# **Supplementary Information**

# Substrate Scope Expansion of 4-Phenol Oxidases by Rational Enzyme Selection and Sequence-Function Relations

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## <span id="page-2-0"></span>**Supplementary Note 1:** Amino acid cluster analysis

<span id="page-2-1"></span>Description of the Amino Acid Cluster Analysis (A<sup>2</sup>CA) tool

The tool is written in the programming language R and R studio (Vers. 2023.03.0+386, "Cherry Blossom") was used as editor. The script was created under R version 4.2.0 ("Vigorous Calisthenics"). For higher versions, compatibility issues are reported. The tool can be downloaded from: [www.doi.org/10.57760/sciencedb.09549](http://www.doi.org/10.57760/sciencedb.09549)

A<sup>2</sup>CA visualizes selected residues from a multiple sequence alignment (MSA) in a phylogenetic context. Therefore, the input of a MSA and a corresponding phylogenetic tree is required. Further, characteristics of selected amino acids can be computed and included in the visualization. In the following, the computing logic of the program will be outlined. For a user guide, see the next section.

After successful upload of the input files, the user can select a reference sequence. Upon selection, the respective amino acid sequence is loaded from the alignment file into the residue selection menu. While extracting the residues, the temporary file Target AA is written which contains the respective residue and the alignment position including gaps. After the user selects a residue from the list, the alignment position is used to extract residues for all sequences into the file Selection Matrix. This file contains, the identifier of each sequence in the first column and residues at selected positions in the following columns represented in single letter code. Based on the user selection for amino acid characteristics, the single letter code is subsequently replaced by the respective value in the file Parameter\_Matrix. The matrix has the same dimension as the Selection Matrix, but the numerical values allow for calculations. The user can choose between the calculation of the sum or the average of the values for selected amino acid residues. As each row of the Parameter\_Matrix contains the values for an individual sequence, the row values are calculated and saved in the RowValue Matrix. The calculated values from this matrix are added as last row to the Selection Matrix which results in the final table which is displayed in the software (Displayed\_Table).

For visualization, the phylogenetic tree from the input file is used as first layer in a facet-plot. Successively, additional layers are added during the calculation process. The selected amino acids are represented as a heat map next to the tree tips of the phylogenetic tree. The data for the heat map is taken from the selection matrix. Thus, the heatmap represents the single letter code of each residue which is colored accordingly. As the tree and the Selection\_Matrix use the same identifiers, no additional sorting of the matrix is required. For more detailed analysis, a bar chart can be added as additional layer to the facet-plot. As data for this plot, the RowValue Matrix is used. The resulting facet-pot is displayed in the software as output and can be saved in the .png, .pdf or .wmf format.



### <span id="page-3-0"></span>User guide

After double clicking the "run.vbs" file, the software opens in the default web browser. The version number is displayed, and the software can be entered by clicking "continue".



## Amino Acid Cluster Analysis (Version 1.1.1)

Welcome to version 1.1.1 of A2CA! To further improve the software, please suggest improvents or report bugs. Contact: Prof. D. Tischler: dirk.tischler@rub.de D. Eggerichs: daniel.eggerichs@rub.de Thank you for the interest in the software and good luck with your research. **CONTINUE** 

A multiple sequence alignment (MSA) and a phylogenetic tree are required as input. Both can be uploaded in the respective sections (red box). The MSA is displayed in the "Alignment" tab (blue arrow), while the phylogenetic tree is displayed in the "Tree" tab (green arrow).



Now, a reference sequence can be selected (orange box), which enables the further selection of amino acid residues from this sequence (yellow box). Upon residue selection, the figure will be updated to show the color-coded residue for every position in the phylogenetic tree.



The respective parameters of the amino acid selection can be visualized as a bar chart (red arrow). The calculation parameters can be selected from a default list (green box). Alternatively, own parameters can be uploaded in the "Customization" section. The calculation mode can be chanced according to the requirements (blue box). The plot can be saved as a graphic by clicking the download button. The raw data can be accessed in the "Table" tab and downloaded accordingly.





### <span id="page-7-0"></span>Active side comparison of 4-phenol oxidoreductases

**Figure S1.** Comparison of the sum of the residue size for each sequence in the family of 4-phenol oxidoreductases. Based on the sequence of *Rj*EUGO, positions 392 (H-cluster), 166 and 427 (T-cluster) were selected for the comparison as both clusters interact with the *ortho* substituent of the substrate molecule. Two enzymes from *Streptomyces cavernae* (WP\_1283780151) and *Geodermatophilus sabuli* (WP\_097207849) of the subfamily of bacterial 4-phenol oxidases (light red) were selected for further studies as they contain a comparably wide catalytic pocket. Also, the enzyme from *Gulosibacter chungangensis* (WP\_158051316) was chosen due to a comparably narrow catalytic pocket (light green). The data for the figure was calculated by and exported from A<sup>2</sup>CA. Primary data is provided in Supplementary Data 1.



**Figure S2.** Comparison of the hydrophobicity of residues in position 392 (H-cluster) (*Rj*EUGO numbering) for each sequence in the family of 4-phenol oxidoreductases. Two enzymes from *Arthrobacter* sp. (WP\_0712138341) and *Allonocardiopsis opalescens* (WP\_1062434191) were identified with a more polar residue in this position and were selected for further characterization (light red). Also, the enzyme from *Gulosibacter chungangensis* (WP\_158051316) was chosen due to a comparably hydrophobic residue in this position (light green). The data for the figure was calculated by and exported from A<sup>2</sup>CA. Primary data is provided in Supplementary Data 1.



**Figure S3.** Comparison of the average hydrophobicity of residues in the W-cluster for each sequence in the family of 4-phenol oxidoreductases. Two enzymes from *Gulosibacter chungangensis* (WP\_158051316) and *Allonocardiopsis opalescens* (WP\_1062434191) were identified with a less polar cluster and were selected for further characterization (light red). The enzyme from *Actinoplanes* sp. N902-109 (WP\_015625223) contained the comparably most hydrophobic W-cluster but was not included in this study (light yellow). The data for the figure was calculated by and exported from  $A^2CA$ . Primary data is provided in Supplementary Data 1.



**Figure S4.** Comparison of the residue size and the average hydrophobicity of residues in the A-cluster for each sequence in the family of 4-phenol oxidoreductases. For many subclades, the residue size is quite similar. The third major clade sticks out due to a gap in the alignment. More subclade specific differences are observed with regard to hydrophobicity. The data for the figure was calculated by and exported from A<sup>2</sup>CA. Primary data is provided in Supplementary Data 1.

## <span id="page-11-0"></span>**Supplementary Methods 1:** Heterologous production of wildtype 4 phenol oxidases

For heterologous protein production, codon-optimized sequences were synthesized and cloned in pET16bp vectors. Most proteins could be produced in *E. coli* BL21 (DE3) with yields ranging between 20 and 160 mg L<sup>-1</sup> (Table S1). The expression of *Gs*EUGO was only possible by co-expression of the chaperone vector pKE7. The pBADNk vector encoding for *Rj*EUGO was kindly provided by Prof. M. Fraaije (Groningen, The Netherlands).

## Gibson-assembly

Codon-optimized genes were synthesized by Twist Bioscience and resulting gene fragments were cloned into pET16bp vectors by means of Gibson-assembly.<sup>1</sup> All PCRs were performed using the PrimeSTAR Max DNA-polymerase (Takara) with 25 µL of total reaction volume, 100 ng of template DNA, and 10 ng of the respective primers. Treatment with DpnI (10 U) for 1.5 hours at 37°C removed template DNA. Successful amplification was verified by agarose gel electrophoresis using a 1 % agarose gel containing in-gel dye, SERVA HiSens Stain G. For Gibson-assembly, 3.75 µL of Gibson master mix (NEB) were mixed with 0.5 µL of plasmid backbone and 1 µL of the gene of interest, as well as 2.25 µL of water. After one hour incubation at 50°C, a heat shock transformation in *E. coli* DH5α was performed. For validation, plasmids were obtained from transformants and controlled by sequencing before transformation in the respective expression strain (Table S1) was conducted.

### Heat shock transformation

100 ng of plasmid were mixed into the 50 µL aliquots of chemically competent *E. coli* cells which were incubated on ice for 20 minutes. The heat shock was performed at 42°C for 45 seconds followed by another 2 minutes incubation on ice. Afterwards, 950 uL of LB-medium (10 g L<sup>-1</sup> tryptone, 5 g L<sup>-1</sup> yeast extract, 10 g L<sup>-1</sup> sodium chloride) were added and incubation for 90 min at 37°C was performed for recovery. The cells were harvested by centrifugation (5 min at 5,500 x g) and  $\sim$ 900 µL of the supernatant were discarded. The cell pellet was resuspended in the remaining 100 µL and subsequently streaked out onto a LB-agar plate, containing the respective antibiotics (100 mg  $L^{-1}$  ampicillin for pET16bp and pBADNk, and additional 50 mg L<sup>-1</sup> chloramphenicol for pKJE7). The plates were incubated at 37°C overnight and transformants were observed the next day.

