

**Table S1 Plasmids and bacterial strains used in this study.** Summarized details of plasmids and recombinant A514 strains, including replicon, antibiotic resistance, functional elements, and source.

Strain or Plasmid	Relevant characteristic(s) <sup>a</sup>	Source or Reference
<b>Plasmids</b>		
pPROBE-GT	pVS1/p15a Gm <sup>r</sup> gfp	(Miller et al., 2000)
pUC57-Pmin-tat-lac	Amp <sup>r</sup> ; P <sub>min</sub> ::tat-Laccase	Personalbio Company
pUCP18-Gm	Amp <sup>r</sup> ; Gm <sup>r</sup> , shuttle vector; lacZ with MCS	(23)
pGlac	pPROBE-GT derivative, P <sub>xylA</sub> ::Laccase	This study
pUlac	pUCP18-Gm derivative, P <sub>xylA</sub> ::Laccase	This study
pUI	pUCP18-Gm derivative, P <sub>min</sub> ::ABC transporters	This study
pUI-2539	pUI derivative, P <sub>xylA</sub> ::His-tag-Laccase-2539 C-terminal signal sequence	This study
pUI-2549	pUI derivative, P <sub>xylA</sub> :: His-tag-Laccase-2549 C-terminal signal sequence	This study
pUI-rrnb	pUI derivative, His · tag-laccase-C-terminal signal sequence of 2549-T1/T2 terminators	This study
pGoprI	pPROBE-GT derivative, P <sub>xylA</sub> ::oprI-Laccase-His-tag	This study
pGpbP	pPROBE-GT derivative, P <sub>xylA</sub> ::pbP-Laccase-His-tag	This study
pGpelB	pPROBE-GT derivative, P <sub>xylA</sub> ::pelB-Laccase-His-tag	This study
pGtat	pPROBE-GT derivative, P <sub>xylA</sub> ::tat-Laccase-His-tag	This study
pG0383	pPROBE-GT derivative, P <sub>xylA</sub> ::0380-Laccase-His-tag	This study
pG0620	pPROBE-GT derivative, P <sub>xylA</sub> ::0620-Laccase-His-tag	This study
pG1543	pPROBE-GT derivative, P <sub>xylA</sub> ::1543-Laccase-His-tag	This study
pG1921	pPROBE-GT derivative, P <sub>xylA</sub> ::1921-Laccase-His-tag	This study

pG2816	pPROBE-GT derivative, P <sub>xylA</sub> ::2816-Laccase-His·tag	This study
pG4529	pPROBE-GT derivative, P <sub>xylA</sub> ::4529-Laccase-His·tag	This study
pG4580	pPROBE-GT derivative, P <sub>xylA</sub> ::4580-Laccase-His·tag	This study
pU2816	pUCP18-Gm derivative, P <sub>xylA</sub> ::2816-His·tag-Laccase	This study
pUV-ABC-2816	pU2816 derivative, P <sub>van</sub> ::tatABC	This study
pUM-ABC-2816	pU2816 derivative, P <sub>min</sub> ::tatABC	This study
pUV-1761	pU2816 derivative, P <sub>xylA</sub> ::2816-His·tag-Laccase-1761 β domain	This study
pUV-2541A	pU2816 derivative, P <sub>xylA</sub> ::2816-His·tag-Laccase-2541A β domain	This study
pUV-3548	pU2816 derivative, P <sub>xylA</sub> ::2816-His·tag-Laccase-3548 β domain	This study
pUV-4947	pU2816 derivative, P <sub>xylA</sub> ::2816-His·tag-Laccase-4947 β domain	This study
pUV2541B	pU2816 derivative, P <sub>xylA</sub> ::2816-His·tag-Laccase-2541B β domain	This study
pUV-2541C	pU2816 derivative, P <sub>xylA</sub> ::2816-His·tag-Laccase-2541C β domain	This study
pUV-2541D	pU2816 derivative, P <sub>xylA</sub> ::2816-His·tag-Laccase-2541D β domain	This study
pUV-rnb	pU2816 derivative, P <sub>xylA</sub> ::2816-His·tag-2541D β domain	This study
pUVV-ABC-2541D	pUV-2541D derivative, P <sub>van</sub> ::tatABC	This study
pUVM-ABC-2541D	pUV-2541D derivative, P <sub>min</sub> ::tatABC	This study
pUV-thromobin-2541D	pUV-2541D derivative, P <sub>xylA</sub> ::2816-His·tag-Laccase-thrombin cleavage site-2541D β domain	This study
pUV-MHT <sup>a</sup> - 2541A	pUV-2541A derivative, P <sub>xylA</sub> ::2816-MHT-2541A β domain	This study
pUV-MHT- 2541B	pUV-2541B derivative, P <sub>xylA</sub> ::2816-MHT-2541B β domain	This study
pUV-MHT- 2541C	pUV-2541C derivative, P <sub>xylA</sub> ::2816-MHT-2541C β domain	This study
pUV-MHT- 2541D	pUV-2541D derivative, P <sub>xylA</sub> ::2816-MHT-2541D β domain	This study
pUV-MHT-Lac-2541A	pUV-2541A derivative, P <sub>xylA</sub> ::2816-MHT-Laccase-2541A β domain	This study

