

Supplementary material

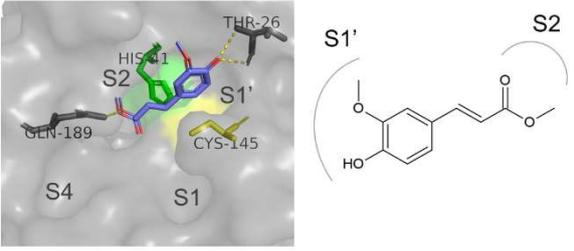
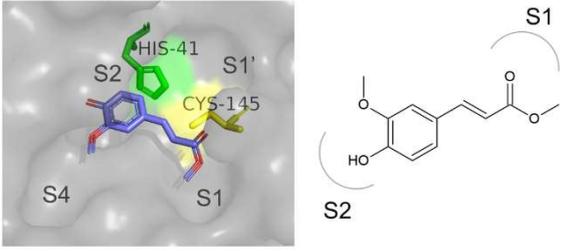
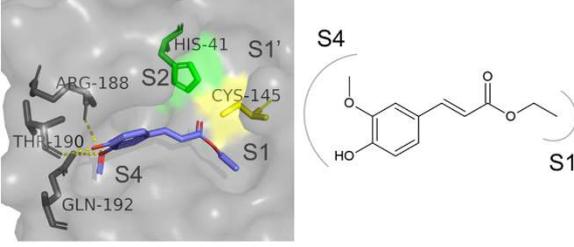
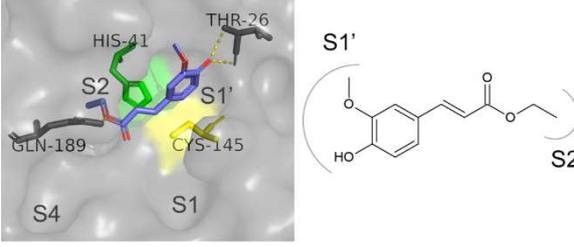
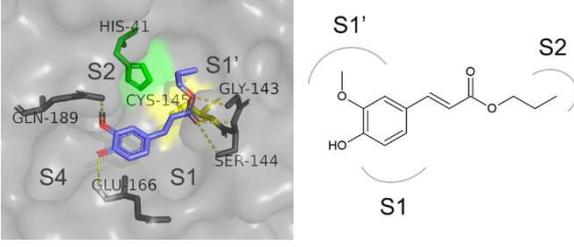
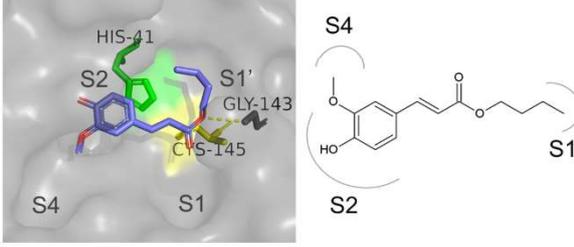
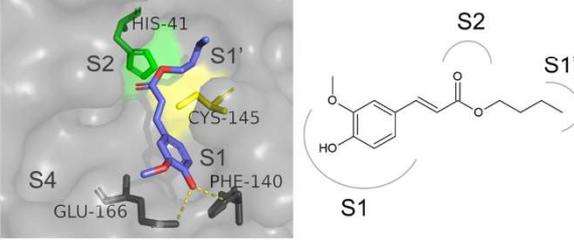
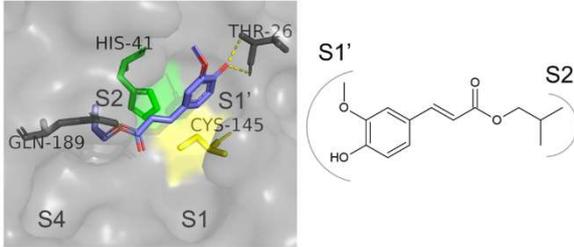
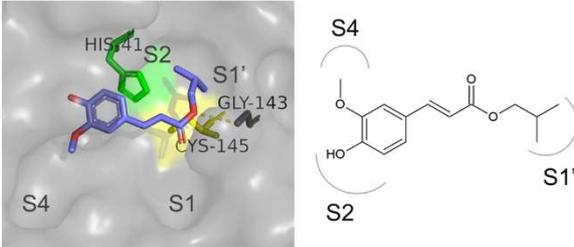
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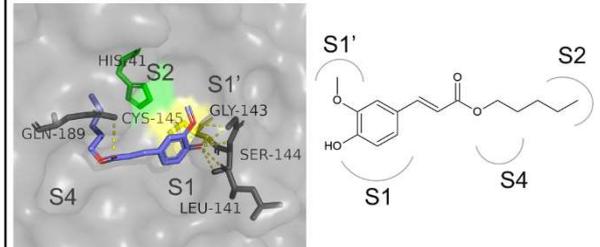
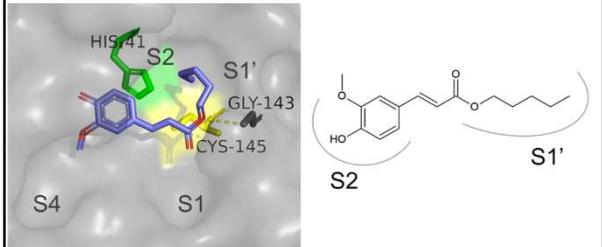
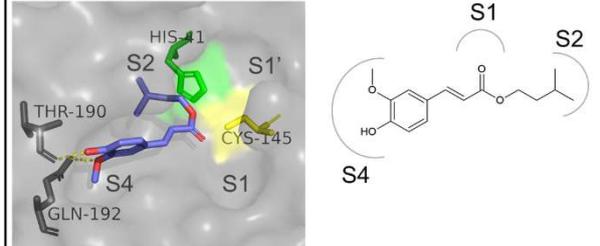
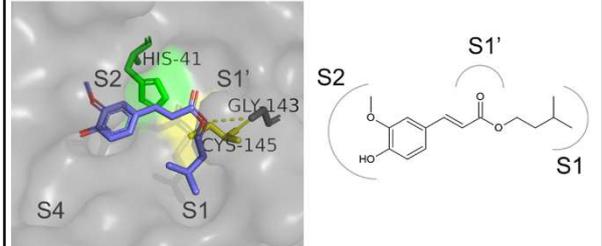
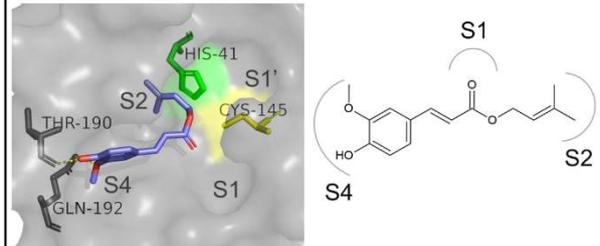
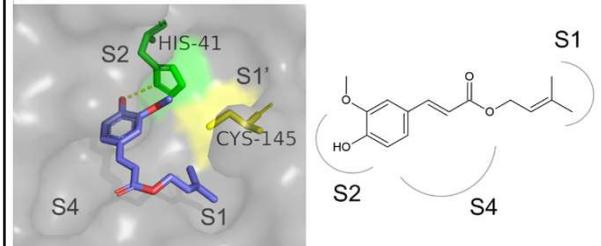
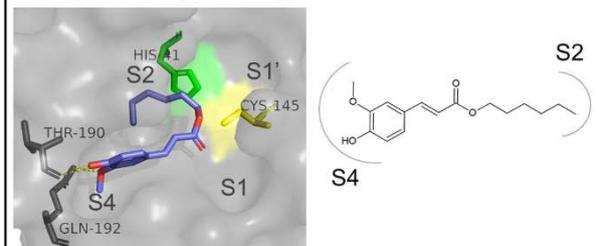
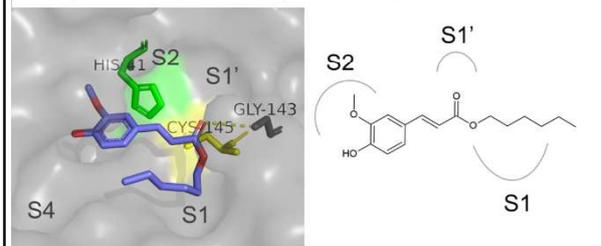
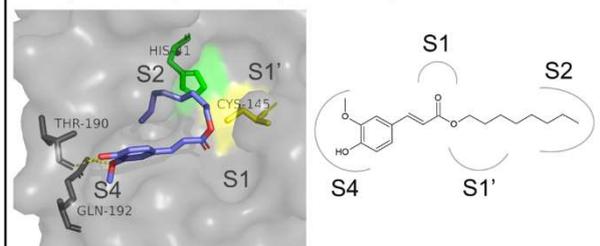
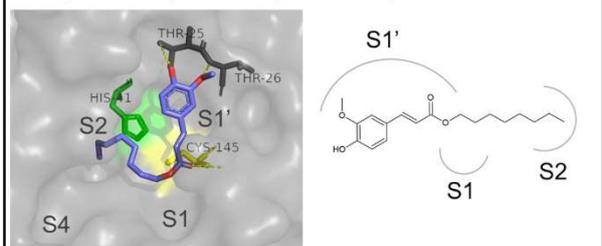
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<p>Methyl ferulate Cluster 2 5.158 kcal/mol</p> 	<p>Methyl ferulate Cluster 3 5.147 kcal/mol</p> 
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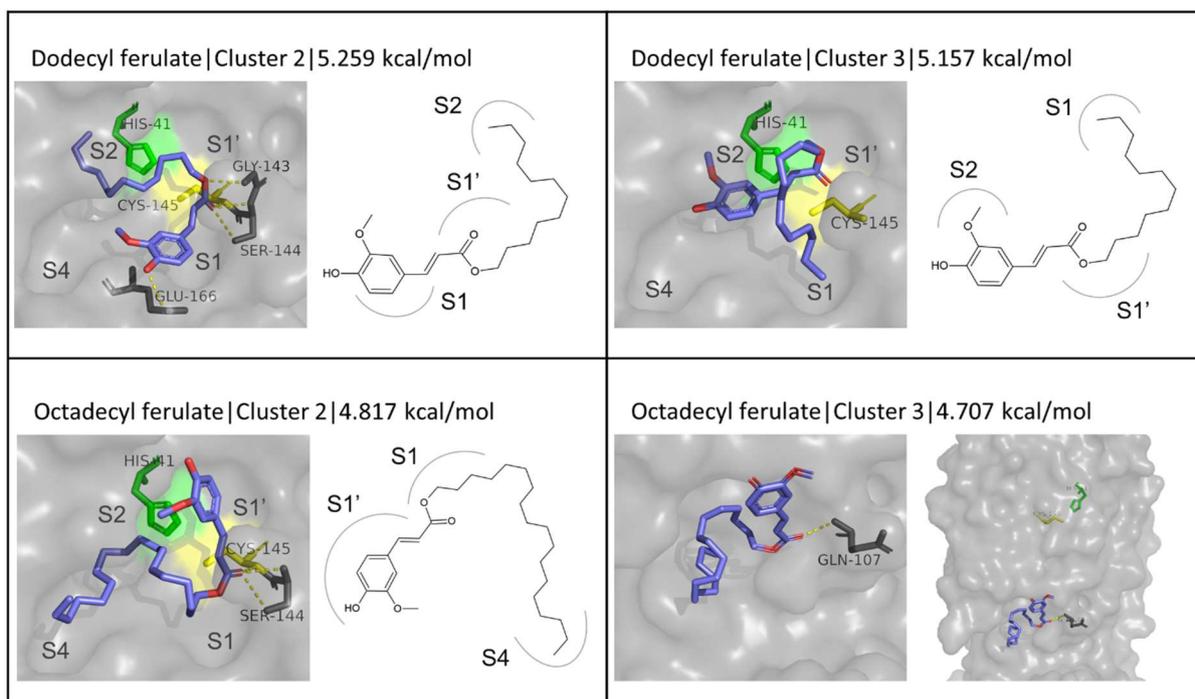


