

De novo Biosynthesis and Whole-cell Catalytic Production of Paracetamol on a Gram Scale in *Escherichia coli*

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Table S1. Strains and plasmids used in this study.

Resource	Description	Reference or source
Strains		
<i>E. coli</i> DH5 α	For cloning work	Novagen
<i>E. coli</i> BL21(DE3)	For protein expression	Novagen
<i>E. coli</i> BL21(DE3)-pGro7	For protein expression	In this study
<i>Escherichia coli</i> str. K-12 substr. MG1655	For genes cloning	Novagen
PA-PABA	For the production of PABA	In this study
PA1	For the production of <i>p</i> -acetamidophenol	In this study
PA2	For the production of <i>p</i> -acetamidophenol	In this study
PA3	For the production of <i>p</i> -acetamidophenol	In this study
PAB4	For the production of <i>p</i> -acetamidophenol	In this study
PAB10	For the production of <i>p</i> -acetamidophenol	In this study
PAD4	For the production of <i>p</i> -acetamidophenol	In this study
PAE3	For the production of <i>p</i> -acetamidophenol	In this study
PADF2	For the production of <i>p</i> -acetamidophenol	In this study
plasmids		
pET-duet-1	Plasmid with ColE replication origin	Novagen
pACYC-duet-1	Plasmid with p15A replication origin	Novagen
pET-28a	Plasmid with pBR322 replication origin	Novagen
pET28a-PANAT (P3)	PANAT expressed from plasmid pET-28a	In this study
pETduet-ABH (P2)	ABH expressed from plasmid pET-Duet-1	In this study
pETduet-ABH60 (PB4)	ABH60 expressed from plasmid pET-Duet-1	In this study
pETduet-ABH47 (PB3)	Pathway constructed in pACYC-Duet-1	In this study
pETduet-ABH42 (PB2)	Pathway constructed in pACYC-Duet-1	In this study
pETduet-ABH37 (PB1)	Pathway constructed in pACYC-Duet-1	In this study
pETduet-ABH60 ^{T226V} (PB5)	For site directed mutagenesis in ABH60	In this study
pETduet-ABH60 ^{G272V} (PB6)	For site directed mutagenesis in ABH60	In this study
pETduet-ABH60 ^{G290V} (PB7)	For site directed mutagenesis in ABH60	In this study
pETduet-ABH60 ^{T226V/G272V} (PB8)	For site directed mutagenesis in ABH60	In this study
pETduet-ABH60 ^{T226V/T290V} (PB9)	For site directed mutagenesis in ABH60	In this study
pETduet-ABH60 ^{G272V/T290V} (PB10)	For site directed mutagenesis in ABH60	In this study
pETduet-ABH60 ^{T226V/G272V/T290V} (PB11)	For site directed mutagenesis in ABH60	In this study

pET28a-PANAT ^{K211A} (PC1)	For site directed mutagenesis in PANAT	In this study
pET28a-PANAT ^{K211G} (PC2)	For site directed mutagenesis in PANAT	In this study
pACYCduet- <i>aroF-pabAB-pabC</i>	Pathway constructed in pACYC-Duet-1	In this study
PF3	Pathway constructed in pET-28a	In this study
PF4	Pathway constructed in pACYC-Duet-1	In this study

Table S2. Primers for strains construction in this study.

Primers	Sequence 5'-3'	Restrict enzyme sites	Purpose
ABHF	TAAGGATCCGATGAGTCAG CAGG	BamHI	Used for plasmid (pETduet-ABH) construction
ABHR	TAACTCGAGCAGAACGGC GCGC	XhoI	
ABH60F	tcatcaccacagccaggatccGATGGT GCAGGGCGAAC	BamHI	Used for plasmid (pETduet-ABH60) construction
ABH60R	ggtttctttaccagactcgagTTGATG GCTAATGCTTAAAC	XhoI	
ABH47F	tcatcaccacagccaggatccGATGA GCGAAGATGGT	BamHI	Used for plasmid (pETduet-ABH47) construction
ABH47R	ggtttctttaccagactcgagCAGATG CGCGCG GCT	XhoI	
ABH42F	tcatcaccacagccaggatccGATGG CGAGCGCGACC	BamHI	Used for plasmid (pETduet-ABH42) construction
ABH42R	ggtttctttaccagactcgagCATAAT GCTGCAGCC	XhoI	
ABH37F	tcatcaccacagccaggatccGATGA GCAATATTCGCG	BamHI	Used for plasmid (pETduet-ABH37) construction
ABH37R	ggtttctttaccagactcgagCAGTTTG CTCAGCAT	XhoI	
PANATF	TAA <u>C</u> ATATGGGCAGCAGCC ATCAT	NdeI	Used for plasmid (pET28a-PANAT) construction
PANATR	TAACTCGAGCGCGCTAATT AAGCCCGCT	XhoI	
arofF	tcatcaccacagccaggatccGATGC AGAAAGATGCGCTGAAC	BamHI	Used for plasmid (pACYCduet- <i>aroF-pabAB-pabC</i>) construction
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Table S3. Sequences of the genes (*aroF*, *pabAB*, *pabC*, *PANAT*, *ABH*, *ABH60*, *ABH47*, *ABH42*, *ABH37*, *mtrF*) after codon optimization.

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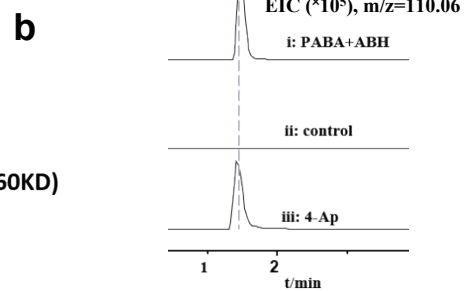
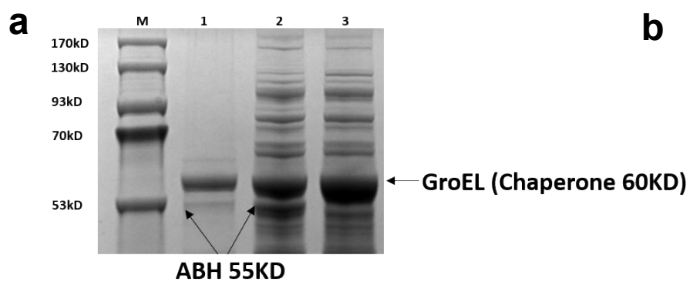
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Table S4. Primers for point mutation (ABH and PANAT) in this study.

