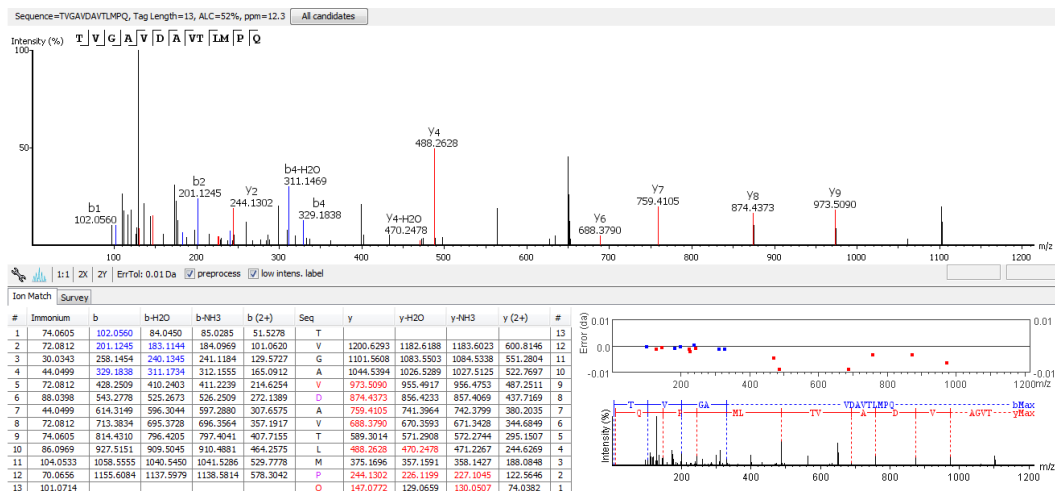
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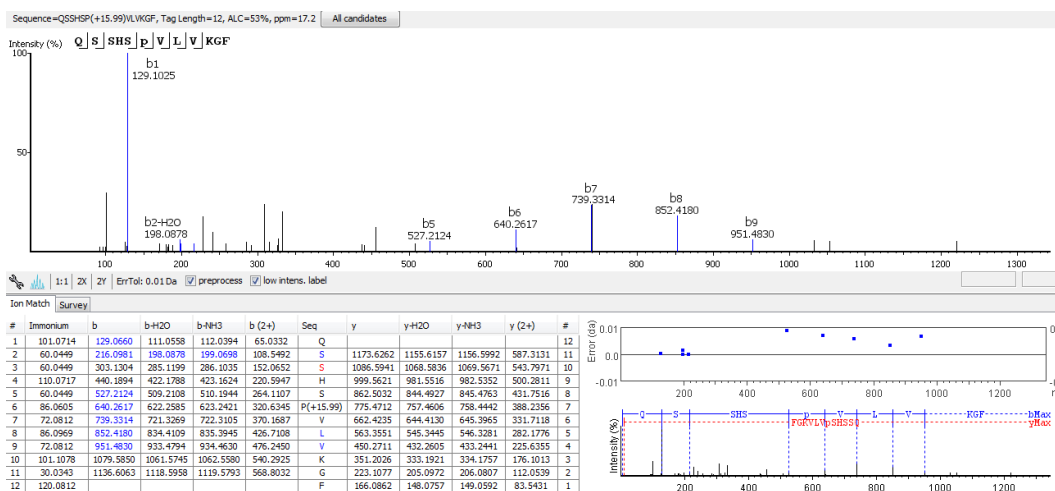
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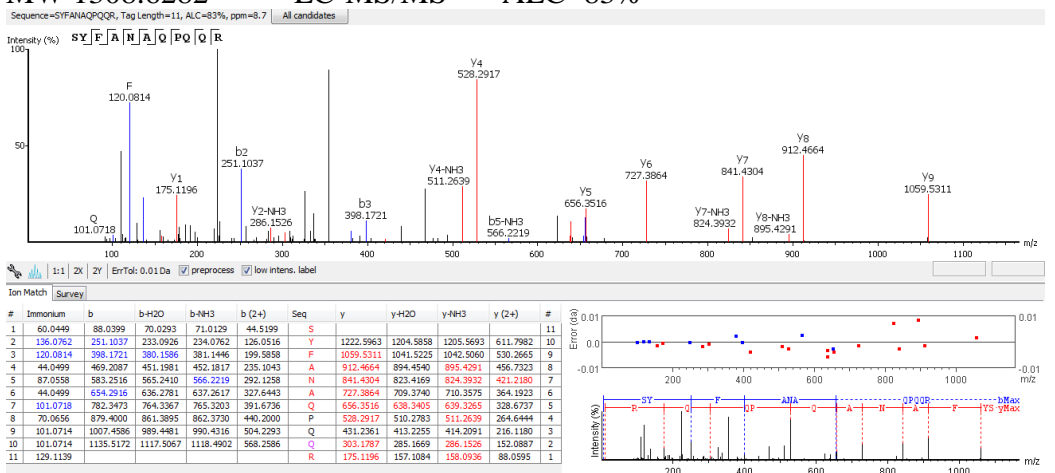
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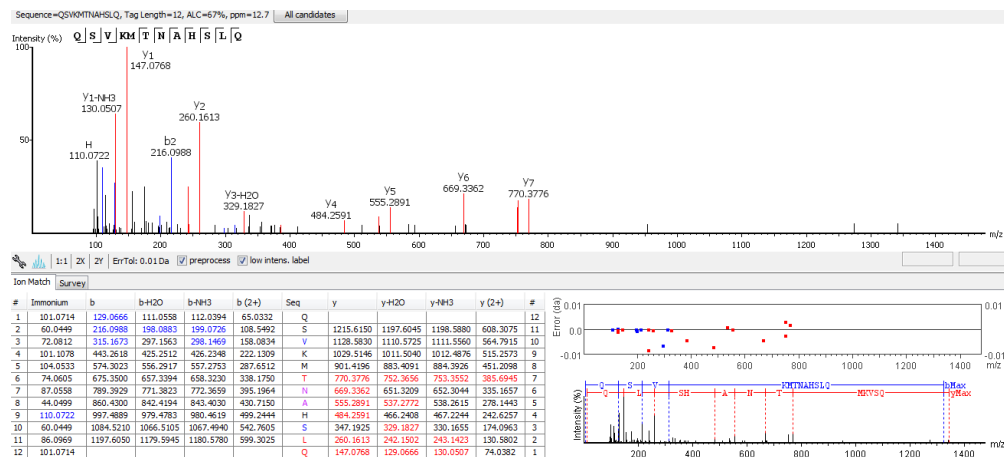
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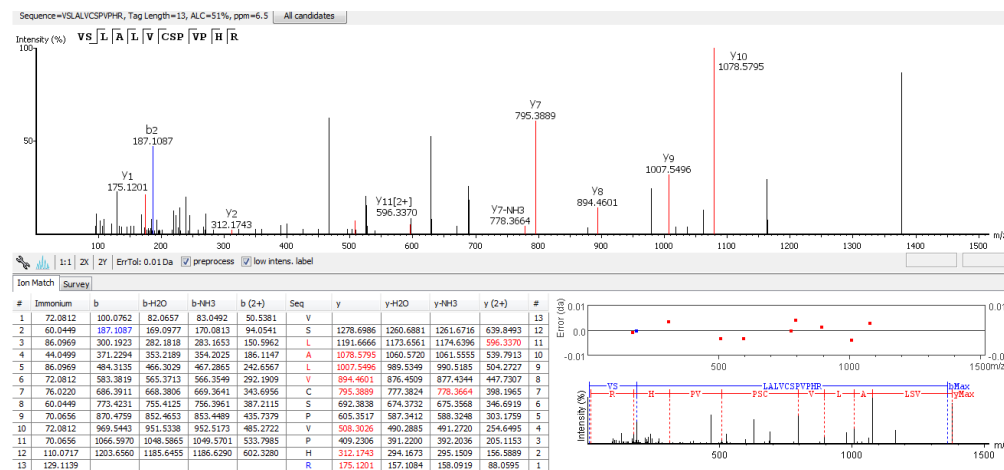
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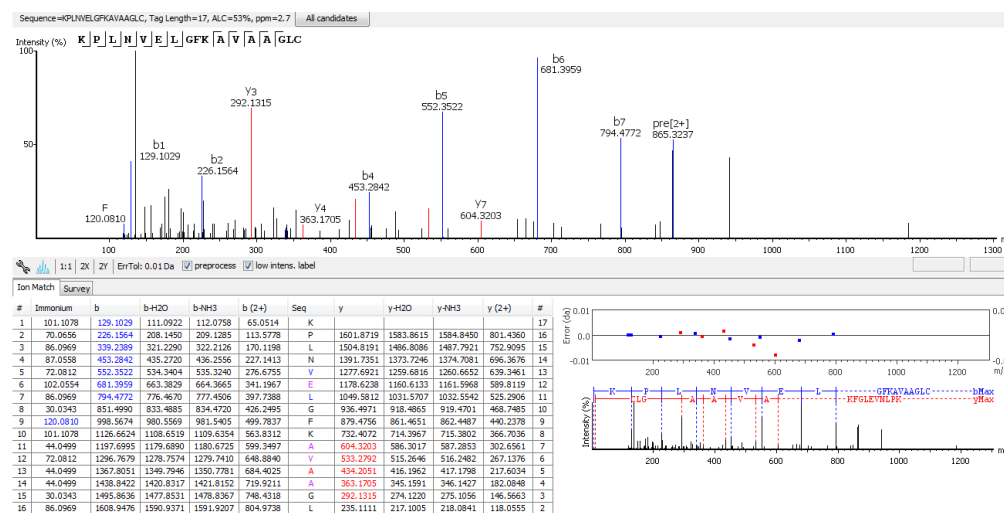
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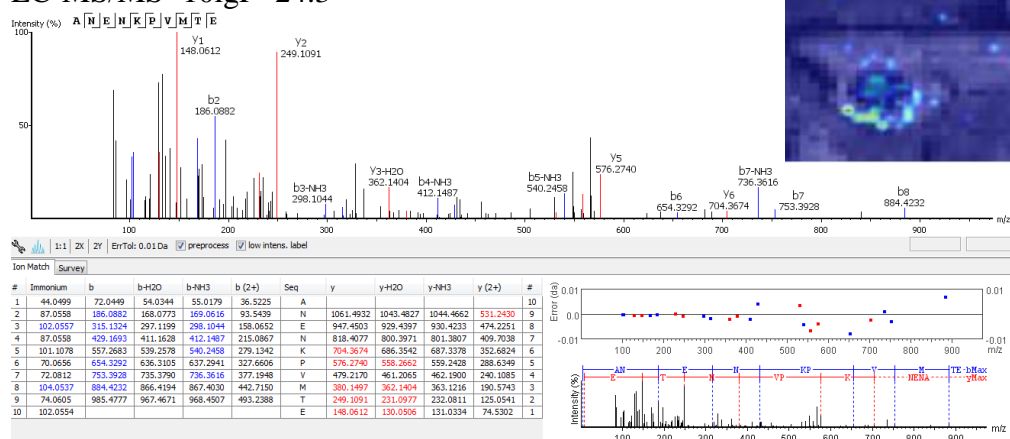
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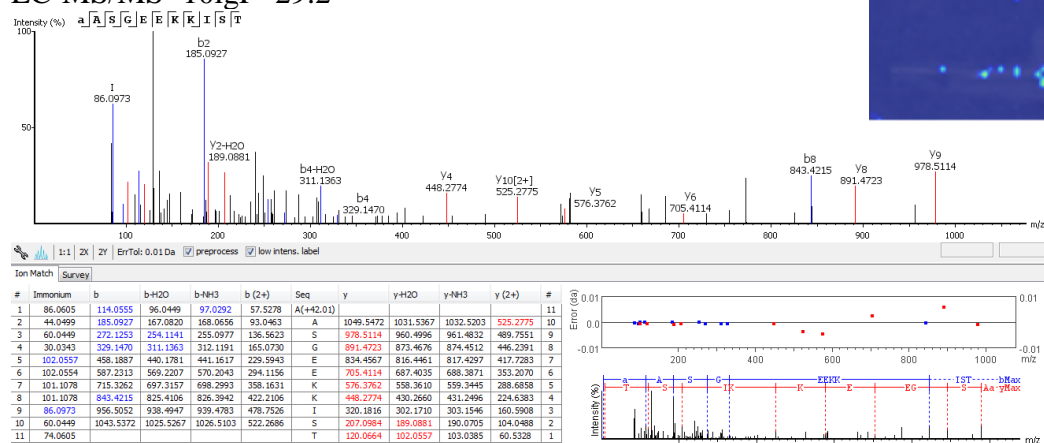
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MALDI-MSI



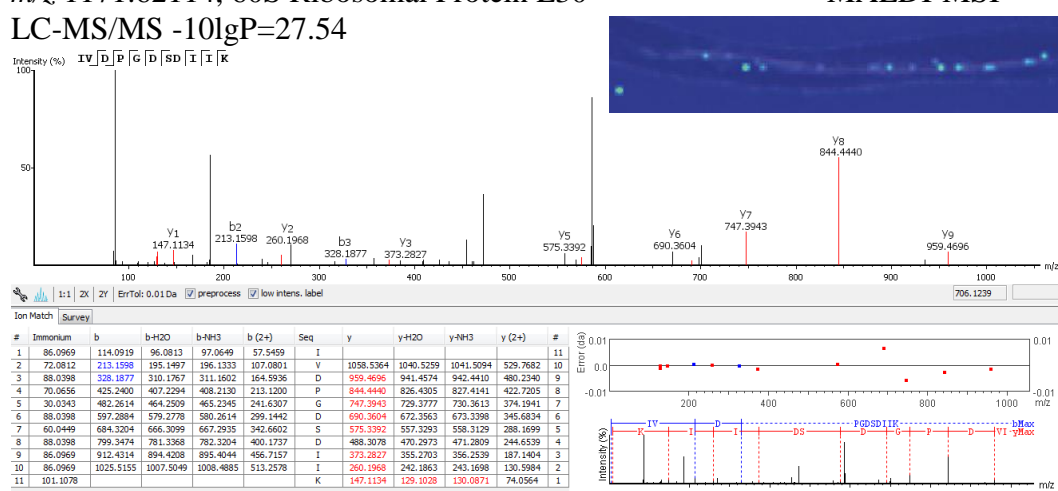
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MALDI-MSI



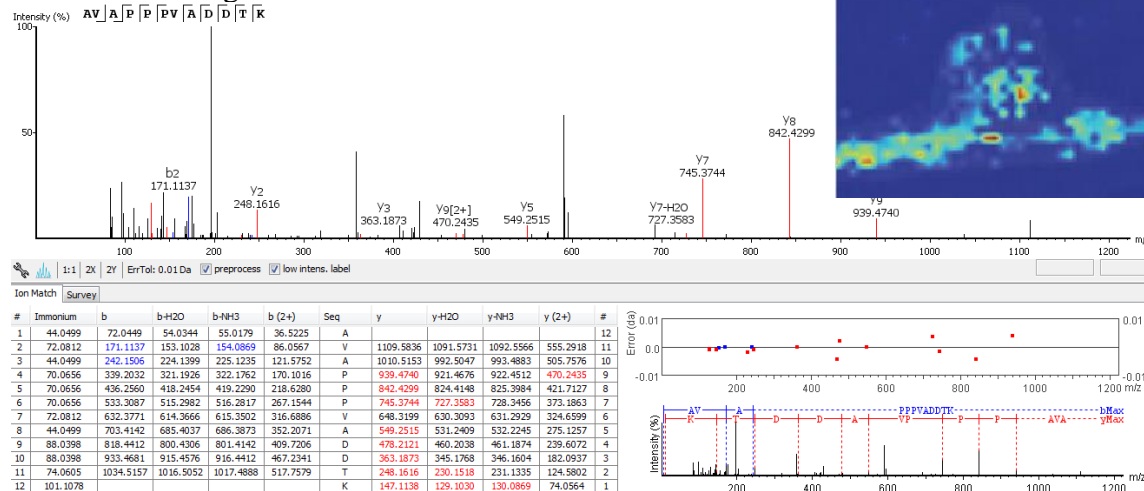
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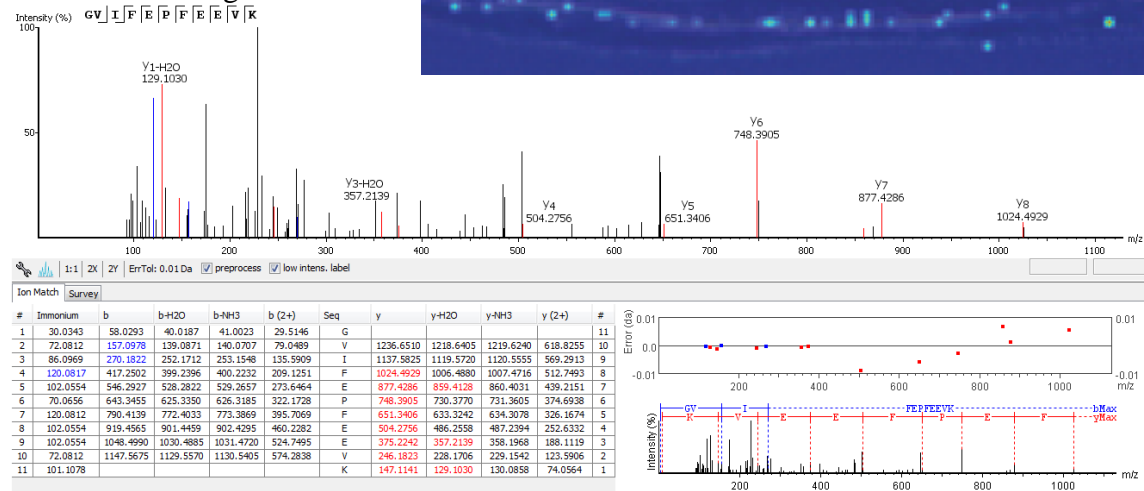
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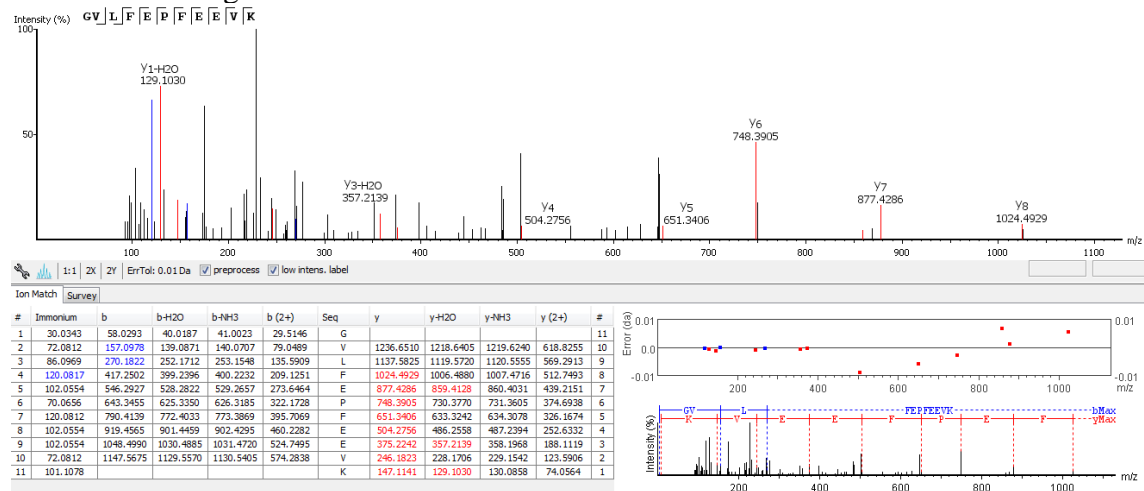


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MALDI-MSI

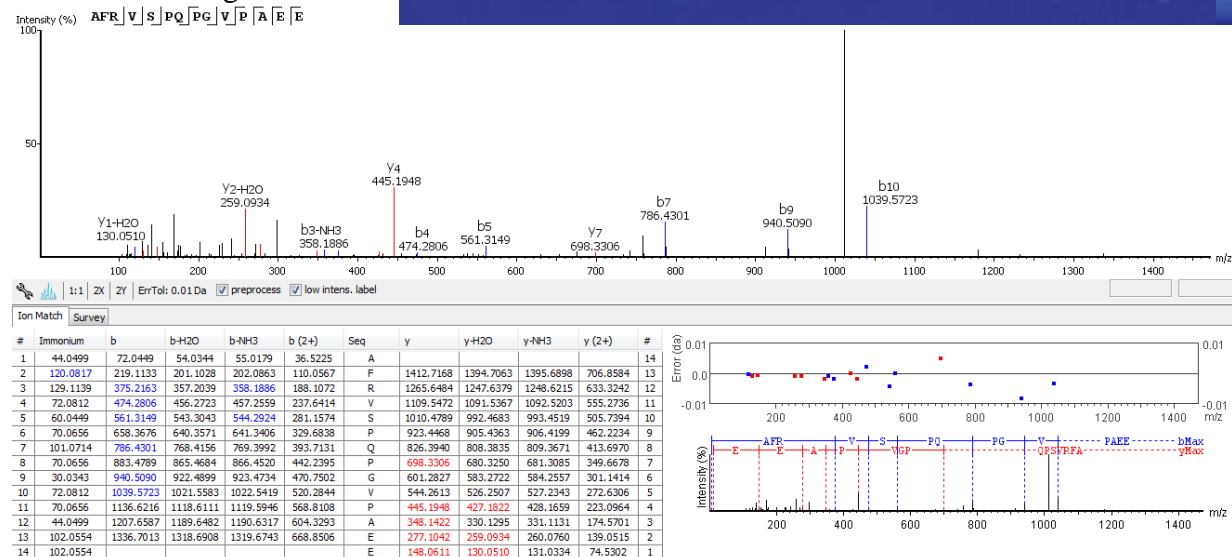


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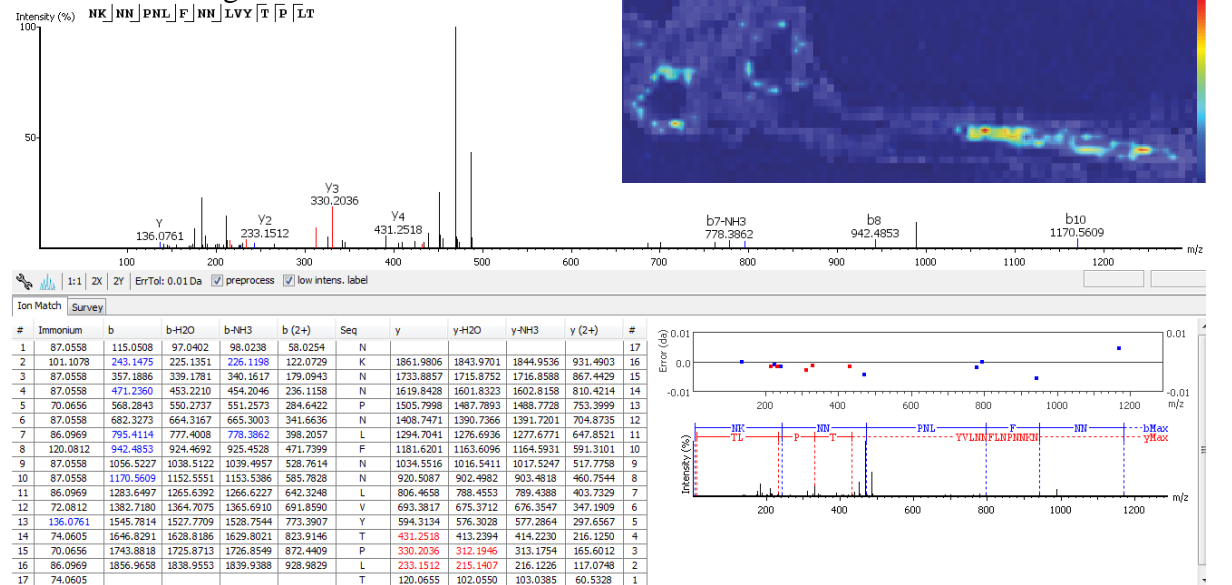
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*m/z* 1976.02434, Basic 7S Globulin/ Peptidase A1, Pepsin MALDI-MSI

LC-MS/MS -10lgP=29.66





# Chapter 5

## Enhancement of Matrix-Assisted Laser Desorption/Ionization Mass Spectrometry Imaging of Nodule-Specific Cysteine-Rich Peptides with a Simple Washing Strategy

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## Summary

Although MALDI-MSI is commonly used to determine the localization of metabolites in plant tissues, it is rarely used to analyze the distribution of endogenous peptides and even proteins in plants. Thus, a MALDI-MSI method was developed using *Medicago truncatula* root nodules to improve detection of endogenous peptides in plant tissue. A washing step of 70% ethanol for 30s, 100% ethanol for 30s, Carnoy solution for 2 min, and 100% ethanol for 30s was employed to fix proteins and remove lipid species, which ionize readily and can suppress protein signal. After washing, the ion intensities of numerous peptide  $m/z$  values were increased, revealing unique distributions of peptides in the nodules. Nodule-specific cysteine-rich (NCR) peptides were then identified via accurate mass matching to a predicted NCR peptide database and LC-MS/MS data obtained from a nodule peptide extraction. Sixteen  $m/z$  values observed in the MALDI-MSI results were matched to predicted NCR peptides, of which 3 were also identified by LC-MS/MS. Overall, this is a robust method that could easily be applied to the imaging of other signaling peptides across other plant species.

## Significance

MALDI-MSI of plant peptides is a challenging and underdeveloped area, despite the essential roles of endogenous peptides in the plant. This work shows the optimization of a plant peptide MALDI-MSI procedure to detect Nodule-specific Cysteine-Rich peptides in *Medicago truncatula*, providing insights into the localization of these important peptides in the root nodules.

## Introduction

Endogenous peptides play many critical roles in plants, including growth and development, defense, nutrient deficiency, and symbiosis.<sup>1, 2</sup> The model legume, *Medicago truncatula* (Medicago), is highly studied due to its ability to form a symbiotic relationship with rhizobia bacteria. Rhizobia enter the roots and even plant cells via an endocytosis-like process. In parallel, cells of the root cortex divide and differentiate which leads to the development of a new organ, the root nodule. A mature nodule contains rhizobia differentiated into bacteroids within plant cells. These bacteroids are encapsulated within host-derived membranes, in compartments known as symbiosomes. In this differentiated form, the rhizobia can fix nitrogen *i.e.*, reduce atmospheric nitrogen into ammonia, a form of nitrogen usable to plants.<sup>3</sup>

Several endogenous peptides have been implicated in various stages of nodule development.<sup>4</sup> C-terminally encoded (CEP) peptides are involved in the development of nodules as well as lateral roots.<sup>5, 6</sup> CLAVATA3/embryo-surrounding region (CLE) peptides processed from pre-proteins encoded by *CLE12* and *CLE13* are involved in autoregulation of nodulation; both the genes are expressed in the dividing cells of a nodule primordium and later in the meristem of a mature nodule.<sup>7, 8</sup> Nodule-specific cysteine-rich (NCR) peptides are required for bacteroid differentiation.<sup>9</sup> Despite their critical roles in various biological processes, endogenous peptides can present a severe analytical challenge to analyze. They are often present at very low concentrations in the plant, are usually produced by peptidase action on larger polypeptide sequences and can have various post-translational modifications (PTMs).<sup>8, 10</sup>

Matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionization mass spectrometry imaging (MALDI-MSI) is commonly used to visualize the spatial distribution of various biomolecules, including metabolites,<sup>11</sup> lipids,<sup>12</sup> neuropeptides,<sup>13, 14</sup> and proteins<sup>15, 16</sup> in various tissues. In MALDI-MSI, a

laser is fired at discrete points, or pixels, across tissue section, which is covered in a matrix to assist in ionization. Thus, a mass spectrum is created at each pixel in the tissue section, and the ion intensity for a specific  $m/z$  can be pulled out at each pixel to generate a heatmap showing the distribution of that  $m/z$  across the tissue section. Many reviews provide comprehensive details of sample preparation, instrumentation, and data analysis for MALDI-MSI.<sup>17, 18</sup>

In plants, small molecules have been investigated with MALDI-MSI in many different species.<sup>19-23</sup> For example, MALDI-MSI was used in *Medicago truncatula* root nodules to reveal metabolites involved in biological nitrogen fixation,<sup>24, 25</sup> in cotton embryos to reveal lipid distribution,<sup>26</sup> in maize to look at subcellular metabolomics,<sup>27</sup> and in *Arabidopsis thaliana* to localize glucosinolates, which have roles in plant defense, to the flowers and siliques.<sup>28</sup> Endogenous peptide localization with MALDI-MSI, however, is less frequently performed on plant tissues. Examples of plant peptide MSI include an initial study in *Medicago* of peptides present from 1000-4000  $m/z$  in the roots and root nodules,<sup>29</sup> a study investigating the metabolite, peptide, and protein content of nematode induced gall tissues in tomato root,<sup>30</sup> proof of principle studies investigating peptides and small proteins in soybean cotyledons<sup>31</sup> and barley grains,<sup>32</sup> and cyclic endogenous peptides, the cyclotides, imaged in multiple species.<sup>33, 34</sup>

In this study, a MALDI-MSI experimental procedure was optimized for the detection and localization of NCR endogenous signaling peptides. Although peptides have previously been imaged with MALDI-MSI in *Medicago*,<sup>29</sup> no NCR peptides were identified, in part, because the mass range used (1000-4000  $m/z$ ) was not ideal for detection of NCR peptides. Here, a rapifleX MALDI TOF/TOF mass spectrometer was utilized to extend the mass range beyond 4000  $m/z$  as the molecular weight of NCR peptides ranges from approximately 3-5 kDa.<sup>35</sup>

Furthermore, detection of NCR peptide signal was optimized by including a washing step in the sample preparation. The inclusion of additional sample preparation steps prior to matrix application to remove interfering species or modify compounds to increase their detection (*i.e.*, chemical derivatization or enzyme digestion) has been used to enhance the detection of various analyte(s) of interest.<sup>36-38</sup> For example, a simple strategy of washing tissues with organic solvents has been used to remove abundant lipid species to increase detection of proteins.<sup>39</sup> Here, a washing step was developed to increase NCR coverage as the removal of abundant lipid species alleviates the signal suppression, thus leading to increased signal intensity of higher molecular weight species. Furthermore, LC-MS/MS was employed to identify intact NCR endogenous peptides observed in the MALDI-MSI experiments. Overall, this workflow allows for the identification and localization of many NCR peptides in *Medicago* root nodules and could be applied to other plant species to study endogenous peptide distributions or changes in endogenous peptide distribution due to a mutation or a stressor.

## **Experimental Procedures**

### Plant Growth

For MALDI-MSI, *Medicago truncatula* wild-type (Jemalong A17) seeds were scarified with sulfuric acid for 15 minutes, surface-sterilized with 30% Clorox for 10 minutes, imbibed at room temperature for 4-5 hours and stratified at 4°C for 1-4 days. Overnight germinated seedlings were grown in growth pouches in modified Fahræus medium<sup>40</sup> for five days and inoculated with *Sinorhizobium meliloti* (Sm1021)<sup>41</sup> at OD<sub>600</sub> 0.1, and grown for three weeks to obtain mature nodules. For LC-MS/MS, wild-type and *CLE13*-overexpressing seedlings were grown on modified

Fahräeus plates for five days and inoculated with *Sm1021* at OD<sub>600</sub> 0.2. The seedlings were grown for two weeks and then processed for analysis.

To obtain the *35S:CLE13* line, *M. truncatula* Jemalong 5 young leaves from 4 week-old *in vitro* grown plants were used for *A. tumefaciens*-mediated transformation which was performed as described by Primard-Brisset et al. (2005). The binary vectors pB7WG2D-35S:MtCLE13 was electroporated in *A. tumefaciens* AGLO and a single colony was isolated after selection on YEB supplemented with 100 mg/L rifampicin and 100 mg/L spectinomycin. After plant transformation and cocultivation, transgenic tissue was selected on subsequently SHb3a (incubation), AgCIM (callogenesis), AgEIM (pro-embryogenesis), AgEMB (embryogenesis) and plant medium (plant development and rooting). All media, except the plant medium, contained between 200 to 800 mg/L augmentine during callogenesis and (pro) embryogenesis stages and 3 mg/L basta.<sup>42, 43</sup> *In vitro* regenerated transgenic shoots were further grown on plates for 1 month and then planted in earth and sand (3:1) in the growth chamber or shoot regenerated on PDM medium. Shoot regeneration was performed by cutting the shoot tip at the fourth internode from the shoot apex and transferring the sectioned shoot on PDM medium (<http://www.isv.cnrs.gif.fr/embo01/manuels/pdf/module2.pdf>).

#### MALDI-MSI Sample Preparation

Root nodules were trimmed from the plant with 2-3 mm of the surrounding root, flash frozen on dry ice, and embedded in gelatin (100 mg/mL in Milli-Q ultrapure water, Millipore Sigma). Some nodules were processed with the fresh structure preserve setting on the Denator (Denator AB, Uppsala Science Park, Sweden) prior to embedding. Embedded nodules were saved in the -80°C freezer until further processing. Nodules were sectioned at 16 µm thickness on a cryostat (Microm HM 525, Thermo Scientific) and thaw mounted on an indium tin oxide coated

glass slide (Bruker Daltonics, Billerica, MA). Solvents were from Fisher Scientific unless otherwise noted. Sections were either washed with a single 30 s wash of one of three solvents (ethanol (200 proof, Pharmco), chloroform, hexanes (mixture of isomers)) or with one of three gradient ethanol washes typically used in MALDI-MSI protein experiments (70% ethanol 30s, 100% ethanol 30 s; 70% ethanol 90s, 70% ethanol 90 s, 100% ethanol 90 s; 70% ethanol 30s, 100% ethanol 30 s; Carnoy's wash 2 min, 70% ethanol 30s). Ethanol was 200 proof (Pharmco), hexanes was ACS grade, chloroform was ACS grade, and Milli-Q ultrapure water was used. Sections were also left unwashed as controls. After washing, sections were dried in a vacuum desiccator for 15 minutes. 2,5-Dihydroxybenzoic acid (DHB, Acros Organics) matrix (40 mg/mL in 50% methanol, HPLC grade, 0.1% formic acid) was applied with a TM Sprayer (12 passes, 1250 velocity, 0.1 mL/min flow rate, CC pattern, 30 s dry, 10 psi, 3 mm spacing). Slides were saved at -20°C until analysis.

#### MALDI-MSI Data Acquisition

Washed and Unwashed root nodule sections were analyzed on a rapifleX MALDI-TOF/TOF instrument (Bruker Daltonics, Billerica, MA) in both linear and reflectron mode. The reflectron method averaged 500 laser shots at 80% laser power and 5 kHz frequency from 1500-6000  $m/z$  with 5.4x detector gain (2206 V replicate 1, and 2297 V replicate 2 and 3). Voltages were 20.000 kV for ion source 1, 2.720 kV for PIE, 11.800 kV for lens, 20.830 kV for reflector 1, 1.085 kV for reflector 2, and 8.650 kV for reflector 3. Linear mode analysis average 500 laser shots at 85% laser power and 10 kHz frequency from 1500-10000  $m/z$  with 15.8 x detector gain (2720 V). Voltages were 20.000 kV for ion source 1, 1.550 kV for PIE, and 10.500 kV for Lens. All imaging experiments were conducted at 50  $\mu\text{m}$  with the M5 small laser setting. Profiling experiments were conducted from 500-2000  $m/z$  to determine lipid content after washing. The detector gain was set

at 5.3 x, 400 laser shots were averaged with laser frequency of 5 kHz, and voltages were the same as used for imaging experiments.

### MALDI-MSI Data Analysis

Data was exported into SCiLS software (Bruker Daltonics, Billerica, MA) for data analysis. For reflectron data, raw data was imported with quadratic interpretation using 80,610 data points, and the auto resample method for the mass axis settings and a top hat baseline removal with width 200. For linear data, reduced data was imported with linear interpretation using 15,000 data points, and the auto resample method for the mass axis settings and a top hat baseline removal with width 200. Data were normalized to the total ion current, a weak denoising setting was used, and hotspot removal was enabled. Peaks were picked with the find peaks tool using the skyline spectra, which plots the the maximum intensity for each  $m/z$ , for each region (a unique region was drawn for each biological and technical replicate). The top 800 peaks were picked for reflectron samples at an interval width of 0.1 Da, and the top 500 peaks were selected for linear samples at an interval width of 2.0 Da. Peak lists were then manually validated by visual inspection of ion images. For the final reflectron peak list of  $m/z$  observed with the four-step wash, all peaks that were not the monoisotopic peak were removed and a signal threshold of 0.3 for the mean spectra or 1.0 for the skyline spectra was employed, meaning that the tallest isotopic peak for the peptide had to be above one of these thresholds. Segmentation was performed on roots and root nodules with weak denoising, normalization to the total ion current and 0.007% interval width.

### Sample Extraction

For extraction, root nodules were trimmed from the plant with 2-3 mm of the surrounding root, flash frozen on dry ice, and saved at  $-80^{\circ}\text{C}$  until extraction. Nodules were ground to powder in a mortar and pestle under liquid nitrogen. Extraction solvent (40% ethanol) was added to the



wild-type and CLE nodules to reach a concentration of 10 mL/g sample, and the mixtures were probe sonicated with 15 s pulse, 30 s off cycle for 3 minutes' total pulse time. The extractions were centrifuged at 4,000 x g at 4°C for 30 minutes, and the supernatant was dried down in a speed vac. Samples were resuspended in 50 mM tris buffer pH=8 at a peptide concentration of 3.5 mg/mL, reduced with dithiothreitol (final concentration 5 mM) for 60 min at room temperature, alkylated with iodoacetamide (final concentration 15 mM) for 30 minutes at room temperature in the dark. The volume of DTT was added a second time and 10% TFA added to a final concentration of 0.3% to quench. The samples were desalted with C18 SepPak and dried in the speed vac. SCX purification was performed on the samples with SCX spin tips (Protea Biosciences, Morgantown, WV) according to kit protocol 1, except SpinTip rinse was performed with 100 µL, the sample was reconstituted in 200 µL and loaded three times through the SpinTip, the sample was eluted with two 150 µL aliquots, and all centrifuges occurred for 1.5 min. Samples were dried down in a speed vac, and then three 1 mL aliquots of MilliQ water were added to the sample followed by drying down in the speed vac for desalting after SCX purification. The Pierce Quantitative Colorimetric Peptide Assay (Thermo Scientific) was used to assess peptide concentration. Samples were stored at -80°C until analysis.

#### nanoLC-MS/MS Data Acquisition

Samples were resuspended at 1 µg/µL in Optima grade water with 0.1% formic acid. LC-MS/MS was performed on a nano-Aquity LC (Waters) coupled to Q Exactive mass spectrometer (Thermo Scientific). Separation occurred on a 15 cm long self-packed C18 nano-LC column at a flow rate of 0.35 µL/min. Mobile phase A was optima water with 0.1% formic acid and mobile phase B was optima acetonitrile with 0.1% formic acid. Injection amount was 2 µL, and samples were kept at 4°C during analysis. The LC separation used 14 min trapping initially, followed by a

gradient from 0-4% B from 0 to 2 min, 4-35% B from 2-70 min, 35-75% B from 70-71 min, hold at 75% B from 71-81 min, 75-95% from 81-82 min, hold at 95% B from 82-92 min, 95-0% B from 92-93 min, and re-equilibration at 0% B for from 93-108 min. A top 15 DDA method was used for MS analysis. Full MS spectra were taken from 300-2000  $m/z$  at 35,500 resolution, 1E6 AGC target, and 100 ms max injection time. The default charge state was selected as 2. MS/MS spectra were performed with HCD activation at a collision energy of 30 at 17,500 resolution, 1E5 AGC target, 200 ms max injection time and a 2.0  $m/z$  isolation window. A dynamic exclusion of 30 s and a charge exclusion of unassigned, 1, and greater than or equal to 8 was used.

#### nanoLC-MS/MS Data Analysis

LC-MS/MS experiments were analyzed in PEAKS 7.0 software for *de novo* sequencing of MS/MS data and protein identification. Parameters include 10.0 ppm parent ion tolerance, 0.01 Da fragment ion tolerance, carbamidomethylation (57.02) as a fixed modification, and oxidation (M, 15.99 Da), amidation (-0.98 Da), acetylation (42.01 Da), and hydroxylation (15.99 Da) as variable post-translational modifications (PTM). Three variable PTMs were allowed per peptide, and sequenced peptides were searched against the UniProt *Medicago truncatula* database in no enzyme mode. A 1% FDR cut-off and one unique peptide per protein settings were used for data analysis. Peptides were manually verified to check that a majority of amino acids in the peptide sequence were fragmented.

## **Results**

#### Optimization of Washing Strategy for Detection of NCR Peptides

Initially, six different washes were attempted on the root nodule sections to test for signal improvement in the range typically observed for NCR peptides (3-5 kDa). The averaged spectra

for the roots and root nodules for each of the washes compared to the control (no wash) are shown in **Figure 1**. In **Figure 1(A)**, three gradient ethanol washes were compared to a control. The washes attempted were (i) two-step wash consisting of 70% ethanol for 30 s, and 100% ethanol for 30s, (ii) three-step wash composed of 70% ethanol for 90s, 70% ethanol for 90s, and 100% ethanol for 90s, (iii) four-step wash consisting of 70% ethanol for 30s, 100% ethanol for 30s, Carnoy solution for 2 min, and 100% ethanol for 30s. While all spectra showed similar peak distributions, especially from 2000-3500  $m/z$ , the control nodules showed more peaks below 2000  $m/z$ , and the washed nodules showed an increase in signal for peaks above 3500  $m/z$ . As the range for NCR peptides falls mostly above 3500  $m/z$  and are not expected to be below 2000  $m/z$ , it was concluded that all three multi-step gradient washes attempted showed promise for increasing the signal of NCR peptides in MALDI-MSI. **Figure 1(B)**, shows the averaged spectra in reflectron mode over the root and root nodules for three single step washes of 30 s with either 100% ethanol, chloroform, or hexanes. These washes were tested as the longer multi-step washes could cause delocalization or wash away peptides, in which case, shorter washes could be advantageous. The hexanes wash and control spectra are very similar; as a result, washing with hexanes does not appear to alter the spectra. The chloroform and ethanol spectra, however, did show an increase in signal of  $m/z$  above 3500. Although the ethanol and chloroform washes were very similar, when overlaid, the ethanol wash showed slightly higher signal increases. The averaged spectra in linear mode for the roots and root nodules resulted in similar trends as the reflectron mode, with the ethanol, chloroform, two-step, three-step, and four-step washes increasing the signal of  $m/z$  above 3500 compared to the control (**Supporting Figure S1**). Washes are typically employed to remove lipid species, which readily ionize and are highly abundant and can, therefore, suppress signal of other species. To validate that lipid removal was causing the signal increase in peptides above 3500  $m/z$ , root

nodules were profiled in the 500-2000  $m/z$  region. This analysis showed that all the washes except the hexanes wash removed lipid species in the root nodules, with the three-step wash and the four-step wash removing the most lipids species. (**Supporting Figure S2**).

To further investigate the signal improvement after washing nodule sections with an organic solvent, additional experiments on biological replicates were performed for the single step ethanol wash, along with the two, three, and four-step gradient ethanol washes. As the ethanol and chloroform 30 s washes resulted in very similar results, the ethanol wash was chosen to be compared to the two-step, three-step, and four-step washes, which resulted in stronger signal increases compared to the one-step washes. Spectra in both linear and reflectron mode for the additional biological replicates are shown in **Supporting Figures S3-S6**. All washes showed improvement in the signal intensity of ions above 3500  $m/z$ . To further compare the signal increases from the washes, box and whisker plots for specific  $m/z$ , along with the ion image for the  $m/z$ , were compared (**Figure 2**). The  $m/z$  shown in **Figure 2** were selected to provide multiple examples of  $m/z$  values across the typical range observed for NCR peptides. The box and whisker plots show an increase in signal for these four  $m/z$  values after washing with the two-step, three-step, and four-step washes. The images for the  $m/z$  also show a corresponding increase in signal after performing these washes.

Additionally, the ion images for the washes are very similar to the control ion images, indicating that delocalization of the peptides does not appear to be a problem. The signal for the ethanol washed nodules was more similar to the unwashed nodules. The longer three- and four-step washes generally showed a larger increase in signal for most of the  $m/z$  values above 3500. However, the washes did show a decrease in signal for some low-intensity  $m/z$  values between 2500 and 3000. The ethanol wash was the only wash that did not have a loss of specific  $m/z$  in the

2500-3000 range. This result indicated that the 70% ethanol step might result in a decrease of the signal for a handful of  $m/z$  values at the lower end of the NCR peptide range. As the number of  $m/z$  values that decreased with the 70% ethanol step was less than the number of  $m/z$  values above 3500 that increased with the step, washing with 70% ethanol initially is deemed advantageous. The four-step wash was, therefore, chosen as the best wash over the three-step wash, as the three-step wash had a longer 70% ethanol washing step, which was not necessary to increase signal, and negatively impacted the signal in the 2500-3000  $m/z$  range more than the shorter 70% ethanol washing step (**Figure 2(A)**).

#### MALDI-MSI of NCR Endogenous Peptides

After conducting the four-step wash, 93  $m/z$  values were observed in reflectron mode (all non-monoisotopic peaks were removed), and 106  $m/z$  were observed in linear mode. In reflectron mode, 71 of the peaks were above 2500  $m/z$  (start of potential NCR peaks), and in linear mode, 94 of the peaks were above 2500  $m/z$ . Thus, linear mode resulted in slightly more peaks; however, reflectron mode allowed the isotopic pattern of peptides to be resolved. **Figure 3** shows example ion images detected in the washed nodules. The optical image for the root nodules is shown in **Figure 3(A)**. Segmentation analysis was performed on the root nodule to observe trends in the data, shown in **Figure 3(B)**. Initially, the root, which is in red, and the nodule, were separated. The root nodule was then further divided into the lower, shown in yellow, and upper, shown in blue, halves. The imaging data reflects this as many of the  $m/z$  are localized to either the entire nodule, as in **Figure 3(E)**, or the lower half of the nodule, as in **Figure 3(D,F)**, although some  $m/z$  do show increased signal in the mid to upper half of the nodule (**Figure 2(B)**). Furthermore, a couple  $m/z$  values below 2500 show localization to the roots and the outer edge of the nodule, as in **Figure**

**3(C)**. While these peptides in the outer rim of the nodules are below the mass range of NCR peptides, they could be a different class of endogenous peptide in the plant.

NCR peptide sequences, accessed from UniProt, were processed through SignalP<sup>44</sup> to generate predicted NCR sequences in order to perform accurate mass-matching to the MALDI-MSI detected peptides. **Supporting Table S3** shows the results of the SignalP analysis. Peptides from known or predicted NCR proteins were kept, and predicted mature chains over 100 residues were deleted, as these were very unlikely to be below 10,000 Da, which was the upper limit for acquiring imaging data in linear mode. The monoisotopic mass of each mature chain predicted peptide was calculated using Xcalibur Qual Browser software (Thermo Scientific, Waltham, MA) using the peptide/protein isotope calculator. The number of cysteine residues in the sequence was then counted, and the number of disulfide bonds predicted for the sequence based upon the number of cysteine residues. If there were 0-1 cysteine residues present, no disulfide bond was predicted, if there were 2-3 cysteine residues present, 1 disulfide bond was predicted, if there were 4-5 cysteine residues present, 2 disulfide bonds were predicted, and if 6 or more disulfide bonds were present, 3 disulfide bonds were predicted. Thus, the  $m/z$  values of mature peptide monoisotopic mass (M) and the singly protonated form  $[M+H]^+$  were calculated based upon the number of disulfide bonds present. The  $[M+H]^+$   $m/z$  values were then used to match with the  $m/z$  values detected from imaging data acquired in reflectron mode (**Supporting Table S1**). **Table 1** provides the putative identifications based upon accurate mass matching to the predicted NCR mature peptides in **Supplemental Table 3**. Sixteen imaging  $m/z$  values were matched to NCR predicted peptides (or a group of NCR predicted peptides). **Table 3** shows the overlap between NCR peptides detected in this study and two earlier studies, including the comprehensive proteome analysis that we had previously performed<sup>45</sup>.

### LC-MS/MS for Identification of NCR Peptides

Given the roles of CLE peptides in maintaining the balance between cell proliferation and differentiation and NCR peptides in nodule differentiation, extractions were performed on root nodules from Medicago wild-type, and transgenic plants overexpressing *MtCLE13* for tandem MS (MS/MS) information to support predicted NCR identifications in imaging data. A 40% ethanol extraction was performed as this extraction previously had success with cysteine-rich cyclotide endogenous peptides, which have a similar mass range as NCR peptides.<sup>46</sup> Peptides were reduced and alkylated to improve MS/MS sequence coverage, and SCX spin tip purification was performed to remove potential contaminants. The wild-type root nodules resulted in 17 NCR identifications, while the CLE root nodules resulted in 22 identifications. Of these identifications, 15 were shared between the wild-type and CLE root nodules, leaving 2 unique identifications in the wild-type root nodules, and 7 unique identifications in the CLE root nodules. **Supporting Table S4** and **Supporting Table S5** provide the NCR peptides identified in wild-type and CLE root nodules with an FDR of 1%. Of the identified NCR peptides, 5 were potentially identified with the entire, intact mature peptide (A0A072U6V1, wt; A0A072U1G7, wt, and CLE; A0A072THJ9, CLE; G7JHR4, CLE; A7KH73, CLE). While the length of the detected intact NCR peptide, A0A072U6V1 matched the predicted Uniprot mature peptide, the NCR peptide A0A072U1G7, G7JHR4, and A7KH73 were predicted as transmembrane in Uniprot and therefore, did not have a predicted mature peptide. The NCR peptide A0A072THJ9 was identified starting at amino acid 24 in the sequence, but Uniprot predicts the start of the mature peptide at amino acid 23 in the sequence, which is potentially a one amino acid truncation.

The intact peptide mass with disulfide bonds was calculated for putative intact mature NCR peptides by subtracting the alkylation modification on cysteine residues (57.02146 Da), and then

adding in either two or three disulfide bonds by subtracting either 4 or 6 hydrogen atoms (1.007276) depending on whether there were 4 or 6 cysteine residues. Finally, the calculated  $[M+H]^+$  values from the extraction were matched to the detected monoisotopic peaks in the four-step wash to identify NCR peptides in the MALDI-MSI data. From this, three NCR peptides were identified in the imaging data. These peptides are shown in **Table 2**, which contains sequence information and the difference between the calculated  $[M+H]^+$  values from the extraction and the observed  $[M+H]^+$  values from the MALDI-MSI. The images for these peptides are shown in **Figure 4**. The NCR peptide A0A072THJ9 is localized to the lower half of the nodules, while the other two identified NCR peptides are distributed throughout the entire nodules. LC-MS/MS analysis also detected fragments of mature NCR peptides. For these peptides, predicted mature peptide sequence in UniProt (if provided) was searched against the imaging data. The UniProt predicted mature peptide for A0A072THJ9, which was one amino acid longer than the observed mature peptide in the LC-MS/MS results, was matched to a detected peak in the imaging results ( $m/z$  2646.17, shown in **Figure 2(A)**), indicating that there is a likelihood of some degradation occurring in both the MALDI-MSI and LC-MS/MS results. Another match to the imaging results from the UniProt predicted mature peptides was for NCR peptide A0A072U6V1, where the mature peptide and longest peptide revealed by LC-MS/MS analysis were precisely the same.

## Discussion

Organic washes are typically used in MALDI-MSI to enhance the detection of proteins, whose signal can be suppressed by high concentration lipid species in the tissue.<sup>39</sup> Gradient ethanol washes are commonly used for this purpose of improving protein imaging and tissue fixation,<sup>47-49</sup> and has been utilized in one instance for neuropeptide MALDI-MSI imaging.<sup>50</sup> Therefore, three



variations of gradient ethanol washes were investigated for enhancement of signal in the 3-5 kDa range, including a (i) 70% ethanol, and 100% ethanol for 30s each, (ii) 70% ethanol, 70% ethanol, and 100% ethanol for 90s each, and (iii) 70% ethanol for 30s, 100% ethanol for 30s, Carnoy's solution for 2 min, and 100% ethanol for 30s. The water wash or water dipping step that is commonly used in gradient ethanol washes was omitted here due to concerns about high peptide solubility in water and subsequent signal loss and delocalization of peptides.

Additionally, single solvents (*i.e.*, chloroform, ethanol) tested previously for protein MALDI-MSI that can be used for lipid removal<sup>39, 51</sup> were tested along with a single step 100% ethanol wash as smaller endogenous peptides may not benefit from the longer gradient ethanol washes. The results showed, however, that the longer washes improved peptide signals in the 3-5 kDa range more than the shorter and single solvent washes. The larger size of the NCR peptides compared to other peptides, which can be less than 2 kDa, may account for why the longer washes are beneficial.

With the optimal wash of 70% ethanol for 30s, 100% ethanol for 30s, Carnoy's solution for 2 min, and 100% ethanol for 30s, multiple NCR peptides were putatively identified with either accurate mass matching to the SignalP predicted mature peptides or the root nodule extraction followed by LC-MS/MS. The accurate mass matching to SignalP predicted peptides identified more putative peptides than the LC-MS/MS results, 16 compared to 3, respectively, likely due to the higher number of NCR peptides in the SignalP predicted peptide database compared to the identified NCR peptides by MS/MS. However, a majority of the 71 potential NCR peptide peaks from the reflectron data of the four-step wash were not identified. Due to lack of sequence information in the MALDI-MSI results, we cannot confirm that these 71 peaks contain the two to three disulfide bonds indicative of NCR peptides. While accurate mass matching was carried out

with predicted NCR peptides, a previous LC-MS/MS study utilizing trypsin digestion was able to confirm approximately 50% of the predicted SignalP cleavage sites for the NCR peptides detected in their research, indicating that the predicted SignalP results should be reliable for most of the peptides.<sup>52</sup> Thus, the percentage of incorrectly predicted cleavage sites in the SignalP database should be low. Several identified peptides in **Table 1** have been previously detected in *M. truncatula* nodules,<sup>45, 53</sup> providing validation to our experimental technique. Degradation of the NCR peptides appears to be a more significant concern in this study, especially during sample preparation for LC-MS/MS analysis. Most of the NCR peptides identified via LC-MS/MS were fragments rather than full length, mature peptides.

Genetic studies conducted in *M. truncatula* have demonstrated the involvement of NCR211 and NCR169 in bacteroid differentiation. In the absence of NCR169, bacteroid differentiation is impaired, and the nodules show premature signs of senescence, while in the absence of NCR211, bacteroid differentiation appears to be normal, but the subsequent maintenance of intracellular bacteroids is impeded.<sup>54, 55</sup> We were unable to detect these peptides using our optimization technique. This lack of detection could be attributed to post-translational modification of these peptides resulting in a change in mass. Although atypical to cysteine-rich peptides, post-translational modifications such as arabinosylation, hydroxylation and sulfation occur in several secreted peptides in plants.<sup>56</sup> However, the possibility of degradation during processing of the nodule samples cannot be completely ruled out.

Further optimization of the extraction procedure, for example, by adding acid to the solvent or by adding protease inhibitors, may help reduce degradation. A majority of the degradation products observed in the LC-MS/MS results were not found in the MALDI-MSI results, indicating that most of the deterioration occurred in solution. One exception to this, however, was the most

extended peptide identified by LC-MS/MS for the NCR protein A0A072THJ9. This peptide was one residue shorter than the predicted mature NCR peptide, and both the LC-MS/MS identified peptide and the predicted full-length peptide were observed in the MALDI-MSI results. Based on this observation, although the MALDI-MSI results have less degradation than the LC-MS/MS results, there is still likely degradation occurring in the MALDI-MSI sample preparation.

Preliminary experiments utilizing a Denator on the nodules before embedding in gelatin for MALDI-MSI analysis were conducted to determine if this would be a potential way to limit degradation in the imaging of NCR peptides. **Supporting Figure S6** shows spectra averaged over the roots and root nodules after treatment with the Denator. The spectra still show that the  $m/z$  2532.1 peak is taller than the  $m/z$  2636.1 peak, indicating possible degradation of this peptide. This can potentially be attributed to the time between trimming the nodule from the plant to the start of the Denator process was not much shorter than flash freezing in gelatin due to the air evacuation step with the Denator system. Additionally, while the root nodules withstood the heat stabilization process, the roots were more fragile and decreased in volume after heat stabilization by the Denator. Thus, the Denator heat stabilization procedure needs to be further optimized to achieve the best results. The ratio of the two peaks ( $m/z$  2532.1 and the  $m/z$  2636.1 peak) could be useful, however, for assessing degradation in the sample.

Overall, the MALDI-MSI method developed here by including a four-step washing procedure on the root nodules before matrix application showed significant improvement in most peptide signals above  $m/z$  2500, especially for  $m/z$  above 3500. Different localization patterns were observed for various peptide signals, which could be related to the different functions of these peptides. The developed method also enabled the MS imaging of 16 putative NCR peptides, of which three were also identified via LC-MS/MS. While further development is needed to identify

intact mature NCR peptides via LC-MS/MS, the MALDI-MSI results did not show nearly as many peptide degradation fragments, suggesting its advantage as an *in situ* direct tissue measurement approach. As a result, the MALDI-MSI method developed here could be extended and applied to other plant systems to increase our knowledge about spatial localization of these important signaling peptides and help to promote the prevalence of endogenous peptide MALDI-MSI in plant science.

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## Tables

**Table 1.** Identification of NCR peptides in the MALDI-MSI data from the SignalP predicted mature NCR peptide chains. The ones highlighted in green were detected by Liese *et al.*, 2017 as “commonly regulated TUs”. The yellow ones were not found in their study.

Accession	Sequence	Predicted [M+H] <sup>+</sup>	Imaging [M+H] <sup>+</sup>	Δ Da
A0A072THJ9	NIPGARCATDEDCPVGEKCI GGNC VE	2646.11	2646.17	0.07
A0A072UB12	SIPCETTADCPVAVPPEYYKCMYK VCVLIR	3387.60	3387.66	0.06
A0A072V920	SIPCKTRTQCPEKMCRLPKFVWCID GSCVCA	3496.60	3496.70	0.10
G7JQH4	VKIPCVKDTDCPTLPCPLYSKCVDG FCKMLSI	3512.68	3512.76	0.08
A0A072V961	YVVMCEKSDSCVDSFCVPPNVPKC RVVCKCLPK	3697.69	3697.78	0.09
A0A072TZN8	KCNDAECCRERWIMCPLETVVKCV EDECICVH	3734.60	3734.72	0.12
A0A072U6V1	DSFRGCNKDTCPEKFCSSPDVVR CIYIECYCI	3802.58	3802.70	0.12
G7JPA2	EKECDTDADCRKKFAGANQHLLW CNGYCECHTH	3935.62	3935.73	0.11
G7I5S5	YVPCITVADCPNTWFKIYRCEKGI CRYHKLWIV	4111.04	4111.04	0.00
A0A072TT10	DFPCKTKDDCAQQIDYIAECIIGFC RYFTPFEHPI	4156.84	4156.84	0.00
A0A072U1G7	KCVSDAECSGQYMCPTLTVIKCIK DECVCIHYDHDKQ	4199.82	4199.91	0.09
A0A072UBM1	FEECKEDADCHPVCSVPGCSNICTL PDVPTCIDNNCFCI	4227.67	4227.76	0.09
G7KV51	FEECKEDADCHPVCSVPGCSNICTL PDVPTCIDNNCFCI	4227.67		0.09
G7KV52	FEECKEDADCHPVCSVPGCSNICTL PDVPTCIDNNCFCI	4227.67		0.09
A0A072UWB0	NSFNSKIVFTDCKTDKDCQNRGF NFRCRKGNCVAKIR	4446.14	4446.24	0.11
A7KH78	IKIFTEHRCRTDADCPARELPEYLK CQGGMCRLLIKD	4446.21		0.03
A0A072VTT4	KDITCTVAGDCPNFFVCPNNFVRC IRNLCKCRSLSYKQP	4544.14	4543.95	-0.19
A7KH86	FQPCVTTADCMKTLKTDENIWYEC INDFCIPFPIPKGRK	4561.15	4561.11	-0.05
A0A072UME6	CDTDVDCQKKYPGPFEHLLKCIHG YCVCFPRNPGDSSGYPI	4598.05	4598.09	0.04
G7J0N2	GIRCHDVSECPKGLYCNVGSHEC VKHQCKCIKNFEPIDLA	4598.08		0.01

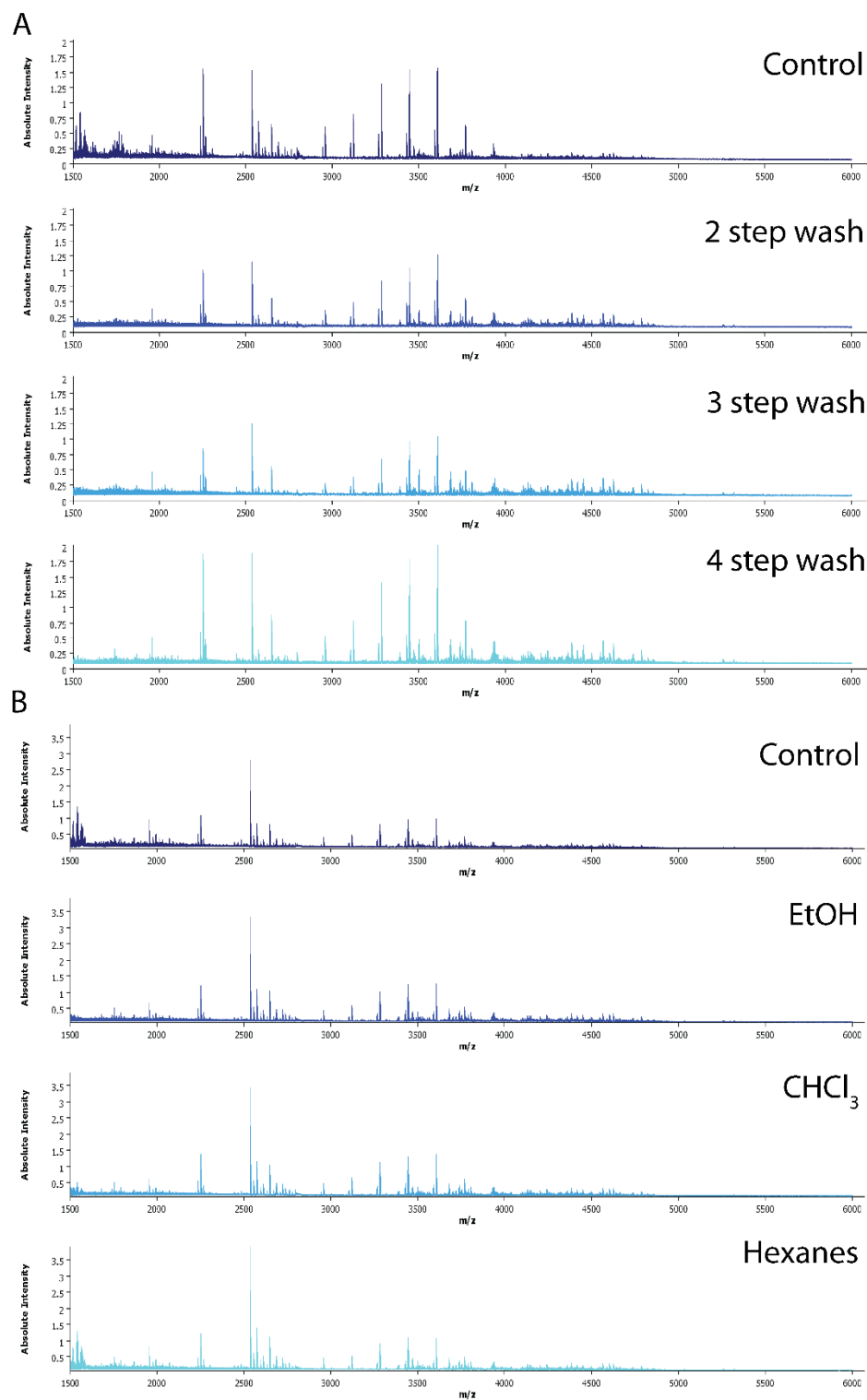
**Table 2.** Identification of NCR peptides in the MALDI-MSI data using the LC-MS/MS results.

Accession	Peptide	Expected [M+H] <sup>+</sup> from LC-MS/MS	Imaging [M+H] <sup>+</sup>	$\Delta$ Da
A0A072U6V1  A0A072U6V1_MEDTR	DSFRGCNKDTCPEKFCSSPDVV RCIYIECYCI	3802.58	3802.70	0.12
A0A072U1G7  A0A072U1G7_MEDTR	KCVSDAECSGQYMCPTLTVIKCI KDECVCIHVDHDKQ	4199.82	4199.91	0.09
A0A072THJ9 A0A072THJ9 _MEDTR	IPGARCATDEDCPVGEKCI GNCVE	2532.06	2532.13	0.07

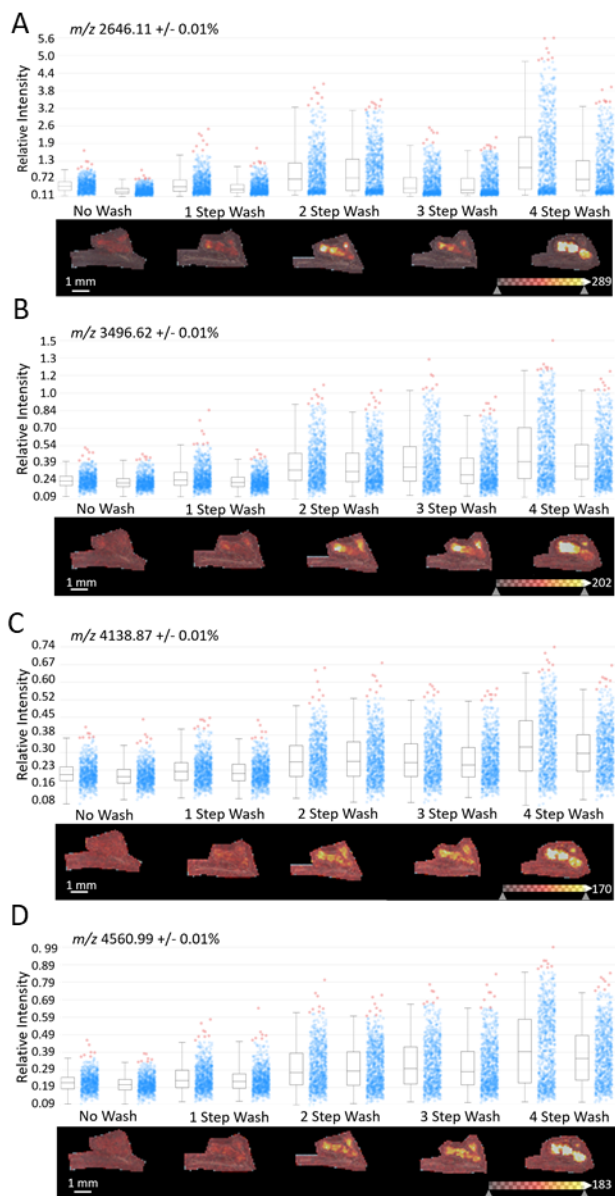
**Table 3.** Overlap between the NCR peptides detected in two previous studies and the present study.

<b>Protein ID</b>	<b>Gene ID (V 4.0)</b>	<b>Marx <i>et al.</i>, 2016</b>	<b>Liese <i>et al.</i>, 2017</b>
A0A072THJ9	Medtr0115s0030		+
A0A072UB12	Medtr7g064020		+
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A0A072V961	Medtr2g450150	+	+
A0A072TZN8	Medtr7g063420	+	
A0A072U6V1	Medtr7g007940	+	
G7JPA2	Medtr4g033900	+	
G7I5S5	Medtr1g011245		
A0A072TT10	Medtr8g064070	+	+
A0A072U1G7	Medtr7g063400	+	
A0A072UBM1	Medtr7g071720		
G7KV51			
G7KV52			
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A7KH78	Medtr6g055160	+	+
A0A072VTT4	Medtr1g052005	+	
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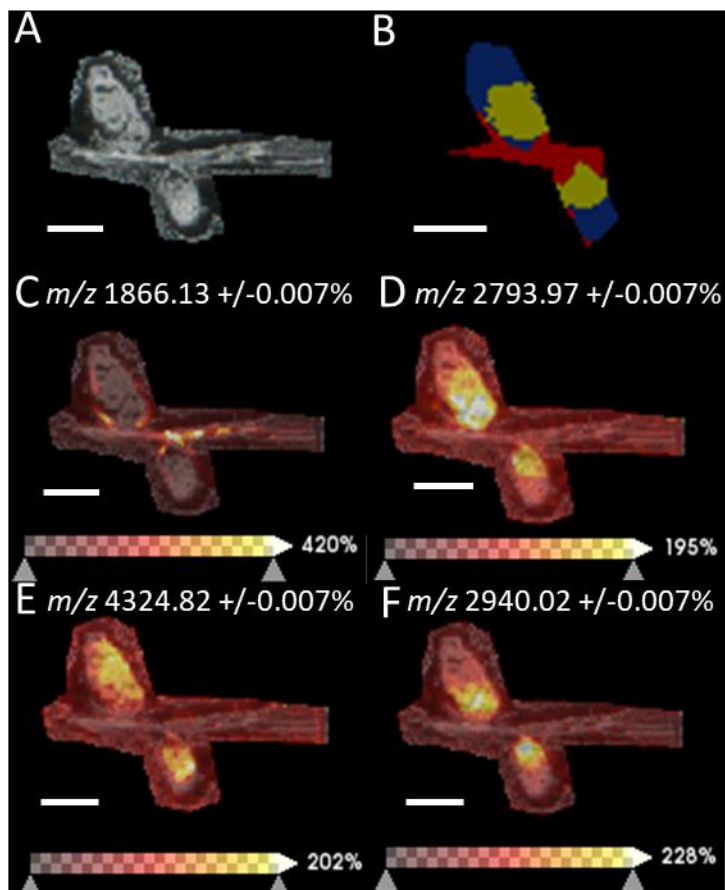
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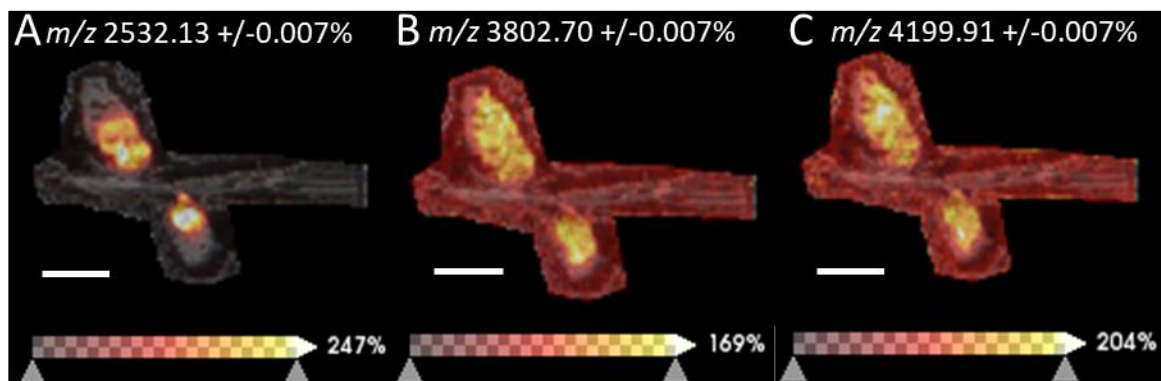
**Figure 1.** Reflectron mode mass spectra showing MALDI-MSI results for initial washes tested. In (A), averaged spectra over the roots and root nodules for protein wash series, two-step wash, three-step wash, and four-step wash compared to the control. In (B), averaged spectra over the roots and root nodules are shown for the single step wash series, ethanol, chloroform, and hexane are compared to a control.



**Figure 2.** Box and whisker plots with associated ion images in reflectron mode for biological replicate 2 for (A)  $m/z$  2646.11 (B)  $m/z$  3496.62 (C)  $m/z$  4138.87 (D)  $m/z$  4560.99. Box and whisker plots and ion images were created  $\pm$  0.010% of the  $m/z$ , and hotspot removal on the ion images is shown in the color bar (black low to white high) with the triangles representing 0% and 100%.



**Figure 3.** Example MALDI-MSI results from the four-step wash. (A) optical image, (B) segmentation results, (C-F) images for  $m/z$  1866.13, 2793.97, 4324.82, and 2940.02 respectively. White bar represents 1 mm, and the color bar goes from 0% (black) to 100% (white), indicated by the two triangles, with the degree of hotspot removal indicated by the percentage to the right of the color bar.



**Figure 4.** MALDI-MSI images of mature NCR peptides identified in the LC-MS/MS results. White bar represents 1 mm, and the color bar goes from 0% (black) to 100% (white), indicated by the two triangles, with the degree of hotspot removal indicated by the percentage to the right of the color bar.



## Supplemental Information

**Supporting Table S1.** Monoisotopic peaks observed in reflectron mode with the four-step wash. Peaks where the correct monoisotopic peak was more challenging to determine are in italics.

1505.859	2736.513	3912.242
1521.812	2742.621	3920.809
1543.829	2793.965	3928.314
1738.661	2940.018	3935.731
1850.119	2955.999	3944.845
1866.130	3102.089	3951.852
1888.159	3118.062	<i>3988.155</i>
1937.162	3264.151	4100.024
1953.158	3280.111	4111.042
1975.143	3387.660	4127.040
1991.115	3426.216	4138.993
2035.070	3442.172	4146.989
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2103.839	3466.576	4199.907
2233.878	3474.679	<i>4213.874</i>
2249.846	3496.702	4227.764
2264.968	3512.760	4238.935
2442.457	3523.622	<i>4324.824</i>
2458.448	3532.397	4355.993
2464.479	3562.493	4379.071
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2496.508	3604.231	4444.926
2510.430	3676.735	4446.244
2532.130	3697.781	4494.001
2554.122	3734.723	4543.949
2570.077	3748.839	4561.108
2607.373	3750.316	4598.088
2646.173	3764.690	4621.099
2680.201	3766.266	4734.952
2684.141	3786.739	<i>4783.017</i>
2720.463	3802.697	<i>4820.364</i>

**Supporting Table S2.** Peaks observed in linear mode with the four-step wash.

1868.01	3383.55	3931.24	4351.59
1939.21	3389.44	3939.27	4360.95
1955.05	3429.51	3947.29	4383.73
1977.56	3445.58	3955.71	4417.28
1993.22	3469.86	3967.82	4436.18
2070.06	3478.09	3991.25	4449.88
2235.82	3500.39	4000.70	4472.46
2252.17	3516.64	4014.21	4487.97
2267.48	3527.70	4023.31	4498.17
2444.49	3536.27	4035.76	4548.16
2460.96	3565.69	4094.54	4565.46
2482.98	3591.49	4103.71	4587.36
2513.13	3607.75	4114.39	4603.26
2535.02	3655.78	4131.21	4625.47
2556.66	3671.10	4142.83	4653.44
2572.92	3681.37	4152.00	4663.08
2649.18	3701.48	4161.68	4729.52
2686.18	3738.54	4167.69	4738.31
2722.80	3753.57	4204.64	4786.88
2738.77	3769.35	4218.12	4801.06
2797.17	3790.43	4231.48	4824.69
2942.61	3806.11	4243.58	4855.59
2958.97	3825.51	4255.32	5258.46
3105.17	3844.16	4282.32	5317.62
3121.14	3861.85	4310.67	5489.30
3267.15	3905.78	4317.86	
3283.31	3924.15	4328.25	

Supporting Table 3. SignalP predicted NCR peptide database.

Description	Sequence	Monoisotopic Mass	# Cys	Cys in disulfide bond	Monoisotopic Mass with Disulfide bonds	[M+H] <sup>+</sup>
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>tr_A7KHG8_A7KHG8_MEDTR Nodule-specific cysteine-rich peptide 338 OS_Medicago truncatula OX_3880 GN_MTRunA17_Ch5g0400281 PE_2 SV_1 ; MatureChain: 45-76	HNCTDISDCSSNHCSYEGVSL CMNGQCICIYE	3527.332	6	6	3521.288	3522.296
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>tr_A7KHCO_A7KHCO_MEDTR Nodule Cysteine-Rich_NCR_secreted peptide OS_Medicago truncatula OX_3880 GN_MTR_4g070690 PE_2 SV_1 ; MatureChain: 25-58	KSYGPCCTLQDCETHNWFEV CSCIDFECKWSLL	3987.674	6	6	3981.630	3982.638
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>tr_A7KH82_A7KH82_MEDTR Nodule Cysteine-Rich_NCR_secreted peptide OS_Medicago truncatula OX_3880 GN_MTR_3g016130 PE_2 SV_1 ; MatureChain: 26-59	YVNCETDADCPPSTRVVKRFKC VKGECRWTRMSYA	3998.847	4	4	3994.817	3995.825
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>tr_A7KH97_A7KH97_MEDTR Nodule-specific cysteine-rich peptide 129 OS_Medicago truncatula OX_3880 PE_2 SV_1 ; MatureChain: 27-61	EMTTTTPTCTFDHDCPKMPLVV KCIDNFCNYFEIK	4071.887	4	4	4067.858	4068.865
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>tr_A7KHA1_A7KHA1_MEDTR Nodule-specific cysteine-rich peptide 144 OS_Medicago truncatula OX_3880 PE_2 SV_1 ; MatureChain: 34-69	AYIECEVDDDCPKPMKNSHPD TYKCVKHCRCQWAWK	4385.957	4	4	4381.928	4382.935



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>tr_G7KE56_G7KE56_MEDTR Nodule Cysteine-Rich_NCR secreted peptide OS_Medicago truncatula OX_3880 GN_MTR_5g070410 PE_4 SV_1 ; MatureChain: 24-60	SDDECKIDGDCPISWQKFHTY KCNQCKKWWLRFHEY	4562.106	4	4	4558.077	4559.084
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>tr_A7KH86_A7KH86_MEDTR Nodule Cysteine-Rich_NCR_secreted peptide OS_Medicago truncatula OX_3880 GN_MTR_5g055370 PE_2 SV_1 ; MatureChain: 27-65	FQPCVTTADCMKTLKTDENI WYECINDFCIFPPKGRK	4564.176	4	4	4560.147	4561.154
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>tr_A7KH69_A7KH69_MEDTR Nodule Cysteine-Rich_NCR_secreted peptide OS_Medicago truncatula OX_3880 GN_MTR_5g063580 PE_2 SV_1 ; MatureChain: 26-64	LYIECKTDADCPISKLNMYN WRCIKSSCHLYKVIQFMV	4668.289	4	4	4664.260	4665.267
>tr_G7JM81_G7JM81_MEDTR Nodule Cysteine-Rich_NCR_secreted peptide OS_Medicago truncatula OX_3880 GN_MTR_4g057120 PE_2 SV_1 ; MatureChain: 21-60	DGIPCVFDYNCPEISYPVRCN VNNICEYNLNVDLVEEIE	4669.079	4	4	4665.050	4666.057
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>tr_G7L6H2_G7L6H2_MEDTR Nodule Cysteine-Rich_NCR_secreted peptide OS_Medicago truncatula OX_3880 GN_MTR_7g065635 PE_4 SV_1 ; MatureChain: 23-63	GNFEFFHKCTQSDSCPSLLC RNKSELPKCIAGFMCRPNV	4684.107	6	6	4678.063	4679.071
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>tr_G7JDM1_G7JDM1_MEDTR Nodule Cysteine-Rich_NCR_secreted peptide OS_Medicago truncatula OX_3880 GN_MTR_4g065390 PE_4 SV_1 ; MatureChain: 24-63	SERECVTDDECEKLYPTNEYR MMCDSDGYCMNLLNEPPCNI	4692.901	5	4	4688.872	4689.879
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>tr_A7KHD3_A7KHD3_MEDTR Nodule Cysteine-Rich_NCR_secreted peptide OS_Medicago truncatula OX_3880 GN_MTR_5g069100 PE_2 SV_1 ; MatureChain: 27-67	NIMNCQSTFDPCPRDMCSHIRD VICIFKCKCKAGGRYMPQVP	4707.141	6	6	4701.097	4702.104
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>tr_A7KH89_A7KH89_MEDTR Nodule Cysteine-Rich_NCR_secreted peptide OS_Medicago truncatula OX_3880 GN_MTR_3g030060 PE_2 SV_1 ; MatureChain: 27-67	KPFLTRPYPCNTGSDCPQNMCM PPGYKPGCEDGYCNHCYKRW	4725.003	6	6	4718.960	4719.967
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>tr_A0A072VH74_A0A072VH74_MEDTR Nodule Cysteine-Rich_NCR_secreted peptide OS_Medicago truncatula OX_3880 GN_MTR_1g046170 PE_4 SV_1 ; MatureChain: 26-66	YVPCRRNADCLGEKLPKPKR YWCRIITEPYEDFPMGRCDCI	4908.271	6	6	4902.227	4903.234
>tr_A0A072VHS4_A0A072VHS4_MEDTR Nodule Cysteine-Rich_NCR_secreted peptide OS_Medicago truncatula OX_3880 GN_MTR_1g046150 PE_4 SV_1 ; MatureChain: 27-69	FSICQNNSDCKDQEIPLPKKH WCNKIVPMIETMVGNCCECI	4938.247	6	6	4932.203	4933.210
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>tr_A0A072UK35_A0A072UK35_MEDTR Nodule Cysteine-Rich_NCR_secreted peptide-like protein OS_Medicago truncatula OX_3880 GN_MTR_4g036530 PE_4 SV_1 ; MatureChain: 31-71	WRVDHDPYKSCSHDEDCVKI HFYCPPKVPYCRVDRDCDFN	4971.169	6	6	4965.125	4966.133
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>tr_A0A072TOP5_A0A072TOP5_MEDTR Nodule Cysteine-Rich_NCR_secreted peptide OS_Medicago truncatula OX_3880 GN_MTR_8g442760 PE_4 SV_1 ; MatureChain: 24-67	DDYHLKCTTDYDCREGFCE GLAPKCFVSFALARFLSEGRC LCI	4991.267	6	6	4985.223	4986.230
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>tr_A7KH81_A7KH81_MEDTR Nodule Cysteine-Rich_NCR_secreted peptide OS_Medicago truncatula OX_3880 GN_MTR_3g065050 PE_2 SV_1 ; MatureChain: 17-59	LFLVEMGHLSIHCVSVDDCPK VEKPTMKCINNYCKYFVDHK L	5008.464	4	4	5004.435	5005.442
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>tr_G7ZZE8_G7ZZE8_MEDTR Nodule Cysteine-Rich_NCR_secreted peptide OS_Medicago truncatula OX_3880 GN_MTR_3g011830 PE_4 SV_1 ; MatureChain: 25-65	IDPPHHITNHEIPCKYNHDCPTI LDYISICPYHYCEFWRTY	5046.281	4	4	5042.252	5043.259
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>tr_G7KU03_G7KU03_MEDTR Nodule Cysteine-Rich_NCR_secreted peptide OS_Medicago truncatula OX_3880 GN_MTR_7g045410 PE_4 SV_2 ; MatureChain: 27-71	KPLSLNCTQDYDCPIEMCFPP FQPKCIMLKNLSIFSNGICSCT	5057.298	6	6	5051.254	5052.261
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>tr_G7L162_G7L162_MEDTR Nodule Cysteine-Rich_NCR_secreted peptide OS_Medicago truncatula OX_3880 GN_MTR_7g027180 PE_4 SV_1 ; MatureChain: 25-71	SLPDAPPCLFTPECPDMCPTD LTLKCNLSCQCTIEYDIDPDV VPS	5108.289	6	6	5102.245	5103.252
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>tr_I3SFJ9_I3SFJ9_MEDTR Nodule Cysteine-Rich_NCR_secreted peptide OS_Medicago truncatula OX_3880 GN_MTR_6g090485 PE_2 SV_1 ; MatureChain: 26-69	VIFECSEDSHCVTKIKCVLPRK PECRNTQCTCYRGYKGSFTLH H	5115.422	6	6	5109.378	5110.385
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>tr_G7K944_G7K944_MEDTR Nodule Cysteine-Rich_NCR_secreted peptide OS_Medicago truncatula OX_3880 GN_MTR_5g061120 PE_4 SV_1 ; MatureChain: 29-71	FLRCDFDLDCPPKMCYSHLYF VPMCVDNHCDCTQWKDIPTI P	5121.262	6	6	5115.218	5116.225
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>tr_A0A072TNG5_A0A072TNG5_MEDTR Nodule Cysteine-Rich_NCR_secreted peptide OS_Medicago truncatula OX_3880 GN_MTR_2125s0010 PE_4 SV_1 ; MatureChain: 25-69	QCITYPACFKDHMCRQLKCS PG RTPKCVNYQCRCSPQALGS Y	5146.392	7	6	5140.348	5141.355
>tr_G7KV48_G7KV48_MEDTR Nodule Cysteine-Rich_NCR_secreted peptide OS_Medicago truncatula OX_3880 GN_MTR_7g071695 PE_4 SV_1 ; MatureChain: 25-72	YSVYGCNDTDCPPSCTTRGC PDS CAYPHVLRICIGKCAEN K NGIAEL	5152.200	7	6	5146.157	5147.164
>tr_G7KI16_G7KI16_MEDTR Nodule Cysteine-Rich_NCR_secreted peptide OS_Medicago truncatula OX_3880 GN_MTR_5g056360 PE_4 SV_1 ; MatureChain: 27-69	FVKCETLDDCPKSDYIRQYEC VNNWCRLARLHEFPKKSTL TS	5151.446	4	4	5147.417	5148.424
>tr_A0A072UJR7_A0A072UJR7_MEDTR Nodule Cysteine-Rich_NCR_secreted peptide OS_Medicago truncatula OX_3880 GN_MTR_6g044562 PE_4 SV_1 ; MatureChain: 27-69	AFAGWKCKVDEDCPNVFTY SYKYCVNELCEIFLREIPKPY M	5152.470	4	4	5148.441	5149.449
>tr_G7IX57_G7IX57_MEDTR Nodule Cysteine-Rich_NCR_secreted peptide OS_Medicago truncatula OX_3880 GN_MTR_3g033925 PE_4 SV_1 ; MatureChain: 24-69	AKEEVNCLDDADCLEVLCVF GSKAEVNVNIIICVPPRFKGF D EHRF	5159.414	6	6	5153.370	5154.378
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>tr_G7IY53_G7IY53_MEDTR Nodule Cysteine-Rich_NCR_secreted peptide OS_Medicago truncatula OX_3880 GN_MTR_11420609 PE_4 SV_1 ; MatureChain: 24-66	VDIYKIFCIDVADCPKDYLL YKCIYKNCIVFRIFPPFDWI	5202.653	4	4	5198.624	5199.632
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>tr_G7IWA4_G7IWA4_MEDTR Nodule Cysteine-Rich _NCR_ secreted peptide OS_Medicago truncatula OX_3880 GN_MTR_3g021040 PE_4 SV_1 ; MatureChain: 24-70	LNGHGRNRCFRSDCPKVMC PSYLVTKCFKKHCRCKPGLQ VQLNPK	5459.727	6	6	5453.684	5454.691
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>tr_G7KEA3_G7KEA3_MEDTR Nodule Cysteine-Rich _NCR_ secreted peptide OS_Medicago truncatula OX_3880 GN_MTR_5g072450 PE_4 SV_1 ; MatureChain: 27-74	LYIGETDRDYPLANKTFYFL KCIDKCEWTVTDSLSTRSGR MQLSI	5585.781	3	2	5583.767	5584.774
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>tr_G7K5W8_G7K5W8_MEDTR Nodule Cysteine-Rich_NCR_secreted peptide OS_Medicago truncatula OX_3880 GN_MTR_5g076055 PE_4 SV_1 ; MatureChain: 23-71	EDIGGNCCEIRDCEDFKQKR EDCHKEYCMIFVYHCKENYK CVCAGMFN	5860.423	8	6	5854.379	5855.386
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Supporting Table S4. LC-MS/MS identifications from wild type root nodules.

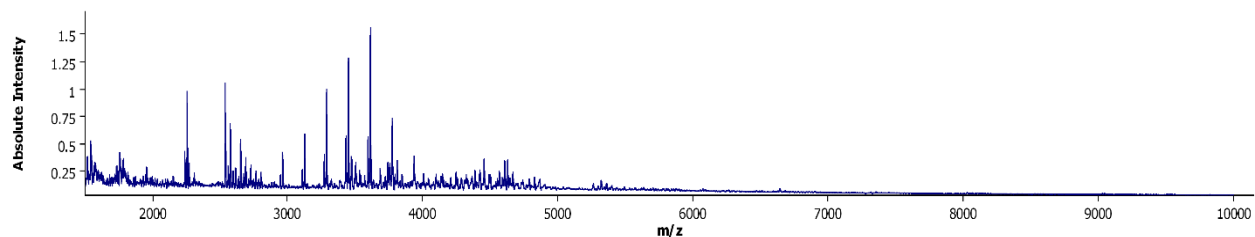
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Supporting Table S5. LC-MS/MS Identifications from 35S:MtCLE13 root nodules.

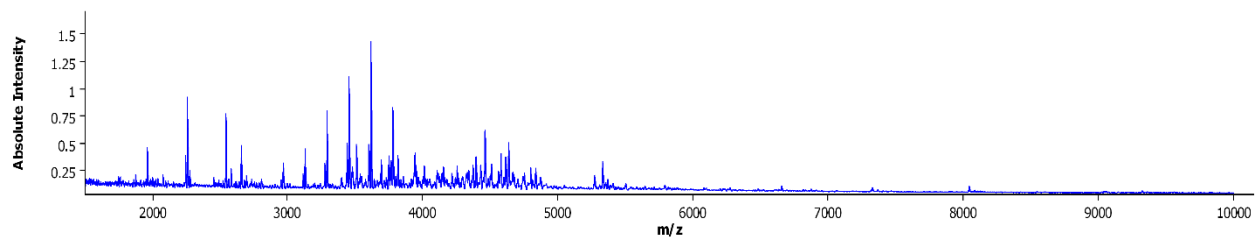
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**Supporting Figure S1.** Linear mode spectra averaged over roots and root nodules for performed washes, (A) control no wash for comparison to two-step (B), three-step (C), and four-step (D) washes and (E) control for comparison to single step washes of ethanol (F), chloroform (G), and hexanes (H).

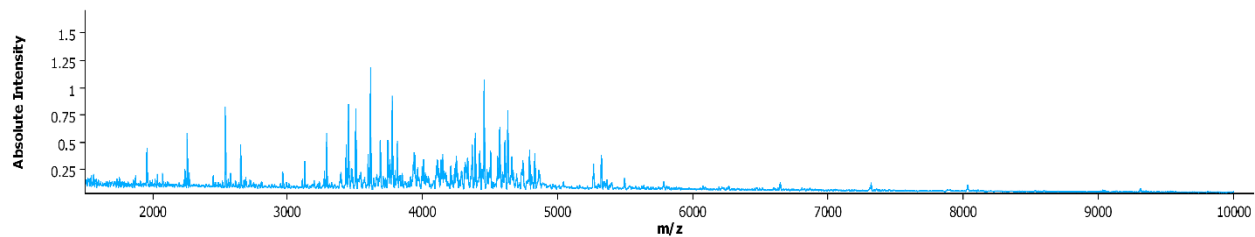
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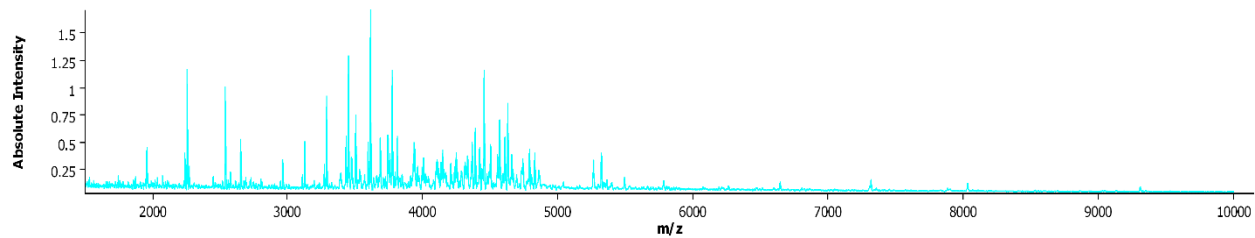
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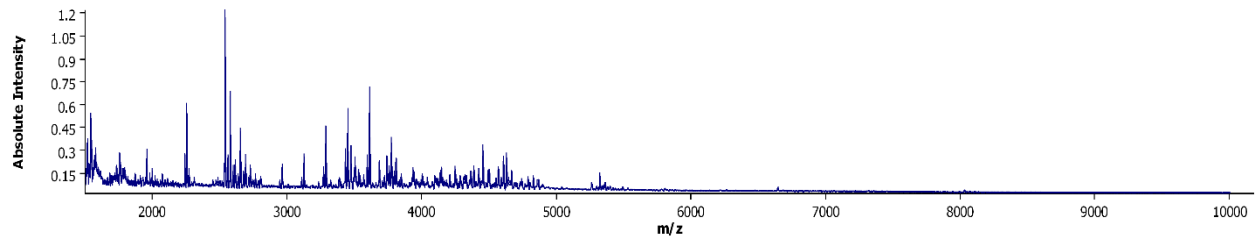
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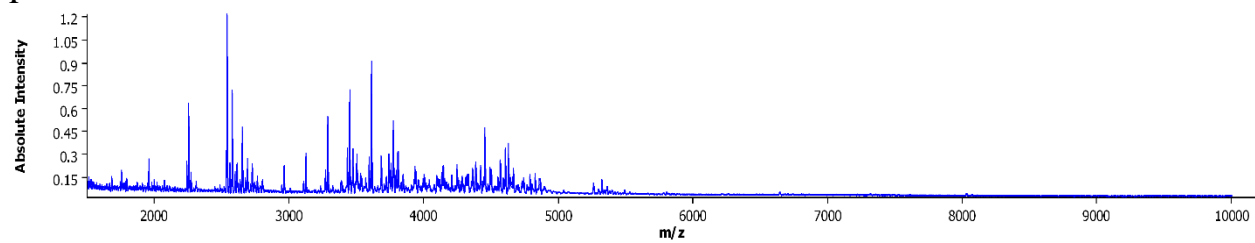
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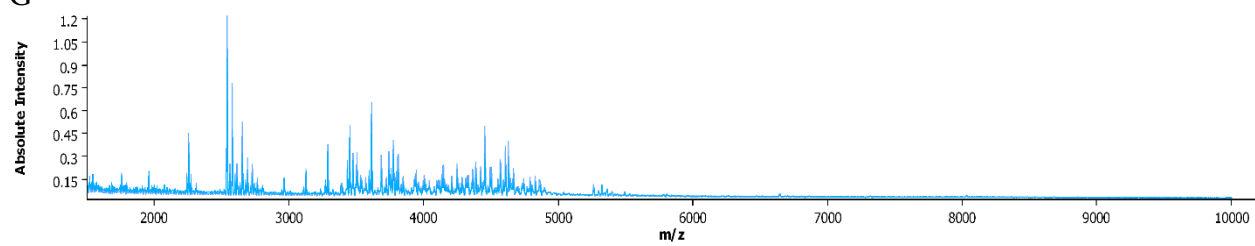
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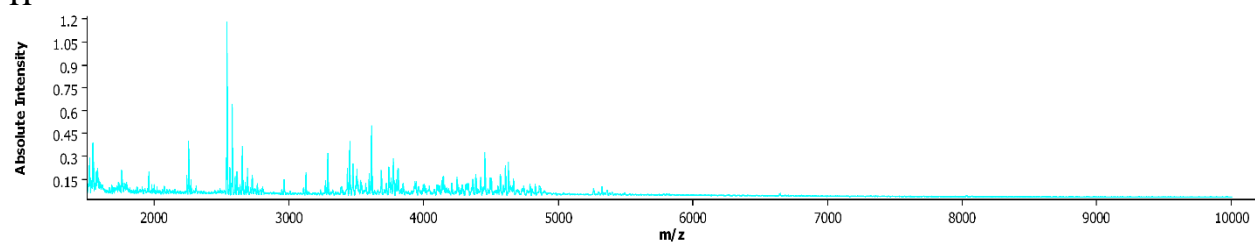
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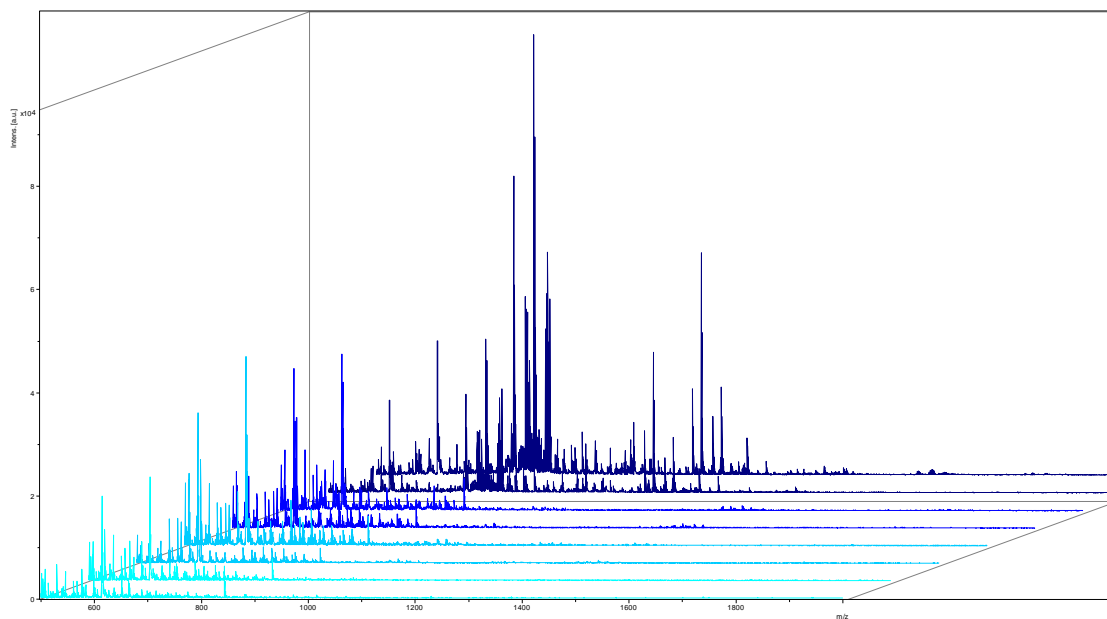


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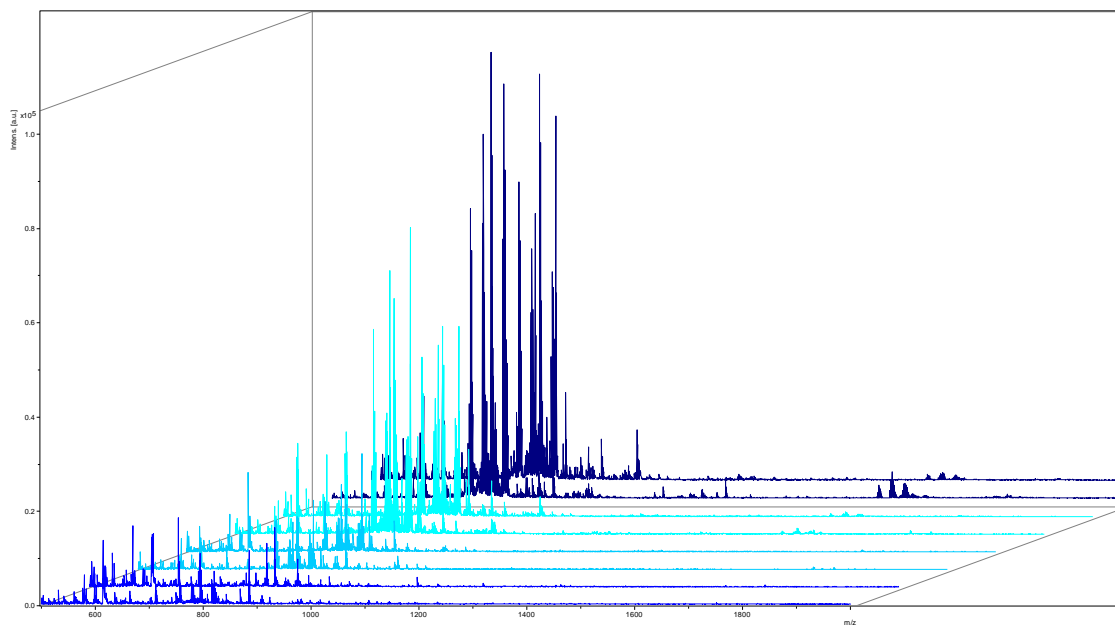


**Supporting Figure S2.** Profiling spectra from 500-2000  $m/z$  showing lipid content after washing. In (A), the two-step (bright blue), three-step (light blue), and four-step (teal) washes are compared to a no wash control (dark blue). In (B), the single step washes of ethanol (bright blue), chloroform (light blue), and hexanes (teal) are compared to a no wash control (dark blue).

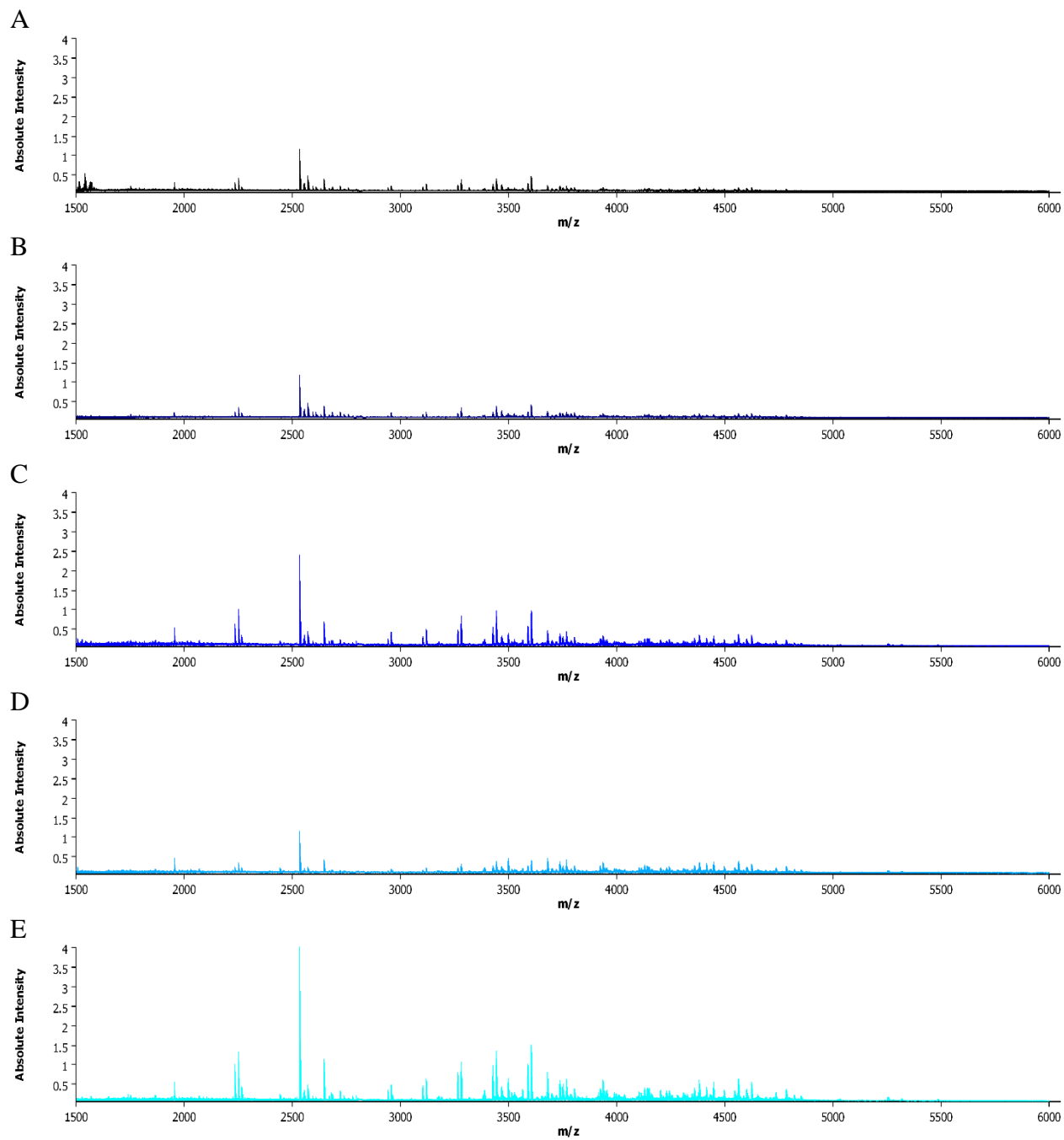
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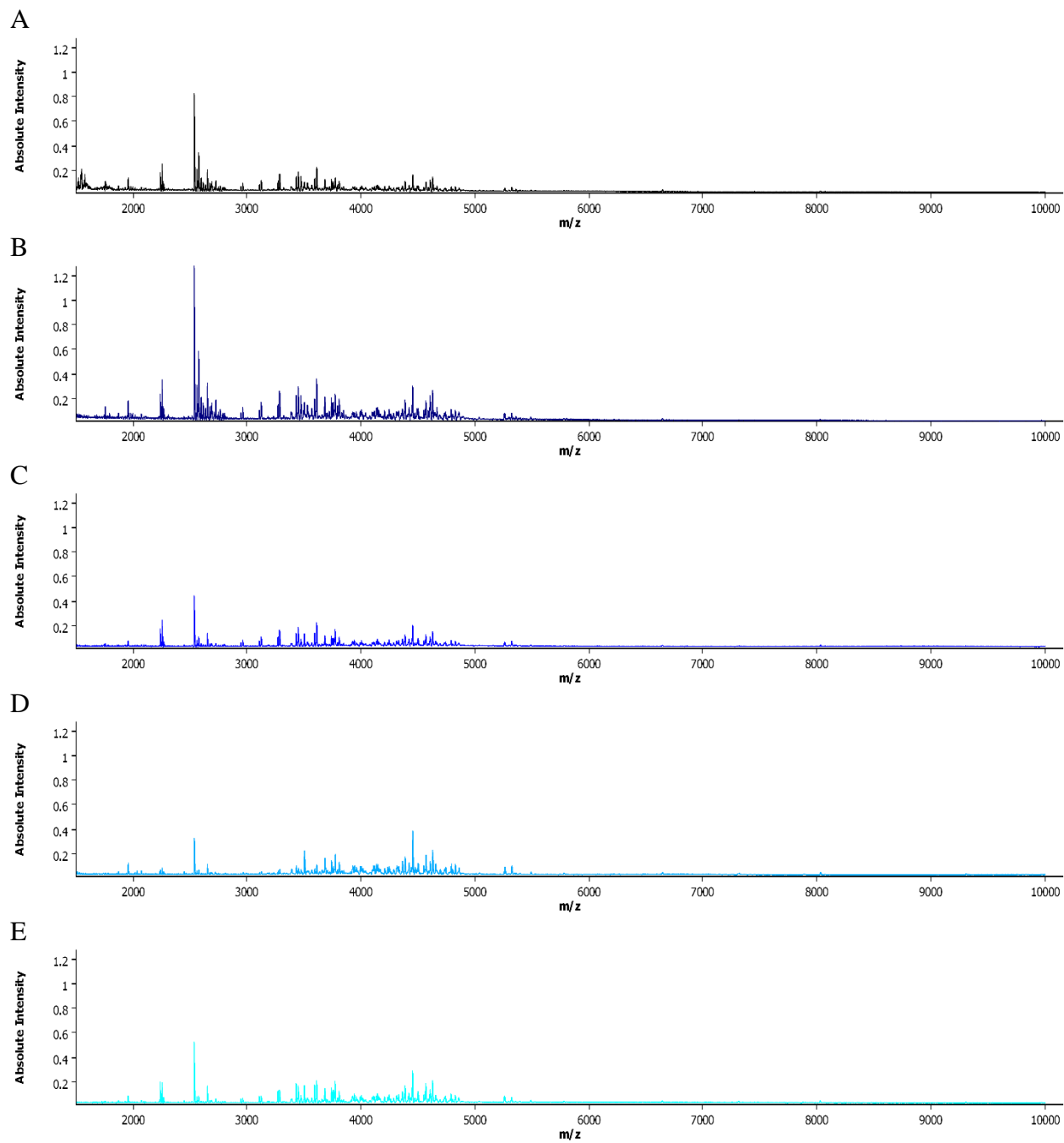
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**Supporting Figure S3.** Reflectron spectra for biological replicate 2 showing no wash (**A**), ethanol wash (**B**), two-step wash (**C**), three-step wash (**D**), and four-step wash (**E**).

