

## Electronic Supplementary Information

# ***Designer Cells for Stereocomplementary De Novo Enzymatic Cascade Reactions Based on Laboratory Evolution***

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## Experimental Section

### Reagents

*E. coli* BOU730<sup>1</sup> electro-competent cells were prepared in-house according to standard protocols.<sup>2</sup> Restriction enzyme *DpnI* was purchased from New England Biolabs. KOD hot start polymerase, dNTPs, MgSO<sub>4</sub> were obtained from Novagen. GoTaq Hot Start was purchased from promega. DNase I, carbenicillin and lysozyme were obtained from AppliChem. LB medium, in a form of premixed powder, and kanamycin were obtained from Roth. Chloramphenicol was obtained from Sigma. Glucose dehydrogenase (GDH) was purchased from Codexis. IPTG was obtained from Fermentas. NADP<sup>+</sup> was purchased from Calbiochem, Quick and Easy *E. coli* Gene Deletion Kit were obtained from Gene Bridges. Compound **1** was obtained from Alfa Aesar. TB medium contained yeast extract (24 g/L), peptone (12 g/L), glycerol (4 mL/L), KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (0.017 M) and K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub> (0.072 M).

### Saturation mutagenesis and screening of P450-BM3 mutants

Saturation mutagenesis was carried out as described previously.<sup>1</sup> It was performed by creating single residue libraries at positions P25, V26, F42, R47, Y51, S72, A74, L75, V78, F81, A82, F87, L181, L188, T260, I263, A264, E267, T268, A328, M354, L437 and T438 with NNK degeneration, and double residue libraries at positions F87/A328, A328/P329, V78/L181 and V78/L437 with NDT degeneration. pRSF-P450BM3<sup>1</sup> vector was used as template for QuikChange PCR<sup>3</sup> in all cases. A comprehensive list of primers used appears in **Table S1**.

About 100 colonies were screened in the case of single amino acid libraries, while ca. 400 colonies were screened in the case of double amino acid libraries. These variants were subjected to the same UV-Vis screening based on NADPH consumption protocol published previously.<sup>1</sup> 600 mutants showing the highest spectrophotometric activity (initial NADPH consumption rates higher than the shown by P450 WT) were further subjected to GC analysis for production of compound **3** from starting material **1** following a procedure previously published elsewhere.<sup>1</sup>

An additional single library created at position A328 with NNK degeneration using pRSF-P450-F87A vector (a pRSF-P450BM3 plasmid encoding F87A amino acid substitution previously created in our laboratory) as template, was also screened directly by this GC analysis protocol.

### Screening of P450 mutants cloned in pETM11

After screening the above-mentioned P450 variants, best mutants found (i.e. F87A, F87P, F87V, F8W and A328N) showed only a slight improvement in the production of compound **3** from **1** relative to WT P450-BM3 (5-15% in comparison with 2-5%). Thus we decided to screen a set of additional P450-BM3 mutants from libraries created previously in our laboratory for a different purpose in which mutants were cloned into the pEMT11 vector<sup>4</sup> (a comprehensive list of mutants tested appears in **Table S2**). Aliquots of *E. coli* BL-21 Gold (DE3) glycerol stocks containing pETM11 plasmid harboring different P450-BM3 variants derived from F87A mutant were resuspended into 96-well plates containing LB medium (800 µL) with kanamycin (kan; 50 µg/mL). After overnight incubation at 37°C with gentle shaking, an aliquot (100 µL) was transferred to a new 96-well plate containing 900 µL TB medium with kan (50 µg/mL) and IPTG (0.2 mM). Cell cultures were incubated at 30°C during 20 h for overexpression of P450 variants. Cells were harvested by centrifugation (4000 r.p.m., 15 min) and pellets were resuspended in 500 µL of lysis buffer [phosphate buffer (pH 7.4, 100 mM), lysozyme (14 mg/mL), DNase I (6 U/mL)], and incubated during 45 min at 37°C with agitation. After incubation, cellular debris was removed by centrifugation (4000 r.p.m., 30 min) and supernatants (250 µL) were transferred to 96-well plates containing reaction buffer (250 µL) [phosphate buffer (pH 7.4, 100 mM), compound **1** (2.5 mM in acetonitrile), glucose (100 mM), NADP<sup>+</sup> (250 µM) and GDH (2 Units)]. After 20 h of incubation at 25°C with mild agitation, reaction mixtures were extracted with ethyl acetate (400 µL), and subjected to achiral GC analysis. Those variants which showed highest production of compound **3** (as average in three independent experiments) were chosen for further experiments (**Table S3**). The best P450 mutant in terms of regioselectivity was triple mutant encoding for amino acid substitutions V78L, A82F and F87A (termed P450-LFA).

### QuikChange mutagenesis on pRSF-P450-F87A

After screening P450 mutants cloned in pETM11 libraries, those variants showing the highest production of compound **3** were cloned into pRSF-P450-F87A vector by introduction of desired mutations by QuikChange mutagenesis.<sup>3</sup> PCR reactions contained 5 µL of 10 × KOD hot start polymerase buffer, 5 µL dNTPs (2 mM each), 1.25 µL of the appropriate forward and reverse primer (**Table S4**; 100 ng/µL each), 2 µL MgSO<sub>4</sub> (25 mM), pRSF-P450BM3 as template (10-20 ng) and 0.5 µL of KOD polymerase in a final volume of 50 µL distilled water. PCR

<sup>1</sup> R. Agudo, G. -D. Roiban, M. T. Reetz, *ChemBioChem* **2012**, *13*, 1465-1473.

<sup>2</sup> J. Sambrook, D. W. Russell, "The Condensed Protocols From Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual" CSHL Press, NY, **2006**.

<sup>3</sup> a) QuikChange® Site-directed Mutagenesis Kit Instruction Manual, Stratagene, La Jolla, CA, USA; b) H. H. Hogrefe, J. Cline, G. L. Youngblood, R. M. Allen, *BioTechniques* **2002**, *33*, 1158-1165.

<sup>4</sup> S. Kille, F. E. Zilly, J. P. Acevedo, M. T. Reetz, *Nat. Chem.* **2011**, *3*, 738-743.

reaction started at 95°C (3 min), continued with 30 cycles of 95°C (1 min), 55°C as annealing temperature for all sets of primers used (1 min) and 68°C (10 min) and finished with 15 min at 68°C and storage at 4°C. After finishing, plasmid used as template in the reaction was removed by incubation of samples with 1.5 µL *DpnI* (10 U/ µL) overnight at 37°C. Digested products were purified with a QIAquick PCR purification spin column (Qiagen). An aliquot of 5 µL was used to transform 50 µL of electro-competent *E. coli* BOU730 cells. Transformation mixture was incubated with 900 µL LB medium at 37°C during 1 h with gentle shaking and then spread on LB-agar plates containing 50 µg/mL kan. Introduction of desired mutations in P450-BM3 coding region was confirmed for all constructions. Expression of desired P450-BM3 mutants was confirmed by SDS-PAGE analysis.

### Construction of pACYC-YqjM-C26D

Mutations encoding amino acid substitution C26D in YqjM protein from *Bacillus subtilis* were introduced by QuikChange mutagenesis PCR. Reactions contained 5 µL of 10 × KOD hot start polymerase buffer, 5 µL dNTPs (2 mM each), 1.25 µL of both YqjM-C26D\_Fw and YqjM-C26D\_rv primers (**Table S5**; 100 ng/µL each), 2 µL MgSO<sub>4</sub> (25 mM), pBOU67804 as template (a derivative of pACYCDuet-1 plasmid harboring yqjM gene cloned between *NcoI* and *AvrII* sites)<sup>1</sup> (10-20 ng) and 0.5 µL of KOD polymerase in a final volume of 50 µL distilled water. PCR reaction started at 95°C (3 min), continued with 20 cycles of denaturation [95°C (1 min)], annealing [53°C (1 min)] and extension [68°C (10 min)]. Finally, an additional step of extension was performed [68°C (15 min)] and storage at 4°C. The sample was then subjected to digestion with 1.5 µL *DpnI* (10 U/ µL) overnight at 37°C for removal of the original template. Digested products were purified with a QIAquick PCR purification spin column (Qiagen) and an aliquot of 5 µL was used to transform 50 µL of electro-competent *E. coli* BOU730 cells. Transformation reaction was mixed with 900 µL LB medium and incubated at 37°C during 1 h. After incubation time, 100 µL were spread on LB-agar plates containing 28 µg/mL chloramphenicol (cam). Several individual colonies were grown and their plasmids extracted for confirming the introduction of the desired mutation by sequencing. Created plasmid was termed pACYC-YqjM-C26D. Expression of YqjM-C26D protein was confirmed by SDS-PAGE analysis.

