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Comprehensive fitness maps of Hsp90 show widespread environmental dependence

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ABSTRACT

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Gene-environment interactions have long been theorized to influence molecular evolution.

4 However, the environmental dependence of most mutations remains unknown. Using deep
mutational scanning, we engineered yeast with all 44,604 single codon changes encoding

6 14,160 amino acid variants in Hsp90 and quantified growth effects under standard conditions
and under five stress conditions. To our knowledge these are the largest determined

8 comprehensive fitness maps of point mutants. The growth of many variants differed between
conditions, indicating that environment can have a large impact on Hsp90 evolution. Multiple

10 variants provided growth advantages under individual conditions, however these variants
tended to exhibit growth defects in other environments. The diversity of Hsp90 sequences

12 observed in extant eukaryotes preferentially contains variants that supported robust growth
under all tested conditions. Rather than favoring substitutions in individual conditions, the

14 long-term selective pressure on Hsp90 may have been that of fluctuating environments, leading
to robustness under a variety of conditions.

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18 INTRODUCTION

20 The role of environment has been contemplated in theories of evolution for over a hundred
22 years (Darwin, 1859; Darwin & Wallace, 1858; Wright, 1932), yet molecular level analyses of
24 how environment impacts the evolution of gene sequences remain experimentally under-
26 explored. Depending on environmental conditions, mutations can be categorized into three
28 classes: deleterious mutations that are purged from populations by purifying selection, nearly-
neutral mutations that are governed by stochastic processes, and beneficial mutations that
provide a selective advantage (Ohta, 1973). It has long been clear that environmental
conditions can alter the fitness effects of mutations (Tutt, 1896). However, examining how
environmental conditions impact any of the three classes of mutations is challenging.
Measurable properties of nearly-neutral and deleterious mutations in natural populations are
impacted by both demography and selection (Ohta, 1973), which are difficult to disentangle. In
addition, many traits are complex, making it challenging to identify all contributing genetic
variations (McCarthy et al, 2008). For these and other reasons, we do not have a detailed
understanding of how environmental conditions impact the evolution of most gene sequences.

Mutational scanning approaches (Fowler et al, 2010) provide novel opportunities to examine
fitness effects of the same mutations under different laboratory conditions (Boucher et al,
2016; Boucher et al, 2014; Canale et al, 2018; Kemble et al, 2019). The EMPIRIC (Exceedingly
Meticulous and Parallel Investigation of Randomized Individual Codons) approach that we
developed is particularly well suited to address questions regarding the environmental impact
of mutational effects for three reasons: it quantifies growth rates that are a direct measure of
experimental fitness, all point mutations are engineered providing comprehensive maps of
growth effects, and all the variants can be tracked in the same flask while experiencing identical
growth conditions (Hietpas et al, 2011). We have previously used the EMPIRIC approach to
investigate how protein fitness maps of ubiquitin vary in different environmental conditions
(Mavor et al, 2016). The analysis of ubiquitin fitness maps revealed that stress environments
can exacerbate the fitness defects of mutations. However, the small size of ubiquitin and the
near absence of natural variation in ubiquitin sequences (only three amino acid differences
between yeast and human) hindered investigation of the properties underlying historically
observed substitutions.

Mutational scanning approaches have emerged as a robust method to analyze relationships
between gene sequence and function, including aspects of environmentally dependent
selection pressure. Multiple studies have investigated resistance mutations that enhance
growth in drug or antibody environments (Dingens et al, 2019; Doud et al, 2018; Firnberg et al,
2014; Jiang et al, 2016; Stiffler et al, 2015). Most of these studies have focused on interpreting
adaptation in the light of protein structure. Of note, Dandage, Chakraborty and colleagues
explored how environmental perturbations to protein folding influenced tolerance of mutations
in the 178 amino acid gentamicin-resistant gene in bacteria (Dandage et al, 2018). However, the

56 question of how environmental variation shapes the selection pressure on gene sequences has
not been well studied.

58 Here, we report comprehensive experimental fitness maps of Heat Shock Protein 90 (Hsp90)
under multiple stress conditions and compare our experimental results with the historical
60 record of hundreds of Hsp90 substitutions accrued during its billion years of evolution in
eukaryotes. Hsp90 encodes a 709 amino acid protein and to our knowledge it is the largest
62 gene for which a comprehensive protein fitness map has been determined. Hsp90 is an
essential and highly abundant molecular chaperone which is induced by a wide variety of
64 environmental stresses (Gasch et al, 2000; Lindquist, 1981). Hsp90 assists cells in responding to
these stressful conditions by facilitating the folding and activation of client proteins through a
66 series of ATP-dependent conformational changes mediated by co-chaperones (Krukenberg et
al, 2011). These clients are primarily signal transduction proteins, highly enriched in kinases
68 and transcription factors (Taipale et al, 2012). Through its clients, Hsp90 activity is linked to
virtually every cellular process.

70 Hsp90 can facilitate the emergence and evolution of new traits in response to stress conditions,
including drug resistance in fungi (Cowen & Lindquist, 2005), gross morphology in flies
72 (Rutherford & Lindquist, 1998) and plants (Queitsch et al, 2002), and vision loss in cave fish
(Rohner et al, 2013). In non-stress conditions, an abundance of Hsp90 promotes standing
74 variation by masking the phenotypic effects of destabilizing mutations in clients. Stressful
conditions that tax Hsp90 capacity can then manifest in phenotypic diversity that can
76 contribute to adaptation. Because of the biochemical and evolutionary links between Hsp90
and stress, we hypothesized that environmental stress would result in altered fitness maps.

78 The conditions in natural environments often fluctuate, and all organisms contain stress
response systems that aid in acclimation to new conditions. The conditions experienced by
80 different populations can vary tremendously depending on the niches that they inhabit,
providing the potential for distinct selective pressures on Hsp90. Previous studies of a nine
82 amino acid loop in Hsp90 identified multiple amino acid changes that increased the growth rate
of yeast in elevated salinity (Hietpas et al, 2013), demonstrating the potential for beneficial
84 mutations in Hsp90. However, the sequence of Hsp90 is strongly conserved in eukaryotes (57%
amino acid identity from yeast to human), indicating consistent strong purifying selection.

86 To investigate the potential influence of the environment on Hsp90 evolution, we quantified
fitness maps in six different conditions. The different conditions impose distinct molecular
88 constraints on Hsp90 sequence. While proximity to ATP is the dominant functional constraint in
standard conditions, the influence of client and co-chaperone interactions on growth rate
90 dramatically increases under stress conditions. Increased selection pressure from heat and
diamide stresses led to a greater number of beneficial variants compared to standard
92 conditions. The observed beneficial variants were enriched at functional hotspots in Hsp90.
However, the natural variants of Hsp90 tend to support efficient growth in all environments

94 tested, indicating selection for robustness to diverse stress conditions in the natural evolution
of Hsp90.

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RESULTS

98 We developed a powerful experimental system to analyze the growth rate supported by all
possible Hsp90 point mutations under distinct growth conditions. Bulk competitions of yeast
100 with a deep sequencing readout enabled the simultaneous quantification of 98% of possible
amino acid changes (Figure 1A). The single point mutant library was engineered by
102 incorporating a single degenerate codon (NNN) into an otherwise wildtype Hsp90 sequence as
previously described (Hietpas et al, 2012). To provide a sensitive readout of changes in Hsp90
104 function, we used a plasmid system that reduced Hsp90 protein levels to near-critical levels
(Jiang et al, 2013). We employed a barcoding approach to efficiently track all variants in a single
106 competition flask so that all variants experience identical conditions. As described in the
Methods, the barcode strategy enabled us to track mutations across a large gene using a short
108 sequencing readout. The barcoding strategy also reduced the impact of misreads as they result
in unused barcodes that were discarded from the analyses.

110 We transformed the plasmid library of comprehensive Hsp90 point mutations into a conditional
yeast strain where we could turn selection of the library on or off. We used a yeast Hsp90-
112 shutoff strain in which expression of the only genomic copy of Hsp90 is strictly regulated with a
galactose-inducible promoter (Jiang et al, 2013). Yeast containing the mutant libraries were
114 amplified under conditions that select for the plasmid, but not for the function of Hsp90
variants. We switched the yeast to dextrose media to shut off the expression of wildtype Hsp90
116 and then split the culture into six different environmental conditions. We extracted samples
from each condition at multiple time points and used Illumina sequencing to estimate the
118 frequency of each Hsp90 variant over time. We assessed the selection coefficient of each Hsp90
variant from the change in frequency relative to wildtype Hsp90 using a previously developed
120 Bayesian MCMC method (Bank et al, 2014; Fragata et al, 2019).

To analyze reproducibility of the growth competition, we performed a technical replicate under
122 standard conditions. We used a batch of the same transformed cells that we had frozen and
stored such that the repeat bulk competition experiments and sequencing were performed
124 independently. Selection coefficients between replicates were strongly correlated ($R^2=0.90$),
and indicated that we could clearly distinguish wildtype-like mutants from highly deleterious
126 stop-like mutants (Figure 1B). The selection coefficients in this study also correlated strongly
($R^2=0.87$) with estimates of the Hsp90 N-domain in a previous study (Mishra et al, 2016) (Figure
128 S1A), indicating that biological replicates also show high reproducibility. Of note, variants with
strongly deleterious effects exhibited the greatest variation between replicates, consistent with
130 the noise inherent in estimating the frequency of rapidly depleting variants.

132 The large number of signaling pathways that depend on Hsp90 (Taipale et al, 2012) and its
strong sequence conservation suggest that Hsp90 may be sensitive to mutation. However, most
134 variants of Hsp90 were experimentally tolerated in standard conditions (Figure 1C, Figure S1B,
and Table S1). All possible mutations were compatible with function at 425 positions. Only 18
136 positions had low mutational tolerance to the extent that 15 or more substitutions caused null-
like growth defects (R32, E33, N37, D40, D79, G81, G94, I96, A97, S99, G118, G121, G123, Y125,
F156, W300, and R380). All of these positions except for W300 are in contact with ATP or
138 mediate ATP-dependent conformational changes in the N-domain of Hsp90. In fact, the
average selection coefficient at different positions (a measure of mutational sensitivity) in
140 standard growth conditions correlates ($R^2=0.49$) with distance from ATP (Figure S1C). While
W300 does not contact ATP, it transmits information from client binding to long range
142 conformational changes of Hsp90 that are driven by ATP hydrolysis (Rohl et al, 2013). Our
results indicate that ATP binding and the conformational changes driven by ATP hydrolysis
144 impose dominant physical constraints in Hsp90 under standard laboratory conditions.

At first sight, the observation that most mutations are compatible with robust growth in
146 standard conditions is at odds with the fact that the Hsp90 sequence is strongly conserved
across large evolutionary distances (Figure 1C). One potential reason for this discrepancy could
148 be that the strength of purifying selection in large natural populations over long evolutionary
time-scales is more stringent than can be measured in the laboratory. In other words,
150 experimentally unmeasurable fitness defects could be subject to purifying selection in nature.
In addition, the range of environmental conditions that yeast experience in natural settings may
152 not be reflected by standard laboratory growth conditions. To investigate the impact of
environmental conditions on mutational effects in Hsp90, we measured the growth rate of
154 Hsp90 variants under five additional stress conditions.

156 **Impact of stress conditions on mutational sensitivity of Hsp90**

We measured the fitness of Hsp90 variants in conditions of nitrogen depletion (ND) (0.0125%
158 ammonium sulfate), hyper-osmotic shock (0.8 M NaCl), ethanol stress (7.5% ethanol), the
sulfhydryl-oxidizing agent diamide (0.85 mM), and temperature shock (37°C). All of these
160 stresses are known to elicit a common shared environmental stress response characterized by
altered expression of ~900 genes as well as having specific responses unique to each stress
162 (Gasch et al, 2000). Genes encoding heat shock proteins, including Hsp90, are transiently
upregulated in all these stresses except elevated salinity (Gasch et al, 2000; Piper, 1995).

164 One way to characterize stress conditions is to measure the extent to which they slow down
growth. For our experiments, each of the environmental stresses were selected to partially
166 decrease the growth rate. Consistently, all stresses reduced the growth rate of the parental
strain within a two-fold range, with depletion of nitrogen levels causing the smallest reduction
168 in growth rate and diamide causing the greatest reduction (Figure 2A). To investigate how

170 critical Hsp90 is for growth in each condition, we measured growth rates of yeast with either
172 normal or more than 10-fold reduced (Jiang et al, 2013) levels of Hsp90 protein (Figure 2A).
Under standard conditions, the normal level of Hsp90 protein can be dramatically reduced
without major impacts on growth rate, consistent with previous findings (Jiang et al, 2013;
Picard et al, 1990).

174 We anticipated that Hsp90 would be required at increased levels for robust experimental
176 growth in diamide, nitrogen starvation, ethanol, and high temperature (Gasch et al, 2000)
based on the concept that cells increase expression level of genes in conditions where those
178 gene products are needed at higher concentration. Consistent with this concept, reduced
Hsp90 levels cause a marked decrease in growth rate at 37°C. However, Hsp90 protein levels
180 had smaller impacts on growth rates under the other stress conditions, indicating that reliance
on overall Hsp90 function does not increase dramatically in these conditions.

We quantified the growth rates of all Hsp90 single-mutant variants in each of the stress
182 conditions as selection coefficients where 0 represents wildtype and -1 represents null alleles
(Figure S2A-E, Table S1). We could clearly differentiate between the selection coefficients of
184 wildtype synonyms and stop codons in all conditions (Figure 2B), and we normalized to these
classes of mutations to facilitate comparisons between each condition. Of note, the observed
186 selection coefficients of wildtype synonyms varied more in conditions of high temperature and
diamide stress compared to standard (Figure S2F). We also note greater variation in the
188 selection coefficients of barcodes for the same codon in the diamide and high temperature
conditions (Figure S2G). We conclude that diamide and elevated temperature provided greater
190 noise in our selection coefficient measurements. To take into account differences in signal to
noise for each condition, we either averaged over large numbers of mutations or categorized
192 selection coefficients as wildtype like, strongly deleterious, intermediate, or beneficial based on
the distribution of wildtype synonyms and stop codons in each condition (see Materials and
194 Methods and Figure S2H).