### Main culture

A 50 to 100 mL preculture in LB-medium (10 g L<sup>-1</sup> tryptone, 5 g L<sup>-1</sup> yeast extract, 10 g L<sup>-1</sup> sodium chloride) containing the respective antibiotics (100 mg  $L^{-1}$  ampicillin for pET16bp and pBADNk, and additional 50 mg  $L^{-1}$  chloramphenicol for  $pKJE7$ ) was inoculated with the respective expression strain and was grown overnight at 37°C. The preculture was used to inoculate TB auto-induction medium (12 g L<sup>-1</sup> peptone, 24 g L<sup>-1</sup> yeast extract. 100 mM potassium phosphate buffer pH 7.0, 0.5 g L<sup>-1</sup> glucose, 2.0 g L<sup>-1</sup> lactose, 5.0 mL L<sup>-1</sup> glycerol) to a starting OD<sub>600</sub> of 0.05. Either 1 L medium in a 2.8 L Fernbach flask or 4.5 L medium in a 5 L fermenter were used. After inoculation, the cultures were shaken (Fernbach flask, 130 rpm) or stirred (fermenter, 300 rpm, 2 L min<sup>-1</sup> air supply) for 4 hours at 37°C, reaching an OD<sub>600</sub> of about 1.0. Then, the temperature was reduced to 25°C and cultures were incubated overnight. Final OD<sub>600</sub> ranged from 5 to 8 in Fernbach flasks and reached 8 to 10 in the fermenter.

### Cell harvest and protein purification

The main cultures were harvested by centrifugation (20 min at  $5.000 \times g$  and  $4^{\circ}$ C) and the cell pellet was washed in 30 mL 100 mM potassium phosphate buffer pH 7.0 per liter of culture medium. The resuspension was transferred into 50 mL tubes and centrifuged again. The resulting cell pellets were either directly used for cell lysis or stored at -20°C until further use.

For lysis, cell pellets were resuspended in 30 mL of buffer A (10 mM Tris pH 7.5, 500 mM sodium chloride), before treated with 15 cycles by sonication (Bandelin sonoplus). Cell debris were removed by centrifugation (1.5 h at 20,000 x g and 4°C) and the supernatant was filtered through a 0.2 µm pore before being used for protein affinity chromatography, which was performed with an Äkta Start FPLC system (GE Healthcare) equipped with a 5 mL Ni-NTA-HisTrap column. Elution was performed stepwise with 20% and 100% buffer B (10 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5, 500 mM NaCl, 500 mM imidazole) in buffer A. During the whole process, the absorbance at 280 nm was monitored to collect protein containing fractions. Further, SDS samples were collected (Figures S5a to S12a). Yellow fractions were pooled, and the buffer was exchanged overnight at 8°C to 50 mM potassium phosphate buffer pH 7.5 by means of dialysis. Dialyzed proteins were transferred into 1.5 mL tubes and a final glycerol concentration of 60% was added for storage at -20°C. SDS samples were collected during the purification.

### Determination of protein concentration

To determine the concentration of cofactor loaded protein, the absorption of the histidinylbound FAD-cofactor was measured at 441 nm ( $\epsilon$  = 14,200 L mol<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup>, Figures S5b to S12b).<sup>2</sup> The absorption was transformed into cofactor concentration using the Lambert-Beers law.



### <span id="page-12-0"></span>Protein yields

**Table S1.** Overview about enzymes used in this work.

<span id="page-13-0"></span>SDS-PAGE analysis and absorption spectra



**Figure S5. a** SDS PAGE from the expression of the 4-phenol oxidase from *Streptomyces cavernae* (*Sc*EUGO). AI: after induction, P: pellet, CE: crude extract, FT: flow through, W: wash, E: elution, M: Marker (PAGE-Ruler Plus, Thermo Scientific) **b** UV/vis spectrum of the elution fraction after dialysis.



**Figure S6. a** SDS PAGE from the expression of the 4-phenol oxidase from *Geodermatophilus sabuli* DSM 46844 (*Gs*EUGO). AI: after induction, P: pellet, CE: crude extract, FT: flow through, W: wash, E: elution, M: Marker (Prestained Protein Ladder (10-180 kDa), Cohesion Biosciences) **b** UV/vis spectrum of the elution fraction after dialysis.



**Figure S7. a** SDS PAGE from the expression of the 4-phenol oxidase from *Rhodococcus jostii* RHA1 (*Rj*EUGO). AI: after induction, P: pellet, CE: crude extract, FT: flow through, W: wash, E: elution, M: Marker (Prestained Protein Ladder (10-180 kDa), Cohesion Biosciences) **b** UV/vis spectrum of the elution fraction after dialysis.



**Figure S8. a** SDS PAGE from the expression of the 4-phenol oxidase from *Nocardioides* sp. YR527 (*N*spEUGO). AI: after induction, P: pellet, CE: crude extract, FT: flow through, W: wash, E: elution, M: Marker (Prestained Protein Ladder (10-180 kDa), Cohesion Biosciences) **b** UV/vis spectrum of the elution fraction after dialysis.



**Figure S9. a** SDS PAGE from the expression of the 4-phenol oxidase from *Arthrobacter* sp. UCD-GKA (*A*spEUGO). AI: after induction, P: pellet, CE: crude extract, FT: flow through, W: wash, E: elution, M: Marker (Prestained Protein Ladder (10-180 kDa), Cohesion Biosciences) **b** UV/vis spectrum of the elution fraction after dialysis.



**Figure S10. a** SDS PAGE from the expression of the 4-phenol oxidase from *Geodermatophilaceae* bacterium URHA0031 (*Gb*EUGO). AI: after induction, P: pellet, CE: crude extract, FT: flow through, W: wash, E: elution, M: Marker (Prestained Protein Ladder (10-180 kDa), Cohesion Biosciences) **b** UV/vis spectrum of the elution fraction after dialysis.



**Figure S11. a** SDS PAGE from the expression of the 4-phenol oxidase from *Allonocardiopsis opalescens* DSM 45601 (*Ao*EUGO). AI: after induction, P: pellet, CE: crude extract, FT: flow through, W: wash, E: elution, M: Marker (PAGE-Ruler Plus, Thermo Scientific) **b** UV/vis spectrum of the elution fraction after dialysis.



**Figure S12. a** SDS PAGE from the expression of the 4-phenol oxidase from *Gulosibacter chungangensis* KCTC 13959 (*Gc*4EPO). AI: after induction, P: pellet, CE: crude extract, FT: flow through, W: wash, E: elution, M: Marker (Prestained Protein Ladder (10- 180 kDa), Cohesion Biosciences) **b** UV/vis spectrum of the elution fraction after dialysis.

## <span id="page-17-0"></span>**Supplementary Methods 2:** Sequence analysis of 4-phenol oxidases

<span id="page-17-1"></span>Codon optimized sequences

#### > WP\_128378015 [*Streptomyces cavernae*]

ATG ACG CGC ACA CTG CCG CCT GGC GTG AGT GAT GAG GAC TTC ACC AGC GCG CTG ACC GCA TTT CGC GAT GTT GTG GGT GAC GAG TTT GTT CGC ACG GAT GAG GCT GAA CTG GCC CGC TTT CAC GAT CCG TAC CCG GTT GGA GAT GCT GAT GCT CAT TTA GCC TCT GCG GTG ATT AGC CCT CGC GAC ACG GAA CAA GTA CAG GAA GTC GTG CGC ATT GCA AAC CGC TAT GGC ATT CCG CTT TCG GTG ATT TCA ACT GGC CGG AAT AAT GGC TAT GGC GGT AGT GCG CCG CGT TTA AGC GGC GCG GTT GTT GTG AAT ACG GGC GAA CGC ATG AAC CGC ATT CTG GAA GTG GAT GAG AAA CTG GGA TAC GCG CTG TTG GAA CCT GGC GTG ACA TAC TTC GAT CTG CAC GAA TAC CTT GAA GCC CAT GCA CCG TCG TTA ATG ATT GAC TGC CCG GAT CTG GGT TGG GGT TCG GTG GTT GGG AAC GCG TTA GAT CGT GGG GCA GGC TAT ACC CCG TAT GGG GAT CAC TTC ATG TGG CAA ACT GGT ATG GAA GTA GTC CTT CCA CAG GGT GAT GTT ATG CGT ACT GGC ATG GGC GCC TTA CCG GGT AGC ACG ACA TGG CAG CTC ATT CCG TAT GGT TTT GGA CCA TAC CCA GAC GGC ATG TTC ACC CAG TCC AAC CTG GGT ATT GTC ACG AAA ATG GGC ATT GCA CTC ATG CAG AAA CCG CCA GCG TCC ATG ACC TAT CAG ATC ACG TTT GAG AAC GAA AGC GAT CTG GAG CAG ATC GTC GAC ATC ATG CTG CCA CTG CGT ATC AAT ATG GCT CCG CTG CAG AAT GTA CCG GTT CTG CGC AAC ATC ATC CTC GAT GCC GCC GTA GTG TCT CAA CGG GCC GAT TGG TAC GAT GGG GAT GGG CCT CTG CCG CCC GAA GCG ATC GAA CGC ATG AAG AAA GAG CTG GGC TTG GGT TAC TGG AAT TTC TAC GGC ACC CTG TAT GGC CCA CCG CAA CTC ATC GAA ATG AAC TAC GGC ATT ATT AAG GAC GCC TTT GGC CAG ATT CCT GGT TCA CGC TTT CAG ACC CAT GAG GAA CGT CAC GAT CGT GGA GCA CAT GTC TTG CAA GAT CGC CAC AAA ATC AAC AAT GGT ATC CCC TCC CTG TCT GAG ATG AAA CTT ATG GAC TGG ATT CCC GGT GCA GGA CAT GTC GGT TTT AGC CCG ATC AGT CCG CCG GTA GGT CGT GAC GCT ATG AAA CAG TTC CGC ATG GTG CGT TCA CGT GCG GAC GAA TAT GCG AAG GAC TAT GCA GCG CAG TTT GTG GTC GGG TTA CGG GAA ATG CAC CAT ATT GCG CTG CTT CTG TTT GAT ACC CAA GAC GCG ACA GCA CGT AAT GAA ACC TTG GCC TTG ACT CGT CTG CTG ATT GAT GAA GCT GCT GCC GAA GGG TAT GGC GAA TAT CGT ACC CAT AAT GCC CTG ATG GAT CAA GTT ATG GGC ACC TAT AAC TGG GGC GAT GGC GCG CTG CTG AAA TTC CAT GAA GCG ATC AAA GAC GCC CTC GAC CCC AAC GGT ATT ATT GCG CCT GGT AAA TCG GGT GTG TGG CCA GCA CGC TAT CGC GGG AAA GGA TTG GCG TAG

#### >WP\_097207849 [*Geodermatophilus sabuli* DSM 46844]

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#### >WP\_071213834 [*Arthrobacter* sp. UCD-GKA]

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## <span id="page-20-0"></span>Multiple Sequence alignment

Based on the translated protein sequence, using the standard codon usage for *E. coli*, a multiple sequence was calculated using MEGA 11. <sup>5</sup> The standard parameter in the program were used.



