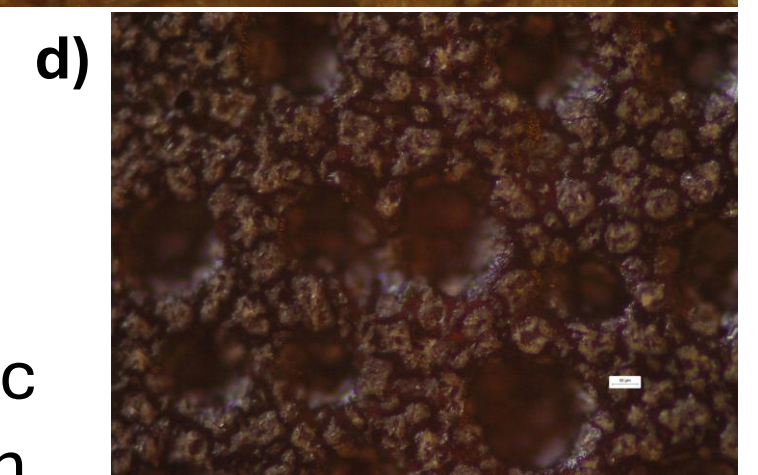
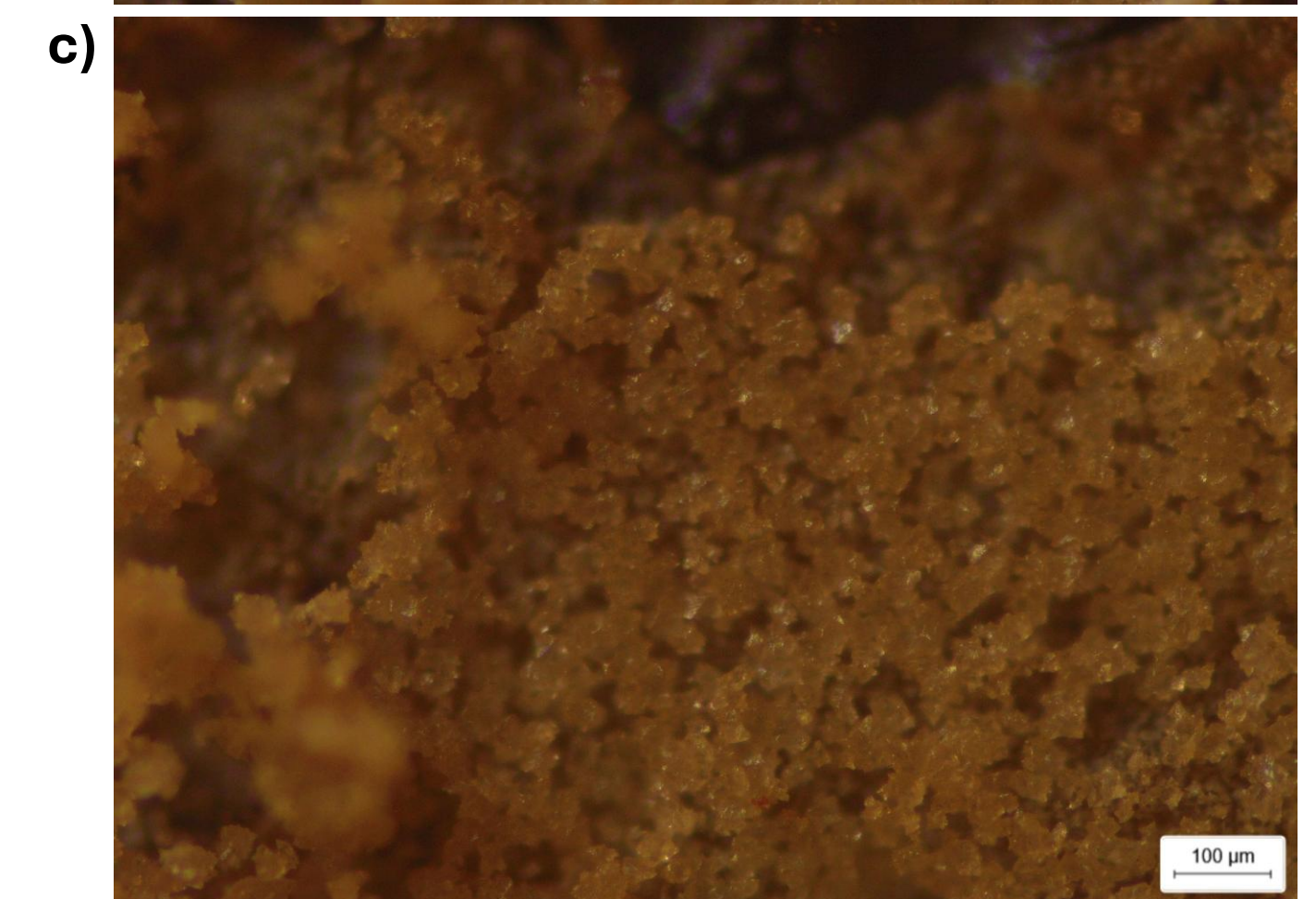
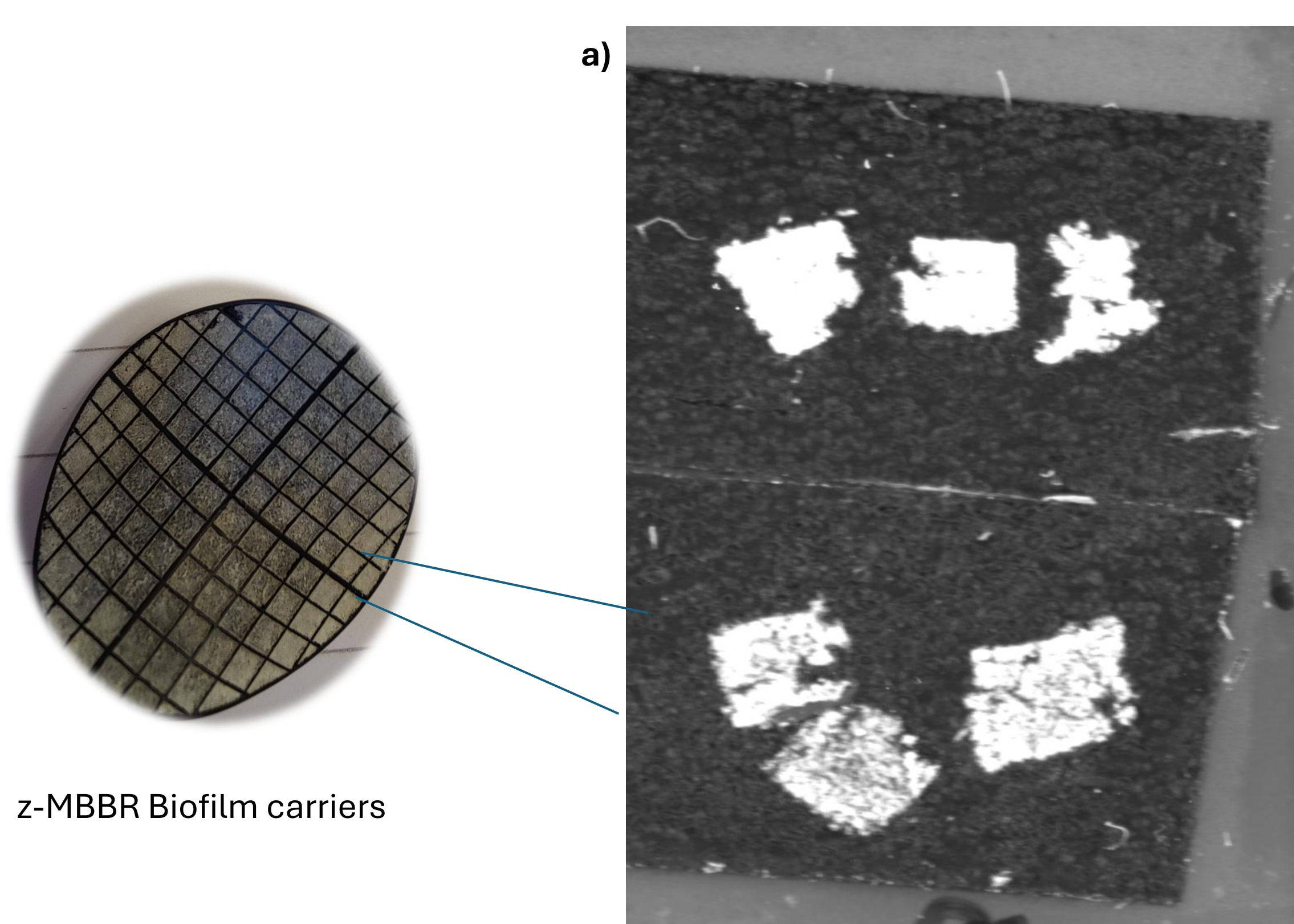


# **Spatial Mapping of Benzalkonium Biotransformation Pathways in Wastewater Biofilms**

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## **Supplementary Figures**





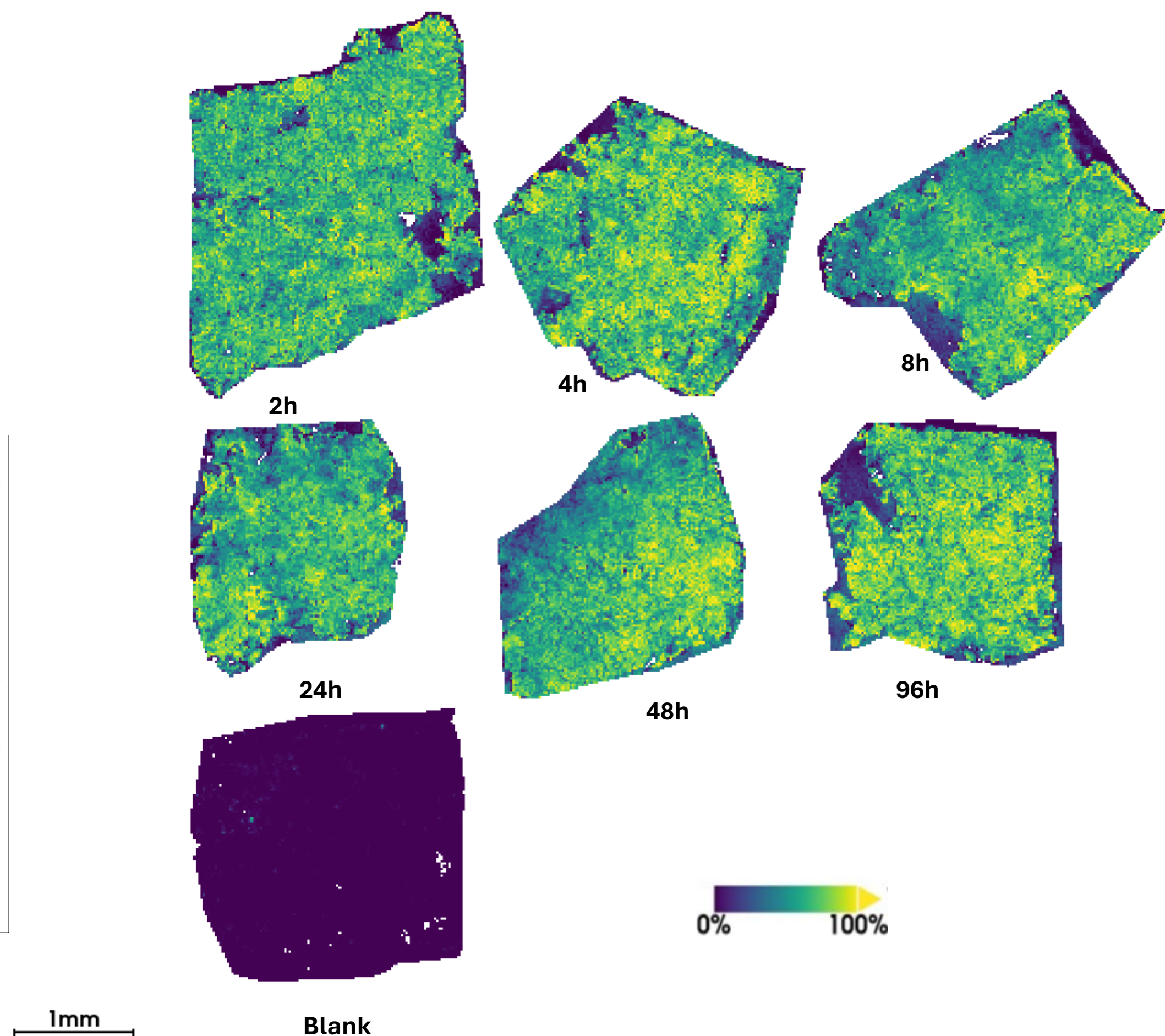
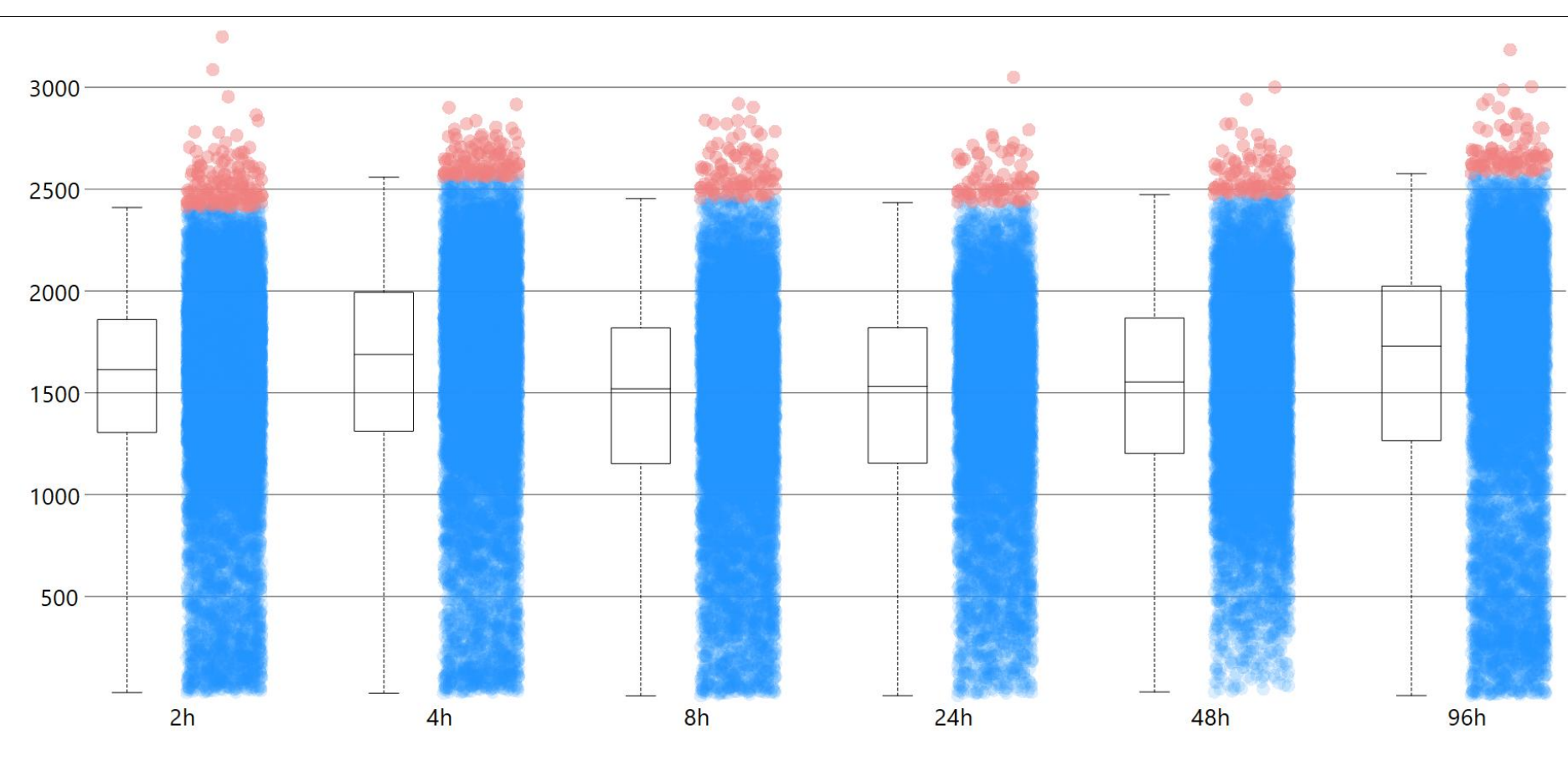
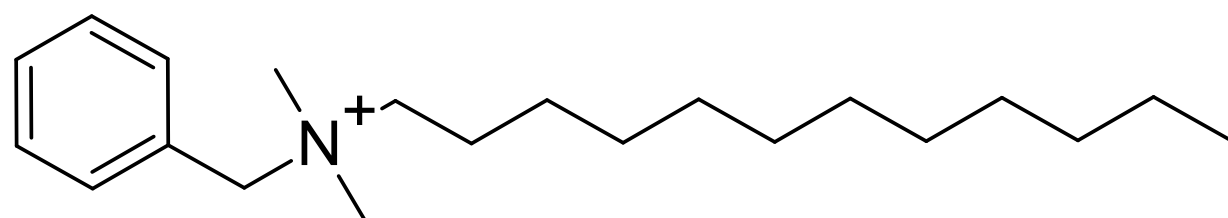
**Supplementary Fig. 1** a) Biofilms mounted on ITO slides using conductive carbon tape. b) Microscopic images of a biofilm region (10x magnification) removed from MBBR carriers and desiccated, c) a biofilm image after application of MALDI matrix, d) MALDI laser ablation marks post MS imaging data acquisition.