Figure S1. Binding modes of the second and third clusters for alkyl and alkenyl FA esters in the active site of M^{PRO}.

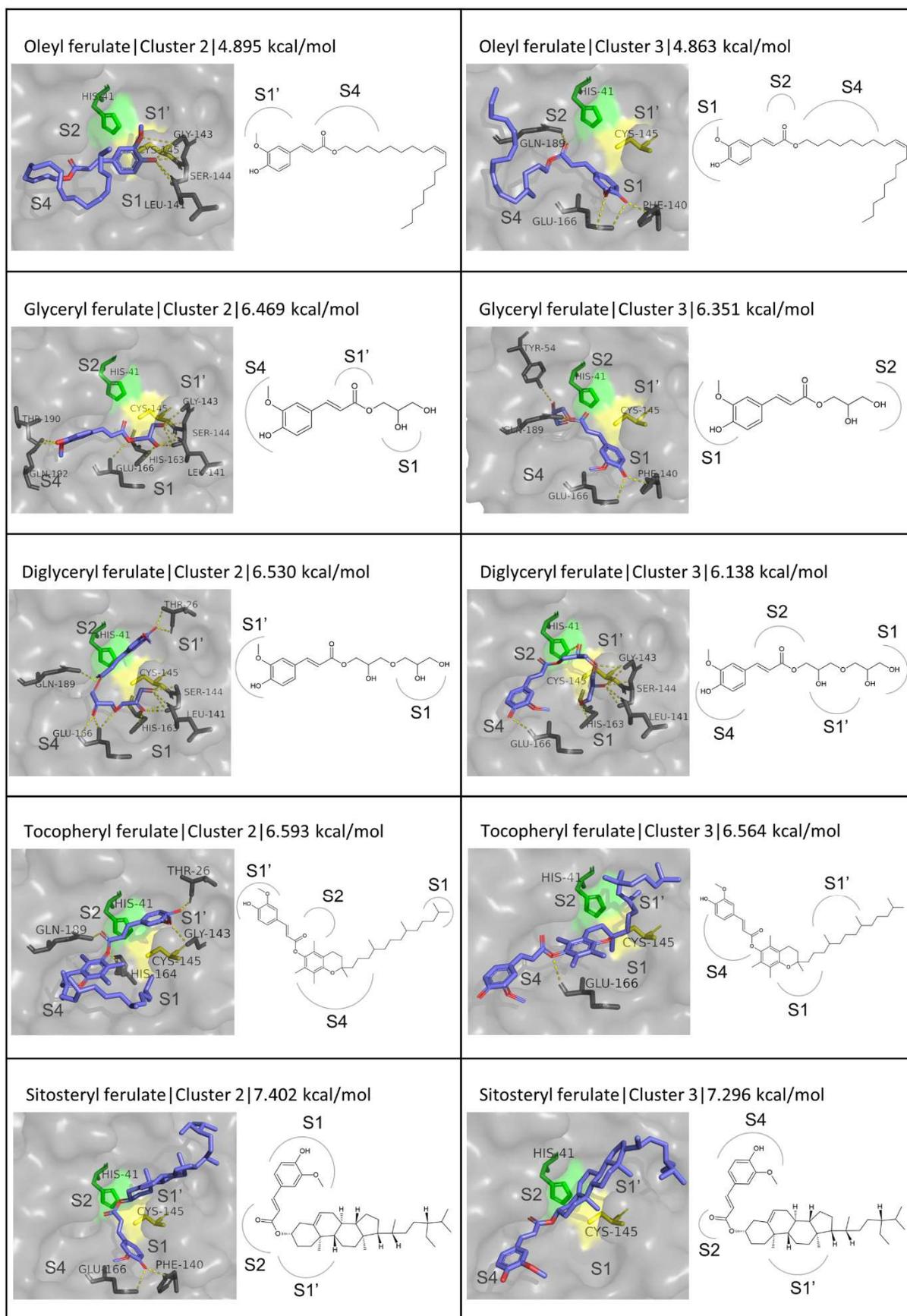
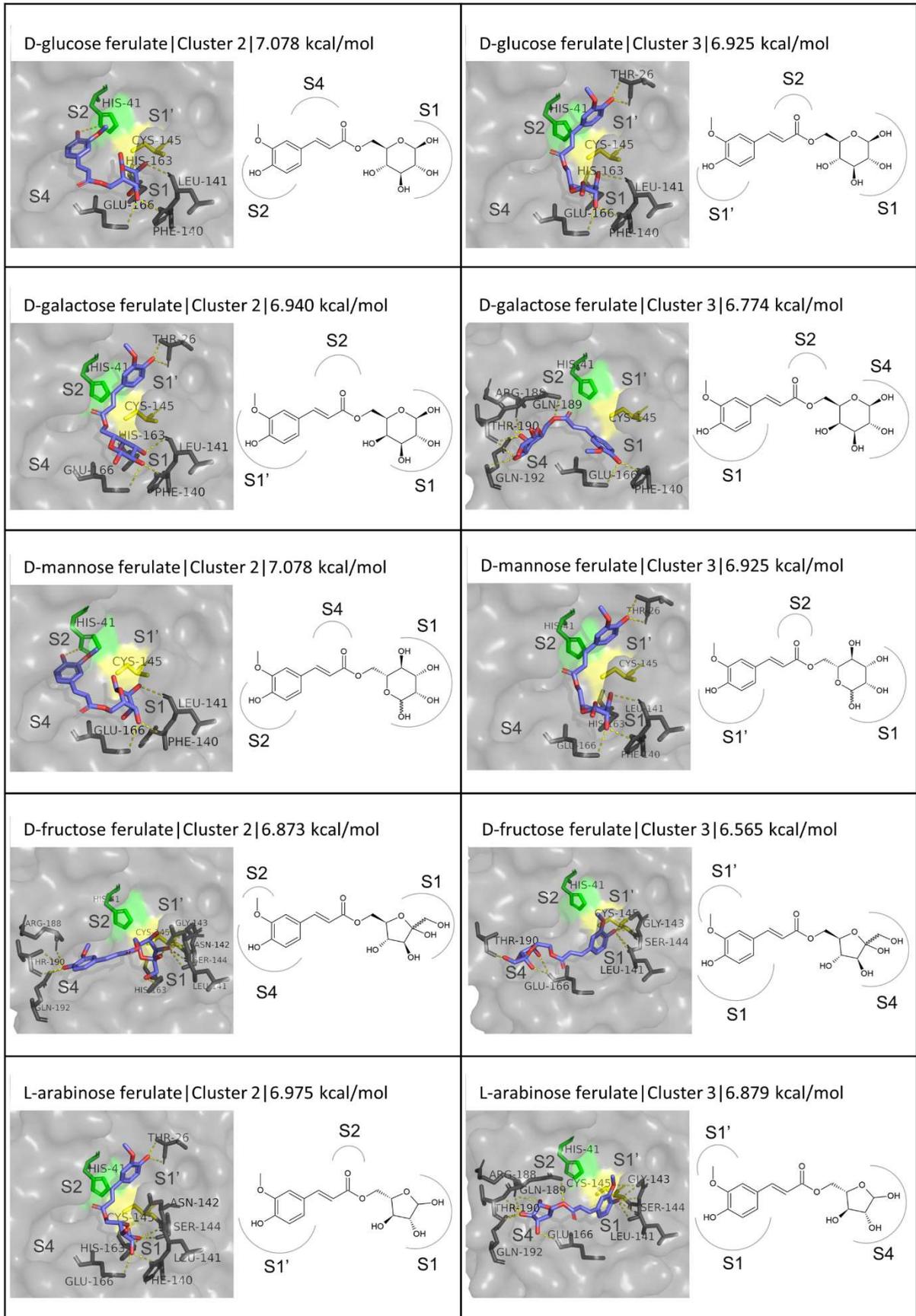


Figure S2. Binding modes of the second and third clusters for fatty acid, polyol, tocopherol and sterol FA derivatives in the active site of M^{Pro} .