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**Table S2.** Sequence identity of selected 4-phenol oxidases towards the eugenol oxidase from *Rhodococcus jostii* RHA1 (*Rj*EUGO)



## <span id="page-22-0"></span>**Supplementary Methods 3:** Initial enzyme characterization

<span id="page-22-1"></span>Thermal stability and solvent tolerance

### Thermal shift assay

Enzyme solutions of 5  $\mu$ M concentration were prepared in 50 mM potassium phosphate buffer pH 7.5 containing a final SYPRO-Orange concentration of 5 x (according to commercial stock solution, ThermoFischer). Of this mixture, 25 µL were used for every replicate in a 96-wellqPCR-plate. A temperature gradient ranging from 20 to 90°C, with an increment of 3°C min-1 was applied while continuous detection was done using the FRET-channel of the qPCR-cycler.

No large differences were observed for the melting points of six of the tested proteins (Table S3). *Gb*EUGO was found to be the most stable one with a melting point of 65.5°C, followed by *Rj*EUGO, with a melting point of 64.0°C. *N*spEUGO was found to be the least stable one, with a melting point of 56.0°C. These results are in agreement with additional stability tests for the selected enzymes (Figure S13). Here, it was observed that *Gb*EUGO is also stable towards a broad spectrum of organic solvents (Figure S14).



**Table S3.** Melting points determined by thermal shift assay. Primary data is provided in Supplementary Data 5.



**Figure S13.** Temperature stability of selected EUGOs. **a** Relative activity of EUGOs from *Geodermatophilaceae bacterium, Geodermatophilus sabuli, Rhodococcus jostii RHA1* and *Arthrobacter* sp. after two-hour incubation at the respective temperature on 2 mM eugenol (**2**) in 50 mM potassium phosphate buffer pH 7.5. **b** Relative activity after two-hour incubation at 50°C for indicated EUGOs. All experiments were performed as triplicate and the standard deviation is shown as error bars.



**Figure S14.** Solvent stability of *Gb*EUGO. Relative amount of coniferyl alcohol after two-hour reaction of *Gb*EUGO in 50 mM bis-Tris-propane buffer pH 9.5 with 2 mM eugenol (**2**) as substrate supplemented with 10 vol% of the indicated solvent. As reference a reaction without solvent was used. No solvent decreased the product amount significantly, but ethanol, acetonitrile and acetone were found to increase the product amount over 10%. All reactions were performed as triplicate and the standard deviation is shown as error bars.

### <span id="page-24-0"></span>Initial rates for substrate conversion

Xylenol orange assay for determination of initial rates

Initial rates were determined by colorimetric detection of hydrogen peroxide in the reaction solution as described in earlier studies.<sup>6,7</sup> Triplicates of 100  $\mu$ L, containing a respective buffer (typically 50 mM potassium phosphate buffer pH 7.5) and 2.5 µM to 10 mM of substrate (typically 2 mM) shaken at 25°C in a 96-well-plate. For determination of tolerance towards solvents or ionic strength, additional substances were added in a respective amount. The reactions were started by the addition of a final enzyme concentration of 10 to 250 nM (typically 50 nM). After 3, 6, and 9 minutes, 20 µL of each reaction were transferred into a new 96-wellplate, already containing 180  $\mu$ L of detection solution (250  $\mu$ M FeSO<sub>4</sub>, 25 mM H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, 100  $\mu$ M xylenol orange). After 30 min, the absorption at 560 nm  $(A_{560})$  was measured and the initial rate was calculated from the linear slope through all three measurement points applying a hydrogen peroxide calibration curve (see Supplementary Data 4). For fitting of Michaelis-Menten curves please refer to section Supplementary Equations 1 to 4.

Table S4. Initial rate [s<sup>-1</sup>] of selected enzymes on the indicated substrate. The rate was determined by xylenol orange assay in mM potassium phosphate buffer pH 7.5 wit 2 mM of the respective substrate at 25°C. Errors represent the standard deviation of a triplicate measurement. The cells are colored in a gradient from highest (blue) to lowest (light orange) rate. Product formation was validated by GC-MS. The measured substrates and detected products are listed in Table S5.

	No ScEUGO	<b>GsEUGO</b>	<b>RjEUGO</b>	<b>NspEUGO</b>	<b>AspEUGO</b>	<b>GbEUGO</b>	<b>AoEUGO</b>	Gc4EPO
1	$0.48 \pm 0.29$	$5.30 \pm 0.36$	$1.60 \pm 0.41$	$3.24 \pm 0.06$	$1.67 \pm 0.06$	$5.08 \pm 0.13$	n.d.	n.d.
2	$5.25 \pm 0.64$	$5.63 \pm 0.05$	$4.77 \pm 0.14$	$3.73 \pm 0.08$	$1.40 \pm 0.06$	$4.41 \pm 0.15$	$2.99 \pm 0.50$	$3.91 \pm 0.08$
3	$1.21 \pm 0.09$	$1.42 \pm 0.05$	$0.39 \pm 0.04$	$0.26 \pm 0.03$	$0.14 \pm 0.06$	$0.34 \pm 0.03$	$0.23 \pm 0.02$	n.d.
4	$0.30 \pm 0.03$	$0.29 \pm 0.03$	$0.62 \pm 0.03$	$1.35 \pm 0.03$	$0.70 \pm 0.12$	$0.37 \pm 0.01$	$2.63 \pm 0.04$	$0.03 \pm 0.02$
5	$2.93 \pm 0.20$	$3.12 \pm 0.02$	$4.77 \pm 0.15$	$2.82 \pm 0.01$	$2.14 \pm 0.13$	$3.08 \pm 0.12$	$3.75 \pm 0.06$	$5.78 \pm 0.25$
6	$2.64 \pm 0.18$	$2.16 \pm 0.11$	$0.25 \pm 0.02$	n.d.	n.d.	$0.07 \pm 0.01$	$0.10 \pm 0.09$	n.d.
7	$1.12 \pm 0.11$	$1.00 \pm 0.07$	$1.92 \pm 0.07$	n.d.	$1.44 \pm 0.04$	$0.57 \pm 0.17$	$2.84 \pm 0.12$	$6.37 \pm 0.03$
8	$0.07 \pm 0.01$	$0.78 \pm 0.05$	$1.41 \pm 0.09$	$0.88 \pm 0.01$	$0.25 \pm 0.12$	$0.75 \pm 0.07$	$0.68 \pm 0.03$	$2.29 \pm 0.10$
9	$0.33 \pm 0.02$	$1.64 \pm 0.03$	$2.66 \pm 0.13$	n.d.	$0.99 \pm 0.03$	$1.74 \pm 0.10$	$2.13 \pm 0.10$	$3.66 \pm 0.12$
	10 $0.03 \pm 0.01$	n.d.						
	11 $0.11 \pm 0.02$	$0.15 \pm 0.05$	$0.06 \pm 0.01$	$0.28 \pm 0.09$	$0.13 \pm 0.04$	$0.13 \pm 0.02$	n.d.	$1.03 \pm 0.06$
	12 $1.50 \pm 0.09$	$0.22 \pm 0.06$	$0.08 \pm 0.02$	$0.33 \pm 0.05$	n.d.	$0.13 \pm 0.05$	$0.33 \pm 0.04$	$0.07 \pm 0.01$
	13 $0.10 \pm 0.08$	$0.35 \pm 0.07$	$0.11 \pm 0.03$	$0.50 \pm 0.03$	n.d.	$0.34 \pm 0.05$	n.d.	n.d.
	14 n.d.	n.d.						
	15 n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	$0.09 \pm 0.04$	$0.05 \pm 0.03$	n.d.	$0.10 \pm 0.09$	$0.10 \pm 0.02$
	16 $0.27 \pm 0.01$	n.d.	$0.44 \pm 0.04$	$0.06 \pm 0.03$	$0.14 \pm 0.02$	$0.16 \pm 0.03$	$0.40 \pm 0.04$	$0.13 \pm 0.02$
	17 n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	$0.05 \pm 0.03$	n.d.	n.d.	$0.37 \pm 0.04$
	18 n.d.	$0.08 \pm 0.07$	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	$0.05 \pm 0.04$	n.d.	$0.16 \pm 0.02$
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	21 n.d.	$0.06 \pm 0.02$	$0.07 \pm 0.03$	n.d.	$0.05 \pm 0.01$	$0.14 \pm 0.09$	$0.16 \pm 0.08$	$0.07 \pm 0.03$
	22 $0.21 \pm 0.04$	$0.20 \pm 0.12$	$0.44 \pm 0.02$	n.d.	n.d.	$0.41 \pm 0.07$	n.d.	n.d.
	$23$ 0.24 ± 0.11	$0.19 \pm 0.10$	$0.48 \pm 0.07$	$0.09 \pm 0.08$	$0.16 \pm 0.05$	$0.22 \pm 0.01$	n.d.	$0.06 \pm 0.02$
	24 n.d.	n.d.	$0.03 \pm 0.01$	$0.04 \pm 0.02$	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
	$25$ 0.34 ± 0.20	$1.10 \pm 0.04$	$0.81 \pm 0.13$	$0.07 \pm 0.03$	$0.51 \pm 0.10$	$0.53 \pm 0.05$	$0.58 \pm 0.07$	$2.96 \pm 0.02$
	26 n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	$0.06 \pm 0.04$	n.d.	$1.42 \pm 0.03$
	27 $0.09 \pm 0.07$	n.d.	$0.22 \pm 0.10$	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
	28 n.d.	n.d.						
	29 n.d.	n.d.						
	30 n.d.	n.d.	$0.06 \pm 0.04$	$0.08 \pm 0.04$	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
	31 n.d.	n.d.						
	32 n.d.	$4.58 \pm 0.18$						
	33 $0.44 \pm 0.09$	$0.39 \pm 0.18$	$0.63 \pm 0.11$	$0.11 \pm 0.05$	$0.48 \pm 0.09$	$0.22 \pm 0.08$	$0.27 \pm 0.07$	$1.10 \pm 0.08$
	34 $0.02 \pm 0.01$	n.d.	n.d.	$0.05 \pm 0.01$	$0.06 \pm 0.04$	$0.05 \pm 0.04$	n.d.	$2.38 \pm 0.07$
	35 n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	$0.03 \pm 0.02$	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
	36 n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	$0.09 \pm 0.05$	n.d.	n.d.	n d.	n.d.
	37 n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	$0.10 \pm 0.01$	n.d.	n.d.	n d.	$3.42 \pm 0.1$
	38 $0.07 \pm 0.03$	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	$0.05 \pm 0.04$	n.d.	$0.39 \pm 0.04$
	39 $0.09 \pm 0.05$	n.d.	$0.08 \pm 0.02$	n.d.	$0.10 \pm 0.02$	$0.10 \pm 0.04$	n.d.	$0.10 \pm 0.05$
	40 $0.06 \pm 0.03$	$0.02 \pm 0.01$	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	$0.09 \pm 0.06$	n.d.	n.d.
	41 n.m.	$0.19 \pm 0.02$						
	42 $0.34 \pm 0.02$	$0.48 \pm 0.09$	$1.95 \pm 0.20$	$0.20 \pm 0.04$	n.d.	$0.60 \pm 0.01$	$0.90 \pm 0.03$	$0.60 \pm 0.03$
	43 n.d.	$0.04 \pm 0.03$	$0.03 \pm 0.02$	n.d.	n.d.	$0.04 \pm 0.03$	n.d.	n.d.
	44 $0.04 \pm 0.01$	$0.09 \pm 0.02$	$0.08 \pm 0.01$	$0.12 \pm 0.01$	$0.04 \pm 0.01$	n.d.	n.d.	$2.88 \pm 0.18$
	45 $0.03 \pm 0.02$	n.d.	$0.06 \pm 0.01$	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	$0.61 \pm 0.07$
	46 n.d.	n.d.						