We compared selection coefficients of each Hsp90 variant in each stress condition to standard
196 condition (Figure 2B&C). The stresses of 37°C and diamide tend to exaggerate the growth
defects of many mutants compared to standard conditions, whereas high salt and ethanol tend
198 to rescue growth defects (Figure 2B&C and S2I). According to the theory of metabolic flux
(Dykhuisen et al, 1987; Kacser & Burns, 1981), gene products that are rate limiting for growth
200 will be subject to the strongest selection. Accordingly, the relationship between Hsp90 function
and growth rate should largely determine the strength of selection acting on Hsp90 sequence.
202 Conditions where Hsp90 function is more directly linked to growth rate would be more
sensitive to Hsp90 mutations than conditions where Hsp90 function can be reduced without
204 changing growth rates (Bershtein et al, 2013; Jiang et al, 2013). The average selection
coefficients are more deleterious in diamide and temperature stress compared to standard
206 conditions. These findings are consistent with heat and diamide stresses causing a growth
limiting increase in unfolded Hsp90 clients that is rate limiting for growth. In contrast, the

208 average selection coefficients are less deleterious in ethanol and salt stress than in standard
conditions, consistent with a decrease in the demand for Hsp90 function in these conditions.
210 Due to the complex role Hsp90 plays in diverse signaling pathways in the cell, the different
environmental stresses may differentially impact subsets of client proteins that cause distinct
212 selection pressures on Hsp90 function.

214 **Structural analyses of environmental responsive positions**

Altering environmental conditions had a pervasive influence on mutational effects along the
216 sequence of Hsp90 (Figure 3A & S3A). We structurally mapped the average selection
coefficient of each position in each condition relative to standard conditions as a measure of
218 the sensitivity to mutation of each position under each environmental stress (Figure 3A). Many
positions had mutational profiles that were responsive to a range of environments.
220 Environmentally responsive positions with large changes in average selection coefficient in at
least three conditions are highlighted on the Hsp90 structure in green in Figure 3B. Unlike the
222 critical positions that cluster around the ATP binding site (Figure 1C), the environmentally
responsive positions are located throughout all domains of Hsp90. Similar to critical residues,
224 environmentally responsive positions are more conserved in nature compared to other
positions in Hsp90 (Figure 3C), suggesting that the suite of experimental stress conditions
226 tested captured aspects of natural selection pressures on Hsp90 sequence.

Hsp90 positions with environmentally responsive selection coefficients were enriched in
228 binding contacts with clients, co-chaperones and intramolecular Hsp90 contacts involved in
transient conformational changes (Figure 3D and S3B). About 65% of the environmentally
230 responsive residues have been identified either structurally or genetically as interacting with
binding partners (Ali et al, 2006; Bohlen & Yamamoto, 1993; Genest et al, 2013; Hagn et al,
232 2011; Hawle et al, 2006; Kravats et al, 2018; Lorenz et al, 2014; Meyer et al, 2003; Meyer et al,
2004; Nathan & Lindquist, 1995; Retzlaff et al, 2009; Roe et al, 2004; Verba et al, 2016; Zhang et
234 al, 2010), compared to about 15% of positions that were not responsive to stress conditions.
While ATP binding and hydrolysis are the main structural determinants that constrain fitness in
236 standard growth conditions, client and co-chaperone interactions have a larger impact on
experimental fitness under stress conditions. Although the mean selection coefficients of
238 mutations at the known client and co-chaperone binding sites are responsive to changes in
environment, the direction of the shift of growth rate compared to standard conditions
240 depends on the specific binding partner and environment (Figure 3E and S3C). This suggests
that different environments place unique functional demands on Hsp90 that may be mediated
242 by the relative affinities of different clients and co-chaperones. Consistent with these
observations, we hypothesize that Hsp90 client priority is determined by relative binding
244 affinity and that Hsp90 mutations can reprioritize clients that in turn impacts many signaling
pathways.

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250 **Constraint of mutational sensitivity at high temperature**

We find that different environmental conditions impose unique constraints on Hsp90, with
252 elevated temperature placing the greatest purifying selection pressure on Hsp90. Of the 2504
variants of Hsp90 that are deleterious when grown at 37°C, 884 of them (~35%) are deleterious
254 only in this condition (Figure 3F). We defined mutants that confer temperature sensitive (*ts*)
growth phenotypes on cells as variants with selection coefficients within the distribution of
256 wildtype synonyms in standard conditions and that of stop codons at 37°C. Based on this
definition, 675 Hsp90 amino acid changes (roughly 5% of possible changes) were found to be
258 temperature sensitive (Figure 4A). We sought to understand the physical underpinnings of this
large set of Hsp90 *ts* mutations.

260 We examined Hsp90 *ts* mutations for structural and physical patterns. We found that *ts*
mutations tended to concentrate at hotspots (Figure 4B). These hotspots were spread across all
262 three domains of Hsp90 (Figure 4C). The largest cluster of hotspots occurred in the C domain of
Hsp90. The C domain forms a constitutive homodimer that is critical for function (Wayne &
264 Bolon, 2007). Of note, homo-oligomerization domains may have a larger *ts* potential because all
subunits contribute to folding and dimerization essentially multiplying the impacts of mutations
266 (Lynch, 2013). To explore the physical underpinnings of *ts* mutations we examined if they were
buried in the structure or surface exposed. Mutations at buried residues tend to have a larger
268 impact on protein folding energy compared to surface residues (Chakravarty & Varadarajan,
1999). Consistent with the idea that many *ts* mutations may disrupt protein folding at elevated
270 temperature, substitutions that confer a *ts* phenotype are enriched in buried residues (Figure
4D). Also consistent with this idea, *ts* mutations tend to have negative Blosom scores (Figure
272 4E), a hallmark of disruptive amino acid changes.

Because growth at elevated temperatures requires higher levels of Hsp90 protein (Borkovich et
274 al, 1989), some *ts* mutations are likely due to a reduced function that is enough for growth at
standard temperature, but is insufficient at 37°C (Nathan & Lindquist, 1995). We reasoned that
276 we could distinguish these mutants by examining how growth rate depended on the expression
levels of Hsp90. We expect that destabilizing mutants that cause Hsp90 to unfold at elevated
278 temperature would not support efficient growth at 37°C independent of expression levels. In
contrast, we expect mutants that reduce Hsp90 function to exhibit an expression-dependent
280 growth defect at 37°C. We tested a panel of *ts* mutations identified in the bulk competitions at
high and low expression levels (Figure 4F). The dependence of growth rate at 37°C on
282 expression level varied for different Hsp90 *ts* variants. The I64D, G170D and L499R Hsp90

284 mutants have no activity at 37°C irrespective of expression levels. These disruptive
286 substitutions at buried positions likely destabilize the structure of Hsp90. In contrast,
288 increasing the Hsp90 expression levels at least partially rescued the growth defect for five *ts*
290 variants (L50D, K102A, D180L, K398L, K594I), indicating that these variants do not providing
enough Hsp90 function for robust growth at elevated temperature. All five of these expression
dependent *ts* variants were located at surface positions, indicating that the location of *ts*
mutations can delineate different mechanistic classes.

Hsp90 potential for adaptation to environmental stress

292 Numerous Hsp90 variants provided a growth benefit compared to the wildtype sequence in
294 stress conditions. The largest number of beneficial variants in Hsp90 occurred in high
296 temperature and diamide conditions (Figure 5A). Multiple lines of evidence indicate that these
298 mutants are truly beneficial variants and not simply measurement noise. First, the beneficial
300 amino acids generally exhibited consistent selection coefficients among synonymous variants
302 (Figure S5A). Second, adaptive mutants in diamide and high temperature cluster at certain
positions in a significant manner (see below). Finally, we confirmed the increased growth rate
at elevated temperature of a panel of variants analyzed in isolation (Figure S5B). Beneficial
mutations in elevated temperature and diamide often clustered at specific positions in Hsp90
(Figure 5B), indicating that the wildtype amino acids at these positions are far from optimum
for growth in these conditions. In contrast, the apparent beneficial mutations in other
conditions did not tend to cluster at specific positions (Figure S5C).

304 To obtain a more general picture of the potential for adaptation derived from the full fitness
distributions, we used Fisher's Geometric model (FGM) (Fisher, 1930). According to FGM,
306 populations evolve in an n -dimensional phenotypic space, through random single step
308 mutations, and any such mutation that brings the population closer to the optimum is
310 considered beneficial. An intuitive hypothesis derived from FGM is that the potential for
adaptation in a given environment (that is the availability of beneficial mutations) depends on
the distance to the optimum. In order to estimate the distance to the optimum d , we adopted
the approach by Martin and Lenormand and fitted a displaced gamma distribution to the
312 neutral and beneficial mutations for each environment (Martin & Lenormand, 2006). We
observed that the yeast populations were furthest from the optimum in elevated temperature
314 and diamide ($d=0.072$ and 0.05 , respectively), followed by nitrogen deprivation ($d=0.023$), high
salinity and ethanol ($d=0.021$) and standard ($d=0.014$). This suggests that exposure to elevated
316 temperature and diamide results in the largest potential for adaptation and is consistent with
the observation of the largest proportions of beneficial mutations in these
318 environments. Interestingly, previous results from a 9-amino-acid region in Hsp90 indicated
that there was very little potential for adaptation at high temperature (36°C) as compared with
320 high salinity (Hietpas, 2013). This apparent contradiction between results from the full Hsp90

322 sequence and the 582-590 region indicates that a specific region of the protein may be already close to its functional optimum in a specific environment, whereas there is ample opportunity for adaptation when the whole protein sequence is considered.

324 In diamide and elevated temperature, the clustered beneficial positions were almost entirely located in the ATP-binding domain and the middle domain (Figure 5C), both of which make extensive contacts with clients and co-chaperones (Ali et al, 2006; Meyer et al, 2003; Meyer et al, 2004; Roe et al, 2004; Verba et al, 2016; Zhang et al, 2010). Beneficial mutations in elevated 326 temperature and diamide conditions were preferentially located on the surface of Hsp90 (Figure 5D) at positions accessible to binding partners. Analyses of available Hsp90 complexes 328 indicate that beneficial positions were disproportionately located at known interfaces with co-chaperones and clients (Figure 5E). Clustered beneficial mutations are consistent with 330 disruptive mechanisms because a number of different amino acid changes can lead to disruptions, whereas a gain of function is usually mediated by specific amino acid changes. 332 Amino acids that are beneficial in diamide and elevated temperature tend to exhibit deleterious effects in standard conditions (Figure 5F), consistent with a cost of adaptation. We conjecture 334 that the clustered beneficial mutations are at positions that mediate the binding affinity of subsets of clients and co-chaperones and that disruptive mutations at these positions can lead 336 to re-prioritization of multiple clients. The priority or efficiency of Hsp90 for sets of clients can in turn impact most aspects of physiology because Hsp90 clients include hundreds of kinases 338 that influence virtually every aspect of cell biology. 340

In the first ten amino acids of Hsp90 we noted a large variation in the selection coefficients of 342 synonymous mutations at elevated temperature (Figure S5D). These synonymous mutations were only strongly beneficial at high temperature where Hsp90 protein levels are limiting for growth. Analysis of an individual clones confirms that synonymous mutations at the beginning 344 of Hsp90 that were beneficial at high temperature were expressed at higher level in our plasmid system (Figure S5E, S5F). These results are consistent with a large body of research 346 showing that mRNA structure near the beginning of coding regions often impacts translation efficiency (Li, 2015; Plotkin & Kudla, 2011; Tuller et al, 2010), and that adaptations can be 348 mediated by changes in expression levels (Lang & Desai, 2014). Outside of the first ten amino acids, we did not observe large variation in selection coefficients of synonymous mutations. 350

352 **Natural selection favors Hsp90 variants that are robust to environment**

We next examined how experimental protein fitness maps compared with the diversity of 354 Hsp90 sequences in current eukaryotes. We analyzed Hsp90 diversity in a set of 267 sequences from organisms that broadly span across eukaryotes. We identified 1750 amino acid differences 356 in total that were located at 499 positions in Hsp90. We examined the experimental growth effects of the subset of amino acids that were observed in nature. While the overall distribution 358 of selection coefficients in all conditions was bimodal with peaks around neutral ($s=0$) and null

($s=-1$), the natural amino acids were unimodal with a peak centered near neutral (Figure 6A).
360 The vast majority of natural amino acids had wildtype-like fitness in all conditions studied here
(Figure 6B&C). Whereas naturally occurring amino acids in Hsp90 were rarely deleterious in any
362 experimental condition, they were similarly likely to provide a growth benefit compared to all
possible amino acids (5%). This observation indicates that condition-dependent fitness benefits
364 are not a major determinant of natural variation in Hsp90 sequences. Instead, our results
indicate that natural selection has favored Hsp90 substitutions that are robust to multiple
366 stressful conditions (Figure 6D).

Epistasis may provide a compelling explanation for the naturally occurring amino acids that we
368 observed with deleterious selection coefficients. Analyses of Hsp90 mutations in the context of
likely ancestral states has demonstrated a few instances of historical substitutions with fitness
370 effects that depend strongly on the Hsp90 sequence background (Starr et al, 2018). Indeed,
many of the natural amino acids previously identified with strong epistasis (E7A, V23F, T13N)
372 are in the small set of natural amino acids with deleterious effects in at least one condition.
Further analyses of natural variants under diverse environmental conditions will likely provide
374 insights into historical epistasis and will be the focus of future research.

376 **DISCUSSION**

In this study, we analyzed the protein-wide distribution of fitness effects of Hsp90 across
378 standard and five stress conditions. We found that environment has a profound effect on the
fates of Hsp90 mutations. Each environmental stress varies in the strength of selection on
380 Hsp90 mutations; heat and diamide increase the strength of selection and ethanol and salt
decrease the strength of selection. While proximity to ATP is the dominant functional
382 constraint in standard conditions, the influence of client and co-chaperone interactions on
growth rate dramatically increases under stress conditions. Additionally, beneficial mutations
384 cluster at positions that mediate binding to clients and cochaperones. The fact that different
Hsp90 binding partners have distinct environmental dependencies suggests that Hsp90 can
386 reprioritize clients that in turn impacts many downstream signaling pathways.

Our results demonstrate that mutations to Hsp90 can have environment-dependent effects
388 that are similar to the stress induced changes to the function of wildtype Hsp90 that have been
shown to contribute to new phenotypes (Jarosz et al, 2010). The low frequency of
390 environment-dependent amino acids in Hsp90 from extant eukaryotes indicates that this type
of evolutionary mechanism is rare relative to drift and other mechanisms shaping Hsp90
392 sequence diversity.

We observed distinct structural trends for mutations that provide environment-dependent
394 costs and benefits. Many mutations in Hsp90 caused growth defects at elevated temperature
where Hsp90 function is limiting for growth. These temperature sensitive mutations tended to
396 be buried and in the homodimerization domain, consistent with an increased requirement for

398 folding stability at elevated temperatures. In contrast, beneficial mutations tended to be on the
surface of Hsp90 and at contact sites with binding partners, suggesting that change-of-function
mutations may be predominantly governed by alterations to binding interactions.

