Supporting information

High Efficient and Large-scalable Glucoamylase-catalyzed Henry Reactions

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1. Materials and analytical methods

Amyloglucosidase from *Aspergillus niger* [glucoamylase, 1,4- α -D-glucan glucohydrolase, EC 3.2.1.3, ~70 U/mg (One unit corresponds to the amount of enzyme which liberates 1 µmole of glucose per minute at pH 4.8 and 60 °C)] was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. Glucose (HK) Assay Kit (Product Code GAHK 20) was used as received from Sigma-Aldrich. All reagents, 100-kDa cut off centrifugal ultrafilter (Millipore), and PageRuler Prestained Protein Ladder (Thermo) were obtained from different commercial suppliers and were used without further purification. All reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography with Haiyang GF254 silica gel plates. Flash column chromatography was performed using 100–200 mesh silica gel at increased pressure. Enzymatic assay of *An*GA was completed with the method of Spectrophotometric Stop rate Determination.

2. Procedures of *An*GA purification

A centrifugal ultrafiltration strategy was used for the separation and desalting of protein. Briefly, enzyme protein was resolved in ddH₂O and passed through 100-kDa cut off centrifugal ultrafilters. The retentates were washed three times with ddH₂O and then dissolved in 200 μ L of ddH₂O. Separated protein was analyzed by SDS-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (PAGE) on a 10% gradient gel stained with Coomassie brilliant blue (**Fig. 1s**). When 1mg of purified *An*GA was used to catalyze model Henry reaction, 52% of Henry product was obtained. And its natural activity was 27 U at pH 4.5 and 60 °C.



Fig. 1s SDS-PAGE analysis of AnGA

3. Enzymatic assay of *An*GA

Unit definition (U/mg): One unit corresponds to the amount of enzyme which liberates 1

µmole of glucose per minute at pH 4.5 and 60 °C.

The procedures of enzymatic assay were based on literature ¹ from Sigma-Aldrich.

4. Characterization of Henry products





The title compound **3a** was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6/1) to give a light yellow oil (86% yield).

¹**HNMR** (**CDCl₃, 400 MHz**): δ 3.41 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 4.50-4.63 (m, 2H), 5.59 (br s,

1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H).

¹³CNMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 55.43, 67.76, 79.91, 110.59, 121.12, 126.12, 127.17, 129.79,

1-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-2-nitroethanol (3b)^{4,5}



The title compound **3b** was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6/1) to give a yellow oil (77% yield).

¹**HNMR** (**CDCl₃, 400 MHz**): δ 3.23 (br s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 4.45-4.59 (m, 2H), 5.39 (d, J = 8 Hz,

1H), 6.86-6.94 (m, 3H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H).

¹³CNMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 55.35, 70.90, 81.25, 111.53, 114.37, 118.12, 130.11, 139.90, 160.02.

2-Nitro-1-(2-nitrophenyl)ethanol (3c) 5-7



The title compound **3c** was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1) to give a brown oil (95% yield).

¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 3.50 (br s, 1H), 4.53-4.59 (m, 1H), 4.84-4.88 (m, 1H), 6.02-6.05 (m, 1H), 7.54-7.57 (m, 1H), 7.75 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H).
¹³CNMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 66.81, 80.20, 124.93, 128.71, 129.65, 134.36, 134.49, 147.02.

2-Nitro-1-(3-nitrophenyl)ethanol (3d)^{6,7}



The title compound 3d was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column

chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1) to give a white solid (96% yield).

¹**HNMR** (**CDCl₃, 400 MHz**): δ 3.63 (br s, 1H), 4.62-4.64 (m, 2H), 5.61-5.62 (m, 1H), 7.61 (t, *J* =

8 Hz, 1H), 7.79(d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (s, 1H).

¹³CNMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 69.86, 80.72, 121.13, 123.69, 130.12, 132.31, 140.52, 148.34.

2-Nitro-1-(4-nitrophenyl)ethanol (3e)^{6,7}



The title compound **3e** was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1) to give a yellow solid (98% yield).

