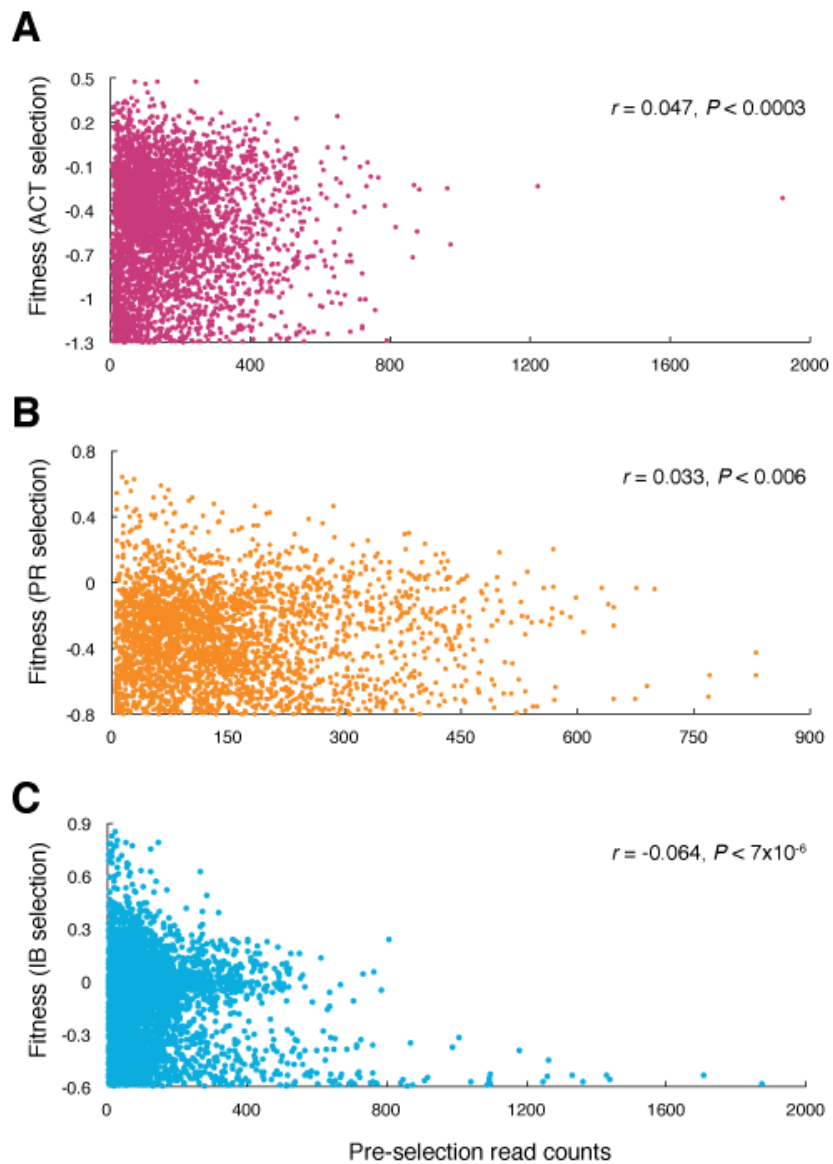


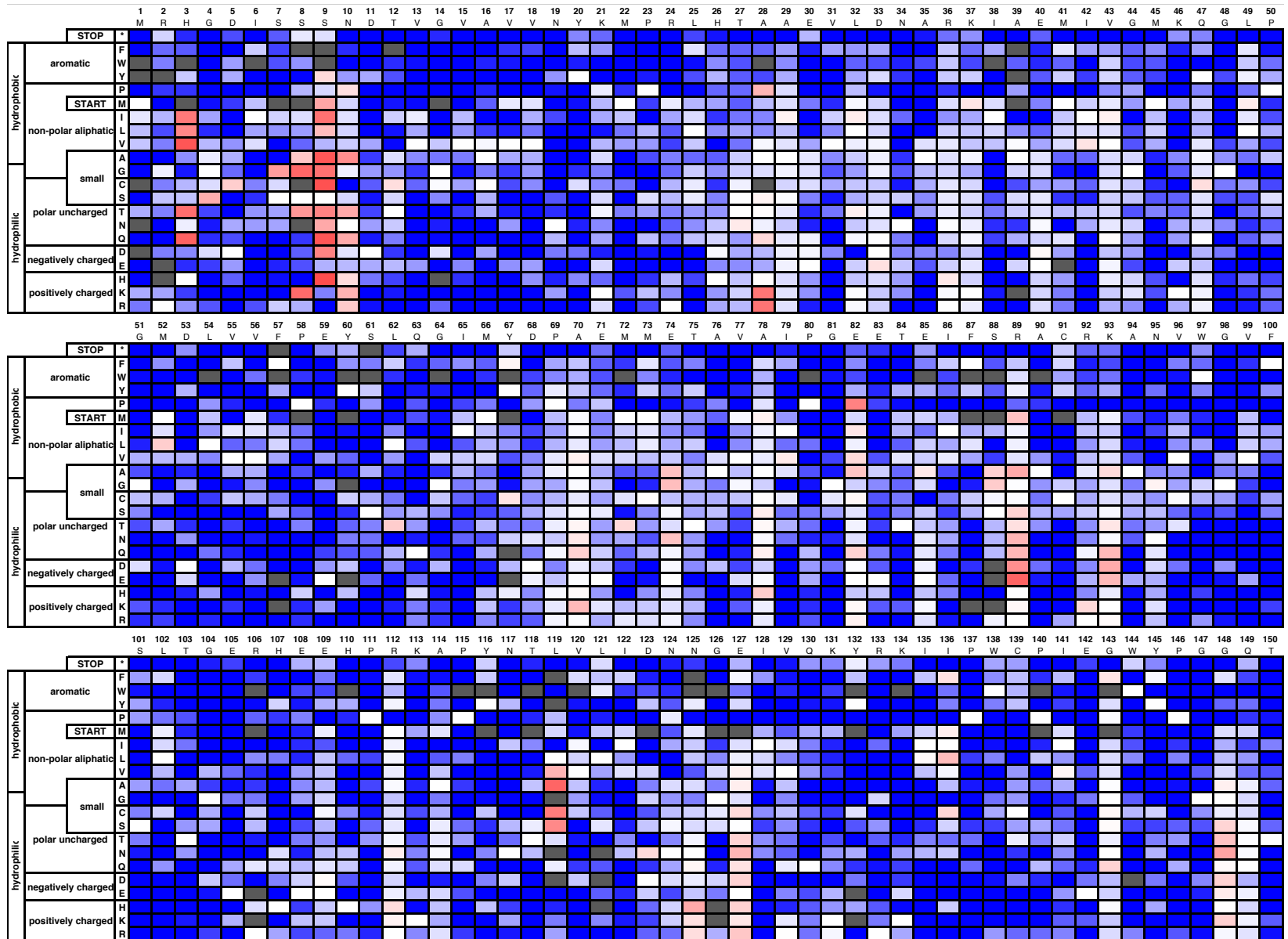
Supplementary Fig. 1

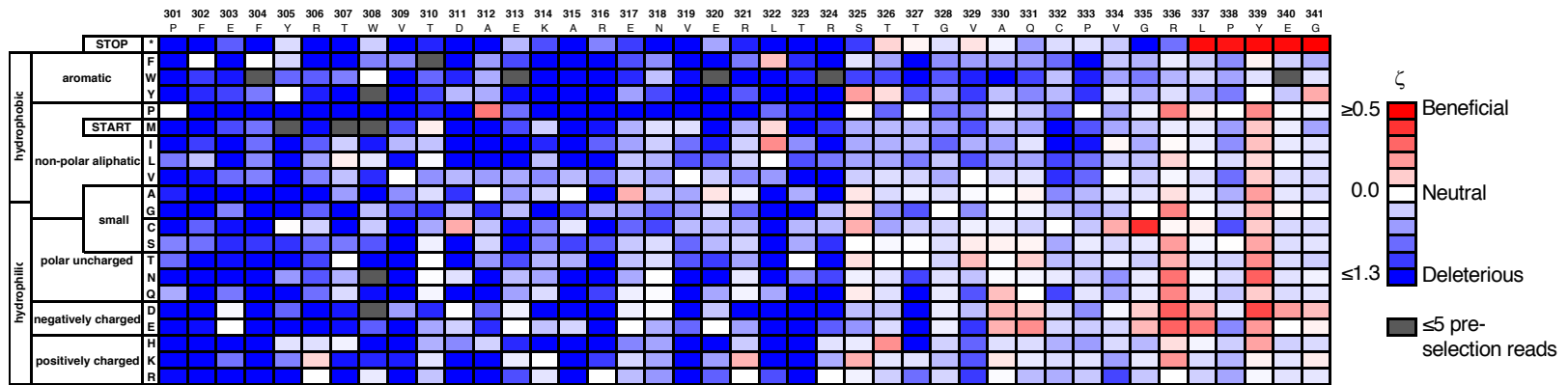
Frequency distribution of library member counts in the pre-selection libraries for A.) acetamide B.) propionamide and C.) isobutyramide. Vertical lines indicate median (red) and mean (blue) read coverage.



Supplementary Fig. 2

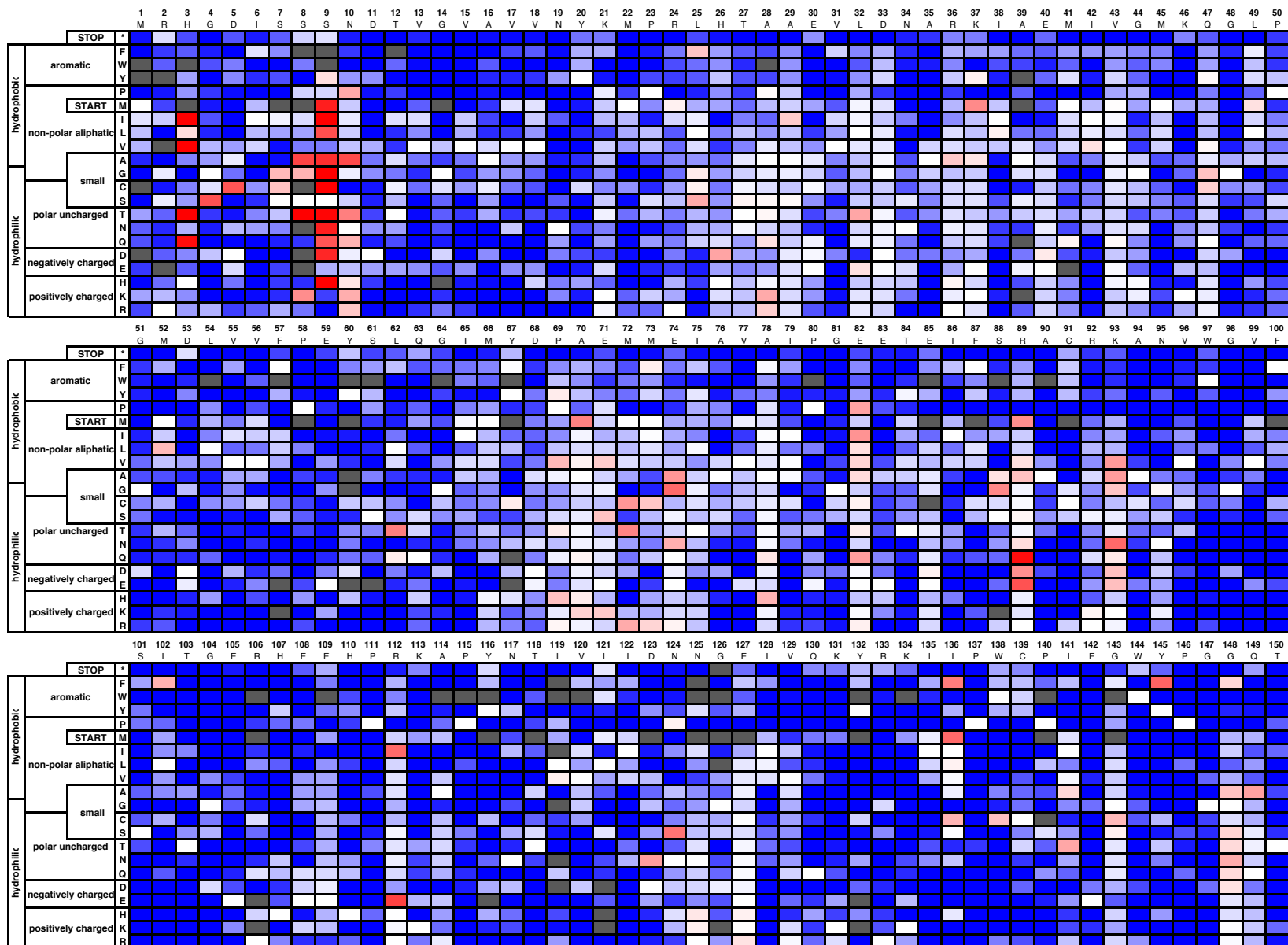
Fitness versus pre-selection read counts for each variant in the A.) acetamide B.) propionamide and C.) isobutyramide libraries. Variants with insignificant read counts ($n \leq 5$) and fitness metrics below the lower bounds were excluded from the analysis. Plots represent $n = 4037$, 3135, and 4969 variants. P-values for Pearson's product moment correlation coefficients were calculated using a two-tailed t-test.

