## **Supplemental Data**

## The relationship between enhanced enzyme activity and structural dynamics in ionic liquids: a combined computational and experimental study

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**Figure S1.** Chemical structure of solvents used in this study. (a) 1-Butyl-3-methylimidazolium ([Bmim]<sup>+</sup>), (b) Trifluoromethanesulfonate ([TfO]<sup>-</sup>) and (c) *tert*-butanol.

Table S1.	Simulation	set-up.
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Salvant	Components	Number of	Volume of	
Solvent	Components	Ions / Molecules <sup>a</sup>	Simulation Box <sup><math>b</math></sup> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	
[Bmim][TfO]	$[Bmim]^+$	452	596,523	
	$[TfO]^{-}$	451		
<u>tert-butanol</u>	$Na^+$	1	636,935	
	<i>tert</i> -butanol	1,444		
[Bmim][Cl]	$[Bmim]^+$	494	604 054	
	Cl	493	094,954	
0.3M NaCl solution	Water	10,543		
	Na <sup>+</sup>	82	454,682	
	Cl	81		

<sup>*a*</sup> One cation ([Bmim]<sup>+</sup>, or Na<sup>+</sup>) was additionally added into system to neutralize charge of system.

<sup>b</sup> Distance between any atom of enzyme and the edge of periodic box is at least 10 Å.



**Figure S2.** The production yield of butyl acetate after 12 h reaction in [Bmim][TfO], *tert*-butanol and [Bmim][Cl].

**Table S2.** The average of initial reaction rate of lipase-catalyzed trans-esterification of butyl

 alcohol with vinyl acetate in [Bmim][TfO], *tert*-butanol, [Bmim][Cl].

Solvent	Initial Reaction Rate (mM / hr)
[Bmim][TfO]	0.863
<i>tert</i> -butanol	0.619
[Bmim][Cl]	0.153



**Figure S3.** Root mean square deviation (RMSD) of CALB that was calculated for backbone atoms as a function of time during 100 ns in [Bmim][TfO] (Red), *tert*-butanol (Blue), [Bmim][Cl] (Green), and 0.3M NaCl solution (Black).



**Figure S4.** (a) Snapshot of CD1 atoms of ILE-189 and ILE-285, and (b-e) temporal profiles of the distance between CD1 atoms in ILE-189 and ILE-285 in (b) [Bmim][TfO], (c) *tert*-butanol, (d) [Bmim][Cl], and (e) 0.3M NaCl. Average profile is shown as black line. A black dotted line indicates the threshold distance for closed conformation and red shading indicates time periods when the distance is less than 5 Å.



**Figure S5.** Conformational changes of the alpha-10 helix region in various solvents (a) initial X-ray crystal structure, (b) [Bmim][TfO], (c) *tert*-butanol, (d) [Bmim][Cl], (e) 0.3M NaCl (Open), (f) 0.3M NaCl (Closed). Region with significant conformational changes is shown in red. ILE-189 and ILE-285 are shown as stick molecular model.

Table S3. The number of anions that interact with CALB and the average non-bonded energy between CALB and one anion.

	Number of	Non-bonded
	anions that	energy between
	interact	an anion and
	with	$CALB^{b}$
	$CALB^{a}$	(kcal/mol)
[Bmim][TfO]	55	-53.372
[Bmim][Cl]	37	-102.646

<sup>*a*</sup> within 2.5 Å from surface of CALB <sup>*b*</sup>Non-bonded energy = electrostatic energy + Van der Waals contribution