

**Expanding the chemical space for natural products by  
*Aspergillus-Streptomyces* co-cultivation and biotransformation**

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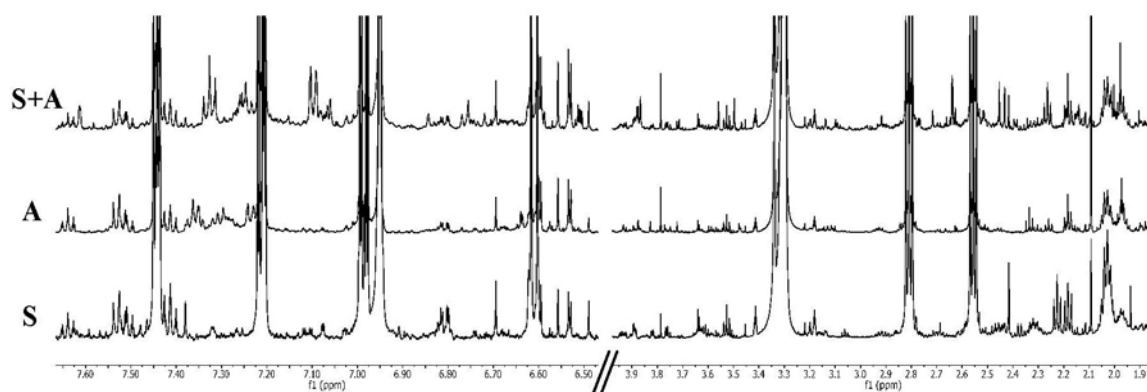
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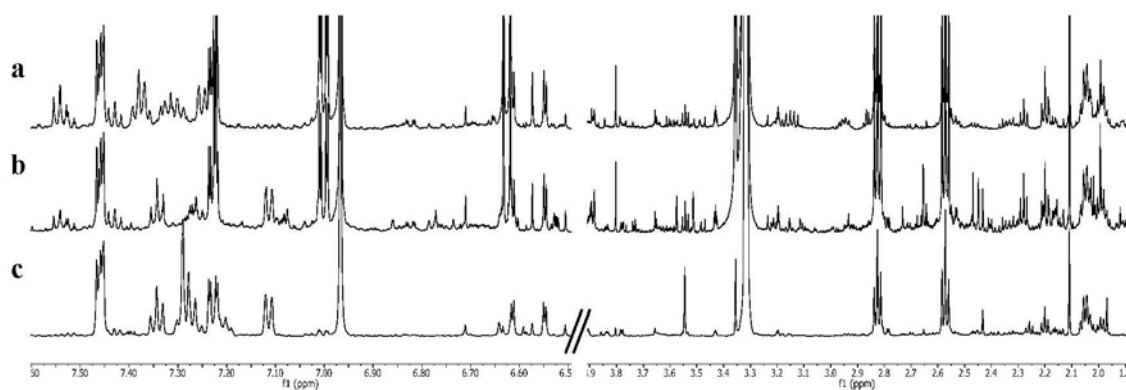
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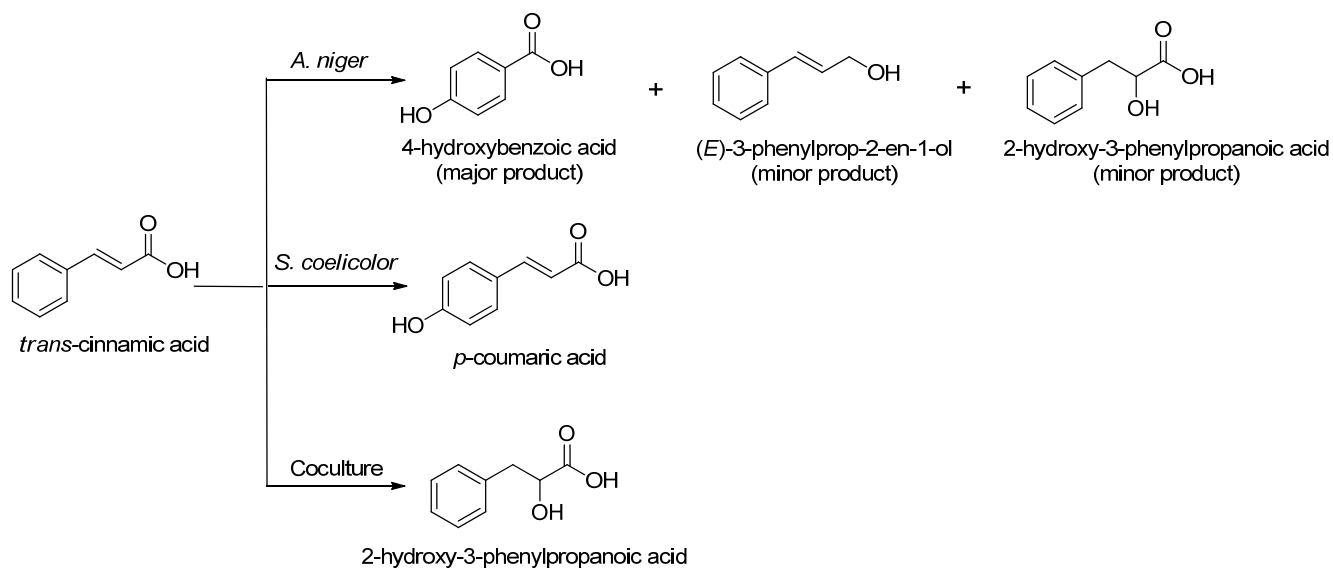
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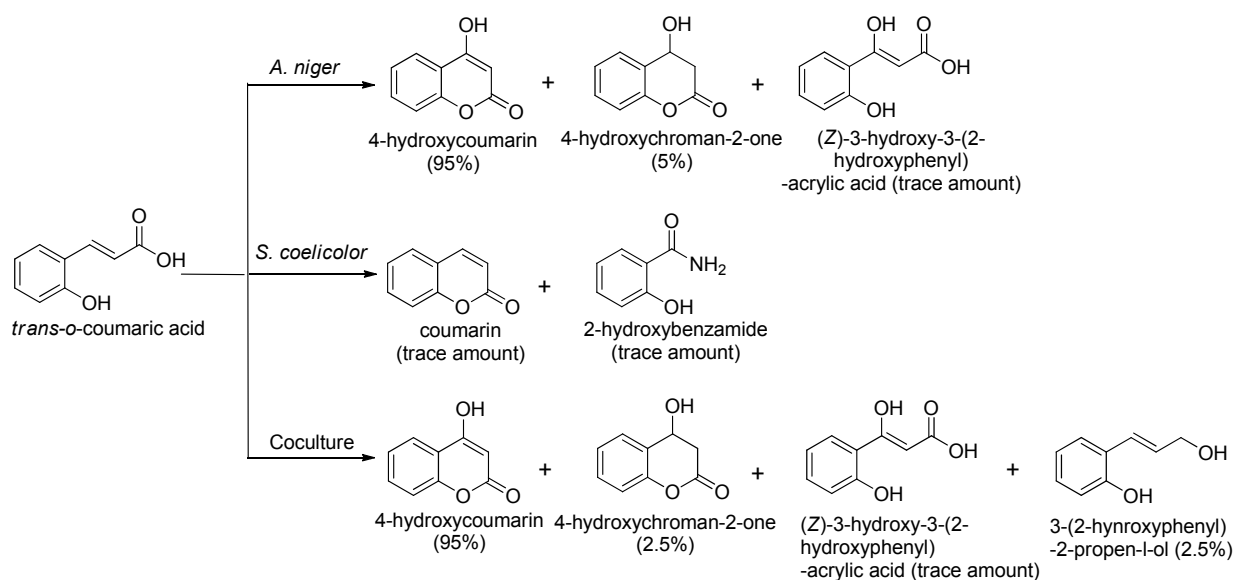
**Figure S1.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra in the region of  $\delta$  6.50—7.60, and 1.90—3.90 of *Streptomyces coelicolor* single culture (**S**), *Aspergillus niger* single culture (**A**), and coculture of *Streptomyces coelicolor* with *Aspergillus niger* (**S+A**). Major discriminators for PCA separation (Figure 2) are summarized in Table 1.