### Construction of pACYC-YqjM-C26D(gac) and pACYC-YqjM-C26G

Construction of a plasmid that encodes for YqjM-C26D protein, whose mutant codon is gac instead of gat, was performed exactly as described above except using YqjM-C26D(gac)\_fw and YqjM-C26D(gac)\_rv as primers (**Table S5**) for QuikChange PCR. For creation of a plasmid encoding YqjM-C26G protein, the same protocol described above was carried out, except using YqjM-C26G\_fw and YqjM-C26G\_rv as primers (**Table S5**) for QuikChange PCR. Created plasmids were termed pACYC-YqjM-C26D(gac) and pACYC-YqjM-C26G, respectively. Expression of both mutant proteins was confirmed by SDS-PAGE analysis.

### Constructions of *E. coli* BL21-Gold(DE3) $\Delta$ dkgA:: FRT-T7-gdh $\Delta$ nemA:: FRT-T7-yqjM\_C26D [(R)-strain]

The (R)-strain was created by replacement of gene *nemA* from *E. coli* BOU730 for T7-yqjM\_C26D cassette (YqjM gene from *Bacillus subtilis* with a mutated codon that encodes for amino acid substitution C26D placed downstream of T7 promoter sequence). T7-yqjM\_C26D cassette was inserted in the place of *nemA* gene (a gene that encodes an endogenous flavoprotein belonging to Old Yellow Enzyme Family)<sup>5</sup> using Quick and Easy *E. coli* Gene Deletion Kit.

First, 5 µL (100 ng) of pBOU68408 vector (a plasmid derived from pACYC-Duet1 that encodes for FRT-PGK-gb2-neo-FRT<sup>6</sup>-YqjM cassette which transcription is controlled by T7 promoter. Description of this plasmid is found elsewhere)<sup>1</sup> was amplified by QuikChange PCR to introduce the mutation encoding for C26D amino acid substitution (mutant gat codon instead of WT codon). PCR reaction was performed exactly as described above using primers YQJM\_C26D\_fw and YQJM\_C26D\_rv (**Table S5**). After reaction, the sample was purified, and transformed into electro competent BOU730 cells. Cells were spread on LB agar plates containing kan 50 µg/mL. Plasmids from 5 colonies were extracted and submitted to sequencing in order to confirm the desired mutation. Plasmid created was called pACYC-FRT-kan-FRT-T7-YqjM\_C26D.

FRT-kan-FRT-T7-YqjM\_C26D cassette was then amplified by PCR using pACYC-FRT-kan-FRT-T7-YqjM\_C26D plasmid as template (100 ng) and primers Up-nemA-FRT (forward primer) and YqjM-Nem-rc (reverse primer) [PCR conditions: 3 µL of 10 × KOD buffer, 5 µL dNTPs (2 mM each), 1.25 µL of each primer (**Table S5**; 100 ng/µL each), 2 µL MgSO<sub>4</sub> (25 mM) and 0.5 µL of KOD polymerase in a final volume of 30 µL distilled water. PCR reaction started at 95°C (3 min), continued with 30 cycles of 95°C (1 min), 55°C as annealing (1 min) 68°C (5 min) for elongation and finished with 15 min at 68°C and storage at 4°C]. The PCR product was purified using QIAquick Gel extraction kit (qiagen) and then transformed into electro competent BOU730 cells harboring pRedET (amp) vector (gene Bridges) that express proteins involved in  $\lambda$  -mediated recombination as described in Quick and Easy *E. coli* Gene Deletion Kit protocol. After transformation, cells were incubated at 37°C for 3 h in LB medium without antibiotics for elimination of pRedET (amp) plasmid. Afterwards, 200 µL of cell culture were spread

<sup>5</sup> a) K. Miura, Y. Tomioka, H. Suzuki, M. Yonezawa, T. Hishinuma, M. Mizugaki, *Biol. Pharm. Bull.* **1997**, *20*, 110-112; b) R. E. Williams, N. C. Bruce, *Microbiology* **2002**, *148*, 1607-1614.

<sup>6</sup> FRT-PGK-gb2-neo-FRT cassette confers resistance to kanamycin.

on a LB agar plate containing kan (15 µg/mL) and incubated at 37°C for 20 h. Twenty colonies from this plate were streaked on a new LB-agar plate containing kan (15 µg/mL) and screened by colony-PCR for checking the incorporation of FRT-kan-FRT-T7-YqjM\_C26D cassette. [PCR conditions: 6 µL of 5 × GoTaq Hot Start buffer, 3 µL dNTPs (2 mM each), 0.75 µL of primers Kan-Down-fw-test and YqjM-Nem-rc (**Table S6**; 100 ng/µL each), 1.2 µL MgSO<sub>4</sub> (25 mM) and 0.3 µL of GoTaq Hot Start polymerase in a final volume of 30 µL distilled water. The PCR reaction started at 95°C (3 min), continued with 35 cycles of 95°C (1 min), 53°C as annealing temperature (1 min), 68°C for elongation (2 min) and finished with 15 min at 68°C and storage at 4°C]. Five single colonies were confirmed that contained the desired FRT-kan-FRT-T7-YqjM\_C26D cassette inserted in the genome. After growing them in LB medium containing kan (50 µg/mL), four of them showed expression of YqjM mediated by T7 promoter after induction with 0.2 mM IPTG, as judged by SDS-PAGE analysis (**Figure S1**).

For removal of kanamycin selection marker, we proceeded as described in Quick and Easy *E. coli* Gene Deletion Kit protocol, transforming competent cells from the new created strain, *E. coli* BL21-Gold(DE3) ΔdkgA::FRT-T7-gdh ΔnemA::FRT-kan-FRT-T7-yqjM\_C26D with 200 ng of pCP20 vector (Coli Genetic Stock Center, CGSC). Elimination of selection marker was confirmed by absence of resistance to kanamycin. Finally, genomic DNA from resulting strain was extracted and replacement of *nemA* gene for a single FRT site along with T7-yqjM\_C26D was confirmed by PCR [conditions used were similar than described above, except using primers NemAr-fw and NemA-rc (**Table S6**)]. The resulting strain *E. coli* BL21-Gold(DE3) ΔdkgA::FRT-T7-gdh ΔnemA::FRT-T7-yqjM\_C26D was termed (*R*)-strain.

### Constructions of *E. coli* BL21-Gold(DE3) ΔdkgA::FRT-T7-gdh ΔnemA::FRT-T7-yqjM\_C26G [(*S*)-strain]

The (*S*)-strain was created following the same protocol described above for the (*R*)-strain except that in the first step pBOU68408 vector was amplified using primers YQJM\_C26G\_fw and YQJM\_C26G\_rv (**Table S5**).

### Scale-up reactions of P450-BM3 mutants

In order to confirm results found in the screening of mutants cloned into pETM11, BOU730 cells containing best P450 variants cloned into pRSF-P450-F87A vector were grown to scale-up the model reaction **1** → **3**. An individual colony of cells with the desired mutant was inoculated in LB medium (5 mL) containing kan (50 µg/mL). After 5 hours of incubation at 37°C, this preinoculum was transferred to 50 mL of TB medium containing kan (50 µg/mL). The culture was maintained at the same temperature until an O.D. of 0.8-0.9 at 600 nm was reached. At that point, IPTG was added (0.2 mM final concentration) and the culture was incubated at 30°C for 16-20 hours. Subsequently, 25 mL of cell culture were harvested at 4000 r.p.m. for 6 min at 4°C and pellets were resuspended in reaction buffer [pH 7.4 (100 mM), NADP<sup>+</sup> (250 µM) and glucose (100 mM)]. The suspension was poured into a 100 mL flask and the reaction was started by addition of compound **1** (5 mM) and incubated at 25°C overnight with mild agitation. After incubation, an aliquot of each reaction (700 µL) was extracted with the same volume of ethyl acetate and the organic phase was subjected to chiral and achiral GC analysis.

Determination of the P450-BM3 concentration obtained after overexpression was performed as previously described elsewhere.<sup>7</sup> Final concentration values and activity obtained (measured as production of compound **3**) for each mutant appear in **Table S3**.

### Preliminary cascade reaction experiments

Several experiments were performed for setting up optimal conditions for all of the devised cascade reaction approaches. With this aim, an individual BOU730 colony containing either pRSF-P450-LFA (encoding for P450-LFA mutant), pACYC-YqjM-C26D, or both of them were inoculated in LB medium (5 mL) containing proper antibiotic [kan (50 µg/mL) or/and cam (28 µg/mL)]. After 5 hours of incubation at 37°C, preinocula were transferred to 50 mL of TB medium supplemented with proper antibiotics as described above and cultures were incubated with gentle mixing at 37°C until an O.D. of 0.8-0.9 at 600 nm was reached. At that point, 0.2 mM IPTG was added and the incubation temperature was decreased to 30°C for 16-20 hours. After incubation, 25 mL of cell culture were harvested at 4000 r.p.m. for 6 min at 4°C and pellets were resuspended in phosphate buffer (pH 7.4, 100 mM) containing different concentrations of NADP<sup>+</sup> (from 0 to 250 µM) and glucose (from 20 to 100 mM). Resting cells in this buffer were poured into a 100 mL flask and the reaction was started by addition of different amounts of compound **1** (from 1 to 15 mM) and incubated at 25°C for different time spans (from 1 to 18 hours). After incubation, an aliquot of each reaction (700 µL) was extracted with the same volume of ethyl acetate and the organic phase was subjected to chiral and achiral GC analysis.