n.d. = not detected; n.m. = not measured

### <span id="page-26-0"></span>Substrate overview and products detected by GC-MS

### GC-MS measurements

200 to 400 µL of the reaction mixture were extracted with an equal amount of ethyl acetate in by vortexing. For phase separation, the tubes were centrifuged (5 min at 17,000 x g). The ethyl acetate phase was dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, before being vortexed and centrifuged again. Afterwards, 100 µL were transferred into a glass vial containing an inset and closed via a septum cap. Measurement was performed on a Shimadzu GCMS-QP2020 NX equipped with a FS-Supreme 5ms column (length: 30 m, id: 0.25 mm, od: 0.36 mm, thickness: 0.25 µm) from CS-Chromatographie Service GmbH was used. Either a temperature gradient ranging from 150°C to 200°C with 5°C min<sup>-1</sup> increase, and 5 min hold time at the beginning and the end, or a temperature gradient from 150°C to 250°C with a temperature increase of 10°C min-1 and a hold time of 2.5 min at the beginning and the end was applied. Compounds were identified by NIST2017 library search.





**Table S3 continued**

<b>No</b>	<b>Name</b>	Substrate	<b>Main product</b>	Side product(s)		
18	$4-(2-$ Methoxyethyl)phenol	HO,	HO.	n.d.		
19	Tyramin	HO. NH <sub>2</sub>	n.d.	n.d.		
20	$4-(2-$ Bromoethyl)phenol <sup>2</sup>	HO Br	HO. OН	HO O		
21	Hydroxytyrosol	HO. OH HO	HO. HO	n.d.		
22	3-Hydroxytyramine	HO. NH <sub>2</sub> HO	n.d.	n.d.		
23	4-Hydroxy-3- methoxyphenethylamine	HO MeO NH <sub>2</sub>	n.d.	n.d.		
24	p-Cresol	HO	n.d.	n.d.		
25	4-Methylcatechol	HO HO	HO Ō. HO	HO OH HO		
26	2-Methoxy-4- methylphenol	HO MeO	HС $\circ$ MeO	HO OH MeO		
27	2-Amino-4- methylphenol	HO $H_2N$	n.d.	n.d.		
28	2-Chloro-4- methylphenol	HO $_{\rm Cl}$	n.d.	n.d.		
29	2-Brom-4-methylphenol	HO ╱ Br	n.d.	n.d.		
30	$p$ -Toluidine	$H_2N$	n.d.	n.d.		
31	$p$ -Toluenethiol	HS.	n.d.	n.d.		
32	4-Ethylphenol	HO	HO.	n.d.		
33	4-Ethylcatechol <sup>1</sup>	HO HO	HO HO	HO HO. HO HO ÒН		
34	4-Ethylguaiacol <sup>1</sup>	HO. MeO	HO. MeO ll O	HO MeO		

**Table S3 continued**

No	<b>Name</b>	<b>Substrate</b>	<b>Main product</b>	Side product(s)
35	4-Ethylaniline	$H_2N$	n.d.	n.d.
36	4-Ethylthiophenol	HS	n.d.	n.d.
37	4-Propylphenol	HO.	HO.	n.d.
38	4-Butylphenol	HO.	HO.	n.d.
39	4-Isopropylphenol	HO	HO	n.d.
40	4-sec-Butylphenol	HO.	n.d.	n.d.
41	2-Methoxy-4- propylphenol	HO. MeO	HO. MeO	n.d.
42	4-Cyclopentylphenol	HO.	HO	n.d.
43	4-Cyclohexylphenol	HO.	HO.	n.d.
44	5-Hydroxyindan	HO.	HO.	HO
45	5,6,7,8-Tetrahydro-2- naphtol	HO.	HO	HO ll O
46	4-Hydroxybenzyl cyanide	HO CN	n.d.	n.d.

<sup>1</sup>For *Gc*4EPO, the dehydrogenated product was the main product; <sup>2</sup>Substrate **20** hydrolyses to **17** in aqueous medium, which then converted; n.d. = not detected

## <span id="page-30-0"></span>**Supplementary Methods 4:** Substrate binding in 4-phenol oxidases

### Homology modelling

The structures of the eugenol oxidase from *Rhodococcus jostii* RHA1 (PDB: 5FXP and 5FXE), the 4-ethylphenol oxidase from *Gulosibacter chungangensis* (PDB: 7BPI), the vanillyl alcohol oxidase from *Penicillium simplicissimum* (PDB: 2VAO) and the *p*-cresol methyl hydroxylase from *Pseudomonas putida* (PDB: 1WVE) were applied as template using the Yasara software.<sup>8</sup> Homology models were docked with eugenol as substrate and refined by molecular dynamics simulation (10 ns, YASARA2-force field, water-filled periodic simulation box 5 Å around the structure). The structures were inspected using PyMOI.<sup>9</sup>

### Autodocking of putative substrates

Autodocking experiments were performed using YASARA`s dock\_runscreening macro, for which the VINA program was used.<sup>10</sup> Ligand-receptor complexes of interest were refined by molecular dynamics simulation for 10 ns.

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**Figure S15.** Catalytic center of the homology model of *Ao*EUGO bound to chavicol (**1**) before (**a**) and after 25 ns of MD simulation (**b**). The FAD cofactor is shown in orange and the substrate chavicol (**1**) in light red. Polar interaction between the substrates and the amino acid residues are depicted as dashed, yellow lines. The residues of the P-cluster, Y91, Y466 and R467, and Glu387 are depicted as sticks. The substrate rotates in the simulation and the phenolate is bound by Glu387 and Tyr91.



**Figure S16.** Catalytic center of the homology model of *Ao*EUGO bound to eugenol (**2**) before (**a**) and after 25 ns of MD simulation (**b**). The FAD cofactor is shown in orange and the substrate eugenol (**2**) in light red. Polar interaction between the substrates and the amino acid residues are depicted as dashed, yellow lines. The residues of the P-cluster, Y91, Y466 and R467, and Glu387 are depicted as sticks. The *o*-methoxy group of 2 prevents substrate rotation.

