

# **Mechanistic Studies of 1-Aminocyclopropane-1-carboxylate Deaminase (ACCD): Characterization of an Unusual PLP-dependent Reaction**

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## **Supporting Information**

### **Methods**

**Description of reaction mixtures for  $^{13}\text{C}$ -KIE studies and purification of residual ACC:** Large scale reactions (performed in duplicate) were conducted by dissolving ~ 950 mg of ACC to a final concentration of 50 mM in 100 mM potassium phosphate (pH 7.5). To initiate the reaction, wt ACCD enzyme was added and the reaction mixture was slowly stirred at 25 °C. The progress of the reaction was periodically assessed using the coupled LDH assay to determine the concentration of reaction product,  $\alpha$ -KB. The enzyme activity decreased over ~ 24 h, so aliquots of fresh enzyme were periodically added as turnover became sluggish. As the reaction neared completion, a 0.5 mL aliquot was removed for determining the fraction of reaction and the remainder of the reaction mixture was cooled to 4 °C and filtered using a YM-10 membrane (Millipore, Billerica, MA.) to remove the enzyme. The filtered sample was loaded onto Dowex-50 cation exchange resin (100 mL) to recover the residual ACC starting material. The resin had been previously equilibrated with 250 mL of 2 M HCl and washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (~ 300 mL) until the pH of the column eluate was neutral. After loading the reaction onto the

column, the resin was washed with an additional 500 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O to elute the reaction product ( $\alpha$ -KB) and phosphate buffer. ACC was then eluted with 300 mL of 6% NH<sub>4</sub>OH in H<sub>2</sub>O (pH 11.5) and the solvent was removed by rotary evaporation and lyophilization. The column eluate was repeatedly dissolved in ~250 mL H<sub>2</sub>O and lyophilized to remove the majority of the NH<sub>3</sub>. For each large scale reaction, a separate commercial batch of ACC was used. A 50 mg sample of ACC was saved from each commercial batch for determination of the <sup>13</sup>C content of unreacted starting material. The sample was dissolved in 200 mL (the approximate volume of the large-scale reactions) of 100 mM potassium phosphate (pH 7.5) and was purified by cation exchange chromatography in a manner identical to that described for the recovery of residual ACC from the large scale reactions.

**Measuring <sup>13</sup>C-enrichment ( $R/R_0$ ) in ACC using <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectroscopy:**

Following purification, the unreacted and residual ACC samples were dissolved separately in 660  $\mu$ L of an H<sub>2</sub>O:D<sub>2</sub>O mixture (90:10% v/v) and analyzed by <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectroscopy to determine the relative <sup>13</sup>C enrichment at each carbon atom of ACC. NMR spectra were collected on a Varian Unity 500 MHz NMR spectrometer at the NMR core facility at the University of Texas, Austin. A total of ten <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra were recorded for each sample. Each spectrum was composed of 256 scans, separated by a delay time of 80 sec between scans to ensure full relaxation of each of the <sup>13</sup>C nuclei of ACC between individual instrument pulses. For integration of <sup>13</sup>C-NMR peaks, a zeroth order baseline correction was made in the vicinity of each signal, and the peak areas were determined by integrating a 10 Hz window centered around the chemical shift of each peak. The same integration parameters were then applied to each of the nine other

spectra in that particular set. The relative  $^{13}\text{C}$  enrichment of the carboxylate carbon of ACC was used as an internal standard to normalize the relative  $^{13}\text{C}$  enrichment of  $\text{C}_\alpha$  and  $\text{C}_\beta$  within each sample. This relative measurement of the  $^{13}\text{C}$  content of  $\text{C}_\alpha$  and  $\text{C}_\beta$  is hereafter referred to as  $R$  for residual ACC samples recovered from large scale wt ACCD reactions, or as  $R_0$  for unreacted ACC samples. From the averaged values of  $R$  and  $R_0$  determined from the ten NMR spectra, the ratio  $R/R_0$  and its associated standard error  $\Delta(R/R_0)$  was calculated for the  $\text{C}_\alpha$  and  $\text{C}_\beta$  atoms. It should be emphasized that for each large-scale reaction, the  $R$  and  $R_0$  measurements are derived from the same commercial batch of substrate.