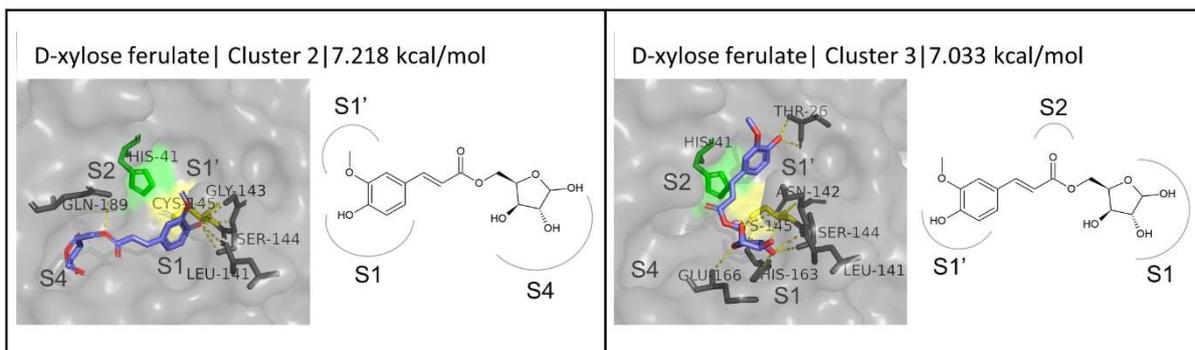
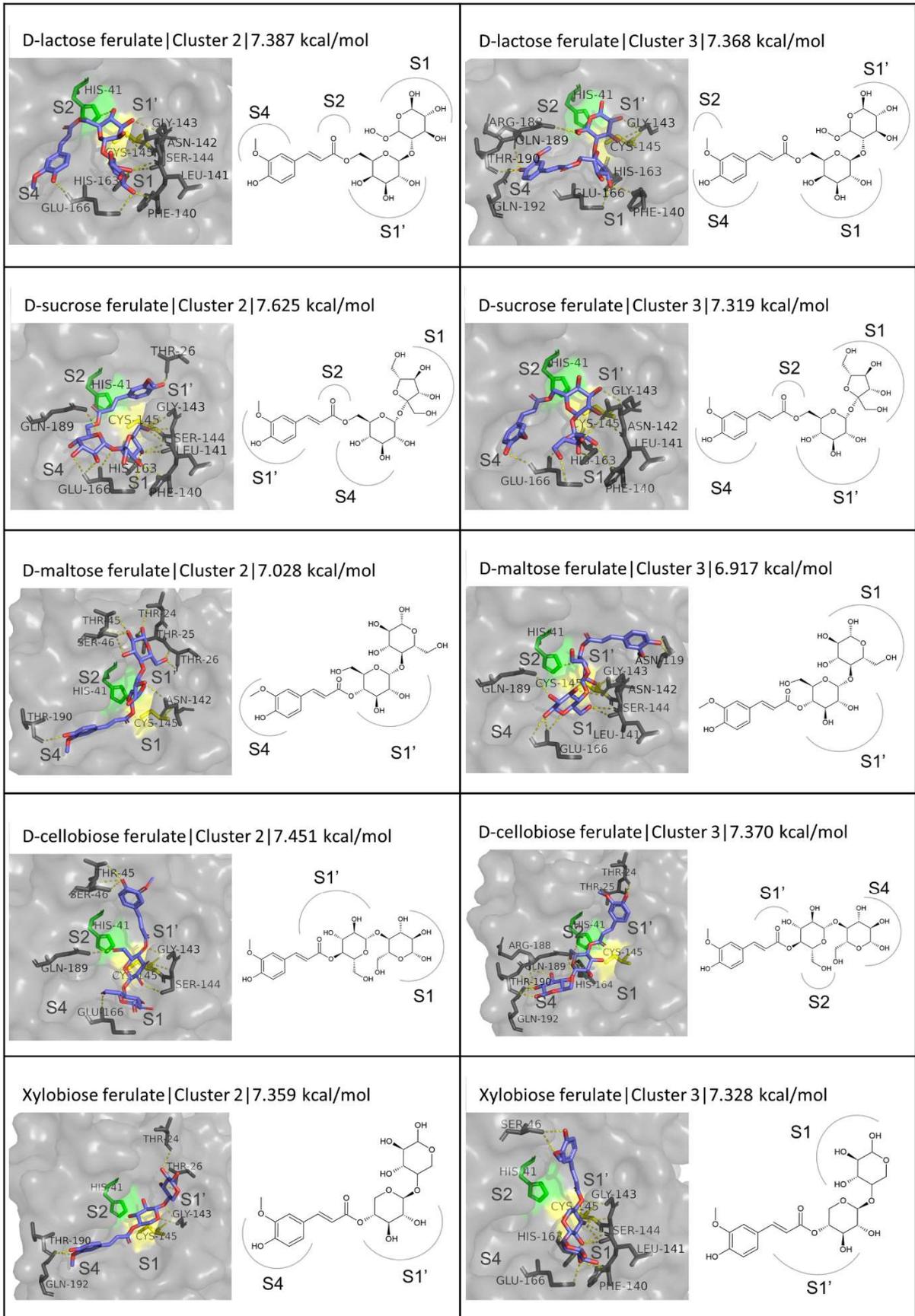


Figure S3. Binding modes of the second and third clusters for monosaccharide esters of FA in the active site of M^{PRO}.



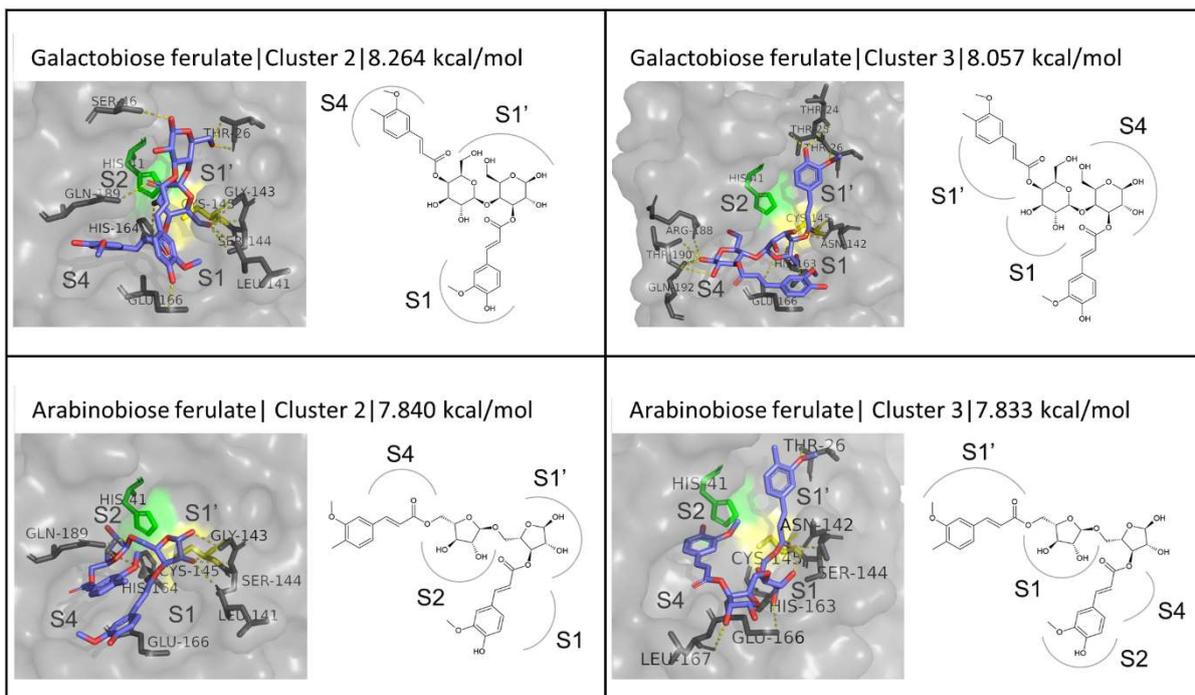


Figure S4. Binding modes of the second and third clusters for disaccharide esters of FA in the active site of M^{Pro}.