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**Figure S17.** Autodocking of the homology model of *A*spEUGO with the product from eugenol conversion coniferyl alcohol (**a**) and 3,4-dihydroxybenzyl alcohol (**7**, **b**). The FAD cofactor is shown in orange and the respective substrate in light red. Residues of the P-cluster, Y91, Y475 and R476, are highlighted as well as S396. Polar interactions are depicted as dashed, yellow lines.

## <span id="page-33-0"></span>**Supplementary Methods 5:** Buffer optimization

### pH dependent enzyme stability

Enzyme solutions of 1 µM concentration were incubated for 16 h in Britton-Robinson buffer at respective pH values, before the activity was measured uniformly in potassium phosphate buffer pH 7.5 using 2 mM eugenol as substrate by the xylenol orange assay (see Supplementary Methods 3). A final enzyme concentration of 50 nM was used, and the new pH value was adopted by dilution of the enzyme stock.

### Buffer dependent enzyme activity

Initial rates were determined by the xylenol orange assay (see Supplementary Methods 3) using 50 nM of enzyme and 2 mM of eugenol in 50 mM of varying buffers. Buffers were selected according to the pH optimum of the respective enzyme.

### Buffer dependent enzyme stability

In a 96-well plate, 200 µL reaction solution were placed containing 5 nM enzyme and 10 mM vanillyl alcohol as substrate in an indicated buffer. The plate was covered with transparent foil to avoid evaporation and was incubated for 16 h at 30°C shaking at 750 rpm in a Tecan plate reader. In 15 min intervals, the absorption of the product vanillin was measured at 350 nm. The vanillin concentration was calculated from a calibration curve (see Supplementary Data 4) and was divided by the applied enzyme concentration to calculate the conversions per active site of enzyme (turnover). Over the course of the reaction, maximal 0.5 mM vanillin were produced (5% conversion) to assure constant conditions for the catalyst during the reaction time.

### Temperature dependent enzyme stability

Enzyme solutions of 1 µM concentration were incubated for 2 h in an indicated buffer in a temperature range between 4 to 60°C, before the activity was measured by the xylenol orange assay (see Supplementary Methods 3) uniformly using 2 mM eugenol as substrate in potassium phosphate buffer pH 7.5.

### <span id="page-33-1"></span>Comparison of *A*spEUGO and *Gb*EUGO

To determine the influence of Ser392 on the substrate acceptance, *A*spEUGO was compared in detail to the closest homolog available, *Gb*EUGO. Both oxidases share a sequence similarity of 79% but differ in the Ser/Gly in position 392 of the catalytic pocket. To investigate the enzymes at their respective optimal conditions, pH and buffer screening was conducted. This approach was chosen over the introduction of point mutations, as the rest of the protein is likely adapted to the altered function as well. Initial rates for the conversion of eugenol (**2**) of both enzymes reached a maximum at  $pH$  9.5, which is comparable to other EUGOs (Figure S18).<sup>2,3</sup> *A*spEUGO reached a 2.5-fold higher rate at pH 9.5 compared to pH 7.5 while a less than 1.5 fold increase was found for *Gb*EUGO. On the contrary, changes in the reaction buffer had a larger impact on the performance of *Gb*EUGO (Figure S19) which is probably linked to the enzyme's lower tolerance for ionic strength (Figure S20). In the end, CHAPS buffer at pH 9.5 was identified to work best for *A*spEUGO while bis-Tris-propane at pH 9.5 was identified as optimal for *Gb*EUGO (Figure S21). Subsequently, kinetic parameters were determined for both enzymes in their respective buffer conditions (see main text).



**Figure S18.** Relative activity of *A*spEUGO and *Gb*EUGO in dependency of the pH value. The initial activity was determined by xylenol orange assay in Britton-Robinson buffer at the indicated pH using a final concentration of 50 nM enzyme and 2 mM eugenol (**2**) as substrate. The reaction at pH 7.5 was used as reference value for both enzymes. All rates were determined as a triplicate and the standard deviation is shown as error bar.



**Figure S19.** Relative activity of *A*spEUGO (**a**) and *Gb*EUGO (**b**) in dependency of the buffer. The initial activity was determined by xylenol orange assay in the indicated buffer using a final concentration of 50 nM enzyme and 2 mM eugenol (**2**) as substrate. by xylenol orange assay in the indicated buffer using a final concentration of 50 nM enzyme and 2 mM eugenol (2) as substrate.<br>The reaction in Britton-Robinson buffer pH 9.5 was used as reference value for both enzymes. Al triplicate and the standard deviation is shown as error bar. All buffers were adjusted to pH 9.5.



**Figure S20.** Relative activity of *A*spEUGO and *Gb*EUGO in dependency of the ionic strength. The initial activity was determined by xylenol orange assay in CHAPS buffer pH 9.5 for *A*spEUGO and bis-Tris-propane buffer pH 9.5 for *Gb*EUGO. A final concentration of 50 nM enzyme and 2 mM eugenol (**2**) as substrate were used. The reactions were performed in presence of the indicated amount of sodium chloride while the condition without additional salt was used as reference value for both enzymes. All rates were determined as a triplicate and the standard deviation is shown as error bar.



**Figure S21.** Conversions per active site of *A*spEUGO (**a**) and *Gb*EUGO (**b**) over time. The reaction was performed in the indicated buffer using a final concentration of 5 nM enzyme and 10 mM vanillyl alcohol as substrate. The concentration of the product vanillin was measured at 350 nm and was used to calculate the conversions per active site by division by the enzyme concentration (turnover).

## <span id="page-36-0"></span>**Supplementary Methods 6:** Michaelis-Menten kinetics

Michaelis-Menten kinetics were determined by the xylenol orange assay (see supplementary methods 3). The given substrate was prepared in differing concentrations ranging from 2.5  $\mu$ M to 10 mM in the indicated buffer. The reaction was started by the addition of a respective amount of enzyme ranging between 15 to 250 nM. For *Gc*4EPO and for *Sc*EUGO variants, the curves were fitted according to the classical Michaelis-Menten equation, where  $v_{\text{max}}$  represents the maximum velocity,  $K_M$  the substrate concentration [S] at a velocity v of half  $V_{max}$ .

$$
v = \frac{v_{max}[S]}{K_M + [S]}
$$
 (1)

For *A*spEUGO and *Gb*EUGO, additional effects were observed. For fitting of cooperative effects, the Hill equation was used where the additional parameter n describes the degree of cooperativity.<sup>11</sup>

$$
v = \frac{v_{max}}{1 + \frac{K^n}{[S]^n}}
$$
 (2)

For *A*spEUGO, we further observed substrate inhibition which was described according to Haldane. Here,  $K_i$  represents the inhibition constant.<sup>12</sup>

$$
v = \frac{v_{max}}{1 + \frac{K}{[S]} + \frac{[S]}{K_i}}
$$
(3)

As for *A*spEUGO cooperativity and inhibition were observed at the same time, a model according to LiCata was applied which combines Hill and Haldane equation.<sup>13</sup> For simplicity, we assume that there is a single inhibition side per enzyme and the inhibition complex is catalytically inactive.

$$
v = \frac{v_{max}}{1 + \frac{K^n}{[S]^n} + \frac{[S]}{K_i}}
$$
(4)

For comparability between enzymes,  $v_{max}$  was transformed into  $k_{cat}$  by the following relation, where  $E_0$  represents the enzyme concentration.

$$
\frac{\nu_{max}}{E_0} \tag{5}
$$

### <span id="page-37-0"></span>Michaelis-Menten kinetics of *A*spEUGO and *Gb*EUGO



**Figure S22.** Michaelis-Menten kinetics of *A*spEUGO (**a**) and *Gb*EUGO (**b**) on 4-hydroxybenzyl alcohol (**4**) as substrate. The initial rates were determined by xylenol orange assay in CHAPS buffer pH 9.5 for *A*spEUGO and bis-Tris-propane buffer pH 9.5 for *Gb*EUGO. A final concentration of 50 mM buffer and 50 nM enzyme were used. The curves were fitted according to Hill. All reactions were performed as triplicate and the standard deviation is shown as error bars. Kinetic parameters are summarized in Table S6.



**Figure S23.** Michaelis-Menten kinetics of *A*spEUGO (**a**) and *Gb*EUGO (**b**) on 3,4-dihydroxybenzyl alcohol (**7**) as substrate. The initial rates were determined by xylenol orange assay in CHAPS buffer pH 9.5 for *A*spEUGO and bis-Tris-propane buffer pH 9.5 for *Gb*EUGO. A final concentration of 50 mM buffer and 50 nM enzyme were used. The curves were fitted according to Hill. All reactions were performed as triplicate and the standard deviation is shown as error bars. Kinetic parameters are summarized in Table S6.



**Figure S24.** Michaelis-Menten kinetics of *A*spEUGO (**a**) and *Gb*EUGO (**b**) on eugenol (**2**) as substrate. The initial rates were determined by xylenol orange assay in CHAPS buffer pH 9.5 for *A*spEUGO and bis-Tris-propane buffer pH 9.5 for *Gb*EUGO. A final concentration of 50 mM buffer and 50 nM enzyme were used. The curves were fitted according to Hill. All reactions were performed as triplicate and the standard deviation is shown as error bars. Kinetic parameters are summarized in Table S6.



**Figure S25.** Michaelis-Menten kinetics of *A*spEUGO (**a**) and *Gb*EUGO (**b**) on vanillyl alcohol (**5**) as substrate. The initial rates were determined by xylenol orange assay in CHAPS buffer pH 9.5 for *A*spEUGO and bis-Tris-propane buffer pH 9.5 for *Gb*EUGO. A final concentration of 50 mM buffer and 50 nM enzyme were used. The curves were fitted according to Hill. All reactions were performed as triplicate and the standard deviation is shown as error bars. Kinetic parameters are summarized in Table S6.

