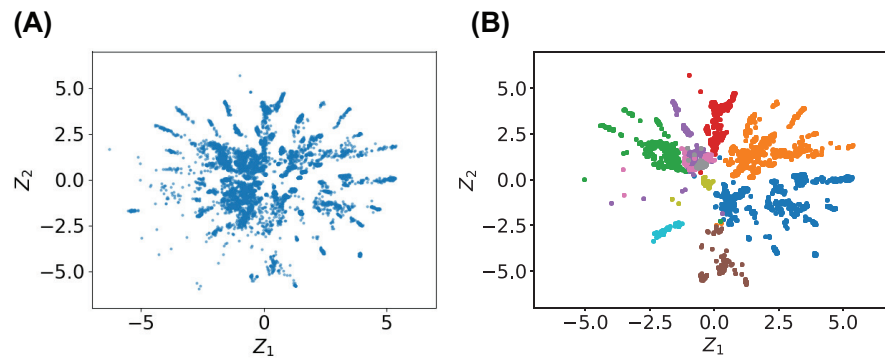


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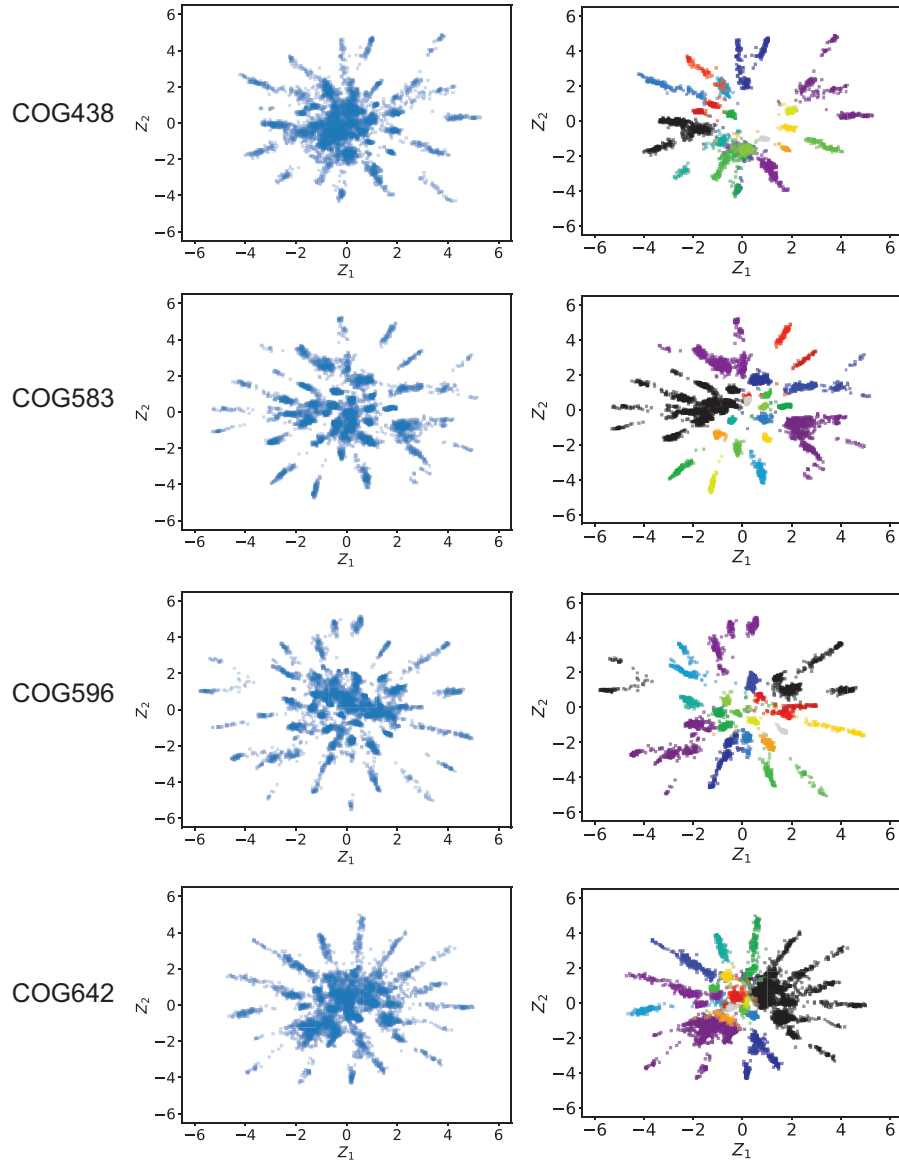
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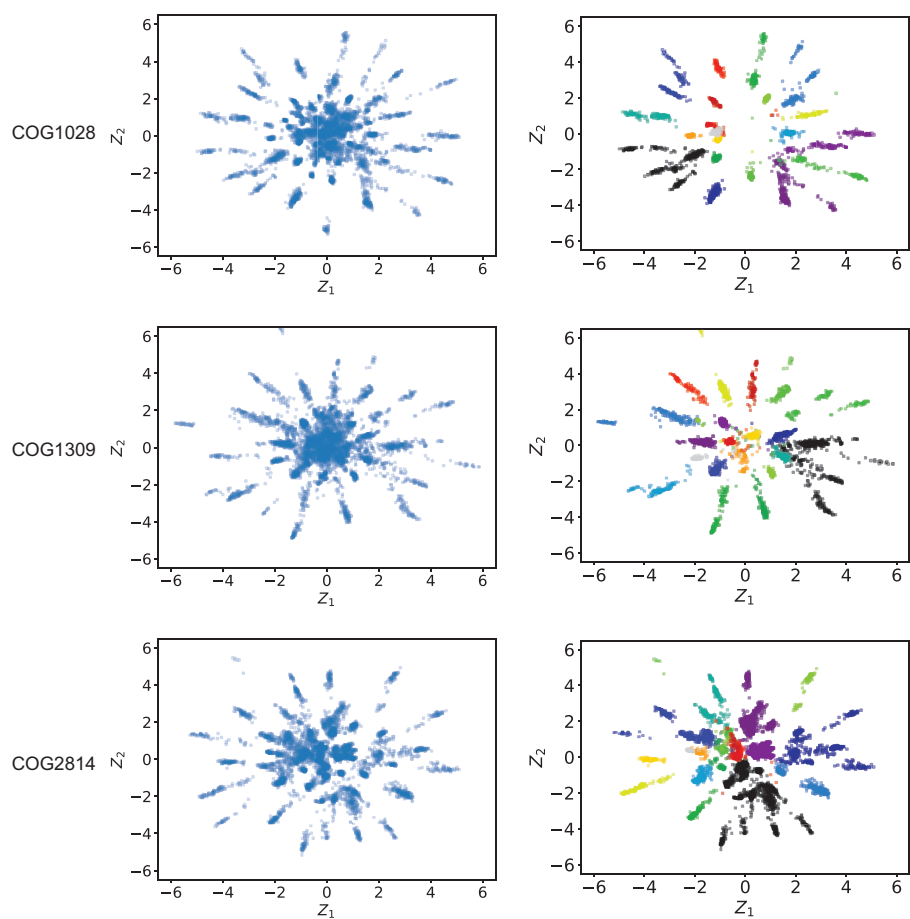
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