400 Importantly, our results demonstrate that while mutations to Hsp90 can provide a growth
402 advantage in specific environmental conditions, naturally occurring amino acids in Hsp90 tend
to support robust growth over multiple stress conditions. The finding of beneficial mutations in
404 Hsp90 in specific conditions suggests that similar long-term stresses in nature can lead to
positive selection on Hsp90. Consistent with previous work (Hietpas, 2013), we found that
406 experimentally beneficial mutations tended to have a fitness cost in alternate conditions (Figure
5F). This indicates that natural environments which fluctuate among different stresses would
408 reduce or eliminate positive selection on Hsp90. Therefore, our results suggest that natural
selection on Hsp90 sequence has predominantly been governed by strong purifying selection
integrated over multiple stressful conditions. Taken together, these results support the
410 hypothesis that natural populations might experience a so-called "micro-evolutionary fitness
seascape" (Mustonen & Lassig, 2009), in which rapidly fluctuating environments result in a
412 distribution of quasi-neutral substitutions over evolutionary time scales.

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422 **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

Generating Mutant Libraries

424 A library of Hsp90 genes was saturated with single point mutations using oligos containing NNN
426 codons as previously described (Hietpas et al, 2012). The resulting library was pooled into 12
428 separate 60 amino acid long sub-libraries (amino acids 1-60, 61-120 etc.) and combined via
430 Gibson Assembly (NEB) with a linearized p414ADH Δ ter Hsp90 destination vector. To simplify
432 sequencing steps during bulk competition, each variant of the library was tagged with a unique
barcode. For each 60 amino acid sub-library, a pool of DNA constructs containing a randomized
18-bp barcode sequence (N18) was cloned 200 nt downstream from the Hsp90 stop codon via
restriction digestion, ligation, and transformation into chemically competent *E. coli* with the
goal of each mutant being represented by 10-20 unique barcodes.

Barcode Association of Library Variants

434 We added barcodes and associated them with Hsp90 variants essentially as previously
436 described (Starr et al, 2018). To associate barcodes with Hsp90 variants, we performed paired-
438 end sequencing of each 60 amino acid sub-library using a primer that reads the N18 barcode in
440 one read and a primer unique to each sub-library that anneals upstream of the region
442 containing mutations. To facilitate efficient Illumina sequencing, we generated PCR products
444 that were less than 1kb in length for sequencing. We created shorter PCR products by
446 generating plasmids with regions removed between the randomized regions and the barcode.
448 To remove regions from the plasmids, we performed restriction digest with two unique
enzymes, followed by blunt ending with T4 DNA polymerase (NEB) and plasmid ligation at a low
concentration (3 ng/ μ L) to favor circularization over bimolecular ligations. The resulting DNA
was re-linearized by restriction digest, and amplified with 11 cycles of PCR to generate products
for Illumina sequencing. The resulting PCR products were sequenced using an Illumina MiSeq
instrument with asymmetric reads of 50 bases for Read1 (barcode) and 250 bases for Read2
(Hsp90 sequence). After filtering low-quality reads (Phred scores <10), the data was organized
by barcode sequence. For each barcode that was read more than three times, we generated a
consensus of the Hsp90 sequence that we compared to wildtype to call mutations.

450 Bulk Growth Competitions

452 Equal molar quantities of each sub-library were mixed to form a pool of DNA containing the
entire Hsp90 library with each codon variant present at similar concentration. The plasmid
454 library was transformed using the lithium acetate procedure into the DBY288 Hsp90 shutoff
strain essentially as previously described (Jiang et al, 2013). Sufficient transformation reactions
456 were performed to attain ~5 million independent yeast transformants representing a 5-fold
sampling for the average barcode and 50 to 100-fold sampling for the average codon variant.
Following 12 hours of recovery in SRGal (synthetic 1% raffinose and 1% galactose) media,
458 transformed cells were washed five times in SRGal-W (SRGal lacking tryptophan) media to
remove extracellular DNA, and grown in SRGal-W media at 30°C for 48 h with repeated dilution

460 to maintain the cells in log phase of growth. This yeast library were was supplemented with
20% glycerol, aliquoted and slowly frozen in a -80°C freezer.

462 For each competition experiment, an aliquot of the frozen yeast library cells was thawed at
37°C. Viability of the cells was accessed before and after freezing and was determined to be
464 greater than 90% with this slow freeze, quick thaw procedure. Thawed cells were amplified in
SRGal-W for 24 hours, and then shifted to shutoff conditions by centrifugation, washing, and
466 resuspension in 300 mL of synthetic dextrose lacking tryptophan (SD-W) for 12 hours at 30°C.
At this point, cells were split and transferred to different conditions including: Standard (SD-W,
468 30°C), Nitrogen depletion (SD-W with limiting amounts of ammonium sulfate, 0.0125%, 30°C),
High salt (SD-W with 0.8 M NaCl, 30°C), Ethanol (SD-W with 7.5% ethanol, 30°C, Diamide (SD-W
470 with 0.85 mM diamide, 30°C), or high temperature (SD-W, 37°C). We collected samples of $\sim 10^8$
cells at eight time points over a period of 36 hours and stored them at -80°C. Cultures were
472 maintained in log phase by regular dilution with fresh media, maintaining a population size of
 10^9 or greater throughout the bulk competition. Bulk competition from the standard condition
474 were conducted in technical duplicates from the frozen yeast library.

DNA Preparation and Sequencing

476 We isolated plasmid DNA from each bulk competition time point as described (Jiang et al,
2013). Purified plasmid was linearized with *Ascl*. Barcodes were amplified by 19 cycles of PCR
478 using Phusion polymerase (NEB) and primers that add Illumina adapter sequences and an 8 bp
identifier sequence used to distinguish libraries and time points. The identifier sequence was
480 located at positions 91-98 relative to the illumine primer and the barcode was located at
positions 1-18. PCR products were purified two times over silica columns (Zymo Research) and
482 quantified using the KAPA SYBR FAST qPCR Master Mix (Kapa Biosystems) on a Bio-Rad CFX
machine. Samples were pooled and sequenced on an Illumina NextSeq instrument in single-
484 end 100 bp mode.

Analysis of Bulk Competition Sequencing Data

486 Illumina sequence reads were filtered for Phred scores >20 and strict matching of the sequence
to the expected template and identifier sequence. Reads that passed these filters were parsed
488 based on the identifier sequence. For each condition/time-point identifier, each unique N18
read was counted. The unique N18 count file was then used to identify the frequency of each
490 mutant using the variant-barcode association table. To generate a cumulative count for each
codon and amino acid variant in the library, the counts of each associated barcode were
492 summed. To reduce experimental noise, selection coefficients were not calculated for variants
with less than 100 reads at the 0 time point (Boucher et al, 2014). The average variant at the 0
494 time point had approximately 500 reads.

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Determination of Selection Coefficient

498 Selection coefficients were estimated using empiricIST (Fragata et al, 2018), a software package
developed based on a previously published Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) approach (Bank
500 et al, 2014). Briefly, we estimated individual growth rates and initial population sizes relative to
the wildtype sequence simultaneously, based on a model of exponential growth and
502 multinomial sampling of sequencing reads independently at each time point. For each mutant
we obtained 10,000 posterior samples for the growth rate and initial population using a
504 Metropolis-Hastings algorithm. The resulting growth rate estimates correspond to the median
of 1,000 samples of the posterior. Subsequently, selection coefficients (s) were scaled so that
506 the average stop codon in each environmental condition represented a null allele ($s=-1$). For the
second replicate in standard conditions, we noted a small fitness defect ($s\approx-0.05$) for wildtype
508 synonyms at positions 679-709 relative to other positions. We do not understand the source of
this behavior, and chose to normalize to wildtype synonyms from 1-678 for this condition and
510 to exclude positions 679-709 from analyses that include the second replicate of standard
conditions. We did not observe this behavior in any other condition. Variants were categorized
512 as having wildtype-like, beneficial, intermediate, or deleterious fitness based on the
comparison of their selection coefficients with the distribution of wild-type synonyms and stop
514 codons in each condition (Figure S2H) in the following manner; Wildtype-like: variants with
selection coefficients within two standard deviations (SD) of the mean of wildtype synonyms;
516 Beneficial: variants with selection coefficients above 2 SD of wildtype synonyms; Strongly
deleterious: variants with selection coefficients within 2 SD of stop codons; Intermediate:
518 variants with selection coefficients between those of stop-like and wildtype-like.

Yeast growth analysis

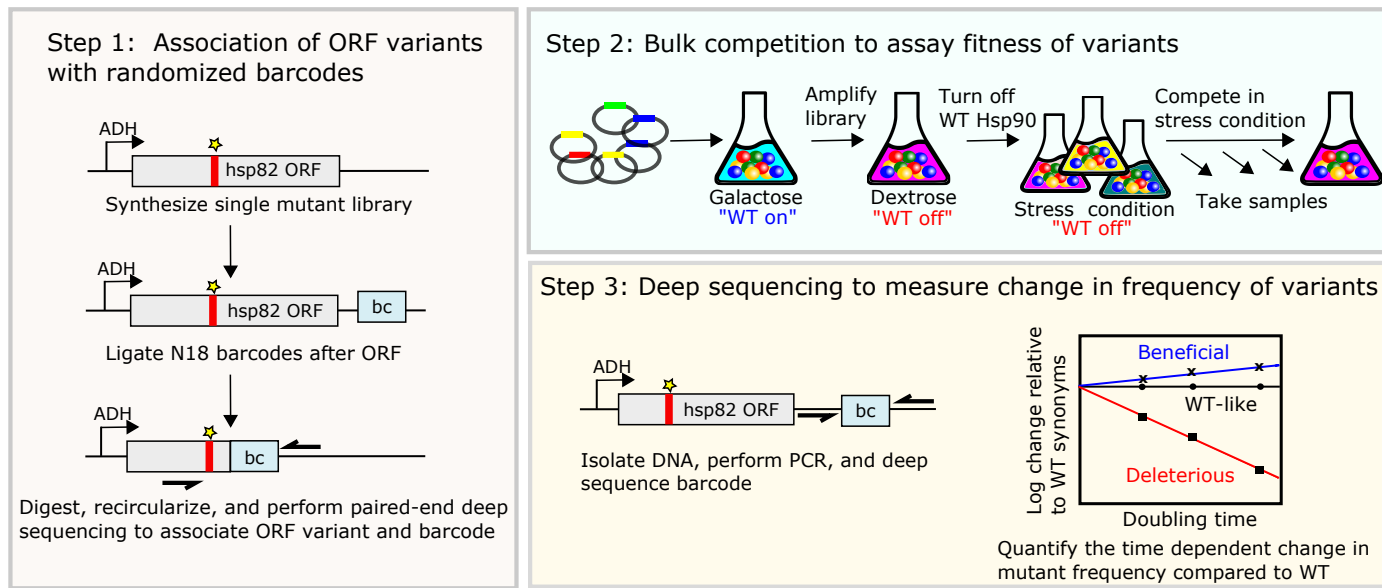
520 Individual Hsp90 variants were generated and analyzed essentially as previously described
(Jiang et al, 2013). Variants were generated by site directed mutagenesis and transformed into
522 DBY288 cells. Selected transformed colonies were grown in liquid SRGal-W media to mid-log
phase at 30°C, washed three times and grown in shutoff media (SD-W) at either 30C or 37C.
524 After sufficient time to stall the growth of control cells lacking a rescue copy of Hsp90 (~16
hours), cell density was monitored based on absorbance at 600 nm over time and fit to an
526 exponential growth curve to quantify growth rate.

Natural variation in Hsp90 sequence

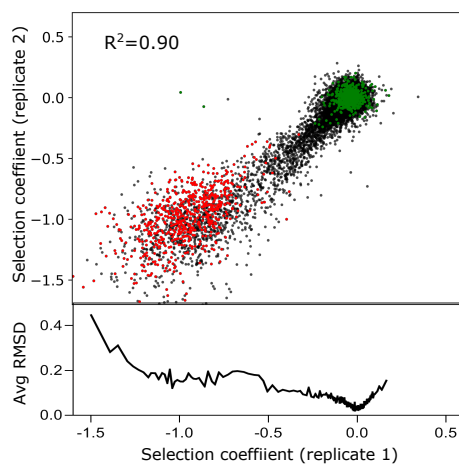
528 We analyzed sequence variation in a previously described alignment of Hsp90 protein
sequences from 261 eukaryotic species that broadly span a billion years of evolutionary
530 distance (Starr et al, 2018).

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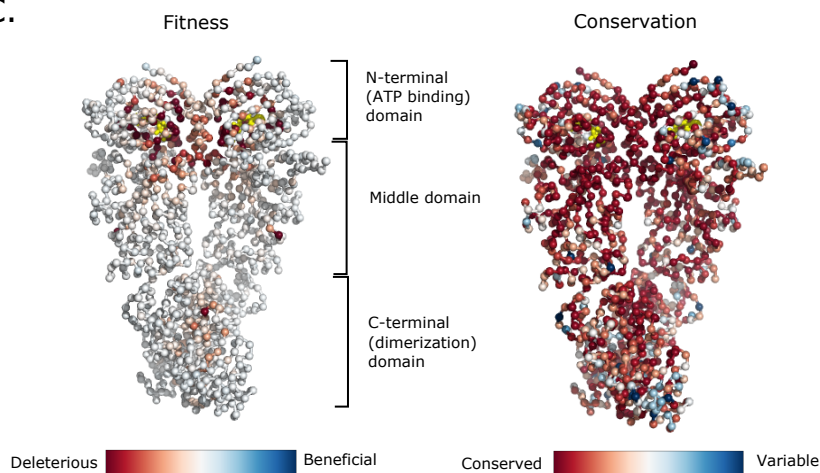


Figure 1. Approach to determine protein fitness maps of Hsp90. A. Barcoded competition strategy to analyze the growth effects of all single codon variants of Hsp90 in a single bulk culture. B. Measurements of selection coefficients of all amino acid variants are reproducible in replicate growth competitions. Wildtype amino acids are shown in green and stop codons are shown in red. C. Average selection coefficients at each position in standard conditions mapped onto a homodimeric structure of Hsp90 (Ali et al., 2006) and compared to patterns of evolutionary conservation. ATP is shown in yellow.