<b>Substrate</b>	No	Enzyme	Model	$K_M$ [µM]	$k_{cat}$ [s <sup>-1</sup> ]	n
Eugenol	$\mathbf{2}$	AspEUGO	Hill	$28 \pm 1$	$21 \pm 0.4$	$2.8 \pm 0.3$
Eugenol	$\mathbf{2}$	<b>GbEUGO</b>	Hill	$23 \pm 1$	$23 \pm 0.2$	$3.7 \pm 0.3$
Vanillyl alcohol	5	AspEUGO	Hill	$49 \pm 3$	$24 \pm 0.8$	$1.5 \pm 0.1$
Vanillyl alcohol	5	<b>GbEUGO</b>	Hill	$31 \pm 1$	$16 \pm 0.4$	$1.8 \pm 0.1$
4-Hydroxybenzyl alcohol	4	AspEUGO	Hill	$33 \pm 2$	$19 \pm 0.5$	$1.8 \pm 0.1$
4-Hydroxybenzyl alcohol	4	<b>GbEUGO</b>	Michaelis-Menten	$455 \pm 50$	$17 \pm 1$	$\blacksquare$
3,4-Dihydroxybenzyl alcohol	7	AspEUGO	Hill	$459 \pm 33$	$2.4 \pm 0.04$	$2.7 \pm 0.8$
3,4-Dihydroxybenzyl alcohol	7	<b>GbEUGO</b>	Michaelis-Menten	$5122 \pm 827$	$4.9 \pm 0.5$	٠

**Table S6.** Kinetic parameters of *A*spEUGO and *Gb*EUGO.

## <span id="page-39-0"></span>**Supplementary Methods 7:** Correlation of first shell residues of the catalytic center with substrate selectivity

### Calculation of sequence-activity correlations

The natural logarithm of the activity data of each wildtype enzyme (Table S4) and the hydrophobicity and volume of single amino acids residues (Supplementary Data 2) were correlated in an automatized fashion by a custom R script (Supplementary Data 3). The respective residue characteristic for each enzyme was plotted against the logarithmic activity and a test for correlation was performed. The correlation coefficient  $r$  was calculated by the Pearson method (6) for every residue property-activity combination, where  $m<sub>x</sub>$  and  $m<sub>y</sub>$ represent the mean of the respective variables.

$$
r = \frac{\sum (x - m_x) * (y - m_y)}{\sqrt{\sum (x - m_x)^2 * \sum (y - m_y)^2}}
$$
(6)

As output, the  $r$  values were saved in a matrix and all individual plots were saved for manual inspection (Supplementary Data 3). From the matrix, substrates with structural motives of interest were selected to compare the influence of residues of the catalytic center with observed substrate acceptance (Figures 4 and S26 to S28).

#### <span id="page-40-0"></span>Correlation of residue type in *ortho* position



**Figure S26.** Analysis of the changes in the logarithm of the observed enzyme activity for benzyl alcohol derivatives with changing *ortho* substituent. **a** Observed activity for the enzymes of this study on the respective substrate (for details see Table S4). The error bars represent the standard deviation from a triplicate measurement. **b** Heat map for changes with the steric size (top) or and the polarity (bottom) of the first shell residues of the catalytic pocket. Primary data is provided in Supplementary Data 2 and 03. **c** Diversity of amino acids of the selected enzymes at respective positions.

#### <span id="page-41-0"></span>Correlation of residue type in *para* position



**Figure S27.** Analysis of the in the logarithm of the observed enzyme activity with changing *para* substituent of *ortho* methoxy phenols. **a** Observed activity for the enzymes of this study on the respective substrate (for details see Table S4). The error bars represent the standard deviation from a triplicate measurement. **b** Heat map for changes with the steric size (top) or and the polarity (bottom) of the first shell residues of the catalytic pocket. Primary data is provided in Supplementary Data 2 and 3. **c** Diversity of amino acids of the selected enzymes at respective positions.



**Figure S28.** Analysis of the in the logarithm of the observed enzyme activity with changing size in *para* substituents. **a** Observed activity for the enzymes of this study on the respective substrate (for details see Table S4). The error bars represent the standard deviation from a triplicate measurement. **b** Heat map for changes with the steric size of the first shell residues of the catalytic pocket. Primary data is provided in Supplementary Data 2 and 3. **c** Diversity of amino acids of the selected enzymes at respective positions.

## <span id="page-43-0"></span>**Supplementary Note 2:** Oxidase screening

### <span id="page-43-1"></span>**Background**

Common oxidase screenings are coupled to secondary peroxidase reactions, like HRP, which react with the phenolic substrates of the 4-phenol oxidase.<sup>14,15</sup> Thus, a new screening approach was established within this study. Based on an *in vitro* hydrogen peroxide detection assay (xylenol orange assay), a high throughput screening assay was developed which is applicable in 96-well format and works in cell-free crude extract. In order to enable hydrogen peroxide detection, naturally present *E. coli* catalases like hydroperoxidase I and II had to be inactivated as these heme-dependent enzymes are several orders of magnitude faster than 4 phenol oxidases.<sup>16</sup> Inhibition of heme-containing catalases from human or other eukaryotes has previously been achieved by 3-amino-1,2,4-triazol (3AT).<sup>17–19</sup> Further, hydroxylamine (HA) was reported to efficiently inhibit the manganese-containing catalase of the Gram-negative bacterium *Thermoleophilum album*. <sup>20</sup> Both compounds were tested for their performance in various hydrogen peroxide concentrations (Figure S29). While the addition of 3AT to *E. coli* crude extract had no effect on the coloration of the screening solution, HA addition induced a similar response to hydrogen peroxide as in the buffer control. Therefore, in the 96-well screening assay with crude extracts, 1 mM HA was used to inhibit intrinsic catalase activity.



**Figure S29.** Colorization of the detection solution of the XO assay with increasing hydrogen peroxide concentration. *E. coli* BL21 (DE3) cell-free crude extract was able to complete remove the hydrogen peroxide from the solution without inhibitor. Therefore, 3-amino-1,2,4-triazole and hydroxylamine were tested as catalase inhibitors. With addition of 1 mM Hydroxylamine, a similar response is obtained as without crude extract while no effect is observed for 3-amino-1,2,4-triazole.

### <span id="page-43-2"></span>**Overview**

After creation and transformation of the site-saturation library, colonies were picked and transferred into a 96-well deep-well plate containing LB medium. The plate was incubated overnight as a preculture. From this preculture, a new 96-well deep-well plate was inoculated containing TB autoinduction medium. The main culture was grown for four hours at 37°C and at 25°C overnight. The cells were harvested by centrifugation and then chemically lysed. The protein containing supernatant was used for the assay after centrifugation. But for quantitative comparison of the kinetic rates between each well, the amount of protein had to be taken into consideration, as a higher enzyme yield correlates with higher hydrogen peroxide production. This would select for better production strains but not necessarily for improved enzyme variants. Thus, normalization of the enzyme amount was conducted. As normalization on the culture density excludes enzyme yield or disruption efficiency by the chemical lysis, the FAD

fluorescence of the crude extract was measured. Since 4-phenol oxidases contain a covalently bound FAD, the fluorescence of the crude extract gives a good estimation of the oxidase concentration. The measurement also includes the fluorescence of free FAD and other cell components but was found to be a better approximation than cell density. Immediately after fluorescence measurement, a substrate mix was added to each well and the hydrogen peroxide production was measured over time by the xylenol orange assay. The first sample was taken after 10 minutes. The duration for the second and third sample was adjusted for each individual substrate mixture based on the coloration of the detection solution. For substrates with wildtype activities < $0.2 s<sup>-1</sup>$ , samples were generally taken in the time frame of 45 minutes.



**Figure S30.** Schematic representation of the high throughput screening assay. Colonies after site-saturation mutagenesis were picked individually and incubated in 96-deep well plates in LB medium overnight at 37°C. The main cultures were inoculated with 10 µL of the preculture. Overnight cultivation was performed in auto-induction medium at 37°C for the first 4 h and at 25°C for the following 14 h. Cells were harvested by centrifugation and resuspended in 300 µL lysis solution. 50 µL of supernatant were transferred to a black 96-well plate and mixed with 47 µL 100 mM glycine NaOH buffer pH 9.5. The FAD fluorescence was measured (excitation: 441 nm, emission: 520 nm) to normalize for oxidase production level. Afterwards, a final concentration of 1 mM hydroxylamine was added to inhibit *E. coli* catalases and the reaction was started with the addition of 2 µL of a 100 mM substrate mix. At respective time points, 20 µL of the solution were taken and mixed in a fresh 96-well plate with 180 µL detection solution. After 30 min, the absorption was measured at 560 nm. The slope from three time points was used for evaluation.

#### <span id="page-44-0"></span>Evaluation

According to the xylenol orange assay, the absorption was measured at 560 nm  $(A_{560})$  after incubation for 30 minutes in the dark. For the evaluation of the screening results, the absorption values of each individual well were divided by the fluorescence counts  $(F_{FAD})$  of the crude extract. Following the slope (m) of the absorption, normalized by the fluorescence  $(A_n)$  for all 3 time points  $(t)$  was determined.

$$
A_n = \frac{A_{560}}{F_{FAD}}\tag{7}
$$

$$
m = \frac{\sum (t - \bar{t})(A_n - \overline{A_n})}{\sum (t - \bar{t})^2}
$$
 (8)

The slope of each individual well  $\left(m_i\right)$  was divided by the average slope of the wildtype  $\left(m_{WT}\right)$ controls to get a relative slope  $(m_r)$ .

$$
m_r = \frac{m_i}{m_{WT}} \tag{9}
$$

Special attention was taken when calculating the slope of the individual wells for saturation of the detection solution. In that case the curve is not linear, and the last sample point had to be excluded from the slope calculation. An excel template is provided in the supplement for automatic evaluation.