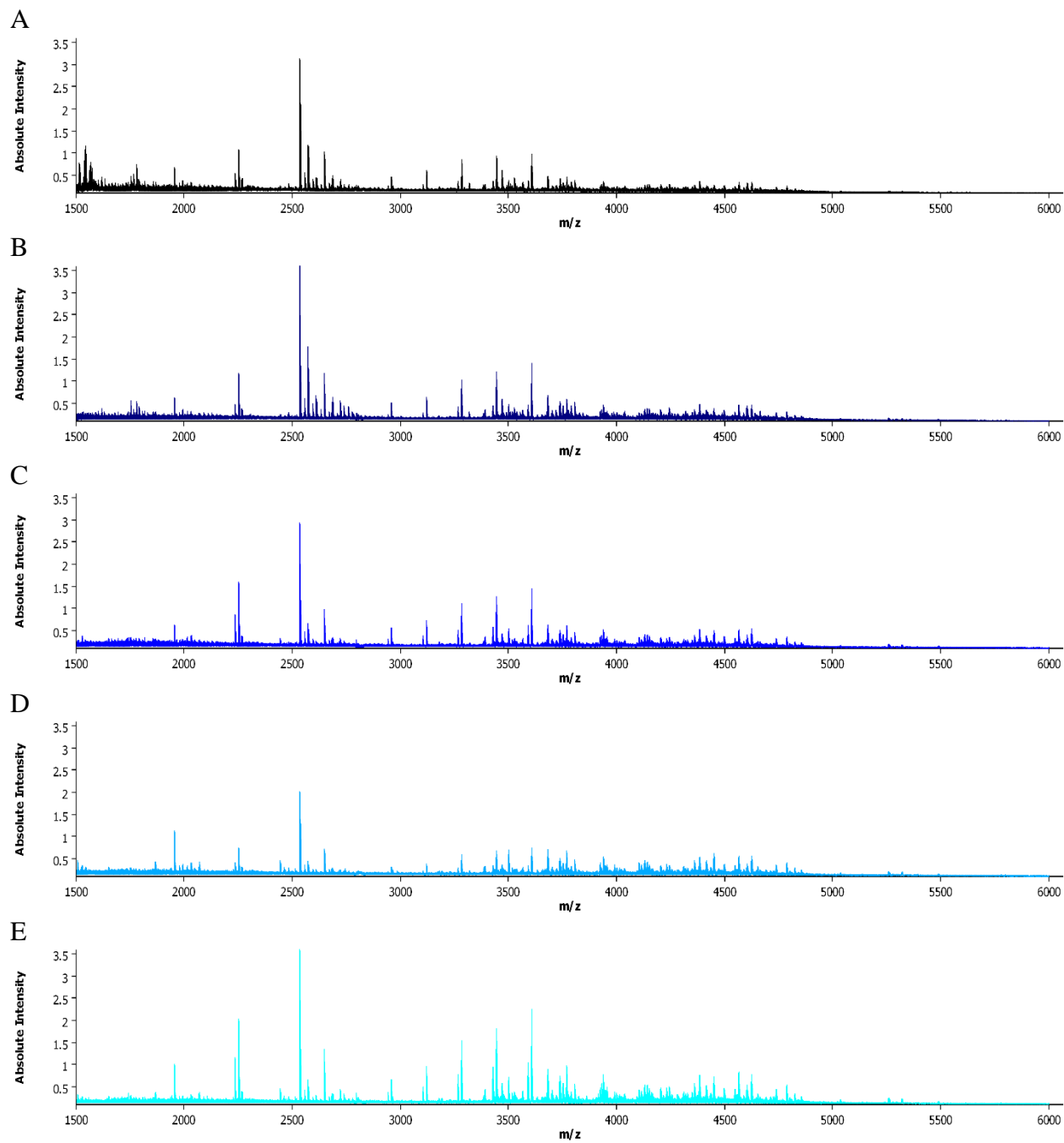


**Supporting Figure S4.** Linear spectra for biological replicate 2 showing no wash (**A**), ethanol wash (**B**), two-step wash (**C**), three-step wash (**D**), and four-step wash (**E**).

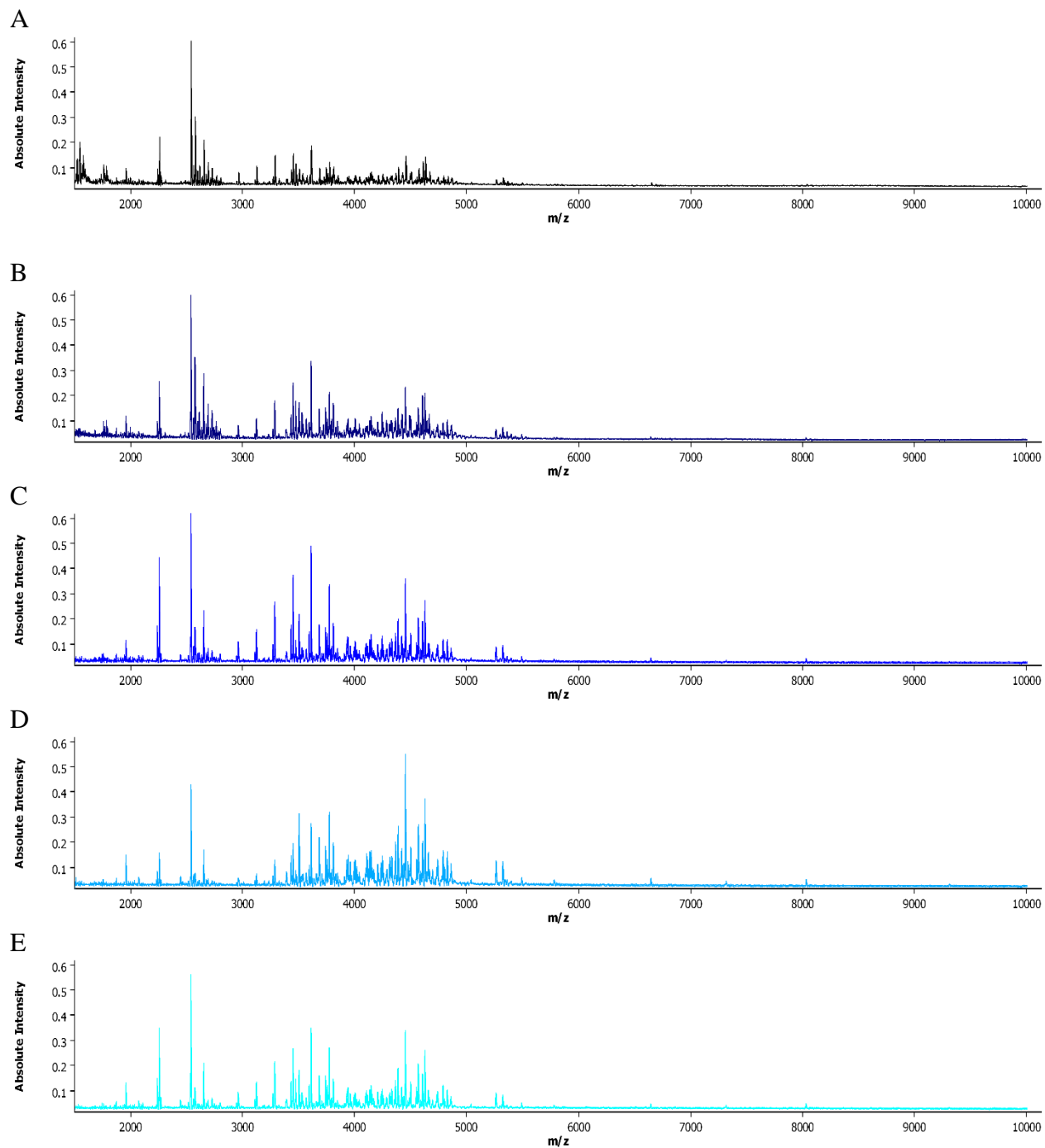




**Supporting Figure S5.** Reflectron spectra for biological replicate 3 showing no wash (**A**), ethanol wash (**B**), two-step wash (**C**), three-step wash (**D**), and four-step wash (**E**).

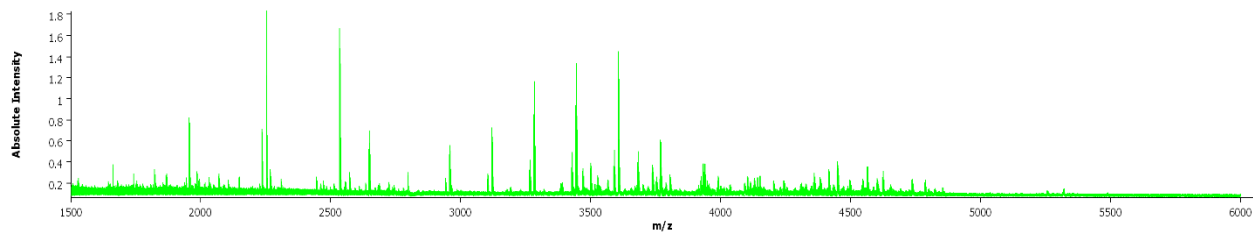


**Supporting Figure S5.** Linear spectra for biological replicate 3 showing no wash (**A**), ethanol wash (**B**), two-step wash (**C**), three-step wash (**D**), and four-step wash (**E**).

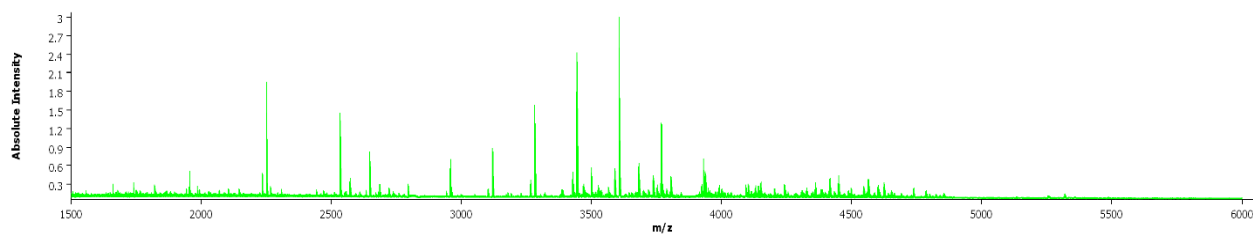


**Supporting Figure S6.** Spectra averaged over nodule and root for root nodules treated with Denator. The Two biological replicates are shown in (A) and (B).

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# Chapter 6

## **Extraction Optimization for Combined Metabolomics, Peptidomics, and Proteomics Analysis of Gut Microbiota Samples**

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## Abstract

Multiomic studies are increasingly used to gain a deeper understanding of molecular processes occurring in a biological system, such as the complex microbial communities (*i.e.*, microbiota) that reside the distal gut. While a combination of metabolomics and proteomics is more commonly used, multiomics studies including peptidomics characterization are less frequently undertaken. Here, we investigated three different extraction methods, chosen for their previous use in extracting metabolites, peptides, and proteins, and compared their ability to perform metabolomic, peptidomic, and proteomic analysis of mouse cecum content. The methanol/ chloroform/ water extraction performed the best for metabolomic and peptidomic analysis as it detected the largest number of small molecules and identified the largest number of peptides, but the acidified methanol extraction performed best for proteomics analysis as it had the highest number of protein identifications. The methanol/ chloroform/ water extraction was further analyzed by identifying metabolites with MS/MS analysis and by gene ontology analysis for the peptide and protein results to provide a multiomics analysis of the gut microbiota.

## Introduction

The gastrointestinal tract is host to large and dynamic communities of microbes, containing  $\sim 10^8$  to  $10^{10}$  organisms per gram in the ileum and stool,<sup>1</sup> and encompassing the 3 domains of life: bacterial, archaea and eukaryotes.<sup>2, 3</sup> The gut microbiota has various roles in human health, including nutrition and immune function modulation.<sup>4, 5</sup> Furthermore, the disruption of the gut microbiota has been connected to various inflammatory chronic conditions such as inflammatory bowel disease,<sup>6</sup> obesity<sup>7, 8</sup> and cardiovascular disease.<sup>9, 10</sup> Due to the importance that the microbiota plays in human health, there is an abundance of studies on various aspects of the microbiota.

Research includes various aspects of the microbiome such as the metagenomic<sup>11</sup> and proteomic content,<sup>12</sup> but also looks at how the microbiome influences other systems, including blood and cerebrospinal fluid metabolites.<sup>13, 14</sup>

While studying individual “omics” results in a depth of information about the genomic, proteomic or metabolomic content of the desired biological specimen, the combination of multiple of these analyses can determine different connections between molecular classes in a biological system. Consequently, multiomic approaches are used to study the microbiota, as well as in other fields.<sup>15-18</sup> A combination of metagenomic and metabolomic approaches has been used, for example, to study the microbiota’s response to infection,<sup>19</sup> the effect of arsenic on the gut microbiome,<sup>20</sup> and the effect of trichloroacetamide exposure on the gut microbiome and urinary metabolites.<sup>21</sup> Other combinations of metagenomics, metatranscriptomics, metabolomics, and (meta)proteomics can also be employed.<sup>22</sup> Although large amounts of data created in multiomic techniques can be challenging and time consuming to analyze, advances in software are arising to simplify the task.<sup>23, 24</sup>

While the field of peptidomics is more recent than the fields of metabolomics and proteomics, it has nevertheless risen to importance.<sup>25, 26</sup> Well-studied signaling peptides in the brain, *i.e.* neuropeptides, are an important class of molecules regulating a wide variety of processes.<sup>27, 28</sup> Similarly, peptide hormones in the endocrine system are also important endogenous peptides that have been studied due to their role in regulating metabolism.<sup>29, 30</sup> In the gut, bioactive peptides, derived from digestion of proteins in the intestines, has resulted in a number of peptides with roles in health.<sup>31</sup> For example, bioactive peptides present in the gut that inhibit the angiotensin I-converting enzyme (ACE) can reduce hypertension and improve cardiovascular health.<sup>32, 33</sup>

Although multiomic studies with a combination of genomics, metabolomics, and proteomics is common, peptidomics is much less frequently combined with other “omic” techniques. Therefore, we set out to identify an optimal extraction method ideal for combining peptidomics with metabolomics and proteomics for a multiomics approach to analyze the gut microbiota. Here, we tested three different extraction methods for combined metabolomics, peptidomics, and proteomics. The three extractions chosen have been previously used in various biological systems to achieve good results in one or more of the metabolomics, peptidomics, and proteomics fields and comprise of a variety of solvent systems. The chloroform/ methanol/ water extraction is a common small molecule extraction that can be used for metabolomics and proteomics multiomics studies,<sup>34</sup> and has previously been used to study cecal metabolomics.<sup>19</sup> An acidified methanol extraction is commonly used in neuropeptide extractions<sup>29, 35</sup> but has also been applied for metabolomics.<sup>36</sup> Finally, the 40/40/20 acetonitrile/ methanol/ water extraction adds acetonitrile to the extraction solvent, which has been shown to be beneficial for certain metabolites<sup>37</sup> and has been shown to work well in metabolomics studies.<sup>38</sup> The small molecules, peptides, and proteins detected for each extraction were compared and used to determine an optimal extraction for metabolomic, peptidomic, and proteomic analysis. While the acidified methanol extraction performed best for the proteomics experiments, the methanol/ chloroform/ water extraction performed the best in terms of the number of small molecules and peptides detected and was further evaluated with gene ontology analysis.

## **Materials and Methods**

### Cecum Collection

All animal procedures were approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Germ-free (n=1) and conventionally-raised (n=1) male C57BL/6 mice were used and fed LabDiet #5021 (Purina Mills, Inc. Richmond, IN). At 21 weeks of age, mice were euthanized via CO<sub>2</sub> inhalation and exsanguination. Cecal content was collected, snap frozen in liquid nitrogen immediately, and stored in the -80°C until analysis.

### Sample Preparation

The two cecum samples were combined and separated into three approximately equal aliquots. On one aliquot, a methanol/ chloroform/ water extraction was performed in a PTFE tube by adding in order, 3 parts methanol, 1 part chloroform, and 4 parts Milli-Q ultrapure water (total volume 4.0 mL). The tube was vortexed and centrifuged at 3200 x g and 4°C for 15 minutes. The upper aqueous layer was removed, and 4 parts methanol were added to the tube and vortexed. The tube was centrifuged again at 1500 x g and 4°C for 5 minutes. The supernatant was removed (organic fraction). The aqueous fraction, organic fraction, and pellet were dried down and saved in the -80°C until further processing. The second aliquot was extracted with acidified methanol (methanol/ water/ acetic acid 90/9/1 v/v/v) and the third aliquot with 40% methanol 40% acetonitrile 20% water. Both of these two extractions were probe sonicated for 3 cycles (8s on 15 s off) at 4°C and centrifuged at 15,000 x g and 4°C for 15 minutes. The supernatant and pellet were separated and then dried down in a speed vac and saved in the -80°C until further processing.

A 3 kDa molecular weight cut-off (MWCO) filtration was performed on the aqueous and organic fraction of the methanol/ chloroform/ water extraction, the acidified methanol (AcMeOH) extraction, and the methanol/ acetonitrile/ water extraction. The Amicon Ultra (Millipore) MWCO device was first rinsed with 0.2 mL 0.1 M NaOH, and 0.5 mL 50% methanol. Both rinses were centrifuged at 14,000 x g until the rinse was through the membrane. The sample was then loaded



into the device and centrifuged through the device at 14,000 x g. A final rinse of 0.1 mL 50% methanol was added to the device and the MWCO was centrifuged at 14,000 x g. The content below 3 kDa was split into two aliquots (one metabolomics and one peptidomics) for each of the four samples and dried down in a speed vac. The MWCO was rinsed with 0.4 mL 50% methanol and equilibrated for 5 mins, and then flipped over and centrifuged at 14,000 x g for 2 mins to collect content above 3 kDa from the device. A 30kDa MWCO was performed on the above 3 kDa fraction to separate the extract into peptidomics (3 kDa to 30kDa) and proteomics (above 30kDa) fractions.

The below 3 kDa and 3-30 kDa peptidomics fractions were combined. Sep-Pak C18 was used for peptide desalting, and then peptide samples were dried down in a speed vac and saved at -80°C until LC-MS/MS analysis. The proteomics fractions from the supernatant contents above 30 kDa and from the pellets were combined. The aqueous and organic fraction above 30 kDa from the methanol/ chloroform/ water extraction method were combined together with the pellet. The protein mixture samples were dissolved in 1 mL ice-cold PBS, and debris from the pellet was removed with a low centrifuge speed (300 x g, 4°C for 5 mins).<sup>39</sup> The supernatant was carefully collected, and the pellets were washed another two times with PBS and all the supernatant obtained from each time was combined. The supernatant was then centrifuged at 20,000 x g for 10 min to pellet the bacterial cells and host cells. The pellet was then lysed with 8 M urea Lysis buffer with sonication (On 8 sec, Off 15 sec, 3 cycles). The total protein concentration of each pellet was determined by BCA assay and then digested with Trypsin/Lys-C mixture overnight. Then, the digested proteins were desalted, dried down in a speed vac, and saved in the -80°C until LC-MS/MS analysis.

#### Metabolomics Data Acquisition and Analysis

The aqueous fraction was resuspended at 10 mg/mL in optima grade water with 0.1% formic acid while the other three metabolomic samples (organic fraction, AcMeOH sample, MeOH/AcN/water sample) were resuspended at 10 mg/mL in optima grade methanol with 0.1% formic acid. Any samples that were cloudy were centrifuged briefly and the supernatant used for the analysis. LC-MS/MS analysis was performed with a Dionex Ultimate 3000 UHPLC system connected to a Q Exactive mass spectrometer (Thermo Scientific). Separation occurred on a Cortecs C18 column (2.1 mm internal diameter x 100 mm length, 1.6  $\mu$ m particle size; Waters), equipped with a corresponding guard column with a column temperature of 35°C, and mobile phases of optima grade water with 0.1% formic acid (A) and acetonitrile with 0.1% formic acid (B). A 35 minute gradient at a flow rate of 0.3 mL/minutes with the following conditions was used for separation: 0–5 min, 1% B; 5–10 min, linear gradient from 1–3% B; 10–18 min, linear gradient from 3–40% B; 18–22 min, linear gradient from 40–80% B; 22–27 min, column cleaning at 95% B; and 27–35 min, re-equilibration at 1% B. A top 5 data dependent acquisition method was used for MS/MS of small molecules in the extractions. The full MS settings were 70,000 resolution, 1e6 AGC, 100 ms max inject time, 100-1500  $m/z$ . The MS/MS settings were 35,000 resolution, 1e5 AGC, 100 ms max inject time, 1.0  $m/z$  isolation window, and 30 dynamic exclusion. Three technical replicates were run for each extraction, and each technical replicate used a different HCD collision energy (25, 30, 40 respectively). Samples were run in both positive and negative mode.

Compound Discoverer software was used to analyze the LC-MS/MS data for each extraction in both positive and negative ion mode (the aqueous and organic fractions were analyzed together). Individual runs were aligned with an adaptive curve model with a maximum shift of 1 minute and 5 ppm tolerance. Unknown compounds were detected with a 5 ppm mass tolerance, 30% intensity tolerance, 3 S/N ratio, and 1,000,000 minimum peak intensity. Unknown

compounds were grouped with a 5 ppm mass tolerance and 0.1-minute retention time tolerance. A fill gaps step was used with 5 ppm mass error and 0.1 retention time error. Constant sum normalization and marking of background compounds were used. The MS/MS spectra were searched in the mzCloud library against all activation types and activation energies and matches were manually validated by ensuring that all the major fragment ions in the database spectra matched the experimental spectra. MS/MS spectra were also searched against the MassBank of North America MS/MS database for additional identifications.

### Peptidomics Acquisition and Analysis

Peptide samples were resuspended in optima grade water with 3% acetonitrile and 0.1% formic acid. LC-MS/MS was performed on an Ultimate 3000 UPLC system coupled with the Orbitrap Fusion™ Tribrid™ Mass Spectrometer. A 75  $\mu\text{m} \times 16$  cm homemade column packed with 1.7  $\mu\text{m}$ , 150 Å, BEH C18 material obtained from a Waters (Milford, MA) UPLC column (part no. 186004661) was used for label-free peptide separation at a flow rate of 0.3  $\mu\text{l}/\text{min}$ . Mobile phase A was 0.1% formic acid in optima water and mobile phase B was 0.1% formic acid in optima acetonitrile. The 145 min optimized gradient used was as follows: 0-18.33 min, 3% solvent B; 18.33-30 min, 3-10% B; 30-50 min, 10-20% B; 50-108 min, 20-75% B; 108-118 min, 75% B; 118-118.5 min 75%-95% B; 118.5-128 min, 95% B; 128-128.5 min, 95%-3% B; 128.5-145 min, 3% B. Full MS scans were acquired from  $m/z$  300 to 1500 at a resolution of 60 K, automatic gain control (AGC) at  $2 \times 10^5$ , and maximum injection time (IT) of 100 ms. The top 20 precursors were then selected for higher-energy C-trap dissociation tandem mass spectrometry (HCD MS2) analysis with an isolation window of 1  $m/z$ , a HCD collision energy (NCE) of 30, a resolving power of 15 k, an AGC target of  $5 \times 10^4$ , a maximum injection time of 100 ms, and a lower mass limit of 120  $m/z$ .

The .raw data files from the Orbitrap MS analysis were searched against a combined database which included food, 93 strains of bacteria, and mouse proteome from Uniport with PEAKS STUDIO 8.5 software. A precursor tolerance of 10 ppm and a fragment mass tolerance of 0.02 Da were allowed. Acetylation (N-term), amidation, oxidation (M), pyro-Glu from E, pyro-Glu from Q, sulfation (STY), were set as rare dynamic modifications and allowing three maximum variable PTM per peptide. Parameters for confident peptide identification were Ascore (PTM site confidence) higher than 20, FDR lower than 1%, and the presence of at least one unique peptide.

#### Proteomics Acquisition and Analysis

A Dionex UltiMate 3000 nanoLC system coupled with a Q Exactive HF Orbitrap MS was used for Ultra-performance LC-MS analysis. Homemade column and mobile phases were the same as mentioned above for the peptidomic analysis. The optimized gradient used was as follows: 0-16 min, 3% solvent B; 16-20 min, 3-25% B; 20-30 min, 25-45% B; 30-50 min, 45-70% B; 50-56 min, 70-95% B; 56-60 min 95% B; 60-60.5 min, 95-3% B; 60.5-70 min, 3% B. Full MS scans were acquired from  $m/z$  300 to 1500 at a resolution of 60 K, AGC at  $1 \times 10^6$ , and maximum injection time (IT) of 100 ms. The top 15 precursors were then selected for higher-energy C-trap dissociation tandem mass spectrometry (HCD MS2) analysis with an isolation window of 1.4  $m/z$ , a normalized collision energy (NCE) of 30, a resolving power of 15 K, an AGC target of  $1 \times 10^5$ , a maximum injection time of 100 ms, and a lower mass limit of 120  $m/z$ . PEAKS software was used for protein identification. The parameters were the same as used above for peptidomics analysis, except trypsin with D&P enzyme was selected for this bottom-up proteomics study. Non-specific cleavage at both ends of the peptide was allowed and the maximum missed cleavages per peptide was set at two.

## Results

Two cecal content samples were combined and split into three approximately equal aliquots to test three different extraction protocols. The sample preparation workflow is provided in **Supplemental Figure S1** for the three extractions. The three extractions tested were a methanol/ chloroform/ water (MeOH/CHCl<sub>3</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O) extraction, an acidified methanol (AcMeOH) extraction, and a methanol, acetonitrile, water (MeOH/AcN/H<sub>2</sub>O) extraction. The methanol/ chloroform/ water extraction results in two liquid fractions, an aqueous fraction and an organic fraction, as well as a pellet. The other two extractions resulted in a supernatant and a pellet. The four liquid portions were processed with a 3 kDa molecular weight cut-off followed by a 30 kDa molecular weight cut-off. The <3 kDa portion was split for LC-MS metabolomics analysis and nano-LC-MS peptidomics analysis. The 3<x<30 kDa portion was saved for nano-LC-MS peptidomics analysis as well. The >30 kDa fraction was combined with the pellet for bottom up nano-LC-MS proteomics analysis.

### Metabolomics

Metabolomics data was analyzed in Compound Discoverer 2.0 to detect unknown compounds and perform tandem MS (MS/MS) matching of experimental MS/MS spectra to the mzCloud high resolution/accurate mass spectral database. Each of the three extractions were analyzed separately in the software with the same parameters to test how many compounds were detected in each extraction. The aqueous and organic fractions for the methanol/ chloroform/ water extraction were combined in the software. **Figure 1** shows the results for the metabolomics analysis. In both positive and negative mode, the methanol/ chloroform/ water extraction detected about 2-times more compounds than the other extractions in Compound Discoverer. Compound monoisotopic molecular weights were processed in METLIN with a 5 ppm error to approximate

how many of the  $m/z$  potentially matched to known small molecules. The methanol/ chloroform/ water extraction still out-performed the other two extractions in both positive and negative mode in the METLIN analysis. In order to compare the detected  $m/z$  across the three extractions, the METLIN results were used to create Venn diagrams. To be consistent, the lowest METLIN identification number was used for the  $m/z$  that had multiple accurate mass matches to the METLIN database. In the Venn diagrams (**Figure 1(B)**, positive data, **Figure 1(D)**, negative data), a majority of the compounds are detected with the methanol, chloroform water extraction, with only a small percentage unique to one of the other two extractions. Thus, the methanol/ chloroform/ water extraction performs the best for metabolomics analysis.

### Peptidomics

Peptidomic analysis was performed on a nano-LC QE-HF system and the data analyzed in PEAKS 8.5 software. **Figure 2** shows the results of the peptidomics experiments by showing the peptide sequences detected and by comparing the protein accession numbers detected. In **Figure 2(A)**, the number of peptide sequences is shown with the number of peptide sequences shared in both technical replicates represented with the diagonal lines. The organic fraction of the methanol/ chloroform/ water extraction had the most peptides identified, with the aqueous fraction in second. The other two extractions showed low peptide identifications. When comparing the proteins detected from the peptide sequences that were shared between both technical replicates for the organic and aqueous fractions, most of the aqueous proteins are also in the organic fraction, but there are proteins only in the aqueous fraction. To compare the three extractions, the combination of unique proteins from the aqueous and organic fraction were taken, along with the proteins in both technical replicates for the other two extractions. The Venn diagram shows only 2 proteins that were not detected by the methanol/ chloroform/ water extraction and over 100 proteins that

were only detected in the methanol/ chloroform/ water extraction. Thus, the methanol/ chloroform/ water extraction performs best for the peptidomics analysis as it identifies the most proteins and covers almost all of the proteins identified in the other two extractions.

To look further at the differences between the peptides detected in the aqueous and organic fractions, peptide sequences found in each fraction from the proteins present in both technical replicates were compared with respect to their length and isoelectric point. The isoelectric point was calculated using the Peptide Property calculator (GeneScript, online tool) as it allowed the inclusion of certain post translational modifications (PTMs), for example acetylation. PTMs that were not present in this online tool were excluded from the isoelectric point analysis, but this was minority for each fraction (11/198 for organic fraction 2/89 for aqueous fraction). **Figure 3** shows the results of the length and isoelectric point comparison. The length distribution in the aqueous and organic fractions seemed to be similar as the organic fraction had approximately 2-fold more peptides sequences at each length, and overall the organic fraction has about 2 times more sequences. The isoelectric point distribution, however, does appear to be different between the two fractions. While the number of peptides with very low pI's is approximately the same for both fractions, the organic fraction has more peptide sequences with pI's above 4. The organic fraction potentially extracted a larger number of peptides than the aqueous fraction due to the preference of the peptides for the methanol/ chloroform solvent.

### Proteomics

Bottom-up proteomics was performed on the pellets and the >30 kDa content from the molecular weight cut-off step. The results of this analysis are shown in **Figure 4**. The acidified methanol extraction had noticeably more proteins than the other two extractions. While only proteins detected in both technical replicates were counted as identifications, it is worth noting that

many proteins were only in 1 technical replicate, rather than both technical replicates (as shown by the diagonal lines). Potentially adding in a third technical replicate in the experimental analysis could increase the number of identifications by increasing the identifications seen in multiple technical replicates. The comparison of the three extractions shows that each extraction has hundreds of identifications unique to that extraction, with the acidified methanol extraction having over a thousand identifications unique to it. For searching, a combined multi-organism database was used containing the mouse genome, the genomes of approximately 90 bacterial strains for a model microbiota,<sup>19</sup> and potential proteins from the food the mice were fed. While conventionally raised mice very likely have a more diverse microbial community,<sup>40</sup> here a more focused database was used because increasing the database size to a more comprehensive one would make processing the MS/MS data significantly more challenging. For studies highly interested in the microbial species present, a targeted microbiome database without the mouse and food components could be used instead. **Figure 4(C)** shows the number of proteins that match to each of the different potential sources of the protein, namely the mouse, the microbiome, and the food. The methanol/ acetonitrile/ water extraction has the most proteins matching to both the mouse database and the food proteins. Where the acidified methanol extraction gets a vast majority of its protein identifications from is from microbiome proteins, as it has a much higher number of microbiome identifications compared to the other two extractions.

#### Combined Metabolomics, Peptidomics, Proteomics

**Figure 5** combines the results of the three different omics by total identifications and by a source comparison for the combined peptide and protein results. The total identifications were calculated with the total number of hits to the METLIN database from the positive mode LC-MS data for the metabolomics analysis, the identified proteins from the peptidomics study shared



between both technical replicates and, the protein number from the proteomics study shared between both technical replicates. When all three omics are combined, the methanol/ chloroform/ water and the acidified methanol extractions have similar number of total identifications. When the peptide and protein results are combined, and the source of the protein identification investigated, the methanol/ chloroform/ water, and methanol/ acetonitrile/ water extractions have similar numbers of mouse proteins. However, the acidified methanol extraction still has the most identifications due to the large number of microbial protein identifications. For microbiome studies focusing on the host response, the methanol/ chloroform/ water performs well for metabolomics, peptidomics, and proteomics, but if microbial proteins are desired, the acidified methanol extraction performs best.

## **Discussion**

In order to get a good representation of metabolites, peptides, and proteins, the methanol/ chloroform/ water extraction was chosen for further investigation into the compounds detected. For metabolomics identification, the mzCloud and MassBank small molecule MS/MS databases were used for spectral matching of fragment ions. Potential matches to either database were manually inspected for verification. **Supplemental Figure S2** compares the total small molecule putative identifications in the methanol/ chloroform/ water extraction with the two MS/MS databases with both databases in positive and negative modes, as well as comparing the overlap between the positive and negative putative identifications. **Supplemental Table S1** provides all the small molecule identifications for the methanol/ chloroform/ water extraction with their molecular weight, retention time, and which database and polarity they were identified from. In positive mode, both databases provided a similar number of identifications and resulted in

complementary coverage for a total of 57 identifications. In negative mode, almost all the results came from the MSDial database. Overall, the positive and negative mode identifications results showed complementary coverage as many identifications were made only in one of the polarities. To verified putatively identified compounds, standards could be obtained, and retention times and fragmentation patterns compared to the experimental data. More identifications are potentially possible using other databases (*i.e.*, METLIN) or using *in silico* fragmentation software. However, these were not utilized here due to the time involved in metabolomics identification and the lack of a biological experiment that would show upregulation or downregulation of certain  $m/z$  in a biological condition.

The identifications for the peptidomics results for the methanol/ chloroform/ water extraction are in **Supplemental Table S2** (aqueous fraction) and **Supplemental Table S3** (organic fraction), and the proteomics results for the methanol/ chloroform/ water extraction are provided in **Supplemental Table S4**. Gene Ontology analysis was conducted on the protein and peptide results from the methanol/ chloroform/ water extraction using DAVID Bioinformatics Resources 6.8.<sup>41,42</sup> The gene ontology results of the biological processes for the detected peptides and proteins are shown in **Figure 6**. The top biological process for both the protein and peptide results was proteolysis. Other shared biological process include digestion, chromatin silencing, regulation of systemic arterial blood pressure by renin-angiotensin, and metabolic process. Overall, the many shared biological processes in the protein and peptide gene ontology results indicate that the protein and peptide result agree well with each other. By integrating the peptide results with the protein results, a more comprehensive understanding of the biological processes can be achieved for a biological question of interest.

To look further at the peptidomics results, the peptides belonging to the biological process of digestion, a key function of the digestive track that the cecum is a part of, were investigated. **Table 1** shows the peptides that fell under the biological process of digestion. Peptide sequences from the enzymes chymotrypsinogen B1(Ctrb1), serine protease, and trypsin were detected. Further analysis would be necessary to discover the potential role that these peptides play. Furthermore, an *in silico* study reported the potential for endogenous proteins in the gut to be digested into bioactive peptides.<sup>43</sup> Experimentally, peptides were observed from three proteins, Mucin-13, Chymotrypsinogen B, and pancreatic triacylglycerol lipase, that have predicted potential for bioactive peptide release after intestinal digestion of the gut endogenous protein. The predicted activity for peptides from these three proteins is ACE inhibition, which can prevent hypertension.<sup>33</sup>

Multiomic analysis can provide a greater understanding by studying not just the one subclass of molecules, protein changes, for example, but also changes in the metagenomic, or metabolome in order to better understand the relationships between various biological systems. Here, the ability of three extractions for combined metabolomics, peptidomics, and proteomics analysis was compared. The methanol/ chloroform/ water extraction method enabled a more comprehensive view of all three omics in the mouse host system and performed particularly strong in metabolomics and peptidomics analysis. By including peptidomics in the multiomics experiments, a deeper understanding of the role of peptides could be obtained, for example, by characterization and discovery of bioactive peptides and their role in various pathways.

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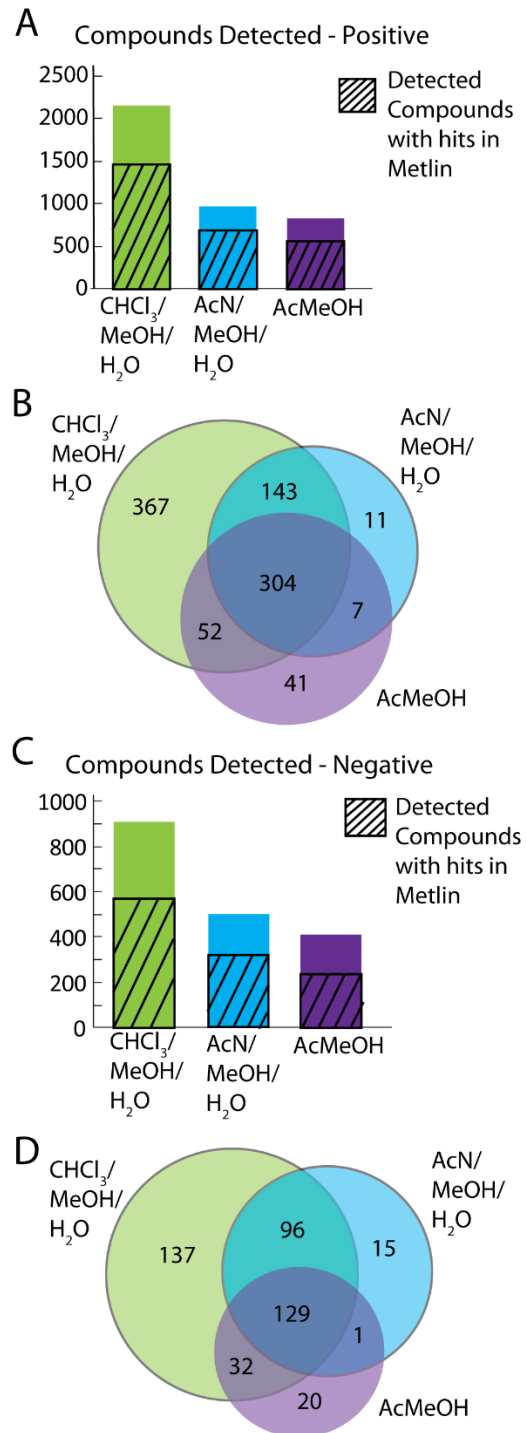


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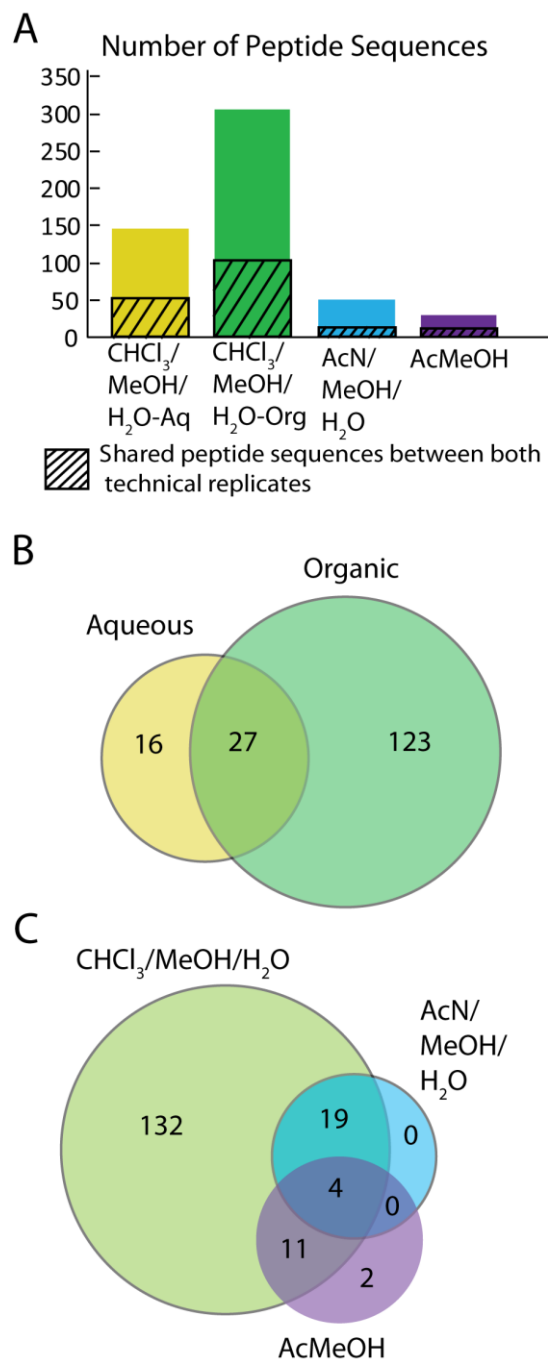
**Table 1.** Peptide Sequences from the Digestion biological process in the peptide gene ontology results.

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		K.IAQVFKNPK.F	1043.6127
protease, serine 2(Prss2)	P07146	I.NVLEGNEQFVDSAK.I	1548.7419
trypsin 4(Try4)/ trypsin 5(Try5)	Q9R0T7/ Q9QUK9	R.TLNNDIM(+15.99)LIK.L	1189.6377

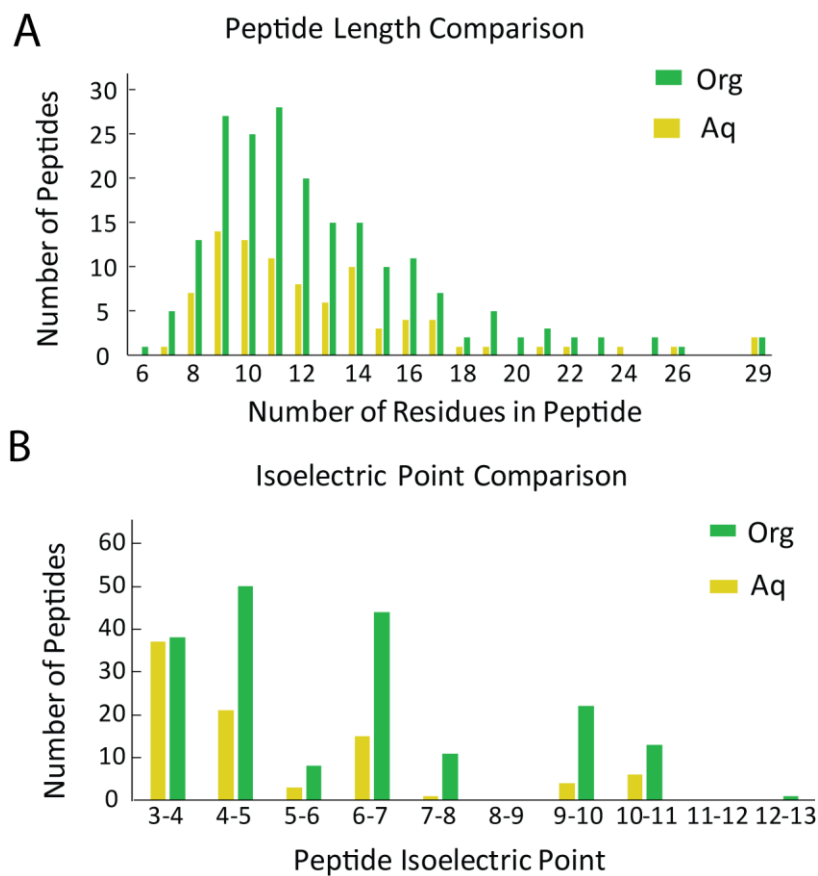
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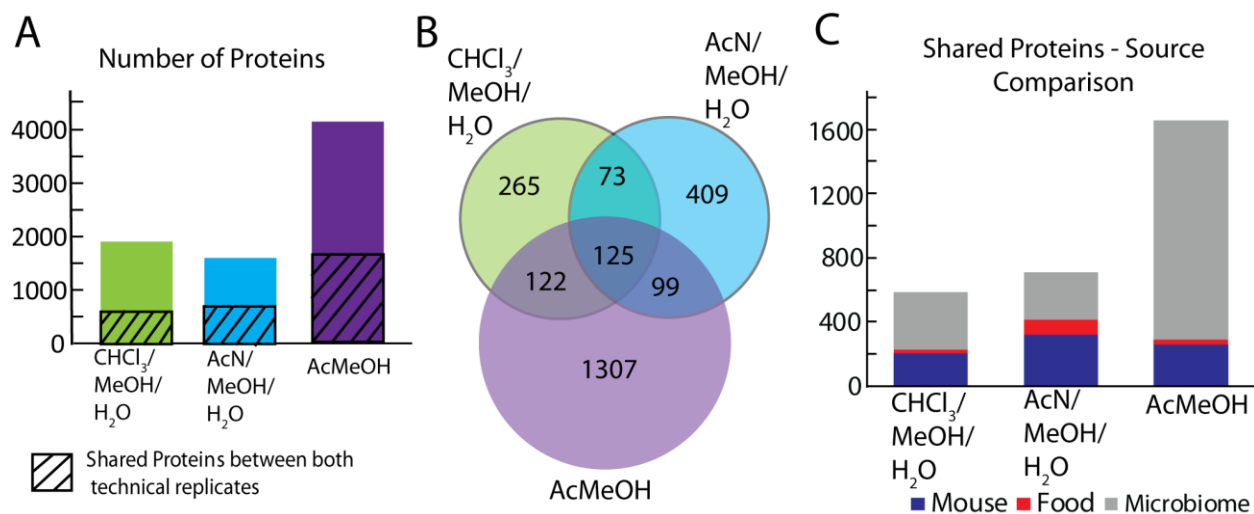
**Figure 1.** Metabolomics results for the three extractions. The number of compounds detected is shown for positive (A) and negative (C) mode. The *m/z* with hits in METLIN were compared between the three extractions in Venn Diagrams (B, positive and D, negative mode).



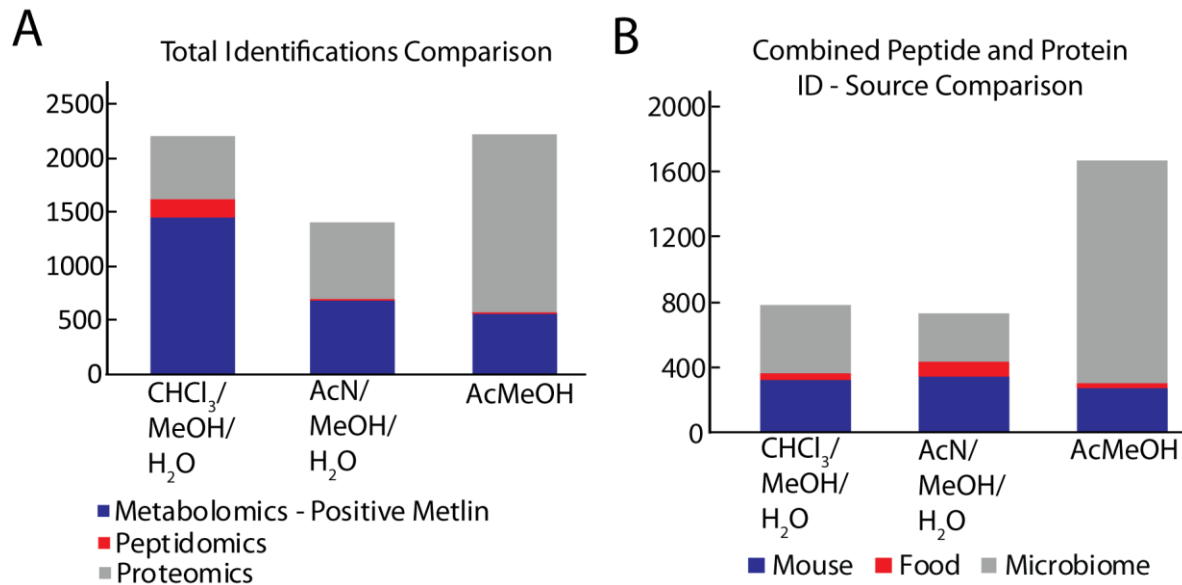
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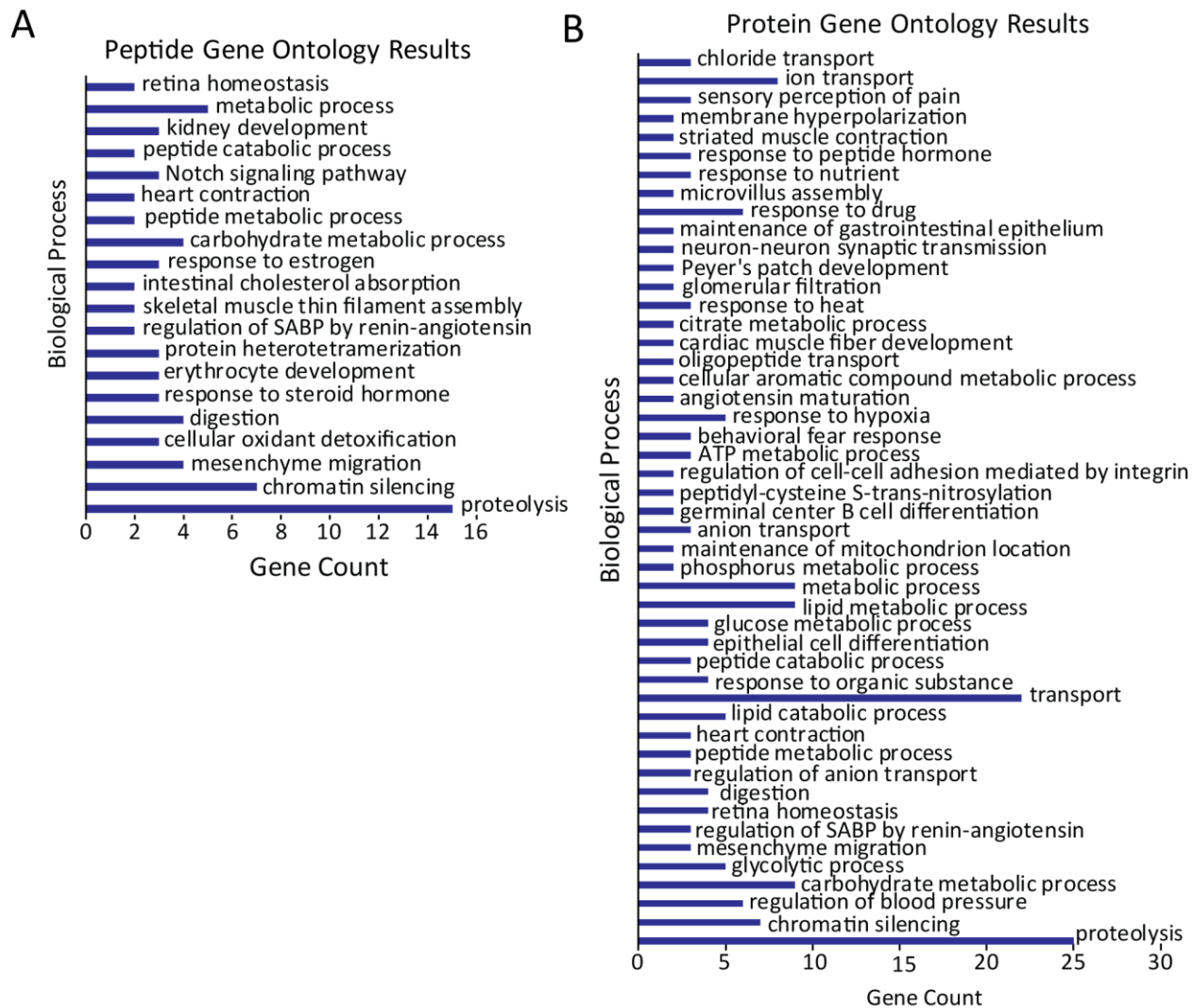
**Figure 3.** Comparison of peptide length (**A**) and isoelectric point (**B**) between peptide sequences detected in organic and aqueous fractions.



**Figure 4.** Proteomics results from extraction optimization. **(A)** shows the detected proteins with the diagonal lines representing the number of shared proteins in both technical replicates. **(B)** compares the shared proteins in both technical replicates for the three extractions. **(C)** shows the breakdown of the shared proteins to the source of the protein ID for each extraction.



**Figure 5.** Combined results of the three omics analysis. **(A)** shows the combined identifications of metabolomics, peptidomics, and proteomics results. **(B)** compares the protein source for the combined peptide and protein results.



**Figure 6.** DAVID gene ontology results showing the biological processes associated with detected peptide (A) and protein (B). SABP stands for systemic arterial blood pressure.

## Supplemental Information

## Supplemental Tables

Supplemental Table S1. Metabolite Identifications from mzCloud and MSDial database search.

Name	Molecular Weight	RT [min]	ID Source	Polarity
(2S,3S,4S,5R,6R)-6-(3-benzoyloxy-2-hydroxypropoxy)-3,4,5-trihydroxyoxane-2-carboxylic acid	372.10556	14.149	MSDial	negative
(2S,3S,4S,5R,6R)-6-[[[(3S,4S,6aR,6bS,8aR,9R,12aS,14bR)-9-hydroxy-4-(hydroxymethyl)-4,6a,6b,8a,11,11,14b-heptamethyl-1,2,3,4a,5,6,7,8,9,10,12,12a,14,14a-tetradecahydricipen-3-yl]oxy]-5-[(2S,3R,4S,5R,6R)-4,5-dihydroxy-6-(hydroxymethyl)-3-[(2S,3R,4R,5R,6S)-3,4,5-trihydroxy-6-methyloxan-2-yl]oxyoxan-2-yl]oxy-3,4-dihydroxyoxane-2-carboxylic acid	942.51604	19.799	MSDial	negative
(2S,3S,4S,5R,6R)-6-[[[(3S,6aR,6bS,8aS,14bR)-8a-carboxy-4,4,6a,6b,11,11,14b-heptamethyl-1,2,3,4a,5,6,7,8,9,10,12,12a,14,14a-tetradecahydricipen-3-yl]oxy]-3,4,5-trihydroxyoxane-2-carboxylic acid	632.39231	21.18	MSDial	negative
(2S,3S,4S,5R,6S)-3,4,5-trihydroxy-6-(5-hydroxy-4-oxo-2-phenylchromen-7-yl)oxyoxane-2-carboxylic acid	430.08983	14.227	MSDial	negative
(S)-Equol	242.09391	17.92	Both	positive
2'-Deoxyguanosine	267.09655	3.064	mzCloud	positive
2-Hydroxycinnamic acid	164.04727	1.542	mzCloud	positive
3,4-Dihydroxybenzoic acid	154.02527	7.962	MSDial	negative
4-Dodecylbenzenesulfonic acid	326.19163	23.014	mzCloud	negative
4-Guanidinobutanoate	145.08509	1.074	MSDial	positive
4-Pyridoxate	183.05205	1.515	MSDial	negative
5,7-dihydroxy-2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-6-[3,4,5-trihydroxy-6-(hydroxymethyl)oxan-2-yl]-8-(3,4,5-trihydroxyoxan-2-yl)chromen-4-one	564.14785	14.346	MSDial	negative
5-Hydroxyindole	133.05278	13.881	mzCloud	positive
5-Hydroxyindole-3-acetic acid	191.05802	13.707	mzCloud	positive
6-Hydroxypicolinic acid	139.02688	1.229	mzCloud	positive
7-Methylguanine	165.06502	1.331	mzCloud	positive
Acetylcarnitine	203.11575	1.109	MSDial	positive
Acetyl-β-methylcholine	159.12588	1.029	mzCloud	positive
Allantoin	158.04264	0.797	MSDial	negative
apigenin-7-O-glucuronide	446.08489	15.154	MSDial	negative
Asparagine	132.05349	0.768	mzCloud	positive
Asparagine	132.05194	0.753	MSDial	negative
Asp-Glu	262.07994	0.854	MSDial	positive
Asp-Phe	280.10576	11.495	MSDial	negative
AZELAIC ACID	188.1038	15.766	MSDial	negative
Cholic Acid	425.31351	19.938	MSDial	positive
Choline	103.10008	0.763	Both	positive
Citric acid	192.02597	1.227	MSDial	negative
Cytosine	111.03234	1.23	MSDial	positive
D-(-)-quinic acid	192.06242	0.819	MSDial	negative
D-(+)-Malic acid	134.02	0.933	MSDial	negative
Daidzein	254.05753	15.262	Both	positive
Deoxycholate	392.29272	20.579	MSDial	negative
D-Gluconic acid	196.05725	0.776	MSDial	negative
D-GLUCURONIC ACID	194.04164	0.777	MSDial	negative
DL-Carnitine	161.10507	0.812	Both	positive
DL-Tryptophan	204.08974	8.472	Both	positive
Docosahexanoic acid	328.24017	23.464	MSDial	negative
Eicosapentaenoic acid	302.22427	23.294	mzCloud	positive
Erucamide	337.33411	25.411	MSDial	positive
Ethoxyquin	217.14641	17.848	Both	positive
Ferulic acid	194.05773	14.724	MSDial	positive
Ferulic acid	194.05697	14.74	MSDial	negative
Genistein	270.05239	17.836	MSDial	positive



Genistein	270.0528	17.864	Both	negative
Genistein 4'-O-glucuronide	446.08442	15.135	mzCloud	positive
Glutamine	146.0677	0.76	MSDial	negative
Glycitein	284.06813	15.417	Both	positive
Glycitein	284.06843	16.848	MSDial	negative
Guanine	151.04942	2.624	mzCloud	positive
Guanosine	283.09151	2.631	MSDial	positive
GUANOSINE	283.0916	2.633	MSDial	negative
Hexamethoxymethyl melamine	390.2221	17.947	mzCloud	positive
Histidine	155.06805	0.744	MSDial	negative
Hypoxanthine	136.03852	1.226	mzCloud	positive
Indole-3-acrylic acid	187.06319	8.339	mzCloud	positive
Indole-3-carbinol	147.06826	15.22	MSDial	positive
Indole-3-lactic acid	205.07378	14.163	Both	positive
L-(+)-Arginine	174.11157	0.761	Both	positive
L-ASPARTATE	133.03592	0.765	MSDial	negative
L-Glutamic acid	147.05309	0.779	Both	positive
L-Glutamic acid	147.05167	0.77	MSDial	negative
L-Histidine	155.06941	0.757	Both	positive
Linoleic acid	280.23993	22.198	MSDial	positive
L-Lysine	146.1055	0.718	mzCloud	positive
L-Phenylalanine	165.07888	3.276	Both	positive
L-Pyroglutamic Acid	129.04265	1.292	mzCloud	positive
L-Tryptophane	204.08902	8.473	MSDial	negative
L-Tyrosine	181.07277	1.562	MSDial	negative
Myristyl sulfate	294.18651	23.021	mzCloud	negative
N,N'-Dicyclohexylurea	224.18862	19.593	mzCloud	positive
N6,N6,N6-Trimethyl-L-lysine	188.15245	0.736	mzCloud	positive
N-Acetyl-DL-aspartic acid	175.04689	1.101	MSDial	negative
N-Acetyl-DL-glutamic acid	189.06266	1.411	MSDial	negative
N-Acetylhistidine	197.08002	0.852	MSDial	positive
N-Acetylleucine	173.10398	13.388	MSDial	negative
N-Acetylmethionine	191.06148	8.801	MSDial	positive
N-Acetylneuraminic acid	309.10597	0.799	MSDial	negative
N-alpha-acetyl-L-lysine	188.11598	0.826	MSDial	positive
naringenin	272.06816	17.829	MSDial	negative
Nicotinamide	122.04817	1.166	MSDial	positive
O-Acetyl-L-homoserine	161.06871	1.319	MSDial	positive
oroxindin	460.10071	14.389	MSDial	negative
Pantothenic acid	219.11067	6.366	MSDial	positive
Pantothenic acid	219.10994	6.347	MSDial	negative
Phenylalanine	165.07772	3.395	MSDial	negative
Proline	115.06354	0.813	MSDial	positive
Saccharopine	276.13198	1.114	mzCloud	positive
Serine	105.04259	0.773	MSDial	positive
Sinapic acid	224.06822	14.846	MSDial	positive
Sinapic acid	224.0679	14.86	MSDial	negative
Spermidine	145.02254	0.69	MSDial	positive
Stachyose	666.22039	0.846	MSDial	negative
Succinic acid	118.02503	1.479	MSDial	negative
Taurocholate	515.29112	17.951	MSDial	positive
Threonic acid	136.03614	0.786	MSDial	negative
Threonine	119.05662	0.781	MSDial	negative
Thymine	126.04305	1.92	MSDial	positive
trans-4-Hydroxy-3-methoxycinnamate	194.05691	13.058	MSDial	negative
Tricin	330.07354	18.027	MSDial	positive
Tricin	330.07395	18.053	MSDial	negative
Tyrosine	181.07381	1.326	MSDial	positive
Urocanic acid	138.04291	1.106	mzCloud	positive

**Supplemental Table S2. Peptide Identifications from Aqueous Fraction. L stands for length and U for Unique.**

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K.ATGNTPDGR.R	Y	25.41	887.4097	9	-0.1	444.7121	2	5.22			CUJICUI_0589
R.ATDFVVPK.GK.V	Y	23.85	1086.5709	11	2.3	544.294	2	67.85			O88844 IDHC_MOUSE
R.QNGVLNSWTDQDQSK.D	Y	38.37	1590.7274	14	0.6	796.3715	2	70.57			P01837 IGKC_MOUSE
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S.NFNNQLDQTPR.V	Y	32.23	1345.6375	11	0.8	673.8265	2	47.6			P02858 GLYG4_SOYBN
E.DDEDEQIPSHPP.R	Y	29.18	1377.5684	12	-2	689.7901	2	48.15			P02858 GLYG4_SOYBN
D.E(-18.01)DDEDEQIPSHPP.R	Y	28.12	1488.6005	13	-3.4	745.305	2	55.32	Pyro-glu from E	E1:Pyro-glu from E:1000.00	P02858 GLYG4_SOYBN
E.DEDEDEQIPSHPP.R	Y	25.72	1621.6379	14	-1.1	811.8254	2	49.68			P02858 GLYG4_SOYBN
D.EDEDEQIPSHPP.R	Y	25.14	1506.611	13	-1	754.312	2	48.62			P02858 GLYG4_SOYBN
D.E(-18.01)DEDEKPRP.S	Y	20.9	1210.5101	10	-0.8	606.2618	2	13.71	Pyro-glu from E	E1:Pyro-glu from E:1000.00	P02858 GLYG4_SOYBN
D.EDEQIPSHPP.R	Y	19.54	1147.5145	10	-1.4	574.7637	2	42.73			P02858 GLYG4_SOYBN
L.DTNSLENQLDQMPR.R	Y	35.79	1659.7522	14	1.2	830.8843	2	96.87			P04776 GLYG1_SOYBN
V.SIIDTNSLENQLDQMPR.R	Y	30.57	1972.9524	17	0.4	987.4839	2	97.02			P04776 GLYG1_SOYBN
R.HNIGQTSSPDYINPQ.A	Y	24.73	1669.7695	15	-1.6	835.8907	2	58.37			P04776 GLYG1_SOYBN
L.SVIKPPITDEQQORPQ.E	Y	19.31	1878.9435	16	-0.5	627.3215	3	40.14			P04776 GLYG1_SOYBN
N.SLENQLDQMPR.R	Y	18.54	1329.6346	11	0.4	665.8249	2	85.3			P04776 GLYG1_SOYBN
I.NVLEGNQEVDSAK.I	Y	31.03	1548.7419	14	-0.4	775.3779	2	74.93			P07146 TRY2_MOUSE
K.LASPVTLNAR.V	Y	24.77	1040.5978	10	-0.4	521.306	2	67.4			P07146 TRY2_MOUSE
R.TLGPANLPLAQR.Q	Y	23.36	1249.7142	12	0.2	625.8645	2	96.87			P09470 ACE_MOUSE
K.LNGYTDAGDSWR.S	Y	17.92	1353.595	12	1.4	677.8057	2	61.7			P09470 ACE_MOUSE
M.A(+42.01)SADWGYGSENG PDQWSK.L	Y	47.89	1995.8235	18	-4.4	998.9147	2	93.09	Acetylation (N-term)	A1:Acetylation (N-term):1000.00	P13634 CAH1_MOUSE
A.DWGYGSENGPDQWSK.L	Y	34.41	1724.7067	15	-2.4	863.3585	2	82.96			P13634 CAH1_MOUSE
K.VGPANPLQK.V	Y	28.58	1009.5556	10	0.8	505.7855	2	27.78			P13634 CAH1_MOUSE
V.LSNHRPPQLK.K	Y	25.24	1157.6305	10	0.2	579.8226	2	45.21			P13634 CAH1_MOUSE
K.GGPLADSYR.L	Y	25.08	934.4508	9	0.4	468.2329	2	33.95			P13634 CAH1_MOUSE
K.TSEANHDSLSKPL.S	Y	20.99	1397.6786	13	-1.4	699.8456	2	37.79			P13634 CAH1_MOUSE
E.EDEDEQRP.P	Y	25.04	1016.4047	8	-0.1	509.2095	2	5.93			P13916 GLCA_SOYBN
E.EDEDEQRP.P	Y	21.66	1226.5415	10	3.7	614.2803	2	27.85			P13916 GLCA_SOYBN
E.EDEDEQRP.P	Y	18.72	1323.5942	11	2.9	662.8063	2	39.02			P13916 GLCA_SOYBN
E.EDEDEQRP.P	Y	18.66	1113.4574	9	-1.1	557.7354	2	12.12			P13916 GLCA_SOYBN
V.SVEVDSTPGVDLAK.I	Y	27.49	1415.7144	14	-1	708.8638	2	68.27			P19001 K1C19_MOUSE
R.ALEQANGELV.KI	Y	23.15	1299.667	12	-3.6	650.8384	2	50.68			P19001 K1C19_MOUSE
M.S(+42.01)DKPDMAEIEK.F	Y	27.86	1303.5966	11	2	652.8069	2	48.15	Acetylation (N-term)	S1:Acetylation (N-term):1000.00	P20065 TYB4_MOUSE
M.S(+42.01)DKPDMAEIEKFD K.S	Y	27.57	1693.7869	14	-0.7	565.6025	3	96.89	Acetylation (N-term)	S1:Acetylation (N-term):1000.00	P20065 TYB4_MOUSE
M.S(+42.01)DKPDMAEIEK.F	Y	27.86	1303.5966	11	2	652.8069	2	48.15	Acetylation (N-term)	S1:Acetylation (N-term):1000.00	P20065-2 TYB4_MOUSE
M.S(+42.01)DKPDMAEIEKFD K.S	Y	27.57	1693.7869	14	-0.7	565.6025	3	96.89	Acetylation (N-term)	S1:Acetylation (N-term):1000.00	P20065-2 TYB4_MOUSE
R.VGAGAPVYLAAVLEYLT AEILELAGNAAR.D	Y	37.8	2914.5803	29	-5.9	1458.2888	2	98.26			P22752 H2A1_MOUSE
R.VGAGAPVYLAAVLEYLT AEILELAGNAAR.D	Y	37.8	2914.5803	29	-5.9	1458.2888	2	98.26			P27661 H2AX_MOUSE
M.S(+42.01)ETAPAAPAP VEK.T	Y	31.05	1547.7831	16	-1.1	774.8979	2	50.77	Acetylation (N-term)	S1:Acetylation (N-term):1000.00	P43277 H13_MOUSE
K.DSYVGDEAQS.K.R	Y	29.81	1197.5149	11	0.2	599.7648	2	16.24			P60710 ACTB_MOUSE
V.LLTEAPLNPK.A	Y	24.93	1094.6335	10	-1	548.3235	2	68.02			P60710 ACTB_MOUSE
K.EITLAPSTMKI	Y	24.32	1160.6111	11	-1.6	581.3119	2	68.84			P60710 ACTB_MOUSE
K.AGFAGDDAPR.A	Y	22.75	975.441	10	-0.3	488.7276	2	25.54			P60710 ACTB_MOUSE
A.GFAGDDAPR.A	Y	22.59	904.4039	9	-1.7	453.2084	2	21.12			P60710 ACTB_MOUSE
V.LSGGTTMYPGIADR.M	Y	20.55	1437.6921	14	-2.3	719.8517	2	69.5			P60710 ACTB_MOUSE
K.MTQIMFETFNTPAMYVAI QAVLSLYASGR.T	Y	18.53	3252.6021	29	4.8	1085.2131	3	116.11			P60710 ACTB_MOUSE
K.DSYVGDEAQS.K.R	Y	29.81	1197.5149	11	0.2	599.7648	2	16.24			P63260 ACTG_MOUSE
V.LLTEAPLNPK.A	Y	24.93	1094.6335	10	-1	548.3235	2	68.02			P63260 ACTG_MOUSE
K.EITLAPSTMKI	Y	24.32	1160.6111	11	-1.6	581.3119	2	68.84			P63260 ACTG_MOUSE
K.AGFAGDDAPR.A	Y	22.75	975.441	10	-0.3	488.7276	2	25.54			P63260 ACTG_MOUSE
A.GFAGDDAPR.A	Y	22.59	904.4039	9	-1.7	453.2084	2	21.12			P63260 ACTG_MOUSE
V.LSGGTTMYPGIADR.M	Y	20.55	1437.6921	14	-2.3	719.8517	2	69.5			P63260 ACTG_MOUSE
K.MTQIMFETFNTPAMYVAI QAVLSLYASGR.T	Y	18.53	3252.6021	29	4.8	1085.2131	3	116.11			P63260 ACTG_MOUSE
V.DALASSHPLSSPADEIK.T	Y	30.43	1736.858	17	-1.9	869.4346	2	73.92			P97449 AMPN_MOUSE
R.SEYMEGDV.K	Y	23.77	1056.4434	9	-1.6	529.2281	2	26.97			P97449 AMPN_MOUSE
R.SEVYGPMK.R	Y	18.94	909.4266	8	-1	455.7201	2	30.85			P97449 AMPN_MOUSE
R.ALEQALEK.T	Y	18.47	900.4916	8	0.5	451.2533	2	35.75			P97449 AMPN_MOUSE
R.TLDGTPAPNIDK.T	Y	18.2	1240.6299	12	1.5	621.3231	2	47.61			P97449 AMPN_MOUSE
T.LLDQNPDIR.Q	Y	21.24	1082.572	9	0.4	542.2935	2	47.9			Q61847 MEP1B_MOUSE
T.LLDQNPDIR.Q	Y	21.24	1082.572	9	0.4	542.2935	2	47.9			Q61847-2 MEP1B_MOUSE
P.GIGRPPPP.P	Y	20.9	886.5024	9	0	444.2585	2	38.84			Q61900 SMR3A_MOUSE

G.PGIGRPPPP.F	Y	19.87	983.5552	10	-0.3	492.7847	2	47.29			Q61900SMR3A_MOUSE
R.LQEENQVITPR.L	Y	28.85	1325.6938	11	1.1	663.8549	2	42.62			Q62468VILI_MOUSE
V.NEFDSDVDVGLQK.V	Y	33.93	1579.7002	14	-2.6	790.8553	2	81.73			Q6P8U6LIPP_MOUSE
V.LVYTDPGDINDGK.S	Y	28.62	1405.6725	13	-0.7	703.843	2	58.08			Q7M758NALDL_MOUSE
K.SSPDPLQVR.M	Y	22.47	997.5192	9	-1.1	499.7664	2	48.04			Q7M758NALDL_MOUSE
V.YTDPGDINDGK.S	Y	20.03	1193.52	11	0.7	597.7677	2	25.32			Q7M758NALDL_MOUSE
R.VGAGAPVYLAADVLEYLT AEILELAGNAAR.D	Y	37.8	2914.5803	29	-5.9	1458.288 8	2	98.26			Q8BFU2H2A3_MOUSE
R.VGAGAPVYLAADVLEYLT AEILELAGNAAR.D	Y	37.8	2914.5803	29	-5.9	1458.288 8	2	98.26			Q8CGP5H2A1F_MOUSE
R.VGAGAPVYLAADVLEYLT AEILELAGNAAR.D	Y	37.8	2914.5803	29	-5.9	1458.288 8	2	98.26			Q8CGP6H2A1H_MOUSE
R.VGAGAPVYLAADVLEYLT AEILELAGNAAR.D	Y	37.8	2914.5803	29	-5.9	1458.288 8	2	98.26			Q8CGP7H2A1K_MOUSE
R.VGAGAPVYLAADVLEYLT AEILELAGNAAR.D	Y	37.8	2914.5803	29	-5.9	1458.288 8	2	98.26			Q8R1M2H2AJ_MOUSE
R.QNGVLNSWTDQDSK.D	Y	38.37	1590.7274	14	0.6	796.3715	2	70.57			tr A0A075B5P2 A0A075B5P2_MOUSE
R.ATDFVVPKPGK.V	Y	23.85	1086.5709	11	2.3	544.294	2	67.85			tr A0A087WPT4 A0A087WPT4_MOUSE
R.ATDFVVPKPGK.V	Y	23.85	1086.5709	11	2.3	544.294	2	67.85			tr A0A087WRS9 A0A087WRS9_MOUSE
R.ASGHSYTK.Y	Y	18.19	849.3981	8	-1	425.7059	2	2.48			tr B2RS76B2RS76_MOUSE
R.INTDQYYLAR.F	Y	29.81	1255.6196	10	-1.3	628.8163	2	67.04			tr B5THE2 B5THE2_MOUSE
K.ASTYSNAPSTPVNK.L	Y	29.48	1582.7627	15	0.7	792.3892	2	67.15			tr B5THE2 B5THE2_MOUSE
R.GVENDVHR.Y	Y	23.99	1047.5349	9	1.7	524.7756	2	75.34			tr B5THE2 B5THE2_MOUSE
L.VDQYSDIDYMER.Q	Y	23.28	1532.6453	12	-1.4	767.3289	2	80.98			tr B5THE2 B5THE2_MOUSE
L.NIPSAPLSTPEGR.L	Y	23.28	1337.6938	13	-1.3	669.8533	2	64.19			tr B5THE2 B5THE2_MOUSE
R.NHNGQGYK.D	Y	18.46	916.4151	8	0.2	459.2149	2	2.08			tr B5THE2 B5THE2_MOUSE
K.ELHNNQK.L	Y	17.84	938.457	8	2.2	470.2368	2	1.88			tr B5THE2 B5THE2_MOUSE
P.EPEPEPEPEPEPEV.P	Y	24.37	1925.8417	17	2.5	963.9305	2	67.32			tr E1AZ71 E1AZ71_MOUSE
P.EPEPEPEPEPEV.P	Y	21.98	1570.7039	14	-1	786.3584	2	59.5			tr E1AZ71 E1AZ71_MOUSE
P.EPEPEPEPEPEV.P	Y	21.4	1796.7992	16	-3.1	899.4041	2	65.89			tr E1AZ71 E1AZ71_MOUSE
P.EPEPEPEPEPEV.P	Y	17.92	1828.7889	16	-4.1	915.398	2	52.74			tr E1AZ71 E1AZ71_MOUSE
R.IIGVDINEEK.F	Y	20.93	1128.6027	10	-1.3	565.3079	2	68.99			tr E9Q4Y1 E9Q4Y1_MOUSE
R.IIGVDINEEK.F	Y	20.93	1128.6027	10	-1.3	565.3079	2	68.99			tr E9Q5Z6 E9Q5Z6_MOUSE
R.VDMYLPEDK.I	Y	26.09	1108.511	9	-1.2	555.2621	2	68.63			tr F8VQM5 F8VQM5_MOUSE
R.EIYDFYNEK.M	Y	23.27	1219.5397	9	0.6	610.7775	2	79.57			tr F8VQM5 F8VQM5_MOUSE
K.TLPOFVEK.I	Y	20.81	960.528	8	1.8	481.2722	2	69.15			tr F8VQM5 F8VQM5_MOUSE
E.EDEDEQPR.P	Y	25.04	1016.4047	8	-0.1	509.2095	2	5.93			tr I1NGH2 I1NGH2_SOYBN
E.EDEDEQPR.P	Y	21.66	1226.5415	10	3.7	614.2803	2	27.85			tr I1NGH2 I1NGH2_SOYBN
E.EDEDEQPR.P	Y	18.72	1323.5942	11	2.9	662.8063	2	39.02			tr I1NGH2 I1NGH2_SOYBN
E.EDEDEQPR.P	Y	18.66	1113.4574	9	-1.1	557.7354	2	12.12			tr I1NGH2 I1NGH2_SOYBN
R.IIGVDINEEK.F	Y	20.93	1128.6027	10	-1.3	565.3079	2	68.99			tr Q3UQ40 Q3UQ40_MOUSE
Q.AEPVPEDESPR.S	Y	23.59	1095.5197	10	1	548.7676	2	23.5			tr Q3UW98 Q3UW98_MOUSE
K.QAPAIYLR.D	N	21.98	930.5287	8	0.5	466.2719	2	67.94			tr Q3UW98 Q3UW98_MOUSE
K.VAPPAFEGR.D	Y	21.12	942.4922	9	2.4	472.2545	2	44.91			tr Q3UW98 Q3UW98_MOUSE
T.WTAPGDDYDVGR.V	N	18.04	1350.584	12	-1.2	676.2985	2	66.41			tr Q3UW98 Q3UW98_MOUSE
E.EDEDEQPR.P	Y	25.04	1016.4047	8	-0.1	509.2095	2	5.93			tr Q94LX2 Q94LX2_SOYBN
E.EDEDEQPR.P	Y	21.66	1226.5415	10	3.7	614.2803	2	27.85			tr Q94LX2 Q94LX2_SOYBN
E.EDEDEQPR.P	Y	18.72	1323.5942	11	2.9	662.8063	2	39.02			tr Q94LX2 Q94LX2_SOYBN
E.EDEDEQPR.P	Y	18.66	1113.4574	9	-1.1	557.7354	2	12.12			tr Q94LX2 Q94LX2_SOYBN
I.SLLDTSNFNQLDQTPR.V	Y	38.61	1961.9442	17	-2.8	981.9767	2	96.99			tr Q9SB11 Q9SB11_SOYBN
S.NFNQLDQTPR.V	Y	32.23	1345.6375	11	0.8	673.8265	2	47.6			tr Q9SB11 Q9SB11_SOYBN
E.DDEDEQIPSHPP.R	Y	29.18	1377.5684	12	-2	689.7901	2	48.15			tr Q9SB11 Q9SB11_SOYBN
D.E(-18.01)DDEDEQIPSHPP.R	Y	28.12	1488.6005	13	-3.4	745.305	2	55.32	Pyro-glu from E	E1:Pyro-glu from E:1000.00	tr Q9SB11 Q9SB11_SOYBN
E.DEDDEDEQIPSHPP.R	Y	25.72	1621.6379	14	-1.1	811.8254	2	49.68			tr Q9SB11 Q9SB11_SOYBN
D.EDEDEQIPSHPP.R	Y	25.14	1506.611	13	-1	754.312	2	48.62			tr Q9SB11 Q9SB11_SOYBN
D.E(-18.01)DEDEKPRP.S	Y	20.9	1210.5101	10	-0.8	606.2618	2	13.71	Pyro-glu from E	E1:Pyro-glu from E:1000.00	tr Q9SB11 Q9SB11_SOYBN
D.EDEQIPSHPP.R	Y	19.54	1147.5145	10	-1.4	574.7637	2	42.73			tr Q9SB11 Q9SB11_SOYBN

**Supplemental Table S3. Peptide Identifications from Organic Fraction. L stands for length and U for Unique.**

z	U	-10lgP	Mass	L	ppm	m/z	z	RT	PTM	AScore	Protein Accession
K.ETTPFYPR.S	Y	23.31	1009.4869	8	0.5	505.7509	2	50.83			Amuc Amuc_1249
K.ETTPFYPR.S	Y	23.31	1009.4869	8	0.5	505.7509	2	50.83			BACCELL BACCELL_00669
S.ETTPFYPR.S	Y	23.31	1009.4869	8	0.5	505.7509	2	50.83			BACCELL BACCELL_04197
K.ETTPFYPR.S	Y	23.31	1009.4869	8	0.5	505.7509	2	50.83			BACCELL BACCELL_05063
K.ETTPFYPR.S	Y	23.31	1009.4869	8	0.5	505.7509	2	50.83			BACEGG BACEGG_02321
K.ETTPFYPR.S	Y	23.31	1009.4869	8	0.5	505.7509	2	50.83			BACEGG BACEGG_02376
K.ETTPFYPR.S	Y	23.31	1009.4869	8	0.5	505.7509	2	50.83			BACFIN BACFIN_07158
K.ETTPFYPR.S	Y	23.31	1009.4869	8	0.5	505.7509	2	50.83			BACINT BACINT_02306
K.ETTPFYPR.S	Y	23.31	1009.4869	8	0.5	505.7509	2	50.83			BACINT BACINT_02479
T.ETTPFYPR.S	Y	23.31	1009.4869	8	0.5	505.7509	2	50.83			BACINT BACINT_02628
K.ETTPFYPR.S	Y	23.31	1009.4869	8	0.5	505.7509	2	50.83			BACINT BACINT_03052
K.ETTPFYPR.S	Y	23.31	1009.4869	8	0.5	505.7509	2	50.83			BACOVA BACOVA_00511
I.GHVDHGK.T	N	23.23	748.3616	7	-0.9	375.1877	2	5.05			BACUNI BACUNI_00827
R.SFDSIDNAPEEK.E	Y	22.98	1350.5939	12	1	676.3049	2	45.78			BACUNI BACUNI_00827
K.ETTPFYPR.S	Y	23.31	1009.4869	8	0.5	505.7509	2	50.83			BACUNI BACUNI_02103
S.ETTPFYPR.S	Y	23.31	1009.4869	8	0.5	505.7509	2	50.83			BACUNI BACUNI_02154
I.GHVDHGK.T	N	23.23	748.3616	7	-0.9	375.1877	2	5.05			BLAHAN BLAHAN_06076
K.TLTAATK.T	Y	22.54	918.5386	9	-0.6	460.2763	2	47.32			BLAHAN BLAHAN_06076
K.ETTPFYPR.S	Y	23.31	1009.4869	8	0.5	505.7509	2	50.83			BXY BXY_03170
I.GHVDHGK.T	N	23.23	748.3616	7	-0.9	375.1877	2	5.05			CLOHIR CLOHIR_02278
K.TLTAATK.T	Y	22.54	918.5386	9	-0.6	460.2763	2	47.32			CLOHIR CLOHIR_02278
I.GHVDHGK.T	N	23.23	748.3616	7	-0.9	375.1877	2	5.05			CLOHYLEM CLOHYLEM_05830
K.TLTAATK.T	Y	22.54	918.5386	9	-0.6	460.2763	2	47.32			CLOHYLEM CLOHYLEM_05830
I.GHVDHGK.T	N	23.23	748.3616	7	-0.9	375.1877	2	5.05			CLONEX CLONEX_00924
K.TLTAATK.T	Y	22.54	918.5386	9	-0.6	460.2763	2	47.32			CLONEX CLONEX_00924
D.LTPEQQADVISR.T	Y	30.83	1355.7045	12	0.1	678.8596	2	53.01			CUI CUI_0589
K.ETTPFYPR.S	Y	23.31	1009.4869	8	0.5	505.7509	2	50.83			CUU CUU_2247
K.ETTPFYPR.S	Y	23.31	1009.4869	8	0.5	505.7509	2	50.83			CUU CUU_3020
I.GHVDHGK.T	N	23.23	748.3616	7	-0.9	375.1877	2	5.05			CUY CUY_3315
R.SFDSIDNAPEEK.E	Y	22.98	1350.5939	12	1	676.3049	2	45.78			CUY CUY_3315
K.ETTPFYPR.S	Y	23.31	1009.4869	8	0.5	505.7509	2	50.83			CUY CUY_4852
K.ETTPFYPR.S	Y	23.31	1009.4869	8	0.5	505.7509	2	50.83			CW1 CW1_3301
K.ETTPFYPR.S	Y	23.31	1009.4869	8	0.5	505.7509	2	50.83			CW1 CW1_3447
K.ETTPFYPR.S	Y	23.31	1009.4869	8	0.5	505.7509	2	50.83			CW3 CW3_3684
K.ETTPFYPR.S	Y	23.31	1009.4869	8	0.5	505.7509	2	50.83			CW3 CW3_3735
I.GHVDHGK.T	N	23.23	748.3616	7	-0.9	375.1877	2	5.05			DORFOR DORFOR_01085
K.TLTAATK.T	Y	22.54	918.5386	9	-0.6	460.2763	2	47.32			DORFOR DORFOR_01085
K.ETTPFYPR.S	Y	23.31	1009.4869	8	0.5	505.7509	2	50.83			ECD227 ECD227_01969
K.ETTPFYPR.S	Y	23.31	1009.4869	8	0.5	505.7509	2	50.83			ENTCAN ENTCAN_06841
R.AADDAAGLSISEK.M	Y	21.86	1246.604	13	1.9	624.3105	2	45.99			EUBELI EUBELI_00264
I.GHVDHGK.T	N	23.23	748.3616	7	-0.9	375.1877	2	5.05			EUBELI EUBELI_00288
K.TLTAATK.T	Y	22.54	918.5386	9	-0.6	460.2763	2	47.32			EUBELI EUBELI_00288
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I.GHVDHGK.T	N	23.23	748.3616	7	-0.9	375.1877	2	5.05			HMPREF1057 HMPREF1057_02459
R.SFDSIDNAPEEK.E	Y	22.98	1350.5939	12	1	676.3049	2	45.78			HMPREF1057 HMPREF1057_02459
R.ETTPFYPR.S	Y	23.31	1009.4869	8	0.5	505.7509	2	50.83			HMPREF1059 HMPREF1059_00643
K.ETTPFYPR.S	Y	23.31	1009.4869	8	0.5	505.7509	2	50.83			HMPREF1069 HMPREF1069_01153
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K.TLTAATK.T	Y	22.54	918.5386	9	-0.6	460.2763	2	47.32			HMPREF9457 HMPREF9457_01089
I.GHVDHGK.T	N	23.23	748.3616	7	-0.9	375.1877	2	5.05			HMPREF9473 HMPREF9473_04269
K.TLTAATK.T	Y	22.54	918.5386	9	-0.6	460.2763	2	47.32			HMPREF9473 HMPREF9473_04269
I.GHVDHGK.T	N	23.23	748.3616	7	-0.9	375.1877	2	5.05			HMPREF9474 HMPREF9474_00175
K.TLTAATK.T	Y	22.54	918.5386	9	-0.6	460.2763	2	47.32			HMPREF9474 HMPREF9474_00175
I.GHVDHGK.T	N	23.23	748.3616	7	-0.9	375.1877	2	5.05			HMPREF9475 HMPREF9475_00654
K.TLTAATK.T	Y	22.54	918.5386	9	-0.6	460.2763	2	47.32			HMPREF9475 HMPREF9475_00654
K.LAPEFAK.R	Y	22.97	774.4276	7	-0.3	388.2209	2	37.44			O08709 PRDX6_MOUSE
R.IPYTPEIPIK.F	Y	27.35	1113.6069	10	1.8	557.8118	2	68.18			O70475 UGDH_MOUSE
R.VLIGGDETPGQK.A	Y	24.93	1341.6776	13	-0.9	671.8455	2	43.22			O70475 UGDH_MOUSE
L.M(+15.99)IGAPDMAFPR.M	Y	23.61	1220.5681	11	-0.9	611.2908	2	96.83	Oxidation (M)	M1:Oxidation (M):90.32	P00397 COX1_MOUSE
I.GAPDMAFPR.M	Y	21.56	960.4487	9	-1	481.2312	2	65.65			P00397 COX1_MOUSE
K.DFIANGDR.Q	Y	22.78	1003.4723	9	-0.3	502.7433	2	47.57			P00920 CAH2_MOUSE
K.IGGHGAEYGAEEALE.R.M	Y	36.3	1528.7269	15	0	765.3707	2	57.64			P01942 HBA_MOUSE
V.GHGHTIIDEALYN.R.L	Y	29.69	1773.807	15	-1.7	592.2753	3	96.73			P03958 ADA_MOUSE
K.STLTDYQMTK.K	Y	28.44	1301.5809	11	0.1	651.7978	2	46.37			P03958 ADA_MOUSE
K.EGVVYVEVR.Y	Y	22.81	1048.5553	9	1	525.2855	2	65.04			P03958 ADA_MOUSE
R.TVHAGEVGSPEVV.R	Y	22.46	1279.6407	13	-0.4	640.8274	2	56.25			P03958 ADA_MOUSE
M.A(+42.01)QTPAFNKP.K.V	Y	22.01	1142.6084	10	0.7	572.3119	2	35.72	Acetylation (N-term)	A1:Acetylation (N-term):1000.00	P03958 ADA_MOUSE
R.HNIGQTSPPDIYNPQ.A	Y	35.15	1669.7695	15	-0.9	835.8913	2	56.79			P04776 GLYGI_SOYBN
V.SIIDTNSLENQLDQM.PR.R	Y	34.68	1972.9524	17	-1.2	987.4823	2	96.95			P04776 GLYGI_SOYBN
R.RPSYTNQPQEIYIQGK.G	Y	27.38	1977.9908	17	-0.1	660.3375	3	79.49			P04776 GLYGI_SOYBN
R.SQSDNFEYVSFK.T	Y	25.82	1449.6412	12	0.7	725.8284	2	96.57			P04776 GLYGI_SOYBN

R.PSYTNGPQEIYIQG K.G	Y	24.37	1821.8896	16	-0.3	911.9518	2	69.28			P04776 GLYG1_SOYBN
R.RFYLAGNQEQE.F	Y	24.22	1353.6313	11	-1.9	677.8217	2	59.54			P04776 GLYG1_SOYBN
R.HNIGQTSPPDIYNPQ AGSVTT.A	Y	24.19	2186.0239	21	-0.1	1094.019 2	2	71.92			P04776 GLYG1_SOYBN
V.SIIDTNSLENQLDQM(+15.99)PR.R	Y	23.11	1988.9473	17	1.4	995.4823	2	96.89	Oxidation (M)	M15:Oxidatio n (M):1000.00	P04776 GLYG1_SOYBN
R.HNIGQTSPPDIYNPQ AGSV.T	Y	22.04	1983.9286	19	-0.4	992.9711	2	76.07			P04776 GLYG1_SOYBN
L.DTNSLENQLDQM(+15.99)PR.R	Y	21.79	1675.7472	14	0.1	838.881	2	63.58	Oxidation (M)	M12:Oxidatio n (M):1000.00	P04776 GLYG1_SOYBN
K.GILAADSTGSIK.R	Y	21.92	1331.6932	14	0.7	666.8544	2	64.62			P05064 ALDOA_MOUSE
I.NVLEGNQFVDSAK.I	Y	37.27	1548.7419	14	-1.3	775.3773	2	72.21			P07146 TRY2_MOUSE
K.TPAQYDASEL.K.A	Y	20.82	1221.5876	11	0.8	611.8016	2	37.65			P07356 ANXA2_MOUSE
R.TLGPANLPLAQR.Q	Y	29.33	1249.7142	12	0	625.8644	2	96.24			P09470 ACE_MOUSE
R.DNIQGITKPAIR.R	Y	25.4	1324.7462	12	0.3	663.3806	2	59.52			P0CG89 H4_SOYBN
M.A(+42.01)SADWGYG SENGPDQWSK.L	Y	47.61	1995.8235	18	2.3	998.9213	2	91.33	Acetylatio n (N- term)	A1:Acetylatio n (N- term):1000.00	P13634 CAH1_MOUSE
K.TSEANHDSSLKPL.S	Y	32.31	1397.6786	13	1.1	699.8474	2	35.57			P13634 CAH1_MOUSE
K.LYPIANGNNQSPIDIK .T	Y	32.09	1755.9155	16	1	878.9659	2	96.88			P13634 CAH1_MOUSE
V.LSNHRPPQL.K	Y	30.15	1157.6305	10	2.6	579.824	2	35.71			P13634 CAH1_MOUSE
K.VGPANPSLQK.V	Y	28.07	1009.5556	10	-0.2	505.785	2	26.96			P13634 CAH1_MOUSE
A.NHDSSLKPL.S	Y	22.29	1009.5192	9	0.5	505.7672	2	31.06			P13634 CAH1_MOUSE
K.KPADITDVVKPL.D	Y	28.57	1294.7496	12	0	648.3821	2	96.96			P15947 KLK1_MOUSE
K.NNFLEDEPSAQHR.L	Y	27.14	1555.7015	13	0.3	778.8583	2	54.52			P15947 KLK1_MOUSE
R.QYDISNPQKPR.L	Y	26.96	1344.6786	11	-1.5	673.3456	2	28.92			P17563 SBP1_MOUSE
K.VIEASEIQAK.C	Y	23.46	1086.592	10	2.9	544.3049	2	37.37			P17563 SBP1_MOUSE
R.LIEDDFHNL.R.L	Y	26.91	1270.6306	10	1.5	636.3235	2	91.25			P19467 MUC13_MOUSE
R.TGVPSQTPNPYANQR .S	Y	21.85	1628.7906	15	-1.5	815.4014	2	41.48			P19467 MUC13_MOUSE
R.VGAGAPVYLAIVLE YLTAIEILELAGNAAR.D	Y	22.37	2914.5803	29	3	972.5369	3	116.2 9			P22752 H2A1_MOUSE
R.VGAGAPVYLAIVLE YLTAIEILELAGNAAR.D	Y	22.37	2914.5803	29	3	972.5369	3	116.2 9			P27661 H2AX_MOUSE
K.DSYVGDEAQS.K.R	Y	28.82	1197.5149	11	1.3	599.7655	2	16.94			P62737 ACTA_MOUSE
T.LLLEAPLNPK.A	Y	25.21	1094.6335	10	0.2	548.3242	2	65.66			P62737 ACTA_MOUSE
K.EITFALAPSTMKI	Y	22.53	1160.6111	11	-1.1	581.3122	2	66.46			P62737 ACTA_MOUSE
A.GFAGDDAPR.A	Y	22.19	904.4039	9	2	453.2101	2	21.01			P62737 ACTA_MOUSE
R.AVFPSIVGRPR.H	Y	21.87	1197.6981	11	-1.2	400.2395	3	96.99			P62737 ACTA_MOUSE
R.DNIQGITKPAIR.R	Y	25.4	1324.7462	12	0.3	663.3806	2	59.52			P62806 H4_MOUSE
K.DSYVGDEAQS.K.R	Y	28.82	1197.5149	11	1.3	599.7655	2	16.94			P63268 ACTH_MOUSE
T.LLLEAPLNPK.A	Y	25.21	1094.6335	10	0.2	548.3242	2	65.66			P63268 ACTH_MOUSE
K.EITFALAPSTMKI	Y	22.53	1160.6111	11	-1.1	581.3122	2	66.46			P63268 ACTH_MOUSE
A.GFAGDDAPR.A	Y	22.19	904.4039	9	2	453.2101	2	21.01			P63268 ACTH_MOUSE
R.AVFPSIVGRPR.H	Y	21.87	1197.6981	11	-1.2	400.2395	3	96.99			P63268 ACTH_MOUSE
K.DSYVGDEAQS.K.R	Y	28.82	1197.5149	11	1.3	599.7655	2	16.94			P68033 ACTC_MOUSE
T.LLLEAPLNPK.A	Y	25.21	1094.6335	10	0.2	548.3242	2	65.66			P68033 ACTC_MOUSE
K.EITFALAPSTMKI	Y	22.53	1160.6111	11	-1.1	581.3122	2	66.46			P68033 ACTC_MOUSE
A.GFAGDDAPR.A	Y	22.19	904.4039	9	2	453.2101	2	21.01			P68033 ACTC_MOUSE
R.AVFPSIVGRPR.H	Y	21.87	1197.6981	11	-1.2	400.2395	3	96.99			P68033 ACTC_MOUSE
K.DSYVGDEAQS.K.R	Y	28.82	1197.5149	11	1.3	599.7655	2	16.94			P68134 ACTS_MOUSE
T.LLLEAPLNPK.A	Y	25.21	1094.6335	10	0.2	548.3242	2	65.66			P68134 ACTS_MOUSE
K.EITFALAPSTMKI	Y	22.53	1160.6111	11	-1.1	581.3122	2	66.46			P68134 ACTS_MOUSE
A.GFAGDDAPR.A	Y	22.19	904.4039	9	2	453.2101	2	21.01			P68134 ACTS_MOUSE
R.AVFPSIVGRPR.H	Y	21.87	1197.6981	11	-1.2	400.2395	3	96.99			P68134 ACTS_MOUSE
I.TEDDIQNQSVLQK.Y	Y	24.79	1558.7838	14	3.3	780.4017	2	73.2			P70412 CUZD1_MOUSE
K.AASGFNATEDAQTL RK.A	Y	29.82	1678.8274	16	-0.1	840.4209	2	54.76			P97429 ANXA4_MOUSE
K.AASGFNATEDAQTL R.K	Y	28.85	1550.7324	15	-1.4	776.3724	2	61.75			P97429 ANXA4_MOUSE
K.GLGTDDNTLIR.V	Y	21.3	1173.599	11	1.9	587.8079	2	64.84			P97429 ANXA4_MOUSE
K.VVATTQMQAADAR. K	Y	27.37	1360.6769	13	0.1	681.3458	2	32.6			P97449 AMPN_MOUSE
K.ADNSATGFGTGR.A	Y	23.27	1253.5636	13	0.8	627.7896	2	23.21			P97449 AMPN_MOUSE
R.SEYMEGDVKK.V	Y	21.37	1184.5383	10	1.6	593.2774	2	18.74			P97449 AMPN_MOUSE
K.ETTPPYPR.S	Y	23.31	1009.4869	8	0.5	505.7509	2	50.83			PARMER PARMER_00510
I.GHVDHGK.T	N	23.23	748.3616	7	-0.9	375.1877	2	5.05			PARMER PARMER_01340
R.SFDSIDNAPEEK.E	Y	22.98	1350.5939	12	1	676.3049	2	45.78			PARMER PARMER_01340
T.LLDQNPDIR.Q.R	Y	25.54	1210.6306	10	-1	606.322	2	44.74			Q61847 MEP1B_MOUSE
R.ISEFEDVIGQR.M	Y	25.13	1291.6407	11	-1.5	646.8267	2	96.54			Q61847 MEP1B_MOUSE
T.LLDQNPDIR.Q.R	Y	25.54	1210.6306	10	-1	606.322	2	44.74			Q61847-2 MEP1B_MOUSE
R.ISEFEDVIGQR.M	Y	25.13	1291.6407	11	-1.5	646.8267	2	96.54			Q61847-2 MEP1B_MOUSE
F.GPGIGRPPPPP.F	Y	22.84	1040.5767	11	3	521.2972	2	49.04			Q61900 SMR3A_MOUSE
P.GIGRPPPPP.F	Y	21.43	886.5024	9	-2	444.2576	2	37.21			Q61900 SMR3A_MOUSE
R.LQEENQVITPR.L	Y	22.54	1325.6938	11	0	663.8542	2	41.63			Q62468 VILL_MOUSE
R.QYDISNPQKPR.L	Y	26.96	1344.6786	11	-1.5	673.3456	2	28.92			Q63836 SBP2_MOUSE
K.VIEASEIQAK.C	Y	23.46	1086.592	10	2.9	544.3049	2	37.37			Q63836 SBP2_MOUSE
K.INFYM(+15.99)YQGP APR.I	Y	29.58	1471.6918	12	-2.3	736.8515	2	93.88	Oxidation (M)	M5:Oxidatio n (M):1000.00	Q6DYE8 ENPP3_MOUSE
V.NEFSDSDVDVGLQK VK.F	Y	37.31	1806.8635	16	6.9	904.4453	2	96.77			Q6P8U6 LIPP_MOUSE
R.TTYTQATQNV.R.V	Y	32.65	1281.6313	11	-1.2	641.8222	2	26.39			Q6P8U6 LIPP_MOUSE

V.RLDPTDAQFV.D	Y	25.32	1160.5825	10	1	581.2991	2	85.74				Q6P8U6 LIPP_MOUSE
K.TAGSQEAPNLPK	Y	25.06	1239.6207	12	-1.2	620.8169	2	35.67				Q6T3U4 NPLC1_MOUSE
K.AQEINSGSEAWAEVQR.Q	Y	30.97	1773.8281	16	2.4	887.9235	2	72.34				Q7M758 NALDL_MOUSE
L.NSGSEAWAEVQR.Q	Y	30.68	1332.6058	12	-1.1	667.3094	2	52.83				Q7M758 NALDL_MOUSE
K.FLDPGFSSHQAVAR.T	Y	29.59	1530.7578	14	0.5	511.2601	3	91.01				Q7M758 NALDL_MOUSE
A.SVDTPPGLANAYAK.A	Y	27.46	1452.7249	14	0.5	727.3701	2	96.94				Q7M758 NALDL_MOUSE
V.LVYTDPDGDINDGK.S	Y	24.4	1405.6725	13	0.6	703.8439	2	57.79				Q7M758 NALDL_MOUSE
K.SSPDPLQVR.M	Y	23.89	997.5192	9	2.3	499.768	2	45.4				Q7M758 NALDL_MOUSE
A.ILDSVM(+15.99)GQLDASR.I	Y	23.36	1419.7028	13	1.7	710.8599	2	68.84	Oxidation (M)	M6:Oxidation (M):1000.00		Q7M758 NALDL_MOUSE
T.SEPAPDKKELDQLAK.S	Y	31.5	1668.8206	15	2.2	835.4194	2	65.65				Q7TPZ8 CBPA1_MOUSE
R.VGAGAPVYLAAVLEYLTAEILELAGNAAR.D	Y	22.37	2914.5803	29	3	972.5369	3	116.29				Q8BFU2 H2A3_MOUSE
R.VGAGAPVYLAAVLEYLTAEILELAGNAAR.D	Y	22.37	2914.5803	29	3	972.5369	3	116.29				Q8CGP5 H2A1F_MOUSE
R.VGAGAPVYLAAVLEYLTAEILELAGNAAR.D	Y	22.37	2914.5803	29	3	972.5369	3	116.29				Q8CGP6 H2A1H_MOUSE
R.VGAGAPVYLAAVLEYLTAEILELAGNAAR.D	Y	22.37	2914.5803	29	3	972.5369	3	116.29				Q8CGP7 H2A1K_MOUSE
K.ETTPFYPR.S	Y	23.31	1009.4869	8	0.5	505.7509	2	50.83				Q8K0C9 GMSD_MOUSE
V.MTGPVPVFNPR.V	Y	21.23	1114.5593	10	2.6	558.2884	2	71.4				Q8K419 LEG4_MOUSE
V.GEIMSLSAATPK.H	Y	22.56	1203.6169	12	1.7	602.8168	2	74.23				Q8R0I0 ACE2_MOUSE
R.VGAGAPVYLAAVLEYLTAEILELAGNAAR.D	Y	22.37	2914.5803	29	3	972.5369	3	116.29				Q8R1M2 H2AJ_MOUSE
R.NPSDNGIGAPTSGDGPAGPYTR.Q	Y	26.19	2099.9507	22	-1.5	1050.9811	2	59.65				Q91XA9 CHIA_MOUSE
K.ANEWLGYDNIK.S	Y	23.22	1321.6302	11	1.6	661.8235	2	96.86				Q91XA9 CHIA_MOUSE
F.ILRNPSDNGIGAPT.S	Y	22.32	1423.7419	14	0.2	712.8784	2	55.64				Q91XA9 CHIA_MOUSE
L.VGFPEYGH.T	Y	21.07	1005.4556	9	-0.1	503.735	2	64.45				Q91XA9 CHIA_MOUSE
L.NAGDLFVHPK.W	Y	28.88	1096.5665	10	1.1	549.2911	2	64.1				Q9CQ52 CEL3B_MOUSE
A.GEFDQGSDEENVQV.LK.I	Y	31.11	1792.8115	16	5.2	897.4177	2	70.61				Q9CR35 CTRB1_MOUSE
K.IAQVFKNPK.F	Y	23.91	1043.6127	9	1.1	522.8142	2	35.77				Q9CR35 CTRB1_MOUSE
M.A(+42.01)QAPTIVITQPGFVR.A	Y	36.96	1624.8937	15	1.8	813.4556	2	96.92	Acetylation (N-term)	A1:Acetylation (N-term):1000.00		Q9J148 PLAC8_MOUSE
M.T(+42.01)ASSVLLHTGQK.M	Y	22.89	1282.6881	12	0.5	642.3516	2	66.71	Acetylation (N-term)	T1:Acetylation (N-term):1000.00		Q9J161 AK1A1_MOUSE
R.LTAFEEAIPK.S	Y	26.03	1117.6019	10	1.2	559.8089	2	96.89				Q9Z2W0 DNPEP_MOUSE
L.GHVDHGK.T	N	23.23	748.3616	7	-0.9	375.1877	2	5.05				RUMGNA RUMGNA_01593
K.TTLTAAITK.T	Y	22.54	918.5386	9	-0.6	460.2763	2	47.32				RUMGNA RUMGNA_01593
L.GHVDHGK.T	N	23.23	748.3616	7	-0.9	375.1877	2	5.05				RUMHYD RUMHYD_01594
K.TTLTAAITK.T	Y	22.54	918.5386	9	-0.6	460.2763	2	47.32				RUMHYD RUMHYD_01594
L.GHVDHGK.T	N	23.23	748.3616	7	-0.9	375.1877	2	5.05				RUMLAC RUMLAC_02673
K.TTLTAAITK.V	Y	22.54	918.5386	9	-0.6	460.2763	2	47.32				RUMLAC RUMLAC_02673
R.DNIQGITKPAIR.R	Y	25.4	1324.7462	12	0.3	663.3806	2	59.52				tr A0A096UJU8 A0A096UJU8_WHEAT
R.DNIQGITKPAIR.R	Y	25.4	1324.7462	12	0.3	663.3806	2	59.52				tr A0A096UWG0 A0A096UWG0_WHEAT
K.ETTPFYPR.S	Y	23.31	1009.4869	8	0.5	505.7509	2	50.83				tr A0A0F6B3F9 A0A0F6B3F9_SALT1
K.GILAADESTGSIAR.K	Y	21.92	1331.6932	14	0.7	666.8544	2	64.62				tr A6Z144 A6Z144_MOUSE
K.GILAADESTGSIAR.Y	Y	21.92	1331.6932	14	0.7	666.8544	2	64.62				tr A6Z147 A6Z147_MOUSE
K.VNADEVGGEALGR.L	Y	25.74	1285.6262	13	0.5	643.8207	2	50.82				tr A8DUK4 A8DUK4_MOUSE
K.AAVSGLWGK.V	Y	22.4	887.4865	9	0.7	444.7508	2	67.16				tr A8DUK4 A8DUK4_MOUSE
K.TPAQYDASEL.K.A	Y	20.82	1221.5876	11	0.8	611.8016	2	37.65				tr B0V2N7 B0V2N7_MOUSE
K.TPAQYDASEL.K.A	Y	20.82	1221.5876	11	0.8	611.8016	2	37.65				tr B0V2N8 B0V2N8_MOUSE
M.T(+42.01)ASSVLLHTGQK.M	Y	22.89	1282.6881	12	0.5	642.3516	2	66.71	Acetylation (N-term)	T1:Acetylation (N-term):1000.00		tr B1AXW3 B1AXW3_MOUSE
V.VNIDGYVYTWAK.D	Y	26.94	1427.7085	12	0.2	714.8617	2	97				tr B2RS76 B2RS76_MOUSE
V.ANDNPDLVSKR.V	Y	26.66	1227.6207	11	1.3	614.8184	2	19.27				tr B2RS76 B2RS76_MOUSE
L.TEDDIIQNQSVLKG.Y	Y	24.79	1558.7838	14	3.3	780.4017	2	73.2				tr B2RU69 B2RU69_MOUSE
Y.SNAFPSTPVNKL	Y	26.67	1160.5825	11	1.8	581.2996	2	44.07				tr B5THE2 B5THE2_MOUSE
K.ELHNNGQK.L	Y	22.86	938.457	8	3.3	470.2373	2	5.77				tr B5THE2 B5THE2_MOUSE
L.NIPSAPLSTPEGR.L	Y	22.1	1337.6938	13	0.3	669.8544	2	62.82				tr B5THE2 B5THE2_MOUSE
K.GILAADESTGSIAR.K	Y	21.92	1331.6932	14	0.7	666.8544	2	64.62				tr D3YV98 D3YV98_MOUSE
K.GILAADESTGSIAR.Y	Y	21.92	1331.6932	14	0.7	666.8544	2	64.62				tr D3YW11 D3YW11_MOUSE
K.AASGFNATEDAQTLLR.K.A	Y	29.82	1678.8274	16	-0.1	840.4209	2	54.76				tr D3Z0S1 D3Z0S1_MOUSE
K.AASGFNATEDAQTLLR.K	Y	28.85	1550.7324	15	-1.4	776.3724	2	61.75				tr D3Z0S1 D3Z0S1_MOUSE
K.GLGTDDNTLIR.V	Y	21.3	1173.599	11	1.9	587.8079	2	64.84				tr D3Z0S1 D3Z0S1_MOUSE
K.L.APEFAK.R	Y	22.97	774.4276	7	-0.3	388.2209	2	37.44				tr D3Z0Y2 D3Z0Y2_MOUSE
R.IPYTPGEIPK.F	Y	27.35	1113.6069	10	1.8	557.8118	2	68.18				tr D3Z3F7 D3Z3F7_MOUSE
R.VLIGDETPEGQK.A	Y	24.93	1341.6776	13	-0.9	671.8455	2	43.22				tr D3Z3F7 D3Z3F7_MOUSE
K.GILAADESTGSIAR.K	Y	21.92	1331.6932	14	0.7	666.8544	2	64.62				tr D3Z510 D3Z510_MOUSE
R.IVSGQDAQLGR.W	Y	23.58	1142.6044	11	1.6	572.3104	2	29.29				tr D6RGT5 D6RGT5_MOUSE
P.EPEPEPEPEPEPV.PEE.A	Y	26.09	1828.7889	16	-3.9	915.3982	2	53.34				tr E1AZ71 E1AZ71_MOUSE
E.PEPEPEPEPEPEPV.P	Y	21.57	1796.7992	16	1.3	899.4081	2	65.07				tr E1AZ71 E1AZ71_MOUSE

K.VNADEVGGALGRL	Y	25.74	1285.6262	13	0.5	643.8207	2	50.82				tr E9Q223 E9Q223_MOUSE
K.AAVSGLWGK.V	Y	22.4	887.4865	9	0.7	444.7508	2	67.16				tr E9Q223 E9Q223_MOUSE
R.IVSGQDAQLGR.W	Y	23.58	1142.6044	11	1.6	572.3104	2	29.29				tr E9Q409 E9Q409_MOUSE
I.AGLAPSDAQLSLEAP K.I	Y	32.21	1566.8253	16	-0.3	784.4197	2	94.49				tr E9Q4Y1 E9Q4Y1_MOUSE
I.GVDINEEKFP.R.A	Y	21.13	1302.6567	11	-0.7	435.2259	3	64.2				tr E9Q4Y1 E9Q4Y1_MOUSE
I.AGLAPSDAQLSLEAP K.I	Y	32.21	1566.8253	16	-0.3	784.4197	2	94.49				tr E9Q5Z6 E9Q5Z6_MOUSE
I.GVDINEEKFP.R.A	Y	21.13	1302.6567	11	-0.7	435.2259	3	64.2				tr E9Q5Z6 E9Q5Z6_MOUSE
A.ASGFNATEDAQTLRK .A	Y	29.82	1678.8274	16	-0.1	840.4209	2	54.76				tr F7ANV6 F7ANV6_MOUSE
A.ASGFNATEDAQTLR. K	Y	28.85	1550.7324	15	-1.4	776.3724	2	61.75				tr F7ANV6 F7ANV6_MOUSE
K.GLGTDDNTLIR.V	Y	21.3	1173.599	11	1.9	587.8079	2	64.84				tr F7ANV6 F7ANV6_MOUSE
K.KAAEALDAAK.K	Y	23.43	986.5396	10	0.9	494.2775	2	11.54				tr F8VQM0 F8VQM0_MOUSE
T.AAESSGSSYR.Q	Y	22.85	1013.4413	10	1.1	507.7285	2	7.19				tr F8VQM0 F8VQM0_MOUSE
K.AAAEALDAAKQIPI QTSAK.N	Y	22.18	1953.0894	19	-2	652.0358	3	95.58				tr F8VQM0 F8VQM0_MOUSE
R.ANGAEYQTYVR.G	Y	27.28	1270.5942	11	-0.2	636.3043	2	41.5				tr F8VQM5 F8VQM5_MOUSE
R.VDMYLPEDK.I	Y	25.98	1108.511	9	0.9	555.2632	2	66.29				tr F8VQM5 F8VQM5_MOUSE
A.SVTNDSNGLK.A	Y	24.86	1033.504	10	0.6	517.7596	2	11.8				tr F8VQM5 F8VQM5_MOUSE
R.QLDFTIGER.F	Y	22.76	1077.5454	9	0.9	539.7805	2	95.78				tr F8VQM5 F8VQM5_MOUSE
K.LIVAADDNQTAK.G	Y	21.27	1257.6565	12	-1.6	629.8345	2	33.42				tr F8VQM5 F8VQM5_MOUSE
R.DNIQGITKPAIR.R	Y	25.4	1324.7462	12	0.3	663.3806	2	59.52				tr K7KA53 K7KA53_SOYBN
I.SLLDTSNFNQLDQN PR.V	Y	41.8	1974.9395	17	1.8	988.4788	2	96.86				tr K7LZA4 K7LZA4_SOYBN
R.SOQLQDSDHQ.K	Y	30	1325.6323	11	1.2	663.8242	2	6.95				tr K7LZA4 K7LZA4_SOYBN
Q.QOQLQDSDHQ.K	N	23.11	982.4468	8	1.7	492.2315	2	7.31				tr K7LZA4 K7LZA4_SOYBN
K.LHENIARPS.R	N	22.38	1035.5461	9	0	518.7803	2	22.94				tr K7LZA4 K7LZA4_SOYBN
R.DNIQGITKPAIR.R	Y	25.4	1324.7462	12	0.3	663.3806	2	59.52				tr K7LZT4 K7LZT4_SOYBN
R.DNIQGITKPAIR.R	Y	25.4	1324.7462	12	0.3	663.3806	2	59.52				tr K7M9J2 K7M9J2_SOYBN
R.DNIQGITKPAIR.R	Y	25.4	1324.7462	12	0.3	663.3806	2	59.52				tr K7MQA4 K7MQA4_SOYBN
R.LTAFEEAIPK.S	Y	26.03	1117.6019	10	1.2	559.8089	2	96.89				tr Q3TVK3 Q3TVK3_MOUSE
A.M(+15.99)FTPQAEPV PDES.PR.S	Y	34.45	1715.7825	15	-3.2	858.8958	2	61.8	Oxidation (M)	M1:Oxidation (M):1000.00		tr Q3UW98 Q3UW98_MOUSE
I.SLTWTAPGDDYDVG R.V	N	23.73	1651.7478	15	1.8	826.8826	2	96.84				tr Q3UW98 Q3UW98_MOUSE
A.MFTPQAEPVPDES.PR. S	Y	23.23	1699.7875	15	2.6	850.9032	2	71.39				tr Q3UW98 Q3UW98_MOUSE
Q.AEPVPDES.PR.S	Y	20.82	1095.5197	10	3.2	548.7689	2	23.75				tr Q3UW98 Q3UW98_MOUSE
K.LAPEFAK.R	Y	22.97	774.4276	7	-0.3	388.2209	2	37.44				tr Q6GT24 Q6GT24_MOUSE
R.LTAFEEAIPK.S	Y	26.03	1117.6019	10	1.2	559.8089	2	96.89				tr Q8BPW9 Q8BPW9_MOUSE
K.IGGHGAEYGAEALE R.M	Y	36.3	1528.7269	15	0	765.3707	2	57.64				tr Q91VB8 Q91VB8_MOUSE
P.EPEPEPEPEPEPV.PEE. A	Y	26.09	1828.7889	16	-3.9	915.3982	2	53.34				tr Q91WA8 Q91WA8_MOUSE
E.PEPEPEPEPEPEPV. P	Y	21.57	1796.7992	16	1.3	899.4081	2	65.07				tr Q91WA8 Q91WA8_MOUSE
R.TLNNDIM(+15.99)LIK L	Y	22.91	1189.6377	10	0.5	595.8264	2	96.26	Oxidation (M)	M7:Oxidation (M):1000.00		tr Q9QK9 Q9QK9_MOUSE
R.TLNNDIM(+15.99)LIK L	Y	22.91	1189.6377	10	0.5	595.8264	2	96.26	Oxidation (M)	M7:Oxidation (M):1000.00		tr Q9R0T7 Q9R0T7_MOUSE
I.SLLDTSNFNQLDQT PR.V	Y	30.23	1961.9442	17	1.4	981.9807	2	96.92				tr Q9SB11 Q9SB11_SOYBN
K.QOQLQDSDHQ.K	N	23.11	982.4468	8	1.7	492.2315	2	7.31				tr Q9SB11 Q9SB11_SOYBN
K.LHENIARPS.R	N	22.38	1035.5461	9	0	518.7803	2	22.94				tr Q9SB11 Q9SB11_SOYBN
H.QQEEEEEGSVLSGF SK.H	Y	21.4	1838.8169	17	3.4	920.4188	2	76.97				tr Q9SB11 Q9SB11_SOYBN
R.NGLHLPYSYSPYPR.M	Y	21.37	1499.7521	13	-0.1	500.9246	3	96.96				tr Q9SB11 Q9SB11_SOYBN
R.DNIQGITKPAIR.R	Y	25.4	1324.7462	12	0.3	663.3806	2	59.52				tr W4ZQV5 W4ZQV5_WHEAT
R.DNIQGITKPAIR.R	Y	25.4	1324.7462	12	0.3	663.3806	2	59.52				tr W4ZVZ3 W4ZVZ3_WHEAT
R.DNIQGITKPAIR.R	Y	25.4	1324.7462	12	0.3	663.3806	2	59.52				tr W5APN0 W5APN0_WHEAT
R.DNIQGITKPAIR.R	Y	25.4	1324.7462	12	0.3	663.3806	2	59.52				tr W5AWL4 W5AWL4_WHEAT
R.DNIQGITKPAIR.R	Y	25.4	1324.7462	12	0.3	663.3806	2	59.52				tr W5B8I7 W5B8I7_WHEAT
R.DNIQGITKPAIR.R	Y	25.4	1324.7462	12	0.3	663.3806	2	59.52				tr W5B954 W5B954_WHEAT
R.DNIQGITKPAIR.R	Y	25.4	1324.7462	12	0.3	663.3806	2	59.52				tr W5BDU9 W5BDU9_WHEAT
R.DNIQGITKPAIR.R	Y	25.4	1324.7462	12	0.3	663.3806	2	59.52				tr W5BPM3 W5BPM3_WHEAT
R.DNIQGITKPAIR.R	Y	25.4	1324.7462	12	0.3	663.3806	2	59.52				tr W5FBB1 W5FBB1_WHEAT
R.DNIQGITKPAIR.R	Y	25.4	1324.7462	12	0.3	663.3806	2	59.52				tr W5GDX3 W5GDX3_WHEAT
R.DNIQGITKPAIR.R	Y	25.4	1324.7462	12	0.3	663.3806	2	59.52				tr W5GE89 W5GE89_WHEAT
K.TAGSQEAPNLP.R.K	Y	25.06	1239.6207	12	-1.2	620.8169	2	35.67				tr Z4YJC9 Z4YJC9_MOUSE

Supplemental Table 4. Protein Identifications from methanol/ chloroform/ water extraction.