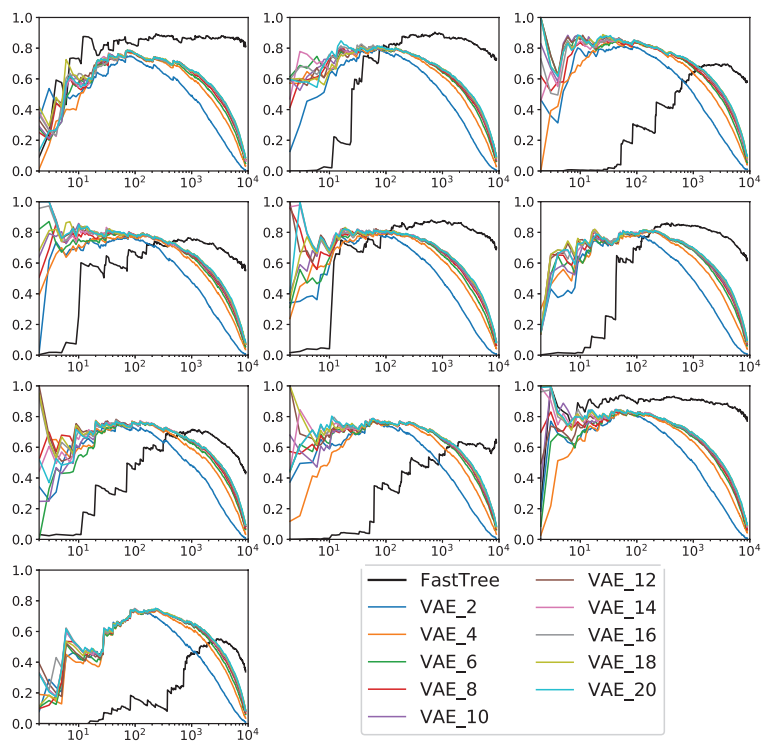
Supplementary Figure 1: **(A)** Latent space representation of sequences from the multiple sequence alignment of the staphylococcal nuclease family. **(B)** Similar plot as Fig. 2G for the staphylococcal nuclease family