¹**HNMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz):** δ 3.13 (br s, 1H), 4.58-4.61 (m, 2H), 5.60-5.62 (m, 1H), 7.63 (d, J =

8 Hz, 2H), 8.27 (dd, *J* = 8 Hz, 4 Hz, 2H).

¹³CNMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 69.97, 80.58, 124.21, 126.95, 144.90, 148.19.

1-(3-Chlorophenyl)-2-nitroethanol (3f)^{4,5}



The title compound **3f** was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 8/1) to give a yellow oil (52% yield).

¹**HNMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz):** δ 3.25 (br s, 1H), 4.48-4.52 (m, 1H), 4.54-4.60 (m, 1H), 5.43 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.41 (s, 1 H).

¹³CNMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 70.29, 80.97, 124.09, 126.22, 129.08, 130.33, 134.97, 140.17.

1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-nitroethanol (3g)^{4,8}



The title compound **3g** was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 8/1) to give a yellow oil (82% yield).

¹**HNMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz):** δ 3.51 (br s, 1H), 4.44-4.48 (m, 1H), 4.51-4.57 (m, 1H), 5.39 (d, J =

8 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.35 (m, 4H).

¹³CNMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 70.30, 81.04, 127.41, 129.17, 134.71, 136.72.

3-(1-Hydroxy-2-nitroethyl)benzonitrile (3h)⁹



The title compound **3h** was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1) to give a white solid (97% yield).

¹**HNMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz):** δ 3.39 (br s, 1H), 4.56-4.63 (m, 2H), 5.51-5.55 (m, 1H), 7.52-7.76 (m, 4H).

¹³CNMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 69.84, 80.80, 113.10, 118.24, 129.71, 129.86, 130.41, 132.47, 139.84.

4-(1-Hydroxy-2-nitroethyl)benzonitrile (3i)^{2, 9, 10}



The title compound **3i** was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1) to give a white solid (99% yield).

¹**HNMR** (**CDCl₃, 400 MHz**): δ 3.31 (d, *J* = 4 Hz, 1H), 4.55-4.60 (m, 2H), 5.53-5.57 (m, 1H), 7.56

(d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.70-7.72 (m, 2H).

¹³CNMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 70.13, 80.74, 118.28, 126.78, 132.79, 143.41.

1-(2,6-Dichlorophenyl)-2-nitroethanol (3j)⁹



The title compound **3j** was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 12/1) to give a light yellow oil (93% yield).

¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 3.64 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 4.53-4.57 (m, 1H), 5.11-5.17 (m, 1H),

6.20-6.25 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.35 (m, 2H).

¹³CNMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 68.51, 77.63, 129.71, 130.64, 132.34, 134.77.

1-(2,4-Dichlorophenyl)-2-nitroethanol (3k)^{3,6,11}



The title compound **3k** was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 12/1) to give a light yellow oil (98% yield).

¹**HNMR** (**CDCl₃, 400 MHz**): δ 3.38 (d, *J* = 4 Hz, 1H), 4.39-4.45 (m, 1H), 4.62-4.66 (m, 1H), 5.78

(d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H).

¹³CNMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 67.48, 79.20, 127.94, 128.58, 129.41, 132.07, 134.36, 135.08.

1-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-nitroethanol (3l)^{2, 5, 11}



The title compound 31 was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column

chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 8/1) to give a yellow oil (89% yield).

¹**HNMR** (**CDCl₃**, **400 MHz**): δ 3.36 (br s, 1H), 4.46 (dd, *J* = 12 Hz, 4 Hz, 1H), 4.52-4.58 (m, 1H),

5.40 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.50-7.53 (m, 2H).

¹³CNMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 70.35, 80.98, 122.88, 127.70, 132.14, 137.23.

1-(2-Furanyl)-2-nitroethanol (3m)^{2,6}



The title compound **3m** was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 7/1) to give a yellow oil (6% yield).

¹**HNMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz):** δ 2.89 (br s, 1H), 4.66-4.70 (m, 1H), 4.76-4.82 (m, 1H), 5.48 (dd, *J* = 8 Hz, 4 Hz, 1H), 6.38-6.41 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.43 (m, 1H).