primers	Sequence 5'-3'	Purpose
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ABH60226F	TTGGAAGAAGTGTATCCGGG	Used for plasmid (pETduet-ABH60 _{T226V}) construction
ABH60226R	CGATGGCCCGGATACACTTC	
ABH60272F	CCAGCAATGATACCGTGGTG	Used for plasmid (pETduet-ABH60 _{T272V}) construction
ABH60272R	GCCTTTCCACACCACGGTAT	
ABH60290F	TTTTTTCACGTGTATCAGGGC	Used for plasmid (pETduet-ABH60 _{T290V}) construction
ABH60290R	TCAAAGCCCTGATACACGTG	
PANAT211AF	GCGGCGGCGATTACCGAAG	Used for plasmid (pET28a-PANAT _{K211A}) construction
PANAT211AR	ATCCGGATATAGTTCCTCCTTTC	
PANAT211CF	CAGGGTCTGTGTGCGGCGAT	Used for plasmid (pET28a-PANAT _{K211C}) construction
PANAT211CR	GTAATCGCCGCACACAGACC	
PANAT211GF	CAGGGTCTGGGCGCGGCGAT	Used for plasmid (pET28a-PANAT _{K211G}) construction
PANAT211GR	TAATCGCCGCGCCAGACC	
PANAT211DF	AGGGTCTGGATGCGGCGATT	Used for plasmid (pET28a-PANAT _{K211D}) construction
PANAT211DR	GGTAATCGCCGCATCCAGAC	
PANAT211SF	AGGGTCTGAGCGCGGCGAT	Used for plasmid (pET28a-PANAT _{K211S}) construction
PANAT211SR	GTAATCGCCGCGCTCAGAC	
PANAT211QF	CAGGGTCTGCAGGCGGCGAT	Used for plasmid (pET28a-PANAT _{K211Q}) construction
PANAT211QR	GGTAATCGCCGCCTGCAGAC	
PANAT211VF	CAGGGTCTGGTTGCGGCGAT	Used for plasmid (pET28a-PANAT _{K211V}) construction
PANAT211VR	GGTAATCGCCGCAACCAGAC	
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PANAT211HF	AGGGTCTGCATGCGGCGATT	Used for plasmid (pET28a-PANAT _{K211H}) construction
PANAT211HR	CGGTAATCGCCGCATGCAG	
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PANAT211YF	CAGGGTCTGTATGCGGCGAT	Used for plasmid (pET28a-PANAT _{K211Y}) construction

PANAT211Y R	GGTAATCGCCGCATACAGAC	construction
PANAT211M F	CAGGGTCTGATGGCGGCGAT	Used for plasmid (pET28a-PANAT _{K211M}) construction
PANAT211M R	GGTAATCGCCGCCATCAGAC	
PANAT211NF	CAGGGTCTGAATGCGGCGAT	Used for plasmid (pET28a-PANAT _{K211N}) construction
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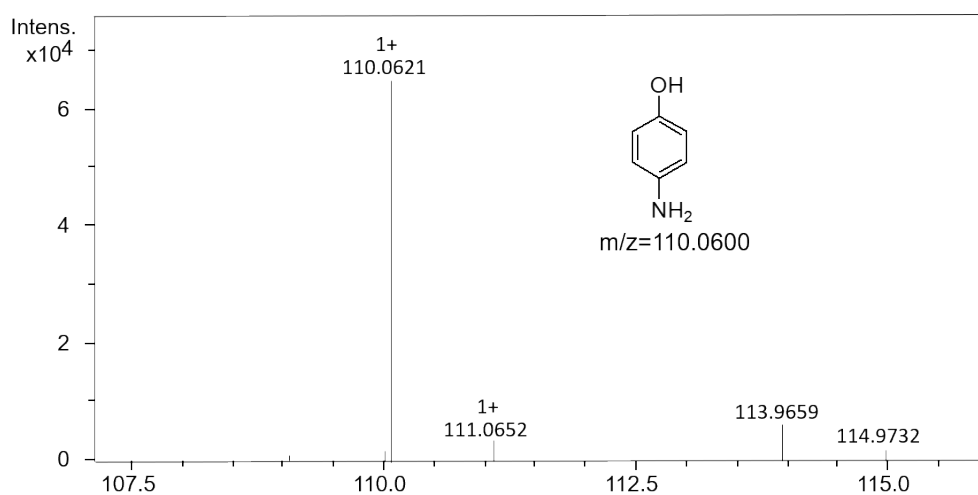
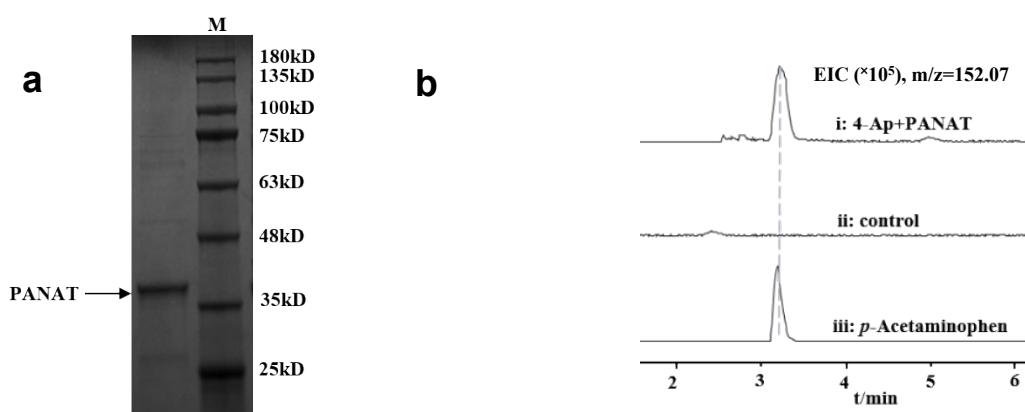


Figure S1. *In vitro* characterization of ABH. a) SDS-PAGE of isolated ABH and whole cell. The size of protein ABH and chaperone GroEL are about 55 kD and 60 kD, respectively. M: marker (solarbio. PR1910, MOPS buffer); line1: purified target protein (300 mM imidazole elution from Ni-NTA); line2: *E. coli* BL21 (DE3)-pGro7-ABH whole-cell; line3: control, *E. coli* BL21 (DE3)-pGro7 whole-cell. Criterion MOPS gel (12% precast, Biorad) was used. b) LC-MS analysis of the reaction mixtures of PABA and ABH. I: PABA (3) and ABH; ii: PABA (3); iii: 4-Ap (2) standard. c) Characterization of 4-Ap by ESI-MS.