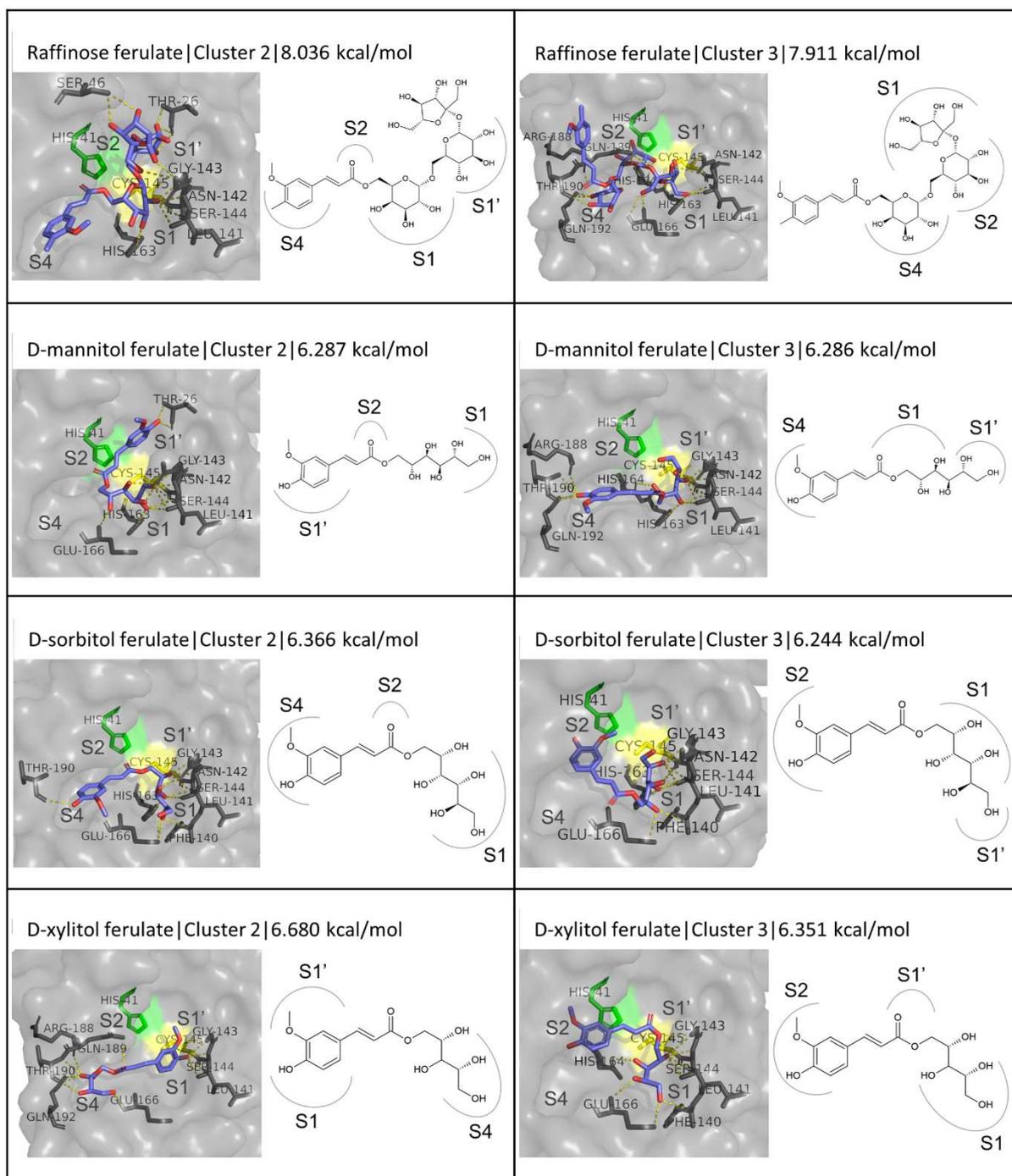


Figure S5. Binding modes of the second and third clusters for trisaccharide and sugar alcohol esters of FA in the active site of M^{pro} .