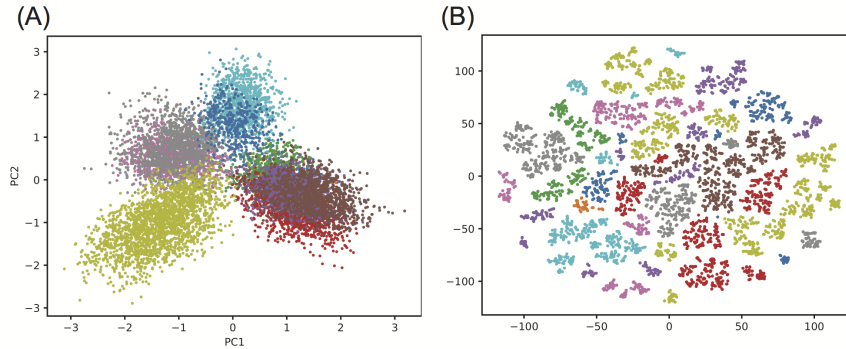
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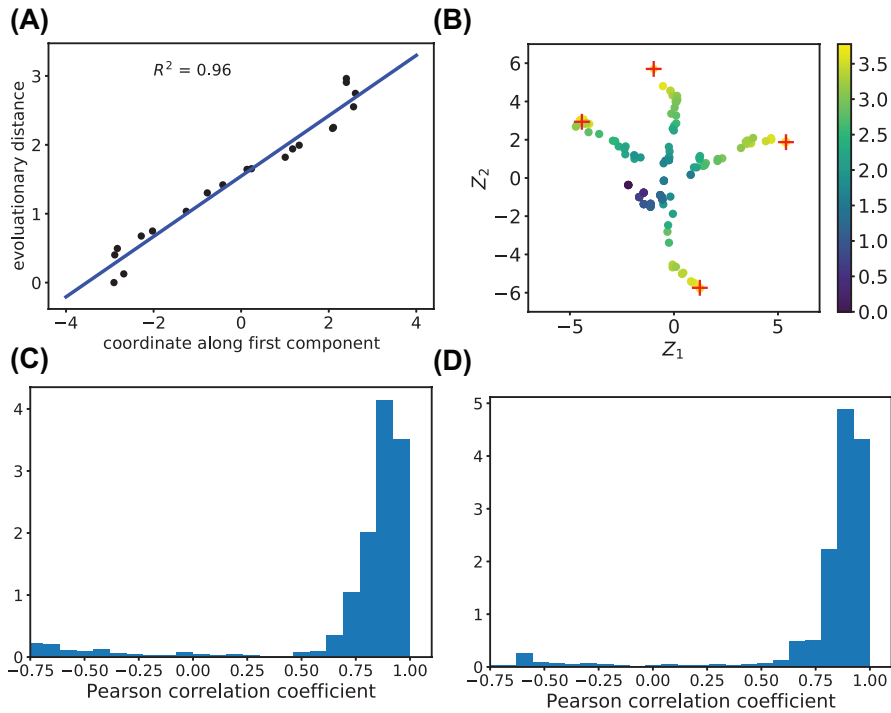
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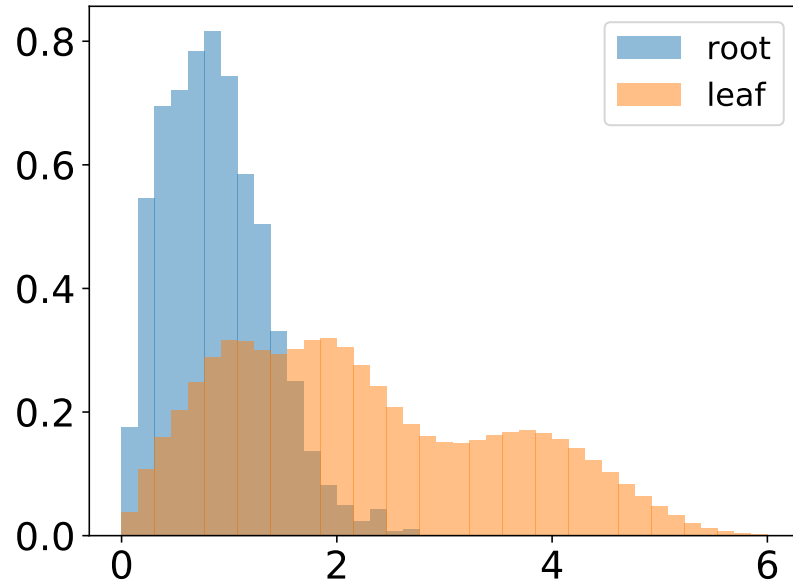
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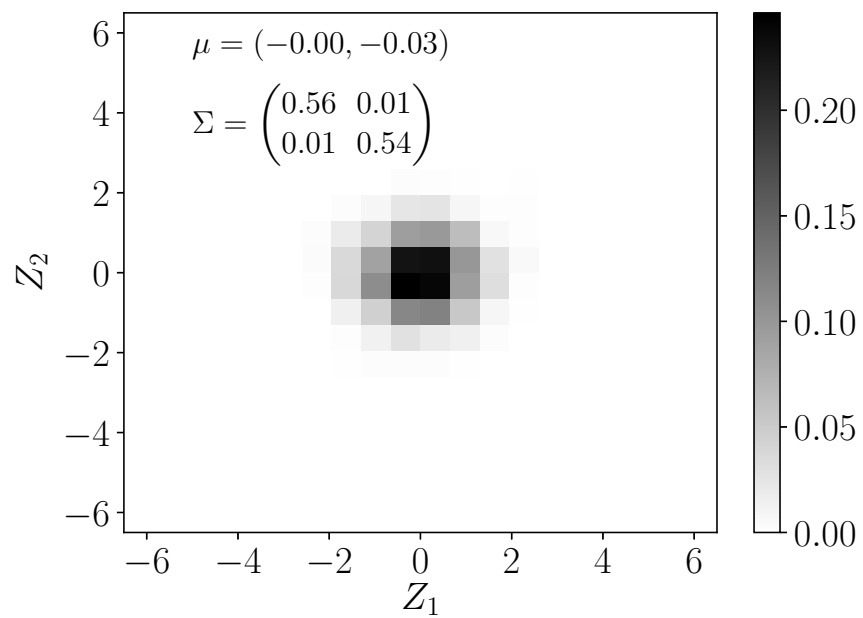
Supplementary Figure 5: The dimension reduction results of the simulated sequences from Fig.2E using (A) principal component analysis (PCA) and (B) t-SNE. Each point represents a simulated sequence. Points are colored similarly as in Fig. 2E.