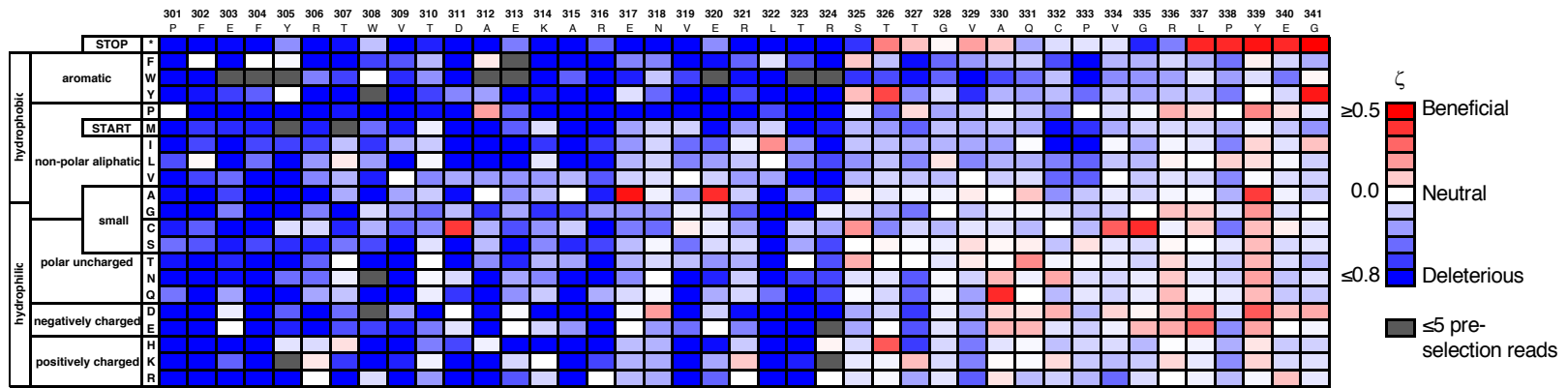




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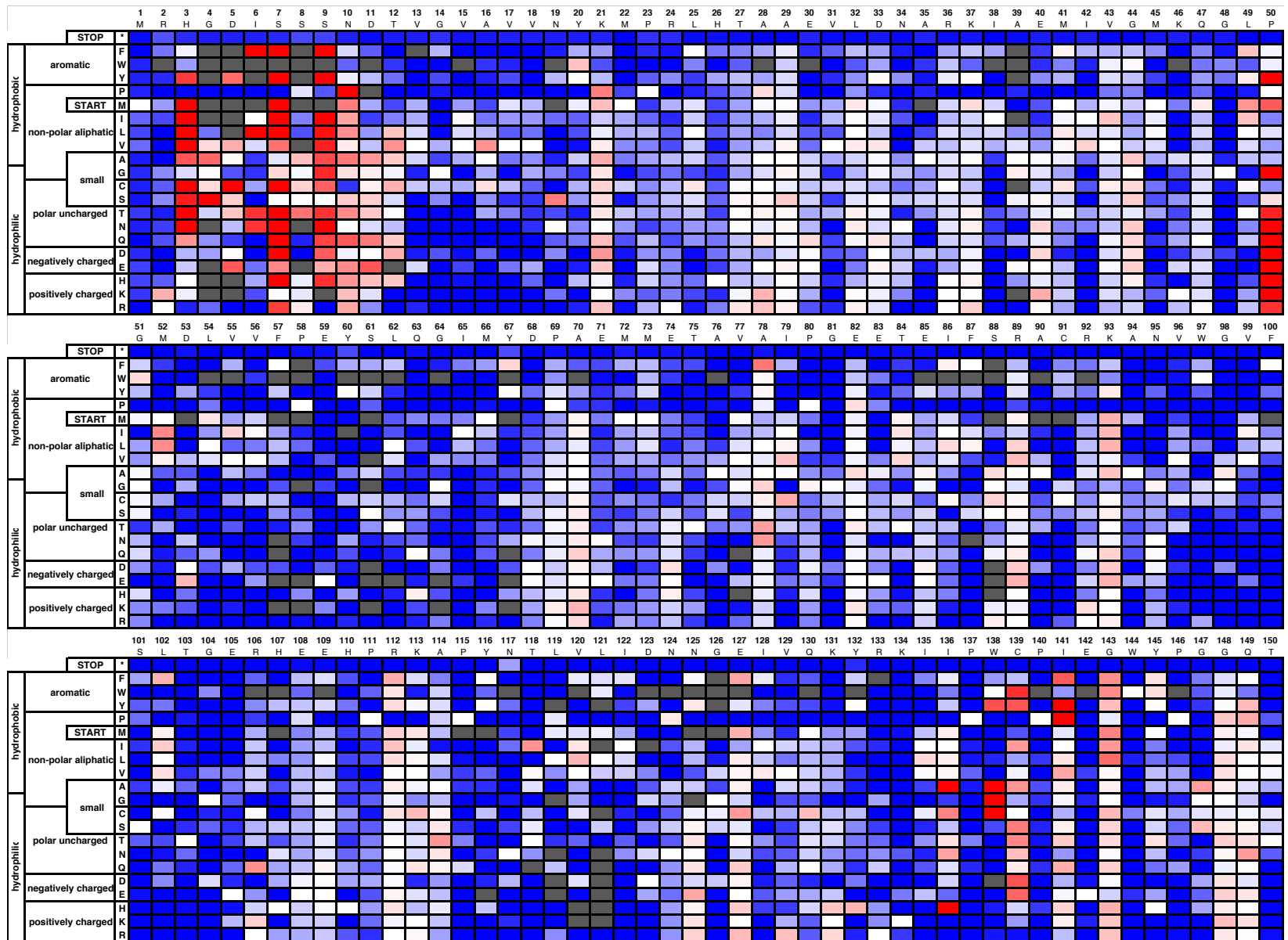
Fitness landscape for acetamide selection.