¹³CNMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 64.88, 78.40, 108.19, 110.67, 143.19, 150.72,

1-(2-thiophenyl)-2-nitroethanol (3n)⁶

The title compound **3n** was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 8/1) to give a yellow oil (8% yield).

¹**HNMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz):** δ 3.07 (br s, 1H), 4.60-4.64 (m, 1H), 4.70-4.75 (m, 1H), 5.73 (d, J =

8 Hz, 1H), 7.01-7.04 (m, 1H), 7.07-7.08 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.35 (m, 1H).

¹³CNMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 67.12, 80.79, 125.07, 126.19, 127.24, 141.23.

1-(2-Methoxyphenyl)-2-nitroethanol (30)^{12, 13}



The title compound **30** was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1) to give a colourless oil (*syn* 41% yield) and a white solid (*anti* 31% yield).

¹**HNMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz):** δ *syn* isomer: 1.34 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 3H), 3.30 (d, *J* = 12 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 4.97-5.04 (m, 1H), 5.14 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.92-7.02 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.36 (m, 2H). *anti* isomer: 1.49 (d, *J* = 4 Hz, 3H), 3.04 (d, *J* = 4 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 4.87-4.93 (m, 1H), 5.53-5.55 (m, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1 Hz, 1H); 7.00 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.41-7.44 (m, 1H).

¹³CNMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ syn isomer: 16.60, 55.45, 74.19, 87.65, 110.99, 121.24, 125.90,
129.02, 130.10, 156.76. anti isomer: 12.59, 55.40, 70.77, 85.07, 110.39, 120.97, 126.25, 127.66,
129.47, 155.79.

1-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-nitropropan-1-ol (3p)^{12, 14}

The compound **3p** was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 8/1) to give a white solid (87% yield).

¹**HNMR** (**CDCl₃, 400 MHz**): δ 1.38 (d, J = 4 Hz, 2H), 1.49 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (br s, 1H),

4.72-4.80 (m, 1H), 5.18-5.21 (m, 0.58H), 5.57 (s, 0.42H), 7.58-7.60 (m, 2H), 8.23-8.26 (m, 2H).

¹³CNMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 11.83, 16.20, 72.93, 75.05, 86.83, 87.83, 123.93, 124.09, 127.05, 127.96, 145.37, 145.67, 147.86, 148.24.

4-(1-hydroxy-2-nitropropyl)benzonitrile (3q)^{12, 15}



The compound **3q** was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6/1) to give colourless oil (89% yield).

¹**HNMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz):** δ 1.34-1.48 (m, 3H), 3.19 (br s, 1H), 4.68-4.75 (m, 1H), 5.12 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 0.50H), 5.49 (d, *J* = 4 Hz, 0.50H), 7.52-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.67-7.71 (m, 2H).

¹³CNMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 11.86, 16.18, 73.08, 75.24, 86.90, 87.86, 112.05, 112.67, 118.26, 118.42, 126.89, 127.79, 132.54, 132.71, 143.72.

1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-nitropropan-1-ol (3r)^{12, 15}



The compound **3r** was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1) to give a white solid (65% yield).

¹**HNMR** (**CDCl**₃, **400 MHz**): δ 1.32, (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 1.48 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 2.80-2.88 (m, 1H), 4.62-4.75 (m, 1H), 5.00 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 0.64H), 5.36 (s, 0.36H), 7.24-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.55 (m, 2H).

¹³CNMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 11.99, 16.33, 73.32, 75.55, 87.17, 88.17, 122.47, 123.17, 127.74, 128.63, 131.87, 132.14, 137.32, 137.55.

1-(2-Methoxyphenyl)-2-nitrobutan-1-ol (3s)^{13, 16}

OMe OH Et NO₂

The compound 3s was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column

chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1) to give a yellow oil (*anti* 31% yield, *syn* 30% yield).

