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The Synthetic Potential of Fungal Feruloyl Esterases: a Correlation with Current Classification Systems and Predicted Structural Properties

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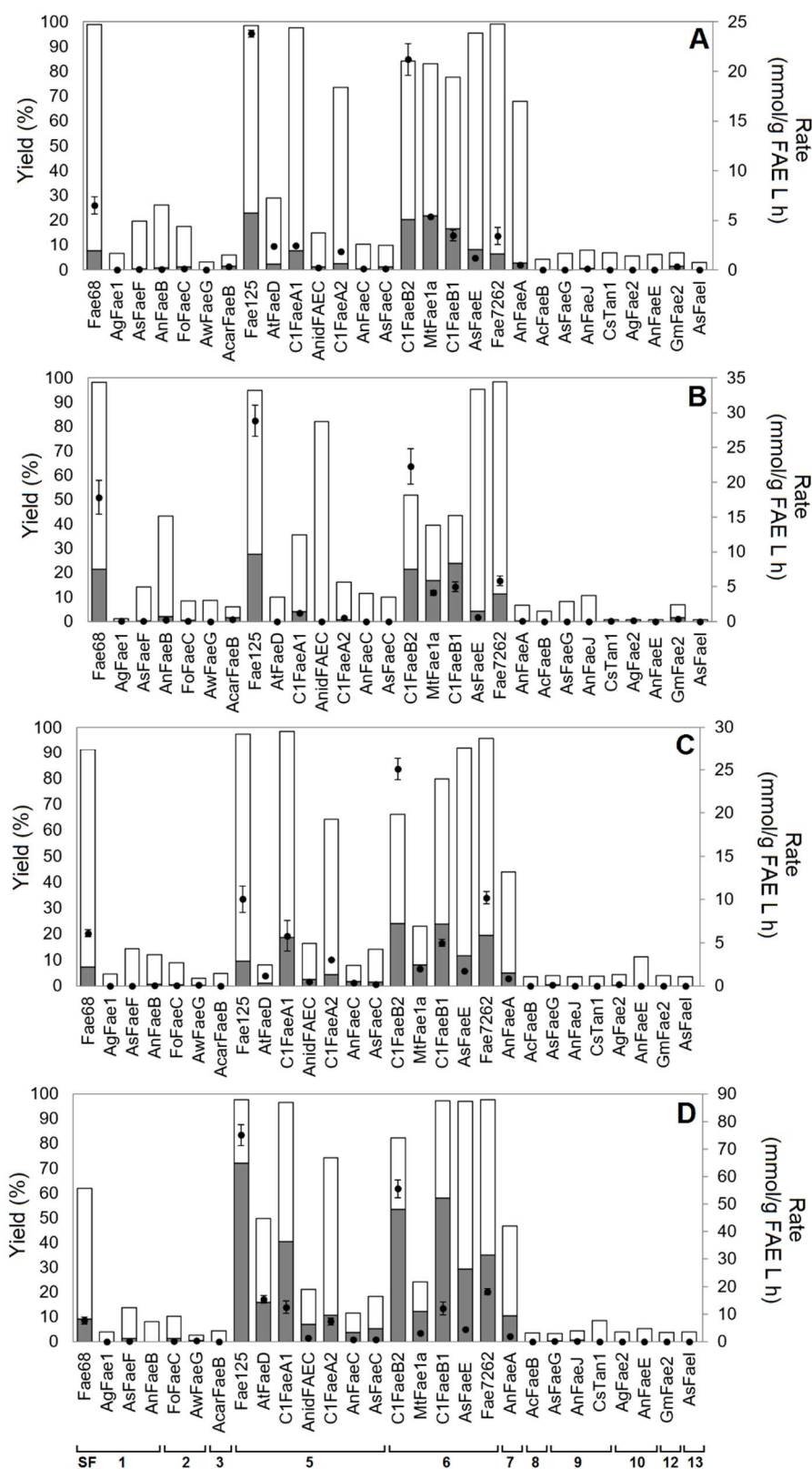


Figure S1. Synthesis of (A) PFA (B) PCA (C) BFA and (D) GFA. Reaction conditions: 50 mM donor (VFA or VCA), 200 mM acceptor, 0.2 mg protein mL⁻¹, 53.4: 43.4: 3.2 v/v/v *n*-hexane: *t*-butanol: buffer, 45°C, no agitation, 24 h of incubation. Grey column: transesterification yield; White column: hydrolysis yield; Black circle: Specific rate of transesterification. The error bars represent the standard deviation between two duplicates.