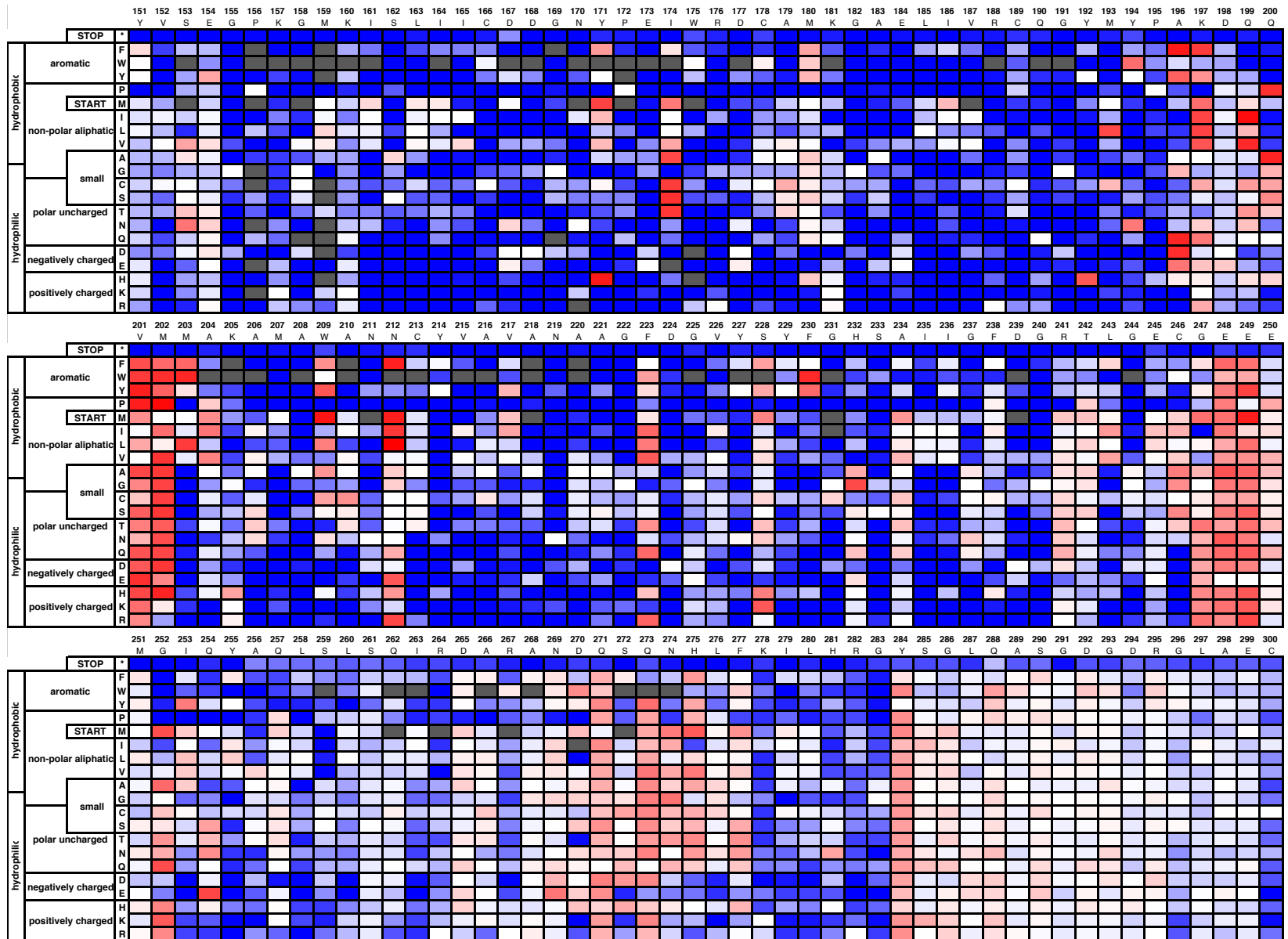


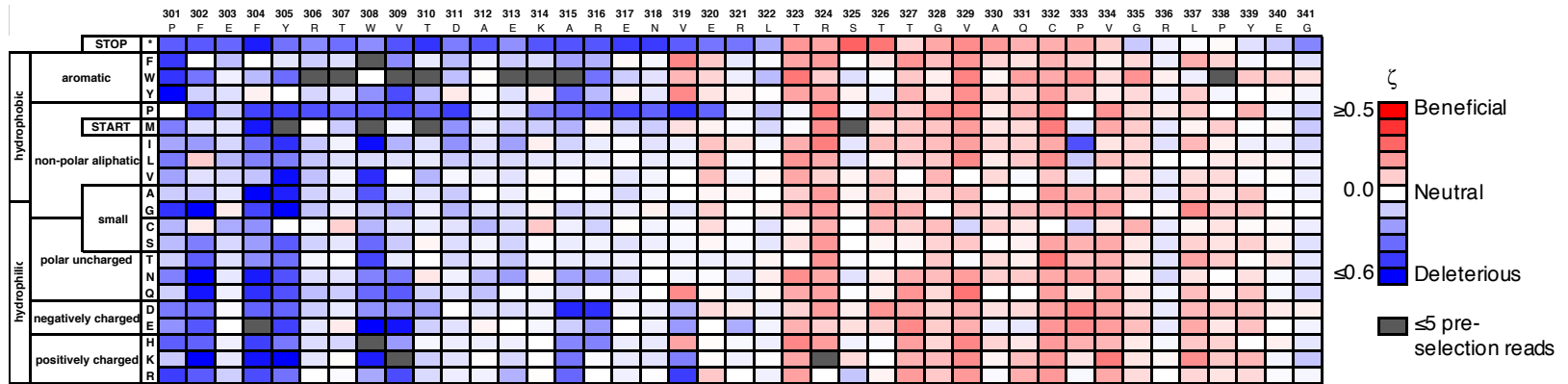


Supplementary Fig. 4

Fitness landscape for propionamide selection.