**BAC12**

C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>38</sub>N

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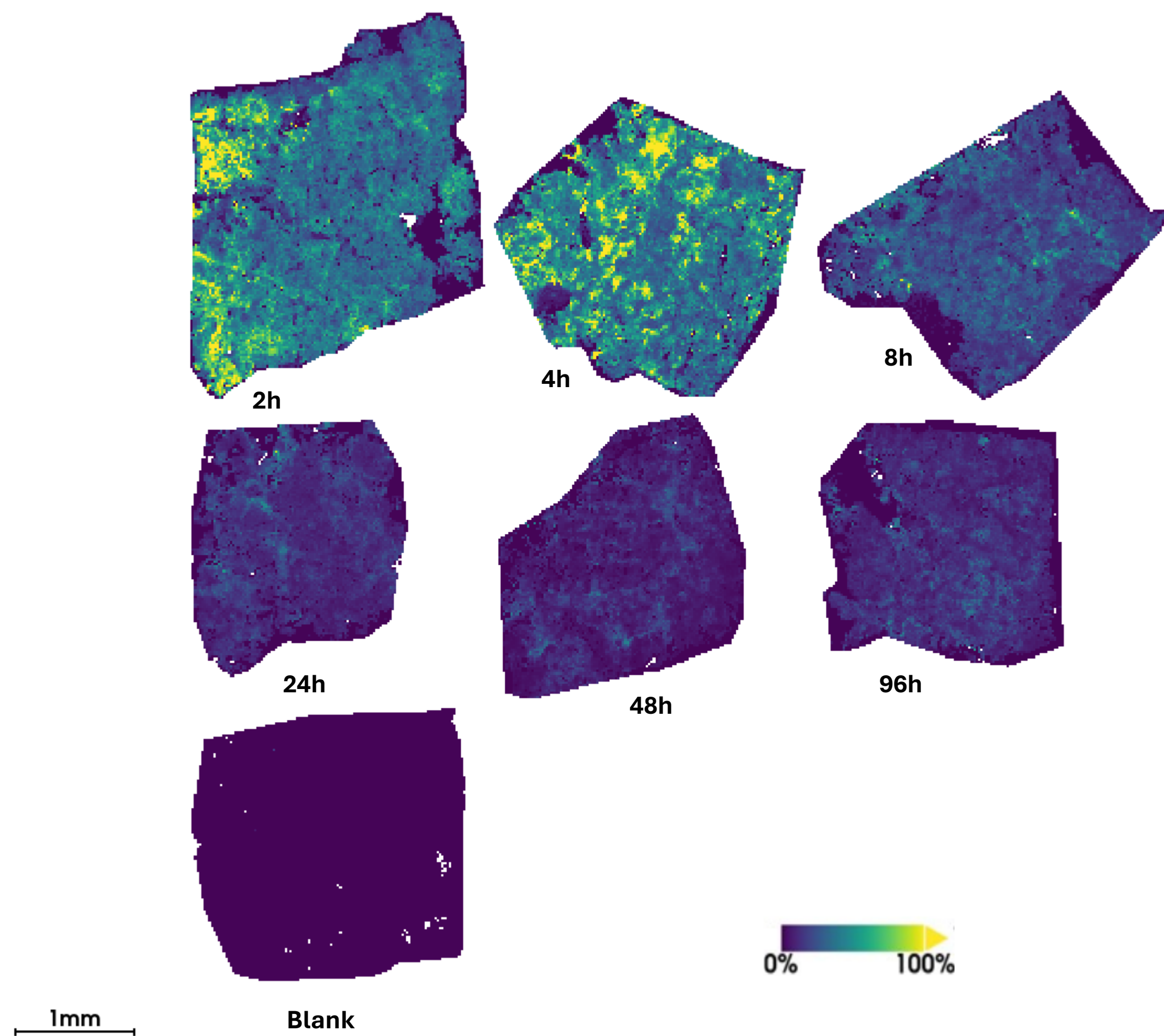
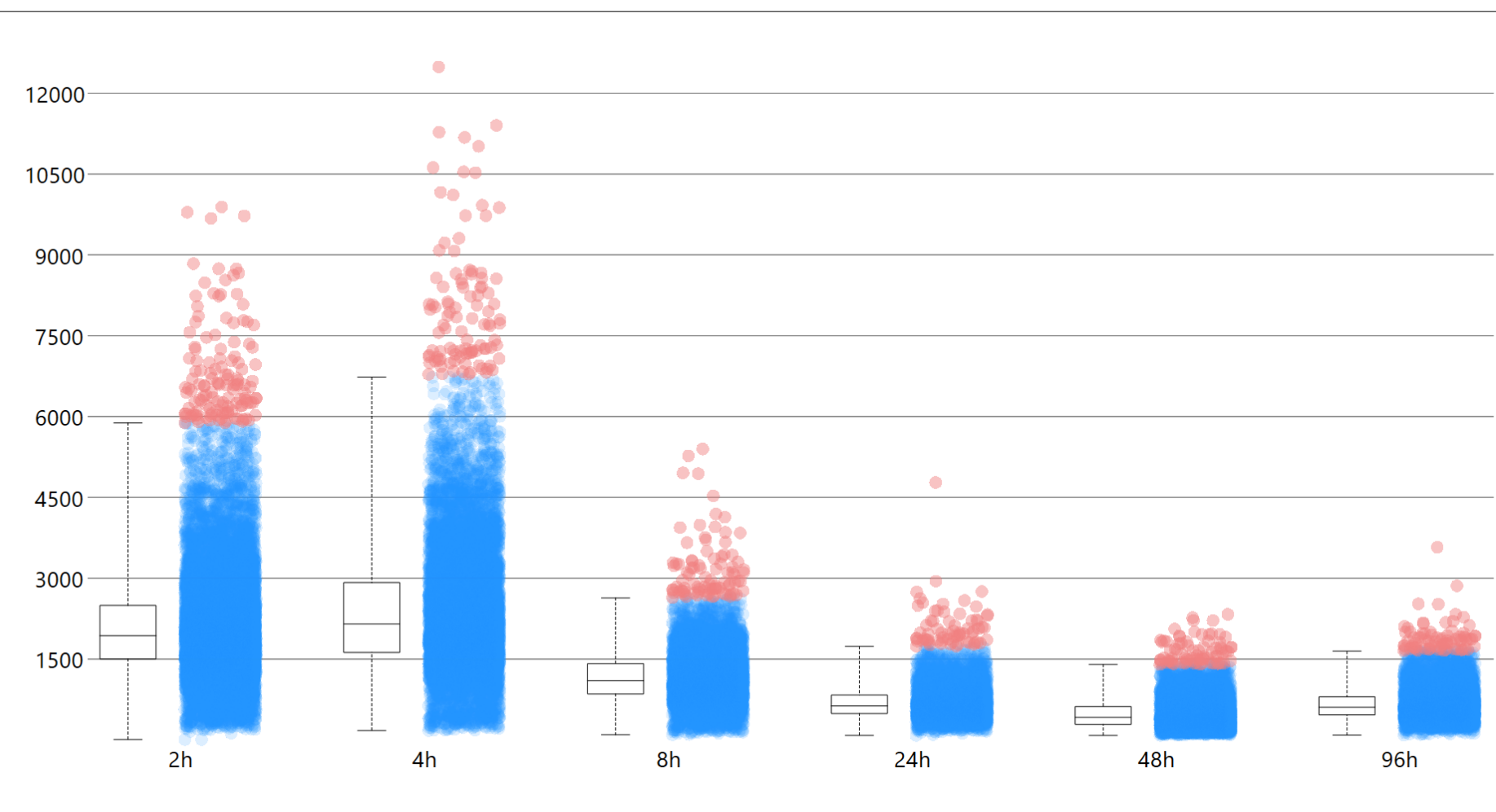
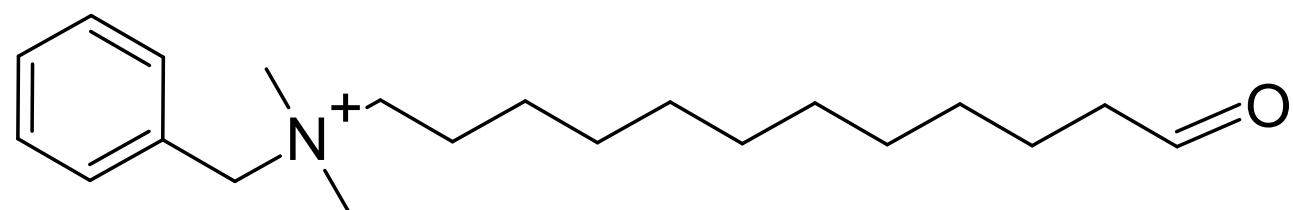


**Supplementary Fig. 2)** MS ion images of BAC-12 (RMS normalized) over the time-course of 2, 4, 8, 24, 48, 96 h.

# BAC12-aldehyde

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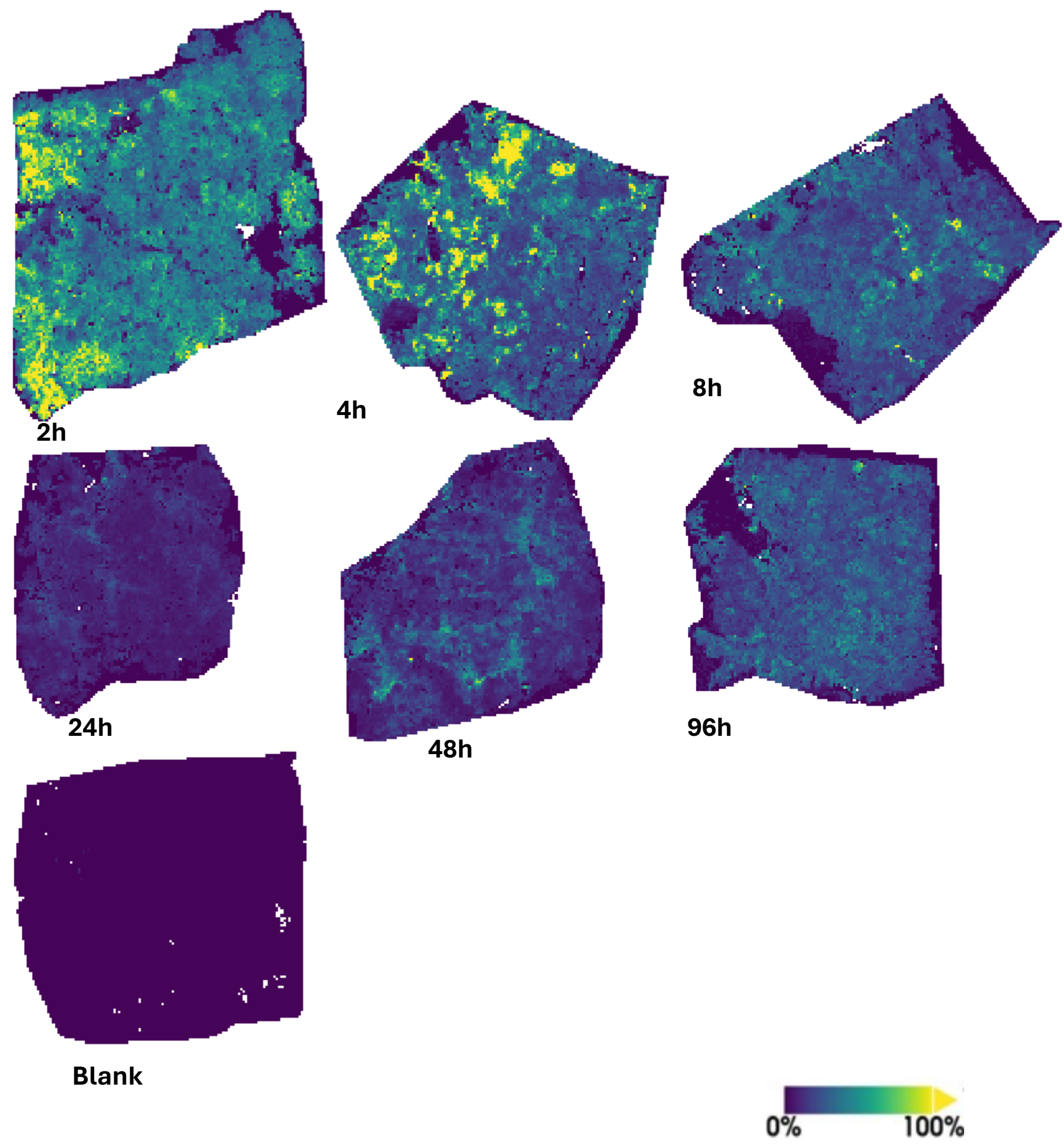
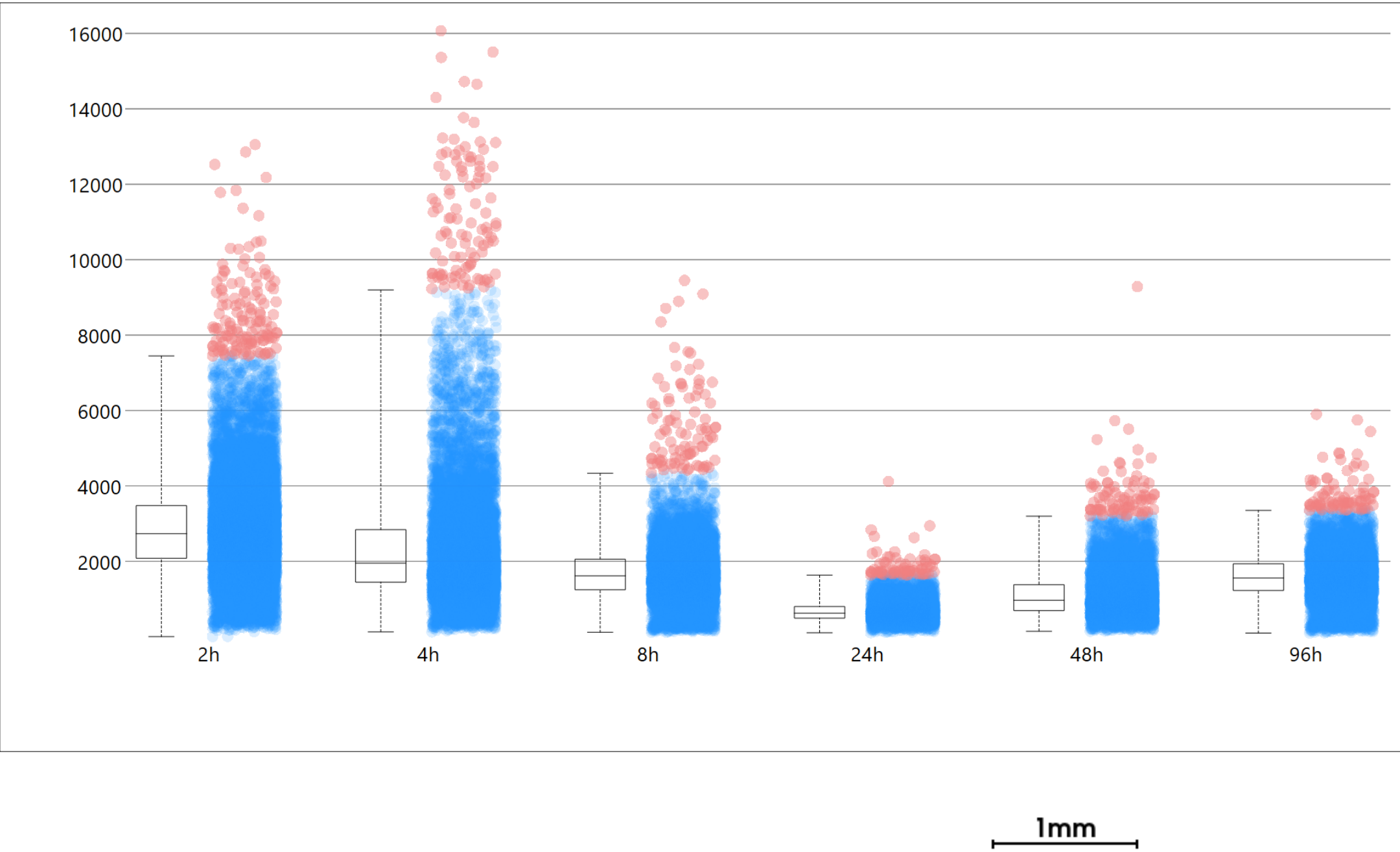
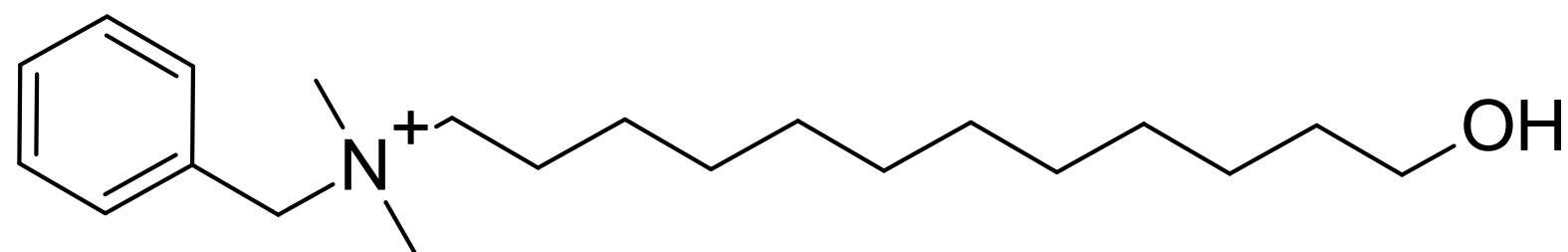
**Supplementary Fig. 3a)** MS Ion images of BAC12- $\omega$ -aldehyde over the time-course of 2, 4, 8, 24, 48, 96 h.



**BAC12-OH**

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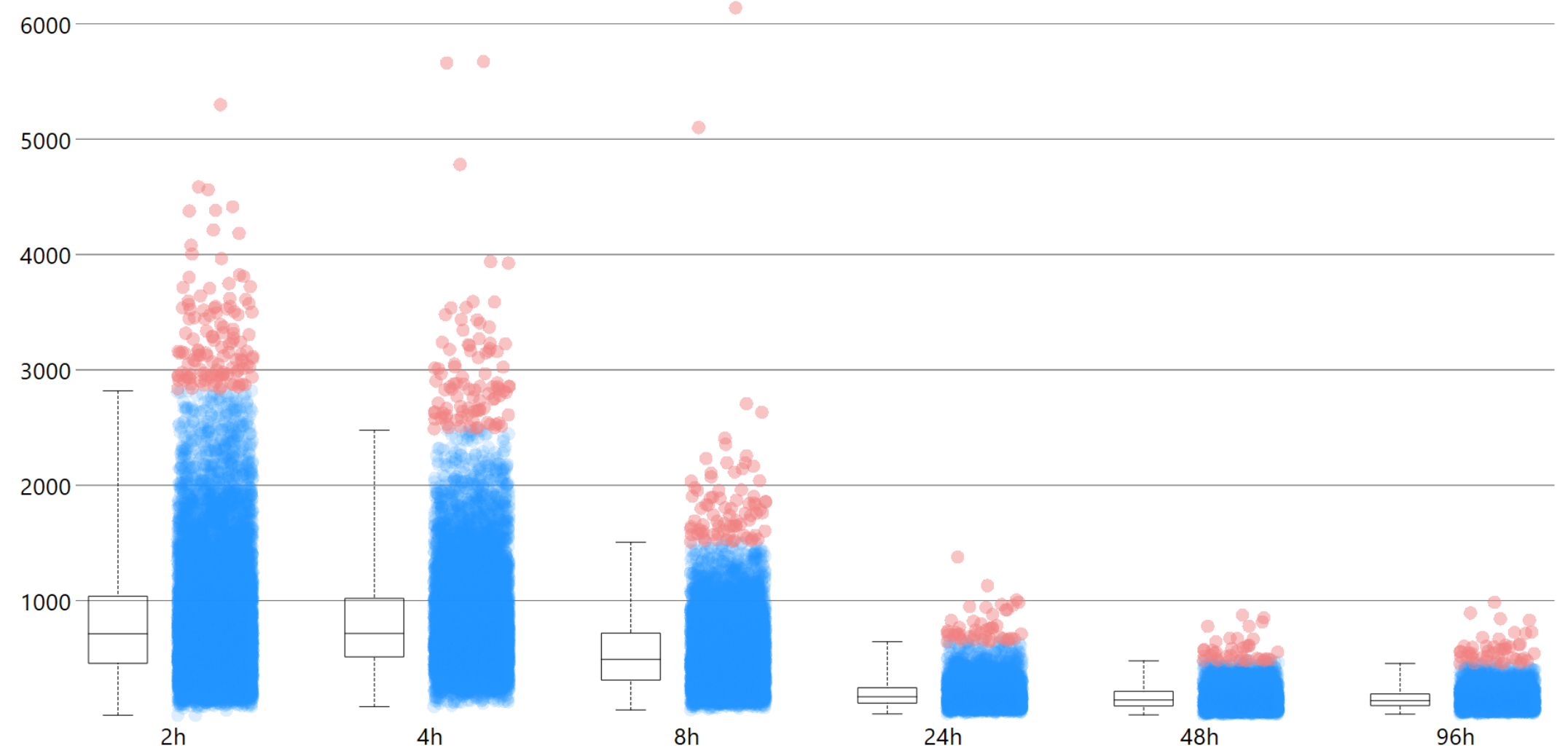
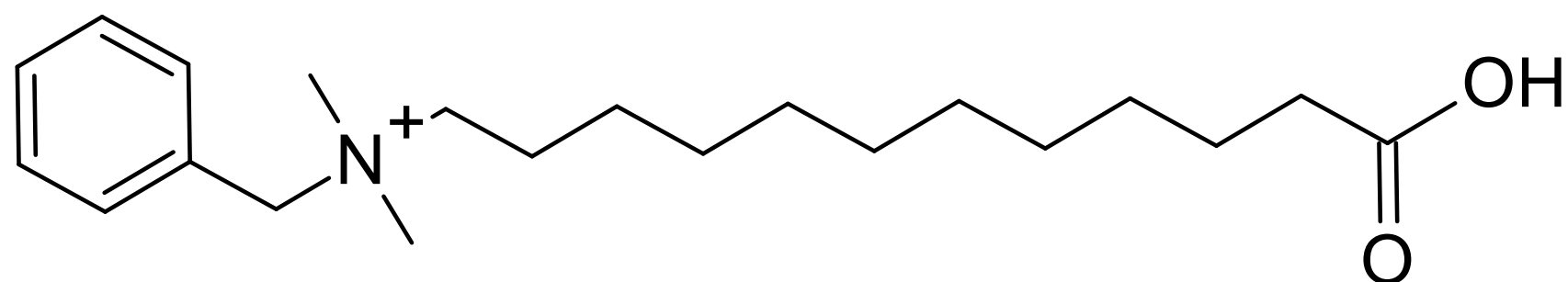