**Determining the fraction of reaction ( $F$ ):** To determine the fraction of reaction ( $F$ ), the concentration of  $\alpha$ -KB present in the quenched reaction mixture at the end of the large scale reaction ( $\text{C}_1$ ) was compared to the concentration of  $\alpha$ -KB ( $\text{C}_2$ ) present in a sample of the same reaction mixture that had been allowed to reach 100% conversion by the addition of excess ACCD.  $\text{C}_1$  and  $\text{C}_2$  were measured via an end-point assay that coupled  $\alpha$ -KB reduction to NADH oxidation using lactate dehydrogenase (LDH). A 1 mL solution containing 150  $\mu\text{M}$  NADH, 4 units of LDH, and 100 mM sodium phosphate buffer (pH 7.0) was transferred to a cuvette and the absorbance at 340 nm was recorded over several minutes. A 1  $\mu\text{L}$  aliquot of the large scale reaction mixture (or of the reaction driven to 100% completion) was then added and the change in absorbance at 340 nm was allowed to reach its equilibrium level. The change in absorbance at 340 nm ( $\epsilon_{340}$  of NADH =  $6220 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) was used to calculate the concentration of  $\alpha$ -KB. A total of 10 replicate measurements of both  $\text{C}_1$  and  $\text{C}_2$  was made for each large scale reaction.

The fraction of reaction was then calculated as  $F = C_1/C_2$ , and the standard errors of the  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  measurements were propagated to calculate  $\Delta F$ .

**Calculation of  $^{13}(k_{\text{cat}}/K_m)$  and its associated standard error:** From the  $R/R_O$  and  $F$  values determined above, the  $^{13}(k_{\text{cat}}/K_m)$  at both  $C_\alpha$  and  $C_\beta$  of ACC ( $\text{KIE}_{\text{calc}}$ ) were calculated with eq S.1. The standard errors on  $\text{KIE}_{\text{calc}}$  that result from uncertainties in the fraction of reaction ( $\Delta\text{KIE}_F$ ) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  enrichment ( $\Delta\text{KIE}_R$ ) measurements were then calculated with eq S.2 and S.3, respectively, using the experimentally determined standard errors on  $R/R_O$  and  $F$  ( $\Delta R/R_O$  and  $\Delta F$ , respectively).<sup>1</sup> The standard error on  $\text{KIE}_{\text{calc}}$  was then calculated with Eq S.4 and is reported in the main text.

Eq S.1:

$$\text{KIE}_{\text{calc}} = \ln(1-F)/\ln[(1-F)R/R_O]$$

Eq S.2:

$$\Delta\text{KIE}_F = -\ln(R/R_O) \Delta F / [(1-F)\ln^2[(1-F)R/R_O]]$$

Eq S.3:

$$\Delta\text{KIE}_R = -\ln(1-F) \Delta (R/R_O) / [(R/R_O)\ln^2[(1-F)R/R_O]]$$

Eq S.4:

$$\Delta\text{KIE}_{\text{calc}} = \text{KIE}_{\text{calc}} [(\Delta\text{KIE}_F/\text{KIE}_{\text{calc}})^2 + (\Delta\text{KIE}_R/\text{KIE}_{\text{calc}})^2]^{1/2}$$