¹**HNMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz):** δ *syn* isomer: 0.87 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 3H), 1.37-1.47 (m, 1H), 1.85-1.97 (m, 1H), 3.33 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 4.81-4.87 (m, 1H), 5.13 (t, *J* = 10 Hz, 1H), 6.92-7.02 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.36 (m, 2H). *anti* isomer: 0.92 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 3H), 1.86-1.96 (m, 1H), 2.08-2.20 (m, 1H), 3.37 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 4.75-4.80 (m, 1H), 5.24 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 1H), 6.89-7.02 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.34 (m, 2H).

¹³CNMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ syn isomer: 10.22, 24.11, 55.47, 73.42, 94.47, 111.00, 121.23, 126.16, 128.93, 130.07, 156.74. anti isomer: 10.48, 21.70, 55.44, 72.10, 92.58, 110.64, 121.00, 126.02, 128.30, 129.67, 156.18.

1-(4- nitrophenyl)-2-nitrobutan -1-ol (3t) 13, 16



The compound **3t** was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 8/1) to give a white solid (87% yield).

¹**HNMR** (**CDCl₃, 400 MHz**): δ 0.89-0.96 (m, 3H), 1.80-2.24 (m, 2H), 3.25-3.29 (m, 1H), 4.57-4.65 (m, 1H), 5.17-5.20 (m, 0.61H), 5.33-5.34 (m, 0.39H), 7.58-7.60 (m, 2H), 8.21-8.26 (m, 2H).

¹³CNMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 10.05, 10.33, 21.26, 23.82, 73.27, 74.32, 94.16, 94.63, 123.89, 124.11, 127.30, 127.88, 145.73, 147.94, 148.22.

4-(1-Hydroxy-2-nitrobutyl)benzonitrile (3u)^{12, 15}

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The compound **3u** was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6/1) to give a white solid (87% yield).

¹**HNMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz):** δ 0.90-0.96 (m, 3H), 1.46-1.50 (m, 1H), 1.81-1.95 (m, 1H), 2.97 (d, *J* = 4 Hz, 1H), 4.53-4.62 (m, 1H), 5.10-5.13 (m, 0.70H), 5.26-5.28 (m, 0.30H), 7.51-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.67-7.72 (m,2H).

¹³CNMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 10.07, 10.34, 21.33, 23.79, 73.42, 74.54, 94.23, 94.68, 112.31, 112.76, 118.24, 118.38, 127.12, 127.71, 132.51, 132.73, 144.00.

1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-nitrobutan-1-ol (3v)^{12, 15}



The compound 3v was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1) to give a colorless oil (74% yield).

¹**HNMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz):** δ 0.86-0.95 (m, 3H), 1.39-1.46 (m, 1H), 1.79-1.89 (m, 1H), 2.69 (s, 1H), 4.50-4.59 (m, 1H), 5.01 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 0.77H), 5.14 (d, *J* = 4 Hz, 0.23H), 7.24-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.55 (m, 2H).

¹³CNMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 10.06, 10.36, 21.33, 23.88, 73.62, 74.82, 94.44, 94.96, 122.71, 123.18, 127.95, 128.55, 131.90, 132.18, 137.57, 137.66.

5. List of the obvious difference between *syn*- and *anti*- isomers on ¹HNMR

Entry	Product	¹ HNMR (-C <u>H</u> OH) [ppm]

		syn	anti
1	30	5.14 (t, <i>J</i> = 8 Hz)	5.53-5.55 (m)
2	3p	5.18-5.21 (m)	5.57 (s)
3	3q	5.12 (d, <i>J</i> = 8 Hz)	5.49 (d, <i>J</i> = 4 Hz)
4	3r	5.00 (d, $J = 4$ Hz)	5.36 (s)
5	3s	5.13 (t, <i>J</i> = 10 Hz)	5.24 (t, $J = 6$ Hz)
6	3t	5.17-5.20 (m)	5.33-5.34 (m)
7	3 u	5.10-5.13 (m)	5.26-5.28 (m)
8	3v	5.01 (d, <i>J</i> = 8 Hz)	5.14 (d, <i>J</i> = 4 Hz)

6. ¹HNMR and ¹³CNMR spectra for Henry products















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