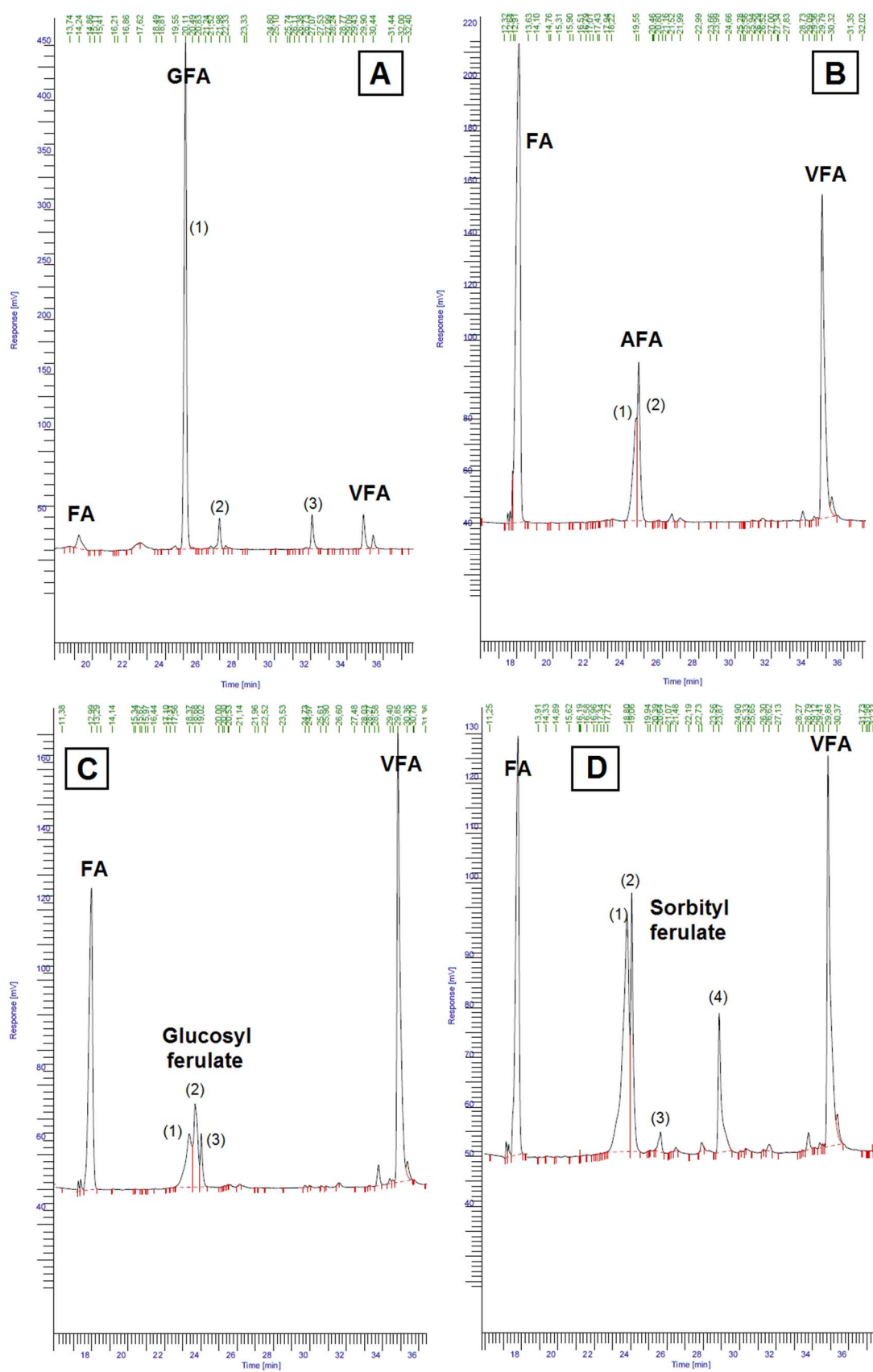


Figure S2. HPLC chromatograms for (A) GFA (B) AFA (C) Glycosyl ferulate and (D) Sorbityl ferulate synthesis.