Protein Group	Protein ID	Accession	-10lgP	Coverage (%)	#Peptides	#Unique	PTM	Avg. Mass	Description
	61	68201	Amuc Amuc_1048	45.54	6	5	1	43431	elongation factor Tu
	156	5893	ANACOL ANACOL_03730	31.17	15	2	2	14879	hypothetical protein
	199	54005	B216 B216_01337	31.44	10	1	1	11550	30S ribosomal protein S10
	199	54015	B217 B217_03557	31.44	10	1	1	11550	30S ribosomal protein S10
	302	93804	BACCAC BACCAC_00202	29.53	5	1	1	21913	hypothetical protein
	162	67854	BACCAC BACCAC_00868	40.67	2	2	1	99571	hypothetical protein
	82	68416	BACCELL BACCELL_00889	43.34	21	3	3	10534	hypothetical protein
	201	40731	BACCELL BACCELL_02692	34.45	16	2	2	15751	hypothetical protein
	302	117828	BACCELL BACCELL_02704	29.53	5	1	1	21869	hypothetical protein
	120	24605	BACCELL BACCELL_05494	45.74	1	3	1	129934	hypothetical protein
	201	40721	BACCOPRO BACCOPRO_00303	34.45	16	2	2	15708	hypothetical protein
	162	67910	BACCOPRO BACCOPRO_00810	40.67	2	2	1	99788	hypothetical protein
	82	68444	BACCOPRO BACCOPRO_03489	43.34	21	3	3	10561	hypothetical protein
	321	68587	BACDOR BACDOR_00205	26.23	4	1	1	32863	hypothetical protein
	321	68588	BACEGG BACEGG_00076	26.23	4	1	1	32632	hypothetical protein
	82	68418	BACEGG BACEGG_00173	43.34	21	3	3	10662	hypothetical protein
	120	24607	BACEGG BACEGG_01855	45.74	1	3	1	130009	hypothetical protein
	302	117833	BACEGG BACEGG_02938	29.53	5	1	1	21886	hypothetical protein
	182	67777	BACEGG BACEGG_02940	39.09	3	2	1	77583	hypothetical protein
	201	40709	BACEGG BACEGG_02960	34.45	16	2	2	15808	hypothetical protein
	302	93802	BACFIN BACFIN_04868	29.53	5	1	1	21948	50S ribosomal protein L3
	321	68586	BACFIN BACFIN_05433	26.23	4	1	1	32774	malate dehydrogenase NAD-dependent
	82	68427	BACFIN BACFIN_06438	43.34	21	3	3	10676	ribosomal protein S18
	201	40715	BACFIN BACFIN_07794	34.45	16	2	2	15868	ribosomal protein L11
	82	68415	BACINT BACINT_00313	43.34	21	3	3	10534	hypothetical protein
	201	40712	BACINT BACINT_01760	34.45	16	2	2	15821	hypothetical protein
	302	117827	BACINT BACINT_01771	29.53	5	1	1	21870	hypothetical protein
	120	24604	BACINT BACINT_03177	45.74	1	3	1	130030	hypothetical protein
	302	93788	BACOVA BACOVA_01027	29.53	5	1	1	21829	hypothetical protein
	201	40728	BACOVA BACOVA_01040	34.45	16	2	2	15836	hypothetical protein
	49	24306	BACOVA BACOVA_01044	53.38	12	5	3	43648	hypothetical protein
	162	67906	BACOVA BACOVA_02268	40.67	2	2	1	99731	hypothetical protein
	82	68432	BACOVA BACOVA_03184	43.34	21	3	3	10704	hypothetical protein
	217	93504	BACPLE BACPLE_02299	35.43	5	2	2	43862	hypothetical protein
	82	68440	BACPLE BACPLE_03080	43.34	21	3	3	10561	hypothetical protein
	49	54334	BACPLE BACPLE_03647	53.38	12	5	3	43557	hypothetical protein
	201	40730	BACPLE BACPLE_03651	34.45	16	2	2	15712	hypothetical protein
	302	117831	BACSTE BACSTE_02756	29.53	5	1	1	21902	hypothetical protein
	321	68567	BACSTE BACSTE_03693	26.23	4	1	1	32738	hypothetical protein
	302	117829	BACUNI BACUNI_00812	29.53	5	1	1	21917	hypothetical protein
	201	40716	BACUNI BACUNI_00823	34.45	16	2	2	15867	hypothetical protein
	321	68592	BACUNI BACUNI_03132	26.23	4	1	1	32782	hypothetical protein
	82	68420	BACUNI BACUNI_03359	43.34	21	3	3	10662	hypothetical protein
	199	54002	BAD BAD_0320	31.44	10	1	1	11516	30S ribosomal protein S10
	199	53998	BBB BBB_1541	31.44	10	1	1	11550	30S ribosomal protein S10
	199	54003	BBIF BBIF_1505	31.44	10	1	1	11550	30S ribosomal protein S10
	199	53996	BBNG BBNG_01539	31.44	10	1	1	11550	30S ribosomal protein S10
	199	54000	BBPR BBPR_1558	31.44	10	1	1	11550	30S ribosomal protein S10
	321	68582	BDI BDI_0389	26.23	4	1	1	32848	malate dehydrogenase
	302	117840	BDI BDI_2380	29.53	5	1	1	22134	50S ribosomal protein L3
	82	68414	BDI BDI_3968	43.34	21	3	3	10487	30S ribosomal protein S18
	199	54006	BDP BDP_0429	31.44	10	1	1	11550	30S ribosomal protein S10
	199	54017	BIFADO BIFADO_00571	31.44	10	1	1	11550	hypothetical protein
	199	54011	BIFANG BIFANG_03539	31.44	10	1	1	11554	hypothetical protein
	199	54019	BIFDEN BIFDEN_00349	31.44	10	1	1	11550	hypothetical protein
	199	54009	BIFPSEUDO BIFPSEUDO_02628	31.44	10	1	1	11550	hypothetical protein
	220	42922	BLAHAN BLAHAN_04523	28.51	5	1	1	23781	formate--tetrahydrofolate ligase
	236	5589	BLAHAN BLAHAN_04933	30.31	1	1	1	76888	translation elongation factor G
	94	67756	BLAHAN BLAHAN_04936	50.83	5	4	4	59448	phosphoenolpyruvate carboxykinase
	220	42921	BLAHAN BLAHAN_05779	28.51	9	1	1	12335	formate--tetrahydrofolate ligase
	156	54311	BLAHAN BLAHAN_05968	31.17	15	2	2	14808	ribosomal protein L11
	274	117855	BLAHAN BLAHAN_06361	21.88	6	1	1	15339	ribosomal protein L15
	220	42936	BRYFOR BRYFOR_06351	28.51	2	1	1	60240	formate--tetrahydrofolate ligase
	315	93222	BRYFOR BRYFOR_06378	22.58	10	1	1	13097	ribosomal protein L19
	220	42937	BRYFOR BRYFOR_07447	28.51	2	1	1	60597	formate--tetrahydrofolate ligase
	236	54055	BRYFOR BRYFOR_07805	30.31	1	1	1	77063	putative translation elongation factor G
	226	117792	BRYFOR BRYFOR_07955	35.04	5	1	1	22588	50S ribosomal protein L4
	137	304	BRYFOR BRYFOR_09074	41.26	3	2	1	75905	translation elongation factor G
	321	68583	BSEG BSEG_02576	26.23	4	1	1	32863	malate dehydrogenase
	162	117718	BTBT_0644	40.67	2	2	1	99684	pyruvate phosphate dikinase
	302	117807	BTBT_2727	29.53	5	1	1	21903	50S ribosomal protein L3
	321	68685	BTBT_3911	26.23	4	1	1	32763	malate dehydrogenase
	321	68571	BVU BVU_0256	26.23	4	1	1	32847	malate dehydrogenase
	162	67903	BXY BXY_02130	40.67	2	2	1	99673	pyruvate phosphate dikinase
	82	68433	BXY BXY_11220	43.34	21	3	3	10704	SSU ribosomal protein S18P



302	117803	BXY BXY_18520	29.53	5	1	1		21874	LSU ribosomal protein L3P
201	40726	BXY BXY_18630	34.45	16	2	2		15836	LSU ribosomal protein L11P
49	18416	BXY BXY_18660	53.38	12	5	3		43662	translation elongation factor 1A (EF-1A/EF-Tu)
185	67876	CIT292 CIT292_07476	35.62	6	2	1		48549	NADP-specific glutamate dehydrogenase
236	54084	CLOBOL CLOBOL_01950	30.31	1	1	1		77531	hypothetical protein
78	41561	CLOBOL CLOBOL_03031	54.11	9	4	4		35997	hypothetical protein
274	117853	CLOBOL CLOBOL_05944	21.88	6	1	1		15477	hypothetical protein
76	41809	CLOBOL CLOBOL_05950	49.41	25	5	1		20369	hypothetical protein
220	42688	CLOBOL CLOBOL_07321	28.51	2	1	1		59781	hypothetical protein
156	5897	CLOHIR CLOHIR_01566	31.17	15	2	2		14786	hypothetical protein
54	243	CLOHYLEM CLOHYLEM_05194	61.85	7	4	1		62571	hypothetical protein
244	68088	CLOHYLEM CLOHYLEM_05797	38.62	3	1	1		56286	hypothetical protein
121	187	CLOHYLEM CLOHYLEM_05831	38.36	3	2	1	Oxidation (M)	78082	hypothetical protein
156	70741	CLOHYLEM CLOHYLEM_05892	31.17	15	2	2		14898	hypothetical protein
68	67664	CLOHYLEM CLOHYLEM_06153	61.98	10	4	1		41300	hypothetical protein
220	42338	CLOHYLEM CLOHYLEM_06355	28.51	2	1	1		59582	hypothetical protein
167	67893	CLOHYLEM CLOHYLEM_06525	38.97	5	2	2		45729	hypothetical protein
274	68168	CLOHYLEM CLOHYLEM_07670	21.88	6	1	1		15340	hypothetical protein
156	5898	CLOLEP CLOLEP_02932	31.17	15	2	2		14928	hypothetical protein
220	42935	CLOLEP CLOLEP_03336	28.51	2	1	1		60293	hypothetical protein
195	117974	CLONEX CLONEX_00038	28.59	14	2	2		7300	hypothetical protein
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315	93221	CLONEX CLONEX_03041	22.58	10	1	1		13015	hypothetical protein
210	68025	CLONEX CLONEX_03175	31.4	1	1	1		76504	hypothetical protein
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290	117812	CLONEX CLONEX_03523	21.31	2	1	1		50782	hypothetical protein
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274	68167	CLOSCI CLOSCI_02206	21.88	6	1	1		15365	hypothetical protein
51	43855	CLOSCI CLOSCI_02348	57.21	11	4	2		32746	hypothetical protein
55	247	CLOSCI CLOSCI_03565	51.36	6	4	1	Oxidation (M)	62798	hypothetical protein
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76	41752	CLOSTASPAR CLOSTASPAR_00977	49.41	25	5	1		20351	hypothetical protein
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244	68895	CLOSTASPAR CLOSTASPAR_02873	38.62	3	1	1		54487	hypothetical protein
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156	5899	CLOSTASPAR CLOSTASPAR_06716	31.17	15	2	2		14779	hypothetical protein
274	117862	CLOSTHATH CLOSTHATH_01324	21.88	6	1	1		17137	ribosomal protein L15
236	54068	CLOSTHATH CLOSTHATH_04938	30.31	1	1	1		78232	translation elongation factor G
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220	42927	COLSTE COLSTE_02400	28.51	2	1	1		59072	hypothetical protein
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274	117860	COPEUT COPEUT_02174	21.88	6	1	1		15480	hypothetical protein
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82	68439	CUU CUU_3885	43.34	21	3	3		10561	ribosomal protein S18
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302	117834	CUY CUY_3299	29.53	7	1	1		15233	50S ribosomal protein L3
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49	41234	CW1 CW1_0481	53.38	12	5	3		43662	translation elongation factor Tu
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82	68430	CW3 CW3_1327	43.34	21	3	3		10704	ribosomal protein S18
49	24307	CW3 CW3_3618	53.38	12	5	3		43662	translation elongation factor Tu
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94	67951	DORFOR/DORFOR_01796	50.83	5	4	4		59354	hypothetical protein
195	117973	DORFOR/DORFOR_02174	28.59	14	2	2		7190	hypothetical protein
114	40958	DORFOR/DORFOR_02415	43.98	1	3	1		128131	hypothetical protein
129	68120	DORFOR/DORFOR_02813	41.8	7	3	2		49611	hypothetical protein
51	42990	DORLON/DORLON_00078	57.21	12	4	2		30922	hypothetical protein
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274	94516	DORLON/DORLON_02208	21.88	6	1	1		15374	hypothetical protein
200	41082	DORLON/DORLON_02544	37.75	16	2	2		14415	hypothetical protein
185	40838	ECD227/ECD227_01179	35.62	6	2	1		48511	glutamate dehydrogenase
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185	67807	ERIGIERIG_01926	35.62	6	2	1		48555	glutamate/Leucine/Phenylalanine/Valine dehydrogenase
202	41055	EUBDOL/EUBDOL_00065	28.57	3	1	1		29964	hypothetical protein
169	54198	EUBDOL/EUBDOL_02012	39.97	7	2	2		31499	hypothetical protein
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34	18412	EUBELI/EUBELI_00288	59	13	7	1		43997	elongation factor Tu
195	117975	EUBELI/EUBELI_00506	28.59	11	2	2		9497	cold shock protein
101	40883	EUBELI/EUBELI_01617	55.97	8	4	1		48972	glutamate dehydrogenase
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156	54340	EUBHAL/EUBHAL_01120	31.17	15	2	2		14961	hypothetical protein
274	117851	EUBVEN/EUBVEN_00870	21.88	6	1	1		15445	hypothetical protein
76	41812	EUBVEN/EUBVEN_00877	49.41	27	5	1		18730	hypothetical protein
104	42297	EUBVEN/EUBVEN_00885	47.58	12	3	1		30321	hypothetical protein
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220	42685	FAEPRAM212 FAEPRAM212_03554	28.51	2	1	1		61243	hypothetical protein
94	67954	FP2 FP2_13680	50.83	5	4	4		59289	phosphoenolpyruvate carboxykinase (ATP)
220	42684	FPR FPR_03960	28.51	2	1	1		61243	Formate-tetrahydrofolate ligase
94	67949	FPR FPR_10380	50.83	5	4	4		59146	phosphoenolpyruvate carboxykinase (ATP)
236	54090	FVAG FVAG_00896	30.31	1	1	1		76724	translation elongation factor G
290	117822	FVAG FVAG_02380	21.31	2	1	1		56942	PTS system protein
315	93223	Ga0056060 Ga0056060_00078	22.58	10	1	1		13097	ribosomal protein L19 bacterial type
220	42934	Ga0056060 Ga0056060_00103	28.51	2	1	1		59809	Formate-tetrahydrofolate ligase (EC 6.3.4.3)
236	54054	Ga0056060 Ga0056060_00936	30.31	1	1	1		77063	small GTP-binding protein domain
220	6666	Ga0056060 Ga0056060_02051	28.51	2	1	1		59883	Formate-tetrahydrofolate ligase (EC 6.3.4.3)
226	117793	Ga0056060 Ga0056060_02724	35.04	5	1	1		22588	50S ribosomal protein L4 bacterial/organelle
137	67749	Ga0056060 Ga0056060_04116	41.26	3	2	1	Oxidation (M)	77746	translation elongation factor EF-G
220	42932	Ga0062113 Ga0062113_01430	28.51	2	1	1		59039	Formate-tetrahydrofolate ligase (EC 6.3.4.3)
140	67758	Ga0062113 Ga0062113_02010	41.87	9	2	1		20444	Ribosomal protein L5
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156	71557	HMPREF0372 HMPREF0372_00855	31.17	15	2	2		14764	ribosomal protein L11
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321	68573	HMPREF1058 HMPREF1058_03596	26.23	4	1	1		32847	malate dehydrogenase
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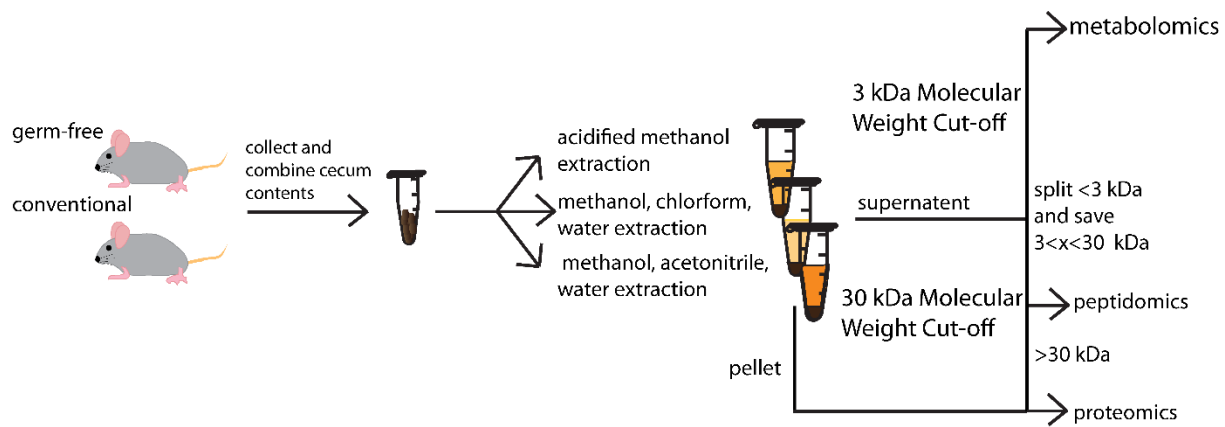
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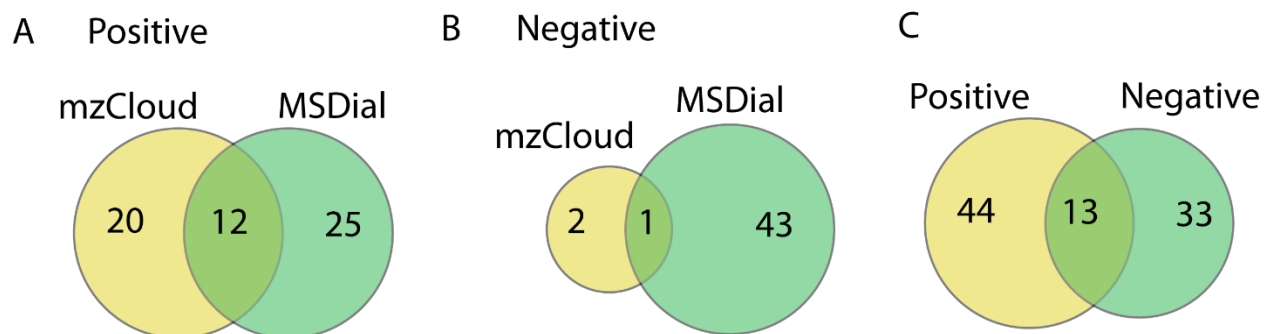
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## Supplemental Figures



**Supplemental Figure S1.** Diagram showing experimental workflow.



**Supplemental Figure S2.** Comparison of mzCloud and MSDial spectral matching databases for metabolomics identification.

# Chapter 7

## Gut Microbial and Metabolic Responses to *Salmonella enterica* Typhimurium and *Candida albicans*

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## Abstract

The gut microbiota confers resistance to pathogens of the intestinal ecosystem, yet the dynamics of pathogen-microbiome interactions and the metabolites involved in this process remain largely unknown. Here, we use gnotobiotic mice infected with the virulent pathogen *Salmonella enterica* Typhimurium or the opportunistic pathogen *Candida albicans* in combination with metagenomics and discovery metabolomics to identify changes in the community and metabolome during infection. To isolate the role of the microbiota in response to pathogens, we compared mice monocolonized with the pathogen, uninfected mice “humanized” with a synthetic human microbiome, or infected humanized mice. In *Salmonella* infected mice, by three days into infection, microbiome community structure and function changed substantially, with a rise in Enterobacteriaceae strains and a reduction in biosynthetic gene cluster potential. In contrast, *Candida* infected mice had few microbiome changes. The LC-MS metabolomic fingerprint of the cecum differed between mice monocolonized with either pathogen and humanized infected mice. Specifically, we identified an increase in glutathione disulfide, glutathione cysteine disulfide, inosine monophosphate, and hydroxybutyrylcarnitine in mice infected with *Salmonella* in contrast to uninfected mice and mice monocolonized with *Salmonella*. These metabolites potentially play a role in pathogen-induced oxidative stress. These results provide insight into how the microbiota community members interact with each other and with pathogens on a metabolic level.

## Importance

The gut microbiota is increasingly recognized for playing a critical role in human health and disease, especially in conferring resistance to both virulent pathogens such as *Salmonella*, which infects 1.2 million people in the United States every year,<sup>1</sup> and opportunistic pathogens like

*Candida*, that causes an estimated 46,000 cases of invasive candidiasis each year in the United States.<sup>2</sup> Using a gnotobiotic mouse model, we investigate potential changes in gut microbial community structure and function during infection using metagenomics and metabolomics. We observe that changes in the community and in biosynthetic gene cluster potential occur within three days for the virulent *Salmonella enterica* Typhimurium, but there are minimal changes with a poorly colonizing *Candida albicans*. In addition, the metabolome shifts depending on infection status including changes in glutathione metabolites in response to *Salmonella* infection, potentially in response to host oxidative stress.

## Introduction

Symbiotic microbes help shape the biology of plants and animals.<sup>3</sup> In humans, gut microbes modulate nutrition, immune function, and are correlated with an increasing number of metabolic and neurological health and disease states.<sup>4, 5</sup> The human gastrointestinal tract harbors the largest fraction of microbial life in the body, estimated to range from  $10^8$  to  $10^{10}$  bacteria per gram in the ileum and stool, respectively.<sup>6</sup> Bacteria are the dominant taxa in the human gut microbiome, with the most abundant lineages belonging to the phyla Bacteroidetes and Firmicutes. Nevertheless, these communities are highly diverse and include viruses, archaea, fungi, and protists,<sup>7-10</sup> and all combined contain 150 times as many genes as the human genome.<sup>11</sup> In a healthy state, the human gut microbiome is relatively stable over time.<sup>12, 13</sup> Major disruption of the gut microbiome is associated with infections by a number of serious human pathogens, such as *Clostridium difficile*, vancomycin resistant Enterococcus (VRE), and *Salmonella enterica*.<sup>14-16</sup>

Preventing exogenous microbes from colonizing the human intestine is critical to the host maintaining a stable and healthy gut microbiome. The role of the microbiome in preventing

pathogens from invading the gut has been recognized since the 1950s, when pre-treatment with antibiotics was shown to drop infectious dose of *Salmonella enterica* 100,000-fold.<sup>17</sup> Gut microbes confer colonization resistance by outcompeting pathogens for nutrients, priming the host immune system, and directly targeting other microbes with metabolites.<sup>18</sup> Several examples of metabolites produced or modified by the microbiota that inhibit pathogens include short chain fatty acids, secondary bile acids, and modified compounds from the diet.<sup>19-21</sup> In addition, some members of the microbiota can create compounds to respond selectively to pathogen infection.<sup>22</sup> The gut microbiota has the potential to make a wide variety of novel natural products, and many of these large biosynthetic gene clusters encoding natural products are found in relatively small genomes, indicative of an ecological role for the products.<sup>23</sup>

Experiments using gnotobiotic mice with and without human microbiota, in combination with metagenomic and metabolomic approaches, can provide insight on the structure and function of the gut microbiota during pathogen invasion. Gnotobiotic mice are a mammalian model system in which defined microbiomes can be used in a controlled environment. Various metabolomics techniques, including nuclear magnetic resonance and chromatography-mass spectrometry, have been used for large-scale characterization of metabolite changes as a result of microbiome colonization, illustrating the impact of the microbiota on not only intestinal metabolism, but also on global systems.<sup>24, 25</sup> Furthermore, liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry (LC-MS) can help characterize metabolite changes due to disturbances in the microbiome<sup>26, 27</sup> and to screen for novel secondary metabolites and natural products in bacterial systems.<sup>28, 29</sup>

Here we examine colonization resistance in the humanized (HUM) mouse model. Specifically, we perform experimental infection with *Salmonella enterica* Typhimurium and *Candida albicans* in HUM mice and in germ-free (GF) mice. *Salmonella enterica* Typhimurium

is a disruptive pathogen that causes massive inflammation to outcompete the native microbiota in mice and human models.<sup>30-32</sup> *Candida albicans* can cause low-grade inflammation, but in contrast to *Salmonella enterica* Typhimurium is considered a commensal and occasional opportunistic pathogen in the GI tract.<sup>33-36</sup> Nevertheless, *C. albicans* has been shown to colonize GF and antibiotic-treated adult mice,<sup>35, 37, 38</sup> which appear otherwise resistant, suggesting that gut microbiota play a role in preventing *Candida* colonization in mice and humans. In this study we investigate how these pathogens alter the structure of the human gut microbiome, the biosynthetic gene cluster potential, and the metabolites produced in a healthy or infected state. We cross the presence and absence of the microbiome with the presence and absence of pathogen infection, using either *S. enterica* Typhimurium or *C. albicans*. To characterize strain level diversity that is not resolvable with 16S rRNA gene sequencing, we use shotgun metagenomics on fecal samples over three days of infection. We also identify the capacity of community members to produce novel antimicrobials through the biosynthetic gene clusters embedded in bacterial genomes. Further, we characterize metabolites using LC-MS for relative quantification and discovery metabolomics in the host cecum during infection, and validate the identifications of several specific metabolites with commercial standards.

## **Experimental Methods**

### Human gut microbiota and pathogens

For our synthetic human microbiome gut community, we used a collection of previously obtained isolates cultured from human fecal samples and maintained in long term storage in the Rey-lab at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Bacterial isolates (**Supplemental Table 1**) were grown from glycerol stock on Mega Medium,<sup>39</sup> which was filter sterilized and held in a Coy anaerobic

chamber (5% H<sub>2</sub>, 20% CO<sub>2</sub>, and 75% N<sub>2</sub>). An even mix from each bacterial culture was inoculated into each anaerobic tube. From stock cultures, *Salmonella enterica* Typhimurium ATCC 14028 was grown aerobically overnight in LB broth at 37°C, while *Candida albicans* K1 was grown on Sabourand dextrose agar (SDA).

#### Gnotobiotic Mice and Experimental Infections

The University of Wisconsin-Madison Animal Care and Use Committee approved protocols used in mice experiments. GF male C57BL/6J mice were maintained in gnotobiotic isolators until 8–12 weeks old with 12h light cycle and sterilized food and water *ad libitum*. These GF mice were then randomly assigned to 1 of 5 treatment groups and moved to out-of-the-isolator gnotobiotic cages in autoclaved filter top cages and subsequently gavaged in a biosafety cabinet using aseptic technique.<sup>40</sup> Mice were housed 3 per cage, with a total of 6 mice per group.

To humanize mice, GF mice were colonized via oral gavage with 0.2 mL mixed bacterial culture as shown in Supplemental Table 3. All HUM mice were given the same inoculum, where bacteria were mixed with roughly similar proportions. Prior to infection, HUM mice were given 2 weeks to allow stabilization of the community. For mouse infections, mice were inoculated via oral gavage with 0.2 mL of overnight culture of *Salmonella enterica* Typhimurium ATCC 14028 or *Candida albicans* K1. Humanization and infection treatments were performed in a biosafety cabinet using aseptic technique.<sup>40</sup> Mice were sacrificed 3 days post infection or earlier depending on symptom severity and weight loss. Cecal contents were collected, flash frozen and stored at -80°C until processing. We selected cecum contents for LC-MS due to their high microbial loads and proximity to the distal ileum where *Salmonella* localizes to.<sup>30, 41</sup>

*Salmonella* and *Candida* quantification was performed by serial dilutions of fecal samples in phosphate buffered saline, followed by plating for quantification for *Salmonella* on Xylose lysine



deoxycholate (XLD) agar, and for *Candida* on SDA with chloramphenicol and gentamicin. Fecal samples from uninfected mice showed no growth on the SDA plates, as well as no growth of black colonies on XLD plates indicating no colonies capable of metabolizing thiosulfate into hydrogen sulfide as *Salmonella* does.

### Metagenomics

To characterize the gut microbiome of HUM mice, we conducted metagenomics using Illumina MiSeq. Genomic DNA was extracted from fecal pellets following the Turnbaugh et al. protocol.<sup>42</sup> Briefly, the protocol is as follows: to each frozen fecal pellet, we added 500  $\mu$ L of extraction buffer (200 mM Tris, 200 nM NaCl, 20 mM EDTA), 210  $\mu$ L 20% SDS, 500  $\mu$ L phenol:chloroform, 500  $\mu$ L 0.1 mm zirconia/silica beads, and one 3.2 mm stainless steel bead. Cells were beaten for 3 minutes at room temperature. To remove contaminants, the Wizard SV Gel and PCR Clean-up kit was used. DNA library preparation and sequencing was done at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Biotechnology Center. Samples were prepared with the TruSeq Nano DNA LT Library Prep Kit (Illumina Inc., San Diego, California, USA) with minor modifications. After shearing samples with a Covaris M220 Ultrasonicator (Covaris Inc, Woburn, MA, USA), samples were size selected for an average insert size of 550 bp using SPRI bead based size exclusion, then libraries were standardized to 2 nM. Sequencing was done using single ends on the Illumina MiSeq Sequencer with a 50 bp (v2) sequencing cartridge.

Metagenomic data was pre-processed using BBDuk (<https://sourceforge.net/projects/bbmap/>) to trim adapters, remove phi-X contamination and quality trim reads to Q10. We analyzed the reads using the COPROseq (Community profiling by sequencing) pipeline,<sup>43</sup> which mapped reads to reference genomes using Bowtie version 1.0,<sup>44</sup> and normalized reads based on genome length. We also compared read mapping using Burrows-

Wheeler Alignment tool to verify reads mapped consistently.<sup>45</sup> Reference genomes were obtained from NCBI. Diversity was analyzed using the vegan package in R with a Kruskal-Wallis test. Biosynthetic gene clusters were identified using antiSMASH 4.0.<sup>46</sup> Gene clusters were then grouped by similarity using BiG-SCAPE (Navarro-Muñoz, Yeong, Medema *et al.*, in preparation: <https://git.wageningenur.nl/medema-group/BiG-SCAPE>). Data was analyzed and figures produced in R. Statistical testing was done using a Wilcoxon rank sum test (Mann Whitney U test) with a Benjamini-Hochberg correction.

### Metabolomics

All chemicals were obtained from Fisher Scientific unless otherwise noted. Mouse cecum samples were placed in 10 mL PTFE tubes for extraction with a methanol/chloroform/water extraction. Three parts methanol, 1 part chloroform, and 4 parts water (Milli-Q system, Millipore, Billerica, MA) were added, in order, to each sample (total volume 4 mL) and centrifuged for 20 minutes at 4575 x g at 4°C. The aqueous fraction was removed and 4 parts methanol were then added. After brief vortexing, samples were centrifuged for 5 minutes at 1500 x g and 4°C. The organic layer was removed. Samples were dried in a SpeedVac and stored at -80°C. To clean up the sample, the aqueous fraction was further processed with a 3 kDa molecular weight cutoff (MWCO) (Amicon Ultra, Millipore). The MWCO device was rinsed with 0.2 mL 0.1 M NaOH and 0.5 mL 50/50 methanol/water. The sample was loaded in 0.5 mL 50/50 methanol/water and rinsed with 0.1 mL 50/50 methanol/water. All centrifuges occurred at 14,000 x g until the rinse or sample was through the device. The MWCO flow-through was dried with a SpeedVac and stored at -80°C until analysis.

Aqueous samples were resuspended in optima grade water at a concentration of 10 mg/mL. A Dionex Ultimate 3000 UHPLC system (Thermo Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA) and a Cortecs

C18 column (2.1 mm internal diameter x 100 mm length, 1.6  $\mu\text{m}$  particle size; Waters, Milford, MA, USA), equipped with a corresponding guard column were used to separate the samples. The column temperature was 35°C, and the mobile phases were optima grade water with 0.1% formic acid (A) and acetonitrile with 0.1% formic acid (B). The separation occurred with a 35 minute gradient at a flow rate of 0.3 mL/minutes with the following conditions: 0–5 min, 1% B; 5–10 min, linear gradient from 1–3% B; 10–18 min, linear gradient from 3–40% B; 18–22 min, linear gradient from 40–80% B; 22–27 min, column cleaning at 95% B; and 27–35 min, re-equilibration at 1% B. The injection volume was 3  $\mu\text{L}$  and the samples were kept at 10°C during analysis. Metabolite MS data was acquired on a Q-Exactive Orbitrap mass spectrometer (Thermo Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA), which was equipped with an ESI source and operated in positive ion mode with a scan range of  $m/z$  200–1700. The MS parameters were as follows: 70,000 resolution, 1 E6 AGC, and 100 ms maximum injection time.

### Metabolomics Data Analysis

Relative quantification of the metabolomics data for the different sample types was performed with Compound Discoverer software (Thermo Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA). Spectra underwent retention time alignment (adaptive curve 5 ppm, 1 minute tolerances), detection of unknown compounds (5 ppm, 30 Intensity threshold, 3 S/N threshold, 1,000,000 minimum peak intensity), and grouping of unknown compounds (5 ppm, 0.05 retention time tolerance). The Compound Discoverer workflow also included fill gaps, mark background, predict compositions, ChemSpider search, normalize areas (constant sum), merge features, and differential analysis. To isolate metabolites of interest,  $m/z$  values detected in the blanks or in more than 4 of 12 replicates in either of the germ-free infected conditions were removed. Additionally,  $m/z$  were selected if they showed 1.5-fold upregulation in 8 of 12 replicates of the infected humanized group, with the

ratios being calculated from the control with the highest normalized area. MetaboAnalyst<sup>47, 48</sup> was used for further statistical analysis after exporting  $m/z$  values, retention time and normalized areas from Compound Discoverer. Data was filtered with an interquartile range (IQR) estimate and log transformed. Heatmaps were produced using Pearson and Ward clustering.

### Compound Identification

MS/MS spectra for the compounds on the target lists for both infections were collected on the Dionex UltiMate 3000 UHPLC and Q-Exactive instrument described above. The injection volume was 20  $\mu$ L. An inclusion list was used for the targets with a retention time window of +/- 0.7 min. All charge states and salt adducts observed in the Compound Discoverer analysis were included in the inclusion list. The MS<sup>2</sup> parameters were as follows: 70,000 resolution, 5 E5 AGC, 100 ms maximum injection time, 1.0  $m/z$  isolation window, and 30 NCE. MetFrag *in silico* fragmentation prediction software was used to aid in metabolite identification.<sup>49</sup> Target molecules were searched against KEGG and PubChem databases with a 5 ppm error. Candidate molecules from the databases were then processed against the MS/MS spectra of the target molecule with 5 ppm and 0.01  $m/z$ abs settings. The top results of the *in silico* fragmentation were analyzed for putative identification. Putative identifications were then verified by comparing the experimental MS/MS to the MS/MS of the commercial standard.

## **Results**

### Infection Severity in Mice with and without Microbiota

Germ-free mice, 8-12 weeks-old, were kept germ-free or colonized via oral gavage with a synthetic human community for two weeks, and then infected with *Salmonella enterica* Typhimurium or *Candida albicans* (**Figure 1A**). All infected mice showed presence of pathogens

in fecal samples by growth on selective media. Prior to infection, the mice weighed on average  $29.8 \text{ g} \pm 2.3$  (mean  $\pm$  SD). GF mice infected with *Salmonella* (n=6), henceforth referred to as monocolonized *Salmonella* mice, lost an average body mass of  $2.0 \text{ g} \pm 1.4$  or  $6.8\% \pm 4.7$  within 12 hours post-infection. Due to severity of symptoms, three monocolonized *Salmonella* mice were sacrificed 12 hours post-infection, and the remaining monocolonized *Salmonella* mice and one HUM mouse infected with *Salmonella* were sacrificed within 24 hours of infection. HUM mice infected with *Salmonella* surviving 3 days into infection (n=5) lost an average of  $4.2 \text{ g} \pm 0.6$  or  $14.3\% \pm 1.7$ , a significant loss in comparison to weight change from both the monocolonized and HUM mice infected with *Candida* (Mann Whitney U test, Bonferroni corrected,  $p < 0.05$ ). The monocolonized *Candida* mice (n=6) gained on average  $0.2 \text{ g} \pm 0.3$  or  $0.8\% \pm 1.1$  of their original weight, and the *Candida* infected HUM mice (n=6) gained on average  $0.7 \text{ g} \pm 0.5$  or  $2.0\% \pm 1.8$  of their original weight. There was no statistically significant difference in the change in weight for the monocolonized *Candida* mice compared to the HUM mice infected with *Candida* by the endpoint of the experiment, three days of infection.

#### Microbial Community Shifts in Response to Infection

We conducted Illumina based metagenomic sequencing on DNA from fecal pellets collected throughout infection. Each sample had on average 407,535 reads (SD = 63,381), ranging from 295,235 to 523,271 reads. The average number of reads with at least one reported alignment was  $385,882 \pm 96,477$ , or 95% of reads per sample. Prior to infection, the most abundant strains, making up over half of the relative abundance in the metagenomes from all groups, were *Bacteroides cellulosilyticus* DSM14838, *Subdoligranulum variabile*, *Bacteroides cellulosilyticus* WH2, *Akkermansia muciniphila*, and *Clostridium bolteae* with an average relative abundance of 15.1%, 14.1%, 9.1%, 7.8% and 6.5%, respectively (**Figure 2A**). By day three in the *Salmonella*

infected HUM mice, most of the communities were dominated by *Salmonella* and other various Enterobacteriaceae strains from the original inoculum. Furthermore, diversity significantly decreased in *Salmonella* (**Supplemental Figure 1**). Prior to infection, these strains (*C. youngae*, *P. penneri*, *E. cancerogenus*, and *E. fergusonii*) in total represented an average relative abundance of 0.2%. In the metagenomes from two mice we observed an increase in the reads mapping to *Enterobacter cancerogenus*, up to 26.4% and 26.6% of the community, along with a smaller increase in *Proteus penneri*. One mouse had an increase in *Escherichia fergusonii* to 22.9% of the metagenome, while it remained below 1% of the metagenome in all the other mice. In another mouse, *Citrobacter youngae* reads increased to 15.2%, while in other mice *C. youngae* reads remained below 7.9%. After excluding *Salmonella* reads, we continued to observe a large shift in the relative abundance of community members. Using principal component analysis, we show large separation of the HUM *Salmonella* microbiome communities, three days post-infection, from a tight cluster of all other time points and treatments, with the first component explaining 31.4% of the variation (**Figure 2B**).

In all *Candida* infected HUM mice, less than 1% of reads mapped to the *Candida albicans* SC5314 reference genome. The metagenome of this group was not significantly different from uninfected HUM mice. The community structure remained fairly consistent over the infection period, although there was some variation in strain relative abundance over time (**Figure 2**). The largest change in any individual strain's relative abundance was an 8.4% increase in *Subdoligranulum variabile* in one mouse from 1 day post-infection to 3 days post-infection.

#### Prevalence of Biosynthetic Gene Clusters Within Genomes and Metagenomes

In total, from the genomes of the human microbiome used in this study, using antiSMASH 4.0,<sup>46</sup> we detected 1,081 biosynthetic gene clusters. Of these clusters, when grouped together using

BiG-SCAPE with a cutoff distance of 30 calculated based on a weighted combination of Jaccard, domain sequence similarity, and adjacency index, we identified 128 cluster nodes in 51 groups. The remaining 953 BGCs did not form any groupings with each other. Based on antiSMASH predicted classifications, most clusters were classified as other, which included putative clusters (486), fatty acids (117), fatty acid-saccharide combined clusters (22), aryl polyenes (14), siderophores (4), and resorcinol (3). Another large category was saccharides (345), followed by 62 ribosomally synthesized and post-translationally modified peptides (RiPPs), a group that includes bacteriocins, sactipeptides, lantipeptides, and thiopeptides. We also found 20 non-ribosomally synthesized peptide clusters and one hybrid polyketide-NRPS cluster in *Desulfovibrio piger* (**Supplemental Table 2**).

We found significant differences in the percentages of total metagenomic reads mapping to BGCs in *Salmonella* infected HUM mice prior to infection versus 3 days post infection (Wilcoxon  $p < 0.05$ , corrected with Benjamini-Hochberg), excluding reads mapping to BGCs from *Salmonella* itself. Saccharides, lantipeptides, aryl polyenes, sactipeptides, fatty acids, fatty acid-saccharide, terpenes, and putative clusters were significantly reduced, while thiopeptides significantly increased 3 days post-infection (**Figure 3**). The majority of non-*Salmonella* reads mapping to thiopeptide clusters mapped to *Citrobacter youngae*, *Enterobacter cancerogenus*, *Proteus penneri*, and *Escherichia fergusonii*, consistent with the overall increase relative abundance in Enterobacteriaceae described above.

#### Differential Metabolomics during Infection and Novel Metabolite Potential

Analysis of the LC-MS results with Compound Discoverer (Thermo Fisher Scientific) resulted in the grouping of 8,613 merged features (chromatographic peaks) into 8,259 putative compounds. The compounds detected from the cecum samples of one or more mice from each treatment group

totaled 3,254 for the monocolonized *Candida* mice, 3,696 compounds for the monocolonized *Salmonella* mice, 3,349 compounds for the uninfected HUM mice, 2,924 compounds for the HUM mice infected with *Candida*, and 2,815 compounds for the HUM mice infected with *Salmonella*.

LC-MS  $m/z$  values and relative intensities from cecum contents showed separation of samples with principal component analysis (PCA). Two components were able to explain 67.7% of the variance (**Supplemental Figure 2**). Using partial least squares discriminant analysis (PLS-DA) we observed distinct separation of all groups with two components ( $R^2=0.70799$ ,  $Q^2=0.66183$  for component 1 and  $R^2=0.85972$  and  $Q^2=0.81188$  for component 2; **Figure 4A**). Using permutation testing of the PLS-DA, we obtained statistical significance ( $p<0.001$ ) for 1000 permutations. The outliers in the *Salmonella* infected HUM mice group were from two technical replicates of one sample that had to be sacrificed 24 hours into infection. We also found distinct patterns for different groups of metabolites (**Figure 4B**), which indicate similar patterns between uninfected HUM and *Candida* infected HUM mice compared to monocolonized infected mice and HUM *Salmonella* mice. Additionally, we identified numerous features overrepresented in the monocolonized groups compared to the HUM groups (**Supplemental Figure 3**).

To examine metabolites potentially produced by the microbiome in response to infection, we looked for metabolites that were typically not found in pathogen monocolonized mice (absent in at least 8 of 12 samples, representing 6 biological replicates with 2 technical replicates each), and were at least 1.5 fold higher abundance in infected HUM mice compared to the highest normalized area of the controls (HUM mice with no infection). Using these guidelines, we narrowed our metabolites of interest to 31 out of 8,085 features detected overall. We detected 22 features in higher abundance in HUM *Salmonella* infected mice. In HUM *Candida* infected mice,



we found 10 features of interest based on the above criteria. One metabolite ( $m/z$  347.0626, retention time 1.05 min) appeared to be shared between the lists, and also had matching tandem MS fragmentation from both infection groups. This metabolite had similar MS/MS to 3'Adenosine monophosphate and 2'Adenosine monophosphate standards, but the experimental retention time did not match that of the standards (1.37 minutes for 3'Adenosine monophosphate and 2.22 minutes for 2'Adenosine monophosphate). From the 31 selected compounds of interest, only 6 from HUM *Salmonella* and 4 from *Candida* infection had putative identifications based upon accurate mass matching to KEGG, HMDB, or AntiBase, leaving a remaining total of 21 potentially novel compounds (**Supplemental Table 3**). *In silico* fragmentation with MetFrag<sup>49</sup> was performed using MS/MS spectra obtained on the targets. If the top peaks in the experimental MS/MS were explained by the *in silico* fragmentation, then standards were obtained to confirm the identification. Using this procedure, we identified glutathione disulfide, glutathione cysteine disulfide, inosine 5' monophosphate, and hydroxybutyrylcarnitine as compounds upregulated from the HUM *Salmonella* group (**Supplemental Figure 4**). Although the *in silico* fragmentation approach worked well for the targets with KEGG matches, the increasing number of compounds in the more inclusive databases made it difficult to find putative identifications with MS/MS for targets that did not have matches to the KEGG databases.

## Discussion

Understanding how the microbial communities change in response to perturbation is crucial for health, not only because the microbiota can protect the host against pathogenic microbes but also because changes in the gut microbiota have been associated with multiple health conditions.<sup>50</sup> Increasingly it has been recognized that pathogenicity and virulence can depend on

the context of specific microbe-microbe interactions or the whole community, indicating the importance of studying pathogen-microbiome interactions.<sup>51,52</sup> In this study, we compare how two pathogenic perturbations affect the structure and function of human gut microbiota in a gnotobiotic mouse model. We find that during infection with *Salmonella*, the structure and functional capacity of the microbiota changes. Corresponding to these changes, we see significant changes in metabolites before versus during infection that vary with and without the human microbiota.

Our infection experiments revealed significant differences among treatments as measured by weight loss. *Candida* infected mice had weights that remained around their baseline starting weight. While we did isolate colony forming units of *Candida* from mice feces using media with antibiotics, indicating that viable yeast cells passed through the host, reads mapping to *Candida* from the metagenomic data were at or below the limit of detection, suggesting that *Candida* did not readily colonize these mice. Alternatively, the lack of fungal DNA may be influenced by our DNA extraction method.<sup>53</sup> In contrast, *Salmonella* infected mice lost significantly more weight than *Candida* infected mice by three days into infection, regardless of microbiome presence or absence. GF mice infected with *Salmonella* were moribund within 24 hours, while HUM mice infected with *Salmonella* were able to survive until the end of the three days, with the exception of one mouse, indicative of the protective effects of the microbiota against *Salmonella*.

*Salmonella* infection perturbed the microbiota and led to an increase in the relative abundance of different Enterobacteriaceae, whereas *Candida* did not. Prior to infection, the microbiota contained similar dominant taxa including Bacteroidetes and Firmicutes with relatively few Gammaproteobacteria. During *Salmonella* infection in humanized mice, the metagenomic data indicated an increase in the relative abundance of Enterobacteriaceae (including strains besides *Salmonella*). This result is consistent with previous work examining changes in gut microbial

communities during *Salmonella* infection,<sup>30, 54, 55</sup> and resembles increases in Enterobacteriaceae during antibiotic treatment,<sup>15</sup> both of which may ultimately be driven by the oxygenation of the gut.<sup>56</sup> These changes may represent a bloom of closely related strains or a reduction in the size of the bacterial community overall. Although Enterobacteriaceae increased in the samples, which particular strains increased appeared stochastic. Some of the variation may be due to read mapping of conserved genes to closely related strains; however, we saw similar results using different read mapping programs (Bowtie and Burrows-Wheeler Algorithm) and using parameters to exclude non-uniquely mapping reads. Given that these strains may compete with *Salmonella* over electron acceptors and trace elements, further investigation on these dynamic interactions is warranted.<sup>57,</sup><sup>58</sup> The stochasticity may also reflect the general instability of the community. While *Salmonella* dramatically perturbs the community, *Candida* did not seem to readily colonize the mice, and although some changes occurred in the microbial communities, these fluctuations are within the range of natural variation.

The synthetic human microbiome used in this study contained many biosynthetic gene clusters and the potential functional capacity changed with infection treatment. In our input strains we found potential for unknown biosynthetic gene clusters, including RiPPs, NRPS clusters, and many putative clusters. This fits with previous observations; biosynthetic gene clusters are common in human gut microbiota and anaerobic bacteria.<sup>23, 59</sup> Metagenomic analysis indicated a decrease in most cluster types during *Salmonella* infection, which likely reflects a drop in community diversity. One exception was the increase in reads mapping to gene clusters involved in thiopeptide biosynthesis, which was increased even after removing reads mapping to *Salmonella*'s own thiopeptide biosynthesis cluster. Thiopeptides are a class of peptide antibiotics that target gram-positive bacteria.<sup>60</sup> Since *Salmonella* is gram-negative and has one putative

thiopeptide BGC of its own, it seems unlikely that these thiopeptide clusters, if produced, would target *Salmonella*. Other possibilities are that if produced, these secondary metabolites encoded by clusters might add to the community instability, or that these genes are not transcribed or translated. Alternatively, this result may suggest that the pathogen-induced disruption in the microbiome helps diminish members that would have been capable of producing BGC products. Further research will be needed to characterize what role, if any, these BGCs play during infection.

Our discovery metabolomics showed differences in the metabolites present in the mouse cecum based on presence of microbiome as well as infection. For example, the metabolomes of *Salmonella*-infected, *Candida*-infected, and uninfected mice ceca grouped separately on PLS-DA analysis, suggesting distinct metabolic responses between a virulent bacterial pathogen and opportunistic fungal pathogen. The changes in overall metabolites based on gut microbiota supports previous research comparing germ-free and colonized mice, and mice with different gut microbiome donors.<sup>61</sup> We found more putative metabolites of interest (based on higher abundance in HUM infected mice and generally absent in GF mice) from *Salmonella* infected mice than *Candida* infected mice. Previous studies investigating global metabolomics in *Salmonella* infections have focused on the hosts with conventional mouse microbiota, finding disruptions in host hormone pathways,<sup>62</sup> changes in common microbial metabolites including trimethylamine N-oxide (TMAO) and hippurate,<sup>63</sup> and changes in sugar moieties.<sup>54</sup> Our study differed from these previous studies in that we used gnotobiotic mice to specifically focus on metabolites produced when human-associated gut microbiota strains were exposed to pathogens. While using native microbiota to look for pathogen interactions is valuable especially in an ecological context, the humanized mouse model enables exploration of potentially distinct chemical interactions between human microbiota strains and human pathogens.<sup>64</sup> Furthermore, human gut microbiota extracts

have been previously shown to inhibit virulence of *Salmonella in vitro*.<sup>51</sup> Mice monocolonized with pathogens serve as key controls that allowed us to focus on compounds apparently made by the microbiota during infection rather than overall host changes. Nevertheless, the possibility exists that we may detect metabolites made by *Salmonella* in response to gut microbiota in our experiments or metabolites that differ due to GF mice exhibiting colitis rather than the typical systemic Typhoid-like infection.<sup>65</sup> In addition, we scanned for molecular features with an  $m/z$  greater than 200, to avoid discovery of smaller commonly made microbial metabolites. In our metabolites of interest from humanized infection conditions, we had many molecular features that were not identified with KEGG, HMDB, or AntiBase, potentially indicating novel metabolites. One drawback in studying these metabolite interactions *in vivo* is the challenge in isolating individual novel molecules from a complex mixture, even in a well-described community with full genomes,<sup>66</sup> as we were unable to match known and predicted metabolites to a majority of our target  $m/z$  values. Although work is being done to increase MS/MS databases for natural products,<sup>67</sup> identifying natural products is still challenging, as many natural product databases, including AntiBase, are not MS compatible.

We were able to identify a few metabolites specific to the humanized *Salmonella* infected group, including two metabolites in the glutathione pathway. In particular, we identified glutathione disulfide and glutathione cysteine disulfide in higher abundance in humanized *Salmonella* infected mice. *Salmonella* infection triggers vast amounts of oxidative stress,<sup>68</sup> and glutathione metabolism is important for protection against oxidative stress.<sup>69</sup> Changes in gene encoding antioxidant proteins have also been identified in humans exposed to *Salmonella enterica* Typhi.<sup>70</sup> Further, glutathione cysteine disulfide has been shown to reduce colonic lesions in a mouse model of colitis.<sup>71</sup> Previous work indicates that germ-free mice have a disrupted glutathione

metabolism relative to conventional mice.<sup>72</sup> It remains to be seen whether experimentally manipulating glutathione metabolite amounts affect *Salmonella* infections *in vivo*, and to what extent different gut microbes contribute to glutathione pool. In contrast to the hypothesis that microbes may make specific metabolites that inhibit certain pathogens, this evidence suggests more generalized responses to certain kinds of dysbiosis, such as oxidative stress.<sup>73</sup> The possibility of microbial metabolites with specific responses to pathogens cannot be eliminated, however, many metabolites remain unidentified, and the roles of those identified are unclear. Further characterization of microbial metabolites made during infection is necessary to identify these responses.

Colonization resistance conferred by the microbiota helps the host resist a variety of pathogens, including *Salmonella*. Understanding the complex interactions between the host, microbiota, and pathogens will enable better microbiome based-therapies, from fecal microbiota transplants to microbiota-derived compounds.<sup>74, 75</sup> Combining gnotobiotic mice with genomics and metabolomics has allowed us to interrogate changes in community composition and function during infection in an unbiased manner, and demonstrates distinct metabolic responses to a virulent or opportunistic pathogen.

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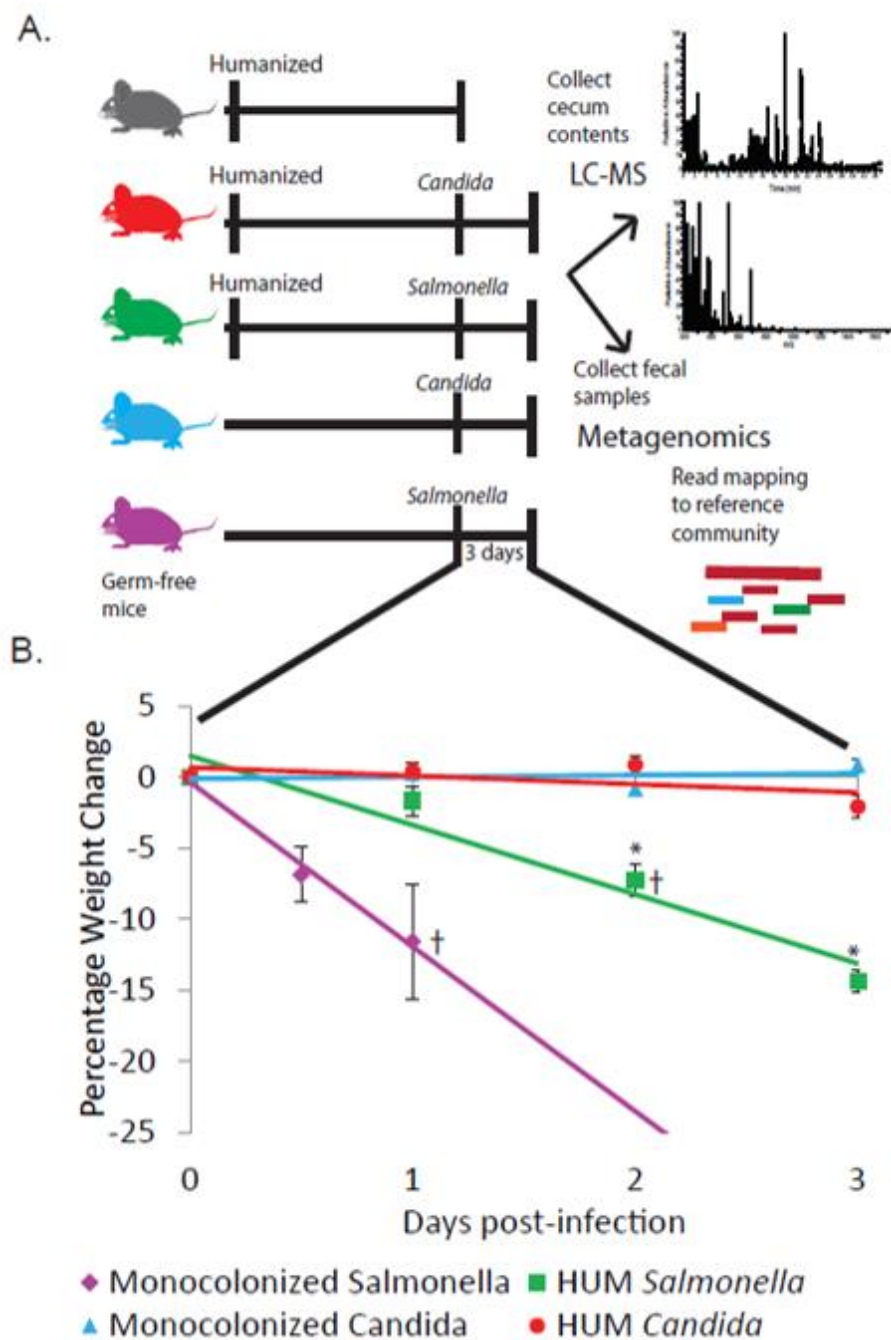
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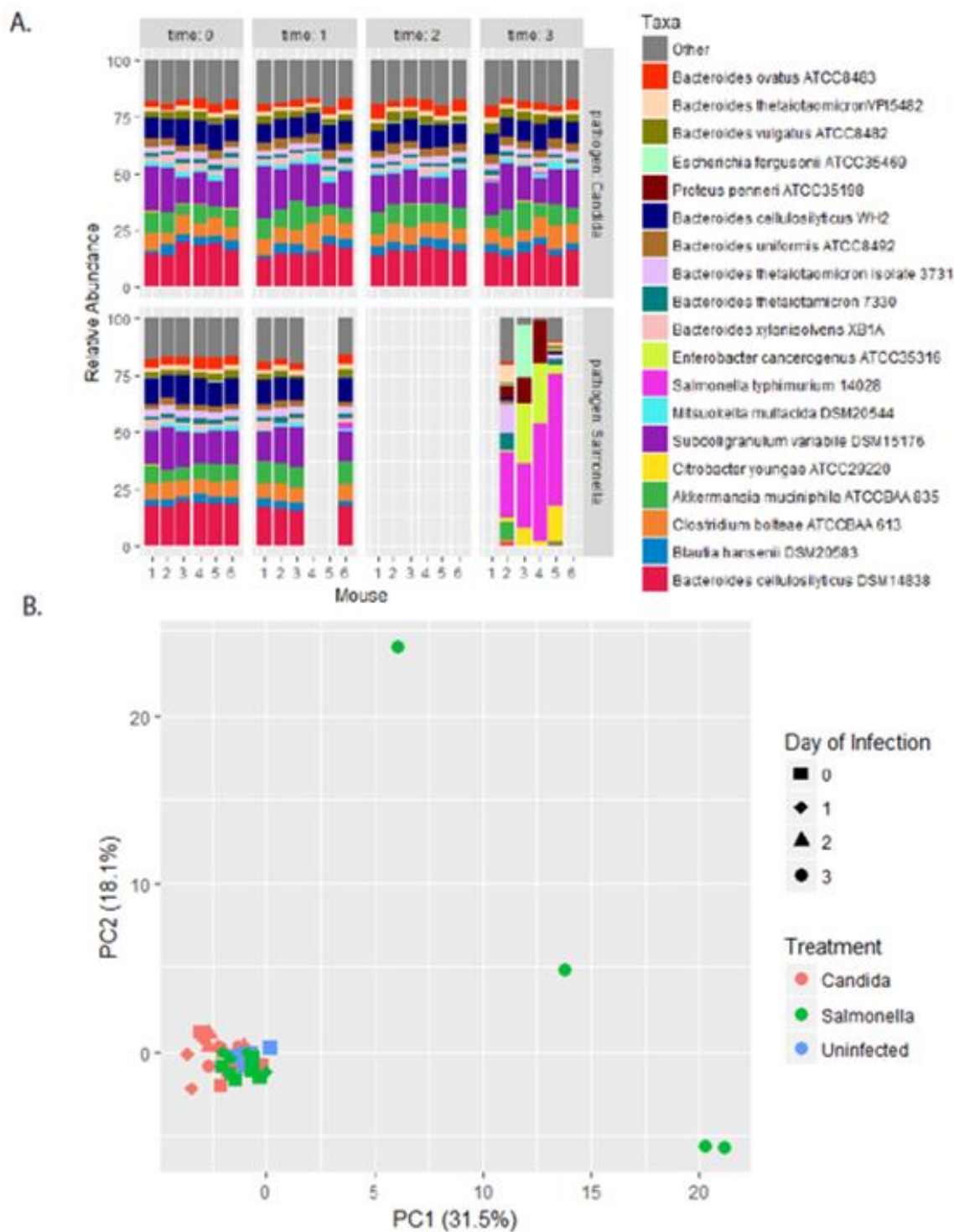
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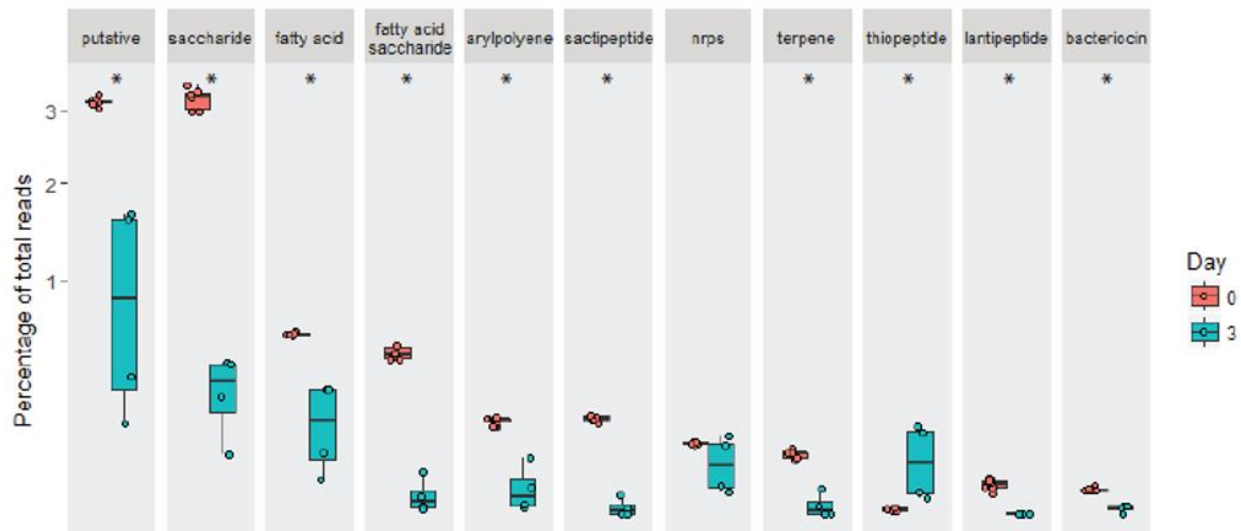


**Figure 1.** (A) Overview of experimental design (B) Percent body weight loss during three days of infection. Errors bars indicate standard error. Significant difference from HUM *Candida* ( $p < 0.05$ ) using Wilcoxon test denoted by \* next to relevant group. Mice sacrificed early indicated with † (Monocolonized *Salmonella*, 3 at 12hr and 3 at 24hr, HUM *Salmonella* 1 at 24 hr).

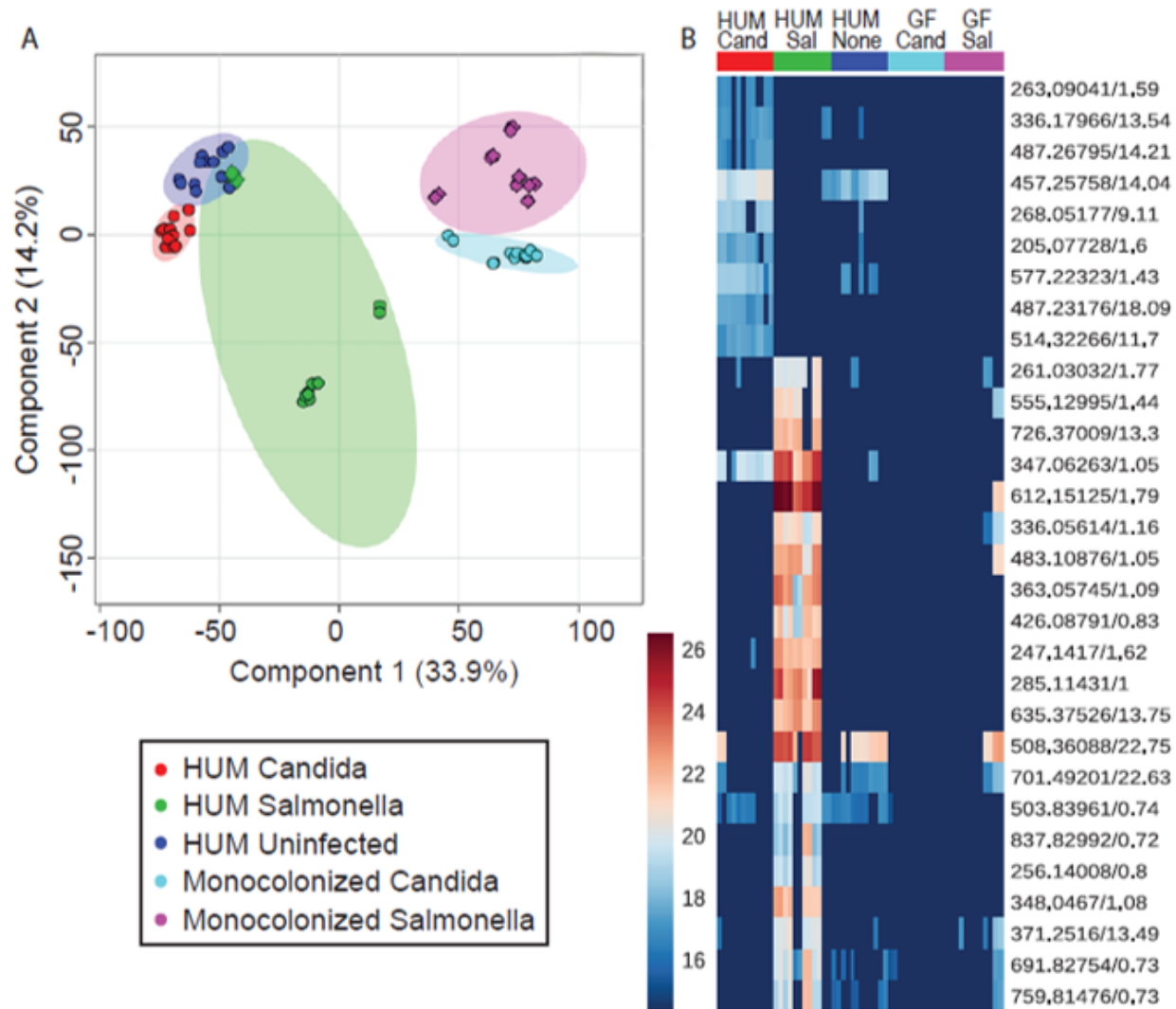


**Figure 2.** Variation in fecal microbiota metagenomes during infection. (A) Relative abundance of top 19 strains in HUM *Candida albicans* and *Salmonella enterica* Typhimurium infection group. (B) PCA of strain relative abundance.





**Figure 3.** Percentage abundance of reads mapping to biosynthetic gene clusters out of total reads that were mapped from the metagenome from HUM *Salmonella* infected mice prior to infection (n=6) and three days into infection (n=4), on a square root adjusted axis. Significance ( $p < 0.05$  with Benjamini Hochberg correction) is indicated with \*.



**Figure 4.** (A) PLS-DA of metabolites from all groups, with 95% confidence intervals. (B) Metabolites of interest 1.5x higher in HUM infected groups than uninfected mice, absent in 8/10 technical replicates for monocolonized mice. Circles are samples collected three post-infection, diamonds are from animals sacrificed 1 day post-infection.

## Supplemental Information

Supplemental Table 1. Strains used in humanized community

Genus	Species	ATCC	DSMZ	Also known as
<i>Akkermansia</i>	<i>muciniphila</i>	BAA-835	22959	
<i>Alistipes</i>	<i>indistinctus</i>	NA	22520	
<i>Anaerococcus</i>	<i>hydrogenalis</i>	49630	7454	
<i>Anaerotruncus</i>	<i>colihominis</i>	na	17241	
<i>Bacteroides</i>	<i>caccae</i>	43185	19024	
<i>Bacteroides</i>	<i>cellulosilyticus</i>	na	14838	
<i>Bacteroides</i>	<i>coprophilus</i>	na	18228	
<i>Bacteroides</i>	<i>dorei</i>	na	17855	
<i>Bacteroides</i>	<i>eggerthii</i>	27754	20697	
<i>Bacteroides</i>	<i>fingoldii</i>	na	17565	
<i>Bacteroides</i>	<i>intestinalis</i>	na	17393	
<i>Bacteroides</i>	<i>ovatus</i>	8483	na	
<i>Bacteroides</i>	<i>plebeius</i>	na	17135	
<i>Bacteroides</i>	<i>stercoris</i>	43183	na	
<i>Bacteroides</i>	<i>thetaitaomicron373 1</i>	na	na	
<i>Bacteroides</i>	<i>thetaitaomicron733 0</i>	na	na	
<i>Bacteroides</i>	<i>thetaitaomicronVPI -5482</i>	29148	na	
<i>Bacteroides</i>	<i>uniformis</i>	8492	na	
<i>Bacteroides</i>	<i>vulgatus</i>	8482	na	
<i>Bacteroides</i>	WH2	na	na	<i>Bacteroides</i> <i>thetaitomicron</i> ; <i>Bacteroides</i> <i>cellulolyticus</i>
<i>Bacteroides</i>	<i>xylanisolvens</i>	na	18836	
<i>Bifidobacterium</i>	<i>adolescentis</i>	15703	na	
<i>Bifidobacterium</i>	<i>angulatum</i>	27535	20098	
<i>Bifidobacterium</i>	<i>bifidum</i>	29521	20456	
<i>Bifidobacterium</i>	<i>dentium</i>	27678	na	
<i>Bifidobacterium</i>	<i>pseudocatenulatum</i>	27919	20438	
<i>Blautia</i>	<i>hansenii</i>	27752	20583	
<i>Blautia</i>	<i>luti</i>	na	14534	
<i>Catenibacterium</i>	<i>mitsuokai</i>	na	15897	
<i>Citrobacter</i>	<i>youngae</i>	29220	na	
<i>Clostridium</i>	<i>asparagiforme</i>	na	15981	
<i>Clostridium</i>	<i>bartlettii</i>	na	16795	<i>Intestinibacter bartlettii</i>
<i>Clostridium</i>	<i>bolteae</i>	BAA-613	15670	
<i>Clostridium</i>	<i>hathewayi</i>	na	13479	

<i>Clostridium</i>	<i>hiranonis</i>	na	13275	
<i>Clostridium</i>	<i>hylemonae</i>	na	15053	
<i>Clostridium</i>	<i>leptum</i>	29065	753	
<i>Clostridium</i>	M62_1	na	na	
<i>Clostridium</i>	<i>nexile</i>	27757	1787	
<i>Clostridium</i>	<i>nexile-related</i>	na	na	Tyzzerella nexilis
<i>Clostridium</i>	<i>ramosum</i>	25582	1402	
<i>Clostridium</i>	<i>scindens</i>	35704	5676	
<i>Clostridium</i>	<i>spiroforme</i>	29900	1552	
<i>Clostridium</i>	<i>sporogenes</i>	15579	na	
<i>Clostridium</i>	<i>symbiosum</i>	14940	934	
<i>Collinsella</i>	<i>aerofaciens</i>	25986	3979	
<i>Collinsella</i>	<i>aerofaciens</i>	25986	3979	
<i>Collinsella</i>	<i>intestinalis</i>	na	13280	
<i>Collinsella</i>	<i>stercoris</i>	na	13279	
<i>Coprococcus</i>	<i>comes</i>	27758	na	
<i>Coprococcus</i>	<i>eutactus</i>	27759	na	
<i>Desulfovibrio</i>	<i>piger</i>	na	na	GOR1
<i>Dorea</i>	<i>formicigenerans</i>	27755	3992	
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<i>Edwardsiella</i>	<i>tarda</i>	23685	na	
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<i>Enterobacter</i>	<i>cancerogenus</i>	35316	na	
<i>Escherichia</i>	<i>coliK12</i>	na		
<i>Escherichia</i>	<i>fergusonii</i>	35469	13698	
<i>Eubacterium</i>	<i>biforme</i>	27806	3989	
<i>Eubacterium</i>	<i>cylindroides</i>	na	na	
<i>Eubacterium</i>	<i>dolichum</i>	29143	3991	
<i>Eubacterium</i>	<i>eligens</i>	27750	3376	
<i>Eubacterium</i>	<i>hallii</i>	27751	3353	
<i>Eubacterium</i>	<i>plautii</i>	29863	na	<i>Clostridium orboscindens</i> ; <i>Flavonifractor plautii</i>
<i>Eubacterium</i>	<i>rectale</i>	33656		
<i>Eubacterium</i>	<i>ventriosum</i>	27560	na	
<i>Faecalibacterium</i>	<i>prausnitzii M21/2m</i>	na	na	
<i>Fusobacterium</i>	<i>varium</i>	na	na	JCM6320
<i>Holdemania</i>	<i>filiformis</i>	51649	12042	
<i>Lactobacillus</i>	<i>reuteri</i>	na	20016	
<i>Lactobacillus</i>	<i>ruminis</i>	27780	20403	
<i>Marvinbryantia</i>	<i>formatexigens</i>	na	14469	
<i>Megamonas</i>	<i>funiformis</i>	na	19343	
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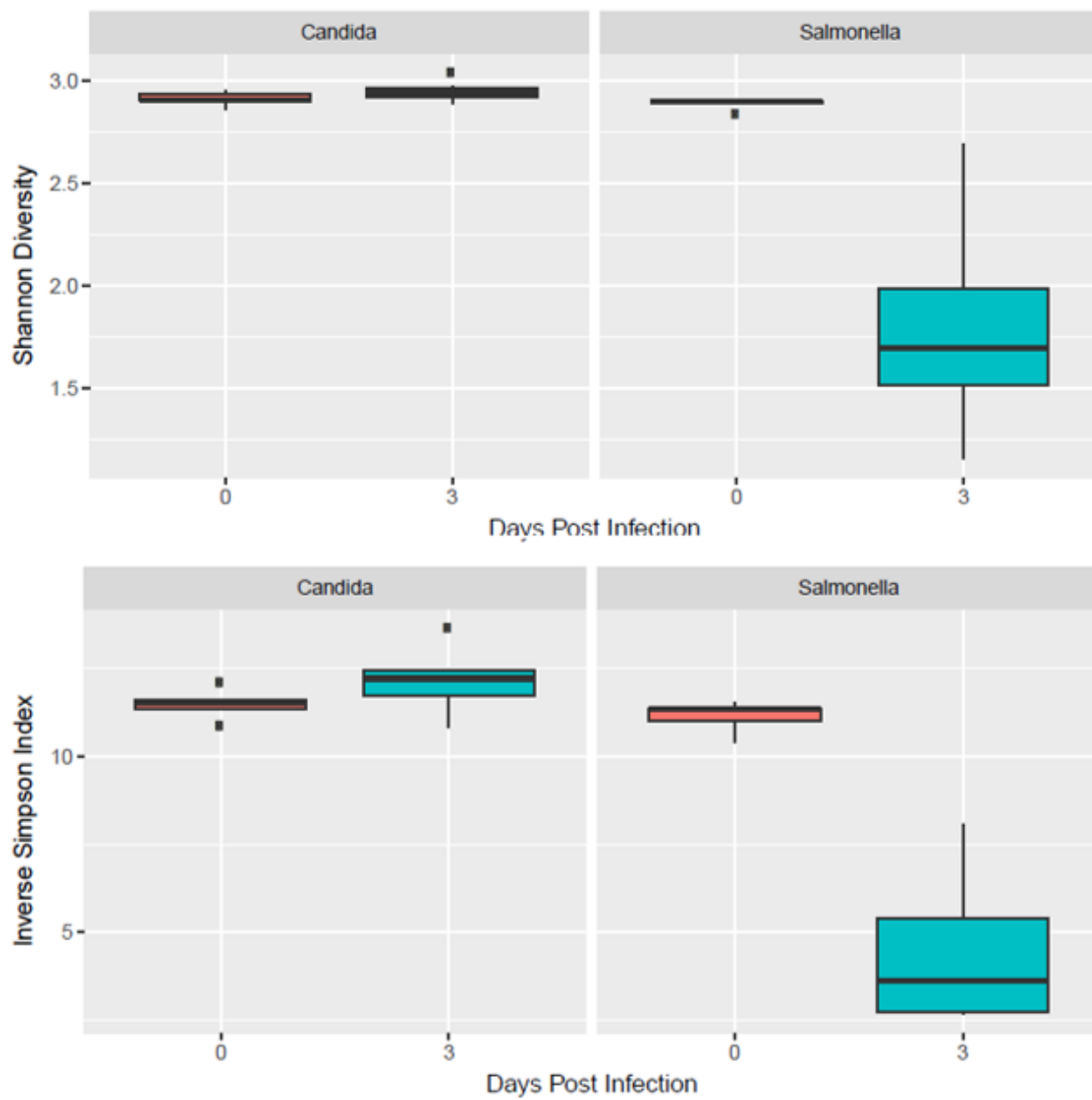
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<i>Providencia</i>	<i>alcalifaciens</i>	na	na	
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<i>Roseburia</i>	<i>intestinalis</i>	na	14610	
<i>Ruminococcus</i>	<i>gnavus</i>	29149	na	
<i>Ruminococcus</i>	<i>hydrogenotrophicus</i>	na	10507	Blautia hydrogenotrophicus
<i>Ruminococcus</i>	<i>lactaris</i>	29176	na	
<i>Ruminococcus</i>	<i>obeum</i>	na	na	
<i>Ruminococcus</i>	<i>torques</i>	27756	na	
<i>Streptococcus</i>	<i>infantarius</i>	BAA-102	na	
<i>Subdoligranulum</i>	<i>variabile</i>	na	15176	
<i>Victivallis</i>	<i>vadensis</i>	BAA-548	14823	

**Supplemental Table 2.** Biosynthetic gene clusters predicted in humanized microbiota

<b>Cluster Name</b>	<b>Count</b>
putative	486
saccharide	345
fatty_acid	117
sactipeptide	34
fatty acid -saccharide	22
nrps	19
arylpolyene	14
thiopeptide	12
bacteriocin	10
siderophore	4
lantipeptide	3
other	3
resorcinol	3
terpene	2
hserlactone	2
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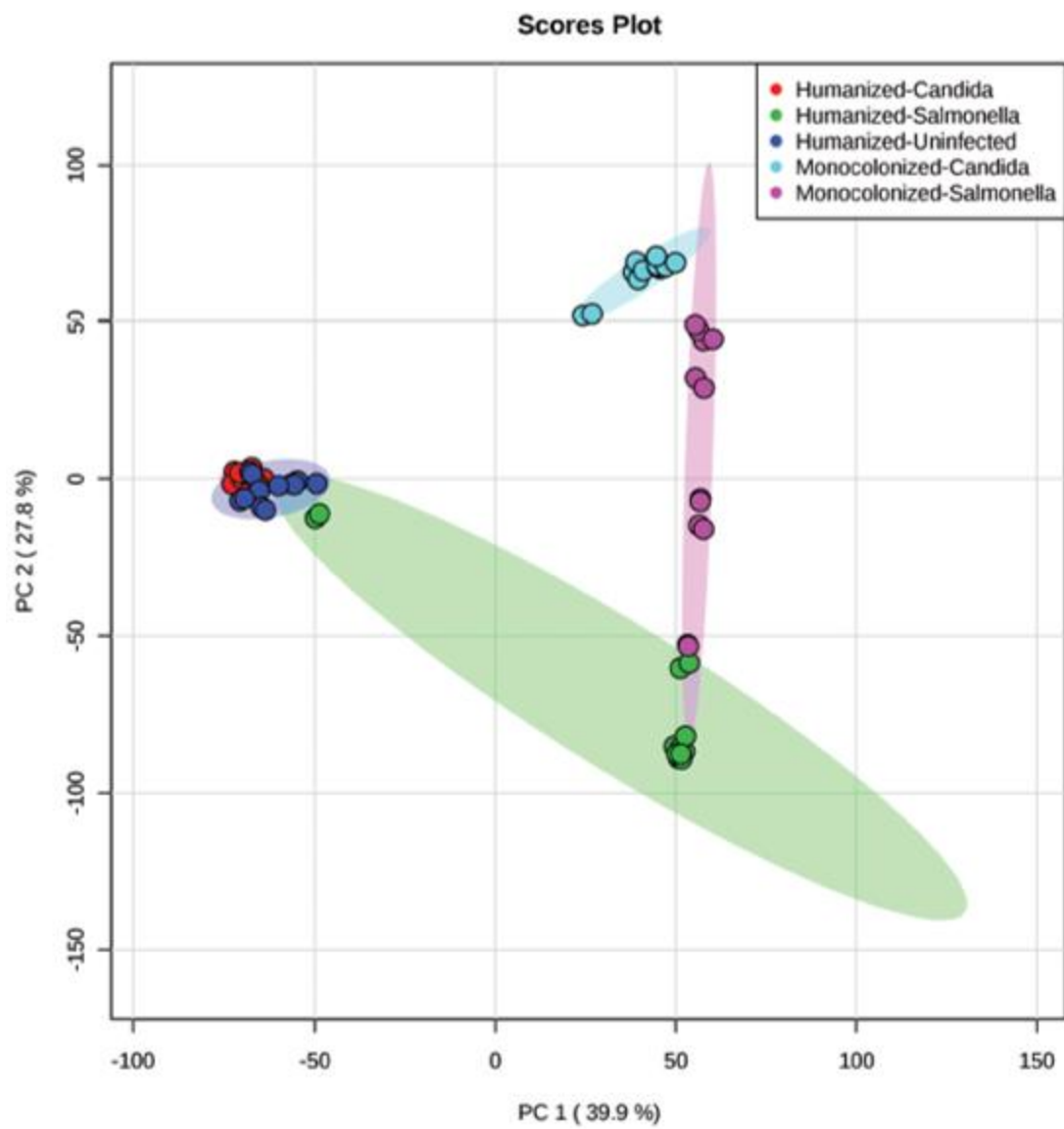
**Supplemental Table 3.** Features of interested in humanized infected mice

<b>Molecular weight</b>	<b>Retention time (min)</b>	<b>charge</b>	<b>MS/MS Identification</b>	<b>Overabundant in Salmonella or Candida</b>
247.1417	1.391	1	Hydroxybutyrylcarnitine	Salmonella
247.1417	1.625	1	Hydroxybutyrylcarnitine	Salmonella
256.1401	0.799	1		Salmonella
261.0303	1.772	1		Salmonella
285.1143	1.002	1		Salmonella
336.0561	1.16	1		Salmonella
347.0626	1.052	1		Both
348.0467	1.08	1	Inosine monophosphate	Salmonella
363.0575	1.093	1		Salmonella
371.2516	13.487	1		Salmonella
426.0879	0.832	1	Glutathione-cysteine disulfide	Salmonella
483.1088	1.048	2		Salmonella
503.8396	0.741	1		Salmonella
508.3609	22.75	1		Salmonella
555.13	1.437	2		Salmonella
612.1513	1.789	1	Glutathione disulfide	Salmonella
635.3753	13.747	2		Salmonella
691.8275	0.733	1		Salmonella
701.492	22.63	1		Salmonella
726.3701	13.302	2		Salmonella
759.8148	0.731	1		Salmonella
837.8299	0.72	1		Salmonella
205.0773	1.597	1		Candida
263.0904	1.592	1		Candida
268.0518	9.114	1		Candida
336.1797	13.536	1		Candida
457.2576	14.042	1		Candida
487.2318	18.094	1		Candida
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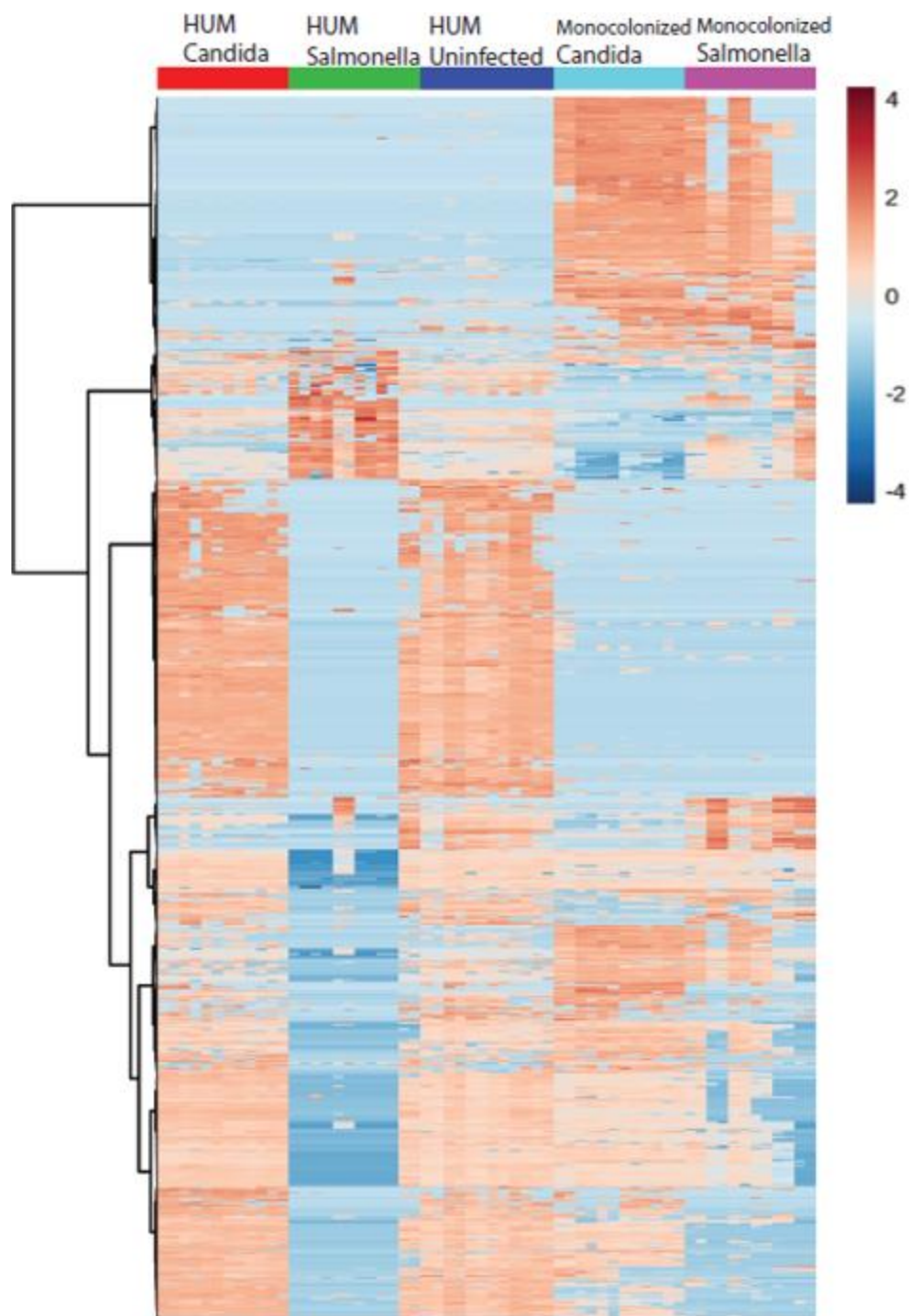


**Supplemental Figure 1.** Community diversity before and 3 days post-infection.



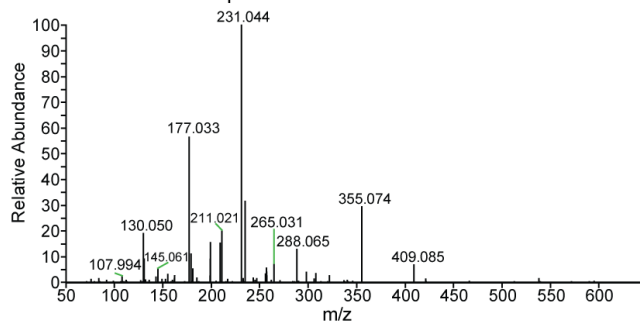


**Supplemental Figure 2.** Principal component analysis of all metabolites detected.

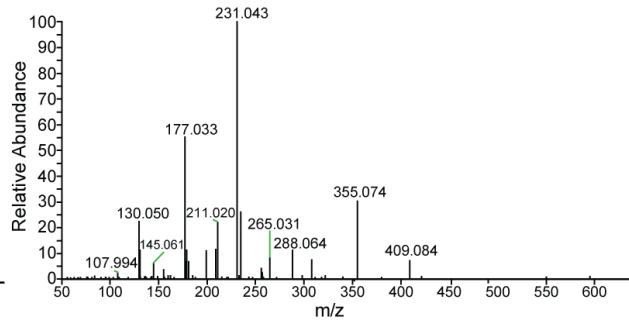


**Supplemental Figure 3.** Heatmap of all  $m/z$  detected.

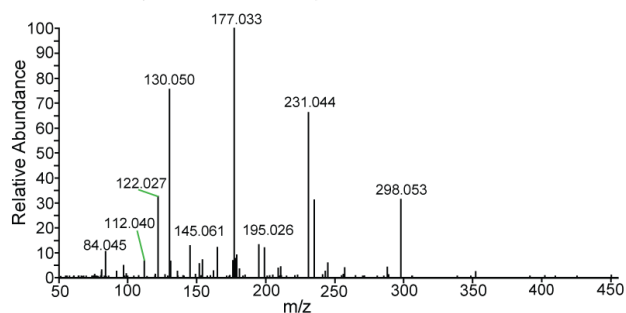
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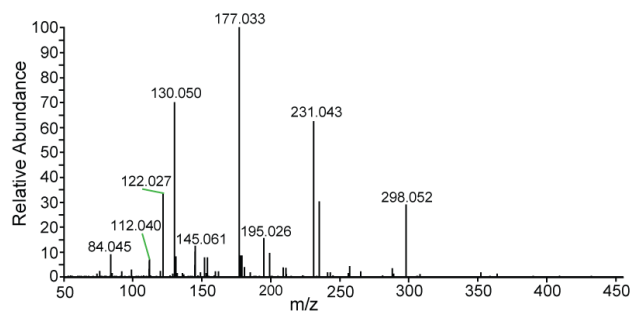
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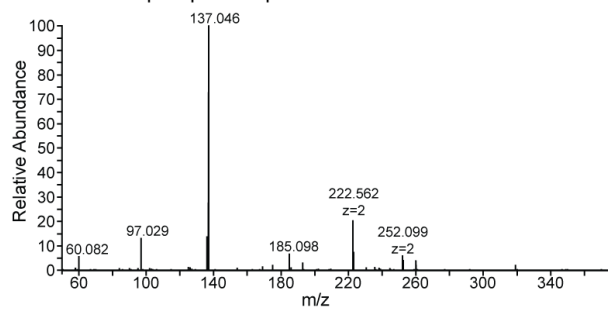
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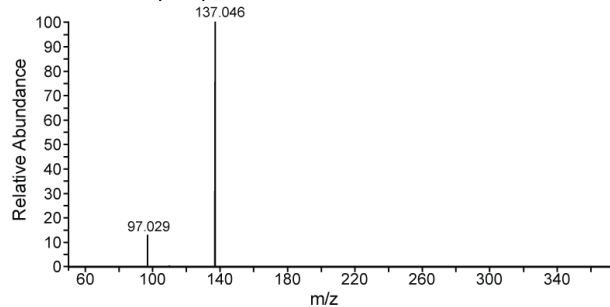
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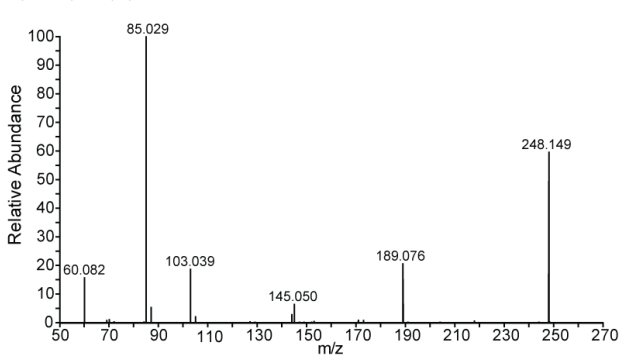
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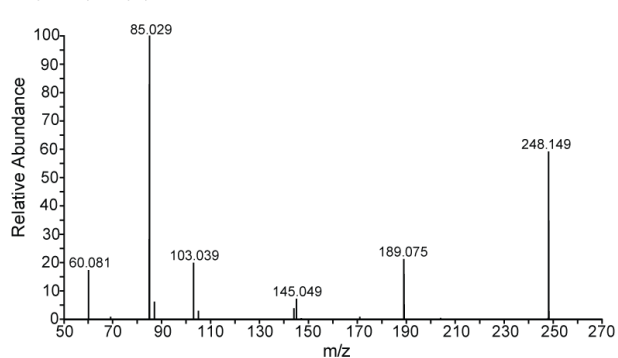
Inosine 5' Monophosphate Standard



Hydroxybutyrylcarnitine Experimental



Hydroxybutyrylcarnitine Standard

**Supplemental Figure 4.** MS/MS spectra of experimental compounds and matching standards.

# Chapter 8

## **Combined Metabolomics, Peptidomics, and Proteomics Profiling of Gut Microbial Responses to Infection by *Salmonella enterica* Typhimurium and *Candida* *albicans***

Keywords: LC-MS; Metabolomics; Peptidomics; Proteomics; Microbiome; Infection; Multiomics

## Abstract

The gut microbiome plays many critical roles in human health, including immune system modulation and defense against disruptive pathogens. Mass spectrometry is a sensitive and robust technique to profile not only small molecule changes in the microbiome due to infection, but also peptide and protein changes due to infection. Thus, multiomics studies, such as metabolomics and proteomics studies, are commonly employed to investigate the role of the microbiome in health and disease. Here, a combination of metabolomics, peptidomics, and proteomics was used to profile the effect of the microbiome during infection by both *Salmonella enterica* Typhimurium and *Candida albicans*. Peptidomics was integrated with metabolomics and proteomics to study host–microbiota–pathogen interaction. The identified bioactive peptides, endogenous peptides Fibrinopeptide B and Thymosin alpha present in the gut could provide insight into microbiome mediated communication between the gut and the brain. Metabolomics and proteomics studies also reveal molecular changes that highlight the role of the microbiome in the immune and inflammatory response to infection.

## Introduction

In the gastrointestinal tract, a large and dynamic community of microbes, the gut microbiome, reside, where three domains of life, namely archaea, bacteria, and eukaryote, are represented.<sup>1, 2</sup> These microbes have an important role in human health. They affect the nutrition of the host as they carry out various digestive processes, and they modulate immune function.<sup>3, 4</sup> Additionally, disruptions to the normal composition of the microbiome are associated with various diseases, including obesity,<sup>5, 6</sup> inflammatory bowel disease,<sup>7</sup> and cardiovascular disease.<sup>8, 9</sup> Consequently, a variety of “omic” techniques have been employed to study the microbiome. For

example, there are metagenomic and metaproteomic studies on the gut microbiome as well as studies on how the microbiome influences metabolites in other systems of the body, such as the blood and cerebrospinal fluid.<sup>10-13</sup>

Microbial metabolism produces both primary and secondary metabolites through the gut microbiome metagenome that influence health and disease.<sup>4</sup> The role of metabolites produced by the microbiome is not limited to nutrition and metabolism, but can also provide defense against pathogens, and immune regulation among many other functions.<sup>14, 15</sup> Furthermore, the ability of secondary metabolites synthesized by the microbiome to provide protection to the host against pathogens could potentially be used for discovery of new natural products, which is of interest due to the rise of antibiotic resistance.<sup>16</sup> Mass spectrometry (MS) is a powerful tool to study metabolites in a sample, and in conjunction with nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) can aid in natural product discovery.<sup>17</sup> For example, metabolomic changes of the microbiome in response to disturbances to the microbiome has been profiled with MS techniques.<sup>18, 19</sup>

Metaproteomics studies on the microbiome provide valuable information on expressed proteins involved in various biological processes. For example, metaproteomics has been used to study the metabolism of the gut microbiome in premature infants,<sup>20</sup> and the proteome changes in the microbiome due to disease, including Crohn's disease and inflammatory bowel disease.<sup>21, 22</sup> Additionally, metaproteomics is often coupled with metabolomics, as well as other "omics" for multiomics analysis of the biological processes occurring in the gut.<sup>23</sup> For example, metagenomics and metabolomics are often combined to study how different disruptions to the gut microbiome affect microbiome composition and metabolism.<sup>19, 24</sup> Metaproteomics studies can also be used with metagenomic and metabolomics techniques to provide a comprehensive analysis of active processes in the gut microbiome or of the effect of stressors on the microbiome.<sup>25, 26</sup>

Here a multiomics approach will be applied to study the response of a model human gut microbiome to infection by *Salmonella enterica* Typhimurium and *Candida albicans* in mice. Previously a metagenomics and metabolomics approach was utilized to investigate microbiome community and small molecule changes in the gut microbiome in response to infection.<sup>27</sup> To further understand the microbiome's response to infection, another multiomics approach combining metabolomics, peptidomics, and proteomics will be investigated here. The combination of peptidomics with metabolomics and proteomics is less commonly employed but will provide a great depth of information. Peptidomics analysis resulted in identification of multiple endogenous peptides in the gut microbiome. The combined metabolomics, peptidomics, and proteomics analysis of the gut microbiome resulted in discovery of immune system changes in response to infection.

## **Experimental Methods**

### Sample Collection and Extraction

Mouse experiments, including inoculation with approximately 90 strains representing a model human microbiome and infection with either *Salmonella enterica* Typhimurium (*Salmonella*) and *Candida albicans* (*Candida*), were performed as previously described.<sup>27</sup> A methanol chloroform water extraction was performed and a 3 kDa molecular weight cut-off performed on the aqueous and organic fractions.<sup>27</sup> The 3 kDa molecular weight cut-off device was equilibrated with 0.4 mL of 50% methanol and then flipped over and centrifuged (14,000 x g, 2 mins) to collect content above three kDa. A 30 kDa MWCO was performed on the contents above three kDa to separate the extract into peptidomics (three kDa to 30kDa) and proteomics (above 30kDa) fractions.

## Metabolomics

Aqueous fractions (below 3 kDa) were resuspended at 10 mg/mL in optima grade water with 0.1% formic acid. Liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry (LC-MS) for label-free quantitation was performed as previously described.<sup>27</sup> LC-MS/MS (tandem MS) was performed on samples with the same gradient as the MS1 data acquisition using a top 5 DDA method with inclusion lists for targets upregulated in each sample. Full MS parameters were 70 k resolution, 1E6 AGC target, 100 ms maximum injection time, and 200 to 1700 *m/z*. MS/MS parameters were 70 k resolution, 5E5 AGC target, 100 ms maximum injection time, and 1.0 isolation width. A 10 s dynamic exclusion was employed. Three technical replicates were collected for MS/MS runs, and each technical replicate had a different collision energy (25, 30, and 40 were used).

## Metabolomics Data Analysis

MS1 and MS/MS data was analyzed in Compound Discoverer 2.1 software. Initially, LC-MS data was analyzed. Retention time alignment was performed using adaptive curve with 5 ppm mass accuracy and 2.0 min max retention time shift. All following steps utilized 5 ppm mass accuracy and 0.2 retention time error unless otherwise stated. The workflow nodes were as follows: detect unknown compounds (30% intensity tolerance, 3 S/N ratio, and 1000000 min peak intensity), group unknown compounds, fill gasps (1.5 S/N threshold), normalize areas (constant sum), mark background compounds, predict compositions, differential analysis, and assign compound annotations. In addition to group ratios, the 6 biological replicates (each with two technical replicates) were also used to calculate biological replicate ratios. *Salmonella* targets were selected based upon 2-fold down regulation of the HumUn/HumSal and MonoSal/HumSal ratio with p-value less than 0.05. Additionally, the both the HumUn/HumSal and MonoSal/HumSal ratios needed be less than 0.5 in 4 out of the 6 biological replicate ratios. *Candida* targets were



selected based upon the same workflow but using the HumUn/HumCand and the MonoCand/HumCand ratios. LC-MS/MS data was analyzed in Compound Discoverer 2.1 software with the same parameters as the LC-MS data, except search mzCloud and search Chempider nodes were added. The mzCloud search was conducted against all compound classes and activation types with a 20 CE activation energy tolerance and 10 ppm parent and fragment mass tolerance. Identifications in mzCloud were manually verified by checking fragmentation patterns of the top hits. Additional identifications were made by searching the Metlin spectral database with 5 ppm mass accuracy against target molecular weights. MS/MS database spectra were manually compared against experimental spectra. LC-MS normalized peak areas data from Compound Discoverer was imported into Metaboanalyst<sup>28, 29</sup> with log transformation to generate principal component analysis results.

#### Peptidomics Acquisition and Analysis

The sample preparation, data acquisition and data analysis of peptide fraction is similar as previously described (Chapter 6). Briefly, Sep-Pak C18 Cartridges was used for peptide desalting, and then peptide samples were dried down in a speed vac and resuspended in optima grade water with 3% acetonitrile and 0.1% formic acid. UPLC-MS/MS analysis was conducted using a Thermo Dionex UltiMate<sup>TM</sup> 3000 nanoLC system coupled to a Thermo Fusion Lumos Orbitrap MS. Specially, a decision tree-driven MS scheme was used here to allow improved peptide sequencing by alternating between Higher-energy collisional dissociation(HCD), Electron transfer dissociation (ETD) and Electron Transfer Higher Energy Dissociation (ETHcD) for each specific charge state (Charge 2, combined HCD and ETHcD, Charge 3-6 combined HCD and ETHcD). The .raw data files from the Orbitrap MS analysis were searched against SwePep neuropeptide prohormone database using PEAKS 8.5 software and a precursor tolerance of 10 ppm and a

fragment mass tolerance of 0.02 Da were allowed. Acetylation (N-term), amidation, oxidation (M), pyro-glu from E, pyro-glu from Q, sulfation (STY), were set as rare dynamic modifications and three maximum variable PTM were allowed per peptide. Confident peptide identification was threshold with Ascore (PTM site confidence) higher than 20, FDR lower than 1%, and at least one unique peptide was found.

