Supplementary Information

A carbonyl reductase from *Candida parapsilosis* ATCC 7330: Substrate selectivity and enantiospecificity

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I. Information about compound identity

As per the requirement, following are the details of compounds used as substrates as mentioned in Table 1 of the main article. Substrates 1-9 given below were procured.

Entry	Substrate	Company		
	α-Ketoesters			
1	Ethyl-2-oxo-4-phenylbutanoate	Alfa Aesar, Great Britain		
2	Ethyl-2-oxo-4-phenylacetate	Alfa Aesar, Great Britain		
	Ketones			
3	2-Hydroxyacetophenone	TCI Chemicals, Tokyo, Japan		
4	2-Chloroacetophenone	Avra Synthesis Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad, India		
5	Acetophenone	Fisher Scientific, Mumbai, India		
6	<i>p</i> -bromoacetophenone	Sisco Research Laboratories Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai, India		
7	<i>p</i> -methylacetophenone	Sisco Research Laboratories Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai, India		
	Aldehydes			
8	Benzaldehyde	Fisher Scientific, Mumbai, India		
9	Anisaldehyde	SD Fine-Chem Limited, Mumbai, India		

Substrates **1-4** mentioned below were subjected to enzymatic asymmetric reduction. The corresponding racemic alcohols **6-8** were prepared by reported methods and were characterized by ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR that matched with the references B-D.

1-phenyl-1,2-ethanediol (5) was procured [Reference A].

These racemic alcohols served as standards in HPLC analysis.

Entry	Substrate	Entry	Product
1	2-Hydroxyacetophenone	5	1-Phenyl-1,2-ethanediol
2	2-Chloroacetophenone	6	2-Chloro-1-phenylethan-1-ol
3	Ethyl-2-oxo-4-phenylbutanoate	7	Ethyl-2-hydroxy-4-phenylbutanoate
4	Ethyl-2-oxo-2-phenylacetate	8	Ethyl-2-hydroxy-2-phenylacetate

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II. SDS PAGE analysis of SRED



Fig. 1 SDS PAGE followed by Coomassie Brilliant Blue R250 staining of purified SRED; Lane 1, 6 μg of SRED; Lane 2, 4 μg of SRED; Lane 3, 2 μg of SRED; Lane 4, protein ladder.

III. Cofactor selectivity of SRED

Cofactor selectivity of this enzyme was determined by reducing the substrates **1-4** referred below in presence of NAD(P)H. After the reduction of substrates **1-4**, the extracted reaction mixture was analyzed by GC-MS (Shimadzu GCMS-QP 2010 Ultra).

GC:

- Supelco OmegawaxTM 320 capillary column (30 m X 0.32 mm X 0.25 μm film thickness)
- Injector / ion source temperature of 250 °C / 250 °C
- Temperature profile: 50 °C for 2 min, increased to 210 °C at the rate of 4 °C min⁻¹ and then held for 6 min

MS (EI):

- Ion source temperature: 250 °C
- Interface temperature: 200 °C
- Voltage: 70 eV
- Scan mode: *m/z* 45.00 900.00

Entry	Substrate	Entry	Product
1	2-Hydroxyacetophenone	5	1-Phenyl-1,2-ethanediol
2	2-Chloroacetophenone	6	2-Chloro-1-phenylethan-1-ol
3	Ethyl-2-oxo-4-phenylbutanoate	7	Ethyl-2-hydroxy-4-phenylbutanoate
4	Ethyl-2-oxo-2-phenylacetate	8	Ethyl-2-hydroxy-2-phenylacetate

Following are the GC chromatograms for the reduction of substrates **1-4** with NADPH and NADH, and the mass spectra of the substrates and products.



Fig. 2a GC chromatogram for reduction of 2-hydroxyacetophenone (**1**) [RT 30.92 min] to 1-phenyl-1,2-ethanediol (**5**) [RT 40.18 min]; A: with NADPH (conversion 100%); B: with NADH (no conversion).



Fig. 2b Mass spectrum of 2-hydroxyacetophenone (**1**) [*m*/*z* 136.05 (M⁺, 2.44 %), 105.00 (100.00), 77.05 (51.83), 51.00 (10.28)]



Fig. 2c Mass spectrum of 1-phenyl-1,2-ethanediol (**5**) [*m*/*z* 138.05 (M⁺, 5.33 %), 107.05 (100.00), 79.05 (57.38), 77.05 (32.00)]



Fig. 3a GC chromatogram for reduction of 2-chloroacetophenone (**2**) [RT 30.49 min] to 2-chloro-1-phenylethan-1-ol (**6**) [RT 33.04 min]; A: with NADPH (conversion 100%); B: with NADH (no conversion).