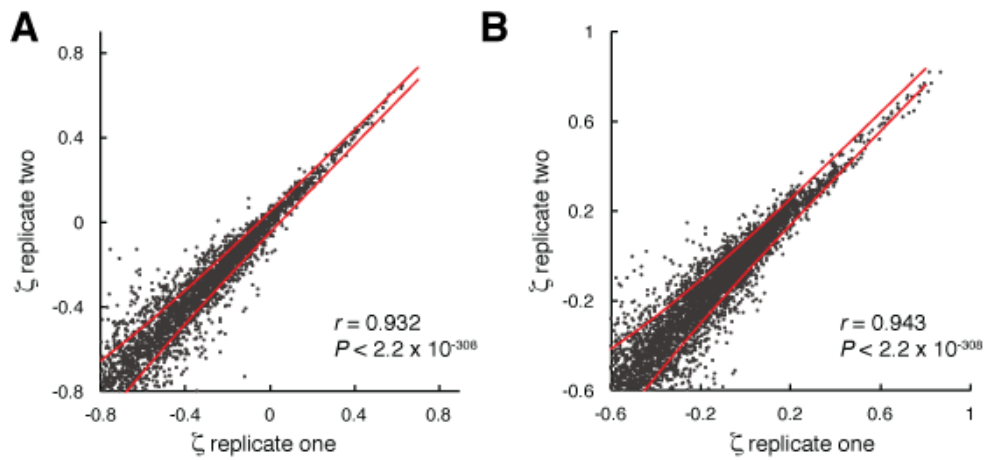






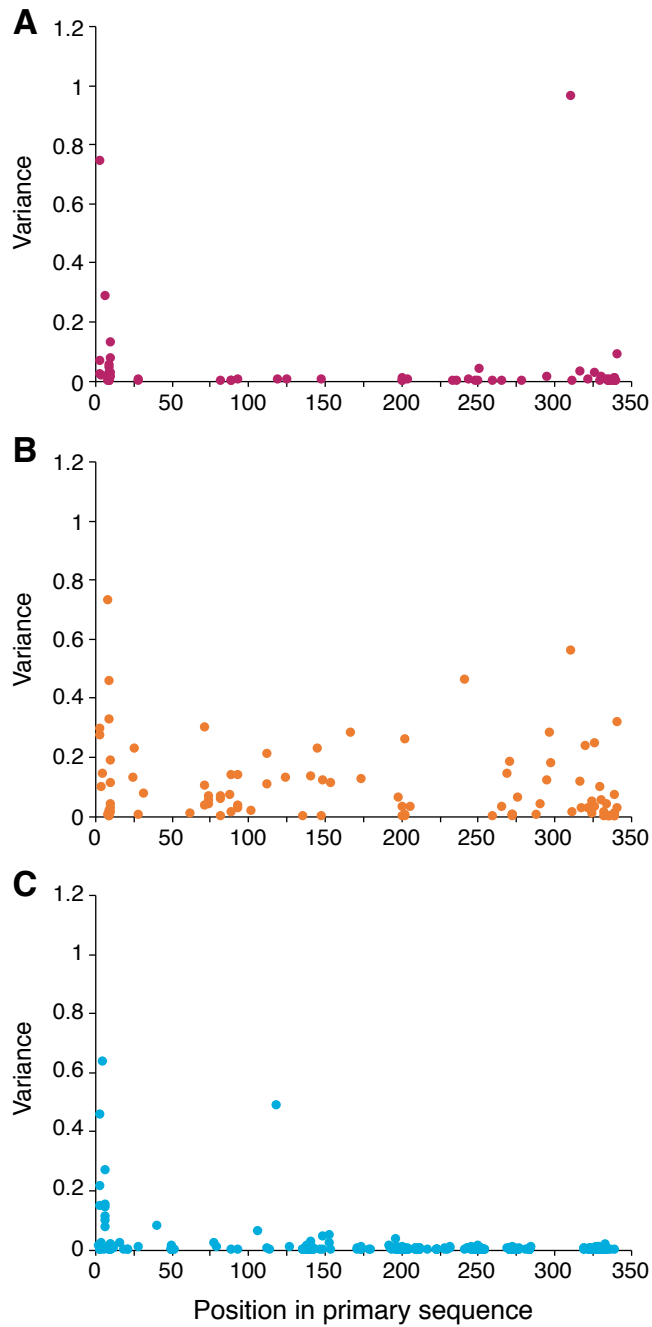
Supplementary Fig. 5

Fitness landscape for isobutyramide selection.