### Proteomics Acquisition and Analysis

The protein fractions from the supernatant contents above 30 kDa (aqueous and organic fractions) and from the pellets were combined. Ice-cold PBS was used to dissolve protein mixture samples to remove debris from the pellet at a low centrifuge speed (300 x g, 4°C for 5 mins, 3 times). The supernatant was then centrifuged at 20,000 x g for 10 min to pellet the bacterial cells and host cells and then lysed with 4% SDS and 6 M urea Lysis buffer with sonication (On 15 sec, Off 30 sec, 3 cycles). Acetone protein precipitation was used to remove SDS from protein sample and the total protein concentration of each pellet was determined by BCA assay. 100 µg proteins were aliquoted and digested with Trypsin/Lys-C mixture overnight. Then, the digested proteins were desalted, dried down in a speed vac, and saved in the -80°C until labeling. Twelve-plex isobaric DiLeu reagent were synthesized and used for labeling reaction as previously described.<sup>30</sup> The labeled samples were combined in equal ratios to form pooled 12-plex samples (Labeling map in **Supplemental Table S1**). Excess DiLeu reagents were removed from pooled 12-plex samples via SCX Ziptips (OMIX-SCX, Agilent, Santa Clara, CA) and high pH RPLC fractionation approach was used to improve protein identification coverage.<sup>31</sup> 4 fractions were collected from each pooled sample and dried down in a speed vac and saved in the -80°C until LC-MS/MS analysis.

Fusion Lumos Orbitrap MS was also adopted here for protein fraction analysis. Full MS scans were acquired from  $m/z$  300 to 1500 at a resolution of 60 K, AGC at  $2 \times 10^5$ , and maximum injection time (IT) of 100 ms. The top 20 precursors were then selected for higher-energy C-trap dissociation tandem mass spectrometry (HCD MS2) analysis with an isolation window of 1  $m/z$ , a normalized collision energy (NCE) of 30, a resolving power of 60 K, an AGC target of  $5 \times 10^4$ , a maximum injection time of 100 ms, and a lower mass limit of 110  $m/z$ . PEAKS software was used for protein identification and quantification. Trypsin with D&P enzyme was selected for this bottom-up proteomics study and three missed cleavages allowed. Searches were performed with a precursor mass tolerance of 25 ppm and a fragment mass tolerance of 0.02 Da. Static modifications consisted of DiLeu labels on peptide N-termini (+145.12801 Da) and carbamidomethylation of cysteine residues (+57.02146 Da). Dynamic modifications consisted of DiLeu labels on lysine residues, oxidation of methionine residues (+15.99492 Da). Peptide spectral matches (PSMs) were validated based on 1% FDR and quantitation was performed with a reporter ion integration tolerance of 20 ppm for the most confident centroid.

## Results

### Metabolomics

Label-free metabolomics was performed to investigate small molecule changes by the microbiome in response to both *Salmonella* and *Candida* infections. Humanized, *Salmonella* infected mice (HumSal) were compared to humanized, uninfected mice (HumUn) and germ-free mice monocolonized with *Salmonella* (MonoSal). Similarly, humanized, *Candida* infected mice (HumCand) were compared to humanized, uninfected mice (HumUn) and germ-free mice monocolonized with *Candida* (MonoCand). Volcano plots were used to analyze the differences in

the data by fold change and p-value. Additionally, potential targets were filtered based upon 4/6 biological replicates having ratios below the 2-fold threshold. The HumSal vs. HumUn and HumSal vs. MonoSal comparisons were analyzed separately with volcano plots as shown in **Figure 1(A)** and **Figure 1(B)**. Then, the overlap in the 2-fold downregulated compounds between two infections was compared with a Venn diagram, resulting in 384 small molecule targets for compounds upregulated in the humanized, *Salmonella* infected group (**Figure 1(C)**). For the *Candida* infection, the same analysis procedure resulted in 83 targets upregulated in the humanized, *Candida* infected mice (**Figure 1(D-F)**). The *Salmonella* targets are listed in **Supplemental Table S2** and the *Candida* targets are listed in **Supplemental Table S3**. Of the targets, 13 were in both the *Salmonella* list and the *Candida* list.

To investigate trends in the data in an unsupervised manner, principal component analysis (PCA) was utilized. PCA linearly transforms the data to display the properties and variance of the sample data along the coordinate axis. **Figure 2** shows the PCA results for the data. In **Figure 2(A)**, the separation of the samples along the principal component axis is shown. The HumSal, MonoSal, and MonoCand groups separate well from the HumUn and HumCand groups, which correlates to the fact that the *Candida* infection was not as severe as the *Salmonella* infection.<sup>27</sup> In **Figure 2(B)**, the PCA loadings plot is shown, where  $m/z$  retention time points are plotted. Points on the outside contribute most to the variation in the data. The points in the bottom right corner are where the compounds up-regulated in the HumSal group are located. **Figure 2(C-E)** provides examples of selected *Salmonella* targets that are localized to this area of the PCA plot. The targets that were selected for both infections are slightly to the left of the *Salmonella* only targets, an example of which is in **Figure 2(F)**. Thus, the target list is composed of compounds that correlate well to the compounds causing the variance in the data as determined by the PCA plot.

LC-MS/MS data in combination with mzCloud and Metlin spectra libraries was used for compound identification. **Table 1** provides identifications for compounds detected in this study, with the associated error. The compounds listed in italics were previously identified as being up-regulated in the presence of the microbiome after infection.<sup>27</sup> Interestingly, multiple additional putative annotations were for carnitine molecules. Additional adenosine related compounds were also observed.

### Peptidomics

The aqueous fraction contents between 3 and 30 kDa were analyzed with nanoLC-MS/MS to determine endogenous peptides in the gut produced in response to *Salmonella* infection. For peptidomic analysis, the data was searched against the SwePep neuropeptide prohormone database using PEAKS 8.5 software. Overall, for *Salmonella* infection, 1166 peptides were identified in the SwePep neuropeptide database belonging to 23 prohormones (**Supplemental Table S4**). For *Candida* identifications, 17 peptides were identified belonging to 6 prohormones (**Supplemental Table S5**).

Changes in the peptidome between different sample groups were identified with label-free quantification. Peptide targets were selected based upon 1.5-fold upregulated in the HumSal group and an overall FDR less than 0.01 for both the HumSal vs. HumUn and the HumSal vs. MonoSal comparisons. Similarly, for the *Candida* infection, peptides were selected as targets if they were 1.5 fold upregulated in the HumCand vs. HumUn and HumCand vs. MonoCand comparisons with an overall FDR less than 0.01. In total 877 peptides were found to be upregulated in the HumSal group and 1 peptide was found to be upregulated in the HumCand group. In the HumSal up-regulated peptides, the intact peptide of fibrinopeptide B and a truncated peptide of Thymosin alpha were identified.

## Proteomics

For proteomics analysis, nanoLC-MS/MS with 12-plex DiLeu labeling for relative quantitation was employed.<sup>30</sup> PEAKS Studio software package was used for data analysis of the 12-plex DiLeu labeled samples. From the PEAKS analysis, 1318 proteins were identified from 6821 peptide spectral matches (PSMs). Up-regulated proteins were selected based upon 1.5-fold changes in the HumSal or HumCand groups compared to their respective controls (HumUn and either MonoSal or MonoCand). This results in 14 up-regulated proteins for HumSal. The gene ontology (GO) analysis of the up-regulated proteins in the HumSal group (**Figure 3**), display the biological process and molecular functions of the up-regulated proteins. Three proteins, Alpha-1-acid glycoprotein, Alpha-2-HS-glycoprotein, and Haptoglobin, were detected, which modulate the activity of the immune system during the acute-phase reaction. No proteins were found to be significantly up-regulated in HumCand group, which also correlates to the fact that the *Candida* infection was not as severe as the *Salmonella* infection.

## **Discussion**

Metabolites identified that are up-regulated in response to infection and in the presence of the model microbiome provide evidence of metabolism changes induced by the microbiome in response to infection. Here, we focused on  $m/z$  greater than 200 to limit detection of common primary metabolites and instead focus on larger secondary metabolites and potential natural products. Previously, importance of glutathione metabolism against potential oxidative stress was discussed due to the presence of glutathione disulfide and glutathione cysteine disulfide after *Salmonella* infection.<sup>27</sup> Multiple carnitine molecules were identified in this study. Acetyl-L-carnitine is involved in energy metabolism; it increases acetyl-CoA uptake in the mitochondria in

fatty acid oxidation, increases acetylcholine production, and is a free radical scavenger.<sup>32-34</sup> Acetyl-L carnitine can cross the blood brain barrier easier compared to carnitine, and consequently, its positive effects for various neurological disorders, including depression and Alzheimer's disease, has been observed.<sup>35, 36</sup> Acylcarnitines are involved in  $\beta$ -oxidation through transportation of long chain fatty acids across the mitochondrial membrane.<sup>37</sup> Studies have focused on various biological and metabolic roles of acylcarnitines,<sup>38</sup> including potential proinflammatory roles.<sup>38, 39</sup>

From the peptidomics analysis, intact endogenous peptide fibrinopeptide B and truncated endogenous peptide Thymosin alpha were identified. Both augment host immune defense. Fibrinopeptide B is formed by cleavage of fibrinogen by thrombin during the coagulation process.<sup>40</sup> Previous studies have shown fibrinopeptide B involvement in the inflammatory processes.<sup>40</sup> Investigations with sepsis, rheumatoid arthritis, and pilocytic astrocytoma, which are pathogenic inflammatory conditions, found increases in fibrinogen degradation fragments and fibrinopeptide B.<sup>41-43</sup> Additionally, Thymosin alpha is involved in restoration of immune functions as it can modulate both the innate and adaptive immune system.<sup>44</sup> The stimulation of the adaptive immune function is critical for fighting infections, both viral and bacterial, and other diseases.<sup>45</sup> Thus, fibrinopeptide B and Thymosin alpha stimulation by the human microbiome during infection could enhance cell-mediated immunity. These signaling peptides induced by model human microbiome during infection furthers understanding of the bidirectional communication between gut microbiota, and immune system.

The proteomics results also display up-regulated proteins after infection that are involved in the immune response and regulation of the inflammatory response (**Figure 3**). In particular, alpha-1-acid glycoprotein is an acute phase protein that has been shown to be involved in immune modulation and in the inflammatory response.<sup>46</sup> The alpha-1-acid glycoprotein has been shown to

have both pro-inflammatory and anti-inflammatory effects.<sup>47</sup> Overall, metabolomics, peptidomics, and proteomics analysis reveals microbiome-mediated immune and inflammatory responses in response to *Salmonella* infection. Further analysis of the detected up-regulated molecules, including peptidomic analysis of endogenous peptides from the organic fraction of the extraction, could reveal additional systems and endogenous peptides involved in the response to infection.

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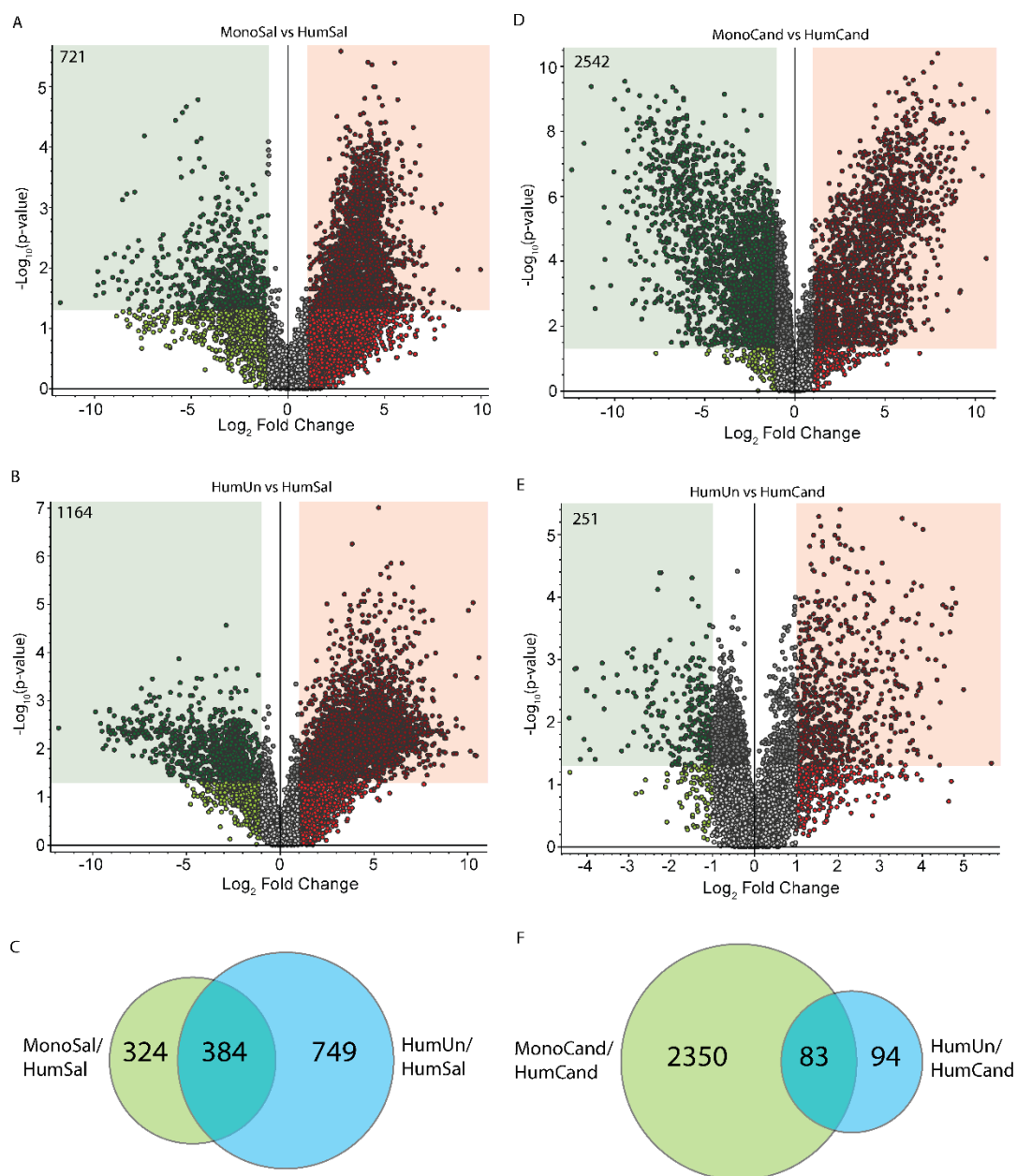
## Tables

**Table 1.** Putative identifications from metabolomics analysis. Compounds from previous studies are shown in italics.

Molecular Weight	RT (min)	Compound Name	Infection	Literature Molecular Weight	ppm
203.11562	1.219	Acetyl-L-Carnitine	Salmonella	203.11575	-0.65
231.14701	6.577	Butyryl-L-carnitine, Isobutyryl carnitine	Salmonella	231.14706	-0.23
245.16276	12.672	2-Methylbutyrylcarnitine, pivaloylcarnitine	Salmonella	245.16270	0.23
247.14170	1.497/1.724	<i>hydroxybutyrylcarnitine</i>	Salmonella	247.14197	-1.08
259.17830	14.895	Hexanoylcarnitine	Salmonella	259.17835	-0.17
267.09656	2.413	Adenosine	Salmonella & Candida	267.09674	-0.68
347.06261	1.452	Adenosine 3' monophosphate	Salmonella & Candida	347.06308	-1.35
347.06263	1.160	<i>similar to Adenosine monophosphate</i>	Salmonella	347.06308	-1.30
348.04670	1.188	<i>Inosine monophosphate</i>	Salmonella	348.04709	-1.12
426.08792	0.935	<i>cysteine glutathione disulfide</i>	Salmonella	426.08789	0.07
612.15125	1.881	<i>L-Glutathione oxidized</i>	Salmonella	612.15198	-1.19

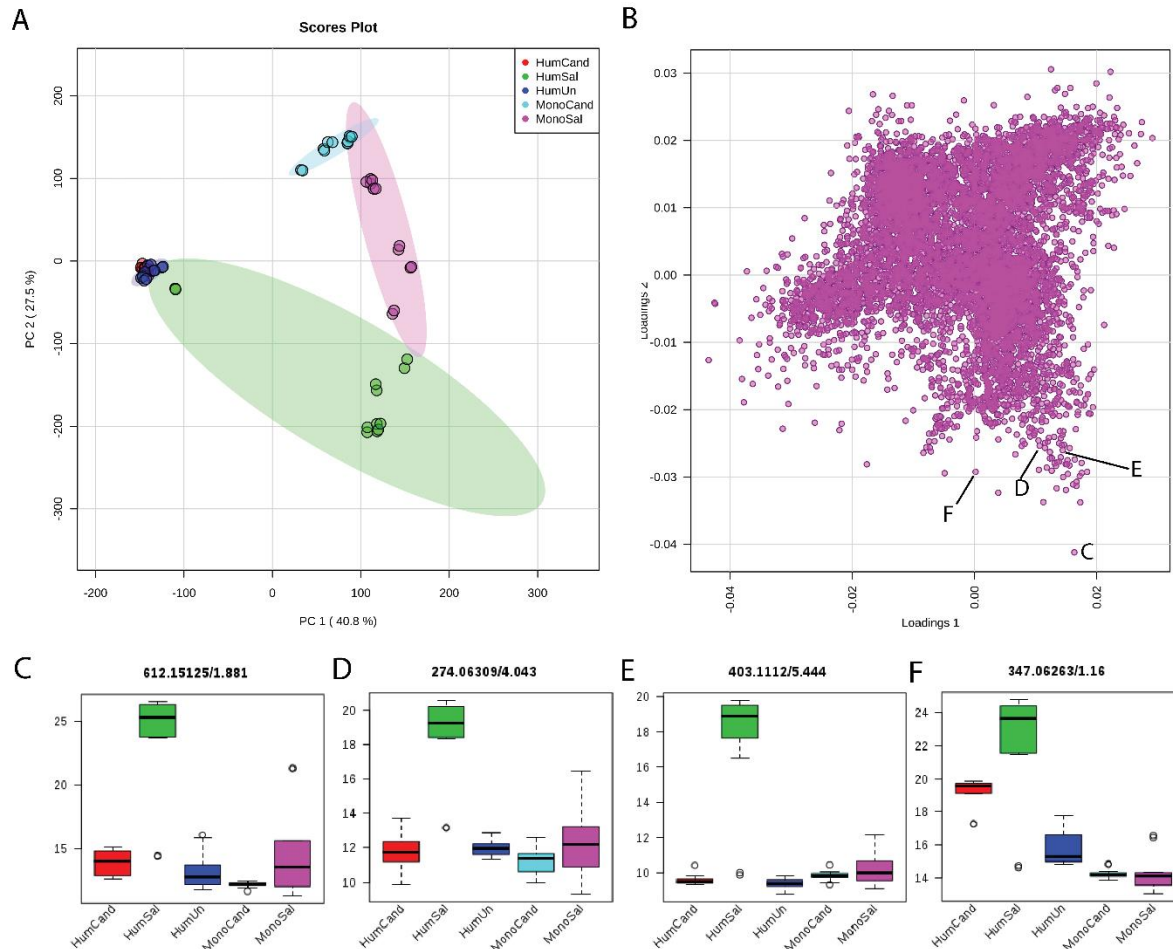
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**Figure 1.**

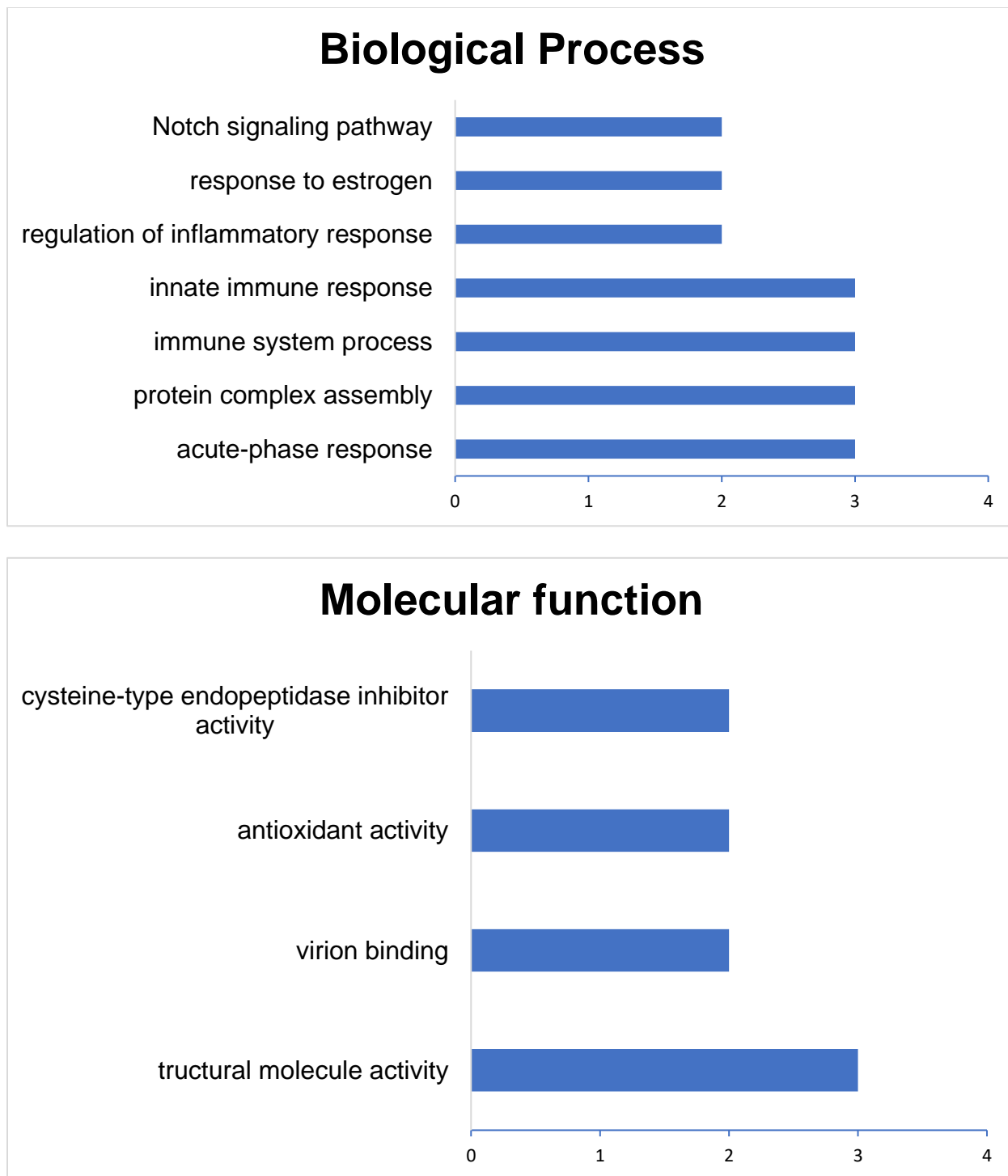


**Figure 1.** Target selection for metabolomics results. Volcano plots for MonoSal/HumSal (A), HumUn/HumSal (B), MonoCand (D), and HumUn/HumCand (E) selected statistically significant targets in each ratio. The overlap of the targets for the HumSal group (C) and HumCand group (F) were used to select final targets.

Figure 2



**Figure 2.** PCA results for the metabolomics data. **(A)** shows the PCA plot for separation of sample groups, while **(B)** shows the loadings plot for the various detected compounds. **(C-F)** show various compounds on the edge of the loadings plot as being up-regulated in the HumSal (and HumCand for **(F)**).



**Figure 3.** Gene ontology results for proteins up-regulated in the HumSal group. The biological process is shown on top and the molecular function is shown on the bottom.



## Supplemental Tables

Supplemental Table S1. 12-Plex DiLeu channels Labeling Map.

<b>Sample</b>	<b>HS1</b>	<b>HS2</b>	<b>HS3</b>	<b>HS4</b>	<b>HS5</b>	<b>HS6</b>	<b>GS1</b>	<b>GS2</b>	<b>GS3</b>	<b>GS4</b>	<b>GS5</b>	<b>GS6</b>
<b>Label</b>	117b	117c	118a	118b	118c	118d	115a	115b	116a	116b	116c	117a
<b>Sample</b>							<b>NO1</b>	<b>NO2</b>	<b>NO3</b>	<b>NO4</b>	<b>NO5</b>	<b>NO6</b>
<b>Label</b>							115a	115b	116a	116b	116c	117a
<b>Sample</b>	<b>HC1</b>	<b>HC2</b>	<b>HC3</b>	<b>HC4</b>	<b>HC5</b>	<b>HC6</b>	<b>GC1</b>	<b>GC2</b>	<b>GC3</b>	<b>GC4</b>	<b>GC5</b>	<b>GC6</b>
<b>Label</b>	117b	117c	118a	118b	118c	118d	115a	115b	116a	116b	116c	117a
<b>4 mixtures</b>	HS& GS		HS& NO		HC& GC		HC& GC					

**Supplemental Table S2.** Target Compounds produced in response to *Salmonella* infection.

Molecular Weight	RT [min]	Log2 Fold Change: (HumUn) / (HumSal)	Log2 Fold Change: (MonoSal) / (HumSal)	P-value: (HumUn) / (HumSal)	P-value: (MonoSal) / (HumSal)
203.11562	1.219	-4.41	-4.45	3.51E-04	7.27E-05
205.04819	0.854	-5.65	-6.98	3.02E-02	1.33E-02
206.01046	28.177	-2.49	-2.36	7.96E-03	4.71E-02
206.09148	18.084	-2.64	-3.45	1.92E-02	1.10E-02
211.13601	22.812	-2.54	-2.45	6.89E-03	4.28E-02
212.04077	0.883	-6.12	-6.97	9.05E-03	2.23E-02
216.09972	14.883	-4.39	-4.01	2.77E-03	2.89E-02
217.03840	0.961	-4.80	-3.23	3.46E-03	1.16E-02
222.08928	19.206	-1.90	-3.54	2.85E-02	1.29E-02
224.10196	15.413	-2.38	-4.03	3.75E-02	1.32E-02
225.00491	28.173	-2.63	-2.37	6.54E-03	4.78E-02
226.19290	22.922	-2.63	-2.97	1.73E-02	1.88E-02
227.00028	28.172	-2.55	-2.57	7.82E-03	4.46E-02
231.14701	6.577	-1.19	-4.85	4.38E-02	4.14E-03
231.88960	0.845	-3.41	-2.73	1.77E-03	3.75E-02
234.16187	22.151	-2.43	-2.32	5.84E-03	4.28E-02
236.96618	0.858	-2.20	-4.23	4.14E-02	3.75E-02
239.02031	0.954	-4.42	-3.86	4.24E-03	1.01E-02
242.11247	12.709	-2.27	-2.73	1.38E-02	3.74E-02
243.21976	21.301	-2.75	-2.31	6.89E-03	4.96E-02
244.12815	10.160	-2.99	-3.29	1.27E-02	2.76E-02
245.16276	12.672	-2.19	-1.99	2.61E-03	2.17E-02
247.14170	1.724	-7.40	-8.32	1.79E-03	6.14E-04
247.14175	1.497	-3.66	-5.57	4.41E-03	1.58E-04
247.86382	0.849	-2.07	-2.59	7.98E-03	4.21E-03
248.97206	8.038	-3.98	-3.86	1.86E-02	4.99E-02
254.15157	19.808	-1.33	-2.40	4.39E-02	2.84E-02
259.17830	14.895	-1.99	-3.95	1.83E-02	5.21E-03
261.03032	1.867	-3.47	-3.68	1.32E-02	4.39E-02
261.15741	14.883	-5.75	-4.15	3.15E-03	4.74E-02
262.01367	1.723	-6.25	-6.74	8.08E-03	8.13E-03
265.06713	1.155	-2.82	-3.84	8.24E-03	3.71E-02
266.16454	22.052	-2.39	-2.15	3.11E-03	3.68E-02
267.09656	2.413	-3.65	-3.55	5.18E-03	3.47E-02
268.12810	16.669	-1.95	-3.18	1.98E-02	2.10E-02
270.13037	0.921	-2.65	-3.29	8.40E-03	1.90E-02
270.14366	15.454	-2.95	-4.42	1.67E-02	1.09E-02
270.14386	14.877	-2.37	-4.31	3.27E-02	1.05E-02
270.90932	28.178	-2.46	-2.55	6.51E-03	2.47E-02
271.21468	22.026	-2.72	-2.61	1.44E-02	4.11E-02
271.25093	22.512	-2.59	-2.32	6.89E-03	3.95E-02
272.90979	28.176	-2.32	-2.36	6.68E-03	4.41E-02
274.06309	4.043	-7.12	-8.07	2.37E-03	2.65E-02
274.12737	1.373	-2.65	-3.23	1.30E-02	1.33E-03
274.13860	12.705	-2.38	-2.93	1.33E-02	3.17E-02
274.25072	23.413	-2.17	-2.27	9.99E-03	3.61E-02
278.15163	22.775	-2.53	-2.40	3.59E-03	1.50E-02
280.13075	21.019	-2.00	-2.56	1.18E-02	3.31E-02
280.24010	22.494	-3.17	-2.94	6.56E-04	1.66E-03
282.14367	18.510	-2.32	-3.95	1.73E-02	1.38E-02
282.14370	18.087	-2.38	-4.11	2.08E-02	1.24E-02
282.14378	16.668	-1.82	-3.34	1.99E-02	2.13E-02
283.32368	22.788	-3.12	-2.27	3.82E-02	3.13E-02
283.32368	22.598	-2.07	-2.16	7.91E-03	4.80E-02
285.11431	1.108	-6.84	-6.50	3.73E-03	4.88E-03
286.13869	15.420	-2.25	-3.41	3.00E-02	6.54E-03
286.88142	28.291	-2.58	-2.31	1.59E-02	4.56E-02
287.24576	21.124	-2.90	-3.21	1.24E-02	4.96E-02
288.88233	28.178	-2.56	-2.43	4.43E-03	4.08E-02
289.12702	1.420	-2.05	-2.46	3.53E-03	2.36E-02
289.99846	8.040	-2.94	-2.95	2.75E-02	3.89E-02
290.88296	28.183	-2.49	-2.44	1.72E-03	2.95E-02
292.08625	21.483	-1.88	-2.62	2.26E-02	2.55E-02
294.16173	22.781	-2.42	-2.23	5.66E-03	4.75E-02
294.16175	22.642	-2.36	-2.33	6.84E-03	4.40E-02
298.15676	21.409	-2.34	-2.59	1.45E-02	4.99E-02
299.28219	23.468	-2.32	-2.25	9.30E-03	4.02E-02
299.87702	0.846	-3.18	-3.10	2.68E-03	2.81E-02
299.89790	0.826	-2.90	-5.96	4.33E-02	1.46E-02
300.15435	15.915	-2.01	-3.59	2.69E-02	1.15E-02
300.15454	15.411	-2.28	-3.89	3.70E-02	1.17E-02
302.17006	14.878	-2.86	-4.78	2.50E-02	9.04E-03
303.88420	28.332	-2.66	-1.89	7.42E-03	3.45E-02
303.91471	28.183	-2.22	-2.35	1.12E-02	3.97E-02
306.09237	0.933	-5.08	-4.87	4.70E-02	1.86E-02
306.16166	22.932	-2.30	-2.06	9.73E-03	3.22E-02
307.09615	1.114	-9.49	-8.75	4.40E-03	1.59E-02
309.09181	1.108	-5.18	-4.09	5.51E-03	5.43E-03

311.22231	22.052	-2.46	-1.77	2.48E-03	3.90E-02
312.13588	22.614	-2.40	-2.35	9.73E-03	3.74E-02
314.17009	16.669	-1.86	-3.28	2.09E-02	2.21E-02
314.92232	28.180	-2.46	-2.34	8.17E-03	4.76E-02
316.26106	20.551	-3.03	-3.17	1.79E-02	4.85E-02
317.25637	22.950	-2.80	-2.57	6.23E-03	4.17E-02
317.27177	20.480	-2.38	-2.64	2.35E-02	3.95E-02
317.87950	28.218	-2.64	-2.58	6.62E-03	4.67E-02
318.16479	15.417	-2.31	-3.86	3.63E-02	1.37E-02
318.16494	14.442	-2.48	-3.47	1.74E-02	2.30E-02
318.27670	23.408	-2.29	-2.32	9.47E-03	3.39E-02
321.28769	22.952	-2.21	-1.90	8.66E-03	4.10E-02
322.10709	1.191	-5.65	-5.09	1.32E-02	1.31E-02
323.05147	1.189	-5.55	-6.15	5.32E-03	2.98E-02
323.05156	0.963	-4.88	-5.04	1.32E-02	4.04E-02
323.07018	1.109	-7.32	-6.43	4.81E-03	6.84E-03
323.20939	22.718	-2.95	-2.89	1.02E-02	3.35E-02
326.29308	23.314	-2.57	-2.27	7.07E-03	3.01E-02
326.91170	28.182	-2.40	-2.37	1.21E-02	4.39E-02
327.90807	28.314	-2.46	-2.31	2.29E-02	4.56E-02
329.90863	28.181	-2.59	-2.39	5.54E-03	4.22E-02
330.16487	16.668	-1.78	-2.92	2.66E-02	2.08E-02
331.06787	1.423	-5.34	-4.10	5.98E-03	2.11E-02
331.14169	21.402	-1.80	-2.70	3.17E-02	3.55E-02
331.90955	28.179	-2.59	-2.48	9.13E-04	2.37E-02
332.18065	15.413	-2.70	-4.19	2.25E-02	1.31E-02
333.90459	28.181	-2.51	-2.43	7.33E-03	4.35E-02
334.11785	22.607	-2.44	-2.41	1.09E-02	3.70E-02
334.15423	21.345	-3.24	-2.46	4.04E-03	3.76E-02
335.30321	23.408	-2.27	-2.30	9.71E-03	3.56E-02
337.14409	21.483	-2.08	-2.32	1.30E-02	3.32E-02
337.24626	20.458	-1.79	-2.89	1.79E-02	2.54E-02
337.90054	28.192	-2.76	-2.56	7.69E-03	4.50E-02
337.90312	28.179	-2.52	-2.41	7.20E-03	4.96E-02
340.30875	23.344	-2.39	-2.18	8.17E-03	4.30E-02
340.91667	28.186	-2.57	-2.39	6.13E-03	4.94E-02
343.30851	21.889	-2.19	-2.88	3.38E-02	4.54E-02
344.07956	18.793	-2.24	-2.48	9.78E-03	3.71E-02
344.18057	18.087	-2.14	-4.01	2.12E-02	1.17E-02
344.18069	16.669	-1.72	-3.26	2.66E-02	1.99E-02
344.18072	17.176	-1.74	-2.80	2.69E-02	2.65E-02
345.03346	0.968	-4.93	-4.41	4.41E-03	3.93E-02
346.11426	0.860	-2.34	-2.89	5.43E-03	3.44E-02
347.06261	1.452	-8.02	-9.37	7.12E-03	6.86E-03
347.06263	1.160	-7.34	-9.80	1.39E-02	1.16E-02
348.04670	1.188	-7.69	-8.04	5.67E-03	8.01E-03
348.16980	22.705	-4.32	-3.16	1.12E-03	4.66E-02
348.25100	21.770	-2.24	-2.87	2.59E-02	4.83E-02
349.28249	22.941	-1.94	-2.41	1.24E-02	6.70E-03
349.31893	22.955	-3.34	-2.90	8.58E-03	4.30E-02
349.31894	23.403	-2.69	-2.20	4.48E-03	2.96E-02
349.31894	23.493	-2.36	-2.03	7.29E-03	3.67E-02
350.08862	1.720	-4.98	-7.52	3.95E-02	5.19E-03
352.11324	23.513	-2.33	-2.18	1.53E-02	4.62E-02
354.23803	22.941	-1.79	-2.21	2.22E-02	7.77E-03
355.21445	22.932	-2.28	-2.31	1.62E-02	2.95E-02
357.23025	21.351	-2.61	-2.17	4.67E-03	3.29E-02
358.19620	18.514	-2.19	-3.70	1.65E-02	1.45E-02
358.19631	18.086	-2.29	-3.97	2.21E-02	1.16E-02
359.17285	21.402	-2.44	-1.81	3.57E-03	3.63E-02
359.33971	22.625	-2.76	-2.77	7.67E-03	2.52E-02
360.96415	8.035	-4.28	-4.36	2.26E-02	4.50E-02
361.31883	20.537	-2.99	-3.53	1.63E-02	3.31E-02
362.19111	15.916	-2.54	-3.97	2.00E-02	1.82E-02
362.19120	16.668	-1.74	-3.24	2.66E-02	2.06E-02
362.21251	22.586	-2.22	-2.07	9.82E-03	4.15E-02
362.30296	23.400	-2.31	-2.25	8.41E-03	3.31E-02
363.05745	1.201	-8.82	-9.04	4.89E-03	1.43E-02
363.05749	1.539	-6.91	-8.56	1.62E-02	1.18E-02
363.33444	23.281	-2.58	-2.22	3.82E-03	3.09E-02
363.33446	22.962	-3.72	-3.61	4.92E-03	3.75E-02
364.04170	1.258	-5.77	-6.66	2.49E-02	2.48E-02
365.05323	1.715	-8.13	-8.45	6.58E-03	6.80E-03
365.27753	21.772	-2.25	-2.88	2.68E-02	4.93E-02
365.31391	22.948	-2.24	-2.06	8.29E-03	3.86E-02
367.86476	0.845	-3.03	-3.41	3.65E-03	2.66E-02
369.28763	23.087	-2.79	-2.95	5.31E-03	3.99E-02
371.24574	22.735	-3.85	-4.07	1.10E-02	3.25E-02
371.24591	22.643	-2.52	-2.23	7.98E-03	2.74E-02
371.35092	23.315	-2.47	-2.30	8.72E-03	4.67E-02
373.31893	20.534	-3.00	-3.50	2.11E-02	4.77E-02
373.31913	21.315	-2.33	-3.12	3.56E-02	3.96E-02
376.20663	18.509	-2.21	-3.83	1.38E-02	1.41E-02
376.20672	18.087	-2.29	-3.98	2.19E-02	1.16E-02

376.20683	16.668	-1.97	-3.38	2.02E-02	2.35E-02
376.22160	23.854	-2.40	-2.14	7.25E-03	4.70E-02
376.28219	22.927	-2.41	-2.93	1.23E-02	1.43E-02
377.31387	22.941	-2.75	-2.87	8.67E-03	1.61E-02
377.35013	23.484	-2.24	-2.63	3.81E-03	2.75E-02
379.32943	23.400	-2.32	-2.26	8.57E-03	3.33E-02
379.32945	22.924	-2.29	-2.19	8.06E-03	4.91E-02
383.24585	23.125	-2.47	-2.31	1.01E-02	4.58E-02
383.24585	23.035	-2.58	-2.16	1.01E-02	4.70E-02
383.24595	22.985	-4.08	-3.64	9.26E-03	7.40E-03
383.30340	22.464	-2.75	-2.92	1.21E-02	3.84E-02
383.83925	0.849	-1.50	-3.04	1.17E-02	2.99E-02
387.20441	22.489	-2.80	-2.94	3.68E-02	2.16E-02
387.20452	22.421	-2.53	-2.65	1.94E-02	3.75E-02
388.20699	18.510	-2.20	-4.10	2.05E-02	1.22E-02
390.22231	18.088	-2.35	-4.02	2.04E-02	1.19E-02
392.07644	0.831	-2.03	-2.75	4.15E-02	3.98E-02
393.30875	22.921	-2.39	-2.94	5.75E-03	8.85E-03
393.30880	21.773	-2.22	-2.37	3.72E-03	1.68E-02
393.34507	23.352	-3.07	-2.61	2.31E-02	4.48E-02
393.34510	23.616	-2.14	-2.68	3.64E-03	2.17E-02
393.34517	23.481	-2.01	-2.45	9.84E-03	2.39E-02
394.17787	14.702	-4.10	-3.58	8.35E-03	4.33E-02
401.25645	21.799	-2.39	-1.94	7.05E-03	4.10E-02
401.25650	21.893	-2.59	-2.60	8.42E-03	4.91E-02
401.25658	21.980	-2.29	-2.17	7.96E-03	3.64E-02
402.29158	22.251	-2.98	-2.89	1.48E-02	1.69E-02
403.11120	5.444	-9.55	-8.93	2.98E-03	5.91E-03
406.04158	1.260	-5.05	-5.19	4.44E-03	4.20E-02
406.21738	18.514	-2.27	-4.05	1.88E-02	1.36E-02
406.21761	17.175	-2.05	-2.95	2.10E-02	2.82E-02
408.17576	24.492	-2.50	-2.40	1.74E-02	4.32E-02
409.30355	20.512	-3.38	-3.73	1.80E-02	4.60E-02
409.33998	22.930	-2.24	-1.99	9.27E-03	4.41E-02
412.20433	18.093	-3.00	-4.60	8.00E-03	1.51E-02
413.27749	20.628	-2.96	-3.34	2.67E-02	4.11E-02
414.20382	21.166	-2.88	-2.78	2.96E-03	1.63E-02
414.20384	20.657	-4.04	-4.66	5.45E-03	1.82E-02
414.20384	21.374	-2.59	-3.99	1.10E-02	2.67E-02
414.20389	21.020	-2.10	-2.53	1.36E-02	4.02E-02
416.30700	22.710	-5.22	-4.39	1.88E-02	2.87E-02
416.30713	22.752	-3.52	-3.53	2.12E-02	2.72E-02
418.23265	20.628	-3.31	-3.10	1.82E-02	4.79E-02
420.23298	18.514	-2.18	-3.85	1.83E-02	1.28E-02
420.30831	22.916	-2.72	-3.04	1.72E-02	2.50E-02
421.27916	23.859	-2.38	-2.29	4.28E-03	4.62E-02
421.33996	22.927	-2.81	-2.91	1.39E-02	3.29E-02
421.37627	23.486	-1.76	-2.78	3.10E-02	3.36E-02
421.37631	23.304	-1.87	-2.25	2.92E-03	4.96E-02
421.37651	23.244	-3.04	-3.72	1.88E-02	1.65E-03
423.35558	23.388	-2.33	-2.32	9.08E-03	3.14E-02
425.84380	0.836	-4.60	-6.55	2.10E-02	2.24E-02
426.08792	0.935	-6.39	-5.64	4.47E-03	4.40E-02
427.32967	22.461	-3.02	-3.44	1.42E-02	3.47E-02
431.23034	21.015	-1.99	-2.44	1.47E-02	3.98E-02
431.23046	21.377	-2.54	-3.98	1.98E-02	3.28E-02
431.23047	20.657	-3.95	-4.66	6.35E-03	1.74E-02
431.24354	20.891	-3.56	-3.87	7.93E-03	3.30E-02
433.16213	22.712	-2.67	-2.68	1.36E-02	3.70E-02
434.13253	21.400	-3.57	-2.84	1.53E-02	3.57E-02
434.13255	21.597	-3.46	-3.15	1.54E-02	2.49E-02
435.85203	0.845	-2.81	-3.60	9.06E-03	2.28E-02
436.18550	21.132	-3.40	-4.17	5.05E-03	3.16E-02
436.18557	21.025	-2.48	-2.61	1.02E-02	4.03E-02
436.18560	21.347	-2.80	-3.83	2.87E-03	1.66E-02
437.33500	22.916	-2.72	-3.04	1.72E-02	2.46E-02
437.33502	21.780	-2.65	-2.82	2.66E-03	7.87E-03
437.37119	23.728	-2.67	-2.49	9.10E-03	4.92E-02
437.37120	23.344	-3.31	-3.24	1.89E-02	2.72E-02
437.37126	23.468	-2.34	-2.77	1.28E-02	3.59E-02
438.37474	23.481	-2.61	-3.08	9.36E-03	2.17E-02
439.40232	22.669	-2.36	-2.28	7.42E-03	4.05E-02
440.10311	1.229	-6.36	-6.50	3.60E-03	3.57E-02
442.29020	22.916	-2.67	-3.01	1.82E-02	2.70E-02
443.07082	1.096	-5.29	-4.72	5.46E-03	9.76E-03
443.30108	22.491	-2.51	-2.30	1.22E-02	4.30E-02
443.32451	22.454	-2.32	-1.98	4.17E-03	4.36E-02
444.28037	16.102	-3.05	-3.06	1.05E-02	3.22E-02
447.28302	23.282	-2.32	-2.41	7.40E-03	4.29E-02
448.14852	22.267	-2.88	-2.59	1.65E-02	3.26E-02
450.24367	18.774	-2.11	-3.87	1.78E-02	1.46E-02
450.24379	18.911	-2.25	-3.81	1.48E-02	1.72E-02
452.15985	21.037	-2.21	-2.26	9.11E-03	4.28E-02
453.36608	22.907	-2.33	-2.32	6.07E-03	2.96E-02

454.18120	14.876	-4.61	-4.91	7.53E-03	3.05E-02
457.34002	23.072	-2.96	-2.38	8.82E-03	4.51E-02
459.26158	20.656	-4.17	-3.74	3.51E-03	2.30E-02
459.26162	21.759	-2.44	-3.67	4.11E-03	3.58E-03
459.26162	21.373	-3.54	-3.36	2.19E-03	2.40E-02
460.26482	21.375	-3.72	-3.25	2.48E-03	2.52E-02
460.26500	20.656	-4.29	-3.81	3.59E-03	2.32E-02
461.24148	21.020	-2.11	-2.82	1.03E-02	3.64E-02
462.12303	23.440	-1.96	-1.97	1.08E-02	3.85E-02
462.16372	22.707	-2.71	-2.85	1.08E-02	2.66E-02
464.33454	22.895	-2.83	-3.13	2.14E-02	3.44E-02
465.36619	22.916	-2.73	-3.27	1.59E-02	4.26E-02
465.40245	23.227	-3.92	-3.71	1.87E-02	3.39E-02
465.40263	23.413	-2.52	-3.43	3.35E-02	4.90E-02
466.30869	28.086	-2.58	-3.21	9.06E-03	1.30E-02
466.30882	28.052	-2.27	-2.35	7.99E-03	3.14E-02
467.38195	23.371	-2.51	-2.31	5.87E-03	4.03E-02
467.43341	23.300	-2.35	-2.30	7.39E-03	4.60E-02
472.09474	28.164	-2.38	-2.38	5.90E-03	4.32E-02
472.28957	16.032	-3.27	-2.37	1.64E-03	6.22E-03
475.25646	21.017	-2.32	-3.03	5.65E-03	3.94E-02
479.14957	23.441	-1.98	-1.96	1.14E-02	3.72E-02
479.15146	24.004	-2.28	-2.68	4.28E-02	3.80E-02
481.36114	22.896	-2.84	-3.13	2.15E-02	3.45E-02
481.36120	21.778	-2.64	-2.80	5.40E-03	1.52E-02
481.39736	23.339	-2.82	-2.63	1.15E-02	4.80E-02
481.39739	23.455	-2.56	-3.02	9.61E-03	2.08E-02
481.39740	23.586	-3.01	-3.02	9.37E-03	2.08E-02
483.10872	1.872	-7.21	-7.76	5.33E-03	2.40E-02
486.09259	24.167	-2.20	-2.68	2.88E-02	3.81E-02
486.31600	22.897	-2.78	-3.15	2.12E-02	3.34E-02
489.38476	28.052	-2.56	-2.42	6.37E-03	4.69E-02
493.83133	0.835	-4.29	-6.69	2.13E-02	1.75E-02
494.28378	1.494	-3.78	-5.51	4.51E-03	3.19E-04
501.36622	23.053	-2.62	-2.67	6.91E-03	4.70E-02
503.83960	0.844	-3.03	-3.81	9.42E-03	1.88E-02
508.36088	22.865	-2.84	-3.06	2.12E-02	3.76E-02
509.39232	22.896	-2.44	-2.60	3.58E-03	2.33E-02
509.42876	23.269	-2.70	-2.88	8.39E-03	3.79E-02
511.40776	22.875	-2.52	-2.37	8.33E-03	4.41E-02
511.40814	23.352	-2.58	-2.55	1.06E-02	4.95E-02
513.30871	21.020	-1.94	-2.45	1.50E-02	4.89E-02
513.35097	20.592	-2.50	-3.65	3.37E-02	4.69E-02
515.30667	14.510	-6.33	-6.89	4.37E-03	7.01E-03
520.31206	13.855	-6.36	-6.55	3.87E-03	3.42E-03
525.38738	21.770	-2.38	-2.52	2.57E-03	2.07E-02
525.38744	22.866	-2.84	-3.06	2.12E-02	3.75E-02
525.42358	23.437	-2.57	-2.62	1.41E-02	2.05E-02
525.42359	23.322	-2.00	-2.51	3.65E-02	3.61E-02
525.42375	23.567	-2.90	-4.83	1.47E-02	2.07E-02
529.32274	14.525	-3.44	-5.81	1.54E-03	3.65E-05
531.43187	27.250	-2.19	-1.81	3.29E-03	4.59E-03
531.43199	26.734	-1.93	-2.22	8.05E-03	4.05E-02
531.43204	27.142	-1.72	-1.80	1.83E-02	4.67E-02
532.37565	22.983	-4.11	-3.18	9.09E-03	1.91E-02
534.19309	2.412	-3.57	-3.38	5.87E-03	3.74E-02
537.32722	24.371	-2.07	-1.86	1.91E-02	4.87E-02
541.27495	13.989	-6.53	-5.29	4.34E-03	3.02E-03
549.11071	5.693	-9.08	-9.51	1.66E-03	2.61E-02
552.38139	28.161	-2.46	-2.72	3.97E-03	1.86E-02
552.38696	22.835	-2.85	-3.00	2.02E-02	3.79E-02
553.16846	23.884	-2.22	-2.09	8.89E-03	4.20E-02
553.45469	23.256	-2.33	-2.70	1.29E-02	3.97E-02
557.37699	20.607	-2.52	-3.71	3.38E-02	4.49E-02
559.46277	27.070	-2.44	-2.47	8.49E-03	4.24E-02
561.79806	0.846	-4.84	-3.89	1.64E-03	3.62E-02
563.12627	12.165	-6.55	-7.71	4.14E-03	3.55E-03
569.41353	22.835	-2.86	-3.00	2.03E-02	3.78E-02
569.44962	23.286	-2.07	-2.61	7.91E-03	1.87E-02
569.44976	23.421	-2.44	-3.00	1.06E-02	1.82E-02
571.82691	0.844	-3.01	-4.62	2.33E-02	1.93E-02
573.28653	1.993	-2.86	-7.42	2.25E-04	6.71E-05
586.15316	12.074	-7.55	-6.54	4.95E-03	4.48E-02
587.10269	2.257	-4.38	-8.55	7.37E-03	7.59E-04
587.13751	12.300	-7.68	-7.54	5.28E-03	4.13E-02
589.11674	10.136	-9.82	-8.17	1.74E-03	4.96E-02
589.41852	22.991	-2.63	-2.53	7.93E-03	4.81E-02
590.26534	1.221	-2.82	-3.88	3.42E-03	1.89E-03
596.26293	22.856	-2.90	-2.95	1.03E-02	4.21E-02
596.26341	22.693	-2.45	-2.53	1.13E-02	4.68E-02
597.23977	12.158	-2.40	-3.04	5.49E-04	1.05E-03
599.46011	23.308	-2.56	-2.27	7.68E-03	4.52E-02
600.30906	15.411	-2.26	-3.86	3.65E-02	1.12E-02
601.40315	20.619	-2.52	-3.69	3.23E-02	4.24E-02

603.13231	12.160	-7.42	-7.60	4.09E-03	1.61E-02
612.15104	2.017	-8.64	-9.90	3.69E-03	2.86E-02
612.15125	1.881	-11.80	-11.75	3.69E-03	3.79E-02
613.43969	22.805	-2.87	-2.97	2.00E-02	4.05E-02
613.47567	23.290	-2.49	-2.48	3.08E-03	2.17E-02
626.15955	12.291	-8.09	-6.76	5.07E-03	4.98E-02
627.18689	24.470	-2.16	-1.98	8.78E-03	4.56E-02
628.09287	3.234	-6.79	-7.34	1.95E-02	2.44E-02
629.78451	0.844	-4.73	-4.23	2.86E-03	3.52E-02
633.44475	22.956	-2.86	-2.62	8.81E-03	4.28E-02
635.37526	13.849	-9.14	-8.72	3.94E-03	2.33E-02
637.29439	20.125	-1.63	-2.21	5.85E-03	3.93E-02
639.81335	0.842	-2.88	-5.52	4.87E-02	2.16E-02
642.15453	12.122	-8.37	-7.37	4.66E-03	3.64E-02
645.42931	20.631	-2.68	-3.67	2.93E-02	4.10E-02
652.10374	5.751	-9.29	-9.82	8.47E-03	1.97E-02
657.46570	22.774	-2.83	-2.95	2.00E-02	3.92E-02
657.50174	23.285	-1.98	-2.40	6.35E-03	1.62E-02
660.31836	2.761	-7.37	-7.92	5.62E-04	5.61E-04
664.09245	1.275	-5.36	-5.22	4.31E-03	7.32E-03
665.32553	20.123	-2.64	-1.93	3.58E-02	4.74E-02
666.06998	1.888	-5.78	-6.52	4.82E-03	4.50E-03
668.09826	5.748	-7.83	-8.32	1.40E-02	1.70E-02
677.47048	22.928	-2.89	-2.82	1.09E-02	4.40E-02
691.82752	0.835	-4.07	-5.03	3.85E-02	3.96E-02
697.77088	0.844	-4.35	-4.54	5.36E-03	2.93E-02
701.49201	22.744	-2.75	-2.90	2.07E-02	4.27E-02
701.52782	23.226	-1.96	-1.92	1.02E-02	1.23E-02
707.50340	27.201	-2.78	-3.45	1.12E-02	1.62E-02
719.36329	13.108	-4.81	-5.59	1.21E-02	2.07E-02
721.49632	22.894	-2.89	-2.82	8.95E-03	3.73E-02
726.37009	13.401	-7.69	-7.23	4.18E-03	1.90E-02
727.39695	12.381	-3.99	-3.34	8.06E-03	2.35E-02
734.40276	20.539	-2.58	-4.57	2.40E-02	1.16E-02
759.81475	0.833	-4.12	-5.60	4.66E-02	4.73E-02
794.42888	13.703	-6.96	-6.56	5.51E-03	1.28E-02
803.39223	12.162	-3.52	-4.23	3.43E-02	2.56E-02
811.40724	11.820	-2.97	-3.90	6.80E-03	2.66E-02
850.38994	21.025	-1.61	-2.93	4.16E-02	2.75E-02
870.23685	1.890	-5.25	-5.58	8.44E-03	4.87E-03
873.18136	1.872	-7.78	-7.78	4.96E-03	1.79E-02
877.17912	11.247	-7.59	-7.55	2.56E-03	4.63E-02
878.27300	24.374	-2.60	-2.36	1.54E-02	4.63E-02
879.14672	11.764	-7.86	-7.28	5.72E-03	4.54E-02
888.56171	16.100	-3.08	-3.00	1.13E-02	4.68E-02
894.15731	11.400	-8.35	-8.23	4.67E-03	3.23E-02
1039.59072	14.691	-6.49	-5.86	5.77E-03	1.97E-02
1143.65445	0.843	-3.04	-4.62	2.42E-02	1.93E-02
1192.65652	14.069	-2.45	-3.16	1.38E-02	3.33E-02
1259.56968	0.843	-4.76	-4.61	2.76E-03	3.33E-02
1279.62761	0.841	-2.86	-5.42	4.26E-02	1.93E-02
1690.86495	15.055	-7.79	-7.77	3.97E-03	6.40E-03
1795.82207	14.031	-8.26	-8.24	4.36E-03	4.68E-03
1908.91261	14.475	-6.62	-7.30	1.03E-02	2.64E-02

**Supplemental Table S3.** Target Compounds produced in response to *Candida* infection.

Molecular Weight	RT [min]	Log2 Fold Change: (MonoCand) / (HumCand)	Log2 Fold Change: (HumUn) / (HumCand)	P-value: (MonoCand) / (HumCand)	P-value: (HumUn) / (HumCand)
201.07486	0.975	-1.09	-1.04	3.71E-05	1.39E-03
205.07728	1.701	-2.71	-1.24	1.58E-04	7.52E-03
211.09564	1.649	-1.67	-1.17	9.99E-03	3.31E-03
211.09570	2.585	-1.19	-1.29	1.31E-02	3.70E-02
243.11071	13.181	-1.31	-1.33	4.33E-03	1.57E-02
248.10457	16.250	-5.65	-1.26	2.32E-06	1.77E-03
251.10170	2.650	-2.75	-1.82	3.73E-05	1.38E-03
258.09629	1.041	-1.46	-1.20	2.71E-05	1.02E-03
259.07598	0.908	-1.95	-2.41	6.63E-03	2.47E-03
265.64015	11.918	-1.67	-1.56	2.25E-02	2.78E-02
267.09656	2.413	-4.55	-2.23	4.09E-04	4.14E-05
268.05177	9.113	-8.56	-1.71	3.27E-07	1.13E-02
271.11657	1.529	-2.65	-1.41	3.54E-04	2.84E-02
272.11193	1.546	-2.11	-1.42	7.92E-06	5.94E-03
272.13700	1.577	-2.26	-1.62	9.87E-04	6.64E-03
275.08271	13.147	-1.92	-1.62	3.32E-03	1.66E-02
275.08282	12.026	-1.96	-1.49	1.96E-03	1.53E-02
285.23016	16.114	-2.81	-1.85	9.23E-05	4.78E-02
297.19393	18.697	-2.31	-2.30	6.15E-03	2.15E-02
301.12715	1.318	-1.30	-1.43	1.23E-02	1.57E-02
301.12718	1.771	-3.33	-1.13	2.44E-03	2.94E-03
324.17987	11.899	-7.21	-2.59	6.40E-06	1.30E-03
325.18873	16.306	-4.06	-1.15	5.19E-07	4.46E-02
330.11748	1.154	-1.30	-1.15	8.03E-04	3.48E-03
331.06787	1.423	-3.83	-4.41	3.97E-03	8.79E-03
343.17429	13.260	-2.91	-1.29	2.61E-03	7.21E-03
344.07956	18.793	-1.21	-1.51	3.99E-03	1.05E-03
347.06263	1.160	-5.43	-3.59	1.98E-04	1.99E-03
361.31891	20.303	-7.44	-1.09	1.65E-05	4.79E-02
362.15090	12.765	-2.31	-1.15	3.45E-03	9.42E-03
363.05745	1.201	-2.10	-2.45	1.45E-02	5.23E-03
363.05749	1.539	-2.47	-2.55	2.43E-03	3.93E-03
374.17233	15.957	-5.01	-1.54	3.02E-05	9.40E-03
377.35012	23.394	-1.17	-1.43	3.07E-02	9.74E-03
383.26684	18.042	-2.67	-1.56	3.86E-03	4.92E-02
384.18942	1.861	-5.29	-1.48	1.83E-05	1.10E-04
400.10655	12.780	-5.28	-2.46	1.02E-05	1.32E-03
402.29149	22.011	-3.07	-1.83	3.55E-02	8.62E-03
409.20930	15.959	-5.78	-1.55	8.63E-06	2.75E-03
409.84062	0.846	-2.90	-2.29	9.37E-05	6.72E-03
414.12236	13.887	-5.12	-3.02	3.17E-05	7.86E-04
422.19370	15.731	-8.38	-1.26	1.90E-06	7.66E-03
434.13253	21.400	-1.26	-1.81	1.19E-02	4.19E-02
436.18077	1.044	-2.60	-1.91	1.27E-04	1.77E-03
439.22054	15.722	-12.37	-1.21	1.53E-07	1.12E-02
444.22551	15.979	-7.87	-1.34	3.32E-06	2.04E-03
457.25758	14.152	-9.28	-1.60	2.77E-07	2.74E-03
458.24107	16.480	-3.02	-1.66	8.24E-03	1.80E-02
459.27311	15.826	-6.91	-1.26	2.29E-06	1.73E-02
466.20760	15.980	-8.53	-1.32	2.03E-06	9.55E-04
477.82814	0.847	-3.06	-2.52	4.74E-05	5.79E-03
487.23176	18.208	-6.26	-1.48	4.29E-05	6.32E-03
487.26795	14.316	-5.60	-1.50	4.11E-06	5.49E-03
489.28332	15.982	-8.74	-1.53	3.67E-06	1.98E-03
491.26225	19.414	-3.55	-1.25	5.09E-03	3.86E-02
492.13306	14.741	-4.65	-1.88	6.35E-04	4.41E-02
514.32266	11.735	-1.53	-2.29	7.79E-03	7.65E-05
531.27977	11.920	-1.99	-1.94	2.01E-02	4.72E-02
534.19309	2.412	-4.31	-2.25	2.32E-04	4.07E-05
544.27427	1.565	-2.25	-1.62	8.25E-04	6.79E-03
568.28570	12.585	-6.25	-2.54	3.07E-06	3.09E-03
569.44962	23.286	-2.16	-1.86	4.00E-02	4.74E-03
576.28608	2.273	-4.19	-4.05	1.95E-02	1.93E-02
599.46011	23.308	-1.36	-1.61	2.33E-02	1.31E-03
613.47567	23.290	-1.65	-1.53	4.50E-03	8.56E-03
657.50174	23.285	-2.06	-1.95	1.54E-02	3.50E-03
671.39622	13.210	-1.12	-1.24	1.60E-02	2.98E-03
701.52782	23.226	-2.23	-3.03	2.77E-02	3.24E-03
729.15936	12.708	-7.37	-1.79	6.83E-07	4.80E-02
743.17508	13.423	-5.52	-2.43	3.36E-05	2.83E-02
787.41922	13.610	-1.37	-1.13	1.44E-04	5.67E-03
789.33925	8.794	-6.24	-1.53	9.69E-04	1.76E-02
852.42355	13.088	-3.38	-1.65	4.87E-04	1.89E-02
887.48635	14.818	-3.99	-2.87	6.11E-05	3.43E-03
900.49216	13.681	-2.09	-2.19	1.05E-02	1.18E-02
906.44739	12.381	-1.74	-1.13	1.04E-03	8.45E-03
910.43236	15.981	-4.70	-2.88	1.32E-03	6.83E-04
911.47117	12.548	-5.18	-3.93	3.81E-05	2.81E-02
939.50251	14.865	-1.94	-1.37	9.25E-04	1.63E-02
1028.50089	15.029	-2.79	-2.87	1.79E-02	1.49E-02
1040.59812	14.478	-3.96	-3.63	1.02E-03	1.15E-03
1173.64252	15.720	-3.15	-4.24	4.19E-02	1.40E-03
1193.34153	9.749	-10.04	-1.29	1.81E-07	1.99E-02

Supplemental Table S4. Peptidomics results from *Salmonella* infection.

Protein Accession	Peptide	GS:HS:NO (Ratio)	Start	End	PTM
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	LAQLNAENDHPF.Y	1.00:34.00:29.61	286	296	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	K.SGNQYM(+15.99)LH.R	1.00:0.44:0.03	50	57	Oxidation (M)
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	R.ENEFFIV.T	1.00:0.08:0	115	121	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	R.RPPGFSPF.R	1.00:2.02:0	380	387	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	R.SVTVQETK.E	1.00:96.35:0	389	396	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	I.STDSPDLEPV.L	1.00:2.02:0	149	158	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	A.QLNAENDHPFYK.I	1.00:27.07:0	287	299	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	K.SGNQYM(+15.99)LH.R.V	1.00:143.54:0	50	58	Oxidation (M)
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	R.VIEGTK.T	0.000694444	59	64	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	R.DIPVDSPEL.K.E	1.00:22.68:0	269	278	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	A.QLNAENDHPFY.Y.K	1.00:0:0	287	298	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	I.SDFPEATSPK.C	1.00:1.68:0	621	630	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	R.DAETEQGPTHGHGWLHEK.Q	1.00:4.66:0	414	431	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	R.DIPVDSPELKEVLGHSIA.Q	1.00:1.29:0	269	286	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	K.EVLGHSIA.Q	1.00:0.74:0	279	286	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	R.VIEGTKTDGSPTFYSFK.Y	1.00:22.37:0	59	75	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	K.ATSQVVAGTK.Y	1.00:2.90:0	306	315	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	A.QLNAENDHPF.Y	1.00:0.07:0	287	296	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	L.ISDFPEATSPK.C	1.00:1.00:0	620	630	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	R.SVTVQETKEGR.T	0.000694444	389	399	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	R.RPPGFSPF.R.S	1.00:22.17:0	380	388	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	LAQLNAENDHPFYK.I	1.00:3.29:0	286	299	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	K.YVIEFIAR.E	0.000694444	316	323	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	T.FYSFK.Y	0.000694444	71	75	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	A.QLNAENDHPFYKIDTVK.K	0.000694444	287	304	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	R.VIEGTKTDGSP.T.F	1.00:1.85:0	59	70	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	R.DIPVDSPELKEV.L	1.00:0.25:0	269	280	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	K.VVPTVK.C	1.00:1.14:0	363	368	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	R.EDGDDHTHTV.G	0.000694444	484	493	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	K.KATSQVVAGTK.Y	1.00:12.54:0	305	315	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	A.QLNAENDHPFY.Y	1.00:0:0	287	297	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	H.DDLIPDIHVQPD.S	0.000694444	602	613	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	Y.SGDDLVEALPK.P	1.00:0.47:0	251	261	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	R.ENEFFIV.T.Q	1.00:2.95:0.32	115	122	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	H.DDLIPDIHVQPD.SLS.F	1.00:1.59:0	602	616	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	L.IPDIVQPD.SLS.F	0.000694444	605	616	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	K.TDGSPTFYSFK.Y	1.00:0:0	65	75	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	K.IDTVK.K.A	1.00:1.89:0	300	305	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	T.EFSDFDLDALS	1.00:35.47:0	650	661	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	LAQLNAENDHPFY.Y.K	1.00:0.04:0	286	298	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	R.HQREDGDDHTHTV.G	0:1.00:0.14	481	493	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	R.DIPVDSPEL.K	1.00:0:0	269	277	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	H.DDLIPDIHVQPD.SLSFK.L	0.000694444	602	618	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	D.DLVEALPK.P	1.00:0:0	254	261	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	R.GNLFM(+15.99)DL.N	1.00:0:0	230	236	Oxidation (M)
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	H.DDLIPDIHVQPD.SLSF.K	0.000694444	602	617	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	V.DFSLKQFNPVK.S	0.000694444	38	49	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	V.TVQETKEGR.T	0.000694444	391	399	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	N.DHPFY.Y.K	1.00:0:0	293	298	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	H.DDLIPDIHVQPD.SL.S	0:1.00:0.10	602	615	
O08677 KNG1_MOUSE	K.LISDFPEATSPK.C	0.000694444	619	630	
P01027 CO3_MOUSE	I.HTLDPK.L	1.00:1.02:0	945	951	
P01027 CO3_MOUSE	I.HTLDPKLGQGGVQK.V	0.000694444	945	959	
P01027 CO3_MOUSE	S.DQVPDTSSETRILL	0.000694444	969	981	
P01027 CO3_MOUSE	R.SEETKQNEAFSL.T.A	1.00:25.23:0	1321	1333	
P01027 CO3_MOUSE	V.LEAHDAQGDIPV.T	1.00:1.24:0	46	57	
P01027 CO3_MOUSE	R.DILSSNQHGILPL.S	1.00:0.27:0	179	192	
P01027 CO3_MOUSE	I.LQGPSVVM(+15.99)AEDA.VD.G	0.000694444	982	996	Oxidation (M)
P01027 CO3_MOUSE	K.IGQVEVEVK.A	1.00:1.84:0	905	913	
P01027 CO3_MOUSE	V.LEAHDAQGDIPV.T.V	1.00:0.01:0	46	58	
P01027 CO3_MOUSE	I.VLEAHDAQGDIPV.T	1.00:1.44:0	45	57	
P01027 CO3_MOUSE	D.QVPDTSSETR.I	1.00:22.11:0	970	979	
P01027 CO3_MOUSE	R.SEETKQNEAFSL.L	1.00:2.59:0	1321	1331	
P01027 CO3_MOUSE	I.HTLDPKLGQGGVQK.V.D	1.00:7.61:0	945	960	
P01027 CO3_MOUSE	I.HTLDPKLGQGGVQK.Q	1.00:19.35:0	945	958	
P01027 CO3_MOUSE	K.SSVAVPYVIVPLK.I	1.00:11.47:0	892	904	
P01027 CO3_MOUSE	K.ALTDQDGVAK.L	1.00:2.08:0	399	408	
P01027 CO3_MOUSE	K.VLVVTVQGSNAK.A	1.00:2.70:0	388	398	
P01027 CO3_MOUSE	L.DPEKLGQGGVQ.K	0.000694444	948	958	
P01027 CO3_MOUSE	H.TLDPEKLGQGGVQ.K	1.00:6.40:0	946	958	
P01027 CO3_MOUSE	R.DNHLAPGQQT.T	1.00:0.27:0.02	571	580	
P01027 CO3_MOUSE	R.YFQTIK.I	1.00:0.32:0	882	887	
P01027 CO3_MOUSE	S.EETKQNEAFSL.T.A	0.000694444	1322	1333	
P01027 CO3_MOUSE	K.LSINTPNSR.Q	1.00:1.24:0	409	417	
P01027 CO3_MOUSE	A.QYQTDVDPHKDLNM(+15.99)DV.S	1.00:2.52:0	1281	1296	Oxidation (M)
P01027 CO3_MOUSE	R.VELLHNP.A.F	1.00:0.08:0	864	871	
P01027 CO3_MOUSE	K.TVLTGASGHL.R	1.00:0.07:0	75	84	
P01027 CO3_MOUSE	R.VSIRPAPET.A	1.00:0:0	1365	1373	
P01027 CO3_MOUSE	I.EELKEPEK.N	1.00:0.29:0	776	783	
P01027 CO3_MOUSE	I.AVHYLDQTEQWEK.F	1.00:1.75:0	1024	1036	
P01027 CO3_MOUSE	E.DAVDGER.L	1.00:1.28:1.63	993	999	



P01027/CO3_MOUSE	Q.EALELIK.K	1.00:33.89:0	1044	1050	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.TVAIHTLDPEKLGQGGVQ.K	0.000694444	941	958	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.DFDSVPPVVR.W	0.000694444	1245	1254	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.TSQGLQTEQR.A	0.000694444	647	656	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	A.SYM(+15.99)NLQRPYTV.A	1.00:10.92:0	1179	1189	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.M(+15.99)ELKPGDNLNVNFHLR.T	0.000694444	463	478	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	T.SPYQLH	1.00:0:0	352	356	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.LEEPLYGK.F	1.00:20.21:0	1202	1209	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.LGQGGVQK.V	1.00:10.12:0	952	959	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	D.Q(-17.03)VPDTPDSETRILL	0.000694444	970	981	Pyro-glu from Q
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	D.TDSETRILL	1.00:126.65:0	974	981	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.VDVPAAADLSDQVPDTPDSETRILL	0.000694444	960	981	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.VDVPAAADLSDQVPDTPDSETR	1.00:0.95:0	960	978	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.AGQYTDK.G	0.000694444	682	688	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	A.ADLSQVPDTPDSETR.I	1.00:62.91:0	965	979	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.VDVPAAADLSDQVPDTPDSETR.I	0.000694444	960	979	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	S.NADALVGK.S	1.00:0.64:0	316	323	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	I.VLEAHDAQGDIPVT.V	1.00:0:0	45	58	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	G.IPM(+15.99)YSIITPNVLR	1.00:0.41:0	25	36	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	V.HYLDQTEQWEK.F	1.00:0.82:0	1026	1036	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	I.FGVQDGDK.K	1.00:0.69:0	274	281	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.DNHLAPGQQTTLR.I	0.000694444	571	583	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.AFYEHAPK.Q	1.00:0.17:0	209	216	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.WEEDPQQLYNVEAT.S	1.00:3.28:0	1220	1233	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.AAVNFHHS	1.00:0.12:0.04	914	921	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	Q.VPDTDSETR.I	1.00:46.96:1.48	971	979	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.AAVNFHHSIDGVK.K	1.00:1.80:0	914	926	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.TM(+15.99)EAHPYST.M	1.00:0.48:0	440	448	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	I.LQGGSPVQ(+15.99)AEDAVDGERLK.H	0.000694444	982	1001	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.TVAIHTLDPEKLGQGGVQK.V	0.000694444	941	959	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	V.TVQDFLK.R	1.00:73.72:0	60	66	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	V.DVPAADLSDQVPDTPDSETR.I	0.000694444	961	979	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.DNHLAPGQQTTL	1.00:0.18:0	571	581	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.NRWEEDPQQLYNV.E	1.00:0.62:0	1218	1230	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	A.ADLSQVPDTPDSETR	1.00:2.60:6.10	965	978	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	V.LEAHDAQGDIPVT.V	0.000694444	46	59	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	M.ELKPGDNLNVN.F	1.00:6.60:0	464	474	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	V.ANFGETV.V	1.00:0.59:0.22	111	117	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.SGIPVTSYQLH	1.00:0.75:0	345	356	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.FFKPAM(+15.99)PFDLM(+15.99)V.F	1.00:0.33:0.08	364	375	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.SELEEDIPEEDIIS.R	1.00:0.03:0	749	763	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.SVQLM(+15.99)ER.R	0.000694444	671	677	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	S.IITPNVLR.L	0.000694444	30	37	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	LIETPDGIPVKR.D	0.000694444	167	178	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	A.VFNHHSIDGVK.K	1.00:4.39:0	916	926	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.IWDVVEK.A	1.00:0:0	615	621	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.ALTQDDGVAKL.S	1.00:2.19:0	399	409	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.SEETKQNEAFSLTAK.G	0.000694444	1321	1335	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	LIETPDGIPV.K	1.00:0.07:0	167	176	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.VLM(+15.99)EGVRPS.N	1.00:0:0	307	315	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.SELEEDIPEEDIIS	1.00:19.73:0	749	762	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.EQEELKV.R	1.00:0.23:0	856	862	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.IFTVDNLLPV.G	1.00:0.31:0	150	160	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	A.DLSQVPDTPDSETR.I	1.00:1.31:0.04	966	979	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.VVIEDGVGDVAVLTR.K	0.000694444	292	305	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.MELKPGDNLNVN.S	1.00:0.01:0	463	473	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	V.DVPAADLSDQVPDTPDSETR	1.00:1.09:0	961	978	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.NYAGVFM(+15.99)DAGLAFK.T	0.000694444	633	646	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.QKPDGVFQEDGPIVHQEM(+15.99)I.G	1.00:1.68:0	1112	1130	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.SEETKQNEA.F	1.00:4.89:0	1321	1329	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	A.LLLLKDFDSVPPVVR.W	0.000694444	1240	1254	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	I.EELKEPEKNGLS	1.00:0.67:0	776	786	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	S.EETKQNEAFSL.T	0:1.00:17.94	1322	1332	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.QEALELIK.K	1.00:57.21:0	1043	1050	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	V.IFGVQDGDKK.I	1.00:1.41:0	273	282	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.TVAIHTLDPEK.L	0.000694444	941	951	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.RQEALELIK.K	0.000694444	1042	1050	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	A.LLLLKDFDSVPPVVR.R	1.00:0.60:0	1240	1253	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.QKPDGVFQEDGPIVHQEM(+15.99)IGGFR.N	0.000694444	1112	1134	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	D.Q(-17.03)VPDTPDSETR.I	1.00:384.00:0	970	979	Pyro-glu from Q
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	A.ADLSQVPDTPDSETRILL	0.000694444	965	981	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	V.IEDGVGDVAVLTR.K	0.000694444	294	305	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.DNHLAPGQQTTLR	1.00:0.42:0	571	582	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	L.SLPITPEFIPSF.R	1.00:0:0	518	529	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	L.SLPITPEFIPSF.L	0.000694444	518	530	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	T.FYIDDPNGLEV.S	1.00:0.85:0.87	243	254	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	S.DQVPDTPDSETR.I	0.000694444	969	979	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.AGEYIEASYM(+15.99)NLQRPYTV.A	0.000694444	1172	1189	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.TVAIHTLDPEKLGQGGVQK.V.D	0.000694444	941	960	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	V.ANFGETVVEK.A	1.00:0:0	111	120	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.IEGNOGAR.V	0.000694444	584	591	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.DILSSNQHGILPLSWNIPELV.N	1.00:4.77:0	179	200	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	S.SNNQHILPL.S	1.00:0:12.93	183	192	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.KVLM(+15.99)EGVRPSNADALVGK.S	1.00:9.41:0	306	323	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.TM(+15.99)EAHPYSTM(+15.99)HNSNNYLHL.S	0.000694444	440	458	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	E.EPDQQLYNVEAT.S	1.00:1.86:0	1222	1233	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	T.M(+15.99)HNSNNYLHL.S.V	1.00:0.48:0	449	459	Oxidation (M)

P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.FFKPAM(+15.99)PFDLM(+15.99)VFTNPDGSPA.S	1.00:7.17:0	364	385	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.SGPIVTSPYQIH.F	1.00:0:0	345	357	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.VVIEDGVGD.VL	1.00:0.69:0	292	302	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.SEETKQNEAF.S	1.00:15.70:0	1321	1330	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.VGLVAVDK.G	1.00:0:0	592	599	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.SEETKQNEAFSL.T	1.00:346.23:0	1321	1332	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	I.LQGSPPVQM(+15.99).A	1.00:40.64:0	982	990	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.VLM(+15.99)EGVRPSNADALVGK.S	0.000694444	307	323	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	S.EETKQNEAF.S	0:1.00:0.38	1322	1330	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.VSIRPAPETA.K	0.000694444	1365	1375	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	V.DVPAADLSDQVPDTSERILL	0.000694444	961	981	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.YTYLVLM(+15.99)NK.G	1.00:1.57:0	489	497	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	L.SDQVPDTSERILL	1.00:1.07:0	968	981	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	S.NNQHGILPL.S	1.00:0:0	184	192	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	V.DNNLLPV.G	1.00:0.09:0	154	160	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	S.SDLWGEKPN.TS.Y	1.00:0.07:0	1609	1619	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	W.EEPPDQQLYNVEAT.S	0.000694444	1221	1233	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	T.DVDPDKDL.N	0.000694444	1285	1292	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	L.DPEKLGQGGVQK.V	0.000694444	948	959	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	A.IHTLDPEK.L	0.000694444	944	951	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.DNHLAPGQQT(+79.96)LRIE(-.98).G	1.00:2.81:0	571	585	Sulfation; Amidation
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	S.DLWGEKPN.TS.Y	1.00:0.95:0	1610	1619	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.SSVAVPYVIVPL.K	1.00:0.18:0	892	903	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.SELEEDIPEEDIISR.S	0.000694444	749	764	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	V.FQEDGPIVHQEM(+15.99).I.G	1.00:7.95:0	1118	1130	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.M(+15.99)ELKPGDNLNVNFHL.R	1.00:0.12:0	463	477	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	A.IHTLDPEKLGQGGVQK.V	0.000694444	944	959	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.QKPDGVFOEDGPIVH.Q	1.00:0.02:0	1112	1126	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.RQEALELL.K	1.00:0.67:0	1042	1049	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.TVL.TGASGHLR.S	0.000694444	75	85	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.FLNTAK.D	1.00:10.75:0	1210	1215	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	I.HTLDPKLGQGGVQKVD.V	0.000694444	945	961	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	V.LEAHDAGQ.D	1.00:2.68:0	46	53	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	V.VLSLPITPEPISFR.L	0.000694444	516	530	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	D.QVPDTSERILLQGSPPVQM(+15.99).A	0.000694444	970	990	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	V.TVQDFLKR.Q	0.000694444	60	67	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	A.EDAVDGER.L	1.00:2.06:0	992	999	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	V.VLSLPITPEPISFR	1.00:0.18:0	516	529	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	E.DGPIVH.Q	1.00:0.09:0	1121	1126	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.WLILEK.Q	1.00:0.25:0	1106	1111	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	I.LIETPDGIPVK.R	1.00:2.13:0	167	177	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	M.ELKPGDNLNV.N	1.00:0:0	464	473	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.DHVLGLAR.S	0.000694444	741	748	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	A.QYQTDVDPDK.D	1.00:0.63:0	1281	1290	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	E.DGVGD.VLTR.K	1.00:1.55:0	296	305	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	I.LHSGSDM(+15.99)VEAE.R	1.00:0:0	333	343	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	S.DQVPDTSERILL	1.00:0.41:0	969	978	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.IFTVDNLLPVGK.T	1.00:1.91:0	150	162	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	I.E(-18.01)ELKEPEK.N	1.00:0.16:0	776	783	Pyro-glu from E
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	I.VLEAHDAGQDIPVTV.T	0:1.00:0.97	45	59	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.HLIVTPA.G	1.00:1.20:0	1002	1008	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	Q.ATFM(+15.99).V.F	1.00:1.08:0	1271	1275	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	T.SQGLQTEQR.A	0.000694444	648	656	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.NRWEEPPDQQLYNVEAT.S	0.000694444	1218	1233	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.PAM(+15.99)PFDLM(+15.99)VFTNPDGSPA.S	1.00:2.68:0	367	385	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	L.SINTPNSR.Q	0.000694444	410	417	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	I.EELKEPEKNGISTK.V	0.000694444	776	789	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.VGLVAVDKGVFV.L	1.00:1.94:0	592	603	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	Q.VPDTSETRILL	1.00:1.27:0	971	981	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.QKPDGVFOEDGPIVHQEM(+15.99).I	1.00:0.11:0	1112	1129	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.LVAYTYLIGASGQR.E	0.000694444	531	544	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	S.EETKQNEAFSLTA.K	0.000694444	1322	1334	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.SEETKQNEAFSLTAKGK.G	0.000694444	1321	1337	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	G.IPM(+15.99)YSHITPNVLR.L	0.000694444	25	37	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	I.LQGSPPVQ.M	0.000694444	982	989	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	M.AEADVDGER.L	1.00:7.61:0	991	999	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.QVLTSEK.T	0.000694444	68	74	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	M.NLQRPYTV.A	1.00:1.37:0	1182	1189	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.SGSDEVQAGQQR.K	0.000694444	1571	1582	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	A.DLSDQVPDTSERILL	0.000694444	966	981	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.AAVFNHFISDGVKK.T	0.000694444	914	927	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.FFKPAM(+15.99)PFDLM(+15.99).V	1.00:0:0	364	374	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	E.DGPIVHQEM(+15.99).I	1.00:1.88:0.74	1121	1129	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.M(+15.99)ELKPGDNLNVNFHL	1.00:0.35:0	463	476	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	S.DQVPDTSERILLQGSPPVQM(+15.99).A	0.000694444	969	990	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	L.DPEKLGQGGVQKVD.V	0.000694444	948	961	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.SEETKQNEAFSLTAKGKGR.G	0.000694444	1321	1339	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.WEEPPDQQLYNVEAT.S	1.00:0.46:0	1220	1230	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.SHFPSQSWLWTL.E	1.00:15.95:0	765	775	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.EFNSDKEGHK.Y	1.00:0:0	96	105	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	A.IHTLDPEKLGQGGVQK.K	0.000694444	944	958	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	T.NIELLDDEYTM(+15.99).T.I	1.00:0:0	1551	1564	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	V.DVPAADLSD.Q	0.000694444	961	969	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	H.TLDPEKLGQGGVQKVD.D	1.00:0.74:0	946	960	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	A.EADVDGER.L	1.00:1.19:0	992	1000	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	V.VQM(+15.99)AEADVD.G	1.00:3.05:0	988	996	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	A.SYM(+15.99)NLQRPYTV.A.I	0.000694444	1179	1190	Oxidation (M)

P01027/CO3_MOUSE	G.IPM(+15.99)YSIITPNVLRLESEETIV.L	0.000694444	25	45	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.SHFPOQSWLWT.I	1.00:0:0	765	774	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	E.DGPVIHQEM(+15.99)IGGFR.N	0.000694444	1121	1134	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	A.LM(+15.99)NKLEEPYLG.K	1.00:0:0	1198	1208	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.M(+15.99)DKAGQYTDK.G	0.000694444	679	688	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	I.LQGSPPVQM(+15.99)AEDA.V	1.00:2.65:0	982	994	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.TIYTPGSTVLYR.I	0.000694444	138	149	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.VDVPAADLS.D	0.000694444	960	969	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	E.DGPVIHQEM(+15.99)IGGFR	0.000694444	1121	1133	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	D.TDSETRIIQGSPPVQM(+15.99).A	0.000694444	974	990	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.GVFLNK.K	0.000694444	600	606	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	L.SWNIPELV.N	1.00:0.59:0	193	200	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.EPGQDLVLSLPTPEFIPSFR.L	0.000694444	509	530	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	E.DGPVIHQEM(+15.99)I.G	0.000694444	1121	1130	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	E.TKQNEAFSLT.A	0.000694444	1324	1333	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	E.DIIPEDIIS.R	1.00:0:0	754	763	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.DTWVYEHVPEA.E	1.00:0:0	1625	1634	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	L.EKQKPDGVF.Q	0.000694444	1110	1118	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.NRWEEDPQQL.Y	1.00:0.93:0	1218	1227	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	V.SFQSGYLF.I.Q	1.00:0:0	125	133	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	S.TM(+15.99)HNSNNYLHLS.V	1.00:0:0	448	459	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	V.PDTSETRIILOGSPVQM(+15.99)AEDAVDGER.L	0.000694444	972	999	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	V.FQEDGPPVIH.Q	1.00:0:0	1118	1126	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	Y.QTDVDPDKDLNM(+15.99)DV.S	1.00:0.63:0	1283	1296	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.KVLM(+15.99)EGVRPS.N	1.00:0.23:0	306	315	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	M.DKAGQYTDK.G	0.000694444	680	688	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.YYGGGYGSTQA.T	0.000694444	1261	1271	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.M(+15.99)ELKPGDNLNVN.F	1.00:0:0	463	474	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.LGGGGVQKVD.V	0.000694444	952	961	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.AAVFNHFISDGV.K	1.00:0:0	914	925	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.MELKPGDNLN.V	1.00:0:0	463	472	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	T.GFAPTDKLDLE.L	1.00:0:0	1410	1420	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.AAVFNHFIS.D	1.00:0:0	914	922	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	V.RNEQVEIR.A	0.000694444	841	848	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	S.DQVPDTSSETRII	0.000694444	969	980	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.VLMEGVRPS.N	1.00:0:0	307	315	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	L.EKQKPDGV.F	0.000694444	1110	1117	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	V.VQM(+15.99)AEDAVDGER.L	0.000694444	988	999	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.LSINTPNS.R	1.00:0:0	409	416	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	S.DQVPDTSSETRIILOGSPVQM(+15.99)AED	0.000694444	969	992	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	V.VLSLPTPEFIPS.F	1.00:0:0	516	528	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	A.VFNHFISDGV.K	1.00:0:0	916	925	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.FFKPAMPFDLM(+15.99)V.F	1.00:0:0	364	375	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	L.KIGQQEVEV.K	1.00:0:0	904	912	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	A.IHTLDPEKLGQGGVQKVD.V	0.000694444	944	961	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.IGQQEVEV.K	1.00:0:0	905	912	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	D.QVPDTSSETRIILOGSPV.V	0.000694444	970	987	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	T.GFAPTDKLDLE.L.A	1.00:0.34:0	1410	1421	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	G.IPM(+15.99)YSIITPNVLRLESEETI.V	0.000694444	25	44	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	T.LDPEKLGQGGVQKVD	0.000694444	947	960	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	E.ETKQNEAFSLT.A	0.000694444	1323	1333	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	W.ENGNL.R.S	0.000694444	1314	1320	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.VDVPAADLS.D	0.000694444	960	968	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	T.DSETRILL	0.000694444	975	981	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	L.DPEKLGQGGVQKVD	0.000694444	948	960	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	I.HTLDPEKLGQG.G	0.000694444	945	955	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	A.NFGETVVEK.A	1.00:0:0	112	120	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.IILOGSPVQM(+15.99)AED	0.000694444	980	992	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	E.DGPVIHQEM(+15.99)IG.G	0:1.00:0.04	1121	1131	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.VDVPAADLSQVPDTSSETRII	0.000694444	960	980	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.VVIEDGVDVAVLT.R	1.00:0:0	292	304	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	L.DQTEQWEK.F	1.00:2.13:0	1029	1036	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	D.TDSETRIILOGSPV.V	0.000694444	974	987	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	S.DQVPDTSSETRIILOGSPV.V	0.000694444	969	987	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	A.TM(+15.99)VFQALA.Q	0.000694444	1272	1280	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	Q.M(+15.99)AEDAVDGER.L.K	1.00:0:0	990	1000	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.TVAIHTLDPEKLGQGGVQKVDVPAAD	0.000694444	941	965	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	W.GLSSDLWGEKPNTS.Y	1.00:0:0	1606	1619	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	K.YLM(+15.99)WGLSSDLWGEKPNTS.Y	1.00:0:0	1602	1619	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.YISKYEM(+15.99)NK.A	0.000694444	1428	1436	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.DILSSNNQHILP.L	1.00:0:0	179	191	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	V.PYVIVPLK.I	0.000694444	897	904	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.MELKPGDNLNVNFH.L	1.00:0:0	463	476	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.M(+15.99)ELKPGDNLNVN	1.00:0.10:0	463	473	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	A.IHTLDPEKLGQGGVQKVD	0.000694444	944	960	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	S.LPITPEFIPS.F	1.00:0:0	519	528	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	Q.M(+15.99)AEDAVDGER.L	1.00:0:0	990	999	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	H.TLDPEKLGQGGVQK.V	0.000694444	946	959	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.MELKPGDNLNVN.F	1.00:0:0	463	474	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	D.QVPDTSSETRIILOGSPVQM(+15.99)AED	0.000694444	970	992	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	D.TDSETRIILOGSPVQM(+15.99)AED	0.000694444	974	992	Oxidation (M)
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.IFTVDNLLL.PVG.K	1.00:0:0	150	161	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	T.LDPEKLGQGGVQK.V	0.000694444	947	959	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	Y.LFIQTDK.T	1.00:0:0	131	137	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	R.SEETKQNEAFSLTAKG.K	0.000694444	1321	1336	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	M.QDFFIDL.R	1.00:0:0	827	833	
P01027/CO3_MOUSE	P.DTSETRIILL	1.00:13.46:0	973	981	

P01027 CO3_MOUSE	H.NSNYYLHLS	1.00:0:0	451	458	
P01027 CO3_MOUSE	D.QVPDTSRTRILQGGSPVVQ.M	0.000694444	970	989	
P01027 CO3_MOUSE	R.SELEEDII.P	1.00:0:0	749	756	
P01027 CO3_MOUSE	M.HNSNNYLHLS.V	1.00:0:0	450	459	
P01027 CO3_MOUSE	R.VM(+15.99)QDFFIDL.R	1.00:0:0	825	833	Oxidation (M)
P01027 CO3_MOUSE	P.DTDSRTRILQGGSPVVQ(+15.99).A	0.000694444	973	990	Oxidation (M)
P01027 CO3_MOUSE	R.MELKPGDNLNVNPHL.R	1.00:0:0	463	477	
P01027 CO3_MOUSE	D.TDSETRILQGGSPVVQ.M	0.000694444	974	989	
P01027 CO3_MOUSE	I.HTLDPKELQGGGVQ(-.98).K	0.000694444	945	958	Amidation
P01027 CO3_MOUSE	D.TDSETRILQGS	0.000694444	974	984	
P01027 CO3_MOUSE	P.DTDSRTRILQGGSPV.V	0.000694444	973	987	
P01027 CO3_MOUSE	Q.VPDTSRTRILQGGSPVVQ(+15.99).A	0.000694444	971	990	Oxidation (M)
P01027 CO3_MOUSE	S.EETKQNEAFSLTAK.G	0.000694444	1322	1335	
P01027 CO3_MOUSE	R.VM(+15.99)QDFFIDLRLPYSVV.R	1.00:0:0	825	840	Oxidation (M)
P01027 CO3_MOUSE	R.EPGQDLVLSLPTPEFIPSF.R	1.00:0:0	509	529	
P11859 ANGT_MOUSE	A.IYEQDSGTLHFLG.R	1.00:0.07:0	456	468	
P11859 ANGT_MOUSE	R.GSYNLQDLLAEDKLP.L	1.00:0.81:0	379	394	
P11859 ANGT_MOUSE	R.GFSQPLGVHEFWV.D	1.00:0:0	281	293	
P16014 SCG1_MOUSE	R.NHPDSELEST.A	1.00:4.53:0	386	395	
P16014 SCG1_MOUSE	R.ADQRVLTAEKKELNLA.A	0.000694444	643	660	
P16014 SCG1_MOUSE	R.SEESQEREY.K	0:1.00:0.03	375	383	
P16014 SCG1_MOUSE	R.GREPGAHSALDTR.E	0.000694444	421	435	
P16014 SCG1_MOUSE	R.RPFSQEDVNWGYE.K	1.00:1.88:0	574	585	
P16014 SCG1_MOUSE	K.IYHSEER.V	1.00:0.68:0	152	158	
P16014 SCG1_MOUSE	R.GREPGAHSALDTR.E	0.000694444	421	433	
P16014 SCG1_MOUSE	R.GNPDSSFLEDEGEDRNGVTLT.E	0.000694444	538	558	
P16014 SCG1_MOUSE	A.EKKELNLA.A	0.000694444	651	660	
P16014 SCG1_MOUSE	R.NHPDSELESTANRHGEETEERSYEGANGR.Q	0.000694444	386	415	
P16014 SCG1_MOUSE	R.LGALFNPYFDPLQWK.N	1.00:17.90:0	516	530	
P16014 SCG1_MOUSE	R.LLDEGHYPVRESPIDTAK.R	0.000694444	438	455	
P16014 SCG1_MOUSE	R.HGEETEER.S	0.000694444	399	407	
P16014 SCG1_MOUSE	K.SSYEGHPLSEERRPSPK.E	0.000694444	300	316	
P16014 SCG1_MOUSE	R.VLTAEKKELNLA.A	0.000694444	647	660	
P16014 SCG1_MOUSE	R.QYDGVAELOQLLHY.R	0.000694444	600	613	
P16014 SCG1_MOUSE	R.GNPDSSFLEDEGEDRNG	0.000694444	538	553	
P20065 TYB4_MOUSE	K.TETQEKNLPSKETIEQEQAGS	0.000694444	27	50	
P20065 TYB4_MOUSE	M.S(+42.01)DKPDM(+15.99)AEIEKFDKSK.L	1.00:383.50:0	8	23	Acetylation (N-term); Oxidation (M)
P20065 TYB4_MOUSE	K.TETQEKNLPSK.E	1.00:30.97:0	27	38	
P20065 TYB4_MOUSE	M.S(+42.01)DKPDM(+15.99)AEIEK.F	1.00:1.51:0.03	8	18	Acetylation (N-term); Oxidation (M)
P20065 TYB4_MOUSE	K.TETQEKNLPSKETIEQEQQA.G	1.00:383.68:0	27	47	
P20065 TYB4_MOUSE	K.TETQEKNLPSKETIEQEQAGS	0.000694444	26	50	
P20065 TYB4_MOUSE	M.S(+42.01)DKPDM(+15.99)AEIEKFDKSKLKKTETQEKNLPSKETIEQEQAGS	0.000694444	8	50	Acetylation (N-term); Oxidation (M)
P20065 TYB4_MOUSE	K.NPLPSKETIEQEQAGS	0.000694444	33	50	
P20065 TYB4_MOUSE	M.S(+42.01)DKPDM(+15.99)AEIEKFDKSK.K	1.00:2.41:0	8	22	Acetylation (N-term); Oxidation (M)
P20065 TYB4_MOUSE	K.TETQEKNLPSK.E	1.00:0.66:0.00	27	37	
P20065 TYB4_MOUSE	K.TETQEKNLPSKETIEQEQQA.G	0.000694444	26	47	
P20065 TYB4_MOUSE	M.S(+42.01)DKPDM(+15.99)AEIEKFDKSKL.K	1.00:22.29:0	8	24	Acetylation (N-term); Oxidation (M)
P20065 TYB4_MOUSE	M.S(+42.01)DKPDMAEIEKFDK.S	1.00:3.03:0.07	8	21	Acetylation (N-term)
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P20065 TYB4_MOUSE	E.IEKFDKSK.L	0.000694444	16	23	
P20065 TYB4_MOUSE	K.ETIEQEQ.Q	1.00:2.83:0	39	45	
P20065 TYB4_MOUSE	M.S(+42.01)DKPDM(+15.99)AEIEKFDKSKLKKTTT.Q	0.000694444	8	29	Acetylation (N-term); Oxidation (M)
P20065 TYB4_MOUSE	K.PDM(+15.99)AEIEKFDKSKL.K	0.000694444	11	24	Oxidation (M)
P20065 TYB4_MOUSE	E.IEKFDKSKLKK.T	0.000694444	16	26	
P20065 TYB4_MOUSE	M.S(+42.01)DKPDM(+15.99)AEIEKFDKS(+79.96)K.L	0.000694444	8	23	Acetylation (N-term); Oxidation (M); Sulfation
P20065 TYB4_MOUSE	D.KPDM(+15.99)AEIEKFDKSKL.K	0.000694444	10	25	Oxidation (M)
P20065 TYB4_MOUSE	M.SDKPDM(+15.99)AEIEKFDKSKL.K(-.98).K	0.000694444	8	25	Oxidation (M); Amidation
P20065 TYB4_MOUSE	M.A(+42.01)EIEKFDKSKL.K	0.000694444	14	25	Acetylation (N-term)
P20065 TYB4_MOUSE	M.SDKPDM(+15.99)AEIEKFDKSKLKK.T	0.000694444	8	26	Oxidation (M)
P20065 TYB4_MOUSE	K.SKLKKTTTQEQ.N	0.000694444	22	32	
P20918 PLMN_MOUSE	R.HSIFTPQTNP.R.A	1.00:0.38:0	513	523	
P20918 PLMN_MOUSE	G.DSGGPL.V	1.00:0.029	761	766	
P20918 PLMN_MOUSE	R.DVILFEK.R	1.00:0.79:0	90	96	
P20918 PLMN_MOUSE	A.SLFLSTK.K	1.00:63.80:0	32	38	
P20918 PLMN_MOUSE	K.TSSIR.M	1.00:2.34:0	82	87	
P20918 PLMN_MOUSE	R.M(+15.99)RDVILFEK.R	1.00:1.59:0	88	96	Oxidation (M)
P20918 PLMN_MOUSE	R.FVDWIER.E	1.00:0.73:0	801	807	
P20918 PLMN_MOUSE	R.PNKPGVYV.R	1.00:4.87:0	789	796	
P20918 PLMN_MOUSE	K.TPENFPDAGLEM(+15.99).N	1.00:0:0	412	423	Oxidation (M)
P20918 PLMN_MOUSE	R.GTSSITITGK.K	1.00:0:0	387	396	
P20918 PLMN_MOUSE	K.VILGAHEEYIR.G	0.000694444	637	647	
P20918 PLMN_MOUSE	K.WGATFPHVPNY.S	1.00:0.037	127	137	
P20918 PLMN_MOUSE	R.SFOYHS.K	1.00:0.50:0.53	63	68	
P26339 CMGA_MOUSE	V.FENQSPDAK.H	1.00:0.13:0.03	128	136	
P26339 CMGA_MOUSE	R.AQQPLK.Q	0.000694444	91	96	
P26339 CMGA_MOUSE	V.FENQSPDAKHR.D	0.000694444	128	138	
P26339 CMGA_MOUSE	S.AIEAELEK.V	0.000694444	445	453	
P26339 CMGA_MOUSE	K.AIQKDDGQSDSQ.A	0.000694444	272	283	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	V.AEEDDDDDVDTKKQKTEEDD	1.00:383.74:0	92	111	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	K.EVVEEAENGR.D	1.00:8.22:0	22	31	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	M.S(+42.01)DAAVDTSSSEITTKDLK.E	0.000694444	2	18	Acetylation (N-term)

P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	K.RVAEDEDDEDDVDTKKQKTEEDD	0.000694444	90	111	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	E.EEDGDEDEEAEAPTGRV.A	1.00:25.05:0	74	91	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	K.EVVEEAENGRDAPANGNAQNEENGEQEA.D	1.00:6.56:0	22	49	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	R.DAPANGNAQNEENGEQEA.D	1.00:2.30:0.02	32	49	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	S.SEITTK.D	0.000694444	10	15	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	M.S(+42.01)DAAVDTSEITTKDLKEK.K	0.000694444	2	20	Acetylation (N-term)
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	R.VAEDEDDEDDVDTKKQKTEEDD	0.000694444	91	111	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	K.RVAEDEDDEDDVDT.T	1.00:8.58:0	90	101	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	M.S(+42.01)DAAVDTSEITTKDLKEKKEVVE.E	0.000694444	2	25	Acetylation (N-term)
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	A.VDTSEITTKDLKEKKEVVEEAENGRDAPANGNAQNEENGEQEA.D	0.000694444	6	49	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	V.AEDEDDEDDVDT.T	0.000694444	92	101	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	K.KEVVEEAENG.R	1.00:0.04:0	21	30	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	V.AEDEDDEDDVDTK.K	1.00:5.83:0	92	103	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	M.S(+42.01)DAAVDTSEITTKDLKEKKEVVEEAENGRDAPANGNAQNEENGEQEA.D	0.000694444	2	49	Acetylation (N-term)
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	D.AAVDTSEITTK.D	1.00:116.40:0	4	15	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	V.AEDEDDEDDVDTKK.Q	1.00:11.23:0	92	104	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	M.S(+42.01)DAAVDTSEITTKDLKEKKE.E	1.00:26.83:0	2	21	Acetylation (N-term)
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	E.DEAEAPTGRV.A	1.00:3.30:0.07	80	89	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	A.VDTSEITTK.D	0.000694444	6	15	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	K.EVVEEAENGRDAPA.N	1.00:2.81:0	22	35	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	K.KEVVEEAENGRDAPANGNAQNEENGEQEA.D	0.000694444	21	49	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	K.EKKEVVEEAENGRDAPANGNAQNEENGEQEA.D	0.000694444	19	49	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	T.SSEITTK.D	1.00:5.46:0	9	15	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	K.EVVEEAENG.R	1.00:0.0:10	22	30	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	E.EEDGDEDEEAEAPTGRV.A	0.000694444	74	89	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	E.DEAEAPTGRV.A	1.00:19.33:0	80	91	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	V.DTSEITTK.D	0.000694444	7	15	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	M.S(+42.01)DAAVDTSEITTKDLKEKKEV.V	0.000694444	2	23	Acetylation (N-term)
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	K.EKKEVVE.E	0.000694444	19	25	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	S.EITTKDLKEKKEVVE.E	0.000694444	11	25	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	M.S(+42.01)DAAVDTSEITTKDLKEKKEVVEEAENGR.D	0.000694444	2	31	Acetylation (N-term)
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	E.DDDVDTKKQKTEEDD	0.000694444	97	111	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	K.KEVVEEAENGR.D	1.00:25.41:0	21	31	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	V.AEDEDDEDDVDTKKQK.T	1.00:45.08:0	92	106	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	M.S(+42.01)DAAVDTSEITTKDLKEKKEVVEEAENGRDAPA.N	0.000694444	2	35	Acetylation (N-term)
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	E.DEAEAPT.G	1.00:0.26:0	80	87	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	E.DDDVDTKKQKTEE.D	0.000694444	97	109	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	T.TKDLKEKKEVVE.E	0.000694444	14	25	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	A.VDTSEITTKDLK.E	0.000694444	6	18	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	S.DAAVDTSEITTKDLKEKKEVVE.E	0.000694444	3	25	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	K.DLKEKKEVVE.E	0.000694444	16	25	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	D.DDDVDTKKQKTEEDD	0.000694444	98	111	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	S.DAAVDTSEITTK.D	1.00:2.05:0	3	15	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	M.S(+42.01)DAAVDTSEITTKDLKEKKEVVE.E	0.000694444	2	24	Acetylation (N-term)
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	R.VAEDEDDEDDVDTK.K	1.00:0.07:0	91	103	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	A.EDEDDEDDVDTKKQKTEEDD	0.000694444	93	111	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	E.DDEDDEDDVDTKK.Q	1.00:1.47:0	94	104	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	K.DLKEKKE.E	0.000694444	16	21	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	K.DLKEKKEVVEEAENGRDAPANGNAQNEENGEQEA.D	0.000694444	16	49	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	V.AEDEDDEDDVDTKKQK.TE	0.000694444	92	107	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	M.S(+42.01)DAAVDTSEIT	0:1.00:0.07	2	12	Acetylation (N-term)
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	D.DDDVDTKKQKTEE.D	0.000694444	98	109	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	D.AAVDTSEITTKDLKEKKEVVE.E	0.000694444	4	25	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	K.RVAEDEDDEDDVDT.K	1.00:0:0	90	102	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	E.DDEDDEDDVDTKKQK.T	0.000694444	94	106	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	E.DEAEAPTGRV.AE.D	0.000694444	80	93	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	E.EAEAPTGRV.A	0.000694444	82	91	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	E.EAENGRDAPANGNAQNEENGEQEA.D	0.000694444	26	49	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	D.DEDDDVDTK.K	0.000694444	95	103	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	E.KKEVVEE.A	0.000694444	20	26	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	D.TSSEITTK.D	1.00:3.72:0	8	15	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	S.SEITTKDLK.E	0.000694444	10	18	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	V.DTSEITTKDLK.E	0.000694444	7	18	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	E.ITTKDLKEKKEVVE.E	0.000694444	12	25	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	R.VAEDEDDEDDVDTKK.Q	1.00:0.0:02	91	104	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	A.NGNAQNEENGEQEA.D	0.000694444	36	49	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	A.VDTSEITTKDLKEKKE.E	0.000694444	6	21	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	D.DEDDDVDTKK.Q	0.000694444	95	104	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	E.AEAPTGRV.AE.D	0.000694444	83	94	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	V.AEDEDDEDDVDTKKQ.K	1.00:25.03:0	92	105	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	E.EEDGDEDEEAEAPTGRV.V	0.000694444	74	90	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	E.DEAEAPTGRV.AE.D	0.000694444	80	94	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	T.SSEITTKDLKEKKEVVE.E	0.000694444	9	25	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	T.SSEITTKDLK.E	0.000694444	9	18	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	E.EEDGDEDEEAEAPT.G.K	0.000694444	74	88	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	E.DDEDDEDDVDTKKQKTEEDD	0.000694444	94	111	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	D.AAVDTSEITTKDLK.E	0.000694444	4	18	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	V.VEEAENGRDAPA.N	1.00:0.93:0.22	24	35	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	E.AEAPTGRV.AE.D	1.00:1.69:0	83	93	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	E.DGDEDEEAEAPTGRV.A	0.000694444	76	91	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	R.VAEDEDDEDDVDT.K	1.00:0.14:1.08	91	102	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	I.TTKDLKEKKEVVE.E	0.000694444	13	25	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	A.VDTSEITTKDLKEKKEV.V	0.000694444	6	23	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	D.DEDDDVDTKKQK.T	0.000694444	95	106	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	E.DEAEAPTGRV.V	1.00:1.80:0	80	90	