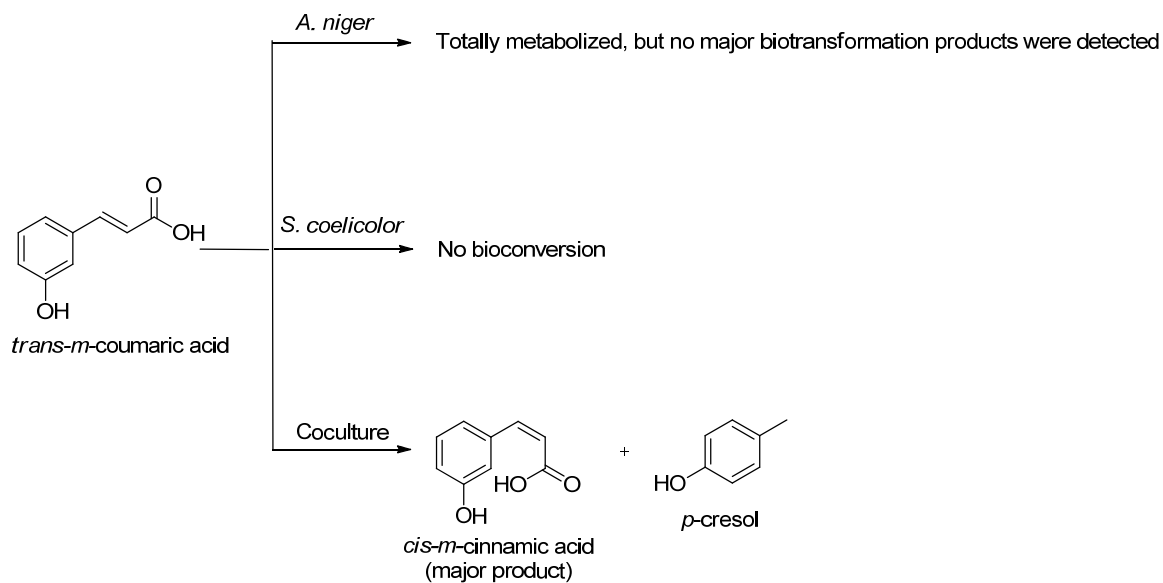
**Figure S2.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra in the region of  $\delta$  6.50—7.60 and 1.90—3.90 of *Aspergillus niger* single culture (a), *Aspergillus niger* cocultured with *Streptomyces coelicolor* (b), and *Aspergillus niger* cultured in a cell-free extract of *Streptomyces coelicolor* (c). Cell-free extract of *S. coelicolor* was sufficient for eliciting *Aspergillus niger* to produce cyclo-(Phe-Phe) and phenylacetic acid



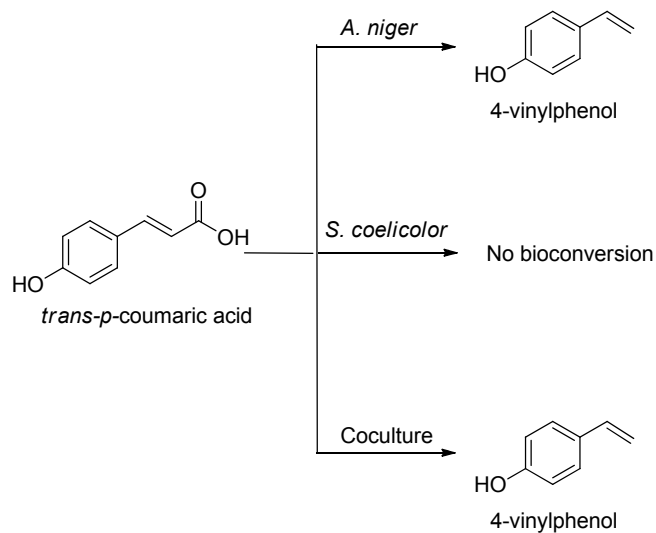
**Figure S3.** Biotransformation products of *trans*-cinnamic acid by *S. coelicolor* monoculture, *A. niger* monoculture and their coculture.



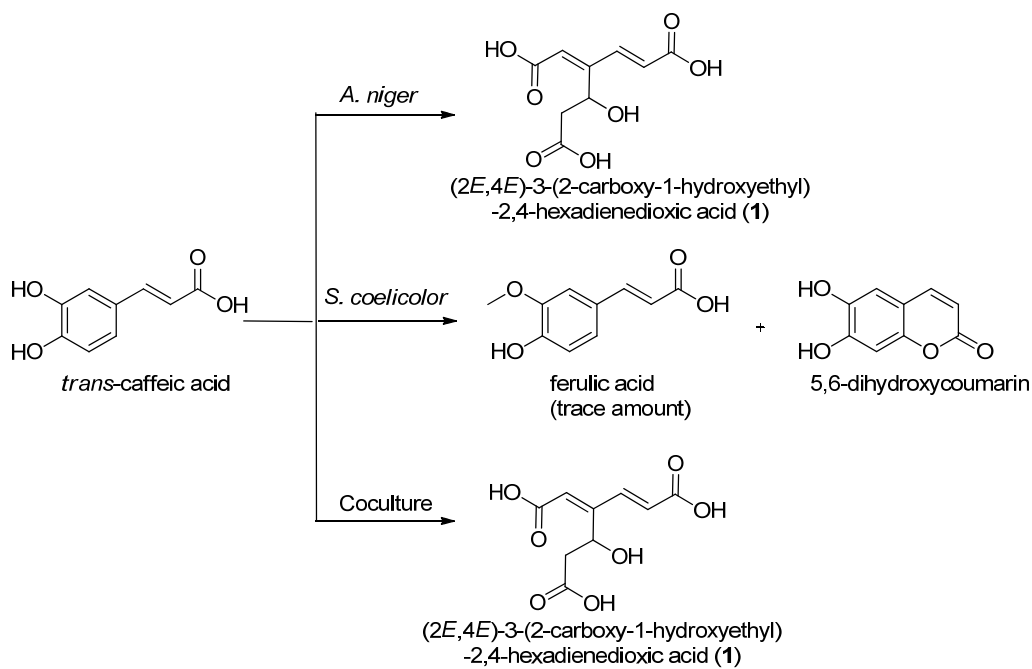
**Figure S4.** biotransformation products of *trans*-*o*-coumaric acid by *S. coelicolor* monoculture, *A. niger* monoculture and their coculture.