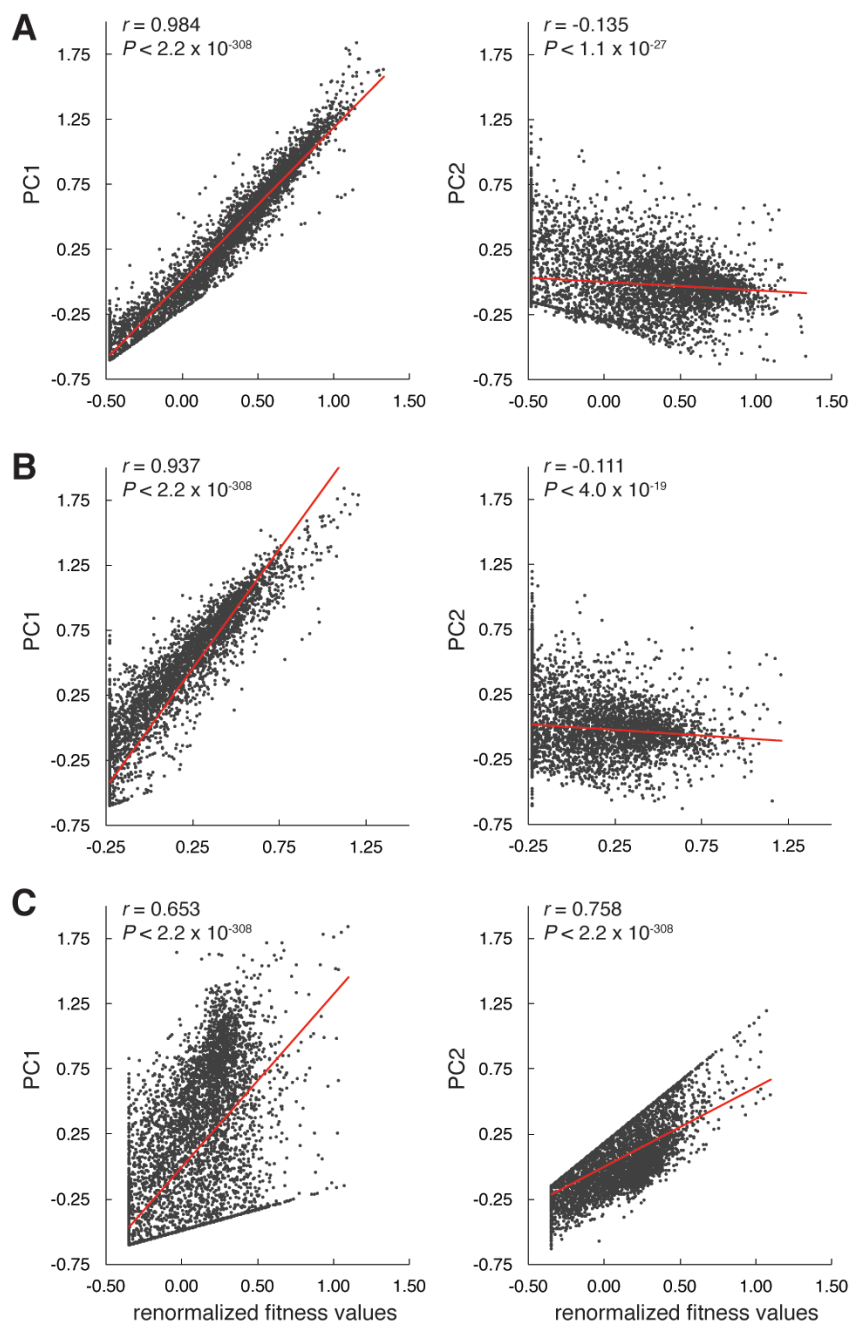
Supplementary Fig. 6

Fitness metrics from biological replicate growth selection experiments in A.) acetamide and B.) isobutyramide media. Plots represent $n = 3834$ and 4977 variants for panels A and B, respectively. Red lines indicate two standard deviations from theoretical error estimation¹. P-values for Pearson's product moment correlation coefficients were calculated using a two-tailed t-test.