P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	R.VAEDDEDVDTKKQK.T	0.000694444	91	106	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	A.VDTSSEITTKDLKEKKEVVE.E	0.000694444	6	25	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	M.S(+42.01)DAAVDTSEITTKDLKEKKEVVEEAENGRDAPANGNAQN.E	0.000694444	2	41	Acetylation (N-term)
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	A.VDTSSEITTKDLKEKKEVVEEAENGR.D	0.000694444	6	31	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	V.EEAENGRDAPA.N	0:1.00:0.43	25	35	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	S.DAAVDTSEITTKDLK.E	0.000694444	3	18	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	A.AVDTSEITTKDLKEKKEVVE.E	0.000694444	5	25	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	D.DVDTKKQKTEE.D	0.000694444	99	109	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	A.DNEVDEEEEEEGEEEEEEEGDGEEDDEDEEAAPTGRV.A	0.000694444	50	91	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	E.DEAEAPTGRVAEDDEDVDT.T	1.00:0.60:0	80	101	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	D.DVDTKKQKTEEDD	0.000694444	99	111	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	R.VAEDDEDVDTKKQ.K	1.00:0:0	91	105	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	A.VDTSSEITTKDLKEKKEVVEEAENGRDAPA.N	0.000694444	6	35	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	M.S(+42.01)DAAVDTSEITTKDLKEKKEVVEEAENGRD.A	0.000694444	2	32	Acetylation (N-term)
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	D.DEDDDVDTKKQKTEEDD	1.00:7.11:0	95	111	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	M.S(+42.01)DAAVDTSEITTKDLKEKKEVVEEA.E	0.000694444	2	27	Acetylation (N-term)
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	M.S(+42.01)DAAVDTSEITTKDLKEKKEVVEE.A	0.000694444	2	26	Acetylation (N-term)
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	V.AEDDEDVDTKKQKTEED.D	0.000694444	92	110	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	D.TSSEITTKDLK.E	0.000694444	8	18	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	K.RVAEDDEDVDTK.K	1.00:0:0	90	103	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	E.DDEDVDTK.K	1.00:1.00:0	94	103	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	D.EDDDVDTKKQKTEEDD	0.000694444	96	111	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	E.EAEAPTGRVAE.D	0.000694444	82	93	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	D.VDTKKQKTEE.D	0.000694444	100	109	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	M.S(+42.01)DAAVDTSEITTK.D	0.000694444	2	15	Acetylation (N-term)
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	A.EAPTGRVAED.D	0.000694444	84	94	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	S.DAAVDTSEITTKDLKEK.E	0.000694444	3	21	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	T.KDLKEKKEVVE.E	0.000694444	15	25	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	S.SEITTKDLKEKKEVVE.E	0.000694444	10	25	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	N.GRDAPANGNAQN.E	1.00:0.44:0	30	41	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	A.ENGRDAPANGNAQN.E	0.000694444	28	41	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	V.DTSSEITTKDLKEKKEVVE.E	0.000694444	7	25	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	E.NGRDAPANGNAQN.E	0.000694444	29	41	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	M.S(+42.01)DAAVDTSEITTKDL.K	1.00:383.98:0	2	17	Acetylation (N-term)
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	D.AAVDTSEITTKDLKEK.E	0.000694444	4	21	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	D.TSSEITTKDLKEKKEVVE.E	0.000694444	8	25	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	E.EAEAPTGRVAED.D	0.000694444	82	94	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	V.VEEAENGR.D	0.000694444	24	31	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	D.VDTKKQKTEEDD	0.000694444	100	111	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	E.AENGRDAPANGNAQN.E	0.000694444	27	41	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	E.EAENGRDAPANGNAQN.E	0.000694444	26	41	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	L.KEKKEVVE.E	0.000694444	18	25	
P28798 GRN_MOUSE	R.LPDPQILK.S	0.000694444	352	359	
P28798 GRN_MOUSE	R.WDM(+15.99)FLRDPVPRPLL	0.000694444	576	589	Oxidation (M)
P28798 GRN_MOUSE	R.DPVPRPLL	0.000694444	582	589	
P28798 GRN_MOUSE	R.WDM(+15.99)FLRDPVPRPLL	0.000694444	576	588	Oxidation (M)
P31786 ACBP_MOUSE	V.GDVNTDRPGLL	1.00:1.94:0.25	38	47	
P31786 ACBP_MOUSE	K.QATVGDVNTDRPGLLDL.K.G	1.00:8.45:0	34	51	
P31786 ACBP_MOUSE	V.GDVNTDRPGLL.D	1.00:1.54:1.34	38	48	
P31786 ACBP_MOUSE	K.TYVEKVDLKK.K	1.00:1.94:0	73	82	
P31786 ACBP_MOUSE	M.S(+42.01)QAEFDKAAEEVKR.L	0.000694444	2	15	Acetylation (N-term)
P31786 ACBP_MOUSE	M.S(+42.01)QAEFDKAAEEVKR.R	1.00:12.74:0	2	14	Acetylation (N-term)
P31786 ACBP_MOUSE	G.DVNTDRPGLL.D	1.00:0.52:0	39	48	
P31786 ACBP_MOUSE	V.GDVNTDRPGLLDL.K.G	1.00:45.87:0	38	51	
P31786 ACBP_MOUSE	G.DVNTDRPGLLDL.K.G	0.000694444	39	51	
P31786 ACBP_MOUSE	K.TYVEKVDLKK.K	0.000694444	73	83	
P31786 ACBP_MOUSE	K.QATVGDVNTDRPGLLDL.KG.K.A	0.000694444	34	53	
P31786 ACBP_MOUSE	K.TYVEKVDLKKK.Y	0.000694444	73	84	
P31786 ACBP_MOUSE	G.DVNTDRPGLLDL.K	1.00:0:0	39	50	
P31786 ACBP_MOUSE	K.QATVGDVNTDRPGLL	1.00:0:0	34	47	
P31786 ACBP_MOUSE	V.GDVNTDRPGLLDL.K	1.00:0:0.26	38	50	
P31786 ACBP_MOUSE	K.TQPTDEEM(+15.99)LFYSHFK.Q	1.00:383.98:0	18	33	Oxidation (M)
P31786 ACBP_MOUSE	K.QATVGDVNTDRPGLLDL.K	1.00:0:0	34	50	
P31786 ACBP_MOUSE	M.S(+42.01)QAEFDKAAEEVKRL.K.T	0.000694444	2	17	Acetylation (N-term)
P31786 ACBP_MOUSE	A.TVGDVNTDRPGLL.D	0:1.00:1.86	36	48	
P31786 ACBP_MOUSE	K.TQPTDEML.F	1.15741E-05	18	26	
P31786 ACBP_MOUSE	N.TDRPGLLDL.KG.K.A	0.000694444	42	53	
P31786 ACBP_MOUSE	G.DVNTDRPGLLDL.KG.K.A	0.000694444	39	53	
P31786 ACBP_MOUSE	V.NDRPGLLDL.KG.K.A	0.000694444	41	53	
P33680 GUC2A_MOUSE	H.SALPEALRPV.C	1.00:8.54:0.88	73	82	
P33680 GUC2A_MOUSE	G.VTVQDGLSFPL.E	0.000694444	22	33	
P33680 GUC2A_MOUSE	G.VTVQDGLSFPLESVK.L	0.000694444	22	38	
P33680 GUC2A_MOUSE	S.HALPEALRPV.C	0.000694444	72	82	
P33680 GUC2A_MOUSE	G.VTVQDGLSFPLESV.K	1.00:1.95:1.61	22	36	
P33680 GUC2A_MOUSE	S.SHALPEALRPV.C	1.00:4.11:0	71	82	
P33680 GUC2A_MOUSE	Q.DGLSFPLESV.K	1.00:0:0	26	36	
P33680 GUC2A_MOUSE	A.EEILQRLE.A	1.00:1.58:0	89	96	
P33680 GUC2A_MOUSE	A.EEILQRLEAIAQ.D	0.000694444	89	100	
P33680 GUC2A_MOUSE	A.EEILQRLEAIA	0.000694444	89	98	
P33680 GUC2A_MOUSE	Q.DGLSFPLESVK.L	0.000694444	26	38	
P33680 GUC2A_MOUSE	G.VTVQDGLSFPLESVK.K	0.000694444	22	37	
P51437 CRAMP_MOUSE	L.DLDPPEQGEDPDPK.S	1.00:2.04:0.01	57	72	
P51437 CRAMP_MOUSE	K.EQGVVK.Q	1.00:6.18:0	98	103	
P51437 CRAMP_MOUSE	L.DPEQGEDPDPK.S	1.00:60.08:0.35	59	72	
P51437 CRAMP_MOUSE	L.DLDPPEQGEDPDPKSV.R	1.00:7.86:0	57	74	
P51437 CRAMP_MOUSE	E.DPDPK.S	1.00:13.16:0	67	72	



P51437 CRAMP_MOUSE	G.DEDPDTPK.S	1.00:6.43:0	65	72	
P51437 CRAMP_MOUSE	V.DDFNQSLDTNLYR.L	1.00:276.51:1.07	41	54	
P51437 CRAMP_MOUSE	G.DEDPDTPKSV.R	1.00:8.23:0	65	74	
P51437 CRAMP_MOUSE	L.LDLDPPEQGDDEDPDTPKSV.R	0.000694444	56	74	
P51437 CRAMP_MOUSE	R.AVDDFNQSLDTNLY.Y	1.00:0.16:0	39	52	
P51437 CRAMP_MOUSE	R.AVDDFNQSLDTNLYR.L	1.00:384.00:0	39	54	
P51437 CRAMP_MOUSE	L.LDLDPPEQGDDEDPDTPK.S.V	1.00:0.77:0	57	73	
P51437 CRAMP_MOUSE	L.LDLDPPEQGDDEDPDTPK.S	1.00:5.78:0	56	72	
P51437 CRAMP_MOUSE	D.EDPDTPKSV.R	1.00:16.50:0	66	74	
P51437 CRAMP_MOUSE	Q.GDEDPDTPKSV.R	1.00:3.28:0.06	64	74	
P51437 CRAMP_MOUSE	R.LLDDLDPPEQ.G.D	1.00:3.62:0	55	64	
P51437 CRAMP_MOUSE	V.DDFNQSLDTNLY.Y	1.00:1.55:0	41	52	
P51437 CRAMP_MOUSE	L.DPEPQ.G.D	1.00:9.90:0.30	59	64	
P51437 CRAMP_MOUSE	R.AVDDFNQSLDTNLY.R	1.00:14.84:0	39	53	
P51437 CRAMP_MOUSE	L.LDLDPPEQGDDEDPDTPKSV.R.F	0.000694444	57	75	
P51437 CRAMP_MOUSE	Q.GDEDPDTPK.S	1.00:1.39:0.23	64	72	
P51437 CRAMP_MOUSE	D.DFNQSLDTNLYR.L	1.00:5.39:0	42	54	
P51437 CRAMP_MOUSE	V.DDFNQSLDTN.L	1.00:0.25:0.05	41	51	
P51437 CRAMP_MOUSE	R.LLDDLDPPEQGDDEDPDTPK.S.V	1.00:0:0	55	73	
P51437 CRAMP_MOUSE	D.LDPPEQGDDEDPDTPKSV.R	1.00:0.24:0	58	74	
P51437 CRAMP_MOUSE	L.LDLDPPEQGDDEDPDTPK.S.V	0.000694444	56	73	
P51437 CRAMP_MOUSE	Y.RLLDDLDPPEQGDDEDPDTPKSV.R	0.000694444	54	74	
P51437 CRAMP_MOUSE	L.DPEPQGDDEDPDTPK.K	0.000694444	59	71	
P51437 CRAMP_MOUSE	R.LLDDLDPPEQGDDEDPDTPKSV.R	0.000694444	55	74	
P51437 CRAMP_MOUSE	V.DDFNQSLDTNLY.R	0.000694444	41	53	
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P51437 CRAMP_MOUSE	D.LDPPEQGDDEDPDTPK.S	1.00:0.56:0	58	72	
P51437 CRAMP_MOUSE	R.AVDDFNQSLDT.N	1.00:0:0	39	50	
P51437 CRAMP_MOUSE	G.DEDPDTPKSV.R.F	1.00:1.26:0.03	65	75	
P51437 CRAMP_MOUSE	F.FQKLYPQPE.Q	0.000694444	164	172	
P51437 CRAMP_MOUSE	V.DDFNQSLDT.N	0.000694444	41	50	
P51437 CRAMP_MOUSE	V.DDFNQSLDTNLYRLL.D	0:1.00:0.02	41	56	
P51437 CRAMP_MOUSE	R.LLDDLDPPEQGDDEDPDTPK.S	1.00:1.18:0	55	72	
P51437 CRAMP_MOUSE	R.AVDDFNQSLDTNLYRLL.D	0.000694444	39	56	
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P55095 GLUC_MOUSE	K.RHDEF.E	1.00:8.52:0	91	95	
P55095 GLUC_MOUSE	R.HADGFSDEM(+15.99)ST.I	1.00:0.12:0	146	157	Oxidation (M)
P55095 GLUC_MOUSE	Q.HALQDTEENPR.S	1.00:0.31:0	21	31	
P55095 GLUC_MOUSE	R.HADGFSDEM(+15.99)ST.LL	0.000694444	146	158	Oxidation (M)
P55095 GLUC_MOUSE	T.SDYSKYLDS.R	0.000694444	60	68	
P55095 GLUC_MOUSE	R.DFINWLQTK.I	0.000694444	166	175	
P55095 GLUC_MOUSE	R.DFINWLQTK.K	1.00:0:0	166	174	
P70296 PEBP1_MOUSE	I.SWDGGLDPGKLYT.L	1.00:0.49:0	54	65	
P70296 PEBP1_MOUSE	R.EWHHFLV.V.N	1.00:0.46:0	83	90	
P70296 PEBP1_MOUSE	S.DYVSGPSPGTGLH.R	1.00:0:0	105	118	
P70296 PEBP1_MOUSE	K.GNDISSGTVLSDYVSGPSPGTGLHR.Y	0.000694444	94	119	
P70296 PEBP1_MOUSE	K.LYEQLSGK	1.00:1.38:0	180	187	
P70296 PEBP1_MOUSE	K.VLTPPTQVM(+15.99)NRPSI.S	1.00:1.27:0	40	53	Oxidation (M)
P70296 PEBP1_MOUSE	W.DDYVPK.L	1.00:3.30:0	174	179	
P70296 PEBP1_MOUSE	I.SWDGGLDPGKLYTLV.L	1.00:1.79:0	54	67	
P70296 PEBP1_MOUSE	K.GNDISSGTVLSDYVSGPSPGTGLH.R	1.00:0:0	94	118	
P70296 PEBP1_MOUSE	S.DYVSGPSPGTGLH.R	0.000694444	105	119	
P70296 PEBP1_MOUSE	S.GPSPGTGLH.R	1.00:0:0	110	118	
P70296 PEBP1_MOUSE	V.DELGKVLTPQVM(+15.99)NRPSI.S	0.000694444	35	53	Oxidation (M)
P81117 NUCB2_MOUSE	R.TRLDELKR.Q	0.000694444	101	108	
P81117 NUCB2_MOUSE	T.EDELK.E	1.00:1.26:0	344	348	
P81117 NUCB2_MOUSE	K.LQQGIAPSGPAGELKFEPHT	0.000694444	401	420	
P81117 NUCB2_MOUSE	K.VHNTEPVENA.R	1.00:1.93:0	34	43	
P81117 NUCB2_MOUSE	Q.GIAPSGPAGELKFEPHT	1.00:4.73:0	404	420	
P81117 NUCB2_MOUSE	R.LVTLFEFLA	1.00:78.88:0	312	320	
P81117 NUCB2_MOUSE	R.EHVM(+15.99)SEIDNNKDR.L	0.000694444	299	311	Oxidation (M)
P81117 NUCB2_MOUSE	K.LDALQDTGM(+15.99)NHHL.LL.K.Q	1.00:6.76:0	122	137	Oxidation (M)
P81117 NUCB2_MOUSE	V.IEVLETDPHFR.E	0.000694444	62	72	
P81117 NUCB2_MOUSE	K.LQQGIAPSGPAGELK.F	0.000694444	401	415	
P81117 NUCB2_MOUSE	E.PPDTGLYDEYLKQVIE.V	1.00:24.23:0	47	63	
P81117 NUCB2_MOUSE	A.VPIDVDKTK.V	0.000694444	25	33	
P81117 NUCB2_MOUSE	Q.GIAPSGPAGELK.F	0.000694444	404	415	
P81117 NUCB2_MOUSE	K.KLQQGIAPSGPAGELKFEPHT	0.000694444	400	420	
P81117 NUCB2_MOUSE	A.RIEPPDTGLYDEYLKQV.I	0.000694444	44	61	
P81117 NUCB2_MOUSE	V.IEVLETDPHFRKQLK.A	0.000694444	62	77	
P81117 NUCB2_MOUSE	V.IEVLETDPHFRK.L	0.000694444	62	74	
P81117 NUCB2_MOUSE	R.LSQELDLVSHKVR.T	0.000694444	88	100	
P81117 NUCB2_MOUSE	K.ADIEIRSGR.L	0.000694444	78	87	
P81117 NUCB2_MOUSE	K.LHDVNDGFLDEQLEALFTR.E	0.000694444	252	272	
P81117 NUCB2_MOUSE	K.QFEHLNHQNPNTFESRDLDM(+15.99)LIK.A	0.000694444	138	160	Oxidation (M)
P81117 NUCB2_MOUSE	V.IEVLETDPHFRKQLK.A.D	0.000694444	62	78	
P81117 NUCB2_MOUSE	R.LSQELDLV.S	0.000694444	88	95	
P81117 NUCB2_MOUSE	R.TRLDELKR	0.000694444	101	107	
P81117 NUCB2_MOUSE	R.LSQELDLVSHKV.R	0.000694444	88	99	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	K.QEPNLQVDHM(+15.99)NLLK.Q	0.000694444	122	135	Oxidation (M)
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	K.QFEHLDPQNQHTFEA.R	1.00:0.59:0	136	150	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	K.VNVPGSQAQLK.E	1.00:7.66:0	218	228	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	R.LSQETEALGR.S	1.00:25.09:0	367	376	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	K.KVPEQPPELPQLDSQH.L	1.00:0:0	443	458	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	K.KVPEQPPELPQLDSQ.H	1.00:45.28:0	443	457	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	L.EEFLA.S	1.00:1.88:0	314	318	

Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	K.QFEHLDPQNQHTFEAR.D	1.00:23.58:0	136	151	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	I.NVLETDGHR	0:1.00:2.96	59	67	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	K.EVWEELDGLDPNRFNPK.T	1.00:3.59:0	229	245	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	R.SQDRLEAQ.K	1.00:0.0:0.1	377	384	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	R.LVLTLEELA.S	1.00:0.62:0.65	310	318	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	K.QFEHLDPQNQHT.F	1.00:0.64:0	136	147	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	I.NVLETDGHRFREK.L	1.00:7.48:0	59	70	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	I.NVLETDGHRFREKLQAA.N	0.000694444	59	74	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	K.QEPNLQVDHM(+15.99)NLL.K	1.00:0.76:0	122	134	Oxidation (M)
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	R.ADTDDAPVPAPA.G	1.00:1.85:0	420	431	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	H.HEEFKRY(+79.96)EM(+15.99)LKEHE	1.00:0.0:0.41	172	184	Sulfation; Oxidation (M)
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	K.KVPEQPPELQDLSQHL	1.00:2.51:0	443	459	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	K.NVDTNQDR.L	0:1.00:0.08	302	309	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	K.EVWEELDGLDPNR.F	1.00:6.47:1.06	229	241	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	R.YLESLGEEQR.K	1.00:5.51:0	189	198	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	K.KVPEQPPELQD	1.00:0.67:0	443	454	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	R.YLESLGEEQRK.E	1.00:5.37:0	189	199	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	R.DLAQYDAAHHEEFK.R.Y	0.000694444	163	177	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	K.EFGDTGEGWK.T	1.00:7.28:0	324	333	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	A.NAEDIKSGKLSQELDFVSHNVR.T	0.000694444	75	96	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	A.HHEEF.K	1.00:0:0	171	175	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	E.QPELQDLSQHL	1.00:0.72:0	447	459	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	K.EVWEELDGLDPN.R	1.00:6.40:0.72	229	240	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	R.YLESLGEEQRKEAERKLEQQRR.H	0.000694444	189	211	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	I.LHDNSDGLVDEQLEA.L	1.00:1.22:0.43	250	266	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	K.TFFILHDINSDGLVDEQLEA.L	1.00:14.31:0	246	266	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	R.TKLDLKR.Q	0.000694444	97	104	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	R.ADTDDAPVPAPAGDQKDVPA.S	0.000694444	420	439	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	K.LSQELDFVSHNVR.T	1.00:7.24:0	84	96	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	R.YLESLGEEQRKEAERKLEQQRR.R	0.000694444	189	210	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	Y.DAAHHEEFK.R.Y	0.000694444	168	177	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	R.LVLTLEEFLLASTQR.K	0.000694444	310	322	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	R.DLAQYDAAHHEEFK.R	1.00:0.83:0	163	176	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	I.NVLETDGHR.F	0.000694444	59	68	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	K.VYDPKNEE.D	0.000694444	275	282	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	R.TKLDLKRQEVSR.L	0.000694444	97	109	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	R.LVLTLEEFLLASTQRK.E	0.000694444	310	323	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	K.M(+15.99)DAKQEPNLQVDHM(+15.99)NLLK.Q	0.000694444	118	135	Oxidation (M)
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	R.AAPPQEDSQATETPDTGLYH.R.Y	0.000694444	31	52	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	A.GDQKDVPA.S	1.00:6.12:0	432	439	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	K.LSQELDFVSHNVR.R	1.00:1.71:0	84	95	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	K.VPEQPPELQDLSQHL	1.00:2.11:0	444	459	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	K.VYDPKNEEDDM(+15.99)REM(+15.99)EEERL.R.M	0.000694444	275	294	Oxidation (M)
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	K.LSQELDFV.S	1.00:4.27:0	84	91	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	R.SQDRLEAQK.R	1.00:2.27:0	377	385	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	A.TRDLAQYDAAHHEEFK.R.Y	0.000694444	161	177	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	A.NAEDIKSGKLSQELDFVSHNVR	0.000694444	75	95	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	V.LETDGHR.F	1.00:0.82:0	61	68	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	A.YTEEELKR.F	0.000694444	341	348	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	K.LQEQQR.R	0.000694444	205	210	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	A.GDQKDVPAEKVPEQPPELQDLSQHL	0.000694444	432	459	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	R.ADTDDAPVPAPAGDQKDVPAEKVPEQPPELQDLSQHL	0.000694444	420	459	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	V.LETDGHR	1.00:0:0	61	67	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	R.DLAQYDAAHHEEFK	1.00:0:0	163	175	
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Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	K.LDELKRQEVSR	0.000694444	99	108	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	R.YLESLGEEQRKEAERKLEQQ.R	0.000694444	189	209	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	A.YTEEELKRFEELA.A	1.00:0:0	341	354	
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Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	Q.PPELQDLSQHL	1.00:0.66:0	448	459	
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Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	A.NAEDIKSGK.L	0.000694444	75	83	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	R.AAPPQEDSQATETPDTGLYHRYLQEV.L.N	0.000694444	31	58	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	K.LDELKRQEVSR.L	0.000694444	99	109	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	R.KLQEQQR.R	0.000694444	204	210	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	K.SGKLSQELDFVSHNVR.T	0.000694444	81	96	
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Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	R.YLESLGEEQR	1.00:0:0	189	197	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	V.EM(+15.99)SPAYTEEELKRFEELAAREAELNAR.A	0.000694444	336	363	Oxidation (M)
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	R.RRYLESLGEEQR.K	0.000694444	187	198	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	A.SEKKVPEQPPELQDLSQHL	0.000694444	440	459	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	K.LQAAEAEDIKSGKLSQELDFVSHNVR.T	0.000694444	71	96	
Q08535 SECR_MOUSE	R.SEQDTENIPENSLAR.S	0:1.00:0.41	62	76	
Q60994 ADIPO_MOUSE	T.GFLLYHDTN	1.00:0:0	239	247	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	M.A(+42.01)DKPDM(+15.99)GEIASFDKAKLKKTTQEKNTLPTKETI EQEKRSIS	0.000694444	2	44	Acetylation (N-term); Oxidation (M)
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	K.NTLPTKETIEQEKRSIS	0.000694444	27	44	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	K.ETIEQEKRSIS	0.000694444	33	44	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	K.TETQEKNTLPTKETIEQEKRSIS	0.000694444	21	44	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	K.NTLPTK.E	1.00:112.67:0	27	32	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	T.KETIEQEK.R	1.00:0.96:0	32	39	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	K.E(-18.01)TIEQEK.R	1.00:2.01:0.02	33	39	Pyro-glu from E
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	K.ETIEQEK.R.S	0:1.00:0.09	33	40	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	K.NTLPTKETIEQEK.R	0.000694444	27	39	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	K.TETQEKNTLPTK	1.00:2.34:0	21	31	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	K.LKKTTQEK.N	0.000694444	18	26	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	A.SFDKAKLKKTTQEKNTLPTKETIEQEKRSIS	0.000694444	12	44	

Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	A.SFDKAKL	0.000694444	12	17	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	T.KETIEQKRSEIS	0.000694444	32	44	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	M.A(+42.01)DKPDM(+15.99).G	0:1.00:0.06	2	7	Acetylation (N-term); Oxidation (M)
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	K.TEQKNTLPTKETIEQEK.R	0.000694444	21	39	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	T.QEKNTLPTKETIEQKRSEIS	0.000694444	24	44	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	E.TQEKNTLPTKETIEQEK.R	1.00:92.94:0	23	39	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	K.E(-18.01)TIEQEK.R.S	1.00:106.06:0	33	40	Pyro-glu from E
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	M.A(+42.01)DKPDMGEI.A.S	1.00:2.71:7.98	2	11	Acetylation (N-term)
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	K.NTLPTKETIEQEK.R.S	0.000694444	27	40	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	M.GEIASFDKAKLKKTTTQEKNTLPTKETIEQKRSEIS	0.000694444	8	44	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	E.TQEKNTLPTKETIEQKRSEIS	0.000694444	23	44	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	L.KKTETQEKNTLPTKETIEQKRSEIS	0.000694444	19	44	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	E.KNTLPTKETIEQKRSEIS	0.000694444	26	44	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	K.LKKTTTQEKNTLPTKETIEQKRSEIS	0.000694444	18	44	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	E.TQEKNTLPTKETIEQE.K	0.000694444	23	38	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	K.TEQKNTLPTKETIEQEK.R.S	0.000694444	21	40	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	K.LKKTTTQEKNTLPTKETIEQEK.R	0.000694444	18	39	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	K.KTTTQEKNTLPTKETIEQEK.R.S	0.000694444	20	40	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	E.KNTLPTKETIEQEK.R	0.000694444	26	39	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	N.TLPTKETIEQE.K	0.000694444	28	38	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	A.SFDKAKL.K	0.000694444	12	18	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	M.A(+42.01)DKPDM(+15.99)GEIASFDKAKL.K.K	0.000694444	2	19	Acetylation (N-term); Oxidation (M)
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	E.TQEKNTLPT.K	1.00:2.23:0	23	31	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	M.A(+42.01)DKPDM(+15.99)GEIASFDKAKLKKTTTQEKNTLPTKETIEQEK.R	0.000694444	2	39	Acetylation (N-term); Oxidation (M)
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	A.SFDKAKL.K.K	0.000694444	12	19	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	K.TEQKNTLPTK.E	0.000694444	21	32	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	T.ETQEKNTLPTKETIEQKRSEIS	0.000694444	22	44	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	N.TLPTKETIEQEK.R	0.000694444	28	39	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	T.IEQEK.R.S	0.000694444	35	40	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	N.TLPTKETIEQKRSEIS	0.000694444	28	44	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	E.TQEKNTLPTKETIE.Q	0.000694444	23	36	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	D.M(+15.99)GEIASFDKAKLKKTTTQEKNTLPTKETIEQKRSEIS	0.000694444	7	44	Oxidation (M)
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	K.KTTTQEKNTLPT.K	0.000694444	20	31	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	K.NTLPTKETIE.Q	0.000694444	27	36	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	M.A(+42.01)DKPDM(+15.99)GEIASFDKAKL.K	0:1.00:0.03	2	18	Acetylation (N-term); Oxidation (M)
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	M.A(+42.01)DKPDM(+15.99)GEIASFDKAKLKKTTTQEKNTLPT.K	0.000694444	2	31	Acetylation (N-term); Oxidation (M)
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	A.SFDKAKLKK.T	0.000694444	12	20	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	K.KTTTQEKNTLPTK.E	0.000694444	20	32	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	K.NTLPTKETIEQKRSE.I	0.000694444	27	42	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	K.NTLPTKETIEQKRSE.E	0.000694444	27	41	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	M.GEIASFDK.A.K	1.00:0.36:0	8	16	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	M.GEIASFDKAKLKKTTTQEKNTLPTKETIEQEK.R	0.000694444	8	39	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	T.LPTKETIEQKRSEIS	0.000694444	29	44	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	E.TQEKNTLPTK.E	0.000694444	23	32	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	K.KTTTQEKNTLPTKETIEQEK.R	0.000694444	20	39	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	T.QEKNTLPTKETIEQEK.R	0.000694444	24	39	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	I.EQKRSEIS	1.00:1.07:0	36	44	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	A.DKPDM(+15.99)GEI.A.S	0.000694444	3	11	Oxidation (M)
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	K.KTTTQEKNTLPTKETIEQKRSEIS	0.000694444	20	44	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	Q.EKNTLPTKETIEQKRSEIS	0.000694444	25	44	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	M.GEIASFDKAKL.K.K	0.000694444	8	19	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	M.A(+42.01)DKPDM(+15.99)GEIASFDK.A	0.000694444	2	15	Acetylation (N-term); Oxidation (M)
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	K.LKKTTTQEKNTLPTKETIEQE.K	0.000694444	18	38	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	P.DM(+15.99)GEIASFDKAKLKKTTTQEKNTLPTKETIEQKRSEIS	0.000694444	6	44	Oxidation (M)
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	M.A(+42.01)DKPDM(+15.99)GEIASFDKAKLKKTTTQEK.N	1.00:137.07:0	2	26	Acetylation (N-term); Oxidation (M)
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	M.GEIASFDKAKLKK.T	0.000694444	8	20	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	E.TIEQEK.R.S	0.000694444	34	40	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	K.KTTTQEKNTLPTKETIE.Q	0.000694444	20	36	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	P.TKETIEQKRSEIS	0.000694444	31	44	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	T.IEQKRSEIS	1.00:2.77:0	35	44	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	K.NTLPTKETIE	0.000694444	27	35	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	E.TQEKNTLPTKETIEQKRSE.I	0.000694444	23	42	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	M.GEIASFDKAKLKKTTTQEK.N	0.000694444	8	26	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	M.A(+42.01)DKPDM(+15.99)GEIASFDKAKLKK.T	0.000694444	2	20	Acetylation (N-term); Oxidation (M)
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	L.KKTETQEKNTLPTKETIEQEK.R	0.000694444	19	39	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	T.Q(-17.03)EKNTLPTKETIEQEK.R	0.000694444	24	39	Pyro-glu from Q
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	L.PTKETIEQEK.R	0.000694444	30	39	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	M.A(+42.01)DKPDM(+15.99)GEI.A	1.00:1.86:0.52	2	10	Acetylation (N-term); Oxidation (M)
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	K.TTQEKNTLPTKETIE.Q	0.000694444	21	36	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	K.KTTTQEK.N	1.00:10.46:0	20	26	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	P.TKETIEQEK.R	0.000694444	31	39	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	K.LKKTTTQEKNTLPT.K	0.000694444	18	31	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	K.AKLKKTTTQEKNTLPTKETIEQKRSEIS	0.000694444	16	44	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	K.LKKTTTQEKNTLPTKETIEQEK.R.S	0.000694444	18	40	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	L.PTKETIEQKRSEIS	0.000694444	30	44	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	M.A(+42.01)DKPDM(+15.99)GEIASFDKAKLKKTE.T	0.000694444	2	22	Acetylation (N-term); Oxidation (M)
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	M.A(+42.01)DKPDM(+15.99)GEIASFDKAKLKKTTTQEK.N.T	0.000694444	2	27	Acetylation (N-term); Oxidation (M)
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	M.GEIASFDKAKL	0.000694444	8	17	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	Q.EKNTLPTKETIEQEK.R	0.000694444	25	39	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	E.TIEQKRSEIS	1.00:0.95:0	34	44	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	A.SFDKAKLKKTTTQEK.N	0.000694444	12	26	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	E.KNTLPTK.E	1.00:3.97:0	26	32	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	M.GEIASFDKAKLKKTTTQEKNTLPT.K	0.000694444	8	31	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	D.M(+15.99)GEIASFDKAKLKKTTTQEKNTLPTKETIEQEK.R	0.000694444	7	39	Oxidation (M)
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	A.SFDKAKLKKTTTQEKNTLPTKETIEQEK.R	0.000694444	12	39	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	K.TEQKNTLPTKETIEQE.K	0.000694444	21	38	

Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	M.GEIASFDKAKL.K	0.000694444	8	18	
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Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	M.A(+42.01)DKPDM(+15.99)GEIASFDKAKLKKTTQEKNTLPTK.E	0.000694444	2	32	Acetylation (N-term); Oxidation (M)
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	A.DKPDM(+15.99)GEIASFDKAKL.K	0.000694444	3	19	Oxidation (M)
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	E.TQEKNTLPTKETIEQEK.R.S	0.000694444	23	40	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	D.M(+15.99)GEIASFDKAKL.K	0.000694444	7	19	Oxidation (M)
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	D.M(+15.99)GEIASFDKAKL.K.T	0.000694444	7	20	Oxidation (M)
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	S.FDKAKL.K	0.000694444	13	19	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	K.AKLKKTTQEK.N	0.000694444	16	26	
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Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	P.TDSL.DAR.G	0.000694444	28	34	
Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	A.ADDDY(+79.96)DSL.DARGHRPV.D.R	0.000694444	20	41	Sulfation
Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	K.SSIAELNNIQS.V	1.00:0.13:0	115	126	
Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	D.EPTDSL.DARGHRPV.D.R	0.000694444	26	41	
Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	L.RPAPPISGGG.Y	1.00:0:0	50	60	
Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	R.PAPPISGGG.Y	1.00:0.08:0	51	60	
Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	V.TFQYLTLLKDM(+15.99).W	0.000694444	134	144	Oxidation (M)
Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	R.RKEEPPSLRPAPPISGGG.Y.R	1.00:116.56:0	42	61	
Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	E.PTDSL.DARGHRPV.D.R	0.000694444	27	41	
Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	R.GHRPV.D.R	0.000694444	35	40	
Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	A.ADDDY(+79.96)DEPTDSL.DARGHRPV.D.R	0.000694444	20	41	Sulfation
Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	K.IRPFPPQ	1.00:0.79:0	474	481	
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Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	E.PTDSL.DAR.G	1.00:6.20:0	27	34	
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Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	A.ADDDY(+79.96)DEPTDSL.DAR.G	0.000694444	20	34	Sulfation
Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	Y.DEPTDSL.DARGHRPV.D.R	0.000694444	25	41	
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Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	K.GGETSEM(+15.99)YLIQPDTSIKPY.R.V	0.000694444	238	257	Oxidation (M)
Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	V.TFQYLT.L	1.00:1.67:0	134	139	
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Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	R.DNDGWVTTDPR.K	1.00:0.29:0	401	411	
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Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	D.DDY(+79.96)DEPTDSL.DARGHRPV.D.R	0.000694444	22	41	Sulfation
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Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	Y.DEPTDSL.DARGH.R	0.000694444	25	36	
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Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	I.AELNNIQS.V.S	1.00:0.94:0	118	127	
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Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	D.NDGWVTTDPR.K	1.00:10.67:0	402	411	
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Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	S.SIAELNNIQS.V.S	1.00:2.14:0	116	127	
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Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	D.EPTDSL.DAR.G	1.00:79.74:0	26	34	
Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	Y.DEPTDSL.DARGHRPV.D	0.000694444	25	39	
Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	I.KSSIAELNNIQS.V	1.00:0:0	114	126	
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Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	P.TDSL.DARGHRPV.D.R	0.000694444	28	40	
Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	T.DSL.DAR.G	1.00:320.43:63.56	29	34	
Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	E.E(-18.01)PPSLRPAPPISGGG.Y.R	0.000694444	45	61	Pyro-glu from E
Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	I.LEDQR.L	0:1.00:0.36	166	170	
Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	L.DARGHRPV.D.R	0.000694444	32	41	
Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	L.NQERPI.K	1.00:0.03:0	108	113	
Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	D.DDYDEPT(+79.96)DSL.DARGHRPV.D.R	0.000694444	22	41	Sulfation

Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	K.EDGGGWYNR.C	1.00:5.19:0	417	426	
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Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	D.E(-18.01)PTDSDLARGHRPVDR.R	0.000694444	26	41	Pyro-glu from E
Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	P.TDSDLARGHRPV.D	0.000694444	28	39	
Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	Y.DEPTDSDLARGHRPVDRR.K	0.000694444	25	42	
Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	R.M(+15.99)GPTELLIE	0:1.00:0.12	325	332	Oxidation (M)
Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	E.E(-18.01)PPSLRPAPPISGGGYR.A	0.000694444	45	62	Pyro-glu from E
Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	K.ENENVLN	0.000694444	154	159	
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Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	S.EM(+15.99)YLIQPDTSIKPYR.V	0.000694444	243	257	Oxidation (M)
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Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	E.EPPSLRPAPPISGG.G	0.000694444	45	58	
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Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	Y.DEPTDSDLARGHRPVDRRKEPPSLR	0.000694444	25	49	
Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	R.YYWGGLYSWDM(+15.99)SK.H	1.00:3.78:0	436	448	Oxidation (M)
Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	V.TFQYLTLL.K	0.000694444	134	141	
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Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	K.SSIAELNNIQSV.S	1.00:0:0	115	127	
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Q8K0E8 FIBB_MOUSE	T.DSLDARGHRPVDR.R	0.000694444	29	41	
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Q9EPS2 PYY_MOUSE	K.LLFTDSDSENLPFR.P	0:1.00:0.11	77	91	
Q9EPS2 PYY_MOUSE	K.LLFTDSDSENLPFRPEGLDQW	0.000694444	77	98	

**Supplemental Table S5.** Peptidomics results from *Candida* infection.

Protein Accession	Peptide	Group Profile (Ratio)	Start	End	PTM
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	K.EVVVEEAENG.R	1.15741E-05	22	30	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	R.VAEDDEDDDDVDT.K	1.15741E-05	91	102	
P26350 PTMA_MOUSE	R.DAPANGNAQNEENGEQEA.D	1.15741E-05	32	49	
P31786 ACBP_MOUSE	K.TQPTDEEM(+15.99)LFYISHF.K	1.00:0.27:7.32	18	32	Oxidation (M)
P31786 ACBP_MOUSE	K.QATVGDVNTDRPGLL.D	0:1.00:28.31	34	48	
P31786 ACBP_MOUSE	V.GDVNTDRPGLL.D	1.00:0:40.48	38	48	
P31786 ACBP_MOUSE	K.QATVGDVNTDRPGLLDL.K	0.000694444	34	50	
P31786 ACBP_MOUSE	K.TQPTDEEML.F	1.15741E-05	18	26	
P31786 ACBP_MOUSE	A.TVGDVNTDRPGLL.D	1.15741E-05	36	48	
P33680 GUC2A_MOUSE	G.VTVQDGDLSFPLESV.K	1.15741E-05	22	36	
P33680 GUC2A_MOUSE	H.SALPEALRPV.C	1.15741E-05	73	82	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	I.NVLETDGHF.R	1.00:4.96:50.76	59	67	
Q02819 NUCB1_MOUSE	R.LVTLEEFLLA.S	1.15741E-05	310	318	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	K.ETIEQEK.R	1.00:6.39:23.11	33	39	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	E.TIEQEK.R	1.00:0.70:12.47	34	39	
Q6ZWY8 TYB10_MOUSE	M.A(+42.01)DKPDMGEIA.S	1.15741E-05	2	11	Acetylation (N-term)
Q9EPS2 PYY_MOUSE	E.NLPRPEGLDQW	1.15741E-05	87	98	

# **Chapter 9**

## **Conclusions and Future Directions**

## Conclusions

This thesis describes the development and application of mass spectrometry techniques, including mass spectrometry imaging (MSI), to study symbiotic relationships. In Chapter 3, an atmospheric pressure (AP)- matrix assisted laser desorption/ionization (MALDI)- MSI method was developed for metabolite imaging and then applied to study the effects of salt stress in *Medicago truncatula* (Medicago) root nodules. The AP-MALDI Orbitrap platform used here enables high resolution imaging for both mass and space, as it has a smaller minimum spatial resolution than the traditional vacuum MALDI Orbitrap instrument. Although the AP-MALDI platform resulted in fewer detected features compared to the traditional vacuum MALDI platform, the detected features were highly complementary, indicating that the combined use of both MALDI platforms would enable identification of the highest number of small molecules. For the salt stress analysis, 44  $m/z$  ions were present at relatively higher abundances in the control samples, and 77  $m/z$  were enriched in the salt samples. LC-MS/MS was used for identification of enriched ions. In particular, arginine was identified in the salt nodules.<sup>1</sup> Arginine is often observed as upregulated in response to stress and may help the plant tolerate the salt stress.<sup>2,3</sup>

To investigate the important roles of endogenous peptides in plants, a MALDI-MSI method was developed in Chapter 4 to image peptides in the root nodules of Medicago. By using both DHB and CHCA matrices, 277 peptides and protein fragments in root nodules and 496 peptides and protein fragments in seedling plants were imaged. Wild-type plants were compared to mutant lines that overexpressed a specific class of endogenous peptides for method development. They were also compared to mutants that lack a class of endogenous peptides, which resulted in non-functional nodules. Differences in peptide content were observed between wild-type root nodules and the non-functional mutant root nodules and between seedling plants and mature root nodules.



Through LC-MS/MS 22 peptides were *de novo* sequenced and 10 peptides and protein fragments were identified.<sup>4</sup>

As the identified peptides in Chapter 4 appeared to be protein fragments rather than endogenous peptides, the MALDI-MSI workflow was optimized for detection of nodule-specific cysteine-rich (NCR) peptides in Chapter 5. NCR peptides are involved in bacteria differentiation in the root nodule and are important for formation of functional nodules capable of biological nitrogen fixation. As these peptides are fairly large (3-5 kDa), multi-step washing procedures to remove lipid species, which interfere with ionization of larger molecules, were found to be beneficial. The optimal wash was determined to be 70% ethanol, 30s; 100% ethanol, 30s; Carnoy's solution, 2 min; 100% ethanol, 30s. After washing, 71 ions were observed above  $m/z$  2500, which is the approximate start of the NCR peptide mass range. Sixteen of these peaks were matched to NCR peptides via accurate mass matching, with three of the peptides also being confirmed via LC-MS/MS. These peptides were found to have differing distributions in the root nodules, including peptides localized to just the lower half of the root nodule, and peptides localized to the entire root nodule.

The other half of this thesis focused on studying the microbiome with multiomic strategies. In Chapter 6, three different extraction methods were compared, a methanol/ chloroform/ water extraction, an acidified methanol extraction, and a 40/40/20 acetonitrile/ methanol/ water extraction, for analysis of metabolites, peptides, and proteins in cecum content. The methanol/ chloroform/ water extraction performed the best for metabolomics and peptidomics analyses, while the acidified methanol extraction performed best for the proteomics analysis. The acidified methanol extraction was especially proficient in identifying microbiome proteins. Overall, the acidified methanol and methanol/ chloroform/ water extractions detected a similar number of total

molecules, but as the methanol/ chloroform/ water extraction's total compounds came from all three molecule types, rather than being predominantly proteins, that extraction was selected as the more desirable option. The gene ontology results for the peptidomics and proteomics results agreed well with each other, providing a deeper understanding of the biological processes in the gut.

The chloroform/ methanol/ water extraction was then used to study the small molecules involved in the microbiome's response to infection in Chapter 7, especially as it relates to the potential of the microbiome to produce natural products.<sup>5</sup> An approximately 90 strain model of the human gut microbiome was used in this study to create "humanized" mice from germ-free mice. Humanized, pathogen-infected mice were compared to humanized, uninfected mice and mice noncolonized with the pathogen. Two different infections, *Salmonella enterica* Typhimurium and *Candida albicans*, were investigated. Metagenomics analysis revealed changes in the gut microbiome composition after *Salmonella* infection, but few changed in the gut microbiome after *Candida* infection. Metabolomics analysis revealed 22 compounds up-regulated in the humanized, *Salmonella*-infected mice, and 10 compound up-regulated in the humanized, *Candida* infected mice, with one compound being shared in both infections. Of these, only 10 compounds had putative identifications via accurate mass matching (4 were confirmed with MS/MS), leaving the rest to be potentially novel compounds.<sup>6</sup>

To continue to study the microbiome's response to infection, Chapter 8 explored another multiomics study on the mice model system described in Chapter 7. In this chapter, proteomics and peptidomics were added to the metabolomics analysis. A new analysis strategy for metabolomics analysis resulted in additional metabolomic targets for analysis; there were 384 targets from the *Salmonella* infection and 83 targets from the *Candida* infection. Identification of these targets revealed multiple carnitine and adenosine compounds that were changing due to

infection. The peptidomics analysis found Fibrinopeptide B and Thymosin alpha that are present in the gut that could provide insight into microbiome mediated communication between the gut and the brain. Proteomics analysis determined that upregulated proteins were involved in immune function and inflammatory response. Thus, metabolomics, peptidomics, and proteomics analysis revealed a multi system microbiome-mediated response to infection.

### **Future Directions**

In Chapter 3, one major challenge of the analysis of salt stress via MALDI-MSI was the abundance of sodium ions in the high salt sample. While the higher tolerance of MALDI to salts enabled data collection without a major reduction in signal, the presence of sodium in the high salt sample did make it challenging to identify changing metabolites. The increase in sodium levels altered the relative ratios of the different adducts between the low and high salt sample so that molecules with the same relative abundance between the low and high salt samples appeared higher in the low salt samples for the  $[M+H]^+$  and  $[M+K]^+$  adducts and higher in the high salt samples for the  $[M+Na]^+$  adduct. By ensuring that the  $[M+H]^+$ ,  $[M+Na]^+$  and  $[M+K]^+$  adducts all follow the same trend, this problem can be circumvented, but this analysis is time-consuming. In the future, alternative set-ups for studying salt stress could be very advantageous and lead to more identifications that are also more confident. For example, a similar stress can also be achieved through non-ionic osmotic stress, which is caused by mannitol or polyethylene glycol. Studying non-ionic osmotic stress may achieve more accurate results.

For the MALDI-MSI analysis of endogenous peptides in *Medicago*, the developed MALDI-MSI procedure for NCR peptide detection could be applied to study *Medicago* mutants. For example the *Medicago* mutant *dnf1-1*, forms non-functional nodules lacking certain

endogenous peptides and are therefore deficient in biological nitrogen fixation.<sup>7</sup> The developed MALDI-MSI procedure could be applied to compare wild-type and Medicago mutant *dnf1-1* root nodules, which may provide insights into the role of certain NCR peptides. Additionally, for the best results, the LC-MS/MS sample preparation procedure should be optimized. In this work, many NCR degradation products were observed, resulting in five potential full-length NCR peptides detected via LC-MS/MS. Potentially, degradation could be minimized during the sample preparation steps through use of a device called Denator, to deactivate proteases, on the root nodules prior to extraction, or through use of acid or protease inhibitors in the extraction solvent to minimize degradation of these NCR peptides.

Finally, MALDI-MSI analysis of Medicago root nodules is not limited to small molecules and peptides. MALDI-MSI methods could also be developed to study the spatial distributions of proteins and glycans on the tissue. Protein analysis by MALDI-MSI is very common.<sup>8</sup> Smaller proteins (less than approximately 20-30 kDa) can be analyzed intact with MALDI-ToF mass spectrometers. Additionally, on-tissue trypsin application will digest proteins on the tissue section, allowing for protein detection in a bottom-up strategy.<sup>9</sup> Bottom-up LC-MS/MS studies are usually performed in parallel to aid in protein identification in MALDI-MSI. For glycans, PNGaseF enzyme can also be applied on-tissue to cleave N-glycans.<sup>10</sup>

The multiomics analysis described in the microbiome work could be integrated further with pathway analysis, especially the metabolomic, peptidomic and proteomic studies. Multiomic integration is challenging, but various software platforms exist to aid in the process for integration of data from metabolomics and proteomics analyses.<sup>11-13</sup> Increased integration of the data could provide a more detailed and complete picture of the biological processes occurring the gut microbiome. Furthermore, increased metabolomics identifications would also improve the

multiomics analysis for the multiomics study in Chapter 8 describing the microbiome's response to infection. Finally, for future microbiome studies, it would be best to lower the starting  $m/z$  from 200 to 100. Initially, the higher starting  $m/z$  was selected to focus on secondary metabolites and natural products, but as the study shifted more toward general metabolomics, the higher starting  $m/z$  became disadvantageous. Other study designs for the microbiome study could also be employed. For example, time course studies looking at metabolite changes as the infection progresses could yield insightful information about the small molecules produced by the microbiome during disease progression. Additionally, other pathogens could also be investigated.

Finally, a MALDI-MSI method to analyze the spatial distribution of small molecules in the gut could help to discover and confirm small molecules produced by the microbiome. As described in Appendix VI, imaging of the mucosal layer, where the microbiome resides, is proving to be challenging. However, by combining a staining method or fluorescence in situ hybridization, which will help to localize the microbiome, with MALDI-MSI, small molecules could be directly localized to the microbiome.<sup>14</sup> Although this is potentially a challenging project, it has the potential to be very impactful due to the localization capabilities.

In summary, this dissertation research focuses on developing and applying MS techniques to investigate two symbiotic relationships. MALDI-MSI strategies were developed to study the plant *Medicago truncatula*. Also, LC-MS strategies were applied to investigate metabolites, peptides, and proteins in the microbiome. I developed methods to study challenging biological questions, including low concentration signaling peptides and complex relationships between the microbiome, host, and pathogenic infection. The methods developed here could also be widely applied to a variety of other biological systems.

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# Chapter 10

## Investigation of Symbiotic Relationships through Mass Spectrometry: Application to Plant/Bacteria Symbiosis

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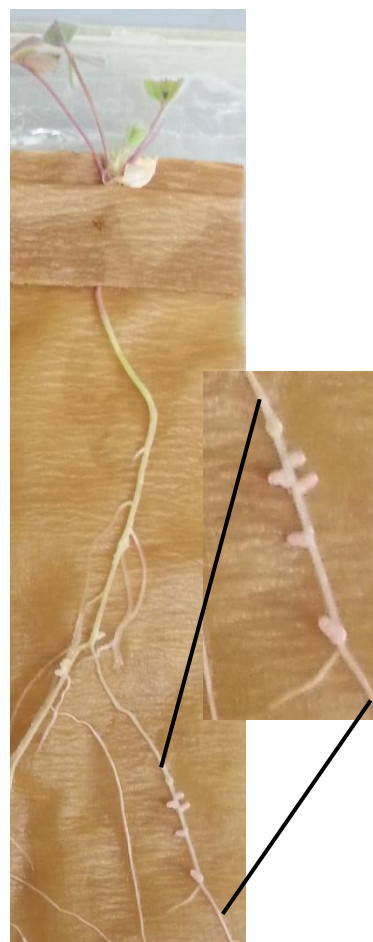
## Symbiotic relationships

The diversity of life forms on Earth is truly astounding. Organisms can range from tiny single cells not visible to the naked eye to massive multi-organ animals. Across all levels of life, from the tiniest microorganisms (microbes) at 1/1000<sup>th</sup> of a millimeter or less in size to complex organisms weighing tons, relationships exist. These relationships can involve food, such as predator-prey relationships, but do not have to be harmful to one member of the relationship. Multitudes of organisms exhibit mutually beneficial, or symbiotic relationships.

My research explores two very different types of relationships. In one case, Rhizobia bacteria invade the plant *Medicago truncatula* (Medicago) to facilitate the exchange of nutrients between the two organisms. In the other, trillions of microbial cells inhabit the human intestines; these cells are commonly referred to as the gut microbiota and greatly impact human health. While the microbiota residing in our bodies are typically beneficial, disturbances in the microbiota community are associated with a number of harmful diseases. In this chapter, I will focus solely on my work on the Medicago, Rhizobia symbiotic relationships.

### Medicago truncatula-rhizobia Symbiosis

While atmospheric nitrogen ( $N_2$ ) is the most abundant gas in the atmosphere, only a handful of organisms, namely certain bacteria and archaea, which are single-celled organisms without a defined nucleus, can use the  $N_2$  in the atmosphere for their nitrogen needs by converting  $N_2$  into ammonia ( $NH_3$ ), which is the form of



**Figure 1.** Picture of a Medicago Plant used for this study. An enlarged section of roots containing root nodules is also shown.

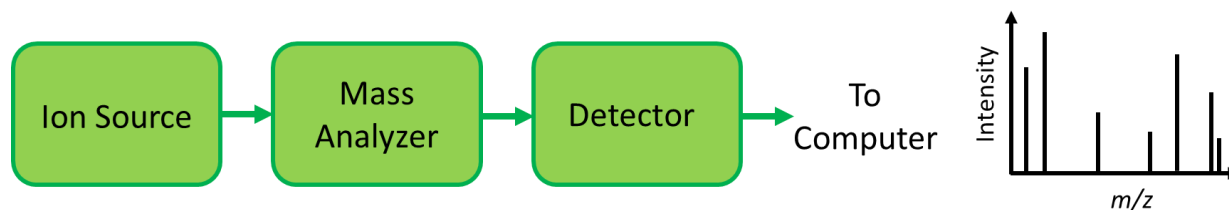
nitrogen most organism require. This process is called biological nitrogen fixation. To meet crops' nitrogen demand, farmers use nitrogen fertilizers, which increase available nitrogen.<sup>1</sup> Fertilizers require considerable resources to manufacture,<sup>2</sup> and fertilizer leaching contributes to environmental pollution through release of greenhouse gases.<sup>3</sup> Also, fertilizer usage can lead to eutrophication of waterways, where excess nutrients results in an overgrowth of algae, depleting oxygen and resulting in the death of aquatic life. Thus, it is beneficial to use biological nitrogen fixation in agriculture to reduce fertilizer usage.<sup>4</sup> This is accomplished through plants that form a symbiotic relationship with nitrogen fixing bacteria. For example, legume plants (i.e. peas, beans, soybeans) can form a symbiotic relationship with rhizobia bacteria, which can perform biological nitrogen fixation. The rhizobia bacteria provide fixed nitrogen for the plant, and in exchange, the plant provides a protected environment and a carbon source for the rhizobia bacteria.<sup>5</sup> The use of legume plants in agriculture reduces the requirements for nitrogen fertilizers.<sup>6,7</sup>

*Medicago truncatula* (plant)-*Sinorhizobium meliloti* (bacteria) is a model legume-rhizobia symbiotic relationship capable of performing biological nitrogen fixation.<sup>8</sup> When rhizobia bacteria are near *Medicago* plants, they detect chemical signals produced by the plant and then secrete their own chemical signals, which starts a series of signaling events in the plant to form specialized organs on the plant roots, called root nodules (**Figure 1**), that provide an environment for rhizobia to live in.<sup>9,10</sup> My research develops and applies analytical methods involving an instrument called a mass spectrometer to further understand the molecules present in the root nodules during biological nitrogen fixation.

## Mass Spectrometry

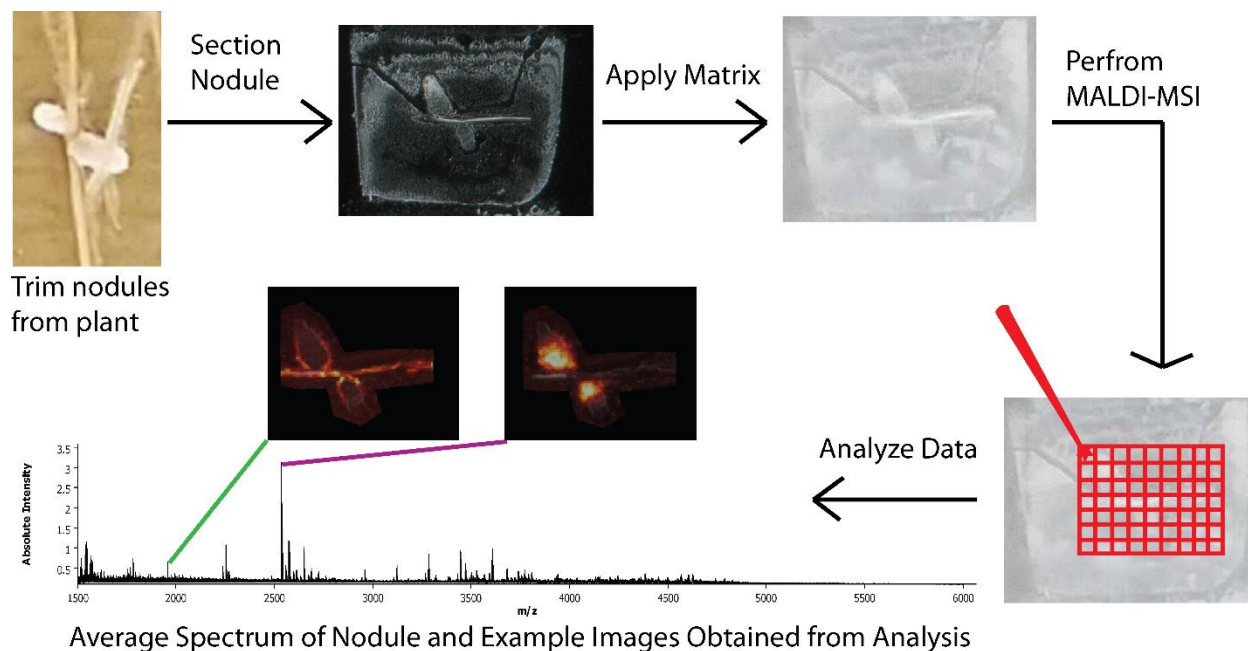
When studying complex systems, mass spectrometry (MS) is a powerful tool, as it can detect a wide variety of biomolecules present in a system. These biomolecules include proteins, peptides, and metabolites, among others. Proteins are encoded for in our genes and play a wide variety of roles in the cells, such as structural support and transport and storage. Peptides are often signaling molecules throughout our body (insulin, for example), but can have other roles, such as defense. Metabolites are produced by proteins and also have a wide variety of biological roles, including energy, defense, structure, and signaling. My research primarily focuses on studying the metabolite and peptide content in plant tissue via mass spectrometry, including developing methods to more effectively analyze these molecules.

MS measures the mass to charge ratio ( $m/z$ ) of a charged molecule (either a positively or negatively charged ion). Ions are created when uncharged molecules either lose electrons, which are negatively charged particles, creating a net positive electrical charge, or gain electrons, creating a net negative electrical charge. The general set-up of a mass spectrometer is (1) ion source (2) mass analyzer and (3) detector (**Figure 2**). The ion source creates charged molecules in the gaseous phase, allowing ions to enter the mass spectrometer. The ion source is important because uncharged ions are not able to travel through various parts of the mass spectrometer. In the mass analyzer, the ions are separated based upon their mass to charge ratio ( $m/z$ ). Thus, a molecule with +1 charge will have an  $m/z$  twice as large as a molecule of the same mass but with a +2 charge. The detector monitors the ions as they are separated by the mass analyzer and sends signals produced by the ions hitting the detector to a computer to create a mass spectrum. The mass spectrum plots intensity (y axis) for all the  $m/z$  (x axis). An example mass spectrum is shown in **Figure 2**.



**Figure 2.** Basic diagram depicting the set-up of a mass spectrometer.

The basic workflow for analyzing the molecular content of a tissue involves homogenizing the tissue, *i.e.* making the sample uniform in nature, and extracting molecules from the tissue into an appropriate solvent. However, during the homogenization procedure, the spatial information of where the molecule was located in the tissue is lost. Mass spectrometry imaging (MSI) analyzes tissue sections directly in order to preserve the spatial locations of the molecules within the tissue. Although there are multiple different ionization techniques (*i.e.* different ion sources for creating ions from the tissue sections), my research utilizes a specific ionization technique utilizing a laser to selectively ionize specific locations of the sample at a time. The general workflow for MSI is shown in **Figure 3**. The sample is sliced into thin sections (16  $\mu\text{m}$ , about  $\frac{1}{4}$  the width of a human hair) and a small molecule, called the matrix, is applied uniformly across the tissue section to aid in ionization. After inserting the sample into the instrument, a box is drawn around the area to be imaged and the box divided into pixels. To acquire the image, a laser is fired at each pixel across the matrix covered tissue section. This generates a mass spectrum at each pixel. After acquisition, software is used to extract the ion intensity of specific  $m/z$  from each mass spectrum to create a heatmap for the  $m/z$  across the tissue section. Different distributions can be observed for different  $m/z$  (**Figure 3**). In this way, hundreds of different molecules can be imaged in a single run. First, I will discuss my efforts to improve MSI methods to study symbiosis in the plant *Medicago*, then I will discuss the application of developed methods to study the plant's response to stress.

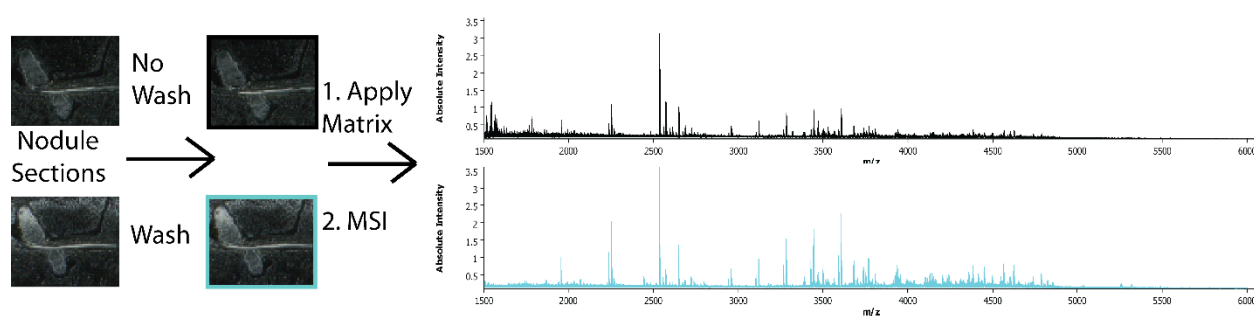


**Figure 3. Typical workflow for MSI on *Medicago* root nodules.**

### **Experimental Results- Developing a MSI Method to Study Peptides in *Medicago truncatula* Rhizobia Symbiosis**

My research uses mass spectrometry to not only study symbiotic relationships, but also to develop and improve methods that increase our ability to study symbiotic relationships. Previously, our lab developed a MSI method to image metabolites in the root nodules of *Medicago*.<sup>11</sup> Since then, MSI of plant metabolites has become increasingly more prevalent. Peptides, however, are much less frequently studied by MSI despite their importance in plants. Signaling peptides, in particular have important roles in communication within the plant, but they are difficult to investigate with MSI due to the fact that they are present at very low concentrations. The various roles of signalling peptides in plants include growth, development, and symbiosis.<sup>12</sup> Thus, I set out to develop a MSI method to image signalling peptides in *Medicago* root nodules, specifically focusing on a class of peptides that are critical for proper formation of root nodules

capable of performing biological nitrogen fixation. To accomplish this, I altered the sample preparation workflow in **Figure 3**. Traditionally, metabolite MSI sample preparation involves sectioning the tissue section and then matrix application. I added a washing step in between the sectioning step and the matrix application step in the MSI workflow (**Figure 4**). By washing tissue sections with organic solvents (ethanol, chloroform, for example), interfering molecules are removed. Removing these species increases our ability to detect peptides. **Figure 4** shows the increased signal of larger peptides after washing.



**Figure 4.** Optimization of MALDI-MSI for detection of larger endogenous peptides in plants.

### Experimental Results: Studying *Medicago truncatula* Rhizobia Symbiosis in Salt Stress

Although basic understanding of symbiotic relationships is important, additional knowledge of what occurs when these relationships are disturbed is highly relevant as well. Stressors can cause harm to either or both organisms present in symbiotic relationships. One example of an environmental stressor is soil salinity. For example, in *Medicago*, high levels of salt in the soil has major effects on the root nodules, despite the relatively minor effects of salt stress on other aspects of plant growth. Due to the importance of biological nitrogen fixation in the root nodules, it is important to understand why salt has such a relatively large impact on root nodules.

To study salt stress, I utilized a MSI method based upon a new ionization source to study the metabolites in root nodules. The source used here to study salt stress allows for easier and

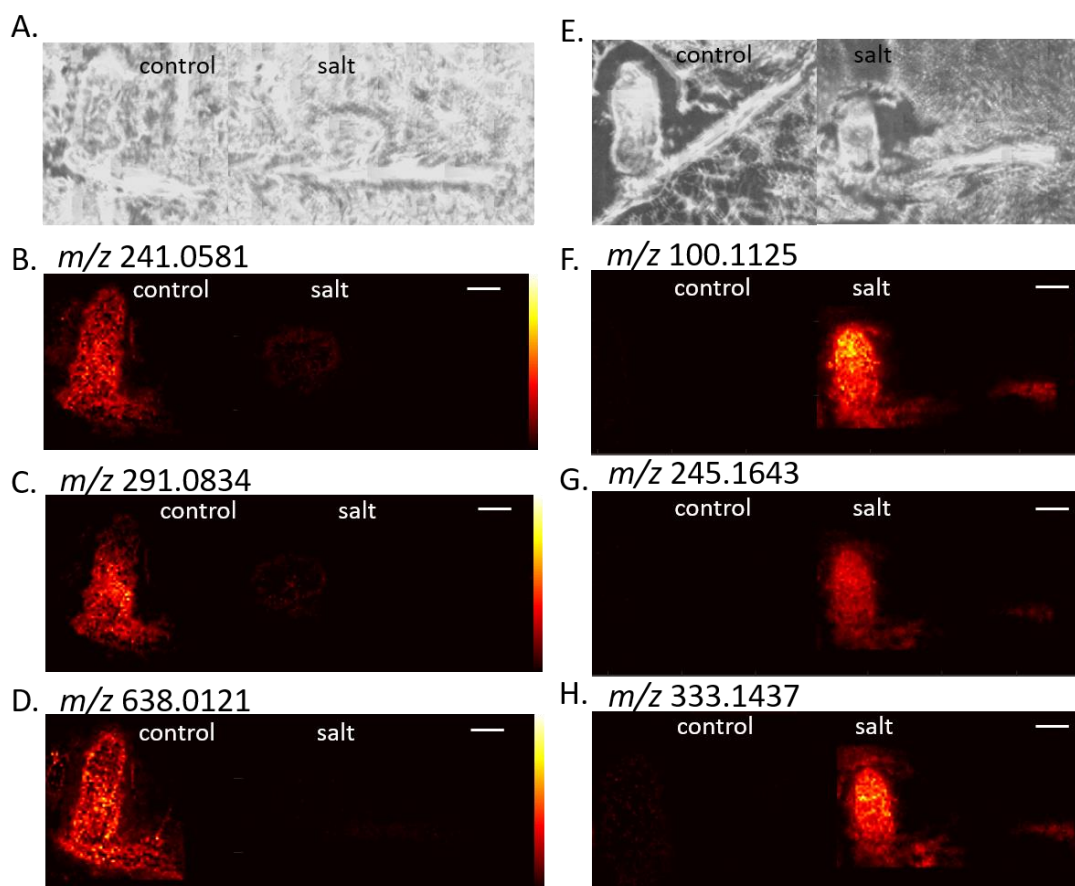
faster insertion of the sample into the instrument. The employed source also allows for higher spatial resolution (decreased pixel size) due to the smaller laser diameter. Higher spatial resolution allows for better resolution of smaller features in the tissue, in a similar way that higher resolution cameras better resolve images.

The developed method was applied to study the metabolites present at high salt and low salt conditions. **Figure 5** shows example MSI results for small molecule changes due to salt stress in *Medicago*. Each image in **Figure 5** shows control (low salt) nodules on the left side and high salt (salt) nodules on the right side. **Figure 5 (A,E)** provide the picture of the root nodule sections (optical image) prior to MSI analysis. The MSI images are shown on a hot intensity scale, which goes from black to red to yellow. Thus, the area on the tissue with the highest amount of the molecule will be shown in yellow. Example  $m/z$  whose distribution shows a higher amount in control root nodules **Figure 5 (B-D)** and salt root nodules **Figure 5 (F-H)** are shown. This analysis reveals which molecules are being altered in salt stress, providing insights into how the plant adapts to the stress.

## Conclusions and Future Directions

I have discussed my research focusing on determining molecular distribution changes in *Medicago* by using MSI to image  $m/z$  in the plant. On the one hand, I have developed a MALDI-MSI method to investigate higher molecular weight peptides in *Medicago* root nodules and developed an MSI method to study metabolites in the *Medicago* root nodules. However, I have also applied developed methods to study small molecule changes due salt stress in the root nodules. In the future, my method to study peptides in the root nodule, could be applied to better understand the role of peptides in root nodules by comparing wild-type root nodules to root nodules from a

non-functional mutant version of *Medicago*. Comparing peptides observed in functional and non-functional nodules could determine peptides that are critical for forming nodules capable of biological nitrogen fixation. This would improve understanding of the needed molecule components for formation of legume-rhizobia symbiosis.



**Figure 5.** Example MALDI-MSI images for  $m/z$  changing during salt stress. (A,E) are the optical images and (B-D) are  $m/z$  higher in control nodules, while (F-H) are  $m/z$  higher in salt nodules. The white scale bar indicated 1 mm.

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# Appendix 1

## **MALDI Mass Spectrometry Imaging of Peptides in *Medicago truncatula* Root Nodules**

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## Abstract

Mass spectrometry imaging (MSI) is routinely used to visualize the distributions of biomolecules in tissue sections. In plants, MSI of metabolites is commonly observed, but the imaging of larger molecules is less frequently performed despite the importance of proteins and endogenous peptides to the plant. Here, we describe a matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionization (MALDI) MSI method for the imaging of peptides in *Medicago truncatula* root nodules. Sample preparation steps, including embedding in gelatin, sectioning, and matrix application are described. The method described is employed to determine the spatial distribution of hundreds of peptide peaks.

## Introduction

Matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionization mass spectrometry imaging (MALDI-MSI) is a powerful tool to visualize the spatial distribution of molecules in a tissue.<sup>1</sup> In MALDI-MSI, a laser is fired at discrete positions, or pixels, across a matrix-covered tissue. At each pixel, a mass spectrum is collected. Once the instrument collects mass spectra at all of the pixels, software programs extract the ion intensity for a particular  $m/z$  across all pixels to create an image, or heatmap, for that  $m/z$ . In this way, hundreds of images can be generated from a single instrument run. To prepare a sample for analysis, the general sample preparation steps are flash freezing and embedding, sectioning, and applying a suitable matrix. Sample preparation is a critical step to preserve the sample and to achieve good signal of the chosen analytes.<sup>2,3</sup> For example, the matrix coating, which assists in ionizing analyte molecules in the tissue section, can influence the type of analytes in a sample that will ionize and the spatial resolution of the imaging experiment. MALDI-MSI has been applied to many different analyte types, including metabolites,<sup>4,5</sup> neuropeptides,<sup>6</sup>

and proteins<sup>7</sup> in many different organisms. However, applications of the technique to plants have focused on small molecules,<sup>8</sup> with only a few focusing on larger molecules.<sup>9-12</sup>

Here, we provide a detailed protocol focusing on applying MALDI-MSI to investigate peptides present in the root nodules of *Medicago truncatula* (Medicago).<sup>9</sup> Medicago forms specialized organs, called root nodules, on its roots as a result of a symbiotic relationship with rhizobia bacteria for biological nitrogen fixation. Plant peptides are involved in the formation of the nodule on the roots of the plant, as well as in plant growth and development.<sup>13, 14</sup> For example, nodule-specific cysteine-rich peptides are involved in the differentiation of bacteria into bacteroids in the root nodules,<sup>15</sup> and CLAVATA3/embryo-surrounding region (CLE) peptides are involved in autoregulation of nodulation.<sup>16, 17</sup> Thus, the protocol here aims to provide a method that can be used to determine the spatial distribution of plant peptides via MALDI-MSI to further our understanding about these important biomolecules.

## **Materials**

### Embedding Nodules

1. Plant material: *Medicago truncatula* plants inoculated with *Sinorhizobium meliloti* (Rm1021)
2. Embedding Media: 100 mg/mL gelatin
3. Plastic embedding containers suitable for storage in the -80°C
4. Dry ice

### MALDI-MSI Sample Preparation

1. Optimal cutting temperature (OCT) compound
2. 25 x 75 mm glass slides
3. 50% Methanol: HPLC-grade methanol, MilliQ water (50:50 v:v)

4. 50% Methanol 0.1% FA: HPLC-grade methanol, MilliQ water (50:50 v:v), 0.1% formic acid (FA)
5. DHB matrix solution: 40 mg/mL 2,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid (DHB) in 50% methanol 0.1% FA. Sonicate the matrix until completely dissolved.
6. 50% Acetonitrile: HPLC-grade acetonitrile, MilliQ water (50:50 v:v)
7. 50% Acetonitrile 0.1% FA: HPLC-grade acetonitrile, MilliQ water (50:50 v:v), 0.1% formic acid
8. CHCA matrix solution: 5 mg/mL  $\alpha$ -cyano-4-hydroxycinnamic acid (CHCA) in 50% acetonitrile 0.1% FA. Sonicate the matrix until completely dissolved.
9. SA matrix solution: 5 mg/mL sinapic acid (SA) in 50% acetonitrile 0.1% FA. Sonicate the matrix to completely dissolve it.

## Methods

Sample preparation for MALDI-MSI is a critical step to obtain the best results during the MALDI-MSI analysis. Sample preparation steps, such as sample preservation, washing, matrix choice, and matrix application method will all influence the sample analysis. Here, we describe sample preparation steps for flash freezing the nodules and embedding in gelatin, followed by matrix application with a TM Sprayer automatic sprayer system (HTX Technologies). The sample is analyzed on the MALDI LTQ Orbitrap XL (Thermo Scientific) equipped with a nitrogen laser, and data analysis is performed in ImageQuest (Thermo Scientific) and MSiReader.<sup>18</sup> **Figure 1** demonstrates the sample workflow for MALDI-MSI of Medicago root nodules.

### Embedding Nodules

1. Trim nodules from the plant with about 2-4 mm of surrounding roots (see note 1).

2. Place nodule in a plastic cup or similar holding container of appropriate size for your sample (for example a 5 mm x 5 mm x 5 mm square plastic cup for very small samples) with a drop of 100 mg/mL gelatin (see note 2).
3. Place on dry ice and wait for nodule and gelatin to freeze. The gelatin will turn white when frozen.
4. Once the nodule is frozen, fill the embedding container with 100 mg/mL gelatin. Wait for the entire embedding container with gelatin to freeze. Once the gelatin is completely white, the nodule can be stored at -80°C (see note 3) prior to MSI analysis.

#### MALDI-MSI Sample Preparation

1. Take the embedded nodule and trim sample to rectangle with a couple mm of gelatin surrounding the sample on all sides. Do this quickly to minimize the time the sample is at room temperature.
2. Attach sample to a cryostat chuck with a drop of OCT compound (see note 4).
3. Allow sample on the chuck to equilibrate in the cryostat at -20°C for 15 minutes.
4. Align the sample so that the cryostat is cutting sections evenly across the root and root nodule. This can be done by taking about five sections and adjusting the chuck if part of the sample is being missed. For plant root nodules, our lab typically uses 16  $\mu\text{m}$ , but other section thicknesses between 8-35  $\mu\text{m}$ ,<sup>19</sup> can be used.
5. Once the center of the nodule (or other desired depth) is reached, thaw mount sections onto a glass slide by warming the back of the slide against your hand and then placing the front of the slide gently onto the tissue section.
6. Continue until desired number of sections across the z stack of the root nodule are obtained.

7. Keep the sections in a dry environment (i.e. dry box) while preparing the TM Sprayer for matrix application (see note 5).
8. Turn nitrogen gas on TM Sprayer to 10 psi, and the solvent pump to 0.25 mL/min. The solvent for the pump should match what the matrix is dissolved in (without the FA), so for DHB this would be 50% methanol and for CHCA this would be 50% acetonitrile. Turn on the TM Sprayer and laptop (see note 6).
9. Set the temperature on the software to the appropriate temperature for the desired solvent and TM Sprayer system (see note 7). As a starting point, 80°C is the appropriate temperature for 50% methanol.
10. Load the dissolved matrix (i.e. DHB, CHCA, SA see note 8) into the sample loop with the knob in the load position.
11. Load the TM Sprayer method and manually change gas pressure and flow rate if method differs from the initial parameters of 10 psi and 0.25 mL/min. The TM Sprayer has recommended methods for specific matrices and analyte types, although method parameters may need to be optimized for a specific application. For DHB imaging of peptides, method parameters typically used are 1250 velocity, 0.1 mL/min, 12 passes, 30s dry time, rotate and offset (cc pattern), 10 psi, 80°C. For imaging of peptides using CHCA and SA as matrices, method parameters to start from are 1100 velocity, 0.2 mL/min, 8 passes, 30 s dry time, rotate and offset (cc pattern), 10 psi, 85°C (see note 9).
12. Once the TM Sprayer has reached the appropriate temperature, add slides containing sample to the sample holder. Secure slides in place as necessary to prevent movement during matrix application.

13. Switch the sample loop knob to the spray position. Once matrix is coming out of the nozzle, start the TM Sprayer program.
14. After the matrix application is finished, cool down the system while flushing with the solvent the matrix is dissolved in (for DHB, this would be 50% methanol) at 0.25 mL/min. Rinse the sample loop 3 times with solvent and toggle the knob. Once the system is below 50°C, the system can be turned off.
15. Store the sample in a dry box at -20°C if running on the instrument the following day.

#### MSI data acquisition on the MALDI LTQ Orbitrap XL

1. Place glass slide(s) with sample into the slide adapter. If importing the image of the glass slide, scan the slide in the adapter with a scanner. Then add the backing plate and insert the plate into the instrument. Alternatively, the slide can be scanned after inserting the plate into the instrument with the camera in the instrument (see note 10).
2. Open the plate image in the MALDI source dialog box in the Tune software. Zoom in as necessary to see sample, depending on sample size. Draw boxes around the areas to be imaged (see note 11). Save this as a MALDI position file. For MS1 imaging, using a rectangle box and raster motion works best. Also set the desired spatial step size (75  $\mu\text{m}$  is the smallest raster size without oversampling).
3. In Xcalibur, set up the sequence by adding the file name, path location, instrument method, and MALDI position file. The instrument method contains parameters controlling the mass resolution, mass range, and centroid/profile data. The instrument method also requires a tune file, which controls the laser energy and the microscans (microscans/step is controlled in the instrument file). The microscans and microscans/step should match to ensure that one pixel is one mass spectrum in the data file.



4. Check the laser energy by shooting the laser on a matrix only area that is not being imaged and checking the signal level. You can adjust the laser energy in your tune file as necessary to get the optimal signal.
5. Start the sequence.

### Data Processing

1. Once the data is collected, the data can be viewed in ImageQuest, or exported to another software program. To visualize the data in ImageQuest, use the average spectra within a selected area tool to view an average spectrum of a certain area of the sample. In the bottom window of ImageQuest, there should be a spectrum from the sample. **Figure 2** shows example spectra averaged over the nodules for peptide imaging results with DHB, CHCA, and SA matrices.
2. Look through the peaks in the collected spectrum, zooming in as appropriate, and when one wants to visualize the distribution of a certain peak in the tissue, select add new data set. Select the single dataset option with plot type Mass Range/TIC. Use the  $m/z$  for the mass range and select the desired tolerance window (i.e. 5 ppm). Repeat as necessary to visualize the  $m/z$  in the sample. Under the 2D tab, there are other color bar options as well as smoothing options.
3. To view in MSiReader <sup>18</sup>, export the data in ImageQuest into an imzML format, keeping the data in profile.
4. Load the imzML file into MSiReader and select the desired mass tolerance, image smoothing, and color bar parameters. Insert a  $m/z$  that is localized across the sample to visualize the sample (one can find a good  $m/z$  for this in ImageQuest). Normalize to the total ion count (TIC). To pull out  $m/z$  unique to the sample, use the polygon tool to create interrogated and reference

zones. Outline around the sample to create an interrogated zone, then create a matrix only region for the reference zone.

5. Use the extract peaks unique to the interrogated zone tool to create a list of  $m/z$  present in the image. One will need to set percentage numbers for the threshold a  $m/z$  needs to be above in the interrogated zone and the threshold a  $m/z$  needs to be below in the reference zone to be added to the list. Also set the algorithm for peak centroid calculation (typically parabolic centroid works well).
6. Once the list has been created, use the generate an image for each peak in a list tool to create images for all the  $m/z$ . Manually go through the images and remove any bad images (i.e. images that have signal in the matrix as well as the sample or do not appear to have any signal anywhere). **Figure 3** shows example MALDI-MSI images generated from peptide imaging of root nodules with either DHB or CHCA as the matrix. Different distributions across the root and root nodules are observed.

## Notes

1. For best results, select nodules that are red in color and elongated rod in shape rather than round. These are the nodules in which the symbiosis is well developed.
2. To make the sectioning process easier, ensure that the nodule is as flat as possible with the root in line with the nodule. This will help to get both the root and the nodule in the same plane when sectioning.
3. If the nodule is not completely frozen when covered in gelatin, it will not stick to the bottom of the cup and instead will float up to the middle or top of the cup. This makes the nodule harder to find and may result in the positioning of the nodule being lost. After adding the

gelatin, the cup should be kept level while waiting for the rest of the gelatin to freeze. If the gelatin freezes at an angle, it will be harder to level the nodule while sectioning to get both the root and root nodule in a single section. Avoid air bubbles close to the nodule when adding the gelatin, as this also will make the nodules harder to section.

4. OCT compound is a polymeric species and will suppress analyte signal if it comes into contact with the sample. Thus, care should be taken to ensure that the compound does not come into contact with the sample or with the blade or stage of the cryostat.
5. After sectioning and before matrix application, washing steps to remove highly abundant lipid species can increase signal intensity and observed protein peaks.<sup>20</sup> For protein imaging, ethanol washes and potentially a Carnoy wash are typically used to remove the lipid species that can suppress protein signal. For endogenous peptide imaging, washes may (or may not) remove the target peptides, depending on the chemical properties of the peptides. Thus, care should be taken when using washing techniques with peptides to ensure that they are not being removed in the washing steps.
6. Here the TM Sprayer is used to apply the matrix to evenly across the sample. It is important that the matrix is applied in a homogenous manner at all points on the tissue so that matrix inhomogeneity does not skew the results. A matrix application method should be reproducible run-to-run to ensure that results remain consistent. Other automatic sprayers can be used (i.e. home-build or the Bruker ImagePrep). Other matrix application techniques include the airbrush and sublimation.<sup>21</sup> Airbrush application can be achieved easily with minimal expense, however, user-to-user variation can be high and reproducibility can be a challenge. Sublimation provides very small crystal size and good imaging results for metabolomics

studies, but due to the dry application, the method requires further re-crystallization steps for analysis of larger molecules (i.e. peptides and proteins).<sup>22</sup>

7. The temperature of the TM Sprayer should be about 5°C below the temperature at which the “puffing” sound starts. This sound indicates that the matrix is not being sprayed in a consistent manner. If run at a temperature when the solvent is “puffing” the matrix will not cover the sample homogeneously, which will negatively affect results.
8. There are many different matrices to choose from. DHB and CHCA are both common matrices and can be used for a variety of analytes. Other matrices may be used primarily for larger peptides and proteins (i.e. SA) or primarily for negative mode (i.e. 9-aminoacrilamide). Matrices other than DHB and CHCA may work well depending on your desired analyte.
9. If this method is too wet, you can cut the flow rate in half and double the number of passes to achieve the same matrix density, but with a drier spray.
10. The preferred scanning method depends on the sample and time considerations. For the nodules, scanning in with the camera on the instrument provides good alignment and image quality, but this takes 25 minutes per slide. For larger tissues, the scanner separate from the instrument works well and saves time.
11. To check the alignment of the image to the slide in the instrument you can click a point on the image and check the cursor position on the camera box on the tune page to see where the actual position is. It can also be helpful to check the outside of the boxes to ensure the sample is not being cut-off.

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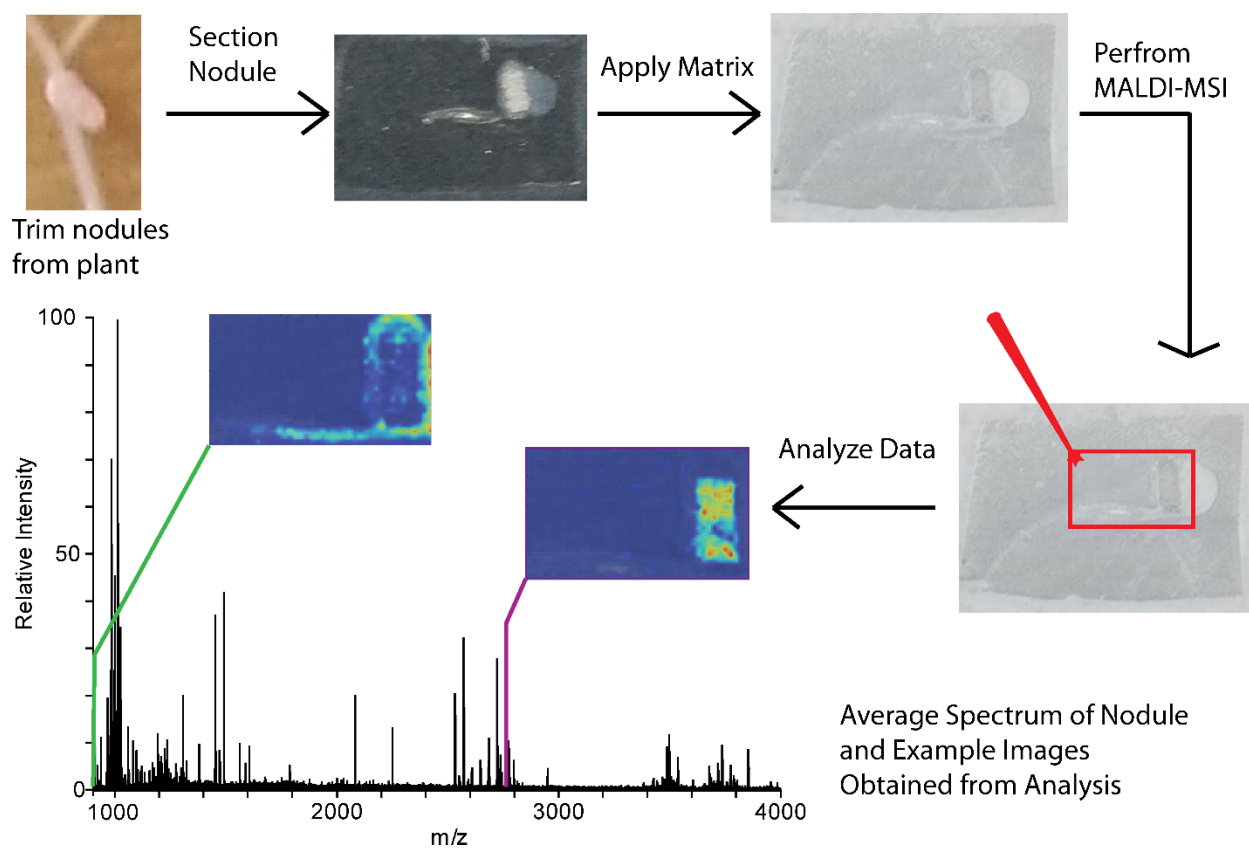
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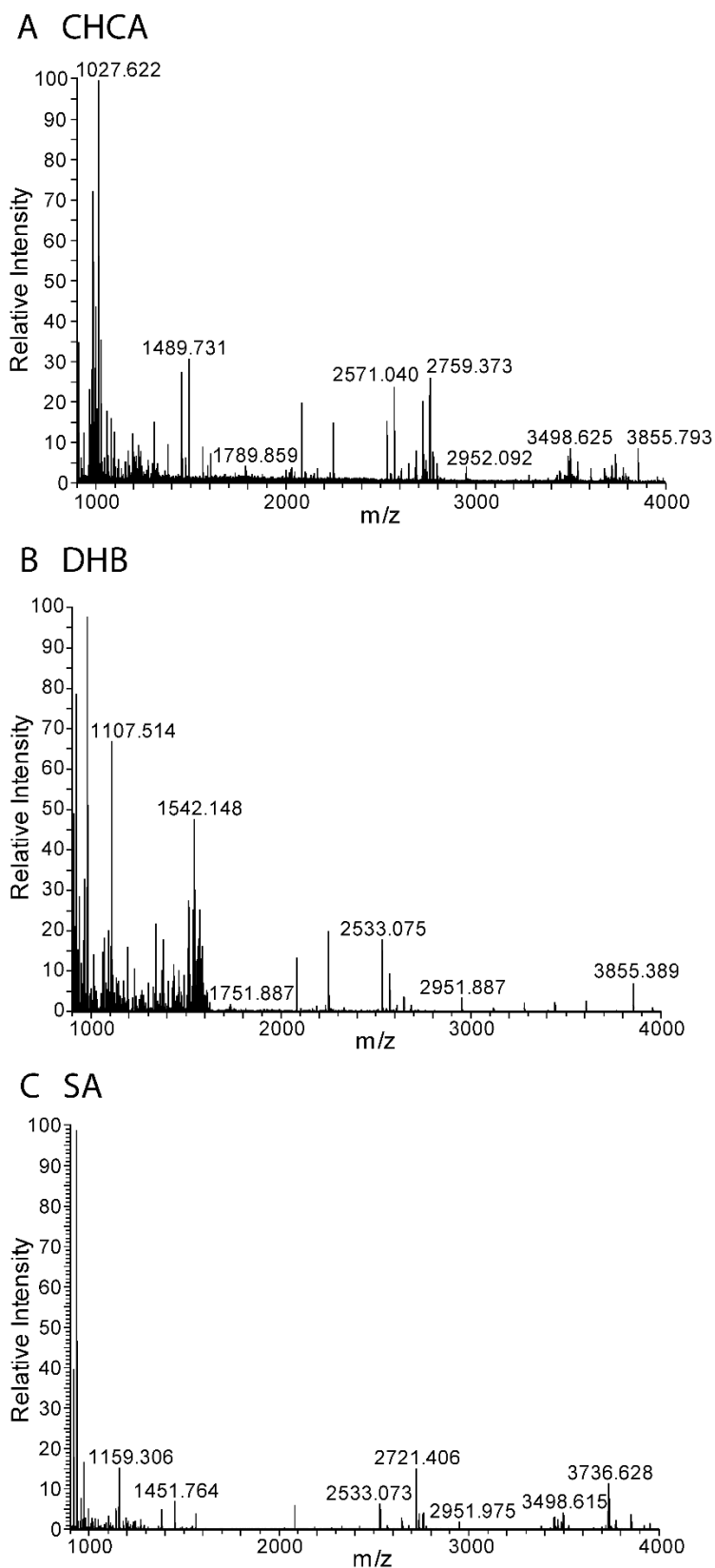
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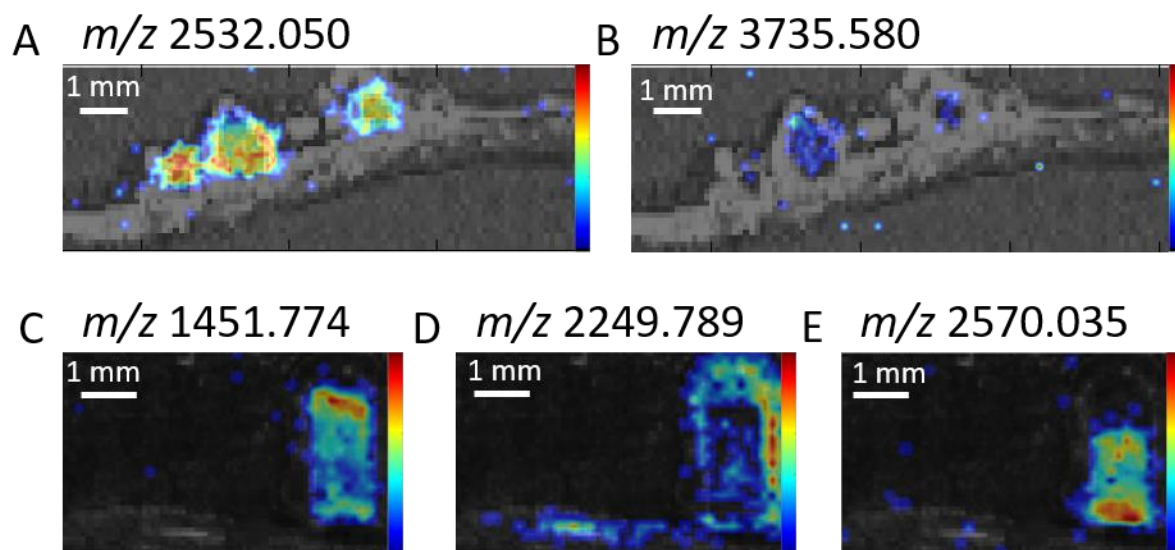
**Figures**

**Figure 1.** MALDI-MSI scheme showing the sample preparation, instrument analysis, and data analysis steps for a typical experiment.





**Figure 2.** Example spectra average over the entire root nodules for MALDI-MSI on the root nodules with different matrices. The matrices are CHCA (A), DHB (B), SA (C).



**Figure 3.** MALDI-MSI images of peptides with either DHB (**A**, **B**) or CHCA (**C**, **D**, **E**) as the matrix. The images are generated at  $\pm 5$  ppm.

# Appendix II

## Strategies for Metabolite Identification in Liquid Chromatograph-Mass Spectrometry

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## Abstract

Metabolite identification is a challenging and time-consuming process in the metabolomics field. However, new software is constantly being developed to aid in the identification process. *In silico* fragmentation tools can be applied to a wide variety of molecules. Additionally, mass spectral databases are continually being expanded to include data on a greater variety of molecules, increasing the chances of identifying one's unknown molecule within the database. Here, I will discuss the small molecule identification strategies that are commonly used to identify unknowns in my metabolomics projects.

## Introduction

Small molecules have a variety of functions, including metabolites with roles in signaling, defense, and other biological processes and also natural products produced by bacteria and plants with potential medicinal purposes.<sup>1-4</sup> The important roles of small molecules make them highly studied. Mass spectrometry (MS) is a useful technique to profile small molecules as it has lower sample requirements and higher sensitivity and specificity compared to other techniques, such as nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy.<sup>5</sup> Liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry (LC-MS) allows for the profiling of hundreds to thousands of small molecule features in a sample extract, due to the assistance of chromatographic separation to help simplify complex systems. Consequently, LC-MS and LC-MS/MS have been used to profile small molecules in a wide variety of samples, including different types of bacteria, plants, and animals.<sup>6, 7</sup> LC-MS is also used for relative quantification of metabolites between different conditions and for absolute quantification of certain metabolite(s) in a sample.<sup>8</sup> A major limitation of LC-MS studies, however, is the identification process. Fragmentation patterns from tandem MS (MS/MS) data is necessary to

confidently identify metabolites from LC-MS data. As the small molecule ultimately needs to be confirmed by retention time and fragmentation matching of the experimental data to a pure standard for best identification confidence, small molecule identification is time-consuming in any metabolomics study. Here, various identification strategies for metabolomics studies with LC-MS are demanding and will be discussed.

**Figure 1** provides an overview of metabolite identification and an example workflow that I typically use for my research. From the raw data, the  $m/z$  and charge, or molecular weight, from data analysis software, and the MS/MS spectra can be obtained. Initially, searches against various databases to obtain a list of a few to potentially hundreds of compounds that match to the measured molecular weight. The MS/MS spectrum is used to narrow down the list of potential candidates to one, or a few, best matches. Typically, spectral databases and *in silico* fragmentation are used to analyze the MS/MS data. Once the MS/MS spectrum has been putatively annotated, the standard is obtained for the putative annotation, and the MS/MS spectrum and the retention time of the standard are compared to the experimental data to confirm identification.

The Metabolomics Standard Initiative has proposed a series of four levels for identification of metabolites via LC-MS/MS.<sup>9</sup> Level four is for unknown compounds, meaning the  $m/z$  is unidentified and unclassified. Level 3 describes putatively characterized to compound classes, meaning that a certain class of compound is identified by the data. Level 2 is for putatively annotated compounds, where publicly available or commercial databases are used to match experimental MS/MS spectra to database MS/MS spectra of metabolites. Level 1 is given to identified compounds. To be confidently identified, the criteria dictates that 2 orthogonal methods are used to compare data from the authentic standards analyzed under the exact experimental conditions as how the experimental data were generated for unknown compounds. Thus, while

spectra matching or *in silico* fragmentation can putatively identify (or annotate) experimental  $m/z$ , confident identification should be made with an obtained standard with, for example, retention time matching and MS/MS spectral matching as the two orthogonal methods.

### Exact Mass Searches

Initially, experimental  $m/z$  of interest can be searched against a variety of databases to acquire a list of potential compounds whose mass matches to the experimental  $m/z$  within the set tolerance. The tolerance window for this MS1 searching is dictated by the instrument accuracy. For example, Orbitrap instruments can typically have mass accuracy below 5 ppm, so searches can be done  $\pm$  5 ppm. The wider the search window, the longer the list of compounds that match to the experimental  $m/z$  will be. Consequently, a high-resolution accurate mass (HRAM) instrument is very beneficial for identification purposes. The available databases for accurate mass matching vary in scope and size. Databases such as the Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes (KEGG) compound database<sup>10, 11</sup> and Chemical Entities of Biological Interest (ChEBI) database<sup>12</sup> focus on biological small molecules across many species, while the human metabolome database (HMDB)<sup>13</sup> focuses solely on human small molecule metabolites. The ChemSpider database is a chemical structure database of 67 million structures, and is not limited to biological small molecules, meaning it will also include synthetic compounds and inorganic compounds.<sup>14</sup> The PubChem chemical database is an open chemistry database, where scientists can submit a variety of chemical substances and any corresponding data for others to use.<sup>15</sup> While the comprehensive databases include significantly more compound options for identification, many of these may not make sense to identify unknowns in a biological system, leading to false matches. The smaller biologically focused databases have more relevant compound to match to, but one may miss unique

compounds (*i.e* previously unidentified in a biological system). If a specific class of molecules are of interest, databases exist that focus only on that small subset. For example, there are many databases focusing on lipids, such as Lipid Maps and LipidBlast, among others. There are also natural product databases, such as Global Natural Products Social Molecular Networking (GNPS)<sup>16</sup> and Antibase. Databases can also be custom-built by a user to fit their special purposes. Selecting the database or databases to search is an important step of metabolite identification as it influences the molecules that can potentially be identified. Selecting a very large database can result in hundreds of molecules that match up to one  $m/z$ , which is then very hard to narrow down. However, too small of a database can result in missed identification or even incorrect identification. For example, the HMDB database would not be the best option to search against for identifying bacteria metabolites.

## **Tandem MS**

Fragmentation information from experimentally obtained MS/MS spectra is used to refine the list of tens to hundreds of potential matches obtained from an accurate mass search of the  $m/z$ . To acquire MS/MS data with CID and HCD fragmentation, the  $m/z$  of interest are isolated, fragmented by collision with an inert gas, and the fragments detected in a mass analyzer. The MS/MS spectra can then be compared to database MSMS spectra of standard compounds, to *in silico* fragmentation, where fragmentation patterns for molecular are predicted, or to MS/MS spectra for pure standards of the molecules. In the next sections, method to narrow down the list of potential compounds to one (or a couple) potential identifications is described. Afterwards, pure standards can be obtained to confirm the putative annotation.

## Tandem MS Databases

Mass spectra databases contain thousands to hundreds of thousands of MS/MS for standards compounds. Many databases exist for both LC-MS/MS and GC-MS analysis; however, the number of compounds with experimentally obtained MS/MS spectra can vary greatly among databases. Some of the previously mentioned databases for accurate mass searching, such as the HMDB database, also contain MS/MS information as well. Other mass spectral databases are only available commercially (NIST). More information on various LC-MS databases with spectral matching capabilities can be found in the literature.<sup>17</sup> Here, I will highlight three spectral databases that I have used in my research.

### Metlin

The Metlin MS/MS metabolite database<sup>18</sup> started in 2003 and has grown to include over 300,000 molecular standards with MS/MS spectra and approximately 1 million total small molecules. *In silico* spectra are provided for many of the molecules without experimental MS/MS spectra. Metlin allows for simple searching, batch search of numerous  $m/z$  values, MS/MS spectra match searching, and fragment similarity searching, among other functionalities.<sup>18</sup> Multiple adducts in both positive and negative ion mode can be searched against. In batch searching mode, compounds matching to the  $m/z$  (or neutral weight if molecular weights from Compound Discoverer are used instead of  $m/z$ ) are returned with whether or not MS/MS is present for that molecule. If MS/MS is present, the spectra can be viewed and compared to experimental spectra manually. One pitfall is that not all spectra provided in the batch searching are experimentally obtained, many are *in silico* predicted spectra, which are less reliable than experimentally obtained spectra. The experimental spectra in the Metlin database are acquired on various time of flight (ToF) mass spectrometers, and therefore may be slightly different to spectra obtained from other



mass analyzers. As the online formatting doesn't make it convenient for inserting into excel or another program for storage of one's results, manual inspection is slightly time-consuming. However, automatic searching of the Metlin database is available through XCMS software, along with other features.<sup>19</sup>

### mzCloud

MzCloud (HighChem LLC, Slovakia) is a high-resolution spectral database of small molecule MS/MS obtained from orbitrap mass analyzers. The database includes 4,444,777 spectra from 16,750 compounds as of 3/21/19 and is constantly growing. Additionally, spectra trees are present for many molecules, showing MS<sup>n</sup> spectra (*ie.* MS<sup>2</sup>, MS<sup>3</sup> or MS<sup>4</sup> spectra). Spectra are usually present for both CID and HCD ionization types under positive and/or negative modes at a wide variety of collision energies. For example, Metlin usually provides spectra at collision energies of 10, 20, and 40, whereas mzCloud may have spectra from collision energies 10-100 at 10 CE intervals. MzCloud has a wide range of molecular classes, ranging from endogenous metabolites to natural products/medicines to extractables and leachables. Spectra are contributed from various laboratories and are curated to ensure optimal quality. Raw data was filtered and recalibrated, and the filtered, recalibrated spectra are searchable. The use of HCD fragmentation is very useful for comparison to data obtained in the Li lab, which is usually obtained with HCD fragmentation. However, the mzCloud database is smaller than other databases, especially for endogenous metabolites.

In Compound Discoverer, batch searching of MS/MS information in one's LC-MS/MS data can be performed. Their scoring system provides the top scoring compound with its score. Usually compounds with scores above 85-90 (out of 100) are good matches. Care should be taken to look in the secondary mzCloud table to examine the second-best match. If two or more

compounds have similar MS/MS spectra, they will be very close in score, and may only be separated in score by 0.1. Even though mzCloud may call the compound that is 0.1 higher than the second identified, the identification of the first ranking compound is not confident in this case. In this case, it would be best to obtain the standards of the top two compounds to differentiate the two and decide which is the best match based on retention time or another orthogonal parameter.

### MassBank of North America

The MassBank of North America (MoNA) mass spectral database is a public repository database for MS/MS of standards.<sup>20</sup> It auto-curates submissions and is designed to be a collaborative, centralized, platform for metabolites mass spectra. There are 77,296 unique compounds across the MoNA database as of (3/21/19). The databases (MoNA, LipidBlast, among others) are available to download from the Fiehn lab and can be used in conjunction with the mzDial software (also created from the Fiehn lab) for automatic search and score of one's experimental data to the database. There are 87,758 LC-MS/MS spectra, 60,555 of which are in positive mode and 27,185 of which are negative mode as of (3/21/19). Submitted spectra can be collected with a variety of mass analyzers and collision energies, which may affect comparison results when comparing one's own experimental spectra from a different instrument platform. The Fiehn lab has also recently added a HILIC library for LC-MS containing over 1000 standards with retention time and MS/MS information.

### **In Silico Fragmentation**

As mass spectral databases do not currently cover all potential metabolites (let alone all potential small molecules), other strategies to identify small molecules are necessary. One strategy is to use fragment similarity matching to gain insight into potential functional classes or potential

structures present in the unknown molecule by matching experimental fragmentation patterns to similar fragmentation patterns observed in MS/MS spectra of known standards.<sup>21</sup> This spectra similarity matching is available with both the Metlin database (available online) and mzCloud database (through Compound Discoverer software) and is useful in situations where the experimental data fail to provide any direct matches to compounds in the database. Another strategy is to use *in silico* fragmentation, where fragmentation is predicted for molecules of interest, and then experimental spectra is compared to *in silico* predicted fragments. Multiple software platforms have been created for this task, including MetFrag,<sup>22</sup> CFM-ID,<sup>23</sup> and MSFinder.<sup>24, 25</sup> Different software will use different algorithms and may provide slightly different results. It should also be noted that the success rate of *in silico* prediction tools varies. As shown in **Figure 1**, not all fragments observed in the spectra will be explained by the *in silico* fragmentation, even in cases where the identification is correct. Most of the time, the correct hit can be observed in the top hits, but not always as the first, or best match to the data. This is demonstrated in the Critical Assessment of Small Molecule Identification (CASMI) contest, in which groups compete to identify multiple different MS/MS spectra using automatic methods, such as *in silico* fragmentation. In the 2016 results, the correct compound was in the top 10 rankings for the identification system applied about 50% of the time.<sup>26</sup> Consequently, user verification and manual inspection of all the top hits is necessary for *in silico* annotation. Good putative annotations describe almost all of the experimental fragments. The good putative annotations can then be verified by comparison to an authentic standard.

## Conclusions

Although metabolite identification and annotation have become bottleneck steps in metabolomics studies, current and novel software tools are constantly being developed to meet the needs of the metabolomics field. By applying a wide range of MS/MS identification tools, the most identifications can be made, assuming one has the time to put into some of the more user demanding techniques or to analyze one's data through multiple different LC-MS software platforms. The mzCloud, Metlin, and MoNA MS/MS spectral databases can be automatically searched using Compound Discoverer, XCMS, and msDial software, respectively. However, the list of putative annotations from the automatic search should still be manually inspected and if confident identification is required, an authentic standard is necessary. *In silico* fragmentation tools offer the advantage of being applicable on a wider range of molecules, including molecules that are not present in spectral databases. These tools, however, have varying success rates of identifying the correct molecule. In the end, the most confident identification strategy is to compare retention times and MS/MS to standards, but the above strategies can help to narrow down the list of possible candidates to one, or a couple, which saves time and money when obtaining authentic standards for comparison.

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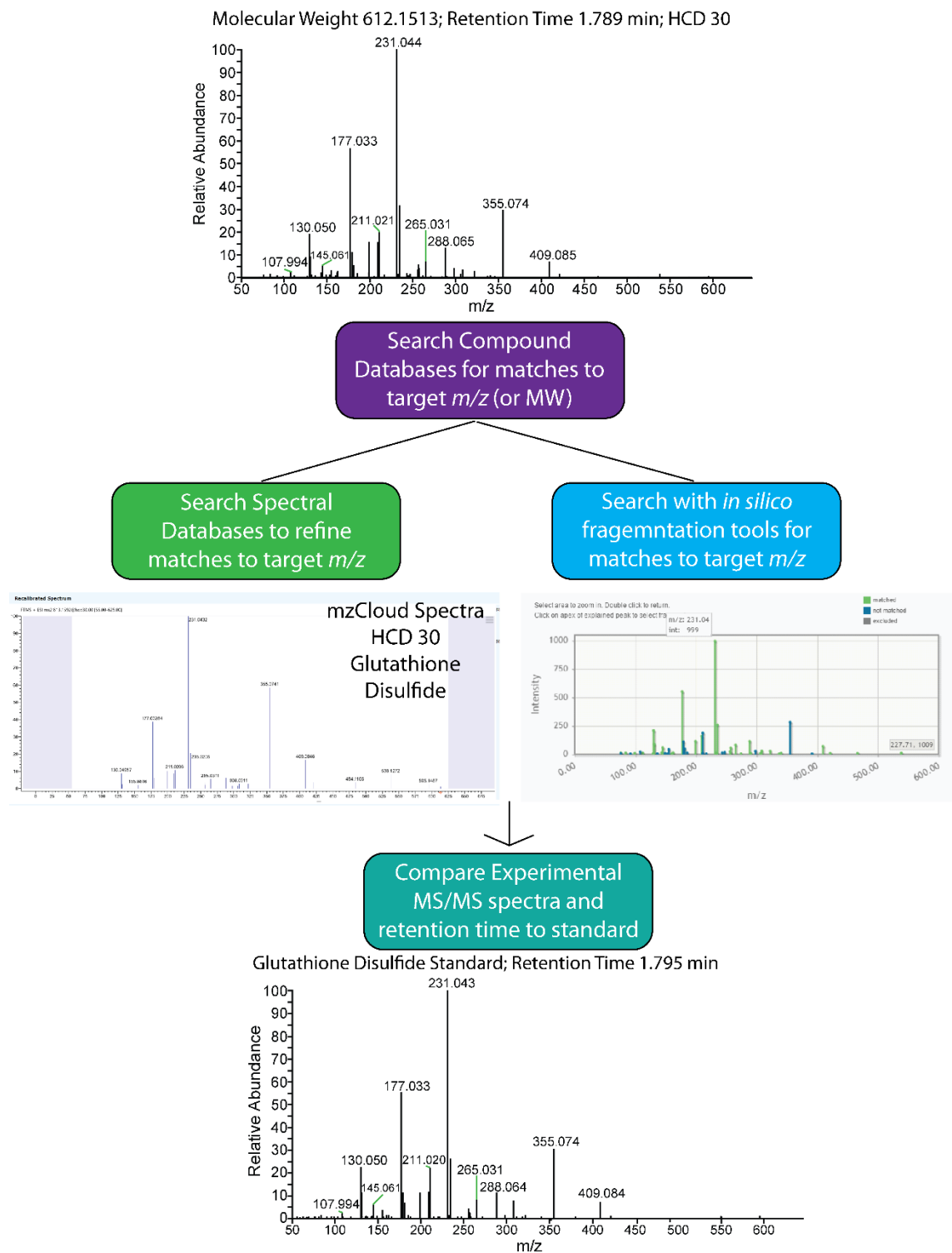
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## Figures



**Figure 1.** Overview of Metabolite Identification and Example Workflow for Identifying Glutathione Disulfide.



# Appendix III

## Multifaceted Investigation of Metabolites During Nitrogen Fixation in *Medicago truncatula* via High Resolution MALDI-MS Imaging and ESI-MS

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## Abstract

Legumes have developed the unique symbiotic relationship with soil bacteria known as rhizobia. This interaction results in the formation of specialized organs on the plants roots, called root nodules, in which rhizobia thrive and perform nitrogen fixation, a process in which the bacteria reduce atmospheric dinitrogen into a form of nitrogen (ammonium) that the plant can actually use for its own biological processes. Although metabolites are important in this symbiotic association, few studies have investigated the metabolites that are involved in the nitrogen fixation process. Here, we used a multifaceted mass spectrometric approach to detect and identify metabolites that are specifically present during nitrogen fixation using the *Medicago truncatula*–*Sinorhizobium meliloti* association as the model system. We used well-characterized plant and bacterial mutants to elucidate differences between the metabolites that are present in functional, nitrogen fixing nodules vs. non-functional nodules. Our study highlights the benefits of using a combination of mass spectrometric techniques for a more comprehensive look at the differences in metabolite composition and the distributions of these metabolites for biological studies.