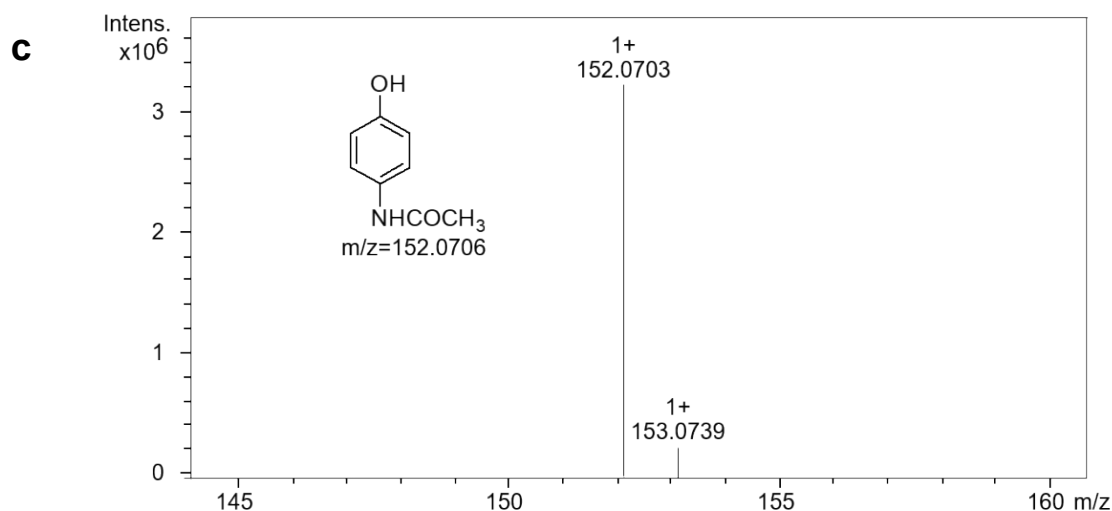


Figure S2. *In vitro* characterization of PANAT. a) SDS-PAGE of purified PANAT (about 37 kD). Criterion MOPS gel (12% precast, Biorad) was used. b) LC-MS analysis of the reaction mixtures of 4-Ap and PANAT. I: 4-Ap (**2**) and PANAT; ii: 4-Ap (**2**); iii: *p*-Acetaminophen (APAP, **1**) standard. c) Characterization of APAP by ESI-MS.

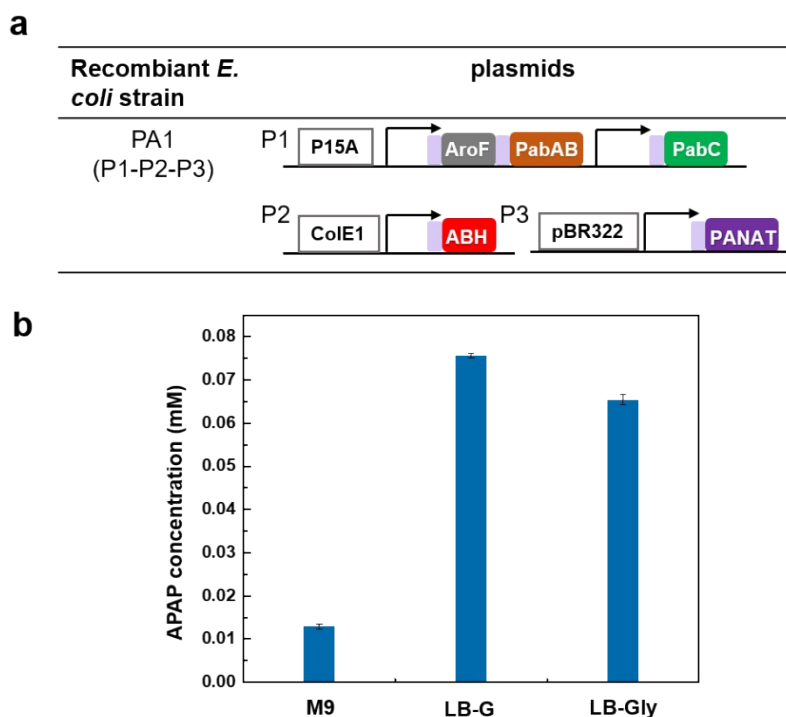


Figure S3. *In vivo* production of APAP (1**) in *E. coli* PA1 using the plasmids P1-P2-P3, measured by HPLC after 48h.** a) Construction of *E. coli* cells expressing AroF; PabAB; PabC; PANAT; ABH. Gray filled rectangle: AroF gene; brown filled rectangle: PabAB gene; green filled rectangle: PabC gene; purple filled rectangle: PANAT gene; red filled rectangle: ABH; light purple rectangle: ribosome binding site (RBS). b) Engineered *E. coli* cells for the production of APAP in different mediums (M9, LB-G, and LB-Gly, respectively). P15A: pACYC-Duet-1; pBR322: pET-28a; ColE1: pET-Duet-1; arrow: T7 promoter. Proteins: AroF, DAHP synthetase feedback inhibited by tyrosine; PabAB, *p*-aminobenzoic acid synthase; PabC, 4ADC lyase; ABH, 4-aminobenzoate hydroxylase; PANAT, arylamine N-acetyltransferase. The data shown in b are from three experiment replicates and are expressed as the mean value \pm SD.