For cascade reaction using approach (1) (i.e. P450 and YqjM proteins must be overexpressed separately and corresponding resting cells mixed in a one-pot manner) different volumes of phosphate buffer (2, 5, 10, 15 or 20 mL) were used to resuspend cells overexpressing either P450 or YqjM mutants. Different volume combinations of resting cells were mixed (at once, or sequentially starting with the one containing P450 protein) in an Erlenmeyer flask for finding optimum P450/YqjM ratio for cascade reaction **1**→**4**. In these experiments it was also observed

<sup>7</sup> F. P. Guengerich, M. V. Martin, C. D. Sohl, Q. Cheng, *Nat. Protoc.* **2009**, *4*, 1245-1251.

that the amount of compound **4** produced by YqjM mutant was dependent on the amount of compound **3** produced by P450 mutant.

Additional control experiments were performed to ensure that the three enzymes (i.e. GDH, P450 and YqjM) are in fact necessary for the production of compounds (S)/(R)-**4**. Briefly, an individual BOU730 colony empty, or containing either pACYC-YqjM-C26D or pRSF-P450-LFA plasmids alone, respectively, were grown, and subsequent cultures were incubated, induced, harvested and resuspended as described above in 5 mL of reaction buffer [(pH 7.4, 100 mM), NADP<sup>+</sup> (50 μM), glucose (100 mM)]. Reactions were started by addition of 1 mg of compound **1** (1.5 mM, 7.5 μmol) and incubated at 25°C with mild agitation for 1 h in 100 mL Erlenmeyer flask with tight closure. Less than 3-4% of compound **4** was found in the three cases tested.

Likewise, we performed a similar experiment using *E.coli* BL21 (DE3) for checking the essential NADPH regeneration in the present cascade reaction system. Briefly: a single *E.coli* BL21 (DE3) colony containing pRSF-P450-LFA plasmid was inoculated in 5 mL LB medium containing kan 50 μg/mL, and the corresponding cell culture was grown and processed as described above. Cells were resuspended in reaction buffer (pH 7.4) containing NADP<sup>+</sup> (50 μM) and glucose (100 mM) and incubated in presence of 1 mg of compound **1** (1.5 mM, 7.5 μmol). In this case, the amount of compound **3** observed after 1 hour incubation at 25°C was less than 40% compare to 85% conversion into **3** using BOU730 cells under the same reaction conditions.

Control experiments demonstrated that exogenous addition of NADP<sup>+</sup> was not necessary for carrying out any kind of enzymatic cascade reactions devised this study using 1 h of incubation time.

### Multi-enzymatic cascade transformation approach (1)

For addressing this approach, both P450-BM3 and YqjM proteins were overexpressed separately in two independent cells. On the one hand, an individual BOU730 colony containing either pACYC-YqjM-C26D<sup>8</sup> or pACYC-YqjM-C26G plasmids was inoculated in 5 mL of LB supplemented with 28 μg/mL cam and incubated for 5 h at 37°C with gentle agitation. After incubation, the preculture was transferred to 50 mL of TB medium supplemented with 28 μg/mL cam and grown at 37°C until an O.D. of 0.8-0.9 at 600 nm was reached. Then, IPTG was added (0.2 mM) and the culture was incubated for 16-20 additional hours at 30°C with gentle agitation. 12 mL of each cell culture were centrifuged at 4000 r.p.m. for 6 min at 4°C and pellets resuspended in 2 mL of reaction buffer [phosphate buffer (pH7.4, 100 mM) and glucose (100 mM, 67 equiv)]. Additionally, pellets can be stored for 2-3 hours at 4°C before their resuspension in reaction buffer without any measurable loss of activity.

On the other hand, an individual BOU730 colony harboring plasmid pRSF-P450-LFA was inoculated in 5 mL of LB medium with kan (50 μg/mL). After 5 h of incubation at 37°C with shaking, this preculture was transferred to 50 mL of TB medium supplemented with kan (50 μg/mL) and the culture was grown at 37°C until an O.D. of 0.8-0.9 at 600 nm was reached. At this point, IPTG was added to a final concentration of 0.2 mM and the culture was grown at 30°C with vigorous agitation for 16-20 h. After incubation time, 25 mL of cell culture were centrifuged (6 min, 4000 r.p.m. at room temperature), the supernatant was discarded and the pellet resuspended in 5 mL of the same reaction buffer as described above. The resuspended solution was then poured into a 100 mL flask with tight closure (using rubber cap). The reaction was started by addition of compound **1** (1.5 mM, 7.5 μmol) and incubated at 25°C with mild agitation for 1 h.

After this incubation time, the 2 mL of resting cells expressing either YqjM-C26D or YqjM-C26G were added to the corresponding reaction flasks. After 15 min of additional incubation at the same conditions described above, an aliquot of 700 μL was extracted with ethyl acetate (700 μL) and the organic layer was subjected to GC analysis.

Similar experiments were performed using 5 mg of compound **1** as starting material (7.3 mM, 36.5 μmol). In this case, reactions in the presence of resting cells expressing P450 were incubated for 5 h before addition of resting cells expressing YqjM. Then the reaction was incubated for one more hour. Extraction of organic phase was performed as described above.

The amount of P450-BM3 protein was determined following the protocol described previously elsewhere.<sup>9</sup> Average concentration of total P450-BM3 mutant V78L/A82F/F87A was 27.2 ±4.9 μM (three independent measurements), while average concentration value for active P450 fraction was 25.4 ±3.2 μM (three independent measurements), in agreement with P450-BM3 WT concentration (24.8±4.2 μM, **Table S3**). The concentration of YqjM protein was estimated by comparison of the samples containing unknown amount of YqjM with a standard curve of known protein (BSA). Analyses were performed by densitometry of samples run in SDS-PAGE. The concentration of YqjM-C26D and YqjM-C26G were 21.6 ±5.3 and 18.9 ±4.8 μM respectively (average of three independent measurements).

### Multi-enzymatic cascade transformation approach (2)

For performing enzymatic reactions in an one-pot system using two plasmids, pRSF-P450-LFA vector and either pACYC-YqjM-C26D(gac)<sup>8</sup> or pACYC-YqjM-C26G vectors were transformed into the same cell.

<sup>8</sup> YqjM-C26D protein used in "Multi-enzymatic cascade transformation approach (1)" protocol is encoded by pACYC-YqjM-C26D plasmid, while YqjM-C26D protein used in "Multi-enzymatic cascade transformation approach (2)" protocol is encoded by pACYC-YqjM-C26D(gac) plasmid.

<sup>9</sup> F. P. Guengerich, M. V. Martin, C. D. Sohl, Q. Cheng, *Nat. Protoc.* **2009**, *4*, 1245-1251.

Exploratory experiments showed that the amount of YqjM protein obtained using pACYC-YqjM-C26D together with pRSF-P450-LFA was lower than using pACYC-YqjM-C26G together with pRSF-P450-LFA (data not shown). Thus, pACYC-YqjM-C26D(gac) plasmid was used to produce YqjM-C26D mutant in the cascade transformation approach (2).

An individual BOU730 colony transformed with pRSF-P450-LFA and either pACYC-YqjM-C26D(gac) or pACYC-YqjM-C26G plasmid was inoculated in 5 mL of LB supplemented with 28 µg/mL cam and 50 µg/mL kan, and incubated for 5 h at 37°C with gentle agitation. After this time, the whole volume was transferred to 50 mL of TB medium supplemented with 28 µg/mL cam and 50 µg/mL kan and grown at 37°C until an O.D. of 0.8-0.9 at 600 nm was reached. Then, IPTG was added to a final concentration of 0.2 mM and the culture grown for 16-20 additional hours at 30°C with gentle agitation. 25 mL of cell culture was pelleted at 4000 r.p.m. for 6 min at 4°C, supernatant discarded and the cell pellet resuspended in 5 mL of the same reaction buffer described above. The reaction was started by the addition of 1 mg of compound **1** (1.5 mM, 7.5 µmol) and incubation at 25°C with mild agitation for 1 h. After this incubation time, 700 µL of sample was extracted with ethyl acetate (700 µL) and the organic layer subjected to GC analysis.

Similar experiments were carried out following this cascade transformation approach but using lysates instead of resting cells. Briefly: After overexpression of P450-BM3 and YqjM mutant proteins, pellets were resuspended in 5 mL of lysis buffer [phosphate buffer (pH 7.4, 100 mM), lysozyme (14 mg/mL), DNase I (6 U/mL)]. After 30 min of incubation at 37°C, samples were centrifugated at 5000 r.p.m. for 15 min at 4°C. Then 4.5 mL of supernatant were diluted to 5 mL with the same reaction buffer described above containing 250 µM NADP<sup>+</sup>. Reaction was started, incubated and organic and products extracted and analyzed as described above. Concentration of P450 and YqjM proteins present in cells used for cascade approach (2) was estimated by comparison of samples with unknown amount of P450 and YqjM with a standard curve of known protein (BSA). Analyses were performed by densitometry of samples run in SDS-PAGE.