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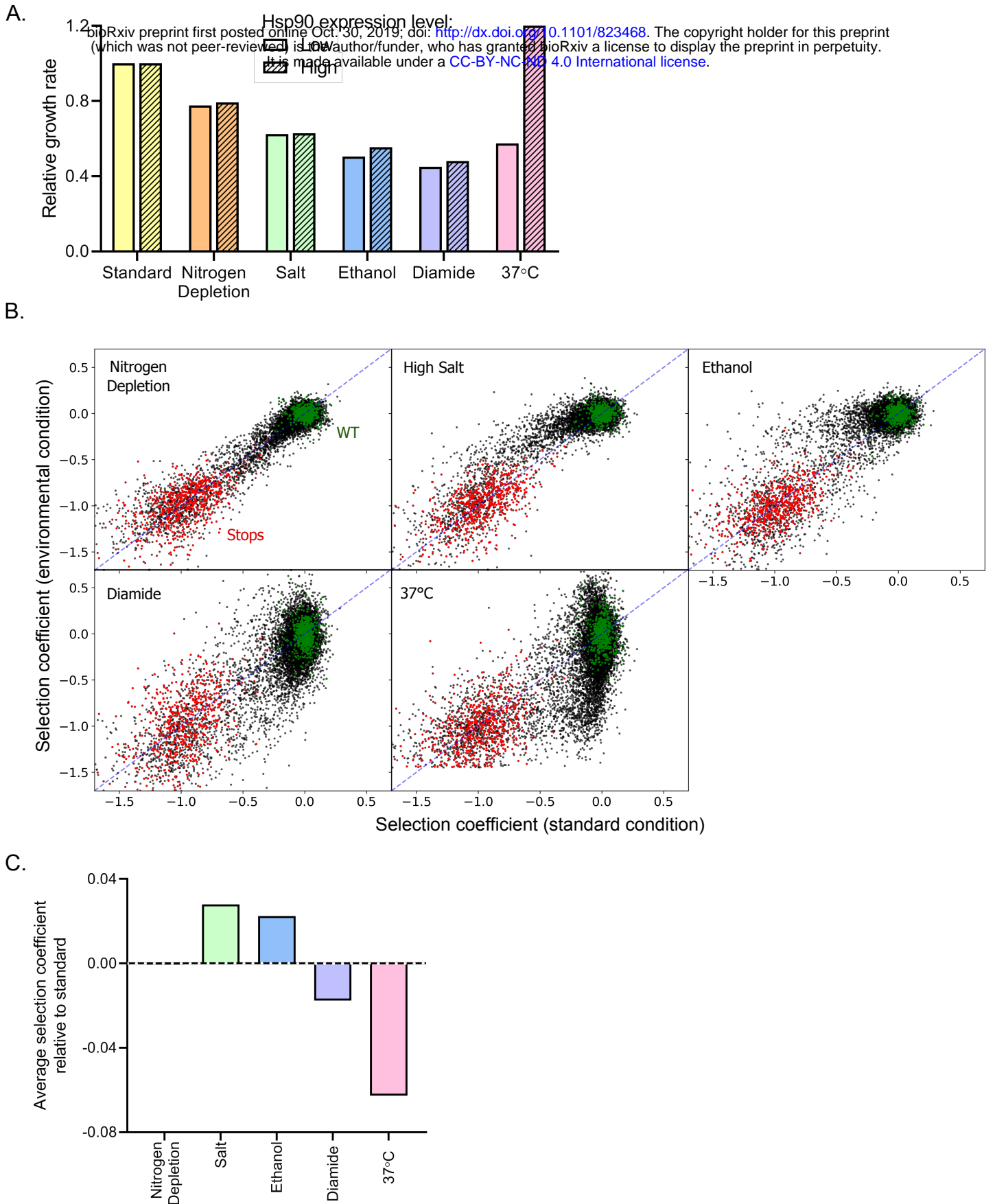


Figure 2. Impact of environmental stresses on yeast growth rates and selection on Hsp90 sequence.

A. Growth rate of yeast with normal and reduced expression of Hsp90 protein in standard and stress conditions. B. Selection coefficients of all Hsp90 amino acid variants in stress conditions compared to standard conditions. Wildtype amino acids are shown in green and stop codons are shown in red. Selection coefficients were scaled to null ($s=-1$) for the average stop codon and neutral ($s=0$) for the average wildtype. C. The average selection coefficient of all mutations relative to standard conditions, a metric of the strength of selection acting on Hsp90 sequence, in each stress condition.

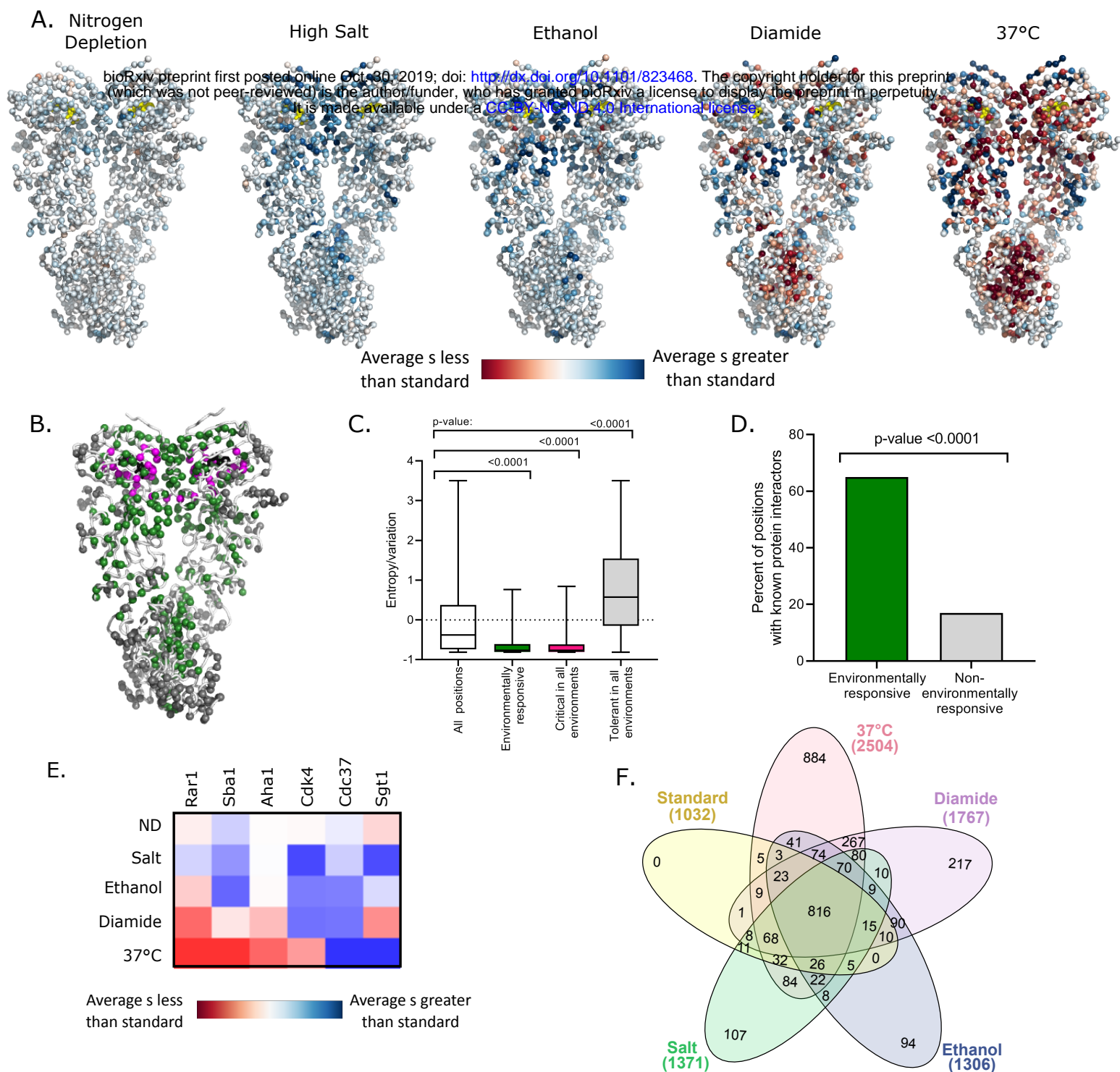


Figure 3. Environmental stresses place distinct selection pressures on Hsp90. A. The average selection coefficient (s) at each position relative to standard conditions was mapped onto Hsp90 structure (Ali et al., 2006). B. Structural images indicating the location of positions that are critical for Hsp90 function in all conditions (magenta), positions that are environmentally responsive (green), and positions that are tolerant in all environments (gray). Critical residues have mean selection coefficients that are null-like (within the distribution of stop codons) in all environments. Environmentally responsive positions have mean selection coefficients that differed from standard in three or more environmental conditions by an amount greater than one standard deviation of wildtype synonyms. Tolerant residues are not shifted more than this cutoff in any environment. C. For different classes of positions, evolutionary variation was calculated as amino acid entropy at each position in Hsp90 sequences from diverse eukaryotes. Distributions are significantly different as measured by a two-sample Kolmogorov-Smirnov (KS) (All positions vs. environmentally responsive: $N=678,55, p<0.0001, D=0.44$; All positions vs. critical positions: $N=678,55, p<0.0001, D=0.40$; All positions vs. tolerant positions: $N=678,136, p<0.0001, D=0.38$) D. Fraction of different classes of mutations located at contact sites with binding partners. E. A heatmap of the average selection coefficient for all positions at the stated interfaces relative to standard conditions in each environment. F. Venn diagram of deleterious mutations in different environmental conditions (Heberle, Meirelles, da Silva, Telles, & Minghim, 2015). Total number of deleterious mutants in each condition are stated in parentheses.

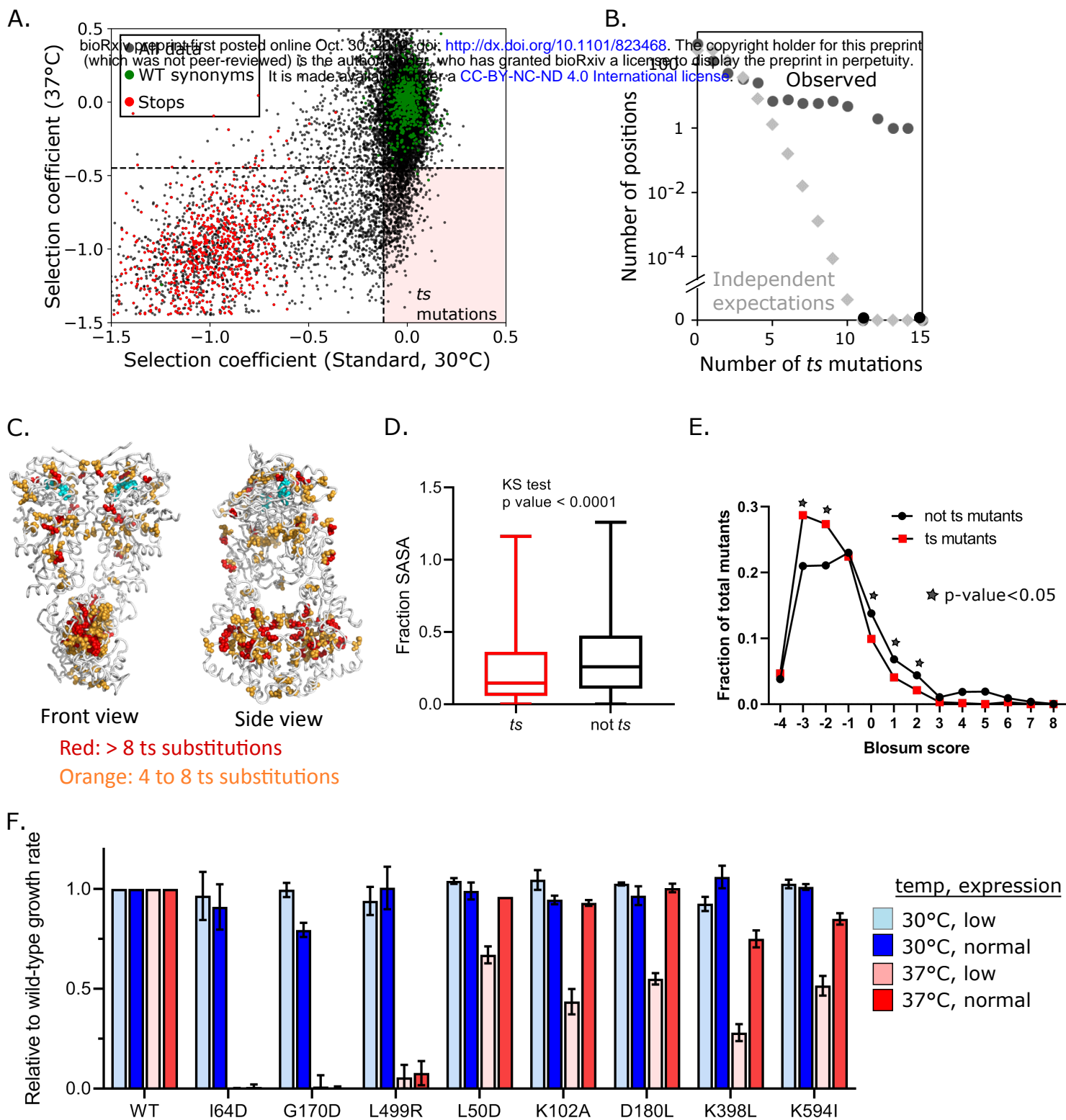


Figure 4. Abundance and mechanism of temperature sensitive mutations in Hsp90. A. Temperature sensitive (*ts*) amino acid variants were identified that supported wildtype-like growth at standard (30°C) temperature, but were null-like at 37°C in bulk competitions. B. Observed *ts* variants tend to cluster at specific positions in Hsp90 in a significant manner compared to what would be expected if they occurred independently. C. Mapping positions with multiple *ts* variants onto Hsp90 structure. D. Solvent accessible surface area (SASA) of positions with *ts* mutations compared to positions lacking *ts* mutations. A two sample KS test showed significant differences in distributions (N=663, 11762, p<0.0001, D=0.1735) E. Amino acid similarity to the wildtype was estimated as the Blosum score for *ts* and non-*ts* variants. A two-proportion z-test was performed on each pair for each Blosum score and their p-values were adjusted using Benjamini-Hochberg adaptive step-up procedure. F. Growth rate of a panel of individual Hsp90 *ts* variants analyzed in isolation.