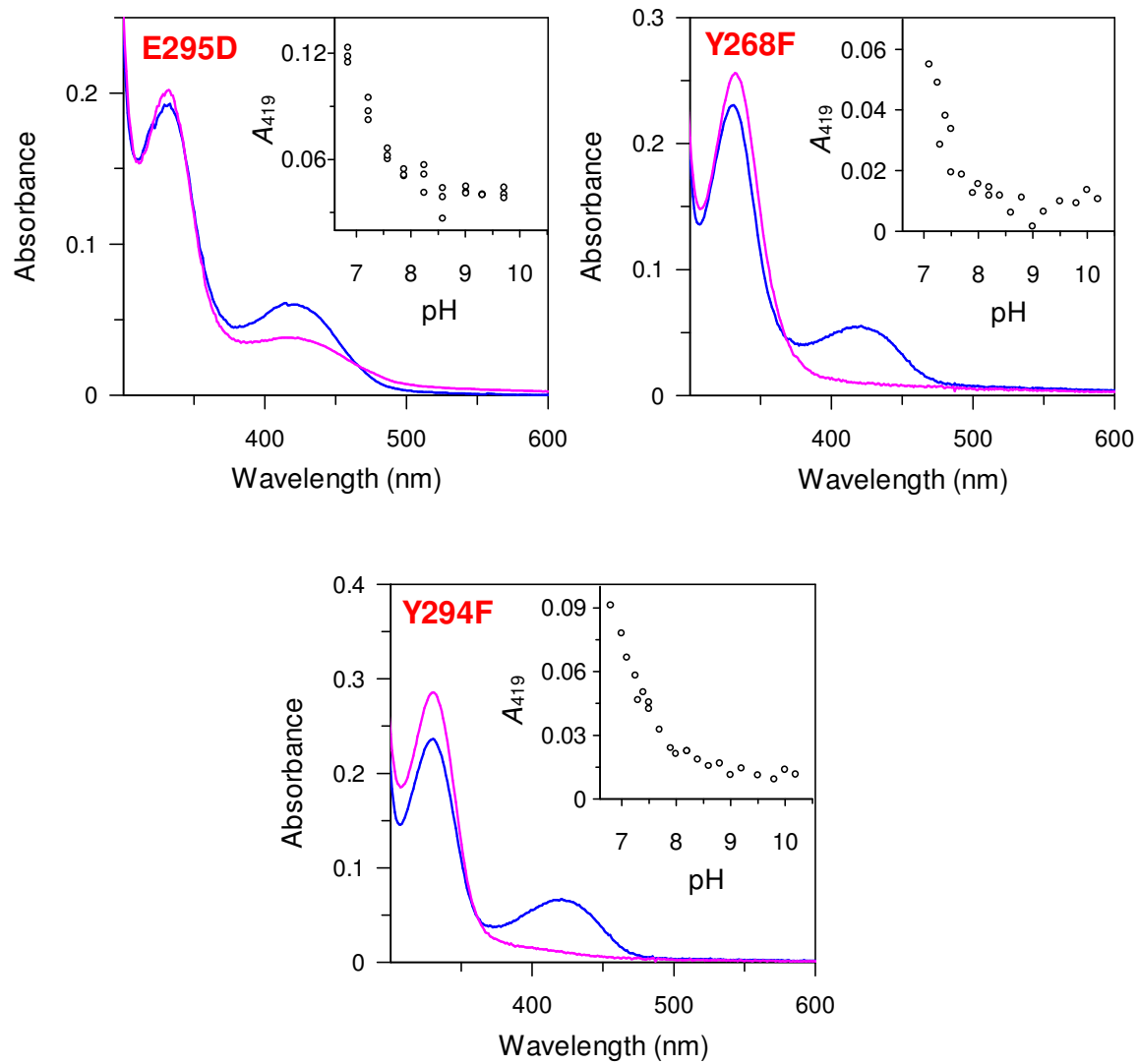
## Results

wt ACCD (H <sub>2</sub> O)			wt ACCD (D <sub>2</sub> O)		
pH	$k_{\text{cat}}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )	$K_{\text{m}}$ (mM)	pD	$k_{\text{cat}}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )	$K_{\text{m}}$ (mM)
6.55	1.62(6)	21(2)	7.13	0.32(1)	23(2)
6.65	1.82(3)	18(2)	7.45	0.26(1)	5.4(6)
6.83	1.61(3)	6.7(4)	7.94	0.25(1)	1.7(2)
7.14	1.69(2)	3.0(1)	8.23	0.21(1)	0.7(1)
7.41	1.48(2)	2.2(1)	8.48	0.226(4)	0.46(4)
7.69	1.32(2)	1.2(1)	8.81	0.21(1)	0.46(1)
7.95	1.35(2)	0.96(7)	9.09	0.212(5)	0.37(5)
8.00	1.38(2)	1.2(1)	9.41	0.203(4)	0.73(8)
8.21	1.29(3)	0.85(9)	9.73	0.17(1)	1.4(4)
8.49	1.11(5)	1.2(2)			
8.82	1.02(3)	2.3(4)			
9.12	0.94(4)	6.2(9)			
9.41	0.97(6)	10(2)			
9.71	0.83(3)	13(1)			