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pUV-MHT-Lac-2541B	pUV-2541B derivative, P <sub>xylA</sub> ::2816-MHT-Laccase-2541B β domain	This study
pUV-MHT-Lac-2541C	pUV-2541C derivative, P <sub>xylA</sub> ::2816-MHT-Laccase-2541C β domain	This study
pUV-MHT-Lac-2541D	pUV-2541D derivative, P <sub>xylA</sub> ::2816-MHT-Laccase-2541D β domain	This study
<b>Strains</b>		
<i>E. coli</i> Mach I	F- <i>delta lacX74 hsdR(rk mk<sup>+</sup>) delta rec1398 endA1 tonA</i>	Takara
<i>P. putida</i> A514	Wild type	This study
A <sub>pGT</sub>	A514 carrying pPROBE-GT	This study
A <sub>pGlac</sub>	A514 carrying pGT-lac	This study
A <sub>pGoprI</sub>	A514 carrying pGoprI	This study
A <sub>pGpbp</sub>	A514 carrying pGpbp	This study
A <sub>pGpelb</sub>	A514 carrying pGpelb	This study
A <sub>pGtat</sub>	A514 carrying pGtat	This study
A <sub>pG383</sub>	A514 carrying pG383	This study
A <sub>pG620</sub>	A514 carrying pG620	This study
A <sub>pG1543</sub>	A514 carrying pG1543	This study
A <sub>pG1921</sub>	A514 carrying pG1921	This study
A <sub>pG2816</sub>	A514 carrying pG2816	This study
A <sub>pG4529</sub>	A514 carrying pG4529	This study
A <sub>pG4580</sub>	A514 carrying pG4580	This study
A <sub>pU</sub>	A514 carrying pUCP18-Gm	This study
A <sub>pUlac</sub>	A514 carrying pUlac	This study
A <sub>pUI-2539</sub>	A514 carrying pUI-2539	This study
A <sub>pUI-2549</sub>	A514 carrying pUI-2549	This study

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A <sub>p</sub> UI-rrnb	A514 carrying pUI-rrnb	This study
A <sub>p</sub> U2816	A514 carrying pU2816	This study
A <sub>p</sub> UV-ABC-2816	A514 carrying pUV-ABC-2816	This study
A <sub>p</sub> UM-ABC-2816	A514 carrying pUM-ABC-2816	This study
A <sub>p</sub> UV-1761	A514 carrying pUV-1761	This study
A <sub>p</sub> UV-2541A	A514 carrying pUV-2541A	This study
A <sub>p</sub> UV-3548	A514 carrying pUV-3548	This study
A <sub>p</sub> UV-4947	A514 carrying pUV-4947	This study
A <sub>p</sub> UV-2541B	A514 carrying pUV-2541B	This study
A <sub>p</sub> UV-2541C	A514 carrying pUV-2541C	This study
A <sub>p</sub> UV-2541D	A514 carrying pUV-2541D	This study
A <sub>p</sub> UV-rrnb	A514 carrying pUV-rrnb	This study
A <sub>p</sub> UVV-ABC-2541D	A514 carrying pUVV-ABC-2541D	This study
A <sub>p</sub> UVM-ABC-2541D	A514 carrying pUVM-ABC-2541D	This study
A <sub>p</sub> UV-thromobin-2541D	A514 carrying pUV-thromobin-2541D	This study
A <sub>p</sub> UV-MHT-2541A	A514 carrying pUV-MHT-2541A	This study
A <sub>p</sub> UV-MHT-2541B	A514 carrying pUV-MHT-2541B	This study
A <sub>p</sub> UV-MHT-2541C	A514 carrying pUV-MHT-2541C	This study
A <sub>p</sub> UV-MHT-2541D	A514 carrying pUV-MHT-2541D	This study
A <sub>p</sub> UV-MHT-Lac-2541A	A514 carrying pUV-MHT-Lac-2541A	This study
A <sub>p</sub> UV-MHT-Lac-2541B	A514 carrying pUV-MHT-Lac-2541B	This study
A <sub>p</sub> UV-MHT-Lac-2541C	A514 carrying pUV-MHT-Lac-2541C	This study
A <sub>p</sub> UV-MHT-Lac-2541D	A514 carrying pUV-MHT-Lac-2541D	This study

