Synthetic Fungal Multifunctional Cellulases for Enhanced Biomass Conversion

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	Glucan	Xylan	Galactan	Arabinan	Lignin	Ash	Acetyl	Total Mass Closure
Substrate	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
DDR CS	43.6	33.1	1.4	2.5	12.6	0.6	0.3	95.1

Table S1: DDR biomass composition

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Figure S1. Plasmid map of PfCel7A-CBM1-AcCel5A construct in the vector pTreno-PF. The region from *Pac*I to *Xba*I containing the multifunctional cassette is shown above the vector map.



Figure S2. Plasmid map of PfCel7A-Link-AcCel5A construct in the vector pTreno-PF. The region from *Pac*I to *Xba*I containing the multifunctional cassette is shown above the vector map.



Figure S3. Plasmid map of PfCel7A-CBM3b-AcCel5A construct in the vector pTreno-PF. The region from *PacI* to *XbaI* containing the multifunctional cassette is shown above the vector map.



Figure S4. Plasmid map of PfCel7A-CBM3b construct in the vector pTreno-PF. The region from *PacI* to *XbaI* containing the multifunctional cassette is shown above the vector map.



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Figure S5. Transformant screening for PfCel7A_{cat}-PfCel7A_{linker}-PfCel7A_{CBM1}-TrCel6A_{linker}-AcCel5A_{cat}. An AST1116 strain was transformed with this construct and plated on potato dextrose agar containing hygromycin and triton X-100. Cell-free broth from 22 colonies were screened by western blotting using anti-Cel7A antibody. Transformant #13 showed the correct size protein product (~ 97.15 kDa) B. Colony #11 was subjected to clonal isolation procedure followed by screening 5 independent isolates for expression of this construct. Clonal isolate #2 was selected for large scale fermentation. M, molecular weight marker; 1-24, transformant colonies; J, JLT102A (Cel7A overexpressing strain).



Figure S6. Transformant screening for PfCeI7A_{cat}-PfCeI7A_{linker}-TrCeI6A_{linker}-AcCeI5A_{cat}. A. QM9414 strain was transformed with the C2 construct and plated on potato dextrose agar containing hygromycin and triton X-100. Cell-free broth from 24 colonies were screened by western blotting using anti-CeI7A antibody. Transformant #13 showed the correct size protein product (~ 93.44 kDa) B. Colony #13 was subjected to clonal isolation procedure followed by screening 5 independent isolates for expression of this construct. Clonal isolate #3 was selected for large scale fermentation. M, molecular weight marker; 1-24, transformant colonies; J, JLT102A (CeI7A overexpressing strain).





Figure S7. Transformant screening for PfCeI7A_{cat}-PfCeI7A_{linker}-CBM3b-TrCeI6A_{linker}-AcCeI5A_{cat} . A. AST1116 strain was transformed with this construct and plated on potato dextrose agar containing hygromycin and triton X-100. Cell-free broth from 24 colonies were screened by western blotting using anti-CeI7A antibody. Transformants #11 and #18 showed the correct size protein product (~ 110.65 kDa) B. Colony #11 was subjected to clonal isolation procedure followed by screening 5 independent isolates for expression of this construct. Clonal isolate #5 was selected for large scale fermentation. M, molecular weight marker; 1-24, transformant colonies; J, JLT102A (CeI7A overexpressing strain).





M 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 A J





Figure S8. Transformant screening for PfCeI7A_{cat}-PfCeI7A_{linker}-CBM3b. A. AST1116 strain was transformed with the C3 w/o E1 construct and plated on potato dextrose agar containing hygromycin and triton X-100. Cell-free broth from 19 colonies were screened by western blotting using anti-CeI7A antibody. Transformants #1 and # 7 showed the correct size protein product (~ 66.08 kDa) B. Colony #1 was subjected to clonal isolation procedure followed by screening 5 independent isolates for expression of this construct. Clonal isolate #2 was selected for large scale fermentation. M, molecular weight marker; 1-19, transformant colonies; J, JLT102A (CeI7A overexpressing strain); A, AST1116 (CeI7A deleted strain of QM6A).

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Figure S9. TEM micrographs of Avicel particles digested with Cel7a (left panels) or CelA (right panels). The Cel7a digested particles display a tapered end morphology on one end of the particle and a blunt or angled broad end on the opposite end. The CelA digested particles display irregular, scalloped ends and cavities along the particle surface.