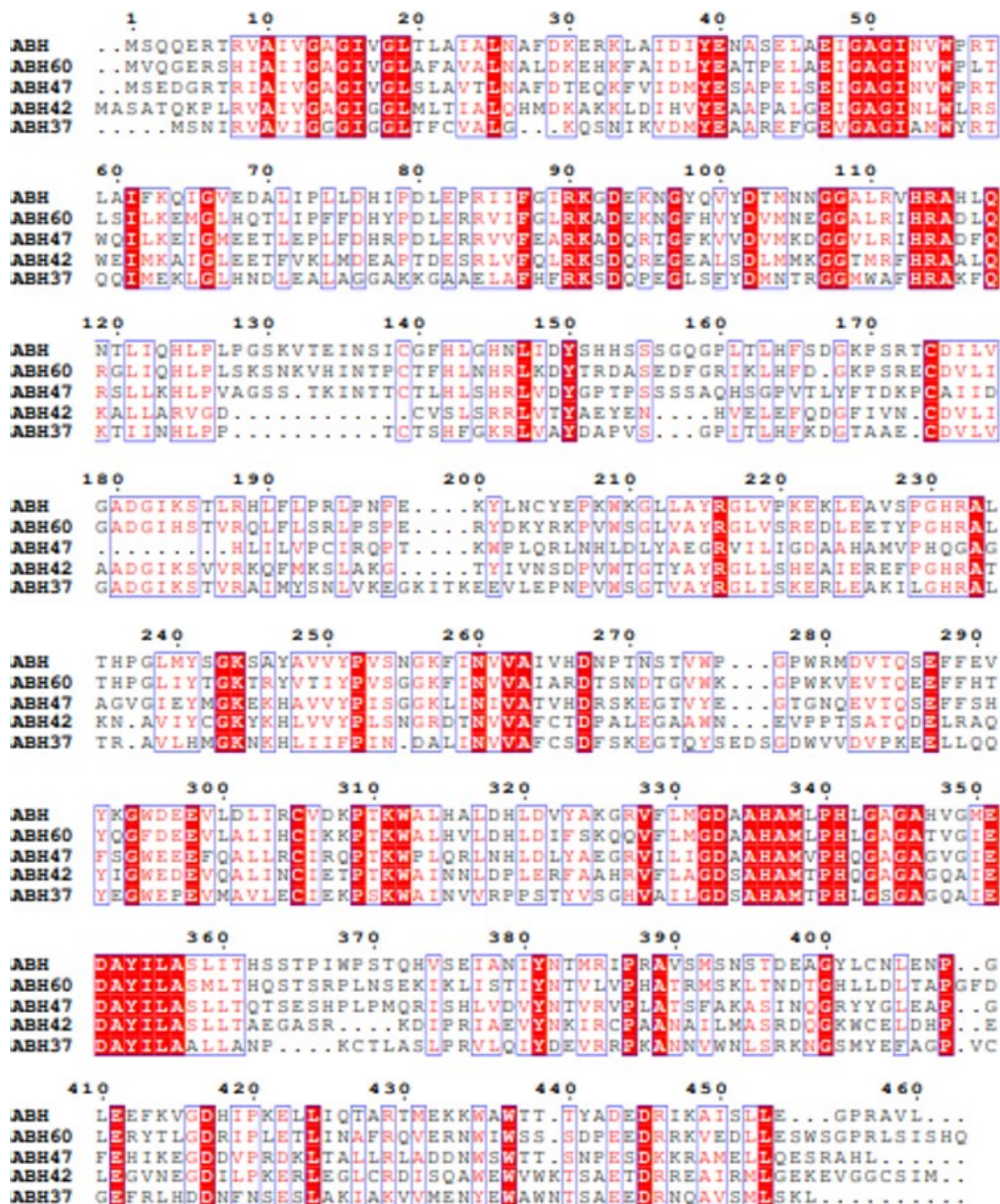


Figure S4. Sequence alignment of ABH (BAA07468.1) with ABH37 from *Fibularhizoctonia* sp. CBS 109695 (RXW22381.1), ABH42 from *Psathyrella aberdarensis* (RXW22381.1), ABH47 from *Leucoagaricus* sp. *SymC.cos* (KXN83799.1), and ABH60 from *Agaricus bisporus* var. *bisporus* H97 (XP_006456258.1).

Table S5. Schematic of strains harboring constructed plasmids for APAP biosynthesis. Gray filled rectangle: AroF gene; brown filled rectangle: PabAB gene; green filled rectangle: PabC gene; purple filled rectangle: PANAT gene; red filled rectangle: ABH or ABH homologous protein or ABH mutants; light purple rectangle: ribosome binding site (RBS). Recombinant *E. coli* PAB1, PAB2, PAB3, PAB5, PAB6, PAB7, PAB8, PAB9, PAB11 harboring constructed plasmids P1-P3-PB1, P1-P3-PB2, P1-P3-PB3, P1-P3-PB5, P1-P3-PB6, P1-P3-PB7, P1-P3-PB8, P1-P3-PB9, P1-P3-PB11, respectively.

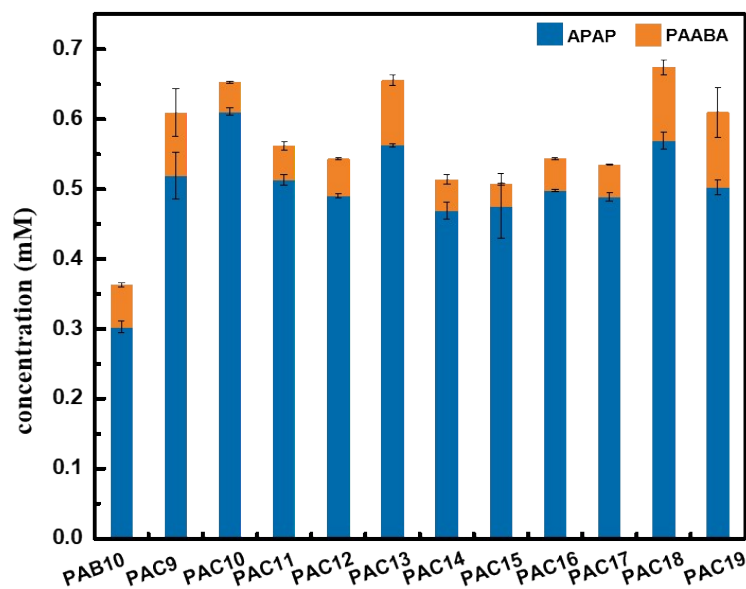
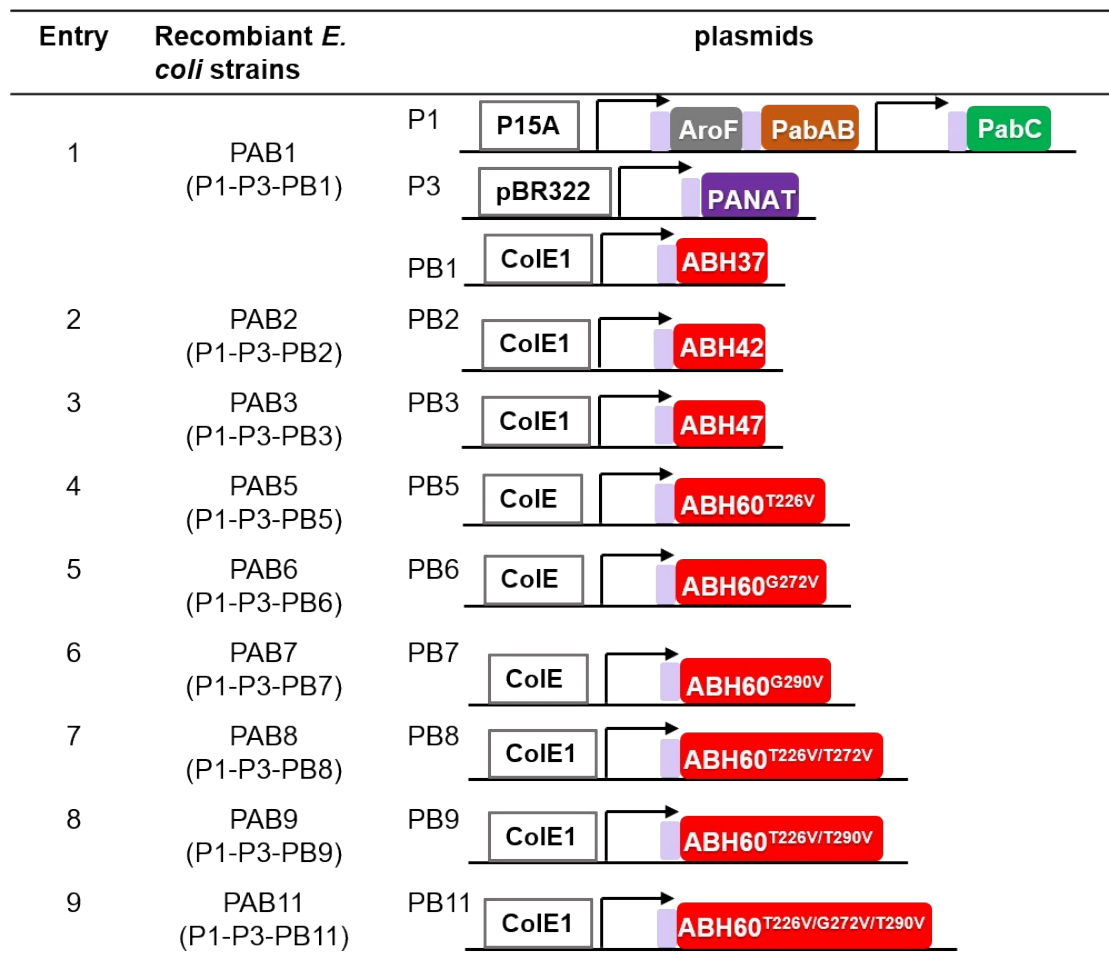