**Supplementary Fig. 3b)** MS Ion images of BAC12-OH over the time-course of 2, 4, 8, 24, 48, 96 h.

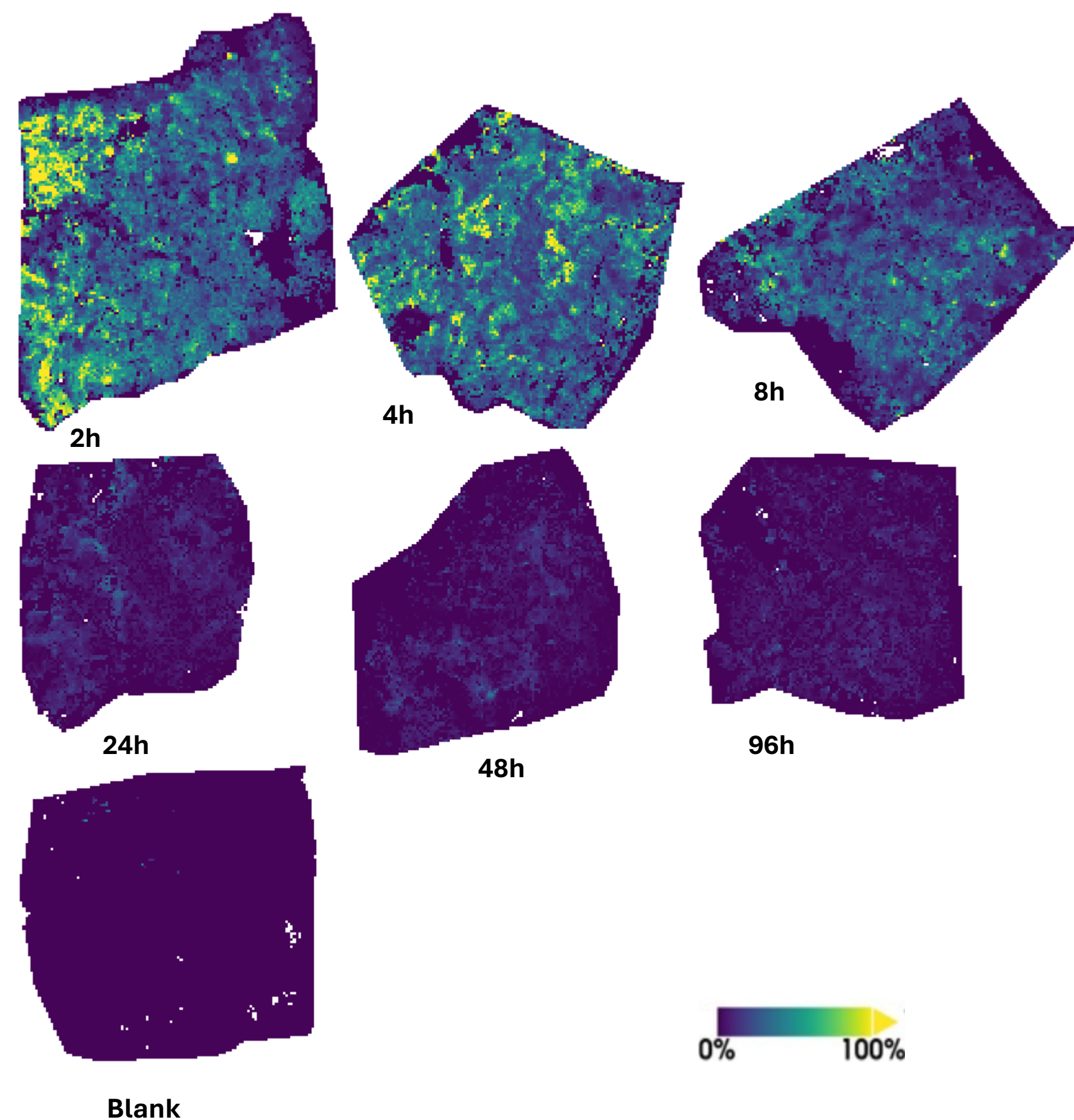
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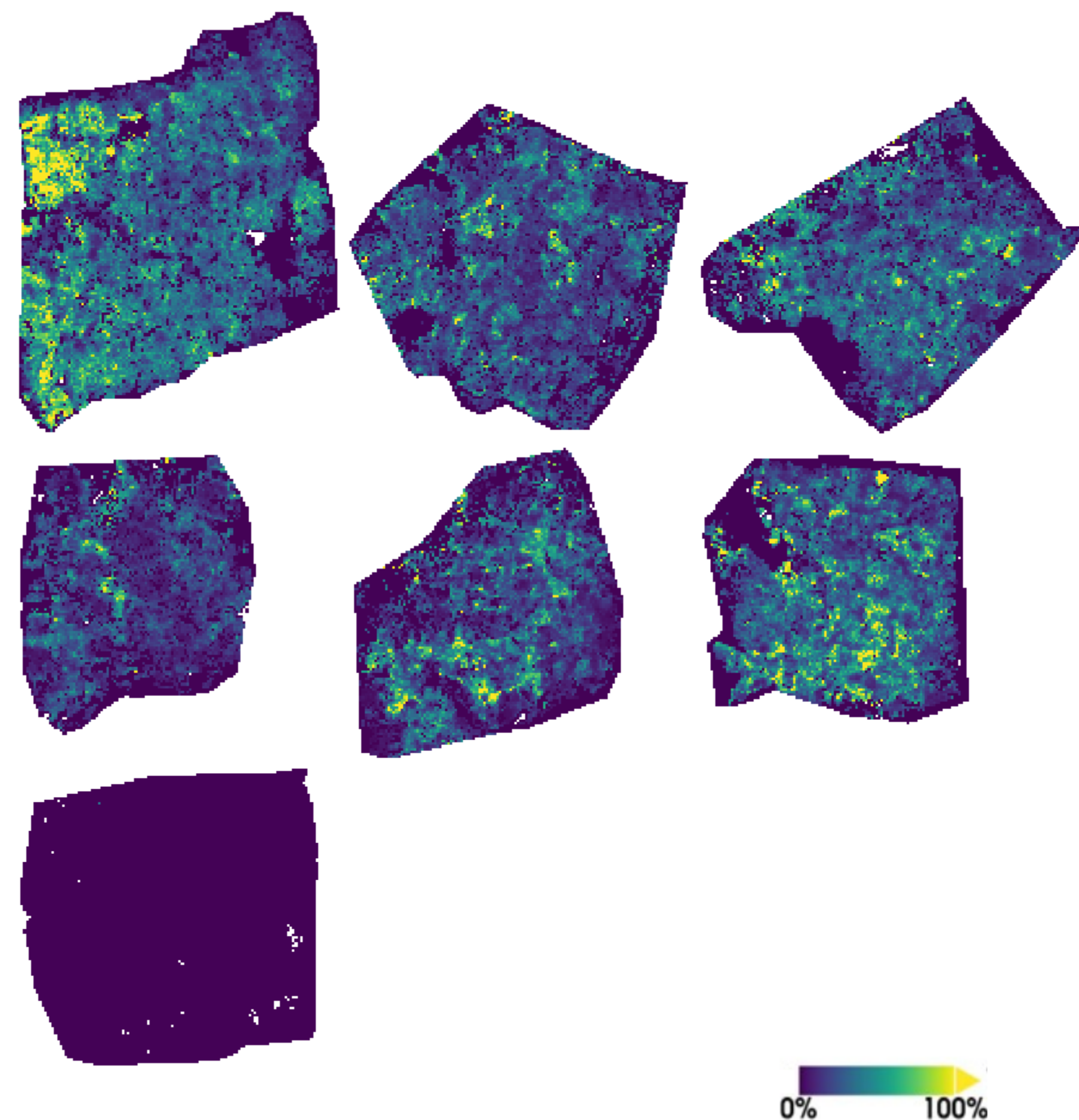
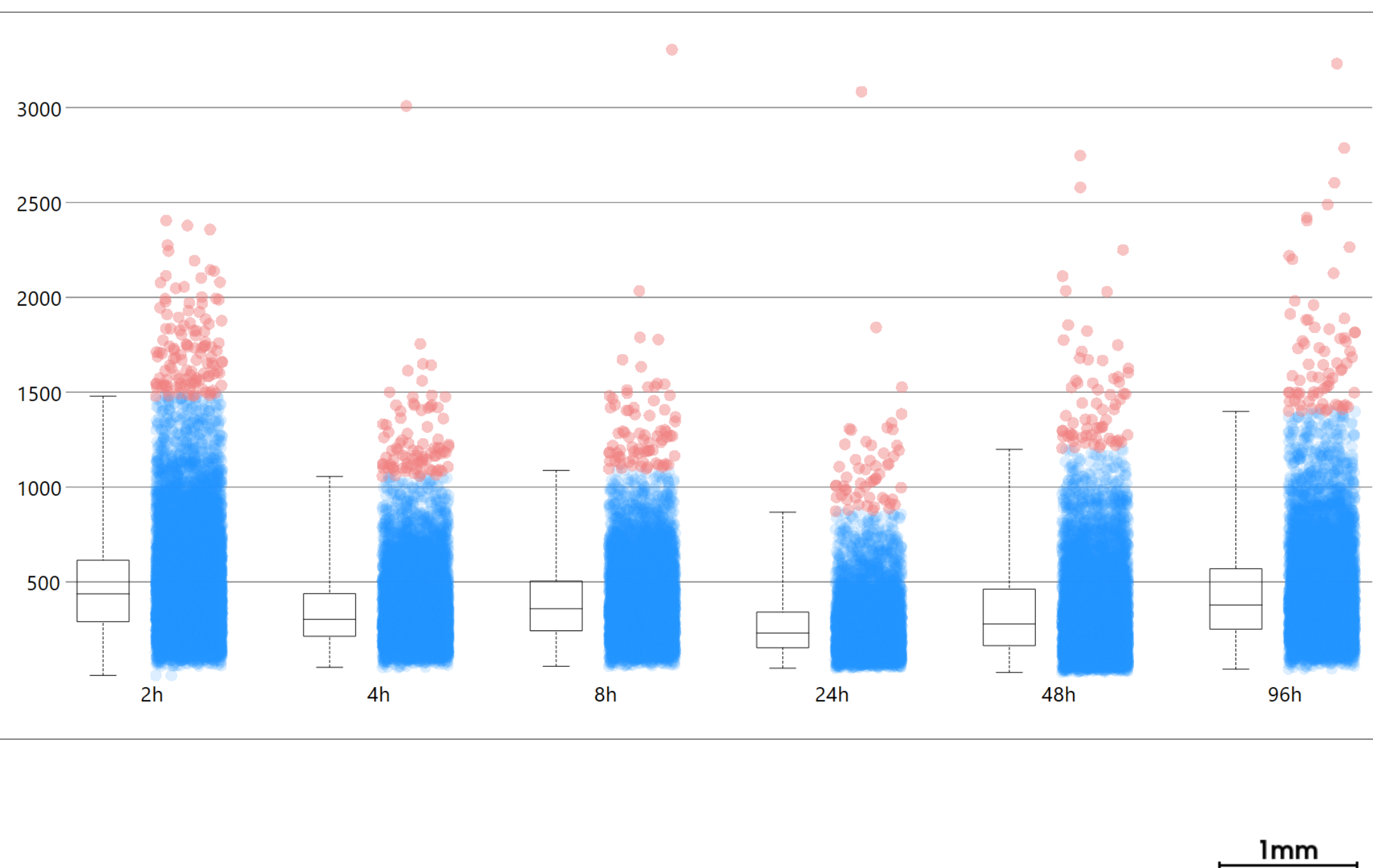
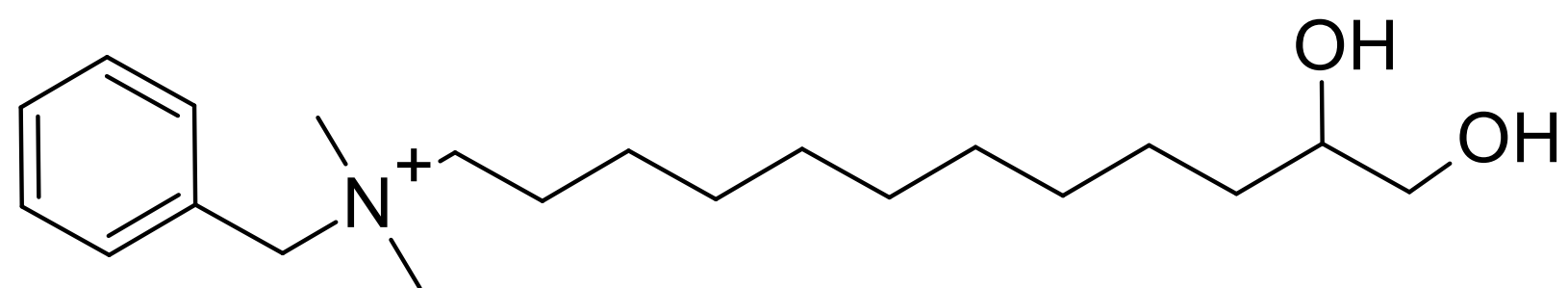
**Supplementary Fig. 3c)** MS Ion images of BAC12- $\omega$ -carboxy over the time-course of 2, 4, 8, 24, 48, 96 h.



**BAC12-diOH**

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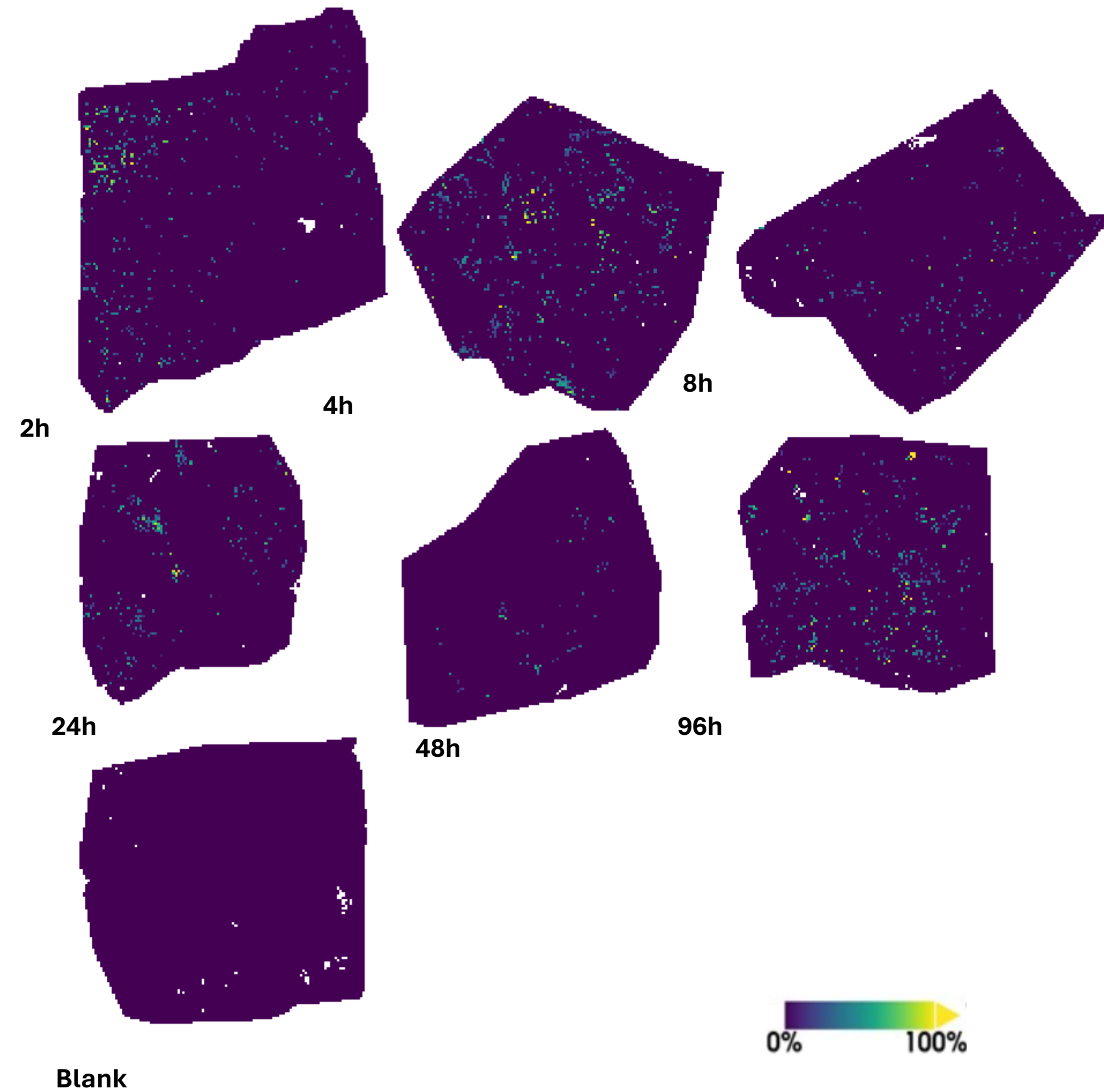
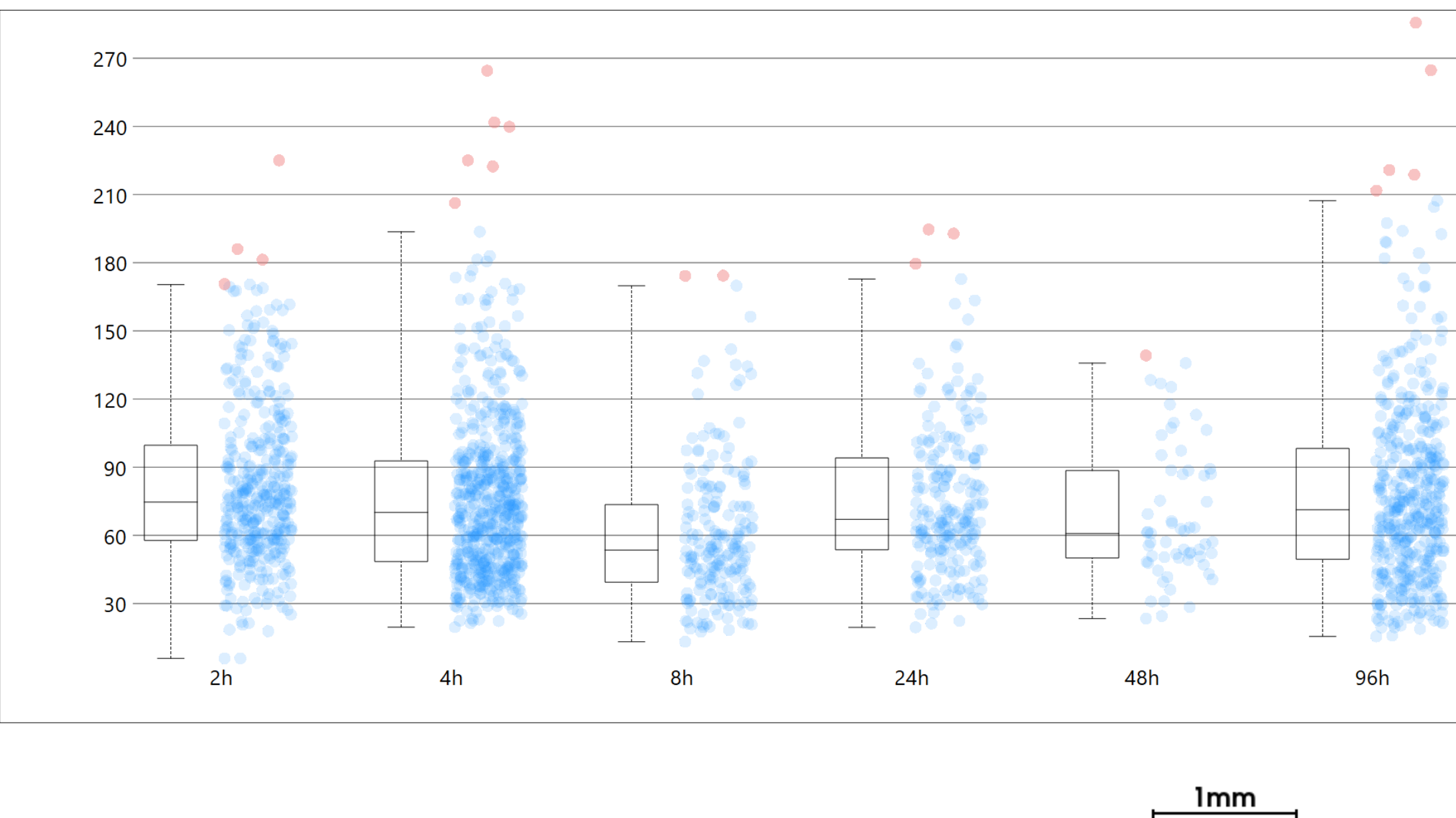
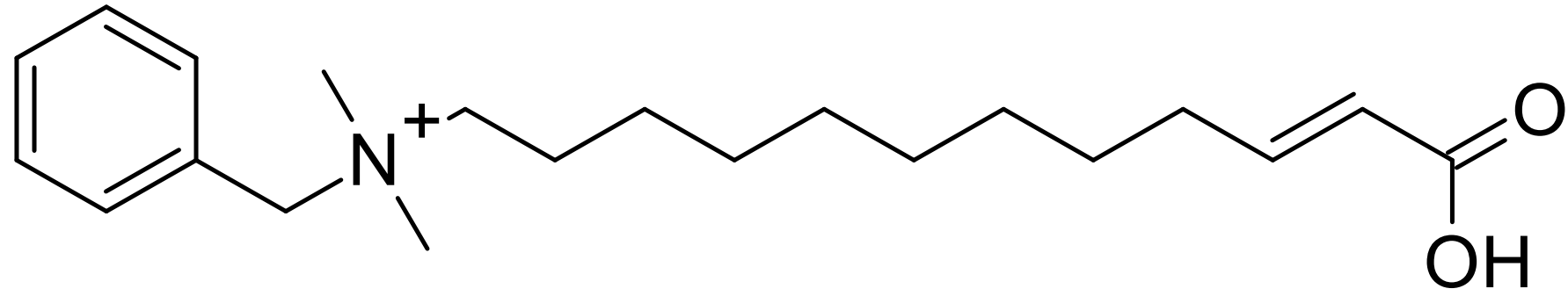