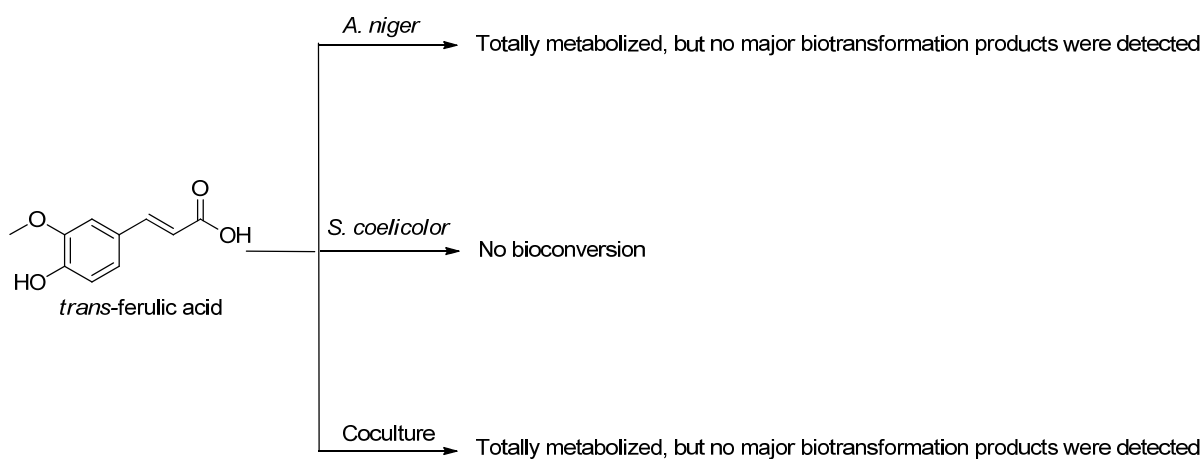
**Figure S5.** biotransformation products of *trans-m-coumaric acid* by *S. coelicolor* monoculture, *A. niger* monoculture and their coculture.



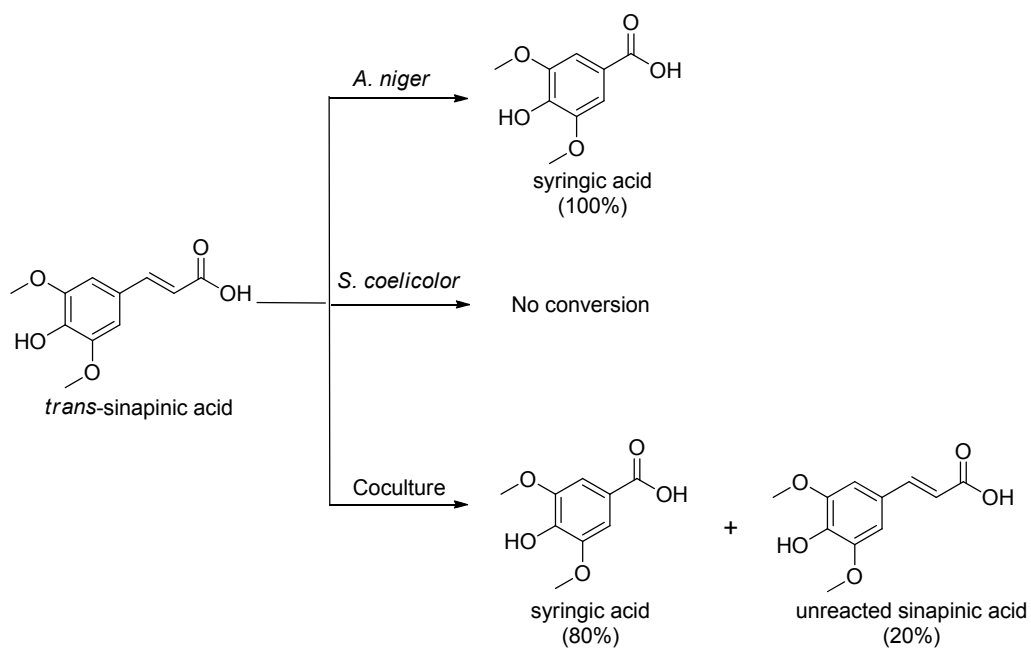
**Figure S6.** biotransformation products of *trans-p-coumaric acid* by *S. coelicolor* monoculture, *A. niger* monoculture and their coculture.



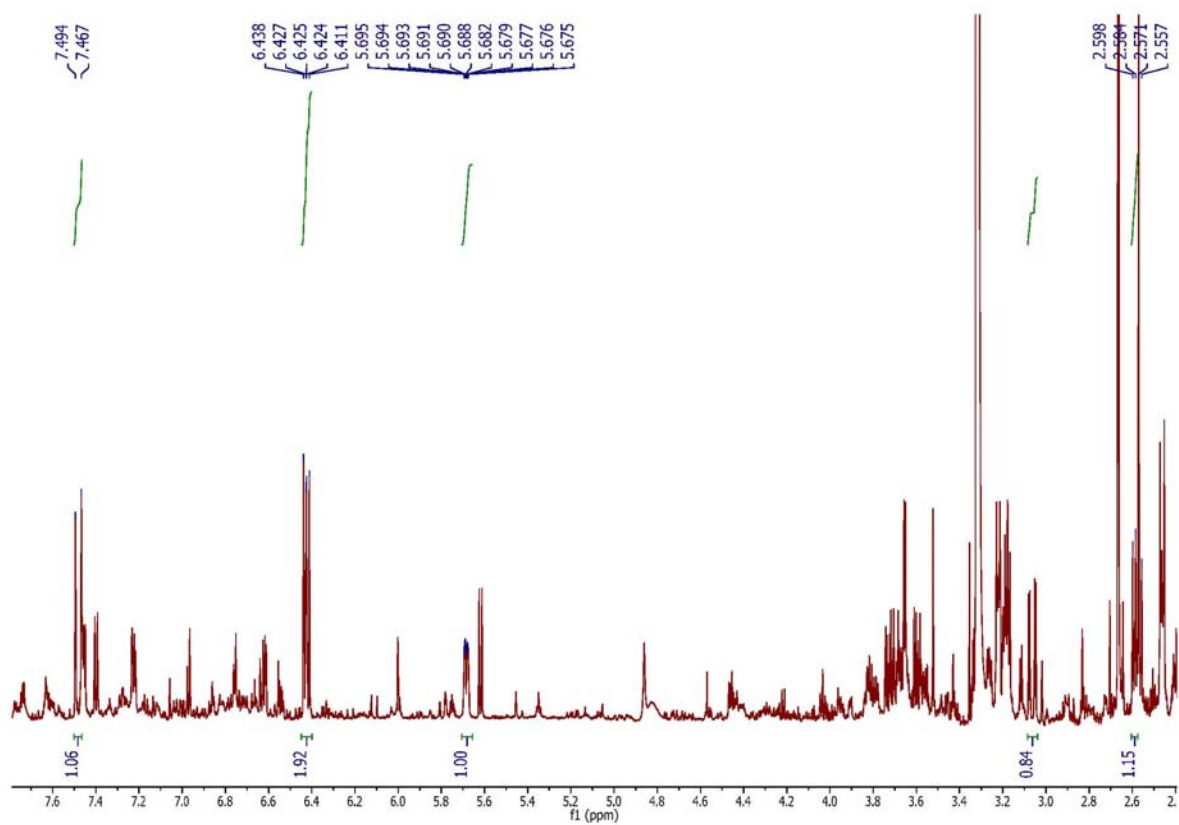
**Figure S7.** biotransformation products of *trans*-caffeic acid by *S. coelicolor* monoculture, *A. niger* monoculture, and coculture.