Supplementary Figure 6: (A) The Pearson correlation coefficient between sequences' evolutionary distances and their positions along the first component for the rightmost leaf node sequence in Fig. 3A.II and its ancestral sequences. (B) A similar plot as Fig. 3A.II for the staphylococcal nuclease family. (C and D) Similar plots as Fig. 3A.IV for the P450 family and the staphylococcal nuclease family, respectively.

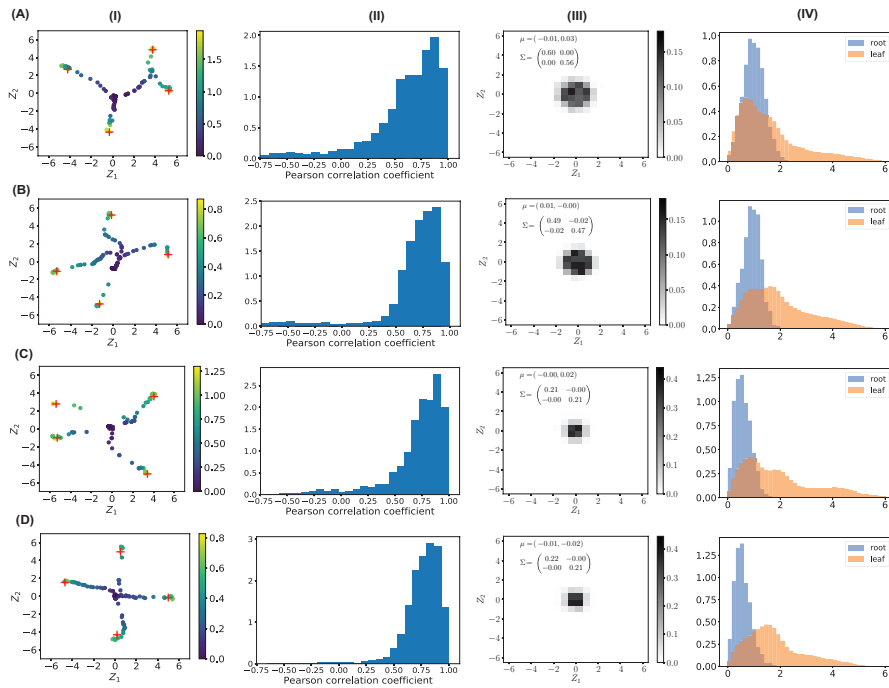


Supplementary Figure 7: Distribution of distances from the origin for the root sequences (Fig. 3A.III) and the sequences in the alignments (sequence on the leaf nodes) in the two dimensional latent space.

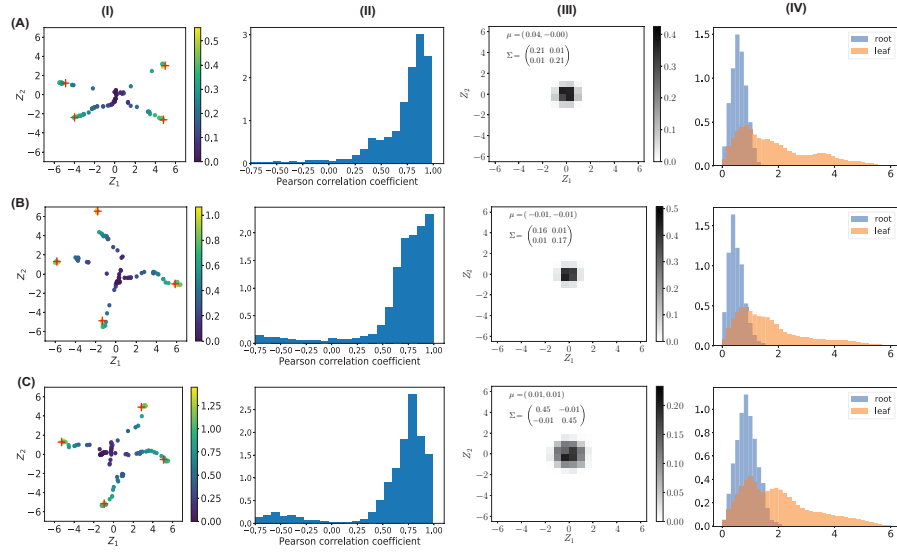


Supplementary Figure 8: A similar plot as Fig. 3A.III for simulated sequences with heterotachy.

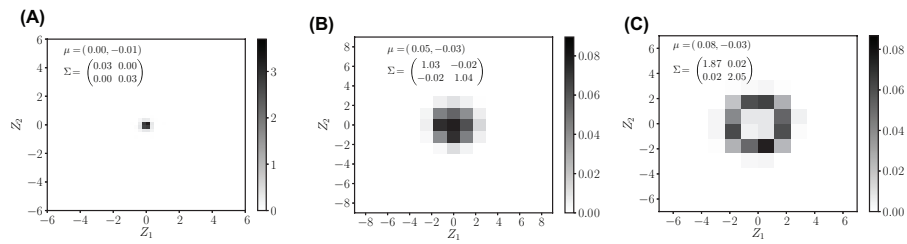




Supplementary Figure 9: Results for COG protein families: **(A)** COG438; **(B)** COG583 ; **(C)** COG596; **(D)** COG642. **(I)** Similar plots as Fig. 3A.II for COG protein families. **(II)** Similar plot as Fig. 3A.IV for COG protein families. **(III)** Similar plots as Fig. 3A.III for COG protein families. **(IV)** Distribution of distances from the origin for the root sequences and the sequences in the alignments (sequence on the leaf nodes) in the two dimensional latent space.