**Supplementary Fig. 3d)** MS Ion images of BAC12-diOH over the time-course of 2, 4, 8, 24, 48, 96 h.

# BAC12-unsat-carboxy

332.2589

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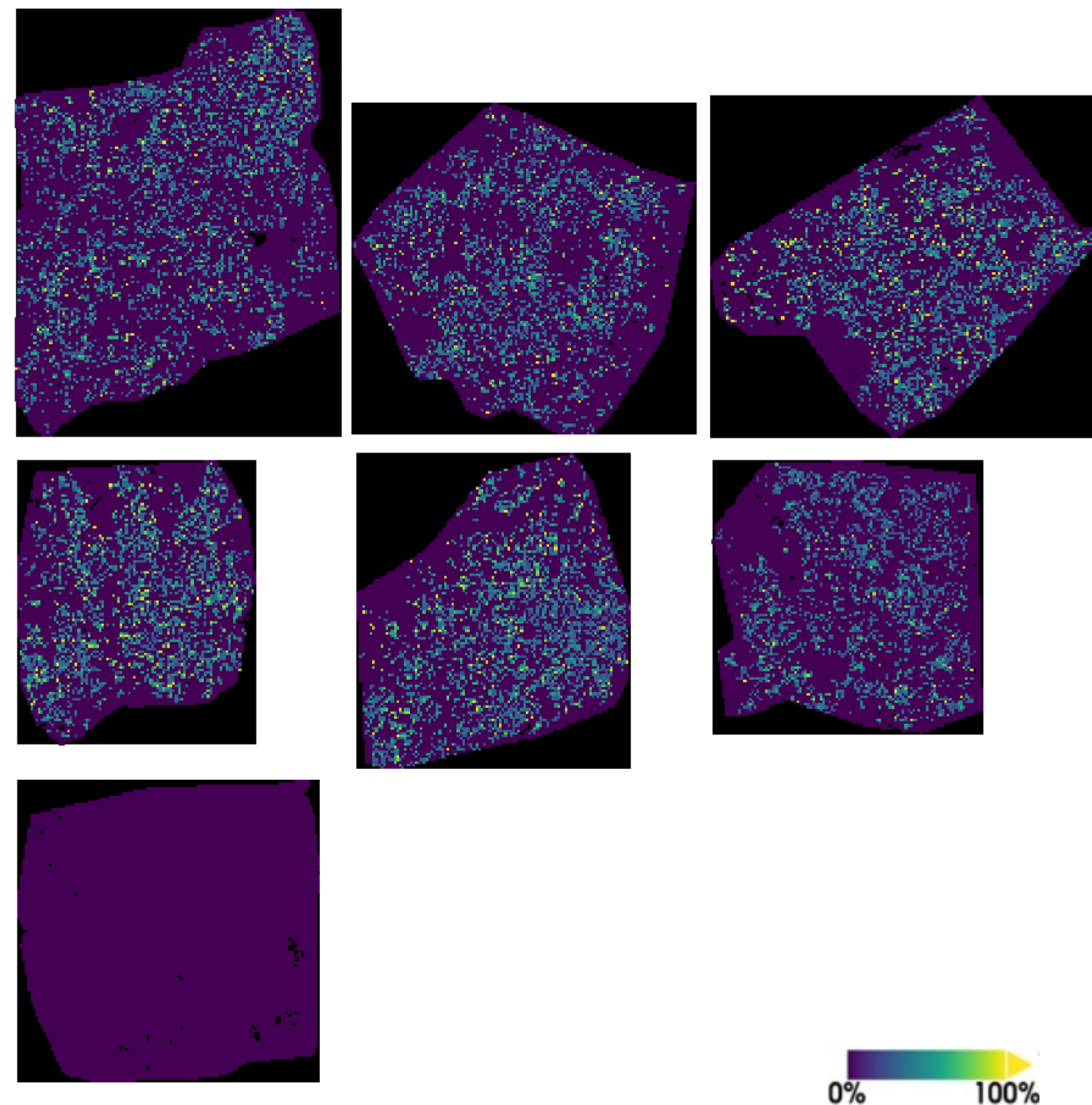
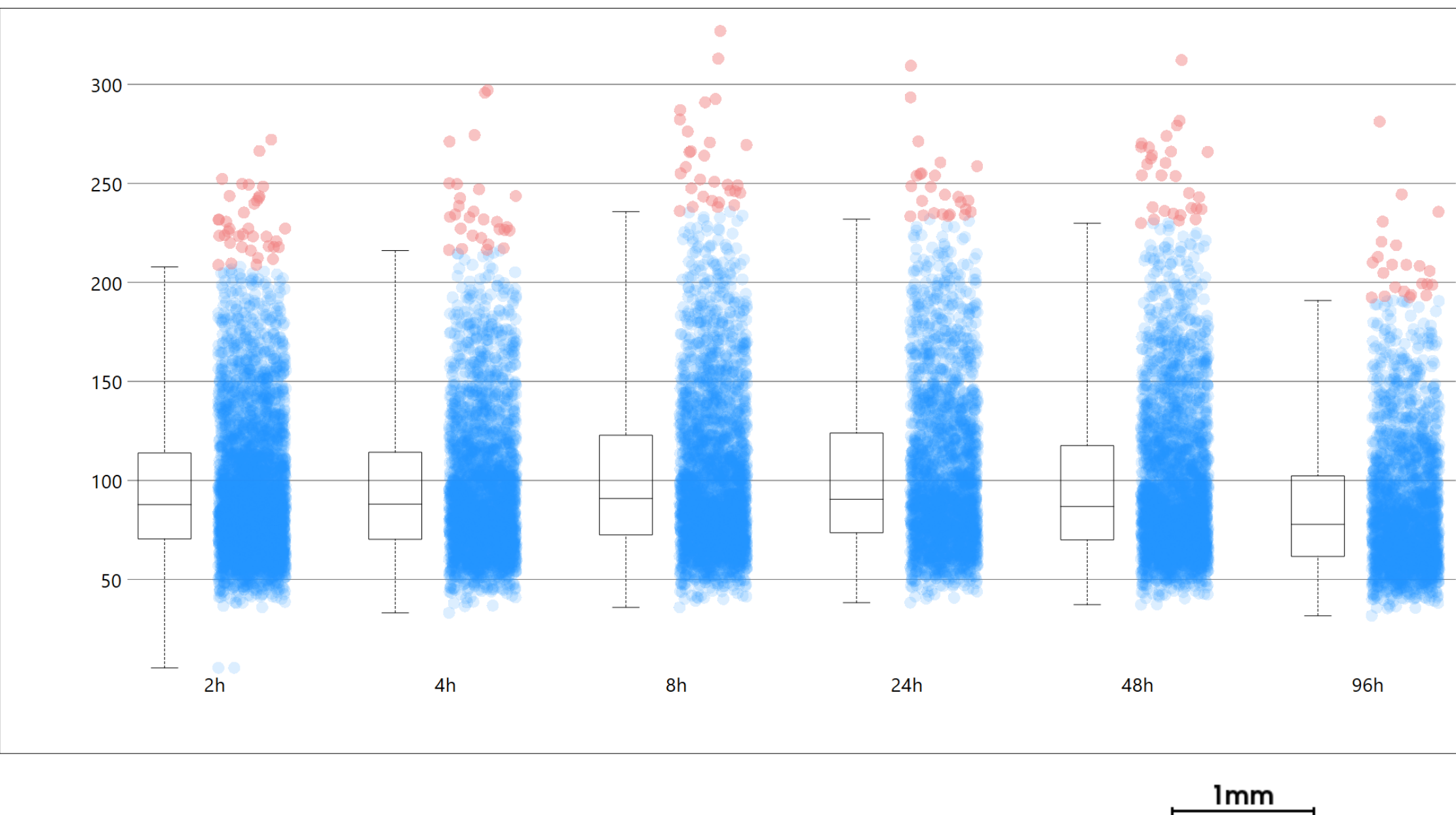
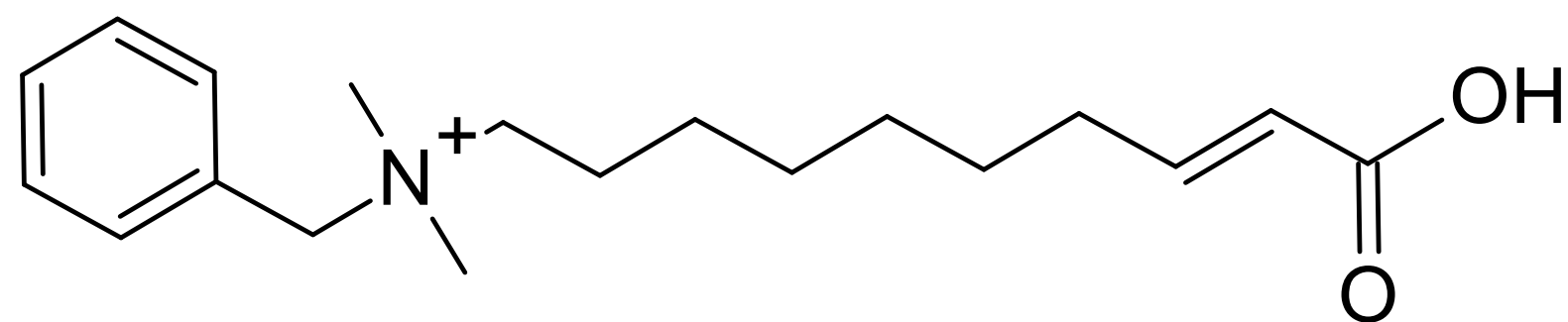
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# BAC10-unsat-carboxy

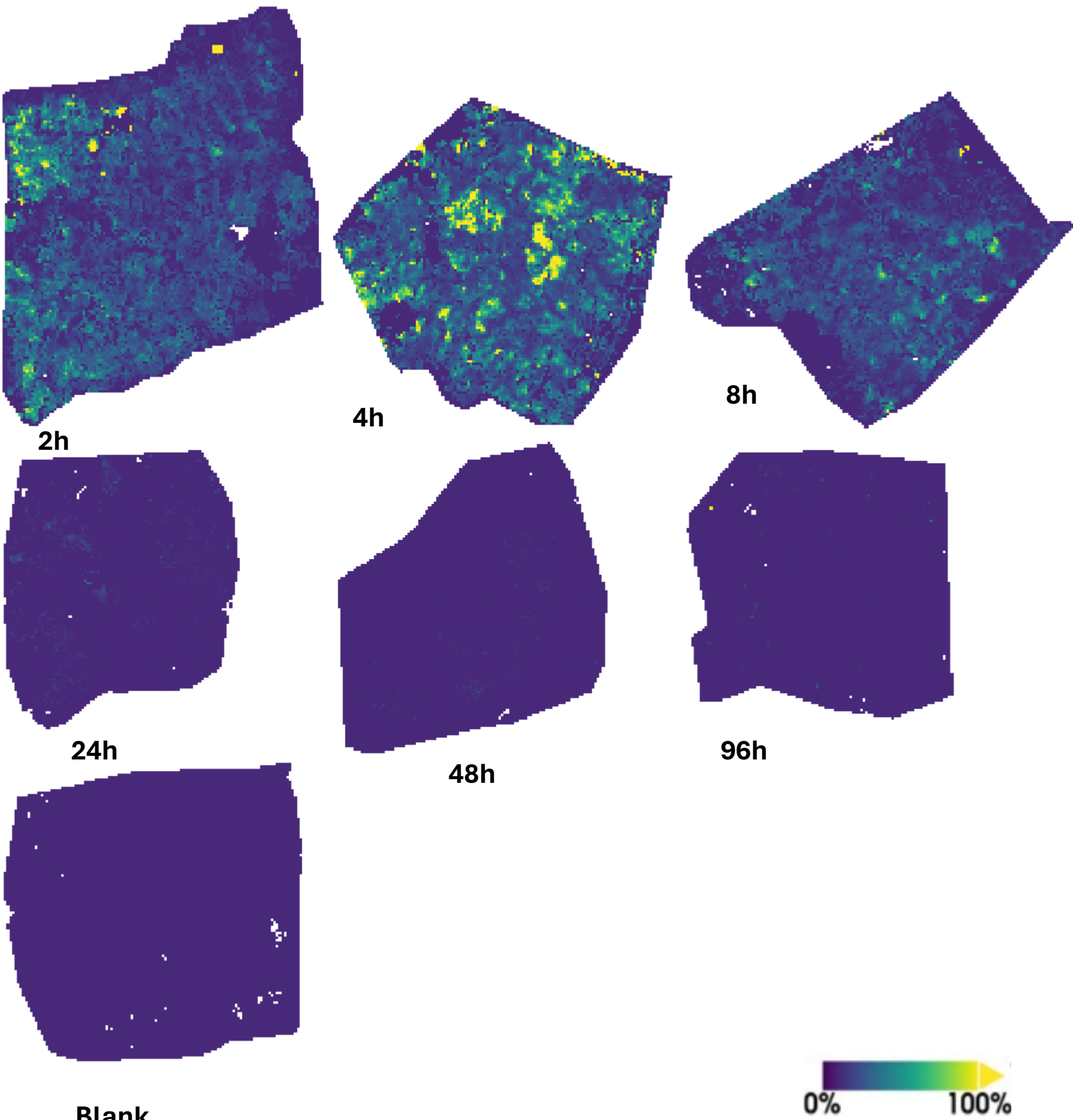
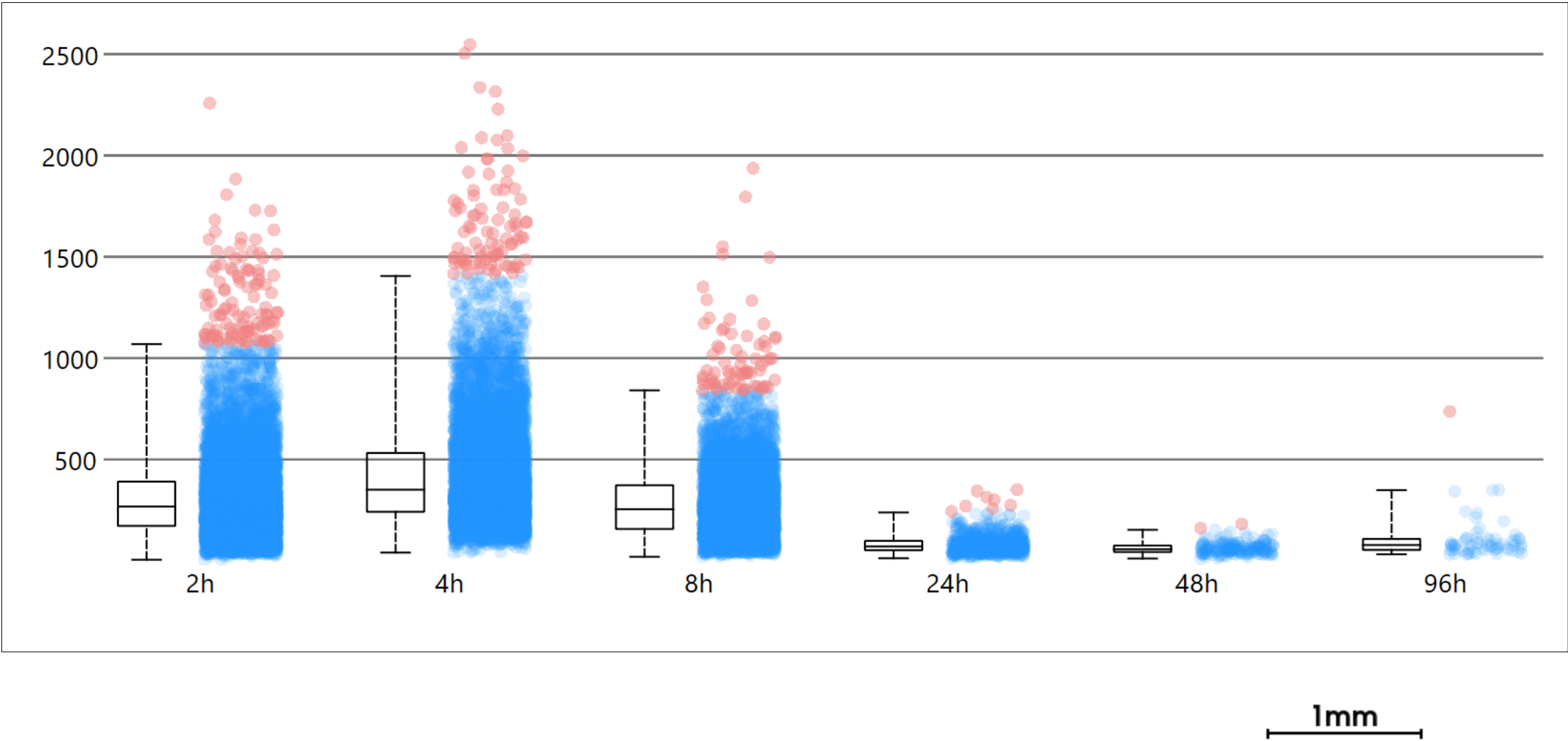
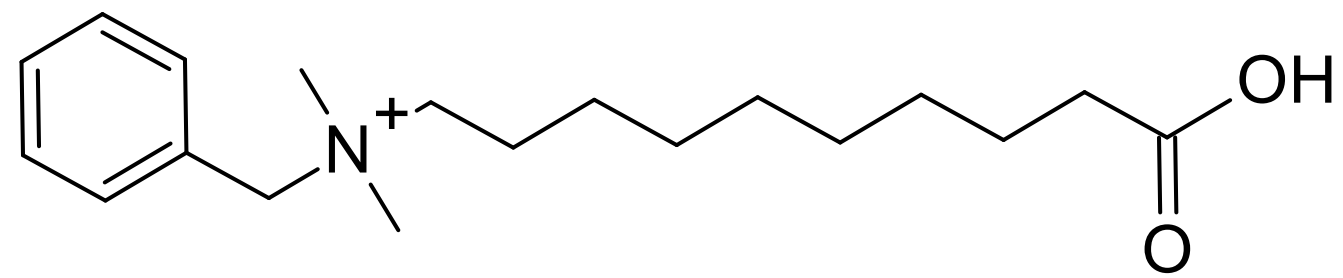
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C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>30</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>