**Figure S8.** biotransformation products of *trans*-ferulic acid by *S. coelicolor* monoculture, *A. niger* monoculture, and coculture.

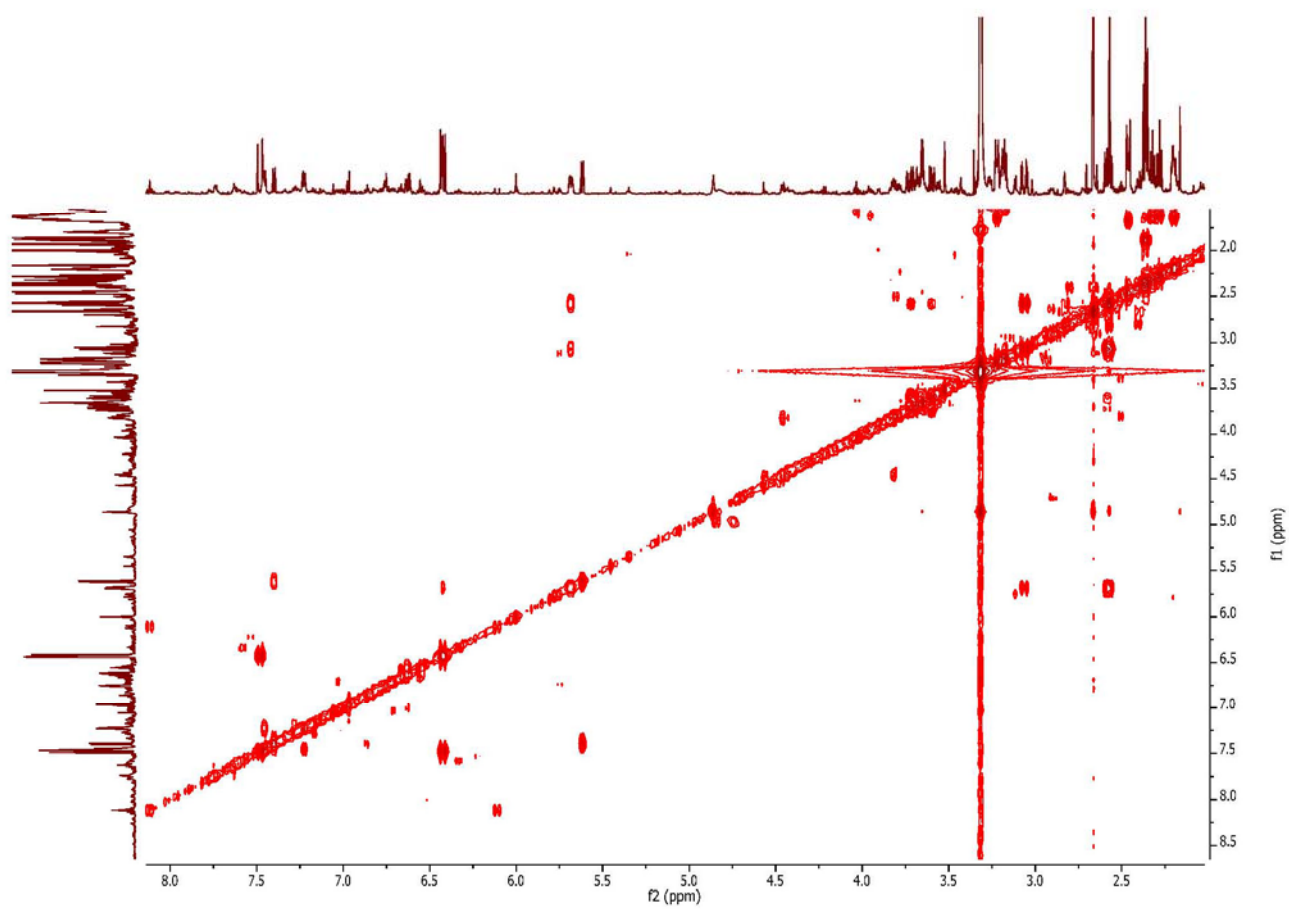


**Figure S9.** biotransformation products of *trans*-sinapinic acid by *S. coelicolor* monoculture, *A. niger* monoculture and their coculture.