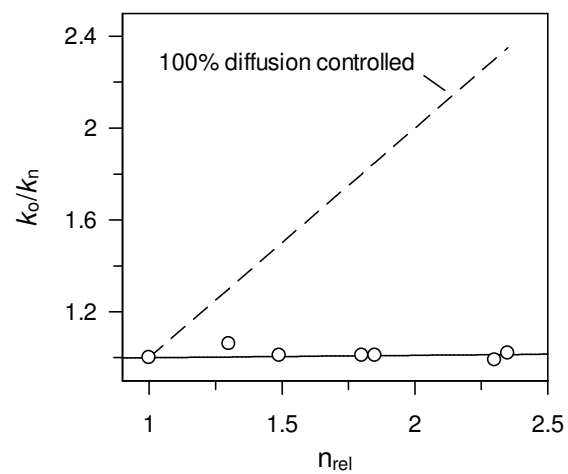
  

E295D			Y268F		
pH	$k_{\text{cat}}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )	$K_{\text{m}}$ (mM)	pH	$k_{\text{cat}}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )	$K_{\text{m}}$ (mM)
6.72	0.103(6)	27(4)	7.00	0.0078(3)	7.0(5)
7.02	0.134(3)	13(1)	7.22	0.0059(1)	5.1(5)
7.27	0.138(3)	7.1(5)	7.33	0.0040(1)	5.1(3)
7.50	0.139(3)	5.0(4)	7.5	0.0040(1)	4.2(4)
7.62	0.147(2)	3.6(2)	7.77	0.0120(2)	4.1(3)
7.88	0.147(3)	2.4(2)	8.12	0.0186(3)	4.0(2)
8.21	0.126(2)	1.7(1)	8.44	0.0261(4)	3.4(2)
8.50	0.124(3)	2.4(2)	9.00	0.0261(6)	3.2(.3)
8.77	0.130(4)	4.0(4)	9.30	0.026(1)	4.9(6)
9.12	0.136(6)	12(1)	9.57	0.029(1)	10(1)
9.50	0.140(4)	36(2)			

**Table S1.** Summary of fits of steady state kinetic data to the Michaelis-Menten Equation. Standard errors are shown in parentheses.