Figure S5. Titers of APAP: PAABA in PANAT strain and PANAT K211 (V, L, I, S, T, C, M, N, Q, and R respectively) mutant strains. Blue column: APAP, orange column: PAABA. PAB10 (PANAT); PAC9 (PANAT^{K211V}); PAC10 (PANAT^{K211L}); PAC11 (PANAT^{K211I}); PAC12 (PANAT^{K211P}); PAC13 (PANAT^{K211S}); PAC14 (PANAT^{K211T}); PAC15 (PANAT^{K211C}); PAC16 (PANAT^{K211M}); PAC17 (PANAT^{K211N}); PAC18 (PANAT^{K211Q}); PAC19 (PANAT^{K211R}). The data shown in Figure S5 are from three experiment replicates and are expressed as the mean value \pm SD.

Table S6. Titers of APAP in strains PAC5-PAC19.

Entry	Strains	APAP: PAABA	APAP production (mM, mean value)	APAP production (mg/L, mean value)
1	PAC5 (K231W)	21.7	0.4699	71.03
2	PAC6 (K231F)	20	0.5077	76.74
3	PAC7 (K231H)	19.81	0.4884	73.83
4	PAC8 (K231Y)	19.85	0.4756	71.89
5	PAC9 (K231V)	5.76	0.5189	78.44
6	PAC10 (K231L)	14.38	0.6105	92.28
7	PAC11 (K231I)	10.58	0.5131	77.56
8	PAC12 (K231P)	9.25	0.49	74.07
9	PAC13 (K231S)	6.07	0.5627	85.06
10	PAC14 (K231T)	10.52	0.469	70.89
11	PAC15 (K231C)	15.1	0.4757	71.91
12	PAC16 (K231M)	11.06	0.4981	75.29
13	PAC17 (K231N)	10.62	0.4889	73.90
14	PAC18 (K231Q)	5.41	0.5692	86.04
15	PAC19 (K231R)	4.68	0.5025	75.96

Table S7. Kinetic parameters of PANAT and PANAT^{K211G}. The data shown in Table S7 are from three experiment replicates and are expressed as the mean value \pm SD.

Substrates	Enzymes	K_m (μM^{-1})	K_{cat} (S^{-1})	K_{cat}/K_m ($\mu\text{M}^{-1} \text{S}^{-1}$)
PABA	PANAT	613.51 \pm 6.8	0.20	3.21 $\times 10^{-4}$
	PANAT ^{K211G}	1014.67 \pm 11.34	0.05	4.63 $\times 10^{-5}$
4-AP	PANAT	596.69 \pm 3.66	0.59	9.84 $\times 10^{-4}$
	PANAT ^{K211G}	473.80 \pm 5.93	1.41	2.97 $\times 10^{-3}$

Table S8. Schematic of strains (PAB10, PAD5 and PAD4) harboring constructed plasmids for APAP biosynthesis. Gray filled rectangle: AroF gene; brown filled rectangle: PabAB gene; green filled rectangle: PabC gene; purple filled rectangle: PANAT gene; red filled rectangle: ABH^{G272V/T290V}; dark green rectangle: EmrE; navy blue rectangle: AaeABRX; light purple rectangle: ribosome binding site (RBS). Recombinant *E. coli* PAB10, PAD5, PAD4 harboring constructed plasmids P1-P3-PB10, P1-P3-PDE, P1-P3-PD4, respectively.

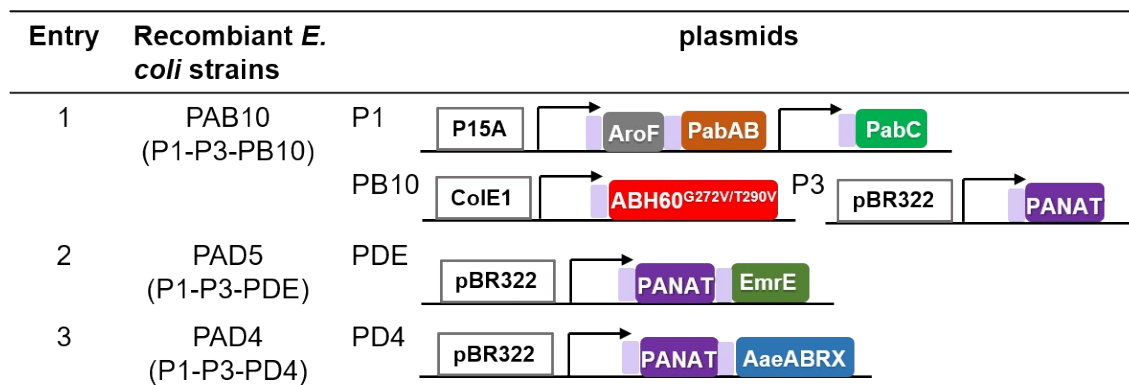
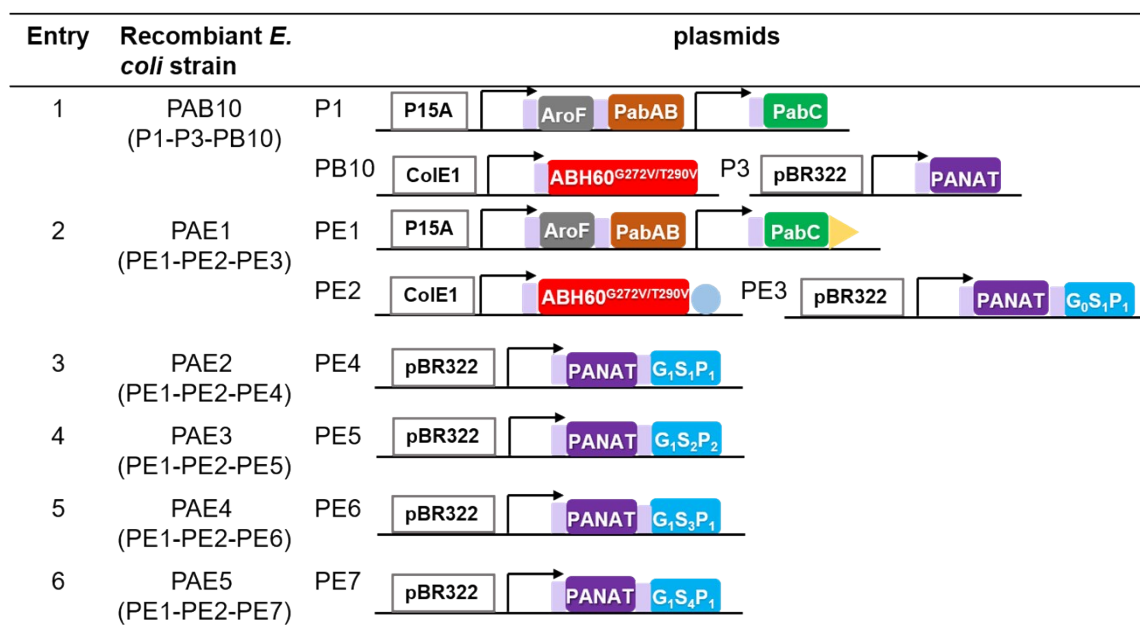