## <span id="page-46-0"></span>**Supplementary Methods 8:** Creation and characterization of enzyme variants

### Site-directed mutagenesis

QuikChange PCR with fully overlapping primers was performed (Table S7) using 100 ng template DNA mixed with a final amount of 0.4  $\mu$ M of each primer and the PrimeSTAR Max DNA-polymerase (Takara) in a total volume of 25 µL. Successful amplification was verified by agarose gel electrophoresis, before the PCR product was digested by DpnI (10 U) and afterwards, was transformed in *E. coli* DH5α. Mutations were validated by sequencing, before transformation in the expression host *E. coli* BL21 (DE3) was conducted.

### Generation of site-saturation libraries

The mutant libraries were created by the QuikChange procedure described above using primer with the degenerate codon NNK (Table S7). After QuikChange and DpnI digestion, the plasmids were transformed into *E. coli* BL21 (DE3) by heat shock transformation and plated on LB-agar plates containing 100 mg L<sup>-1</sup> ampicillin. The colonies formed were used for further cultivation and usage in the screening.

### Oxidase screening assay

Colonies were picked after transformation and transferred into individual wells of a 96-well deep-well plate (square well, round bottom) containing 1 mL of LB-medium (10 g L<sup>-1</sup> tryptone, 5 g L<sup>-1</sup> yeast extract, 10 g L<sup>-1</sup> sodium chloride) with 150 mg L<sup>-1</sup> ampicillin. For every library, a full 96-well plate was used to achieve a library coverage >90%. Every plate contained wildtype controls which were grown in a separate preculture and placed diagonally from well A1 to H8. The plates were closed by foil and grown overnight at 37°C and 130 rpm. Then, a new 96-well deep-well plate (square well, round bottom) containing 1 mL of TB auto-induction medium (12 g L<sup>-1</sup> peptone, 24 g L<sup>-1</sup> yeast extract. 100 mM potassium phosphate buffer pH 7.0, 0.5 g L<sup>-1</sup> glucose, 2.0 g L<sup>-1</sup> lactose, 5.0 mL L<sup>-1</sup> glycerol) and 150 mg L<sup>-1</sup> ampicillin was inoculated with 10 µL of the preculture and also closed with foil. The plates were incubated for 4 hours at 37°C and following at 25°C overnight. The plates of the preculture were stored overnight at 8°C to allow for inoculation of another preculture for sequencing after screening.

The cells were harvested by centrifugation (20 min. at 4.347 x g and 4°C) and the supernatant was carefully discarded. The cell pellets were lysed chemically by resuspension in 300 µL B-PER™ Bacterial Protein Extraction Reagent (ThermoFisher Scientific) containing 0.25 mg mL<sup>-1</sup> lysozyme and 0.05 mg mL-1 DNase. After 15 min incubation at room temperature, the crude extract was separated from the cell debris by centrifugation (30 min. at 4,347 x g and  $4^{\circ}$ C). From each well, 50 µL of the crude extract were transferred into a black 96-well plate containing 47 µL of 100 mM Glycine-NaOH buffer pH 9.5 and the FAD fluorescence was measured with an excitation wavelength of 441 nm and an emission wavelength of 520 nm, for normalization. Then, 1 µL of a 100 mM hydroxylamine hydrochloride solution was added to inhibit *E. coli* catalases and the plate was incubated for 5 min at 25°C and 750 rpm.

The reaction was started by the addition of 2 µL substrate solution containing 100 mM of up to three substrates to reach a final substrate concentration of 2 mM, respectively. The plate was incubated at 25°C and 750 rpm and at three time points ranging between 10 and 90 minutes, samples were taken to determine the hydrogen peroxide concentration by xylenol orange assay. For evaluation of the results, please refer to Supplementary Note 2. Wells with highest activity were selected and a 10 mL LB culture was inoculated from the respective preculture for plasmids preparation. Finally, mutations were validated by sequencing.

### Crude extract assay

A 50 mL main culture was prepared for a respective enzyme variant and the wildtype as described above. The cells were harvested in 10 mL aliquots by centrifugation (20 min at 4,347 x g) and the cell wet weight (CWW) was determined. Chemical lysis was performed by addition of 6 mL B-PER<sup>™</sup> Bacterial Protein Extraction Reagent (ThermoFisher Scientific) and water mixture (2:1 Bper:water) per gram of CWW. After 15 minutes incubation at RT, the cell debris was separated by centrifugation (10 min at 15,000 x g and 15°C). 5 to 10 µL of crude extract were transferred into each well of a black 96-well plate which was filled up with Glycine-NaOH buffer pH 9.5 to a final volume of 97 µL. Similar to the screening assay, hydroxyl amine was added, and the FAD fluorescence was determined, before the assay was started by addition of a final substrate concentration of 1 mM. Samples for the xylenol orange assay were taken after 4 and 8 minutes. The evaluation was performed according to the screening assay.

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**Table S7.** Primer list.

## <span id="page-48-0"></span>List of created variants





### <span id="page-49-0"></span>Activity of purified enzyme variants

**Table S9.** Activity of purified enzyme variants. The rate was determined by xylenol orange assay in 50 mM potassium phosphate buffer pH 7.5 wit 2 mM of the respective substrate at 25°C. Errors represent the standard deviation of a triplicate measurement. The cells are colored in a gradient from highest (blue) to lowest (light orange) rate. Product formation was validated by GC-MS. The measured substrates and detected products are listed in Table S5.

No.	<b>ScEUGO</b> <b>V427Y</b>	Gc4EPO V166D	<b>ScEUGO</b> E378Q	<b>ScEUGO</b> E378T	<b>ScEUGO</b> Q425E	<b>ScEUGO</b> D151N	<b>ScEUGO</b> D151N Q425E	<b>ScEUGO</b> <b>V427F</b>	<b>ScEUGO</b> <b>V4271</b>	<b>ScEUGO</b> <b>V4271</b> <b>L282M</b>
	$1 \t0.12 \pm 0.06 \t0.11 \pm 0.09$		n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.		$0.71 \pm 0.04$ 1.33 ± 0.09 n.m.	
	$2.07 \pm 0.01$ $0.36 \pm 0.02$						$0.11 \pm 0.05$ $0.23 \pm 0.02$ $0.55 \pm 0.08$ $0.06 \pm 0.05$ $0.05 \pm 0.01$ $5.36 \pm 0.07$ $7.20 \pm 0.30$ $4.33 \pm 0.11$			
	$3$ n.d.	n.m.				$0.16 \pm 0.03$ 0.46 $\pm$ 0.01 0.34 $\pm$ 0.08 0.08 $\pm$ 0.01 n.d.				$0.44 \pm 0.07$ 1.11 $\pm$ 0.06 1.04 $\pm$ 0.07
		4 $0.09 \pm 0.03$ 2.44 $\pm 0.08$	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.		$0.53 \pm 0.07$ 1.51 $\pm$ 0.13 n.m.	
		5 $2.50 \pm 0.17$ 5.01 $\pm$ 0.22				$3.14 \pm 0.22$ $1.68 \pm 0.17$ $3.12 \pm 0.05$ $0.52 \pm 0.09$ n.d.			$4.86 \pm 0.43$ 2.99 $\pm$ 0.13 1.55 $\pm$ 0.06	
	6 $0.14 \pm 0.02$ n.m.		n.m.				$2.84 \pm 0.12$ 4.05 $\pm$ 0.64 0.14 $\pm$ 0.04 0.22 $\pm$ 0.03 0.40 $\pm$ 0.06 1.91 $\pm$ 0.11 2.10 $\pm$ 0.09			
	$7$ n.m.	$2.87 \pm 0.17$	n.m.	n.m.	$0.41 \pm 0.11$ n.m.		n.m.	n.m.	$3.19 \pm 0.13$ n.m.	
		8 $0.36 \pm 0.02$ 14.70 $\pm 0.47$	n.m.	n.m.	$0.25 \pm 0.02$ n.m.		n.m.		$0.62 \pm 0.08$ $0.52 \pm 0.08$ $0.42 \pm 0.02$	
	$9$ n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	$0.10 \pm 0.05$ n.m.		n.m.	n.m.		$3.29 \pm 0.05$ 2.76 $\pm$ 0.30
	10 $0.07 \pm 0.04$ n.m.		n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.
	11 n.m.	$0.23 \pm 0.04$	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	$0.43 \pm 0.03$ n.m.	
	12 n.m.	n.m.	$0.40 \pm 0.04$ 1.08 $\pm$ 0.03 0.40 $\pm$ 0.03 n.m.				$0.07 \pm 0.03$ n.m.		$1.58 \pm 0.13$ 0.84 $\pm$ 0.08	
	13 n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.d.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	$1.25 \pm 0.02$ 0.29 $\pm$ 0.03	
	$15$ n.m.	n m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.d.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	$0.09 \pm 0.05$ n.m.	
	$16$ n.m.	n.d.	$0.12 \pm 0.03$ 0.12 $\pm$ 0.08 0.98 $\pm$ 0.04 n.d.				n.m.	n.m.	$0.98 \pm 0.04$ 0.21 $\pm$ 0.03	
	$17$ n.m.	$0.06 \pm 0.04$	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.
	18 n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.d.	n.m.
	24 n.m.	n.d.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.
	25 n.m.	$0.27 \pm 0.22$	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.
	26 n.m.	n d.	n.m.	n.d.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.d.	n.m.
	27 n.m.	$0.16 \pm 0.05$	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.
	28 n.m.	n.d.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.
	29 n.m.	n.d.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.
	32 n.d.	$0.96 \pm 0.07$	n.m.	n.d.	n.m.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.m.	n.m.
	33 n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	$0.30 \pm 0.24$ n.m.	
	34 n.m.	n.m.	$0.20 \pm 0.04$ 0.22 $\pm$ 0.01 n.m.			$0.04 \pm 0.03$ n.d.		n.m.	n.d.	n.d.
	36 n.d.	n.d.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.
	37 n.m.	$0.61 \pm 0.01$	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	$0.05 \pm 0.04$ n.d.		n.m.	n.m.	n.m.
	38 n.m.	n.d.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.d.	n.m.
	39 n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	$0.08 \pm 0.04$ n.m.		n.m.	$0.09 \pm 0.03$ 0.18 $\pm$ 0.07	
	41 n.m.	$0.63 \pm 0.05$	n.m.	n.m.	$0.04 \pm 0.01$ n.m.		n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.d.
	42 n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.		$0.08 \pm 0.02$ 0.08 $\pm$ 0.01 n.m.			$3.66 \pm 0.07$ 4.87 $\pm$ 0.23
	44 n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	$0.13 \pm 0.03$ $0.22 \pm 0.01$	