**Supplementary Fig. 3f)** MS Ion images of BAC10-unsat-carboxy over the time-course of 2, 4, 8, 24, 48, 96 h.

**BAC10-carboxy**  
306.2433  
C19H32NO2



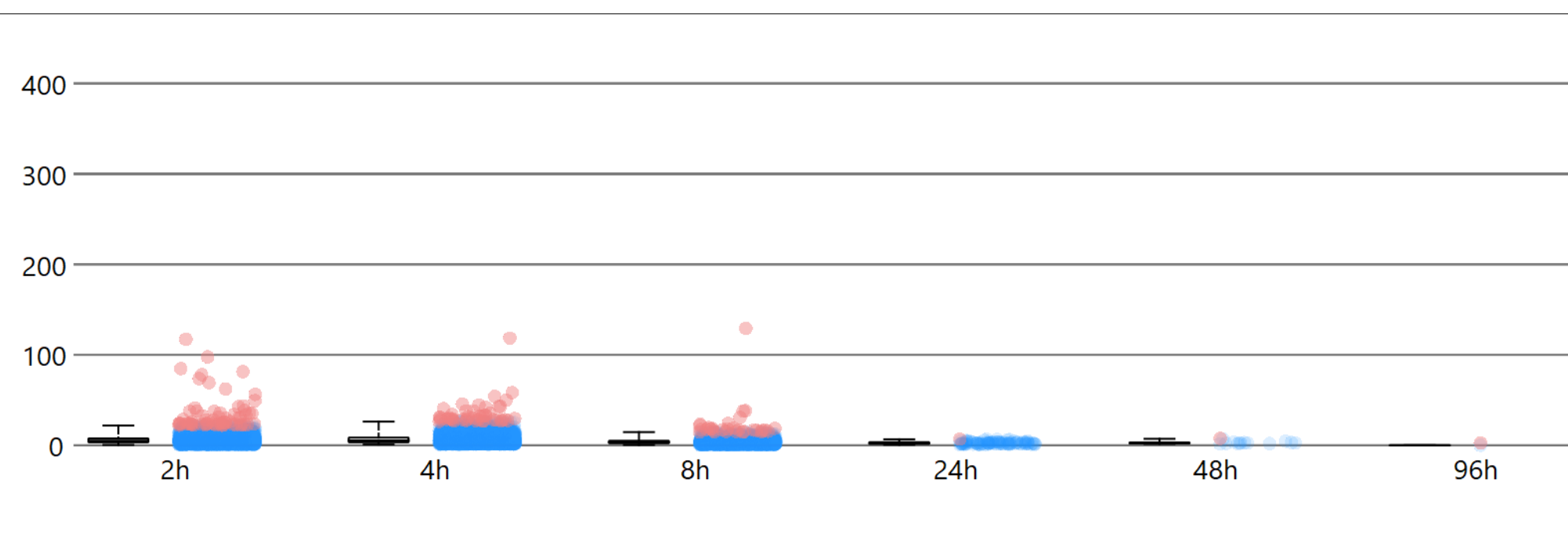
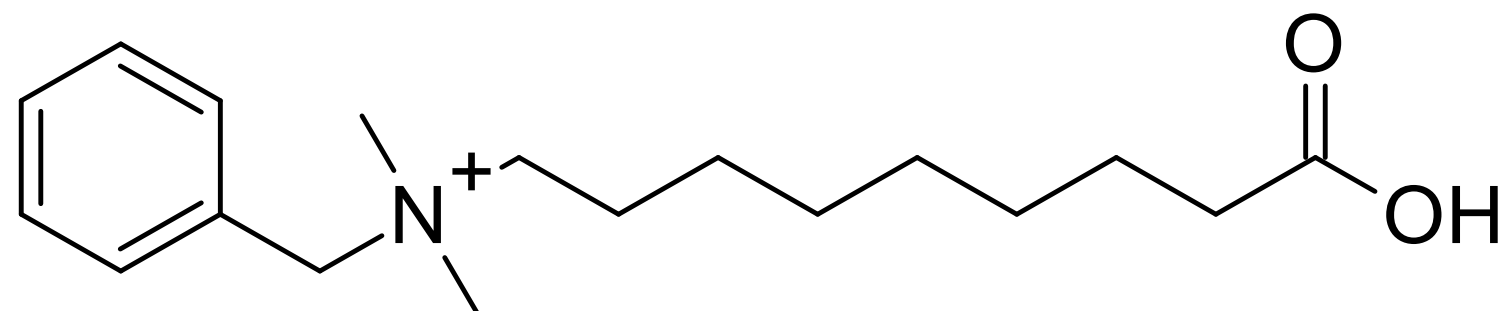
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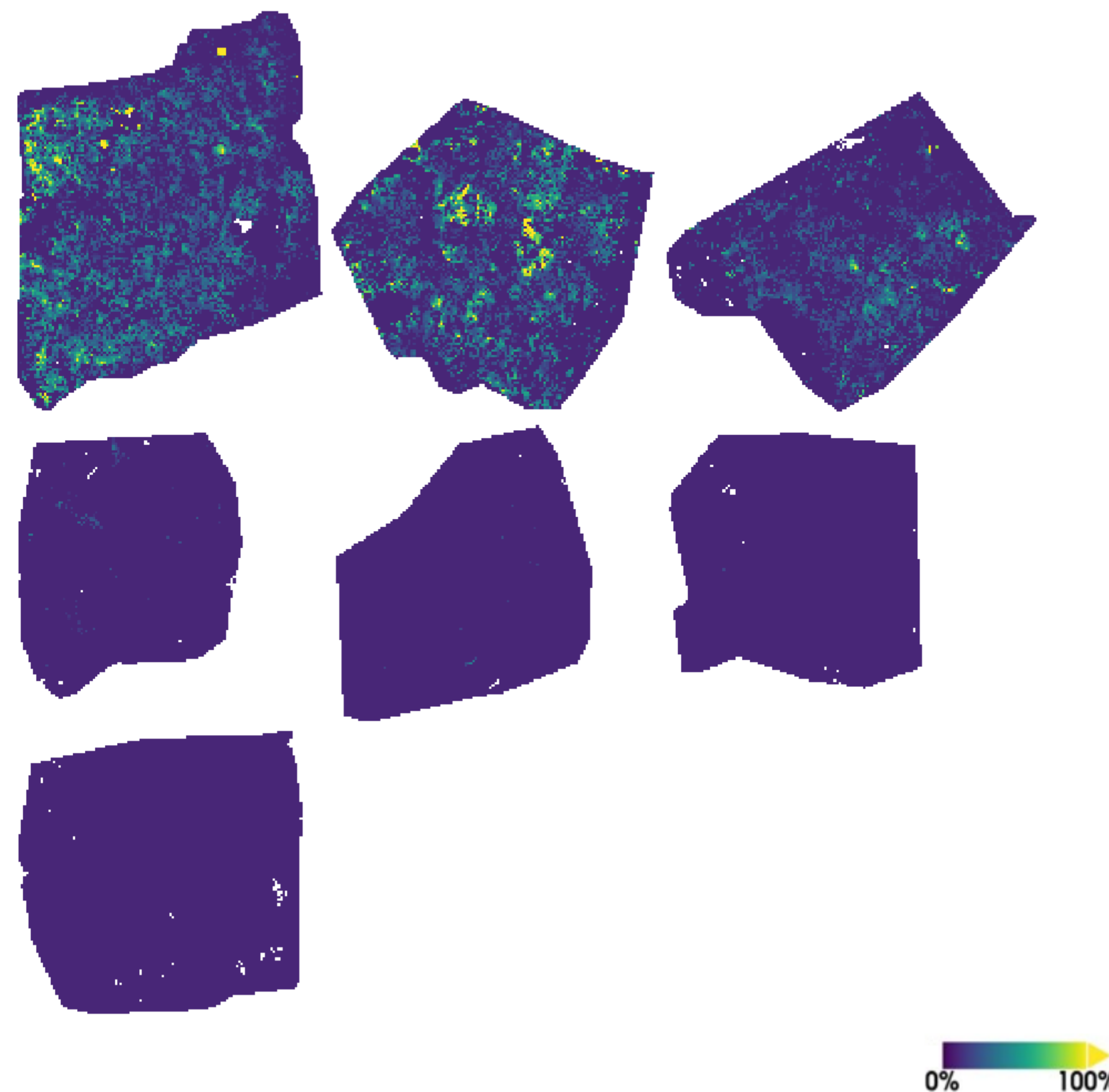
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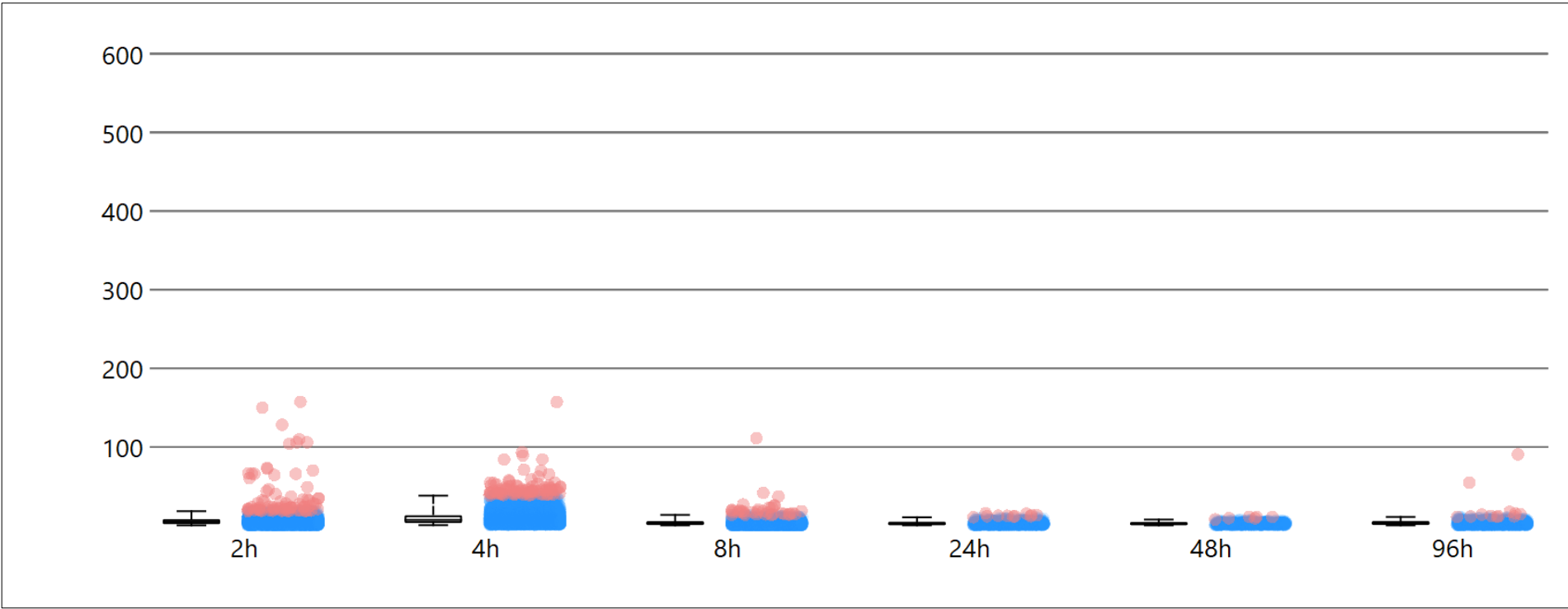
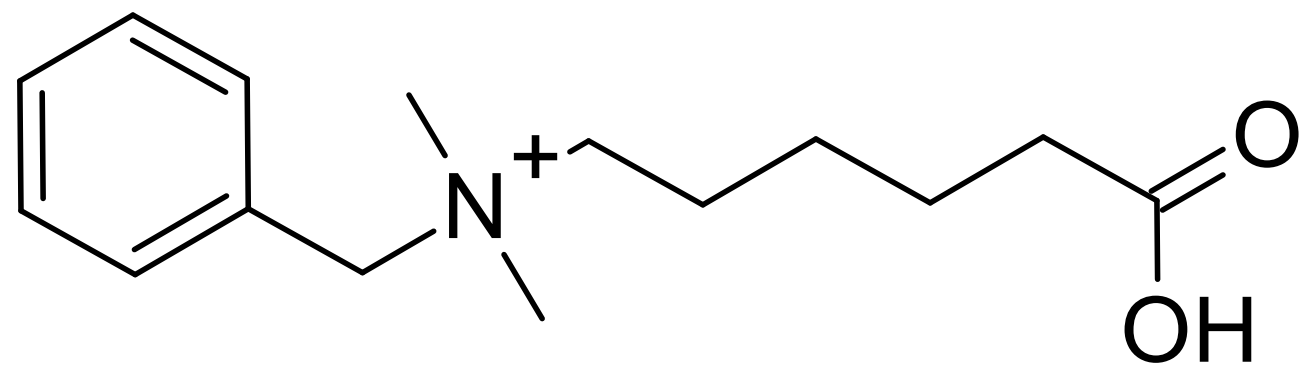


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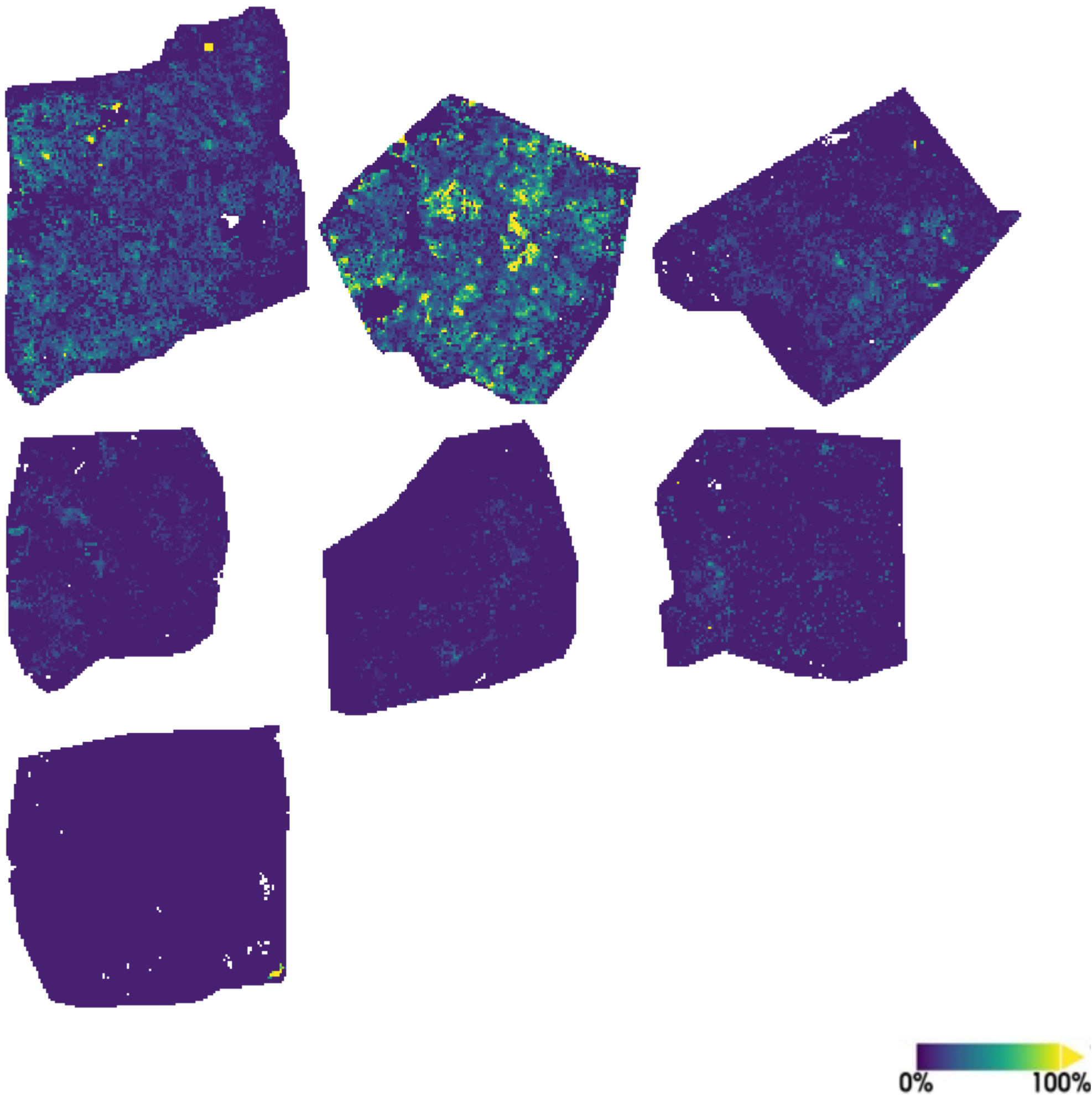


**Supplementary Fig. 3h)** MS Ion images of BAC9-carboxy over the time-course of 2, 4, 8, 24, 48, 96 h

**BAC6-carboxy**  
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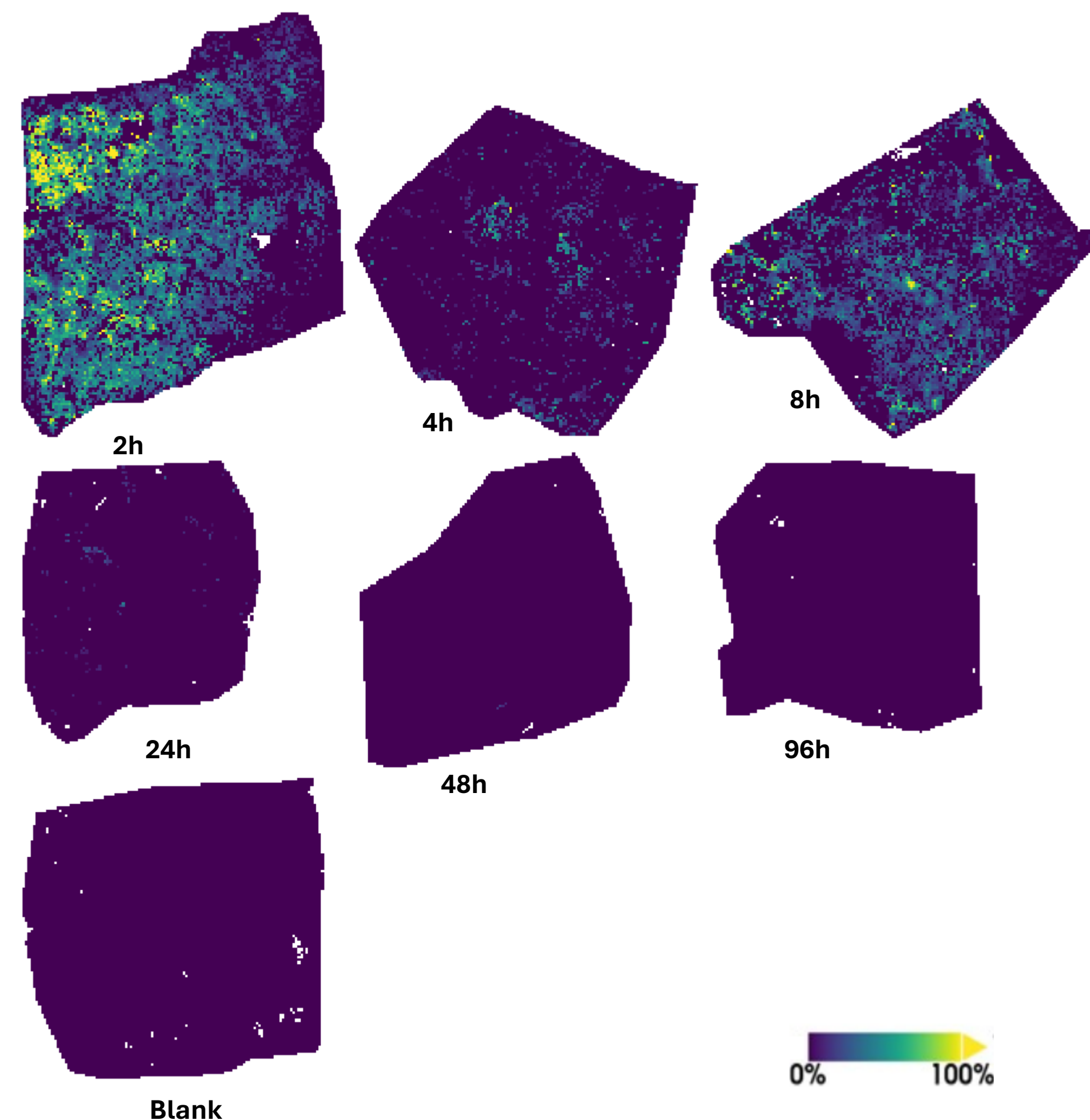
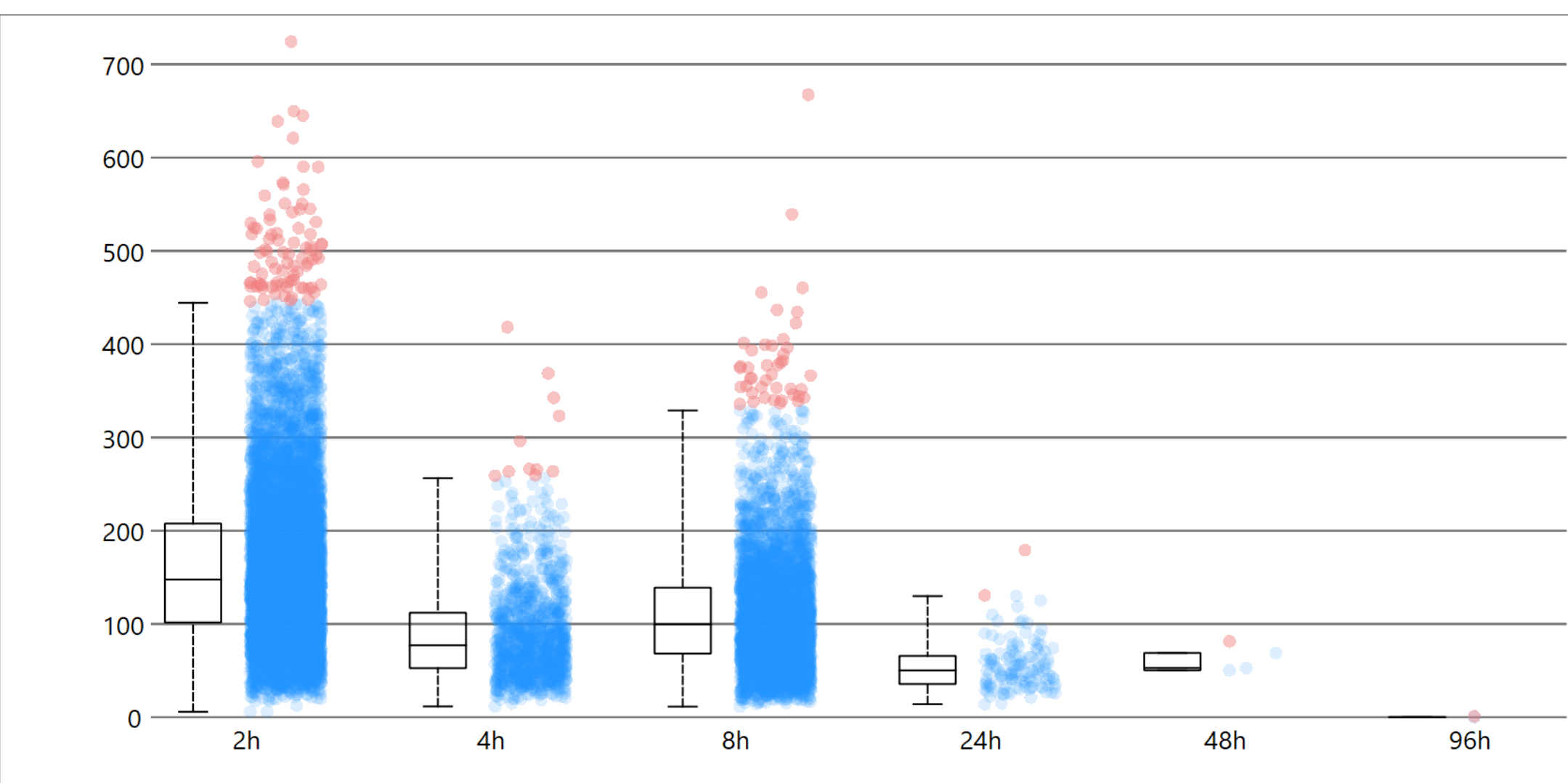
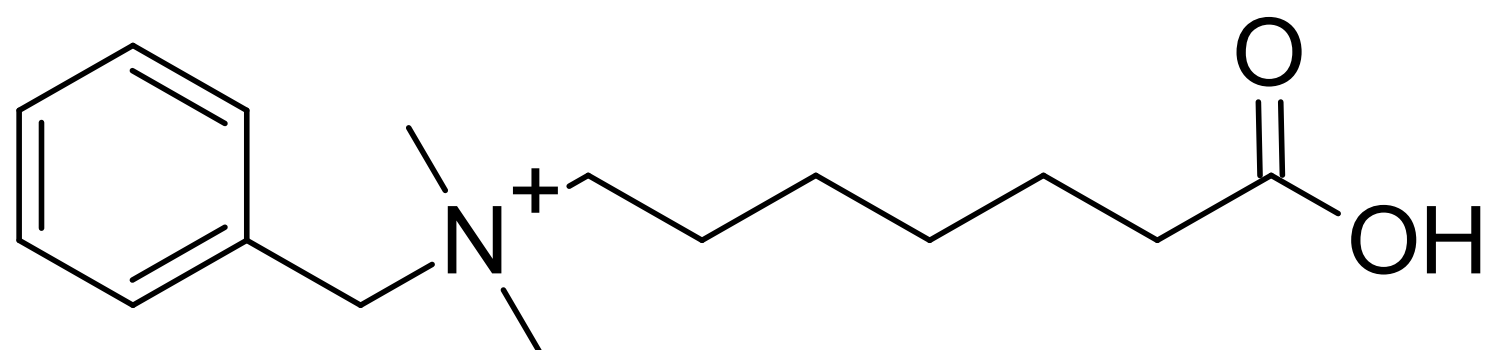
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# BAC7-carboxy