Table S9. Schematic of strains harboring constructed plasmids for APAP biosynthesis. Gray filled rectangle: AroF gene; brown filled rectangle: PabAB gene; green filled rectangle: PabC gene; purple filled rectangle: PANAT gene; red filled rectangle: ABH^{G272V/T290V}; blue rectangle: scaffolds GBD_xSH3_yPDZ_z; light purple rectangle: ribosome binding site (RBS). Yellow triangle is the ligand to PDZ domain. Light blue round is the ligand to SH3 domain. Recombinant *E. coli* PAB10, PAE1, PAE2, PAE3, PAE4, PAE5 harboring constructed plasmids P1-P3-PB10, PE1-PE2-PE3, PE1-PE2-PE4, PE1-PE2-PE5, PE1-PE2-PE6, PE1-PE2-PE7, respectively.



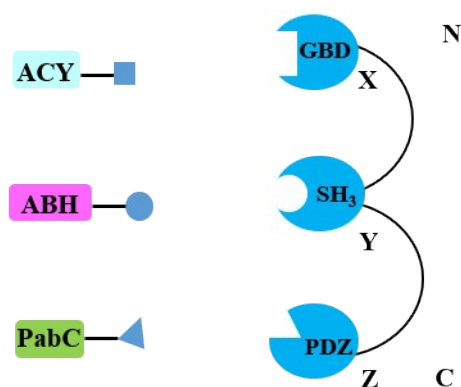
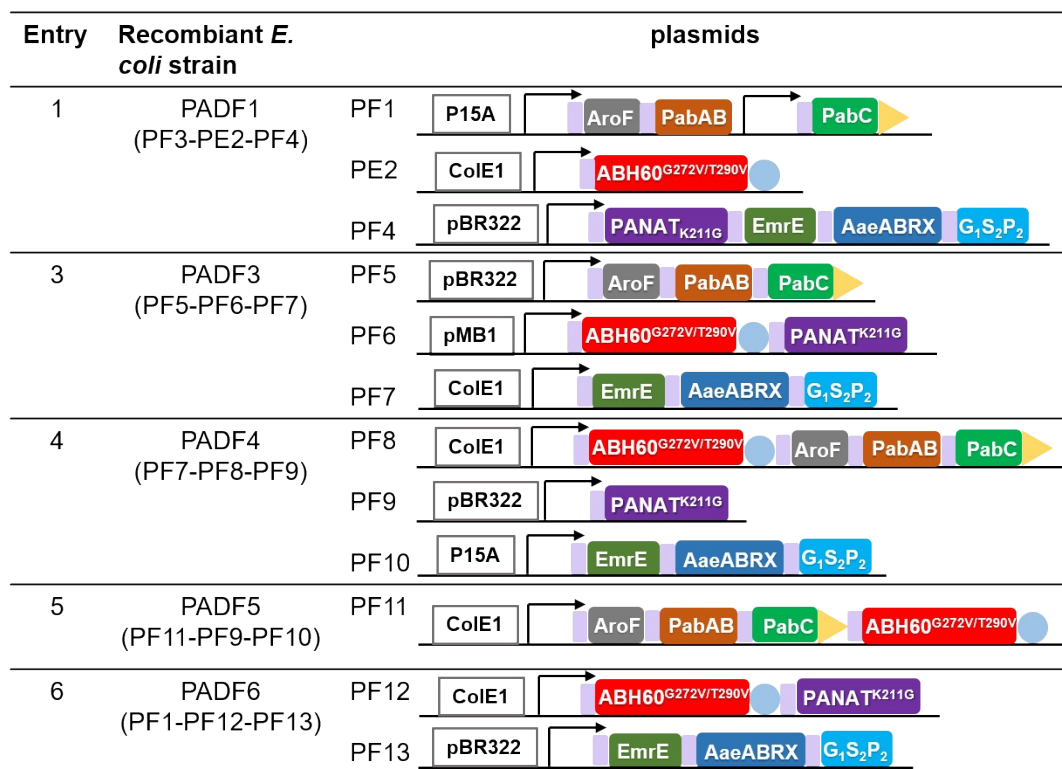


Figure S6. The diagram for the APAP biosynthetic key enzymes scaffolding strategy. The GBD domain (GTPase binding domain) is from the actin polymerization switch N-WASP, the SH3 domain (Src homology 3 domain) is from the adaptor protein CRK), and the PDZ (PSD95/DlgA/Zo-1) domain is from the adaptor protein syntrophin. These domains were linked by flexible nine-residue glycine-serine linkers to construct scaffolds GBD_xSH3_yPDZ_z. ACY: PANAT (Arylamine N-acetyltransferase), ABH: 4-aminobenzoate hydroxylase, PabC: 4-amino-4-deoxychorismic acid lyase. Rectangle is the ligand to GBD, Circle is the ligand to SH3 domain, triangle is the ligand to PDZ domain.

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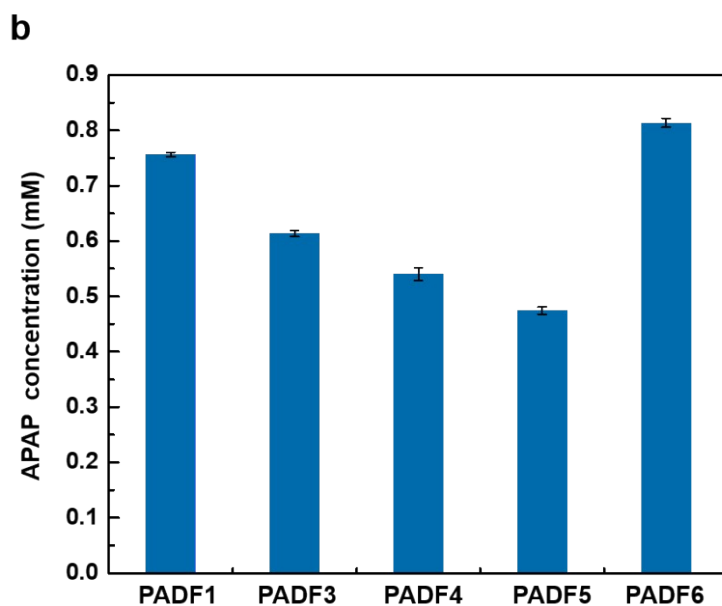


Figure S7. Improvement of APAP titers by gene module combinations. a) Schematic of strains harboring constructed plasmids for APAP biosynthesis. b) Engineered *E. coli* cells (PADF1, PADF3, PADF4, PADF5, and PADF6) for the production of APAP. P15A: pACYC-Duet-1; pBR322: pET-28a; ColE1: pET-Duet-1; arrow: T7 promoter. Gray filled rectangle: AroF gene; brown filled rectangle: PabAB gene; green filled rectangle: PabC gene; purple filled rectangle: PANAT^{K231G} gene; red filled rectangle: ABH60^{G272V/T290V} gene, dark green rectangle: EmrE; navy blue rectangle: AaeABRX; blue rectangle: G₁S₂P₂; light purple rectangle: ribosome binding site (RBS). Yellow triangle is the ligand to PDZ domain. Light blue round is the ligand to SH3 domain. The data shown in b are from three experiment replicates and are expressed as the mean value \pm SD.