## Introduction

Nitrogen fixation, in which atmospheric dinitrogen ( $N_2$ ) is converted to fixed forms such as ammonia ( $NH_3$ ) or nitrate ( $NO_3^-$ ), is critical to maintaining life. As an essential nutrient, nitrogen availability plays a key role in agriculture productivity and crop growth.<sup>1, 2</sup> However, most organisms are unable to utilize  $N_2$ , which is readily available in the atmosphere, and instead rely on fixed forms of nitrogen.<sup>3</sup> To provide the necessary amounts of nitrogen to crops, agriculture currently depends on the application of nitrogen fertilizers, which is possible through heavy fossil fuel usage.<sup>4</sup> Additionally, fertilizers contribute to environmental pollution through release of

carbon dioxide during fossil fuel combustion and through release of nitrous oxide, a significant greenhouse gas.<sup>5</sup> Furthermore, fertilizer leeching also contributes to eutrophication of waterways.<sup>6</sup> Although most organisms are not able to convert  $N_2$  to  $NH_3$  and  $NO_3^-$ , certain prokaryotes, including *Rhizobium* bacteria, use the enzyme nitrogenase to catalyze the transformation of  $N_2$  to fixed forms, which is known as biological nitrogen fixation (BNF).<sup>2</sup> BNF is a key component of creating accessible nitrogen to support life, and can occur in both free-living and plant associated prokaryotes.<sup>7</sup>

Certain plants are capable of creating a highly efficient BNF process by forming a symbiotic relationship with nitrogen-fixing bacteria. Many legumes have the ability to form a symbiotic relationship with *Rhizobium* bacteria for the exchange of nutrients, and the *Medicago truncatula*-*Sinorhizobium meliloti* symbiosis is an example of a legume, rhizobia symbiosis.<sup>8</sup> The symbiosis process begins with the secretion of flavonoids and isoflavonoids by the plant, and when rhizobia recognize these molecules, the bacteria synthesize nod factors, or lipochitooligosaccharides.<sup>9</sup> The nod factors start a signaling cascade that results in rhizobia entry into the plant and the formation of specialized organs, called nodules, on the plant roots.<sup>10</sup> Rhizobia enter through an infection thread that forms from a root hair and breach the plant cell wall while simultaneously changes in the root cortical cells begin to form nodules.<sup>11</sup> In the nodule, rhizobia bacteria differentiate into bacteroids capable of performing BNF in the low oxygen environment provided by the nodule, which is important for nitrogenase activity.<sup>11</sup> Currently, many studies focus on understanding the legume/rhizobia symbiosis and on applying plant/bacteria symbiosis to enable a wider range of plants to meet some of their nitrogen requirement on their own.<sup>8, 12</sup>

Mass Spectrometry (MS) coupled to either gas or liquid chromatography (LC-MS/GC-MS) is a powerful tool for the analysis of complex mixtures of small molecules. GC-MS uses either

electron ionization or chemical ionization to ionize compounds coming off of the column for MS analysis,<sup>13</sup> whereas LC-MS uses electrospray ionization (ESI) to desolvate and ionize compounds prior to entry into the MS. MS allows for increased sensitivity in the detection of small molecules compared to other techniques, such as NMR.<sup>14</sup> Multiple GC-MS and LC-MS experiments have been conducted to study metabolites in *Medicago truncatula* (Medicago),<sup>15-17</sup> including metabolite changes in response to stress.<sup>18, 19</sup> Although these experiments allow the characterization of complex metabolite mixtures, valuable spatial information is lost during the extraction process.

Matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionization- mass spectrometry imaging (MALDI-MSI) allows for localization of hundreds of molecules in a tissue. In MALDI-MSI, a laser is fired on discrete points, or pixels, on a matrix-covered tissue section. Analyte crystallization with the matrix molecules on the tissue is critical for ionization in MALDI-MSI as the matrix absorbs the laser energy and assists in producing analyte ions in the gas phase. Images are created by extracting the intensity for a given  $m/z$  value at each pixel on the sample. Thus, many images can be generated in a single imaging experiment.<sup>20</sup> This is an advantage over other imaging techniques that can only look at a few molecules at a time and require knowledge of the target molecule.<sup>21</sup> MSI is becoming increasingly used to study metabolites in a wide range of plants.<sup>21</sup> Time-of-flight (TOF), mass analyzers have historically been used in MALDI-MSI experiments, and has been used to map metabolites in Medicago.<sup>22</sup> However, FTICR and Orbitrap mass analyzers offer increased mass resolution compared to TOF mass analyzers, allowing for the differentiation of small  $m/z$  changes.<sup>23</sup> MALDI-MSI with an Orbitrap mass analyzer has been used to study soybean-aphid and rice-bacteria interactions,<sup>24</sup> phospholipids in *A. thaliana* seeds,<sup>25</sup> maize leaf sections,<sup>26</sup> maize root sections,<sup>27</sup> and lipids in cotton embryos.<sup>29</sup>

Previous work from our lab utilized MALDI-MSI to study how the spatial distributions of endogenous peptides change during growth and maturation of *Medicago truncatula*.<sup>30</sup> Although MALDI-MSI analysis of plant metabolites has become increasingly prevalent, the use of MALDI-MSI to study plant peptides and proteins is still limited, with only a handful of examples.<sup>21, 31-34</sup> As endogenous peptides play key roles in the growth and development of *Medicago*, including autoregulation of nodules and bacteria differentiation in the nodules,<sup>35</sup> investigating the location of these peptides with MALDI-MSI could reveal insights about the roles of these molecules in the plant. In our study, we demonstrated the applicability of MALDI-MSI to study peptides in *Medicago* as we observed differences in the peptides detected and in the spatial distributions of detected peptides between seedling roots and mature roots and nodules.

Here, we discuss our use of both LC-MS and MALDI-MSI to gain a more thorough picture of the metabolites involved in biological nitrogen fixation.<sup>36</sup> As ESI and MALDI have different ionization mechanisms, they provide complementary coverage of molecules, allowing for increased coverage of the metabolome. MALDI-MSI studies were carried out with a high resolution MALDI-Orbitrap instrument with both wild-type and mutant plants and bacteria to better understand the metabolites involved in biological nitrogen fixation, which provides insight into the mechanism of biological nitrogen fixation. The *Medicago truncatula*–*Sinorhizobium meliloti* association is an excellent model for examining the nitrogen fixation process due to the availability of genetic information for both of the symbiotic partners.

### **Nitrogen Fixation Metabolites Detected with MALDI-MS Imaging**

We previously used MALDI-MSI to study the localizations of different metabolites in wild-type *Medicago* root nodules. Clear ion images of metabolites localized to the *Medicago* root or

different zones in the nodule were observed and we were able to detect several amino acids and many key players in the citric acid cycle.<sup>22</sup> One exciting aspect of our study compared wild-type *Medicago* root nodules to the root nodules of several *Medicago* mutants that are not capable of nitrogen fixation. We identified one metabolite, Heme (part of the leghemoglobin protein which is responsible for regulation the oxygen environment in the plant during nitrogen fixation), that was present in the nitrogen fixing, wild-type nodules, and absent in the mutants. This result led us to delve more deeply into the identification of metabolites involved in the nitrogen fixation process in *Medicago* that is presented here.

One key advantage utilized in the presented study was the use of a high-resolution, accurate-mass (HRAM) MALDI-Orbitrap mass spectrometer. This instrument provides significant advantages for discovery metabolomics studies compared to the MALDI-ToF-ToF instrument used in the previous study that has modest mass spectral resolution, because accurate-mass measurements (defined as a mass error  $\leq 5$ ppm) are essential for identifying the detected compounds. Many studies using MALDI-ToF-ToF instruments require accurate masses to be acquired using other instrumentation, typically ESI instruments, but there is no guarantee that the molecular species of interest that are detected by MALDI will also ionize with ESI. Additionally the high resolving power of the MALDI-Orbitrap also greatly increases the number of molecular species that can be detected because it can differentiate between compounds that separated in mass by as little as 0.003 Da. The capabilities of the HRAM MALDI-Orbitrap allows for increased detection of the *Medicago* metabolome, which can lead to greater insight into biological processes such as nitrogen fixation.

In addition to taking advantage of high-end mass spectrometer technology, this study utilized well-characterized mutants of both *Medicago truncatula* and its nitrogen-fixing symbiotic partner,

*Sinorhizobium meliloti*. The plant mutant (*dnf1*)<sup>37, 38</sup> and bacterial mutant (*fixJ*)<sup>22</sup> are deficient in nitrogen fixation capabilities. In order to identify metabolites that are relevant to the nitrogen fixation process, we compared wild-type Medicago with wild-type rhizobia (wt-wt) samples, that are capable of performing nitrogen fixation, to combinations of mutant samples, wild-type Medicago with *fixJ* rhizobia (wt-*fixJ*), *dnf1* Medicago with wild-type rhizobia (*dnf1*-wt), and *dnf1* Medicago with *fixJ* rhizobia (*dnf1*-*fixJ*), which are all incapable of nitrogen fixation. MALDI-MSI was performed on Medicago sections from all four sample types and ion images were extracted for all masses that were detected in the wt-wt samples but were absent in the mutant samples. Each image was manually confirmed as a metabolite, and not a MALDI matrix ion, and a list of “metabolites of interest” was generated from the *m/z* values that produced ion distributions in the wt-wt (functional) nodules but not in any of the three mutant (non-functional) nodules. Representative metabolites specifically detected in the wt-wt samples and not in the mutant samples are shown in **Figure 1**.

**Figure 1(A)** shows a photograph of each of the four sample types that were used in this study and thin sections or slices of the root nodules, coated with MALDI matrix and fixed onto a glass slide immediately prior to MALDI-MSI acquisition is shown in **Figure 1(B)**. The functional, wt-wt nodules have a larger, more-elongated shape in comparison to the non-functional, mutant nodules. Ten representative ion images of metabolites that were found only in the functional wt-wt samples can be seen in **Figure 1(C)**. These representative metabolites show different spatial distributions throughout the root and nodule portions of the plant. Understanding the spatial localization of these compounds provides further information about these metabolites and their role in nitrogen fixation.

### **Nitrogen Fixation Metabolites Detected with ESI-MS**

In order to identify as many metabolites involved in the nitrogen fixation process as possible, we used second ionization type, ESI to complement the MALDI-MSI data. Since MALDI and ESI have different modes of ionization, they ionize some of the same classes of molecules and some different classes of molecules and thus are considered complementary techniques. The combination of the HRAM MALDI and ESI Orbitrap instrumentation provides novel advantages over previous studies of biological processes in plant models that utilize a single type of mass spectrometry. For this study, we grew additional Medicago plants and generated root nodule extracts for each of the four sample types listed above; these sample extracts were analyzed by LC-ESI-MS using a HRAM Q-Exactive mass spectrometer. Similarly to the MALDI-MSI samples, we wanted to focus on the metabolites that were detected via LC-MS in only the functional wt-wt nodules and were absent in the non-functional mutant samples. SIEVE software was used to compare three biological replicates of the four sample types, and a list of “metabolites of interest” was compiled. Representative data from SIEVE are shown in **Figure 2**.

The panels on the left show XIC (extracted ion chromatogram) peaks for metabolites that show at least 2-fold greater intensity in the wt-wt samples (blue) compared to any of the mutant samples (red, green, and yellow). The panels on the right display the information on the left in bar graph form, in which each bar represents a different biological replicate.

Overall, 90 “metabolites of interest” (metabolites detected in the functional, wt-wt nodules and absent in the non-functional, mutant nodules) were detected via MALDI-MSI, and 21 “metabolites of interest” were detected via LC-ESI-MS. Of the combined 111 “metabolites of interest” that were detected using both methods, only 7 were detected using both MALDI and ESI, thus demonstrating the complementary nature of these two different ionization techniques. See (Gemperline et al. 2015) for full list of “metabolites of interest”.



### Identification of Nitrogen Fixation- relevant Metabolites

Assigning confident molecular identifications for  $m/z$  values is typically quite challenging in discovery metabolomics studies. Searching the accurate mass information alone using the many metabolomics databases that are available online often results in tens to hundreds of possible identifications; therefore, information is also required in order to identify metabolites. Accurate mass and the comparison of experimental MS/MS fragmentation patterns to theoretical (or *in silico*) fragmentation allows for putative identifications of the “metabolites of interest”. For unambiguous metabolite identification, experimental data (accurate mass data, retention time, and MS/MS fragmentation patterns) should be compared with metabolite standards.

MS/MS experiments were conducted on the “metabolites of interest” from both the MALDI and ESI studies. MALDI is notoriously poor for collecting high quality MS/MS data and acceptable MS/MS data could not be collected for all of the “metabolites of interest” that were detected by MALDI-MSI. The *in silico* fragmentation database, MetFrag,<sup>39</sup> was used to search the accurate mass and MS/MS data. **Figure 3** presents representative results from MetFrag.

The peaks correspond to experimental MS/MS data, where the precursor ion (or the mass of the “metabolite of interest”) is shown in blue and green indicates experimental peaks that matched to *in silico* fragmentation peaks and red indicates experimental peaks that did not match to *in silico* fragmentation peaks for the selected metabolite. The experimental mass spectra show good correlation with the *in silico* fragmentation data. Red peaks could be a result of noise/ background ions or other molecular species/isomers with the same or very similar  $m/z$  values that were also selected in the fragmentation window. A list of 34 annotated “metabolites of interest” is shown in **Table 1**.

We were able to identify some of the “metabolites of interest” as various organic acids and amino acids. The possible role of some of these metabolites in legume nodulation and nitrogen fixation has either been established or hypothesized. Excitingly, for most other identified “metabolites of interest”, the roles of these molecules in regards to nodule development or nitrogen fixation have yet to be ascertained. The roles of some of the amino acids in nitrogen fixation have been previously established. For example, we identified asparagine, arginine, glutamic acid, and proline. Asparagine is involved in nitrogen cycling between various plant organs, and the fixed nitrogen in indeterminate nodules is exported as asparagine for use by the plant. In addition glutamine, glutamate, and arginine are thought to act as signals indicating the plant’s nitrogen status, which in turn is hypothesized to regulate nodule growth and activity.<sup>40-42</sup>

Proline betaine (the N-methylated form of proline) has a significant known function in the symbiosis between *Medicago truncatula* and its nitrogen-fixing partner *Sinorhizobium meliloti*. Betaines induce nodulation (*nod*) genes in *Sinorhizobium meliloti* which allows the root nodules to form; furthermore, proline betaine acts as an energy source, in particular as a carbon and nitrogen source for *Sinorhizobium meliloti* in low-osmolarity environments, which enables the rhizobia to colonize legume roots efficiently and offers a competitive advantage against other soil bacteria that compete for plant carbon sources for colonization. Without root nodule development and inhabitation by rhizobia, nitrogen fixation could not take place. Additionally, proline and/or its N-methylated form may act as an important energy source for bacteria during early stages of symbiotic interaction and also prior to bacteroid differentiation in the root infection process.<sup>43</sup>

In addition to various amino acids and organic acids, we also detected Heme. Leghemoglobins are essential for maintaining microaerobic conditions in the nodule environment, which is required for nitrogen fixation to occur, and a heme moiety is a critical component of these leghemoglobins.

The enzyme nitrogenase, which is responsible for nitrogen fixation activity, contains Fe and Mo protein components, which are incompatible with free oxygen, indicating that nitrogenase can function efficiently only under microaerobic conditions.<sup>44</sup> Leghemoglobin monitors the oxygen level in the cytosol of infected cells and maintains optimum oxygen levels for the functioning of nitrogenase and also for bacterial respiration.

Furthermore, S-adenosylmethionine (SAM) was detected and identified in only nitrogen-fixation-capable root nodules. SAM is a known precursor of polyamine and ethylene biosynthesis and has implications in nitrogen fixation signaling by controlling ethylene production.<sup>45, 46</sup>

The roles of the majority of the metabolites we detected and identified from only the functional, wt-wt nodules are still unknown. The metabolite identifications along with some of the spatial information provided by MALDI-MSI could provide key insight to researchers who are studying the nitrogen fixation process in *Medicago truncatula* and other legume species.

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## Tables

**Table 1. Annotations of “Metabolites of Interest” Detected in Medicago Root Nodules**

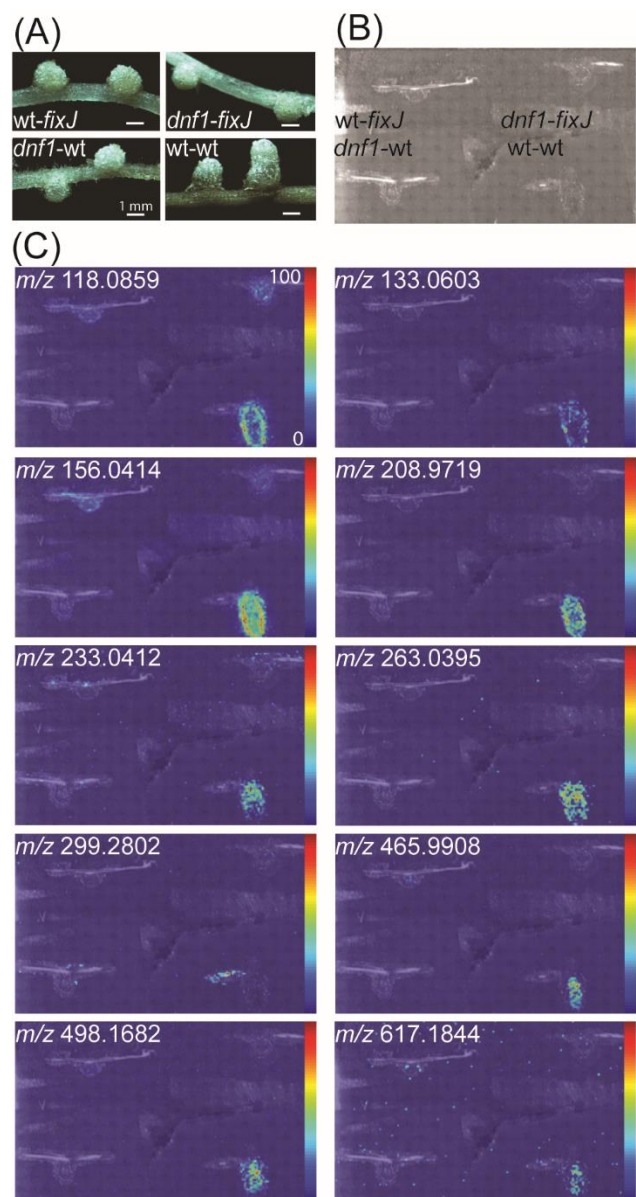
Metabolite	Measured <i>m/z</i>	Theoretical <i>m/z</i>	$\Delta$ ppm
Aminobutyric acid	104.0708	104.0706	1.9
Methyl-piperidin-iumone [M+]	114.0915	114.0913	1.4
Proline	116.0706	116.0706	0.0
Aminopentene-diol*	118.0863	118.0863	0.0
Isoleucinol	118.1228	118.1226	1.3
Asparagine*	133.0607	133.0608	0.8
Glutamic Acid	148.0603	148.0604	0.9
Asparagine [M+Na]*	155.0425	155.0427	1.3
3-thiophen-1-yl propanoic acid	158.0397	158.0396	0.7
Ethyl-aminocyclopentane carboxylic acid	158.1173	158.1176	1.6
Phenylalanine	166.0859	166.0863	2.1
Asparagine [M+K]*	171.0165	171.0167	1.2
Arginine	175.1187	175.1190	1.4
Tyrosine	182.0810	182.0812	1.0
Methyl-alpha-galactopyranoside	195.0862	195.0863	0.6
Ethyl-aminocyclopentane carboxylic acid [M+K]	196.0731	196.0734	1.7
Proclavaminic acid*	203.1024	203.1026	1.0
Methyl-alpha-galactopyranoside [M+Na]*	217.0678	217.0682	1.8
Proclavaminic acid [M+Na]	225.0840	225.0846	2.4
Proclavaminic acid [M+K]	241.0577	241.0585	3.3
Dihydroxybenzoic acid succinimido ester	252.0500	252.0503	1.2
5-amino-2-(aminomethyl)-6-butoxyoxane-3,4-diol [M+Na]	257.1462	257.1472	3.9
9H-fluoren-9-yl-di(propan-2-yl)phosphane	283.1618	283.1610	2.9
N-(4-guanidinobutyl)-3-methyldecanamide	299.2802	299.2805	1.1
SAM (S-adenosyl-L-methionine)	399.1441	399.1445	1.1
2-hydroxy-5-[[2-phenyl-2-[4-(phenylcarbamoylamino)phenyl]sulfanylacetyl]amino]benzoic acid	514.1423	514.1431	1.5
2-[hydroxy-(2R)-3-hydroxy-2-[(9E,12E)-octadeca-9,12-dienoyl]oxypropoxy]phosphoryl]oxyethyl-trimethylazanium [M+]	520.3395	520.3398	0.5
Oleoyl lysophosphatidylcholine	522.3552	522.3554	0.5
18-[(4Z)-4-[(2-hydroxy-5-nitrophenyl)hydrazinylidene]-3-oxocyclohexa-1,5-dien-1-yl]octadecanoic acid [M+]	541.3125	541.3146	3.9
3-[[[[(2R,3S,4R,5R)-5-(6-aminopurin-9-yl)-3,4-dihydroxyoxolan-2-yl]methoxy-hydroxyphosphoryl]oxy-hydroxyphosphoryl]oxy-hydroxyphosphoryl]oxypropanoic acid	580.0223	580.0242	3.1
[[[(2R,3S,5R)-5-[4-amino-5-(4-aminobutyl)disulfanyl]-2-oxopyrimidin-1-yl]-3-hydroxyoxolan-2-yl]methoxy-hydroxyphosphoryl] phosphono hydrogen phosphate [M+]	602.0052	602.0067	2.4
(Z)-4-oxo-2-[(Z)-1-oxooctadec-9-enyl]-12-henicosenoic acid	603.5340	603.5347	1.1
1,3-dilinolenin	613.4814	613.4827	2.0
Heme	617.1844	617.1846	0.4

Ions are [M+H] unless otherwise specified.

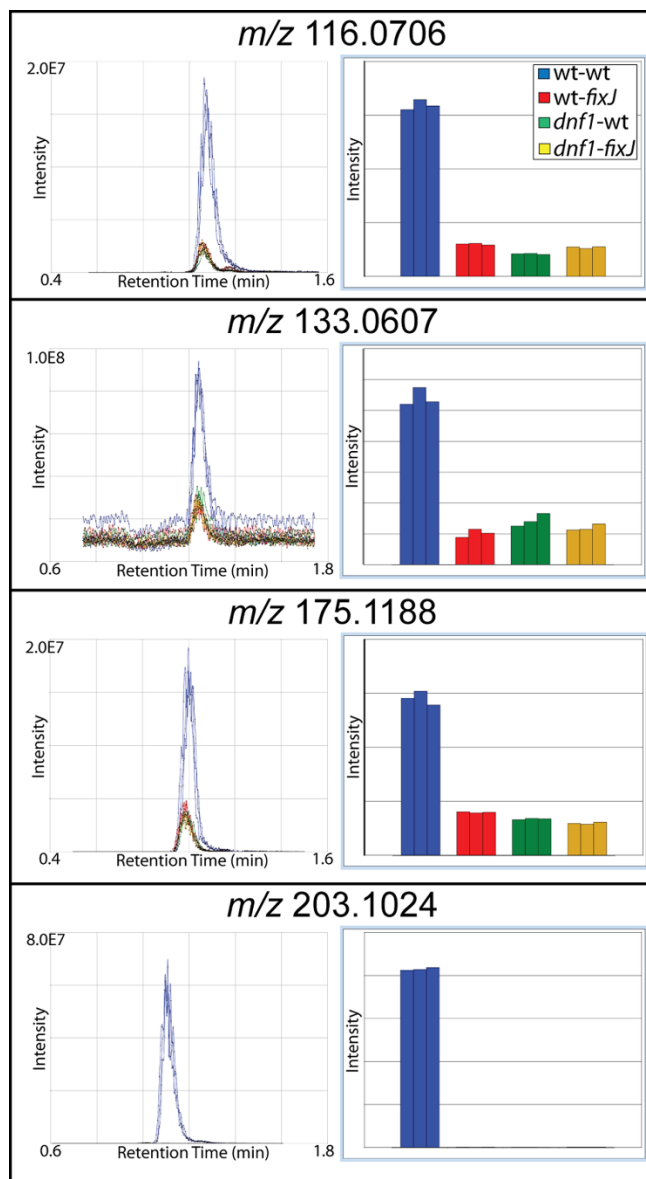
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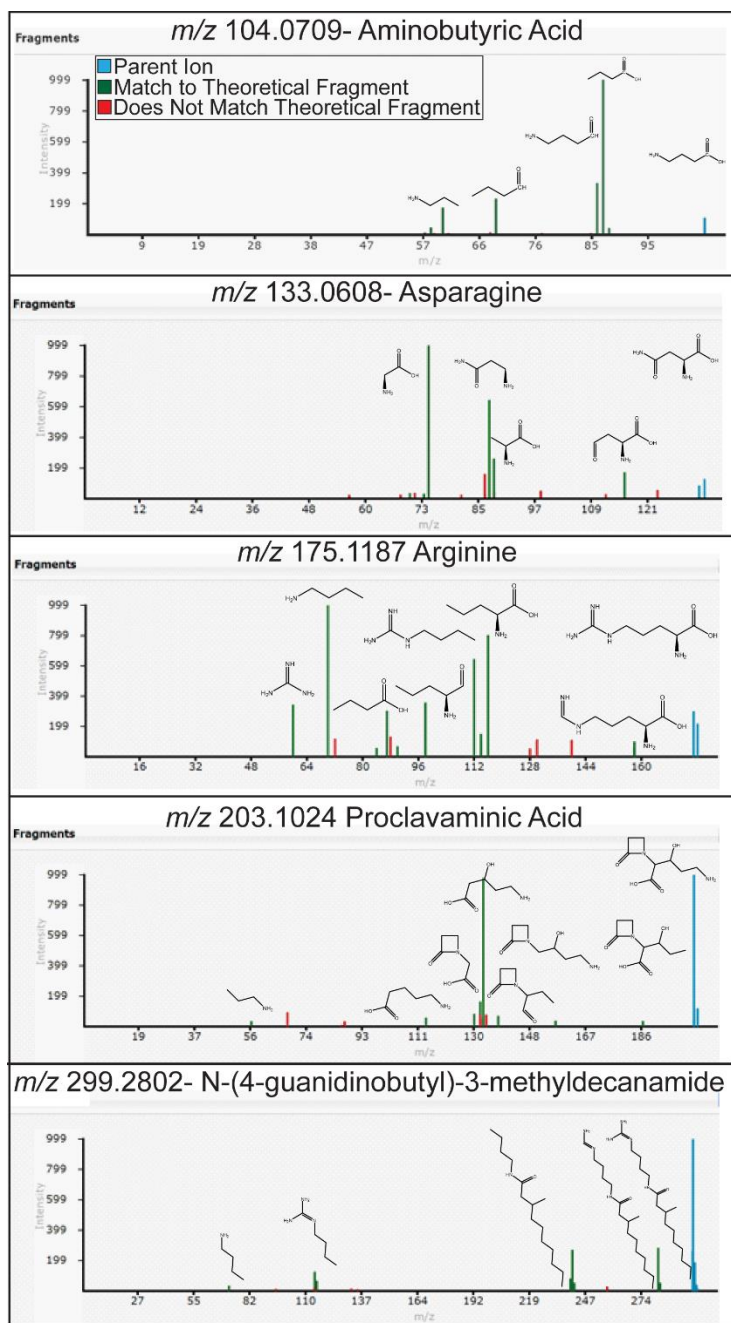
## Figures



**Figure 1.** (A) A photograph of all four of the sample types that were used in this study: *wt-fixJ*, *dnf1-fixJ*, *dnf1-wt*, and *wt-wt*. (B) Thaw-mounted *Medicago* sections on a glass slide that was covered with DHB matrix prior to MALDI-MSI. (C) Representative ion images of metabolites with distinct spatial distributions that were found only in the *wt-wt* samples. Scale bar = 1 mm. Reprinted with permission from (Gemperline et al. 2015). Copyright 2015 Springer.



**Figure 2.** Representative data from SIEVE, which was used to select the “metabolites of interest”. Blue indicates wt-wt samples; red indicates wt-*fixJ* samples; green indicates *dnf1*-wt samples; and yellow indicates *dnf1*-*fixJ* samples. The panels on the left show XIC peaks, demonstrating that the metabolite has at least 2-fold greater intensity in the wt-wt samples compared to any of the mutant samples. The panels on the right visualize the information on the left in bar graph form. Reprinted with permission from (Gemperline et al. 2015). Copyright 2015 Springer.



**Figure 3.** Representative MS/MS spectra of the identified “metabolites of interest” and the molecular structures of the matched fragments. Blue indicates the parent ion; green indicates MS/MS peaks that matched the *in silico* fragmentation in MetFrag; and red indicates the experimental peaks that did not match the *in silico* fragmentation. Reprinted with permission from (Gemperline et al. 2015). Copyright 2015 Springer.

# Appendix IV

## Regulation of Nodule Differentiation in the Indeterminate Nodulator *Medicago truncatula* by Moderate Salt Stress

Adapted from: Chapter three of Sanhita Chakraborty's thesis. This material is in collaboration with Dr. Jean-Michel Ané and Dr. Jean Harris's (University of Vermont) and experiments performed by undergraduate student Emily Millar and volunteer Ashley Lantigua in Harris lab. Junko Maeda and Dr. Dhileepkumar Jayaraman from the Ané lab grew *M. truncatula* seedlings for nodules, and I performed MALDI-MSI. Emily Millar grew the seedlings for nodules and performed ABA ELISA with Sanhita. Ashley Lantigua grew and inoculated plants and performed histochemical assays for *bacA* and *nifH*.

Keywords: Salt stress, *Medicago truncatula*, Metabolites, MALDI, Orbitrap, Mass Spectrometry Imaging

## Abstract

Nodules are symbiotic root organs that legumes develop in association with the soil bacteria rhizobia. These symbiotic organs are mini-factories where atmospheric dinitrogen is reduced to ammonia by the rhizobial enzyme nitrogenase. Nodule development is strongly inhibited by salt stress. We have previously shown that salt interferes with the initial stages of symbiosis, where it hyperinduces several Nod factor (NF) signaling and infection-associated genes and inhibits infection in the epidermis. Here, we studied the development of the rare nodules that develop on *Medicago truncatula* roots under salinity. Indeterminate nodulators, such as *M. truncatula*, develop nodules that show a gradient of differentiation due to the presence of a persistent meristem supplying cells to form the bulk of the nodule. We exploited this developmental pattern to address whether salinity impacts nodule differentiation. Our data revealed the upregulation of several genes involved in NF-signaling and infection under moderate salt treatment, coincident with very little expression of host and symbiont genes involved in the differentiation of rhizobia into nitrogen-fixing bacteroids. In order to capture metabolic alterations in the nodules *in situ*, we exploited MALDI-MSI to find distinct spatial accumulation of metabolites, such as proline betaine and homostachydrine, in salt-stressed nodules. We further observed differential accumulation of abscisic acid between the control and salt-stressed nodules. Our combined findings reveal a later effect of salinity on development of the nodule organ, where it interferes with differentiation of rhizobia into bacteroids.

## Introduction

Legumes are prized agriculturally for their high protein content. The biological process that forms the basis of their internal source of nitrogenous fertilizer is a symbiotic association

between legume roots and a group of soil-residing bacteria, collectively known as rhizobia. The legume-rhizobium symbiosis culminates in the formation of a new symbiotic root organ, a nodule, that houses differentiated rhizobia, capable of reducing atmospheric dinitrogen into ammonia. Nodule development is influenced by environmental factors, such as light, temperature, pH, drought and salinity.<sup>1</sup> Hence changing environmental conditions can have a profound impact on development of the symbiosis.

Nodule development involves the entry of rhizobia into the host (infection), their differentiation into a symbiotic form called a bacteroid, and the concomitant synthesis of an organ (organogenesis) in the host root that houses these rhizobia.<sup>2</sup> Nodule organogenesis closely follows perception of rhizobial signal molecules by the host epidermis.<sup>3</sup> In a signaling cascade that is mediated by the phytohormone cytokinin, the inner cell layers of the host root become mitotically activated and undergo multiple rounds of anticlinal and periclinal divisions, forming a nodule primordium.<sup>4-6</sup> Rhizobia populate these nodule primordia and together, they mature into a compound organ, the nodule.<sup>7</sup> In indeterminate nodulators, such as *Medicago* sp., a single nodule exhibits a longitudinal gradient of differentiation due to the presence of a persistent meristem at the tip of the organ.<sup>2, 8</sup> This meristem encompasses a region of division that produces differentiating cells contributing to the nodule organ. Newly produced cells become infected with rhizobia, delivered within transcellular apoplastic compartments called infection threads (IT). These are formed by the inward growth of host cell wall and plasma membrane, such that the rhizobia are topologically outside of the host cell.<sup>8-10</sup> Individual rhizobial cells become enclosed within the host-derived membrane and are released into the host cell. The membrane at this stage becomes the peribacteroid membrane, or symbiosome membrane, and together with the enclosed rhizobium, forms an organelle-like structure, the symbiosome. In species of *Medicago*, rhizobia

within a symbiosome undergo cell enlargement and endoreduplication and terminally differentiate into bacteroids. Once a bacterium metamorphoses into a bacteroid, it is able to reduce atmospheric dinitrogen into ammonia.

Nodule initiation requires the activation of cytokinin signaling, which induces downstream genes, including *CLAVATA3/embryo-surrounding region 13 (CLE13)* and the Cytokinin type A Response Regulator 4 (*RR4*).<sup>3-5, 11-13</sup> *Lateral root-organ defective/ Numerous infections and polyphenolics (LATD/NIP)* encodes a nitrate transporter and is required for the induction of *Nodulation Signaling Pathway 2 (NSP2)* by cytokinin during nodule development.<sup>14</sup> *CLE13* and *LATD/NIP* expression are induced in the meristematic regions during nodule development.<sup>11, 15, 16</sup> The transcription factor *WUSCHEL RELATED HOMEODOMAIN 5 (WOX5)*, thought to be required for meristematic activity in the root, is also highly expressed in nodule meristem<sup>17</sup> and might have a subtle interaction with cytokinin signaling.<sup>18</sup> Cytokinin also plays a role slightly later in nodule development, during the transition of a meristematic cell into a differentiated cell, as observed from high expression of *RR4* at this stage.<sup>4, 17</sup> As a nodule matures, the dividing cells differentiate and become infected with rhizobia. Several host genes, such as, *Early Nodulin 11 (ENOD11)*, *ERF required for nodulation 1 and 2 (ERN1 and ERN2)*, *Nuclear Factor YA-1 (NF-YA1)* and *Nodulation pectate lyase (NPL)* that are involved during early rhizobium-legume signaling and rhizobial infection in the root, also participate during and after this transition.<sup>17, 19-21</sup>

Differentiation of infecting rhizobia relies on the activities of both host and symbiont gene products. Host *Nodules with activated defense 1 (NAD1)*, encoding an endoplasmic reticulum-localized product, is required to suppress plant defense responses, following rhizobial release from the infection threads but prior to differentiation into bacteroids.<sup>22</sup> Host *Doesn't Fix Nitrogen (DNF)* genes are part of a large gene family encoding nodule-specific cysteine-rich (NCR)



peptides, required for the successful transition from non-symbiotic rhizobia to nitrogen-fixing bacteroids.<sup>23</sup> These are secreted peptides targeted to the symbiosomes, which interact with rhizobia, often entering their cytoplasm.<sup>24, 25</sup> *DNF7* (*NCR169*) and *DNF4* (*NCR211*) are crucial for bacteroid differentiation.<sup>25, 26</sup> *DNF4* (*NCR211*) participates during the final stages of differentiation by helping bacteroids adapt to the changing cellular environment.<sup>27</sup> Deletion in *DNF4* or *DNF7* leads to impaired differentiation of the symbiont resulting in inefficient small, white nodules. Both genes are strongly expressed in infected cells.<sup>26, 27</sup> Unlike the products of *DNF7* and *DNF4* NCR peptides, many others exert an antimicrobial effect on the symbiont, as the host controls its relationship with the symbiont.<sup>25</sup> *BacA*, a plasma membrane-localized rhizobial ABC transporter-like protein, functions to import NCR peptides. This import function is thought to redirect NCR peptides away from the plasma membrane, thus protecting it from the antimicrobial properties of these peptides.<sup>28, 29</sup> Consequently, *bacA* mutants form an ineffective symbiosis as they are unable to differentiate into bacteroids and senesce prematurely.<sup>30</sup> Once differentiated, bacteroids begin to express the *nitrogen fixation* (*nif*) genes and produce rhizobial enzyme nitrogenase, which fixes atmospheric nitrogen.<sup>31</sup> *nifH* encodes the dinitrogenase reductase subunit, which reduces the dinitrogenase component of the nitrogenase enzyme complex. Nodule maturation into a nitrogen-fixing organ is accompanied by the accumulation of the hemoprotein, leghemoglobin, which may be required to produce the low oxygen environment required for nitrogenase activity.<sup>32</sup> The nodule eventually senesces; senescing nodules are green in color due to the degradation of heme.<sup>33</sup> Heme oxygenases function to break down heme.<sup>34</sup> In *Medicago truncatula* the *GIRAFFE* gene encodes a heme oxygenase,<sup>35, 36</sup> and is strongly expressed in senescing nodules ([https://mtgea.noble.org/v3/probeset.php?id=Mtr.40298.1.S1\\_at&print=true](https://mtgea.noble.org/v3/probeset.php?id=Mtr.40298.1.S1_at&print=true)).

Salinity strongly impacts nodule development by inhibiting rhizobial colonization, their release from the IT and differentiation into bacteroids.<sup>37-41</sup> Plant response to salinity is mediated by phytohormones, primarily abscisic acid (ABA), which accumulates in salt-stressed tissues.<sup>42, 43</sup> In order to survive the inhibitory effects of salt, nodules often accumulate osmoprotectants in the form of organic acids, such as lactate; free amino acids, such as asparagine and proline; amino acid derivatives, such as proline betaine; and certain carbohydrates, such as pinitol.<sup>44-46</sup> Reactive oxygen species (ROS) function as a balance between plant development and environmental stress response; while they can act as signal molecules in response to various abiotic stresses, excess ROS within a cell can cause oxidative stress.<sup>47</sup> *Respiratory Burst Oxidase Homolog (Rboh)* genes play an important role in generating ROS, where their products convert molecular oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>) to superoxide radical (O<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>).<sup>48, 49</sup> In *M. truncatula*, *RbohC* regulates root growth in an ABA-dependent manner, is induced in rhizobium-inoculated roots, and is highly expressed in nitrate-induced senescing nodules.<sup>35, 50-52</sup> *MtRbohA* on the other hand, is required for nitrogen fixation and is expressed in mature nodules.<sup>53</sup> In *Arabidopsis thaliana*, *AtRbohD* and *AtRbohF* are upregulated under salt stress and *AtrbohF* mutants are hypersensitive to Na<sup>+</sup> accumulation.<sup>54</sup>

Despite the strong negative effect of salinity on nodule development, the molecular mechanism is poorly understood. We have previously shown that salt interferes with early rhizobium-legume signaling and rhizobial infection, and that there is a significant reduction in the number of nodules formed under salt stress (Chakraborty et al., 2018). The few nodules that do form in the presence of salt are infected with rhizobia, but appear morphologically abnormal, suggesting that salinity also interferes with nodule maturation. Here, we examine the effect of moderate salt stress on the development of the nodule organ. Our study reveals that salinity delays

nodule development and modulates the expression of host and symbiont genes required for nodule maturation. We show that while salinity induces the expression of several host genes involved during the early stages of nodule maturation, it reduces the expression of both host and symbiont genes associated with differentiation into bacteroids, nitrogen fixation and heme degradation. We further find that these changes are reflected in differential accumulation of distinct metabolites in nodules in the presence or absence of salt stress.

## **Experimental Methods**

### Plant Growth Conditions and inoculation

Seedlings were grown and inoculated as described by Chakraborty et al (Chakraborty et al., in prep.). *M. truncatula* A17 seeds were scarified in concentrated sulfuric acid for 15 minutes, surface sterilized with 30% bleach for 10 minutes, and imbibed for 4-6 hours at room temperature. Imbibed seeds were stratified at 4°C for 1-4 days and germinated overnight. Seven germinated seedlings were placed in cyg seed germination pouches (<https://mega-international.com>), in Modified Nodulation Medium (MNM) and wrapped with aluminum foil to shade the roots. Pouches flanked by two water-saturated empty pouches were placed in a styrofoam box, covered with a transparent lid, sealed with tape and placed in MTR30 Conviron growth chambers, set at 20°C, 50% humidity, and a 16-h-light/8-h-dark cycle, with an intensity of 100  $\mu\text{E m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ . Media were replenished twice a week. Rhizobial strains used were in the *S. meliloti* (Rm1021) background. Pelleted cells from overnight cultures grown in LB medium supplemented with appropriate antibiotic(s) were re-suspended in 10 mM  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , and the  $\text{OD}_{600}$  adjusted to  $\sim 0.07$ . Each pouch was then inoculated with 1 mL of the rhizobial suspension, added near the tip of the roots or mock-inoculated with an equivalent volume of 10 mM  $\text{MgSO}_4$ .

### *bacA* and *nifH* expression

Seedlings were inoculated with *Rm1021*<sup>55</sup> strains harboring either the transcriptional fusion *bacA:uidA* (VO2196) (V. Oke, personal communication) or *nifH:uidA* (CSB357).<sup>23</sup> Whole seedlings with nodules were harvested and stained for  $\beta$ -glucuronidase activity with 1 mM 5-bromo-4-chloro-3-indolyl- $\beta$ -D-glucuronic acid (X-gluc) + 0.02% SDS in 50 mM sodium phosphate buffer, pH 7.0,<sup>56</sup> for five hours at 37°C. Nodules attached to roots were imaged under a Leica dissecting microscope (LeicaMZ8).

### Quantitative RT-PCR

Total RNA was extracted either from the primary roots (1, 2, 3 or 5 dpi) or the oldest nodule and any nodule within 3 cm of it on the primary root (14 and 21 dpi). For the root samples, 21 seedlings per treatment per experiment were used; for the nodule samples, 21 seedlings (control) or 63 seedlings (salt) per treatment per experiment were used. Tissue was ground, frozen and RNA was extracted using the RNeasy Plant Mini kit (Qiagen), genomic DNA was removed using the TURBO DNA-free kit (Ambion), and the resulting RNA further cleaned-up using the RNeasy MinElute Clean-up kit (Qiagen). RNA quality was assessed with an Agilent 2100 Bioanalyzer and RNA samples with RNA Integrity Number (RIN) >8 were used for analysis. cDNA was synthesized from 1  $\mu$ g total RNA using the iScript cDNA synthesis kit (BIO RAD). qPCR was performed with SYBR green (Quanta Perfecta) in the StepOnePlus Real time PCR system (Applied biosystems) using the ddCT method, run in duplicate with UBC9 used as endogenous control (Kakar et al., 2008).<sup>57</sup>

### MALDI-MSI

Root nodules from seedlings grown in low salt (control) and high salt plants were prepared for MALDI-MSI as previously described.<sup>58</sup> Briefly, nodules removed from plants were embedded

in gelatin and gently frozen, sectioned at 16  $\mu\text{m}$  thickness, and sprayed with 2,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid (DHB; Acros Organics) matrix with a TM Sprayer (HTX Technologies, LLC, Carrboro, NC, USA). MALDI-MSI was performed on a MALDI LTQ Orbitrap XL instrument from Thermo Scientific equipped with a  $\text{N}_2$  laser in positive ion mode. LTQ Tune software (Thermo Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA) and Xcaliber (Thermo Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA) were used to select the imaging region and step size and the instrument parameters respectively. Imaging was performed on three biological replicates (each with three technical replicates) at 75  $\mu\text{m}$  raster step size. The mass range was set to 100-1000  $m/z$  and the resolution to 60,000. Two microscans were averaged at each pixel. MSiReader software<sup>59</sup> was used to generate images from the data. Images of  $m/z$  consistently present in only the control root nodules and roots were grouped into a control target list, and images of  $m/z$  consistently in the high salt root nodules and roots were grouped into a salt target list.

#### MALDI-Orbitrap MS/MS

Tandem MS (MS/MS) was performed on the targets using on-tissue MALDI-MS/MS. On-tissue MS/MS was manually optimized for collision-induced dissociation (CID) or higher energy collisional dissociation (HCD) activation with detection in the orbitrap or ion trap (CID only) by isolating the parent  $m/z$  and adjusting the collision energy. Further on-tissue MS/MS in the ion trap (CID activation) was performed with a 4-step spiral automatic sequence. The raster step size was 100  $\mu\text{m}$  and the spiral step size was 50  $\mu\text{m}$ . A full MS scan in the orbitrap was followed by MS/MS scans at collision energies of 25, 30, and 35 respectively for scans 2-4. An inclusion list with the target  $m/z$  was used. The dynamic exclusion parameters used were a repeat count of 2, repeat duration of 120 s, and exclusion duration of 600 s.

#### Tissue Extractions

Approximately 100 control nodules and 100 salt treated nodules (with 2-4 mm of surrounding root) were trimmed from the plants and flash frozen. Nodules were ground with a mortar and pestle under liquid nitrogen, and a methanol/chloroform/water extraction was performed by adding in order 3 parts methanol (600  $\mu$ L), 1 part chloroform (200  $\mu$ L), and 4 parts water (800  $\mu$ L). Samples were vortexed and then centrifuged for 10 min at 5000 x g and 4°C. After removing the upper aqueous layer, 4 parts methanol were added, the extraction was vortexed briefly, and centrifuged again at 1500 x g for 5 min and 4°C. The supernatant (organic layer) was removed. The aqueous and organic fractions were dried down in a speedvac and saved in a -80°C freezer until analysis.

#### LC-MS/MS on Tissue Extractions

Aqueous samples were resuspended in optima grade water with 0.1 % FA at 10 mg/mL. Liquid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS) was performed with a Dionex Ultimate 3000 UHPLC system (Thermo Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA) equipped with a Kintex C18 column (2.1 mm internal diameter x 150 mm length, 1.7  $\mu$ m particle size; Phenomenex, Torrance, CA, USA) with a corresponding guard column, and a Q Exactive MS (Thermo Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA). The column temperature was 35°C, and the mobile phases were optima grade water with 0.1% formic acid (A) and acetonitrile with 0.1% formic acid (B). A 35-minute multi-step gradient at a flow rate of 0.3 mL/min was used with the following parameters: 0-5 min, held at 1% B; 5-10 min, linear gradient from 1-3% B; 10-18 min, linear gradient from 3-40% B; 18-22 min, linear gradient from 40-80% B; 22-27 min, column cleaning at 95% B; and 27-35 min, re-equilibration at 1% B. The injection volume was 4  $\mu$ L, and the samples were kept at 10°C during analysis. The MS parameters were as follows: positive ion mode, scan range of  $m/z$  100-1500, 70,000 resolution, 1 E6 AGC, and 100 ms maximum injection. MS/MS was acquired

on targets using a top 5 method with an inclusion list with the following parameters: 35,000 resolution, 1 E5 AGC, 100 ms max injection time, 15 s dynamic exclusion, and collision energies of 30, 35, and 40.

### Metabolite Identification

Metabolite identifications were made using *in silico* fragmentation with MetFrag software.<sup>60</sup> Target  $m/z$  were searched against the KEGG and ChEBI databases with 5 ppm mass error. Multiple positive ion adducts were searched. The top fragments from the MS/MS spectra and their intensities were compared to the *in silico* fragmentation. Fragment ion tolerances were set at 5 ppm relative error and 0.01 absolute error for MS/MS detected in the orbitrap and 1500 ppm, 0.15 absolute for MS/MS detected in the ion trap. Putative identifications were made when almost all major fragments were explained by the *in silico* fragmentation. MS/MS from the mzCloud database (HighChem LLC, Slovakia) and obtained standards were used where possible to verify putative identifications.

## **Results**

### Salt stress upregulates early-nodulation and infection-associated genes in the nodules.

We wanted to determine the way in which salinity interferes with nodule maturation. *M. truncatula* forms indeterminate nodules, in which a meristem at the distal end of the nodule continuously provides a new population of cells that differentiate and contribute to the nodule organ. As a result, all the stages of nodule differentiation, cell division, infection, and symbiosome formation, occur simultaneously in a graded fashion with the youngest tissue at the tip (distal end) and the oldest tissue at the base of the nodule, adjacent to the root. Previously, we had shown that a moderate salt stress affects the expression of many genes involved in signaling and infection at

an early stage in the interaction: at 1 day post-inoculation (dpi), prior to the formation of any nodule primordia. We wondered whether salt continued to affect the expression of these genes as the early signaling pathway is recapitulated at the nodule apex. To address this question, we measured the expression of these early signaling and infection-related genes in nodules at 14 and 21 dpi. At this point, under control conditions, both plant and bacteria have differentiated and produced a mature, nitrogen-fixing nodule, with an active distal meristem and a gradient of development. ERN1 and ERN2 are required for early signaling during nodule development,<sup>20</sup> and we had observed upregulation of ERN1 at 1 and 2 dpi by salt (Chakraborty et al., in prep.). Here, we found that salt could still upregulate ERN1 at 14 dpi (**Figure 1**).

We also previously observed upregulation of several infection-associated genes by salt (Chakraborty et al., in prep.). NF-YA1 is essential for the progression of infection thread (IT) growth - *nf-ya1* mutants develop aberrant ITs<sup>21</sup> - and is also required for nodule meristem development, with an expression pattern confined to the youngest part of the nodule, the apical meristem.<sup>19</sup> MtNPL encodes a Nodule Pectate Lyase; its *Lotus japonicus* ortholog, LjNPL has been shown to be involved in localized degradation of host cell wall (CW) to facilitate rhizobial entry.<sup>61</sup> ENOD11 encodes a CW-localized glycoprotein that accumulates in the infection chamber prior to the beginning of an IT formation.<sup>62</sup> We found upregulation of these infection-associated genes in 14 dpi nodules by salt (**Figure 1**) just as we did at 1 dpi (Chakraborty et al., in prep.). Interestingly, expression of most of these genes had dropped by 21 dpi and expression in salt and control were not significantly different at that time point (**Figures 1, 2. Table 1**).

Given the dual role of Rboh genes in abiotic stress responses and legume-rhizobium symbiosis, we quantified the expression of MtRbohA and MtRbohC in nodules on plants grown with or without salinity. Similar to other infection-associated genes, MtRbohC was induced by salt in 14



dpi nodules (**Figure 1**), whereas MtRbohA did not show any difference in expression (**Supplemental Figure 1**). Next, to determine if the cell division genes, WOX5 and LATD/NIP, might be responsible for the callus-like appearance of salt-stressed nodules, we conducted qPCR on 14 dpi nodules, and found that salt upregulated WOX5 (**Figure 1**) but not LATD/NIP. Similar to our findings in the nodule, salt also failed to alter LATD/NIP expression in 1, 2, 3 and 5 dpi roots (**Supplemental Figure 1**).

Transcriptome profiling at 1 dpi previously revealed that the activation of Nod factor (NF)-triggered cytokinin signaling is broadly robust under salinity, and that NIN and NSP2, two genes acting downstream of cytokinin signaling have unaltered expression (1, 2, 3 and 5 dpi) (Chakraborty et al., in prep.). Further to these results, we found that the cytokinin-induced nodulation gene RR4<sup>5</sup> is upregulated in 14 dpi nodules in the presence of salinity, whereas salt had no effect on the expression of CLE13.<sup>12</sup> To check whether CLE13 expression is affected at an earlier stage of nodule development, we also measured its transcript abundance in the roots, when cytokinin signaling is initially activated, and found that CLE13 induction by rhizobia was unaltered in the presence of salinity (**Supplemental Figure 1**).

#### Salt stress downregulates host and symbiont genes involved in bacteroid differentiation and nitrogen fixation.

Since several host genes associated with early stages of nodule differentiation are upregulated in the presence of salt in 14 dpi nodules, we wondered whether that meant that nodule development had slowed or ceased. If that were true, the genes involved in the later stages of differentiation, such as bacteroid formation, nitrogen fixation and heme metabolism must be expressed at a lower level compared to the control condition at this time point. To test this possibility, we studied the expression of host and rhizobial genes required for bacteroid

differentiation, nitrogen fixation and heme degradation. NAD1 is required for host immune suppression prior to bacteroid differentiation but after the release of rhizobia into the host cell from the IT.<sup>22</sup> Although an induction in its expression need not necessarily coincide with its function, it can be used to get an idea about rhizobial release from IT in the presence of salinity. We found that NAD1 is normally induced under salinity, indicating that the symbiosis has proceeded to a stage, where the host is able to prepare itself for the next stages of differentiation. This requires successful host-symbiont signaling, in turn, indicating that the bacteria are ready to differentiate (**Figure 2**). We then asked whether the subsequent step of differentiation into bacteroids can take place normally under salinity. Rhizobial differentiation into bacteroids requires sequential induction of DNF genes in the host.<sup>23</sup> We measured the expression of DNF4 (NCR211) and DNF7 (NCR169)<sup>26,27</sup> (**Figure 2**). As expected, DNF7 expression was lower under salinity (**Figure 2**) but we did not observe any effect of salt on DNF4 expression (**Supplemental Figure 1**).

The Rhizobial BacA protein is required to combat the antimicrobial properties of the NCR peptides,<sup>28, 29</sup> and plays an important role in membrane alterations during bacteroid differentiation.<sup>63</sup> If salinity slows down bacteroid differentiation, that is likely to be reflected in delayed bacA expression. To test this hypothesis, we studied bacA promoter activity using reporter gene expression, and found that salt significantly inhibited bacA expression (**Figure 3A**). We further tested whether the exposure time of the host to salinity made any difference in bacA expression. To test whether length of salt exposure affected differentiation of infecting rhizobia, we added salt either one or four days prior to inoculation, and compared to differentiation under control conditions, using bacA expression as a marker for rhizobium differentiation. We found that bacA expression was reduced only with a prolonged prior salt treatment and not the shorter

treatment. Additionally, there was no significant difference in *bacA* expression for a given treatment between the two time-points tested (9 and 14 dpi) (**Figure 3A**).

Successful differentiation into bacteroids is a prerequisite for nitrogen fixation and several *dnf* mutants as well as *bacA* mutants fail to fix nitrogen.<sup>26, 27, 30</sup> We wanted to ascertain whether salinity inhibits rhizobial infection such that nitrogen fixation cannot take place. One marker for nitrogen fixation is the expression of *nifH*, the rhizobial gene encoding one of nitrogenase subunits. Supporting our previous inference, we found that *nifH* expression was decreased under salinity. We also found that the length of exposure to salinity prior to inoculation had an impact on *nifH* expression (**Figure 3B**). While both salt treatments reduced *nifH* expression, this downregulation was more severe when the seedlings experienced salt for 4 dpi.

Accumulation of leghemoglobin can be used as a proxy for nodule maturation. Salt-stressed nodules are rarely pink (Chakraborty et al., 2018), indicative of little to no leghemoglobin. This phenotype can be caused either by reduced production of the protein or increased degradation. GIRAFFE is involved in heme degradation in nodules by encoding the only heme oxygenase found in *M. truncatula*.<sup>35</sup> We found significantly less expression of GIRAFFE at 14 dpi under salinity, further supporting that nodule differentiation is hindered under salinity (**Figure 2**). Combining the results from DNF7, *bacA*, *nifH* and GIRAFFE expression, we conclude that salt interferes with the expression of host and symbiont genes involved in bacteroid differentiation and nitrogen fixation.

#### Host genes show altered temporal expression profiles under salinity.

In the previous sections, we studied the expression of fifteen host genes that are involved during various stages of nodule development (**Table 1**). Based on differences between treatments (control and salt) and stages of development (14 and 21 dpi), we grouped the expression pattern

into six categories (**Table 1**). We have already discussed the differences we saw in expression patterns between treatments at 14 dpi (**Table 1: groups A, D, E; Figure 2, 3**). In addition to that, we found that while control nodules had genes in groups C and E downregulated at 21 dpi, the salt-stressed nodules had genes in group A downregulated as well (**Table 1**). Interestingly, these were the genes that were upregulated in the presence of salt at 14 dpi (**Figure 1**). These trends reveal that the temporal expression dynamics of host genes are changed under salinity.

Distinct metabolites accumulate in the control and salt-stressed nodules.

Since salt shifted the expression dynamics of several nodulation genes, we wondered if this intersection between salt signaling and nodule development would be reflected in the accumulation of metabolites in the nodules. To this end, we used matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionization-mass spectrometry imaging (MALDI-MSI), a powerful tool for determining the spatial distribution of metabolites within nodules.<sup>58</sup> To confidently identify small metabolites, MS/MS was performed on  $m/z$  consistently increased in either the control or salt-stressed nodules. Salt-stressed nodules and the subtending roots showed increased accumulation of proline betaine and homostachydrine, but reduced heme accumulation. Control roots adjacent to the nodule accumulated the flavonoid, formononetin, which was not observed in the salt-stressed roots (**Figure 4**). Several other metabolites showed distinct spatial distribution patterns unique to a treatment, indicating that salinity causes a major metabolic shift in the nodules (**Figure 4**). One technical issue encountered was that the increased availability of sodium in the salt nodules could create changes in the ion images that are due to the increased sodium ions rather than an actual change in concentration of the molecule. However, these artificial changes were found and ruled out.<sup>64</sup> **Supplemental Table S2** provides accurate mass and MS/MS details for the identified metabolites.

ABA is the primary mediator of salt stress and accumulates in high amounts in salt-stressed tissues.<sup>42</sup> We were curious to see whether an increased accumulation of ABA could be seen in salt-stressed nodules as well. To this end, we quantified ABA in young (white) and mature (pink) nodules that developed under control or salt-stressed conditions. We observed a significant decrease in ABA levels between young and mature nodules in the control condition that was absent from the salt-stressed nodules. ABA accumulation in the salt-stressed nodules were comparable between young and mature stages (**Figure 5**), indicating that it accumulates differently in the presence of salt.

## **Discussion**

We have previously shown that salt interferes with early rhizobium-legume signaling by transcriptional regulation and that it inhibits rhizobial infection in the epidermis (Chakraborty et al., in prep.). Here, we wanted to inquire whether salinity also interferes with nodulation at later developmental stages. We find that salt stress transcriptionally regulates several host genes involved in nodule differentiation and inhibits the expression of the rhizobial *bacA* and *nifH* genes. These data indicate that nodule development is delayed or blocked under salinity. Our study further reveals major metabolic shift during nodule maturation under salinity.

Transcriptional alterations under salinity suggest either a delay or a block in nodule development.

We observed upregulation of several genes involved in the early stages of nodule development, such as early rhizobium-legume signaling, meristem development and infection, and a simultaneous reduction in the expression of genes involved in the later stages, such as bacteroid differentiation, heme degradation and nitrogen fixation (**Figures 1, 2, 3**). These results suggest a delay or block in the development of nodule under salt stress. Salinity has earlier been shown to

delay developmental processes, such as flowering time in rice (*Oryza sativa*)<sup>65</sup> and primary xylem differentiation in soybean (*Glycine max*) roots.<sup>66</sup> Delaying developmental processes is a common strategy employed by plants in the face of imminent stress, and often involves microRNAs (miRNA).<sup>67</sup> miRNAs post-transcriptionally silence target RNAs, often transcription factors, and are differentially expressed under stressful conditions.<sup>68</sup> We observed an upregulation of several genes encoding the transcription factors NF-YA1, WOX5, ERN1 and ERN2. WOX5 overexpression causes prolonged meristematic activity in the nodule compared to the wild-type,<sup>18</sup> further corroborating the idea that salt delays nodule maturation. NF-YA1 is post-transcriptionally regulated by miR169 in nodules.<sup>19</sup> In rice, several members of the miR169 family are induced, and NF-YA expression repressed, by salinity.<sup>69</sup> In *A. thaliana*, miR169 targets members of the NF-YA family and MIR169a overexpression renders the plants hypersensitive to nitrogen starvation.<sup>70</sup> These findings clearly reveal miR169 in an interesting position in salt regulation of nodulation.

We observed decreased expression of the heme oxygenase, GIRAFFE, in 14 dpi salt-stressed nodules (**Figure 2**). The *A. thaliana* heme oxygenase, HY1, participates in salt acclimation by K<sup>+</sup> retention via H<sup>+</sup>-ATPase and transcriptional regulation of the Salt Overly Sensitive 1 (SOS1) gene encoding a plasma membrane-localized Na<sup>+</sup>/H<sup>+</sup> antiporter,<sup>71</sup> and is required for salt acclimation.<sup>72, 73</sup> A decrease in GIRAFFE expression could indicate an inability of the nodules to adjust to the highly saline environment. Alternatively, it could be a part of a feedback mechanism that prevents further salt-induced damage (i.e. involved in salt acclimation). Contrary to our findings, in soybean nodules, 100 mM NaCl induces heme oxygenase 1 (HO-1), a gene suggested to be closely related to mammalian HO-1 based on induction patterns.<sup>74</sup> The apparent disparity between these two results could be attributed to different nodule developmental patterns in *M. truncatula* and soybean, where the former develops indeterminate nodules harboring a persistent

meristem. Meristem-derived cells gradually become infected with rhizobia and differentiate into nitrogen-fixing cells. If salinity delayed nodule maturation as we suggest, it would cause a delayed accumulation of leghemoglobin. GIRAFFE is also involved in heme degradation.<sup>36</sup> Hence, the reduction in GIRAFFE expression could be an outcome of delayed nodule development under salt stress, or an acclimation to salinity.

#### MALDI-MSI reveals distinct distribution of key metabolites in salt-stressed nodules.

The distinct phenotype of salt-stressed nodules suggests major physiological alterations that underlie this change. We used MALDI-MSI-based metabolomics to get an insight into the biochemical pathways that might be differentially regulated in the presence of salt (**Figure 4**). Our results demonstrate distinct spatial accumulation of the metabolites, indicating their relative contribution during a particular stage of development (**Figure 4**). We detected very little heme accumulation in salt-stressed nodules (**Figure 4C**), which might result in reduced expression of GIRAFFE, further corroborating the idea that development of nodules is delayed under salt stress. Alternatively, it is possible that very little accumulation of heme causes reduced GIRAFFE expression via a feedback mechanism, and in that case, GIRAFFE expression would not be a reflection of any delay in nodule development.

We also observed increased accumulation of proline betaine (stachydrine) and pipercolatebetaine (homostachydrine) in salt-stressed nodules (**Figure 4B, D**). These quaternary ammonium compounds are two amongst some key compatible osmolytes that accumulate in high concentration under salt stress.<sup>75</sup> Proline betaine is an osmoprotectant that accumulates in alfalfa (*Medicago sativa*) nodules under salt stress, particularly in the cytosol and bacteroids, and is thought to be associated with an increase in turgor pressure in the symbiosomes.<sup>45</sup> In free-living *R. meliloti* 102F34, high osmolarity in the environment enhances the uptake of proline betaine,

which in turn, helps in the revival of growth rate from salinity-induced inhibition.<sup>76</sup> Overexpression of *betS*, a bacterial gene encoding a high affinity glycine and proline betaine transporter, relieves bacteroids isolated from alfalfa from some of the negative effects of salt stress.<sup>77</sup> It remains to be tested whether an increased uptake of certain host metabolite influences differentiation into bacteroids.

We found a correlation between a decrease in ABA content and maturation of nodules (**Figure 5**). Interestingly, this difference is lost in nodules that develop under salt-stress. At the same time, the latter accumulated high amounts of proline betaine (**Figure 4D**). In sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor*) leaves, ABA induces betaine aldehyde dehydrogenase, an enzyme involved in the synthesis of glycine betaine.<sup>78</sup> It would be interesting to test what effect an inhibition of ABA synthesis could have on the synthesis of proline betaine.

In conclusion, our work glimpses into the interaction between salinity and nodule maturation in the indeterminate nodulator *M. truncatula*. Given the gradient of differentiation the nodules exhibit, it would be interesting to examine host cell division patterns in the developing nodule and bacteroids ultrastructure. In addition, it will be exciting to test whether ABA accumulation plays a role in bacteroid differentiation.

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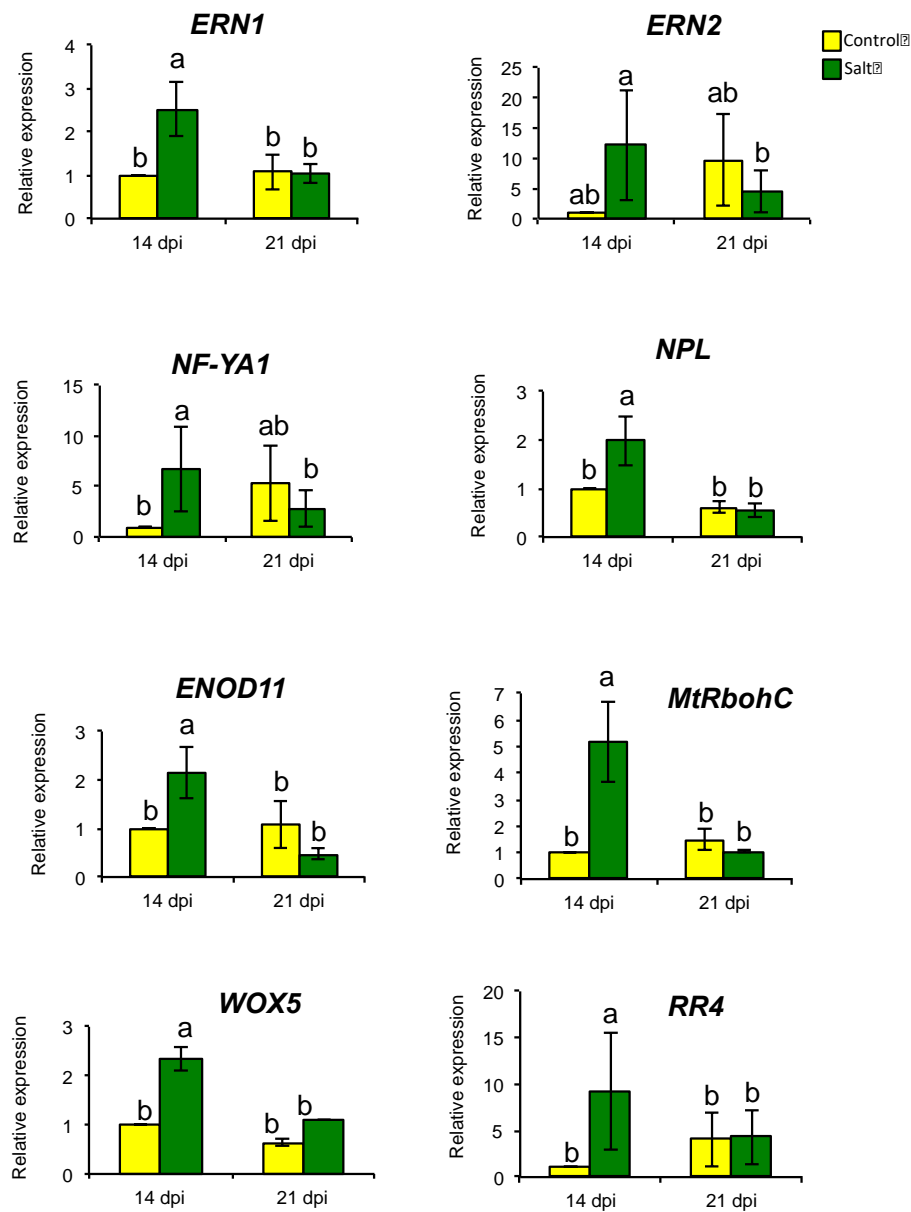
## Tables

**Table 1: Patterns of nodule gene expression in response to salt stress.**

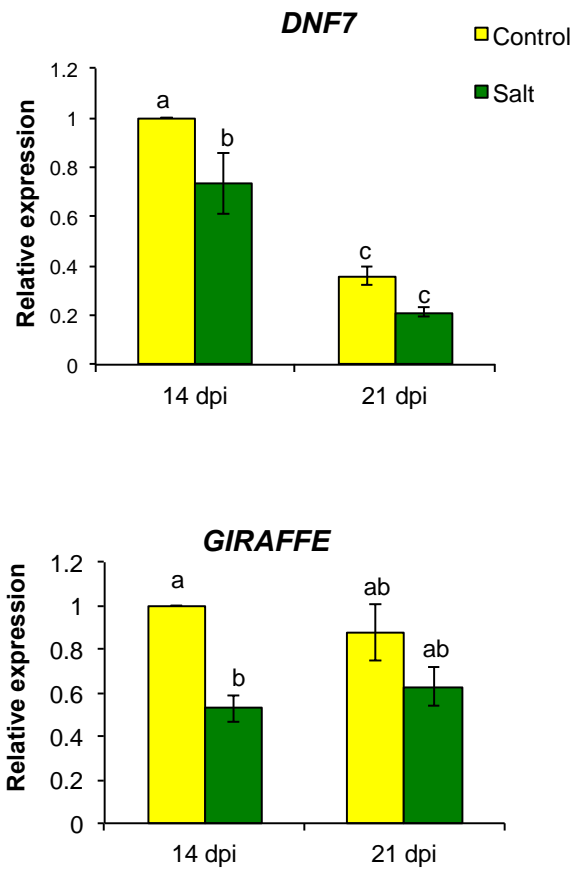
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A	<b>up</b>	none	<b>down</b>	<i>ENOD11, NF-YA1, WOX5, ERN1, ERN2, RR4, NPL, MtRbohC</i>
B	none	none	none	<i>LATD, MtRbohA, CLE13</i>
C	none	<b>down</b>	<b>down</b>	<i>NAD1, DNF4</i>
D	<b>down</b>	none	none	<i>GIRAFFE</i>
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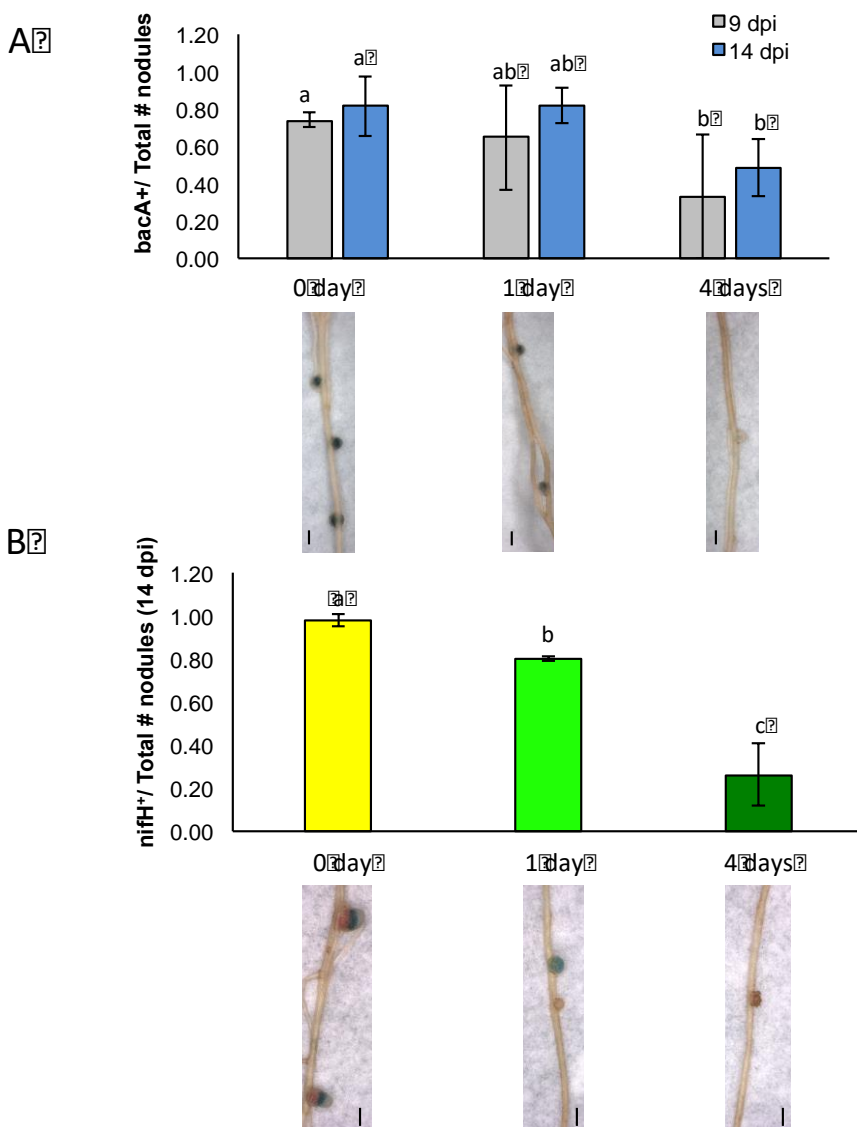
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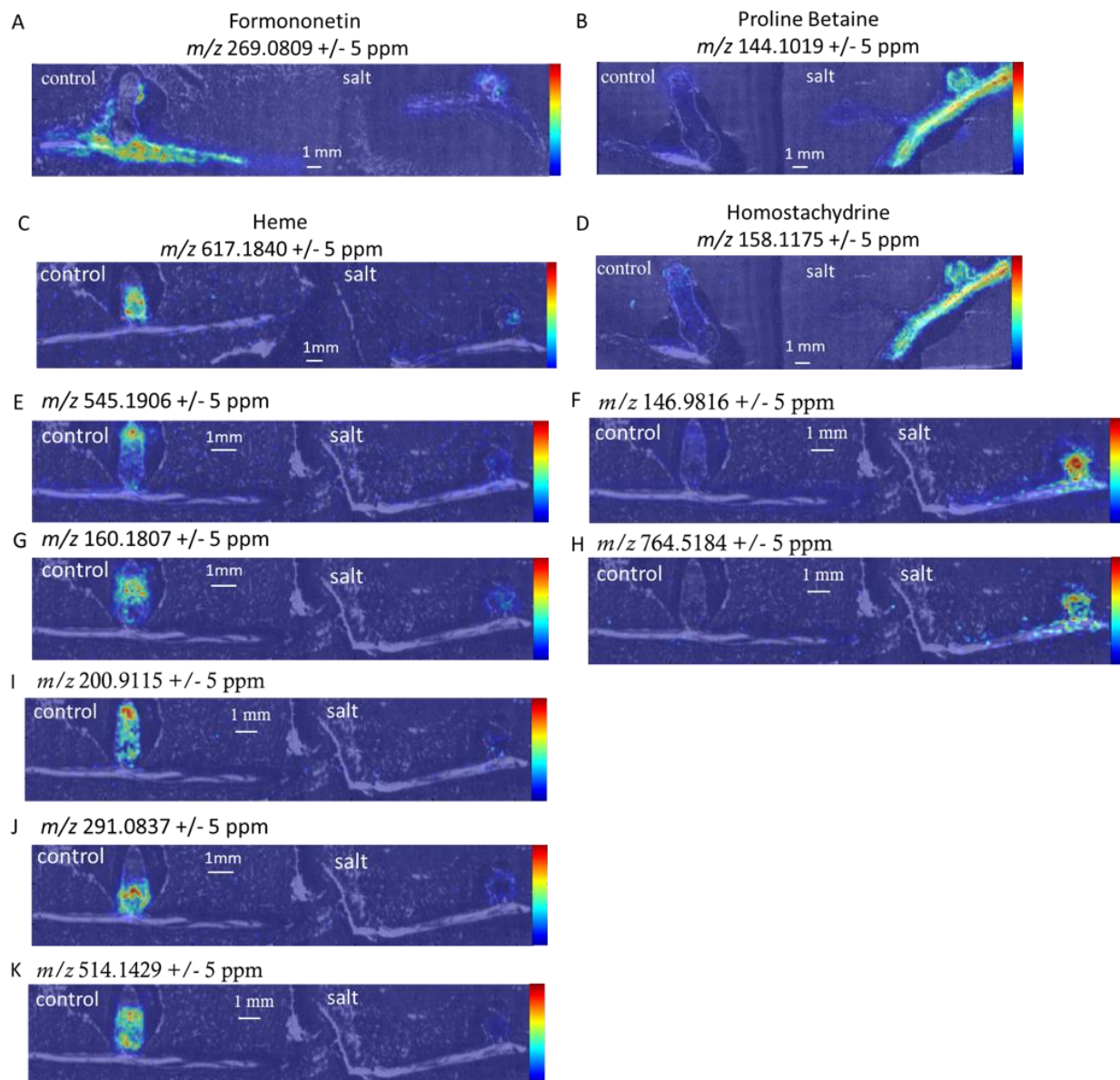
**Figure 1.** Salinity upregulates *RR4* and several meristem, early signaling, and infection-associated genes in nodules. Transcript levels measured by quantitative RT-PCR. Bars represent mean of three independent experiments  $\pm$  SEM. Statistical analysis done using a 2-way ANOVA followed by a t-test on the LS-Means ( $\alpha=0.05$ ). Columns not connected by the same letter are significantly different.



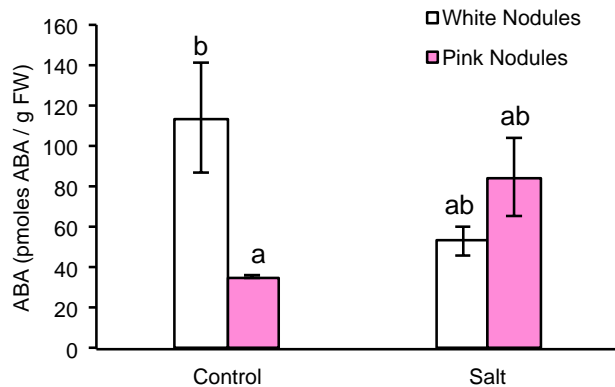
**Figure 2.** Salinity downregulates *DNF7* and *GIRAFFE* at 14 dpi. Transcript levels measured by quantitative RT-PCR. Bars represent mean of three independent experiments  $\pm$  SEM. Statistical analysis done using a 2-way ANOVA followed by a t-test on the LS-Means ( $\alpha=0.05$ ). Columns not connected by the same letter are significantly different.



**Figure 3.** Decreased expression of rhizobial genes required for bacteroid differentiation and nitrogen fixation with increasing exposure to salt stress. *bacA* (A) and *nifH* (B) promoter activity as measured by *uidA* (*GUS*) reporter gene expression. Graph representing the mean of three independent experiments with  $n = 14$  seedlings per treatment per experiment. Representative images are shown underneath each column. Days underneath the graphs represent duration of salt treatment at the time of inoculation. Scale bar=1 mm. Statistical analysis done using a 2-way ANOVA followed by Tukey's HSD test on the LS-Means ( $\alpha=0.05$ ). Columns not connected by the same letter are significantly different.



**Figure 4.** Salinity alters accumulation of small metabolites in nodules. MALDI-MSI images for  $m/z$  present in either control or salt-stressed nodules or roots (**A-K**). Ion images are overlaid with the optical images. Left and right panels show accumulation of metabolites exclusively in control or salt-stressed nodules or roots, respectively. Accumulation of formononetin (**A**) and heme (**C**) are observed only in the control condition; accumulation of proline betaine (**B**) and homostachydrine (**D**) are observed only under salt stress. Accumulation of unidentified small metabolites associated with definite stages of nodule development that are not observed under salt stress (**E, G, I, J and K**) or only observed under salinity (**F, H**). Metabolites studied from 21 dpi nodules.



**Figure 5.** Differential ABA accumulation in the control and salt-stressed nodules. ABA quantification from 21 dpi nodules as determined by ELISA. Data represent the average of three independent experiments. All reactions were done in duplicate for a technical replicate. Statistical analysis done using a 2-way ANOVA followed by Student's t- test on the LS-Means ( $\alpha=0.05$ ). Columns not connected by the same letter are significantly different. Error bars represent SEM.

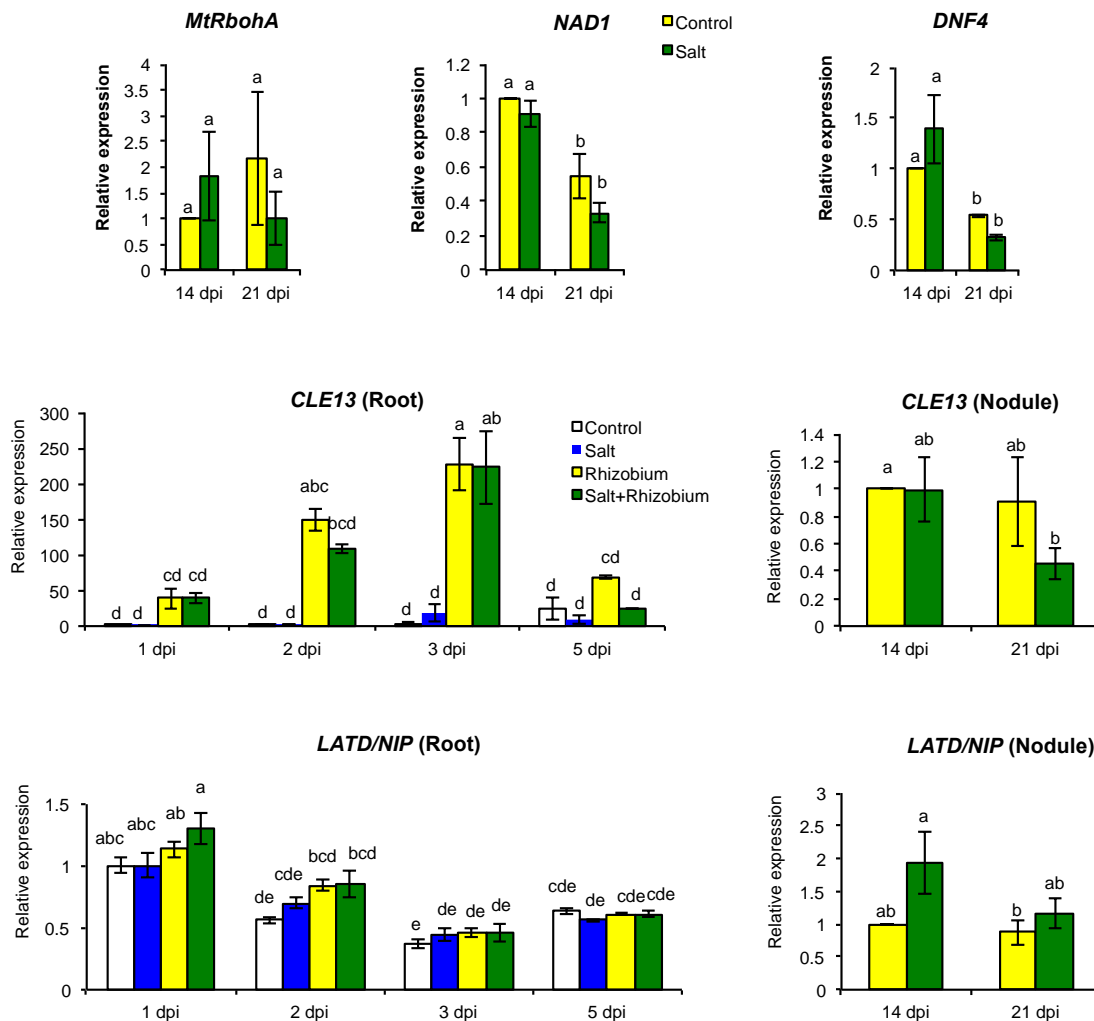
## Supplemental

Supplemental Table S1: Primers for qRT-PCR.

Gene	Forward (5'-3')	Reverse (5'-3')	Reference
<i>CLE13</i>	TCAACTTTGCAGGCT CGTAG	TGTAGAAGGCTTCGG CTGTC	(Zhang, 2014)
<i>LATD</i>	TCGGCCAGAAAGAAAG ACGAT	GTTCTTCTCTCGATGAC CTAAACA	This work.
<i>NF-YA1</i>	TCGGATCTACTGTCCAC TCTTTGG	TTGGCATGACGATACCG TGTC	(Fonouni-Farde et al., 2016)
<i>WOX5</i>	GGAATCCAACAACAGA ACAAGTTAAA	TGAATTTGATCAGTGCT TGGAGTT	(Imin et al., 2007)
<i>ENOD11</i>	TAGGGCTTGCTGATA AATCTC	TAATTGGAGGCTTGT AAGTAG	(Ding et al., 2008)
<i>ERN1</i>	TGTCTCATTGGATTC TCCTCTTGC	TTGGAGCAGAAGCA ACAGCA	(Cerri et al., 2012)
<i>ERN2</i>	CTAGCCATGCTGACA CGACTAAT	ACTGGCTGTGCCAAT ACAGTTAG	(Cerri et al., 2012)
<i>NPL</i>	CGTGCATTCCCATAAAG GGC	TGTTAAATGCCACCGTT CCG	(Chakraborty et al., 2018, in prep)
<i>RR4</i>	ATGCTTTTGTTCGG GTTTA	CTGCACCTTCCTCCA AACAT	(Zhang, 2014)
<i>MtRbohA</i>	GCGCAACTCC TTTGATTAGC	GAAATAGGCT CGCTTGGTTG	(Marino et al., 2011)
<i>MtRbohC</i>	GGGAGACCTGATGCTAT TCAAG	TGTCTTCAACAATAATG TCCATCTG	(Marino et al., 2011)
<i>NAD1</i>	TCAAGAAGTGTTGTGG CAG	GCAATCTTGGTGCTACT TTGG	(Wang et al., 2016).
<i>DNF4</i>	GCGTTAATGCACATCAT TTGTGG	TTATTCTCGGACACAAA CACCTTG	(Horváth et al., 2015)
<i>DNF7</i>	GGAAATGCGTTGAAAAT GTTTGTG	AACATTTCTCCACTTTA TTCTCGGG	(Horváth et al., 2015)
<i>GIRAFFE</i>	TGGGAAGAAG ATTGCTGGTC	TGTCCTCACA TTCTGCAAC	(Zhang, 2014)
<i>Helicase</i>	GTACGAGGTCGGTGCTC TTGAA	GCAACCGAAAATTGCA CCATAC	(Kakar et al., 2008)
<i>UBC9</i>	GGTTGATTGCTC TTCTCTCCCC	AAGTGATTGCTC GTCCAACCC	(Kakar et al., 2008)

**Supplemental Table S2.** Identifications in Control and Salt nodules ( $m/z$  are for  $[M+H]^+$  adduct). Asterisk\* indicate identification confirmed with obtained standard.

$m/z$	Adduct	Identification	Theoretical $m/z$	Delta ppm	Source of MS/MS
144.1018	$[M+H]^+$ $[M+Na]^+$ $[M+K]^+$	Proline Betaine (Stachydrine)*	144.1019	-1.03	1. On-tissue (CID, ion trap) 2.LC-MS/MS (HCD)
158.1175	$[M+H]^+$ $[M+Na]^+$ $[M+K]^+$	Homostachydrine	158.1176	-0.45	1. LC-MS/MS (HCD)
269.0809	$[M+H]^+$ $[M+K]^+$	Formononetin*	269.0808	0.24	1. On-tissue (CID, ion trap and orbitrap) 2. On-tissue (HCD)
617.1840	$[M+H]^+$ $[M+K]^+$	Heme	617.1846	-0.99	1. On-tissue (CID, ion trap and orbitrap) 2. LC-MS/MS (HCD)



**Figure S1.** Host genes whose expression is not altered in the presence of salinity. Transcript levels measured by quantitative RT-PCR. Bars represent mean of three independent experiments  $\pm$  SEM. Statistical analysis done using a 2-way ANOVA followed by a t-test (nodules) or Tukey's HSD test (roots) on the LS-Means ( $\alpha=0.05$ ). Columns not connected by the same letter are significantly different.



# Appendix V

## Optimization of the Extraction Procedure for Identification of Endogenous Peptides in *Medicago truncatula* seedling plants by LC-MS/MS

This project was in collaboration with Junko Maeda and Dhileep Jayaraman from the Ané lab (UW-Madison Department of Bacteriology) and Micheal R. Sussman (UW-Department of Biochemistry). Alyssa Eisold was an undergrad researcher assisting with this project.

Keyword: LC-MS/MS; *Medicago truncatula*; extractions; endogenous peptides

## Abstract

Plant peptide hormones have numerous roles in signaling and in the growth and development of plants. Despite a large number of predicted plant peptide hormones, only a small number of peptides have been fully characterized. Due to its ability to detect small concentrations of endogenous peptides and their many post translational modifications, mass spectrometry is a valuable tool to study peptide hormones. Here, a variety of plant extraction techniques were evaluated for optimal detection of plant peptides. Aqueous extraction solvents provided the highest number of detected peptides. Although the extractions did not detect many endogenous peptides, many peptide sequences were detected. Most of these detected peptides are proteolytic cleavage fragments of larger proteins. Further analysis is necessary to determine whether these detected protein fragments have functional roles in the plant.

## Introduction

Peptide hormones play important roles in both short and long range signaling in plants, covering a wide range of functions, from plant growth and development, to formation of symbiosis interactions and stress response.<sup>1-3</sup> In *Medicago truncatula* (Medicago), nodules form on the roots of the plant as a result of the symbiotic relationship between the plant and rhizobia bacteria. Once the symbiotic relationship is formed in the root nodules, biological nitrogen fixation, where the rhizobia bacteria reduce atmospheric N<sub>2</sub> into ammonia, occurs. Various peptides are involved in the development and regulation of the symbiotic relationship between Medicago and rhizobium bacteria.<sup>3</sup> Two members of the CLAVATA3/embryo-surrounding region (CLE) peptide family (*MtCLE12* and *MtCLE13*) are involved in the regulation of nodules.<sup>4,5</sup> A C-terminally encoded peptide (*MtCEP1*) was shown to regulate nodulation and lateral root formation.<sup>6,7</sup> Furthermore,

nodule specific cysteine rich (NCR) peptides are involved in the differentiation of bacteria into bacteroids in the root nodules.<sup>8-10</sup>

Currently, the *in vivo* discovery and characterization of peptide hormones in plants is challenging due to the low concentrations of these peptides and has only been performed by a few laboratories.<sup>7, 11-18</sup> Despite the low number of characterized peptide hormones, a study in *Arabidopsis thaliana* found numerous unannotated potential secreted peptides, indicating that only a small amount of the plant peptidome has been fully characterized.<sup>19</sup> While numerous endogenous signaling peptides have been predicted based upon genetic sequencing data,<sup>19</sup> the genomic data does not provide the active form of the peptide in the plant or potential post translational modifications (PTMs). Methods to isolate active peptide hormones include using plant cell cultures, peptide overexpressor lines, xylem sap, and submerged seedlings in order to achieve higher peptide concentration or lower amounts of background interfering peptides to isolate enough of the peptide to detect and characterize.<sup>7, 11, 16, 18, 20</sup> As cell cultures and overexpressor lines are altered version of the plant, they may not fully represent the *in vivo*, non-mutant version of the plant. Also, mutant lines of plants take considerable time and effort to create. The other methods focus on secreted peptides rather than all peptides present in the plant. Thus, a method to investigate endogenous peptide distribution in wild-type plants would be beneficial.

Mass spectrometry is a powerful tool to detect peptides hormones as it allows for sensitive detection of many peptide modifications. PTMs are often found on peptide hormones and can play crucial roles in the function of the peptide.<sup>21, 22</sup> CLE and CEP peptides are hydroxylated and arabinosylated, and NCR peptides have multiple disulfide bonds.<sup>1, 23</sup> Currently, detection of peptide hormones is challenging due to the low concentrations of the peptide *in vivo*, which is why studies usually use overexpressor lines, which create additional copies of one specific gene, in this

case an endogenous peptide coding gene, or focus on peptides secreted from the plant, which results in a simpler background.<sup>23</sup> Here the possibility of endogenous peptide extraction from wild-type plant cells, which provides the information from wild-type plant was investigated. Various extraction methods were attempted to find an optimal extraction method for a wide variety of peptide hormones directly from *Medicago* seedling plants without the need for overexpressor lines.

## **Experimental Methods**

### Tissue Extractions

Seedling plants (50-100) were frozen on dry ice and stored at -80°C until the extraction was performed. Multiple extractions were attempted based upon extractions found in literature for endogenous peptides, including:

1. 40% Ethanol<sup>24</sup>
2. 40% Ethanol<sup>24</sup> with 1% Acetic Acid
3. 10% AcN with 1 M acetic acid and a protease inhibitor tablet<sup>25</sup>
4. H<sub>2</sub>O with 1% TFA<sup>26</sup>
5. dichloromethane:methanol (1:1,v/v)<sup>27</sup>
6. Intercellular fluid extraction<sup>28</sup>
7. 8 M Urea<sup>29</sup>
8. 8 M Urea<sup>29</sup> denator
9. 40% Ethanol<sup>24</sup> denator

Plant material was ground up with a mortar and pestle under liquid nitrogen. The general procedure for the extractions was to add the extraction liquid, vortex, probe sonicate (select extractions), centrifuge, collect the liquid, and dry down the supernatant in a speed vac unless otherwise noted.

The extraction liquid composition and amount and centrifugation parameters were as described in the original paper unless otherwise noted below.

1. 40% Ethanol:<sup>24</sup> After addition of 40% ethanol, the mixture was probe sonicated for 6 cycles (15 s on and 30 s off). After centrifugation, the supernatant was dried down in a speed vac (further clean-up steps from the original paper were not followed).
2. 40% Ethanol<sup>24</sup> with 1% Acetic Acid: 1% acetic acid was added to the 40% ethanol extraction liquid. After addition of 40% ethanol 1% acetic acid, the mixture was probe sonicated for 6 cycles (15 s on and 30 s off). After centrifugation, the supernatant was dried down in a speed vac (further clean-up steps from the original paper were not followed).
3. 10% AcN with 1 M acetic acid and a protease inhibitor tablet:<sup>25</sup> A mini EDTA-free protease inhibitor cocktail tablet was used for the protease inhibitor tablet. After addition of the 10% AcN extraction mixture, the mixture was probe sonicated for 6 cycles (15 s on and 30 s off). Centrifugation occurred at 4000 x g for 30 min at 4°C. The supernatant was removed and dried in a rotovap. After the extraction was dried down, the pellet was rinsed with 1 mL ethanol and dried in the rotovap.
4. H<sub>2</sub>O with 1% TFA:<sup>26</sup> After addition of H<sub>2</sub>O with 1% TFA at a ratio of 4 mL/g plant material, the mixture was probe sonicated for 6 cycles (15 s on and 30 s off). Plant material was pelleted by centrifuging at 4500 x g for 2 hr at 4°C. An aliquot of the extraction underwent an acetone precipitation procedure.<sup>30</sup> To 750 µL of the extraction resuspended in water, 7.5 µL of N-ethylmorpholine (NEM) and 750 µL of o-chlorophenol with 1% NEM were added. The mixture was vortexed and shook for 1 min at room temperature. The extract was then centrifuged at 10,000 x g for 10 min at 4°C. The aqueous phase was removed, dried down, and stored in the -80°C freezer. The phenolic phase was transferred to a falcon tube and 20 volumes

of acetone were added, mixed and placed at  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  overnight. The acetone precipitation mixture was centrifuged at  $4500 \times g$  for 2 hour. The acetone was decanted off. The pellet was rinsed with acetone, switched to centrifuge tubes, and dried in a speed vac.

5. dichloromethane:methanol (1:1,v/v):<sup>27</sup> For the fifth extraction, three temperatures for the overnight incubation in 1:1 dichloromethane:methanol were attempted, room temperature,  $4^{\circ}\text{C}$ , and  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ , and the methanol/water layer was collected the next day.
6. Intercellular fluid extraction:<sup>28</sup> For the intercellular fluid extraction, seedling plants were placed in the citric acid buffer described in the paper except the thiourea was replaced with urea. The submerged plants were placed in the vacuum desiccator for 10 minutes, and the centrifuge set-up to release the ICF fluid was repeated twice. Both the ICF sample and 14 mL of infiltration buffer were collected.
7. 8 M Urea:<sup>29</sup> The extraction followed as described in the paper except the centrifuge time during the molecular weight cut-off (MWCO) step was increased until everything had passed through the filter, approximately 60 minutes. As the MWCO took longer than expected, half the extract was desalted (SepPak) without going through the MWCO. This half was kept separate from the half that went through the MWCO. After the MWCO, samples were desalted (SepPak). All desalted samples were dried down in a speed vac.
8. 8 M Urea<sup>29</sup> denator: Seedling plants (5 at a time) were heat stabilized using a denator for 15 s at  $5.0 \text{ mm}$  and  $95^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The extraction followed as described in the paper except the MWCO device was rinsed with 0.2 mL 0.1 M NaOH and 0.5 mL  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  prior to loading the sample and 0.1 mL  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  after loading the sample and centrifuge time during the molecular weight cut-off (MWCO) step were increased until everything had passed through the filter, approximately 60 minutes.

9. 40% Ethanol<sup>24</sup> denator: Seedling plants (5 at a time) were heat stabilized using a denator 15 s at 5.0 mm and 95°C. After addition of 40% ethanol, the mixture was probe sonicated for 6 cycles (15 s on and 30 s off). After centrifugation, the supernatant was dried down in a speed vac (further clean-up steps from the original paper were not followed).

### Sample Preparation

After the extractions, peptide concentrations were calculated with a peptide assay (Pierce Quantitative Colorimetric Peptide Assay, Thermo Scientific). Samples were reduced and alkylated in a 50 mM tris buffer, pH=8 at a concentration of 3.5 mg/mL. One aliquot of extraction 9 was also reduced and alkylated in an 8 M Urea 50 mM tris buffer, pH=8 at a concentration of 3.5 mg/mL, to test whether urea was necessary for reduction and alkylation. Reduction occurred with 5 mM dithiothreitol (DTT) for 1 hour at room temperature followed by alkylation with 15 mM iodoacetamide for 30 min in the dark at room temperature. The reaction was quenched with 5 mM DTT for 5 min at room temperature followed by acidification with addition of 0.3% TFA. Samples were desalted with SepPak C<sub>18</sub> solid phase extraction cartridge (Waters). SCX clean-up was performed with SCX SpinTips (Protea) according to kit protocol 1, except SpinTip rinse was performed with 100 µL of the wash solution, the sample was reconstituted in 200 µL of the reconstitution solution and loaded three times through the SpinTip. The sample was eluted with two 150 µL aliquots, and all centrifuges occurred for 1.5 min. Samples were desalted with three additions of 1 mL H<sub>2</sub>O with subsequent dry down in a speed vac. The peptide assay was used to calculate the peptide concentration prior to analysis. Certain samples, which were not reduced and alkylated in the literature, were run with and without reduction and alkylation to test whether reduction and alkylation was necessary. Sample that were not reduced are labeled NR and were desalted after extraction prior to analysis.

## LC-MS/MS

Peptide samples were resuspended at 1 ug/uL. Samples were run on a nanoAcquity LC (Waters) coupled to a Q Exactive MS (Thermo Scientific). Separation occurred with a 15 cm long C18 nano LC column at a flow rate of 0.3 uL/min. Mobile phase A was optima H<sub>2</sub>O with 0.1% FA and mobile phase B was optima AcN with 0.1% FA. The LC parameters used 16 min trapping initially, followed by a gradient from 0-4% B from 0 to 2 min, 4-35% B from 0-70 min, 35-75% B from 70-71 min, 71-81 min hold at 75% B, 75-95% from 81-82 min, hold at 95% B from 82-92 min, 95-0% B from 92-93 min, and re-equilibration at 0% B for 15 min. Samples were kept at 4°C during analysis. A top 15 DDA method was used for MS analysis. Full MS spectra were taken from 300-2000 *m/z* at 35,500 resolution, 1E6 AGC target, and 100 ms max injection time. The default charge state was selected as 2. MS/MS spectra were acquired with HCD activation at a collision energy of 30 at 17,500 resolution, 1E5 AGC target, 200 ms max inject time, and a 2.0 *m/z* isolation window. A dynamic exclusion of 30 s and a charge exclusion of unassigned, 1, and greater than or equal to 8 was used.

## Peptide Identification

PEAKS *de novo* sequencing software was used to analyze the LC-MS/MS data. *De novo* sequencing occurred with a parent mass error of 20 ppm and a fragment mass error of 0.02 Da. Database searching was performed against a signaling peptide database and a full protein database from uniprot. Carbamidomethylation (C) was used as a fixed modification, and oxidation (M), hydroxylation (P), acetylation (N-term), amidation (C-term), and arabinosylation (P) were used as variable modifications. Three variable modifications were allowed per peptide and up to 5 peptides were reported. Matches to the signaling databases were manually reviewed for data quality while a 1% FDR cut-off was used for the protein database.



## Results

### De Novo Sequencing

Initially, *de novo* sequencing was performed to determine peptide sequences without the input of a protein database. **Table 1** shows the number of *de novo* sequences with an average local confidence (ALC) score over 80. The ALC score provides overall strength of the *de novo* identification by averaging the likelihood of each amino acid at each position of the sequence. Although the PEAKS default ALC score is 50, 80 was chosen to show only the most confident sequences where each amino acid is likely correct. Overall, higher numbers of *de novo* sequenced peptides were achieved with aqueous buffers, especially with the 8 M Urea extraction. The denatured plants with the ethanol extraction also resulted in a high number of sequences. The denatured sample with 8 M Urea extraction had the highest number of *de novo* sequences. Further analysis would be needed to determine whether the higher number of peptides with the denatured samples in both extractions is due decreased degradation of peptides or due to increased levels of proteolytic cleavage of proteins during the process of denaturing the sample. Reduction and alkylation of the samples followed by SCX purification generally increased the number of detected peptides. The molecular weight cut-off step in the 8 M urea extraction potentially resulted in loss of peptides, as the no MWCO, SCX sample had a higher number of peptide sequences than the MWCO, SCX sample.

To determine whether the different extractions were detecting similar peptides, the detected peptide sequences were compared. The overlap of peptide sequences with *de novo* sequencing is shown in **Figure 1**. Venn Diagrams illustrate the shared peptide sequences between different extractions. Overall, most cases show a low number of shared sequences and a high number of unique sequences. Each extraction was performed on 50-100 seedling plants, meaning that a good

variety of biological variability should be averaged in each extraction. Also, technical replicates were not assessed; thus, some variability could be due to technical variability. In **Figure 1 (A)** the presence of acetic acid in the 40% ethanol extraction solvent to limit peptide degradation is compared with the 40% ethanol solvent extraction. The very low overlap between ethanol with and without acetic acid indicates that the addition of acetic acid changes the extraction properties with the lowering of the pH. In **Figure 1 (B)**, the three acid extractions (extraction #s 2-4) were compared. Only 40 sequences were in all three, leaving hundreds of sequences unique to one of the extractions. A similar pattern was observed for the three different temperatures of extraction 5.

Different sample preparations for the extractions were also compared for the intercellular fluid extraction **Figure 1 (D)** and Urea extraction **Figure 1 (E)**. For the intracellular fluid extraction, the buffer was compared to the intercellular fluid extraction (both non-reduced and SCX purified, reduced, and alkylated). There appears to be some leakage from the intercellular fluid into the buffer, but the most sequences came from the SCX purified, reduced, and alkylated sample. For the urea sample, the molecular weight cut-off device type was switched after the initial extraction preparation due to excessive time to run the sample through the device, the second MWCO device is labeled new. There is potential loss during the MWCO step as there SCX, reduced and alkylated sample preparation with no MWCO yielded a high number of unique sequences.

Finally, a comparison of the denator and non-denatured samples with the 8 M urea extraction is shown for **Figure 1 (F-G)** for the nonreduced and reduced, alkylated, and SCX purified samples respectively. The shared sequences are still a small portion of the total sequences. The denatured samples with the ethanol extraction were reduced and alkylated with and without

urea in the reduction buffer. The shared sequences was higher for this comparison, which is expected since aliquots of the same extraction were used. Finally, the use of acid to limit degradation, the use of the denator to limit degradation, and no addition to limit degradation were all compared for the ethanol extraction in **Figure 1 (I)**. There were only 13 shared sequences between the three extractions, while 1602 sequences were unique to the denatured sample with the ethanol extraction. As only one technical replicate was injected, more technical replicates would be necessary to tell whether the low number of shared sequences is due to biological variability, run to run variability, or actual difference in the extractions.

### Identification of Signaling Peptides

An endogenous peptide database was created by searching for peptide classes found in a plant peptide review in the uniprot Medicago protein database and compiling all the hits. It should be noted that this method included some protein sequences that are not endogenous peptides through the search. For example, when searching for nodule specific cysteine rich peptides, cysteine proteinases were also included in the search hits. Despite this, the peptide database is much shorter than the full protein database and requires substantially less time to search with in PEAKS software. **Table 1** shows the number of PSMs to the peptide database for all the attempted extractions. Overall, the number of PSMs <https://vrs-us.com/job/analytical-chemist-lc-ms/> was very low and usually only matched up to a couple proteins. Many of the protein groups identified were miscellaneous proteins that are not expected to be endogenous peptides (i.e. cysteine proteinases) or lipid transfer proteins. **Table 2** shows the protein groups identified for extraction 1 with the peptide database. Most of these are larger proteins, but a couple potentially interesting protein groups are seen, such as the NCR, thionin, and defensin groups. However, NCR peptides are not expected to be in the seedling plants and may be due to contamination on the LC column.

As **Figure 2** shows for the thionin (**A**) and defensin (**B**) peptide matches to the ethanol extraction (extraction 1), the peptides matching to the thionin and defensin proteins are small pieces and may not be the full version of the peptides. After manually looking through the data, short peptides matching to either thionin, defensin, or occasionally RALF or KDEL-tailed cysteine endopeptidase CEP1 were found with varying MS/MS spectral qualities. However, no extractions provided multiple strong (i.e. good MS/MS spectral quality) full length endogenous peptides.

### Identification of Protein Fragments

As there were few matches to endogenous peptides in the extractions, select extractions were analyzed in PEAKS with the full Medicago protein database. Due to long analysis times, only the first 5 extractions were analyzed with the full protein database. As the goal of the project was targeted towards endogenous peptides select extractions were analyzed against the protein database to test whether the observed peptides in the LC-MS/MS runs could be due to protein fragments. **Table 3** lists the PSMs for extractions 1-5 matching to the full protein database with an FDR of 1% and the number of protein groups for each extraction. There were significantly more PSMs for the protein database compared to the peptide database, indicating that there are a lot of protein fragments in the LC-MS/MS runs. As the number of PSMs in the peptide databases was typically very low, the peptide PSMs should not significantly contribute to the protein PSMs. **Figure 3** compares the overlap in proteins detected between the different extractions analyzed with the full protein database. Overall, there was more overlap between the proteins detected than with the *de novo* sequenced peptides (**Figure 1**), indicating that the proteins detected might be more consistent than the individual peptide sequences detected. In (**A**), the ethanol extractions with and without acetic acid were compared. Slightly less than half of the detected proteins in each of the two extractions were shared. In **Figure 3 (B)**, the three acid extractions

were compared. Again, there is much better overlap with the proteins detected than with the *de novo* peptides detected. The 1% TFA extraction detected the most protein groups, although in **Table 3**, the 10% AcN 1 M acetic acid extraction had the most PSMs matching to proteins. The three different temperatures for extraction 5 (methanol) had high overlap **Figure 3 (C)**, which is expected as the extraction was split three ways for the overnight incubation at the three temperatures. Further technical and biological replicates would be necessary to determine how much of the variation observed is due to biological variation, different efficiencies of the extraction, or due to technical variation in the peptides selected for MS/MS. One possibility would be to check the peptides detected in the MS1 level to assess if technical variation of  $m/z$  selected for MS/MS contributed to variation.

## Conclusions

Multiple extraction solvents were investigated to find an optimal method for the detection of endogenous peptides. *De novo* sequencing results indicate that the aqueous extraction solvents provide high numbers of detected peptide sequences. However, not many of these matched to known peptide hormones. Instead, most peptide sequences were fragments of bigger proteins. Although there is increasing evidence for protein fragments playing roles within the plant, further studies would be required to determine if the protein fragments detected here have biological roles. Future studies should perform more biological and technical replicates of the extractions to determine whether the observed variation in the extractions performed here is due to technical variation, biological variation, or due to actual differences in the extraction efficiency.