The concentration of total P450-BM3 mutant V78L/A82F/F87A in cells used for approach (2) was 26.1 ±3.0 µM (Average of six independent experiments). The concentrations of YqjM-C26D and YqjM-C26G were 10.0 ±2.1 and 10.4 ±0.8 µM, respectively (average of three independent measurements).

### Multi-enzymatic cascade transformation approach (3)

The pRSF-P450-LFA plasmid was transformed either into (*S*)- or (*R*)-strains in order to perform enzymatic reaction using one plasmid system with engineered cells containing YqjM genes inserted into the *E. coli* genome.

An individual colony of either (*S*)-strain or (*R*)-strain transformed with pRSF-P450-LFA was inoculated in 5 mL of LB medium supplemented with 50 µg/mL kan, and incubated for 5 h at 37°C with gentle agitation. After incubation, 5 mL were transferred into 50 mL of TB medium supplemented with kan (50 µg/mL) and grown at 37°C until an O.D. of 0.8-0.9 at 600 nm was reached. Then, IPTG was added to a final concentration of 0.2 mM and the culture grown for 16-20 additional hours at 30°C with gentle agitation. Posterior centrifugation, resuspension in reaction buffer, enzymatic reaction and extraction with ethyl acetate were carried out as described above in "Multi-enzymatic cascade transformation approach (2)" protocol. The concentration of P450 and YqjM present in the cells used in this cascade transformation approach was determined as described above for cascade approach (2). The average concentration of total P450-BM3 mutant V78L/A82F/F87A in cells used for approach (3) was 27.3 ±3.1 µM (six independent experiments). The concentrations of YqjM-C26D and YqjM-C26G were 3.6 ±0.7 and 2.7 ±0.6 µM, respectively (average of three independent measurements).

### Checking cell viability

The integrity of resting cells used in each cascade reaction approach was checked. After finishing the reaction, 0.1 and 1 µL aliquots of reaction mixture containing resting cells from each cascade reaction approach were inoculated in 4 mL of LB medium containing proper antibiotics (i.e. kan (50 mg/L) for cells overexpressing LFA P450 mutant, cam (28 mg/l) for cells transformed with pACYC and both antibiotics for cells cotransformed with both pACYC and pRSF plasmid derivatives). After overnight incubation at 37°C, all bacterial cultures showed normal growth as judged by the observed turbidity. In control experiments, 0.1 and 1 µL of reaction mixture containing resting cells from non-transformed BOU730 cells were inoculated in 4 mL of antibiotic-free LB medium. After overnight incubation, the cultures showed normal growth with no differences regarding results indicated above.

### Determination of conversions, yield and enantiomeric excess (ee)

Products obtained from biotransformation of compound **1** were analyzed by GC and GC/MS. Compounds **3**, (*S*)-**4** and (*R*)-**4** were identified by comparison with previously published results<sup>10</sup> or by NMR analysis (see below).

<sup>10</sup> D. J. Bougioukou, S. Kille, A. Taglieber, M. T. Reetz, *Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2009**, 351, 3287–3305.

Yields were calculated on the basis of GC data using as standard a known amount of racemic sample of compound **4** (93% GC purity) synthesized as described previously.<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>11</sup> M. Sugi, D. Sakuma, H. Togo, *J. Org. Chem.* **2003**, 68, 7629-7633.

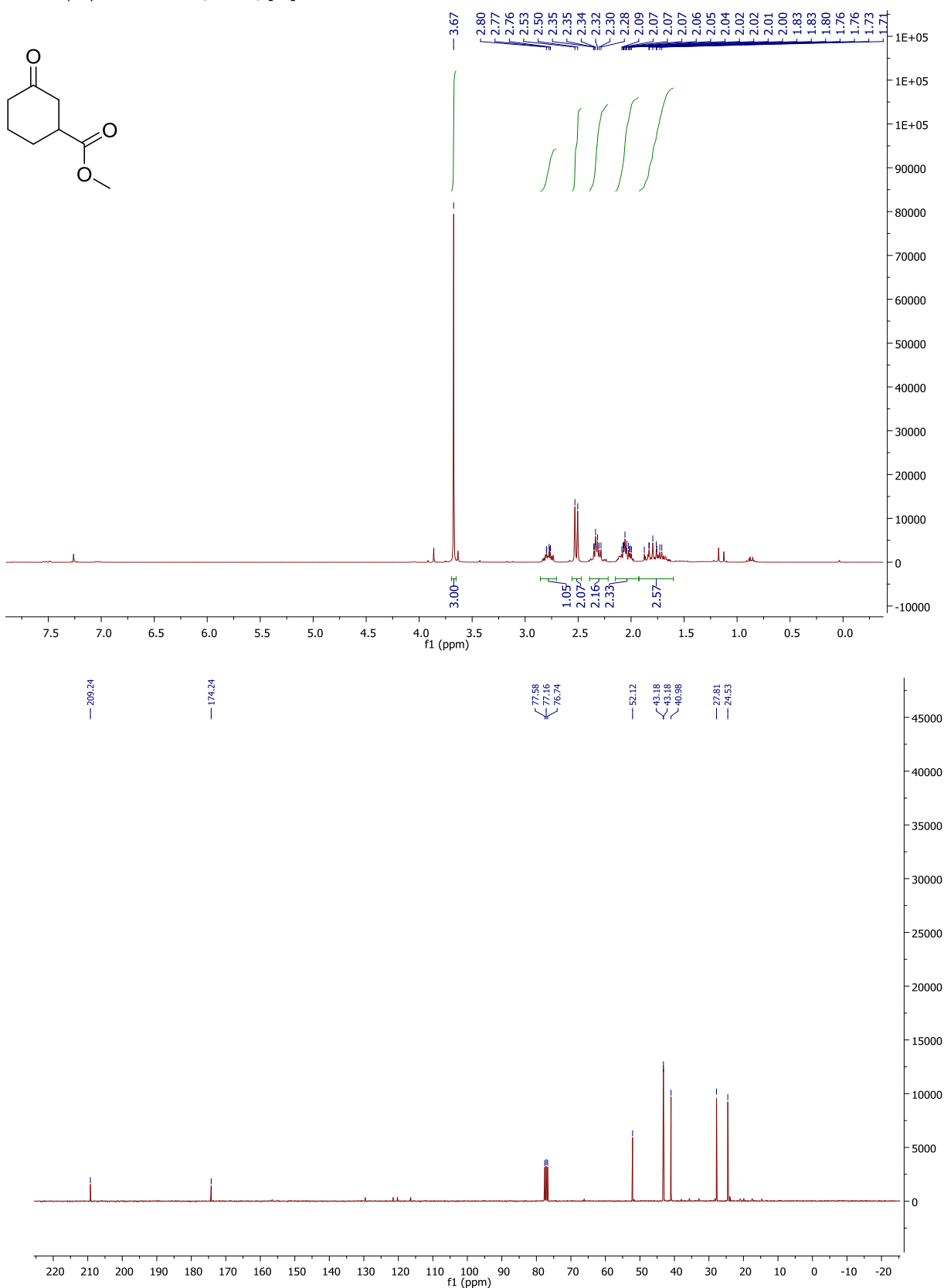
### GC analyses

Compound	Achiral Analysis		Chiral Analysis	
	Conditions	Retention time (min)	Conditions	Retention time (min)
<b>3</b>	column: 15 m DB-Wax, pressure: 0.4 bar H <sub>2</sub> ; injector: 230°C; oven: temperature gradient: 60–260°C with 6°C/min and then holding 260°C for 5 min, FID detector: 350°C;	11.30 Or 11.15		
<b>4</b>	Or column: 25 m SE-54, pressure: 0.5 bar H <sub>2</sub> ; injector: 230°C; oven: temperature gradient: 60–320°C with 6°C/min and then holding 320°C for 5 min, FID detector: 350°C.	10.64-10.67 Or 10.37-10.43	column: 25 m Lipodex-G, pressure: 0.5 bar H <sub>2</sub> ; injector: 220°C; oven: temperature gradient: 60–105°C with 1°C/min, then temperature gradient: 105–220°C with 12°C/min and then holding 220°C for 5 min FID detector: 320°C.  Or column: 25 m Lipodex-G, pressure: 0.5 bar H <sub>2</sub> ; injector: 220°C; oven: temperature gradient: 60–105°C with 1°C/min, then temperature gradient: 105–220°C with 14°C/min and then holding 220°C for 5 min FID detector: 320°C.	(R)-4: 39.3 (S)-4: 39.8  Or (R)-4: 38.9 (S)-4: 39.2



$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectra of compound **4** identical to the NMR-spectrum of an authentic sample prepared by a synthetic route according to reference<sup>10</sup>:

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  3.67 (s, 3H), 2.86–2.70 (m, 1H), 2.52 (d,  $^3J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 2.39–2.22 (m, 2H), 2.15–1.93 (m, 1H), 1.79 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  209.24, 174.24, 52.12, 43.18 (2), 40.98, 27.81, 24.53. HRMS (EI) calcd for  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_3$  [ $M$ ]<sup>+</sup>: 156.0786; found: 156.0787.