**Figure S1:** pH-Dependence of internal aldimine absorption for the E295D, Y268F, and Y294F mutant enzymes.

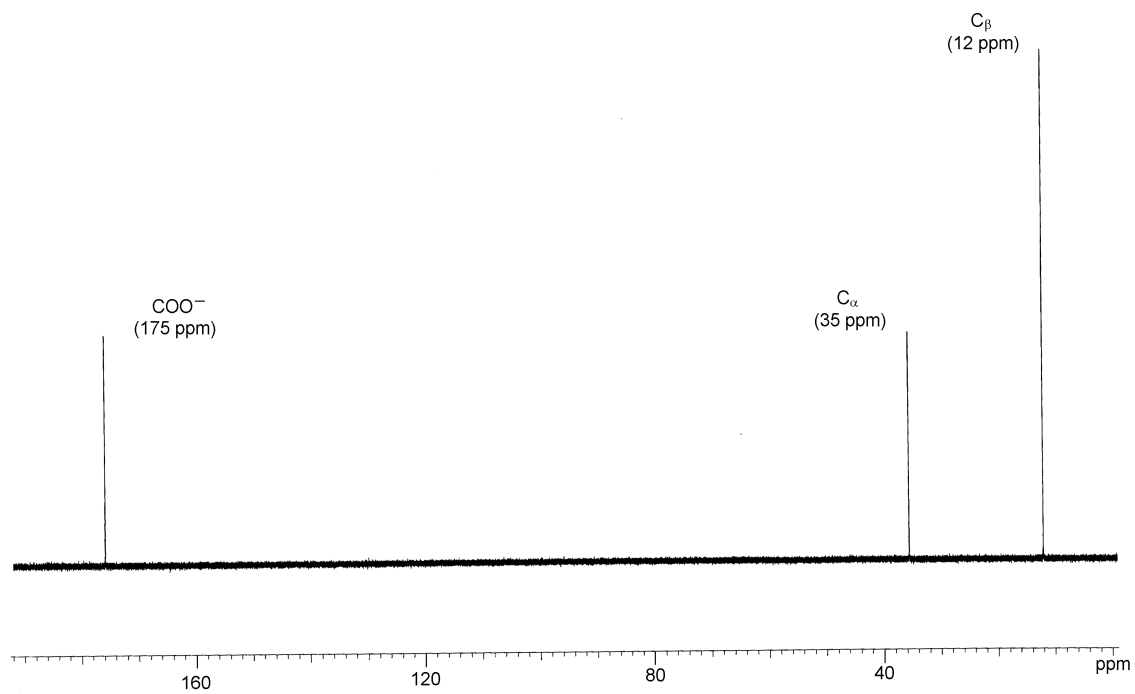


**Figure S2:** Viscosity effects on  $k_{cat}$  for wt ACCD. The data were fit with eq 4 as described in the Materials and Methods.

<b>Model</b>	<b><math>SSR_{(LOF)}</math></b>	<b><math>d_{f(LOF)}</math></b>	<b><math>F</math></b>	<b><math>F_c</math></b>
<b>T<sub>1</sub></b>	0.00124	4	1.20	2.93
<b>T<sub>2</sub></b>	0.000327	3	0.42	3.16
<b>T<sub>1S</sub></b>	0.000204	3	0.26	3.16
	<b><math>SSR_{(PE)}</math></b>	<b><math>d_{f(PE)}</math></b>		
<b>Pure Error</b>	0.00463	18		

**Table S2.** Lack-of-fit  $F$ -tests for fits of the proton inventory data to various forms of the Gross-Butler equation (see eq 5 in Materials and Methods). The definition of each model (T<sub>1</sub>, T<sub>2</sub>, and T<sub>1S</sub>) is shown in Table 2 of the main text. Lack-of-fit  $F$ -values were calculated as:  $F = (SSR_{(LOF)}/d_{f(LOF)})/(SSR_{(PE)}/d_{f(PE)})$  as described by Draper and Smith,<sup>2</sup> where  $SSR$  are sum square residuals and  $d_f$  are the degrees of freedom for the lack-of-fit (LOF) and pure error (PE) estimates.  $F_c$  is the critical  $F$ -value at the 5% significance level.





**Figure S3.** A typical  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum of ACC taken under the conditions employed in this study.

Reaction 1										
N	Unreacted ACC					Residual ACC				
	COO-	C <sub>α</sub>	C <sub>β</sub>	R <sub>o(Cα)</sub> = C <sub>α</sub> /COO-	R <sub>o(Cβ)</sub> = C <sub>β</sub> /COO-	COO-	C <sub>α</sub>	C <sub>β</sub>	R <sub>(Cα)</sub> = C <sub>α</sub> /COO-	R <sub>(Cβ)</sub> = C <sub>β</sub> /COO-
1	.75	.746	1.32	.994	1.76	.804	.809	1.4	1.01	1.74
2	.775	.755	1.34	.974	1.73	.808	.824	1.42	1.02	1.76
3	.77	.756	1.31	.982	1.70	.81	.832	1.43	1.03	1.77
4	.772	.749	1.31	.970	1.70	.814	.829	1.43	1.02	1.76
5	.735	.748	1.3	1.02	1.77	.839	.846	1.45	1.01	1.73
6	.755	.733	1.32	.971	1.75	.82	.837	1.45	1.02	1.77
7	.75	.741	1.3	.988	1.73	.823	.829	1.46	1.01	1.77
8	.743	.742	1.33	.999	1.79	.851	.839	1.44	0.986	1.69
9	.749	.737	1.3	.984	1.74	.814	.846	1.45	1.04	1.78
10	.757	.741	1.33	.979	1.76	.825	.848	1.44	1.03	1.75
<b>Average R<sub>o</sub></b>				0.986(4)	1.74(1)	<b>Average R</b>			1.016(5)	1.75(1)