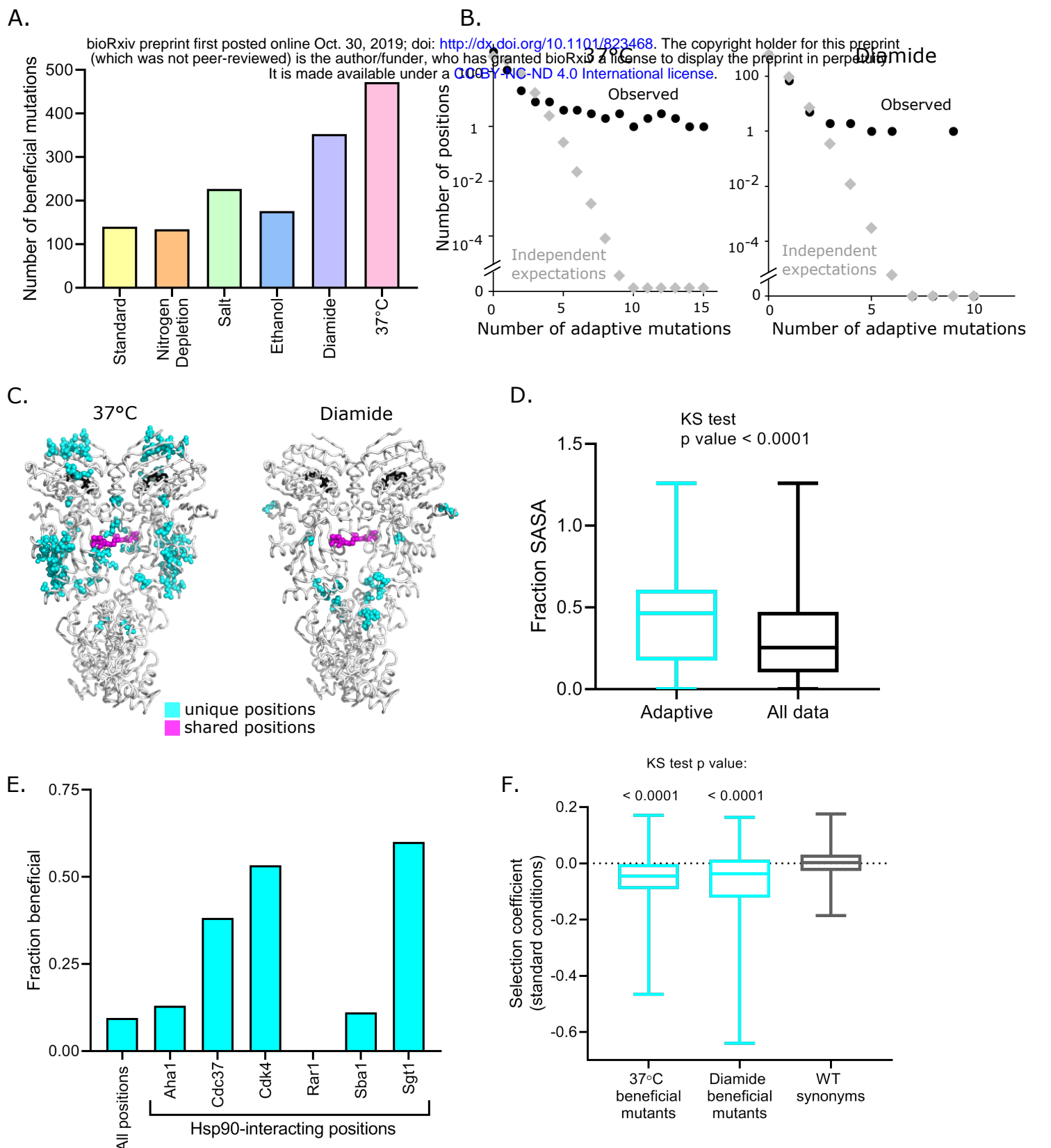
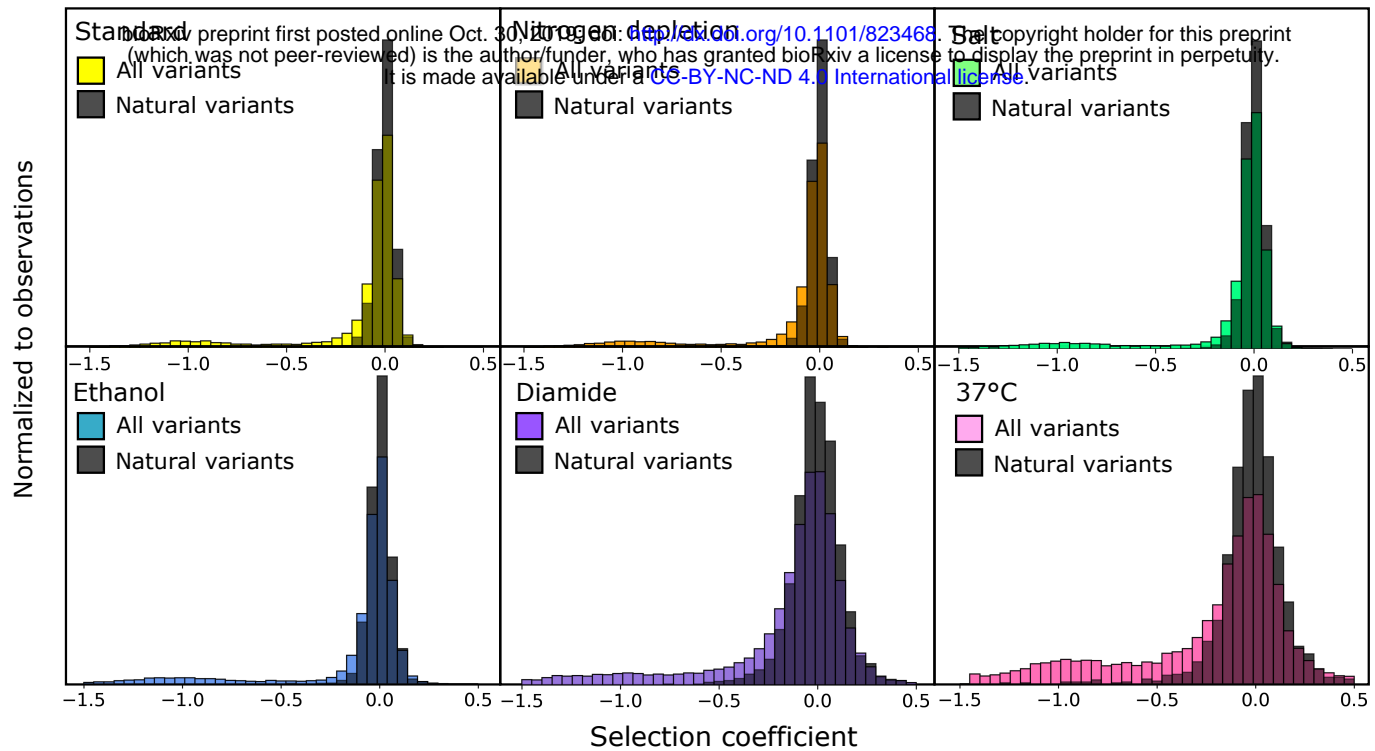
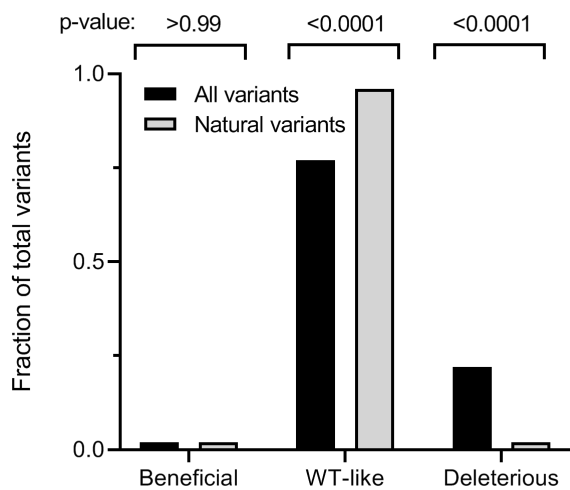


Figure 5. Beneficial variants in diamide and elevated temperature conditions. A. Number of beneficial mutations identified in each condition based on selection coefficients more than two standard deviations greater than wildtype synonyms. B. Distribution of the number of beneficial mutations at the same position in both 37°C (left) and diamide (right) conditions. C. Location of positions with four or more beneficial mutations. Positions that are unique to diamide or 37°C are shown in cyan and two shared positions are shown in magenta. D. The solvent accessible surface area of beneficial positions at 37°C and in diamide compared to all positions. Distributions are significantly different as measured by a two-sample KS test ($N=463,12393, p<0.0001, D=0.3809$) E. The fraction of Hsp90 positions at interfaces that were beneficial in 37°C and diamide conditions. F. Selection coefficients in standard conditions for beneficial mutations at 37°C and in diamide compared to wildtype synonyms. (KS test; 37°C vs. WT synonyms: $N=463,660, p<0.0001, D=0.3281$; Diamide vs. WT synonyms: $N=276,660, p<0.0001, D=0.3809$)

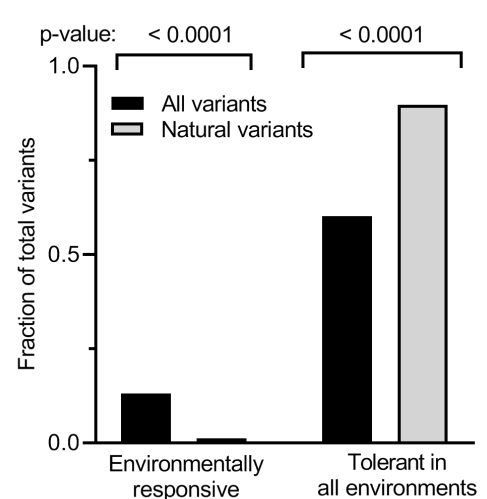
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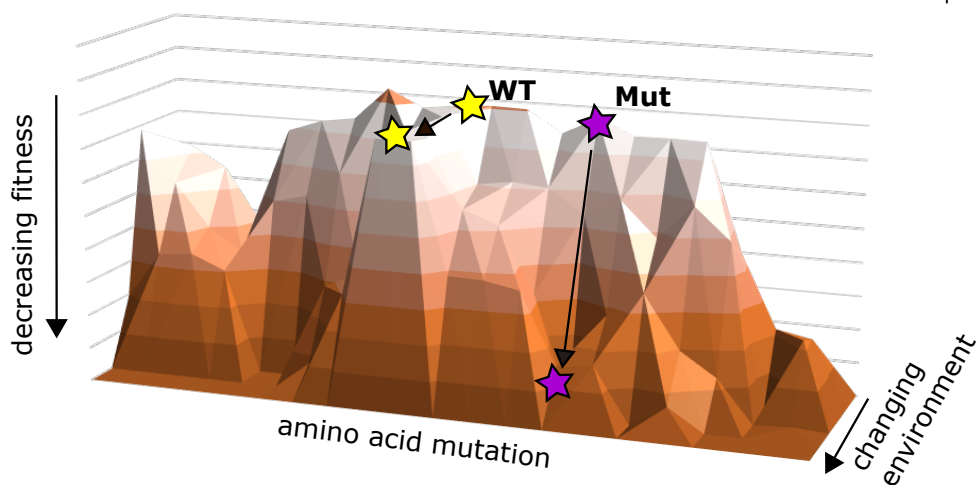


Figure 6. Experimental growth effects of natural amino acid variants of Hsp90. A. The distribution of selection coefficients of natural variants compared to all variants in each environmental condition. B. Across all environments, the fraction of natural variants compared to all variants that were beneficial, wildtype like, or deleterious. C. The fraction of natural variants compared to all variants that were environmentally responsive or tolerant in all environments. Categories were defined as in Figure 3B. D. Landscape model indicating that natural variants of Hsp90 tend to support robust growth under a variety of stress conditions.

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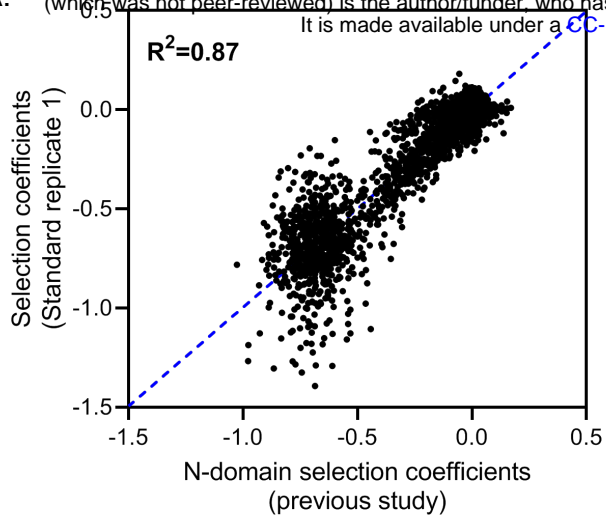
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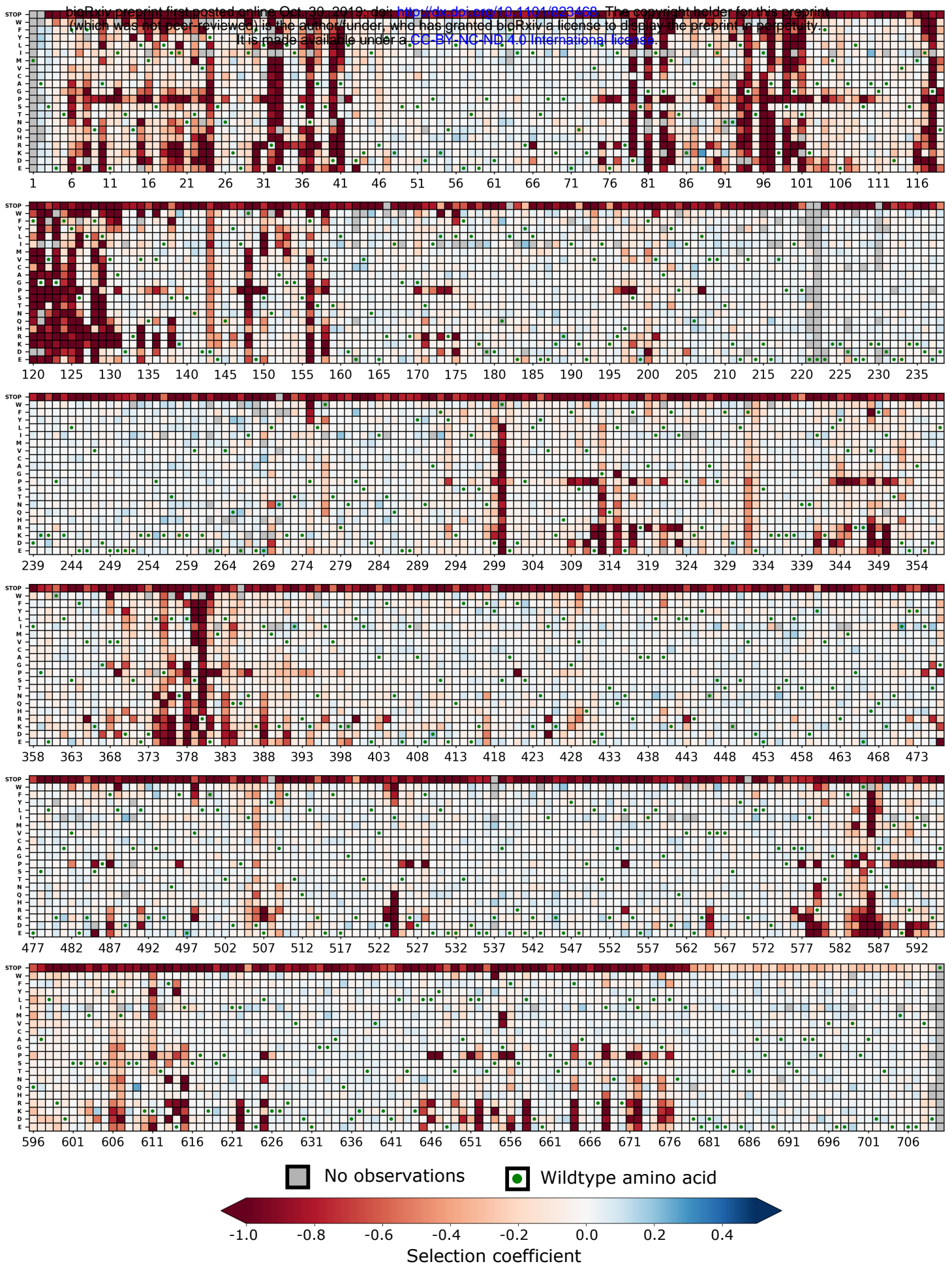
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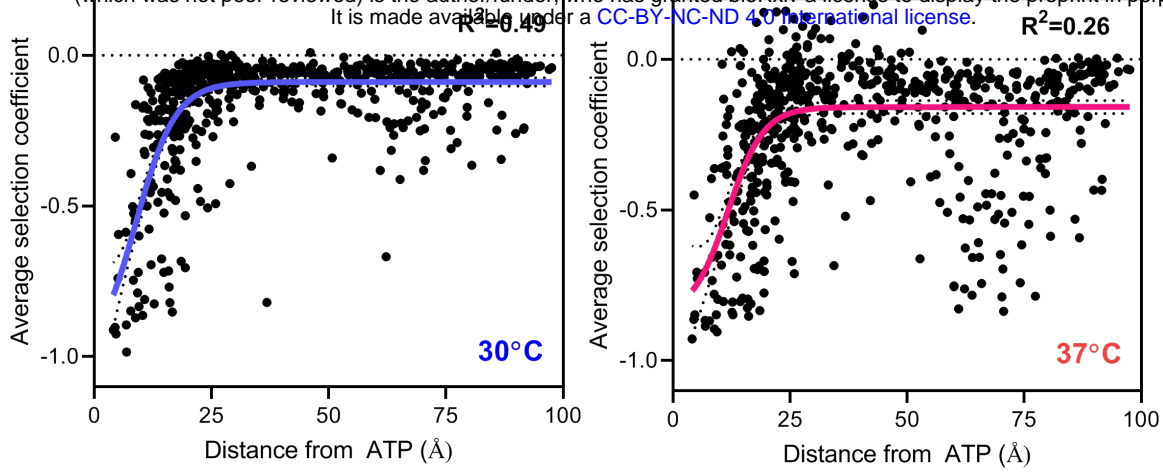
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B. Standard (30°C)



