

## Reporting Summary

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The data supporting the findings of this study are available within the article and its Supplementary Information Files or from the corresponding authors on reasonable request. Protein Data Bank (PDB): The coordinates and the structure factor amplitudes for the apo structure of AaPTS and FgGS, complexed with ligands were deposited under accession codes 6LCC [<https://doi.org/10.2210/pdb6LCC/pdb>], 6LCD [<https://doi.org/10.2210/pdb6LCD/pdb>], 6VYD [<https://doi.org/10.2210/pdb6VYD/pdb>], 6W26 [<https://doi.org/10.2210/pdb6W26/pdb>].

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Sample size	For all statistical experiments, including kinetics analysis and conversion rate values were determined with n=3 as it is common practice in the field, exemplified in Nature Chemical Biology volume 12, 741–747(2016).
Data exclusions	No data are excluded.
Replication	All attempts are performed independently and successfully replicated more than three times. We stated the number of replicates for each experiment in the paper. Furthermore, the reproducibility of the assays was confirmed by including appropriate positive and negative controls.
Randomization	This is not relevant to our study because this is the biochemical and structural analysis of biosynthetic enzymes.
Blinding	Blinding is not relevant for this study because we use a synthesized substrates and mutant enzymes for in vivo and in vitro reactions. During these analysis, the products were not known. Further, corresponding structures characterized by NMR which is an unbiased technique.

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