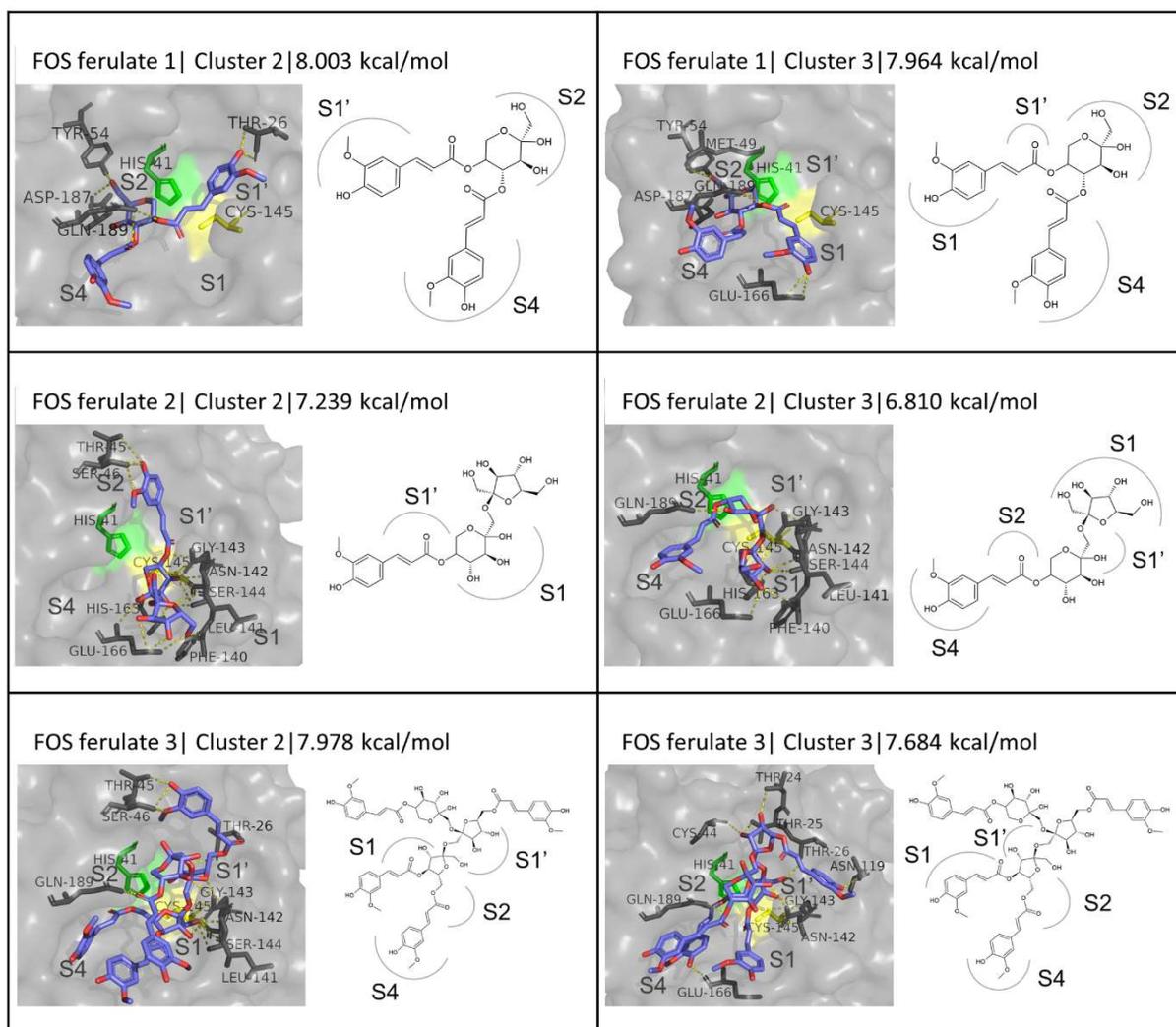


Figure S6. Binding modes of the second and third clusters for FOS esters of FA in the active site of M^{PRO}.

