

## Supporting Information

### A new D-threonine aldolase as promising biocatalyst for highly stereoselective preparation of chiral aromatic $\beta$ -hydroxy- $\alpha$ -amino acids

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**Table S1** Identity between D-low-TAs

|       | AsDTA | AxDTA | SpDTA | CrDTA | PsDTA | PaDTA | PpDTA | SvDTA |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| DrDTA | 76%   | 44%   | 40%   | 41%   | 16%   | 17%   | 17%   | 18%   |
| AsDTA |       | 54%   | 42%   | 40%   | 18%   | 17%   | 17%   | 17%   |
| AxDTA |       |       | 26%   | 24%   | 12%   | 14%   | 14%   | 13%   |
| SpDTA |       |       |       | 41%   | 16%   | 16%   | 16%   | 16%   |
| CrDTA |       |       |       |       | 18%   | 17%   | 17%   | 17%   |
| PsDTA |       |       |       |       |       | 81%   | 81%   | 64%   |
| PaDTA |       |       |       |       |       |       | 80%   | 67%   |
| PpDTA |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | 64%   |

**Table S2** Effects of temperature on conversion and de

| Entry | Temperature (°C) | Time (h) | Conv. (%) | <i>threo:erythro</i> | de (%) |
|-------|------------------|----------|-----------|----------------------|--------|
| 1     | 4                | 6        | 83.6      | 65.0:35.0            | 30.0   |
| 2     | 4                | 12       | 83.6      | 55.0:45.0            | 10.0   |
| 3     | 10               | 6        | 81.7      | 71.1:28.9            | 42.2   |
| 4     | 10               | 12       | 77.8      | 57.6:42.4            | 15.2   |
| 5     | 15               | 6        | 76.6      | 44.9:55.1            | 10.2   |
| 6     | 15               | 12       | 75.6      | 42.7:57.3            | 14.6   |
| 7     | 25               | 6        | 63.9      | 43.3:56.7            | 13.4   |
| 8     | 25               | 12       | 61.9      | 42.4:57.6            | 15.2   |
| 9     | 35               | 6        | 69.3      | 41.1:58.9            | 17.8   |
| 10    | 35               | 12       | 70.9      | 46.1:53.9            | 7.8    |

Reaction conditions: 1 mL solution containing glycine (1 M), benzaldehyde (100 mM), 10  $\mu$ M PLP, 1 mM MnCl<sub>2</sub>, 10% (v/v) DMSO and DrDTA (57 U) for 6 h and 12 h.

**Table S3** Timescale for the synthesis reaction

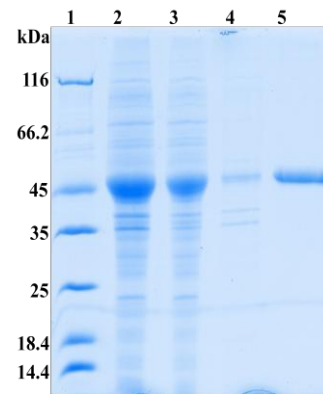
| Entry | 5 U      |           |        | Entry | 10 U     |           |        |
|-------|----------|-----------|--------|-------|----------|-----------|--------|
|       | Time (h) | Conv. (%) | de (%) |       | Time (h) | Conv. (%) | de (%) |
| 1     | 6        | 28.3      | >99    | 5     | 6        | 70.4      | 64.4   |
| 2     | 9        | 50.9      | 99.6   | 6     | 9        | 72.6      | 55.1   |
| 3     | 12       | 68.3      | 91.1   | 7     | 12       | 70.1      | 42.1   |
| 4     | 15       | 68.4      | 74.6   | 8     | 15       | 72.5      | 36.8   |

Reaction conditions: 1 mL solution containing glycine (1 M), benzaldehyde (100 mM), 10  $\mu$ M PLP, 1 mM MnCl<sub>2</sub>, 10% (v/v) CH<sub>3</sub>CN and DrDTA (5 U or 10 U) at 10°C.

**Table S4** Solvent screening for kinetic resolution

| Entry | Co-solvent              | Conc.[M] | Conv. (%) | ee (%) |
|-------|-------------------------|----------|-----------|--------|
| 1     | Non                     | 0.1      | 50.0      | >99    |
| 2     | Non                     | 0.2      | 49.4      | 97.9   |
| 3     | Dichloromethane         | 0.1      | 50.0      | >99    |
| 4     | Dichloromethane         | 0.2      | 49.4      | 97.7   |
| 5     | 1,2-Dichloroethane      | 0.1      | 50.0      | >99    |
| 6     | 1,2-Dichloroethane      | 0.2      | 50.0      | >99    |
| 7     | Cyclohexanone           | 0.1      | 50.0      | >99    |
| 8     | Cyclohexanone           | 0.2      | 49.3      | 97.4   |
| 9     | Ethyl acetate           | 0.1      | 29.1      | 38.3   |
| 10    | <i>n</i> -Butyl acetate | 0.1      | 24.5      | 33.6   |
| 11    | MTBE                    | 0.1      | 41.4      | 70.4   |
| 12    | 2-Methyltetrahydrofuran | 0.1      | 45.3      | 84.1   |
| 13    | <i>n</i> -Heptane       | 0.1      | 41.1      | 64.0   |
| 14    | <i>n</i> -Hexane        | 0.1      | 36.8      | 52.3   |
| 15    | <i>n</i> -Octane        | 0.1      | 39.0      | 64.8   |
| 16    | Isooctane               | 0.1      | 41.2      | 66.3   |
| 17    | Toluene                 | 0.1      | 13.6      | 13.3   |
| 18    | MeOH                    | 0.1      | 44.7      | 80.0   |
| 19    | EtOH                    | 0.1      | 44.3      | 78.4   |
| 20    | CNCH <sub>3</sub>       | 0.1      | 44.9      | 81.1   |
| 21    | Acetone                 | 0.1      | 47.1      | 88.3   |
| 22    | DMSO                    | 0.1      | 40.0      | 67.3   |
| 23    | THF                     | 0.1      | 29.0      | 35.8   |

Kinetic resolution reactions were performed with DL-*threo*-MPS at 30°C in 1 mL of 100 mM HEPES-NaOH buffer (pH 8.0) that contained 10 µM PLP, 1 mM MnCl<sub>2</sub>, 50% (v/v) organic solvents and 0.08 g/mL wet cells for 9 h.



**Fig. S1** SDS-PAGE analysis. Lane 1, protein marker; Lane 2, crude extract; Lane 3, supernatant of the lysate; Lane 4, precipitate of the lysate; Lane 5, purified enzyme.