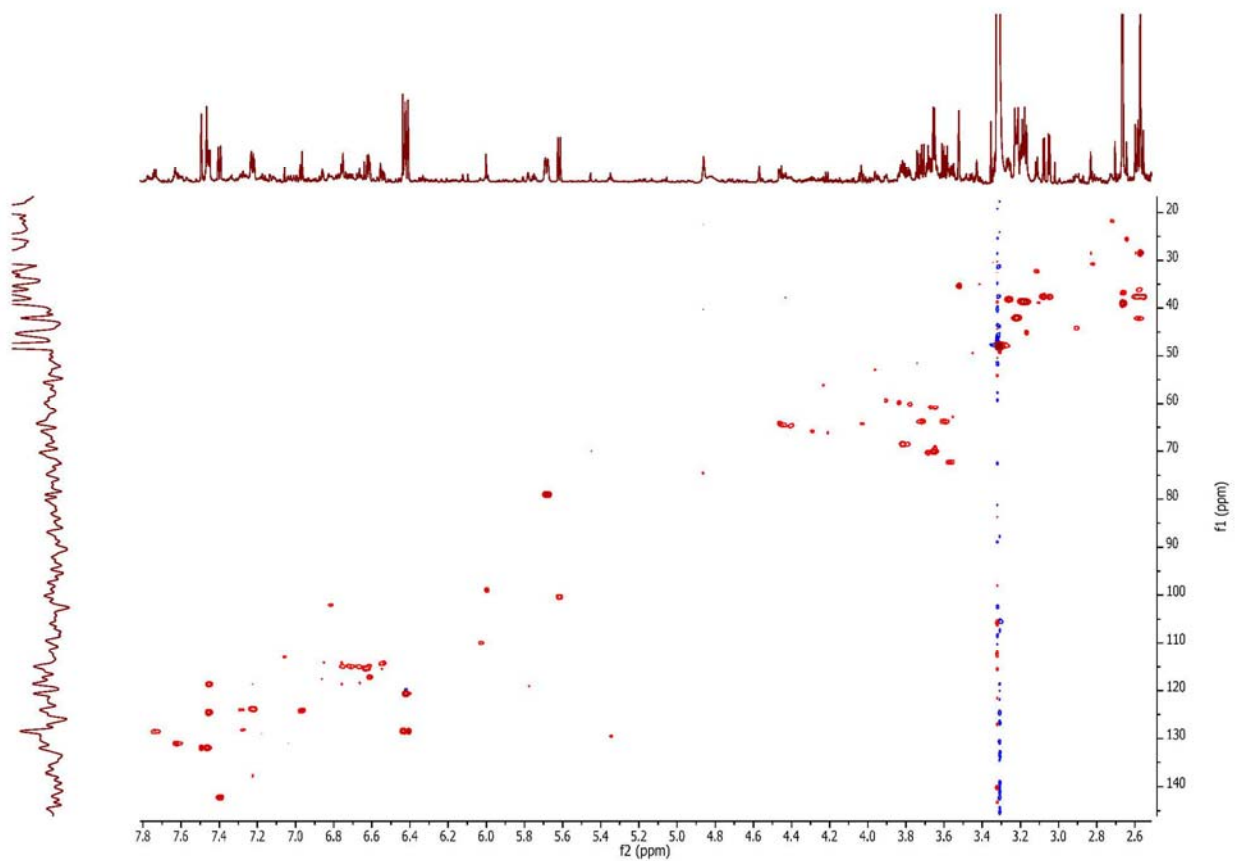


**Figure S10.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of caffeic acid biotransformation by coculture of *S. coelicolor* with *A. niger*. Integrated signals belong to (2*E*,4*E*)-3-(2-carboxy-1-hydroxyethyl)-2,4-hexadienedioic acid (**1**).