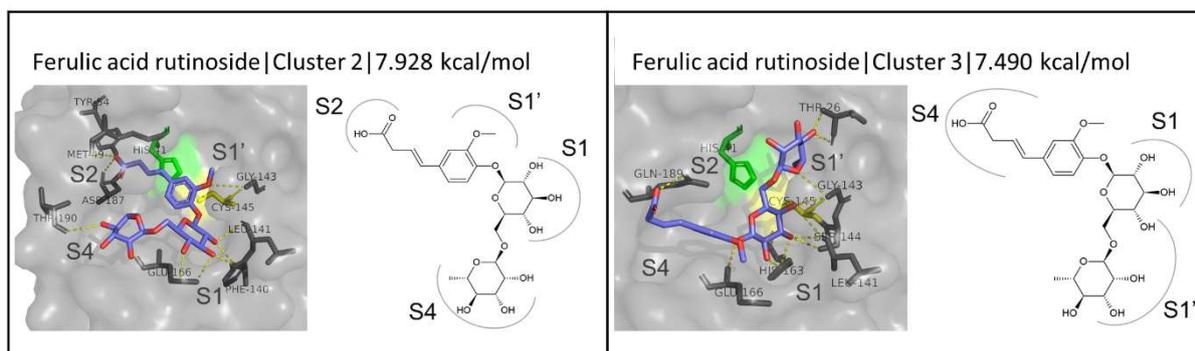
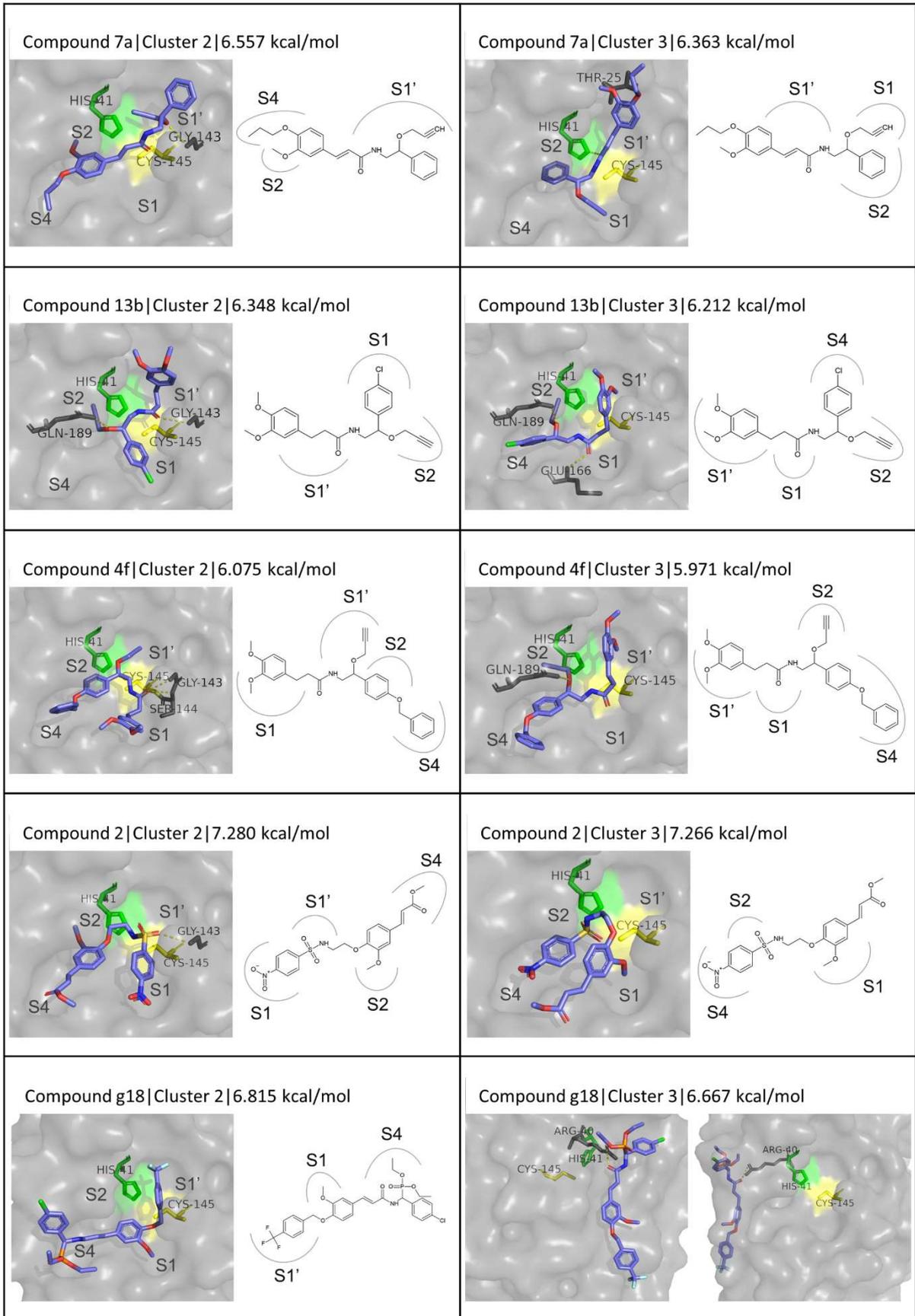
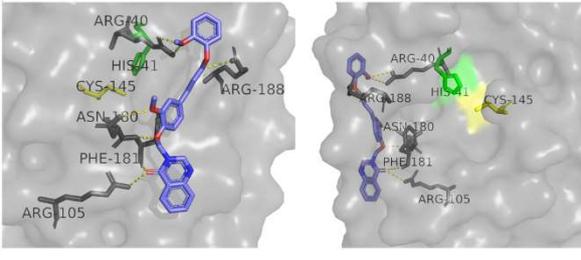
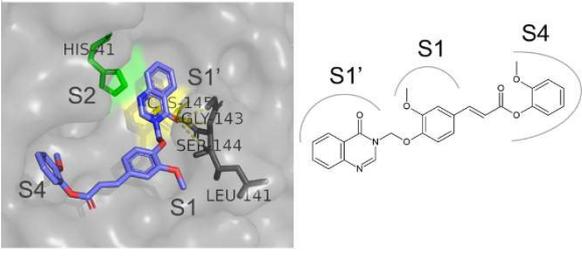
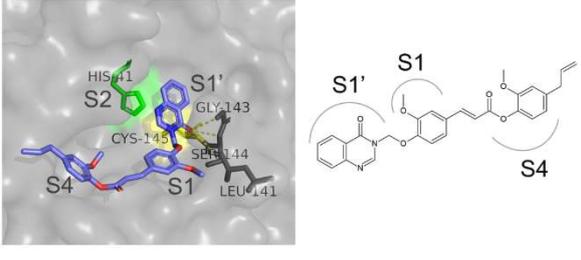
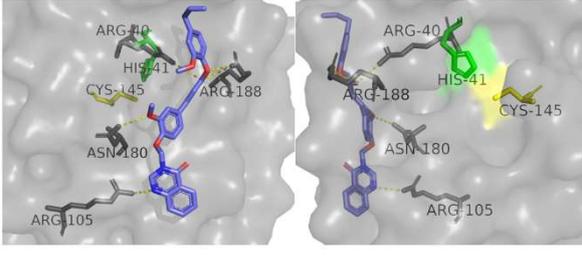
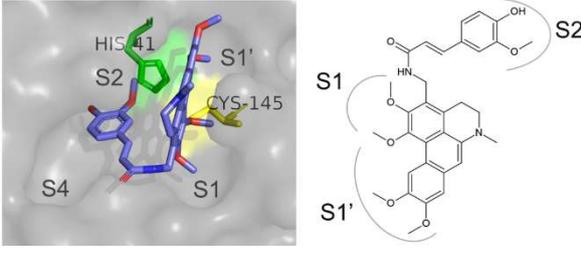
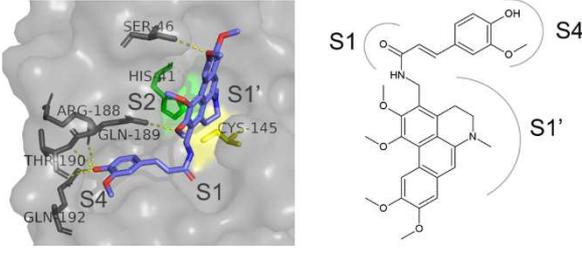
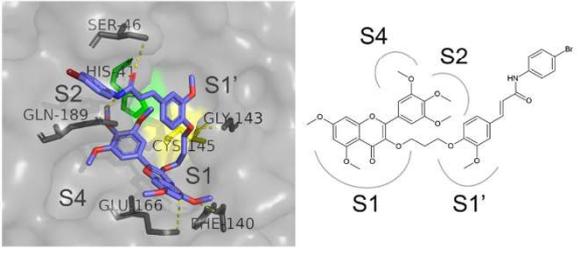
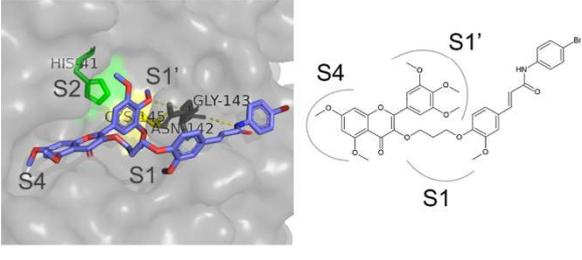
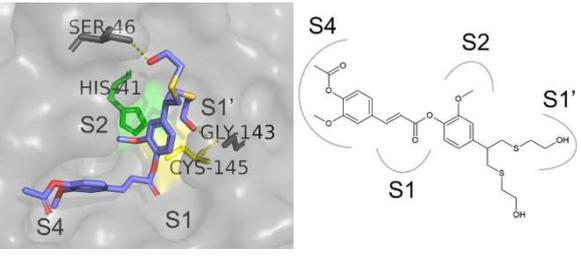
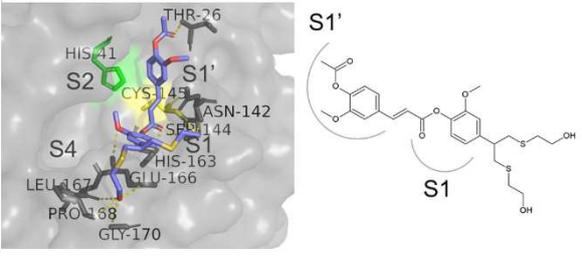
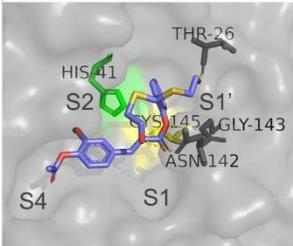
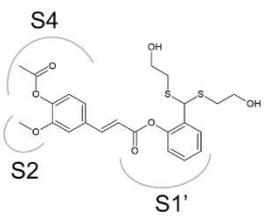
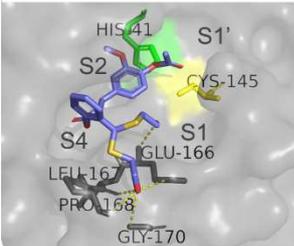
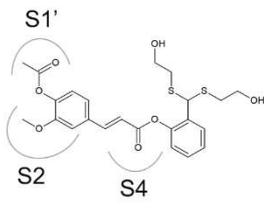