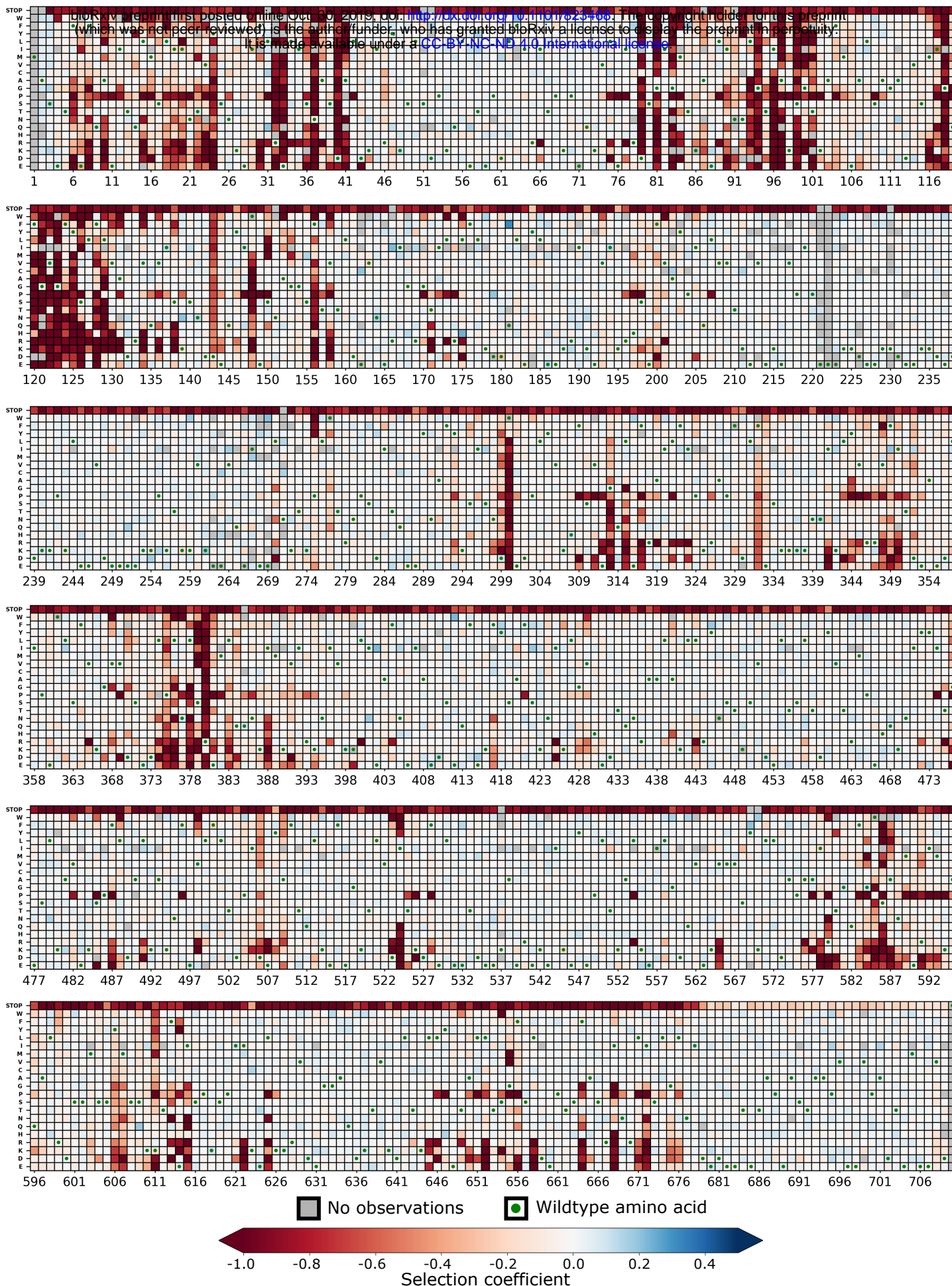
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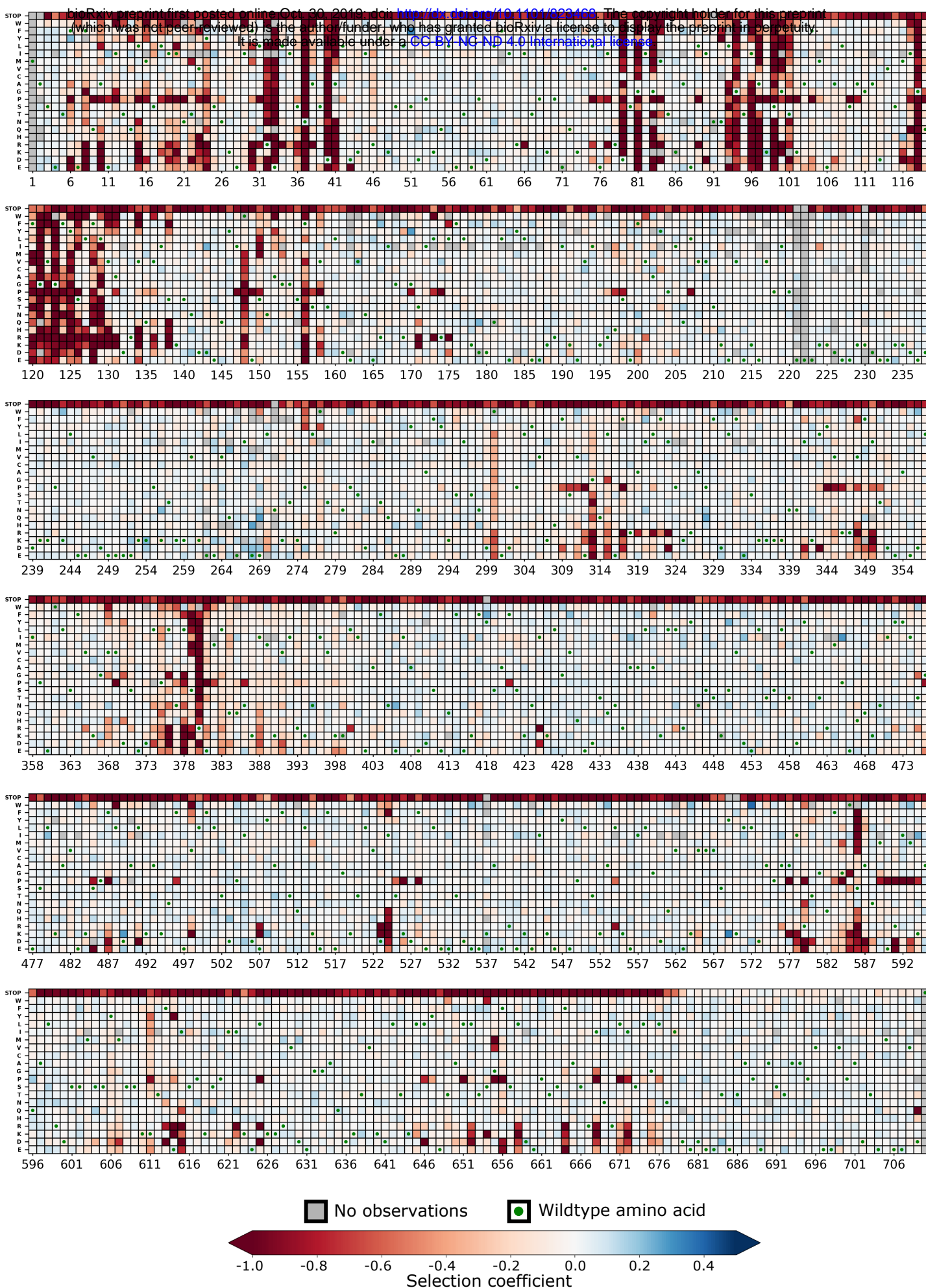
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A. Nitrogen Depletion



Supplementary Figure 2. Heatmap representation of the fitness map observed for single amino acid changes across amino acids 2-709 of Hsp90 in (A) nitrogen depletion, (B) high salt, (C) ethanol stress, (D) diamide, and (E) high temperature (37°C).