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## Tables

**Table 1.** Overview of *de novo* Sequencing and Peptide Database Search Results for all Attempted Extractions. NR=not reduced SCX=strong cation exchange purification

<b>Extraction</b>	<b><i>De novo</i> (80 ALC)</b>	<b>Peptide Database PSMs (1% FDR)</b>
1: EtOH SCX	588	43
2: EtOH Acetic Acid SCX	633	10
3: 10% Acetonitrile SCX	823	43
4: 1% TFA SCX	1003	2
5: MeOH room temperature SCX	558	16
5: MeOH 4C SCX	716	30
5: MeOH -20C SCX	625	23
6: ICF NR	604	1
6: Infiltration Buffer NR	387	6
6: ICF SCX	2053	5
7: Urea NR	1523	1
7: Urea no MWCU SCX	2434	70
7: Urea new MWCO NR	630	1
7: Urea new MWCO SCX	1802	19
8: Den Urea NR	1507	1
8: Den Urea SCX	3227	35
9: Den EtOH SCX	1812	7
9: Den EtOH Urea SCX	1753	6

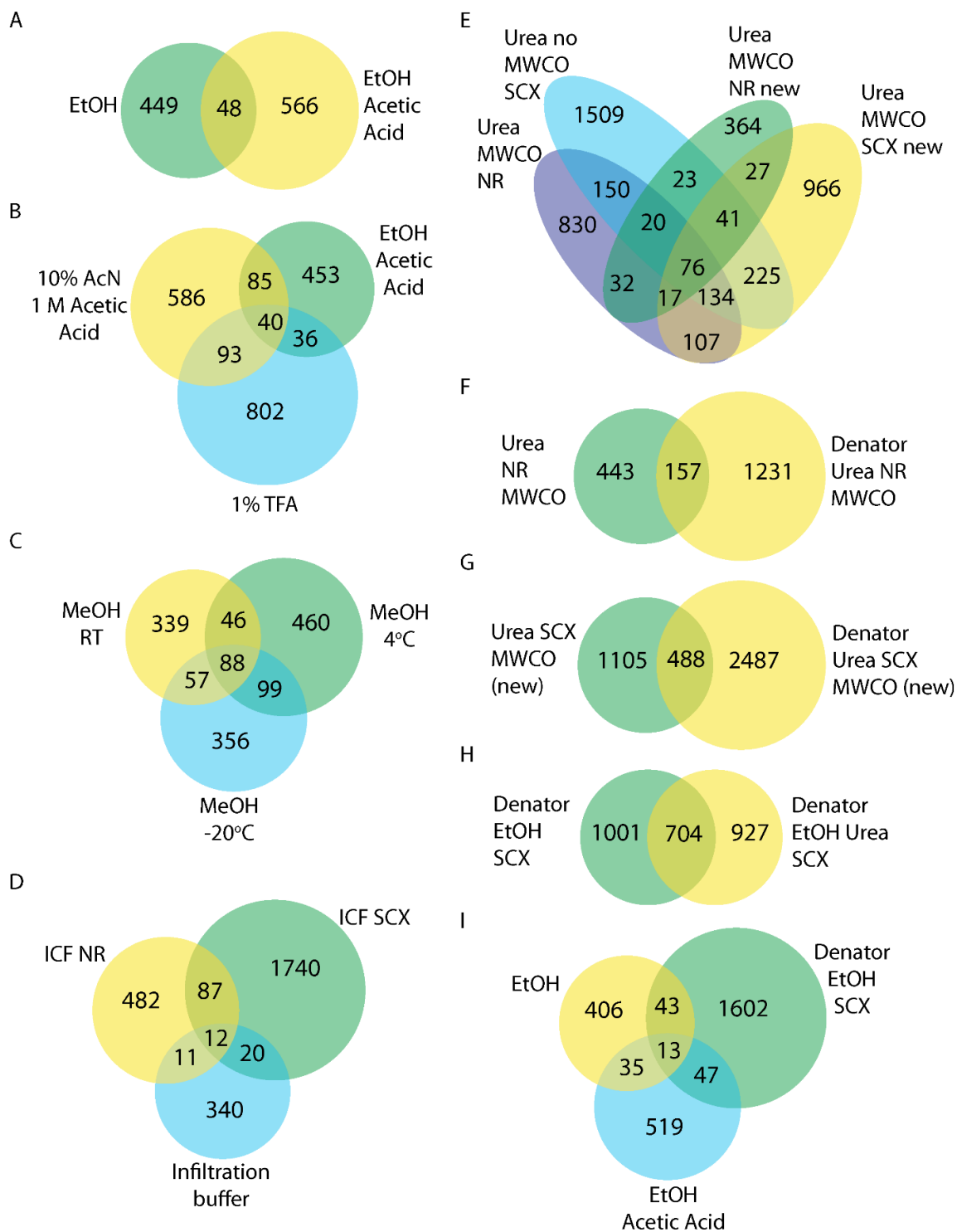
**Table 2.** Identified Protein Groups for Extraction 1 (40% Ethanol) with the Peptide Database.

Accession	Score (-10lgP)	Coverage (%)	Unique Peptides	PTM	Description
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G7JI87 G7JI87_MEDTR	87.98	37	2	Carbamidomethylation	Non-specific lipid-transfer protein OS=Medicago truncatula GN=MTR_4g027800 PE=3 SV=1
B7FFE5 B7FFE5_MEDTR	82.93	9	2		Lipid transfer protein OS=Medicago truncatula GN=MTR_3g079210 PE=2 SV=1
G7IL76 G7IL76_MEDTR	80.64	29	1	Carbamidomethylation	Thionin-like protein OS=Medicago truncatula GN=MTR_2g007950 PE=2 SV=1
A0A072TXA9 A0A072TXA9_MEDTR	69.14	28	1	Carbamidomethylation; Oxidation (M); Amidation; Hydroxylation	Nodule Cysteine-Rich (NCR) secreted peptide OS=Medicago truncatula GN=MTR_7g029540 PE=4 SV=1
I3T793 I3T793_MEDTR	68.49	12	1	Carbamidomethylation	Leginsulin related MtN11/16/17 family OS=Medicago truncatula GN=MTR_3g436100 PE=2 SV=1
G7JBG6 G7JBG6_MEDTR	67.65	17	1	Carbamidomethylation	Lipid transfer protein OS=Medicago truncatula GN=MTR_3g085210 PE=3 SV=1
G7JJK0 G7JJK0_MEDTR	67.39	9	2	Carbamidomethylation	Non-specific lipid-transfer protein OS=Medicago truncatula GN=MTR_4g029390 PE=2 SV=1
G7LA76 G7LA76_MEDTR	66.79	5	1	Carbamidomethylation	Chitinase (Class Ib) / Hevein OS=Medicago truncatula GN=MTR_8g074330 PE=2 SV=2
G7IPC6 G7IPC6_MEDTR	62.14	11	1	Carbamidomethylation; Amidation	Lipid transfer protein OS=Medicago truncatula GN=MTR_2g026820 PE=4 SV=1
G7KX64 G7KX64_MEDTR	59.72	13	1	Carbamidomethylation	Non-specific lipid-transfer protein OS=Medicago truncatula GN=MTR_7g073060 PE=3 SV=2
G7KX37 G7KX37_MEDTR	57.17	15	1	Carbamidomethylation	Non-specific lipid-transfer protein OS=Medicago truncatula GN=MTR_7g072730 PE=3 SV=2
G7K519 G7K519_MEDTR	52.08	7	1	Carbamidomethylation	Lipid transfer protein OS=Medicago truncatula GN=MTR_5g006940 PE=3 SV=1
G7IPD4 G7IPD4_MEDTR	45.79	32	1	Carbamidomethylation; Amidation	Lipid transfer protein OS=Medicago truncatula GN=MTR_2g026920 PE=4 SV=1
A0A072V9M7 A0A072V9M7_MEDTR	42.49	15	1	Carbamidomethylation	Defensin MtDef1.1/MtDef1.2 OS=Medicago truncatula GN=MTR_2g079440 PE=4 SV=1
G7IX57 G7IX57_MEDTR	29.24	9	1		Nodule Cysteine-Rich (NCR) secreted peptide OS=Medicago truncatula GN=MTR_3g033925 PE=4 SV=1

**Table 3.** Results for Selected Extractions Searched Against the Protein Database

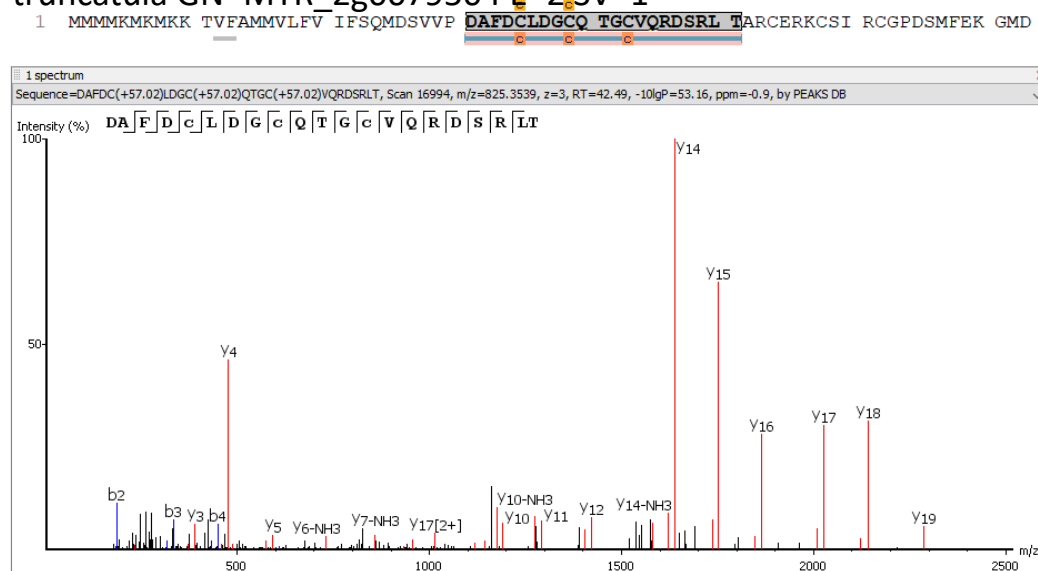
<b>Extraction</b>	<b>Protein Database PSMs (1% FDR)</b>	<b>Protein Groups</b>
1: EtOH	1990	314
2: EtOH AA	1590	312
3: 10% AcN	3721	431
4: 1% TFA	2911	569
5: MeOH RT	1341	259
5: MeOH 4C	1292	252
5: MeOH -20C	1344	253

## Figures

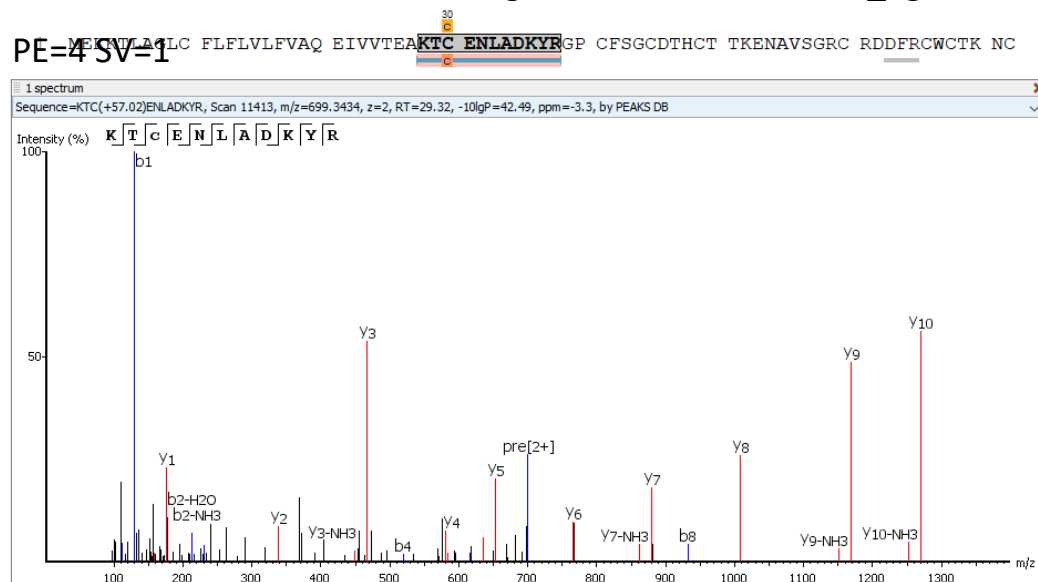


**Figure 1.** Comparison of *de novo* sequenced peptides detected with different extractions and different sample preparation.

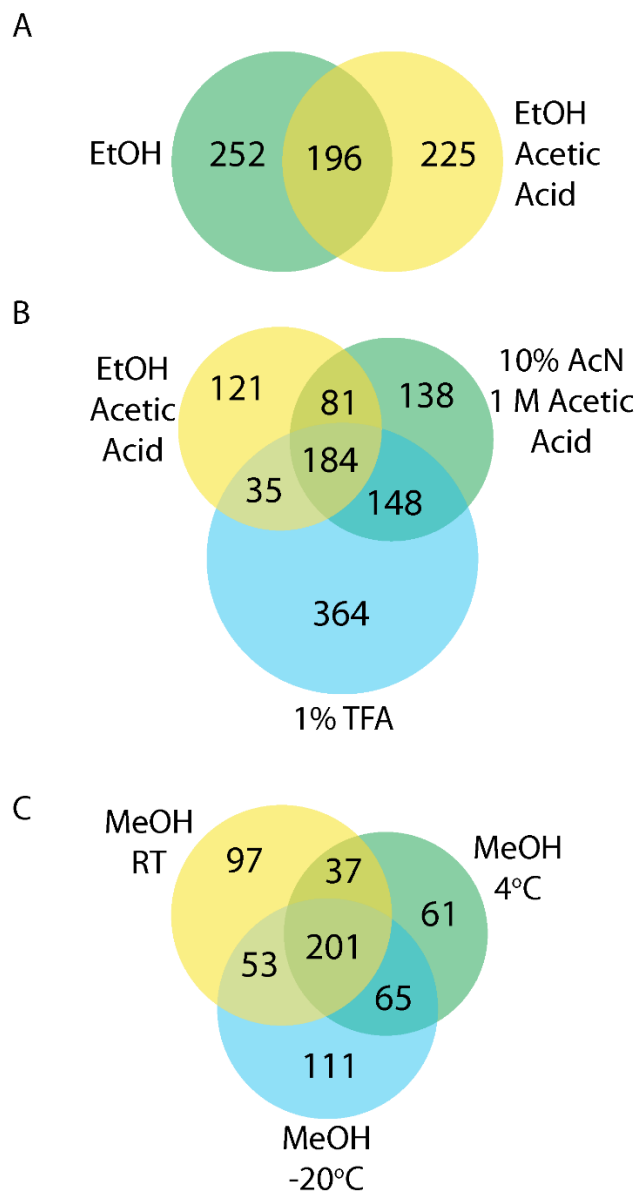
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>tr|A0A072V9M7|A0A072V9M7\_MEDTR Defensin  
MtDef1.1/MtDef1.2 OS=Medicago truncatula GN=MTR\_2g079440



**Figure 2.** Example PEAKS MS/MS sequencing information for the thionin (A) and defensin (B) peptide matches to the ethanol extraction (extraction 1).



**Figure 3.** Comparison of the overlap in proteins detected with the full protein database between the different extractions.

# Appendix VI

## Imaging the Mucosal Layer in the Mouse Gastrointestinal Tract by MALDI-MSI

This project was in collaboration with Erin Gemperline (Li lab) and Jenny Bratburd from the Currie lab (UW-Madison Department of bacteriology). The Frederico Rey lab assisted with mice experiments.

Keyword: MALDI; MSI; microbiome; small molecules; cecum

## **Abstract**

The importance of the microbiome in human health has been well documented. Small molecules produced by the microbiome not only are involved in nutrition, but also can potentially inhibit pathogen colonization. As matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionization mass spectrometry imaging (MALDI-MSI) can localize molecules to specific areas of a tissue section, a MALDI-MSI method to determine the small molecules localized to the mucus membrane, where the microbiome predominantly live, would aid in determination of microbiome produced metabolites. Here various MALDI-MSI sample preparation steps were investigated to optimize a method to study microbiome metabolites. Different matrices, embedding options, and MALDI-MSI instruments were all explored. While detection of small molecules at high spatial resolution was possible with two time-of-flight (ToF)/ToF MALDI mass spectrometers, in the future, staining procedures are necessary to confirm that small molecule detected are indeed localized to the microbiome in the mucus layer.

## **Introduction**

The large and dynamic community of microbes in the gastrointestinal tract, known as the gut microbiome, encompasses a variety of microorganisms, including bacteria, archaea, and eukaryotes.<sup>1, 2</sup> The microbiome-host relationship is critical for maintaining health. For example, the microbiome in humans is involved in nutrition and immune function modulation.<sup>3</sup> Furthermore, disruptions to the microbiome are associated with various diseases, including inflammatory bowel disease and cardiovascular disease.<sup>4, 5</sup> The microbiome produces small molecules, including both primary and secondary metabolites, that influence host health, not only in nutrition, but also in other various roles, such as protection against pathogens.<sup>6, 7</sup> Thus,



investigation of the small molecules produced by the microbiome would enable further information about host-microbiome metabolism, and additionally could aid in discovery of natural products produced by the microbiome for defense against pathogenic threats.

In the gastrointestinal tract, the microbiome is typically localized to the mucosal layer. In the colon and stomach, there are two mucosal layers, an outer, loose layer and an inner layer that is firmly attached to the epithelium.<sup>8</sup> The small intestine, however, has a less defined mucus membrane. In the colon, the inner layer is estimated to be 50  $\mu\text{m}$  thick in mouse, while the outer layer is more variable, but is generally twice as thick.<sup>9</sup> Bacteria are found in the outer mucus layer, and were absent from the inner mucus layer.<sup>10</sup> The mucus membrane is challenging to study due to the fact that it collapses when it desiccates and when water based fixatives that crosslink proteins are used. Currently, the mucus membrane is studied by staining for the Muc2 protein and by 16S RNA fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH), which stains for bacteria. To accomplish this, studies preserve the intestine samples, with fecal content inside to increase sample stability, utilizing Carnoy's fixative as this does not contain any water and does not crosslink proteins.<sup>9</sup>

Matrix-assisted laser-desorption/ionization mass spectrometry imaging (MALDI-MSI) has been used to study a variety of biological molecules, including small molecules, in numerous different types of tissues.<sup>11</sup> For example, small molecules produced by bacteria on the exoskeletons of ants in response to pathogen exposure has been investigated with MALDI-MSI.<sup>12</sup> Here, the use of MALDI-MSI to study small molecules produced by the microbiome in the mucosal layer was investigated. Additionally, an approximately 90 strain model of the human microbiome<sup>13</sup> was introduced to germ-free mice as a model system (termed humanized mice). Humanized, *Salmonella*-infected mice (HumSal) were compared to humanized, uninfected mice (HumNo) and germ-free, *Salmonella*-infected mice (GFSal) to determine if metabolites produced by the

microbiome in response to infection could be localized to the mucus membrane. This research focused on optimizing MALDI-MSI sample preparation and MALDI-MSI instrumentation for detection of the mucus membrane in the intestines.

## **Experimental Procedures**

### MALDI-MSI Sample Preparation

Mouse experiments were prepared as previously described.<sup>13</sup> Intestine samples were either embedded in gelatin (100 mg/mL) prior to sectioning (for MALDI LTQ Orbitrap XL and UltrafleXtreme experiments) or sectioned without embedding material (for RapifleX experiments). Cecum samples were sectioned at 12  $\mu\text{m}$  (for MALDI LTQ Orbitrap XL and UltrafleXtreme experiments) or 20  $\mu\text{m}$  (for RapifleX experiments) across the circumference of the intestines with a cryostat at  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ , creating circular sections. Sections were thaw-mounted onto glass slides for Orbitrap analysis or Indium Tin Oxide (ITO) glass slides for ToF/ToF analysis. Matrix was applied with the TM Sprayer. Both 2,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid (DHB) matrix (40 mg/mL in 50% MeOH, 0.1% formic acid) and  $\alpha$ -cyano-4-hydroxycinnamic acid (CHCA) matrix (5 mg/mL in 50% acetonitrile, 0.1% formic acid) were tested. Samples were saved at  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  until analysis.

### MALDI-MSI

MALDI-MSI was performed on three different instruments to test different instrument platforms and to achieve the proper spatial resolution. The three instruments were (1) MALDI LTQ Orbitrap XL (2) UltrafleXtreme ToF/ToF and (3) RapifleX ToF/ToF mass spectrometers. MALDI-Orbitrap MSI was acquired from 100-1700  $m/z$  with 2  $\mu\text{scans}$  per pixel at 75  $\mu\text{m}$  spatial resolution. Centroid data was imported into SCiLS software for analysis (linear interpolation,

0.0005 Da mass accuracy). UltrafleXtreme ToF/ToF data acquisition was collected at 20  $\mu\text{m}$  spatial resolution with 500 laser shots at each pixel from  $m/z$  100-1700. RapifleX ToF/ToF data acquisition was collected at 15  $\mu\text{m}$  spatial resolution from  $m/z$  100-1200 averaging 500 laser shots per pixel at 10,000 frequency. RapifleX and UltrafleX mass spectra were calibrated with a standard mixture. For ToF/ToF analysis, raw profile data was imported into SCiLS software (auto detect axis settings) and no baseline removal for analysis. Segmentation was performed with weak denoising, and normalization to the total ion count. MALDI LTQ Orbitrap XL interval width was set at 5 ppm and ToF/ToF interval width was set to 0.020%.

## Results

MALDI-MSI sample preparation procedures for metabolite imaging in mouse intestine samples were explored to optimize a procedure for imaging of small molecules produced by the microbiome in the gut. Initially, CHCA and DHB matrices were tested on the MALDI LTQ Orbitrap XL mass spectrometer due to the high-resolution accurate mass (HRAM) abilities of the instrument, which aids in confident metabolite identification. In order to visualize any layers that may appear in the sample, segmentation was performed on the data (**Figure 1**). For the segmentation analysis, the initial two groups provided by the software were split into new groups (segmentation diagram provided for each analysis) until further segmentation no longer split apart unique areas. The CHCA sample was unable to be imaged in its entirety due to time constraints. With CHCA as the matrix, the spectra from the sample were not consistently separated from the matrix (**Figure 1C**). To work around this problem, segmentation was performed on only the humanized, no infection (HumNo) sample (**Figure 2B**). For segmentation on just the HumNo sample, the data does segment out into circular layers; however, further analysis would be

necessary to ensure that this is reproducible and not an artifact. The DHB segmentation results (Figure 1E), demonstrate better separation between the sample and matrix, with the exception being the center of the HumNo sample. Certain samples show some potential segmentation out into layers, but further verification would be necessary as HumSal sample in particular did not segment out in a similar manner to the other samples. Although the segmentation results showed some promising patterns in the data, further attempts on the MALDI LTQ Orbitrap XL were not attempted due to the relatively large step size of the instrument (75  $\mu\text{m}$ ).

As the mucus layer in the cecum is estimated to be around 50  $\mu\text{m}$  in mice, analysis of intestine samples was performed on two ToF/ToF instruments capable of lower spatial resolution. The UltrafleXtreme mass spectrometer minimal laser setting allows for 15-20  $\mu\text{m}$  imaging, while the RapifleX mass spectrometer has a 5  $\mu\text{m}$  laser capable of 10-20  $\mu\text{m}$  imaging. For the RapifleX, 15  $\mu\text{m}$  was selected for MALDI-MSI experiments as this would provide approximately 3 pixels across the inner mucus layer. **Figure 2** shows the UltrafleXtreme results for segmentation. The CHCA data did not segment well; it appears as if the data separated based upon time frame of when the data was collected as the data segments into vertical areas (**Figure 2B**). The entire sample again was not imaged. The DHB sample shows some segmentation of the data into layers (**Figure 2D**). The data did separate into intestine and intestine content, but further segmentation of the data was not useful. For testing MALDI-imaging of colon samples on the Rapiflex, samples that were not embedded in gelatin were attempted due to concerns about the stability of the mucus layer in water. The HumNo sample tested was attached to the chuck by applying optimal cutting temperature media to excess intestine tissue after the fecal pellet ended (the fecal pellet was the target area to be imaged). Although the sample did section without any embedding material, it was nearly impossible to thaw mount the section onto a glass slide. Consequently, sections were not

flat to the glass slide for MALDI-MSI, which resulted in very poor results (**Figure 3**). As the presence of water was a concern, a 50% methanol matrix application method and a 100% methanol matrix application method were both attempted. Both methods were for DHB matrix (40 mg/mL) but pass number and flow rate were adjusted on the TM sprayer method due to the much drier 100% methanol solvent. The poor sample adherence to the slide prevented comparison of these two matrix application methods.

## Conclusions

Although optimal MALDI-MSI procedures for cecum imaging were not found, the spatial resolution provided by the UltrafleXtreme and RapifleX ToF/ToF instruments is necessary to be able to differentiate the inner mucus membrane on the sample. While the RapifleX data was affected by sample preparation difficulties, the RapifleX would be the best instrument to pursue this project in the future due to the high spatial resolution achievable and the increased speed of acquisition compared to the other two instruments. For sample preparation, embedding is necessary for proper adherence of the sample to the glass slide. If one embeds the sample in gelatin with excess intestinal tissue on either side of the desired area to be imaged, there will be minimal contact between the water in the gelatin embedding substance and the mucus layer inside the tissue. Other aspects of the sample procedure, such as the matrix application parameters and solvent, may still need to be adjusted for intestinal imaging. However, despite instrumental difficulties with the performed CHCA imaging, DHB matrix does appear to provide better results as it is able to more reliably separate the sample from the matrix areas.

As there are various concerns about the stability of the mucus membrane, which would greatly affect the ability to investigate small molecules produced by the microbiome in the mucus

membrane, having a histological method to stain for the mucus membrane would be beneficial. Concerns about mucosal layer stability when in contact with water or upon desiccation, which also collapses the mucus membrane, would then be able to be investigated. Studies have also utilized Carnoy fixation on the tissue, which is water free and does not crosslink proteins, to enable imaging of the mucosal layer. It is also recommended to use an area of the colon with fecal pellet still intact as this protects the mucus membrane from washing.<sup>9</sup> One method to perform staining would be to stain with antibodies for the muc2 protein. Alternatively, staining could be performed for bacteria with fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH). This has recently been performed on deep sea mussel to investigate small molecules involved in host-microbe symbiosis by combining FISH with atmospheric pressure MALDI-MSI.<sup>14</sup> The combination of FISH with MALDI-MSI could be very beneficial for this study to correlate the areas of bacteria detection via FISH to the small molecules detected in MALDI-MSI.

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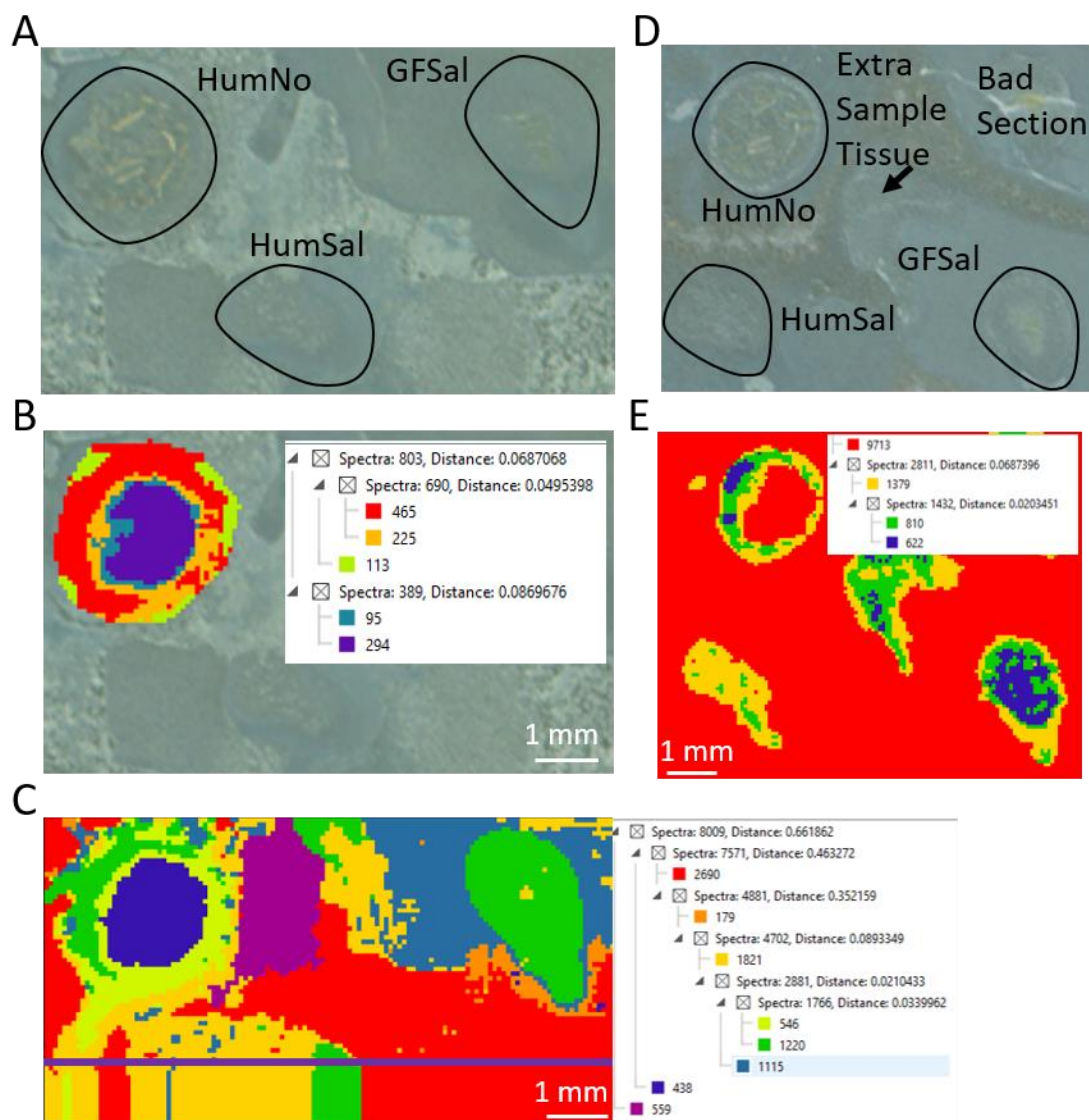
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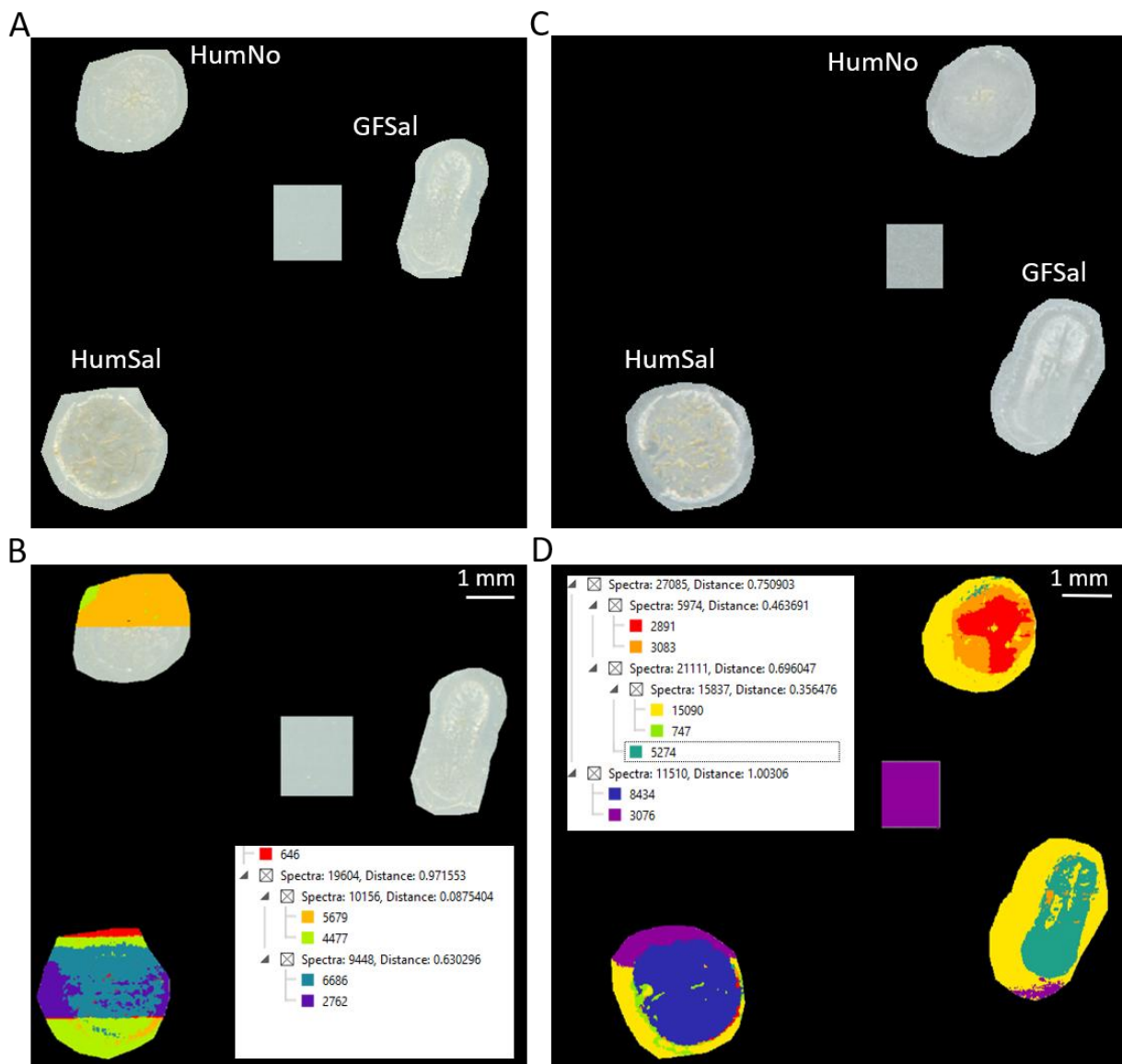
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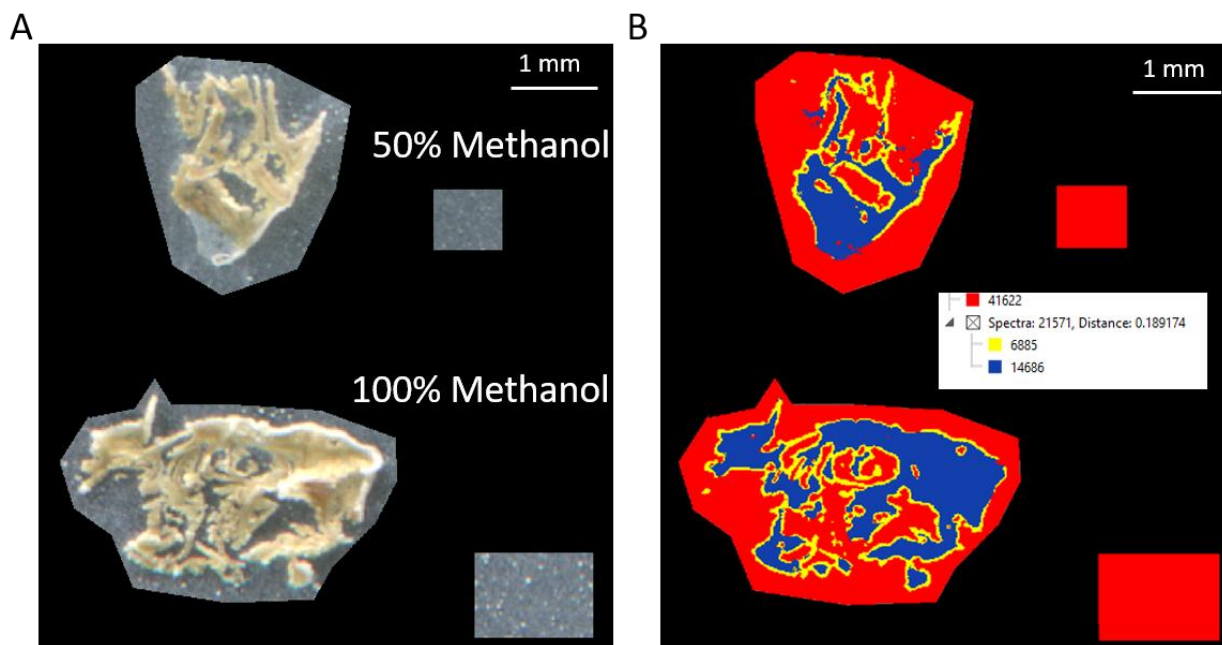
## Figures



**Figure 1.** Results for cecum imaging on MALDI LTQ Orbitrap XL with CHCA (A,B,C) and DHB (D,E). The optical image is shown in (A) for CHCA and (D) for DHB. Segmentation of the full imaged area is shown in (C) for CHCA and (E) for DHB. Segmentation of only the HumNo sample for CHCA is shown in (B). The CHCA sample area was not completely imaged due to long instrument time requirements. The purple line indicates where the instrument acquisition stops.



**Figure 2.** Results for UltrafleXtreme imaging on cecum samples. Optical images are shown in (A) for CHCA and (C) for DHB. Segmentation results are shown in (B) for CHCA and (D) for DHB.



**Figure 3.** Results for RapifleX imaging on cecum samples. Optical image for DHB is in (A) and segmentation results are shown in (B).

# Appendix VII

## Studying Bacterial Interactions via MALDI-MSI of small molecules on a PVDF Membrane

This project was in collaboration with Duane S Juang from the Beebe lab (UW-Madison Department of Biomedical Engineering)

Keyword: MALDI-MSI; PVDF; bacteria; small molecules; microbiome

## Abstract

The microbiome plays an important role in human health. However, microbial interactions within the microbiome are difficult to study. Matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionization mass spectrometry imaging (MALDI-MSI) has previously been used to study microbial interactions on agar to investigate secreted small molecules and potential natural products. In this appendix, a MALDI-MSI method for studying bacterial interactions on PVDF membrane is explored. PVDF membranes are typically used for binding of proteins in western blot analysis, but as demonstrated in this study, also allow small molecules to travel through the membrane. It was demonstrated in this study that MALDI-MSI of small molecules on PVDF membranes is a promising approach to study bacteria interactions as small molecule detection on the PVDF membrane is achievable.

## Introduction

The microorganisms in the gastrointestinal tract, known as the gut microbiome, is composed of trillions of microorganisms, which encompass the 3 domains of life: bacterial, archaea and eukaryotes.<sup>1,2</sup> The gut microbiome is critical to human health. For example, roles of the microbiome include nutrition and immune function modulation.<sup>3,4</sup> Furthermore, changes or disruptions to the gut microbiome community has been associated with various inflammatory chronic conditions such as inflammatory bowel disease,<sup>5</sup> obesity,<sup>6,7</sup> and cardiovascular disease.<sup>8</sup> <sup>9</sup> Due to the complex and dynamic nature of the gut microbiome, studying the interactions between the various members of the microbiome is a challenge.

Matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionization mass spectrometry imaging (MALDI-MSI) is a useful technique to study the distribution of various biomolecules in a thin sample or tissue section. MALDI-MSI has been applied to a variety of biomolecules, including metabolites,<sup>10</sup>

neuropeptides,<sup>11</sup> and proteins.<sup>12</sup> In MALDI-MSI, a laser is fired at discrete positions, or pixels, across a sample. A mass spectrum is collected at each pixel, and software can then extract the ion intensity for a specific  $m/z$  across all the pixels to create an ion image for that  $m/z$ . In this way, hundreds of images can be generated for a specific tissue section. MALDI-MSI has been used to study ant-bacteria interactions on the ant exoskeleton,<sup>13</sup> as well as other host-microorganism interactions.<sup>14</sup> Hundreds of metabolites can be detected by MALDI analysis of microbe interactions without the need to perform an extraction from the agar growth media.<sup>15, 16</sup> The MALDI-MSI direct analysis of agar method has been used to study fungal-microbe interactions,<sup>17</sup> as well as various other microbial interactions to determine small molecule interactions and natural products.<sup>18, 19</sup>

Various polymer films have been used for MALDI-MS and MALDI-MSI analysis. Polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF) is typically used in western blots, where its uniform pore structure and non-specific affinity for binding proteins enables detection and quantification of various proteins. PVDF has also been used as a substrate for protein detection via MALDI-MS.<sup>20, 21</sup> Here we investigated using a PVDF membrane as a substrate for MALDI-MSI imaging of bacteria interactions. Bacteria were grown in wells on top of a PVDF membrane and small molecules were allowed to travel across the PVDF membrane between the wells. MALDI-MSI is a quick and efficient method to investigate the small molecules traveling between the wells directly from the PVDF membrane.

## **Experimental Procedures**

### **MALDI-MSI Sample Preparation**

PVDF samples were prepared by the Beebe lab. Prepared PVDF membrane samples were trimmed from the PCR tape, with excess PCR tape surrounding the PVDF membrane. Enough excess PCR tape was left around the PVDF membrane so that if the sample came off in the ion source in the instrument (unlikely) then the sample would still be too big to enter the mass analyzer. The PVDF sample was taped onto the glass slide with double sided tape to the back of the PCR tape and with regular masking tape around the top and bottom of the PCR tape. 2,5-Dihydroxybenzoic acid (DHB; 40 mg/mL in 50% methanol, 0.1% formic acid) matrix was applied with the TM sprayer automatic sprayer system (1250 v, 24 passes, 30 s dry, 3 mm spacing, 0.05 mL/min, 10 psi, CC pattern). Samples were stored at -20°C until analysis.

### MALDI-MSI

MALDI-MSI was performed on a MALDI LTQ Orbitrap XL instrument. A rectangular area across the entire width of the PVDF membrane, but with a small height (investigating 2D movement only) was selected as the imaging area. A raster step size of 75  $\mu\text{m}$  was used. Full MS parameters were as follows: 12-15  $\mu\text{J}$  laser energy, 60k resolution, 100-1000  $m/z$ , 2  $\mu\text{scans}$  per pixel. ImageQuest (Thermo Scientific) and MSiReader<sup>22</sup> software was used to analyze the results.

### **Results**

**Figure 1** shows the workflow for imaging small molecules on PVDF membranes. PVDF membrane sections were attached to PCR tape, which is sticky when put under pressure, but not as sticky at normal pressures. Wells (cut into plastic) were placed over top of the PVDF membrane (**Figure 2**) and sample is placed in the wells. Molecules then can diffuse across the membrane between the wells. The PCR tape, or sections of the PCR tape, were attached to glass slides, matrix sprayed on the sample, and the sample was analyzed on the MALDI LTQ Orbitrap XL.

### Small Molecule Standard

Adenosine (1 mg/mL in water) was used as a test sample to assess the ability of the PVDF membrane workflow to detect small molecules. Two TM sprayer methods were compared to test whether the flow rate needs to be higher to extract molecules off of the PVDF membrane. The 24 pass, 0.05 mL/min TM sprayer method, was compared to an 8 pass, 0.20 mL/min method, with all other parameters being equal. **Figure 3** shows the MALDI-MSI image for adenosine with the 24 pass method (**A**) and the 8 pass method (**B**). The 8 pass method shows diffusion outside of the PVDF membrane, indicating that delocalization was an issue for the higher flow rate method. The 24 pass method showed high signal without diffusion, so the 24 pass method appears to be able to extract small molecule off of the PVDF membranes.

### Bacteria Test System

To test whether bacteria interactions could be detected on the PVDF membrane, a quorum sensing bacteria system was utilized. Two autoinducer bacteria samples were cultured on the wells on top of the PVDF membrane. The autoinducer bacteria produce the quorum sensing (QS) molecule, N-Hexanoyl-L-homoserine lactone, which when sensed by the autoinducer bacteria, produces a purple molecule, violacein. **Figure 4** shows the MALDI-MSI results for the detection of these two molecules on the PVDF system. The QS molecule was not detected on the PVDF (**A**), however, violacein was detected (**B**). The lack of detection of the QS molecule could be due to quick degradation of the molecule when it is sensed by the bacteria, or perhaps be a concentration issue, where the QS molecule is present at too low of concentration to detect.



## Conclusions

The PVDF system is a promising method to detect small molecule interactions between two bacteria systems. A small molecule standard was observed in between the two wells in a test system. Also, in a test bacteria system, violacein, which is produced after a signal molecule is sensed by the bacteria, was detected. Further optimization is necessary to determine the lack of detection of the QS molecule. Analysis of a standard of the QS molecule would be useful to determine if the molecule ionizes well in MALDI and what the limit of detection is for the molecule. Different PVDF membranes could also be analyzed to find the best properties, such as the optimal pore size.<sup>23</sup>

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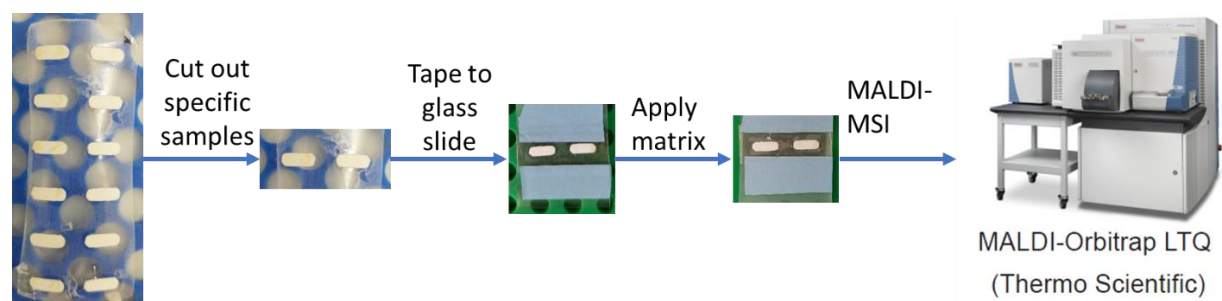
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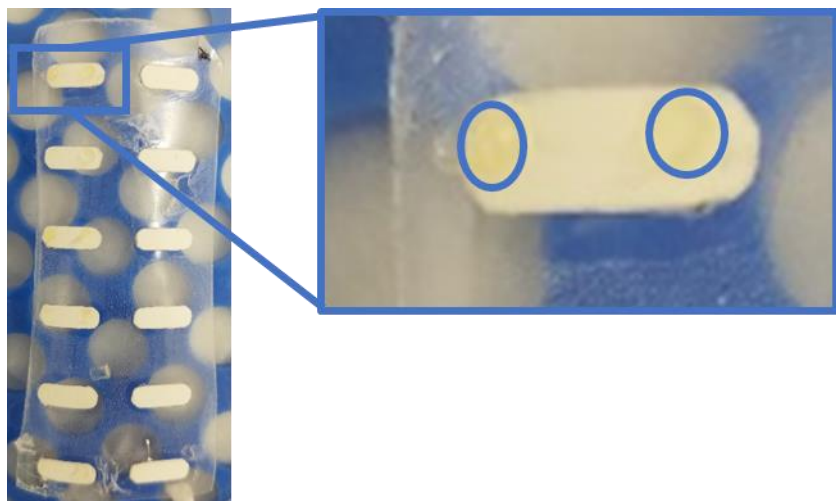
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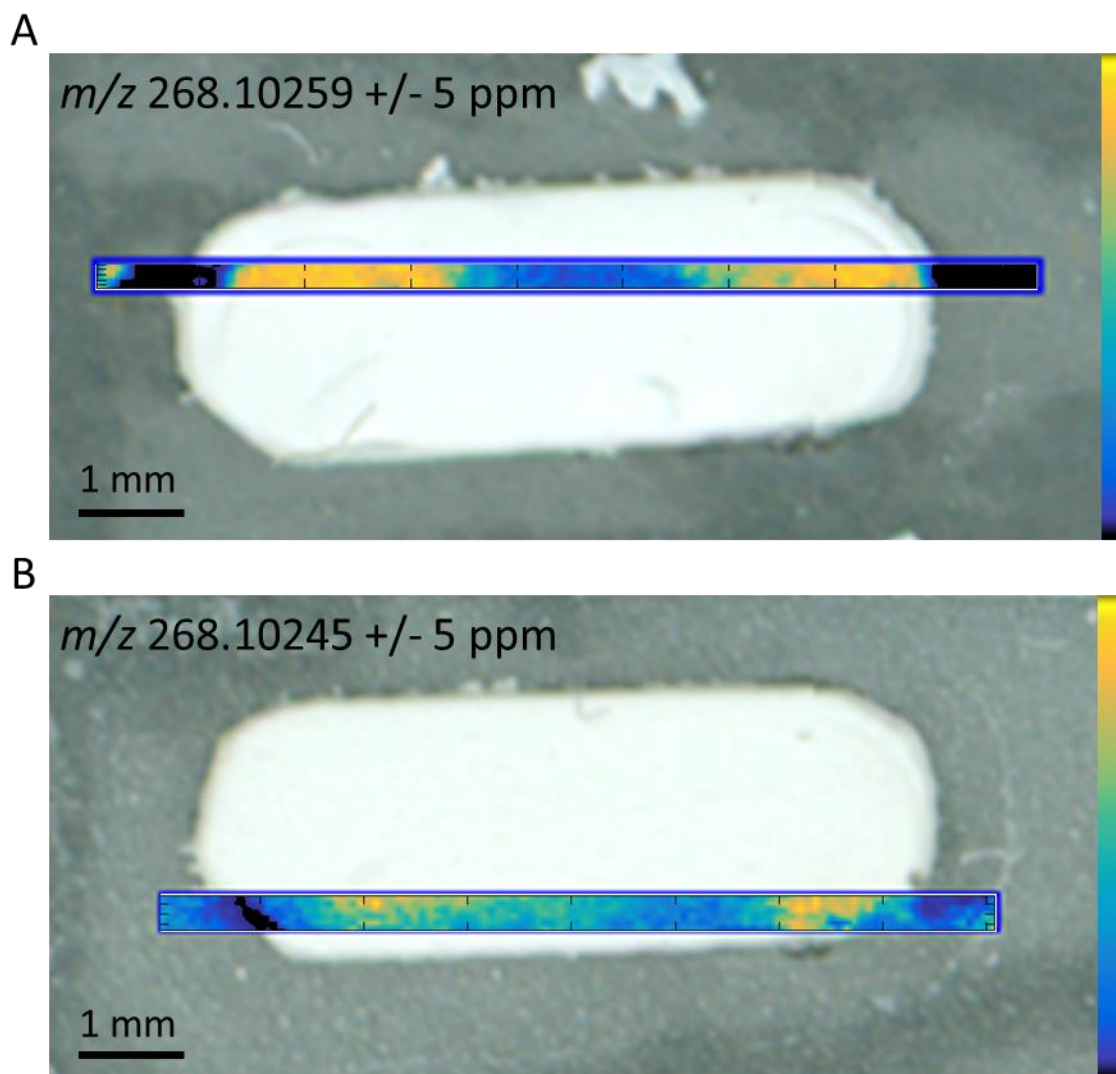
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**Figure 1.** Workflow for MALDI-MSI of PVDF membranes.

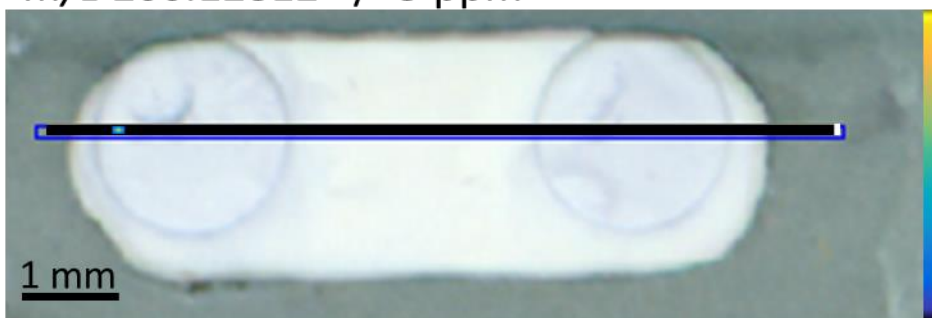


**Figure 2.** Picture of PVDF membrane set-up. Blue circles on PVDF membrane indicate where wells containing the sample would go over top of the membrane.

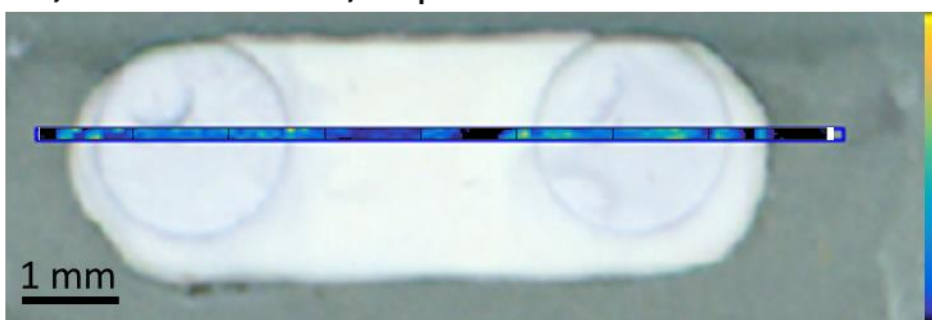


**Figure 3.** MALDI-MSI results for adenosine standard on PVDF membrane with low flow rate TM sprayer method (**A**) and high flow rate MALDI-MSI method (**B**). The rectangular area imaged is show overtop of the whole PVDF membrane.

A QS molecule: N-Hexanoyl-L-homoserine lactone  
 $m/z$  200.12812  $\pm$  5 ppm



B Violacein  
 $m/z$  344.10297  $\pm$  5 ppm



**Figure 4.** MALDI-MSI results for autoinducer quorum sensing bacteria system. (A) shows the quorum sensing molecules and (B) shows the violacein molecule (purple) produced after detection of quorum sensing molecule.

# Appendix VIII

## MALDI-MSI of Pancreatic Hormones in the Islets of Langerhans

This project was in collaboration with Donnie Stapleton and Dr. Mark P. Keller from the Attie lab (UW-Madison Department of Biochemistry)

Keyword: MALDI-MSI; pancreas islets; hormones; diabetes



## **Abstract**

Matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionization mass spectrometry imaging (MALDI-MSI) allows for label-free localization of many biomolecules in a single experiment. Although endogenous peptide imaging is challenging, determining the spatial distribution of neuropeptides and peptide hormones in tissues is important for gaining a better understanding of the roles of these molecules in tissue. Peptide hormones such as insulin and glucagon are critical for healthy blood sugar levels, and dysregulation of these peptides can lead to diseases such as diabetes. Here, a method was developed for optimal detection of peptide hormones by investigating different matrices, different MALDI-MSI instrumentation, and wash methods. Although the washes generally increased insulin detection, DHB without any washes resulted in the most peptides detected. A MALDI time of flight mass spectrometer was used for the studies over a MALDI Orbitrap instrument due to the larger mass range of the time of flight instrument.

## **Introduction**

Matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionization mass spectrometry imaging (MALDI-MSI) is a powerful tool to determine the localization of molecules in tissue.<sup>1, 2</sup> Although MALDI-MSI of peptides is routinely performed in neuropeptide-rich tissues, such as the brain, imaging of endogenous peptides remains challenging due to the low concentration of these molecules.<sup>3</sup> However, endogenous peptides play important roles throughout the body, and so developing MALDI-MSI methods to determine the localization of endogenous peptides in various tissues is important.

The pancreas, a member of the endocrine system, contains Islet of Langerhans that secrete peptide hormones that regulate blood sugar. The islets are groups of cells located throughout the

pancreas and make up only 1-2% of the overall pancreas. There are multiple cell types that make up the islets of Langerhans, including alpha cells, which make glucagon, beta cells, which make insulin, and delta cells, which make somatostatin.<sup>4,5</sup> These cell types have specific distributions within the islets of Langerhans. Consequently, the peptides produced by each cell type should have a specific distribution in the islets. In mouse, islets are predominantly made up of the beta cells with other cell types localized to the outside of the islet.<sup>6</sup>

Numerous diseases are known to be a result of defects in the production of the pancreatic hormones. For example, in type 2 diabetes the body cannot properly use the hormone insulin and as a result the body over-produces it. The goal of this project was to use MALDI-MSI to map the distribution changes of pancreatic peptide hormones in the pancreatic islets due to type 2 diabetes using a mouse model for type 2 diabetes. Initially, sample preparation methods, including matrix application and wash methods were optimized. Multiple MSI instruments were also investigated.

## **Experimental Procedures**

### MALDI-MSI Sample Preparation

Pancreas organs were dissected from lean mice and rats and placed in double distilled water prior to freezing in liquid nitrogen or embedded in gelatin (100 mg/mL) prior to freezing on dry ice. While, the sequences and exact masses of the peptides present in mice and rat pancreas have slight differences, overall, mice and rat pancreas have the same complement of peptides present. Pancreas tissue was sectioned at 12  $\mu\text{m}$  thickness and thaw-mounted onto either a glass slide (MALDI-Orbitrap) or an indium tin oxide (ITO)-coated glass slide (UltrafleXtreme). Washes were tested on some sections prior to matrix application, including 70% EtOH for 30 s followed by 100% EtOH for 30s, 70% IPA for 30 s followed by 100% IPA for 30s, and Carnoy's fluid (6:3:1

ethanol: chloroform: acetic acid) for 30 s followed by 100% ethanol for 30 s. A TM sprayer system (HTX Technologies) was used to apply matrix. DHB matrix (40 mg/mL in 50% MeOH 0.1% FA) was applied with a 24 pass method (1250 velocity, 0.1 mL/min, 80 C, 3 mm spacing, no dry time, rotate and offset). CHCA and SA matrix (5 mg/mL in 50% AcN 0.1% FA) was applied with an 8 pass method (1100 velocity, 0.2 mL/min, 90 C, 2 mm spacing, 30 s dry time, rotate and offset).

### MALDI-MSI

MALDI-MSI was performed on both the MALDI-Orbitrap LTQ-XL instrument (Thermo Scientific) and on the UltrafleXtreme instrument (Bruker Daltonics). Runs on the MALDI-Orbitrap LTQ-XL were performed at 75  $\mu\text{m}$  raster step size, and 60,000 resolution from 1000-4000  $m/z$ . Xcalibur and LTQ tune software (Thermo Scientific) were used to create the imaging methods. MALDI-Orbitrap MSI data was exported into an imzML format in ImageQuest (Thermo Scientific) and images present in the tissue were selected using MSiReader<sup>7</sup>. MALDI-MSI on the UltrafleXtreme was performed at 50  $\mu\text{m}$  raster step size in reflectron mode from 1000-6000  $m/z$ . Prior to acquiring data, the UltrafleXtreme was calibrated with the proteomass High mass calibration mix (Thermo Scientific) with Insulin (Sigma Aldrich) spiked in. Data acquired on the UltrafleXtreme was analyzed in Flex Imaging (Bruker Daltonics).

### **Results**

**Table 1** provides some expected pancreatic peptide hormones and their  $m/z$  with and without post translational modifications (PTMs). Insulin is composed of two chains, the A and B chains, which are held together by disulfide bonds. During processing of the insulin preprohormone to form insulin, the A and B chains are released, along with the insulin C peptide, which is composed of amino acids between the A and B chains in the insulin preprohormone.

Furthermore, mice and rats have two function forms of Insulin, Insulin I and Insulin II, which are produced in a 1:2 ratio, respectively. Initial experiments performed on the MALDI-Orbitrap revealed many peptide signals, but not many of the peptide signals matched up to known pancreatic hormones. Additionally, initial experiments of peptides embedded in gelatin did not reveal any endogenous peptides. Due to concerns about peptide degradation when the tissue is placed in gelatin, which is at 37°C, all further studies were conducted on pancreas sections embedded in ice. **Figure 1** shows some example MALDI-MSI images. There were numerous  $m/z$  peaks located throughout the pancreas as shown in **Figure 1 (A)**. A small number of these were localized to discrete parts of the pancreas section. In **Figure 1 (B)**, the image of the distribution of  $m/z$  3120.5624, which matches to a known peptide hormone in the pancreas (insulin 1 C peptide, 2.3 ppm). While the  $m/z$  in **Figure 1 (C)** is unknown, it shows a similar distribution to the insulin 1 C peptide. One major problem was that the hormone insulin is not detectable on the MALDI-Orbitrap as it is too large for the instrument's 4000  $m/z$  upper limit. Although it has been shown that Insulin can be reduced on-tissue into its A and B chains,<sup>8</sup> attempts to reduce insulin into its A and B chain were unsuccessful in this experiment. As a result, MALDI-MSI experiments were carried out on the UltrafleXtreme, which is capable of imaging intact Insulin.

Of the three different matrices compared on the UltrafleXtreme for the best detection of pancreas hormones (DHB, CHCA, and SA), DHB was found to give the highest signal for pancreatic peptides. Washes were also investigated as possible sample preparation steps. Washes are a key step in protein imaging as they wash away lipids, which ionize very well and can suppress signal of other compounds. However, washes can sometimes also wash away peptides, making it problematic for peptide imaging. Here, washes were investigated due to larger molecule weight of intact insulin. The larger molecular weight means that insulin is less likely to be removed upon

washes. Additionally, as insulin is larger than typical peptides, the ionization efficiency for it in reflection mode of the instrument is less than what it would be for other peptides. By washing away interfering species, the detection of insulin could be increased. The washes investigated were: (1) 70% EtOH for 30 s followed by 100% EtOH for 30s, (2) 70% IPA for 30 s followed by 100% IPA for 30s, and (3) Carnoy's fluid (6:3:1 ethanol: chloroform: acetic acid) for 30 s followed by 100% ethanol for 30 s. **Figure 2** compares the ethanol wash (1) to an unwashed section with DHB as the matrix. Although the insulin signal is higher after the wash (**Figure 2 (C)**), many  $m/z$  values below 4,000 are only in the unwashed section (**Figure 2 (A-B)**). **Figure 3** shows the results of the other two washes for an example peptide in the 3,000-4,000  $m/z$  range (**Figure 3(A)**) and for insulin II (**Figure 3 (B)**). The results of the isopropanol wash (2) were similar to the ethanol wash results as insulin was present after the wash, but many peptides signals under  $m/z$  4,000 were not. The Carnoy wash (3), however, did not wash away all signals below 4,000  $m/z$  (**Figure 3 (A)**). Thus, while washing the tissue section is potentially beneficial for insulin, the other peptide hormones are not benefited by washes. As the purpose of the study is to detect as many peptide hormones as possible, overall, not washing the tissue wash found to be the most advantageous strategy in order to maximize the number of small peptide hormones detected.

## Conclusions

The optimal sample preparation procedure was determined to be DHB matrix with no washes as this yielded the most peptides detected on the pancreas section. Pancreas sections were embedded in ice rather than gelatin to minimize degradation of peptides during the embedding process. Further experiments to compare lean and obese B6 (normal) and BTBR (genetically

modified for type 2 diabetes) mice were not carried out due to similarity to and inability to expand upon previously published papers.<sup>9, 10</sup>

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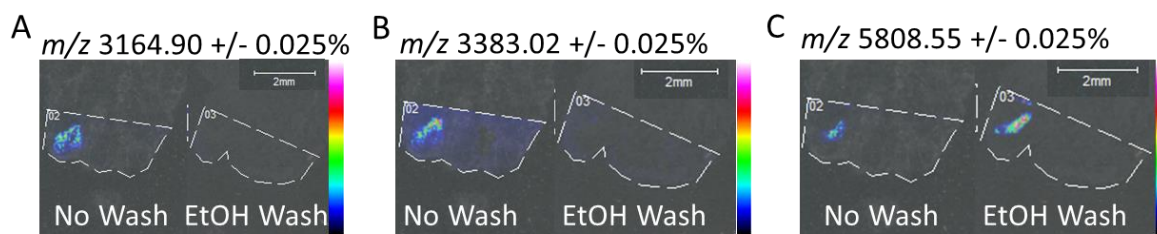
**Table 1: Expected Pancreatic Hormones and their Theoretical  $m/z$  in Mice**

Peptide	[M+H] <sup>+</sup>	PTMs	[M+H] <sup>+</sup> w/ PTM
Somatostatin-14 (103-116)	1639.734	disulfide bond 105-116	1637.724
Insulin II C peptide (57-87)	3132.570		
Insulin I C peptide (57-85)	3120.570		
Glucagon (53-81)	3481.623	phosphoserine 54	3561.589
Glicentin-related polypeptide (GRFP) (21-50)	3439.425		
Amylin (38-74)	3921.970	disulfide bond (39-44) and tryosine amide (74)	3918.970
Insulin 1	5804.718	Interchain disulfide bonds (31-94 and 43-107)	5800.686
Insulin 2	5797.642	Interchain disulfide bonds (31-96 and 43-109)	5793.611

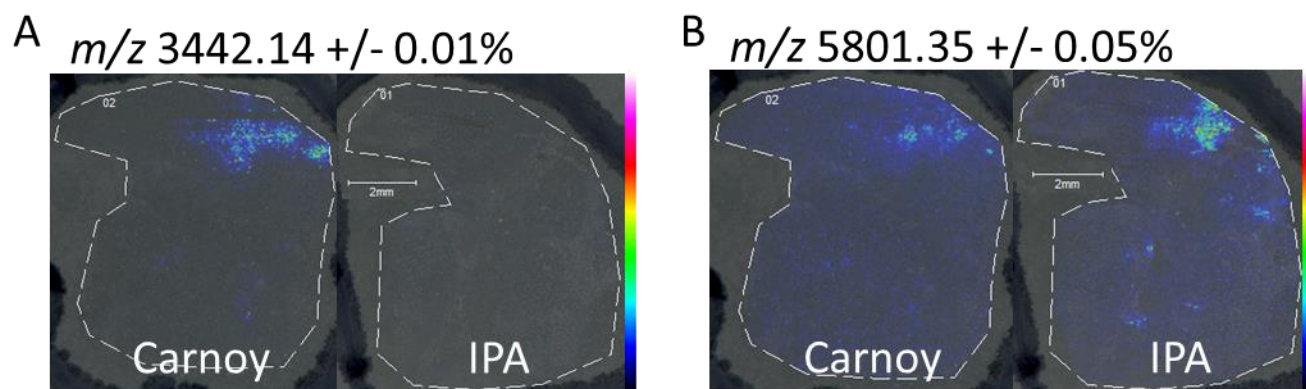


**Figures**

**Figure 1.** Three example MALDI-MSI images acquired on the MALDI-Orbitrap with DHB as the matrix. The white scale bar indicates 2 mm.



**Figure 2.** Example images from MALDI-MSI on the UltrafleXtreme for a rat Pancreas with DHB matrix. The images show both the unwashed section and the ethanol washed section.



**Figure 3.** MALDI-MSI images obtained from the UltrafleXtreme with CHCA as a matrix. Both the Carnoy/EtOH wash and the 70%/100% isopropanol washes are shown.

# Appendix IX

## Next Generation Cancer Magnetic Resonance Imaging with Tumor-Targeted Alkylphosphocholine Metal Analog

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## Abstract

Purpose: Tumor-targeted alkylphosphocholines (APC) were developed as broad-spectrum cancer imaging and therapy agents to exploit the abundant selective retention of phospholipids by cancer cells relative to normal cells. Radioactive APC analogs have exhibited selective uptake and prolonged tumor retention in over 50 cancer types in preclinical models as well as over 15 human cancer types in over a dozen clinical trials. To advance the structural limits of this platform, we recently added a chelating moiety capable of binding gadolinium and many other metals for cancer-targeted magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), PET imaging, and targeted radionuclide therapy. A major aim was to synthesize, characterize, and validate the tumor selectivity of a new broad-spectrum, tumor-targeted, macrocyclic MRI chelate, Gd-NM600 in xenograft and orthotopic tumor models. A secondary aim was to identify and track the chemical speciation and spatial localization of this new chelate Gd-NM600 in order to assess Gd deposition.

Materials and Methods: T1-weighted relaxivities of Gd-NM600 were characterized in water and plasma at 1.5T and 3.0T. Tumor uptake and subcellular localization studies were performed using transmission electron microscopy. We imaged 8 different rodent models of human cancer over time and compared the T1-weighted imaging using Gd-NM600 with T1-weighted imaging using Gd-DOTA, a commercial macrocyclic Gd chelate. Finally, MALDI-MSI was used to characterize and map the distribution of the chemical species of Gd-NM600.

Results: Gd-NM600 exhibits high T1 relaxivities (approximately 16.4 s<sup>-1</sup>/mM at 1.5T), excellent tumor uptake (3.95 %ID/g at 48 hours) and MRI conspicuity. In rodent models of cancer, we observed significant uptake, prolonged tumor retention, and minimal uptake saturability of Gd-NM600. Broad-spectrum tumor-specific uptake was demonstrated in eight different human cancer models. Cancer cell uptake of Gd-NM600 via endosomal internalization and processing was

revealed with transmission electron microscopy. Importantly, tissue mass spectrometry imaging successfully interrogated the spatial localization and chemical speciation of Gd compounds and also identified breakdown products of Gd species.

Conclusion: We present a new macrocyclic cancer-targeted Gd chelate that achieves broad-spectrum tumor uptake and prolonged retention. Furthermore, we demonstrate its apparent *in vivo* stability by ultrahigh resolution MS tissue imaging. This new tumor targeted contrast agent coupled with the enhanced imaging resolution of MRI relative to PET may transform oncologic imaging.

## Introduction

Most clinically approved contrast agents for MRI are paramagnetic gadolinium chelates that are specific for cancer and exhibit relatively low T1-weighted relaxivities.<sup>1-3</sup> The low sensitivity of MRI (detectable at  $\mu\text{M}$ -nM concentrations) presents a barrier to targeted MRI of molecular processes. Although receptor-targeting strategies for PET and SPECT imaging are useful for tumor imaging, receptor-based MRI agents have failed to achieve sufficient contrast signal due to inadequate levels of even the most highly-expressed receptors.<sup>3,4</sup> Cancer uptake of these non-targeted contrast agents is passive and transient, via blood-brain barrier disruption and/or the enhanced permeability and retention (EPR) effect.<sup>2,5</sup> Therefore, the observed uptake signal more accurately reflects aberrations in vascularity, permeability, and tissue structure rather than molecular differences between cancer and normal tissue, thus contributing to diagnostic inaccuracies.<sup>4,6,7</sup>

In addition, most current Gd-based MR imaging agents exhibit relatively low relaxivities, whereas high relaxivities will likely enhance cancer detectability at the same contrast agent dose.<sup>8-</sup>

<sup>11</sup> This is compounded by the controversy surrounding off-target gadolinium deposition detected

in patients that has led to Food and Drug Administration warnings on all commercial Gd chelates, as well as the suspended use of some linear chelates by the European Medicine Agency.<sup>12</sup> Although more evidence suggests that the linear chelates do deposit more in brain structures and other organs compared to macrocyclic chelates, some of the linear chelate agents banned in Europe have the highest relaxivities (Magnevist; Bayer Healthcare, Leverskusen, Germany) and superior diagnostic accuracy of cancer compared to macrocyclic Gd chelates.<sup>12</sup>

We report here for the first time a tumor-targeted macrocyclic Gd chelate that demonstrates superior relaxivity and selective uptake by cancer cells *in vitro* and *in vivo* compared to commercial macrocyclic Gd chelates. This novel agent circumvents many limitations of conventional MRI contrast agents through an observed high-capacity tumor cell uptake mechanism.<sup>13-15</sup> Moreover, this agent demonstrates significantly higher tumor and persistent adjacent tissue contrast relative to commercial macrocyclic MRI agents.

This new MRI contrast agent is derived from previous radioactive and fluorescent APC analogs that have demonstrated extensive broad tumor uptake and retention in numerous nuclear medicine imaging clinical trials, targeted radiotherapy clinical trials, and in preclinical fluorescence-guided surgical studies.<sup>15-19</sup> We now report the synthesis and biodistribution properties of Gd-NM600, a DOTA chelate of the tumor targeting APC molecule conjugated with gadolinium, in order to assess its potential for targeted MRI of cancer. We demonstrate the preservation of tumor cell avidity with the substitution of a chelate containing Gd.

To our knowledge, this represents the first small molecule Gd chelate that exhibits broad-spectrum tumor uptake and retention and demonstrably impressive T1-weighted relaxivities compared to other commercial macrocyclic agents, enabling the use of lower Gd doses in imaging due to its high tumor uptake and prolonged retention, high T1 relaxivities, and potentially less

deposition into normal tissues. Furthermore, this agent may enhance diagnostic accuracy in several body regions including head and neck, spinal cord, breast, liver, and musculoskeletal imaging where MRI outperforms other imaging modalities.<sup>20-23</sup>

Lastly, because the chemical speciation of Gd chelates remains an important area of clinical research, we also developed a mass spectrometry methodology to interrogate the chemical speciation of this agent with high specificity and spatial localization. We demonstrate that this method can be used to characterize the chemical speciation of commercial linear and macrocyclic Gd chelates. This methodology may enhance our understanding of the behavior of Gd chelates used extensively in MRI and may finally shed light on the mechanisms of gadolinium deposition.

## **Materials and Methods**

### Animals

All animal studies were performed under University of Wisconsin-Madison Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee approved protocols. Studies were performed on mice bearing orthotopic glioblastoma (U87, n=7 and GSC 12.1, n=6),  $\alpha\beta$ -overexpressing triple negative breast cancer (n=4), flank prostate cancer (PC3, n=3), flank non-small cell lung cancer (A549, n=9), flank colorectal cancer (HT29, n=3), flank pancreatic cancer (MiaPaca, n=3), and flank glioblastoma (n=12). For flank xenograft models,  $1-2 \times 10^6$  cells were injected into the right flank of nude athymic mice, and tumors were grown to a diameter of 5-15mm. For orthotopic xenograft glioblastoma models,  $1-2 \times 10^6$  U87 or glioblastoma stem cells (GSC 12.1) were stereotactically implanted in the right striatum of immunodeficient NOD/SCID mice<sup>24-26</sup>. For breast cancer models,  $10^6$   $\alpha\beta$ -overexpressing triple negative breast cancer cells were prepared as previously



described and injected into the mammary ducts<sup>27</sup>. APC analogs for injection were formulated as previously reported.<sup>13</sup>

### Relaxivity Measurements

Relaxivity of Gd-NM600 was measured at 1.5T and 3.0T (GE Signa HDxt and Signa PET/MR, GE Healthcare, Waukesha, WI) at 37°C. Gd-NM600 samples were prepared at concentrations of 0.125-1 mM in water, human plasma, and 0.125 mM human serum albumin. Sample temperature was maintained at 37°C with an MRI-compatible sample holder and warm water circulation system. For  $T_1$  measurement, an inversion recovery pulse sequence with inversion time  $TI=50-750$ ms, repetition time  $TR=4000$ ms/ $5000$ ms (1.5T/3.0T), and echo time  $TE=8-9$ ms was utilized. For  $T_2$  measurement, a spin-echo sequence with  $TR=5000$ ms and  $TE=50-600$ ms was utilized.  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  times were estimated using nonlinear least squares fitting of the signal magnitude vs. inversion time and echo time, respectively. Longitudinal ( $r_1$ ) and transverse ( $r_2$ ) relaxivities of Gd-NM600 were estimated from the slope of the linear relationship between relaxation rate and agent concentration.

### Tumor Imaging

Gd-NM600 was administered intravenously (typically  $0.12$ g/kg= $0.11$ mmol/kg, up to  $0.18$ g/kg= $0.165$ mmol/kg) in eight rodent models of human cancer: mouse models include an orthotopic glioblastoma, a triple negative breast cancer, and flank xenografts of prostate cancer, non-small cell lung cancer, colorectal cancer, pancreatic cancer, and glioblastoma, and a rat flank glioblastoma xenograft model. *In vivo* MR imaging of mice was performed on a 4.7T preclinical scanner (Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara, CA) pre-contrast and at multiple time points for up to seven days following i.v. contrast administration.  $T_1$ -weighted tumor imaging was performed with a 2D fast spin echo pulse sequence, and tumor  $R_1$  maps were estimated using 3D SPGR

acquisitions with variable flip angles and  $B_1$  field correction.<sup>28</sup> A  $T_1$ -weighted 3D SPGR scan was used to image the abdomen and visualize biodistribution of Gd-NM600 in the heart, liver, and kidneys. To compare uptake of Gd-NM600 to a clinical agent, Gd-DOTA, a flank xenograft glioma model (U87) was used (n=3). To assess tumor-specific uptake, the tumor to muscle  $T_1$ -weighted signal ratio was computed across multiple time points in two models.

#### Tumor Saturation Imaging Study

To investigate saturation of uptake and contrast loading in tumor cells, an *in vivo* study involving serial daily imaging and Gd-NM600 injections was performed.  $T_1$ -weighted tumor imaging on 6 nude athymic female mice bearing A549 flank xenografts was performed prior to administration of Gd-NM600. Mice were delivered Gd-NM600 via tail vein (0.12g/kg) and underwent  $T_1$ -weighted imaging 24 hr after administration. Immediately following imaging, mice were delivered another equal dose of Gd-NM600. Three total iterations of Gd-NM600 injection followed 24 hours later by contrast-enhanced  $T_1$ -weighted imaging were performed.

#### MALDI-Mass Spectrometry Imaging Sample Preparation

Six animals bearing A549 flank xenografts were injected with 0.12g/kg of Gd-NM600 (n=3) or vehicle alone (n=3). Flash frozen organs (tumor, liver, and kidney) were embedded in 100 mg/mL gelatin (Becton, Dickinson, and Company) and stored at  $-80^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Organs were sectioned at 12  $\mu\text{m}$  thickness on a cryostat (Microtom HM 525, Thermo Scientific) at  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Sections were thaw mounted onto indium tin oxide coated glass slides (Delta Technologies, Loveland, CO). 2,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid (DHB, Acros Organics) matrix (40 mg/mL in 50:50 methanol:H<sub>2</sub>O) was applied using the TM Sprayer (HTX Technologies, LLC, Carrboro, NC, USA) automatic sprayer system. The TM sprayer method used 12 passes with 30 s dry time (rotation and offset), 3 mm spacing, 1250 velocity,  $80^{\circ}\text{C}$  temperature, and 0.1 mL/min flow rate. Methanol was HPLC grade

(Fisher Scientific) and Milli-Q ultrapure water (Millipore Sigma) was used. Matrix covered samples were stored in a dry box at -20°C until analysis.

### MALDI-Mass Spectrometry Imaging Instrumentation

Matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionization-mass spectrometry imaging (MALDI-MSI) was performed in positive ion mode on a MALDI LTQ Orbitrap XL mass spectrometer (Thermo Scientific, Waltham, MA) equipped with a N<sub>2</sub> laser. LTQ Tune software (Thermo Scientific, Waltham, MA) was used to select the imaging region and step size, and Xcalibur (Thermo Scientific, Waltham, MA) was used to select the instrument parameters. Imaging was performed on three control mice and three mice dosed with the Gd-NM600 compound at 75 µm raster step size, from 130-2000 mass to charge ratio ( $m/z$ ) at 60,000 resolution. Two microscans were averaged at each pixel. ImageQuest software (Thermo Scientific, Waltham, MA) was used to view raw data and export the raw data to an imzML format. MSiReader software<sup>29</sup> was used to generate images unique to mice dosed with the compound (experimental mice). Briefly,  $m/z$  elements that were present in at least 10% of the interrogated zone (experimental mice) and in less than 5% of the reference zone (control mice) or in over 5% of the reference zone with a ratio greater than 2 were selected. Images for these  $m/z$  were then identified and manually inspected.

For MALDI mass spectra of Gd-DOTA, and Gd-BOPTA (MultiHance), a mixture of these compounds formulated at 1 µmol in distilled water and 2,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid (DHB, Acros Organics) matrix (40 mg/mL) was used to obtain the MALDI mass spectra.

### Statistical Analysis

Statistical analyses were performed with Microsoft Excel or GraphPad Prism 5.0. Paired t-tests were used to determine differences in Gd-NM600 uptake based on imaging and biodistribution data. All  $p < 0.05$  were considered statistically significant.

## Results

### Synthesis and chelation of APC-chelates

Tri-benzyl ester **2** was prepared from commercially available cyclen **1** by treatment with 3.3 equivalents of benzyl bromoacetate and sodium acetate in *N,N*-dimethylacetamide using a modification of a published procedure (Supplemental Figure S1).<sup>30</sup> *N*-Alkylation of **2** with *tert*-butyl bromoacetate in acetonitrile using  $K_2CO_3$  as a base afforded DOTA *t*-butyl tri-benzyl ester **3**. Deprotection of the *tert*-butyl ester in **3** with HCl in dioxane resulted in DOTA tri-benzyl ester **4**. This compound was coupled with 18-(*p*-aminophenyl)octadecyl phosphocholine **5** using COMU as a coupling reagent<sup>31</sup> to yield conjugate **6**. The simultaneous deprotection of the three benzyl ester groups in **6** by the catalytic hydrogenation resulted in DO3A derivative **7** which upon complexation with gadolinium (III) chloride produced the Gd chelate **8** (Supplementary Figure 1). Alternatively, <sup>64</sup>Cu chelate of DOTA-APC **7** was also prepared as described above.

### Gd-NM600 exhibits high relaxivity

The longitudinal and transverse relaxivities of Gd-NM600 in water, human plasma, and 0.125 mM human serum albumin were measured ( $r_1$  and  $r_2$ , respectively). For relaxivity measurements, conical tubes containing 0.125-1 mM Gd-NM600 were warmed to 37°C in an MRI-compatible circulating water bath. With 1.5T field strength, the measured longitudinal relaxivity was between 14.9-16.5 s<sup>-1</sup>/mM; at 3.0T, it ranged from 8.7-10.0 s<sup>-1</sup>/mM (**Figure 1**). The transverse relaxivity ranged from 32.8-41.2 s<sup>-1</sup>/mM at 1.5T and 23.7-33.2 s<sup>-1</sup>/mM at 1.5T and 3.0T, respectively (**Figure 1**). Transverse relaxivity was always lowest in water compared to other preparations, while longitudinal relaxivity was more consistent across all preparations. The significantly higher longitudinal relaxivity of this agent compares favorably to current clinical agents with  $r_1$  values ranging from 3.5-7.0 s<sup>-1</sup>/mM at 1.5T and 2.5-6.5 s<sup>-1</sup>/mM at 3.0T.<sup>9</sup>

### Transmission electron microscopy confirms selective uptake in cancer cells

In order to investigate the mechanism of selective uptake, U87 glioblastoma cells and SK fibroblasts were incubated with 1  $\mu$ M Gd-NM600 and observed under TEM at various time points up to 24 hours. Starting after 15 minutes of incubation and at all later time points, Gd-NM600 uptake is observed in U87 cells (**Figure 2(a)**). At early time points, the agent accumulates in early endosomes. As endosomal compartments mature and acidify, they become more electron dense and ultimately fuse with lysosomes. These electron-dense clusters corresponding to accumulation in endosomes and lysosomes are observed markedly less in skin fibroblast control cells. Notably, no dense clusters corresponding to gadolinium are observed in the nucleus (**Figure 2(c)**), consistent with previous studies that show no nuclear uptake of APCs and APC-like molecules.<sup>15, 32, 33</sup> Surface transmission electron microscopy confirmed high metal contrast inside the U87 cancer cells (**Figure 2(d)**).

### T<sub>1</sub>-weighted imaging and biodistribution demonstrate tumor-specific uptake and retention in multiple cancer models

*In vivo* uptake of Gd-NM600 was characterized with pilot studies using two flank xenograft models of human cancer, A549 (non-small cell lung cancer) and U87 (glioma). T<sub>1</sub>-weighted MR images and T<sub>1</sub> maps were acquired in all subjects prior to intravenous contrast administration and imaging was repeated at multiple time points up to seven days (**Figure 3**). Flank tumors of both models showed tumor-specific enhancement over the 7-day period. Tumor enhancement was maintained for up to 4 and 7 days in A549 and U87, respectively ( $p < 0.05$ ). Specifically, the tumor to control (muscle) signal ratio at 24 hours post Gd-NM600 administration was 1.7 and 1.9 times that in pre-contrast imaging for A549 and U87 tumors, respectively. T<sub>1</sub> maps acquired at pre-contrast and 48 hour time points confirmed that a significant increase in the whole-tumor median

$R_1$  relaxation rate was observed at 48 hours post-contrast in both tumor models (increased to approximately 2.2 times pre-contrast  $R_1$  in both tumor models,  $p < 0.05$ ). In comparison, gadoterate meglumine (Dotarem®), Gd chelated by DOTA, was investigated in mouse flank tumor xenografts. Three nude mice with U87 flank xenografts were scanned with a  $T_1$ -weighted sequence prior to administration of Gd-DOTA, immediately following contrast administration, and at multiple time points up to 24 hours. After Gd-DOTA administration, the  $T_1$ -weighted tumor to muscle signal ratio rapidly increased over the course of five minutes, reduced over the course of one hour, and returned to baseline signal levels by 24 hours (**Figure 3(d-e)**). Gd-DOTA administration increased ratio of tumor to muscle  $T_1$ -weighted signal from 1.15 pre-contrast to 1.67 five minutes post-contrast. With Gd-NM600 administration, tumor to muscle signal ratio increased from 1.24 pre-contrast to a maximum of 2.12 at 24 hours post-contrast. These results indicate increased uptake and prolonged retention of Gd-NM600 in cancer cells that are not observed with the extracellular macrocyclic agent Gd-DOTA.

Several additional tumor models were investigated to further demonstrate the broad-spectrum tumor uptake of Gd-NM600. These models include colorectal flank xenograft models (HT29), a flank xenograft prostate cancer model (PC3), an orthotopic  $\alpha\beta$ -overexpressing triple negative breast cancer model<sup>34</sup>, pancreatic cancer (MiaPaca), and two orthotopic brain cancer models (histologically confirmed U87 and a cancer stem cell model, GSC 12.1). Prolonged  $T_1$ -weighted signal enhancement was observed with *in vivo*  $T_1$ -weighted imaging in all of these models between 24 and 96 hours following Gd-NM600 administration (Fig 4). The uptake observed in a wide variety of tested cancer types suggests a broad-spectrum uptake mechanism.

Biodistribution in U87 flank tumor-bearing mice was assessed both *ex vivo* and *in vivo*. Seventy-two hours following administration of Gd-NM600, organs were harvested and Gd uptake

was quantified using ICP-MS. Gd content in the tumor (3.95% injected dose per gram, (%ID/g)) was higher than in all other tissues except the organs of clearance, the liver and kidney (Supplemental figure S2). *Ex vivo* biodistribution of bulk administration of Gd-NM600 was quite similar to that of trace levels of  $^{64}\text{Cu}$ -DOTA-APC, including in tumors, despite three orders of magnitude difference in amount of agent delivered ( $10^{-6}$  mol vs.  $10^{-9}$  mol, Supplemental Figure S3a). *In vivo* biodistribution of Gd-NM600 and  $^{64}\text{Cu}$ -DOTA-APC in a flank-bearing U87 rat model demonstrated excellent localization of both PET signal and T1-weighted enhancement on simultaneous PET/MR imaging with the co-administration of these two agents at different mass doses (**Supplemental Figure S3(b-d)**). *Ex vivo* biodistribution was compared to *in vivo* observations of Gd-NM600 in the blood pool, liver, and kidneys. T<sub>1</sub>-weighted imaging of the abdomen demonstrated Gd-NM600 clearance from the liver, kidneys, and blood over the 7-day period (**Supplemental Figure S2**). In contrast, 24 hours following Gd-DOTA administration, little observable agent remained in circulation (**Supplemental Figure S2(b)**). High uptake in the liver and kidneys was observed, with maximum liver signal 24 hours and maximum kidney uptake one hour following contrast administration.

#### Chemical Speciation of Gadolinium Chelates by MALDI-MSI of Gd-DOTA APC

Matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionization (MALDI) is a soft ionization technique that harnesses a deposited matrix, which absorbs laser energy and ionizes neighboring molecules such that the chemical form of compounds of interest is preserved.<sup>35,36</sup> Coupled with a mass analyzer, MALDI can serve as a powerful tool to identify compounds in tissues with high mass accuracy and also map their spatially distribution.<sup>35</sup> Notably, this method can identify Gd deposits with high specificity due to the unique isotopic fingerprint of Gd.

Mice bearing A549-flank xenografts were injected with either Gd-NM600 (n=3), or the formulation alone (n=3). Based on prior biodistribution data, we chose to collect the tissues with the highest Gd content (liver, kidney, and tumor; **Supplemental Figure S2(a)**). After 7 days, the livers, kidneys, and tumor tissues were harvested, and prepared for MALDI-MSI. MALDI-MSI of the tissues demonstrated the intact chemical species of Gd-NM600 in all three tissues from treated animals, but not in tissues of control animals (**Figure 5(a-c)**). Overlay of the histology and the Gd-NM600 distribution revealed homogenous signal in the kidneys and liver, and heterogeneous signal in the tumor (**Figure 5(c)**). The unique isotopic distribution of the Gd species is identifiable in the mass spectra (**Figure 5(d)**). Notably, a rim of high signal around the tumor margin was observed in the tumor tissues (**Figure 5(a)**), suggesting the highest abundance of the compound at the edge of the tumor margin, most likely representing dividing tumor cells.

To assess if MALDI-MSI is useful to characterize deposition of commercial chelates, we also employed this method for two commercial chelates. Gd-DOTA, and Gd-BOPTA (MultiHance) at the same concentration were incorporated into a mixture with the same matrix and analyzed using MALDI-MSI (**Supplemental Figure S4(a-b)**). Identification of these compounds was achieved with high mass accuracy. Again, Gd's unique isotopic distribution is observed in the mass spectra. These results suggest that this methodology is able to identify the integrity and chemical species of Gd being deposited in normal tissues. This methodology can be used to identify Gd species with high mass accuracy and specificity, and also assess chemical integrity of the chelated species of gadolinium.

In order to demonstrate that this methodology can be applied to characterize the breakdown products of Gd-NM600, we searched for other breakdown products including ones that contain Gd under positive ion mode. Three mice containing A549 flank xenografts (n=3) were injected with



Gd-NM600. After 7 days, the liver, kidneys and tumors were harvested and analyzed using MALDI-MSI. Although the highest signals corresponded to the parent compound, cleavage of the amide linker was observed in the liver and tumor sections, but not in the kidneys (**Supplemental Figure S5(a-c)**). Loss of carboxylic acid was also observed in the tumors (**Supplemental Figure S5(d-e)**), but not in the liver and kidney. Further work is underway to assess the chemical speciation of our Gd-APC chelates at longer time points using MALDI-MSI.

#### Gd-NM600 tumor uptake mechanism demonstrates low saturability

We hypothesized that the tumor uptake mechanism of Gd-NM600 would exhibit minimal saturability. This potentially allows increasing contrast delivery to tumors to address MRI's low sensitivity for molecular targeted contrast agents. To test this hypothesis, six animals bearing A549 flank xenografts were administered three times the standard mass dose ( $3 \times 0.12 \text{g/kg}$ ) of Gd-NM600 over the course of three days (one administration per day). Twenty-four hours after each contrast injection,  $T_1$ -weighted imaging was performed. All six animals in this study tolerated the increased total dose of  $0.36 \text{g/kg}$  ( $0.34 \text{mmol/kg}$ ) Gd-NM600 over 72 hours. Tumor enhancement increased over the three days of post-contrast imaging and did not reach saturation even after three consecutive days of contrast delivery (**Figure 6**). The average tumor to muscle ratio increased from  $1.89 \times$  to  $2.43 \times$  the baseline value over three days. In comparison, this ratio slowly decreased from  $1.90 \times$  to  $1.41 \times$  the baseline value in the three animals administered a single mass dose of Gd-NM600. In this study, complete saturation of Gd-NM600 uptake was not observed over three consecutive days of contrast delivery.

## Discussion

Currently, targeted MRI contrast agents have demonstrably failed due to low relaxivities, and insufficient ability to obtain sufficient concentrations of Gd in cancers. This challenge is further complicated by deposition of Gd in normal human tissues, which is found more often with the linear Gd chelates. This report intends to introduce and validate a new small molecule, macrocyclic Gd contrast agent that exhibits high relaxivity properties, and broad-spectrum, tumor-targeting. Gd-NM600 can image multiple cancer phenotypes with higher contrast than commercial Gd chelates. Gd-NM600 demonstrates a high longitudinal relaxivity in water of  $16.4\text{s}^{-1}/\text{mM}$  at 1.5T, which is approximately 4.2-fold higher relaxivity compared to Gd-DOTA<sup>37, 38</sup> that has a longitudinal relaxivity of  $3.9\text{s}^{-1}/\text{mM}$  at 1.5T.<sup>37, 38</sup> The significantly higher relaxivities of Gd-NM600 coupled with its cancer selectivity and prolonged retention may improve the diagnostic accuracy for soft tissue cancers and metastases over current commercial Gd contrast agents. Previous crossover studies have shown improved cancer visualization, definition, and contrast enhancement when MRI agents with higher relaxivities are used instead of lower relaxivity agents.<sup>10, 11, 39-41</sup> The correlation of higher tumor conspicuity with the use of high relaxivity agents is promising as Gd-NM600 demonstrates impressive longitudinal relaxivities in plasma, water, and human serum albumin at 1.5T and 3.0T, which are 4.2 times higher than even the best-performing commercial macrocyclic Gd MRI agents.<sup>9</sup> Moreover, enhanced tumor selectivity should result in use of lower Gd-NM600 doses and minimize off-target gadolinium burden and deposition.

Furthermore, Gd-NM600 appears to exhibit high capacity uptake and minimal saturability by cancer cells at clinically relevant dose levels. Unlike many other targeting which bind to cell receptors, thus limiting their sensitivity, our APC analogs enter cells via lipid rafts overexpressed

in cancer and are subsequently incorporated into endosomes as seen by TEM imaging. This high-capacity mechanism allows for high concentrations of Gd to accumulate within cancer cells, which translates into elevated and persistent tumor contrast enhancement. This distinctive mechanism of cell entry through lipid rafts and endosomal targeting circumvents traditional receptor-based approaches, which have failed due to inadequate concentrations of even the highest-expressed cell surface receptors to achieve T1-weighted contrast enhancement.<sup>3,4</sup> Importantly, the high capacity uptake and prolonged tumor retention (exceeding a week) enable some additional clinical applications of this agent, such as motion management for MRI-guided radiation therapy or neutron-capture therapy.

Long-term retention of Gd MRI agents in patients after multiple Gd exposures remains a contentious issue given the observed deposition of Gd in the globus pallidus and dentate nucleus after multiple long term exposures.<sup>42, 43</sup> Macrocyclic Gd-NM600 was designed to offer better thermodynamic and kinetic stability relative to linear chelates.<sup>37</sup> As the debate continues on the clinical relevance of Gd deposition in normal brain tissues, we have demonstrated the utility of MALDI-MSI to enhance our understanding of the chemical speciation and spatial distribution of Gd-NM600 and other Gd MRI agents.

MALDI-MSI mapping of Gd-NM600 in the highest uptake tissues demonstrates some notable breakdown products at 7 days post-injection, some of which are present in only the tumors, and some of which appear to be broken down and metabolized by only the liver. To the best of our knowledge, this is the first time the chemical speciation has been characterized for Gd-containing compounds and offers proof-of-concept methodology to understand the controversial phenomenon of Gd deposition. Further work is underway to characterize the breakdown products

as well as any Gd species that are deposited at time points beyond a week in order to understand how Gd-chelates interact with normal tissue.

## **Conclusion**

In this study, we report a new cancer-targeted MRI contrast agent that demonstrates high relaxivity, and tumor-specific uptake and retention in all tested models, including six different flank xenograft cancer models and three orthotopic cancer models. This novel targeted macrocyclic agent NM600 for cancer outperformed commercial Gd contrast agents in our studies by providing higher relaxivities, superior tumor conspicuity, and prolonged retention. Its advantages include a 4.2-fold higher longitudinal relaxivity compared to Gd-DOTA and higher cancer specificity due to the APC targeting moiety, while maintaining the stability of a macrocyclic DOTA chelate. The higher relaxivities and tumor specificity may enable detection of smaller soft-tissue tumors and metastases throughout a patient compared with current clinical Gd chelates. We have observed a distinct cancer-targeting mechanism of these APC chelates that is not receptor-mediated, has high capacity, and appears broadly selective for a broad array of cancers. Additionally, we demonstrate a specific and sensitive method to identify and spatially map the presence and the chemical form of Gd containing compounds, including Gd-NM600, in tissue samples through MALDI-MSI analysis.

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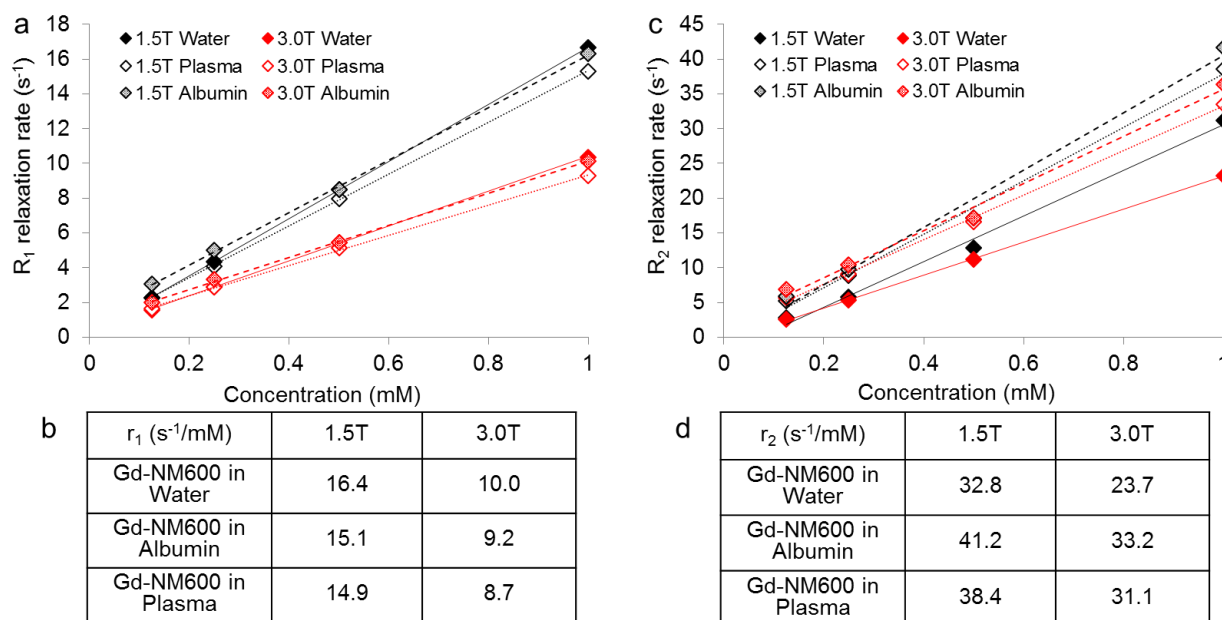
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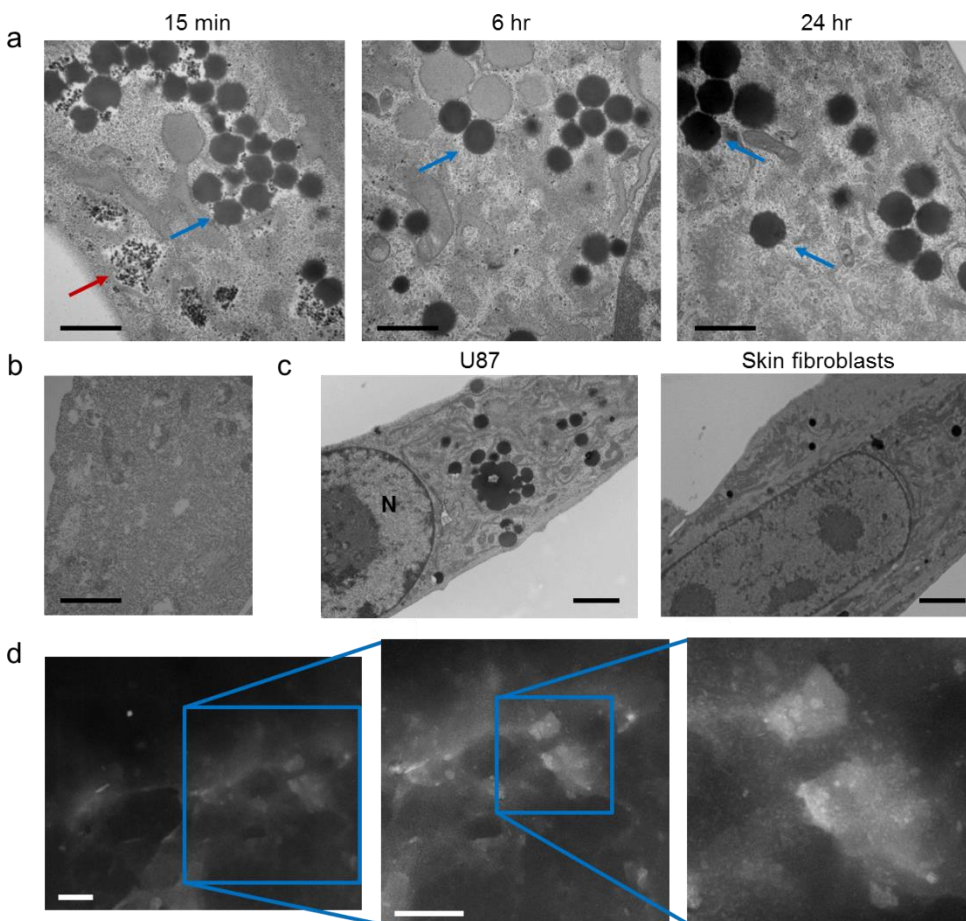


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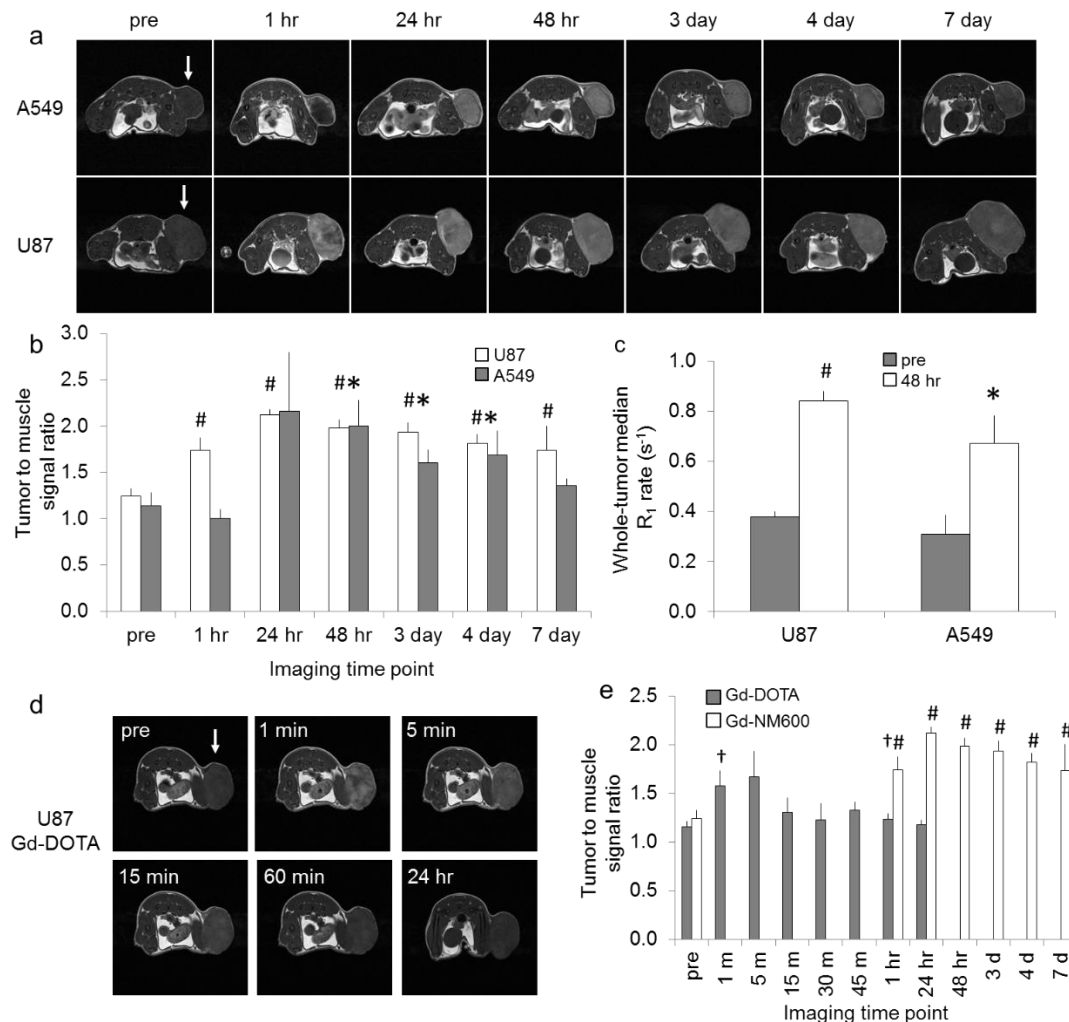
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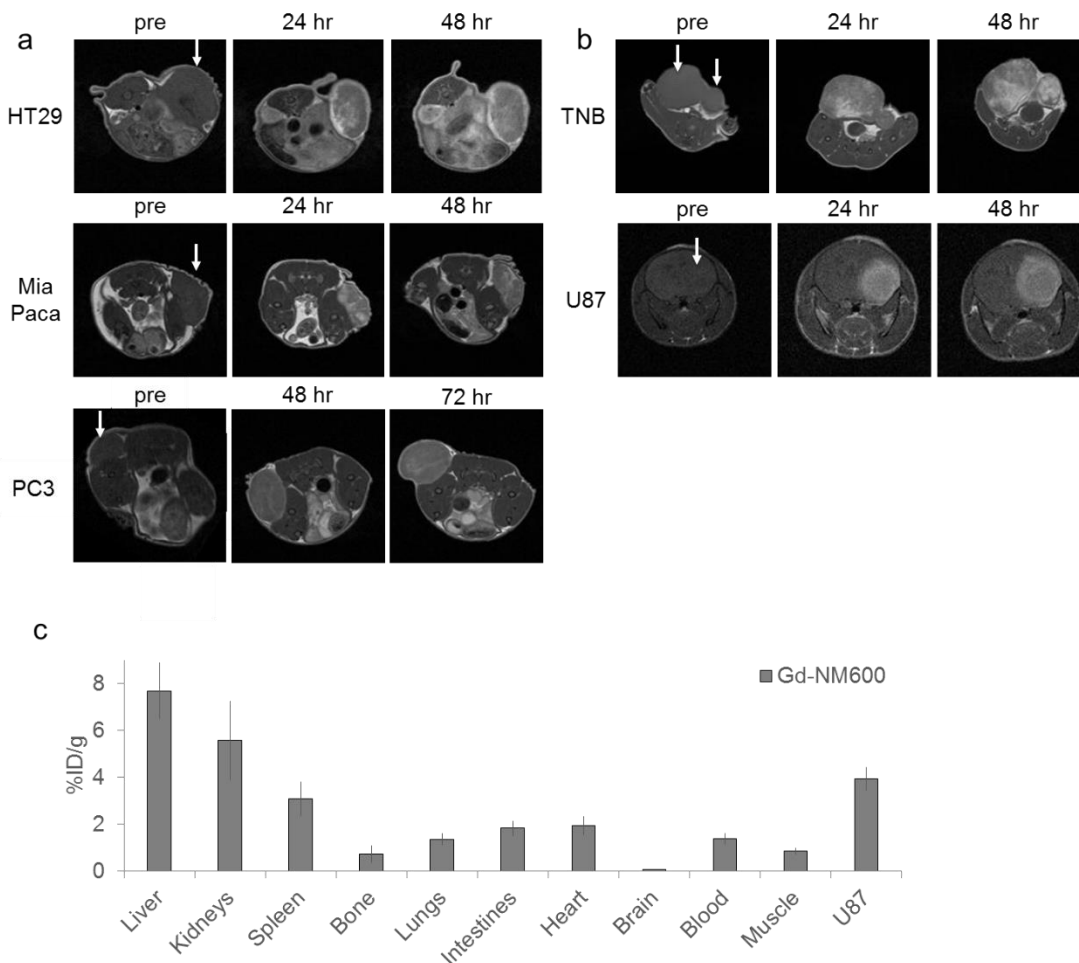
**Figure 1.** Longitudinal relaxivity ( $r_1$ ) and transverse relaxivity ( $r_2$ ) of Gd-NM600. **(a, c)** Relaxivity was determined by linear regression of relaxation rate ( $R_1$  or  $R_2$ ) versus sample concentration at each field strength and for each solvent. **(b)**  $r_1$  values at 1.5T and 3.0T in water, albumin, and plasma. Gd-NM600 was found to have greater  $r_1$  values at 1.5T than at 3.0T, and when prepared in water compared to plasma and albumin. The longitudinal relaxivity in water (16.4 s<sup>-1</sup>/mM) compares favorably against Gd-BOPTA (MultiHance), with the highest relaxivity (6.3-7.9 s<sup>-1</sup>/mM) of the commercial agents. **(d)**  $r_2$  values at 1.5T and 3.0T in water, albumin, and plasma. Gd-NM600 was found to have greater  $r_2$  values when prepared in plasma and albumin compared to water.