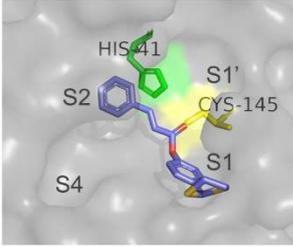
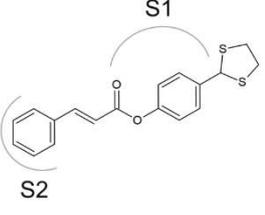
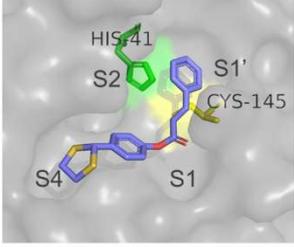
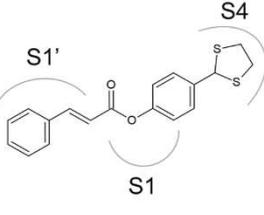
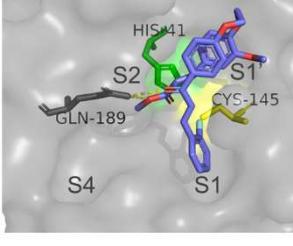
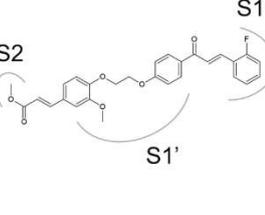
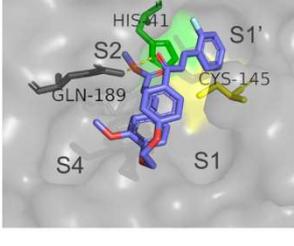
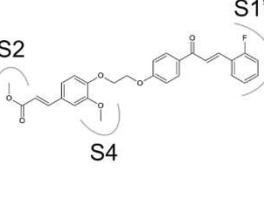
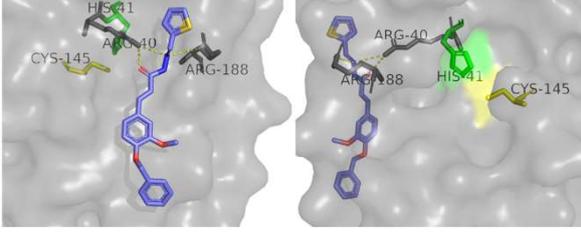
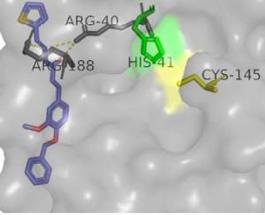
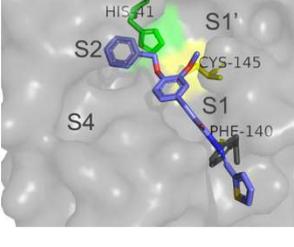
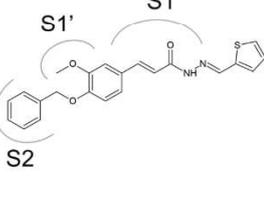
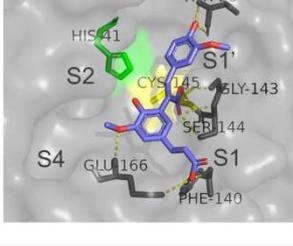
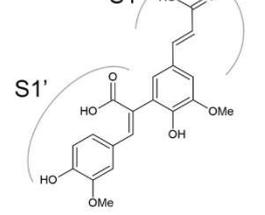
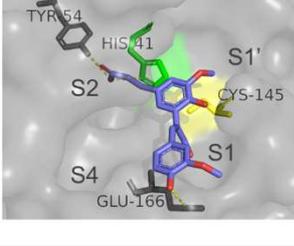
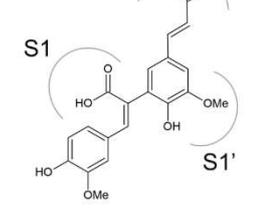