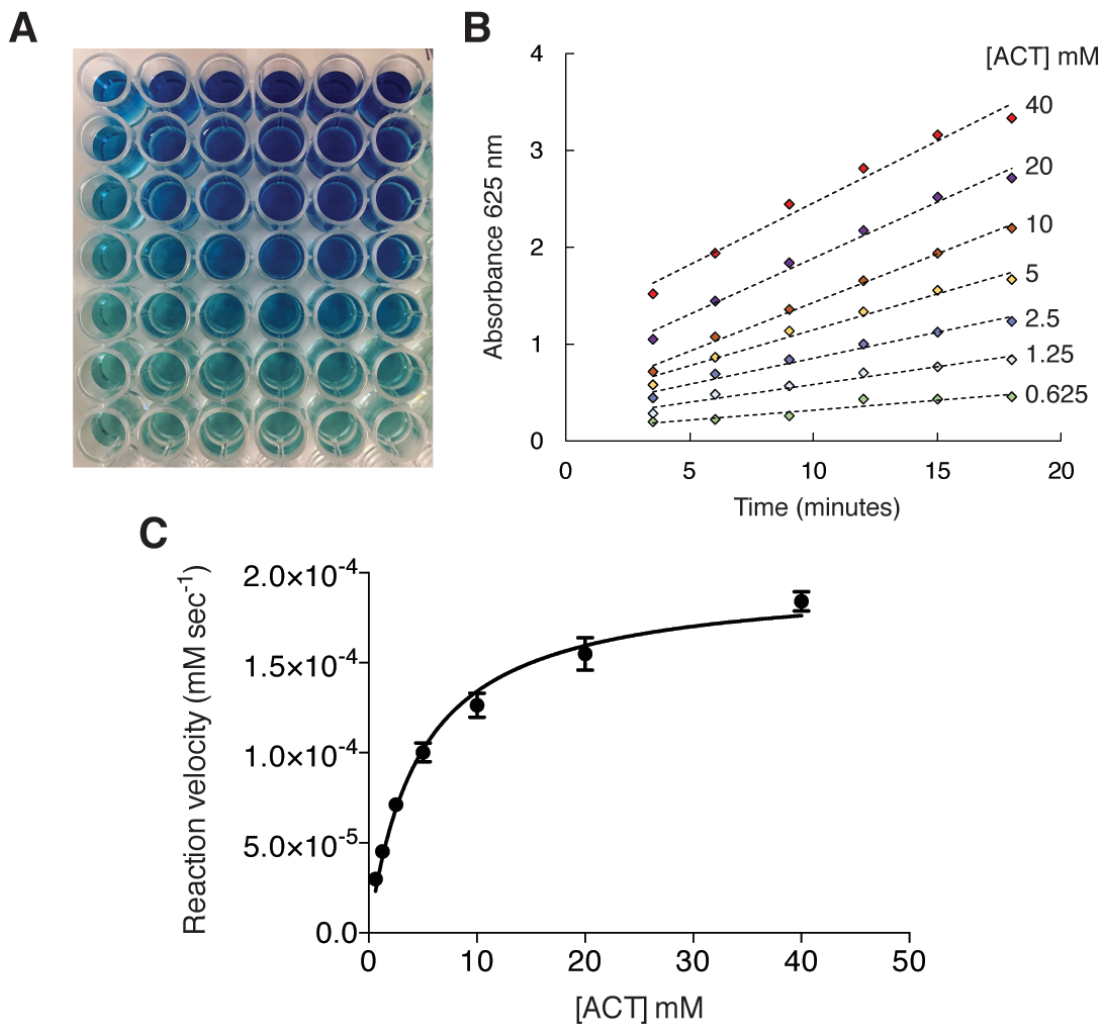
Supplementary Fig. 7

Variance of fitness metrics for synonymous codons of beneficial mutations ($\zeta > 0.15$) for the A.) acetamide B.) propionamide and C.) isobutyramide selections as a function of position in the primary sequence.



Supplementary Fig. 8

Principle component analysis of renormalized fitness values for A.) acetamide B.) propionamide and C.) isobutyramide selections. Fitness values were renormalized by subtracting the mean fitness (mean = -0.824, -0.575, -0.255 for acetamide, propionamide, and isobutyramide, respectively) from each variant. P-values for Pearson's product moment correlation coefficients were calculated using a two-tailed t-test.



Supplementary Fig. 9

amiE activity assay. A.) amiE activities were measured using a colorimetric Berthelot reaction^{2,3} for ammonia detection with phenol nitroprusside and alkaline hypochlorite. B.) Representative data for the amiE activity assay. Absorbance at 625 nm was measured at discrete time intervals for reactions containing one of seven concentrations of acetamide (ACT) and purified wild-type amiE. Reaction velocities were calculated by obtaining the slopes of each line. C.) Michaelis-Menten plot of wild-type amiE activity on acetamide substrate. Plot represents four independent measurements. Non-linear regression was performed using GraphPad Prism version 6 for Mac OS X, GraphPad Software, La Jolla California USA, www.graphpad.com.

Supplementary Table 1.

Constructs used in growth selections. ACT, PR, and IB = acetamide, propionamide, and isobutyramide selection media (see **Methods**). Promoters obtained from Bienick et al.³.

plasmid	selection media	promoter	-35 hexamer	-10 hexamer	RBS name	RBS sequence	$\mu_{S,wt} (hr^{-1})$ $\mu_{M9,wt} (hr^{-1})$ $\mu_{S,wt}/\mu_{M9,wt}$
pJK_proK17_amiE	ACT	proK17	TTCCCG	TAATAT	t7RBS	AGGAGA	0.60 ± 0.02
							0.65 ± 0.03
							0.92 ± 0.05
pEDA2_amiE	ACT	proK17	TTCCCG	TAATAT	kRBS3	AGTTTT	0.44 ± 0.04
							0.78 ± 0.03
							0.56 ± 0.06
pEDA2_amiE	PR	proK17	TTCCCG	TAATAT	kRBS3	AGTTTT	0.29 ± 0.06
							0.78 ± 0.03
							0.37 ± 0.08
pEDA6_amiE	IB	proK14	TGTACG	TAATAT	t7RBS	AGGAGA	0.36 ± 0.07
							0.66 ± 0.04
							0.54 ± 0.11

Supplementary Table 2.

Library coverage statistics for combined amiE libraries (replicate 1 and 2) used in the acetamide, propionamide, and isobutyramide selections. Raw sequencing reads were quality filtered using Enrich⁴.

	Acetamide selection	Propionamide selection	Isobutyramide selection
Pre-selection population DNA reads post quality filter	1,935,216	1,735,919	1,390,991
Post-selection population DNA reads post quality filter	7,738,122	3,236,744	2,831,599
Percent of possible codon substitutions observed:			
1-base substitution	100.0	100.0	100.0
2-base substitution	97.6	97.6	98.5
3-base substitution	95.7	95.6	97.2
All substitutions	97.1	97.1	98.1
Percent of reads in pre-selection library with:			
No nonsynonymous mutations	40.0	39.6	38.3
One nonsynonymous mutation	52.0	51.8	52.6
Multiple nonsynonymous mutations	8.0	8.7	9.1
Coverage of possible single nonsynonymous mutations:	97.2	97.2	96.3

Supplementary Table 3.

Isogenic growth and lysate flux data. Confidence intervals in error are given as 1 s.d. of at least 3 independent measurements.

variant	fitness metric (selection)	μ_i (hr ⁻¹)	μ_i/μ_{WT}	theoretical μ_i/μ_{WT}	lysate flux J_i/J_{WT} (mmol NH ₃ gDCW ⁻¹ hr ⁻¹)
wildtype	0.00 (ACT)	0.44 ± 0.04	1.00	1.00	0.15 ± 0.02
wildtype	0.00 (PR)	0.29 ± 0.06	1.00	1.00	*
wildtype	0.00 (IB)	0.36 ± 0.07	1.00	1.00	0.11 ± 0.01
S9A	0.33 (ACT)	0.68 ± 0.04	1.40 ± 0.08	1.26	nd
A28R	0.27 (ACT)	0.59 ± 0.03	1.44 ± 0.07	1.21	nd
L119A	0.30 (ACT)	0.66 ± 0.01	1.35 ± 0.03	1.23	1.98 ± 0.66
I136A	-0.07 (PR)	0.26 ± 0.00	0.78 ± 0.01	0.95	nd
I136A	0.52 (IB)	0.58 ± 0.00	1.31 ± 0.01	1.43	nd
I136H	-0.10 (PR)	0.33 ± 0.01	0.96 ± 0.02	0.94	nd
Q149A	0.19 (PR)	0.25 ± 0.00	0.88 ± 0.01	1.14	nd
I165C	0.25 (ACT)	0.62 ± 0.03	1.51 ± 0.08	1.19	nd
Y192V	-1.3 (ACT)	ng	nd		nd
V201M	0.12 (PR)	0.37 ± 0.01	1.09 ± 0.03	1.09	nd
V201M	0.22 (IB)	0.50 ± 0.00	1.29 ± 0.07	1.17	nd
V201T	0.20 (ACT)	0.52 ± 0.01	1.07 ± 0.02	1.15	2.08 ± 0.66
V201T	0.34 (PR)	0.39 ± 0.00	1.17 ± 0.01	1.27	nd
V201T	0.25 (IB)	0.56 ± 0.01	1.25 ± 0.02	1.19	1.9 ± 0.23
M203W	0.43 (IB)	0.61 ± 0.01	1.86 ± 0.07	1.34	0.69 ± 0.07
A234M	0.33 (ACT)	0.63 ± 0.01	1.29 ± 0.03	1.25	nd
A234M	0.15 (PR)	0.42 ± 0.01	1.25 ± 0.02	1.11	nd
A234M	0.21 (IB)	0.50 ± 0.01	1.14 ± 0.02	1.15	nd
I236Y	0.26 (ACT)	0.60 ± 0.00	1.22 ± 0.02	1.20	nd
Q273A	0.23 (IB)	0.59 ± 0.01	1.55 ± 0.09	1.17	nd