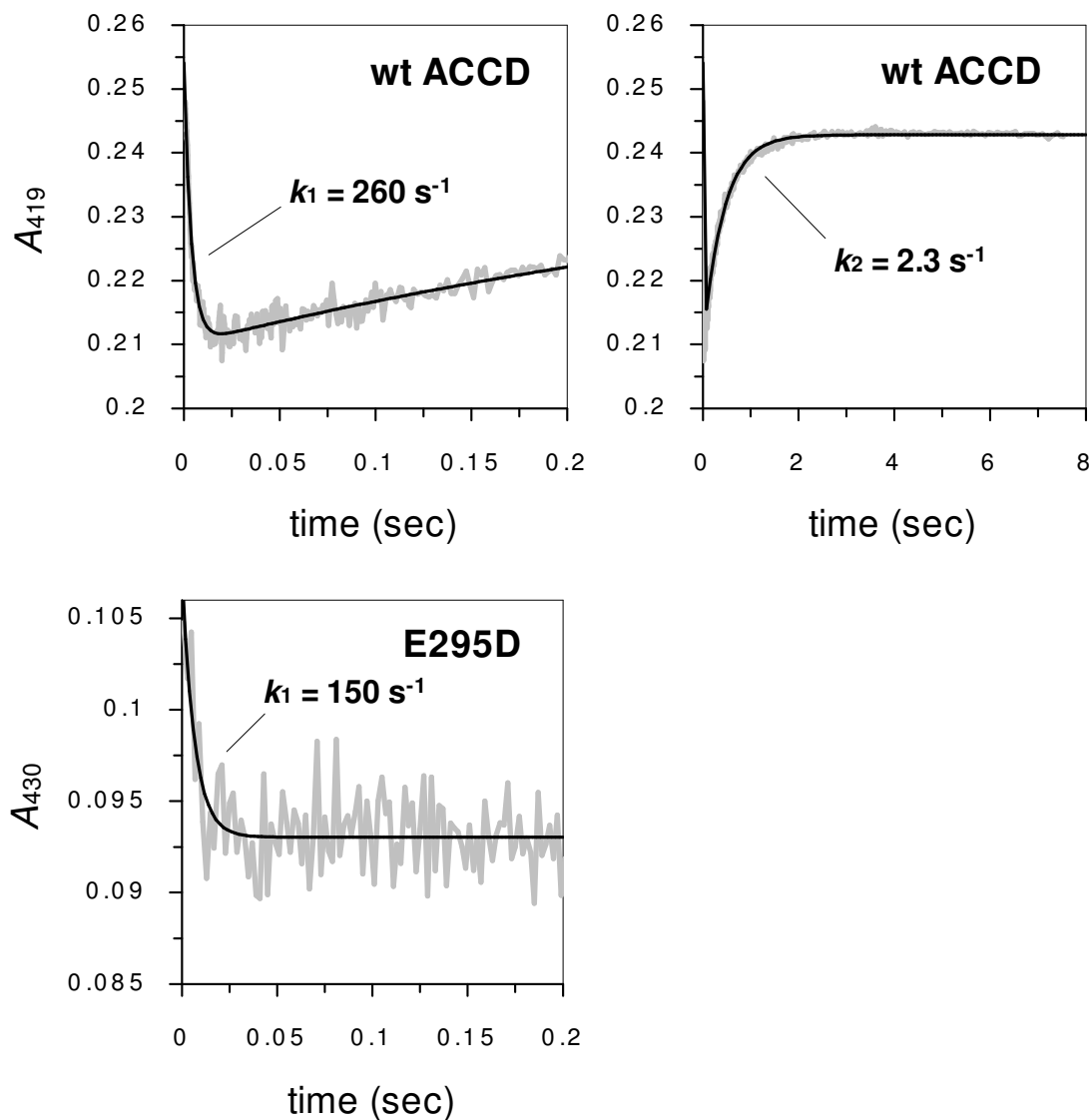
  

Reaction 2										
N	Unreacted ACC					Residual ACC				
	COO-	C <sub>α</sub>	C <sub>β</sub>	R <sub>o(Cα)</sub> = C <sub>α</sub> /COO-	R <sub>o(Cβ)</sub> = C <sub>β</sub> /COO-	COO-	C <sub>α</sub>	C <sub>β</sub>	R <sub>(Cα)</sub> = C <sub>α</sub> /COO-	R <sub>(Cβ)</sub> = C <sub>β</sub> /COO-
1	.979	.937	1.62	.957	1.655	1.2	1.17	2.03	.975	1.692
2	.977	.908	1.61	.929	1.648	1.21	1.15	2.07	.950	1.717
3	.976	.926	1.62	.949	1.66	1.21	1.19	2.06	.983	1.702
4	.946	.942	1.62	.996	1.712	1.2	1.19	2.07	.992	1.725
5	.97	.906	1.61	.934	1.66	1.21	1.21	2.1	1.00	1.736
6	1.01	.941	1.63	.932	1.614	1.2	1.18	2.07	.983	1.725