Figure S7. Binding modes of the second and third clusters for FA rutinose in the active site of M^{PRO}.



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<p>Compound 5 Cluster 2 6.961 kcal/mol</p> 	<p>Compound 5 Cluster 3 6.868 kcal/mol</p> 
<p>Compound 4n Cluster 2 7.187 kcal/mol</p> 	<p>Compound 4n Cluster 3 6.976 kcal/mol</p> 
<p>Compound 2a Cluster 2 6.274 kcal/mol</p> 	<p>Compound 2a Cluster 3 5.886 kcal/mol</p> 

<p>Compound 2y Cluster 2 6.174 kcal/mol</p>  	<p>Compound 2y Cluster 3 6.099 kcal/mol</p>  
<p>Compound 2s Cluster 2 6.662 kcal/mol</p>  	<p>Compound 2s Cluster 3 6.313 kcal/mol</p>  
<p>Compound F3 Cluster 2 7.648 kcal/mol</p>  	<p>Compound F3 Cluster 3 7.604 kcal/mol</p>  
<p>Compound D4 Cluster 2 6.607 kcal/mol</p>  	<p>Compound D4 Cluster 3 6.509 kcal/mol</p>  
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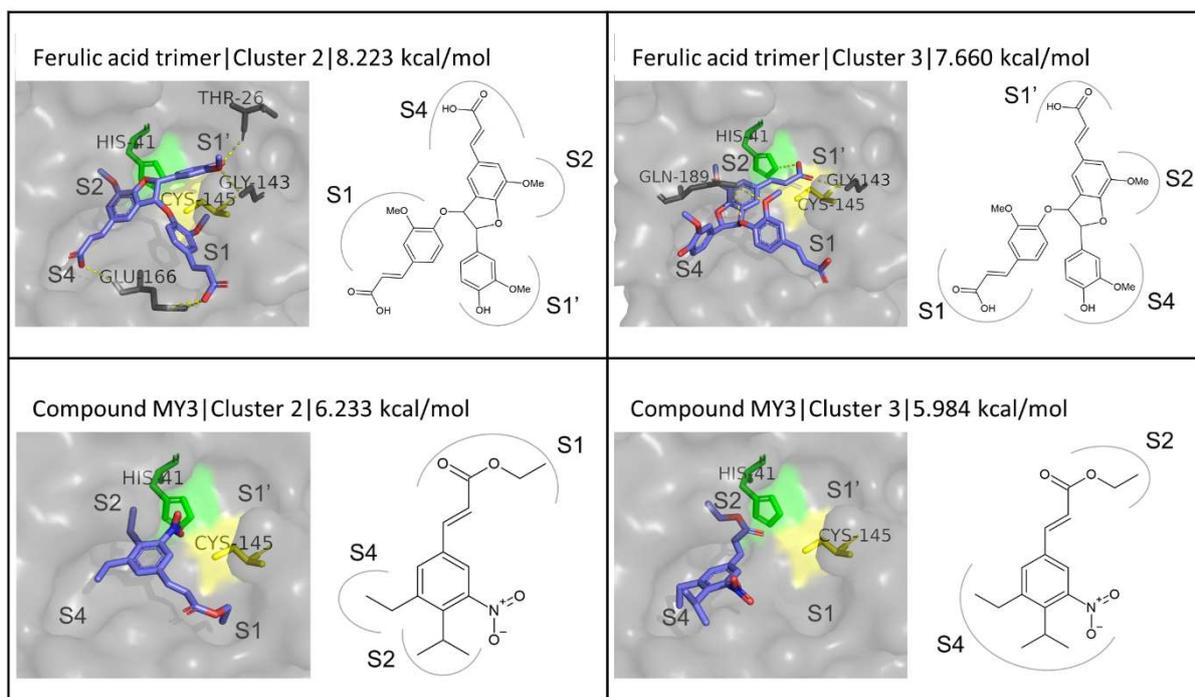


Figure S8. Binding modes of the second and third clusters for chemically synthesized FA derivatives in the active site of M^{pro} .