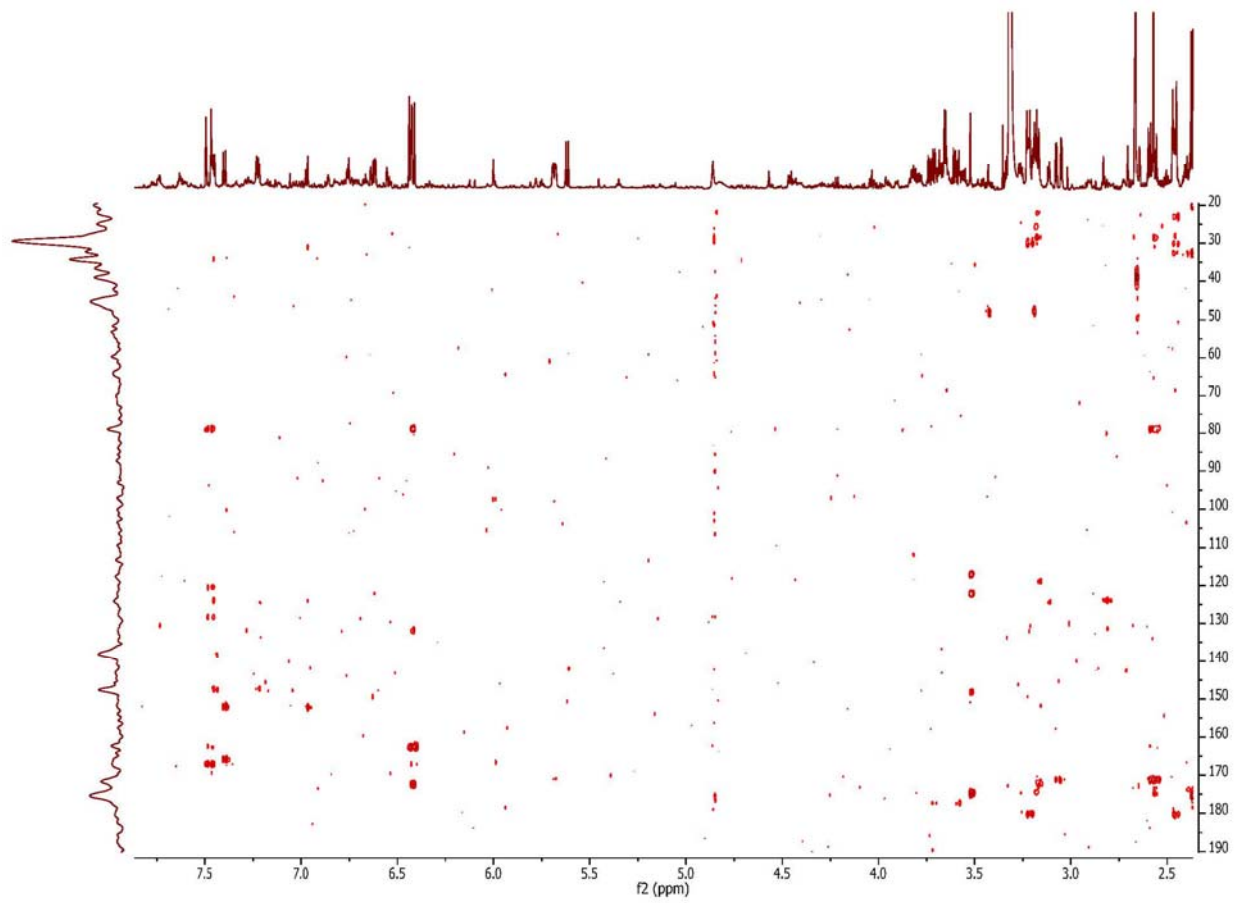




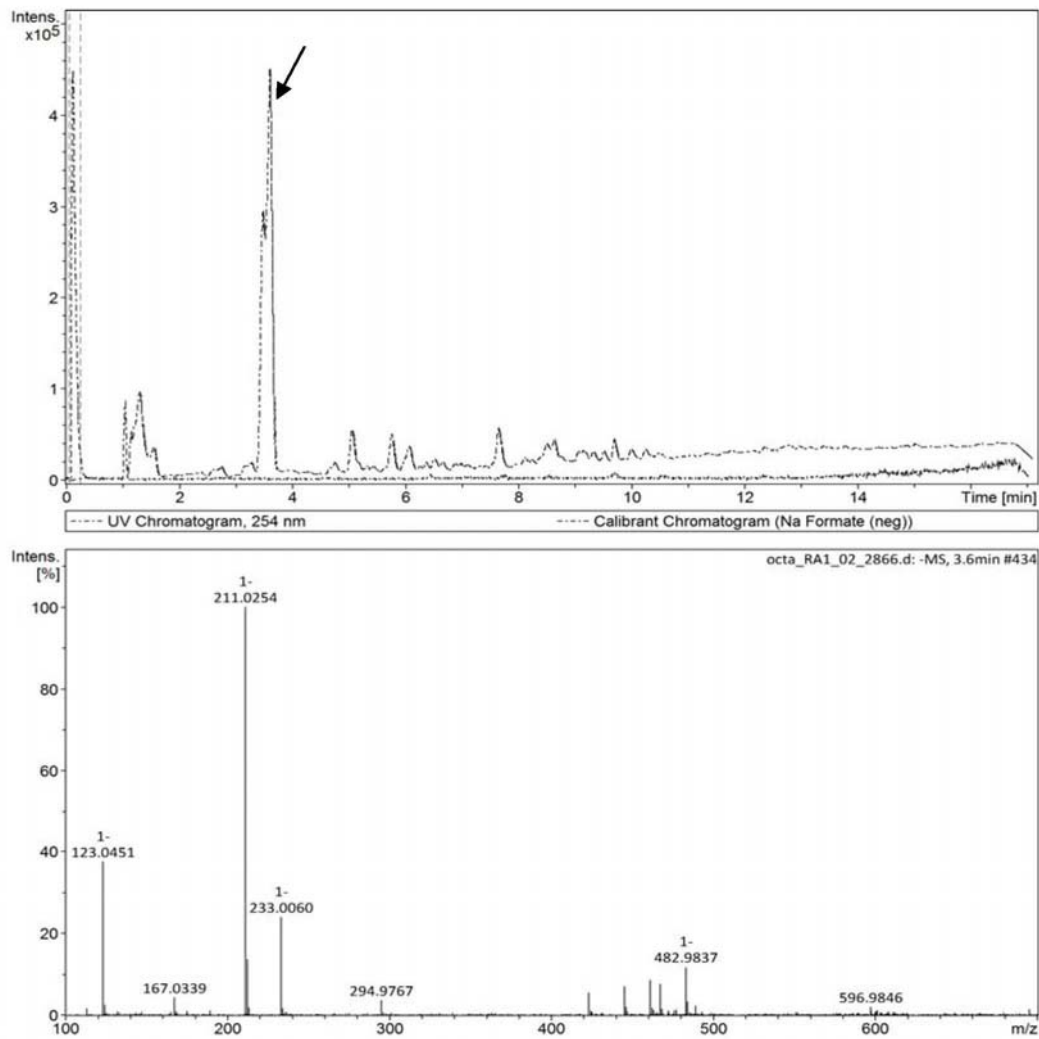
**Figure S11.**  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY of caffeic acid biotransformation by coculture of *S. coelicolor* with *A. niger*.



**Figure S12.** HSQC spectrum of caffeic acid biotransformation by coculture of *S. coelicolor* with *A. niger*.



**Figure S13.** HMBC spectrum of caffeic acid biotransformation by coculture of *S. coelicolor* with *A. niger*.



**Figure S14.** U(H)PLC-Q-TOF analysis of caffeic acid biotransformation by coculture of *S. coelicolor* with *A. niger*. Arrow points at the MS peak at 211.0254.

**Table S1.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR and HRMS assignment for the biotransformation products of *trans*-cinnamic acid by *S. coelicolor* monoculture, *A. niger* monoculture, and their coculture.

Origin	Compounds	Characteristic <sup>1</sup> H NMR Chemical shifts	UHPLC-Q-TOF-MS
<b>Substrate</b>	<i>trans</i> -cinnamic acid	7.68 (d, <i>J</i> = 16.2 Hz); 6.48 (d, <i>J</i> = 16.2 Hz); 7.59 (m); 7.41 (m)	149.0604 [M + H] <sup>+</sup> ; 131.0507 [M – H <sub>2</sub> O + H] <sup>+</sup> ; 147.0451 [M – H] <sup>–</sup>
<b><i>S. coelicolor</i></b>	<i>p</i> -coumaric acid	6.28 (d, <i>J</i> = 16.2 Hz); 6.81 (d, <i>J</i> = 8.4 Hz)	165.0538 [M + H] <sup>+</sup> ; 147.0438 [M – H <sub>2</sub> O + H] <sup>+</sup> ; 163.0397 [M – H <sub>2</sub> O – H] <sup>+</sup>
<b><i>A. niger</i></b>	4-hydroxybenzoic acid	7.88 (d, <i>J</i> = 9.0 Hz); 6.82 (d, <i>J</i> = 9.0 Hz);	139.0390 [M + H] <sup>+</sup> ; 121.0280 [M – H <sub>2</sub> O + H] <sup>+</sup> ; 137.0238 [M – H] <sup>–</sup>
	( <i>E</i> )-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-ol	7.41 (m); 7.39 (m); 6.37 (dt, <i>J</i> = 16.2, 6.0 Hz); 4.23 (dd, <i>J</i> = 6.0, 1.8 Hz)	117.0707 [M – H <sub>2</sub> O + H] <sup>+</sup>
	2-hydroxy-3-phenylpropanoic acid	7.27 (m); 4.31 (dd, <i>J</i> = 7.8, 4.2 Hz); 3.10 (dd, <i>J</i> = 7.8, 4.2 Hz)	165.0553 [M – H] <sup>–</sup> ; 147.0461 [M – H <sub>2</sub> O + H] <sup>+</sup>
<b>Coculture</b>	2-hydroxy-3-phenylpropanoic acid	7.27 (m); 4.31 (dd, <i>J</i> = 7.8, 4.2 Hz); 3.10 (dd, <i>J</i> = 7.8, 4.2 Hz)	165.0553 [M – H] <sup>–</sup> ; 147.0461 [M – H <sub>2</sub> O + H] <sup>+</sup>

**Table S2.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR and HRMS assignment for the biotransformation products of *trans*-*o*-coumaric acid by *S. coelicolor* monoculture, *A. niger* monoculture and their coculture.