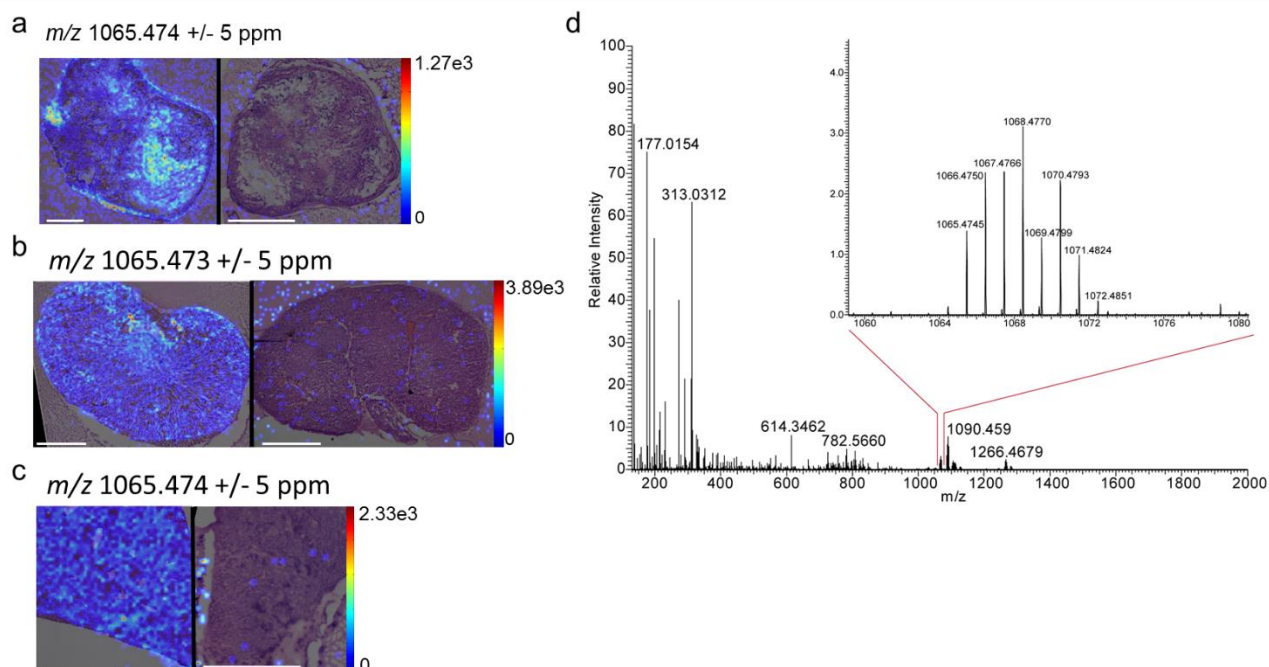
**Figure 2.** Uptake of Gd-NM600 in U87 glioblastoma cells and SK fibroblasts *in vitro*. **(a)** Transmission electron microscopy images of a U87 cell treated with 1 μM Gd-NM600. Accumulation in early and mature endosomes (red/blue arrows) leads to electron dense spheres corresponding to intracellular Gd-NM600. Scale bar = 1 μm. **(b)** Untreated control U87 cell shows no electron dense regions. Scale bar = 1 μm. **(c)** Uptake of Gd-DOTA-APC in U87 after 24 hour incubation compared to minimal uptake in SK fibroblasts at the same time point. No nuclear uptake is observed (N denotes nucleus). Scale bar = 2 μm. **(d)** Scanning transmission electron microscopy of U87 cells treated with 1 μM Gd-NM600 confirms the presence of the heavy metal Gd within cells. Scale bar = 200 nm.



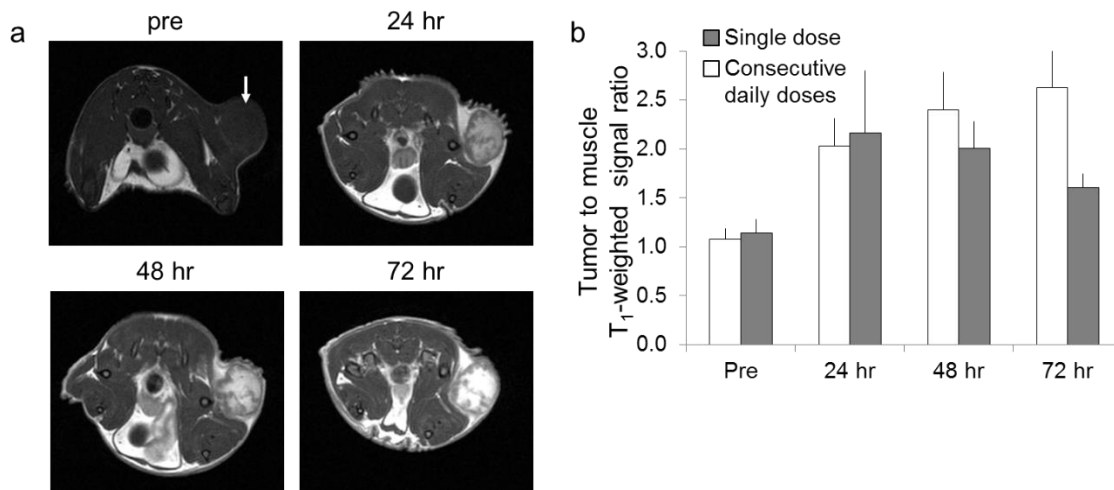
**Figure 3.** Tumor uptake of Gd-NM600 in U87 and A549 and comparative uptake dynamics of Gd-DOTA. **(a)** Representative  $T_1$ -weighted images of two tumor models pre-contrast and at multiple time points up to 7 days following delivery of Gd-NM600. Tumor location indicated by white arrow. **(b)** Tumor to muscle ratio of  $T_1$ -weighted signal increased over the course of 24-48 hours and remained significantly enhanced compared to pre-contrast for up to 4 and 7 days for A549 and U87 xenografts, respectively. Error bars reflect standard deviation among three subjects ( $*p < 0.05$  compared to pre-contrast, A549;  $^{\#}p < 0.05$  compared to pre-contrast, U87). **(c)** Quantification of  $R_1$  relaxation rate ( $R_1 = 1/T_1$ ) revealed a significant increase of greater than 2x in whole-tumor median  $R_1$  rate in both tumor models 48 hours after contrast administration. **(d)** Representative  $T_1$ -weighted images of Gd-DOTA uptake in a single subject with flank U87 xenograft model. **(e)** Time course of  $T_1$ -weighted signal enhancement after delivery of Gd-NM600 and Gd-DOTA in U87 ( $N=3$  for each model) shows that Gd-NM600 enhancement is greater and more prolonged, indicating that uptake reflects specific targeting and incorporation of the contrast agent in cancer cells. ( $\dagger p < 0.05$  compared to pre-contrast, Gd-DOTA;  $^{\#}p < 0.05$  compared to pre-contrast, Gd-NM600)



**Figure 4.** Tumor-specific uptake of Gd-NM600 in multiple human cancer models. **(a)** Representative axial T<sub>1</sub>-weighted images of three flank xenograft models including HT29 (colorectal), MiaPaca (pancreatic), and PC3 (prostate) at various time points pre-contrast and up to three days post-contrast. White arrows indicate the location of the cancer. **(b)** T<sub>1</sub>-weighted images of two orthotopic tumor models, a triple-negative breast cancer (TNB) implanted in the mammary fat pad and a U87 glioblastoma in the brain. Uptake was observed at 24 and 48 hours, and U87 tumors were confirmed with H&E staining. **(c)** Perfused tissues from nude athymic mice bearing U87 flank xenografts (N=3) were collected 48 hours following Gd-NM600 administration. Gd uptake was measured with high-resolution (magnetic-sector) inductively-coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS) following acid digestion. Other than the organs of clearance, the tumor had the highest uptake of any organ.



**Figure 5.** MALDI-MSI images of Gd-NM600 in mice bearing A549 flank xenografts. MALDI-MSI and histological overlays of Gd-NM600 in whole A549 tumor (**a**), whole kidney (**b**), and liver tissue (**c**) in an animal injected with Gd-NM600 (*left*), and an animal injected with vehicle (*right*). The white bar indicates 2 mm for (**a**) and (**b**) and 1 mm for (**c**). The color bar maximum was set at 50% of the maximum normalized intensity of all three biological replicates (only biological replicate 2 is shown here). (**d**) An averaged mass spectra from the tumor region is shown, with the Gd peak corresponding to the mass peaks of the compound Gd-NM600 highlighted. The isotopic distribution of the Gd provides a specific Gd mass signature.



**Figure 6.** Continuous uptake of multiple Gd-DOTA-APC doses. **(a)** In a representative subject bearing an A549 flank xenograft, non-saturating tumor enhancement after consecutive Gd-NM600 administration (i.v. after pre-contrast imaging and after imaging at 24 and 48 hours) was observed over the course of three days on T1-weighted axial imaging. **(b)** Tumor to muscle T1-weighted signal ratio continually increased in subjects delivered consecutive daily doses of Gd-NM600 (N=6), while contrast enhancement slowly decreased after 24 hours in subjects administered a single dose (N=3). White arrow highlights location of the tumor.

## Supplemental Information

### Supplemental Experimental Methods

#### Chemical synthesis

All chemicals were purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. (Milwaukee, WI) except for cyclene, which was from Strem Chemicals (Newburyport, MA). Thin-layer chromatography was performed using DC-Alufolien Kieselgel 60 F<sub>254</sub> plates (EMD, Germany). Visualization was achieved by UV light (254 nm) and ceric-molybdenum stain. NMR data were collected on a Varian Unity-Inova 500 MHz NMR Spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm) relative to tetramethylsilane (TMS), and spin multiplicities are given as s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), or br m (broad multiplet). High-resolution mass spectra were obtained on a Bruker MaXis Ultra-High Resolution Quadrupole Time-of-Flight MS.

*1,4,7-Tris(benzyloxycarbonylmethyl)-1,4,7,10-tetraazacyclododecane hydrobromide (DO3A tri-benzyl ester) (Compound 2)*

Cyclen **1** (2.00 g, 11.6 mmol) and sodium acetate trihydrate (5.22 g, 38.3 mmol) were suspended in *N,N*-dimethylacetamide (24 mL) and cooled to -15°C in a methanol-ice bath. A solution of benzyl bromoacetate (6 mL, 38.3 mmol) in *N,N*-dimethylacetamide (12 mL) was added via cannula within 10 min. Upon completion of addition, the cooling bath was removed and the mixture was stirred at RT for 72 h. Water (120 ml) was added to the reaction mixture. Solid potassium bicarbonate (6 g, 60 mmol) was added portion wise with stirring, and the product separated as an oil. The reaction mixture was placed in an ice bath for 1 h, during which time the oily precipitate solidified. The clear solution was decanted before the solid material was dissolved in ethyl acetate, transferred to a separatory funnel and washed with aqueous ammonium bromide



solution and water. The extract was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. The compound was purified by column chromatography on silica gel. Sequential elution of the column with CHCl<sub>3</sub>-hexane (1:1), CHCl<sub>3</sub>-hexane (2:1), CHCl<sub>3</sub>, CHCl<sub>3</sub>-MeOH (97:3), and finally with CHCl<sub>3</sub>-MeOH (97:3) afforded pure compound **2** as a thick yellow oil. Yield: 4.866 g (60%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.39-7.32 (m, 15H, ArH<sub>5</sub>), 5.13 (s, 6H, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 3.49 (s, 4H NCH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>), 3.42 (s, 2H NCH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>), 3.09 (br s, 4H, (cyclene CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.92-2.80 (m, 12H, cyclene CH<sub>2</sub>). HRMS: calculated for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>45</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>6</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 617.33336, found 617.33427, calculated for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>44</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Na (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> 639.315306, found 639.31488.

*1,4,7-Tris(benzyloxycarbonylmethyl)-7-(t-butyloxycarbonylmethyl)-1,4,7,10-tetraazacyclododecane (DOTA t-butyl tri-benzyl ester) (3)*

DO3A tri-benzyl ester hydrobromide **2** (4.82 g, 6.90 mmol) was dissolved in acetonitrile (70 mL). *tert*-Butyl-bromoacetate (1.21 mL, 8.28 mmol) and powdered potassium carbonate (2.38 g, 17.3 mmol) were added to the solution. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h and then filtered. The filtrate was concentrated and the residue was purified on a silica gel column eluted with a step gradient of CHCl<sub>3</sub>-MeOH (99:1), (98:2), (95:5) and (90:10) to provide compound **3** as a hydrobromide (thick yellow oil). Yield: 5.28 g (94%). This compound was dissolved in chloroform (250 ml), transferred to a separatory funnel and washed with aqueous potassium carbonate (5 g) in water (150 ml) and then water (150 ml). The chloroform layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated to yield compound **3** as a free base: 4.35 g (86%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR for hydrobromide of **3** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.38-7.30 (m, 15H, ArH<sub>5</sub>), 5.14 (s, 4H, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 5.12 (s, 2H, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 3.92 (s, 2H NCH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>), 3.76 (br s, 4H NCH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>), 3.71 (s, 2H NCH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>), 3.40 (br s, 4H, cyclene CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.16-3.00 (m, 12H, cyclene CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.45 (s, 9H, O(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>). HRMS:

calculated for  $C_{41}H_{55}N_4O_8$  (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 731.40144, found 731.40000, calculated for  $C_{41}H_{54}N_4O_8Na$  (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> 753.38339, found 753.38284.

*1,4,7-Tris(benzyloxycarbonylmethyl)-7-(carboxymethyl)-1,4,7,10-tetraazacyclododecane hydrochloride (DOTA tri-benzyl ester) (4)*

DOTA *t*-butyl tri-benzyl ester **3** (4.33 g, 5.92 mmol) was dissolved in ethanol-free chloroform (28 mL), followed by addition of 4M HCl in dioxane (10 mL, 40 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 24 h at room temperature. A white precipitate formed as the reaction proceeded. Chloroform (25 mL) and hexane (25 mL) were added with stirring. The mixture was filtered and the solid white material was collected on a filter, washed with hexane and dried under high vacuum to constant weight. Yield: 4.15 g (98%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 7.40-7.34 (m, 15H, ArH<sub>5</sub>), 5.17 (s, 2H, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 5.11 (br s, 4H, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 4.30-3.80 (m, 14H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>Bn and cyclene CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.55-3.10 (m, 10H, cyclene CH<sub>2</sub>). HRMS: calculated for  $C_{37}H_{47}N_4O_8$  (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 675.33884, found 675.33713, calculated for  $C_{37}H_{46}N_4O_8Na$  (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> 697.32079, found 697.31994.

*DOTA tri-benzyl ester - 18-(*p*-aminophenyl)octadecyl phosphocholine conjugate (6)*

DOTA tri-benzyl ester (1.48 g, 2.08 mmol) and 18-(*p*-aminophenyl)octadecyl phosphocholine **5** (914 mg, 1.74 mmol) were suspended in ethanol-free chloroform (50 mL)(13). Triethyl amine (866 μL, 6.25 mmol) and the coupling agent COMU (891 mg, 2.08 mmol) were added to the reaction mixture. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h by which time the reaction mixture became a clear yellow-orange solution. The following solvents were added to the reaction mixture: chloroform (30 mL), methanol (80 mL) and water (70 mL). The mixture was vigorously stirred for 5 min and transferred to a separatory funnel. Chloroform layer was removed, and extraction was repeated (2 × 80 mL of chloroform). The combined extracts

were dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluted sequentially with  $\text{CHCl}_3$ -MeOH (9:1), (8:2), (5:5) and then  $\text{CHCl}_3$ -MeOH- $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (65:25:3), (65:25:4). After removal of the solvent *in vacuo*, the purified compound **6** was dried under high vacuum to constant weight. Yield: 1.28 g (60%) of yellow amorphous solid.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ - $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$  1:1) 7.51 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.37-7.28 (m, 15H, benzyl ArH), 7.02 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 5.28-5.12 (m, 6H,  $\text{OCH}_2\text{Ar}$ ), 4.70-4.10 (m, 2H,  $\text{PO}_4\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NMe}_3$ ), 3.87 (q,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 2H,  $(\text{CH}_2)_{17}\text{CH}_2\text{PO}_4$ ), 3.62-3.59 (m, 2H,  $\text{PO}_4\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NMe}_3$ ), 3.50-2.80 (br m, 24H,  $\text{NCH}_2\text{CO}_2$  and cyclene  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.23 (s, 9H,  $\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ ), 2.54 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H,  $\text{ArCH}_2(\text{CH}_2)_{17}$ ), 1.66-1.60 (m, 2H,  $(\text{ArCH}_2\text{CH}_2(\text{CH}_2)_{16})$ ), 1.60-1.52 (m, 2H,  $(\text{CH}_2)_{16}\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PO}_4$ ), 1.40-1.24 (br m, 28H,  $\text{CH}_2(\text{CH}_2)_{14}\text{CH}_2$ ). HRMS: calculated for  $\text{C}_{66}\text{H}_{100}\text{N}_6\text{O}_{11}\text{P}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$  1183.71822, found 1183.71879; calculated for  $\text{C}_{66}\text{H}_{99}\text{N}_6\text{O}_{11}\text{PNa}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ) $^+$  1205.70017, found 1205.70204.

*DOTA - 18-(p-aminophenyl)octadecyl phosphocholine conjugate (7)*

Compound **6** (1.22 g, 1.03 mmol) was dissolved in 25 mL of EtOH and transferred into the Parr hydrogenation bottle. Palladium on carbon (10 wt. %) (280 mg) was added to the bottle, and the mixture was hydrogenated at 52 psi of hydrogen with shaking for 24hr at RT. Completion of the reaction was determined by TLC analysis. The mixture was filtered through 0.45 micron PTFE syringe filter. The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*, and the product was precipitated by the addition of acetone. Precipitated compound **6** was dried under high vacuum to constant weight. Yield: 613 mg (65%) of amorphous white solid.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ - $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$  1:1) 7.46 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.12 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 4.30-4.22 (m, 2H,  $\text{PO}_4\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NMe}_3$ ), 3.92 (q,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 2H,  $(\text{CH}_2)_{17}\text{CH}_2\text{PO}_4$ ), 3.56 (m, 2H,  $\text{PO}_4\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NMe}_3$ ), 4.00-3.00 (br m, 24H,  $\text{NCH}_2\text{CO}_2$  and cyclene  $\text{CH}_2$ ), (3.49 (s, 4H  $\text{NCH}_2\text{CO}_2$ ), 3.15 (s, 9H,  $\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ ), 2.57 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz,

2H, ArCH<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>17</sub>), 1.68-1.54 (br m, 4H, ArCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>16</sub> and CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OP), 1.40-1.25 (m, 28H, CH<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>14</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>). HRMS: calculated for C<sub>45</sub>H<sub>81</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>11</sub>P+H<sup>+</sup> (M<sup>+</sup>+H) 913.57737, found 913.57710, calculated for C<sub>45</sub>H<sub>81</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>11</sub>P+Na<sup>+</sup> (M<sup>+</sup>+Na) 935.55932, found 935.55795, calculated for [C<sub>45</sub>H<sub>81</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>11</sub>P+2H]<sup>2+</sup> ([M+2H]<sup>2+</sup>/2) 457.29232, found 457.29208.

#### *Gd-DOTA - 18-(p-aminophenyl)octadecyl phosphocholine conjugate (8)*

Compound **7** (513 mg, 0.562 mmol) was dissolved in the mixture of pyridine (5 mL) and methanol (7 mL) before a solution of gadolinium (III) chloride hexahydrate (250 mg, 0.672 mmol) in water (0.7 mL) was added to the reaction mixture. A white precipitate formed immediately. The mixture was slightly warmed with a heat gun while stirring to dissolve the precipitate. The slightly cloudy mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated on the rotary evaporator, and the residue was kept under high vacuum for 2 h to remove residual solvents. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel, eluted with CHCl<sub>3</sub>-MeOH (8:2), (5:5), (10:8) and then with CHCl<sub>3</sub>-MeOH-conc. NH<sub>4</sub>OH (10:8:2). Fractions containing **8** were combined and concentrated *in vacuo* before the residue was dried under high vacuum to constant weight. Purified compound **8** was dissolved in CHCl<sub>3</sub>-MeOH (2 mL), and acetone (50 mL) was added with stirring. The mixture was evaporated to yield a white powder. Yield: 450 mg (75%). HRMS: calculated for C<sub>45</sub>H<sub>78</sub>GdN<sub>6</sub>O<sub>11</sub>P+H<sup>+</sup> (M<sup>+</sup>+H) 1068.47912, found 1068.47533, calculated for C<sub>45</sub>H<sub>78</sub>GdN<sub>6</sub>O<sub>11</sub>P+Na<sup>+</sup> (M<sup>+</sup>+Na) 1090.46106, found 1090.45729, calculated for C<sub>45</sub>H<sub>78</sub>GdN<sub>6</sub>O<sub>11</sub>P+K<sup>+</sup> (M<sup>+</sup>+K) 1106.43479, found 1106.43135.

#### Orthotopic Rat Model Preparation and Simultaneous PET/MR Imaging

An RNU nude athymic rat bearing a flank glioblastoma (U87, n=1). NM600 was chelated with both Gd and <sup>64</sup>Cu, and both were injected via tail vein into the rat at 0.12g/kg=0.11mmol/kg

and 5mCi (20mCi/kg) respectively. Simultaneous PET/MRI was acquire using the GE Signa PET/MR (Ge Healthcare, Waukesha, WI).

### Tissue Biodistribution

U87 flank-bearing mice (n=3) were injected with 0.12g/kg of Gd-NM600. Seventy-two hours following Gd-NM600 administration, animals were humanely euthanized and perfused with saline before organs were harvested. Tissue samples were sectioned and homogenized using ceramic blades and Teflon implements, and 20-25mg of homogenized wet tissue was transferred to a Teflon digestion vessel. Organic matrix removal and complete solubilization of gadolinium and other trace major elements in the tissues was performed by microwave-assisted acid digestion in Teflon digestion-bombs. Gadolinium along with eight additional elements in the tissue digests were quantified using high-resolution (magnetic-sector) inductively-coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS). For comparison, <sup>64</sup>Cu-DOTA-APC biodistribution was also measured in U87 flank-bearing mice (n=3). A bolus injection of 2.5 nmol (approximately 250  $\mu$ Ci) was intravenously delivered to each of three flank U87-bearing mice. Forty-eight hours later, animals were humanely euthanized and organ biodistribution was measured by gamma-counting on a PerkinElmer Wizard 2480 (Waltham, MA).

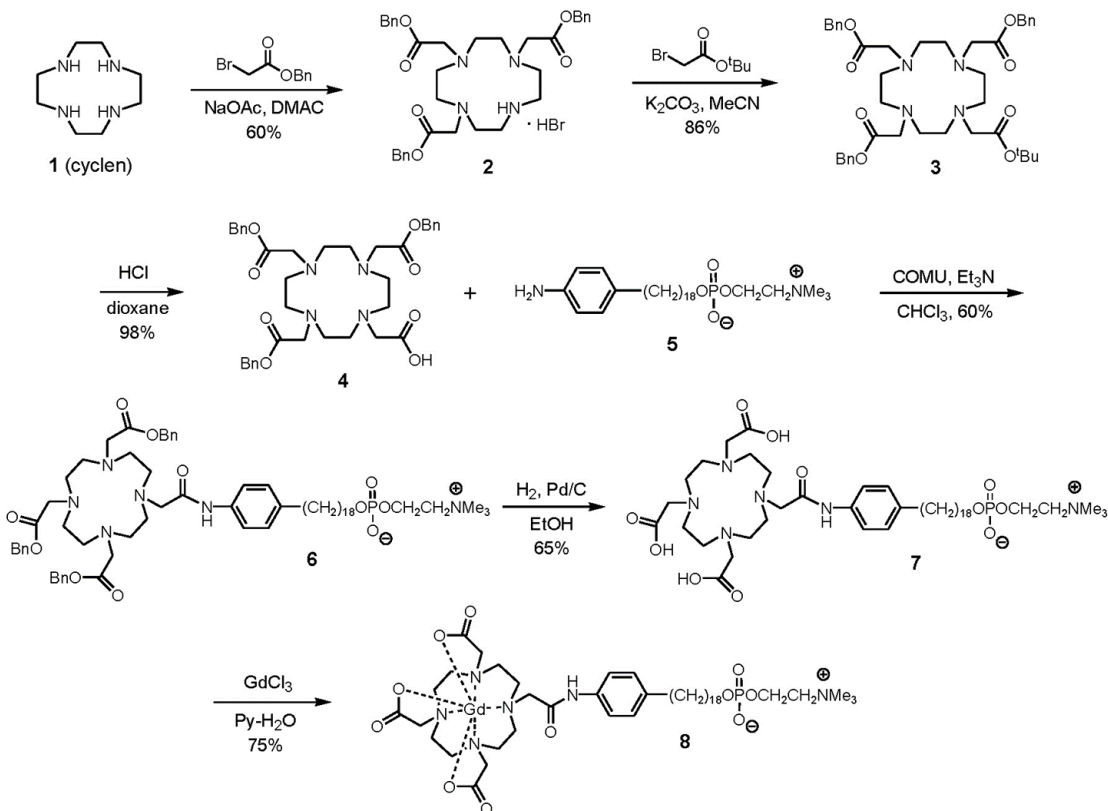
### Transmission Electron Microscopy and Surface Transmission Electron Microscopy

To observe uptake of Gd-NM600 in cancer and control cells with transmission electron microscopy (TEM), SK fibroblasts and U87 cells were plated on coverslips in DMEM, 10% FBS, and 1% P/S overnight. Tumor cells were untreated or treated for 0.25hr, 0.5hr, 1hr, 6hr, or 24hr with 1 $\mu$ M of Gd-NM600, and then fixed in 2.5% glutaraldehyde, 2.0% paraformaldehyde in 0.1M sodium phosphate buffer (PB), pH 7.4 for ~1 hrs. SK fibroblast samples were prepared in the same way after 24hr treatment with 1 $\mu$ M of Gd-NM600. Cells were then rinsed and then post-fixed in

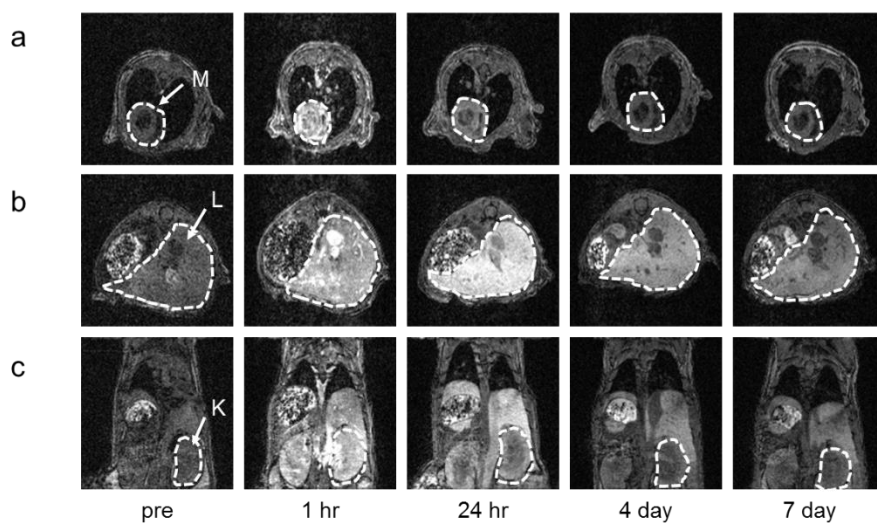
1% osmium tetroxide, 1% potassium ferrocyanide in PB for ~1hr. After fixation, cells were dehydrated in a graded ethanol series (35, 50, 70, 80, 90% for 5 minutes, 95% for 10 minutes, 100% for 3 x 10 minutes) then transitioned in propylene oxide (PO) 2 x 7 minutes. Durcupan ACM resin (Fluka AG, Switzerland) was used during infiltration and embedding. Increasing concentrations of accelerated Durcupan (10ml A/M, 10ml B, 300ul C, 100ul D components) were used for infiltration. The cultures were embedded in open aluminum weighing dishes at 60°C in a drying oven overnight until polymerized. The samples were then treated with concentrated hydrofluoric acid, glass side down, for approximately 15 minutes to etch off the glass, revealing the embedded cell culture. Five mm x 5 mm sample pieces were sawed out and glued to a prepared blank using a Leica EM UC6 ultra microtome. Ultrathin sections (100 nm) were prepared on 300 mesh Cu thin-bar grids and contrasted with Reynolds lead citrate and 8% uranyl acetate in 50% EtOH. The sections were observed with a Philips CM120 transmission electron microscope, and images were collected with an AMT BioSprint12 (Advanced Microscopy Techniques Corp., Woburn, MA) side mounted digital camera.

For scanning transmission electron microscopy (STEM), U87 cells were prepared in the same fashion, with the exception of treatment with osmium tetroxide to eliminate potential heavy metal contamination. STEM experiments were performed on a Technai F30 (Fei Company, Hillsboro, Oregon) with a CEOS probe aberration-corrector operated at 200 keV, as previously reported(27). STEM images were collected with a resolution of 0.8 Å using a 24.5 mrad probe semi-angle and 25 pA probe current. High angle annular dark field (HAADF) images were acquired with a detector subtending 54 to 270 mrad.

## Supplemental Figures

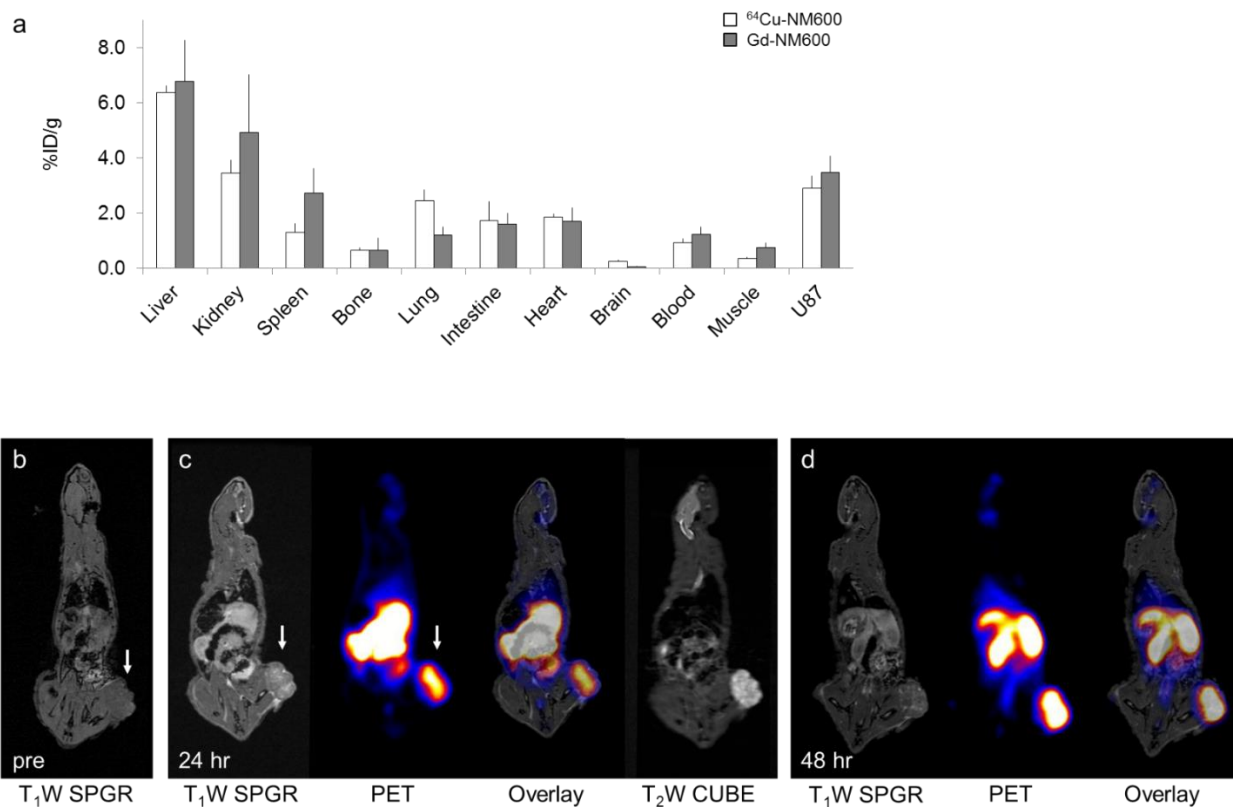


**Supplemental Figure S1** Chemical synthesis of Gd-NM600. Tri-benzyl ester 2 was prepared from commercially available cyclen 1 by treatment with 3.3 equivalents of benzyl bromoacetate and sodium acetate in N,N-dimethylacetamide. N-Alkylation of 2 with tert-butyl bromoacetate in acetonitrile using  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  as a base resulted in DOTA t-butyl tri-benzyl ester 3. Deprotection of the tert-butyl ester in 3 with HCl in dioxane yielded DOTA tri-benzyl ester 4. This compound was coupled with 18-(p-aminophenyl)octadecyl phosphocholine 5 using the coupling agent COMU to obtain conjugate 6. The simultaneous deprotection of the three benzyl ester groups in 6 by the catalytic hydrogenation resulted in DO3A derivative 7, which upon complexation with gadolinium (III) chloride produced the Gd chelate 8.

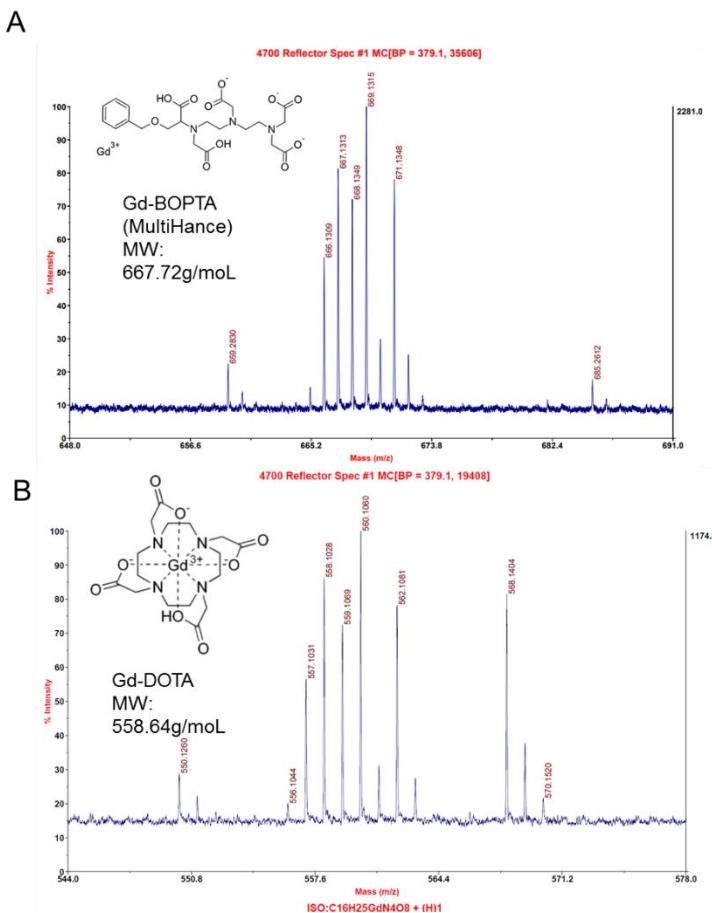


**Supplemental Figure S2.** Tissue Biodistribution of Gd-NM600 and  $^{64}\text{Cu}$ -NM600 surrogate. **(a-c)** *In vivo*  $T_1$ -weighted axial SPGR images of organs of clearance in a nude athymic mouse showed peak  $T_1$ -weighted enhancement of the heart (blood pool), liver, and *in vivo*  $T_1$ -weighted coronal SPGR images of kidneys 1-24 hour post-administration that subsequently decreased over the course of 7 days.  $T_1$  enhancement of the liver was the highest and most prolonged suggesting hepatobiliary clearance. White dashed lines outline organs of interest. (Figure legend M = myocardium, L = liver, K = kidney).

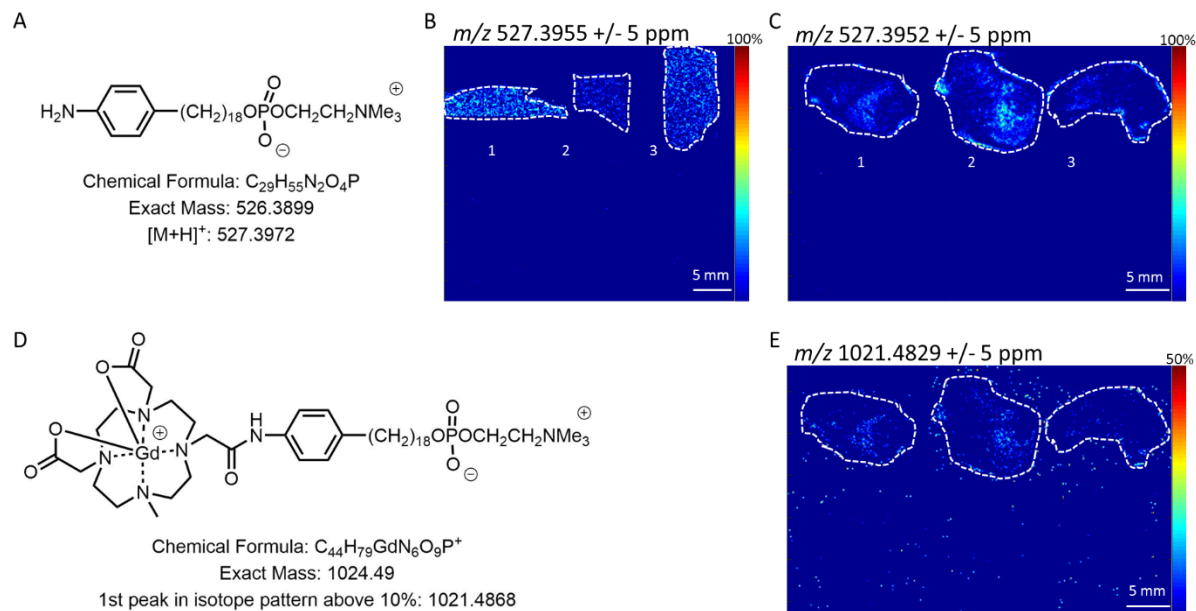




**Supplemental Figure S3.** Biodistribution of  $^{64}\text{Cu-NM600}$  in a mouse model and simultaneous PET/MRI of Gd-NM600/ $^{64}\text{Cu-NM600}$  uptake at 3.0T in a flank U87 xenograft rat model. **(a)** Organ and tumor biodistribution of micromolar doses of Gd-NM600 and  $^{64}\text{Cu-NM600}$  in an U87 flank xenograft model.  $^{64}\text{Cu-DOTA-APC}$  was measured by gamma counting. **(b)** Pre-contrast T1-weighted (T1W) coronal images of rat with flank U87 xenograft. Arrow denotes location of the flank xenograft. **(c)** Coronal T1W MRI, PET, overlap images of the same tumor y, and T2W MRI images of a rat 24 hours following co-injection of 5mCi (20mCi/kg)  $^{64}\text{Cu-DOTA-APC}$  and Gd-DOTA-APC. **(d)** Coronal T1W MRI, PET, and overlay images 48 hours following contrast delivery.



**Supplemental Fig S4.** MALDI-MSI of commercial chelates Gd-BOPTA and Gd-DOTA. A mixture of 1  $\mu$ mol of Gd-DOTA and Gd-BOPTA were mixed with 40mg/mL of 2,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid (DHB) in distilled water to obtain the mass spectra. Chemical structures and molecular mass of Gd-DOTA and Gd-BOPTA are shown.



**Supplemental Figure S5.** MALDI-MSI of breakdown products in different tissues 7 days after injection of Gd-NM600. **(A)** Cleavage of the amide bond results in the structures shown in A. The distribution of the breakdown product in the liver sections **(B)** and tumor sections **(C)** in all 3 mice injected with Gd-NM600. The breakdown product is uniformly distributed throughout the liver. The compound was not observed in the kidneys. **(D)** Loss of the carboxyl group ( $-CO_2$ ) is shown in **(D)** and the distribution in the tumor is shown in **(E)**. The compound in **D** was only observed in the tumor sections. White dotted lines represent the borders of the different sections of tissues.

# Appendix X

## Mass Spectrometry Imaging Investigation of Lipid Insulation of Electrocytes in the Electric Eel

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## Abstract

The electric eel (*Electrophorus electricus*) is a freshwater fish native to South America that produces an electric discharge for predation, defense, and navigation. This unique ability of the electric eel to generate an electric discharge has fascinated scientists with regards to why the electric eel is able to produce electric charges without damaging its own tissues. We hypothesize that the presence of lipid species surrounding the electrocytes, the cells that produce the electric charge, in the main electric organ, help to insulate the eel from the electric shock. To better understand insulation mechanisms in the eel, we conducted spatial, untargeted lipidomics of the main electric organ. The main electric organ is responsible for generating a strong electric charge used to stun prey and is responsible for the largest source of electric shock, delivering up to 600 volts of electricity. By performing mass spectrometry imaging of the main electric organ, we can discriminate lipid patterns present in the insulating areas of the electric organ. Lipid classes localized to insulating regions of the electric organ resemble the lipid composition of the myelin sheath and include lipids such as cerebroside, sphingomyelin, and sulfatide. Additionally, we detected triacylglycerides and diacylglycerols localized to the insulation regions, likely functioning for energy storage. These results reveal previously unexplored spatial lipidomics of the *E. electricus* main electric organ. This spatial analysis of the main electric organ of the electric eel allows us to hypothesize further biological mechanisms for understanding insulation, generation of shock, and lumen development in the electric eel.

## Introduction

*Electrophorus electricus*, also known as the electric eel, is a freshwater fish that inhabits rivers and streams in the northern South America, and is well-known for its ability to generate

volleys of high voltage electric discharges of up to 600V used for defense and predation.<sup>1 2</sup> Although it is called an eel, *E. electricus* is actually a member of a taxonomic order of Neotropical knifefishes called Gymnotiformes. The electric eel has three electric organs: the main organ, Sach's organ, and Hunter's organ. The main electric organ (also called the high or strong voltage organ) is responsible for generating electricity to stun or kill prey and defensive mechanisms, while the Sach's organ and Hunter's organ are weakly electric organs (low voltage organs) primarily used for navigation.<sup>3,4</sup> The amazing ability of the electric eel to produce large voltages to stun and kill prey has many people wondering how the electric eel is able to produce such large voltages without causing physical harm.<sup>5</sup> Here, we investigate the main electric organ to understand the composition of insulating regions present between electrocytes in the electric eel. Electrocytes, the cellular units of the electric organ, are arranged in longitudinal columns forming insulated tubes along the length of the electric organ.<sup>6</sup> The electrocytes are aligned so that Na<sup>+</sup> and K<sup>+</sup> ions can pass between the cells to generate a flow of electrical current along the length of the eel's body.<sup>7</sup> <sup>8</sup> We hypothesize that lipid insulation within and among electrocyte tubes channels the flow of this electrical current and contributes to the physiological ability of the electric eel to withstand the production of large voltages.

In biology, lipids can form bilayers to function as essential components of biological membranes, contain hydrocarbon chains that function as energy storage and insulation, and also for inter- and intra-cellular signaling. Only a few studies have looked at the lipid compositions of electric fishes and report on the lipids present in the electric organs; however, these studies have relied on lipid detection via liquid chromatography tandem mass spectrometry or thin layer chromatography analysis in electric organ tissue homogenates.<sup>9-11</sup> Therefore, information concerning the spatial distribution of these detected lipids, possibly functioning as key insulators

between the electrocytes, is a key missing component to better hypothesize how these electric fishes do not shock themselves. Additionally, one study indicated that specifically phenolic lipids directly affect the activity and confirmation of acetylcholinesterases, which are enzymes that transmit a key neurotransmitter, acetylcholine, between neuron and electrocytes to allow for contraction and conductivity in the electric eel.<sup>12</sup> Therefore, the spatial resolution of lipids in the electric organ is very important for understanding lipid functionality in the tissue. Here, we apply mass spectrometry imaging to understand lipid distribution, with a specific interest in lipids localized to the insulating regions of the electric organ.

Mass spectrometry imaging (MSI) is a unique analytical technique that allows us to look at the spatial distribution of lipids in the electric organ. In this study, we use matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionization (MALDI)-MSI to examine insulator regions present in the main electric organ of the electric eel. By performing MSI on a Thermo MALDI LTQ Orbitrap XL mass spectrometer, we can take advantage of the high-resolution, accurate-mass capabilities, which maintains <5 ppm mass accuracy. This high mass accuracy in conjunction with tandem MS (MS/MS) helps us to more confidently identify the detected lipids.<sup>13</sup> In this study, we describe the first mass spectrometry imaging analysis of the electric eel, or any electric fish organ, to reveal the distinct molecular composition of insulating regions located between stacks of electrocytes in the electric eel.

Understanding lipid insulation of electrocytes in electric eel is very relevant for the design and construction of electric-eel inspired bio-compatible electricity sources.<sup>14, 15</sup> In one recent application, engineers are developing hydrogel technologies to mimic the electrocyte design of the electric eel to be used to power pacemakers or other biomedical devices that require an electricity source implanted in the body.<sup>16</sup> Understanding how to make these devices so that this technology

can be used as power source without causing electrical harm to the rest of the body is a fascinating idea,<sup>14</sup> although currently a long way from commercialization. Insulation mechanisms will be needed in order to develop safe bioelectric batteries based on the electric eel's insulation mechanisms. Additionally, very little biological research is currently being done on insulation mechanisms in the electric eel. The electric eel genome was only first sequenced in 2009,<sup>17</sup> and recent transcriptomics<sup>18, 19</sup> and phosphoproteomics<sup>3</sup> studies revealed many key biochemical players involved in how electrocytes are able to generate electricity. However, because these multi-omics analyses are still very recent, most of the current studies focus on key relevant biochemical process that allow the electric eel to generate powerful voltages;<sup>6</sup> little work has been done in understanding the insulation mechanisms needed for electric eel to survive the production of these high voltages. Here, we use analytical chemistry techniques to further understand the spatial localization of lipids in these insulation regions present between stacks of electrocytes. These identified lipid species could be useful for designing artificial electrocytes for the development of bioelectric batteries.

## **Materials and Methods**

### Electric Eel Dissection of the Main Electric Organ

The protocol governing the animal care and usage of *E. electricus* for this study was approved by the University of Wisconsin Animal Care and Use Committee (Protocol Number M01657). Two ~2 foot long electric eel specimens were used in this study. The main organ of the electric eel tissue was dissected, flash-frozen, and stored in 50mL conical tubes at  $-80^{\circ}\text{C}$  until use.

### Sample Preparation for MALDI MSI



Horizontal cross sections of electric eel are dissected off from the main electric organ and embedded in gelatin (100mg/mL in double distilled water) and flash frozen on dry ice. The frozen tissue is then sectioned into 20  $\mu\text{m}$  sections using a cryostat set at  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Tissue sections were thaw-mounted onto standard glass microscope slides. Two matrices were applied in this study. 10 mg/mL  $\alpha$ -cyano-4-hydroxycinnamic acid (CHCA) (in 50:50 acetonitrile:water and 0.1% TFA) was applied using an automated TM Sprayer (HTX Technologies, LLC, Carrboro, NC, USA). The matrix TM Sprayer conditions for CHCA were: nozzle temperature:  $90^{\circ}\text{C}$ , flow rate: 0.2 mL/min, 8 passes, 3 mm track spacing (rotate and offset) at a velocity of 1100 mm/min. 10mg/mL 1,5 diaminonaphthalene (DAN) matrix (in 90:10 acetone:water and 0.1% TFA) was also applied using an automated TM Sprayer. The matrix TM Sprayer conditions for DAN were:  $30^{\circ}\text{C}$ , flow rate: 0.1 mL/min, 4 passes, 2.5 mm spacing (rotate and offset) at a velocity 1300 mm/min.

### MALDI-Orbitrap MSI

A MALDI-Orbitrap mass spectrometer (Thermo Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA), equipped with an  $\text{N}_2$  laser (spot diameter of 75  $\mu\text{m}$ ) was used in positive ion mode for imaging of the main electric organ sections. Imaging was performed using a mass range of  $m/z$  500-1200, a mass resolution of 60,000 (at  $m/z$  400). The tissue region to be imaged and the raster step size were controlled using the LTQ Tune software (Thermo Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA). The instrument methods were created using Xcalibur (Thermo Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA). To generate images, the spectra were collected at 75  $\mu\text{m}$  intervals in both the x and y dimensions across the surface of the sample. The raw data was converted into imzML using ImageQuest (Thermo Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA) prior to data processing.

### MALDI MSI Data Processing and Statistical Analysis

MS data was processed using Xcalibur (Thermo Scientific, Bremen, Germany) and ImageQuest (Thermo Scientific, Bremen, Germany). MS data (in .raw format) was exported into .imzML format prior to uploading into MSiReader.<sup>20, 21</sup> MSiReader was used to create a list of compounds of interest by selecting the eel tissue as the interrogated zone and subtracting the matrix peaks as the reference zone. Images were then filtered based on spatial distribution into 3 categories of interest: electrocyte, lumen, and insulator regions. A list of  $m/z$  values from all 3 regions generated from this list was used for targeted MS/MS analysis. Images were normalized to total ion current (TIC) and the mass tolerance window for image construction is 5 ppm. MS data as a non-centroided .imzML format is loaded into SCiLS software 2019 (SCiLS Lab Software, Bruker Daltonics, Bremen, Germany) for statistical analysis. Using SCiLS, we performed Principal Component Analysis on individual spectra from imported peaks using 5 principal components. SCiLS software was also used for spatial analysis by co-registration of the histology to the TIC of the electric eel and annotating the electrocytes and lumen based on the histology.

### Histology Processing

CHCA matrix was removed using by washing the slide with 50:50 acetonitrile:water, and the slides were stained with Hematoxylin and Eosin (H&E) to reveal staining of the cellular regions of the electric eel main organ. Images of the H&E stained tissues were acquired using a Meyer Instruments PathScan Enabler IV (Meyer Instruments) at 4X magnification.

### Lipid Extraction

Lipids were extracted from the electric organ. Briefly, the main electric organ tissue was ground using mortar and pestle in liquid nitrogen to freeze the tissue. The powder was transferred to a 50 mL conical tube and then 50 mL of extraction solvent composed of 40% methanol, 40% acetonitrile, and 20% water was used to extract the metabolites and lipids from the electric organ.

The conical tube was centrifuged at 7,000 x g for 10 min at 4°C. Following this, the supernatant was removed and dried down in multiple aliquots the SpeedVac under medium heat. Samples were resuspended in 75% methanol and 25% water until dissolved for use prior to in a 3kDa molecule weight cutoff (MWCO) clean-up (Amicon Ultra, Millipore). The MWCO was rinsed with 0.2 mL of 0.1 M NaOH, and then rinsed with 500 µL 75% methanol and 25% water. Rinses were centrifuged at 14,000 x g until the rinse was through the cartridge. Aliquots of 500 µL of extract was added per MWCO device. The sample was then loaded and centrifuged at 14,000g for 1 hour. The MWCO device containing the extract was rinsed with 0.2 mL 75% methanol and centrifuged at 14,000 x g until the rinse was through the cartridge. The flow through was saved for mass spectrometry analysis and the solvent was evaporated using a SpeedVac and then stored at -80°C.

#### LC-ESI-MS

To acquire LC-ESI-MS, eel extracts were resuspended at 10 mg/mL in 50% acetonitrile/50% water with 0.1% FA. The eel extracts were separated on a Kinetix C18 column (2.1-mm internal diameter × 150-mm length, 1.7-µm particle size; Phenomenex, Torrance, CA, USA), equipped with a corresponding guard column, and heated to 35 °C. The mobile phases were (A) optima grade water with 0.1% formic acid and (B) optima grade acetonitrile with 0.1% formic acid. The eel samples were separated within 35 min under the following conditions: 0-5 min, isocratic hold at 1% B; 5-10 min, linear gradient from 1-3% B; 10-18 min, linear gradient from 3-40% B; 16-22 min, linear gradient from 40-80% B; 22-27 hold at 95% B and finally re-equilibration of the system at 1% B for 8 min. The flow rate was 0.3 mL/min and the injection volume was 3 µL. The samples were kept at 10°C during the analysis. MS and MS/MS data were acquired on a Q-Exactive instrument (Thermo Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA) that was equipped with an ESI source operated in positive ion mode. The MS scan range was from  $m/z$  500–1200. A

targeted MS/MS list was created in MSiReader from the MALDI LTQ Orbitrap XL imaging data to include MS peaks found in regions of interest from the mass spectrometry imaging experiments. The MS/MS scan range was adjusted depending on the parent mass and high-energy collision dissociation (HCD). The MS/MS data were collected for the targeted lipids using a stepped collision energy set-up with collision energies of 20, 30, and 40 eV.

### Lipid Identification

The target list of putative identifications were identified by searching the accurate mass obtained through imaging using Metlin,<sup>22</sup> Metabosearch,<sup>23</sup> and Metaspace.<sup>24</sup> Some of these tentative identifications were confirmed with LC-MS/MS spectra. LC-MS/MS spectra were analyzed with MetFrag *in silico* fragmentation tool.<sup>25</sup> For parent ion searching, a 5 ppm tolerance was used. The  $[M]^+$ ,  $[M+H]^+$ ,  $[M+NH_4]^+$ ,  $[M+Na]^+$ , and  $[M+K]^+$  adducts of the parent ion were searched against the KEGG and LipidMaps databases. For MS/MS searching, fragmentation ion tolerances of 5 Mzppm and 0.01 Mzabs were used and the fragmentation mode was set to match the parent ion adduct. The three spectra from the  $m/z$  544. 33566 peaks (RT 22.02 and 22.15 min) were averaged as the MS/MS was very similar between the three and the two peaks were the main peaks in the extracted ion chromatogram. Putative identifications were made if all major peaks were explained by the MetFrag *in silico* fragmentation.

## **Results and Discussion**

### Histological Features of Interest in the Main Electric Organ

For mass spectrometry imaging, thin horizontal cross sections of the main electric organ were taken for analysis. **Figure 1(A)** shows the in-tact main electric organ dissected out from the electric eel. In **Figure 1(A)**, clear striation patterns present between electrocytes can be seen, which

function as the insulation regions in the tissue. Here, multiple electrocytes are stacked together, with these striation patterns insulating each stack of electrocytes from the next stack. **Figure 1(B)** shows the electric organ tissue and sections from a horizontal cross sectioned used for the MSI analysis. The Hematoxylin & Eosin (H&E) stain was performed on these thin tissue sections (shown on the bottom row of **Figure 1(B)**). The H&E stains the cellularized regions of the tissue in a pink color with cell's nuclei shown in a slightly darker purple. The staining of cellularized regions in the H&E stain revealed the presence of lumen (unstained holes) approximately 1mm in diameter inside of the electrocytes of the electric eels. These lumen have never been reported in the electric eel, although they have been observed during development in other electric fishes.<sup>2, 26</sup> **Supplemental Figure 1** also shows MSI data detecting the presence of a chemically distinct inner lining in these lumen. The H&E also shows the expected multi-nucleated portions in the electrocytes of electric eel (**Figure 1(B)**). The multi-nucleated cell regions are consistent with previous reports of electric eel histological features.<sup>6</sup> From this feature analysis, we can visually discriminate the specific regions localized between stacks of the electrocytes to understand the lipid composition of these regions and identify the presence of lumen inside the electrocytes.

#### Unsupervised Data Clustering Reveals Distinct Insulator, Electrocyte, and Lumen as Key Spectral Features

While histological inspection of the tissue reveals features, unsupervised data clustering can also be used to reveal regions with distinct chemical compositions in the tissue. Following mass spectrometry data acquisition, we applied principal component analysis (PCA) to perform unsupervised data clustering to reveal regions that are causing the greatest variance in the data.<sup>27</sup> The principal components (PC) are arranged so that PC 1 has the largest variance. Each succeeding component accounts for less variance within the dataset. For example, here in as shown in **Figure**

**2** and **Supplemental Figure S2**, PC1 accounts for 12%, PC 2 accounts for 4.3%, PC 3 accounts for 2.5%, PC 4 accounts for 2%, and PC 5 accounts for 1% of the total data. Together PC1-5 showcase over 20% of the variance in the total sample (**Supplemental Figure S2**). These components show us the ranked importance of tissue regions in terms of how much they contribute to the overall variance in the tissue. PC1 distinguishes tissue signal from the background. PC2 distinguished the lumen in the electrocytes and PC3 and PC4 distinguish the electrocytes from the insulator regions in the tissue as shown in **Figure 2**. PC 5 demonstrates that most of the tissue feature variance can be accounted for in PC1-4. PCA provides an unsupervised processing method to segment out distinct regions of chemical complexity in the electric organ and to look at the main underlying trends and spectral features. This method provides an unbiased way for us to classify different regions of the tissues, such as the insulator regions, electrocytes, and lumen for further investigation.

#### Lipids Localized to the Insulator Regions

As shown in the PCA results, the MALDI-MSI results show lipids with distinct localization patterns to the insulator regions, electrocyte regions, and the electrocyte lumen regions. **Supplemental Figure S3** shows example MS spectra for each of the three regions and **Supplemental Tables S1-S3** list detected  $m/z$  values unique to each of these classified regions. From some of the images shown in **Figure 3** and from PC4, we understand that the distinct striation patterns present in the data correspond with the insulator regions located between arranged stacks of electrocytes in the electric organ. The serial arrangement of electrocytes between insulating regions allows current to easily pass to opposite ends of the eel at high voltages. However, because the electric eel is also able to laterally give off and sense electricity, likely these insulating regions would need to be imperfect to allow electricity to create transdermal electric fields at all regions

of the eel.<sup>28</sup> **Figure 3** shows some of the  $m/z$  values of lipids detected that are specifically localized to these insulating regions. Many of the striation lines in the patterns shown in these  $m/z$  values appear to have small pockets of high relative concentrations of lipids, followed by what appears to be small breaks in the striation line patterns. We hypothesize that these patterns seen in the insulator regions could allow for electricity to pass through small gaps in the insulating barrier, however these insulating regions would still allow enough insulation to for the delivery of  $\text{Na}^+$  and  $\text{K}^+$  ions to generate large voltages through the summation of the stacks of electrocytes throughout the main electric organ.

*The Lipid Composition of Insulator Regions is Similar to the Lipid Composition in Myelin Sheath of Neurons*

Common lipids specific to the insulator regions include cerebroside, sulfatide, and spingomyelin, based on accurate mass matching with high mass resolution mass spectrometry. The distributions of examples from these lipid classes that show spatial localization to the insulator regions are shown in **Figure 3**. What is particularly interesting about the identification of these lipids as localized to these insulator regions is that many of these lipids also match key lipid components of the myelin sheath. This is possibly because innervation along the insulator regions can function to stimulate electrical function and to simultaneously insulate stacks of electrocytes from each other. The myelin sheath is a thin layer that acts as an insulator for nerves in both the central nervous system and peripheral nervous system.<sup>29</sup> The myelin sheath by composition is very lipid rich, with about 70% of its composition due to lipid insulation to protect the nerves. While there are no specific lipids unique to myelin, cerebroside is the most typical lipid found in myelin.<sup>29,30</sup> Cerebroside consists of a ceramide lipid with a single sugar residue at the 1-hydroxy moiety of the lipid, typically either glucose or galactose. Here we see a galactylceramide

cerebroside, shown in **Figure 3(A)** as  $m/z$  788.5574. Additionally, the 3-hydroxyl moiety of the galactose moiety of a cerebroside is also typically sulfated in myelin, a group of lipids commonly referred to as sulfatides.<sup>31</sup> Here, we tentatively identify  $m/z$  796.5288 (**Figure 3(B)**) as a sulfatide, 3'sulfo Galbeta-Cer (d18:16:0(2OH)), localized to the striation patterns in the insulator regions of the electric eel tissue. Previous work in identifying lipids in the electric organ of the ray, *Torpedo marmorata*, an electric fish, found that sulfatides were unique to the electric organ. The authors hypothesize that the function of the sulfatides could be related to the selection of  $K^+$  by the sulfate group and the interaction of these lipids with the ATPase pole.<sup>10</sup> Here, the sulfatide localization to the insulator region is an important addition combined with previous literature as a unique lipid to the electric organ and could possible lead to new biological insights for the role of the sulfatides with the ATPase function in the electric eel. We also tentatively identified precursors to cerebroside synthesis, including sphingomyelin ( $m/z$  833.6510) and ceramide 1-phosphate ( $m/z$  766.5512) (**Figure 3(C-D)**), localized to the insulator regions. **Supplemental Table S4** provides a complete list of the insulator tentative identifications, with many examples of myelin similar lipids. The co-localization of several lipid species found prominently in myelin, including the most myelin specific lipids, cerebroside, sulfatides, and sphingomyelins, with the insulator regions of the electric organ tissue supports the hypothesis that myelin-similar lipid rich insulator regions allow for increased flow of  $Na^+$  and  $K^+$  ions through the eel. Additionally, we hypothesize that the small gaps in the insulator regions seen spatially in the mass spectrometry imaging data could allow for electrical flow out horizontally from the electric eel, although further investigation with functional studies would be needed to confirm this hypothesis. There is some additional literature that supports the idea that other biomolecules, such as collagen, can also act as electrical insulators that may be localized to the insulator regions.<sup>32-34</sup> To probe the hypothesis that collagen could be



co-acting as an insulator, we performed picosirus red staining on the electric organ tissue sections and used polarized light to visualize the collagen distribution in the electric organ, shown in **Supplemental Figure S4**. The microscopy results do not show a specific spatial localization of fibrillar collagen to the insulators region, but rather show collagen fibrils present in the both the electrocyte and insulator regions of the tissue. This collagen staining further supports our hypothesis that these myelin-specific lipid species, rather than fibrillar collagen, showing specific localization to insulator regions, might be key to the regulation in electric eel insulation.

#### *Energy Reserves Stored in Insulator Regions*

The electric eel is shockingly able to deliver up to 600V of electricity in predation or defense, with suddenly being able to amp up its base-line electricity levels on the time order of milliseconds. This rapid need for electrical conductivity suggests that energy repositories must immediately be available to create this sudden electric discharge. In the insulator regions, surrounding the electrocytes, we also find the localization of triacylglycerols and their precursors lipids, diacylglycerols. Triacylglycerols are fatty acid triester glycerols, and are typically known for their role in energy storage in adipose tissues.<sup>35</sup> Figure 3E shows  $m/z$  779.6134 tentatively identified as a triacylglycerol and  $m/z$  729.4839 as a diacylglycerol, a precursor to triacylglycerol synthesis. Other diacylglycerol identifications can be found in **Supplemental Table S4**. It is interesting that we also find the energy storage reserves, in the form of triacygrlycerols and diacylglycerols, localized in the insulator regions. We hypothesize that the localization of these lipids in the insulators is necessary for rapid energy transport in the eel to create large electric discharges in response to threat or attack.

#### Lipids Localized to the Electrocyte Tissues

Although this paper mostly focuses on the insulation regions of the main electric organ, we also detect several lipids with distinct distributions in the cellularized region of the electrocyte and lipids also specific to the lumen inside of the electrocytes. Here, in **Figure 4**, we highlight one example of the cellularized electrocyte region,  $m/z$  value 844.5180, and one example showing localization to the lumen inside of the electrocytes,  $m/z$  value 543.8911. For a more comprehensive list of the  $m/z$  values found localized to both the lumen and the electrocyte, refer to **Supplemental Table S2** and **Supplemental Table S3**, respectively. Of particular interest to electric eel physiology, inside the lumen,  $m/z$  543.9811 tentatively matches using Metlin<sup>22</sup> database to a Methylene ATP analog, either  $\beta,\gamma$ -methylene ATP ( $\beta\gamma$ -meATP) or  $\alpha,\beta$ -methylene ATP ( $\alpha\beta$ -meATP), which has a methylene group substitute for the oxygen in the phosphodiester bridge between the phosphate moieties of ATP. This methylene ATP modulates extracellular ATP metabolism and accumulation and is likely involved in mechanisms to help generate electricity.<sup>36</sup> Literature also links methylene ATP with a direct ability to cause contractile response in the bladder,<sup>37</sup> which in the eel could help accelerate the contractile response and curling behavior of the eel when it delivers electricity.<sup>38</sup> Its high relative concentration localized in the lumen of the electrocyte is particularly interesting, as these lumens have never previously been identified in the electric eel development. We hypothesize from this localization that the lumen could be functioning as a reservoir for these methylene ATP analogs to help modulate the surrounding electrocytes for ATP controlled biochemical mechanisms. Further investigation into lumen development and possible lumen disappearance in the adult electric eel could lead to new insight to correlate these biochemical changes in eel development and the unknown role of the electrocyte lumen.

Only a few MS/MS spectra were able to be obtained from the target list of  $m/z$  observed in the MALDI-MSI experiments during the LC-MS/MS experiments. From the MS/MS spectra,  $m/z$  544.33566, which is localized in the electrocyte region of the main electric organ, was identified as a PC lipid. **Figure 5** shows the results for the analysis of the MS/MS spectrum obtained from the LC-MS/MS experiments. The MetFrag analysis for this  $m/z$  revealed no matches to the KEGG databases and the only matches to the LipidMaps databases were with the  $[M+Na]^+$  adduct.<sup>25</sup> All of the six matches to the LipidMaps database were from PC lipids. The *in silico* fragmentation results (**Figure 5(B)**) show that 4 of the 6 matches are most likely as the last two options are much lower scoring. Further experiments would be necessary to narrow down the putative identification, but the 184.07233 fragment, which is indicative of a PC head group, suggests that this  $m/z$  is a PC lipid.

In this manuscript, we describe the application of mass spectrometry imaging to tentatively identify lipids in the insulation patterns in the electric eel. From this analysis, we notice similarities in lipid composition in these insulator regions to the myelin sheath. We hypothesize that these insulation regions could be multi-functional: to allow innervation of the electric organ and to serve as both insulators and energy storage to support electrocyte functionality. The results from this study can be used in conjunction with recent other multi-omics analyses of including genomics,<sup>17</sup> transcriptomics,<sup>18</sup> and proteomics<sup>3</sup> to help chemical biologists better understand the amazing electrical power of the electric eel and its ability to withstand such high voltages. This work merges mass spectrometry imaging with electric fish lipid biology, as many of these lipids had previously been identified in the electric organ,<sup>10, 11</sup> but the localization of these lipids has led to new important biological insights into electrical eel biochemical mechanisms.

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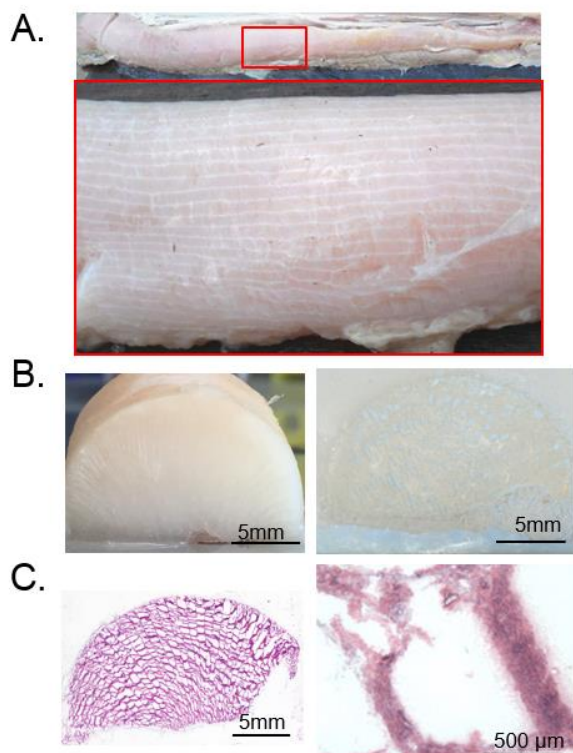
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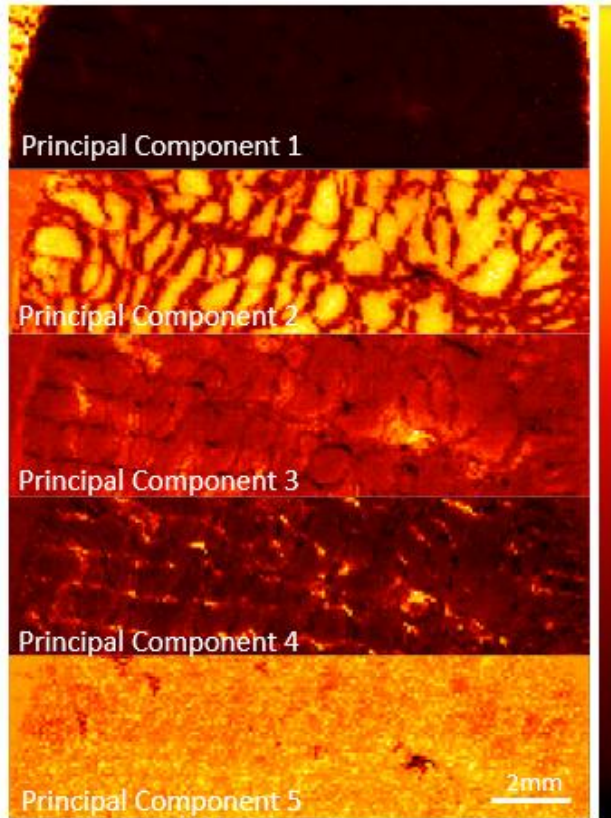
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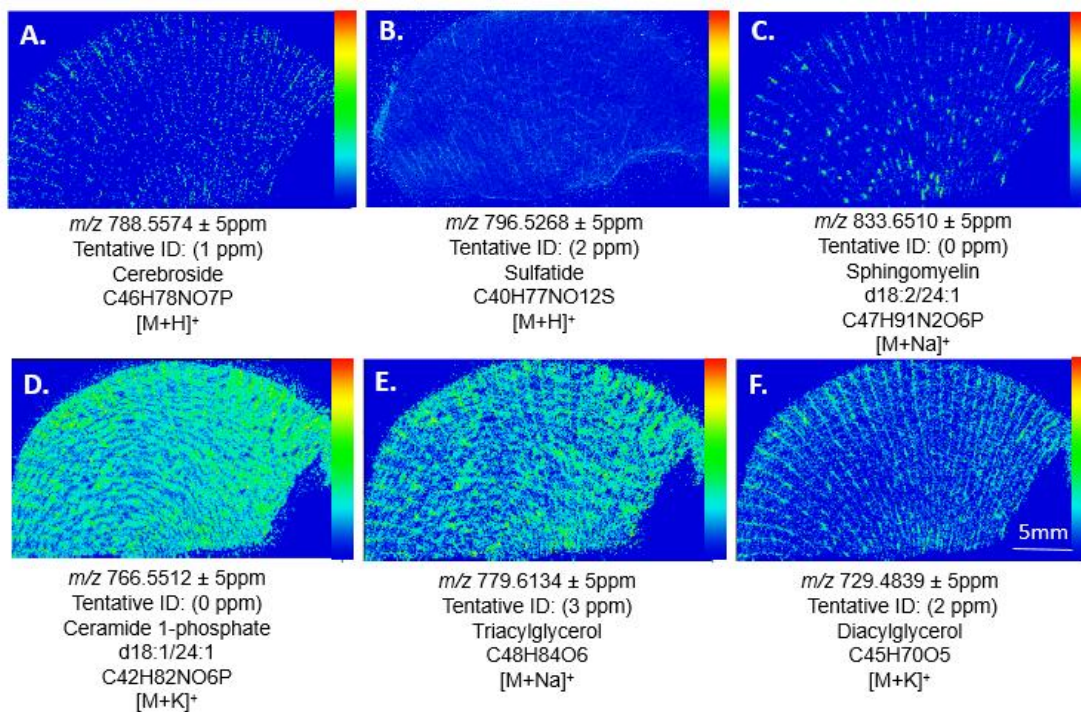
**Figures**

**Figure 1.** Histological Features of the Main Electric Organ. (A) Dissected electric eel main electric organ contains white striation patterns present in the morphology, visually showing the insulating regions located between electrocytes (B) Thin horizontal section of the main electric organ are taken for matrix application and mass spectrometry analysis. (C) The Hematoxylin & Eosin Stain reveals the presence of lumen, located between electrocytes, and upon closer examination of the electrocytes, multi-nucleation in the tissues is observed.

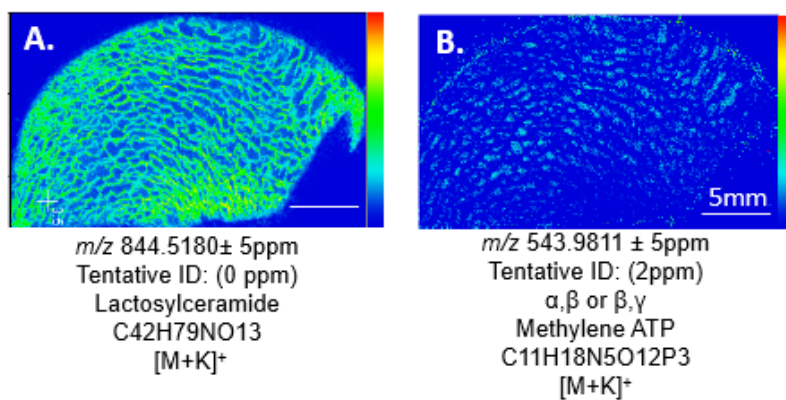




**Figure 2.** Principal Components 1-5 of a small section of electric eel main electric organ reveals key features in the tissue including tissue lumen (PC2), electrocytes (PC3), and insulator regions (PC4) based on variance in the tissue.

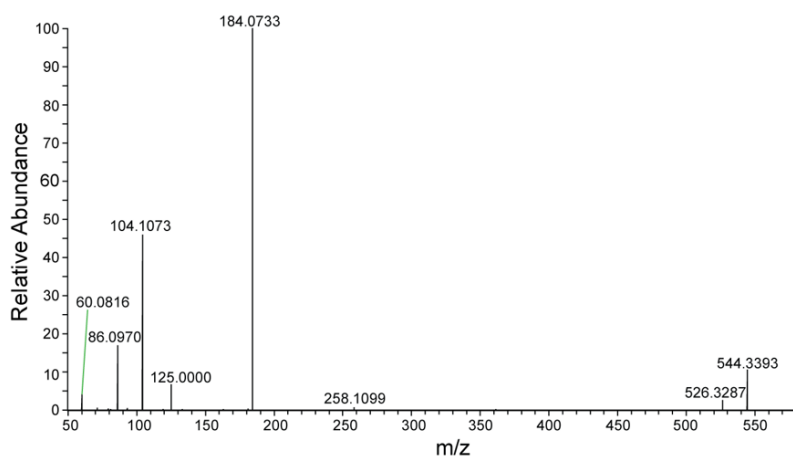


**Figure 3.** Lipids Localized Insulator Regions. (A)  $m/z$  788.5574, tentatively identifying as a Cerebroside (B) 796.5268, tentatively identifying as a Sulfatide (C)  $m/z$  833.6510, tentatively identifying as a Sphingomyelin (D)  $m/z$  766.5512 tentatively identifying to a Ceramide. (E)  $m/z$  779.6134 tentatively identifying as a Triacylglycerol (F)  $m/z$  729.4839, tentatively identifying as a Diacylglycerol.



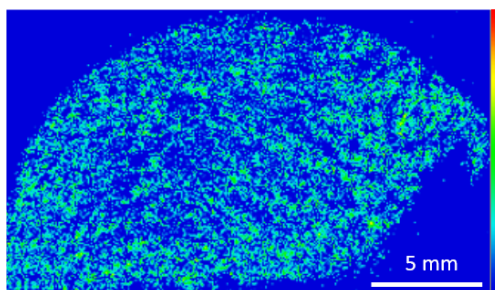
**Figure 4.** Lipids localized to the Electrocyte Tissue. **(A)**  $m/z$  844.5180, tentatively identifying to Lactosylceramide, is localized to the electrocyte tissue. **(B)**  $m/z$  543.9811, tentatively identifying to methylene ATP, is localized to lumen between electrocytes.

A. MSMS  $m/z$  544.33566 RT 22.02/22.15



B. C.  $m/z$  544.33566  $\pm$  5 ppm

Compound Name
PC(18:1(9Z)\0:0)
PC(18:1(6Z)\0:0)
PC(0:0\18:1(9Z))
PC(0:0\18:1(6Z))
PC(P-16:0\2:0)
PC(O-16:1(11Z)\2:0)



**Figure 5.** PC lipid identification. (A) MS/MS Spectra from LC-MS/MS of  $m/z$  544.33566 used to identify the  $m/z$  as a PC lipid with associated image (B) Table showing MetFrag results from the LipidMaps database to the  $[M+Na]^+$  adduct (C) Localization in the electrocyte regions of the tissue

## Supplemental Information

### Supplemental Materials and Methods

#### Supporting Information for Supplemental Figure 4.

Electric Organ was embedded in Optimal Cutting Temperature (OCT) and 10um flash frozen sections were mounted onto glass slides for staining. The Picrosirius Red staining solution was made by dissolving 0.1g Fast Green FCF (F7258; Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO) and 0.1 g Sirius Red F3B (S03695; Pfaltz & Bauer, Waterbury, CT) in 100 ml of saturated picric acid. Images of the Picrosirius Red stain were obtained on a traditional transmission pathology microscope (BX53, Olympus Corp) using a 10X objective without polarizers and with linear polarizers.

#### Supporting Information for Supplemental Figure 5 On-Tissue MS/MS

A target list of  $m/z$  observed in imaging experiments on the Rapiflex TOF/TOF mass spectrometer (Bruker Daltonics) was also used for on-tissue MS/MS experiments. The parent ion spectrum was summed with the fragment ion spectrum (1,000 laser shots). Precursor ions were isolated with a window of 0.60% of the precursor, and a laser boost of 60% was used for the fragment ions. The initial precursor ion laser energy was optimized for each precursor to maximize parent ion signal without fragmenting the precursor. FlexAnalysis software (Bruker Daltonics) was used to visualize MS/MS spectra and create peak lists for the spectra.

### Supplemental Results and Discussion

#### Supporting Information for Supplemental Figure 4

Picrosirius Red stains connective tissue with a rich red color but can also be combined with conventional widefield polarization microscopy to greatly enhance the birefringence of collagen fibers in the electric organ tissue, as shown in **Supplemental Figure 4 (B)**. In supplemental figure 3, we demonstrate collagen content present in both the electrocyte tissue and in the insulator tissue in the main electric organ. No fibrillar collagen is detected in lumen in between electrocytes. Some hypothesize that collagen could contribute to electrical insulation in tissues. While we detect the collagen in the insulator region, it does not exhibit regional specificity to the insulator regions in the electric eel. This evidence makes us hypothesize that regional specific lipid insulators may be more likely contribute to insulation mechanisms in the electric eel main organ.

#### Supporting Information for Supplemental Figure 5 On-Tissue MS/MS

Due to the low number of MALDI-MSI target  $m/z$  observed in the ESI experiments, on-tissue MS/MS was also attempted to get MS/MS of the MALDI-MSI targets. On-tissue MS/MS was conducted on the Rapiflex instrument in Lift mode due to its good MS/MS sensitivity. Good MS/MS spectra was obtained for multiple  $m/z$  with the Rapiflex. Co-isolation issues, along with the lower mass resolution of the Rapiflex, however, prevented the acquisition of on-tissue MS/MS spectra for most MALDI-MSI targets. While the quality of the obtained MS/MS spectra was good, the lack of MS1 matches to the KEGG and LipidMaps databases to the target  $m/z$  from the MALDI Orbitrap analysis impeded identification of the MS/MS spectra. The 184 fragment ion, indicative of the PC head group, did appear in the MS/MS spectra, so it is possible that the unknown  $m/z$  values shown in **Supplemental Figure S5** are also PC or LysoPC lipids.

## Supplemental Tables

**Supplemental Table S1.** This table shows the detected peaks from the different matrix conditions of the main electric eel tissue localized to the insulator regions. The values shown below are detected in both biological replicates of the electric eels, matched within 5ppm of the peak detected, and different peaks detected between the two matrix conditions: CHCA and DAN matrix

Insulator Regions of Tissue			
CHCA Matrix		DAN Matrix	
Bioreplicate 1 $m/z$ values	Bioreplicate 2 $m/z$ value	Bioreplicate 1 $m/z$ values	Bioreplicate 2 $m/z$ values
542.4907	542.4903	542.4905	542.4911
666.4842	666.4826	624.5695	624.5696
682.4581	682.4574	626.5854	626.5855
725.5574	725.5571	640.6010	640.6003
741.5313	741.5312	652.6000	652.6007
766.5512	766.5504	654.6155	654.6167
767.5002	767.4989	666.4837	666.4839
768.5036	768.5022	667.4878	667.4876
776.594	776.5928	680.4989	680.4992
778.6105	778.6084	682.4572	682.4582
779.4402	779.4387	722.5477	722.5472
789.4847	789.4831	725.5575	725.5572
796.5268	796.5254	726.5607	726.5608
825.6259	825.6256	729.4839	729.4837
826.5734	826.5729	731.4991	731.4999
827.5771	827.576	732.5023	732.5023
839.6403	839.6403	739.573	739.5731
851.6424	851.6408	747.4748	747.4755
853.6574	853.6568	748.5643	748.5626
		750.5789	750.5786
		751.5809	751.5815
		757.5154	757.5146
		778.6089	778.6092
		779.6134	779.6137
		781.5928	781.5928
		781.6197	781.62
		788.5574	788.5569
		789.5603	789.5597
		790.5727	790.5733
		794.6056	794.6059
		795.6089	795.608
		795.6348	795.6352
		801.6853	801.4227
		807.6356	807.6358
		809.6515	809.6518
		810.6536	810.6544
		823.6089	823.6094
		823.6674	823.6677
		825.6249	825.6263
		826.6288	826.6291
		833.651	833.6519
		835.6671	835.6671
		836.6697	836.6712
		837.682	837.6834
		838.6858	838.6865
		839.64	839.641
		840.644	840.6448
		851.6406	851.641
		852.6449	852.6452
		853.6571	853.6575
		854.6604	854.6597

**Supplemental Table S2.** This table shows the detected peaks from the different matrix conditions of the main electric eel tissue localized to the lumen regions. The values shown below are detected in both biological replicates of the electric eels, matched within 5ppm of the peak detected, and different peaks detected between the two matrix conditions: CHCA and DAN matrix.

**Lumen Regions of Tissue**

CHCA Matrix		DAN Matrix	
Bioreplicate 1 m/z values	Bioreplicate 2 m/z value	Bioreplicate 1 m/z values	Bioreplicate 2 m/z values
535.9934	535.9933	689.3254	689.3249
543.982	543.9811	728.3506	728.3495
559.9546	559.9544	856.5016	856.5009
569.0284	569.0262		
585.0013	585.0015		
592.0362	592.0344		
601.9883	601.9909		
602.9524	602.9525		
608.0095	608.008		
609.0122	609.0118		
618.9273	618.925		
623.9819	623.9847		
624.9877	624.9866		
626.0257	626.0246		
632.3702	631.0031		
641.9991	641.9982		
645.4086	646.978		
650.0439	650.0419		
656.064	656.063		
657.0672	657.0663		
666.0192	666.018		
672.0379	672.0364		
673.0414	673.0406		
697.4786	697.4778		
698.4822	698.4813		
770.5682	770.567		
813.017	813.0148		
828.9924	828.9899		
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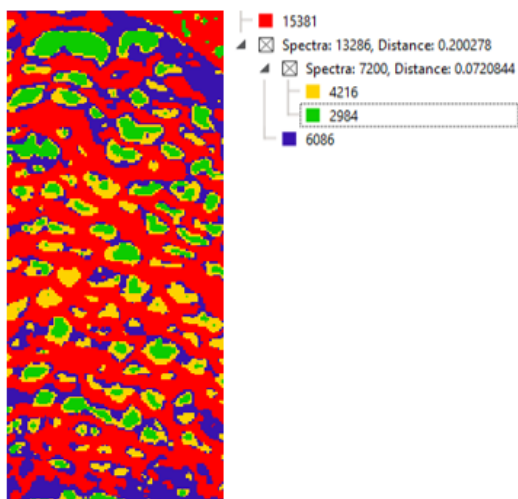
**Supplemental Table S3:** This table shows the detected peaks from the different matrix conditions of the main electric eel tissue localized to the electrocyte regions. The values shown below are detected in both biological replicates of the electric eels, matched within 5ppm of the peak detected, and different peaks detected between the two matrix conditions: CHCA and DAN matrix.

CHCA Matrix		DAN Matrix	
Bioreplicate 1 m/z values	Bioreplicate 2 m/z value	Bioreplicate 1 m/z values	Bioreplicate 2 m/z values
503.9482	503.9478	619.4697	619.4697
505.9525	505.9526	621.485	621.4853
507.9201	507.9201	622.4881	622.4882
541.9042	541.9045	623.5033	623.5031
542.9094	542.9084	624.5074	624.5066
543.9034	543.9024	645.4853	645.4853
565.0277	565.0261	646.4882	646.4887
581.9782	581.978	647.5006	647.5012
583.9163	583.9145	650.5207	650.5206
597.9531	597.9514	651.5342	651.5343
613.9273	613.9256	673.517	673.5168
643.8541	643.8531	694.5153	694.5149
655.9384	655.936	743.4622	743.462
717.9142	717.9125	745.4784	745.4774
745.802	745.8016	761.453	761.4509
802.9346	802.9325	769.4779	769.478
854.4876	854.4863	770.4821	770.4816
868.4668	868.4657	785.4522	785.4513
869.471	869.4693	786.4555	786.455
912.4562	912.4544	787.47	787.4691
		788.4721	788.4706
		793.4761	793.4754
		796.5841	796.5824
		797.5287	797.527
		803.5385	803.5383
		804.5513	804.551
		805.5548	805.5548
		813.4879	813.484
		820.5849	820.5851
		821.5293	821.5281
		822.4814	822.4815
		824.4605	824.4602
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		830.5684	830.5686
		832.5831	832.5836
		838.5127	838.5119
		844.4666	844.4655
		844.5256	844.525
		845.5295	845.5286
		846.5429	846.5437
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		852.4922	852.4917
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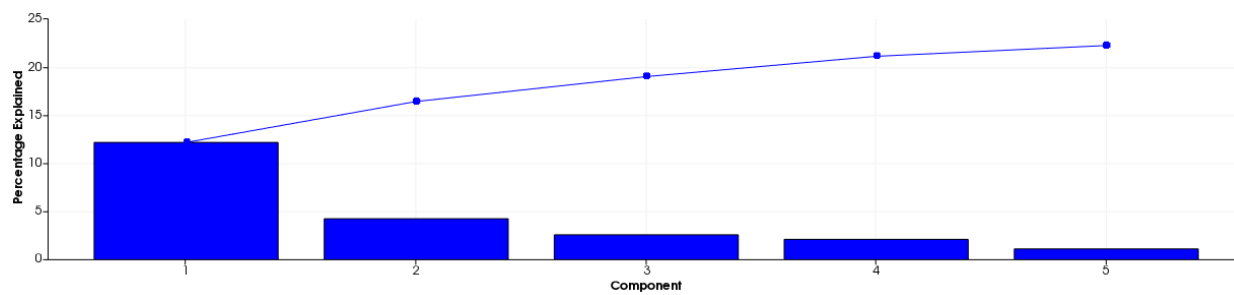
**Supplemental Table S4:** Tentative Identification of Lipids Localized to the Insulator Regions Based on Accurate Mass Matching to Metlin Database.

Tentative Lipid Identification	Ion	Molecular Formula	Detected <i>m/z</i>	$\Delta$ ppm	Detected <i>m/z</i>	$\Delta$ ppm
Cerebroside	[M+Na] <sup>+</sup>	C44H84NO6P	776.594	1	776.5928	0
Cerebroside	[M+H] <sup>+</sup>	C46H78NO7P	788.5574	1	788.5569	2
Cerebroside	[M+Na] <sup>+</sup>	C42H80NO6P	748.5643	3	748.5626	1
Cerebroside	[M+NH <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	C48H88NO6P	823.6674	1	823.6677	1
Sulfatide	[M+H] <sup>+</sup>	C40H77NO12S	796.5268	2	796.5254	1
Ceramide-Phosphate	[M+K] <sup>+</sup>	C42H82NO6P	766.5512	0	766.5504	0
Ceramide-Phosphate	[M+Na] <sup>+</sup>	C42H82NO6P	750.5789	2	750.5786	2
Cholesteryl ester	[M+NH <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	C42H72O2	626.5854	2	626.5855	2
Cholesteryl ester	[M+NH <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	C43H74O2	640.601	2	640.6003	3
Cholesteryl ester	[M+NH <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	C44H76O2	654.6155	4	654.6167	2
Sphingomyelin	[M+K] <sup>+</sup>	C39H79N2O6P	741.5313	0	741.5312	0
Sphingomyelin	[M+Na] <sup>+</sup>	C43H87N2O6P	781.6197	0	781.62	0
Sphingomyelin	[M+Na] <sup>+</sup>	C40H81N2O6P	739.573	0	739.5731	0
Sphingomyelin	[M+Na] <sup>+</sup>	C47H91N2O6P	833.651	0	833.6519	1
Sphingomyelin	[M+Na] <sup>+</sup>	C47H93N2O6P	835.6671	0	835.6671	0
Sphingomyelin	[M+Na] <sup>+</sup>	C47H95N2O6P	837.682	0	837.6834	1
Sphingomyelin	[M+K] <sup>+</sup>	C45H91N2O6P	825.6259	1	825.6256	1
Sphingomyelin	[M+K] <sup>+</sup>	C46H93N2O6P	839.6403	0	839.6403	0
Sphingomyelin	[M+K] <sup>+</sup>	C47H93N2O6P	851.6424	2	851.6408	0
Sphingomyelin	[M+K] <sup>+</sup>	C47H95N2O6P	853.6574	1	853.6568	1
Sphingomyelin	[M+Na] <sup>+</sup>	C39H79N2O6P	725.5574	0	725.5571	0
Sphingomyelin	[M+K] <sup>+</sup>	C39H79N2O6P	741.5313	0	741.5312	0
Diacylglycerol	[M+K] <sup>+</sup>	C45H70O5	729.4839	2	729.4837	2
Diacylglycerol	[M+K] <sup>+</sup>	C45H72O5	731.4991	2	731.4999	0
Diacylglycerol	[M+K] <sup>+</sup>	C47H74O5	757.5154	1	757.5146	2
Triacylglycerol	[M+Na] <sup>+</sup>	C48H84O6	779.6134	3	779.6137	2
Phosphatidylglycerol	[M+H] <sup>+</sup>	C35H71O9P	667.4878	4	667.4876	4
Phosphatidylglycerol	[M+NH <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	C46H93O9P	838.6858	4	838.6865	4
Phosphatidylglycerol	[M+Na] <sup>+</sup>	C44H85O10P	827.5771	0	827.576	1
Phosphatidylinositol	[M+NH <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	C34H68NO13P	747.4748	2	747.4755	1
Phosphatidylcholine	[M+H] <sup>+</sup>	C46H80NO7P	790.5727	2	790.5733	1
Phosphatidylcholine	[M+H] <sup>+</sup>	C46H84NO7P	794.6056	0	794.6059	0
Phosphatidylcholine	[M+Na] <sup>+</sup>	C46H92NO8P	840.6440	1	840.6448	3
Phosphatidic acid	[M+K] <sup>+</sup>	C41H77O8P	767.5002	1	767.4989	0
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## Supplemental Figures

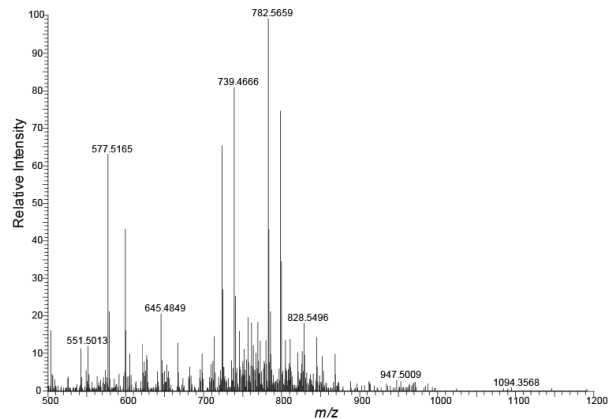


**Supplemental Figure S1.** High spatial resolution analysis and statistical segmentation analysis reveals important lining of the Electrocyte Lumen. Segmentation using bisecting k-means clustering of main electric organ was performed to show key features of the tissue. This section of the electric organ was sectioned at 20 $\mu$ m, coated with 40mg/mL DHB and then analyzed on Bruker Rapiflex from m/z 500-1200. The spatial resolution reveals distinct chemical composition of the inner lining of the lumen. This high spatial resolution may show a small epithelial boundary that are found in other types of electric fishes.

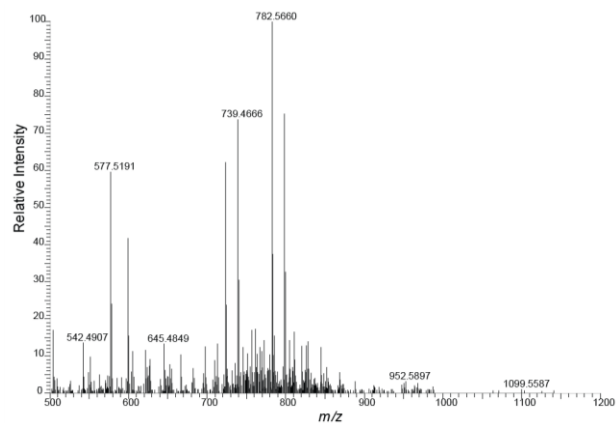


**Supplemental Figure S2.** Principal Component Analysis Supplemental plot of percentage of data explained by the analysis.

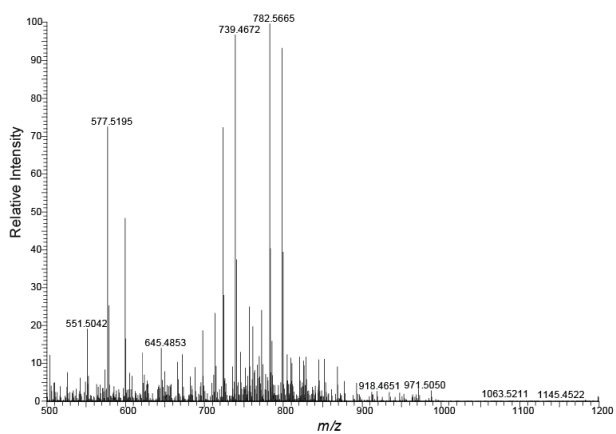
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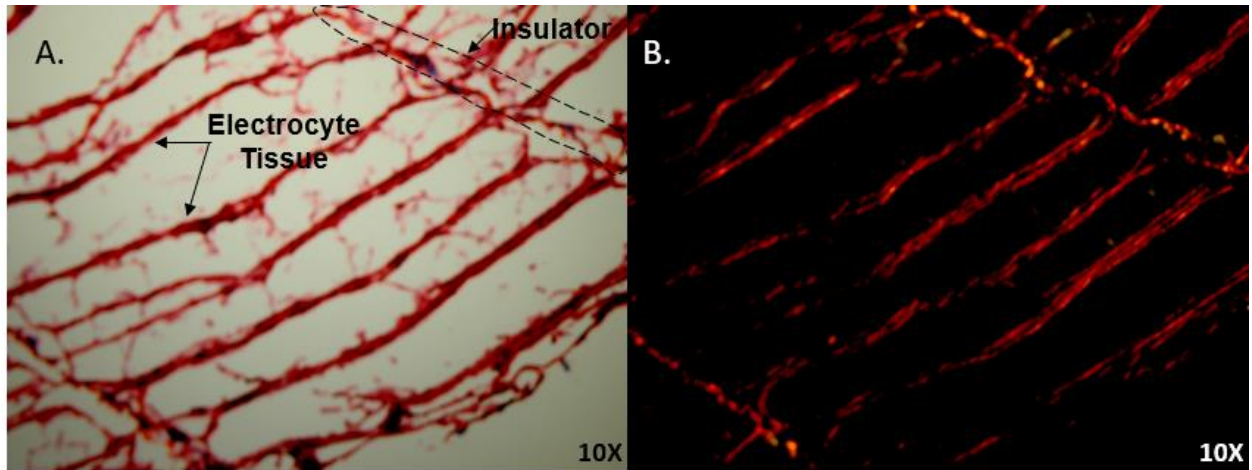
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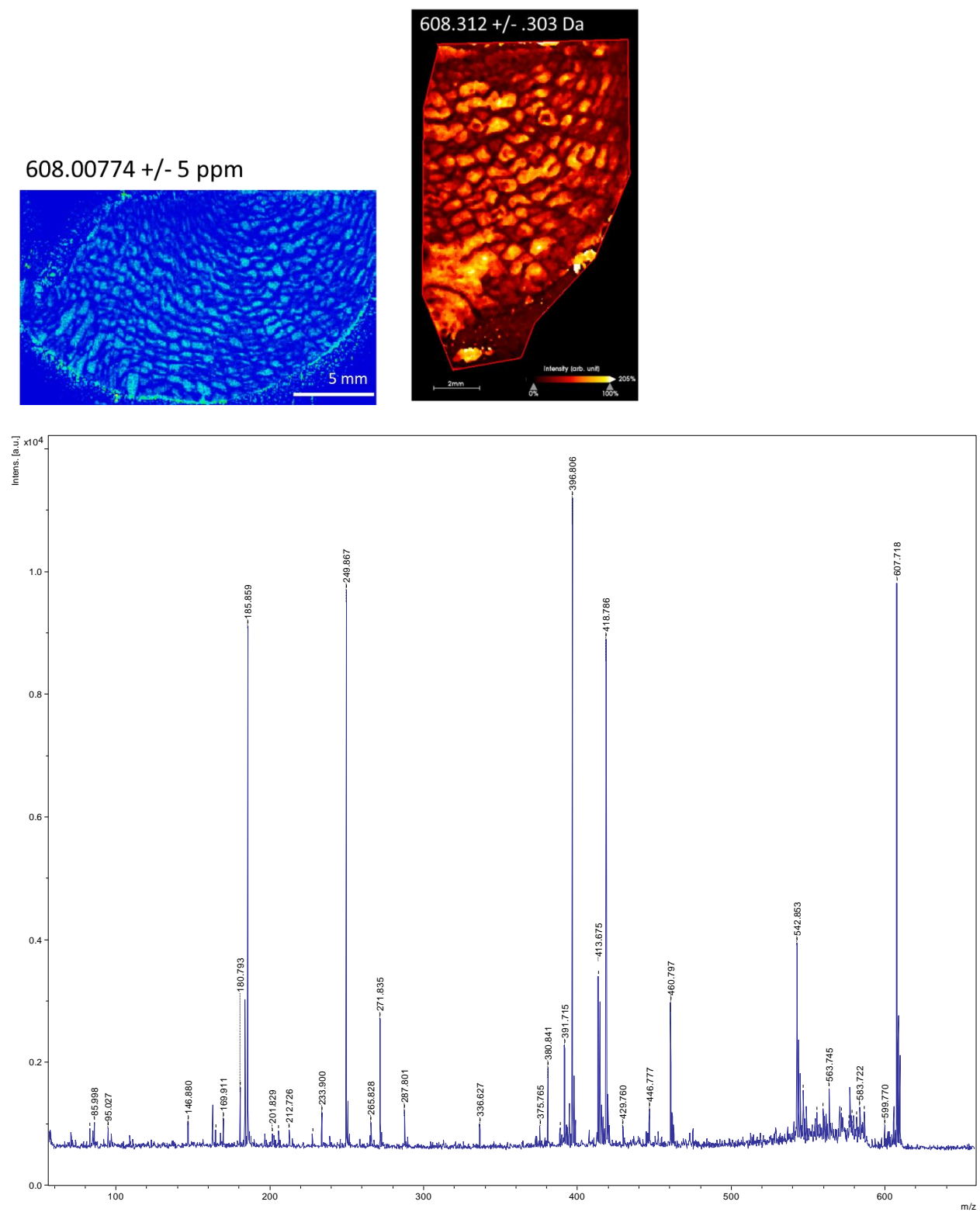
**Supplemental Figure S3.** Example spectra for electric eel main electric organ with CHCA as the matrix.



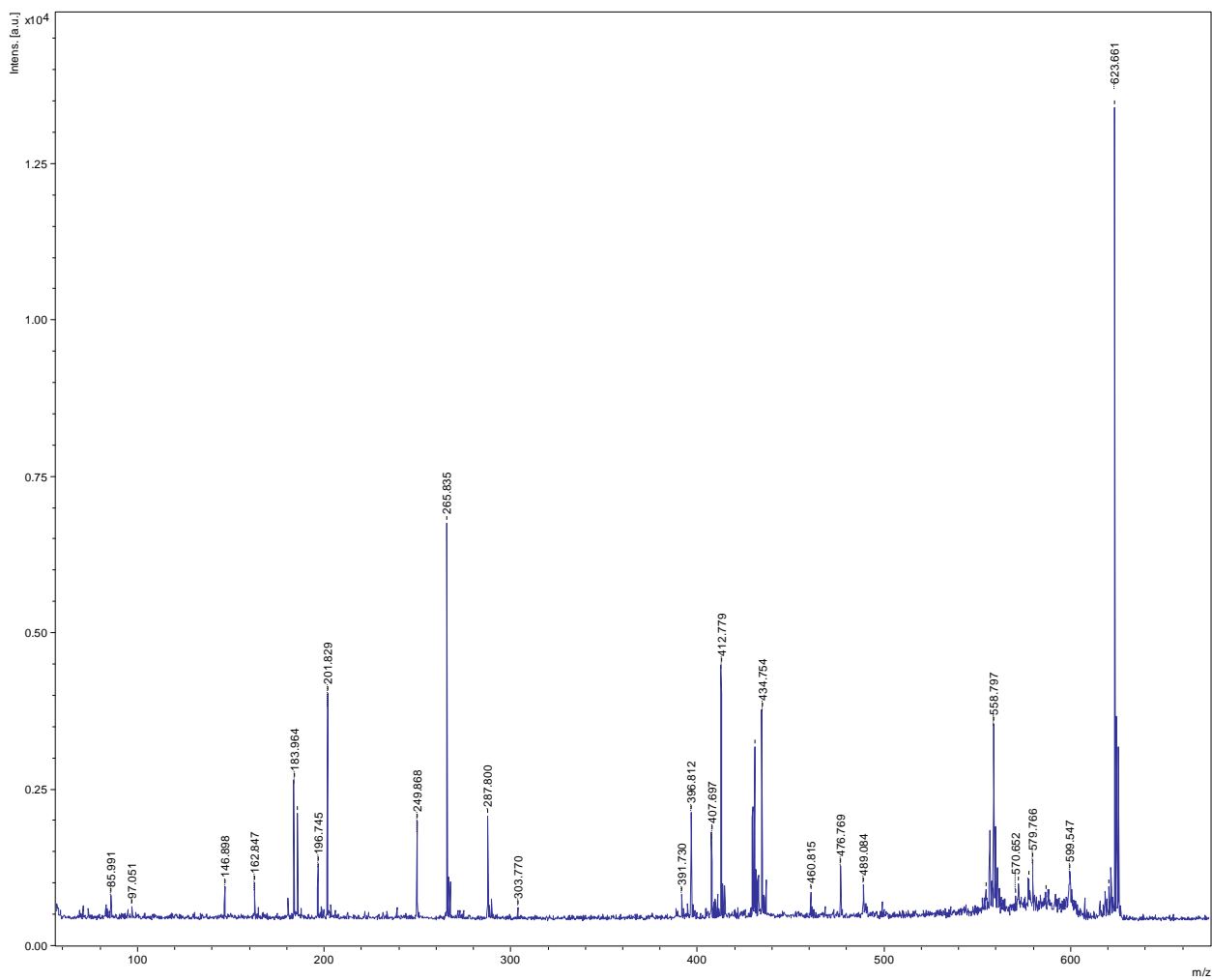
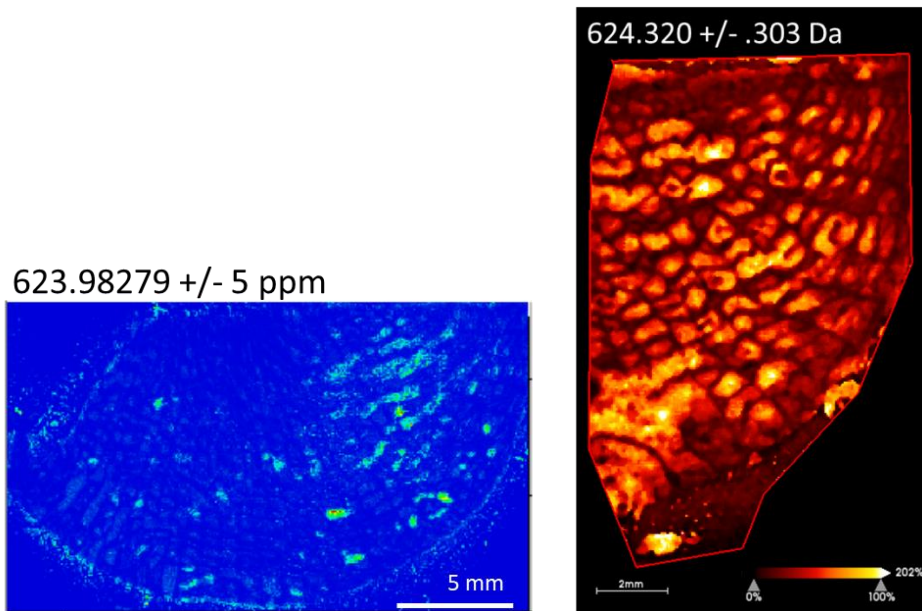
**Supplemental Figure S4.** Picrosirius Red Stain of the main electric organ visualized (A) without polarizer and (B) with polarizer

**Supplemental Figure S5.** Targets with MSMS from the Rapiflex.

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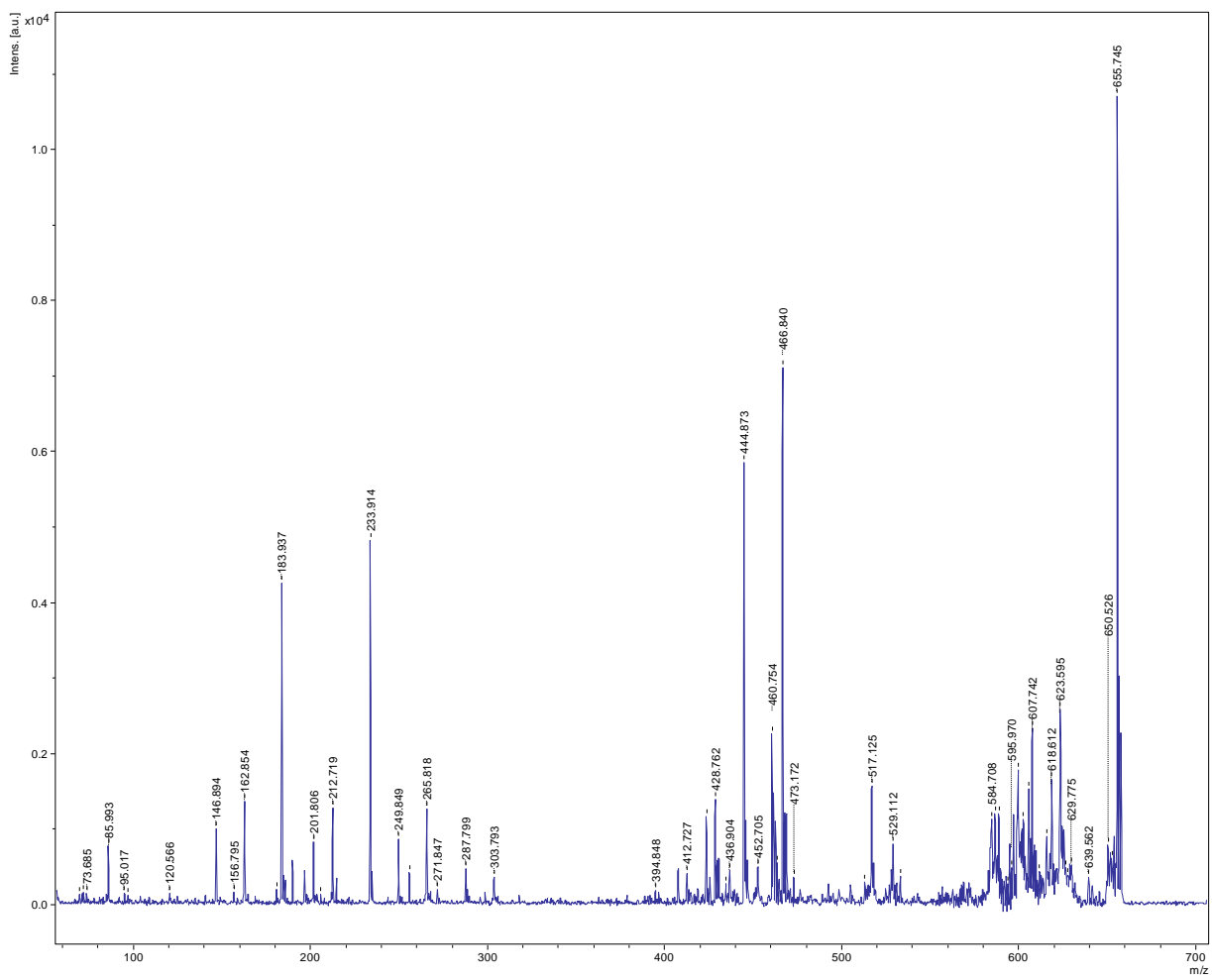
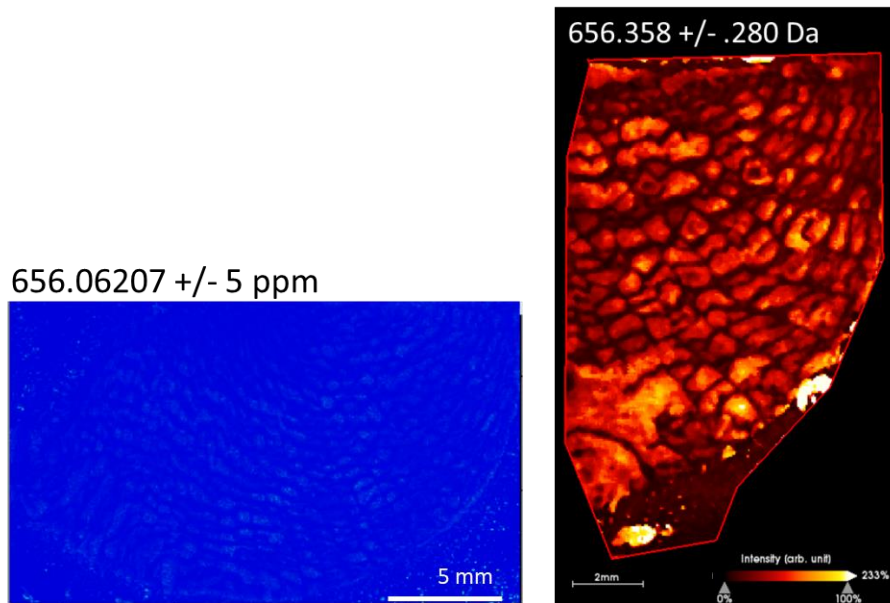


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