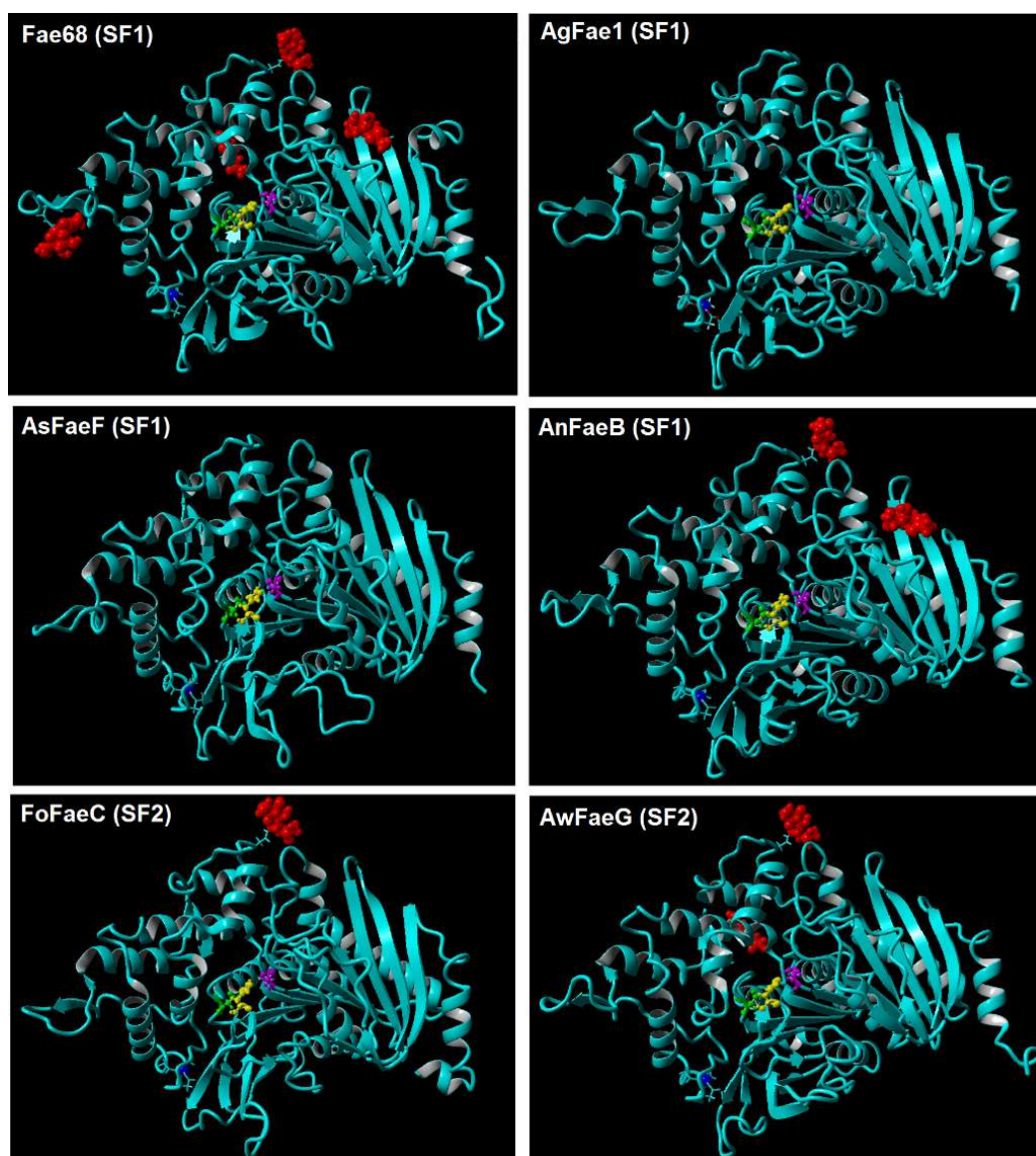


Figure S3. Predicted structures for SF1-2 FAEs obtained by homology modeling using YASARA Structure (YASARA Biosciences GmbH, Vienna, Austria). Magenta: Catalytic serine; Yellow: Catalytic Histidine; Green: Catalytic Aspartate; Red: Predicted glycosylation; Blue: Ca²⁺.