7	.99	.954	1.65	.964	1.667	1.23	1.16	2.1	.943	1.707
8	.996	.922	1.61	.926	1.616	1.24	1.19	2.07	.960	1.669
9	.984	.926	1.62	.941	1.646	1.2	1.18	2.06	.983	1.717
10	.999	.948	1.64	.949	1.642	1.22	1.21	2.09	.992	1.713
<b>Average R<sub>o</sub></b>				.948(7)	1.652(6)	<b>Average R</b>			.976(6)	1.710(6)

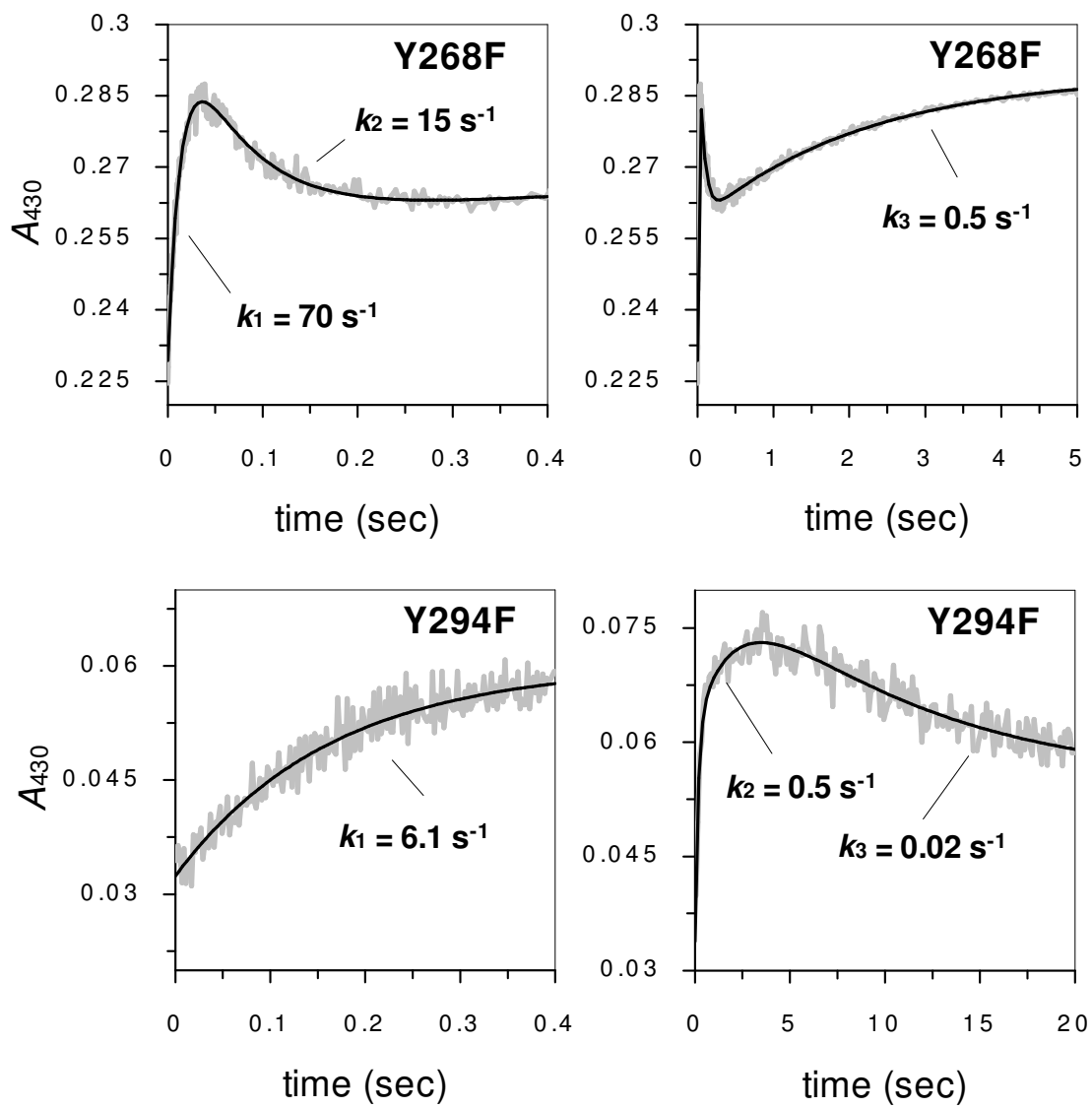
**Table S3.** Summary of raw <sup>13</sup>C-NMR integrations and calculation of average *R* and *R<sub>o</sub>* values for the C<sub>α</sub> and C<sub>β</sub> atoms in the two replicate reactions. *N* is the spectrum number. The values in parentheses on the average *R* and *R<sub>o</sub>* parameters are the standard errors in the final digit.