Origin	Compounds	Characteristic <sup>1</sup> H NMR Chemical shifts	UHPLC-Q-TOF-MS
<b>Substrate</b>	<i>trans</i> - <i>o</i> -coumaric acid	7.97 (d, <i>J</i> = 16.2 Hz); 6.55 (d, <i>J</i> = 16.2 Hz); 7.48 (dd, <i>J</i> = 8.4, 1.8 Hz); 7.21 (td, <i>J</i> = 8.4, 1.8 Hz); 6.84 (td, <i>J</i> = 8.4, 1.8 Hz); 6.85 (dd, <i>J</i> = 8.4, 1.8 Hz);	165.0549 [M + H] <sup>+</sup> ; 187.0358 [M + Na] <sup>+</sup> ; 147.0441 [M – H <sub>2</sub> O + H] <sup>+</sup> ; 163.0408 [M – H] <sup>–</sup>
<b><i>S. coelicolor</i></b>	coumarin	6.43 (d, <i>J</i> = 9.6 Hz); 7.60 (td, <i>J</i> = 8.4, 1.8 Hz); 7.29 (m)	147.0431 [M + H] <sup>+</sup>
	2-hydroxybenzamide	7.81 (dd, <i>J</i> = 8.4, 1.8 Hz); 7.23 (td, <i>J</i> = 8.4, 1.8 Hz); 6.73 (dd, <i>J</i> = 8.4, 1.8 Hz); 6.57 (td, <i>J</i> = 8.4, 1.8 Hz)	138.0548 [M + H] <sup>+</sup> ; 120.0441 [M – H <sub>2</sub> O + H] <sup>+</sup> ; 136.0405 [M – H] <sup>–</sup>
	( <i>E</i> )-methyl 3-(2-hydroxyphenyl)acrylate	3.60 (s)	179.0703 [M + H] <sup>+</sup> ; 177.0552 [M – H] <sup>–</sup>
<b><i>A. niger</i></b>	4-dihydroxycoumarin	7.91 (dd, <i>J</i> = 7.8, 1.8 Hz); 7.64 (td, <i>J</i> = 8.4, 1.2 Hz); 7.35 (td, <i>J</i> = 8.4, 1.2 Hz ); 7.34 (dd, <i>J</i> = 7.8, 1.8 Hz); 5.65 (s)	163.0375 [M + H] <sup>+</sup> ; 185.0207 [M + Na] <sup>+</sup> ; 161.0274 [M – H] <sup>–</sup>
	4-hydroxychroman-2-one	7.22 (dd, <i>J</i> = 8.4, 2.4 Hz); 7.08 (td, <i>J</i> = 7.8, 1.2 Hz); 6.82 (td, <i>J</i> = 7.8, 1.2 Hz); 6.76 (dd, <i>J</i> = 8.4, 1.2 Hz ); 5.39 (dd, <i>J</i> = 9.6, 3.6 Hz ); 2.79 (dd, <i>J</i> = 15.6, 3.6 Hz ); 2.59 (dd, <i>J</i> = 15.6, 9.6 Hz)	165.0547 [M + H] <sup>+</sup> ; 147.0439 [M – H <sub>2</sub> O + H] <sup>+</sup> ; 163.0396 [M – H] <sup>–</sup>
	( <i>Z</i> )-3-hydroxy-3-(2-hydroxyphenyl)acrylic acid	7.96 (dd, <i>J</i> = 7.8, 1.8 Hz); 7.52 (td, <i>J</i> = 8.4, 1.2 Hz); 7.27 ( td, <i>J</i> = 8.4, 1.2 Hz ); 7.26 (dd, <i>J</i> = 7.8, 1.8 Hz); 5.90 (s)	181.0490 [M + H] <sup>+</sup> ; 203.0331 [M + Na] <sup>+</sup> ; 163.0391 [M – H <sub>2</sub> O + H] <sup>+</sup> ; 179.0346 [M – H] <sup>–</sup>
	2-allylphenol	6.33 (m); 5.15 (dt, <i>J</i> = 10.2, 1.8 Hz); 5.12 (dt, <i>J</i> = 16.8, 1.8 Hz);	135.0796 [M + H] <sup>+</sup> ;
<b>Coculture</b>	4-dihydroxycoumarin	7.91 (dd, <i>J</i> = 7.8, 1.8 Hz); 7.64 (td, <i>J</i> = 8.4, 1.2 Hz); 7.35 (td, <i>J</i> = 8.4, 1.2 Hz ); 7.34 (dd, <i>J</i> = 7.8, 1.8 Hz); 5.65 (s)	163.0375 [M + H] <sup>+</sup> ; 185.0207 [M + Na] <sup>+</sup> ; 161.0274 [M – H] <sup>–</sup>
	4-hydroxychroman-2-one	7.22 (dd, <i>J</i> = 8.4, 2.4 Hz); 7.08 (td, <i>J</i> = 7.8, 1.2 Hz); 6.82 (td, <i>J</i> = 7.8, 1.2 Hz); 6.76 (dd, <i>J</i> = 8.4, 1.2 Hz ); 5.39 (dd, <i>J</i> = 9.6, 3.6 Hz ); 2.79 (dd, <i>J</i> = 15.6, 3.6 Hz ); 2.59 (dd, <i>J</i> = 15.6, 9.6 Hz)	165.0547 [M + H] <sup>+</sup> ; 147.0439 [M – H <sub>2</sub> O + H] <sup>+</sup> ; 163.0396 [M – H] <sup>–</sup>
	3-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-2-propen-1-ol	7.36 (td, <i>J</i> = 7.8, 1.2 Hz); 7.04 (td, <i>J</i> = 7.8, 1.8 Hz); 6.76 (dd, <i>J</i> = 7.8, 1.2 Hz); 6.88 (dt, <i>J</i> = 16.2, 1.8 Hz); 6.36 (dt, <i>J</i> = 16.2, 6.0 Hz); 4.22 (dd, <i>J</i> = 6.0, 1.8 Hz)	133.0649 [M – H <sub>2</sub> O + H] <sup>+</sup> ; 149.0615 [M – H] <sup>–</sup> ; 131.0502 [M – H <sub>2</sub> O – H] <sup>–</sup>
	( <i>Z</i> )-3-hydroxy-3-(2-hydroxyphenyl)acrylic acid	7.96 (dd, <i>J</i> = 7.8, 1.8 Hz); 7.52 (td, <i>J</i> = 8.4, 1.2 Hz); 7.27 ( td, <i>J</i> = 8.4, 1.2 Hz ); 7.26 (dd, <i>J</i> = 7.8, 1.8 Hz); 5.90 (s)	181.0490 [M + H] <sup>+</sup> ; 203.0331 [M + Na] <sup>+</sup> ; 163.0391 [M – H <sub>2</sub> O + H] <sup>+</sup> ; 179.0346 [M – H] <sup>–</sup>
	2-allylphenol	6.33 (m); 5.15 (dt, <i>J</i> = 10.2, 1.8 Hz); 5.12 (dt, <i>J</i> = 16.8, 1.8 Hz);	135.0796 [M + H] <sup>+</sup> ;

**Table S3.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and HRMS assignment for the biotransformation products of *trans-m*-coumaric acid by *S. coelicolor* monoculture, *A. niger* monoculture and their coculture.