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<sup>a</sup>MHT, epitope containing the Myc epitope, His epitope, and thrombin protease recognition sequence

**Table S2 Optimization of intracellular laccase production in the recombinant *P. putida* A514 strains.**

Enzyme	Strain	Parameter	Range	Optimum range	Optimum U/mL <sup>b</sup>	Activity
Laccase <sup>a</sup>	A <sub>p</sub> GLac	Origin	\	\	0.73 ± 0.03	
		pH	5.0-8.0	6.0	0.79 ± 0.20	
		Metal ion	Mn <sup>2+</sup>	0-2 mM	0	0.66 ± 0.04
		Metal ion	Cu <sup>2+</sup>	0-0.2 mM	0.2 mM	0.88 ± 0.12
			Fe <sup>2+</sup>	0 mM, 0.5mM and 1 mM	1 mM	1.01 ± 0.11
		Cu <sup>2+</sup> with 1 mM Fe <sup>2+</sup>	0.5-2 mM	1 mM	1.83 ± 0.12	
		Temperature	20-30 °C	20 °C	2.28 ± 0.09	
		Shaker speed	50-200 rpm	100 rpm	3.44 ± 0.17	
		Incubation time	24-72 h	60 h	3.36 ± 0.06	
	A <sub>p</sub> ULac	Vectors	pPROBE-GT pUCP18-Gm	pUCP18-Gm	99.73 ± 4.48	

<sup>a</sup>For laccase activity, the absorption at 420 nm of intracellular extracts from A<sub>p</sub>UCP18 or A<sub>p</sub>GT was employed as the blank control to eliminate the

interference of background enzyme activity.

<sup>b</sup> U/mL: the enzyme activity per one milliliter batch culture broth.

**Table S3 Optimization of extracellular laccase production in the recombinant *P. putida* A514 strains via the TISS strategy.**

Enzyme	Strain	Parameter	Range	Optimum range	Optimum U/mL	Activity
Laccase	A <sub>pUI-2549</sub>	OD600	0-7.5	7.5	2.85 ± 0.13	
		Time point of adding 2 mM xylose	0 h, 8 h and 14 h	8 h	5.72 ± 0.29	
		Shaker speed	100-150 rpm	150 rpm	6.98 ± 0.31	
		Temperature	20-30 °C	25 °C	8.42 ± 0.41	
		Time point of adding 1 mM CuSO <sub>4</sub>	0 h, 22 h and 44 h	22 h	15.47 ± 1.37	

A<sub>pUlac</sub> was employed as the blank control to eliminate the interference of background enzyme activity.