264.1963

C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>

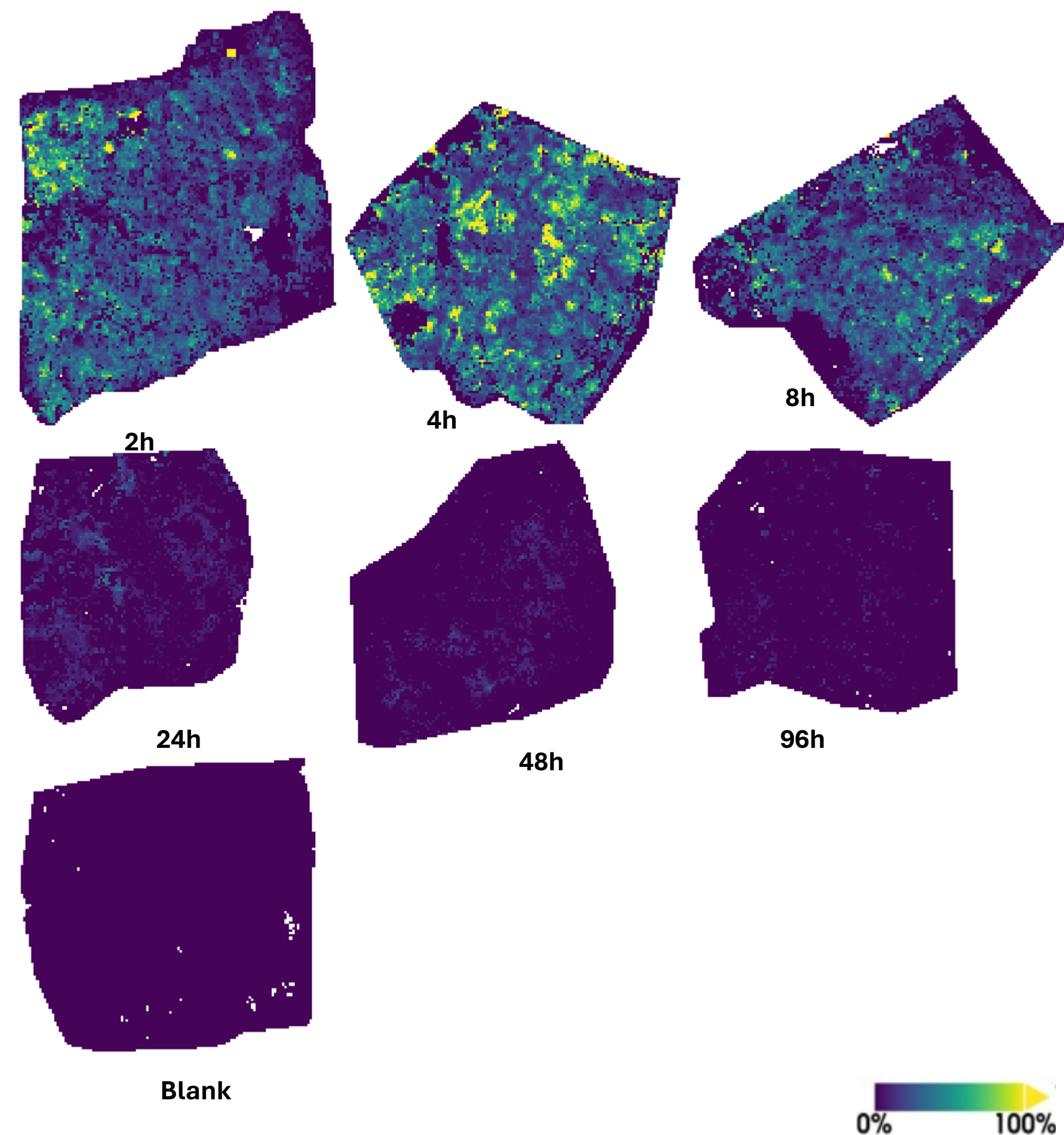
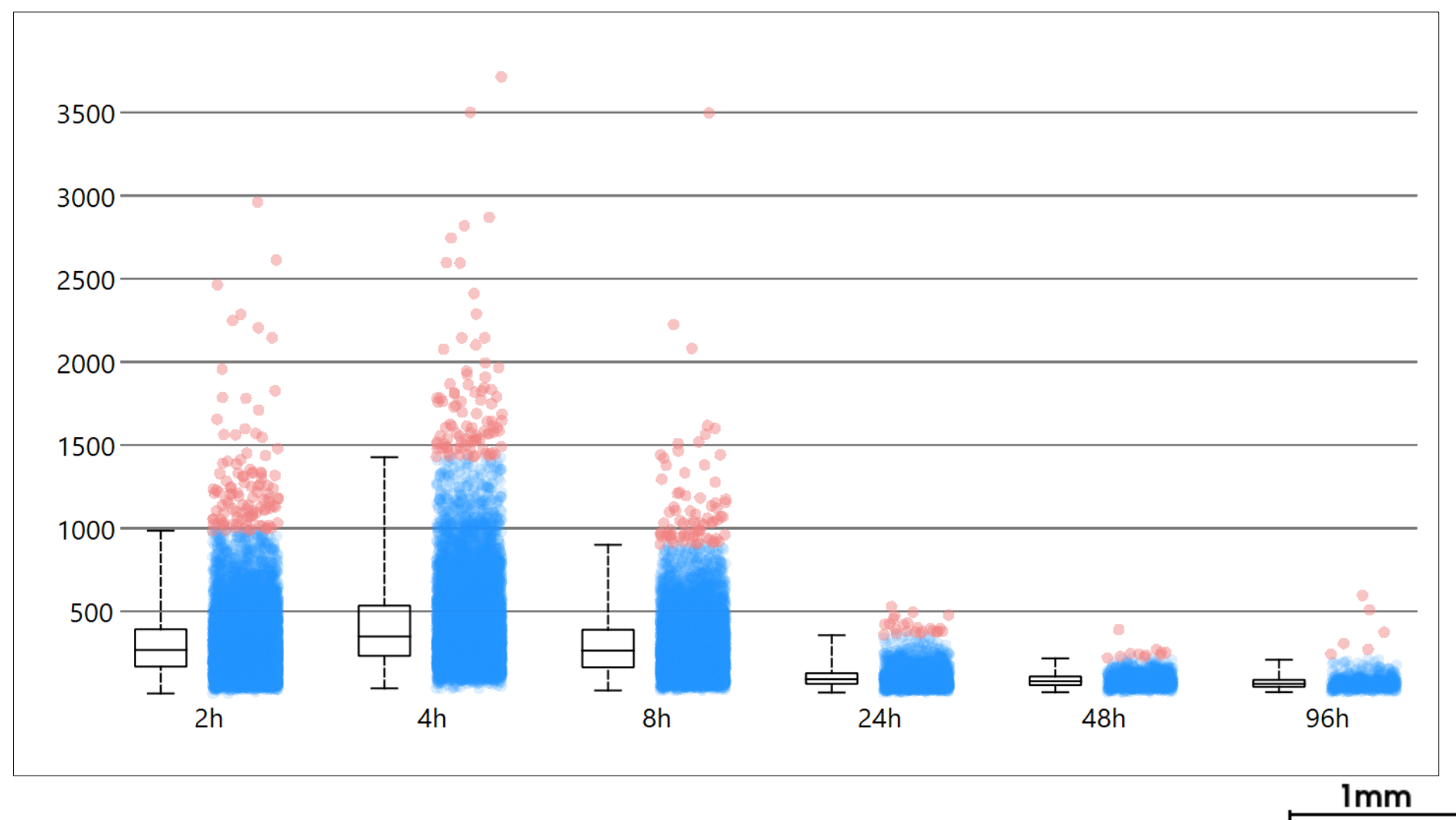
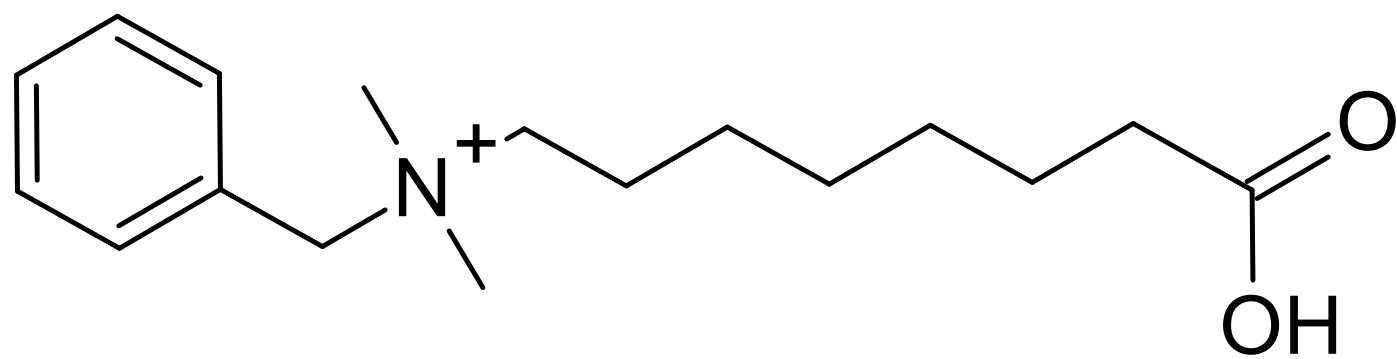


**Supplementary Fig. 3j)** MS Ion images of BAC7-carboxy over the time-course of 2, 4, 8, 24, 48, 96 h.

# BAC8-carboxy

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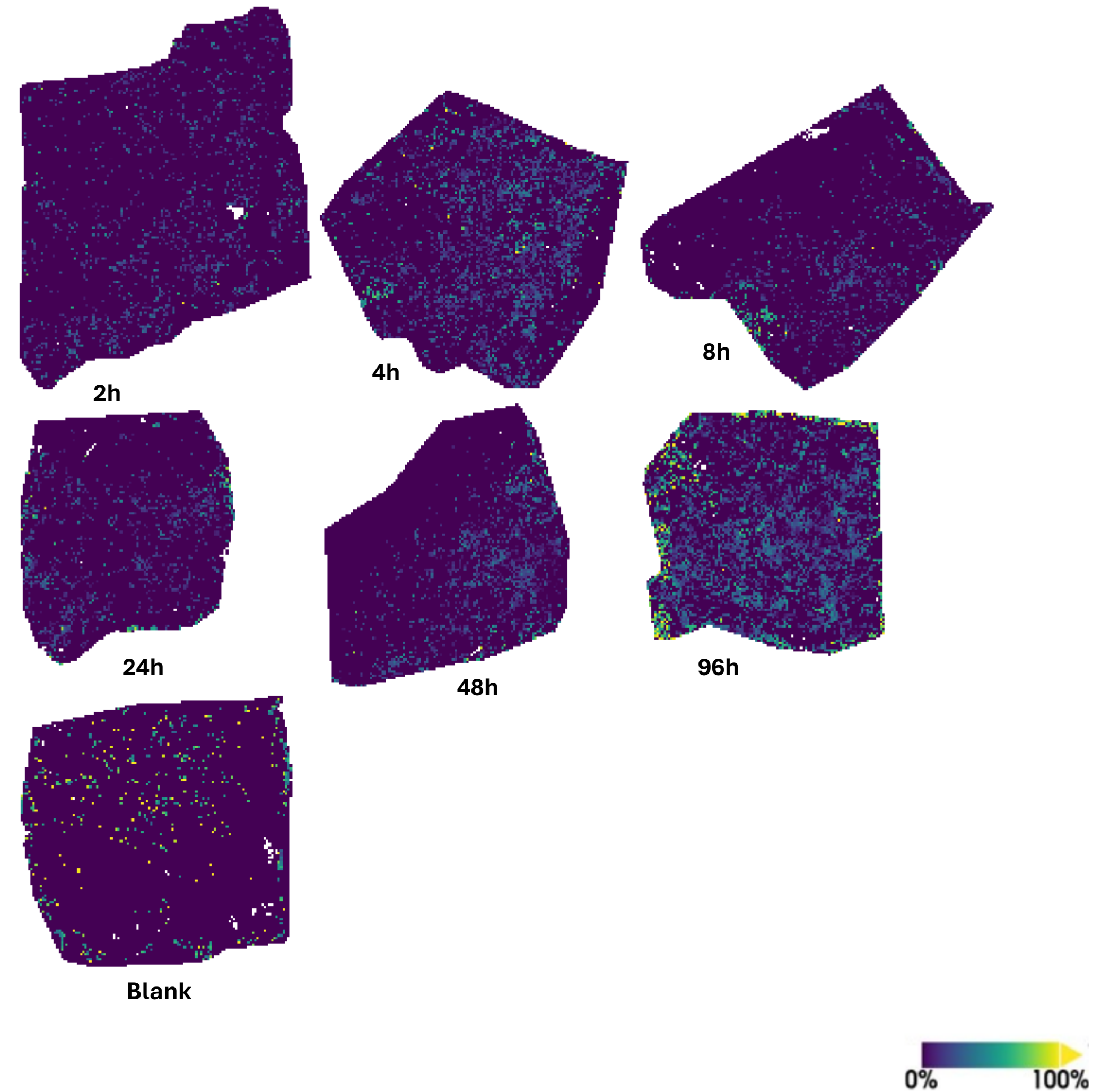
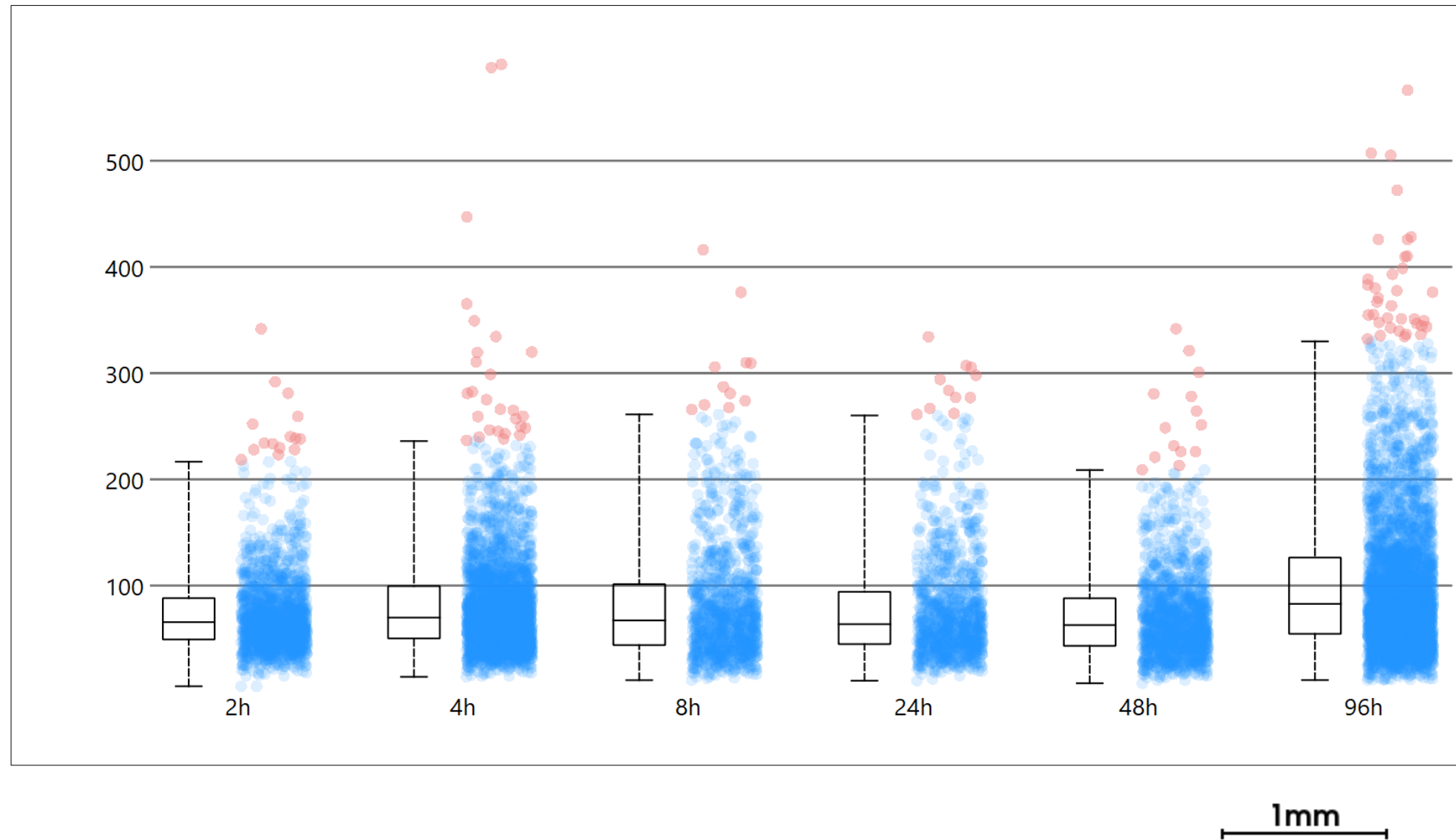
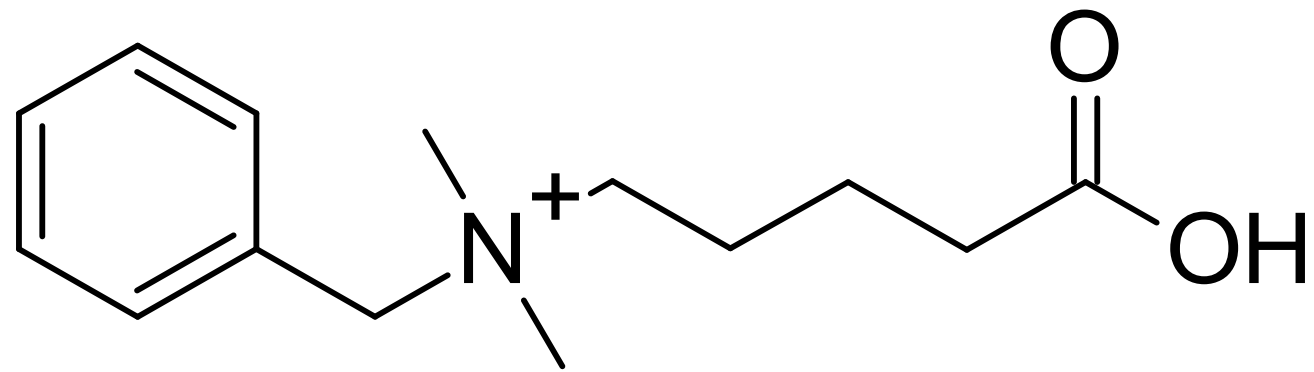
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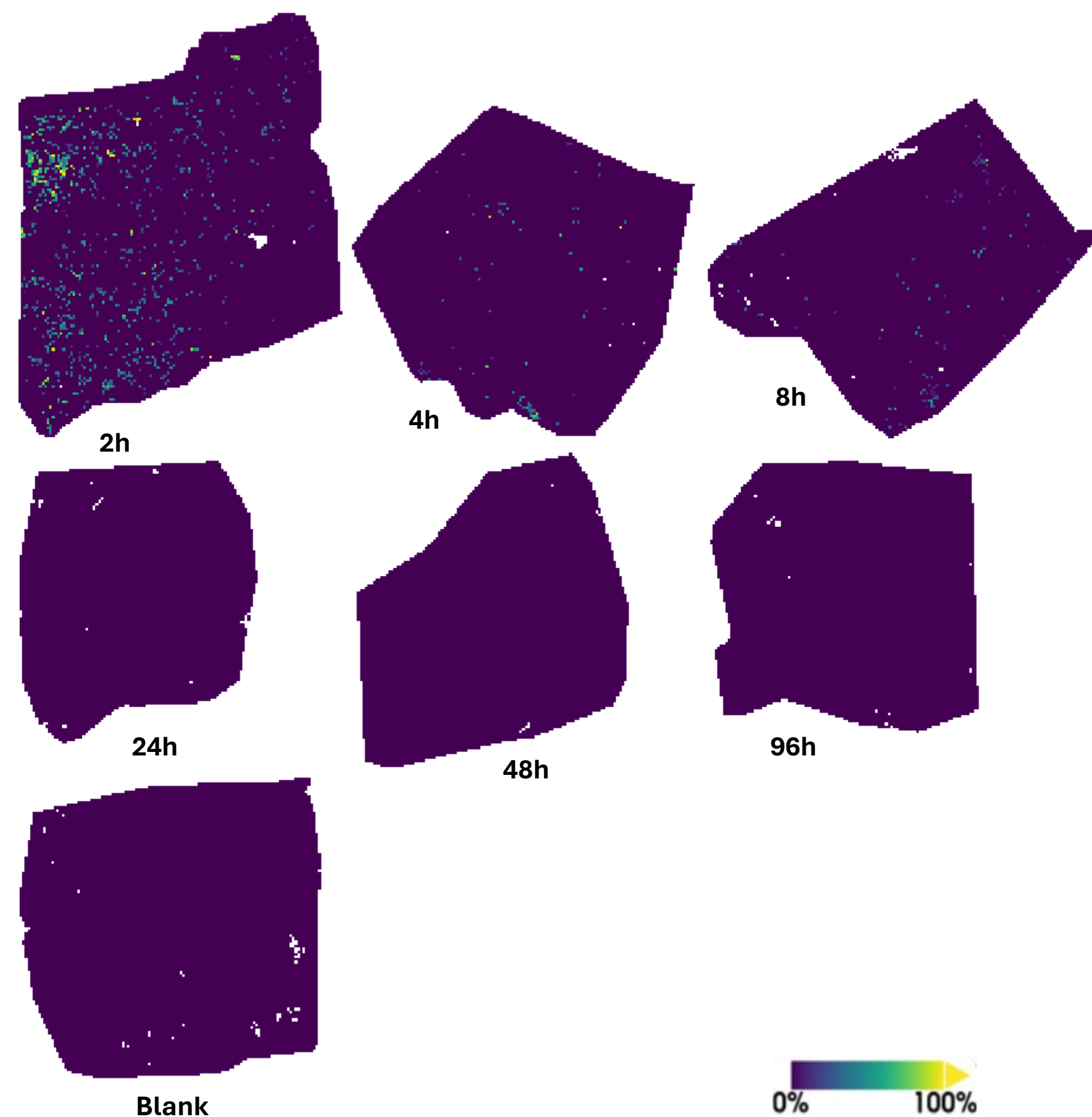
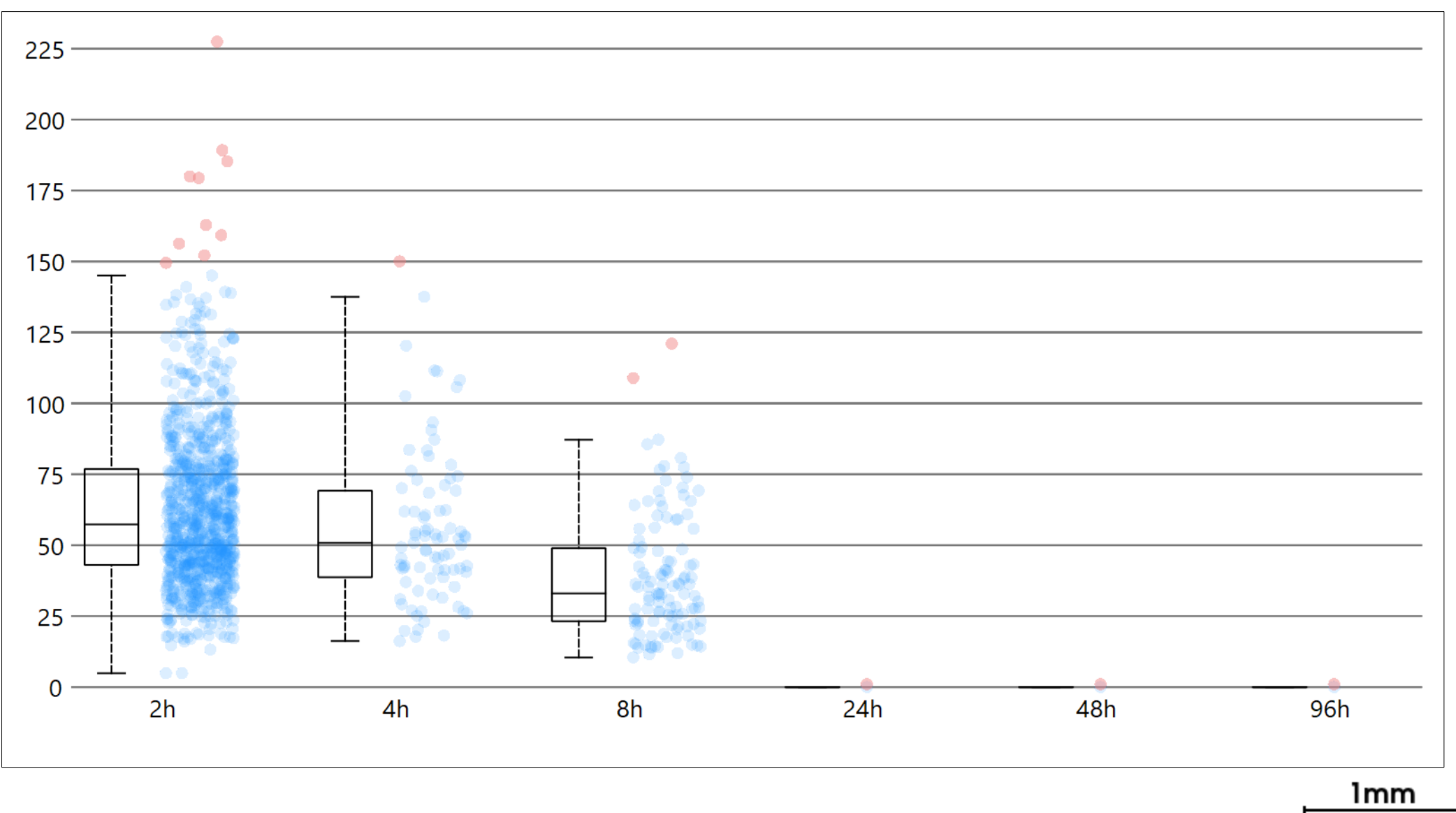
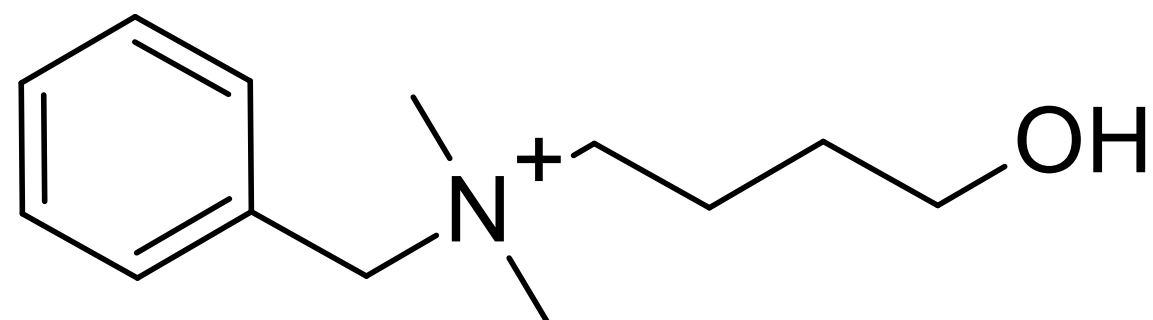
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**Supplementary Fig. 3l)** MS Ion images of BAC5-carboxy over the time-course of 2, 4, 8, 24, 48, 96 h.