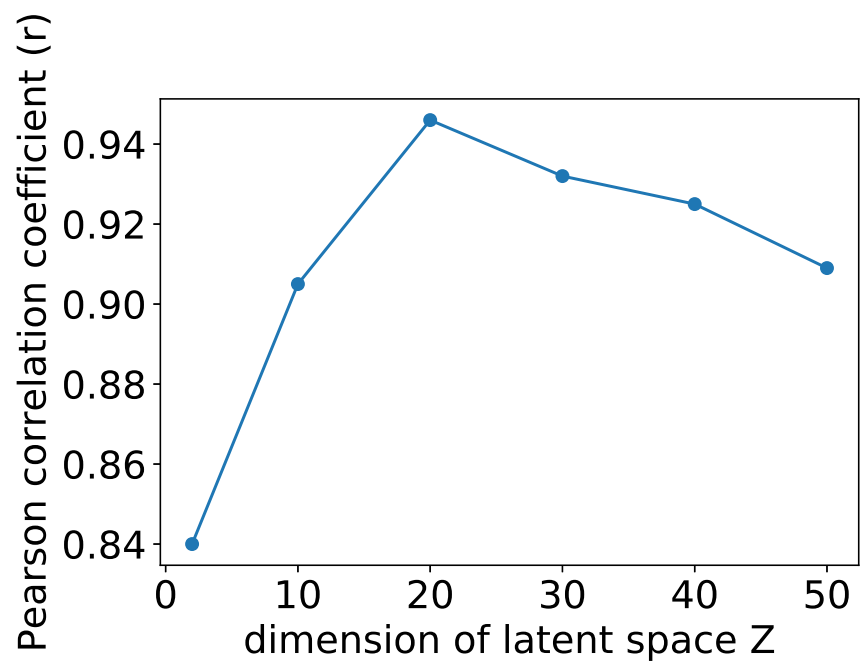
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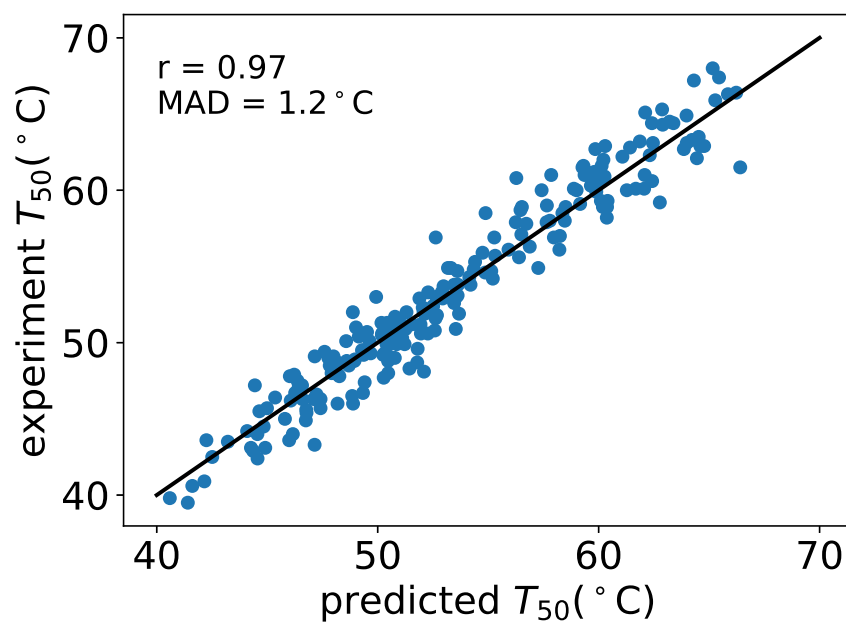
Supplementary Figure 11: **(Left)** Similar plots as Fig. 3A.III for fibronectin type III domain. **(Middle)** Similar plot as Fig. 3A.III for P450 protein family. **(Right)** Similar plots as Fig. 3A.III for staphylococcal nuclease protein family.