**Table S4 Optimization of extracellular laccase production from the recombinant *P. putida* A514 strains by the TVSS strategy.**

Enzyme	Strain	Parameter	Range	Optimum range	Optimum Activity U/mL
<b>Laccase (Peri.)<sup>a</sup></b>	A <sub>p</sub> G1543		1543		
	A <sub>p</sub> G2816	TAT signal peptides	2816	2816	16.65 ± 0.86
	A <sub>p</sub> G4529		4529		
	A <sub>p</sub> G2816	Vectors	pPROBE-GT		
	A <sub>p</sub> U2816		pUCP18-Gm	pUCP18-Gm	49.16 ± 1.63
	A <sub>p</sub> U2816		Without TatABC		
	A <sub>p</sub> UV-ABC-2816	TatABC transporters	P <sub>van</sub> ::tatA tatB tatC		
	A <sub>p</sub> UM-ABC-2816		P <sub>min</sub> ::tatA tatB tatC	without TatABC	50.08 ± 1.65
	A <sub>p</sub> UV1761		1761		
<b>Laccase (Extra. attached)<sup>b</sup></b>	A <sub>p</sub> UV2541A	β domain	2541A		
	A <sub>p</sub> UV3548		3548	2541A	15.99 ± 2.02
	A <sub>p</sub> UV4947		4947		
	A <sub>p</sub> UV2541A		2541A		
	A <sub>p</sub> UV2541B	Linker domain	2541B		
	A <sub>p</sub> UV2541C		2541C	2541D	23.42 ± 2.41
	A <sub>p</sub> UV2541D		2541D		
	A <sub>p</sub> UV-2541D	Time point of adding 2 mM xylose	0 h		
			9 h	9 h	84.26 ± 1.81
			23 h		

Temperature	20-28 °C	25 °C	109.29 ± 11.31
Agitation	50-150 rpm	150 rpm	109.29 ± 11.31
Time point of adding 1 mM CuSO <sub>4</sub>	0 h 22 h 45 h	22 h	298.64 ± 13.71
A <sub>pUV-2541D</sub>	Without TatABC		
A <sub>pUVV-ABC-2541D</sub> TatABC transporters	P <sub>van</sub> :: <i>tatA tatB tatC</i>	without TatABC	298.64 ± 13.71
A <sub>pUVM-ABC-2541D</sub>	P <sub>min</sub> :: <i>tatA tatB tatC</i>		

<sup>a</sup> Laccase activity in the periplasmic space.

<sup>b</sup> Laccase was displayed on the cell surface. Its activity was detected by the whole-cell laccase activity assay, where A<sub>pUlac</sub> was employed as the blank control to eliminate the interference of background enzyme activity.

**Table S5 Cultivation optimization of the recombinant *P. putida* A514 strains in M9-lignin rich medium.**

Strain	Parameter	Range	Optimum range	CFU growth folds	Lignin utilization
A <sub>p</sub> U				450 ± 49	2.65% ± 3.32%
A <sub>p</sub> UI-2549	Origin	\	\	1141 ± 92	4.29% ± 0.16%
A <sub>p</sub> UV-2541D				937 ± 75	4.78% ± 0.64%
A <sub>p</sub> U		10 µM Cu <sup>2+</sup> at 36 h plus 10 µM		2533 ± 250	4.70% ± 0.03%
A <sub>p</sub> UI-2549	Cu <sup>2+</sup>	Cu <sup>2+</sup> at 48 h	20 µM Cu <sup>2+</sup> at 36 h	2050 ± 263	7.27% ± 0.71%
A <sub>p</sub> UV-2541D		20 µM Cu <sup>2+</sup> at 36 h		1378 ± 125	7.64% ± 0.31%
A <sub>p</sub> U				301328 ± 1286	4.56% ± 2.40%
A <sub>p</sub> UI-2549	NH <sub>4</sub> Cl	0.25, 0.5 and 1 g/L	0.5 g/L	2159289 ± 11593	10.42% ± 1.80%
A <sub>p</sub> UV-2541D				315436 ± 9012	8.74% ± 0.46%
A <sub>p</sub> U				411656 ± 1466	4.97% ± 1.13%
A <sub>p</sub> UI-2549	Yeast Extract	0.05% and 0.1%	0.1%	19875974 ± 290525	13.72% ± 0.99%
A <sub>p</sub> UV-2541D				21559069 ± 906720	9.89% ± 0.47%
A <sub>p</sub> U				14852708 ± 445258	6.98% ± 0.96%
A <sub>p</sub> UI-2549	xylose	3, 5, 7 and 12 mM	5 mM	31480027 ± 802956	12.01% ± 0.99%
A <sub>p</sub> UV-2541D				29228019 ± 308002	9.09% ± 3.48%
A <sub>p</sub> U				19607520 ± 84439	4.62% ± 1.16%
A <sub>p</sub> UI-2549	Inoculum size	10 <sup>3</sup> , 10 <sup>4</sup> and 10 <sup>5</sup> CFUs/mL	10 <sup>4</sup> CFUs/mL	52682480 ± 132249	12.58% ± 0.37%
A <sub>p</sub> UV-2541D				49584584 ± 322426	12.13% ± 0.72%

Table S6 Primers used in this study.