**BAC5-OH**  
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C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO



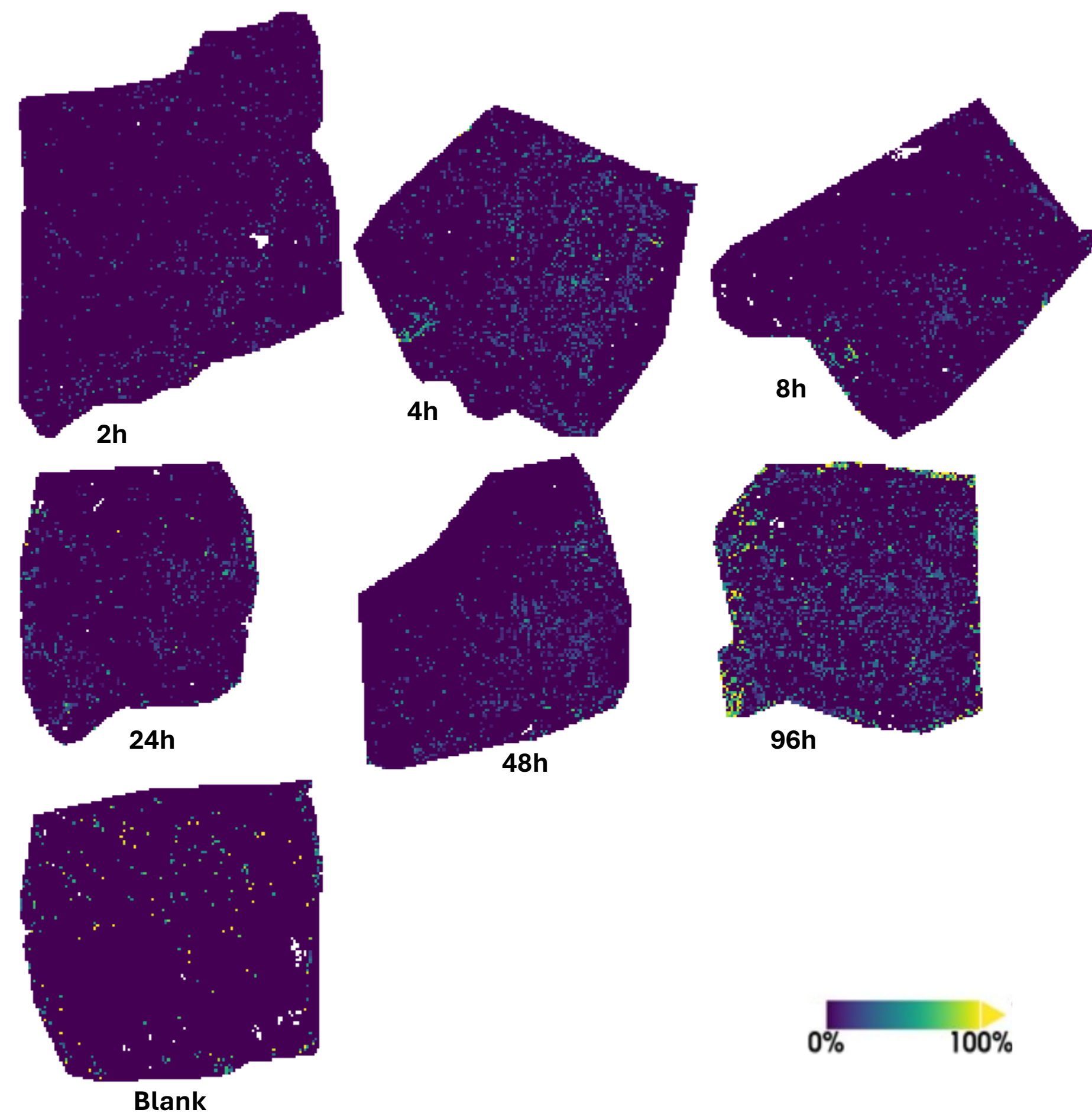
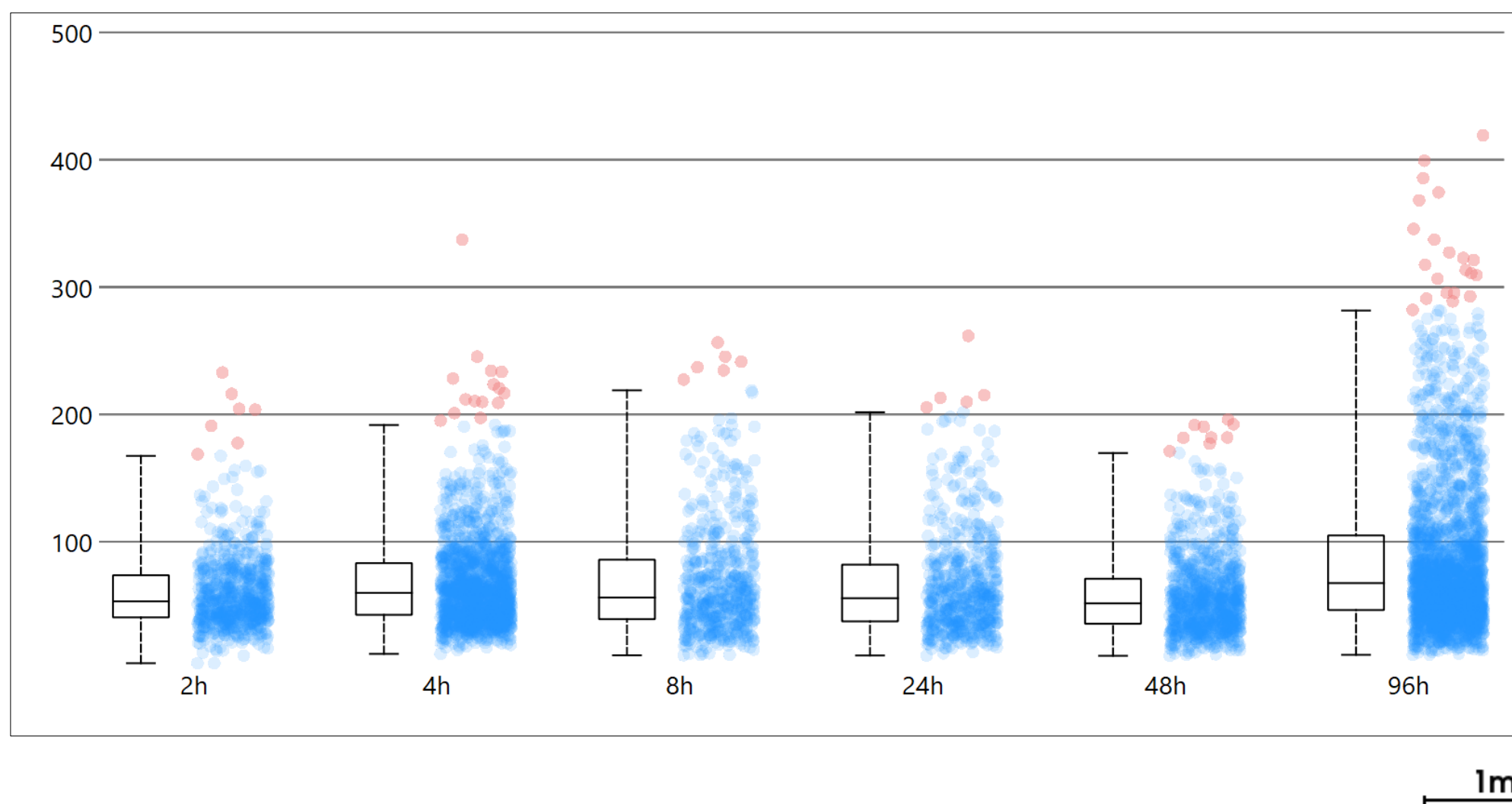
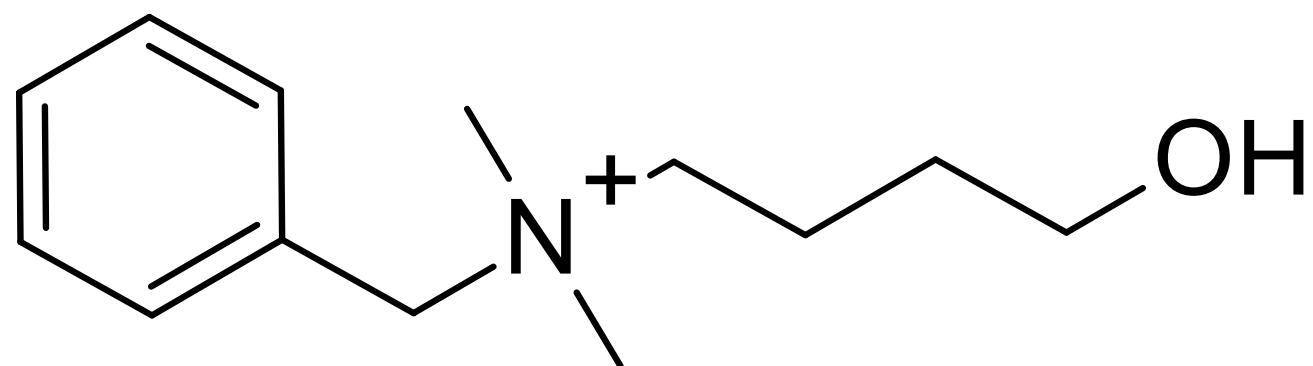
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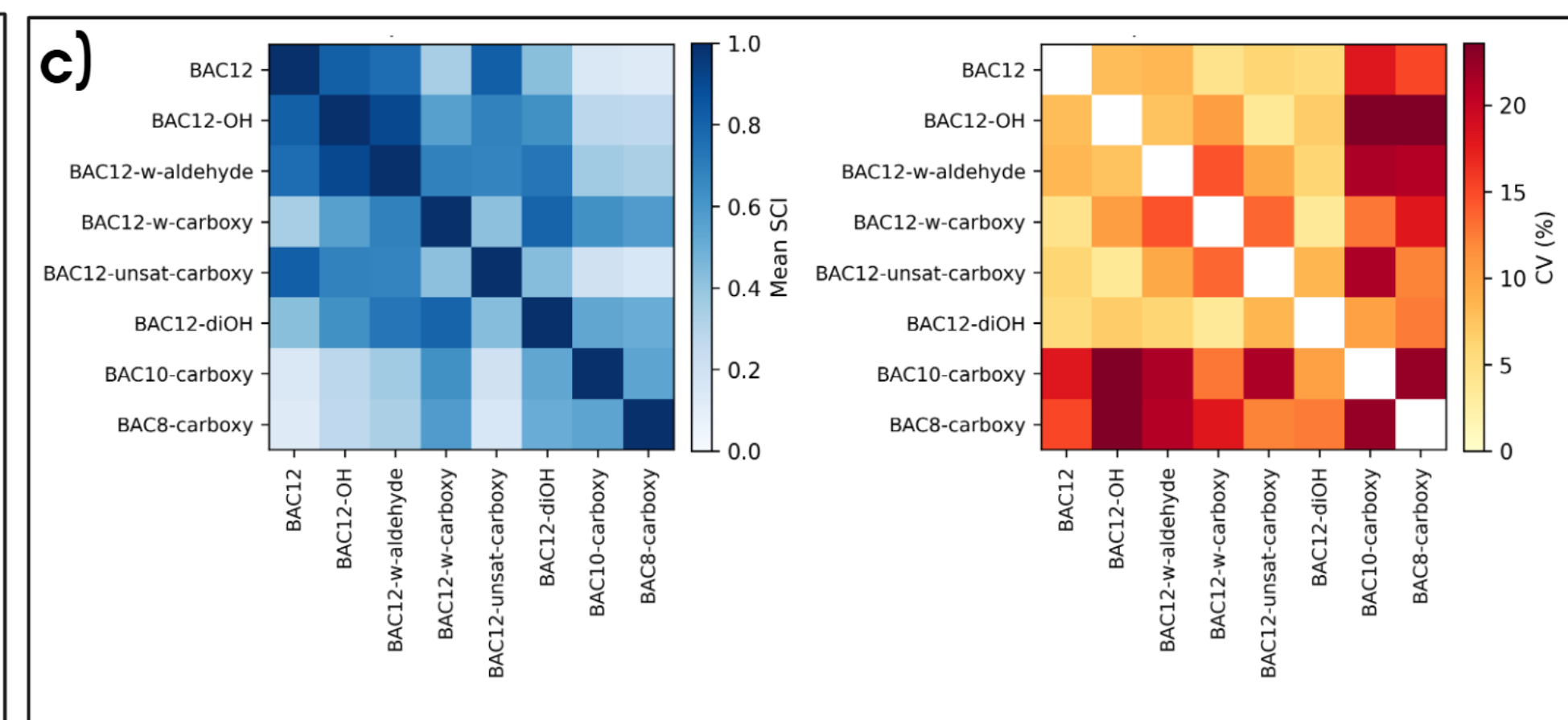
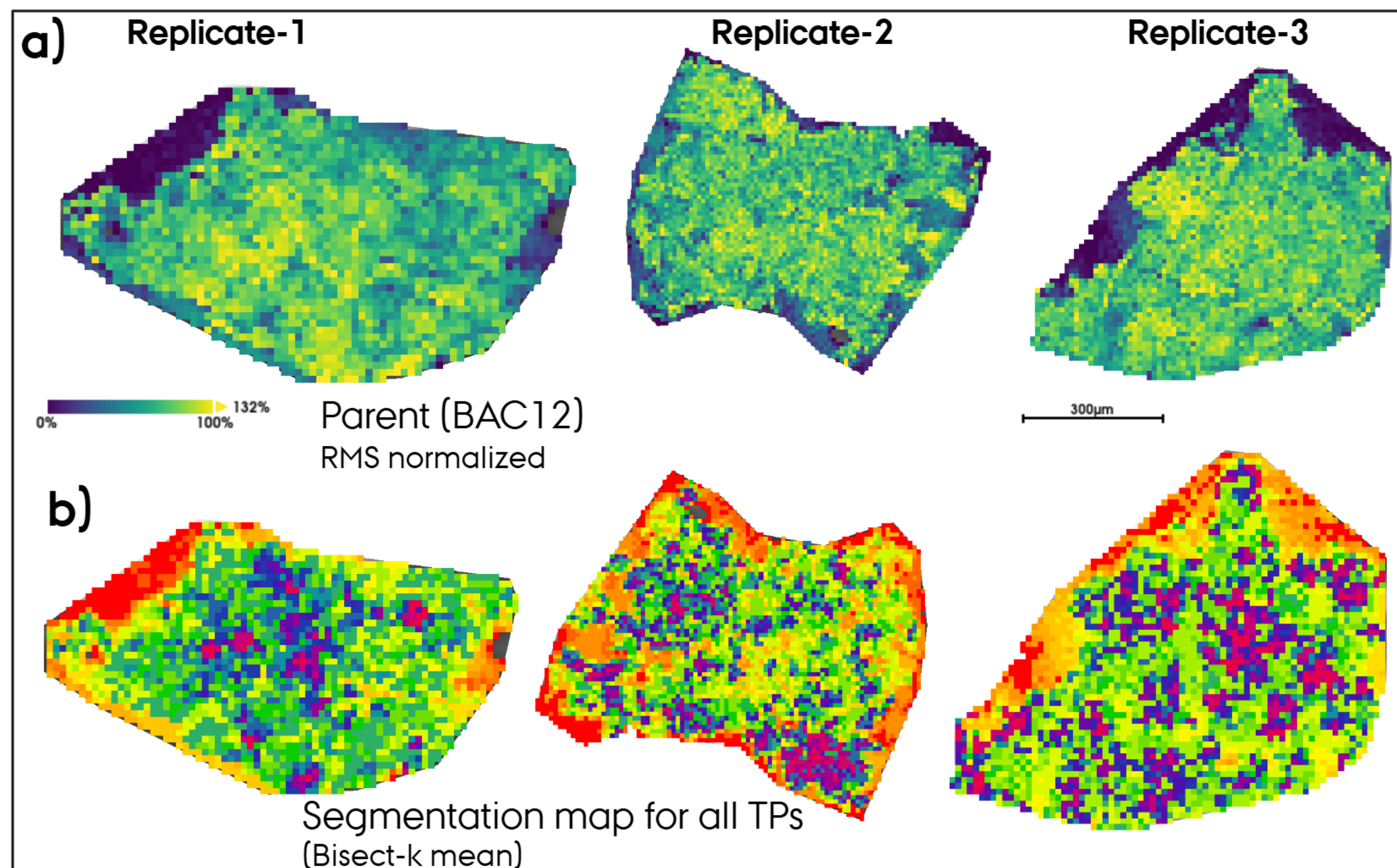
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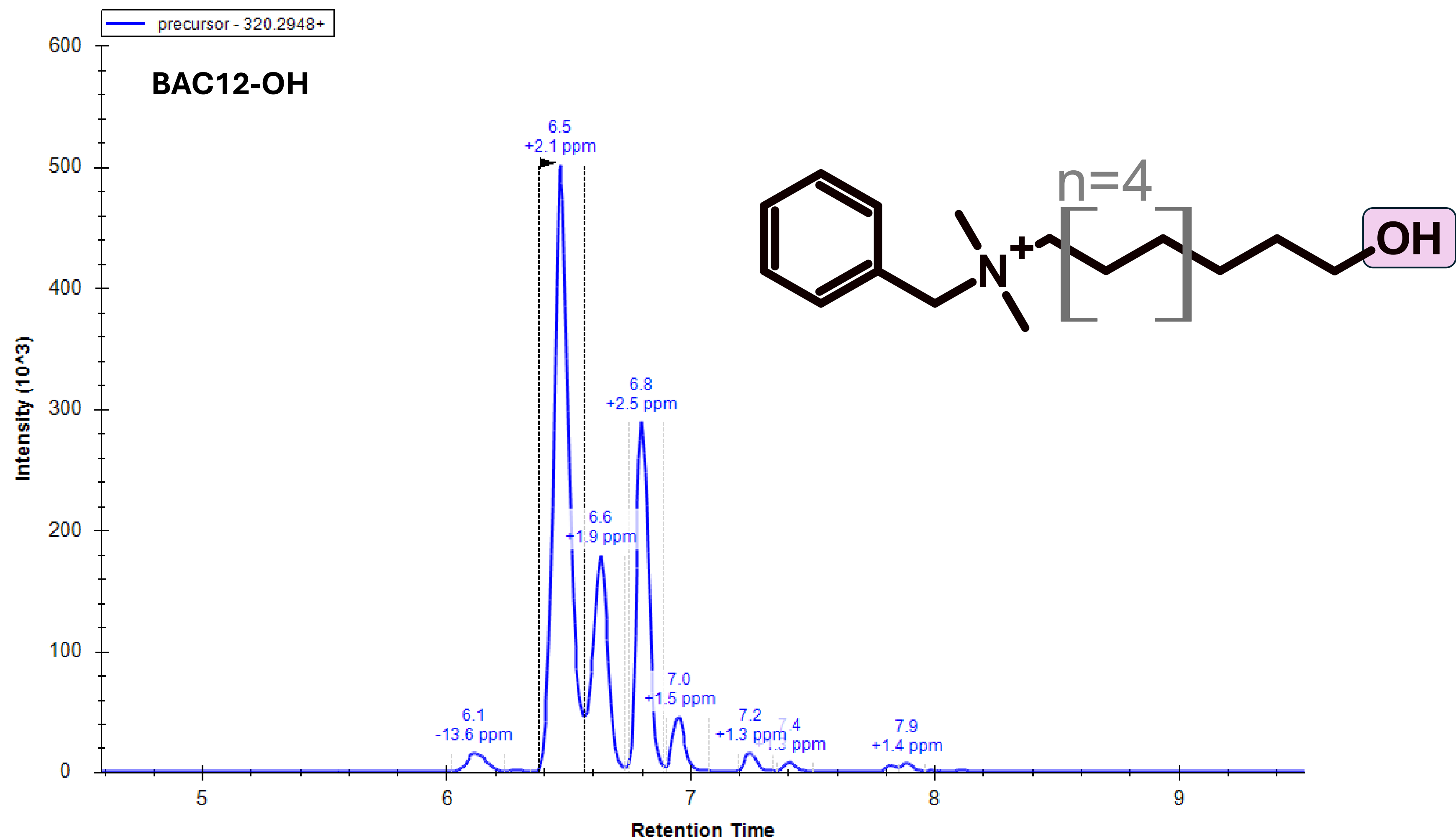
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**Supplementary Fig. 3n) MS Ion images of BAC4-OH over the time-course of 2, 4, 8, 24, 48, 96 h**