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CYP102A3	KQASAIQPKTYGPKLKNLPHLEKEQLSQSLWRIADELGPFRFDGPGVSSVVFVSGHNLVAEVCDEKRFDK	
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CYP102A2	SIEGALEKVRAFSGDGLATSWTHEPNWRKAHNILMPTFSQRAMKDYHEKMDI	
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CYP102A2	DVPGDMTRLTLDITIGLCGFNYRFNSYRETPHPFINSMVRALDEAMHMQRLDVQDKLMVRTKRQFRYDI	
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CYP102A3	EVMSLVDRMIAERKANPDENIKDLLSLMLYAKDPVTGETLDDENIRYQIITFLIAGHETTSGLLSFAIY	
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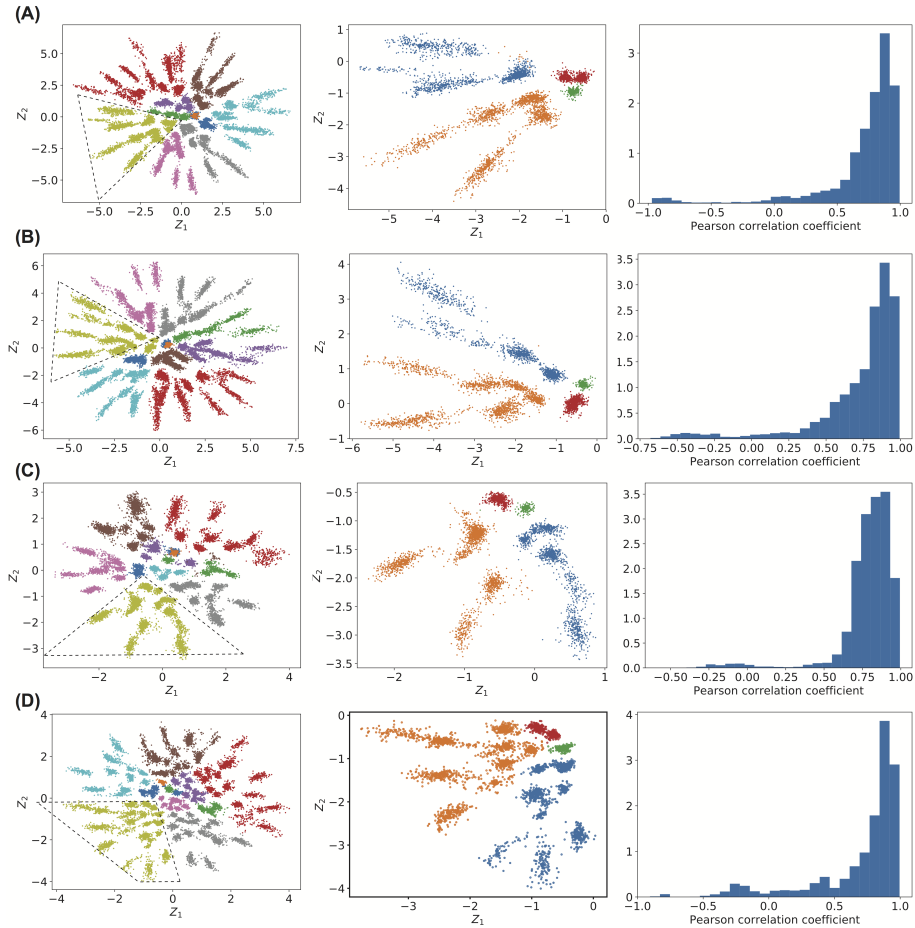
Supplementary Figure 12: Sequences of the three parent cytochrome P450s (CYP102A1, CYP102A2, CYP102A3). The chimeric sequences are made by recombining the three proteins at the seven crossover locations marked by arrows.



Supplementary Figure 13: Pearson correlation coefficients between the Gaussian process's prediction and experimental  $T_{50}$  data on the test set of chimeric cytochrome P450 sequences when latent spaces with different dimensions are used.



Supplementary Figure 14: The Gaussian process's performance at predicting  $T_{50}$  on the training set of 222 chimeric cytochrome P450 sequences using the 20 dimensional latent space representation  $(Z_1, \dots, Z_{20})$  as features and using the radial basis function kernel with Euclidean distance in the latent space  $\mathbf{Z}$ .



Supplementary Figure 15: Results on simulated sequences when different architectures of the artificial neuron networks are used in the encoder and decoder models. **(A)** One hidden layer with 150 nodes. **(B)** One hidden layer with 200 nodes. **(C)** Two hidden layers each of which has 50 nodes. **(D)** Two hidden layers each of which has 100 nodes. **(Left column)** Similar plots as Fig. 2.E. **(Middle column)** Similar plots as Fig. 2.F showing the latent space representations of sequences from the yellow colored group (enclosed by the dashed lines). **(Right column)** Similar plots as Fig. 3.A.IV.