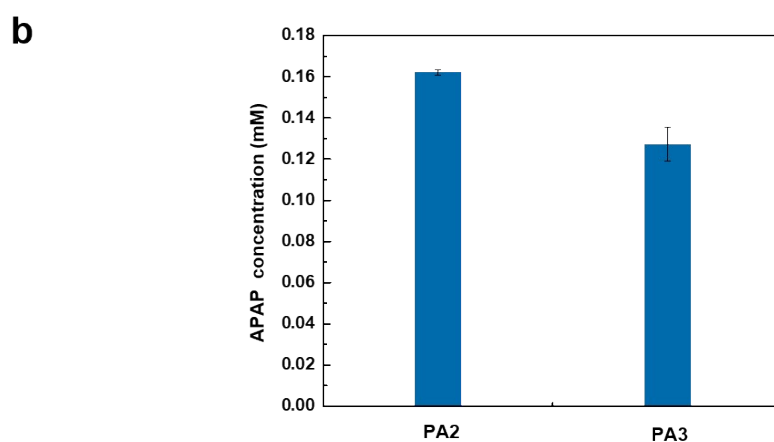
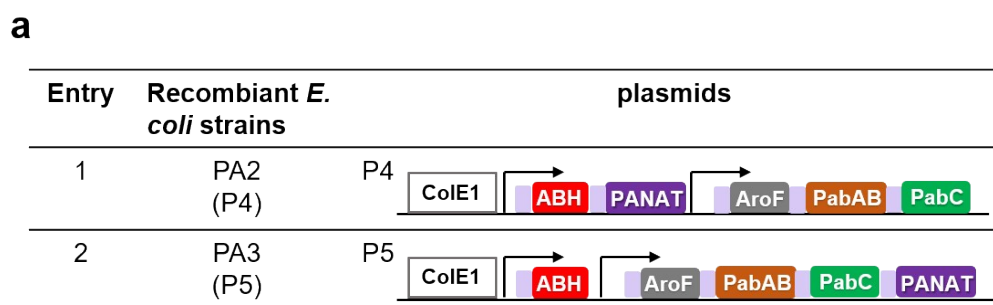
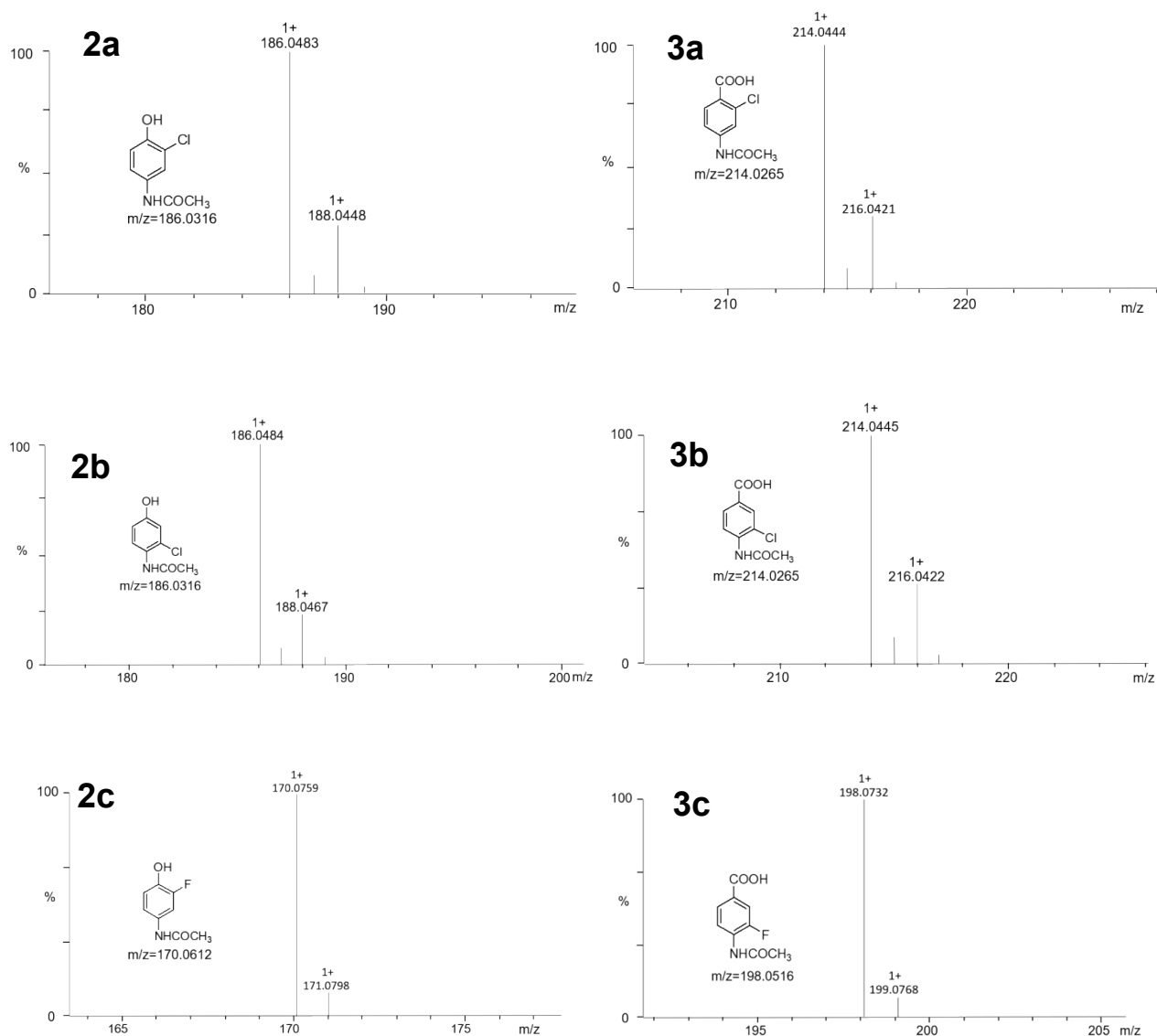


Figure S8. *In vivo* production of APAP (1) in *E. coli* PA2 and PA3 using the gene clusters P4 and P5 respectively, measured by HPLC after 48h. a) Construction of *E. coli* cells expressing gene clusters (containing AroF, PabAB, PabC, PANAT, ABH). b) Engineered *E. coli* PA2 and PA3 for the production of APAP (1). ColE1: pET-Duet-1; arrow: T7 promoter. Proteins: AroF, DAHP synthetase feedback inhibited by tyrosine; PabAB, *p*-aminobenzoic acid synthase; PabC, 4ADC lyase; ABH, 4-aminobenzoate hydroxylase; PANAT, arylamine N-acetyltransferase. Gray filled rectangle: AroF gene; brown filled rectangle: PabAB gene; green filled rectangle: PabC gene; purple filled rectangle: PANAT gene; red filled rectangle: ABH; light purple rectangle: ribosome binding site (RBS). Recombinant *E. coli* PA2, PA3 harboring constructed plasmids P4, P5, respectively. The data shown in b are from three experiment replicates and are expressed as the mean value \pm SD.