Primer	Sequence
Lac-Fwd(int)	5'-TGCCCAGCCGGAGATGGCCCCAGCTGCAAAGGGGATCA-3'
Lac-Rev	5'-TTATCGGTACCTCAGTGGTGGTGGT-3'
oprI-F	5'-AAAAGTCAGATGAACAACGTTCTGAAATTCTCTGC-3'
oprI-R	5'-GTGATCCCCTTGCAGCTGGACCCATGCTGCTGCAACC-3'
pbp-F	5'-TTCCCTGCAGATGAAACTGAAACGTTGATGGCGGCAATGACTTTGTCGCTGCTGGCGT-3'
pbp-F(-lac)	5'-TTTGTCGCTGCTGGCGTTGCGACCGTCAACGCGGTGGCCCCAGCTGCAAAGGGG-3'
pelb-F	5'-GCCGATCTGCAGATGAAATACTGCTGCCGACC-3'
pelB-R	5'-TGATCCCCTTGCAGCTGGGCCATGCCGGCTGGCA-3'
383-F	5'-GTCCTGCAGATGAACCCTAGCCTGACTGAT-3'
383-R	5'-GTGATCCCCTTGCAGCTGGGCAAAGCCGCTGGCC-3'
620-F	5'-GTCCTGCAGATGACTACGCGCAACCCA-3'
620-R	5'-GTGATCCCCTTGCAGCTGGCCGCCGTTGCGG-3'
1543-F	5'-AAAAGTCAGATGCACCGCAGGAATTGC-3'
1543-R	5'-GTGATCCCCTTGCAGCTGGACGGTTGCGGCCAG-3'
1921-F	5'-TCACACAAGGAGCTGCAGATGAGCAATGACGGCGTG-3'

1921-R	5'-GTGATCCCCTTGAGCTGGTGCACCTGCGGCTTCG-3'
2816-F	5'-GTCCTGCAGATGAGTGATTAGAACAAATTTCAGC-3'
2816-R	5'-GTGATCCCCTTGAGCTGGGGCGCGGCCATGGCCGGCAGGT-3'
4529-F	5'-TTCCCTGCAGATGTCTGATCAAGATCAAGACAACC-3'
4529-R	5'-GTGATCCCCTTGAGCTGGCTGGCCGGAGCGGC-3'
4580-F	5'-AAAAGTGCAGATGTTAATCAAGATCCCCAAAGCG-3'
4580-R	5'-GTGATCCCCTTGAGCTGGAGCATCGTCCGCACTGG-3'
Gm F	5'-GCCGCTCGAGTTGACATAAGCCTGTTGGTTC-3'
Gm R	5'-ACGGGGTACCTTAGGTGGCGGTACTTGGGT-3'
2544-F(XbaI)	5'-CTAGTCTAGAATATGACCGCCGGATGATGA-3'
2542-R(Sac I)	5'-TTGCGAGCTCCGGTGAATCGGTGATCATCTAA-3'
Pmin-F(HindIII)	5'-ACGCAAGCTTATTGAAATAGCTGAGACACAAGCG-3'
Pmin-R(XbaI)	5'-ATGCTCTAGACTCCTAGTGTGAAATTGTTATCCGC-3'
rrnb-F(Sac I)	5'-AGACGAGCTCAAATAAACGAAAGGCTCAGTCG-3'
rrnb-R(-xyIR)	5'-GCTAAGATCGTCCCACGTGCGAAAAGGCCATCCGTCAAGGAT-3'
xylR-F(BamHI)	5'-TCGCGGATCCGCACGTGGAACGATCTTA-3'
xylA-R(SmaI)	5'-TTCCCCCGGGCTCCTATTGTTCTGGCGGTG-3'
LAC-F	5'-ATCATCACAGCAGCGGCCTGGTGCCGCGGGCAGCATGCCAGCTGCAAAGGGG-3'