*error in measurements was prohibitively high for calculating ratios

nd = not determined

ng = no growth

Supplementary Table 4.

Pearson correlation analysis of mRNA model parameters calculated as in⁵ with codon fitness metrics obtained in this work. Analysis was restricted to variants with ≥ 50 pre-selection read counts.

			All codons		Codons 2-16		
		Term	<i>r</i>	p-value	<i>r</i>	p-value	
ACT		# of variants	6760		196		
	mRNA folding parameters	ΔG_{UH}	-0.022	0.073	-0.111	0.122	
		a_H	0.008	0.492	0.069	0.338	
		g_H	-0.003	0.814	-0.003	0.966	
		u_{3H}	0.012	0.325	0.163	0.022	
		$\pi(\theta_{wt})$	-0.022	0.069	0.219	0.002	
	Codon influence parameters	$\sum \beta_c f_c$	-0.033	0.007	0.301	0.000	
		s_{7-16}	0.031	0.010	0.247	0.000	
		s_{17-32}	-0.020	0.092	-	-	
		<i>r</i>	0.023	0.061	0.084	0.240	
	PR		# of variants	6193		161	
		mRNA folding parameters	ΔG_{UH}	-0.0293	0.021	-0.1421	0.071
			a_H	0.0036	0.777	0.0625	0.429
			g_H	-0.0131	0.303	-0.0641	0.418
u_{3H}			-0.0061	0.630	0.1002	0.205	
		$\pi(\theta_{wt})$	-0.0131	0.303	0.2256	0.004	
Codon influence parameters		$\sum \beta_c f_c$	-0.0087	0.496	0.2795	0.000	
		s_{7-16}	0.0245	0.054	0.3097	0.000	
		s_{17-32}	-0.0147	0.248	-	-	
		<i>r</i>	0.0131	0.304	0.1038	0.189	
IB			# of variants	2975		43	
		mRNA folding parameters	ΔG_{UH}	0.015	0.407	-0.025	0.874
			a_H	0.097	0.000	0.275	0.071
			g_H	-0.066	0.000	-0.161	0.297
	u_{3H}		0.088	0.000	0.162	0.295	
		$\pi(\theta_{wt})$	0.044	0.017	0.064	0.678	
	Codon influence parameters	$\sum \beta_c f_c$	-0.048	0.008	-0.224	0.143	
		s_{7-16}	0.028	0.125	-0.303	0.045	
		s_{17-32}	-0.016	0.392	-	-	
		<i>r</i>	-0.015	0.402	-0.012	0.936	

Supplementary Table 5.

Gene amplification primers used to prepare samples for deep sequencing.

Gene amplification: inner primers	
Fwd_Tile1_amiE	gttcagagttctacagtcgacga cttaacttaagaagttttatacat
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Fwd_Tile2_amiE	gttcagagttctacagtcgacga tcggcgaagaaacggaa
Fwd_Tile3_amiE	gttcagagttctacagtcgacga tcctgcatgacggtaat
Fwd_Tile4_amiE	gttcagagttctacagtcgacga caagaaatgggcattcaatac
Rev_Tile1_amiE	ccttggcaccgagaattcca aa gcacggctaaagat
Rev_Tile2_amiE	ccttggcaccgagaattcca ct ctccaaatttccggata
Rev_Tile3_amiE	ccttggcaccgagaattcca ca gagacaactgcgc
Rev_Tile4_amiE	ccttggcaccgagaattcca tg tggtgctcgag
blue = Illumina sequencing primer; black = gene overlap	
Gene amplification: outer primers	
Illumina_FWD	aatgatacggcgaccaccgagatctacac gttcagagttctacagtcgga
Primer (selection, sample)	
RPI41 (ACT, T1-1)	caagcagaagacggcatacagagat GTCGTCgtgactggagttccttggcaccgagaattcca
RPI38 (ACT, T1-2)	caagcagaagacggcatacagagat AGCTAGgtgactggagttccttggcaccgagaattcca
RPI33 (ACT, T2-1)	caagcagaagacggcatacagagat CGCCTGgtgactggagttccttggcaccgagaattcca
RPI34 (ACT, T2-2)	caagcagaagacggcatacagagat GCCATGgtgactggagttccttggcaccgagaattcca
RPI43 (ACT, T3-1)	caagcagaagacggcatacagagat GCTGTAgtgactggagttccttggcaccgagaattcca
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RPI44 (ACT, T4-1)	caagcagaagacggcatacagagat ATTATAgtgactggagttccttggcaccgagaattcca
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RPI22 (ACT, T2U)	caagcagaagacggcatacagagat CGTACGgtgactggagttccttggcaccgagaattcca
RPI39 (ACT, T3U)	caagcagaagacggcatacagagat GTATAGgtgactggagttccttggcaccgagaattcca
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RPI26 (PR, T1-2)	caagcagaagacggcatacagagat GCTCATgtgactggagttccttggcaccgagaattcca
RPI27 (PR, T2-1)	caagcagaagacggcatacagagat AGGAATgtgactggagttccttggcaccgagaattcca
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red = Illumina adapter sequence; BOLD = barcode; blue = Illumina sequencing primer	

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