## Supporting Tables

**Table S1. Primers used for saturation mutagenesis in this study.**

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BM3_F87_nnk_Rv	CGTCCAGCTTGMNNAACCCGTCTCCTGC
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BM3_L437_ndt_fw	GGATATTAAAGAACTNDTACGTTAAAACCTGAAGGC
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BM3_L437_nnk_fw	GGATATTAAAGAACTNNKACGTTAAAACCTGAAGGC
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Table S2. P450 mutants cloned in pETM11 used in this study.

Entry	Position	Mutant <sup>[a]</sup>	Entry	Position	Mutant <sup>[a]</sup>
1	87	F87A	45	78-82-87	V78A/A82F/F87A
2	82-87	A82D/F87A	46	78-82-87	V78T/A82F/F87A
3	78-82-87	V78M/A82D/F87A	47	78-82-87	V78W/A82F/F87A
4	82-87	A82Y/F87A	48	78-82-87	V78T/A82G/F87A
5	78-82-87	V78M/A82E/F87A	49	78-82-87	V78S/A82W/F87A
6	82-87	A82Q/F87A	50	78-82-87	V78M/A82W/F87A
7	78-82-87	V78I/A82E/F87A	51	78-82-87	V78V/A82W/F87A
8	82-87	A82N/F87A	52	78-82-87	V78C/A82W/F87A
9	78-82-87	V78I/A82Q/F87A	53	78-82-87	V78C/A82W/F87A
10	78-82-87	V78C/A82N/F87A	54	87-185-188	<b>F87A/M185D/L188G</b>
11	82-87	A82S/F87A	55	87-185-188	F87A/M185N/L188G
12	78-82-87	V78L/A82E/F87A	56	87-185-188	F87A/M185G/L188G
13	78-82-87	V78L/A82S/F87A	57	87-185-188	F87A/M185R/L188G
14	78-82-87	V78M/A82N/F87A	58	87-185-188	F87A/M185S/L188G
15	78-82-87	V78C/A82G/F87A	59	87-185-188	F87A/M185S/L188A
16	78-82-87	V78A/A82A/F87A	60	87-185-188	F87A/M185S/L188S
17	78-82-87	V78L/A82C/F87A	61	87-185-188	F87A/M185N/L188C
18	78-82-87	V78C/A82L/F87A	62	87-185-188	F87A/M185D/L188C
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20	78-82-87	V78T/A82L/F87A	64	87-185-188	F87A/M185M/L188C
21	78-82-87	V78M/A82L/F87A	65	87-185-188	F87A/M185S/L188C
22	78-82-87	V78Y/A82M/F87A	66	87-185-188	F87A/M185G/L188C
23	82-87	<b>A82M/F87A</b>	67	87-185-188	F87A/M185S/L188D
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25	78-82-87	V78L/A82M/F87A	69	87-185-188	F87A/M185G/L188V
26	78-82-87	V78T/A82M/F87A	70	87-185-188	F87A/M185D/L188V
27	78-82-87	V78S/A82M/F87A	71	87-185-188	F87A/M185G/L188L
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29	78-82-87	<b>V78L/A82F/F87A</b>	73	87-185-188	F87A/M185R/L188S
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34	78-82-87	V78W/A82V/F87A	78	87-185-188	F87A/M185S/L188F
35	78-82-87	V78W/A82T/F87A	79	87-185-188	F87A/M185G/L188Y
36	78-82-87	V78M/A82W/F87A	80	87-185-188	<b>F87A/M185R/L188R</b>
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40	78-82-87	<b>V78L/A82W/F87A</b>	84	87-185-188	F87A/M185I/L188H
41	78-82-87	V78N/A82W/F87A	85	87-185-188	<b>F87A/M185H/L188N</b>
42	78-82-87	V78A/A82W/F87A	86	87-185-188	<b>F87A/M185F/L188H</b>
43	78-82-87	V78I/A82M/F87A	87	87-185-188	<b>F87A/M185I/L188R</b>
44	78-82-87	V78L/A82M/F87A			

[a] Mutants highlighted in bold letters are those shown in Table S3.

**Table S3. Mutants found showing highest production of compound 3 from screening of P450 mutants cloned in pETM11 plasmid.**

Entry	Name	Production of Compound 3 (%) <sup>[a]</sup>	P450 Concentration <sup>[b]</sup>
1	WT	4	24.8±4.2
2	F87A	10	24.3±3.3
3	A82M/F87A	12	23.7±3.6
4	V78L/A82F/F87A	55	25.4±3.2
5	V78M/A82F/F87A	50	27.6±3.8
6	V78L/A82W/F87A	47	25.4±4.2
7	V78L/M185D/L188G	28	24.8±3.1
8	V78L/M185R/L188R	54	24.3±4.6
9	V78L/M185H/L188N	14	28.2±3.1
10	V78L/M185F/L188H	18	30.9±4.8
11	V78L/M185I/L188R	29	24.3±4.3

[a] Average of three independent experiments.

[b] Concentration of active P450 fraction obtained after overexpression of was calculated as indicated above. Data obtained from P450 variants cloned into pRSF-P450-F87A vector and expressed in BOU730 cells.

**Table S4. Primers used for QuikChange mutagenesis of pRSF-P450-F87A in the present work.**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Sequence (5'→3')</b>
78V-82M_fw	CGCTTAAATTTGTACGTGATTTTATGGGAGACGGGTTAGCTACAAGC
78V-82M_rv	GCTTGTAGCTAACCCTCTCCATAAAATCACGTACAAATTTAAGCG
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78L-82W_fw	CGCTTAAATTTTTGCGTGATTTTTGGGGAGACGGGTTAGCTACAAGC
78L-82W_rv	GCTTGTAGCTAACCCTCTCCCCAAAAATCACGCAAAATTTAAGCG
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185D-188G_rv	GGATTTGCTCGCTGCCCTTGTATCTGCTTCATCCAGTGC
185R-188R_fw	GCACTGGATGAAGCAAGGAACAAGAGGCAGCGAGCAAATCC
185R-188R_rv	GGATTTGCTCGCTGCCTCTTGTTCCTTGCTTCATCCAGTGC
185H-188N_fw	GCACTGGATGAAGCACATAACAAGAACCAGCGAGCAAATCC
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185F-188H_rv	GGATTTGCTCGCTGATGCTTGTGAATGCTTCATCCAGTGC
185I-188R_fw	GCACTGGATGAAGCAATTAACAAGAGGCAGCGAGCAAATCC
185I-188R_rv	GGATTTGCTCGCTGCCTCTTGTAAATTGCTTCATCCAGTGC

**Table S5. Primers used for QuikChange mutagenesis of pACYC-YqjM plasmids in the present work.**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Sequence (5'→3')</b>
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YqjM-C26D_rv	ATACATATGCATTGGCACATGACAATGC
YqjM-C26G_fw	GCCAATGGGCATGTATTCTTCTCATGAAAAGG
YqjM-C26G_rv	ATACATGCCCATTGGCACATGACAATGC
YqjM-C26D(gac)_fw	GCCAATGGACATGTATTCTTCTCATGAAAAGG
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**Table S6. Primers used for construction of (*S*)- and (*R*)-strains.**

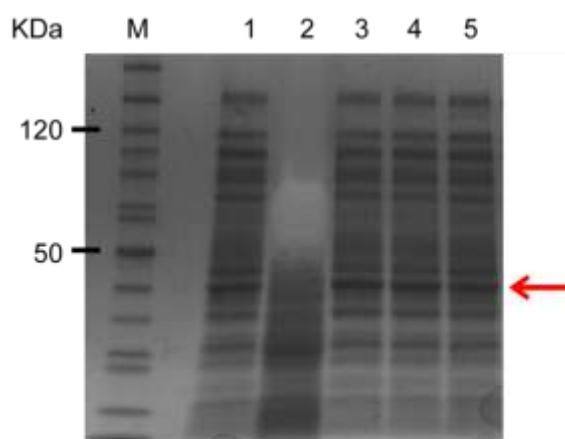
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Kan-Down-fw-test	TATCAGGACATAGCGTTGGCTACC
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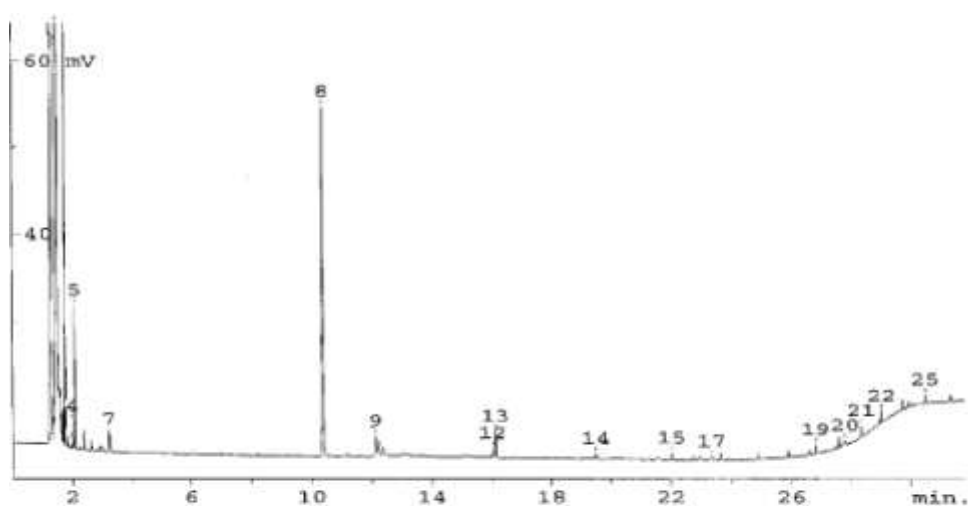
**Table S7. Summary of results obtained with the three different cascade approaches devised in this study.**

<b>Cascade reaction approach<sup>[a]</sup></b>	<b>YqjM mutant used (selectivity)</b>	<b>Production of compound 4(%) / ee(%)</b>
(1)	C26D ( <i>R</i> )	85/99
	C26G ( <i>S</i> )	85/99
(2)	C26D ( <i>R</i> )	48/99
	C26G ( <i>S</i> )	48/99
(3)	C26D ( <i>R</i> )	55/99
	C26G ( <i>S</i> )	52/99

[a] P450-BM3 mutant V78L/A82F/F87A was used in all cascade reaction approaches devised.