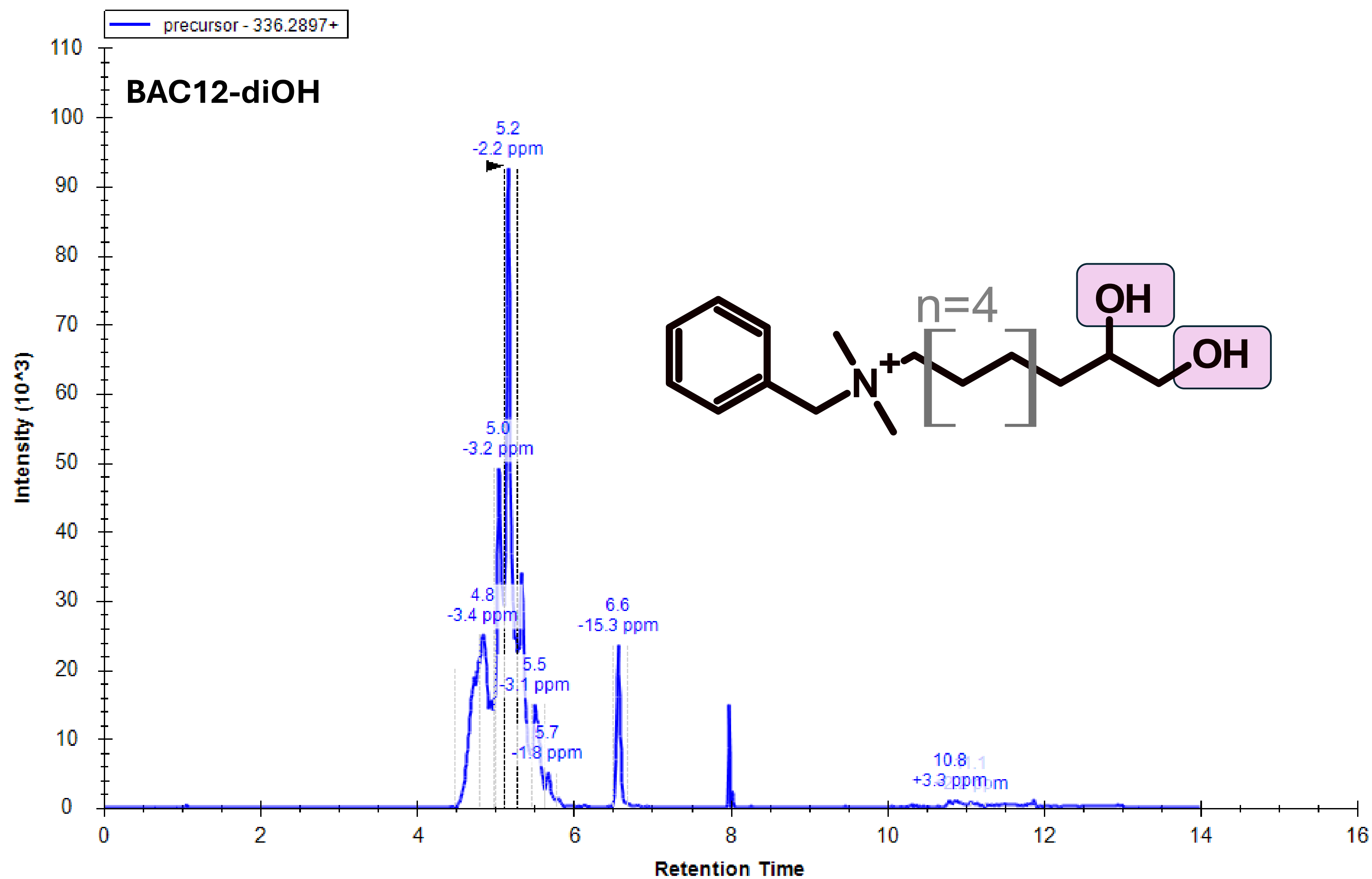


**Supplementary Fig. 4)** a) Reproducibility of BAC-12 transformation products (TPs) spatial co-localization across independent biofilm replicates (4 h, n = 3). a) RMS-normalized parent BAC-12 ion images, b) bisecting k-means segmentation maps for all TPs, c) mean spatial co-localization index (SCI) and corresponding coefficient of variation (CV, %) across replicates for the seven TPs. MS Spectral clusters are color coded across replicates.

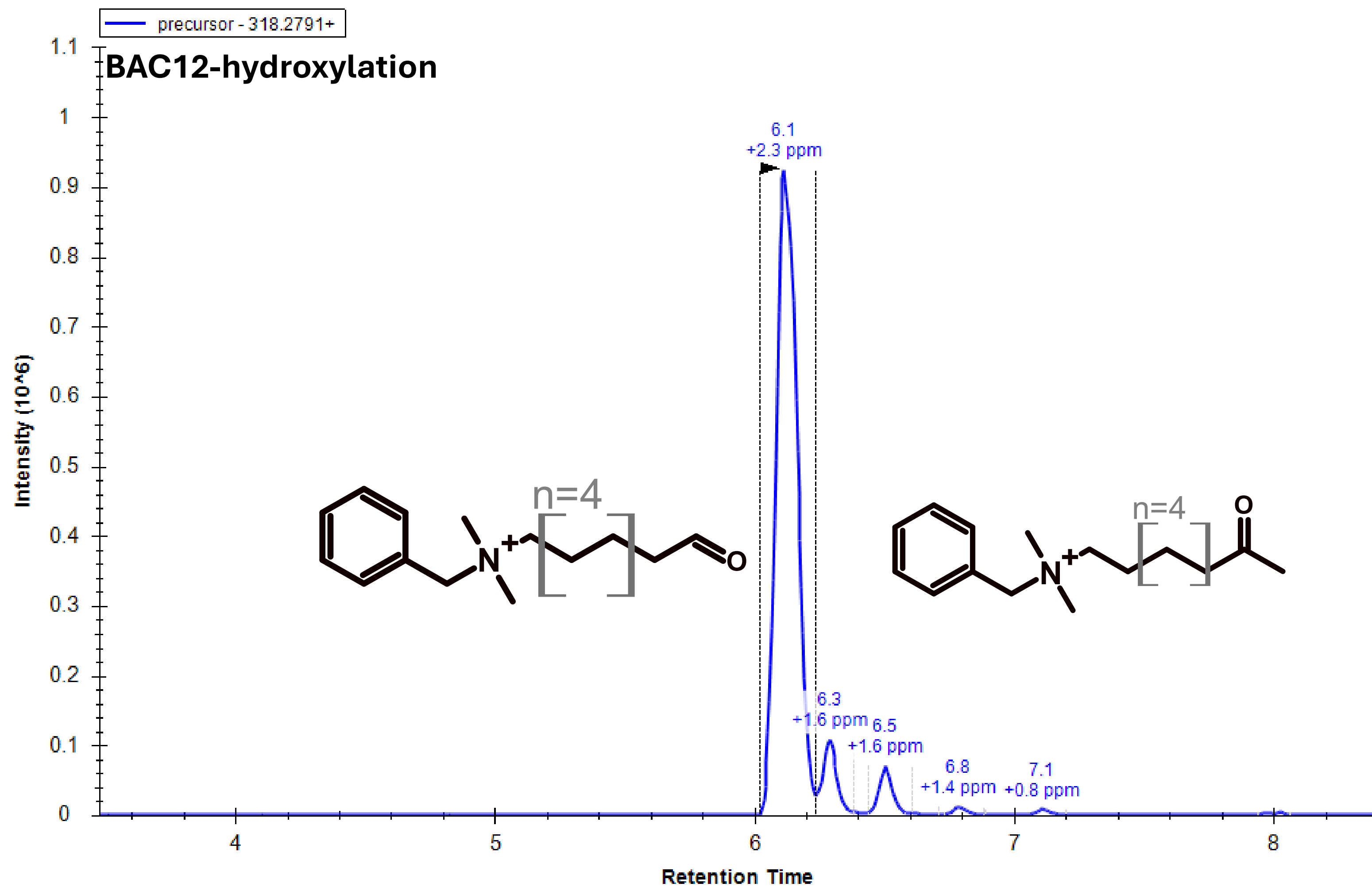


**Supplementary Fig. 5a )** LC-MS chromatogram showing multiple peaks of potential isomers corresponding to position of –OH group positions.

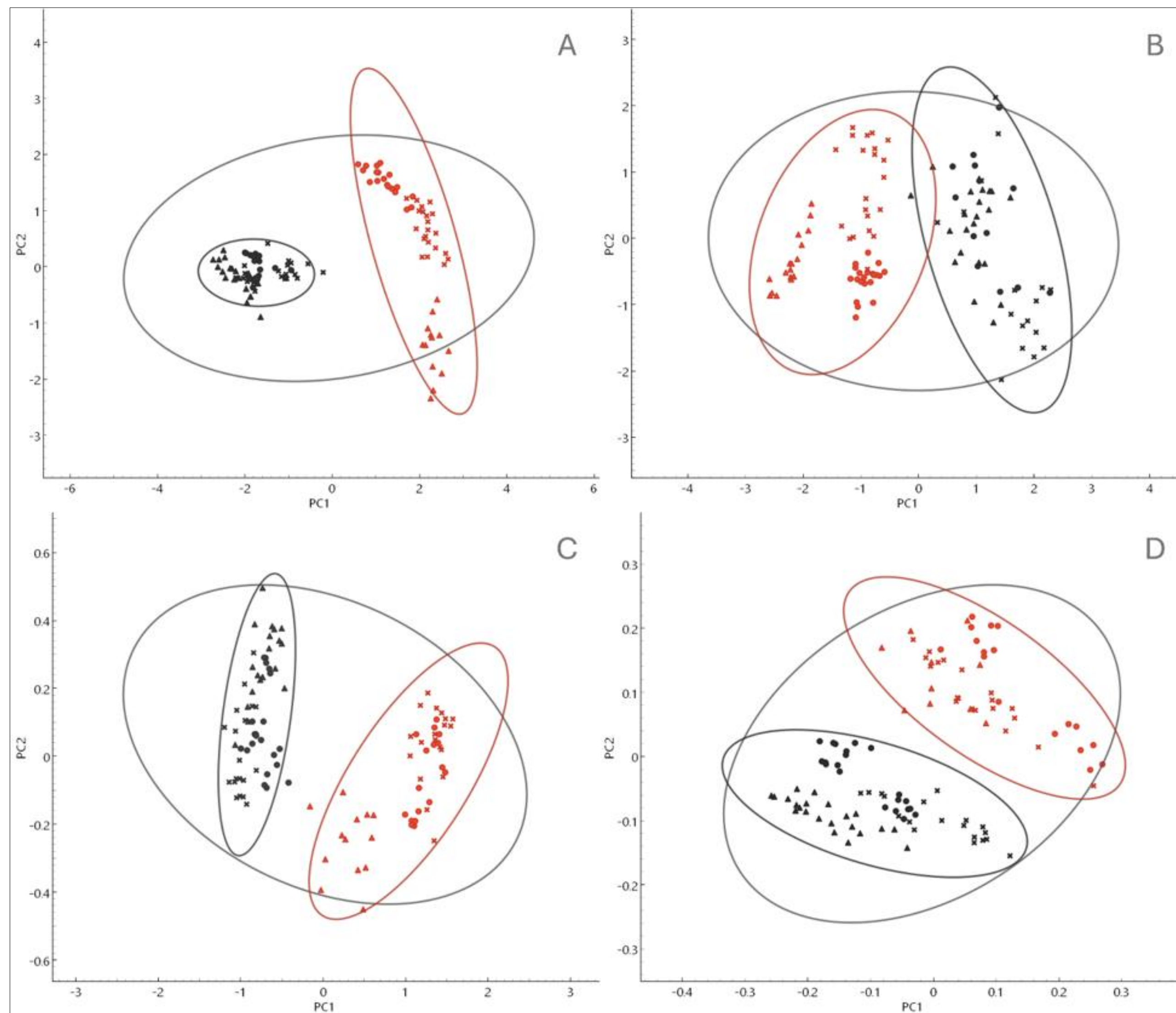




**Supplementary Fig. 5b)** LC-MS analysis showing multiple peaks for potential isomers corresponding to position of di-OH group positions.

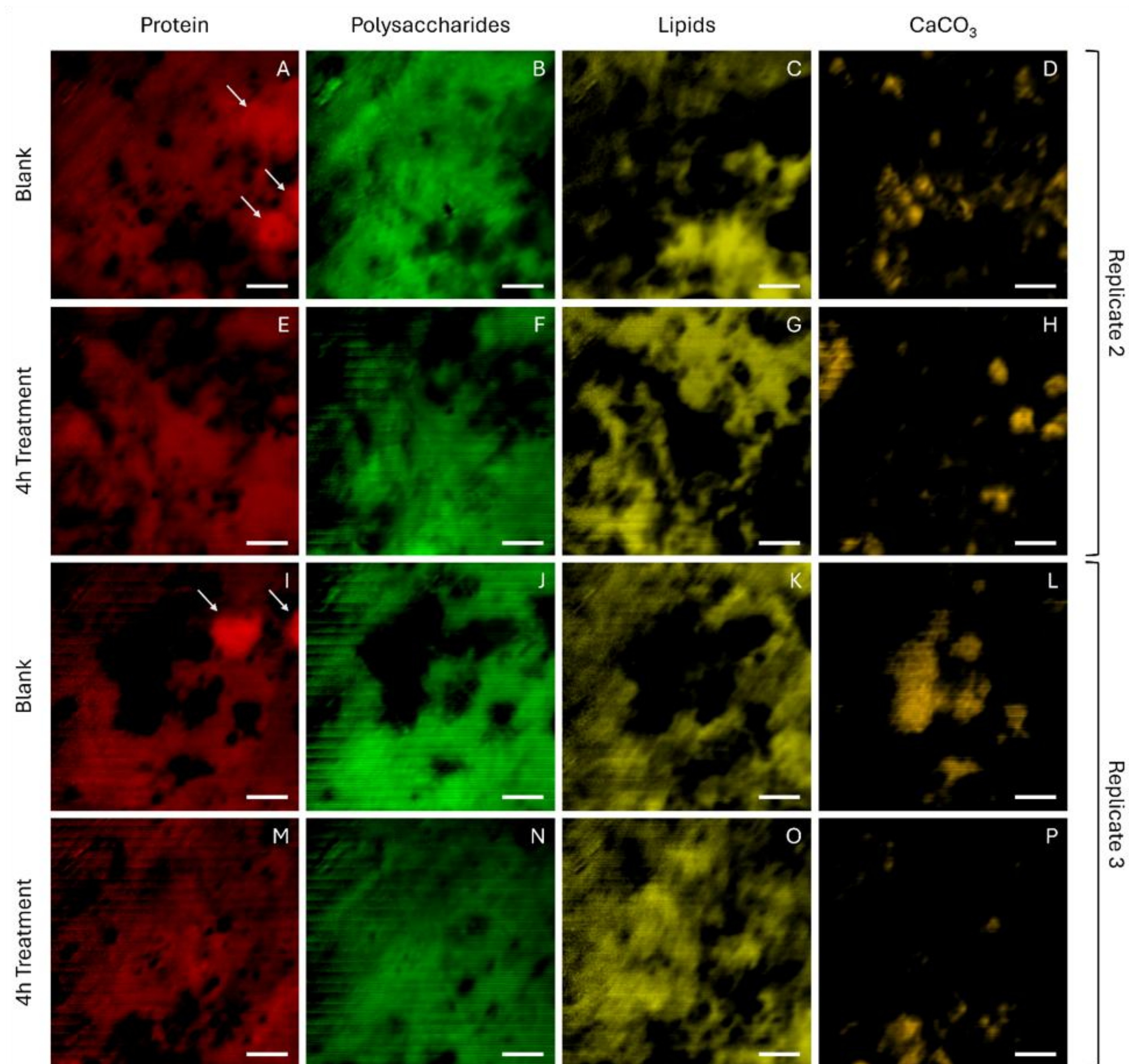


**Supplementary Fig. 5c)** LC-MS chromatogram showing multiple peaks for potential isomers corresponding to position of =O group



**Supplementary Fig. 6)** PCA analysis of 20 representative spectra from each of the high-protein regions (A), high-polysaccharide regions (B), the Amide I + Amide II region (C), and the Amide I region alone (D), for both blank (black) and 4 h-treated (red) samples across replicates. Spectra from replicates 1, 2, and 3 are denoted by different symbols (X, ●, and ▲, respectively).





**Supplementary Fig. 7)** FTIR imaging intensity maps showing the spatial distribution of protein (red), polysaccharides (green), lipids (yellow), and CaCO<sub>3</sub> (orange) in the blank sample (A–D and I–L) and after 4 h of treatment (E–H and M–P) for both replicate 2 and 3. Each map was generated from the integrated intensity of a characteristic band: protein at 1640 cm<sup>-1</sup>, polysaccharides at 1055 cm<sup>-1</sup>, lipids at 1722 cm<sup>-1</sup>, and CaCO<sub>3</sub> at 872 cm<sup>-1</sup>. White arrows indicate protein aggregates detected in the blank samples. Each image covers a 300 × 300 μm area (scale bar: 50 μm).