1 Supplementary data

- 2 **Table S1.** Chemical composition of sorghum stover.
- **Table S2.** ¹³C chemical shift assignments in solid state CP-MAS analysis.
- 4 Figure S1. Released reducing sugar of untreated wild-type (WT), bmr6 mutant (b6), bmr12
- 5 mutant (b12) and *bmr6/bmr12* double mutant (b6b12) sorghum stover after 48h hydrolysis with
- 6 different cellulase loadings (3.0, 4.5 and 6.0 FPU/g sorghum) at 28 °C.
- Figure S2. Reducing sugar concentration of the cultivation supernatant during the conversion of
 wild type (solid square), *bmr6* mutant (solid triangle), *bmr12* mutant (open square) and *bmr6/bmr12* double mutant (open triangle) sorghum biomass by *C. echinulata* FR3.
- Figure S3. Solid state ¹³C CPMAS NMR analysis of control and fungus-treated sorghum 10 biomass. (A) wild-type sorghum without fungal conversion; (B) sample 1 of wild-type sorghum 11 12 after 6 days of fungal conversion by C. echinulata FR3; (C) sample 2 of wild-type sorghum after 6 days of fungal conversion by C. echinulata FR3; (D) sample 3 of wild-type sorghum after 6 13 days of fungal conversion by C. echinulata FR3; (E) bmr6/bmr12double mutant sorghum 14 without fungal conversion; (F) sample 1 of *bmr6/bmr12* double mutant sorghum after 6 days of 15 fungal conversion by C. echinulata FR3; (G) sample 2 of bmr6/bmr12double mutant sorghum 16 after 6 days of fungal conversion by C. echinulata FR3; and (H) sample 3 of bmr6/bmr12 double 17 mutant sorghum after 6 days of fungal conversion by C. echinulata FR3. 18
- Figure S4. Comparison of the expanded ¹³C CPMAS NMR region of fungus-conversed sorghum 19 by C. echinulata FR3 and their corresponding controls. (A) aromatic resonances, (B) 20 21 carbohydrate carbon resonances. (black) wild-type sorghum without fungal conversion; (red) sample 1 of wild-type sorghum after 6 days of fungal conversion by C. echinulata FR3; (blue) 22 sample 2 of wild-type sorghum after 6 days of fungal conversion by C. echinulata FR3; (green) 23 sample 3 of wild-type sorghum after 6 days of fungal conversion by C. echinulata FR3; 24 (magenta) bmr6/bmr12 double mutant sorghum without fungal conversion; (lite blue) sample 1 25 of *bmr6/bmr12* double mutant sorghum after 6 days of fungal conversion by *C. echinulata* FR3; 26 27 (orange) sample 2 of *bmr6/bmr12* double mutant sorghum after 6 days of fungal conversion by C. echinulata FR3; and (olive) sample 3 of bmr6/bmr12 double mutant sorghum after 6 days of 28 fungal conversion by C. echinulata FR3. 29

Figure S5. GC/MS analysis of lipid profile of *C. echinulata* FR3 after growing 6 days on dilute
 acid pretreated wild-type sorghum and un-pretreated *bmr6/bmr12* double mutant sorghum
 biomass.

Figure S6. Functional analysis of lignocellulose degradation gene categories based on CAZy database. (A). Distribution of glycoside hydrolases (GH), glycosyl transferases (GT), polysaccharide lyases (PL), carbohydrate esterases (CE) and auxiliary activities (AA) among the CAZy orthologous genes. (B). Distribution of each GH family among the putative glycoside hydrolases genes.

- **Figure S7.** Phylogenetic analysis of CeFR1943 laccase-like multiple copper oxidase with the
- 39 other 35 published laccases from 30 different species including fungus (ascomycetes and
- 40 basidiomycetes) and plants.
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| Genotype | Cellulose (%) | Hemicellulose (%) | Lignin (%) | Ash (%) |
|------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|------------|---------|
| Wild type | 24.71 | 19.00 | 17.28 | 4.42 |
| bmr6 mutant | 25.31 | 19.85 | 16.49 | 5.20 |
| bmr12 mutant | 24.60 | 19.30 | 16.72 | 5.52 |
| <i>bmr6/bmr12</i> double mutant | 24.10 | 18.45 | 15.50 | 6.23 |

Table S1

| $\delta_{C}(ppm)$ | Assignment |
|-------------------|--|
| 198 | Aromatic carbonyl (-CO-) resonances |
| 185-175 | Aliphatic carbonyl/carboxyl (-COOR, -COO-) resonances |
| 160-200 | Carbonyl and carboxyl carbon resonances |
| 175-165 | Aromatic carboxyl (-COO-) resonances |
| 155-160 | C4 resonances in <i>p</i> -coumarate ester/ <i>p</i> -hydroxyphenyl unit |
| 100-162 | Aromatic ring resonances (H,G,S) |
| 149-152 | C3,C5 in etherified S- and C3 in etherified G-unit |
| 147-149 | C3, C5 in non-etherified S- and C3 in non-etherified G-unit. |
| 136-140 | C1 resonances in etherified H,G and S-unit |
| 132-134 | C1 resonances in non-etherified H,G and S-unit |
| 103-130 | C2, C6 in S- /C3,C5 in H- /C5 in G-unit |
| 60-100 | Carbohydrate carbon resonances |
| 52-55 | Methoxyl in S- and G-unit |
| 40-20 | Aliphatic carbon resonances of fatty acids & triglycerides |
| | Table S2 |



Figure S1



Figure S2







Figure S3





Figure S5







Figure S7