Fig. 3b Mass spectrum of 2-chloroacetophenone (**2**) [*m*/*z* 153.95 (M⁺, 1.03 %), 105.00 (100.00), 77.00 (41.80), 51.00 (9.60)]



Fig. 3c Mass spectrum of 2-chloro-1-phenylethan-1-ol (**6**) [*m*/*z* 156.00 (M⁺, 2.94 %), 107.00 (100.00), 79.05 (40.39), 77.00 (22.65)]



Fig. 4a GC chromatogram for reduction of ethyl-2-oxo-4-phenylbutanoate (**3**) [RT 35.01 min] to ethyl-2-hydroxy-4-phenylbutanoate (**7**) [RT 36.85 min]; A: with NADPH (conversion 98%); B: with NADH (conversion 84%).



Fig. 4b Mass spectrum of ethyl-2-oxo-4-phenylbutanoate (**3**) [*m*/*z* 206.00 (M⁺, 7.89 %), 188.00 (11.39), 133.05 (35.18), 105.05 (100.00), 91.00 (84.08), 77.00 (10.17)]



Fig. 4c Mass spectrum of ethyl-2-hydroxy-4-phenylbutanoate (**7**) [*m*/*z* 208.00 (M⁺, 10.13 %), 117.05 (26.98), 104.00 (99.33), 91.00 (100.00), 76.00 (45.63), 65.00 (12.11)]



Fig. 5a GC chromatogram for reduction of ethyl-2-oxo-2-phenylacetate (**4**) [RT 29.96 min] to ethyl-2-hydroxy-2-phenylacetate (**8**) [RT 32.53 min]; A: with NADPH (conversion 100%); B: with of NADH (conversion 86%).



Fig. 5b Mass spectrum of ethyl-2-oxo-2-phenylacetate (**4**) [*m*/*z* 179.00 (M⁺¹, 1.21 %), 105.00 (100.00), 77.05 (38.37), 51.00 (12.20)]



Fig. 5c Mass spectrum of ethyl-2-hydroxy-2-phenylacetate (**8**) [*m*/*z* 179.90 (M⁺, 5.01 %), 107.00 (100.00), 79.05 (52.43), 77 (27.41)]

IV. Enantiospecificity of SRED

Ketone (**1,2**) and α -ketoester (**3,4**) substrates were reduced by SRED in presence of NADPH. The enantiomeric excess of the reaction mixture after extraction was calculated by analyzing the samples by HPLC (Jasco PU 1580 with MD 1515 detector). The corresponding (*RS*) - alcohols (**5-8 a,b**) were used as standards.

Reduction of ketone substrates (1,2) were analyzed by

- Column: Chiralcel OB-H (Daicel, 0.46 cm X 25 cm)
- Mobile phase: Hexane:Isopropanol = 90:10
- Flowrate: 1 ml min⁻¹

Reduction of α -ketoester substrates (3,4) were analyzed by

- Column: Chiralcel OD-H (Daicel, 0.46 cm X 25 cm)
- Mobile phase: Hexane:Isopropanol = 98:02
- Flowrate: 1 ml min⁻¹

Entry	Substrate	Entry	Product
1	2-Hydroxyacetophenone	5 a,b	(RS)-1-Phenyl-1,2-ethanediol
2	2-Chloroacetophenone	6 a,b	(RS)-2-Chloro-1-phenylethan-1-ol
3	Ethyl-2-oxo-4-phenylbutanoate	7 a,b	(<i>RS</i>)-Ethyl-2-hydroxy-4-phenylbutanoate
4	Ethyl-2-oxo-2-phenylacetate	8 a,b	(RS)-Ethyl-2-hydroxy-2-phenylacetate

Following are the HPLC chromatograms for the reduction of substrates **1-4** with NADPH.



Fig. 6 HPLC chromatogram for reduction of 2-hydroxyacetophenone (**1**) to (*S*)-1-phenyl-1,2ethanediol (**5b**); A: racemic mixture of 1-phenyl-1,2-ethanediol (RT of *R*- 7.6 min and *S*- 9.5 min); B: reaction mixture (ee > 99% of *S*).

Fig. 7 HPLC chromatogram for reduction of 2-chloroacetophenone (**2**) to (*S*)-2-chloro-1-phenylethan-1-ol (**6b**); A: racemic mixture of 2-chloro-1-phenylethan-1-ol (RT of *R*- 7.4 min and *S*- 9.6 min); B: reaction mixture (ee 99% of *S*).

Fig. 8 HPLC chromatogram for reduction of ethyl-2-oxo-4-phenylbutanoate (**3**) to (*S*)-ethyl-2-hydroxy-4-phenylbutanoate (**7b**); A: racemic mixture of ethyl-2-hydroxy-4-phenylbutanoate (RT of *S*-11.2 min and *R*-17.7 min); B: reaction mixture (ee 70% of *S*).

Fig. 9 HPLC chromatogram for reduction of ethyl-2-oxo-2-phenylacetate (**4**) to (*S*)-ethyl-2-hydroxy-4-phenylacetate (**8b**); A: racemic mixture of ethyl-2-hydroxy-2-phenylacetate (RT of *S*- 11.4 min and *R*- 21.9 min); B: reaction mixture (ee 70% of *S*).