Origin	Compounds	Characteristic $^1\text{H}$ NMR Chemical shifts	UHPLC-Q-TOF-MS
<b>Substrate</b>	<i>trans-m</i> -coumaric acid	7.59 (d, $J = 16.2$ Hz); 6.41 (d, $J = 16.2$ Hz); 7.22 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz); 7.05 (brd, $J = 7.2$ Hz); 7.00 (t, $J = 1.8$ Hz); 6.84 (ddd, $J = 8.4, 2.4, 1.2$ Hz)	165.0547 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ ; 187.0361 $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ ; 147.0442 $[\text{M} - \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{H}]^+$ ; 163.0417 $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^-$
<b><i>S. coelicolor</i></b>	No products		
<b><i>A. niger</i></b>	No major biotransformation products		
<b>Coculture</b>	<i>cis-m</i> -coumaric acid	6.87 (d, $J = 12.6$ Hz); 5.93 (d, $J = 12.6$ Hz); 7.15 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz); 7.06 (t, $J = 1.8$ Hz); 7.01 (ddd, $J = 8.4, 2.4, 1.2$ Hz)	147.0432 $[\text{M} - \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{H}]^+$ ; 163.0405 $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^-$ ;
	<i>p</i> -cresol	6.73 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz); 7.09 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz)	107.0501 $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^-$

**Table S4.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and HRMS assignment for the biotransformation products of *trans-p*-coumaric acid by *S. coelicolor* monoculture, *A. niger* monoculture and their coculture.

Origin	Compounds	Characteristic $^1\text{H}$ NMR Chemical shifts	UHPLC-Q-TOF-MS
<b>Substrate</b>	<i>trans-p</i> -coumaric acid	7.61 (d, $J = 16.2$ Hz); 6.29 (d, $J = 16.2$ Hz); 7.45 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz); 6.81 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz)	165.0548 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ ; 187.0361 $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ ; 147.0446 $[\text{M} - \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{H}]^+$ ; 163.0417 $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^-$
<b><i>S. coelicolor</i></b>	No products		
<b><i>A. niger</i></b>	4-vinylphenol	6.63 (dd, $J = 17.4, 10.8$ Hz); 5.56 (dd, $J = 17.4, 1.2$ Hz); 5.03 (dd, $J = 10.8, 1.2$ Hz); 6.73 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz); 7.26 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz)	121.0649 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ ; 119.0497 $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^-$
<b>Coculture</b>	4-vinylphenol	6.63 (dd, $J = 17.4, 10.8$ Hz); 5.56 (dd, $J = 17.4, 1.2$ Hz); 5.03 (dd, $J = 10.8, 1.2$ Hz); 6.73 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz); 7.26 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz)	121.0649 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ ; 119.0497 $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^-$



**Table S5.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and HRMS assignment for the biotransformation products of *trans*-caffeic acid by *S. coelicolor* monoculture, *A. niger* monoculture and their coculture.

Origin	Compounds	Characteristic $^1\text{H}$ NMR Chemical shifts	UHPLC-Q-TOF-MS
<b>Substrate</b>	<i>trans</i> -caffeic acid	7.53 (d, $J = 16.2$ Hz); 6.22 (d, $J = 16.2$ Hz); 7.04 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz); 6.94 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.8$ Hz); 6.79 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz)	181.0492 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ ; 203.0312 $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ ; 163.0393 $[\text{M} - \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{H}]^+$ ; 179.0374 $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^-$
<b><i>S. coelicolor</i></b>	<i>trans</i> -ferulic acid	7.60 (d, $J = 16.2$ Hz); 6.32 (d, $J = 16.2$ Hz); 7.18 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz); 7.07 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.8$ Hz); 6.82 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz); 3.90 (s)	195.0657 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ ; 177.0540 $[\text{M} - \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{H}]^+$ ; 193.0514 $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^-$
	5,6-dihydroxycoumarin	7.79 (d, $J = 9.6$ Hz); 6.19 (d, $J = 9.6$ Hz); 6.76 (s)	179.0335 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ ; 177.0200 $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^-$
<b><i>A. niger</i></b>	( <i>2E,4E</i> )-3-(2-carboxy-1-hydroxyethyl)-2,4-hexadienedioic acid (1)	see Table 2	211.0254 $[\text{M} - \text{H}_2\text{O} - \text{H}]^-$
<b>Coculture</b>	( <i>2E,4E</i> )-3-(2-carboxy-1-hydroxyethyl)-2,4-hexadienedioic acid (1)	see Table 2	211.0254 $[\text{M} - \text{H}_2\text{O} - \text{H}]^-$

**Table S6.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and HRMS assignment for the biotransformation products of *trans*-ferulic acid by *S. coelicolor* monoculture, *A. niger* monoculture and their coculture.

Origin	Compounds	Characteristic $^1\text{H}$ NMR Chemical shifts	UHPLC-Q-TOF-MS
<b>Substrate</b>	<i>trans</i> -ferulic acid	7.60 (d, $J = 16.2$ Hz); 6.32 (d, $J = 16.2$ Hz); 7.18 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz); 7.07 (dd, $J = 8.4, 2.4$ Hz); 6.82 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz); 3.90 (s)	195.0661 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ ; 217.0447 $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ ; 177.0563 $[\text{M} - \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{H}]^+$ ; 193.0511 $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^-$
<b><i>S. coelicolor</i></b>	No products		
<b><i>A. niger</i></b>	No products		
<b>Coculture</b>	No products		

**Table S7.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and HRMS assignment for the biotransformation products of *trans*-sinapinic acid by *S. coelicolor* monoculture, *A. niger* monoculture and their coculture.

Origin	Compounds	Characteristic $^1\text{H}$ NMR Chemical shifts	UHPLC-Q-TOF-MS
Substrate	<i>trans</i> -sinapinic acid	7.60 (d, $J = 16.2$ Hz); 6.34 (d, $J = 16.2$ Hz); 6.90 (s)	225.0779 [M + H] $^+$ ; 247.0590 [M + Na] $^+$ ; 207.0683 [M – H <sub>2</sub> O + H] $^+$ ; 223.0633 [M – H] $^-$
<i>S. coelicolor</i>	No conversion		
<i>A. coelicolor</i>	4-hydroxy-3,5-dimethoxybenzoic acid	7.33 (s); 3.89 (s)	199.0608 [M + H] $^+$ ; 221.0423 247.0590 [M + Na] $^+$ ; 181.0493 [M – H <sub>2</sub> O + H] $^+$ ; 197.0468 [M – H] $^-$
Coculture	<i>trans</i> -sinapinic acid	7.60 (d, $J = 16.2$ Hz); 6.34 (d, $J = 16.2$ Hz); 6.90 (s)	225.0779 [M + H] $^+$ ; 247.0590 [M + Na] $^+$ ; 207.0683 [M – H <sub>2</sub> O + H] $^+$ ; 223.0633 [M – H] $^-$
	4-hydroxy-3,5-dimethoxybenzoic acid	7.33 (s); 3.89 (s)	199.0608 [M + H] $^+$ ; 221.0423 247.0590 [M + Na] $^+$ ; 181.0493 [M – H <sub>2</sub> O + H] $^+$ ; 197.0468 [M – H] $^-$