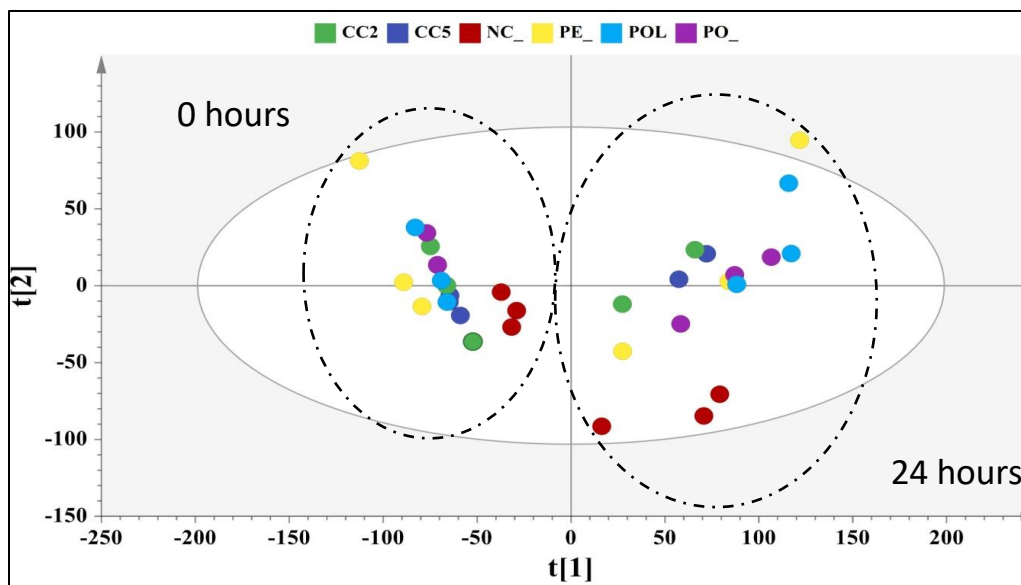


**Table S1.** Biological efficiency, productivity, and total,  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -glucans content of *Pleurotus ostreatus*, *P. eryngii*, *P. nebrodensis*, *P. citrinopileatus*, *Hericium erinaceus* and *Cyclocybe cylindracea* strains (WS: wheat straw; TPOMW: two-phase olive-mill waste; OLPR: olive leaves and prunings; GM: grape marc; OL: olive leaves). Strains appearing in bold typeface were selected for further study.