**Figure S1.** SDS-PAGE analysis of YqjM overexpressing from the five BOU730 cells that contain FRT-kan-FRT-T7-YqjM\_C26D cassette inserted into genome judging by PCR (see details above). Red arrow indicates YqjM band. Molecular standards (line M) of 50 and 120 kDa are indicated.



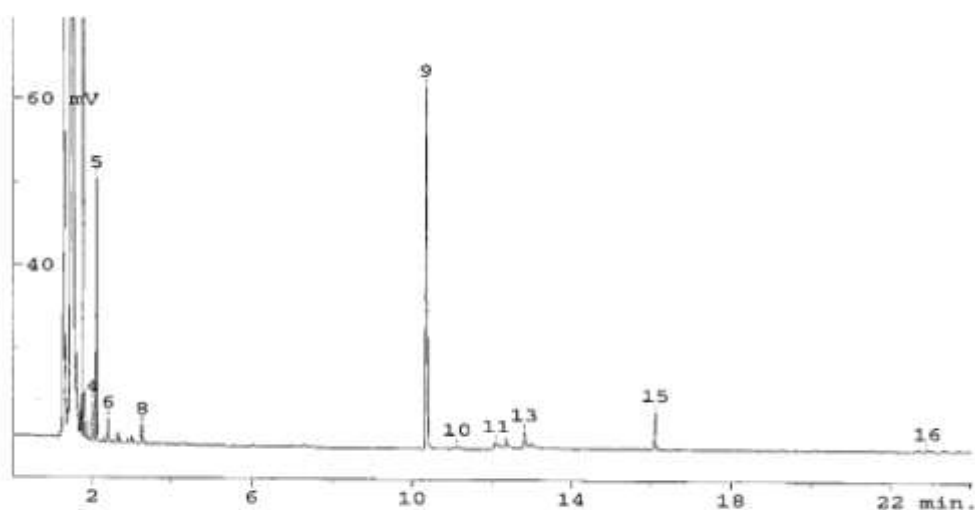
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13	16.13	5.87	
14	19.49	1.22	
15	22.02	1.22	
16	22.94	1.23	
17	23.35	1.13	

**Figure S2.** Achiral GC analysis of compounds produced in a representative experiment of “Multi-enzymatic cascade transformation approach (1)” using P450 LFA and YqjM C26G mutants overexpressed in BOU730 cells and 1.5 mM of starting material **1**. “\*” Corresponds to unknown compounds of M.W. 170 (corresponding to an over-oxidation of compound **3**).



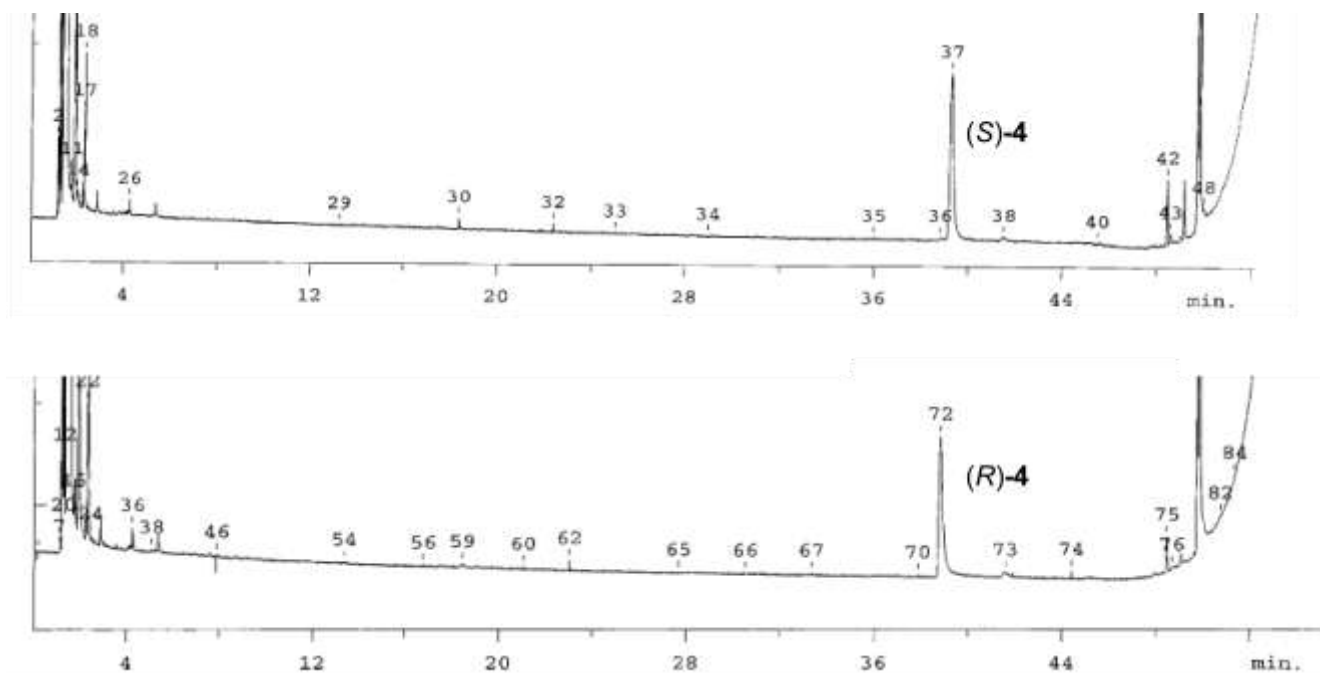
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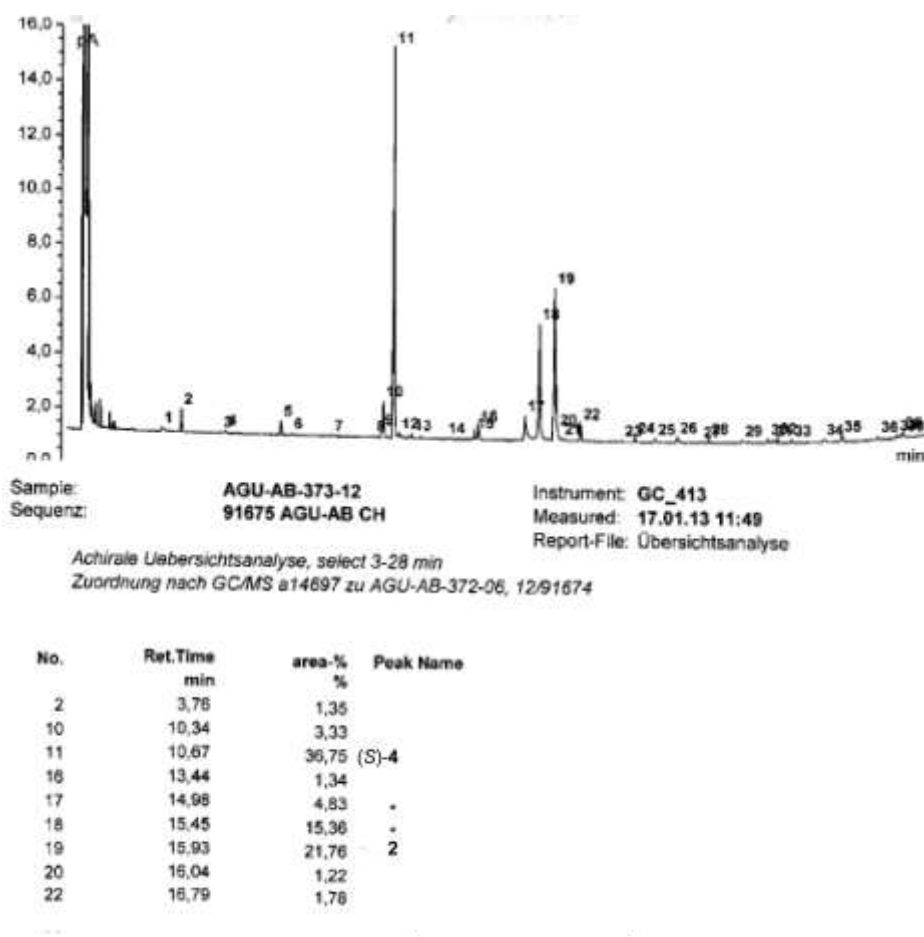
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15	16.12	8.55	*