Replicate	Reaction 1		Reaction 2	
	C <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>2</sub>
1	45.19	50.92	42.54	50.48
2	45.14	51.71	42.32	51.39
3	44.99	50.83	42.46	51.74
4	47.14	50.37	42.89	52.39
5	45.60	51.19	43.34	52.43
6	46.01	50.97	44.06	50.68
7	45.95	50.07	43.40	52.66
8	46.99	50.59	44.53	52.79
9	47.61	51.28	43.48	51.41
10	46.52	50.80	42.34	51.33
Average	46.1 ± 0.29	50.9 ± 0.14	43.1 ± 0.24	51.7 ± 0.26
<b><math>F = C_1/C_2</math></b>	<b>0.906 ± 0.006</b>		<b>0.834 ± 0.006</b>	

**Table S4.** Fraction of reaction measurement. The coupled LDH enzyme assay was used to quantify the concentration of  $\alpha$ -KB at the end of the each large-scale reaction (C<sub>1</sub>) as well as the concentration of  $\alpha$ -KB when the reaction was taken to 100% completion by the addition of excess ACCD (C<sub>2</sub>). The fraction of reaction,  $F$ , and its standard error ( $\Delta F$ ) were then calculated from the averaged values of C<sub>1</sub> and C<sub>2</sub>.



**Figure S4.** Fits of pre-steady state absorbance changes of wt ACCD and its mutants to exponential equations. The wt ACCD data (followed at 419 nm) were fit with a double exponential equation. The E295D data (followed at 430 nm) were fit with a single exponential equation, and the Y268F and Y294F data (followed at 430 nm) were fit with a triple exponential equation. Fitted parameter values are summarized in Table S4.



**Figure S4** (continued).

<b>Enzyme</b>	<b><math>A_1</math></b>	<b><math>k_1</math></b>	<b><math>A_2</math></b>	<b><math>k_2</math></b>	<b><math>A_3</math></b>	<b><math>k_3</math></b>	<b><math>C</math></b>
wt ACCD	-0.044(1)	260(5)	0.033(1)	2.31(3)	-	-	0.254(1)
E295D	-0.015(2)	150(30)	-	-	-	-	0.108(2)
Y268F	0.082(2)	71(2)	-0.053(2)	14.8(4)	0.0310(2)	0.46(1)	0.229(1)
Y249F	0.028(1)	6.1(5)	0.026(3)	0.48(7)	-0.033(2)	0.10(2)	0.034(1)

**Table S5.** Summary of fitted parameter values obtained from non-linear fits of the stopped-flow data in Figure S4 to exponential equations. Standard errors in the final digit of the parameter estimates are shown in parentheses.

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