LAC-F 2	5'-CACCGCCCGGGATGCATCATCATCATCACAGCAGCGGCC-3'
2539-F(for lac)	5'-CCTGGAAGTTCTGTTCCAGGGGCCAATGCCAACCGACAAG-3'
2539-R(-rrnb)	5'-CTGAGCCTTCGTTTATTGGGTGATCAGCCGATGCTGA-3'
2549-F(for lac)	5'-CCTGGAAGTTCTGTTCCAGGGGCCAAGGGCGTTACCGTCGAGA-3'
2549-R(-rrnb)	5'-CTGAGCCTTCGTTTATTGCCTAAGTCACGCTACGATGTCGCTG-3'
rrnb-R(XhoI)	5'-CCGCTCTAGAAAAAGGCCATCCGTCAGGAT-3'
2816-F(SmaI)	5'-GTCCCCCGGGATGAGTGATTAGAAACAATTTCAGC-3'
Pvan-F(Hind III)	5'-GCCTAAGCTTCCTTGATGGTTGGGTGTCC-3'
Pvan-R(XbaI)	5'-TCGCTCTAGACTCCTGACATGGGAGGCTCTCCG-3'
tatA-F(XbaI)	5'-GGGCTCTAGAATGGCATTGGACTGGAAACA-3'
tatC-R(-rrnb SacI)	5'-GACTGAGCCTTCGTTTATTGGAGCTCAAGTAGCAGCAGGTTACGG-3'
1761-F(KpnI)	5'-ACGCGGTACCCGTAACCAGACGAGTTTGCC-3'
1761-R(XhoI)	5'-TCCGCTCGAGTTAGAACGCGGAATGTAAACCCG-3'
2541-F(KpnI)	5'-ACGGGGTACCCAAGCACCGAATACTATCGTGG-3'
2541-R(XhoI)	5'-TGCCCTCGAGCTAGAACTGCCAGTCAGGCT-3'
3548-F(KpnI)	5'-ACTGGGTACCGCCGGTGCAGGTGCCAG-3'
3548-R(XhoI)	5'-ACCGCTCGAGTCAGAACGCGTAACGCGCTTGA-3'
4947-F(KpnI)	5'-ACGGGGTACCCAACAACTGATGCCGACTAC-3'

4947-R(XhoI)	5'-TACCCCTCGAGTCAGAAATCCAGACTCACCCC-3'
2541-F K2	5'-ATGGGGTACCGGGCAGGGCGATGTGTG-3'
2541-F K3	5'-ATGGGGTACCGGCAGCCTGATCAAATCCG-3'
2541-F K4	5'-ACGGGGTACCAACAACGCCACATTGCCAG-3'
xylR-F(BamHI)	5'-TCGCGGATCCGCACGTGGAACGATCTTA-3'
2816-Myc R	5'-TCTGAGATGAGTTTGTTCTAGCTGCGCGCGCGGCCATGGCCGGGCAGGT-3'
myc-his R	5'-GATGATGATGGTCGACGGCGCTATTAGATCCTCTTGAGATGAGTTTGTTCTAGCT-3'
his-thrombin R	5'-CCTCCGCTGCCGCGCGACCAGGCCGCTGCTGTGATGATGATGATGGTCGACGGC-3'
thrombin-lac F	5'-ATCACAGCAGCGGCCTGGTGCGCGCGCAGCGGAGGTTCCATGCCAGCTGCAAAGGGG-3'
lac-thrombin R(KpnI)	5'-TTGTGGTACCTGCGCTGCCGCGGCCAGGCCGCTGCTGTGTTGCTCATGGGC-3'
his-lac F	5'-CCGCCGCCGAGCTCATCATCATCATCATAGCAGCGGCATGCCAGCTGCAAAGGGG-3'
2816-his R	5'-CTATGATGATGATGATGAGCTGCGCGCGCGGCCATGGCCGGGCAGGT-3'
thrombin R(KpnI)	5'-TAAGGGTACCAAGCTGGCATGGAACCTCC-3'

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