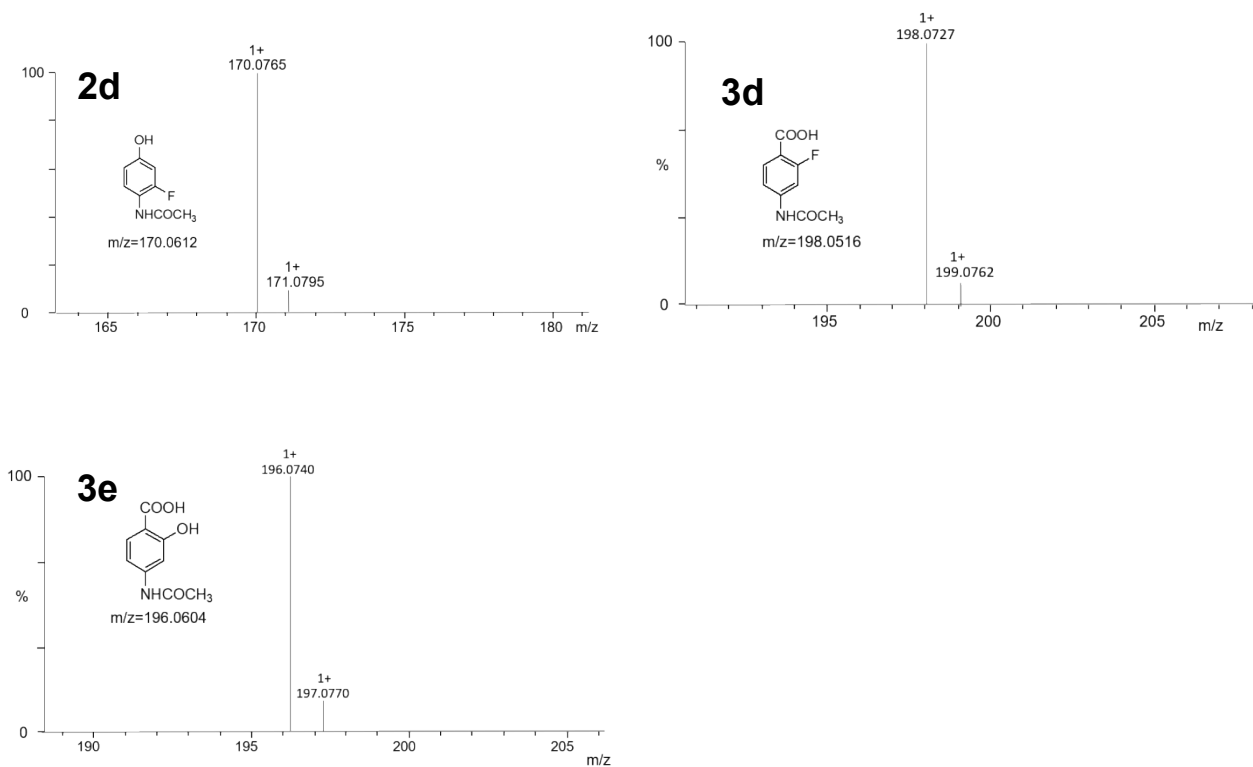


Figure S9. Characterization of **2a**, **3a**, **2b**, **3b**, **2c**, **3c**, **2d**, **3d**, **3e** by ESI-MS.

Table S10. The amino acid sequence of GBD domain, the SH3 domain, and the PDZ domain.

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TKADIGTPSNFQHIGHVWDPNTGFDLNLDPELKNLFDMCGISEAQLKDRETSKVIYDFIEKTG GVEAVKNELRRQAP
SH3
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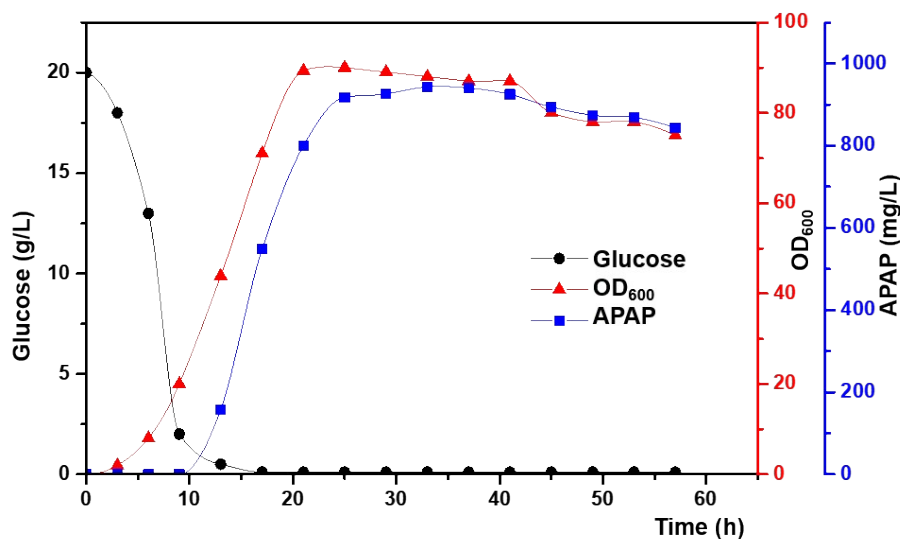


Figure S10. Fed-batch fermentation of PADF2. The strain PADF2 was inoculated into the fermentation medium with 20 g/L glucose (as described in section 2.9). When the cell density reached to an OD₆₀₀ of 20 after nine hours of cultivation (The residual sugar concentration was about 2 g/L), the recombinant proteins were induced by 0.1 mM IPTG.

Dissolved oxygen level was maintained at 30% through automatic control of the agitation speed varying from 400 to 1000 rpm. The pH was regulated by the addition of NH₃·H₂O. Glucose (400 g/L) was added to maintain a low residual concentration of about 200 mg/L to avoid glucose inhibition. OD₆₀₀ was marked with red triangle, residual glucose was marked with black circle, and APAP was marked with blue square.

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