n.d. = not detected, n.m. = not measured

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**Figure S31.** Relative activity of *Sc*EUGO A166G and A166S compared to the wildtype in a crude extract screening on selected substrates. Substrate No **4**, **8** and **9** were only tested for *Sc*EUGO A166S as this variant appeared to be the more interesting one. Error bars represent the standard deviation of a triplicate measurement.



**Figure S32.** Relative activity of *Sc*EUGO V427A, V427T and V427Y compared to the wildtype in a crude extract screening on selected substrates. Error bars represent the standard deviation of a triplicate measurement.

#### <span id="page-51-0"></span>Michaelis-Menten kinetics of *Gc*4EPO wildtype and V166D variant



**Figure S33.** Michaelis-Menten kinetic of *Gc*4EPO wildtype (**a**) and *Gc*4EPO V166D (**b**) on 3-bromo-4-hydroxybenzyl alcohol (**8**) as substrate in 50 mM potassium phosphate buffer pH 7.5. Final enzyme concentrations of 50 nM for the wildtype and 17.5 nM for the variant were used. The curves follow the classical Michaelis-Menten behavior. All reactions were performed as triplicate and the standard deviation is shown as error bars. Kinetic parameters are summarized in Table S10.



**Figure S34.** Michaelis-Menten kinetic of *Gc*4EPO V166D on 4-hydroxybenzyl alcohol (**4**) as substrate in 50 mM potassium phosphate buffer pH 7.5. A final enzyme concentration of 17.5 nM was used. The wildtype was no active enough on the substrate to record a kinetic. The curve follows the classical Michaelis-Menten behavior. All reactions were performed as triplicate and the standard deviation is shown as error bars. Kinetic parameters are summarized in Table S10.



**Figure S35.** Michaelis-Menten kinetic of *Gc*4EPO V166D on 3,4-dihydroxybenzyl alcohol (**7**) as substrate in 50 mM potassium phosphate buffer pH 7.5. A final enzyme concentration of 17.5 nM was used. The wildtype was no active enough on the substrate to record a kinetic. The curve follows the classical Michaelis-Menten behavior. All reactions were performed as triplicate and the standard deviation is shown as error bars. Kinetic parameters are summarized in Table S10.

**Table S10.** Kinetic parameters for *Gc*4EPO wildtype and V166D variant.

<b>Substrate</b>	No	Enzyme	Model	Kм	$K_{cat}$
3-Bromo-4-hydroxybenzyl alcohol	8	Gc4FPO	Michaelis-Menten	$19 + 1$	$1.6 \pm 0.02$
3-Bromo-4-hydroxybenzyl alcohol	8	Gc4FPO V166D	Michaelis-Menten	$134 + 17$	$14.7 \pm 0.6$
4-Hydroxybenzyl alcohol		Gc4EPO V166D	Michaelis-Menten	$230 + 63$	$21 + 02$
3,4-Dihydroxybenzyl alcohol		Gc4EPO V166D	Michaelis-Menten	$106 \pm 33$	$1.8 \pm 0.2$

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**Figure S36.** Catalytic center of *Gc*4EPO WT (**a**) and V166D (**b**) in complex with 3-bromo-4-hydroxybenzyl alcohol (**8**) after refinement by 0.1 ns molecular dynamics simulation. The FAD cofactor is shown in orange and the substrate in light red. Polar interaction between the substrate and the amino acid residues are depicted as dashed, yellow lines. The residues of the P-cluster, Y92, Y476 and R477, and Phe397 are depicted as sticks. The changed residue in position 166 is shown in teal. Glu166 interacts with the residues of the P-cluster and causes the substrate to turn in the direction of the substrate entrance tunnel.

#### <span id="page-54-0"></span>Michaelis-Menten kinetic and structural analysis of *Sc*EUGO Q425E



**Figure S37.** Catalytic center of *Sc*EUGO WT (**a**) and Q425E (**b**) docked with vanillyl amine (**16**) after refinement by 0.1 ns molecular dynamics simulation. The FAD cofactor is shown in orange and the substrate in light red. Polar interaction between the substrate and the amino acid residues are depicted as dashed, yellow lines. The residues of the W-cluster, D151 and R366, and Q/E425 are depicted as sticks. In the wildtype, the amine group interacts with D151 which results in a non-optimal positioning of the benzylic hydrogens for a transfer to the FAD cofactor. The Q425E exchange results in a change in the hydrogen bond network. E425 now interacts with the amine group which positions the benzylic hydrogens in direction of the FAD.



**Figure S38.** Michaelis-Menten kinetic of *Sc*EUGO Q425E on vanillyl amine (**16**) as substrate in 50 mM potassium phosphate buffer pH 7.5. A final enzyme concentration of 250 nM was applied. The curve follows the classical Michaelis-Menten behavior. All reactions were performed as triplicate and the standard deviation is shown as error bars. The  $K_M$  value was determined to 114  $\pm$  13 µM while the k<sub>cat</sub> value was 1.2  $\pm$  0.06 s<sup>-1</sup>.

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**Figure S39.** Relative activity of *Sc*EUGO L381I compared to the wildtype in a crude extract screening on selected substrates. Error bars represent the standard deviation of a triplicate measurement.



**Figure S40.** Relative activity of *Sc*EUGO V427M, V427I and V427F compared to the wildtype in a crude extract screening on selected substrates. Error bars represent the standard deviation of a triplicate measurement.

<span id="page-56-0"></span>Michaelis-Menten kinetic and structural analysis of *Sc*EUGO V427I L282M



**Figure S41.** Michaelis-Menten kinetic of *Sc*EUGO V427I L282M on 4-cyclopentylphenol (**42**) as substrate in 50 mM potassium phosphate buffer pH 7.5. A final enzyme concentration of 40 nM was applied. The curve follows the classical Michaelis-Menten behavior. All reactions were performed as triplicate and the standard deviation is shown as error bars. The  $K_M$  value was determined to 74  $\pm$  4 µM while the k<sub>cat</sub> value was 5.1  $\pm$  0.07 s<sup>-1</sup>.



**Figure S42.** Autodocking results of 4-cyclopentylphenol (**42**) after 0.1 ns refinement by molecular dynamics simulations in *Sc*EUGO WT (**a**), *Sc*EUGO V427I (**b**) and *Sc*EUGO V427I L282M (**c**). The FAD cofactor is shown in orange **42** in light red. I427 pushes the substrate into the catalytic center while no immediate effect for M282 can be observed.



**Figure 43.** Proposed movement of M282 during conversion of 4-cyclopentylphenol (**42**). **a** Structural data obtained from autodocking experiments in *Sc*EUGO V427I L282M variant using **42** and the dehydrogenation product 4-(cyclopent-1-en-1 yl)phenol as ligands. The docked structures were refined by molecular dynamic simulation. **b** Schematic representation of the mechanistical steps. The hydride abstraction to the FAD causes the benzylic carbon to change from sp<sup>3</sup> to sp<sup>2</sup> hybridization. As a consequence, the cyclopentyl ring moves in plane with the phenolic ring. M282 has to move to generate space for the intermediate and residue fills the space on top the cyclopentyl ring.



**Figure S44.** Comparison of the catalytic center from the crystal structure of *Rj*EUGO (PDB: 5FXE, **a**) and the homology model of *Sc*EUGO V427I L282M (**b**) docked with 4-cyclopentylphenol (**42**) after 0.1 ns refinement by molecular dynamics simulation. The FAD cofactor is shown in orange and the respective substrate in light red. All first shell residues of the catalytic center are shown as sticks.

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**Figure S45.** Comparison of the catalytic center from the homology model of *N*spEUGO (**a**) docked with eugenol (**2**) and *Sc*EUGO V427I (**b**) docked with 4-cyclopentylphenol (**42**) after 0.1 ns refinement by molecular dynamics simulation. The FAD cofactor is shown in orange and the respective substrate in light red. All first shell residues of the catalytic center are shown as sticks.

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