Species/Strain	Substrate	Biological Efficiency (%)	Productivity	Total glucans (% d.w.)	$\alpha$ -glucans (% d.w.)	$\beta$ -glucans (% d.w.)
<i>P. ostreatus</i> 1123 <sup>1</sup>	WS	77.3 ± 5.52	1.0 ± 0.2	39.4 ± 1.3	8.7 ± 0.4	30.6 ± 2.5
	WS:TPOMW 3:1	73.7 ± 1.1	1.0 ± 0.1	37.5 ± 0.6	6.0 ± 1.1	31.5 ± 0.4
	WS:TPOMW 1:1	71.3 ± 12.3	0.8 ± 0.1	31.7 ± 2.2	2.2 ± 0.6	29.6 ± 2.4
	WS:TPOMW 1:3	17.4 ± 8.2	0.2 ± 0.1	32.7 ± 1.4	4.7 ± 0.8	28.1 ± 1.5
	WS:OLPR 3:1	82.6 ± 14.5	1.1 ± 0.2	35.3 ± 1.9	7.2 ± 2.0	28.0 ± 1.6
	WS:OLPR 1:1	56.8 ± 6.2	0.7 ± 0.1	35.2 ± 3.4	6.3 ± 2.1	28.9 ± 3.5
	WS:OLPR 1:3	39.7 ± 1.4	0.5 ± 0.1	36.8 ± 1.7	5.7 ± 2.4	25.6 ± 0.2
	OLPR	44.7 ± 11.7	0.5 ± 0.2	38.5 ± 2.9	3.4 ± 0.6	35.1 ± 2.8
<i>P. ostreatus</i> LGM 22 <sup>2</sup>	WS	100.5 ± 15.0	3.1 ± 0.7	34.3 ± 2.1	6.6 ± 1.1	27.7 ± 2.4
	WS:GM 3:1	62.8 ± 3.2	1.9 ± 0.2	37.6 ± 4.7	4.0 ± 0.9	33.5 ± 4.4
	WS:GM 1:1	29.7 ± 8.0	0.9 ± 0.3	36.1 ± 2.4	6.7 ± 0.7	29.4 ± 2.5
	WS:GM 1:3	24.8 ± 5.6	0.6 ± 0.2	31.6 ± 0.7	5.1 ± 1.2	26.5 ± 0.6
	OL	29.3 ± 8.4	0.7 ± 0.3	35.5 ± 1.0	3.4 ± 0.7	32.1 ± 1.1
	OL:TPOMW 3:1	46.2 ± 13.7	0.7 ± 0.2	39.9 ± 0.5	4.9 ± 1.0	35.0 ± 0.4
	OL:TPOMW 1:1	55.4 ± 3.0	0.9 ± 0.0	34.3 ± 1.3	6.0 ± 0.8	28.3 ± 1.2
	OL:TPOMW 1:3	26.6 ± 13.0	0.6 ± 0.2	27.7 ± 3.9	3.5 ± 0.7	24.1 ± 3.6
<i>P. ostreatus</i> 104	WS	106.7 ± 7.8	1.6 ± 0.3	35.9 ± 1.1	6.2 ± 1.6	29.7 ± 1.0
	WS:GM 1:1	98.0 ± 19.6	1.8 ± 0.3	32.8 ± 3.5	5.6 ± 1.0	27.2 ± 3.4
	OL:TPOMW 1:1	27.0 ± 0.1	0.4 ± 0.1	24.4 ± 2.3	6.8 ± 0.5	17.6 ± 2.4
<i>P. ostreatus</i> CS	WS	79.7 ± 33.1	0.8 ± 0.2	29.4 ± 2.1	10.6 ± 2.0	18.8 ± 2.1
	WS:GM 1:1	84.1 ± 22.5	1.9 ± 0.2	26.4 ± 0.7	6.8 ± 1.0	19.6 ± 0.6
	OL:TPOMW 1:1	17.9 ± 5.6	0.3 ± 0.2	28.8 ± 1.4	7.9 ± 3.0	20.9 ± 1.2
<i>P. ostreatus</i> 3046	WS	109.4 ± 17.9	3.7 ± 0.6	25.2 ± 2.1	2.2 ± 0.3	22.9 ± 1.7
<i>P. ostreatus</i> P80	WS	69.8 ± 28.0	2.4 ± 0.9	19.5 ± 1.7	1.7 ± 0.1	17.8 ± 1.5
<i>P. ostreatus</i> P15 <sup>3</sup>	WS	87.6 ± 8.4	2.9 ± 0.3	24.0 ± 4.2	2.3 ± 0.4	21.7 ± 1.8
<i>P. ostreatus</i> P57 <sup>3</sup>	WS	90.6 ± 24.6	3.4 ± 1.0	19.4 ± 0.8	4.1 ± 0.5	15.3 ± 1.0
<i>P. ostreatus</i> P59 <sup>3</sup>	WS	65.0 ± 12.1	2.4 ± 0.7	15.0 ± 0.5	4.0 ± 0.3	10.9 ± 0.0
<i>P. ostreatus</i> P69 <sup>3</sup>	WS	79.2 ± 16.2	2.0 ± 1.0	19.1 ± 0.7	3.8 ± 1.9	15.3 ± 0.5
<i>P. ostreatus</i> P112 <sup>3</sup>	WS	97.2 ± 19.7	3.2 ± 1.1	14.5 ± 1.0	2.9 ± 0.2	11.5 ± 0.8
<i>P. ostreatus</i> P146 <sup>3</sup>	WS	87.1 ± 18.0	4.2 ± 1.5	15.7 ± 0.3	4.1 ± 1.0	11.6 ± 0.3
<i>P. ostreatus</i> P149 <sup>3</sup>	WS	87.0 ± 23.4	3.3 ± 1.2	19.2 ± 0.1	5.0 ± 0.8	14.2 ± 0.1
<i>P. ostreatus</i> P179 <sup>3</sup>	WS	81.8 ± 21.1	4.3 ± 1.7	17.3 ± 0.1	4.5 ± 0.7	12.7 ± 0.7
<i>P. ostreatus</i> P182 <sup>3</sup>	WS	85.1 ± 15.7	3.2 ± 0.6	21.5 ± 0.3	4.8 ± 1.1	16.7 ± 0.2
<i>P. ostreatus</i> LGAM 443 <sup>3</sup>	WS	43.9 ± 9.3	1.5 ± 0.4	22.1 ± 0.8	5.2 ± 0.6	16.9 ± 0.4
<i>P. eryngii</i> LGAM 216 <sup>2</sup>	WS	57.3 ± 9.6	0.8 ± 0.1	46.6 ± 4.9	7.9 ± 3.3	38.7 ± 5.4