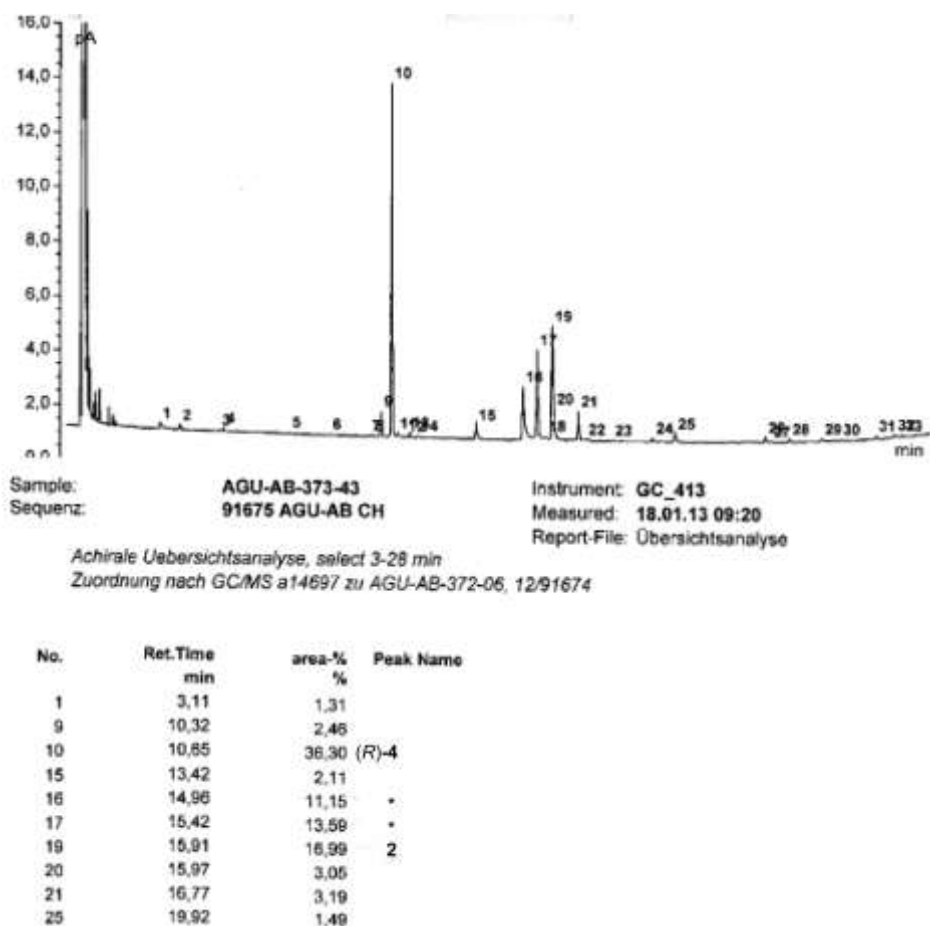
**Figure S3.** Achiral GC analysis of compounds produced in a representative experiment of “Multi-enzymatic cascade transformation approach (1)” using P450 LFA and YqjM C26D mutants overexpressed in BOU730 cells and 1.5 mM of starting material **1**. “\*” Corresponds to unknown compounds of M.W. 170 (corresponding to an over-oxidation of compound **3**).



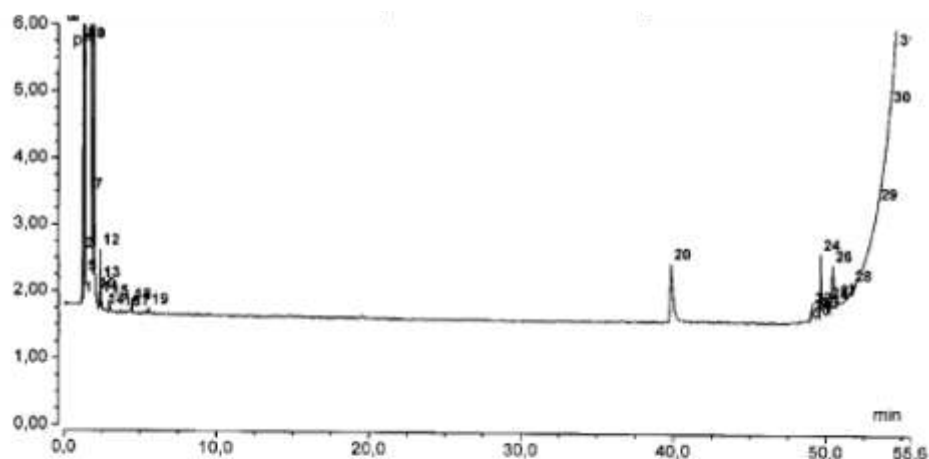
**Figure S4.** Chiral GC analysis of compounds produced in a representative experiment of “Multi-enzymatic cascade transformation approach (1)” using 1.5 mM of starting material **1**. Upper: Results from reaction using YqjM C26G mutant [peak 36 corresponds to (*R*)-**4**, peak 37 corresponds to (*S*)-**4**]. Lower: Results from reaction using YqjM C26D mutant [peak 72 corresponds to (*R*)-**4**, no traces of peak corresponding to (*S*)-**4**].



**Figure S5.** Achiral GC analysis of compounds produced in a representative experiment of “Multi-enzymatic cascade transformation approach (2)” using P450 LFA and YqjM C26G mutants overexpressed in BOU730 cells and 1.5 mM of starting material **1**. “\*” Corresponds to unknown compounds of M.W. 172 (corresponding to an over-oxidation of compound **4**).



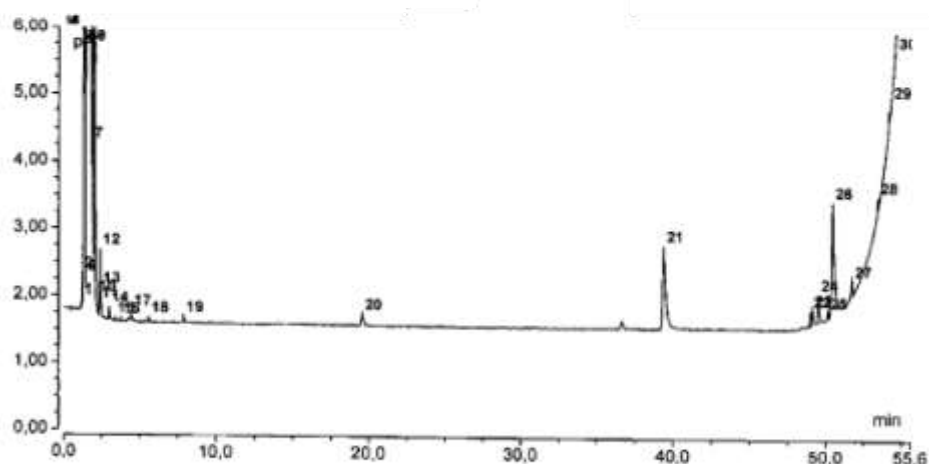
**Figure S6.** Achiral GC analysis of compounds produced in a representative experiment of “Multi-enzymatic cascade transformation approach (2)” using P450 LFA and YqjM C26D mutants overexpressed in BOU730 cells and 1.5 mM of starting material **1**. “\*” Corresponds to unknown compounds of M.W. 172 (corresponding to an over-oxidation of compound **4**).