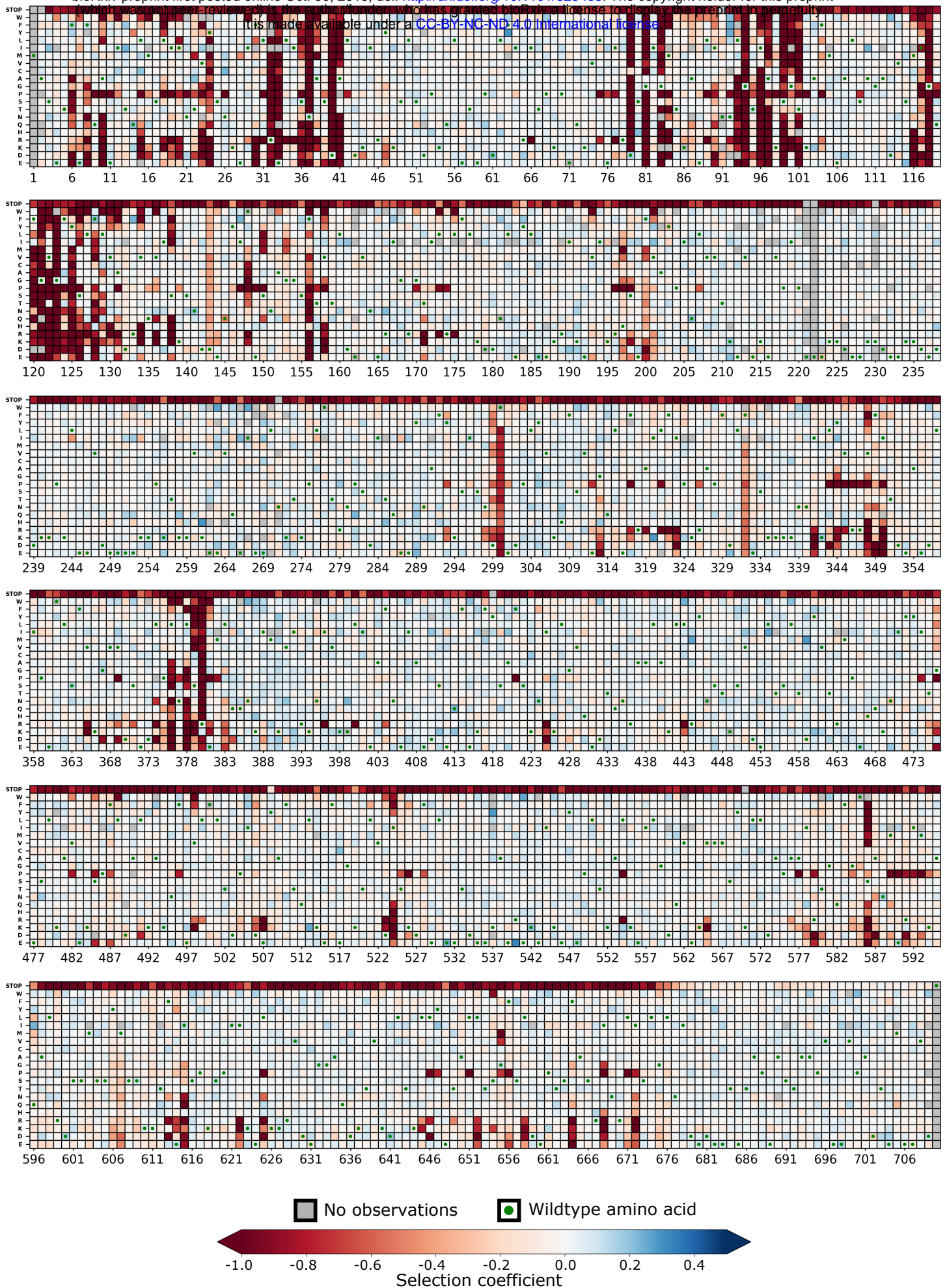
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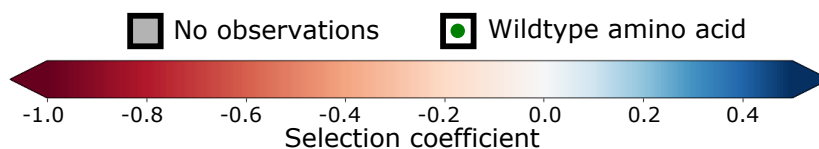
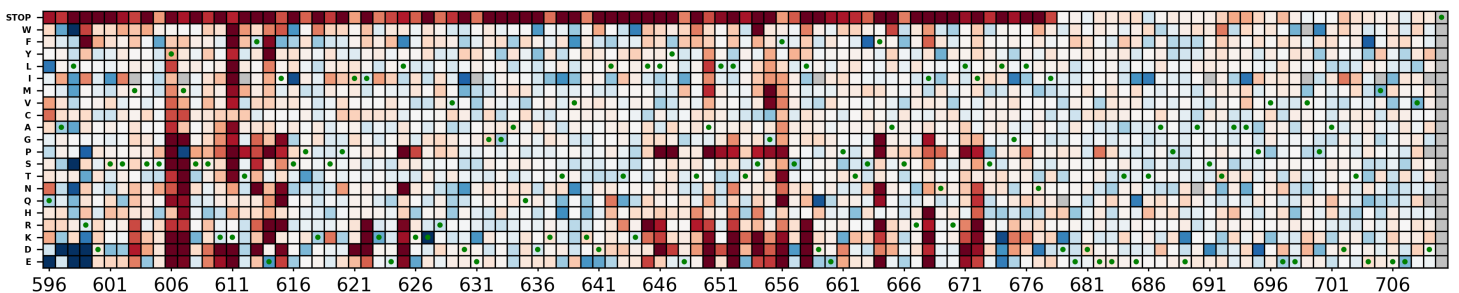
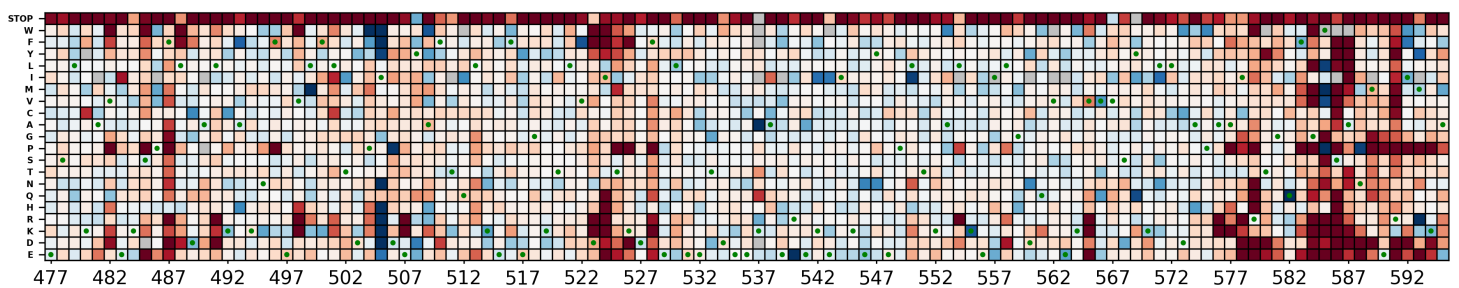
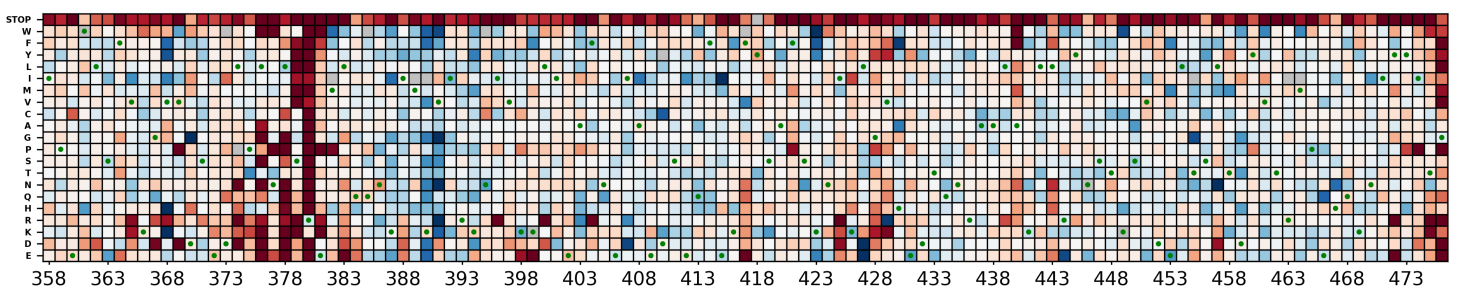
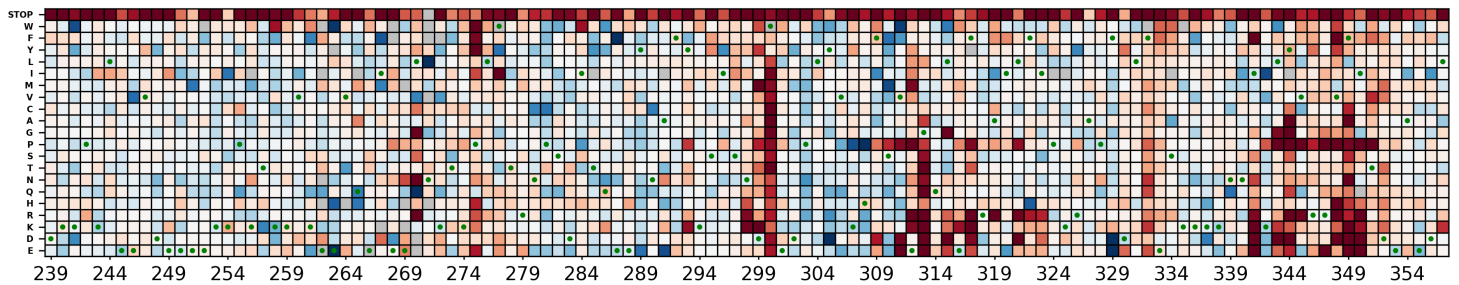
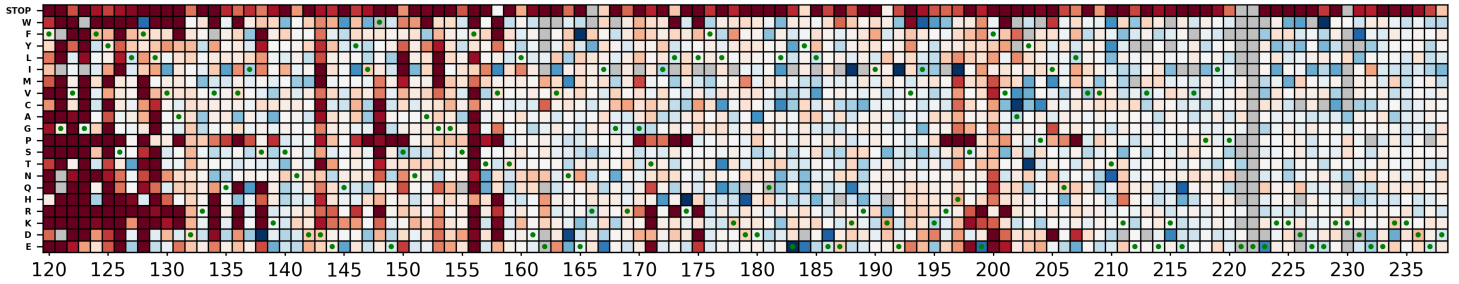
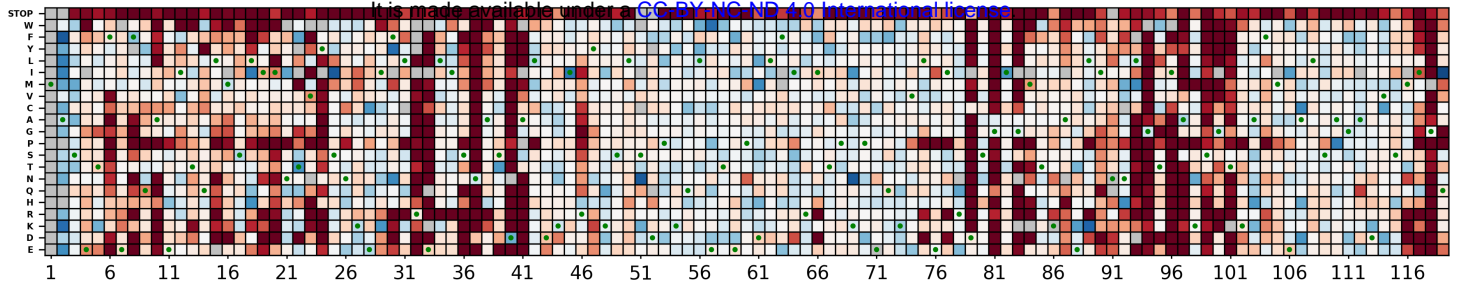
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D. Diamide

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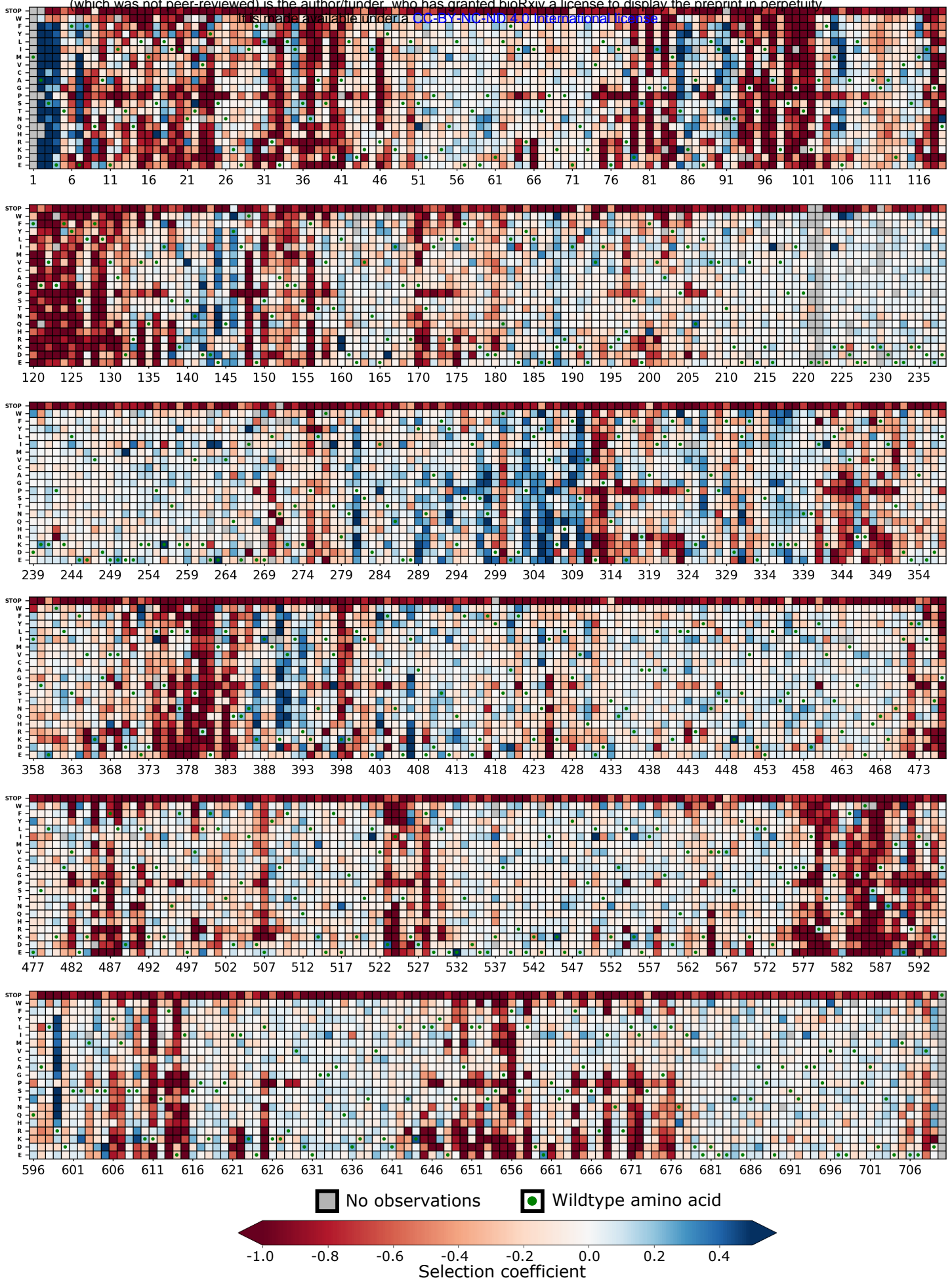
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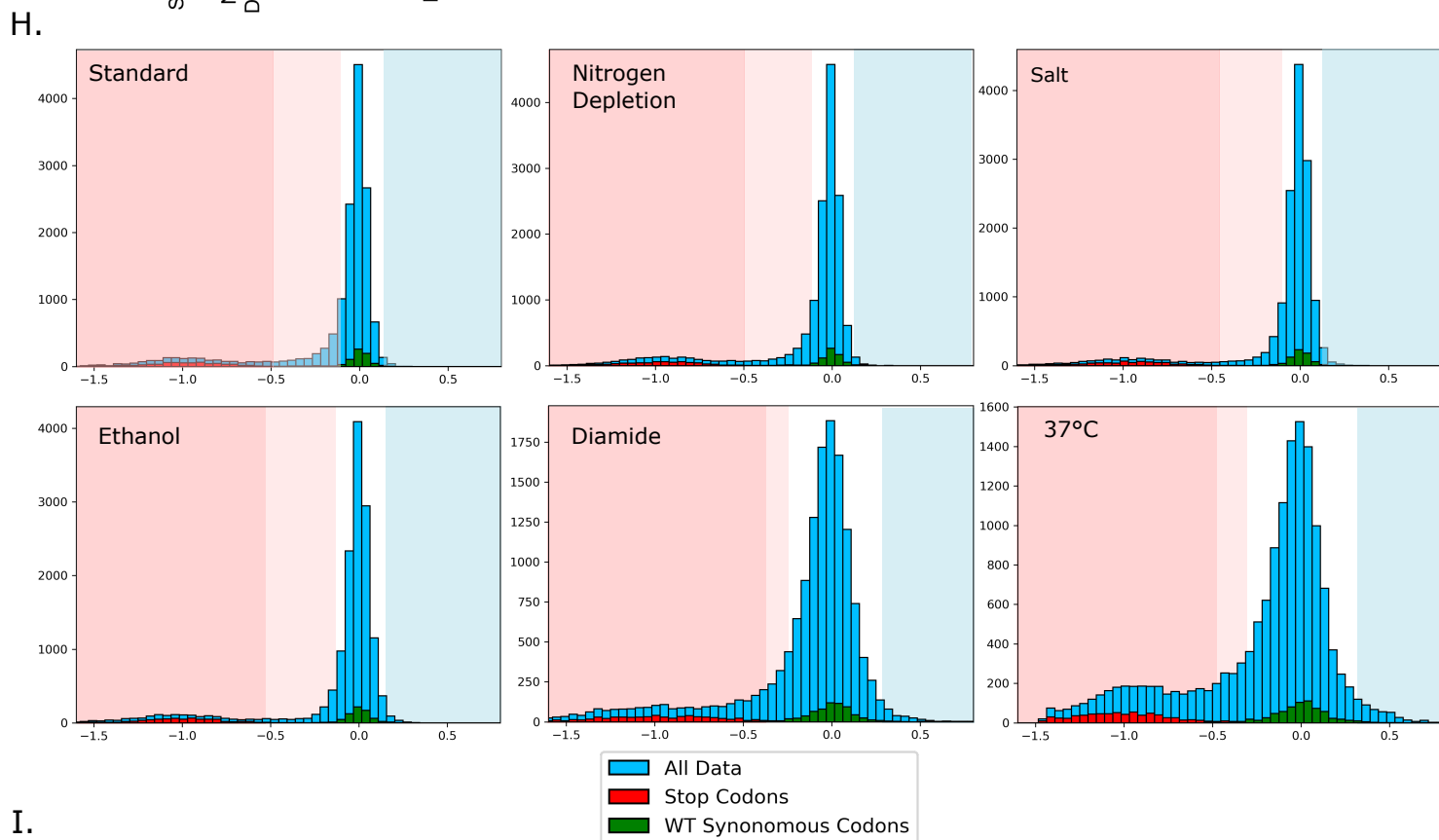
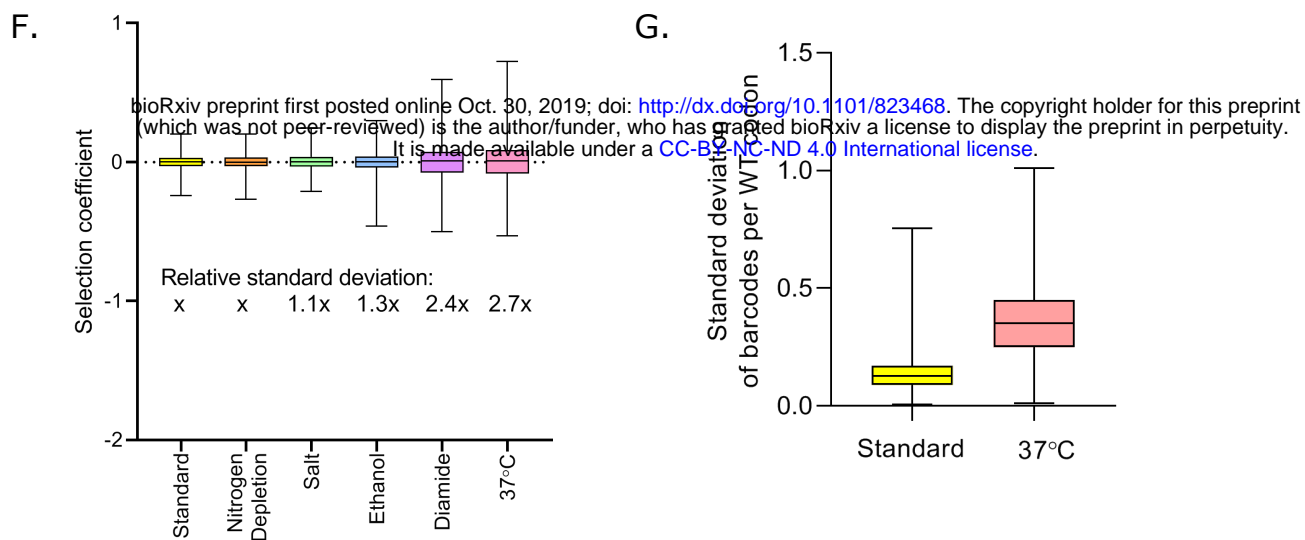