	WS:GM 1:1	87.2 ± 8.9	1.4 ± 0.2	49.7 ± 1.3	7.6 ± 2.4	42.2 ± 1.3
	OL:TPOMW 1:1	73.3 ± 8.8	1.1 ± 0.1	40.2 ± 1.9	7.4 ± 1.5	32.8 ± 2.3
<i>P. eryngii</i> LGAM 170	WS	38.4 ± 3.1	0.4 ± 0.0	24.3 ± 1.2	4.5 ± 1.0	19.8 ± 1.3
	WS:GM 1:1	48.2 ± 14.7	0.6 ± 0.0	28.0 ± 0.5	2.7 ± 0.1	25.3 ± 0.7
	OL:TPOMW 1:1	42.3 ± 14.8	0.6 ± 0.2	27.1 ± 0.9	2.7 ± 0.5	24.4 ± 3.2
<i>P. nebrodensis</i> UPA 6 <sup>2</sup>	WS	35.9 ± 13.8	1.5 ± 0.4	28.6 ± 2.4	8.0 ± 1.3	20.6 ± 2.6
	WS:GM 3:1	28.3 ± 13.9	0.8 ± 0.4	35.5 ± 3.1	8.6 ± 1.4	27.0 ± 2.8
	WS:GM 1:1	36.8 ± 30.3	1.1 ± 0.4	32.6 ± 2.3	7.8 ± 1.5	24.8 ± 2.3
	WS:GM 1:3	37.6 ± 1.8	0.8 ± 0.2	37.7 ± 3.9	9.4 ± 1.8	28.3 ± 4.1
	OL	34.6 ± 4.6	0.2 ± 0.0	30.8 ± 1.0	8.0 ± 2.1	22.8 ± 0.8
	OL:TPOMW 3:1	11.9 ± 0.3	1.1 ± 0.3	29.6 ± 3.8	6.9 ± 2.0	22.6 ± 4.0
	OL:TPOMW 1:1	18.4 ± 12.0	1.1 ± 0.1	35.7 ± 3.9	10.8 ± 2.4	24.9 ± 4.2
<i>P. citrinopileatus</i>	WS	53.7 ± 16.5	0.8 ± 0.3	30.3 ± 1.2	8.3 ± 2.5	22.0 ± 1.1
	WS:GM 1:1	78.5 ± 1.7	1.5 ± 0.1	28.4 ± 1.1	5.7 ± 1.2	22.7 ± 1.2
	OL:TPOMW 1:1	26.2 ± 3.6	0.5 ± 0.1	27.2 ± 0.4	6.7 ± 2.4	20.5 ± 0.1
<i>H. erinaceus</i> <sup>4</sup>	BS	6.0 ± 0.2	0.1 ± 0.0	16.4 ± 0.1	1.0 ± 0.1	15.4 ± 0.2
	BS:OLPR 3:1	6.4 ± 0.1	0.1 ± 0.0	16.8 ± 0.7	0.9 ± 0.1	15.8 ± 0.6
	BS:OLPR 1:3	24.3 ± 0.5	0.3 ± 0.0	16.6 ± 0.1	0.9 ± 0.1	15.7 ± 0.1
	OLPR	30.8 ± 2.7	0.3 ± 0.0	21.8 ± 0.2	1.1 ± 0.1	20.7 ± 0.3
<i>C. cylindracea</i> CC2	WS	109.7 ± 14.4	1.2 ± 0.1	39.3 ± 2.1	6.1 ± 0.5	33.2 ± 1.9
	WS:OLPR 1:3	69.8 ± 6.9	0.7 ± 0.0	35.0 ± 5.4	8.6 ± 1.1	26.3 ± 4.8
<i>C. cylindracea</i> CC3	WS	118.3 ± 19.9	1.3 ± 0.3	35.5 ± 3.2	8.2 ± 0.4	27.2 ± 3.00
	WS:OLPR 1:3	30.2 ± 13.8	0.3 ± 0.1	36.4 ± 1.9	7.1 ± 0.2	29.3 ± 2.0
<i>C. cylindracea</i> CC4	WS	60.0 ± 4.7	0.7 ± 0.2	32.0 ± 4.7	5.1 ± 0.7	26.8 ± 3.9
<i>C. cylindracea</i> 4022	WS	59.2 ± 1.3	0.8 ± 0.1	31.0 ± 1.8	2.5 ± 0.8	28.5 ± 2.2
<i>C. cylindracea</i> 480	WS	53.9 ± 5.8	0.8 ± 0.0	36.2 ± 3.7	5.1 ± 1.5	31.1 ± 3.8
<i>C. cylindracea</i> 493	WS	73.9 ± 9.1	1.0 ± 0.1	41.6 ± 6.9	8.2 ± 0.5	33.4 ± 6.8
<i>C. cylindracea</i> 505	WS	48.3 ± 3.3	0.6 ± 0.0	40.6 ± 4.5	3.4 ± 1.1	37.2 ± 3.8
<i>C. cylindracea</i> 515	WS	61.8 ± 4.1	0.8 ± 0.1	34.0 ± 2.7	6.7 ± 2.6	27.3 ± 3.0

<sup>1,2,3,4</sup> values from Koutrotsios et al. (2019), Koutrotsios et al. (2018), Koutrotsios et al. (2017) and Koutrotsios et al. (2016), respectively.



**Figure S1.** PCA analysis of the NMR data for the pre- and post-fermentation supernatants. ( $R^2X(\text{cum})=0.70$ ,  $Q^2(\text{cum})=0.60$ , Pareto scaling, Hotelling  $T^2=95\%$ ). Fecal inocula derived from 3 donors. PO; *P. ostreatus* strain 1123, POL; *P. ostreatus* strain LGM 22, PE; *P. eryngii* strain LGAM 216, CC2; *C. cylindracea* strain 2, CC5; *C. cylindracea* strain 505. NC; basal medium with no additional carbohydrate source.