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20	39,86	100,00	S ( <i>S</i> )-4



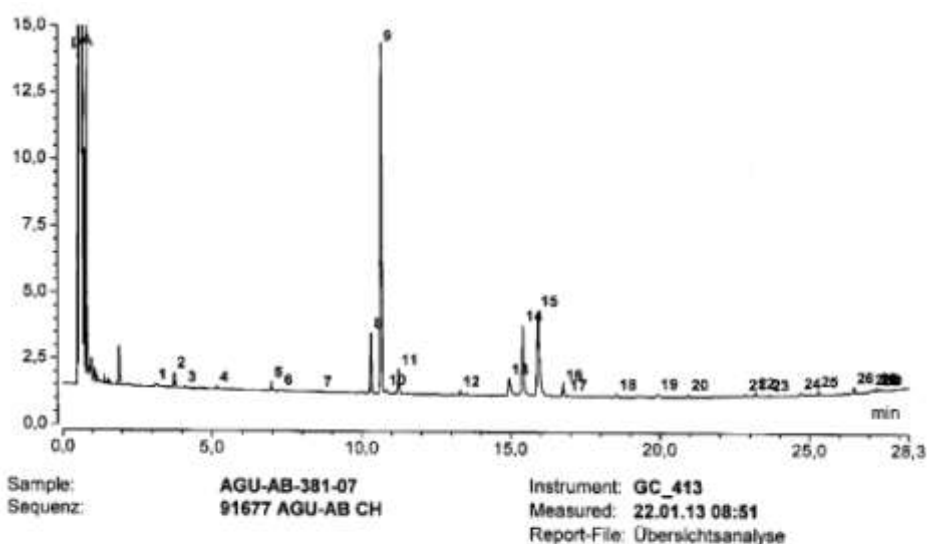
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No.	Ret.Time min	Rel.Area %	Peak Name
21	39,37	100,00	R ( <i>R</i> )-4

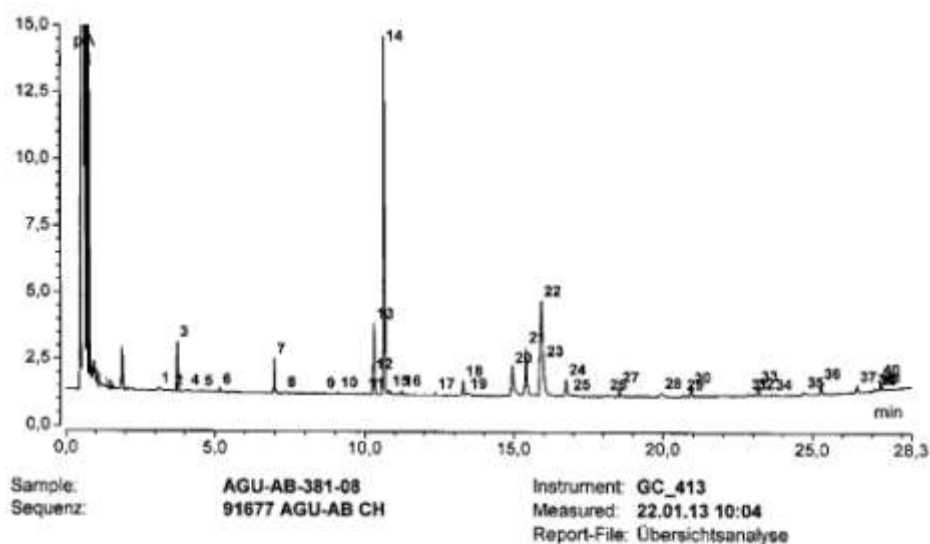
**Figure S7.** Chiral GC analysis of compounds produced in a representative experiment of “Multi-enzymatic cascade transformation approach (2)” using 1.5 mM of starting material 1. Upper: Results from reaction using YqjM C26G mutant [peak 20 corresponds to (*S*)-4, no traces of peak corresponding to (*R*)-4]. Lower: Results from reaction using YqjM C26D mutant [peak 21 corresponds to (*R*)-4, no traces of peak corresponding to (*S*)-4].





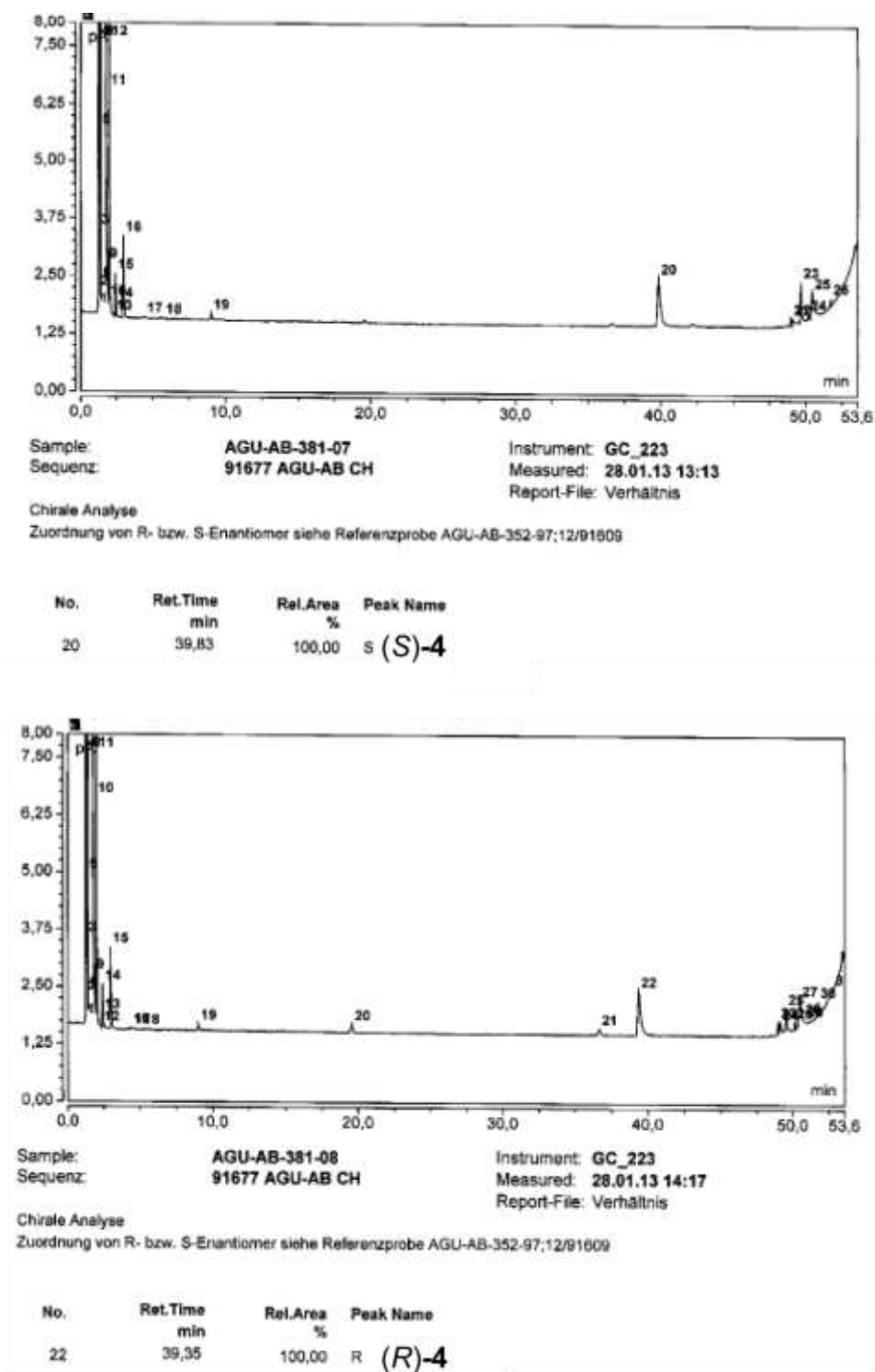
No.	Ret.Time min	area-% %	Peak Name
1	3,13	0,89	
2	3,75	1,07	
5	6,98	0,79	
8	10,31	6,73	
9	10,64	40,36	(S)-4
11	11,24	2,85	
13	14,95	4,14	*
14	15,41	11,61	*
15	15,92	22,41	2
16	16,78	1,45	
19	19,94	0,80	
24	24,72	0,53	
25	25,30	0,57	
26	26,50	0,76	
27	27,10	0,68	
30	27,44	0,54	

**Figure S8.** Achiral GC analysis of compounds produced in a representative experiment of “Multi-enzymatic cascade transformation approach (3)” using P450 LFA and YqjM C26G mutants overexpressed in “(S)-strain” and 1.5 mM of starting material 1. “\*” Corresponds to unknown compounds of M.W. 172 (corresponding to an over-oxidation of compound 4).



No.	Ret. Time min	area-% %	Peak Name
1	3,12	0,71	
3	3,75	2,89	
7	6,98	2,39	
12	10,28	1,08	
13	10,32	6,35	
14	10,65	34,62 (R)-4	
15	10,83	0,60	
16	13,31	1,06	
19	13,45	0,62	
20	14,96	5,67	*
21	15,42	6,95	*
22	15,93	20,00	2
23	16,02	4,36	
24	16,77	1,87	
27	18,56	0,72	
28	19,97	0,86	
30	20,95	0,74	
33	23,19	0,94	
35	24,73	0,55	
36	25,29	1,19	
37	26,51	0,85	
40	27,28	0,92	

**Figure S9.** Achiral GC analysis of compounds produced in a representative experiment of “Multi-enzymatic cascade transformation approach (3)” using P450 LFA and YqjM C26D mutants overexpressed in “(S)-strain” and 1.5 mM of starting material **1**. “\*” Corresponds to unknown compounds of M.W. 172 (corresponding to an over-oxidation of compound **4**)



**FigureS10.** Chiral GC analysis of compounds produced in a representative experiment of “Multi-enzymatic cascade transformation approach (3)” using 1.5 mM of starting material 1. Upper: Results from reaction using YqjM C26G mutant produced by “(S)-strain” [peak 20 corresponds to (S)-4, no traces of peak corresponding to (R)-4]. Lower: Results from reaction using YqjM C26D mutant produced by “(S)-strain” [peak 22 corresponds to (R)-4, no traces of peak corresponding to (S)-4].