E. High temperature (37°C)

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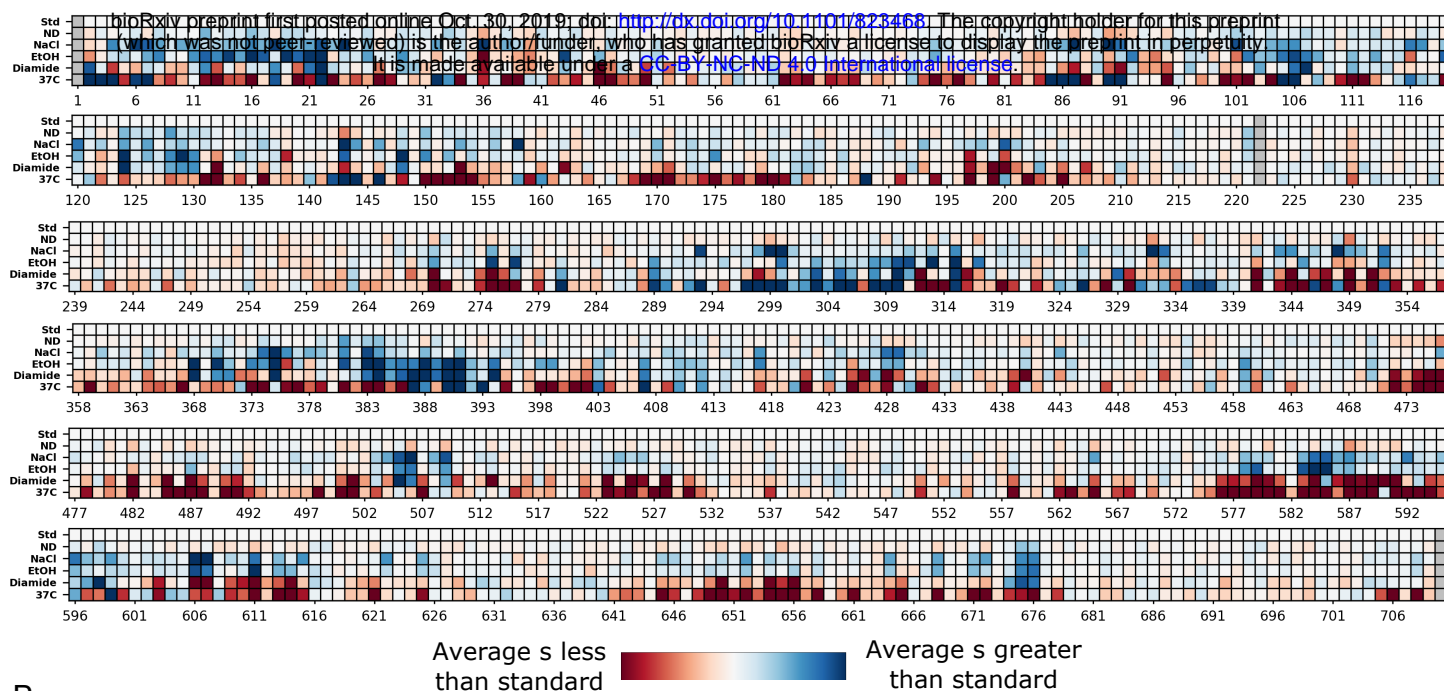
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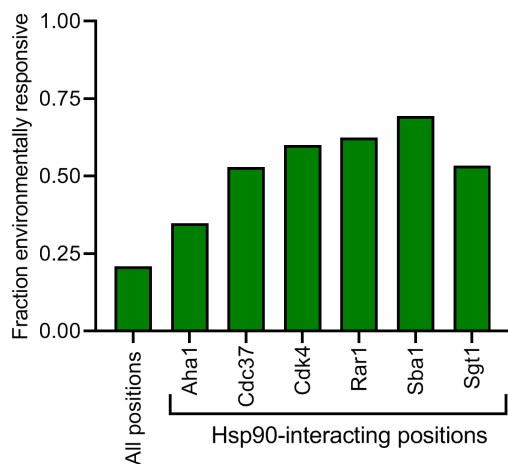


Supplementary Figure 2. F. The distribution of selection coefficients for the wildtype synonyms had greater variation in diamide and 37°C than in standard conditions. The standard of deviation of wildtype synonyms in each condition relative to standard conditions (x) is specified under the corresponding box. G. The variation of barcodes for each wildtype codon was higher at 37°C compared to standard conditions. H. Distribution of selection coefficients in each environmental condition. Mutations were categorized as beneficial (light blue shading), wildtype-like (white shading), intermediate (light pink shading) or deleterious (dark pink shading) based on the distribution of wildtype synonyms (green bars) and stop codons (red bars) in each condition. I. Distribution of the difference between selection coefficients of each mutation in each stress condition compared to the same mutation in standard conditions.

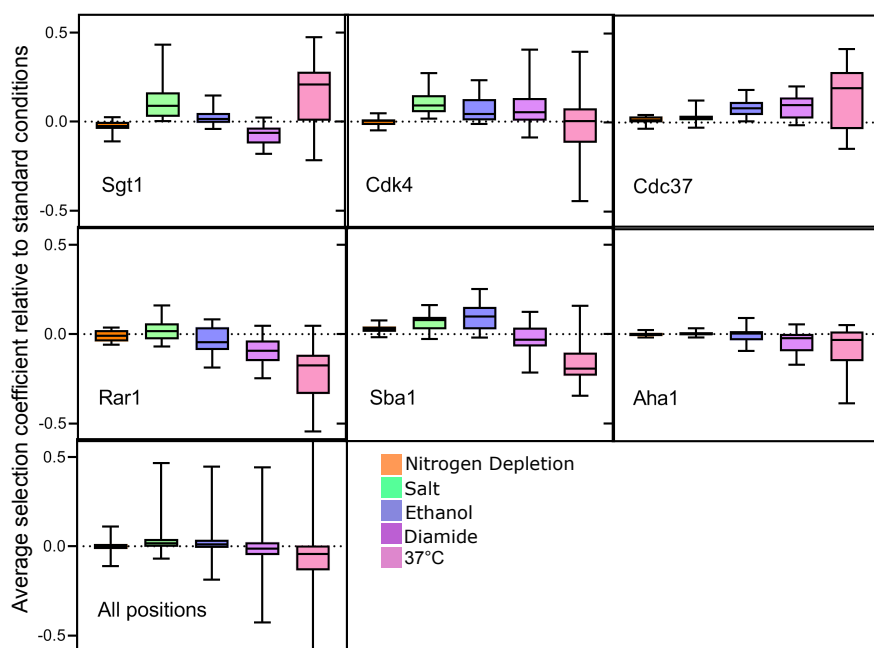
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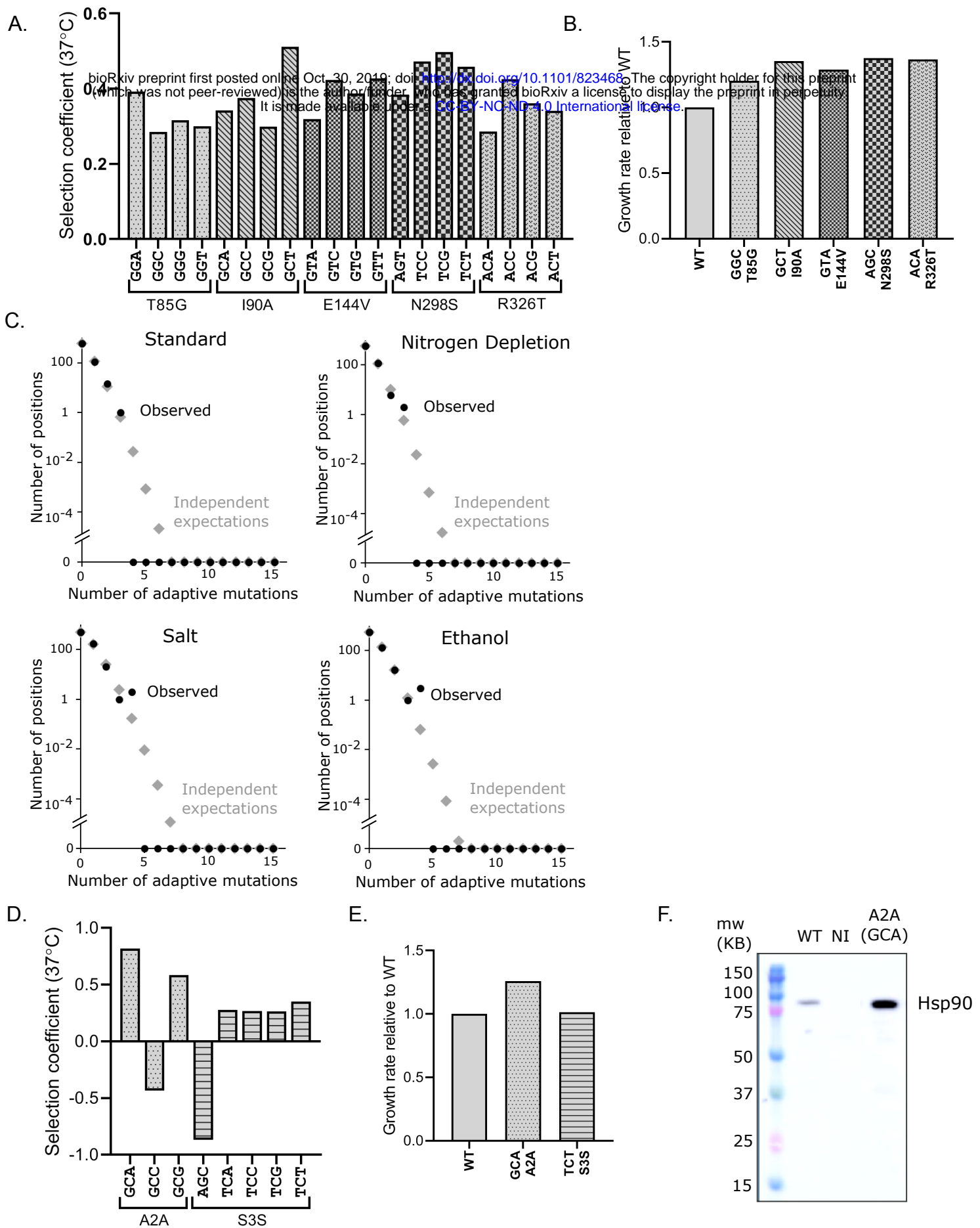
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Supplementary Figure 3. A. Heatmap representation of the average selection coefficient (excluding stops and wildtype synonyms) at each position in each environmental condition relative to the average standard selection coefficient at the same position in standard conditions. B. The fraction of Hsp90 positions at interfaces that were categorized as environmentally responsive. C. The average selection coefficient in each environment relative to standard at all the Hsp90 positions at each stated interface.



Supplementary Figure 5. A. Selection coefficients of synonymous codon variants for five amino acid mutants with beneficial selection coefficients at 37°C show high correlation. B. The same individual variants analyzed in isolation exhibit increased growth rates. C. Distribution of the number of beneficial mutations at the same position in standard, nitrogen depletion, high salt, and ethanol conditions. D. Selection coefficients for codon variants of synonymous mutants at the very N-terminus of Hsp90 show high variation. E. Individual synonymous mutant variants with beneficial selection coefficients exhibited increased growth rates. F. Individual synonymous mutant variants with beneficial selection coefficients exhibited higher cellular expression levels.