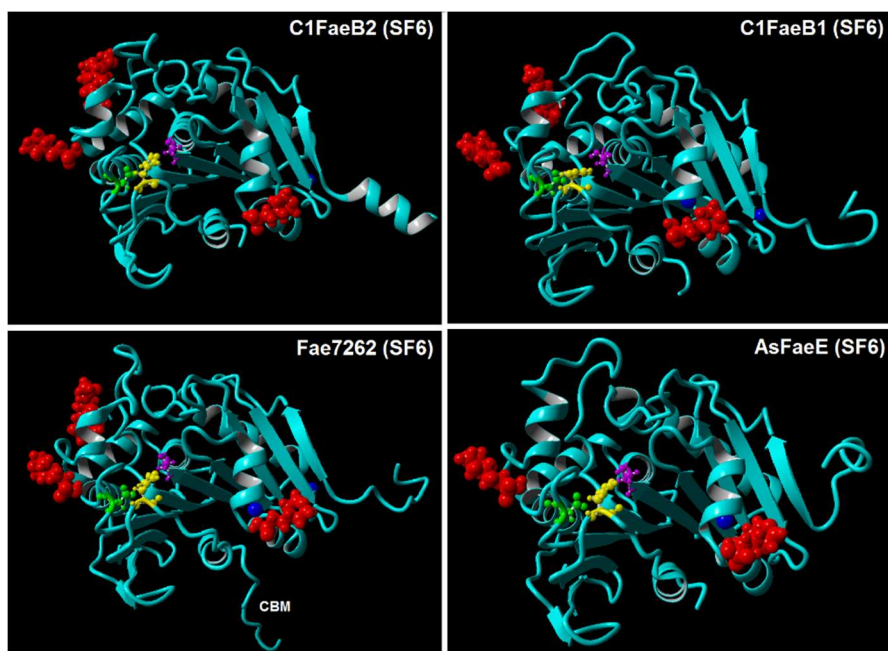


Figure S4. Predicted structures for SF6 FAEs obtained by homology modeling using YASARA Structure (YASARA Biosciences GmbH, Vienna, Austria). Magenta: Catalytic serine; Yellow: Catalytic Histidine; Green: Catalytic Aspartate; Red: Predicted glycosylation; Blue: Na⁺.

Table S1. Structure templates and quality test results on best fully refined models exported by YASARA Structure for selected fungal FAEs (SF1-2 and SF6).

SF	Enzyme	Template (PDB ID)	Seq. Identity (%)	Oligo-state	Seq. Similarity	Range	Coverage	Description	Z-score ^a		
									Dihedrals	Packing 1D	Packing 3D
1	Fae68	AoFaeB from <i>Aspergillus oryzae</i> (3WMT_A)	69.14	Homo-dimer	0.53	41 - 556	0.90	0.426	-0.411	-1.496	-0.794
	AgFae1		59.56		0.49	22 - 526	0.95	0.341	-0.521	-1.514	-1.858
	AsFaeF		56.00		0.48	23 - 526	0.95	0.195	-0.591	-1.612	-0.952
	AnFaeB		52.71		0.47	22 - 521	0.96	0.392	-0.603	-1.629	-0.936
	FoFaeC		49.70		0.46	2 - 503	0.98	0.122	-0.768	-1.704	-1.074
2	AwFaeG		53.71		0.46	26 - 530	0.94	0.321	-0.661	-1.591	-0.951
								Optimal	Good	Satisfactory	Good
6	C1FaeB2	Acetyl xylan esterase from <i>Aspergillus awamori</i> (5X6S)	42.96	Homo-dimer	0.43	19 - 290	0.93	-0.304	-0.820	-1.630	-1.034
	C1FaeB1		41.64		0.43	21 - 292	0.91	0.385	-0.740	-1.804	-1.071
	AsFaeE		45.32		0.44	20 - 292	0.91	0.206	-1.495	-1.495	-0.858
	Fae7262		45.11		0.43	23 - 291	0.75	0.080	-0.578	-1.984	-1.137
								Optimal	Good	Satisfactory	Satisfactory

^a: Bad (-4 to -3) Optimal (0 to 4).



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